America's Other Muslims

While Louis Farrakhan captures headlines, the lesser-known W. D. Mohammed has a large following among African-American Muslims—and a warmer view of the United States. Can he help make America's immigrant Muslims more at home in their adopted country?

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father's death in 1975, and immediately brought its adherents to Sunni Islam. Not only did the son change the name of the organization, he transformed its ideology, eliminating its antiwhite racism and em-

Nor is W. D. Mohammed's position unchallenge

hammed's followers to him and to one another, but in his

don't quite identify with the thinking of the Islamic world. I identify with the beliefs of the Isla orientation, going back to the 1930s and 1940s, toward Sunni Islam. They have therefore been designated "historicall

should be involved in American society, while only 49 percent of HSAAM mosques do. Even more striki