

Islamic Identity & Community Relations Survey

20/11/2015

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

18th – 20th November 2015

Data Collection Method

The survey was conducted via telephone interview

Population Sampled

All Muslims aged 18+ in Great Britain

Sample Size

1,003

Data Sampling & Weighting

Respondents were sampled based on a modelled probability of residents identifying themselves as Muslim. This was done using a range of demographic indicators selected by Survation. Respondents were asked to confirm before the start of the survey whether they were Muslim (including non-practicing) and only those who did were continued into the survey.

Data were weighted to the profile of all British Muslims adults aged 18+. Data were weighted by age, sex and region. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office for National Statistics data.

Margin of Error

Because only a sample of the full population was interviewed, all results are subject to margin of error, meaning that not all differences are statistically significant. For example, in a question where 50% (the worst case scenario as far as margin of error is concerned) gave a particular answer, with a sample of 1,003 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range 3.1% from the sample result. Subsamples from the cross-breaks will be subject to higher margin of error, conclusions drawn from crossbreaks with very small sub-samples should be treated with caution.

Question presentation

All data tables shown in full below, in order and wording put to respondents, including but not limited to all tables relating to published data and all relevant tables preceding them. Tables for demographic questions might not be included but these should be clear from the cross-breaks on published tables. In all questions where the responses are a list of parties, names or statements, these will typically have been displayed to respondents in a randomising order. The only questions which would not have had randomising responses would be those in which there was a natural order to maintain – e.g. a scale from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”, a list of numbers from 0 to 10 or questions which had factual rather than opinion-related answers such as demographic information. “Other”, “Don't know” and “Refused” responses are not randomised.

Not all questions will have necessarily been asked to all respondents – this is because they may be follow-on questions from previous questions or only appropriate to certain demographic groups. Lower response counts should make clear where this has occurred.

Data were analysed and weighted by Survation (Director of Research – Patrick Briône).

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Table 1

Q1. Normal weightings

Q1. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age			Region					
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Greater London	West Yorkshire	West Midlands	Greater Manchester	Other	
Unweighted Total	1003	597	406	462	311	230	309	147	146	127	274
Weighted Total	1003	527	476	507	363	133	301	90	90	80	441
My Muslim identity is more important to me than my British identity	171	103	67	100	54	16	45	18	13	15	80
	17.0%	19.6%	14.1%	19.8%	15.0%	12.1%	14.9%	19.5%	14.3%	18.6%	18.2%
My British identity is more important to me than my Muslim identity	56	37	19	20	18	19	24	6	6	3	17
	5.6%	7.1%	3.9%	3.9%	4.8%	14.0%	8.0%	6.4%	7.1%	3.3%	3.8%
They are equally important	758	373	384	379	284	95	221	65	69	63	340
	75.5%	70.9%	80.6%	74.7%	78.2%	71.3%	73.4%	71.8%	76.9%	78.1%	77.0%
Don't know	19	13	6	8	7	3	11	2	2	-	4
	1.9%	2.4%	1.3%	1.6%	2.0%	2.5%	3.7%	2.3%	1.8%	-	1.0%
SIGMA	1003	527	476	507	363	133	301	90	90	80	441
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 2

Q2. Normal weightings

Q2. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age			Region					
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Greater London	West Yorkshire	West Midlands	Greater Manchester	Other	
Unweighted Total	1003	597	406	462	311	230	309	147	146	127	274
Weighted Total	1003	527	476	507	363	133	301	90	90	80	441
British Muslims are doing enough to integrate into British society	609	335	274	313	215	82	172	60	53	51	273
60.7%	63.6%	57.6%	61.7%	59.1%	61.2%	57.2%	66.3%	58.9%	64.0%	61.8%	
British Muslims are not doing enough to integrate into British society	222	124	98	106	86	29	72	21	18	13	97
22.1%	23.5%	20.5%	21.0%	23.7%	22.1%	24.0%	23.0%	20.4%	16.8%	22.0%	
It is not important for British Muslims to integrate into British society	30	16	14	15	11	4	10	3	3	2	13
3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.2%	3.3%	3.0%	3.3%	2.4%	2.9%	
Don't know	142	52	90	72	51	18	47	7	16	14	59
14.1%	9.9%	18.9%	14.3%	14.2%	13.5%	15.5%	7.7%	17.4%	16.9%	13.4%	
SIGMA	1003	527	476	507	363	133	301	90	90	80	441
100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 3

Q3. Normal weightings

Q3. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age			Region					
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Greater London	West Yorkshire	West Midlands	Greater Manchester	Other	
Unweighted Total	1003	597	406	462	311	230	309	147	146	127	274
Weighted Total	1003	527	476	507	363	133	301	90	90	80	441
It is the responsibility of Muslims to condemn terrorist acts carried out in the name of Islam	510	314	196	224	200	85	150	49	48	42	221
	50.8%	59.6%	41.1%	44.3%	55.1%	64.0%	49.8%	53.7%	53.4%	51.9%	50.1%
It is not the responsibility of Muslims to condemn terrorist acts carried out in the name of Islam	380	175	205	222	120	38	114	35	26	29	176
	37.9%	33.2%	43.0%	43.8%	33.1%	28.3%	37.7%	38.6%	28.6%	36.7%	39.9%
Don't know	114	38	76	61	43	10	37	7	16	9	44
	11.3%	7.2%	15.9%	12.0%	11.8%	7.7%	12.4%	7.6%	18.0%	11.4%	9.9%
SIGMA	1003	527	476	507	363	133	301	90	90	80	441
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 4

Q4. Normal weightings

Q4. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age			Region					
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Greater London	West Yorkshire	West Midlands	Greater Manchester	Other	
Unweighted Total	1003	597	406	462	311	230	309	147	146	127	274
Weighted Total	1003	527	476	507	363	133	301	90	90	80	441
Islamic leaders in the UK have publicly condemned ISIS too much	78	46	32	38	26	14	19	10	7	5	37
	7.8%	8.7%	6.8%	7.4%	7.3%	10.3%	6.4%	11.2%	7.5%	5.8%	8.4%
Islamic leaders in the UK have not publicly condemned ISIS enough	298	170	128	154	105	38	101	25	30	24	117
	29.7%	32.3%	26.8%	30.5%	28.9%	28.8%	33.6%	27.7%	33.3%	30.5%	26.6%
Islamic leaders in the UK have publicly condemned ISIS about the right amount	368	202	165	193	125	50	110	33	32	24	168
	36.7%	38.5%	34.7%	38.1%	34.4%	37.4%	36.5%	36.4%	35.9%	30.5%	38.1%
Don't know	259	108	151	121	107	31	71	22	21	27	119
	25.9%	20.5%	31.7%	24.0%	29.4%	23.4%	23.5%	24.7%	23.2%	33.2%	26.9%
SIGMA	1003	527	476	507	363	133	301	90	90	80	441
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 5

Q5. Normal weightings

Q5. Thinking about the root causes of ISIS terrorist attacks, which do you think is the single biggest root cause?

Base: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			Region				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Greater London	West Yorkshire	West Midlands	Greater Manchester	Other
Unweighted Total	1003	597	406	462	311	230	309	147	146	127	274
Weighted Total	1003	527	476	507	363	133	301	90	90	80	441
Western foreign policy, such as the invasion of Iraq	385	228	156	191	145	48	93	36	36	25	195
	38.3%	43.3%	32.8%	37.8%	40.1%	35.8%	30.8%	39.5%	39.5%	31.3%	44.3%
The poverty of and discrimination against Muslims in Western countries	61	34	26	26	25	10	21	5	5	6	24
	6.1%	6.6%	5.5%	5.1%	6.9%	7.5%	7.0%	6.0%	5.3%	7.0%	5.4%
ISIS leaders who exploit vulnerable young people	250	117	134	144	79	28	81	23	19	22	105
	24.9%	22.1%	28.0%	28.3%	21.7%	20.7%	26.9%	25.5%	21.4%	27.5%	23.7%
Something else	136	67	69	62	50	24	45	12	17	9	52
	13.6%	12.7%	14.5%	12.2%	13.8%	18.0%	15.1%	13.8%	18.6%	11.1%	11.9%
Don't know	172	80	91	84	64	24	61	14	14	19	65
	17.1%	15.3%	19.1%	16.6%	17.5%	17.9%	20.2%	15.2%	15.1%	23.1%	14.7%
SIGMA	1003	527	476	507	363	133	301	90	90	80	441
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 6

Q6. Normal weightings

Q6. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age			Region					
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Greater London	West Yorkshire	West Midlands	Greater Manchester	Other	
Unweighted Total	1003	597	406	462	311	230	309	147	146	127	274
Weighted Total	1003	527	476	507	363	133	301	90	90	80	441
I have a lot of sympathy with young Muslims who leave the UK to join fighters in Syria	53	18	35	35	15	3	15	5	6	8	20
	5.3%	3.4%	7.3%	6.9%	4.0%	2.3%	4.8%	5.1%	6.2%	10.4%	4.5%
I have some sympathy with young Muslims who leave the UK to join fighters in Syria	145	62	83	89	41	15	40	13	12	10	70
	14.5%	11.7%	17.5%	17.6%	11.3%	11.4%	13.3%	14.0%	12.9%	12.9%	15.9%
I have no sympathy with young Muslims who leave the UK to join fighters in Syria	716	414	303	335	275	106	216	62	67	53	319
	71.4%	78.5%	63.5%	66.2%	75.8%	79.2%	71.9%	68.4%	73.9%	65.6%	72.2%
Don't know	89	33	55	47	32	10	30	11	6	9	33
	8.8%	6.3%	11.6%	9.3%	8.9%	7.2%	9.9%	12.5%	6.9%	11.1%	7.4%
SIGMA	1003	527	476	507	363	133	301	90	90	80	441
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 7

Q7. Normal weightings

Q7. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age			Region					
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Greater London	West Yorkshire	West Midlands	Greater Manchester	Other	
Unweighted Total	1003	597	406	462	311	230	309	147	146	127	274
Weighted Total	1003	527	476	507	363	133	301	90	90	80	441
David Cameron is right in wanting to extend the bombing of ISIS from Iraq to Syria	187	133	54	86	70	31	57	20	16	14	81
	18.7%	25.2%	11.4%	17.0%	19.4%	23.1%	18.8%	22.2%	17.4%	17.3%	18.3%
David Cameron is wrong in wanting to extend the bombing of ISIS from Iraq to Syria	560	274	286	299	190	70	160	50	49	44	257
	55.8%	52.0%	60.1%	59.0%	52.5%	52.7%	53.1%	55.7%	54.2%	54.5%	58.2%
Don't know	256	120	136	122	102	32	84	20	26	23	104
	25.5%	22.8%	28.5%	24.0%	28.2%	24.2%	28.1%	22.0%	28.4%	28.3%	23.5%
SIGMA	1003	527	476	507	363	133	301	90	90	80	441
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%