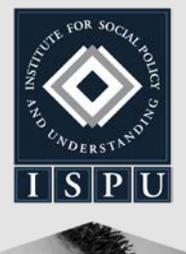


# Who Are American Muslims?



**RAHAF KHATIB**



**LEON EL-ALAMIN**



**NAUSHEEN SHAH**



**RAY ESSA**

*Stay-at-home mom and international marathon runner*

“There’s a saying, ‘If you want to see the positive side of humanity, go watch a marathon.’ Go watch people crossing the finish line. People are in tears, people are hugging each other, people are on the floor prostrating, people are just—it’s just raw, deep emotions. Like giving birth.”

*Founder and executive director of M.A.D.E. Institute, a nonprofit that serves formerly incarcerated individuals and at-risk youth*

“Be inspired, surround yourself with positive people, always educate yourself beyond what’s being taught in classrooms. The world and life around is just one big classroom; you can learn so much from it.”

*High-energy theoretical physicist and professor at Wayne State University*

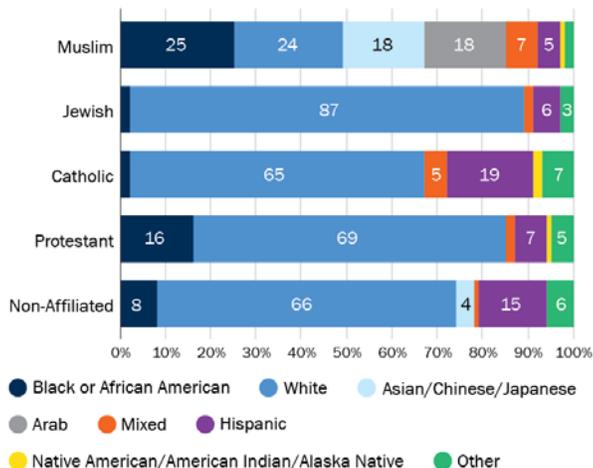
“One of my favorite teachers... She’d say, ‘You don’t come to school to warm benches.’ It didn’t work for a lot of other kids who were intimidated by her. I remember, she’d make my friend cry. But, somehow it worked for me. I don’t get knocked down by criticism.”

*Police officer in Dearborn, Michigan*

“When I was 14 years old, I was shot hanging out in my uncle’s gas station. A Detroit police officer rode with me in the ambulance to the hospital, and they stayed with me the whole time. That left a big imprint on my heart.”

## DEMOGRAPHICS

American Muslims are America’s most ethnically diverse faith community.



American Muslim women surpass American Muslim men in education.

**73%**  
of Muslim women have a post-high school education



**57%**  
of Muslim men have a post-high school education

American Muslims believe that **jobs and the economy** are the most important issue facing our country today. This is followed by **civil rights and education**.

Across faiths, people—American Muslims, Catholics, Protestants, Jews, and others—report facing similar social challenges.

American Muslims contribute to the American economy. In the state of Michigan alone, where American Muslims make up just 2.75% of the population, each year they contribute:

- **\$5.5 BILLION** to the economy in consumer spending (20% more than the average American household)
- More than **100,000 JOBS**
- **\$177 MILLION** in charitable giving (18% more than the average American household)

These challenges include:

- **RACISM:** Across faiths, Black Americans are equally likely to experience racism from within their own faith communities.
- **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** Across faith communities, 13–17% of people know someone from their faith community who was the victim of domestic violence (with the exception of a lower percentage, 7%, in the Jewish community).

## AMERICAN FAITH GROUPS SHARE STRONG RELIGIOUS AND AMERICAN IDENTITIES

Being American is very important to people who have strong religious identities. American Muslims, Jews, Catholics, and Protestants similarly identify strongly with their religious identities and with their American identities. All of these groups report similar levels of agreement that “being American is very important to the way I think of myself.”



Muslims with strong religious identities are more likely to have strong American identities.



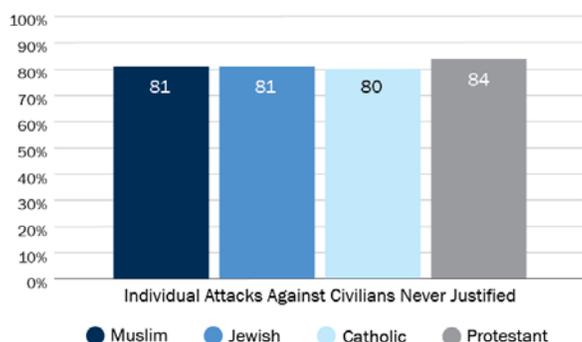
American Muslims who attend a mosque more frequently are more civically engaged.



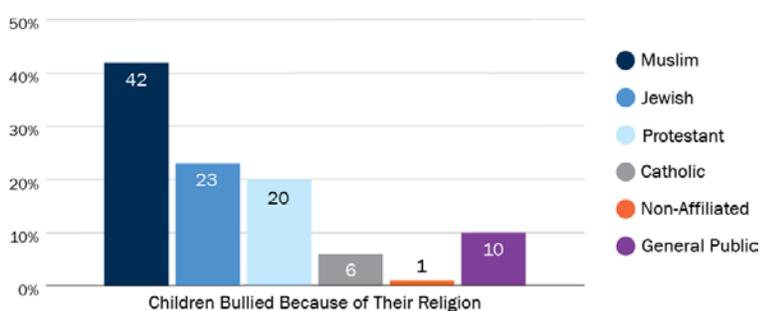
Most American Muslims, Protestants, Catholics, and Jews believe that religion should not be a source of the law.

American Muslims are just as likely as members of other faith groups to reject attacks on civilians.

Roughly **2 in 5** American Muslim families report their children were bullied in the last year because of their faith.



Some people think that for an individual or a small group of people to target and kill civilians is sometimes justified, while others think that this kind of violence is never justified. Which is your opinion?



That's more than any other faith group studied. Of those bullied, a teacher or administrator was the bully 1 in 4 of the times.