

## Selected Questions and Results from the 2011 and 2007 Pew Research Center Surveys of U.S. Muslims

### Muslim Americans: No Signs of Growth in Alienation or Support for Extremism

(released Aug. 30, 2011)

### Muslim Americans: Middle Class and Mostly Mainstream

(released May 22, 2007)

**Q.60** On average, how often do you attend the mosque or Islamic center for salat and jumah prayer? **[READ]**

	More than once <u>a week</u>	Once a week for jumah <u>prayer</u>	Once or twice a <u>month</u>	A few times a year especially <u>for the Eid</u>	Seldom	Never	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<i>Muslim Americans</i>							
Apr 14-Jul 22, 2011	18	29	12	22	7	12	*
Jan 24-Apr 30, 2007	17	23	8	18	16	18	*

**Q.62** How important is religion in your life – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<i>Muslim Americans</i>					
Apr 14-Jul 22, 2011	69	22	6	2	1
Jan 24-Apr 30, 2007	72	18	5	4	1

**Q.63** Concerning daily salat or prayer, do you, in general, pray all five salat daily, make some of the five salat daily, occasionally make salat, only make Eid prayers, or do you never pray?<sup>36</sup>

<i>Muslim Americans</i>		<i>Muslim Americans</i>
Apr 14-Jul 22		Jan 24-Apr 30
<u>2011</u>		<u>2007</u>
65	Pray daily <b>(NET)</b>	61
48	Pray all five salat	41
18	Make some of the five salat daily	20
18	Occasionally make salat	20
7	Only make Eid prayers	6
8	Never pray	12
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1

<sup>36</sup> This question was asked in a modified form in the Global Survey of Islam. See Q61 and Q62 in survey topline results.

**Q.64** Which statement comes closest to your view? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

<i>Muslim Americans</i>		<i>Muslim Americans</i>	
Apr 14-Jul 22		Jan 24-Apr 30	
<u>2011</u>		<u>2007</u>	
37	There is only ONE true way to interpret the teachings of Islam	33	
57	There is MORE than one true way to interpret the teachings of Islam	60	
*	Other <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	
7	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	5	

**Q.66** Do you believe **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**, or not?

	<u>Yes, believe</u>	<u>No, do not believe</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. In One God, Allah*			
<i>Muslim Americans</i>			
Apr 14-Jul 22, 2011	96	4	1
Jan 24-Apr 30, 2007	96	2	2
b. In the Prophet Muhammad*			
<i>Muslim Americans</i>			
Apr 14-Jul 22, 2011	96	3	1
Jan 24-Apr 30, 2007	94	3	3
d. In angels			
<i>Muslim Americans</i>			
Apr 14-Jul 22, 2011	90	9	1
Jan 24-Apr 30, 2007	87	11	2

\* In the Global Survey of Islam these two questions were asked in a combined form.

**Q.E4** Which comes closest to your view **[READ IN ORDER]**?<sup>37</sup>

**IF BELIEVE QURAN IS WORD OF GOD (Q.E4=1), ASK:**

**Q.E5** And would you say that **[READ IN ORDER]**?

<i>Muslim Americans</i>	
Jan 24-Apr 30	
<u>2007</u>	
86	The Quran is the word of God <b>(NET)</b>
50	The Quran is to be taken literally, word for word.
25	That not everything in the Quran should be taken literally, word for word.
11	Other/Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL. DO NOT READ)</b>
8	The Quran is a book written by men and is not the word of God
1	Other <b>(VOL. DO NOT READ)</b>
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL. DO NOT READ)</b>
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<sup>37</sup> This question was asked in the U.S. only in 2007.