

Interview

Name: Mohamed.

Age: 24 years old.

1. Where are you from?

I'm from Amanoukidar, in Tinghir, Morocco.

2. How long have you been in Spain?

I came here in 1999 when I was 9 years old. My parents came here 25 years ago. I am Spanish, not a foreigner.

3. Why did you come here?

My father came here to improve his life and obtain a job, and then all the family came here because my father didn't want his family were far, he wanted us to live together.

4. What did you feel the first time you arrive in Spain?

I felt confused because I was a child. I wanted to know everything, but I adapted very well soon.

5. Have you ever felt discrimination? When?

Yes, I have. I have sometimes felt discrimination about my religion at my school, but I think that these people are close-mind people.

6. Do you think that now there is less discrimination?

I think that now there is less discrimination but "Islamophobia" exists, they don't believe in Islam, so I try to explain my religion and change their point of view because they don't know and understand the real meaning of my religion.

7. Which Spanish traditions surprised you?

Christmas and Easter week because we don't celebrate these parties.

8. Do you think immigrants have less or more opportunities at work than Spanish people?

Today, I think we have the same opportunities because the economic situation isn't good. A lot of immigrants had to come back to their cities and, in addition, some Spaniards go abroad to work and try to improve their lives because in Spain it is very difficult or impossible.

9. Which food or dish from Spain do you like very much?

My favourite dish in Spain is Paella. I love it very much and I think I cook it very well.

10. Which kind of help did you have when you arrive in Spain?

The best help is to have a better life than in Morocco. To have studies for me is the most important thing.