

Muslim Americans Hold Conservative Views on Social Issues and Identify as Proud Americans

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This poll surveyed 768 registered voters via online panel from April 22, 2026 to May 4, 2026. Results were weighted by age, gender, race, education, and 2024 vote recall to match population demographics. The margin of error is ± 4.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

Q1. If you don't mind saying, who did you vote for in 2020 for president?

Republican Donald Trump	36%
Democrat Joe Biden	55%
Green Howie Hawkins	1%
Libertarian Jo Jorgenson	0%
Someone else/write-in	1%
I did not vote	7%

Q2. If you don't mind saying, who did you vote for in 2024 for president?

Republican Donald Trump	39%
Democrat Kamala Harris	53%
Green Jill Stein	3%
Libertarian Chase Oliver	0%
Someone else/write-in	0%
I did not vote	4%

Q3. Which party are you currently registered to vote with?

I am currently registered as a Democrat	48%
I am currently registered as a Republican	35%
I am currently registered with another party	3%
I am currently registered to vote, but not registered with any party	12%
Not sure	2%

Q4. Do you plan to vote in the November 2026 midterm elections for Congress?

Definitely voting	72%
Probably voting	17%
I might or might not vote	9%
Probably not voting	2%
Definitely not voting	0%

Q5. If the general election for Congress were held today, which party's candidate would you vote for?

Republican	35%
Democrat	56%
Someone else	3%
Not sure	6%

Q6. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Some high school	2%
High school graduate	14%
Some college	14%
Trade/Technical/vocational training	3%
College graduate	25%
Masters or PhD	43%

Q7. Do you identify with a religion?

Yes	96%
No	4%

Q8. What is your current religion?

Conditional; If [Yes] to Q#7

Christian	0%
Jewish	0%
Muslim	100%
Hindu	0%
Buddhist	0%
Something else	0%

Q9. Even though you are religiously unaffiliated, is there a religion you are a part of culturally?

Conditional; If [No] to Q#7

Yes, Christianity	0%
Yes, Judaism	0%
Yes, Islam	100%
Yes, Hinduism	0%
Yes, Buddhism	0%
No	0%

Q10. Are you a Shi'a, Sunni, or another tradition?

Shi'a	4%
Sunni	58%
Ismaili	7%
Bohra	0%
Ahmadi	2%
Cultural Muslim	21%
Other	7%

Q11. Are/were your parents also Muslim?

Yes, both are/were	74%
One is/was, one is/was not	8%
No, I have chosen to be Muslim.	18%

Q12. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	31%
Once a week	28%
Once or twice a month	11%
A few times a year	16%
Once every few years	8%
Never	6%

Q13. What is the main way that you relate to your religion?

Through prayer and ritual observance	67%
Through culture and community	32%
Not sure	2%

Q14. Cultural Muslims, sometimes referred to as secular Muslims, relate to their Muslim identity primarily through their heritage—the cultural traditions and civilization where they have roots—rather than through theology or religious rituals. By this definition, would you describe yourself as a Cultural Muslim?

Yes, I am a Cultural Muslim	71%
No, I am not a Cultural Muslim	25%
Not sure	4%

Q15. If you have children, do they receive any organized religious education?

I do not have children	19%
My children attend a Muslim private school	14%
My children attend secular public school, but they receive a formal Muslim education through a religious institution	22%
My children attend secular public school, and any education they receive about religion happens at home, in our place of worship, or not at all	45%

Q16. Are you married to a Muslim or a non-Muslim?

Not married	24%
Married to a Muslim	65%
Married to a non-Muslim	7%
Married to someone of Muslim heritage, but who does not identify as Muslim	4%

Q17. Is it important to you that your children marry people from your same background?

No, the religious and ethnic background of their spouse does not matter	29%
Yes, my children should marry people from their religious background	30%
Yes, my children should marry people from their ethnic background	6%
Yes, my children should marry people from both their religious and ethnic background	31%
Not sure	4%

Q18. Were you born in the United States or in another country?

Born in U.S.	84%
Born in another country	16%

Q19. Were either of your parents born in another country or in the United States?

Both born in U.S.	68%
Both in another country	22%
One born in U.S., one born in another country	10%

Q20. Were any of your grandparents born in another country, or were all of your grandparents born in the United States?

All born in U.S.	65%
All born in another country	23%
Some born in U.S. and some born in another country	13%

Q21. What is your total annual household income?

\$0-\$49,999	21%
\$50,000-\$89,999	17%
\$90,000-\$129,999	12%
\$130,000-\$149,000	16%
\$150,000-\$200,000	25%
\$200,000+	8%
Prefer not to answer	1%

Q22. How would you describe your race or ethnicity?

White	52%
Black or African American	27%
Hispanic or Latino	4%
Asian or Pacific Islander	13%
Native American or Alaska Native	1%
Other	3%

Q23. What is your gender?

Male	57%
Female	43%

Q24. Are you proud to be an American?

Definitely yes	79%
Probably yes	16%
Probably no	2%
Definitely no	2%
Not sure	2%

Q25. Do you believe in the American Dream—that anyone in the U.S. can achieve a better life through hard work and opportunity?

Definitely yes	64%
Probably yes	21%
Probably no	7%
Definitely no	6%
Not sure	2%

Q26. Which best describes how you see yourself?

I identify as Muslim first and American second.	42%
I identify as American first and Muslim second.	21%
I identify equally as Muslim and American.	35%
Not sure	2%

Q27. Thinking about your political beliefs overall, how would you describe yourself?

Very conservative	21%
Somewhat conservative	11%
Moderate	35%
Somewhat liberal	11%
Very liberal	21%
Not sure	2%

Q28. Which best describes how you vote?

All Republican	22%
Mostly Republicans	12%
A few more Republicans than Democrats	3%
Evenly Republican and Democratic	5%
A few more Democrats than Republicans	6%
Mostly Democrats	21%
All Democrats	30%
Not sure	3%

Q29. Would you say you are open to supporting politicians from only one political party?

Yes, I am only open to supporting Democrats	40%
Yes, I am only open to supporting Republicans	32%
No, I am open to supporting either Republicans or Democrats	25%
Not sure	4%

Q30. For each, please indicate if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression:

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Donald Trump	29%	15%	12%	42%	2%
Kamala Harris	40%	34%	14%	9%	3%
Gavin Newsom	17%	38%	17%	9%	19%
JD Vance	19%	27%	17%	29%	8%
Marco Rubio	17%	29%	18%	18%	18%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	21%	33%	16%	10%	20%
Zohran Mamdani	35%	32%	12%	7%	15%
The Republican Party	28%	22%	18%	28%	5%
The Democratic Party	38%	34%	15%	10%	3%
The United States Armed Forces (Military)	44%	32%	10%	7%	7%

Q31. What is your level of concern regarding the following matters:

	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure
Illegal immigration and the situation at the United States' southern border	26%	33%	23%	13%	5%
The state of the current economy	43%	34%	16%	4%	3%
Rising crime and threats to public safety	41%	32%	20%	4%	3%
Rising transgender medical treatments for minors	28%	29%	22%	15%	7%
Erosion of parental rights in American public education	31%	33%	20%	9%	8%
Teaching of sexually explicit materials to children in public schools	37%	30%	20%	8%	6%
The rise of far-left ideology	24%	29%	25%	12%	10%
The rise of far-right ideology	29%	29%	25%	9%	8%
The rise of the Muslim Brotherhood's influence	26%	27%	19%	19%	9%
Military conflicts in the Middle East	34%	35%	19%	6%	6%
China's persecution of Uyghur Muslims	30%	35%	19%	8%	8%
Dictator-rule by strong men in Muslim-majority countries	29%	29%	21%	13%	9%
The Iranian regime's influence in the Middle east	26%	30%	24%	13%	8%
Hindu nationalism in India & Kashmir	23%	21%	27%	16%	14%
War in Sudan	26%	34%	21%	10%	9%

	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure
Repression of religious minorities in the Middle East	26%	33%	24%	10%	7%
Jihadist terrorism	28%	31%	22%	12%	7%
Rising welfare fraud	31%	31%	23%	10%	5%
War in Iran	42%	30%	17%	7%	5%
US support of Israel	37%	28%	21%	10%	5%

Q32. Thinking about the upcoming midterm elections, which of these is the most important issue?

Abortion	1%
Climate/Environment	4%
Crime	6%
Democracy/Election Integrity	5%
Drug Addiction	2%
Education	5%
Healthcare	8%
Immigration	5%
US support of Israel	10%
Inflation/Prices/Economy	23%
National Security	5%
Taxes/Government Spending	5%
War in Middle East	15%
War in Russia/Ukraine	3%
Dealing with China	0%
Not sure	3%

Q33. On each of the following issues, which political party generally holds views closest to your own?

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	Not sure
Taxes and the economy	36%	53%	11%
Immigration and the southern border	41%	47%	12%
Crime and public safety	38%	52%	11%
Foreign policy	38%	52%	10%
Transgender medical treatments for children	40%	41%	19%
Education about race and diversity in K-12 schools	32%	55%	13%
Education about LGBTQ+ matters in K-12 schools	36%	42%	21%
Religious freedom	36%	52%	12%
Abortion	36%	52%	13%

Q34. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
America is my homeland and I am a patriotic American.	48%	34%	7%	5%	6%
I live in America but I feel more loyal to another country.	23%	24%	15%	33%	6%
America is a good place to make money but it not a good society.	23%	38%	20%	13%	5%
Muslims have more freedom in America than any other country in the world.	32%	35%	15%	11%	6%
America should ultimately become a Muslim country.	25%	29%	16%	21%	9%

Q35. Do you feel that American Muslims should primarily engage with only one political party?

Yes, Muslims should primarily engage only with Democrats	27%
Yes, Muslims should primarily engage only with Republicans	25%
No, Muslims should engage with both Democrats and Republicans	36%
Not sure	12%

Q36. Should the government spend more to provide more services or spend less to reduce taxes?

Spend more for more services	59%
Spend less for lower taxes	30%
Not sure	11%

Q37. Please tell me whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose each of the following proposals:

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Allowing immigrants who came to the U.S. illegally the chance to become U.S. citizens	38%	37%	11%	7%	6%
Hiring significantly more border patrol agents	30%	35%	13%	13%	9%
Significantly expanding the construction of walls along the U.S.-Mexico border	31%	32%	14%	16%	8%
Deporting all immigrants who are living in the U.S. illegally	30%	29%	18%	17%	6%
Strengthening the vetting process for new entrants to the U.S. to ensure no people are allowed to immigrate who believe in radical or anti-American ideologies	35%	38%	12%	7%	9%

Q38. Do you think America's criminal justice system is too tough, not tough enough or about right in its handling of crime?

Too tough	21%
About right	52%
Not tough enough	20%
Not sure	7%

Q39. Which is more important in the United States today: making sentences harsh to reduce crime, or limiting the length of sentences to reduce mass incarceration?

Reducing crime	58%
Reducing mass incarceration	33%
Not sure	9%

School choice gives parents the right to use the tax dollars designated for their child's education to send their child to the public or private school which best serves their needs.

Q40. Generally speaking, would you say you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the concept of school choice?

Strongly support	40%
Somewhat support	34%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	8%
Not sure	9%

Q41. Should transgender athletes play on sports teams of the gender that matches their sex at birth or the gender they currently choose to identify with?

Gender that matches sex at birth	48%
Gender they currently identify with	39%
Not sure	13%

Q42. Should schools be required or not required to inform parents if their child requests to go by different gender pronouns than the ones they were assigned at birth while at school?

Should be required	68%
Should not be required	19%
Not sure	13%

Q43. Should children who identify as transgender be allowed to receive medical treatments to move toward transitioning before the age of 18?

Yes, children below age 18 should be allowed to medically transition if they identify as transgender -----	37%
No, children below age 18 should not be allowed to medically transition even if they identify as transgender -----	53%
Not sure -----	10%

Q44. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

The United States is one of the greatest countries in the world. -----	76%
Other countries are greater than the United States. -----	16%
Not sure -----	8%

Q45. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right?

Abortion should be legal in all or most cases. -----	26%
Abortion is a complicated moral and legal matter that should be decided on a case-by-case basis. -----	41%
Abortion should be illegal in all or most cases. -----	26%
Not sure -----	8%

Q46. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Muslims in America are too frequently portrayed as victims in the media. They are a strong and independent group. -----	43%
Muslims in America are justifiably portrayed as victims frequently in the media. They are a bullied and picked-on group. -----	41%
Not sure -----	16%

Q47. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view about, even if neither is exactly right?

Jews are too frequently portrayed as victims in the media. They are a strong and independent group. -----	47%
Jews are justifiably portrayed as victims frequently in the media. They are a bullied and picked-on group. -----	31%
Not sure -----	23%

Q48. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right?

People should be concerned about both rising antisemitism and islamophobia in America	46%
People should be concerned about rising antisemitism, but not about islamophobia in America	18%
People should be concerned about rising islamophobia, but not about antisemitism in America	15%
People do not need to be concerned about rising antisemitism or islamophobia in America	11%
Not sure	10%

Q49. In the war between Israel and Hamas, which side do you support?

Israel	16%
Hamas	35%
I do not support Israel or Hamas	39%
Not sure	9%

Q50. How would you describe your feelings about American Muslims?

Very positive	60%
Somewhat positive	22%
Neutral	13%
Somewhat negative	2%
Very negative	1%
Not sure	2%

Q51. How would you describe your feelings about American Jews?

Very positive	31%
Somewhat positive	24%
Neutral	22%
Somewhat negative	9%
Very negative	9%
Not sure	6%

Q52. Generally speaking, would you say Muslim community interest groups in the United States (Council on American Islamic Relations, Muslim Public Affairs Council, Islamic Society of North America, etc.) do a good or bad job of representing the interests of American Muslims?

Very good job	40%
Somewhat good job	27%
Average job	17%
Somewhat bad job	4%
Very bad job	3%
Not sure	10%

Q53. Generally speaking, would you say the media does a good or bad job of portraying American Muslims?

Very good job	28%
Somewhat good job	22%
Average job	21%
Somewhat bad job	12%
Very bad job	10%
Not sure	6%

Q54. Do you feel that any one group of American Muslims are overrepresented in media portrayals of America's Muslims?

Yes, Arabs	21%
Yes, South Asians	5%
Yes, African Americans	12%
Yes, Iranians/Persians	7%
Yes, Central Asians	2%
Yes, Europeans	7%
Yes, converts	7%
No	23%
Not sure	17%

Q55. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

American Muslim community interest groups are overly focused on Palestine. There are Muslims facing major issues in other parts of the world too, like Africa, Asia, Europe, elsewhere in the Middle East, and right here in America.	44%
American Muslim community interest groups should remain highly focused on Palestine. There are Muslims facing major issues in other parts of the world too, but right now our chief focus should be Palestine.	39%
Not sure	17%

Recent news reports have focused on the "Feeding Our Future" scandal in Minnesota, where federal prosecutors allege that individuals in the Somali community stole over \$250 million in taxpayer funds intended for children's meals, with some reports suggesting funds were sent to overseas groups.

Q56. Do you support or oppose prosecuting the Somali leaders to the fullest extent of the law?

Strongly support	36%
Somewhat support	26%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	11%
Not sure	17%

Recent news reports have focused on the "Feeding Our Future" scandal in Minnesota, where federal prosecutors allege that individuals in the Somali community stole over \$250 million in taxpayer funds intended for children's meals, with some reports suggesting funds were sent to overseas groups. Defense attorneys have said that in East Africa and among the Muslim community business is more informal and that caused confusion.

Q57. Which comes closer to your view?

This is a disgusting attempt to use someone's Muslim identity to escape responsibility.	42%
Business is done different in the Muslim community, this is a legitimate defense.	38%
Not sure	19%

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Q58. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

This is a shameful criminal act that reflects poorly on the community, and Muslim leaders should condemn it more forcefully.	52%
While fraud is wrong, this story is being unfairly weaponized by politicians to smear all Somali Muslims and immigrants.	35%
Not sure	13%

Q59. For each, please indicate if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression:

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
The Muslim Brotherhood	43%	27%	14%	4%	5%	7%
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)	34%	38%	16%	3%	1%	8%

Recently, Texas Governor Greg Abbott and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis designated the Muslim Brotherhood and CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations) as foreign terrorist organizations within their states. They cited concerns that these groups coordinate with Hamas and have paid money to anti-Israel agitators who were disciplined by colleges for violating campus rules.

Q60. Knowing this, do you support or oppose the designation of the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organization?

Strongly support	27%
Somewhat support	24%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	20%
Not sure	16%

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Q61. Knowing this, do you support or oppose the designation of CAIR as a terrorist organization?

Strongly support	17%
Somewhat support	21%
Somewhat oppose	21%
Strongly oppose	24%
Not sure	17%

Q62. For each, please indicate if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression:

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
The Muslim Brotherhood	40%	26%	14%	6%	7%	7%
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)	34%	32%	18%	5%	4%	8%

Q63. Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's recent efforts to negotiate peace deals in the Middle East and end foreign wars?

Strongly approve	34%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	7%

Q64. Which president did or is doing a better job of handling the situation in the Middle East?

Donald Trump	39%
Joe Biden	49%
Not sure	13%

Q65. How concerned are you about the influence of the following foreign governments on American Muslim leadership and organizations?

	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure
The government of Qatar	25%	27%	20%	18%	10%
The government of Iran	32%	26%	20%	13%	9%
The government of China	26%	29%	21%	14%	10%
The government of Turkey	24%	26%	22%	17%	11%

Q66. How do Zohran Mamdani's political views compare to yours?

Much more left-leaning than me	10%
Somewhat left-leaning than me	13%
About the same as me	25%
Somewhat more right-leaning than me	15%
Much more right-leaning than me	20%
Not sure	17%

Some people have observed a rising trend of Muslim socialists—like New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani and political commentator Hasan Piker—who focus heavily on far-left ideology, including cutting funding for police and using public funds to cover transgender surgeries as part of preferred healthcare.

Q67. Do you view this brand of politics as a positive or negative direction for American Muslims?

Very positive	38%
Somewhat positive	19%
Neutral	21%
Somewhat negative	10%
Very negative	7%
Not sure	6%

Q68. Which of the following worries you more regarding the future of Muslim children in America?

That they will face discrimination and Islamophobia from the political right-wing.	32%
That they will lose their religious values due to "woke" gender and LGBTQ ideologies promoted by the political left-wing.	18%
Both are equally concerning.	38%
Neither is concerning.	13%

Q69. Some Muslim organizations have formed alliances with LGBTQ+ activist groups. Which comes closest to your view?

This is a smart political strategy to build a coalition of minority groups against discrimination.	39%
This is a mistake that compromises Islamic principles and exposes Muslim children to values that contradict their faith.	44%
Not sure	18%

Q70. Do you support or oppose the U.S. and Israel's military strikes against Iran that began on February 28, 2026?

Strongly support	21%
Somewhat support	20%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	32%
Not sure	11%

Q71. In the current conflict between the United States/Israel and Iran, which side are you more sympathetic to?

The United States and Israel	32%
The Iranian government	33%
I do not support either side	26%
Not sure	10%

Q72. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

The Iranian regime is an enemy of both the West and of the Iranian people, and its removal could be positive for Iranians and the Muslim world.	29%
Regardless of what you think of the Iranian regime, a foreign military attack on a Muslim-majority country is wrong and will hurt ordinary Iranians.	53%
Not sure	19%

Q73. Who do you believe the war with Iran primarily benefits? You may select multiple options.

The United States	42%
Israel	25%
The Iranian people	17%
No one — it is harmful to all sides	30%
Not sure	9%

Q74. How concerned are you that the U.S. war with Iran is increasing discrimination and hostility toward American Muslims?

Extremely concerned	33%
Very concerned	33%
Somewhat concerned	21%
Not at all concerned	5%
Not sure	8%

The U.S. and Israeli strikes killed Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Q75. Do you view the killing of Khamenei as justified or unjustified?

Completely justified	23%
Somewhat justified	21%
Somewhat unjustified	14%
Completely unjustified	25%
Not sure	17%

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Q76. Are you sad or happy that Khamenei has been removed from power?

Very happy	23%
Somewhat happy	16%
Somewhat sad	16%
Very sad	19%
Not sure	26%

Q77. Some progressives argue that American Muslims should join a broad coalition with LGBTQ+ groups, climate activists, and democratic socialists because they face shared oppression. Others argue that American Muslims have distinct values that do not align with the progressive left. Which comes closer to your view?

American Muslims are natural allies of the progressive left because we share the experience of being marginalized.	38%
American Muslims have conservative values on many issues and should not be lumped in with the progressive left.	41%
Not sure	22%

Q78. Do you believe Muslims have the opportunity to succeed in America?

Definitely yes	55%
Probably yes	30%
Probably no	7%
Definitely no	2%
Not sure	6%

Q79. Do differences between Muslim sects (such as Sunni and Shi'a) create divisions within the Muslim community in the United States?

Major divisions	21%
Some divisions	33%
Minor divisions	21%
No real divisions	14%
Not sure	12%

Q80. When thinking about global conflicts between various Muslim sects (e.g., Sunni–Shi'a tensions), do you feel they affect relationships among Muslims in the U.S.?

A great deal	27%
Somewhat	33%
Very little	21%
Not at all	10%
Not sure	9%

Q81. How old are you?

Under 18	0%
18-34	25%
35-49	61%
50-65	10%
65+	4%

Q82. Are you currently registered to vote?

Yes	100%
No	0%
Not sure	0%



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