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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
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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)

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| 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?

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

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

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| 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?

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| 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?

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| 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)