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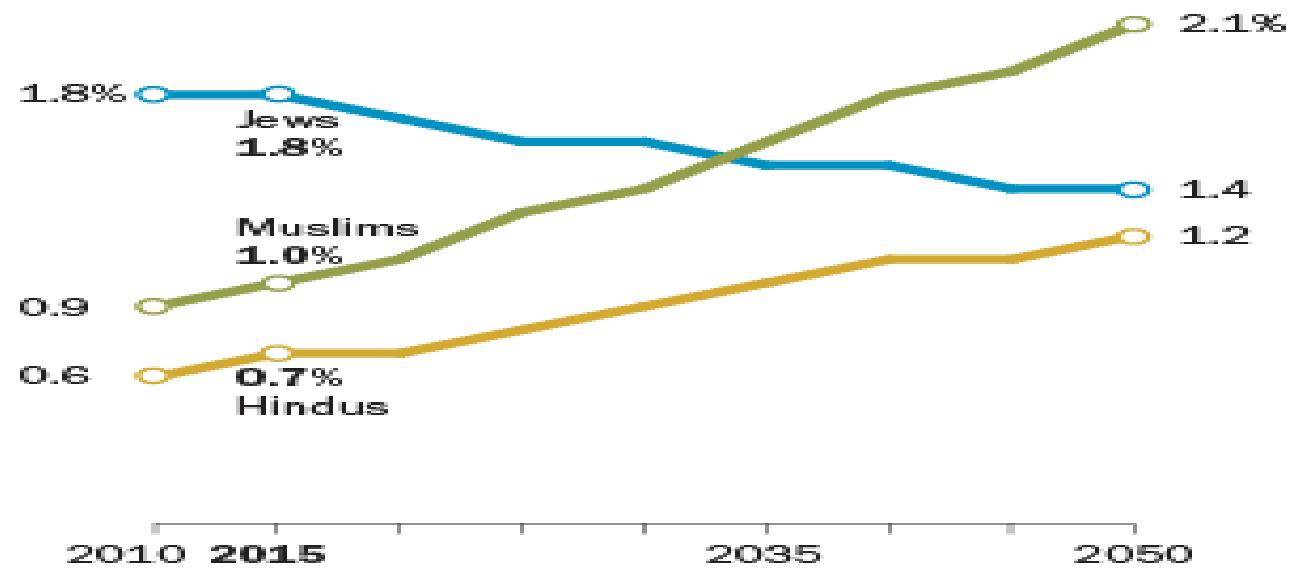
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Understand American Muslim Communities

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American Muslim Population Projected to grow

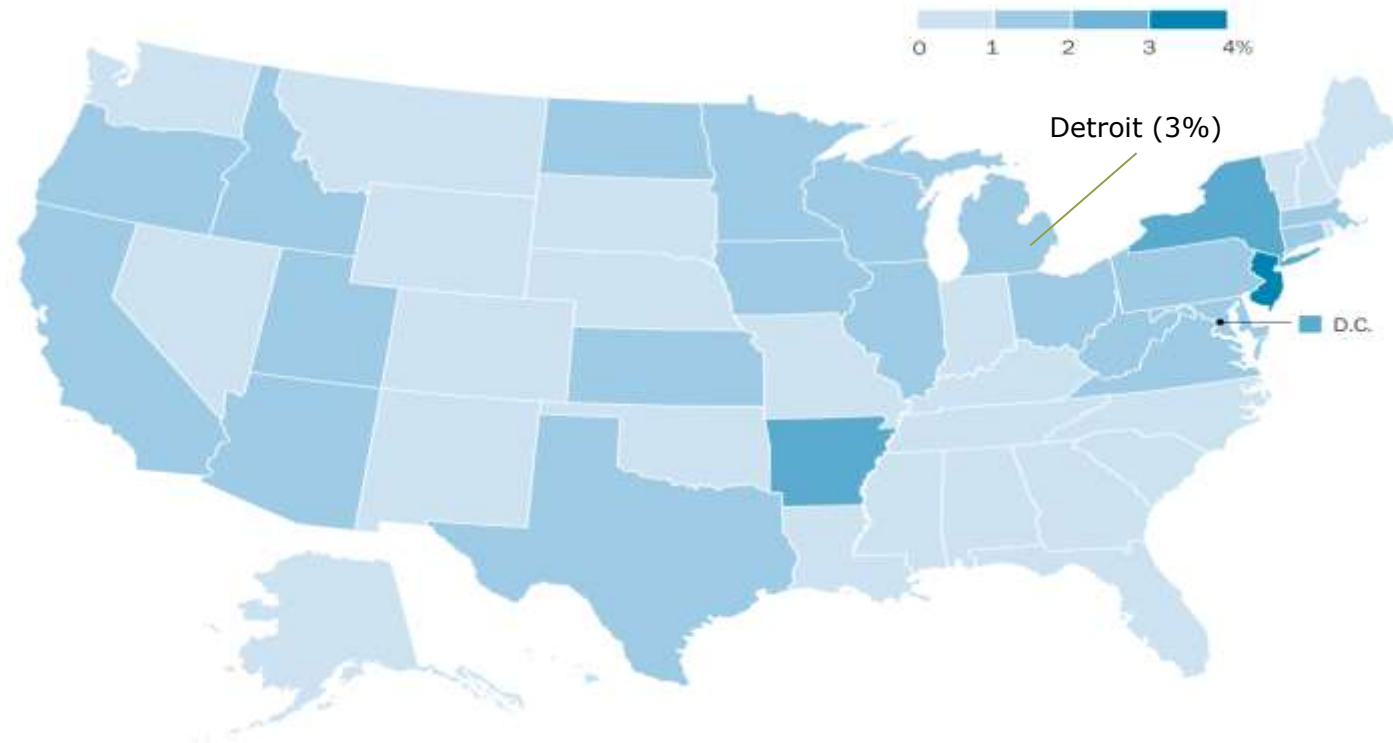


Note: Projections include both adults and children.

Source: The Future of World Religions:
Population Growth Projections, 2010-2050

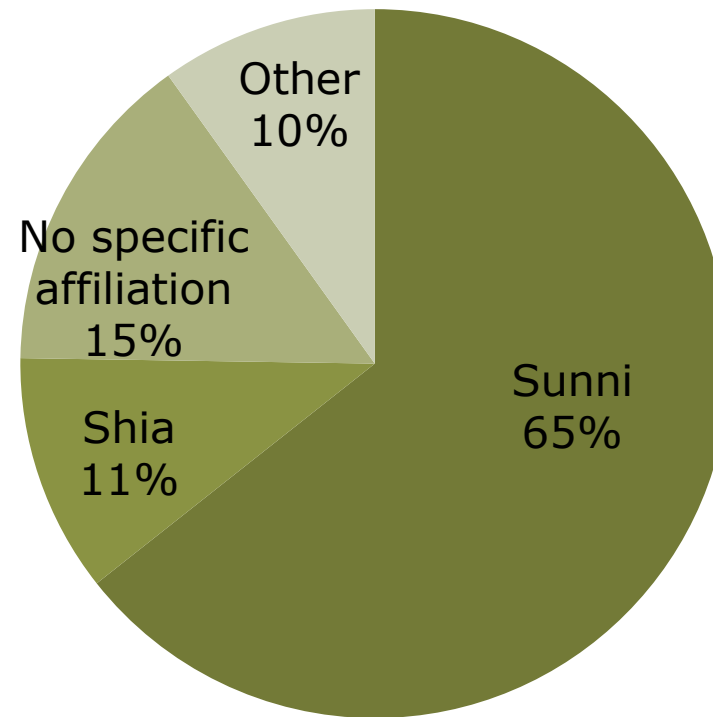
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Muslims are about 1% of the US population



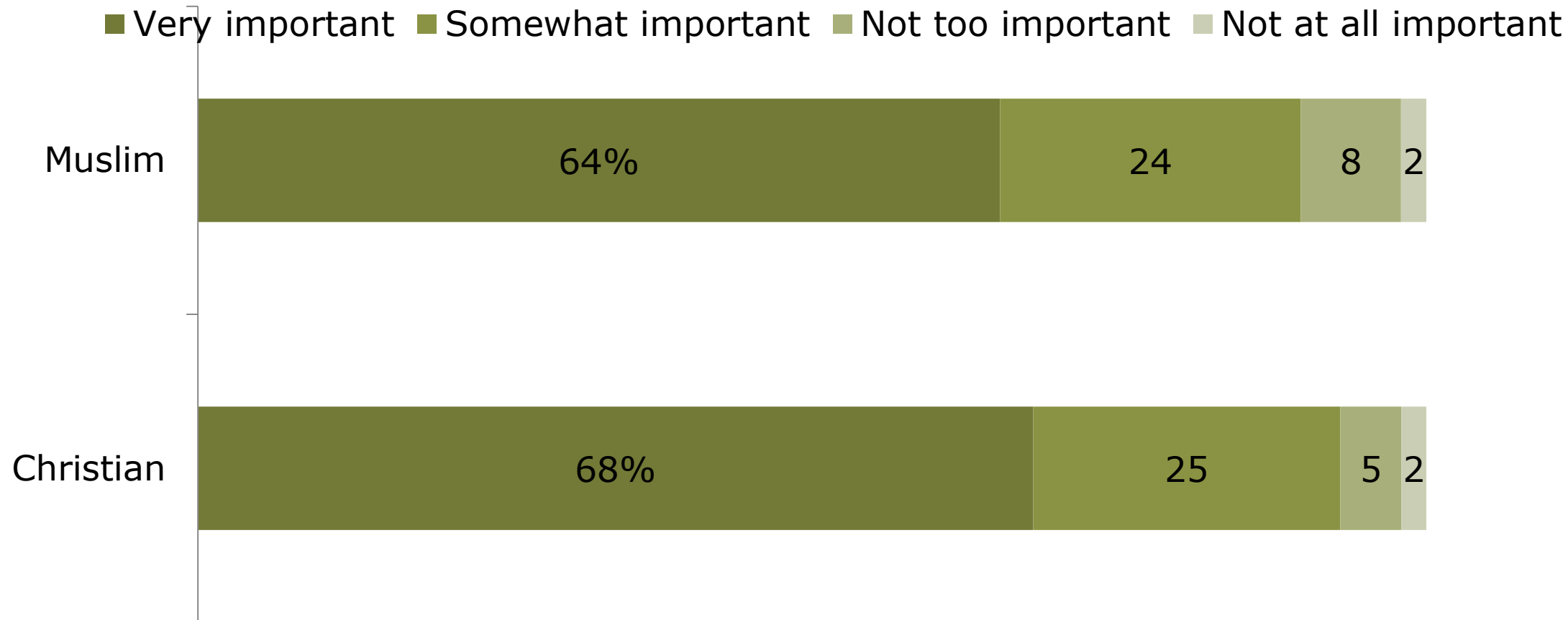
Percent of the US Adults who are Muslim (2014)

Two thirds of Muslims are Sunni



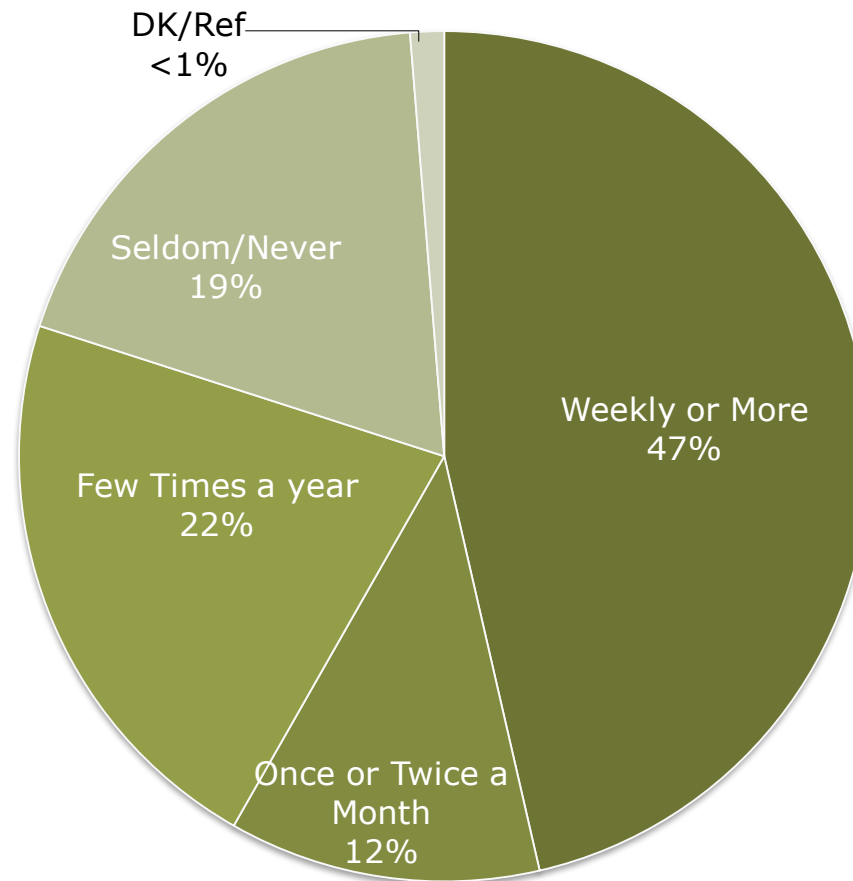
Two thirds of Muslim, Christians say religion very important

% who say religion is...

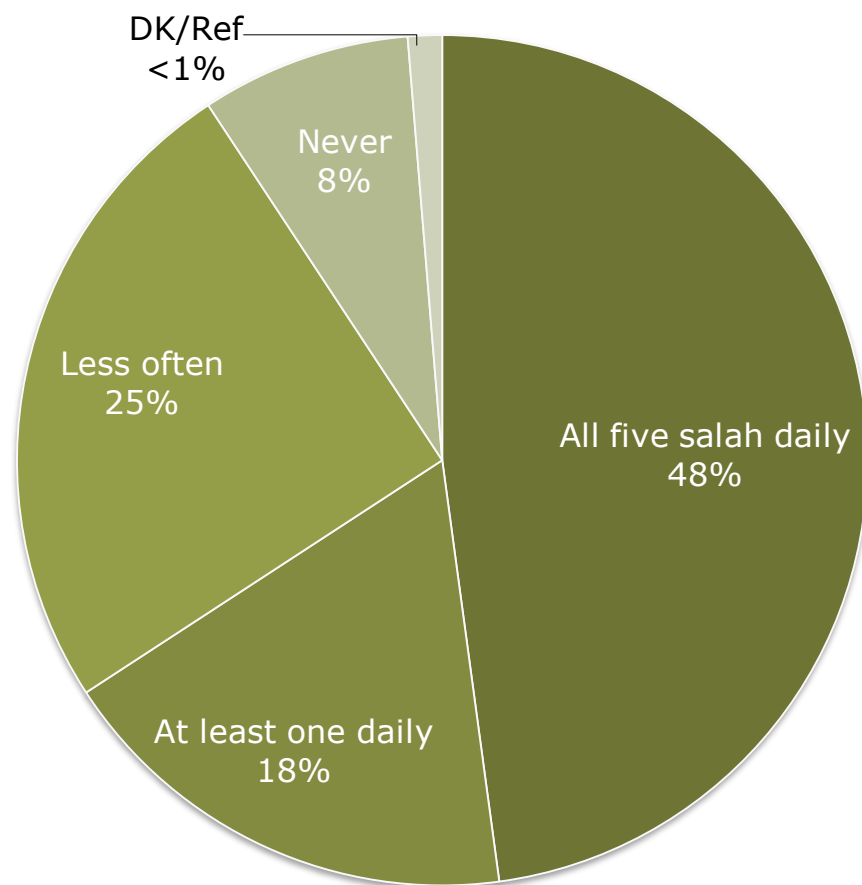


Source: 2014 U.S. Religious Landscape Study conducted June 4-Sept. 30, 2014. Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Many Muslim don't go to the Mosque



About half say they pray 5 times a day



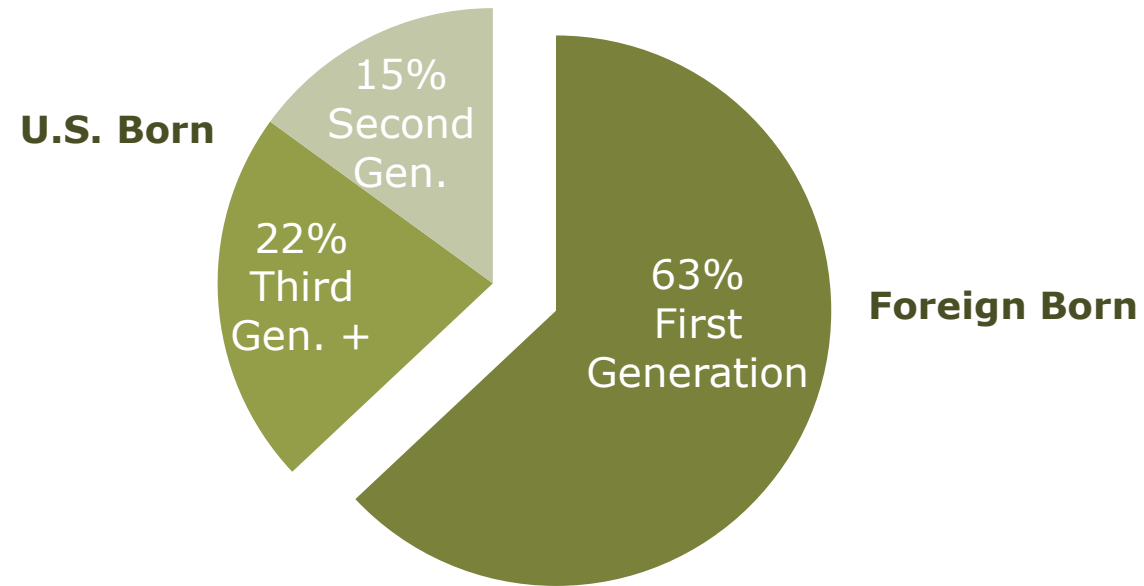
Only One in Three Muslim Women wears Hijab “all the time”

<i>Wear hijab</i>	%
All the time	36
Most/Some of the time	24
Never	40
No Response	<u>1</u>
	100

Immigrants less likely to wear Hijab than US born Muslims

	US Born	Foreign Born
<i>Wear hijab</i>	%	%
All the time	44	30
Most/Some of the time	24	24
Never	31	45
No Response	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	100	100

Most Muslim American Adults are Immigrants



No Dominant Racial Group

Foreign born Muslims 63%

Middle East/N. Africa	26%
South Asian	16%
Sub-Saharan Africa	7%
Europe	5%
Iran	3%
Other	6%

U.S. born Muslims 37%

African American	15%
White	7%
Hispanic	4%
Other	<u>11%</u>
	100%

Most Arabs, South Asians Americans Are not Muslim

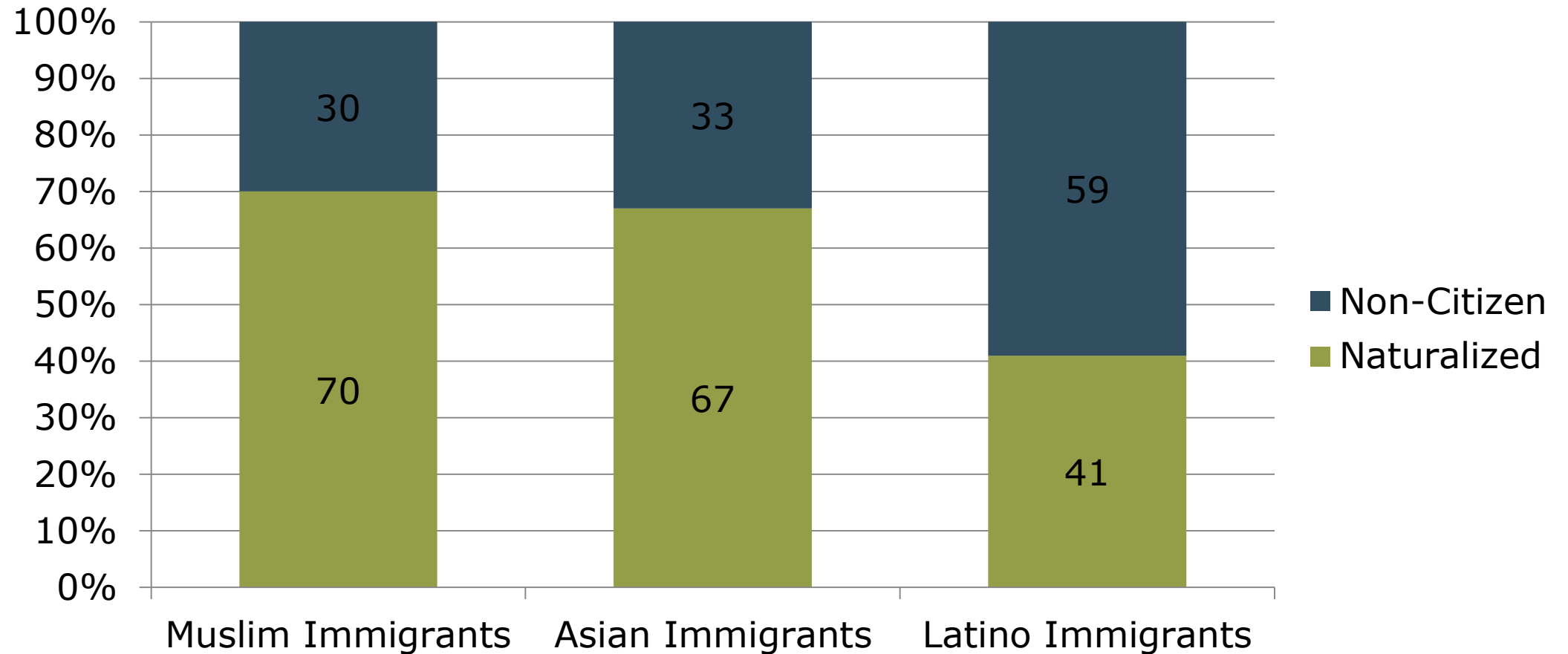
Most Arabs in the U.S. are not Muslim

- Only 25% of Egyptian immigrants are Muslim

Most South-Asians in the U.S. are not Muslim

- Only 6% of Indian immigrants are Muslim

Most foreign born Muslims are citizens

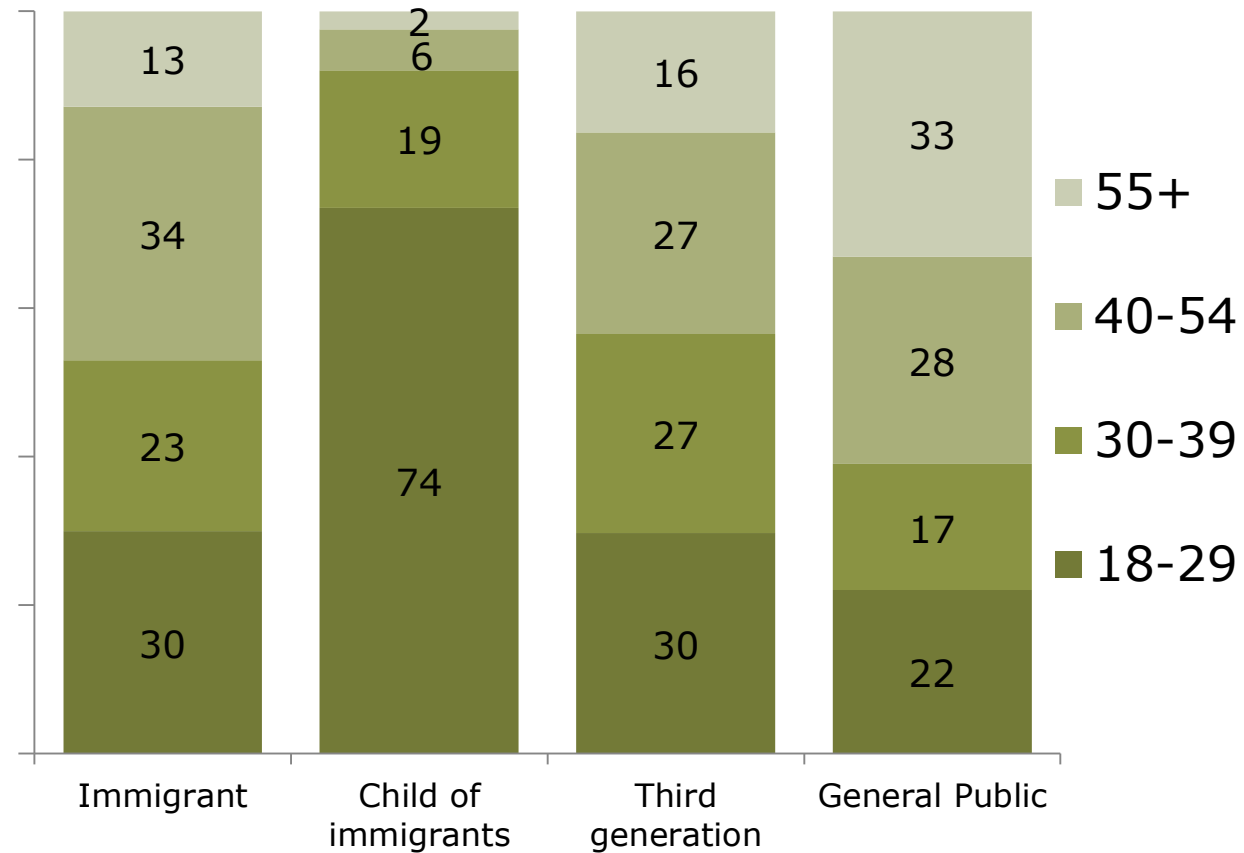


*Muslim Americans 2011, Asian Americans 2012, National Survey of Latinos 2011
Results repercentaged to exclude non-response*

High Percentage of U.S. Muslims Currently Enrolled in College

	Immigrant	U.S. Born	General Public
	%	%	%
Taking College classes	25%	27%	13%

Muslim Americans Are Younger than the Public



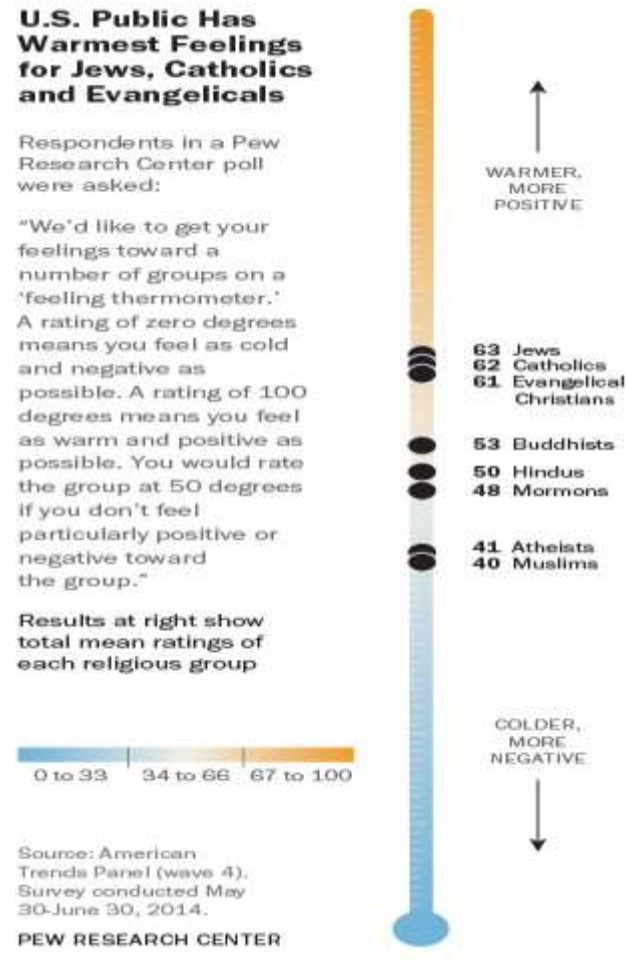
Wide Income Disparities in Muslim Community

	<\$20k	\$20k- \$29,999	\$30k- \$49,999	\$50k- \$74,999	\$75k- \$99,999	\$100k +
2011						
U.S. Muslims	31	15	19	13	8	14=100
U.S. GP	22	14	21	15	12	16=100

U.S. Muslims as Diverse as America

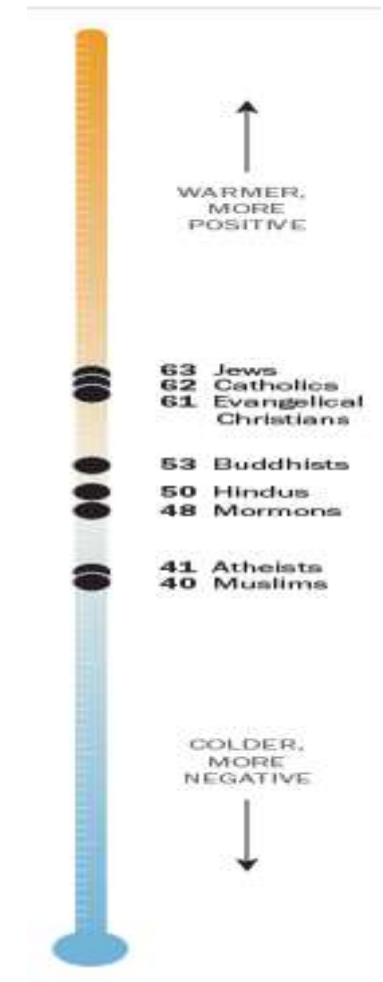


No religious group rated more negatively than Muslims



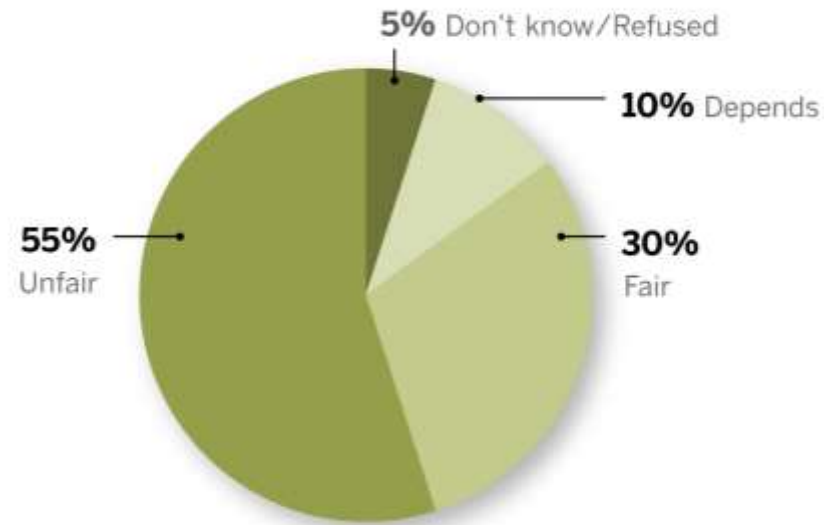
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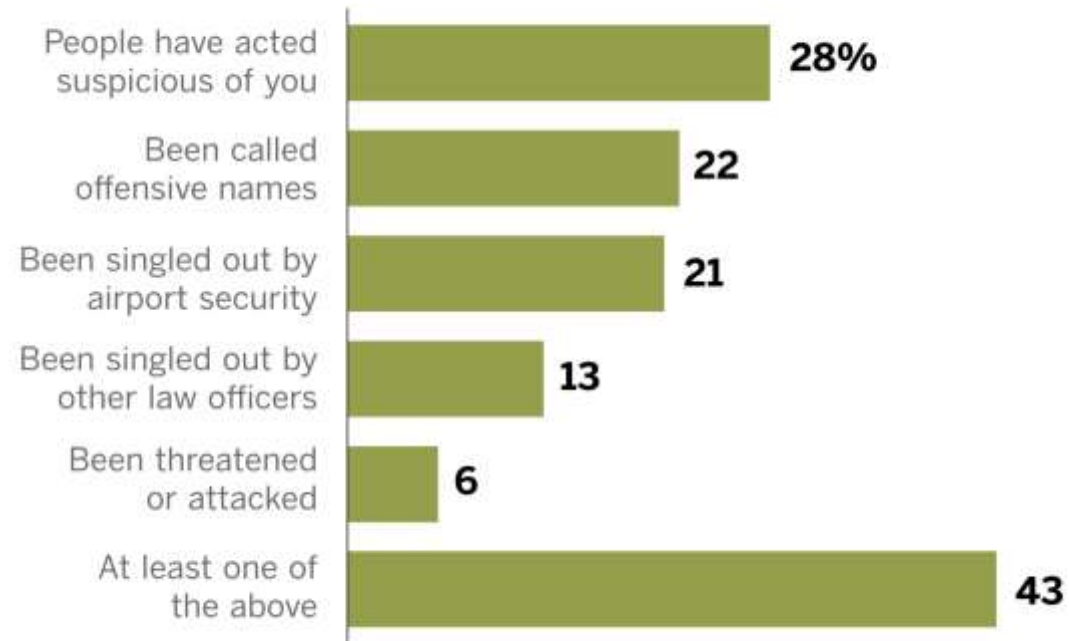
Muslims Frustrated with American Media

Do you think that coverage of Islam and Muslim by American news organizations is generally fair or unfair?



Many Muslims face discrimination

% of Muslim Americans who have experienced each of the following in the last year



Muslim Americans Survey, April-July 2011

Belief in the American Dream

	Most can get ahead with hard work	Hard work does not guarantee success	Neither Both DK
U.S. Muslims	74	26	1=100
U.S. General Public	62	34	3=100

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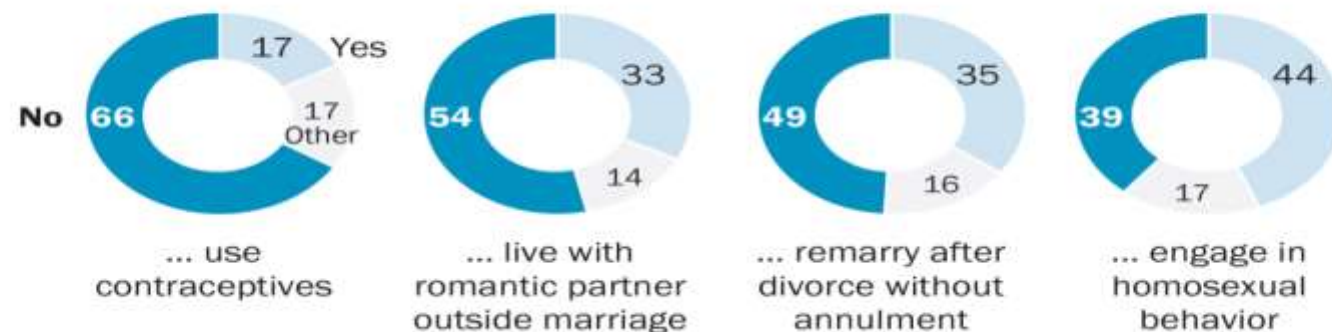
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Joseph Newton Pew Jr. -1946
- An independent, nonpartisan “fact tank”
- Strict nonadvocacy stance
- Rely on most rigorous social science methodologies
- Clarity of presentation and journalistic storytelling

Explore the Views of Members (not Elites)

Fewer Than Half of Catholics Say Homosexual Behavior, Remarriage Without Annulment, Cohabitation, Contraception Are Sins

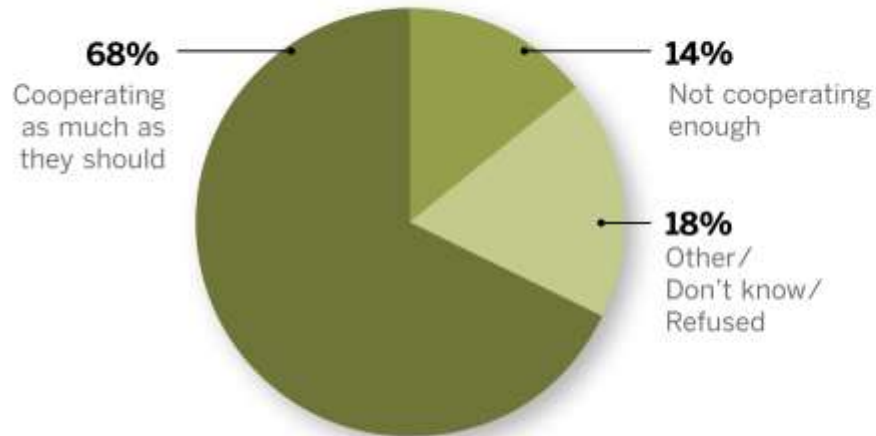
Do you personally think it is a sin to ...



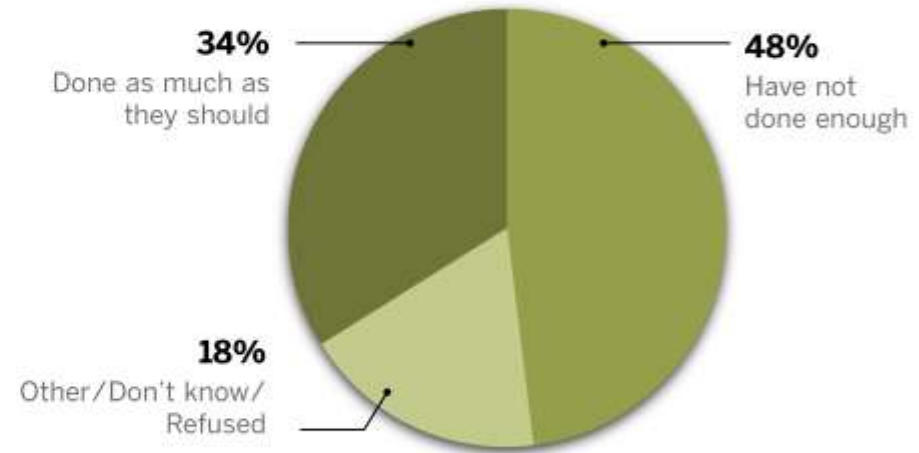
Source: Pew Research Center Survey of U.S. Catholics and Family Life, May 5-June 7, 2015. "Other" includes those saying "don't know" and those who do not believe in sin.

Responding to Extremism

Are Muslims in the U.S. cooperating with law enforcement agencies investigating extremism as much as they should, or are Muslims not cooperating enough?



Have Muslim leaders in the U.S. done as much as they should to speak out against Islamic extremists, or have they not done enough to speak out against Islamic extremists?

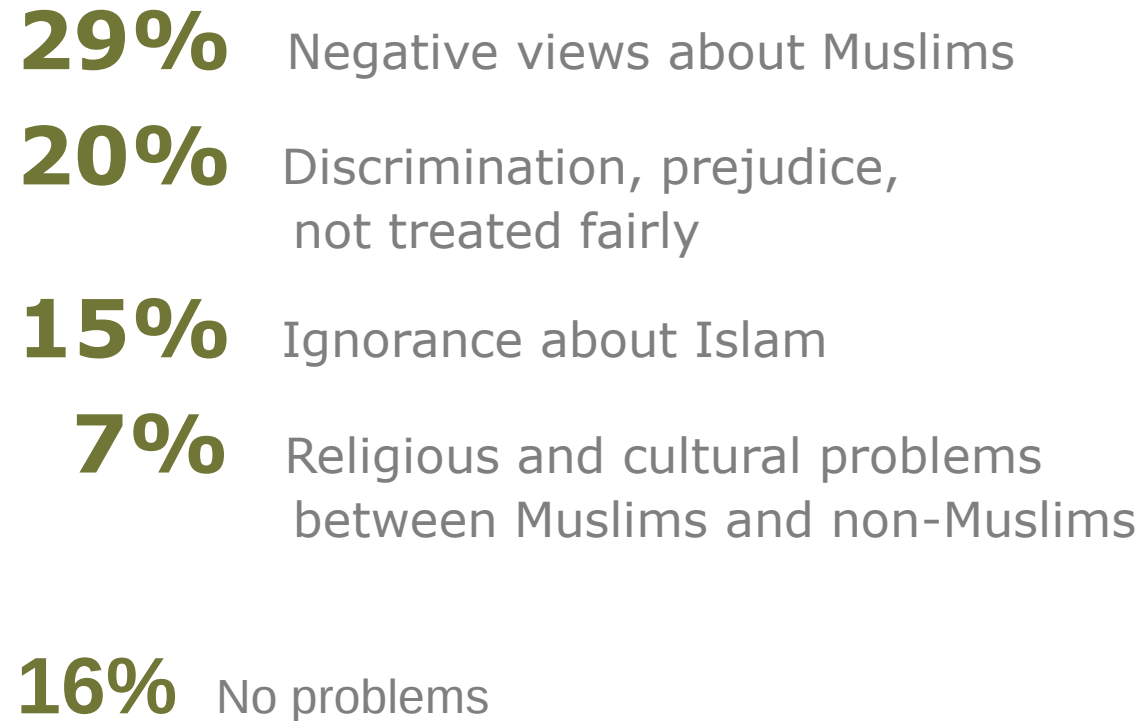


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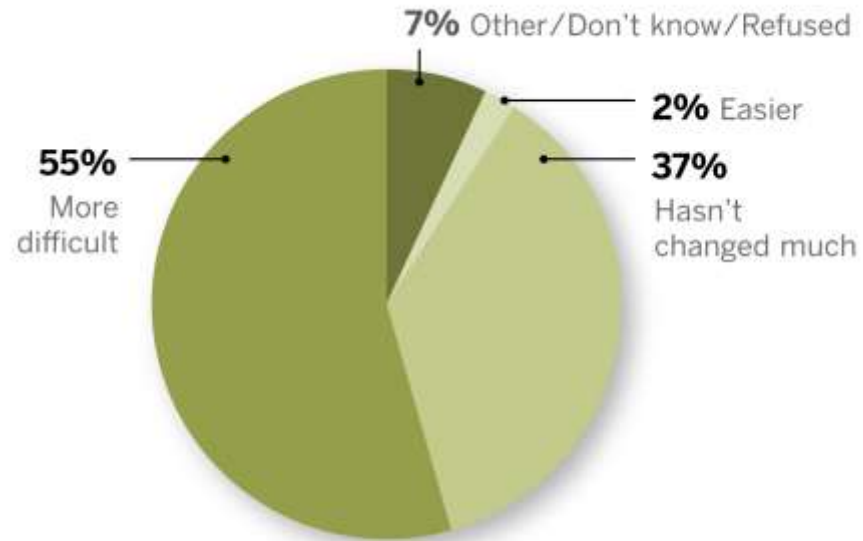
Most Important Problems Facing Muslims Living in the U.S.



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Life as a Muslim Since 9/11

Since the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001, has it become more difficult to be a Muslim in the U.S., or hasn't it changed very much?

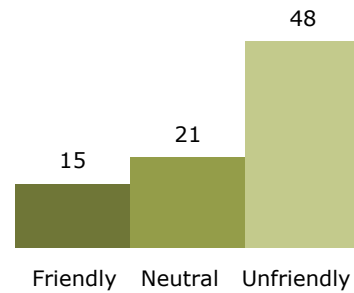


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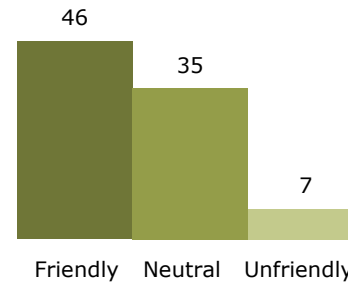
Muslims see Republican Party as Unfriendly

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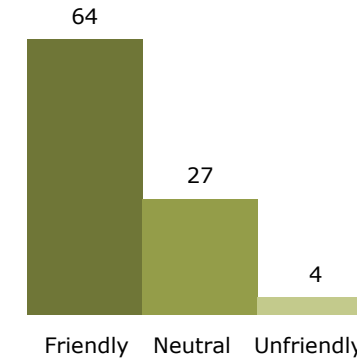
Republican Party



Democratic Party



Barack Obama



Presidential Job Performance

	Approve	Dis- approve	DK
<i>Obama in 2011</i>	%	%	%
U.S. Muslims	76	14	10=100
General public	46	45	8=100
 <i>Bush in 2007</i>			
U.S. Muslims	15	69	16=100
General public	35	57	8=100

PEW RESEARCH CENTER 2011 Muslim American Survey.
Q10. General public results from June 2011 survey by the
Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. Figures
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<u>Other Countries</u>	<u>6%</u>	<u>7%</u>
	37%	37%

Foreign Policy

	Muslim		Non-Muslim	
	Black	Non-Black	Black	Non-Black
Military in Afghanistan was right decision	34%	45%	58%	63%
War on terror sincere effort	29%	45%	58%	73%
Israel & Palestinian rights can coexist	73%	78%	75%	86%

Domestic Policies

	Muslim		Non-Muslim	
	Black	Non-Black	Black	Non-Black
Prefer big government	63%	75%	70%	40%
Immigrants Strengthen U.S.	53%	80%	57%	52%
Homosexuality should be accepted	32%	38%	54%	63%

Views of Mosque Near World Trade Center

% of Muslim Americans who have heard about proposal to build mosque in NYC near World Trade Center site ...

	%
A lot	46
A little	35
Nothing at all	18
Don't know	<u>1</u>
	100

Muslim Americans' views about building NYC mosque among those who have heard about it ...

	%
Should be allowed	72
Good idea	50
Bad idea	15
Don't know	7
Should not be allowed	20
Don't know	<u>8</u>
	100

Citizenship by Time of Arrival

U.S. Muslim immigrants 70

Among those coming to U.S...

Before 1980 100

1980-1989 95

1990-1999 80

2000 or later 42

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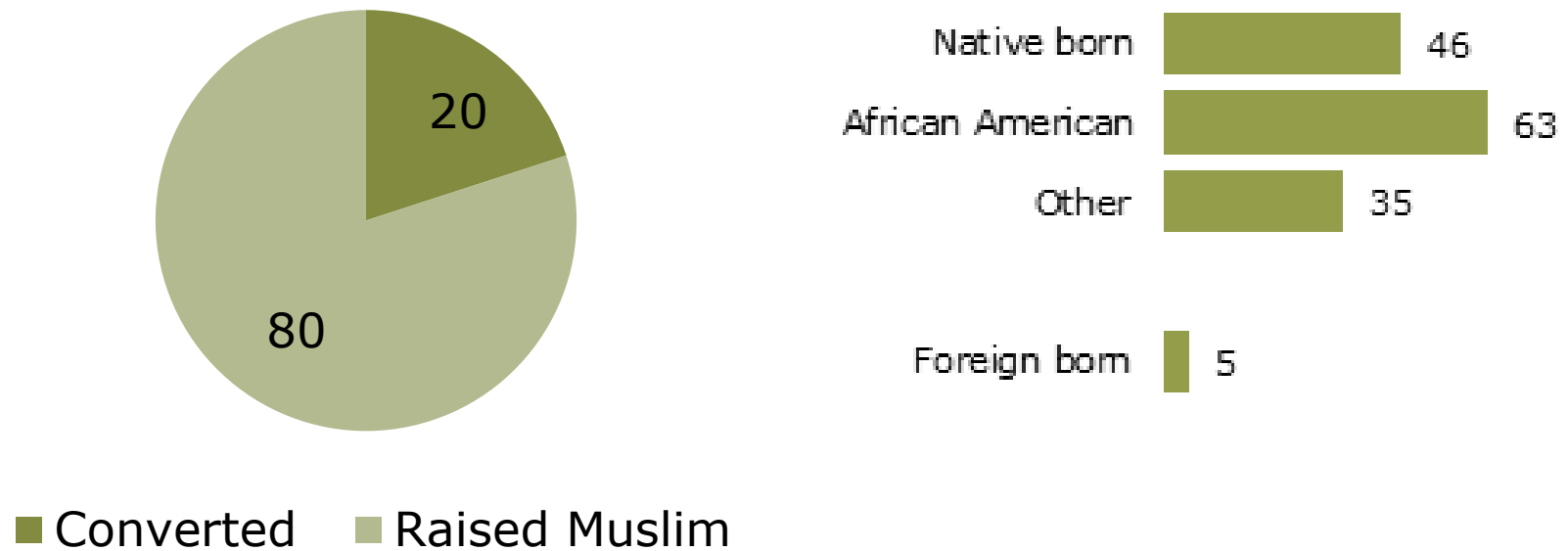
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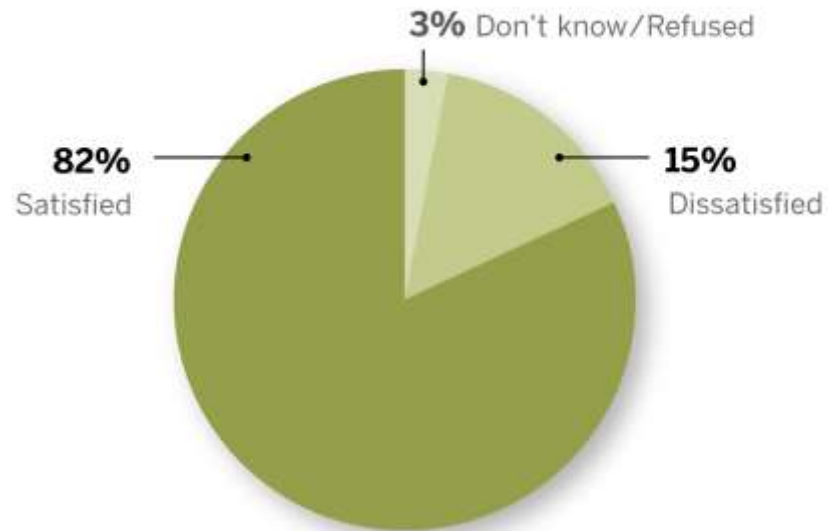
One in Five Raised in Another Religion

All U.S. Muslims

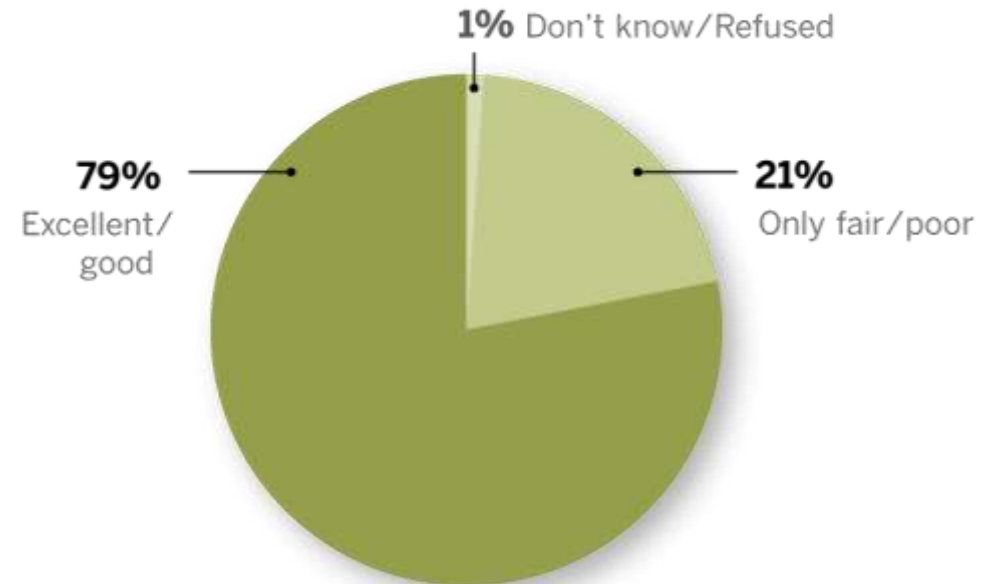


Satisfied with Their Lives, Happy with Their Communities

Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your life today?



Overall, how would you rate your community as a place to live?



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	37%	37%

Opinions of Islam

Would you say you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of Islam?

Unfavorable	38
Favorable	30
No response	<u>32</u>
	100

Compared with other religions, the Islamic religion...

Is more likely to encourage violence	35
Does not encourage violence more	42
Neither/No response	<u>24</u>
	100

Knowledge of Islam

*How Much Do You Know
about the Muslim Religion?*

	%
A great deal	9
Some	35
Not very much	30
Nothing at all	25
No response	*
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	100

Basic Knowledge of Islam

religious Knowledge x

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U.S. Religious Knowledge Quiz

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Is Ramadan...?

Next Question →

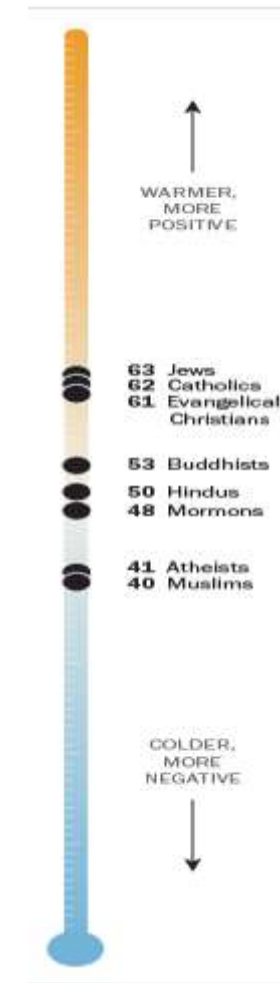
Knowledge of Muslims

Do you know anyone who is Muslim?

	%
No	58
Yes	41
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Knowing Muslims

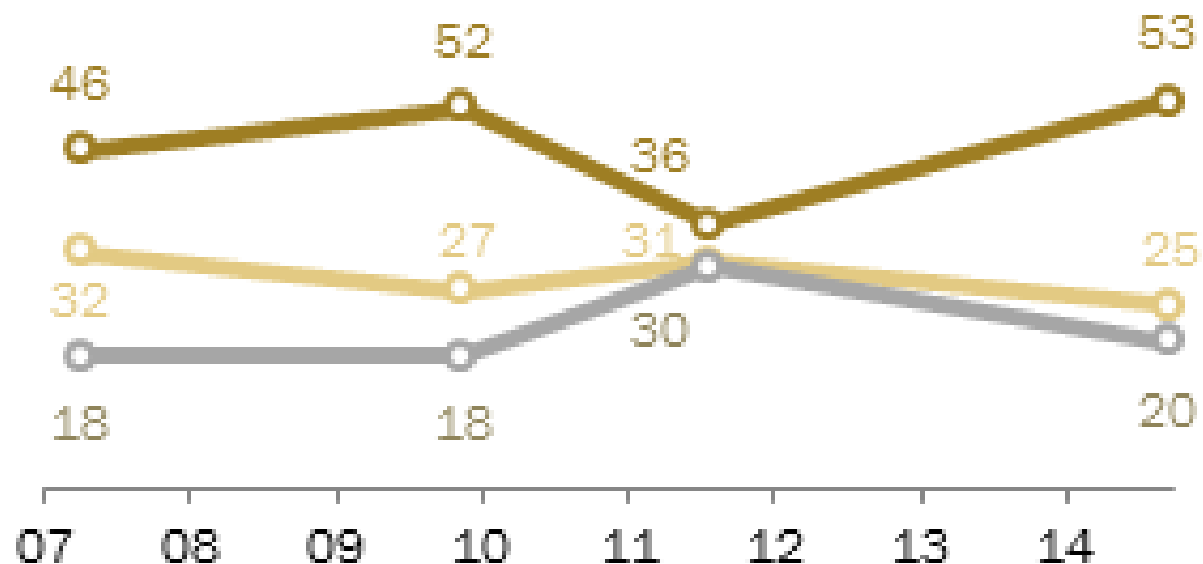
	Know a Muslim	Don't Know a Muslim
<i>Opinion of Islam...</i>	%	%
Favorable	43	21
Unfavorable	30	44
No response	<u>27</u>	<u>35</u>
	100	100

American Public Very Concerned about Islamic Extremism in the U.S.

% that are _____ concerned about the rise of Islamic Extremism in the U.S.

—○— Very —○— Somewhat —○— Not too/Not at all

Islamic extremism in the U.S.



Continued Concern that Anti-Terrorism Efforts Haven't Gone Far Enough

Bigger concern about government anti-terror policies...

