

Asma Hasan Writes for Glamocracy

In 2004, when Asma's second book, "Why I Am a Muslim," was published, Glamour Magazine contacted her. Although ultimately they did not cover the book, they stayed in touch with Asma over the years. When the time came for Glamour to cover politics, they knew they wanted diverse perspectives from all segments of American society. Remembering the young American Muslim writer they had met years before, they contacted Asma in late 2007 and asked her to blog. Having guest blogged for Beliefnet.com, Asma was open to the idea and saw it as not only a way to bring her writing to a wider audience but welcomed the opportunity to give one Muslim's opinion on the election. With the selection of the other bloggers and a few trial runs, "Glamocracy" -- Glamour's unique take on the presidential election -- came together.

Asma's blog appears every Wednesday, including a post criticizing the Patriot Act and the presidential candidates' stance on it

[<http://www.glamour.com/news/blogs/glamocracy/2008/04/who-will-undo-t.html>], a critique of Rudy Giuliani as an Islamophobe [<http://www.glamour.com/news/blogs/glamocracy/2008/01/is-rudy-an-islamophobe.html>], and even an entry comparing Reverend Wright to mosque imams [<http://www.glamour.com/news/blogs/glamocracy/2008/03/you-just-dont-u.html>].

So far, Asma receives numerous comments on her post and from Muslims, which is important, Asma says, to show Glamour and other media that the Muslim audience exists and is active. Particularly on blogs, which have become key in the technologized world, showing the Muslim presence assures that Muslims will be included in editorial considerations. To show the strength of our community, Asma encourages Muslims to visit her blog and especially to post comments, even (and especially) if disagreeing with her opinions. "Glamour will continue to include Muslim perspectives on their website and in print if they know Muslims are reading," says Asma. You can read a new blog every Wednesday by Asma at: <http://www.glamour.com/news/blogs/glamocracy/asma/index.html>. Please visit and post a comment! If you need help registering, please contact: rushda@asmasociety.org.