OPINIONS ON CAUSES OF AND SOLUTIONS TO CLIMATE CHANGE

American Muslim Poll 2022

Muslims among most likely to view climate change as a result of human behavior

More than half of Muslims (56%) see climate change as ‘a great deal’ the result of human behavior, which is more likely than Protestants (35%) and white Evangelicals (25%).

Half of the general public (50%) says climate change is ‘a great deal’ the result of human behavior, slightly less likely than American Muslims (56%) and Jews, and on par with Catholics (48%). The non-affiliated are the most likely to agree with this view (65%).

Muslims of all ages are equally likely to see climate change as the result of human behavior

Among American Muslims, all age groups are equally likely to express that climate change is ‘a great deal’ the result of human behavior (59% of 18-29-year-olds, 57% of 30-49-year-olds, and 47% of 50+-year-olds).

Among the general public, however, the oldest (50+-year-olds) were less likely than younger age groups to hold this view (41% of 50+-year-olds vs. 63% of 18-29 year-olds and 53% of 30-49-year-olds).

Muslims are among the most likely group to favor government regulation to curb the impacts of climate change

When deciding between government regulation and the private marketplace as a solution to increase reliance on renewable energy, Muslims are among the most supportive of government regulation (71%), as likely as roughly two-thirds of Jews and Catholics and more likely than 38%-63% of Protestants, white Evangelicals, and the general public.

WHY THIS RESEARCH?

As the most diverse faith community and most likely community to be under-resourced (with one-third living below the poverty line), Muslims face challenges protecting from, living with, and bouncing back from environmental challenges and natural disasters. And as a young faith community with just over one quarter between the ages of 18-24, a high percentage of Muslims will be increasingly affected by climate change.

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