

**RESULTS OF A NATIONAL SURVEY SAMPLING PUBLIC
KNOWLEDGE OF AND ATTITUDES TOWARDS
ISLAMIC SUPREMACISM**

Conducted for the Center for Security Policy

By The Polling Company

(Nationwide Dual-Frame Survey of 802 Adults (18+); 75% Landlines / 25%
Cell; Field Dates: May 17-20, 2015; Margin of Error: $\pm 3.5\%$)

5. Which of the following is closest to your view of Islam?

54% ISLAM IS A RELIGION LIKE CHRISTIANITY AND JUDAISM

23% ISLAM IS A POLITICAL AND MILITARY MOVEMENT FOR
WORLD DOMINATION

10% ISLAM IS A POLITICAL MOVEMENT WITH RELIGIOUS
ASPECTS

4% OTHER

8% DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE (VOL.)

2% NO ANSWER (VOL.)

6. Are you familiar with the term shariah?

52% YES

46% NO

2% DON'T KNOW (VOL.)

**7. Based on what you know, which of the following best describe
shariah?**

25% IT IS THE MUSLIM GOD ALLAH'S LAW THAT MUSLIMS

MUST FOLLOW AND IMPOSE WORLDWIDE VIA JIHAD

19% IT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM GOVERNING ALL ASPECTS OF THE FAITHFUL MUSLIM'S LIFE

13% IT IS A GUIDE TO THE PERSONAL PRACTICE OF ISLAM 39% DON'T KNOW (VOL.)

3% NO ANSWER (VOL.)

8. If shariah conflicts with the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, which law should be considered supreme? (ROTATED RESPONSES)

86% THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND BILL OF RIGHTS

2% SHARIAH

10% DON'T KNOW (VOL.)

2% NO ANSWER (VOL.)

9. Should Muslims in the U.S. have their own courts or tribunals in America to apply shariah law or should they be subject to American laws and courts?

92% AMERICAN COURTS ONLY

2% SHARIAH COURTS ONLY

1% BE FREE TO CHOOSE EITHER

5% DON'T KNOW

1% NO ANSWER

10. [TREND] Which of the following comes closest to your understanding of the term "jihad"? (ROTATED RESPONSES)

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63% 74% VIOLENT HOLY WAR AGAINST UNBELIEVERS OF ISLAM

14% 7% MUSLIMS' PEACEFUL, PERSONAL STRUGGLE TO BE MORE RELIGIOUS

7% 6% NON-VIOLENT ACTIONS BY MUSLIMS TO UNDERMINE NON-MUSLIM STATES AND PEOPLES

15% 12% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.)

1% 1% REFUSED (VOL.)

¹ Center for Security Policy survey among 1,000 nationwide adults ($\pm 3\%$) conducted by the polling company on September 23-26, 2014. The changes in those believing jihad to be violent holy war not peaceful, personal struggle may reflect changes in the composition of the surveyed population, including a significant number in this poll of cell phone users and presumably younger respondents.

AGREE/DISAGREE VIEWPOINTS

Please tell me whether you (ROTATED) agree or disagree with the following statements. (ROTATED STATEMENTS) (PROBED FOR EACH: And would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT agree/disagree?)

11. "The Islamic State is not Islamic."

31% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

18% STRONGLY AGREE

13% SOMEWHAT AGREE

37% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

14% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

23% STRONGLY DISAGREE
32% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE

12. “Islam is a religion of peace.”

52% TOTAL AGREE (NET)
28% STRONGLY AGREE
23% SOMEWHAT AGREE
37% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
11% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
26% STRONGLY DISAGREE
11% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE

13. “Jihad is about personal struggle, not holy war.”

28% TOTAL AGREE (NET)
14% STRONGLY AGREE
15% SOMEWHAT AGREE
55% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)
15% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
39% STRONGLY DISAGREE
17% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.)

14. “There are violent jihadists in the United States.”

84% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

60% STRONGLY AGREE

24% SOMEWHAT AGREE

8% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

4% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

4% STRONGLY DISAGREE

9% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.)

15. “Israel has a right to exist.”

95% TOTAL AGREE (NET)

82% STRONGLY AGREE

13% SOMEWHAT AGREE

4% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)

1% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

2% STRONGLY DISAGREE

2% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOL.) (ENDED QUESTION ROTATION.)

16. President Obama has said that the United States is not at war with Islam. Thinking of the reverse of that, do you think Islam is at war with the United States?

50% YES

42% NO

6% DON'T KNOW (VOL.)

2% NO ANSWER (VOL.)

