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?

Jan 7-14 2016
59 Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
35 No, not a lot of discrimination
6 Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:
Yes, there is a lot of discrimination No, not a lot of discrimination (VOL.)

Sep 2-9, 20141 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?

Jan 7-14 2016
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]?

Jan 7-14 2016
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:

Jan 7-14
2016
22 The teachings of some religions promote violence
14 Islam
1 Any other religion
1 Multiple religions
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]?

Jan 7-14
2016
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]

Jan 7-14
2016
Mar
2002
5 Almost all
6 Most
14 About half
24 Some [OR]
41 Just a few
1 None (VOL.)
9 Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)

QUESTION 75 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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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?

Jan 7-14 2016
52  Yes
47  No
1  Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)

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

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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 RELEASE

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