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AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF MUSLIM VOTER PREFERENCES

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INTRODUCTION

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is pleased to release this follow-up report that provides an in-depth analysis of the August 29th [CAIR 2024 Election Survey of Muslim Voters](#), offering a closer examination of the preferences and trends among American Muslim voters following Vice President Kamala Harris's entry onto the Democratic ticket. CAIR notes that this survey report was produced in partnership with Molitical Consulting LLC.

CAIR's initial August 25-27 survey revealed that 29.4% of American Muslims plan to vote for Kamala Harris of the Democratic Party, virtually tied with Dr. Jill Stein of the Green Party, who follows closely with 29.1%. At the same time, Donald Trump of the Republican Party garners 11.2% of the vote, and Dr. Cornel West of the People's Party receives 4.2%. Chase Oliver of the Libertarian Party has less than 1% support, with 16.5% of respondents remaining undecided.

This follow-up report delves deeper into the survey data, examining how preferences vary across different demographic factors such as race, age, state, party affiliation, and ideology. Key findings include:

- **Racial Demographics:** Kamala Harris is supported by 55.3% of Black Muslim voters, 28% of Asian Muslims, and 25.6% of White, Arab, and Turkic Muslims. Dr. Jill Stein is supported by 32.7% of White, Arab, and Turkic Muslim voters, 25.7% of Asian Muslims, and 11.2% of Black Muslim voters. Donald Trump is supported by 12.8% of White, Arab, and Turkic Muslims, 12.6% of Asian Muslims, and 9.8% of Black Muslim voters.

- **Battleground States:** Dr. Stein is leading Harris in Arizona (35%) Michigan (40%) and Wisconsin (44%), while Harris leads Stein in Georgia (43%) and Pennsylvania (37%). Trump is leading in Nevada (27%), where he holds an edge over Harris (26%).
- **Gender:** Kamala Harris leads among Muslim male voters with 29%, while Dr. Jill Stein holds a stronger position among Muslim women at 34%. Donald Trump has similar levels of support among men (14%) and women (10%). Additionally, a higher proportion of men (17%) are undecided compared to women (16%).
- **Party Affiliation:** Harris slightly leads among Democrats (33%) and Independents (30%), while Dr. Stein also garners significant support from these groups (32% and 28% respectively). Donald Trump's highest support comes from Republicans (48%).
- **Likelihood of Voting:** Harris attracts a higher proportion of high-likelihood voters (33%), whereas Dr. Stein has a significant share of moderate-likelihood voters (65%). Trump's support is concentrated among high-likelihood voters (13%).
- **Support for Third Parties:** Overall, support for third-party candidates (Stein and West) comes from both Muslim Democrats and Republicans, indicating discontent with both parties' platforms on the issues that Muslim Americans prioritize.

This detailed analysis offers a nuanced understanding of the diverse political preferences within the American Muslim community, reflecting their varied backgrounds and political inclinations as the November election approaches.

SURVEY RESULTS

OVERALL MUSLIM VOTER PREFERENCES FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

The weighted topline chart shows the overall distribution of support among American Muslim voters for the upcoming November presidential election. Kamala Harris leads with 29.4% of the vote, closely followed by Jill Stein at 29.1%. Donald Trump and Cornel West trail behind with 11.2% and 4.2%, respectively. A significant portion of respondents are undecided (16.5%), while 8.8% indicate they are not voting.

CAIR August Presidential Election Survey of Muslim Voters (Aug. 25–27)	
Candidate	Percent
Kamala Harris (Democratic Party)	29.4%
Donald Trump (Republican Party)	11.2%
Dr. Cornel West (People's Party)	4.2%
Dr. Jill Stein (Green Party)	29.1%
Chase Oliver (Libertarian Party)	0.8%
Undecided	16.5%
Not Voting	8.8%
Total	100.0%

MUSLIM VOTER PREFERENCES BY RACE

Racial Demographics: Kamala Harris is supported by 55.3% of Black Muslim voters, with 28% of Asian Muslims and 25.6% of White, Arab, and Turkic Muslims. Dr. Jill Stein is supported by 32.7% of White, Arab, and Turkic Muslim voters, 25.7% of Asian Muslims, and 11.2% of Black Muslim voters. Donald Trump is supported by 12.8% of White, Arab, and Turkic Muslims, followed by 12.6% of Asian Muslims, and 9.8% of Black Muslim voters.

This analysis is based on a racially diverse sample of Muslim voters, with 46% noted as “White,” presumably identifying as White, Arab, or Turkic, etc., 31% as Asian (encompassing South Asian, East Asian, and Southeast Asian Muslims), and 16% as Black (including U.S.-born Muslims and immigrants from Africa). The survey also included 3% Latino, 2% identifying as “Other,” and 2% as unknown. The racial diversity of the sample highlights the broad spectrum of backgrounds within the American Muslim community, offering important insights into their political preferences and trends across different racial groups.

CAIR August Presidential Election Survey (Aug. 25 - 27) Muslim Voter Preferences by Racial Demographics

MUSLIM VOTER PREFERENCES BY SPECIFIC BATTLEGROUND STATES

This chart shows how voter preferences vary across specific battleground states. Jill Stein is leading among Muslim voters in Arizona (35%), Michigan (40%), and Wisconsin (44%), while Kamala Harris is leading in Georgia (43%) and Pennsylvania (37%). While Donald Trump's support is relatively lower, he leads in Muslim voter support in Nevada (27%), which places him in competition with Harris (26%) - while Stein trails both (13%) candidates in Nevada her place on the ballot could impact overall election results in that state.

MUSLIM VOTER PREFERENCES BY AGE DEMOGRAPHICS

This chart illustrates how Muslim voter preferences vary across different age groups. In a matchup between Kamala Harris and Dr. Jill Stein, Harris received substantial support from older Muslim voters, with 34% of those aged 50-64 and 32% of those aged 65+. Stein is notably popular among middle-aged Muslim voters, with 34% of those aged 30-39, in addition to 33% of those age 65 and older. Donald Trump's support is more consistent across age groups, with slightly higher backing from those aged 30-39 (17%). Dr. Cornel West and Chase Oliver receive minimal support across all age categories. The high percentage of undecided voters, particularly among younger and middle-aged respondents, indicates a significant level of uncertainty.

MUSLIM VOTER PREFERENCES BY GENDER

The data highlights gender-based differences in Muslim voter preferences. Muslim women show stronger support for third-party candidates, with 34% backing Jill Stein compared to 24% of men, and 5% of women supporting Cornel West compared to 4% of men. Kamala Harris garners similar support from both genders (31% of women and 29% of men). Notably, 14% of men support Donald Trump, compared to 10% of women, while undecided rates are nearly equal (16% of women, 17% of men). In contrast, Muslim men are more than twice as likely to indicate they will not vote, with 11% opting out compared to 5% of women. These trends suggest that women are more likely to back alternative candidates, while men are slightly more likely to support Trump or refrain from voting altogether.

CAIR August Presidential Election Survey (Aug. 25 - 27) Muslim Voter Preferences by Gender			
Candidate	Female	Male	Total
Kamala Harris (Democratic Party)	31%	29%	30%
Donald Trump (Republican Party)	10%	14%	12%
Dr. Cornel West (People's Party)	5%	4%	4%
Dr. Jill Stein (Green Party)	34%	24%	28%
Chase Oliver (Libertarian Party)	1%	1%	1%
Undecided	16%	17%	16%
Not Voting	5%	11%	9%
Total	100%	100%	100%

MUSLIM VOTER PREFERENCES BY PARTY AFFILIATION

This chart displays Muslim voter candidate support based on party affiliation. Kamala Harris slightly leads among Democrats (33%) and Independents (30%), while Dr. Jill Stein is also favored by Democrats (32%) and Independents (28%). Donald Trump's strongest support comes from Republicans (48%). Dr. Cornel West and Chase Oliver show minimal support across all party affiliations.

CAIR August Presidential Election Survey (Aug. 25 - 27) Muslim Voter Preferences by Party Affiliation			
Candidate	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Kamala Harris (Democratic Party)	33%	30%	11%
Donald Trump (Republican Party)	6%	11%	48%
Dr. Cornel West (People's Party)	4%	4%	3%
Dr. Jill Stein (Green Party)	32%	28%	18%
Chase Oliver (Libertarian Party)	0%	1%	0%
Undecided	18%	16%	11%
Not Voting	7%	9%	9%
Total	100%	100%	100%

MUSLIM VOTER PREFERENCES BY IDEOLOGICAL STANCE

The ideological breakdown reveals candidate support based on voters' ideological leanings. Kamala Harris is slightly favored by Liberals (35%) and Moderates (28%). Jill Stein also sees strong support from Liberals (31%) and Moderates (27%). Donald Trump's support is higher among Conservatives (20%).

CAIR August Presidential Election Survey (Aug. 25–27) Muslim Voter Preferences by Ideology			
Candidate	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Kamala Harris (Democratic Party)	35%	28%	24%
Donald Trump (Republican Party)	8%	12%	20%
Dr. Cornel West (People's Party)	4%	4%	4%
Dr. Jill Stein (Green & Party)	31%	27%	27%
Chase Oliver (Libertarian Party)	0%	1%	0%
Undecided	16%	16%	20%
Not Voting	5%	11%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%

MUSLIM VOTER LIKELIHOOD OF VOTING BY CANDIDATE SUPPORT

The likelihood to vote chart indicates the intensity of Muslim voter commitment based on previous election turnout compared to surveyed candidate support. Kamala Harris attracts a higher proportion of high-likelihood voters (33%), while Jill Stein has a substantial number of moderate-likelihood voters (65%) and low-likelihood voters (49%). Donald Trump's support is concentrated among high-likelihood voters (13%).

CAIR August Presidential Election Survey (Aug. 25–27) Muslim Voter Likelihood of Voting by Candidate Support			
Candidate	Low	Moderate	High
Kamala Harris (Democratic Party)	27%	6%	33%
Donald Trump (Republican Party)	0%	0%	13%
Dr. Cornel West (People's Party)	0%	5%	4%
Dr. Jill Stein (Green Party)	49%	65%	25%
Chase Oliver (Libertarian Party)	0%	0%	1%
Undecided	0%	18%	17%
Not Voting	24%	6%	8%
Total	100%	100%	100%

MUSLIM VOTER CHOICE AMONG 2020 / 2022 VOTERS

Among Muslims who voted in 2020 and 2022, support for Kamala Harris is the highest, further validating that her campaign elicits more support from Muslim voters who are traditionally most likely to vote.

CAIR August Presidential Election Survey (Aug. 25–27) Muslim Voter Preferences by History of Election Participation (2020 / 2022)		
Candidate	Voted 2022	Voted 2020
Kamala Harris (Democratic Party)	32%	30%
Donald Trump (Republican Party)	12%	12%
Dr. Cornel West (People's Party)	4%	4%
Dr. Jill Stein (Green Party)	26%	27%
Chase Oliver (Libertarian Party)	1%	1%
Undecided	17%	16%
Not Voting	8%	9%
Total	100%	100%

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The data in this election survey report aims to capture the most current preferences of Muslim voters for the presidential election less than three months before November 5th. CAIR, in collaboration with Molitical Consulting LLC, designed the survey questions and obtained a proprietary, randomized national list of 40,000 registered Muslim voters from 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Military members serving overseas. The survey was distributed to this dataset from Sunday, August 25, to Tuesday, August 27, with 1,478 responses received, 1076 of which were verified and matched to the national voter file.

Margin of Error Statement: The survey results have a margin of error of +/- 2.95 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. This means that if the survey were conducted multiple times, CAIR would expect the same results within the margin of error 95% of the time. It is important to note that this margin of error applies to the overall survey findings and may vary for specific subgroups within the sample.

The 40,000 voters targeted for the survey were a stratified random sample of registered Muslim voters using Targetsmart's national voter file and the Ethnicity + data. The random sample was selected from Muslims, who were both registered and had a reliable cell phone on record.