

YouGov - Western/ MENA attitudes to religion - USA results

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



Total	Gender		Age					Whether personally know anyone who is a Muslim			
	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	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46	
Very favourable	43%	42%	45%	28%	29%	36%	53%	54%	43%	47%	34%	32%	
Fairly favourable	15%	15%	15%	15%	13%	16%	10%	18%	15%	17%	11%	11%	
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	19%	19%	19%	19%	25%	22%	20%	15%	19%	20%	25%	6%	
Fairly unfavourable	6%	6%	7%	9%	5%	10%	4%	5%	8%	4%	5%	-	
Very unfavourable	8%	11%	6%	12%	14%	6%	6%	5%	9%	7%	8%	10%	
Don't know	5%	3%	6%	9%	9%	6%	3%	1%	3%	4%	12%	5%	
Prefer not to answer	4%	5%	3%	8%	6%	2%	4%	1%	3%	2%	4%	36%	

Islam

	Unweighted base	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46	
Very favourable	6%	6%	7%	5%	10%	6%	4%	5%	10%	2%	4%	13%	
Fairly favourable	9%	10%	8%	14%	7%	10%	6%	8%	11%	6%	8%	9%	
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	31%	33%	30%	34%	31%	29%	38%	29%	35%	30%	28%	8%	
Fairly unfavourable	10%	8%	11%	6%	6%	13%	7%	12%	10%	9%	10%	6%	
Very unfavourable	27%	32%	23%	19%	22%	22%	31%	33%	24%	34%	21%	12%	
Don't know	11%	6%	15%	13%	15%	18%	7%	7%	5%	14%	22%	16%	
Prefer not to answer	6%	6%	6%	9%	9%	2%	7%	5%	5%	4%	7%	36%	

Judaism

	Unweighted base	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46	
Very favourable	15%	13%	16%	7%	8%	13%	12%	22%	22%	8%	10%	13%	
Fairly favourable	16%	17%	15%	17%	10%	13%	12%	21%	20%	15%	11%	2%	
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	33%	34%	31%	31%	30%	38%	41%	30%	33%	35%	30%	16%	
Fairly unfavourable	6%	8%	4%	9%	5%	5%	9%	6%	5%	6%	10%	2%	
Very unfavourable	11%	12%	11%	10%	18%	10%	8%	9%	10%	13%	10%	10%	
Don't know	14%	10%	17%	19%	21%	19%	11%	8%	7%	18%	23%	19%	
Prefer not to answer	6%	5%	6%	7%	8%	3%	7%	4%	4%	5%	6%	38%	

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Hinduism												
Unweighted base	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Very favourable	6%	6%	7%	2%	7%	8%	8%	8%	10%	3%	4%	13%
Fairly favourable	11%	12%	11%	9%	8%	13%	9%	13%	16%	8%	8%	-
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	40%	44%	36%	41%	33%	36%	49%	42%	45%	39%	36%	6%
Fairly unfavourable	8%	9%	7%	8%	7%	7%	9%	8%	6%	10%	9%	6%
Very unfavourable	14%	14%	15%	16%	17%	14%	12%	14%	11%	18%	11%	20%
Don't know	14%	10%	17%	13%	18%	20%	11%	11%	7%	17%	26%	12%
Prefer not to answer	6%	6%	6%	11%	10%	2%	7%	5%	5%	5%	5%	43%
Sikhism												
Unweighted base	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Very favourable	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%	4%	6%	2%	6%	2%
Fairly favourable	7%	7%	6%	7%	5%	6%	5%	8%	10%	4%	4%	9%
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	36%	41%	31%	37%	34%	38%	41%	34%	43%	32%	34%	6%
Fairly unfavourable	4%	4%	4%	6%	2%	3%	5%	5%	4%	3%	8%	2%
Very unfavourable	14%	15%	13%	14%	16%	11%	12%	15%	10%	20%	9%	14%
Don't know	30%	25%	35%	25%	30%	34%	26%	31%	23%	36%	34%	32%
Prefer not to answer	5%	4%	6%	7%	8%	2%	7%	3%	4%	3%	6%	36%
Buddhism												
Unweighted base	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Very favourable	10%	10%	10%	9%	8%	13%	10%	9%	15%	4%	9%	13%
Fairly favourable	16%	16%	15%	15%	11%	15%	12%	19%	21%	12%	15%	-
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	37%	41%	33%	34%	32%	37%	47%	36%	38%	40%	32%	-
Fairly unfavourable	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	3%	7%	5%	6%	4%	-
Very unfavourable	14%	15%	13%	10%	19%	12%	10%	14%	10%	19%	10%	13%
Don't know	14%	8%	19%	18%	17%	17%	11%	11%	7%	16%	27%	22%
Prefer not to answer	5%	6%	5%	8%	8%	3%	7%	3%	3%	3%	5%	52%
Atheism (i.e. lack of belief in the existence of God or gods)												
Unweighted base	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Very favourable	10%	11%	9%	13%	10%	14%	8%	9%	14%	5%	10%	18%
Fairly favourable	7%	7%	8%	8%	7%	11%	6%	7%	11%	4%	8%	2%
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	29%	34%	24%	36%	29%	25%	35%	26%	29%	31%	32%	5%
Fairly unfavourable	9%	9%	9%	8%	9%	9%	8%	9%	10%	9%	5%	6%
Very unfavourable	32%	30%	33%	15%	25%	28%	31%	41%	29%	39%	20%	15%
Don't know	8%	4%	12%	10%	12%	11%	6%	6%	5%	9%	18%	18%
Prefer not to answer	5%	5%	4%	8%	7%	3%	6%	2%	3%	3%	7%	36%

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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	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Very familiar	60%	56%	63%	40%	46%	61%	62%	71%	68%	56%	52%	30%
Fairly familiar	25%	27%	22%	29%	28%	20%	18%	25%	23%	28%	20%	11%
Not very familiar	4%	4%	5%	9%	3%	4%	9%	2%	4%	5%	4%	2%
Not at all familiar	3%	3%	2%	-	6%	4%	4%	0%	1%	4%	4%	6%
Don't know	5%	4%	6%	15%	7%	8%	3%	1%	1%	5%	14%	23%
Prefer not to say	4%	5%	3%	7%	9%	3%	4%	1%	3%	2%	6%	29%

Islam

Unweighted base	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Very familiar	8%	10%	6%	8%	9%	11%	7%	6%	14%	3%	2%	9%
Fairly familiar	32%	34%	30%	38%	25%	31%	29%	36%	46%	22%	25%	10%
Not very familiar	23%	22%	24%	16%	22%	20%	24%	27%	23%	27%	18%	11%
Not at all familiar	22%	21%	23%	17%	21%	24%	24%	23%	12%	33%	25%	13%
Don't know	10%	8%	12%	15%	13%	12%	9%	7%	3%	13%	22%	20%
Prefer not to say	5%	5%	4%	7%	10%	3%	6%	1%	3%	3%	8%	37%

Judaism

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Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Very familiar	12%	14%	10%	5%	9%	15%	13%	15%	22%	4%	6%	9%
Fairly familiar	33%	35%	32%	30%	24%	28%	32%	41%	42%	27%	28%	14%
Not very familiar	21%	20%	22%	25%	19%	19%	20%	23%	19%	25%	21%	8%
Not at all familiar	19%	18%	20%	11%	25%	24%	23%	15%	10%	29%	16%	12%
Don't know	10%	8%	12%	19%	14%	11%	7%	6%	4%	12%	21%	29%
Prefer not to say	4%	5%	4%	8%	9%	3%	6%	1%	3%	3%	9%	30%

Hinduism

Unweighted base	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Very familiar	3%	4%	2%	4%	4%	6%	2%	2%	5%	1%	0%	13%
Fairly familiar	20%	19%	21%	10%	19%	21%	19%	23%	29%	13%	14%	10%
Not very familiar	33%	35%	32%	37%	28%	27%	34%	37%	38%	32%	26%	17%
Not at all familiar	29%	30%	28%	25%	26%	31%	30%	30%	21%	39%	28%	-
Don't know	10%	8%	12%	16%	13%	12%	9%	7%	3%	12%	24%	22%
Prefer not to say	5%	5%	4%	7%	10%	3%	6%	1%	3%	3%	7%	37%

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Sikhism

Unweighted base	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Very familiar	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	0%	1%	2%	1%	-	10%
Fairly familiar	8%	10%	7%	6%	7%	8%	11%	9%	14%	4%	4%	1%
Not very familiar	26%	27%	24%	15%	24%	26%	26%	29%	32%	21%	26%	9%
Not at all familiar	47%	44%	50%	49%	41%	45%	46%	51%	43%	57%	39%	15%
Don't know	12%	10%	14%	19%	15%	14%	11%	9%	6%	14%	23%	34%
Prefer not to say	5%	6%	4%	8%	10%	5%	6%	1%	3%	4%	7%	31%

Buddhism

Unweighted base	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Very familiar	6%	8%	5%	6%	7%	9%	8%	4%	11%	2%	2%	11%
Fairly familiar	25%	23%	28%	25%	18%	26%	20%	30%	34%	19%	19%	7%
Not very familiar	28%	28%	28%	26%	28%	25%	25%	30%	31%	26%	25%	24%
Not at all familiar	26%	27%	25%	20%	23%	25%	32%	28%	17%	38%	26%	-
Don't know	10%	8%	12%	17%	14%	11%	9%	6%	4%	12%	23%	25%
Prefer not to say	5%	6%	3%	5%	10%	5%	6%	1%	3%	4%	5%	33%

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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	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Very concerned	19%	17%	20%	9%	23%	21%	18%	19%	25%	14%	15%	5%
Fairly concerned	18%	19%	18%	30%	22%	16%	16%	15%	20%	17%	20%	3%
Not very concerned	17%	18%	16%	22%	8%	16%	14%	22%	17%	19%	14%	5%
Not at all concerned	30%	32%	29%	9%	24%	28%	38%	38%	29%	36%	21%	18%
Don't know	11%	9%	13%	21%	16%	16%	10%	5%	6%	11%	24%	39%
Prefer not to say	4%	4%	3%	8%	7%	3%	4%	1%	2%	2%	6%	30%

Islam

Unweighted base	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Very concerned	36%	41%	32%	22%	23%	25%	39%	50%	43%	35%	22%	26%
Fairly concerned	20%	20%	21%	22%	18%	21%	19%	21%	24%	17%	24%	2%
Not very concerned	12%	11%	14%	15%	14%	13%	12%	11%	15%	12%	8%	6%
Not at all concerned	12%	12%	11%	10%	18%	15%	12%	7%	9%	16%	6%	11%
Don't know	15%	11%	19%	24%	19%	21%	13%	9%	7%	18%	29%	27%
Prefer not to say	5%	6%	4%	7%	7%	7%	5%	2%	3%	3%	10%	30%

Judaism

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Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Very concerned	9%	10%	7%	10%	13%	5%	5%	9%	11%	7%	3%	11%
Fairly concerned	10%	10%	10%	9%	10%	8%	10%	11%	10%	10%	13%	8%
Not very concerned	24%	23%	24%	21%	16%	23%	26%	28%	25%	24%	23%	3%
Not at all concerned	36%	38%	35%	23%	34%	34%	37%	41%	42%	36%	22%	15%
Don't know	17%	13%	20%	28%	20%	24%	17%	10%	8%	21%	30%	33%
Prefer not to say	5%	6%	4%	8%	7%	7%	5%	2%	3%	3%	9%	30%

Hinduism

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Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Very concerned	9%	10%	9%	5%	12%	5%	8%	11%	10%	10%	2%	13%
Fairly concerned	9%	9%	9%	9%	8%	8%	7%	12%	9%	10%	10%	-
Not very concerned	24%	23%	26%	22%	14%	19%	29%	30%	27%	23%	23%	7%
Not at all concerned	32%	35%	29%	19%	37%	34%	33%	31%	39%	29%	21%	13%
Don't know	21%	17%	24%	36%	23%	27%	18%	14%	12%	25%	34%	31%
Prefer not to say	5%	6%	4%	9%	8%	7%	5%	2%	3%	3%	9%	36%

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Sikhism

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Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Very concerned	10%	11%	9%	5%	9%	8%	9%	12%	9%	11%	5%	13%
Fairly concerned	10%	10%	10%	15%	7%	6%	10%	11%	10%	9%	12%	6%
Not very concerned	19%	19%	19%	16%	14%	15%	18%	23%	22%	17%	16%	8%
Not at all concerned	26%	31%	21%	18%	29%	30%	29%	24%	30%	27%	18%	2%
Don't know	31%	24%	37%	36%	32%	36%	29%	28%	26%	35%	39%	25%
Prefer not to say	5%	6%	4%	9%	9%	5%	5%	2%	3%	2%	10%	46%

Buddhism

Unweighted base	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Very concerned	7%	8%	6%	4%	8%	6%	5%	8%	7%	8%	2%	13%
Fairly concerned	7%	7%	7%	8%	5%	6%	8%	8%	7%	6%	11%	-
Not very concerned	23%	22%	24%	18%	20%	16%	28%	27%	25%	22%	23%	19%
Not at all concerned	39%	42%	36%	34%	37%	43%	37%	41%	46%	38%	23%	16%
Don't know	19%	16%	22%	28%	22%	24%	18%	15%	13%	24%	30%	15%
Prefer not to say	5%	5%	4%	8%	9%	5%	5%	2%	3%	2%	11%	37%

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

Unweighted base	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Would mind a lot	22%	22%	21%	21%	12%	16%	19%	29%	24%	24%	10%	6%
Would mind a little	29%	29%	29%	36%	29%	29%	30%	27%	34%	28%	23%	1%
Would not mind at all	17%	18%	15%	12%	23%	17%	16%	14%	19%	15%	15%	14%
Don't know	29%	26%	31%	23%	27%	34%	29%	30%	21%	32%	49%	25%
Prefer not to say	4%	5%	3%	8%	9%	4%	6%	0%	2%	2%	3%	54%

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

Unweighted base	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Would mind a lot	20%	21%	18%	6%	11%	16%	25%	28%	20%	23%	9%	12%
Would mind a little	13%	12%	14%	6%	11%	15%	14%	16%	13%	15%	10%	8%
Would not mind at all	43%	45%	41%	61%	48%	46%	34%	37%	53%	36%	37%	9%
Don't know	19%	16%	22%	19%	22%	20%	21%	17%	12%	22%	40%	9%
Prefer not to answer	5%	6%	5%	8%	8%	3%	6%	3%	3%	4%	4%	62%

Thinking about religion and society...

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

Unweighted base	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Islam is generally compatible with the values of society in the USA	17%	17%	16%	16%	20%	15%	12%	18%	25%	9%	15%	2%
There is a fundamental clash between Islam and the values of society in the USA	36%	38%	34%	20%	25%	34%	42%	44%	36%	41%	23%	8%
Neither of these	17%	16%	18%	20%	20%	18%	15%	15%	21%	15%	15%	6%
Don't know	25%	25%	26%	40%	25%	30%	26%	20%	16%	32%	43%	13%
Prefer not to say	5%	4%	6%	4%	10%	3%	5%	3%	2%	3%	4%	72%

Thinking about your own life...Do you personally know anyone who is a Muslim?

Unweighted base	1295	548	747	95	243	205	198	554	619	495	153	28
Base: All USA Adults	1295	629	666	143	263	182	180	527	568	536	145	46
Yes	44%	48%	40%	40%	44%	43%	45%	45%	100%	-	-	-
No	41%	40%	43%	36%	42%	37%	39%	45%	-	100%	-	-
Don't know	11%	9%	13%	19%	7%	18%	12%	9%	-	-	100%	-
Prefer not to say	4%	3%	4%	5%	7%	2%	4%	2%	-	-	-	100%

Cell Contents (Column Percentages)