



CRITICAL ISSUES POLL

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Prejudice Towards Muslims

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Survey Methodology

This round of the University of Maryland Critical Issues Poll was conducted by SSRS via their probability-based opinion panel among U.S. adults aged 18 and older. Data collection was conducted from July 26 to August 1, 2024, among a sample of 1,912 respondents, with a margin of error of +/- 3.0%. Among these, n=1,510 were from the General Population, n=202 were from an oversample of Black adults, and n=200 were from an oversample of Hispanic adults. The survey was conducted via web in English and data were weighted to represent the target population of U.S. adults ages 18 or older. For this study, there were four weights provided: three weights were computed by race (Black, Hispanic, and White/Other) and there was one overall, final weight computed.

Q10. Assuming that you agree with the general positions of the presidential candidates on issues that are important to you, would you vote for that candidate if he/she were: Evangelical Christian

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Yes	76%	48%	54%	58%
No	8%	31%	24%	21%
I don't know	17%	21%	23%	21%

Jewish

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Yes	71%	73%	64%	68%
No	10%	10%	13%	12%
I don't know	19%	16%	23%	20%

Muslim

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Yes	21%	56%	45%	41%
No	52%	22%	32%	36%
I don't know	27%	22%	24%	24%

Mainline Protestant

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Yes	64%	55%	59%	58%
No	12%	14%	16%	14%
I don't know	24%	31%	25%	28%

Catholic

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Yes	77%	76%	69%	72%
No	10%	9%	12%	11%
I don't know	13%	14%	19%	16%

Mormon

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Yes	48%	41%	44%	44%
No	27%	36%	32%	32%
I don't know	26%	23%	24%	25%

Hindu

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Yes	36%	60%	51%	49%
No	32%	17%	24%	25%
I don't know	31%	23%	25%	26%

Buddhist

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Yes	36%	64%	54%	51%
No	35%	18%	23%	26%
I don't know	29%	18%	23%	24%

Agnostic

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Yes	32%	58%	51%	46%
No	32%	19	24	25
I don't know	36%	23	25	28

Atheist

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Yes	30%	59%	47%	45%
No	51%	25%	32%	36%
I don't know	19%	16%	21%	19%

Q12. Would you say that, in general, the number of: White Americans

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Strengthen American Society	72%	45%	46%	53%
Weaken American Society	3%	19%	12%	12%
Have no impact on society	16%	20%	22%	19%
I don't know	10%	16%	20%	17%

Black Americans

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Strengthen American society	46%	71%	48%	53%
Weaken American society	19%	5%	13%	13%
Have no impact on society	18%	14%	18%	17%
I don't know	18%	10%	20%	17%

Latino Americans

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Strengthen American society	46%	67%	52%	54%
Weaken American society	15%	5%	8%	10%
Have no impact on society	22%	14%	19%	19%
I don't know	18%	14%	21%	18%

Asian Americans

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Strengthen American society	57%	66%	57%	57%
Weaken American society	4%	4%	5%	5%
Have no impact on society	22%	15%	22%	20%
I don't know	18%	16%	17%	18%

Muslim Americans

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Strengthen American society	22%	46%	33%	33%
Weaken American society	35%	11%	22%	22%
Have no impact on society	19%	18%	21%	19%
I don't know	25%	25%	25%	26%

Christian Americans

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Strengthen American society	73%	44%	45%	53%
Weaken American society	3%	25%	19%	16%
Have no impact on society	13%	15%	19%	15%
I don't know	10%	17%	17%	16%

Jewish Americans

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
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Strengthen American society	53%	56%	50%	51%
Weaken American society	5%	6%	5%	6%
Have no impact on society	21%	17%	22%	20%
I don't know	21%	21%	23%	23%

Q15. What is your impression of how labeling people antisemitic is used in the American political discourse?
Used to describe people who are genuinely antisemitic

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All Respondents
Frequently	29%	29%	22%	25%
Sometimes	37%	38%	34%	36%
Not often	11%	12%	15%	13%
Not at all	4%	4%	4%	4%
I don't know	20%	18%	24%	22%

Used to delegitimize political opponents

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All Respondents
Frequently	30%	39%	33%	34%
Sometimes	36%	36%	30%	33%
Not often	9%	5%	8%	8%
Not at all	5%	4%	3%	4%
I don't know	20%	17%	26%	22%

Used to delegitimize critics of Israel

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All Respondents
Frequently	27%	44%	33%	34%
Sometimes	35%	30%	27%	30%
Not often	9%	5%	10%	8%
Not at all	7%	3%	4%	5%
I don't know	22%	18%	27%	23%

Q17. What is your attitude toward each of the following? The Muslim People

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Very Unfavorable	16%	6%	12%	11%
Somewhat Unfavorable	38%	14%	22%	25%
Somewhat Favorable	34%	46%	44%	41%

Very Favorable	12%	34%	22%	23%
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The Muslim Religion

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Very Unfavorable	32%	11%	19%	21%
Somewhat Unfavorable	35%	30%	29%	31%

Somewhat Favorable	25%	37%	34%	32%
Very Favorable	8%	23%	16%	16%

The Jewish People

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Very Unfavorable	4%	4%	6%	5%
Somewhat Unfavorable	6%	10%	11%	10%
Somewhat Favorable	46%	40%	46%	44%
Very Favorable	43%	46%	38%	41%

The Jewish Religion

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
Very Unfavorable	6%	6%	7%	7%
Somewhat Unfavorable	8%	20%	20%	16%
Somewhat Favorable	55%	42%	45%	47%
Very Favorable	32%	32%	28%	30%

Q18. In your life, how familiar are you with people who are Jewish?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
I don't know any	24%	19%	25%	24%
I know some, but not very well	45%	47%	47%	46%
I know some very well	31%	35%	28%	30%

Q19. In your life, how familiar are you with people who are Muslim?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	All respondents
I don't know any	41%	30%	38%	37%

I know some, but not very well	48%	50%	45%	47%
I know some very well	11%	21%	17%	16%