

How citizens of the United States and predominantly Muslim Nations see each other





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Hearing the voice of a Billion

Middle East and North Africa

- Egypt
- Iran
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Morocco
- Palestine
- Saudi Arabia
- Turkey
- Kuwait
- Tunisia
- Algeria
- Libya
- United Arab Emirates
- Oman
- Iraq
- Jordan

South Asia

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Pakistan
- India

Africa Europe

- Kosovo
- Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Albania

Sub-Saharan Africa

- Burkina Faso
- Mali
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Sierra Leone
- Ethiopia
- Senegal
- Tanzania

Central Asia

- Azerbaijan
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan





Sample Design and Methodology

- Successor to 2001 Gallup Islam Poll Unprecedented Survey of Political Values of the Islamic World
- Field period for this data: August 2005 through November 2006
- Nationwide multi-stage probability samples urban and rural sectors
- All interviews conducted in home, face-to-face
- Target: total 18+ adult population
- 1,000 interviews per country
- Scores of separate sampling locations nationwide
- Designed and funded entirely by The Gallup Organization
- Associated sampling error +/- 3%





Admire Most About the West?

- Muslims:
 - #1: Technology
 - #2: Liberty and democracy
- Americans:
 - #1: Liberty and democracy
 - #2: Technology



Admire Most About Muslim Societies?

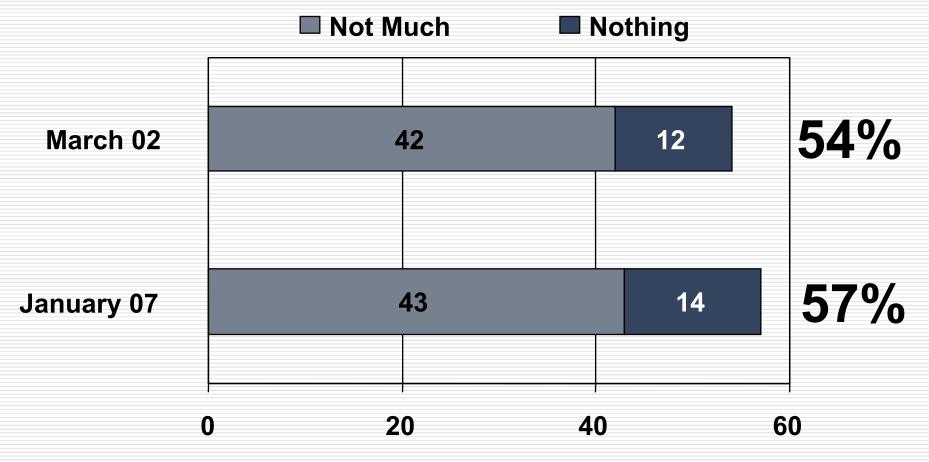
• Muslims:

- #1: Islam and its teachings
- #2: Family Values
- Americans:
 - #1: Nothing
 - #2: I don't know
 - #3: Religious Devotion

57%



Americans: Know about beliefs and views of Muslims?





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What Can Western Societies do to

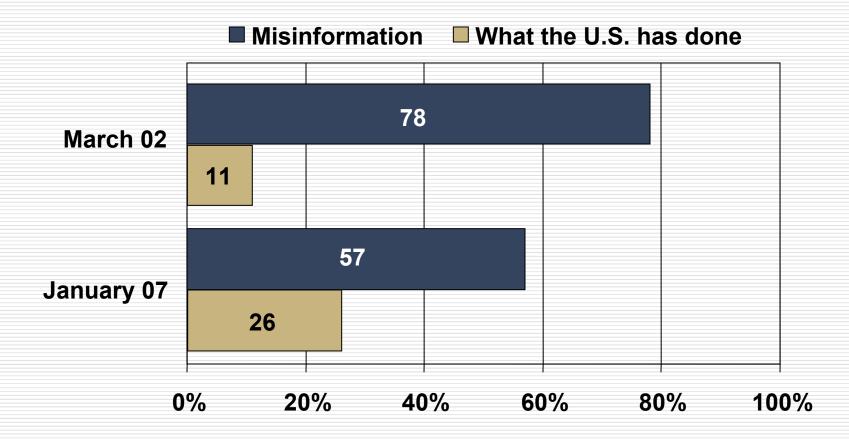
Improve Relations?

Muslim World	USA	
Demonstrate more respect of Islam , stop thinking of Muslim countries as inferior. Stop degrading Islam and Muslims.	I don't know	27%
Adopt practical, concrete policies to help economic development of Muslim nations; promote more equitable distribution of wealth among nations.	Better understand each others beliefs	18%
I don't know	Improve education/more cultural intermixing	14%
Refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of Islamic states and imposing beliefs and policies and exploiting.	Nothing	11%





Americans: Reason for Muslim Unfavorable Opinion of the US





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What Can Muslim Societies do to

Improve Relations?

USA		Muslim World
I don't know	24%	I don't know
Improve communication	20%	Reduce extremism / be open minded for the sake of progress. Develop- progress/modernize Islamic culture.
Control/stop extremists/less terrorism	15%	Demonstrate more flexible attitudes towards the west/ respect the other's positive thinking
Better understand each others beliefs	12%	Establish and promote relations based on mutual respect with the West
Accept our way of doing things	10%	Improve presentation of Islam





Conclusion

- Asymmetry in **knowledge** and therefore **admiration**
- Muslims and Americans agree on the need to control Muslim extremism
- Americans see conflict with Muslims mostly as a <u>Public Relations</u> issue
- Muslims see conflict with the U.S. mostly as <u>Policy</u> and <u>Respect</u> issue

