

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
JANUARY 2016 RELIGION AND POLITICS SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
JANUARY 7-14, 2016
N=2,009**

QUESTIONS 1-3, 8-9, 19-22, 25-28, 31-32, PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

NO QUESTIONS 4-7, 10-18, 23-24, 29-30, 33

ASK ALL:

Q.34 Just your impression, in the United States today, is there a lot of discrimination against Muslims, or not?

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59	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
35	No, not a lot of discrimination
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

	<u>Yes, there is a lot of discrimination</u>	<u>No, not a lot of discrimination</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 2-9, 2014 ¹	48	46	6
Aug 11-17, 2009	53	30	17

ASK ALL:

Q.35 Do you think that discrimination against Muslims living in the United States is increasing, or not?

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76	Yes
19	No
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

QUESTION 36 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

Next,

Q.37 Which comes closer to your view about violence committed in the name of religion. Is the bigger problem that **[INSERT OPTION; RANDOMIZE]** or is it that **[INSERT NEXT]**?

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22	The teachings of some religions promote violence
68	Some violent people use religion to justify their actions
7	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
3	Don't know (VOL.)

¹ In 2014 and earlier, Muslims were asked about in a randomized list of religions and lifestyles. The stand-alone question most closely matches instances in which Muslims were asked about before any other group was mentioned. Therefore trend data shown only for those who were asked about Muslims first, and differs from previously published results.

ASK IF SOME RELIGIONS PROMOTE VIOLENCE (Q.37=1) [N=448]:

Q.38 Which religion or religions, in particular, have teachings that promote violence? [**OPEN-END; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS**]

BASED ON TOTAL:

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22	The teachings of some religions promote violence
14	Islam
1	Any other religion
1	Multiple religions ²
1	All religions have teachings that promote violence
4	No answer
68	Some violent people use religion to justify their actions
7	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
3	Don't know (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 39-42, 44-62, 64-71**QUESTIONS 43, 63 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.72 Which of the following statements comes closer to your view even if neither is exactly right? [**READ; RANDOMIZE**]?

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50	The next president should be careful not to criticize Islam as a whole when speaking about Islamic extremists [OR]
40	The next president should speak bluntly about Islamic extremists even if the statements are critical of Islam as a whole
4	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
6	Don't know (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 73**ASK ALL:**

Q.74 What's your impression – how many Muslims in this country, if any, are anti-American? [**READ, IN ORDER**]

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2002³

5	Almost all	4
6	Most	5
14	About half	11
24	Some [OR]	23
41	Just a few	39
1	None (VOL.)	
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	18

QUESTION 75 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

² Includes everyone who named more than one religion, including those who named Islam and something else.

³ March 2002 did not include the volunteered response category "None (**VOL.**)" and did not include the clause, "... if any".

ASK RESPONDENTS WHO ARE NOT MUSLIM (RELIG≠6) [N=1,995]:

Thinking about the Islamic religion for a moment...

Q.76 Do you personally know anyone who is Muslim, or not?

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52	Yes
47	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:*Do you, yourself happen to know anyone who is Muslim?*

Aug 19-22		-----Based on Non-Muslims ⁴ -----		
		Aug 11-17	August	Mid-Nov
<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2001</u>
41	Yes	45	45	38
58	No	54	54	61
0	Respondent is Muslim (VOL.)	--	--	--
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1	1

ASK IF KNOW ANYONE (Q.76=1) [N=1,095]:Q.76a And about how many people who are Muslim would you say you personally know **[READ OPTIONS IN ORDER; REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF SAMPLE]?**

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19	A lot
50	Some [OR]
30	Only one or two
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

QUESTIONS 77-78 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE⁴

In each of these surveys, fewer than 1% of respondents identified as Muslim.