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TOPLINE DATA

Nationwide Online Survey among 600 Muslim-Americans

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****PLEASE NOTE: Response categories may not equal 100% due to rounding****

SCREENER

1. Are you...

55% MALE
45% FEMALE

2. To ensure that we have a representative sample, into which of the following categories does your age fall?

20% 18-24
30% 25-34
20% 35-44
18% 45-54
7% 55-64
5% 65+

3. Are you. . . ? (ROTATED)

100% MUSLIM
- CATHOLIC (THANKED AND TERMINATED)
- PROTESTANT (THANKED AND TERMINATED)
- JEWISH (THANKED AND TERMINATED)
- AGNOSTIC/ATHEIST (THANKED AND TERMINATED)
- MORMON/LATTER DAY SAINTS (THANKED AND TERMINATED)
- OTHER (THANKED AND TERMINATED)

- NONE/UNAFFILIATED (THANKED AND TERMINATED)
- RATHER NOT ANSWER (THANKED AND TERMINATED)

4. To confirm, you are a Muslim living in the United States?

100% YES

5. In which of the following states do you reside? (grouped according to U.S. Census categories)

24% NORTHEAST (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT, NJ, NY, PA)
20% MIDWEST (IN, IL, MI, OH, WI, IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD)
34% SOUTH (DE, DC, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV, AL, KY, MS, TN, AR, LA, OK, TX)
22% WEST (AZ, CO, ID, NM, MT, UT, NV, WY, AK, CA, HI, OR, WA)



SHARIAH

6. How do you characterize shariah?

47%	A GUIDE TO THE PERSONAL PRACTICE OF ISLAM
25%	A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM GOVERNING ALL ASPECTS OF THE FAITHFUL MUSLIM'S LIFE
11%	THE MUSLIM GOD ALLAH'S LAW THAT MUSLIMS MUST FOLLOW AND IMPOSE WORLDWIDE VIA JIHAD
12%	DON'T KNOW
4%	NO ANSWER

7. With respect to shariah, do you believe that (ROTATE):

45%	IT IS UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL MUSLIM TO DEFINE SHARIAH
26%	THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE SHARIAH AS INTERPRETED BY ISLAMIC AUTHORITIES AND NO FAITHFUL MUSLIM CAN DEPART FROM IT
13%	MUSLIMS WHO DO NOT FOLLOW SHARIAH ARE NOT FAITHFUL MUSLIMS
10%	DON'T KNOW
6%	NO ANSWER

8. If shariah conflicts with the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, which law should be considered supreme?

43%	THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND BILL OF RIGHTS
33%	SHARIAH
17%	DON'T KNOW
8%	NO ANSWER

9. Should Muslims in the U.S. have their own courts or tribunals in America to apply shariah law or should they be subject to American laws and courts?

39%	AMERICAN COURTS ONLY
36%	BE FREE TO CHOOSE EITHER
15%	SHARIAH COURTS ONLY
7%	DON'T KNOW
3%	NO ANSWER

You will now read a series of statements. For each, please select whether you (ROTATED FRONT-TO-BACK AND BACK-TO-FRONT) strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree. (ROTATED SERIES)

10. "Muslims in America should have the choice of being governed according to shariah."

51% **TOTAL AGREE (NET)**
23% STRONGLY AGREE
28% SOMEWHAT AGREE

32% **TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**
13% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
19% STRONGLY DISAGREE

17% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE

11. "Shariah as interpreted by Islamic authorities is compatible with the U.S. Constitution, including freedom of speech and other rights."

60% **TOTAL AGREE (NET)**
31% STRONGLY AGREE
30% SOMEWHAT AGREE

21% **TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**
12% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
9% STRONGLY DISAGREE

19% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE

12. "I believe that violence against those that insult the prophet Muhammad, the Qur'an, or Islamic faith is sometimes acceptable."

29% **TOTAL AGREE (NET)**
16% STRONGLY AGREE
13% SOMEWHAT AGREE

61% **TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**
14% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
47% STRONGLY DISAGREE

10% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE

13. "Violence against Americans here in the United States can be justified as part of the global jihad."

25% **TOTAL AGREE (NET)**
13% STRONGLY AGREE
12% SOMEWHAT AGREE

64% **TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**
9% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
55% STRONGLY DISAGREE

11% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE

JIHAD

14. Which of the following comes closest to your understanding of the term “jihad”? (ROTATE RESPONSES)

51%	MUSLIMS’ PEACEFUL, PERSONAL STRUGGLE TO BE MORE RELIGIOUS
16%	VIOLENT HOLY WAR AGAINST UNBELIEVERS OF ISLAM
11%	NON-VIOLENT ACTIONS BY MUSLIMS TO UNDERMINE NON-MUSLIM STATES AND PEOPLES
18%	DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE
4%	REFUSED

15. Do you believe that jihad is an obligation of your practice of Islam?

41%	YES
41%	NO
13%	DON’T KNOW
6%	NO ANSWER

16. Do you think that there are violent jihadists in the United States?

54%	YES
15%	NO
28%	DON’T KNOW
3%	NO ANSWER

17. Do you think the use of violence in the United States is justified in order to make shariah the law of the land in this country?

19%	YES
66%	NO
11%	DON’T KNOW
4%	NO ANSWER

18. Do you believe that it is legitimate to use violence to punish those who give offense to Islam by, for example, portraying the prophet Mohammed?

24%	YES
60%	NO
11%	DON’T KNOW
5%	NO ANSWER

ISLAMIC STATE/ISIS

19. How familiar are you with the group in Iraq and Syria that calls itself the Islamic State?

49%	TOTAL VERY/SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR (NET)
25%	VERY FAMILIAR
24%	SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR
43%	TOTAL JUST A LITTLE BIT/NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR (NET)
21%	JUST A LITTLE BIT FAMILIAR
23%	NOT FAMILIAR AT ALL
6%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
2%	NO ANSWER

20. Based on your understanding of Islam, which of the following best describes the beliefs of the Islamic State?

43%	THEIR BELIEFS ARE UN-ISLAMIC
29%	THEIR BELIEFS ARE ISLAMIC, BUT AN INCORRECT INTERPRETATION OF THE FAITH
9%	THEIR BELIEFS ARE CORRECT AND CONSISTENT WITH SHARIAH
14%	DO NOT KNOW/NOT SURE
4%	NO ANSWER

21. How familiar are you with al Qaeda?

56%	TOTAL VERY/SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR (NET)
26%	VERY FAMILIAR
30%	SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR
37%	TOTAL JUST A LITTLE BIT/NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR (NET)
19%	JUST A LITTLE BIT FAMILIAR
18%	NOT FAMILIAR AT ALL
5%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
2%	NO ANSWER

22. Based on your understanding of Islam, which of the following best describes the beliefs of al Queda?

49%	THEIR BELIEFS ARE UN-ISLAMIC
25%	THEIR BELIEFS ARE ISLAMIC, BUT AN INCORRECT INTERPRETATION OF THE FAITH
8%	THEIR BELIEFS ARE CORRECT AND CONSISTENT WITH SHARIAH
14%	DO NOT KNOW/NOT SURE
3%	NO ANSWER

23. How familiar are you with the Muslim Brotherhood?

49%	TOTAL VERY/SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR (NET)
25%	VERY FAMILIAR
24%	SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR
42%	TOTAL JUST A LITTLE BIT/NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR (NET)
18%	JUST A LITTLE BIT FAMILIAR
24%	NOT FAMILIAR AT ALL
7%	DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE
2%	NO ANSWER

24. Based on your understanding of Islam, which of the following best describes the beliefs of the Muslim Brotherhood?

23%	THEIR BELIEFS ARE ISLAMIC, BUT AN INCORRECT INTERPRETATION OF THE FAITH
22%	THEIR BELIEFS ARE UN-ISLAMIC
18%	THEIR BELIEFS ARE CORRECT AND CONSISTENT WITH SHARIAH
34%	DO NOT KNOW/NOT SURE
3%	NO ANSWER

25. In your opinion, is the Muslim Brotherhood present in the United States?

36%	YES
16%	NO
44%	DON'T KNOW
3%	NO ANSWER

26. Which of the following statements best describes your view (ROTATE):

24%	THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD IS AN ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO USING ONLY NON-VIOLENT MEANS TO ACHIEVE THE TRIUMPH OF ISLAM AROUND THE WORLD
16%	THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD IS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
15%	THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD IS ENGAGED IN JIHAD, WHICH IS NOT TERRORISM BUT A LEGITIMATE DUTY OF FAITHFUL MUSLIMS
40%	DON'T KNOW
5%	NO ANSWER

27. Do you believe the Muslim Brotherhood in America accurately represent your views?

25%	YES
37%	NO
33%	DON'T KNOW
5%	NO ANSWER

28. Do you believe the Muslim Brotherhood are legitimate leaders of the Muslim community in America?

27%	YES
40%	NO
30%	DON'T KNOW
3%	NO ANSWER

DEMOGRAPHICS

Finally, a few demographic questions, for statistical purposes only...

29. Which of the following best describes your racial background? (ROTATE)

32%	CAUCASIAN OR WHITE
24%	AFRICAN-AMERICAN OR BLACK
20%	ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER
16%	MIDDLE EASTERN
3%	HISPANIC OR LATINO
2%	NATIVE AMERICAN
3%	MULTI-RACIAL OR OTHER, SPECIFIED (NET)
1%	DECLINE TO STATE

30. Would you consider yourself to be an observant Muslim, or not?

67%	YES
13%	NO
17%	DO NOT KNOW/NOT SURE
3%	DECLINE TO STATE

31. Are you Shi'a [SHE-uh], Sunni [SUE-knee], or another tradition?

41%	SUNNI
39%	MUSLIM, NON SPECIFIC
13%	SHI'A
2%	ANOTHER TRADITION, SPECIFIED
5%	DECLINE TO STATE

32. Are you registered to vote in the state that you currently live, registered to vote in a different state, or not registered at all?

76%	<u>REGISTERED TO VOTE IN CURRENT STATE</u>
24%	<u>TOTAL NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE IN CURRENT STATE (NET)</u>
21%	NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE
3%	REGISTERED IN A DIFFERENT STATE

33. Thinking for a moment about your social, economic, and political views...Do you consider yourself to be (ROTATE) a conservative, moderate or liberal...?

29%	<u>TOTAL CONSERVATIVE (NET)</u>
15%	VERY CONSERVATIVE
15%	SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
35%	<u>MODERATE</u>
23%	<u>TOTAL LIBERAL (NET)</u>
12%	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
11%	VERY LIBERAL
2%	<u>LIBERTARIAN</u>
11%	DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

34. In politics today, do you consider yourself to be a... (ROTATE) Republican, Independent or Democrat?

19%	<u>TOTAL REPUBLICAN (NET)</u>
3%	TEA PARTY REPUBLICAN
6%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
5%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
6%	INDEPENDENT LEANING REPUBLICAN
19%	<u>INDEPENDENT</u>
48%	<u>TOTAL DEMOCRAT (NET)</u>
9%	INDEPENDENT LEANING DEMOCRAT
8%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
27%	STRONG DEMOCRAT
5%	PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRAT
3%	OTHER (DO NOT READ)
8%	DO NOT KNOW (DO NOT READ)
3%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)