

YouGov - Western/ MENA attitudes to religion - Saudi Arabia results

Fieldwork Dates: 31st December 2018 - 8th January 2019



Total	Gender		Age					Whether personally know anyone who is a Christian			
	Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55+	Yes	No	Don't know	Prefer not to say

Thinking about religion...

How favourable or unfavourable do you feel towards each of the following? (Please select one option on each row)

Christianity

	Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46	
Very favourable	5%	5%	4%	2%	4%	5%	8%	9%	8%	2%	2%	2%	
Fairly favourable	7%	8%	6%	5%	8%	8%	9%	11%	10%	5%	2%	9%	
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	17%	16%	18%	19%	13%	15%	15%	29%	23%	13%	12%	-	
Fairly unfavourable	6%	7%	5%	7%	7%	6%	3%	8%	8%	6%	2%	9%	
Very unfavourable	36%	36%	36%	36%	37%	43%	35%	25%	29%	45%	39%	20%	
Don't know	11%	11%	11%	11%	12%	8%	11%	11%	6%	13%	17%	15%	
Prefer not to answer	18%	16%	20%	20%	18%	15%	18%	8%	15%	15%	26%	45%	

Islam

	Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46	
Very favourable	90%	91%	90%	87%	93%	93%	94%	86%	91%	93%	84%	77%	
Fairly favourable	3%	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	6%	3%	2%	2%	2%	
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	-	1%	1%	1%	6%	-	
Fairly unfavourable	0%	1%	0%	-	1%	1%	-	-	1%	0%	-	-	
Very unfavourable	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	2%	
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	2%	-	1%	4%	-	
Prefer not to answer	3%	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%	5%	3%	1%	3%	19%	

Judaism

	Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46	
Very favourable	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	5%	9%	1%	6%	2%	3%	-	
Fairly favourable	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	11%	12%	11%	11%	8%	9%	13%	25%	15%	9%	10%	3%	
Fairly unfavourable	5%	7%	4%	4%	6%	6%	2%	11%	9%	4%	2%	-	
Very unfavourable	49%	49%	50%	48%	51%	58%	46%	34%	43%	59%	41%	35%	
Don't know	10%	10%	9%	11%	11%	4%	8%	12%	7%	10%	18%	17%	
Prefer not to answer	18%	15%	21%	20%	19%	15%	18%	14%	17%	15%	24%	43%	

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Hinduism												
Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Very favourable	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	-	3%	0%	2%	-
Fairly favourable	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	2%
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	8%	6%	10%	8%	8%	7%	6%	11%	10%	7%	9%	-
Fairly unfavourable	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	5%	3%	1%	4%	2%	1%	2%
Very unfavourable	61%	65%	56%	55%	60%	68%	64%	74%	62%	67%	47%	34%
Don't know	10%	10%	9%	11%	12%	5%	11%	5%	7%	10%	17%	17%
Prefer not to answer	16%	13%	20%	20%	15%	12%	15%	9%	13%	13%	24%	45%
Sikhism												
Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Very favourable	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	-	3%	1%	1%	2%
Fairly favourable	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	4%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	6%	5%	8%	7%	5%	6%	7%	6%	7%	5%	7%	2%
Fairly unfavourable	3%	2%	4%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	-
Very unfavourable	59%	63%	54%	52%	55%	69%	70%	72%	64%	62%	44%	31%
Don't know	17%	16%	18%	21%	22%	8%	9%	8%	12%	19%	23%	17%
Prefer not to answer	12%	10%	15%	16%	10%	10%	12%	6%	9%	9%	21%	45%
Buddhism												
Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Very favourable	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	-	-	2%	1%	1%	-
Fairly favourable	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	7%	6%	8%	7%	6%	5%	7%	9%	8%	5%	8%	2%
Fairly unfavourable	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	-
Very unfavourable	63%	66%	59%	56%	59%	74%	69%	75%	68%	65%	47%	36%
Don't know	13%	12%	14%	16%	18%	6%	6%	6%	8%	15%	21%	15%
Prefer not to answer	12%	10%	15%	17%	11%	9%	12%	5%	9%	10%	21%	45%
Atheism (i.e. lack of belief in the existence of God or gods)												
Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Very favourable	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	0%	4%	-
Fairly favourable	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	3%	2%	0%	-	2%
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%
Fairly unfavourable	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%	7%
Very unfavourable	73%	75%	71%	68%	70%	79%	80%	82%	78%	77%	56%	34%
Don't know	9%	8%	9%	9%	13%	5%	5%	3%	6%	9%	18%	11%
Prefer not to answer	10%	8%	12%	15%	8%	7%	11%	3%	6%	8%	17%	45%

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Continuing to think about religion...

How familiar are you, if at all, with the basic teachings of the following religions? (Please select one option on each row)

Christianity

Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Very familiar	9%	11%	8%	7%	9%	10%	14%	10%	14%	6%	4%	7%
Fairly familiar	32%	33%	30%	27%	25%	42%	39%	46%	43%	26%	19%	13%
Not very familiar	21%	20%	23%	21%	23%	20%	17%	23%	21%	24%	16%	5%
Not at all familiar	24%	23%	25%	27%	29%	16%	17%	16%	13%	32%	37%	19%
Don't know	5%	4%	5%	7%	6%	2%	5%	1%	4%	4%	10%	4%
Prefer not to say	9%	9%	9%	11%	8%	11%	8%	3%	5%	7%	15%	52%

Islam

Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Very familiar	88%	88%	88%	85%	92%	92%	87%	80%	88%	92%	84%	61%
Fairly familiar	6%	6%	5%	6%	3%	3%	10%	17%	7%	6%	2%	6%
Not very familiar	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	-
Not at all familiar	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	-	-	1%	0%	4%	7%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	0%	1%	3%	2%
Prefer not to say	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	-	6%	24%

Judaism

Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Very familiar	6%	6%	5%	4%	7%	6%	8%	4%	8%	4%	1%	5%
Fairly familiar	22%	24%	19%	17%	16%	30%	34%	31%	31%	17%	11%	5%
Not very familiar	23%	22%	24%	23%	21%	26%	17%	31%	25%	24%	17%	11%
Not at all familiar	34%	32%	37%	38%	41%	25%	25%	26%	24%	43%	45%	23%
Don't know	6%	7%	6%	8%	6%	3%	8%	3%	6%	5%	12%	6%
Prefer not to say	9%	8%	9%	10%	8%	10%	8%	5%	5%	6%	14%	50%

Hinduism

Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Very familiar	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Fairly familiar	14%	13%	15%	14%	11%	14%	22%	7%	17%	12%	6%	6%
Not very familiar	21%	21%	21%	19%	20%	24%	19%	29%	23%	21%	16%	7%
Not at all familiar	49%	50%	47%	48%	52%	46%	39%	55%	46%	54%	50%	25%
Don't know	5%	5%	6%	7%	5%	3%	8%	-	5%	4%	11%	7%
Prefer not to say	9%	9%	10%	10%	8%	10%	9%	6%	5%	7%	14%	52%

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Sikhism

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Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Very familiar	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	0%	1%	-
Fairly familiar	7%	8%	5%	4%	4%	7%	17%	14%	11%	3%	3%	4%
Not very familiar	18%	20%	16%	14%	19%	19%	22%	25%	23%	15%	15%	7%
Not at all familiar	60%	58%	63%	64%	63%	61%	45%	54%	55%	69%	59%	30%
Don't know	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	3%	5%	-	4%	3%	8%	6%
Prefer not to say	9%	8%	10%	12%	7%	10%	8%	5%	5%	8%	14%	52%

Buddhism

Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Very familiar	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	2%	1%	-
Fairly familiar	11%	12%	10%	11%	9%	11%	17%	13%	17%	8%	7%	2%
Not very familiar	22%	23%	21%	20%	20%	25%	23%	32%	25%	21%	17%	12%
Not at all familiar	51%	51%	52%	51%	56%	49%	43%	48%	46%	58%	52%	30%
Don't know	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	2%	5%	-	4%	3%	8%	4%
Prefer not to say	9%	8%	11%	11%	7%	11%	8%	5%	5%	8%	14%	52%

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Continuing to think about religion...

How concerned are you, if at all, about the possible rise of extremism in each of the following religions? (Please select one option on each row)

Christianity

Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Very concerned	14%	16%	11%	11%	15%	18%	13%	15%	17%	14%	9%	2%
Fairly concerned	19%	23%	15%	14%	14%	26%	25%	39%	26%	16%	9%	8%
Not very concerned	13%	14%	12%	11%	13%	16%	16%	11%	16%	13%	4%	-
Not at all concerned	15%	13%	17%	16%	17%	11%	12%	13%	14%	16%	16%	10%
Don't know	27%	23%	31%	32%	30%	16%	25%	17%	18%	31%	40%	27%
Prefer not to say	12%	11%	14%	16%	11%	13%	9%	4%	8%	10%	23%	53%

Islam

Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Very concerned	18%	17%	19%	21%	18%	15%	14%	17%	19%	20%	14%	8%
Fairly concerned	16%	17%	15%	11%	14%	23%	19%	26%	21%	13%	10%	6%
Not very concerned	14%	15%	14%	14%	12%	14%	16%	19%	13%	18%	10%	8%
Not at all concerned	32%	36%	27%	29%	33%	33%	39%	28%	34%	31%	31%	23%
Don't know	12%	10%	14%	13%	15%	7%	8%	6%	8%	11%	25%	11%
Prefer not to say	8%	6%	11%	11%	8%	8%	4%	3%	5%	7%	9%	44%

Judaism

Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Very concerned	26%	32%	19%	18%	25%	37%	27%	39%	34%	23%	15%	7%
Fairly concerned	12%	13%	11%	9%	10%	17%	17%	15%	16%	11%	3%	9%
Not very concerned	8%	8%	7%	8%	9%	5%	10%	7%	9%	8%	6%	-
Not at all concerned	14%	12%	17%	17%	14%	12%	9%	17%	13%	17%	15%	2%
Don't know	28%	24%	32%	32%	31%	17%	27%	17%	20%	31%	39%	31%
Prefer not to say	12%	11%	14%	16%	10%	12%	9%	4%	7%	10%	22%	51%

Hinduism

Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Very concerned	18%	22%	13%	14%	15%	27%	18%	27%	24%	15%	11%	5%
Fairly concerned	13%	15%	10%	9%	12%	18%	17%	17%	18%	11%	7%	6%
Not very concerned	9%	9%	7%	7%	9%	8%	11%	11%	10%	9%	3%	-
Not at all concerned	16%	15%	18%	18%	17%	13%	15%	15%	15%	18%	17%	7%
Don't know	32%	29%	35%	35%	36%	22%	30%	26%	26%	36%	39%	29%
Prefer not to say	12%	10%	16%	16%	11%	12%	9%	4%	7%	11%	22%	53%

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Sikhism

Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Very concerned	17%	20%	14%	13%	16%	24%	20%	22%	23%	15%	9%	7%
Fairly concerned	11%	13%	8%	7%	10%	14%	15%	19%	16%	8%	6%	4%
Not very concerned	8%	9%	7%	4%	7%	9%	13%	17%	10%	7%	4%	3%
Not at all concerned	16%	15%	19%	20%	17%	14%	14%	9%	14%	21%	16%	5%
Don't know	35%	33%	38%	39%	39%	27%	28%	30%	29%	39%	49%	26%
Prefer not to say	12%	10%	15%	16%	11%	12%	9%	3%	8%	11%	16%	55%

Buddhism

Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Very concerned	18%	21%	14%	12%	16%	27%	22%	20%	23%	15%	10%	7%
Fairly concerned	11%	13%	9%	7%	11%	13%	14%	19%	16%	8%	5%	7%
Not very concerned	9%	11%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	13%	12%	7%	4%	2%
Not at all concerned	17%	15%	20%	21%	17%	14%	14%	12%	15%	21%	17%	5%
Don't know	34%	31%	38%	37%	36%	26%	30%	32%	27%	38%	47%	26%
Prefer not to say	12%	10%	14%	15%	11%	11%	9%	3%	7%	10%	16%	53%

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Total	Gender		Age					Whether personally know anyone who is a Christian			
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Generally speaking, do you think most people in Saudi Arabia would mind or not mind if one of their close relatives were to marry a person who is Christian?

Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Would mind a lot	53%	54%	52%	54%	52%	54%	50%	55%	55%	60%	37%	13%
Would mind a little	15%	16%	14%	14%	15%	17%	13%	16%	18%	14%	13%	5%
Would not mind at all	5%	6%	3%	5%	5%	5%	4%	7%	6%	3%	6%	2%
Don't know	20%	19%	23%	19%	21%	18%	27%	20%	18%	19%	38%	16%
Prefer not to say	6%	5%	7%	8%	6%	5%	7%	1%	3%	4%	6%	64%

Personally speaking, would you mind or not mind if one of your close relatives were to marry a person who is Christian?

Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Would mind a lot	41%	44%	36%	32%	45%	45%	54%	34%	39%	49%	31%	9%
Would mind a little	16%	15%	16%	18%	15%	16%	5%	25%	17%	16%	12%	10%
Would not mind at all	20%	21%	19%	21%	18%	20%	22%	23%	28%	16%	11%	8%
Don't know	14%	11%	17%	15%	15%	11%	10%	14%	11%	13%	33%	11%
Prefer not to answer	9%	8%	10%	13%	7%	7%	8%	5%	6%	6%	12%	62%

Thinking about religion and society...

Which ONE, if any, of the following statements best describes your view?

Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Christianity is generally compatible with the values of society in Saudi Arabia	9%	10%	7%	6%	11%	11%	4%	10%	13%	6%	3%	5%
There is a fundamental clash between Christianity and the values of society in Saudi Arabia	25%	27%	21%	24%	22%	23%	33%	29%	28%	28%	12%	-
Neither of these	27%	28%	25%	23%	29%	30%	31%	25%	32%	27%	13%	19%
Don't know	29%	23%	36%	34%	30%	25%	19%	26%	19%	33%	60%	13%
Prefer not to say	11%	11%	11%	13%	8%	10%	14%	9%	9%	7%	11%	64%

Thinking about your own life...

Do you personally know anyone who is a Christian?

Unweighted base	1015	583	432	341	324	182	103	65	435	420	115	45
Base: All Saudi Arabian Adults	1015	580	435	342	303	177	111	82	432	423	115	46
Yes	43%	53%	29%	27%	38%	48%	63%	81%	100%	-	-	-
No	42%	32%	54%	55%	43%	40%	22%	11%	-	100%	-	-
Don't know	11%	11%	12%	11%	14%	8%	11%	6%	-	-	100%	-
Prefer not to say	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%	3%	5%	2%	-	-	-	100%