



American View of Muslims Survey

New America
Topline Results

Independent research firm SSRS conducted this study for New America and the American Muslim Institution (AMI) from October 16 through October 21, 2018 using both SSRS's national probability panel (N=1,031) and the SSRS Omnibus (N=134), a nationally representative weekly telephone survey. The total national non-Muslim sample consists of 1,165 interviews. Base and base size for all questions is total Non-Muslim Americans, N=1,165 unless otherwise noted. City oversamples were conducted via nonprobability panel with 151 interviews collected in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, 150 in Houston, 165 in Orlando, and 154 in Tampa. City data will be released in a subsequent report.

(Note: frequencies may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

RELIG. What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

Bahai	0%
Baptist	9%
Catholic/Roman Catholic	20%
Evangelical	1%
Jehovah's Witness	1%
Jewish/Judaism	2%
Lutheran	3%
Mormon/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	1%
Orthodox (Eastern, Greek, Russian, Armenian, etc)	0%
Pentecostal (Assemblies of God, Four-Square Gospel)	2%
Presbyterian	2%
Protestant	4%
Seventh Day Adventist	0%
Sikh	0%
Unitarian/Universalist	0%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%

Christian (Just Christian)	15%
Non-denominational or Independent Church	4%
Episcopalian or Anglican	1%
Methodist	3%
Church of Christ, or Disciples of Christ (Christian Church)	1%
Church of God	1%
Congregational or United Church of Christ (UCC)	0%
Holiness (Nazarenes, Wesleyan Church, Salvation Army)	0%
Reformed (Reformed Church in America, Christian Reformed)	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Other	2%
Nothing in Particular	14%
Don't know	0%
Refused	0%

MUSL1. How important is religion in your life?

Very/Somewhat important (Net)	63%
Very important (1)	37%
Somewhat important(2)	26%
Not too/Not at all important (Net)	37%
Not too important (3)	19%
Not at all important (4)	18%
Refused	0%

MUSL1a. (WEB) How frequently do you attend religious services at a faith-based house of worship or center (church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or similar place where people go to practice their faith)?/(CATI) How frequently do you attend religious services at a faith-based house of worship or center such as a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or similar place where people go to practice their faith?

Once per month+ (Net)	42%
Two or more times a week	11%
Once a week	22%
Once a month	10%
Less than once per month (Net)	58%
Once a year	6%
Only on religious holidays or special events during the year	13%
Only once every few years	17%
Never	21%
Don't know	0%

MUSL2. Have you traveled outside the United States in the last 5 years?

Yes	42%
No	58%

MUSL4. Do you have a current valid passport?

Yes	51%
No	49%
Refused	0%

MUSL5. Which of the following media outlets do you get your news from?

Any (Net)	96%
Local media outlets	45%
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc)	44%
GROUP 1: CABLE TV (Subnet)	41%
CNN	35%
MSNBC	22%
Other cable news	1%
GROUP 1: NEWSPAPERS (Subnet)	39%
New York Times	21%
Wall Street Journal	13%
Washington Times	7%
Other newspapers	23%
GROUP 1: RADIO (Subnet)	36%
NPR	23%
Talk radio	17%
Other radio	0%
GROUP 1: NETWORK TV (Subnet)	34%
Fox News	32%
Other network TV news	2%
GROUP 1: ONLINE NEWS (Subnet)	30%
Breitbart	3%
Other online news sources	29%
Other	2%
None	4%
Don't Know	0%

MUSL6. In a typical day, how much time do you spend reading, watching, or listening to the news?

None	4%
Less Than 15 Mins-<30 Mins (Net)	31%
Less than 15 min	14%
15 minutes to less than 30 minutes	17%
30 minutes to less than 1 hour	25%
One Hour Or More (Net)	40%
1 hour to less than 2 hours	23%
2 or more hours	17%

MUSL7. How concerned are you that the news media is trying to influence public opinion instead of just reporting the news?

Extremely/Somewhat concerned (Net)	74%
Extremely concerned (1)	37%
Somewhat concerned (2)	37%
Not too/Not at all concerned (Net)	26%
Not too concerned (3)	17%
Not at all concerned (4)	9%
Don't Know	0%
Refused	0%

Z-11a. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as...?

Republican	25%
Democrat	32%
Independent	37%
Other	5%
Don't know	0%
Refused	1%

MUSL8. In the 2016 presidential election between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton did you...

Vote for Donald Trump	31%
Vote for Hillary Clinton	36%
Vote for a third party candidate	10%
Did not vote	23%
Refused	0%

MUSL9. How would you rate Donald Trump's performance as President?

Extremely/Very good (Net)	25%
Excellent (1)	14%
Very good (2)	12%
Good (3)	12%
Fair/Poor (Net)	63%
Fair (4)	17%
Poor (5)	46%
Don't Know	0%
Refused	0%

MUSL10a. Just your impression, do you agree or disagree with the following statements: Diversity is a good thing for America

Agree	85%
Disagree	13%
Don't Know	1%
Refused	0%

MUSL10b. Just your impression, do you agree or disagree with the following statements: There is a lot of discrimination against White people in America

Agree	32%
Disagree	68%
Don't Know	1%

MUSL10c. Just your impression, do you agree or disagree with the following statements: There is a lot of discrimination against Jews in America

Agree	35%
Disagree	64%
Don't Know	1%
Refused	0%

MUSL10d. Just your impression, do you agree or disagree with the following statements: There is a lot of discrimination against Muslims in America

Agree	71%
Disagree	28%
Don't Know	1%

MUSL10e. Just your impression, do you agree or disagree with the following statements: There is a lot of discrimination against Black people in America

Agree	67%
Disagree	33%
Don't Know	1%
Refused	0%

MUSL10f. Just your impression, do you agree or disagree with the following statements: There is a lot of discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in America

Agree	62%
Disagree	37%
Don't Know	1%

MUSL10g. Just your impression, do you agree or disagree with the following statements: There is a lot of discrimination against Hispanics and Latinos in America

Agree	64%
Disagree	36%
Don't Know	1%

MUSL10h. Just your impression, do you agree or disagree with the following statements: There is a lot of discrimination against Transgender people in America

Agree	68%
Disagree	31%
Don't Know	1%

MUSL10(a-h). Just your impression, do you agree or disagree with the following statements: Agree
Summary

Diversity is a good thing for America	85%
There is a lot of discrimination against Muslims in America	71%
There is a lot of discrimination against Transgender people in America	68%
There is a lot of discrimination against Black people in America	67%
There is a lot of discrimination against Hispanics and Latinos in America	64%
There is a lot of discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in America	62%
There is a lot of discrimination against Jews in America	35%
There is a lot of discrimination against White people in America	32%

MUSL10(a-h). Just your impression, do you agree or disagree with the following statements: Disagree
Summary

There is a lot of discrimination against White people in America	68%
There is a lot of discrimination against Jews in America	64%
There is a lot of discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in America	37%
There is a lot of discrimination against Hispanics and Latinos in America	36%
There is a lot of discrimination against Black people in America	33%
There is a lot of discrimination against Transgender people in America	31%
There is a lot of discrimination against Muslims in America	29%
Diversity is a good thing for America	13%

MUSL11. Which of the following groups receives the most discrimination in the United States:

Whites	12%
Blacks/African Americans	40%
Jews	2%
Hispanics and Latinos	9%
Muslims	18%
Gays and Lesbians	8%
Transgender people	10%
Don't Know	1%
Refused	0%

MUSL12. Over the last few years, there have been reports that there is a rise in anti-Semitic hate crimes. Do you think these reports are...

Very/Somewhat accurate (Net)	74%
Very accurate (1)	27%
Somewhat accurate (2)	47%
Not too accurate/Not accurate at all (Net)	24%
Not too accurate or (3)	18%
Not accurate at all (4)	6%
Don't Know	2%
Refused	0%

MUSL13. What percentage of Americans do you think are Muslim?

Less than 5%	16%
5<10%	21%
10<15%	16%
15<25%	19%
25<50%	18%
50% or more	6%
Don't Know	0%
Refused	4%
Mean	17.07
Standard deviation	17.39
Standard error	0.6

MUSL14. Do you personally know anyone who is Muslim American?

Yes	49%
No	41%
Not sure	10%

MUSL15. Over the last few years, there have been reports that there is a rise in anti-Muslim hate crimes. Do you think these reports are ...

Very/Somewhat accurate (Net)	74%
Very accurate (1)	30%
Somewhat accurate (2)	44%
Not too accurate/Not accurate at all (Net)	25%
Not too accurate or (3)	17%
Not accurate at all (4)	8%
Don't Know	1%
Refused	0%

MUSL16. In your opinion, how much do you think Muslim Americans contribute to the American economy and society?

Contribute significantly/Somewhat (Net)	84%
Contribute significantly	29%
Contribute somewhat	54%
Do not contribute at all/Take more than they contribute (Net)	13%
Do not contribute at all	6%
Muslims take more than they contribute	7%
Don't Know	3%
Refused	0%

MUSL17. In your opinion, about what percentage of Muslim Americans do you believe generally have respect for American laws?

Less than 10%	15%
10<25%	10%
25<50%	7%
50<75%	13%
75<95%	27%
95%-100%	27%
Refused	2%
Mean	60.9
Standard deviation	36.48
Standard error	1.24

MUSL18. In your opinion, about what percentage of Muslim Americans do you believe want to fit in and be part of American society?

Less than 10%	14%
10<25%	11%
25<50%	9%
50<75%	12%
75<95%	26%
95%-100%	27%
Refused	2%
Mean	60.1
Standard deviation	36.8
Standard error	1.25

MUSL19. Do you think that Muslim Americans are as patriotic as other Americans?

Yes	60%
No	38%
Don't Know	2%

MUSL20. In the 2018 election cycle a record number of Muslim Americans - over 100 Muslim Americans in total - ran for public office. Taking this into consideration, please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: It is a positive sign of progress for our country that over 100 Muslim Americans ran for office

Completely/Somewhat Agree (Net)	68%
Completely Agree (1)	35%
Somewhat Agree (2)	33%
Somewhat/Completely Disagree (Net)	31%
Somewhat Disagree (3)	17%
Completely Disagree (4)	13%
Don't Know	2%

MUSL21. How concerned would you be if a mosque or Islamic center was built in your neighborhood?

Extremely/Somewhat concerned (Net)	33%
Extremely concerned (1)	14%
Somewhat concerned (2)	20%
Not too /Not at all concerned (Net)	66%
Not too concerned (3)	29%
Not at all concerned (4)	38%
Don't Know	1%

MUSL22. How concerned are you about extremism spreading within Muslim communities in the United States?

Extremely/Somewhat concerned (Net)	56%
Extremely concerned (1)	21%
Somewhat concerned (2)	36%
Not too /Not at all concerned (Net)	42%
Not too concerned (3)	29%
Not at all concerned (4)	13%
Don't Know	2%

MUSL23. How comfortable or uncomfortable are you when you see Muslim Americans wearing a veil or other Islamic attire in public?

Completely/Somewhat uncomfortable (Net)	29%
Completely uncomfortable (1)	9%
Somewhat uncomfortable (2)	20%
Somewhat/Completely comfortable (Net)	71%
Somewhat comfortable (3)	24%
Completely comfortable (4)	46%
Don't Know	1%
Refused	0%

MUSL24. In your opinion, should Muslim Americans be subject to extra security screening at the airport?

Yes	34%
No	66%
Don't Know	1%

MUSL25. Do you believe Islam is compatible with American values?

Yes	56%
No	42%
Don't Know	2%
Refused	0%

MUSL25a. For what reasons do you believe Islam is not compatible with American values? Please explain.

GROUP 1: INCOMPATIBLE/DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL VIEWS (NET)	50%
GROUP 2: NOT COMPATIBLE WITH/AGAINST U.S. LAW/CULTURE (SUBNET)	28%
Will not assimilate or accept our values/want to change or destroy our society/country/way of life	8%
Against us freedoms that Islam restricts (general freedoms, freedom of speech, music, etc.)	8%
Not compatible with U.S. laws, constitution, democracy	7%
Our lifestyle/culture/practices are different/incompatible to theirs (customs/rituals/clothing/diet/etc.)	7%
Sharia law is not compatible with our views/values	6%
Other not compatible with/against U.S. law/culture mentions	2%
GROUP 2: NOT COMPATIBLE WITH/AGAINST MY RELIGION (SUBNET)	18%
We are Christians/believe in God/Jesus/the bible and Islam does not/Islam believes in Allah	8%

The Quran is not compatible with our views/values (inc. Muhammad)	7%
Because we have/practice/believe in different religions here/our country is based on other religions (general)	4%
They have different/incompatible beliefs/views/values	14%
GROUP 1: DISCRIMINATES AGAINST/OPPRESSES GROUPS OF PEOPLE (NET)	27%
The treatment of women (their women are not respected/are not equals/etc.)	18%
Discriminates against different religions (i.e., intolerant, views us as infidels, wants us to convert to Islam)	11%
The poor treatment/disrespect of other specific groups (children/minorities/LGBT/etc.)	4%
Other discriminates against/oppreses groups of people	3%
GROUP 1: HATEFUL AND VIOLENT (NET)	17%
It promotes violence/killing others/terrorism/it's not peaceful	14%
Hate/dislike Americans/America	5%
Extreme, radical religion/followers are extremist, radicals, fanatical	6%
No comment/no reason given	4%
Other	13%
Don't know	8%
Refused	2%

MUSL26. In your opinion, what percentage of Muslim Americans do you believe are sympathetic to Jihadist terrorist attacks?

None (0%)	8%
1<5%	25%
5<10%	14%
10<25%	21%
25<50%	9%
50<75%	10%
75<95%	7%

95%-100%	6%
Refused	2%
Mean	23.36
Standard deviation	30.01
Standard error	1.02

MUSL27. What best describes the kind of area you were raised in?

Urban	25%
Suburban	44%
Rural	30%
Don't Know	1%

MUSL28. Do you currently live in an urban, suburban, or rural area?

Urban	26%
Suburban	47%
Rural	25%
Don't Know	1%
Refused	0%

MUSL29. Do you speak more than one language?

Yes	28%
No	72%
Refused	0%

Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

Z-2. Marital Status.

Single, that is never married	21%
Single, living with a partner	10%
Married	49%
Separated	2%
Widowed	6%
Divorced	12%
Refused	1%

D-2. Do you have any children regardless of their age?

Yes	62%
No	37%
Don't Know	1%
Refused	0%

Z-4. Employment status.

Employed	62%
Full-time	47%
Part-time	15%
Not employed	35%
Retired	17%
Homemaker	5%
Student	2%
Temporarily unemployed	4%
Disabled/Handicapped	5%
Other not employed	1%
Refused	4%

AdultHH. How many adults, age 18 and over, currently live in your household, INCLUDING YOURSELF?

One	21%
Two	50%
Three	16%
Four	5%
Five	3%
Six	1%
Seven	1%
Eight or more	1%
Refused	2%
Mean	2.3
Standard Deviation	1.24
Standard Error	0.04

Z-7. What is your age?

18-29 (Unspecified)	0%
18-20	2%
21-24	7%
25-29	10%
30-49 (Unspecified)	1%
30-34	12%
35-39	8%
40-44	7%
45-49	6%
50-64 (Unspecified)	1%
50-54	7%
55-59	9%
60-64	9%
65+ (Unspecified)	0%
65-70	9%
71-74	5%
75-98	6%
Refused	1%
Mean	47.17
Standard Deviation	17.72
Standard Error	0.61
Median Age	47

Z-8. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)	5%
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)	8%
High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)	26%
Some college, no degree (includes community college)	20%
Two year associate degree from a college or university	10%
Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)	13%
Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree	3%
Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree	15%
Don't know	0%
Refused	1%

Z-11. Do you consider yourself white, black or African American, Asian, Native American, Pacific Islander, mixed race or some other race?

White (Net)	73%
Non-Hispanic	64%
Hispanic	9%
Black (Net)	11%
Non-Hispanic	10%
Hispanic	1%
Hispanic (Net)	16%
White	9%
Black	1%
Unspecified	6%
Other Race (Net)	8%
Asian/Chinese/Japanese	3%
Native American/American Indian/Alaska Native	1%

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0%
Mixed	3%
Other	0%
Refused	2%

CO-1a. Were you born on the island of Puerto Rico, in the United States, or in another country?

United States	87%
Puerto Rico	1%
Another Country	12%
Not sure	0%
Refused	0%

Z-9. Total Annual Household Income.

\$50,000 and under (Net)	46%
Less than \$15,000	12%
\$15,000 but less than \$25,000	9%
\$25,000 but less than \$30,000	7%
\$30,000 but less than \$40,000	9%
\$40,000 but less than \$50,000	8%
Less than \$50,000 (Unspecified)	2%
\$50,000 to \$100,000 (Net)	29%
\$50,000 but less than \$75,000	17%
\$75,000 but less than \$100,000	11%
\$50,000 but less than \$100,000 (Unspecified)	1%
\$100,000+ (Net)	16%
Over \$100,000 (Unspecified)	0%
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	9%

\$150,000 to under \$200,000	4%
\$200,000 to under \$250,000	1%
\$250,000 or more	2%
Don't know	2%
Refused	6%
Mean (\$1000)	65.44

Z-2a. Do you consider yourself to be:

Heterosexual or Straight	91%
Gay or Lesbian	3%
Bisexual	5%
Transgender	0%
Refused	1%