## Background and Codebook

### Pew Research Center’s 2017 Survey of U.S. Muslims

## BACKGROUND

## Introduction

This is the third national probability survey of American Muslims conducted by Pew Research Center (the first was conducted in 2007, the second in 2011). Results from this study were published in the Pew Research Center report “[U.S. Muslims Concerned About Their Place in Society, but Continue to Believe in the American Dream](http://www.pewforum.org/2017/07/26/findings-from-pew-research-centers-2017-survey-of-us-muslims/).” The report is included in the materials that accompany the public-use dataset.

The survey included interviews with 1,001 adult Muslims living in the United States. Interviewing was conducted from Jan. 23 to May 2, 2017, in English, Arabic, Farsi and Urdu. The survey employed a complex design to obtain a probability sample of Muslim Americans. Before working with the dataset, data analysts are strongly encouraged to carefully review the “[Survey Methodology](http://www.pewforum.org/2017/07/26/appendix-b-survey-methodology/)” section of the report.

In addition to the report, the materials accompanying the public-use dataset also include the survey questionnaire, which reports the full details on question wording. Data users should treat the questionnaire (and not this codebook) as the authoritative reflection of question wording and order.

## Protection of respondent confidentiality

In order to maintain confidentiality, some variables were collapsed into categories before release. These changes are identified in each variable’s codebook description by the suffix “REC.” In addition, as a matter of policy, Pew Research Center does not release respondent names, contact numbers, detailed geographic information or any other uniquely identifying information.

## Calculation of point estimates, standard errors and test statistics

Due to the complex design of the Muslim American study, formulas commonly used in random-digit dial (RDD) surveys to estimate margins of error (standard errors) are inappropriate for this study. Such formulas would understate the true variability in the estimates. Accordingly, we used a repeated replication technique – jackknife repeated replication (JRR) – to calculate the standard errors for this study. Full details are available in the methodological description referenced above.

Because of the complex sample design employed for this survey, a statistical software package designed for complex survey data is required to correctly compute standard errors and test statistics. Popular packages include R, WesVar, Stata, SAS, SUDAAN and SPSS Complex Samples. SPSS users should note that the SPSS Statistics Base package cannot correctly compute standard errors for this dataset. For this reason, we have provided this dataset in both SPSS and Stata format. Point estimates can be computed using the SPSS Statistics Base package (and weighting the data by the WEIGHT variable). Standard errors and test statistics (along with point estimates) can be calculated with the svy commands in Stata using the replicate weights RPL001-RPL100 and the following syntax, which will permit the svy prefix to work on appropriate commands.

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The Stata dataset was created from the SPSS dataset using StatTransfer. As a result, many of the variable labels and value labels in the Stata dataset are truncated; Stata users should consult this codebook for full details on variable labels and value labels.

All point estimates should be derived from weighted data, using either the WEIGHT variable or the full set of replicate weights, RPL001-RPL100. Point estimates based on unweighted data will not be representative of the U.S. Muslim population.

## CODEBOOK**[[1]](#footnote-1)**

## **CREATED VARIABLE** RESP Unique respondent identification number.

**CREATED VARIABLE**  
WEIGHT Main weight, used to estimate the prevalence of attitudes, beliefs, practices, experiences and demographic characteristics of survey respondents; either this variable or the full set of replicate weights (RPL001-RPL100) should be used in calculating all point estimates. Replicate weights must be used to calculate standard errors, as described above.

**CREATED VARIABLE**  
RPL001-RPL100 Replicate weights for calculating standard errors. See discussion of “Calculation of point estimates, standard errors and test statistics” above.

## **CREATED VARIABLE**

## INTLANREC Language in which the interview was conducted.

1 English

2 Arabic, Farsi or Urdu

## **CREATED VARIABLE** SAMPLE Sampling frame. See “[Survey methodology](http://www.pewforum.org/2017/07/26/appendix-b-survey-methodology/)” for more detail.

1 Random-digit dial (RDD) landline

2 RDD cellphone

3 Flagged landline

4 Flagged cellphone

## **CREATED VARIABLE** STRATUM Sampling stratum based on expected density of Muslims. See “[Survey methodology](http://www.pewforum.org/2017/07/26/appendix-b-survey-methodology/)” for more detail.

1 Muslim flagged

2 Very high

3 High

4 Medium

5 Low

6 Very low

## **CREATED VARIABLE** FORM Randomization assignment for questions only asked of half of the respondents.

1 Form 1

2 Form 2

## **RANDOMIZE Q.A1 AND Q.A2**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.A1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? **[IF DON’T KNOW ENTER AS DON’T KNOW. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH:** Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? **[IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DON’T KNOW]**

1 Approve

2 Disapprove

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE Q.A1 AND Q.A2**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.A2 Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

1. Satisfied
2. Dissatisfied
3. Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.A3 Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your life today?

1 Satisfied

2 Dissatisfied

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.A5 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

1 Excellent shape

2 Good shape

3 Only fair shape

4 Poor shape

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.A6 Are you a homeowner, or not?

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

EDUCREC What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? **[DO NOT READ][INTERVIEWER NOTE**: Enter code 3-HS grad if respondent completed training that did NOT count toward a degree**]**

1          Did not finish high school

2          High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)

3          Some college, no degree (includes some community college)

4          Two year associate degree from a college or university

5          Four year college or university degree/Bachelor’s degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)

6          Postgraduate or professional schooling after college (with or without a   
graduate/professional degree)

9          Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.B1 Here are some goals that people value in their lives. Please tell me how important each is to you personally. First **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE, DO NOT START WITH ITEM b]**: Is that one of the most important things in your life, OR is it very important but not one of the most important things, OR somewhat important, or not important? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ AT LEAST TWICE, THEN AS NECESSARY:** Is that one of the most important things in your life, OR very important but not one of the most important things, OR somewhat important, or not important?**] [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT SAYS "VERY IMPORTANT," PROBE WITH** "Is that one of the most important things in your life, OR very important but not one of the most important things?"**]**

a. Being successful in a high-paying career or profession

b. Living a very religious life

c. Having lots of free time to relax or do things you want to do

d. Being a good parent

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 One of the most important things

2 Very important but not one of the most important things

3 Somewhat important

4 Not important

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/refused

**ASK ALL:**

Q.B2 Here are a few pairs of statements. For each pair, tell me which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is…**[READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS a-c FIRST, THEN ASK ITEM d LAST; DO NOT RANDOMIZE WITHIN PAIRS].** Next, **[NEXT PAIR]**

a. Number one - immigrants today strengthen the U.S. because of their hard work and talents **[OR]**

Number two - immigrants today are a burden on the U.S. because they take our jobs, housing and health care

b. Number one - most people who want to get ahead can make it if they’re willing to work hard **[OR]**

Number two - hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most people

c. Number one - homosexuality should be accepted by society **[OR]**

Number two - homosexuality should be discouraged by society

d. Number one – our country has made the changes needed to give blacks equal rights with whites **[OR]**

Number two – our country needs to continue making changes to give blacks equal rights with whites

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Statement #1

2 Statement #2

3 Neither/Both equally **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF R SAYS OUR COUNTRY NEEDS TO CONTINUE MAKING CHANGES (QB2d=2):**

Q.B2e Do you think our country will eventually make the changes needed to give blacks equal rights with whites, or not?

1 Yes, our country will eventually make the changes

2 No, our country will not make the changes

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.B3 If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

1 Smaller government, fewer services

2 Bigger government, more services

3 Depends **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.B5 How does Donald Trump make you feel? Does he make you feel **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**, or not? Does he make you feel **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**, or not? Does he make you feel **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**, or not?

a. hopeful

b. happy

c. angry

d. worried

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.B7 Just your impression, in the United States today, is there a lot of discrimination against **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE, BUT NEVER ASK ITEM a LAST]**, or not? In the United States today, is there a lot of discrimination against **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**, or not? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT ONLY AS NECESSARY:** In the United States today,is there a lot of discrimination against **[INSERT]**, or not?**]**

a. Muslims

b. Jews

c. Blacks

d. Gays and lesbians

e. Hispanics

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1. Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
2. No, not a lot of discrimination

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

# **ASK ALL:**

SEX **[ENTER RESPONDENT’S SEX:]**

1 Male

2 Female

**ASK IF FORM=1:**

QC1oe\_1/QC1oe\_2/QC1oe\_3 In your own words, what do you think are the most important problems facing Muslims living in the United States today? **[COLLAPSED CATEGORIES BASED ON RECORDED VERBATIM RESPONSE. UP TO THREE RESPONSES IN ORDER OF MENTION]**

1 Stereotyping/generalizing about Muslims

2 Viewed as terrorists

3 Hatred/fear/distrust of Muslims

4 Discrimination/racism/prejudice

5 Not treated fairly/harassment

6 Ignorance/misconceptions of Islam

7 Religious/cultural problems between Muslims and non-Muslims

8 Negative media portrayals

9 Acceptance by society

10 Problems among Muslims

11 Fundamentalist/extremist Muslims in other countries

12 Jobs/financial problems

13 Lack of representation/community involvement

14 War/U.S. foreign policy

15 Trump’s attitudes/policies toward Muslims

97 Other

98 Uncodeable

99 No problems

999 Don’t know/refused

**ASK ALL:**

Q.C3 In recent years, has it become more difficult to be a Muslim in the U.S. or hasn’t it changed very much?

1. Has become more difficult to be a Muslim in the U.S.
2. Hasn’t changed very much
3. Has become easier to be a Muslim in the U.S. **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF FORM=2 AND SAID "MORE DIFFICULT" IN Q.C3 (Q.C3=1):**

QC6oe\_1/QC6oe\_2 And just in your own words, what is the main reason it has become more difficult to be a Muslim in the U.S. in recent years? **[COLLAPSED CATEGORIES BASED ON RECORDED VERBATIM RESPONSE. UP TO TWO RESPONSES IN ORDER OF MENTION]**

1 Stereotyping/generalizing about Muslims

2 Viewed as terrorists

3 Hatred/fear/distrust of Muslims

4 Discrimination/racism/prejudice

5 Not treated fairly/harassment

6 Ignorance/misconceptions of Islam

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9 Acceptance by society

10 Problems among Muslims

11 Fundamentalist/extremist Muslims in other countries

14 War/U.S. foreign policy

15 Trump’s attitudes/policies toward Muslims

97 Other

99 No problems

999 Don’t know/no answer

**ASK ALL:**

Q.C7 How many of your close friends are Muslims? Would you say **[READ]**

1 All of them

2 Most of them

3 Some of them **[OR]**

4 Hardly any of them

5 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** None of them

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/refused

**ASK ALL:**

Q.C8 On a typical day, is there anything distinctive about your appearance, voice or clothing that people might associate with being Muslim, or not?

1 Yes, there is something distinctive about appearance, voice or clothing that people might associate with being Muslim

2 No, there is not

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.C10 Do you think that coverage of Islam (is-LAM) and Muslims by American news organizations is generally fair or unfair?

1 Fair

2 Unfair

3 Depends **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.C11 Do you feel that **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE a AND b; ALWAYS ASK c after a and b]** is generally friendly, neutral, or unfriendly toward Muslim Americans? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM; REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Is **[ITEM]** generally friendly, neutral, or unfriendly toward Muslim Americans?**]**

a. The Democratic Party

b. The Republican Party

c. Donald Trump

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1. Friendly toward Muslim Americans
2. Neutral toward Muslim Americans
3. Unfriendly toward Muslim Americans

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.C12 And are the American people generally friendly, neutral, or unfriendly toward Muslim Americans?

1 Friendly toward Muslim Americans

2 Neutral toward Muslim Americans

3 Unfriendly toward Muslim Americans

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.C13 Generally speaking, how much would you say you have in common with most Americans? Would you say you have a lot in common with most Americans, some in common, not much in common, or nothing at all in common with most Americans?

1 A lot in common

2 Some in common

3 Not much in common

4 Nothing at all in common

5 Depends **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.C14 Do you think that the American people as a whole see Islam as part of mainstream American society, or don’t you think so?

1 Yes, the American people as a whole see Islam as part of mainstream American society

2 No, don’t think so

3 Other/depends **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.C15 Please tell me how important each of the following is to what BEING MUSLIM means to you. First **[INSERT; ASK ITEM a FIRST, THEN b, THEN RANDOMIZE]**. Is that essential, OR important but NOT essential, OR not an important part of what BEING MUSLIM means to you? Next, **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**. **[READ FOR SECOND AND THIRD ITEMS, THEN AS NECESSARY:** Is that essential, OR important but NOT essential, OR not an important part of what BEING MUSLIM means to you? **[INTERVIEWER NOTES: IF RESPONDENT SAYS** “important,” **PROBE TO CLARIFY WHETHER THAT’S ESSENTIAL OR IMPORTANT BUT NOT ESSENTIAL; NOTE ALSO THAT THE QUESTION IS ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE MUSLIM, NOT JUST WHAT’S IMPORTANT TO THE RESPONDENT – EMPHASIZE AS NECESSARY THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN** “what BEING MUSLIM means to you.”]

a. Believing in God

b. Loving the Prophet Muhammad

c. Following the Quran (cur-AHN) and Sunnah (soon-nah)

d. Dressing modestly

e. Working for justice and equality in society

f. Eating halal (ha-lal) foods

g. Getting married

h. Working to protect the environment

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Essential part of what BEING MUSLIM means to you

2 Important but NOT essential

3 Not an important part of what BEING MUSLIM means to you

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

QC16oe\_1/QC16oe\_2/QC16oe\_3 And just in your own words, is there anything I haven’t mentioned that is an essential part of what being Muslim means to you? **[COLLAPSED CATEGORIES BASED ON RECORDED VERBATIM RESPONSE. UP TO THREE RESPONSES IN ORDER OF MENTION. THOSE WHO DID NOT GIVE A RESPONSE WERE NOT CODED]**

1 Beliefs and practices

2 Family

3 Golden rule/love your neighbor/treat others fairly/be good example

4 Be a good person/follow laws of the land

5 Equality/tolerance

6 Assimilation/being accepted

7 Peace

8 Charity

9 Critical thinking

97 Other

98 Uncodeable

99 Don’t Know/refused

ASK ALL:

Q.C17 As I read a few statements, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely DISagree with each one. First, **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a AND b FIRST, THEN ASK c, THEN ASK d LAST]**. Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely DISagree? Next **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**. **[READ AS NECESSARY:** Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely DISagree?]

a. I am proud to be Muslim

b. I am proud to be an American

c. I feel a strong sense of belonging to a global Muslim community or ummah (ooh-mah)

d. I feel a strong sense of belonging to the Muslim community in the U.S.

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Completely agree

2 Mostly agree

3 Mostly disagree

4 Completely disagree

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.C18 Do you think there is a natural conflict between the teachings of Islam and democracy, or don’t you think so?

1 Yes, there is a natural conflict between the teachings of Islam and democracy

2 No, don’t think so

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF YES IN Q.C18 (Q.C18=1):**

Q.C19oe\_1 And just in your own words, why do you think there is a natural conflict between the teachings of Islam and democracy? **[COLLAPSED CATEGORIES BASEDED ON RECORDED VERBATIM RESPONSE.]**

1 They can be compatible

2 The concepts/terms are unrelated to each other

3 Practical/secular reasons such as war, money, etc.

10 Americans are unaccepting of difference/discrimination

11 General public misunderstands Islam/terrorists give Islam a bad name

13 The U.S. is a Christian nation

20 They have conflicting principles

21 All religions incompatible with democracy

24 Conflict on gender/sexuality

26 Islam needs to be updated/re-interpreted

88 Other

99 Don’t know/refused

**ASK ALL:**

Q.D1 Here are a few things that some Muslims in the U.S. have experienced. As I read each one, please tell me whether or not it has happened to you *in the past twelve months*. First, in the past twelve months, **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE; ITEM e ALWAYS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS ITEM d; g always asked last] [REPEAT** In the past twelve months **TWICE, THEN AS NECESSARY] [INSERT NEXT ITEM]**

a. have people acted as if they are suspicious of you because you are a Muslim, or not?

b. has someone expressed support for you because you are a Muslim, or not?

c. have you been called offensive names because you are a Muslim, or not?

d. have you been singled out by airport security because you are a Muslim, or not?

e. have you been singled out by other law enforcement officers because you are a Muslim, or not?

f. have you been physically threatened or attacked because you are a Muslim, or not?

g. have you seen anti-Muslim graffiti in your local community, or not?

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1. Yes, has happened
2. No, has not happened

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.D2 How WORRIED are you about your telephone calls and e-mails being monitored by the government because of your religion? Are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

1 Very worried

2 Somewhat worried

3 Not too worried

4 Not at all worried

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.D3 And how LIKELY do you think it is that your telephone calls and e-mails are being monitored by the government? Very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

1 Very likely

2 Somewhat likely

3 Not too likely

4 Not at all likely

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

# **ASK ALL:**

Q.E1On average, how often do you attend a mosque or Islamic Center for salah (sal-AH) or Jum’ah (joom-AH) Prayer? **[READ]**

1 More than once a week

2 Once a week for Jum’ah (joom-AH) Prayer

3 Once or twice a month

4 A few times a year especially for the Eid (EED)

5 Seldom

6 Never

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/refused

**ASK ALL:**

Q.E2 Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the quality of mosques available to you where you live?

1 Satisfied

2 Dissatisfied

3 No mosques nearby **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.E3 How important is religion in your life – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not too important
4. Not at all important

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.E4 Concerning daily salah (sal-AH) or prayer, do you, in general, pray all five salah (sal-AH) daily, make some of the five salah (sal-AH) daily, occasionally make salah (sal-AH), only make Eid (EED) prayers, or do you never pray?

1 Pray all five salah (sal-AH)

2 Make some of the five salah (sal-AH) daily

3 Occasionally make salah (sal-AH)

4 Only make Eid (EED) Prayers

5 Never pray

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.E5 Do you fast, that is avoid eating during the daytime, during the holy month of Ramadan (rah-muh-dAHN), or not?

1. Yes, fast
2. No, don’t fast

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.E6 Now I’m going to read you a few pairs of statements. For each pair, tell me which statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right. **[DO NOT RANDOMIZE PAIRS OR STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR]**

a. Number one - there is only ONE true way to interpret the teachings of Islam **[OR]**

Number two - there is MORE than one true way to interpret the teachings of Islam

c. Number one - for me personally, the mosque is central to my spiritual life **[OR]**

Number two - I pursue my spiritual life primarily outside the mosque

d. Number one - traditional understandings of Islam need to be re-interpreted to address today’s issues **[OR]**

Number two - traditional understandings of Islam are all we need to address today’s issues

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Statement #1

2 Statement #2

3 Other **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF FEMALE (SEX=2):**

Q.E7 When you are out in public, how often do you wear the headcover or hijab (hee-jab)? Do you wear it all the time, most of the time, only some of the time, or never?

1 All the time

2 Most of the time

3 Only some of the time

4 Never

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.E8 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**, or not? And generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**, or not?

a. religious person

b. spiritual person

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Yes, think of self as (religious/spiritual) person

2 No, do not

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.E9 Have you always been Muslim, or not?

1 Yes

2 No

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF RESPONDENT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN A MUSLIM (Q.E9=2):**

Q.E10REC What were you before?

1 Protestant

2 Roman Catholic

3 Other religion

9 No religion, not a believer, atheist, agnostic **(VOL)**

99 Don’t know/refused **(VOL)**

**ASK IF RESPONDENT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN A MUSLIM (Q.E9=2):**

Q.E11REC How old were you when you became Muslim?

1. 0-9
2. 10-19
3. 20-29
4. 30-39
5. 40-49
6. 50+

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF RESPONDENT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN A MUSLIM (Q.E9=2):**

Q.E12oe\_1 And what was the main reason that you converted to Islam? **[COLLAPSED CATEGORIES BASEDED ON RECORDED VERBATIM RESPONSE.]**

1 Marriage/relationship

2 Family

3 Preferred beliefs of Islam/like the teachings/doctrine/found more meaning in Islam

4 Read religious texts (i.e. Quran)/studied Islam

5 Practices

6 Searching/seeking for answers/personal spirituality

7 Islam is the true religion/found truth in Islam

8 Introduced by a friend/following public leader

9 Belong to a community

97 Other

98 Unclear

99 No answer

**ASK ALL:**

Q.F1 How concerned, if at all, are you about extremism in the name of Islam around the WORLD these days? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned?

1. Very concerned
2. Somewhat concerned
3. Not too concerned
4. Not at all concerned

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.F2 How concerned, if at all, are you about extremism in the name of Islam in the U.S.? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned?

1. Very concerned
2. Somewhat concerned
3. Not too concerned
4. Not at all concerned

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.F3 Some people think targeting and killing civilians can be justified in order to further a political, social or religious cause. Other people believe that, no matter what the reason, this kind of violence can never be justified. Do you personally feel that this kind of violence can often be justified, sometimes be justified, rarely be justified, or never be justified?

1 Can often be justified

2 Can sometimes be justified

3 Can rarely be justified

4 Can never be justified

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.F5 When law enforcement officers have arrested Muslims in the U.S. suspected of PLOTTING terrorist acts, do you think **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**, or do you think **[INSERT]**?

1 they have mostly arrested violent people who posed a real threat to others

2 they have mostly arrested people who were tricked by law enforcement and did NOT pose a real threat?

3 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Other/depends

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/refused

**ASK ALL:**

Q.F6 In your opinion, how much support for extremism, if any, is there among Muslims living in the U.S.? **[READ]**

1 A great deal

2 A fair amount

3 Not much **[OR]**

4 None at all

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/refused

**ASK ALL:**

AGEREC What is your age?

1 18-19

2 20-24

3 25-29

4 30-34

5 35-39

6 40-44

7 45-49

8 50-54

9 55-59

10 60-64

11 65-69

12 70 or older

99 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

RACE\_1REC/ RACE\_2REC/ RACE\_3REC Which of the following describes your race? You can select as many as apply. White, Black or African American, Asian or Asian American or some other race. **[RESPONSES ARE INCLUDED IN ORDER MENTIONED]**

1          White (e.g., Caucasian, European, Irish, Italian, Arab, Middle Eastern)

2          Black or African-American (e.g., Negro, Kenyan, Nigerian, Haitian)

3          Asian or Asian-American (e.g., Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese or other Asian origin groups)

4          Some other race

9          Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**CREATED VARIABLE:**

RACECMB Summary race variable. Based on responses to race\_1, race\_2 and race\_3.

1. White
2. Black or African-American
3. Asian or Asian-American
4. Mixed Race
5. Some other race

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

HISP Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican or Cuban?

1. Yes
2. No

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**CREATED VARIABLE:**

RACETHN Combined RACE and HISP variable

1. White non-Hispanic
2. Black non-Hispanic
3. Asian non-Hispanic
4. Hispanic
5. Other

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.Z1REC Are you Shi’a **[PRONOUNCED SHE-uh],** Sunni **[PRONOUNCED SUE-knee]**,or another tradition?

1 Shi’a

2 Sunni

3 Other

5 Muslim, non-specific **(VOL)**

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

RESPONDENT\_BIRTHREGION2 In what country were you born? **[COLLAPSED INTO GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS]**

1 U.S. (native born)

2 Americas (excluding U.S.)

5 South Asia

6 Other Asia/Pacific (excluding S. Asia)

7 Europe

8 MENA (Middle East/North Africa)

9 Sub-Saharan Africa

10 Other/Undetermined

99 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF BORN IN U.S. (RESPONDENT\_BIRTHREGION2=1)**

FATHER\_BIRTHREGION2 In what country was your father born? **[COLLAPSED INTO GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS]**

1 U.S. (native born)

2 Americas (excluding U.S.)

5 South Asia

6 Other Asia/Pacific (excluding S. Asia)

7 Europe

8 MENA (Middle East/North Africa)

9 Sub-Saharan Africa

10 Other/Undetermined

88 Undesignated[[2]](#footnote-2)

99 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF BORN IN U.S. (RESPONDENT\_BIRTHREGION2=1)**

MOTHER\_BIRTHREGION2 In what country was your mother born? **[COLLAPSED INTO GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS]**

1 U.S. (native born)

2 Americas (excluding U.S.)

5 South Asia

6 Other Asia/Pacific (excluding S. Asia)

7 Europe

8 MENA (Middle East/North Africa)

9 Sub-Saharan Africa

10 Other/Undetermined

88 Undesignated[[3]](#footnote-3)

99 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF RESPONDENT NOT BORN IN US (RESPONDENT\_BIRTHREGION2 NOT EQUAL TO 1):**

CITIZEN Are you currently a citizen of the United States, or not?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF RESPONDENT NOT BORN IN U.S. (RESPONDENT\_BIRTHREGION2 EQUALS 2-10):**

Q.Z2REC In what year did you come to live in the U.S.? **(RECODED)**

1 1900-1965

2 1966-1970

3 1971-1975

4 1976-1980

5 1981-1985

6 1986-1990

7 1991-1995

8 1996-2000

9 2001-2005

10 2006-2010

11 2011-2017

99 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

MARITAL Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married? **[IF R SAYS “SINGLE,” PROBE TO DETERMINE WHICH CATEGORY IS APPROPRIATE]**

1 Married

2 Living with a partner

3 Divorced

4 Separated

5 Widowed

6 Never been married

9 Don’t Know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF MARRIED OR PARTNERED (MARITAL=1,2):**

Q.Z3REC And what is your **[IF MARITAL=1:** spouse’s**/IF MARITAL=2:** partner’s**]** religious preference? Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, or something else? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: DO NOT READ MATERIAL IN PARENTHESES; IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT SPOUSE/PARTNER IS SAME RELIGION AS RESPONDENT, CODE AS 1-MUSLIM]**

1 Muslim

2 Christian

3 Other religion

7 No religion, not a believer, atheist, agnostic **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

INCOME Last year, that is in 2016, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category. **[READ]**

1 Less than $10,000

2 10 to under $20,000

3 20 to under $30,000

4 30 to under $40,000

5 40 to under $50,000

6 50 to under $75,000

7 75 to under $100,000

8 100 to under $150,000 [OR]

9 $150,000 or more

10 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/refused

**ASK IF BORN IN U.S. OR A U.S. CITIZEN (RESPONDENT\_BIRTHREGION2=1 OR CITIZEN=1):**

REGA Which of these statements best describes you? **[READ IN ORDER] [INSTRUCTION: BE SURE TO CLARIFY WHETHER RESPONDENT IS ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THEY ARE REGISTERED OR ONLY PROBABLY REGISTERED; IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA AND DON’T HAVE TO REGISTER, PUNCH 1]**

1 Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address, **[OR]**

2 Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed, **[OR]**

3 Are you NOT registered to vote at your current address

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/refused

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

1. Republican
2. Democrat
3. Independent
4. No preference **(VOL.)**
5. Other party **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DON’T KNOW/REFUSED (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

1. Republican
2. Democrat
3. Other/Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... **[READ]**

1 Very conservative

2 Conservative

3 Moderate

4 Liberal [OR]

5 Very liberal

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/refused

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGA=1):**

PVOTE16A In the 2016 presidential election between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

1. Voted
2. Did not vote (includes too young to vote)
3. Don’t remember if voted **(VOL.)**

9 Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF VOTED (PVOTE16A=1):**

PVOTE16B Did you vote for Trump, Clinton or someone else?

1. Trump
2. Clinton
3. Other candidate
4. Don’t remember which candidate **(VOL.)**

9 Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

EMPLOY Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS “retired, student, etc.” PROBE “just to be clear …” AND REPEAT QUESTION.]**

1 Full-time

2 Part-time

3 Not employed

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF NOT EMPLOYED (EMPLOY=3):**

EMPLOY1 Are you currently looking for work, or not?

1 Yes, looking for work

2 No, not looking

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF PART TIME (EMPLOY=2):**

EMPLOY2 Would you prefer to be working full time, or not?

1 Yes, would prefer full time

2 No, would not

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

PARENT Are you the parent or guardian of any children under 18 now living in your household?

1. Yes
2. No

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.Z4REC How many adults, age 18 and older, currently live in your household INCLUDING YOURSELF?

1 One adult

2 Two adults

3 Three adults

4 Four or more

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

**CREATED VARIABLE:**

CHILDRENREC Religion of children in the household

0 No children in the household

1 One child in the household – child is Muslim

2 One child in the household – child is not Muslim

3 More than one child in the household – all children are Muslim

4 More than one child in the household – some or none of the children are Muslim

9 Don’t know/refused[[4]](#footnote-4)

**ASK ALL:**

FERTREC How many children have you ever had? Please count all your biological children who were born alive at any time in your life. **[INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT ASKS WHETHER ADOPTED CHILDREN OR STEPCHILDREN SHOULD BE INCLUDED, SAY:** No, we’re asking you only to count all your biological children who were born alive at any time in your life.**]**

[RECORD RESPONSE]

0 None

1 One

2 Two

3 Three

4 Four or more

9 Don’t know/refused **(VOL.)**

1. Most variables appear in the dataset in the same order they are listed in the codebook. However, the replicate weights (RPL001-RPL100) are the last 100 variables in the dataset. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The term “undesignated” indicates that the question was not asked of the respondent because they were categorized as a member of the group to whom the item should have been administered only after data collection ended and backcoding of the question used for filtering (RESPONDENT\_BIRTHREGION2) was complete. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The term “undesignated” indicates that the question was not asked of the respondent because they were categorized as a member of the group to whom the item should have been administered only after data collection ended and backcoding of the question used for filtering (RESPONDENT\_BIRTHREGION2) was complete. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. This category includes households in which the respondent did not specify the number of children or specified the number of children but not the religion of the children. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)