

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

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MUSLIM AMERICANS: MIDDLE CLASS AND MOSTLY MAINSTREAM

(RELEASED MAY 22, 2007)

Q.16 In your opinion, do you think there is generally a conflict between science and religion, or don't you think so?

	Yes, generally <u>a conflict</u>	No, don't think so	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<i>Muslim Americans</i>	%	%	%
Apr 14-Jul 22, 2011	37	59	4

Q.17 Thinking about evolution, which comes closer to your view? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

	Humans and other living things have evolved over time	Humans and other living things have existed in their present form since the beginning of time	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<i>Muslim Americans</i>	%	%	%
Apr 14-Jul 22, 2011	45	44	11

Q.32 How many of your close friends are Muslims? Would you say **[READ]**

<i>Muslim Americans</i>		<i>Muslim Americans</i>
Apr 14-Jul 22		Jan 24-Apr 30
<u>2011</u>		<u>2007</u>
%		%
7	All of them	12
41	Most of them	35
36	Some of them	40
14	Hardly any of them	10
1	None of them (VOL.)	1
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

Q.34 Do you think there is a natural conflict between being a devout Muslim and living in a modern society, or don't you think so?

	Yes, there <u>is conflict</u>	No, don't <u>think so</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Muslim Americans</i>	%	%	%
Apr 14-Jul 22, 2011	31	63	6
Jan 24-Apr 30, 2007	32	63	5

Q.65 Which statement comes closest to your view? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

	Islam is the one, true faith leading <u>to eternal life</u>	Many religions can <u>lead to eternal life</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Muslim Americans</i>	%	%	%	%
Apr 14-Jul 22, 2011	35	56	2	7

Q.90 Some people think that suicide bombing and other forms of violence against civilian targets are justified in order to defend Islam from its enemies. Other people believe that, no matter what the reason, this kind of violence is never justified. Do you personally feel that this kind of violence is often justified to defend Islam, sometimes justified, rarely justified, or never justified?

	Often <u>justified</u>	Sometimes <u>justified</u>	Rarely <u>justified</u>	Never <u>justified</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Muslim Americans</i>	%	%	%	%	%
Apr 14-Jul 22, 2011	1	7	5	81	6
Jan 24-Apr 30, 2007	1	7	5	78	9