

I work as a relocation consultant and I am very often confronted to racism when my clients are coming from Africa or from the Middle-East.

Lately I was assisting a couple of French people coming from Dubai who was looking for a home in the close suburbs of Paris. The wife was wearing the hijab because of her strong religious beliefs and she asked me if she should join for the visits or not as she knew it could be a prejudice. I hesitated a bit before answering because yes some estate agents or landlords could resent the hijab but I finally told her she should join because it is important for her to be associated with the choice and she had to come wearing the hijab as it is how she feels the best, what defines her.

I must admit I felt bad for her that she had to ask me if she should join or if the hijab should exclude her. We did the visits, it went well, she felt accepted and finally we had no bad reactions from the estate agents.