

# What Have We Done to Deserve This?

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“ A perspicacious, witty comedy from Austria: A liberal patchwork family is aghast when they receive the news that the youngest daughter has converted to Islam. A wonderfully cutting and subtle social comedy about tolerance and its limits. ”



## Synopsis

Wanda, 49-year-old atheist feminist from Vienna, faces her worst nightmare when her teenage daughter Nina announces that she has converted to Islam, is going to wear a headscarf and from now on should be called Fatima. Mother's world is turned upside down. To top it all off, Wanda's ex-husband becomes a father again, which only makes her wishing for the good old times to come back when her only problems were her daughter ditching school and smoking pot.

Surprisingly, she finds a supporter. It's Hanife - a mother of Nina's friend Maryam - who together with her parents immigrated to Austria 35 years ago in order to be saved from the outdated image of women having to cover their hair. Together they embark on a comic search for explanations, a sense of belonging and identity.

## Credits

**Director:** Eva Spreitzhofer / **Genre:** Comedy / **Original title:** Womit haben wir das verdient? / **English title:** What Have we Done to Deserve This? / **Country of production:** Austria / **Year of production:** 2018 / **Length:** 92 min / **Color:** color / **Original language:** German, Turkish / **Subtitles:** English / **Cast:** Caroline Peters, Chantal Zitzenbacher, Simon Schwarz, Marcel Mohab, Anna Laimanee / **Scriptwriter:** Eva Spreitzhofer / **Director of photography:** Xiaosu Han, Andreas Thalhammer / **Editor:** Alarich Lenz / **Sound design:** Claus Benischke-Lang / **Sound mixing:** Alexander Koller / **Music:** Iva Zabkar / **Producers:** Thomas Hroch, Gerald Podgornik / **Production company:** Mona Film Produktion / **Supported by:** Filmfonds Wien, Österreichisches Filminstitut, ORF Film/Fernsehabkommen, FISA Filmstandort Austria

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