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## **STAR STEPHEN AMELL FROM SERIES ARROW EXPLAINED HIMSELF FOR AHMED MOHAMED COMMENT**

### **AFTER TWITTER BACKLASH**

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The social media poured with support for the Muslim teenager but Stephen Amell came responding with a controversial tweet calling out those stereotyping Texas and calling that just as bad as stereotyping Mohamed Ahmed. His comments spurred further backlash, especially after refusing to take back his words. He took a break and returned only when a fan left a video on his Facebook wall making change his position.

Stephen Amell is famous thanks to comic-book based series 'Arrow' and he went to direct his apology to any of his fans who felt offended by his comments.

"I want to apologize. For a couple of reasons. First, just because. Pride gets in the way sometimes. So let's get rid of that. I'm sorry. If you were offended, found me trite or disingenuous, I'm sorry. Second, I made specific statements... but in a medium where people can't hear my tone of voice, and the inability to be particular in tone made people that were in my corner (that's a weird thing to type) feel disrespected...

... So I'm sorry. I have a very, very large audience, a high school education and no safety net or filter in front of me. I'm an actor. I'm not a Professor of sociology or an expert on the psychology of anyone who has to exist in any culture as a minority. I'm not an expert on religion or the history of particular regions. Quite simply I should have left things to smarter people. So again, I'm sorry."

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