

10043 - School projects involving pictures

the question

Sometimes at school we have to do projects in which contains pictures (eg. family/friends pictures, or pictures out of magazines) I realize pictures are haram however if I tell the teacher that I don't have any pictures she won't believe me and they insist

Detailed answer

Pictures are haram as stated in the question. From the hadeeth about the curtain which 'Aa'ishah (may Allah be pleased with her) used as a screen in her house, it is clear that pictures are haram, even those which do not cast a shadow (i.e., two-dimensional). The fact that these pictures are for educational purposes does not justify allowing them in this case. Making images is haram except in cases of necessity, because in cases of necessity, things which are ordinarily forbidden may be permitted. Although some (scholars) permit such pictures for educational purposes, to be on the safe side, it is better not to allow it, especially since the aim can be achieved through other means.

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If you denounce them and do not take part in this project, you will have freed yourself from blame and there will be no sin on you. May Allah help us and you to do all that is good.