Muslim Attitudes Regarding COVID-19

Start of Block: Introduction

This survey is intended to capture the response of Muslims to the Coronavirus. It is being administered by Yaqeen Institute for Islamic Research. The survey should take between 5-10 minutes. It is easiest if you complete it on your PC, but if you use your smartphone, then turn your phone horizontally for easier accessibility.   
  
  
  
Thank you for your time and feedback.

End of Block: Introduction

Start of Block: Demographics

We are curious to know about your background. Please tell us a little about yourself.

What is your age?

* Under 18 (1)
* 18 - 24 (2)
* 25 - 34 (3)
* 35 - 44 (4)
* 45 - 54 (5)
* 55+ (6)

What is your sex?

* Male (1)
* Female (2)

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

* Less than high school degree (1)
* High school graduate (high school diploma or equivalent including GED) (2)
* Some college but no degree (3)
* Bachelor's degree (4)
* Master's degree (5)
* Doctoral degree (PhD) or Professional degree (JD, MD) (6)

Choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be:

* White (1)
* Black or African American (2)
* Hispanic (3)
* South Asian (e.g., Indian, Pakistan, Bengalii) (4)
* Other Asian (5)
* Arab (6)
* Other (7)

What is your marital status?

* Single (1)
* Married (2)
* Divorced, not currently married (3)
* Widowed (4)

Do you have children?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

End of Block: Demographics

Start of Block: Beliefs

How many blessings do you see from Allah in allowing the Coronavirus to spread?

* None at all (1)
* A little (2)
* A moderate amount (3)
* A lot (4)
* A great deal (5)

How concerned are you about getting the Coronavirus?

* Not at all concerned (1)
* A little concerned (2)
* Somewhat concerned (3)
* Quite concerned (4)
* Extremely concerned (5)

How concerned are you about beloved friends or family getting the Coronavirus?

* Not at all concerned (1)
* A little concerned (2)
* Somewhat concerned (3)
* Quite concerned (4)
* Extremely concerned (5)

How concerned are you about the societal consequences of the Coronavirus?

* Not at all concerned (1)
* A little concerned (2)
* Somewhat concerned (3)
* Quite concerned (4)
* Extremely concerned (5)

How exaggerated is the overall reaction to the Coronavirus?

* Not at all exaggerated (1)
* A little exaggerated (2)
* Somewhat exaggerated (3)
* Quite exaggerated (4)
* Extremely exaggerated (5)

Do you believe the Coronavirus was man made?

* Definitely not (21)
* Probably not (22)
* Might or might not (23)
* Probably yes (24)
* Definitely yes (25)

How much do you believe the Coronavirus is:

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|  | None at all (1) | A little (2) | A moderate amount (3) | A lot (4) | A great deal (5) |
| A punishment from Allah (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| A wake up call from Allah (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| A test from Allah (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The result of man's actions (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| A sign of the end of times (5) |  |  |  |  |  |

When the Coronavirus first spread in China, how much did you believe that it was a punishment from Allah for how they oppressed the Muslims?

* None at all (1)
* A little (2)
* A moderate amount (3)
* A lot (4)
* A great deal (5)

Since the Coronavirus has now spread all over the world, how much do you STILL believe it is a punishment from Allah to the oppressors?

* None at all (1)
* A little (2)
* A moderate amount (3)
* A lot (4)
* A great deal (5)

Which of these statements reflects how you believe things will unfold in the next few months?

* Things will turn out just fine. There is no reason to be worried about anything. (1)
* Despite the many ordeals people will face, things will turn out alright with many positive outcomes (2)
* Things will be bad, as lots of people will suffer from the consequences of the virus. (3)
* Things will turn out terribly, with catastrophic loss of life and societal outcomes (4)
* I really have no idea (5)

End of Block: Beliefs

Start of Block: Uncertainty Intolerance

Uncertainty makes life intolerable

* Strongly disagree (1)
* Somewhat disagree (2)
* Neither agree nor disagree (3)
* Somewhat agree (4)
* Strongly agree (5)

My mind can’t be relaxed if I don’t know what will happen tomorrow

* Strongly disagree (1)
* Somewhat disagree (2)
* Neither agree nor disagree (3)
* Somewhat agree (4)
* Strongly agree (5)

Uncertainty makes me uneasy, anxious, or stressed.

* Strongly disagree (1)
* Somewhat disagree (2)
* Neither agree nor disagree (3)
* Somewhat agree (4)
* Strongly agree (5)

End of Block: Uncertainty Intolerance

Start of Block: Emotions

How afraid of death are you?

* Not afraid at all (1)
* A little afraid (2)
* Somewhat afraid (3)
* Quite afraid (4)
* Extremely afraid (5)

How upset are you about disruptions to your personal routine due to social isolation guidelines?

* Not at all upset (1)
* A little upset (2)
* Somewhat upset (3)
* Quite upset (4)
* Very upset (5)

Due to social isolation policies, what activities will you miss the most? (rank the top 3)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hanging out with friends (1)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Going out to places such as malls, movies, restaurants, coffee, etc. (2)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Not being able to attend Friday prayers (3)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Possible cancellation of Ramadan taraweeh prayers and iftars (dinners) (4)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ School and educational activities (5)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Playing sports (6)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Watching sports (7)

How comfortable are you with the following for an extended period of time due to social isolation?

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|  | N/A (52) | Extremely uncomfortable (53) | Somewhat uncomfortable (54) | Neutral (55) | Somewhat comfortable (56) | Extremely comfortable (57) |
| Being alone with my thoughts (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Being at home with my kids (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Being at home with my spouse (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Being at home with elderly parents or relatives (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Emotions

Start of Block: Behaviors

How often do you pray daily (on average)

* 0 (1)
* 1 to 2 (2)
* 3 to 4 (3)
* 5 (4)
* 5 + sunnahs (5)

How often do you read the Quran?

* Hardly ever (1)
* At least once a month (2)
* At least once a week (3)
* More than once a week (4)
* Daily (5)

How often do you count your blessings in life.

* Never (18)
* Rarely (19)
* Sometimes (20)
* Quite often (21)
* Very often (22)

Do you live with family?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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How much do you believe that being isolated with family at home will be a positive or negative experience?

* Extremely negative (1)
* Somewhat negative (2)
* Neither positive nor negative (3)
* Somewhat positive (4)
* Extremely positive (5)

Are you concerned about how any of your family members will handle social isolation?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Which of the following things have you done as a reaction to the Coronavirus? (check all that apply)

* Reading Quran (1)
* Listening to the Quran (2)
* Making dua (3)
* Seeking forgiveness (17)
* Praying regularly (4)
* Listening to religious lectures related to the Coronavirus (5)
* Deep breathing (6)
* Exercise (7)
* Walking outdoors (8)
* Spending quality time with beloved family/friends (9)
* Speaking on the phone with beloved family/friends (10)
* Donating money (11)
* Buying lots of extra household supplies (12)
* Watching a lot more entertainment (14)
* Emotional eating (15)

How likely are you to donate money to help others because of the Coronavirus?

* Not likely at all (8)
* A little likely (9)
* Somewhat likely (10)
* Quite likely (11)
* Extremely likely (12)

End of Block: Behaviors

Start of Block: Mental Health

During the past few days, how often have you felt anxious?

* Never (1)
* Sometimes (2)
* About half the time (3)
* Most of the time (4)
* Always (5)

During the past few days, how often have you felt nervous?

* Never (1)
* Sometimes (2)
* About half the time (3)
* Most of the time (4)
* Always (5)

During the past few days, how often have you felt calm?

* Never (1)
* Sometimes (2)
* About half the time (3)
* Most of the time (4)
* Always (5)

During the past few days, how often have you been checking social media or the news for Coronavirus info?

* Never (1)
* Sometimes (2)
* About half the time (3)
* Most of the time (4)
* Always (5)

End of Block: Mental Health

Start of Block: Community

How reasonable do you think it is for the masjid to offer Friday prayers at the current time?

* Extremely unreasonable (1)
* Somewhat unreasonable (2)
* Neutral (3)
* Somewhat reasonable (4)
* Extremely reasonable (5)

How reasonable do you think it is for the masjid to offer daily prayers at the current time?

* Extremely unreasonable (1)
* Somewhat unreasonable (2)
* Neutral (3)
* Somewhat reasonable (4)
* Extremely reasonable (5)

Do you think that masjids should completely close for the time being?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)
* Not sure (3)

How much do you trust your local Islamic leadership to make the right decisions for the community?

* None at all (1)
* A little (2)
* A moderate amount (3)
* A lot (4)
* A great deal (5)

End of Block: Community

Start of Block: God Beliefs

I feel that God easily approves and greatly rewards any attempt I make in doing good.

* Strongly disagree (1)
* Somewhat disagree (2)
* Neither agree nor disagree (3)
* Somewhat agree (4)
* Strongly agree (5)

I am troubled by the fact that God lets bad things happen to good people

* Strongly disagree (1)
* Somewhat disagree (2)
* Neither agree nor disagree (3)
* Somewhat agree (4)
* Strongly agree (5)

I sometimes find some of God’s commands / religious rulings troubling.

* Strongly disagree (1)
* Somewhat disagree (2)
* Neither agree nor disagree (3)
* Somewhat agree (4)
* Strongly agree (5)

How has your connection with Allah been over the past week?

* Much worse (13)
* Somewhat worse (14)
* About the same (15)
* Somewhat better (16)
* Much better (17)

End of Block: God Beliefs

Start of Block: end

What topics are you interested in getting more information on due to the Coronavirus? (check all that apply)

* Is the Coronavirus a punishment from God? (3)
* Is the Coronavirus a sign of the end of times? (4)
* How to manage my kids due to being home all day (5)
* How to manage my marriage due to being home all day (6)
* How to deal with stress and anxiety? (7)
* Islamic ethics in times of crisis (8)
* How to deal with other family members who are not taking appropriate precautions (9)
* How to worship Allah during these difficult times (10)
* How trials can be a means of purification and elevation (11)
* How to better parent my children (12)
* How to be more grateful during these difficult times (13)
* How to be more mindful and stay calm (19)
* Islamic guidance on epidemics (14)
* How to cope with uncertainty (15)
* How to connect with my family since we're all home together indefinitely (18)

In one word, what are you most worried about regarding the Coronavirus?

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In one word, what are you most hopeful about regarding the Coronavirus?

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End of Block: end