



QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

A Resource for “Q&A on the Rohingya Crisis & Buddhist Extremists in Myanmar”

1. What, if anything, surprised you?
2. When did you first know about the persecution of the Rohingya people? What made you notice what was going on? If you only recently became aware of what is happening, why do you think you didn't hear of it sooner?
3. The United Nations states that the Rohingya Crisis in Myanmar is ethnic cleansing. The U.N. officially describes ethnic cleansing in part as:

“a purposeful policy designed by one ethnic or religious group to remove by violent and terror-inspiring means the civilian population of another ethnic or religious group from certain geographic areas (full U.N. term description [here](#)).”

Do you agree with the U.N. assessment of the current situation in Myanmar? Why or why not?

4. The prejudice and hate that the Buddhist majority in Myanmar have largely evidenced toward the Rohingya is fueled by the fear that Muslims—including the Rohingya—are taking over Myanmar. This is combined with a historical animosity toward perceived migrants. Does this remind you of other situations? If so, which?
5. If you go to Tanenbaum's [Q & A on the Refugee Crisis](#), you can review the fact sheet's definition of a refugee. Do the Rohingya fleeing to Bangladesh fit this description?
6. What do you think is one way to end the animosity of the Buddhist majority toward the Rohingya?