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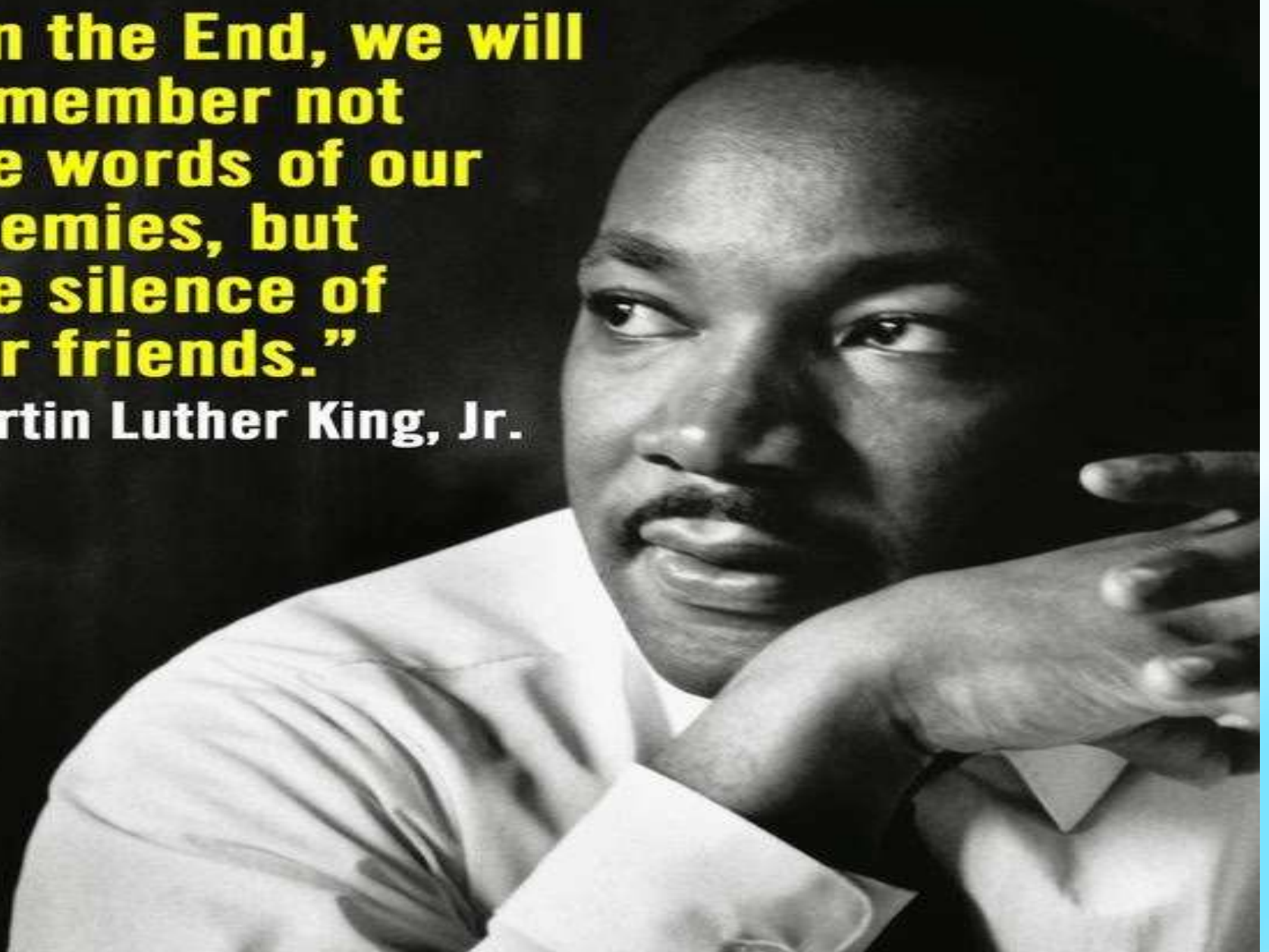
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“In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.



Jot down questions to be answered at Q & A time!

Middle Eastern, Arabic, Arabs, Muslims, ???...

- **Arab** = Person with origins from Arab country
- **Arabic** = language
- **Middle Eastern** = Region (Western Asia)
- **Muslim** = One who practices religion of Islam

Arab

is an *ethnicity*



The Arab World



- Over 400 Million People
- Collective cultural, ethnic, and national Arab Identity

Religious Identity of Arabs

- Numerous religions and ethnic groups in Arab World
- Islam, Judaism and Christianity all originated inside Arab world



Arabic → English

- Adam
- Daniel
- Hud
- Sara
- Idris = Enoch
- Noah = Nuh
- Shaleh = Saleh
- Ibrahim = Abraham
- Lut = Lot
- Ismail = Ishmael
- Ishaq = Issac
- Yaqub = Jacob
- Yousef = Joseph
- Ayyub = Job
- Shuaib = Jethro
- Musa = Moses
- Harun = Aaron
- Dzulkifil = Ezekial
- Dawud = David
- Sulaiman = Soloman
- Ilyas = Elijah
- Alyas'a = Elisha
- Younes = Jonah
- Zakaria = Zachariah
- Yahya = John
- Issa = Jesus
- Mariam = Mary
- Hajar = Hagar

*I say tomatoes,
you say tomatoes....*



~~Tell~~ Teach Us Your Name

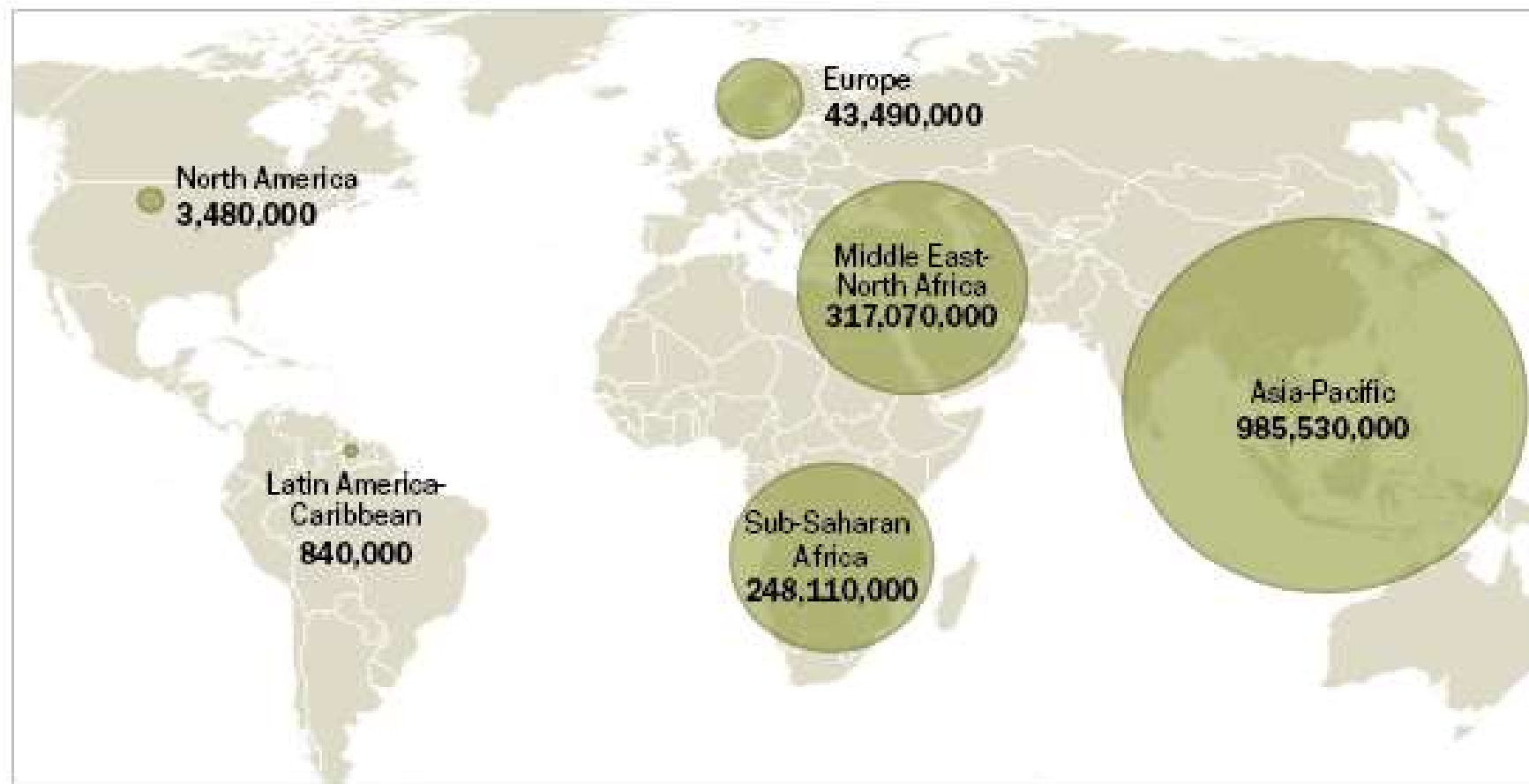
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Regional Distribution of Muslims

Population by region as of 2010



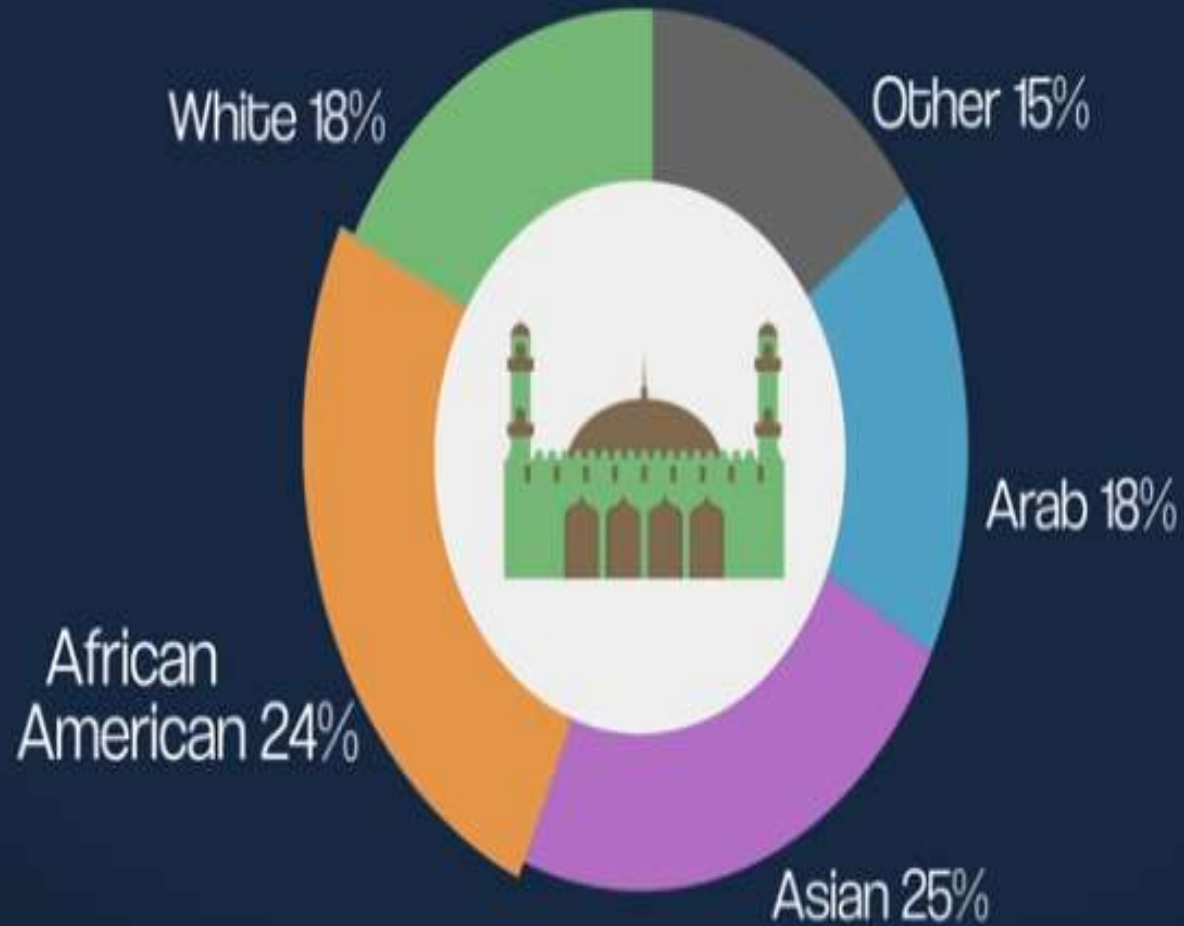
Percentage of world Muslim population in each region as of 2010



Population estimates are rounded to the ten thousands. Percentages are calculated from unrounded numbers. Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.
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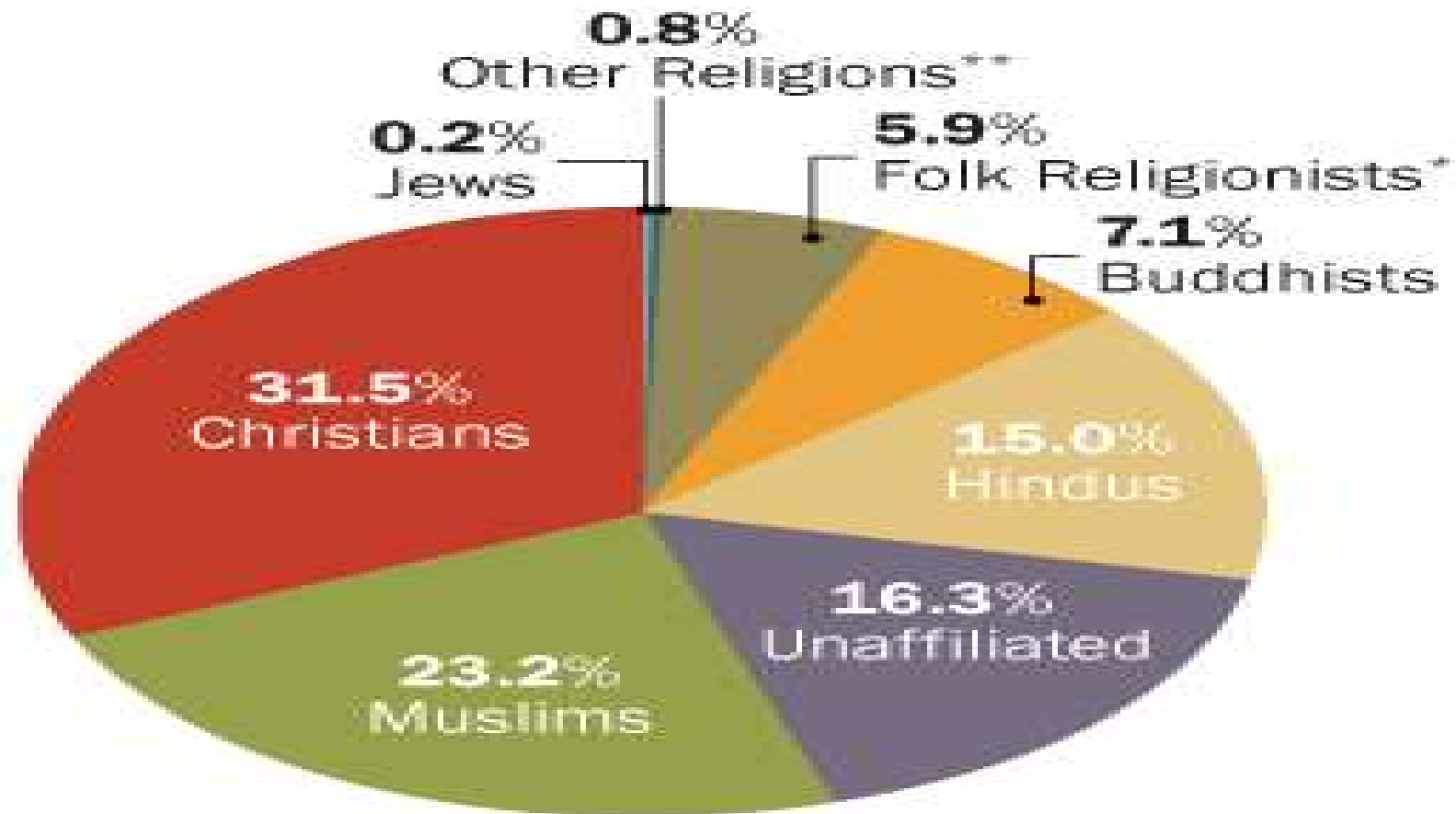
Diversity of Muslims in America

- Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, 2016



Size of Major Religious Groups, 2010

Percentage of the global population



*Includes followers of African traditional religions; Chinese folk religions, Native American religions and Australian aboriginal religions.

**Includes Bahai's, Jains, Sikhs, Shintoists, Taoists, followers of Tenrikyo, Wiccans, Zoroastrians and many other faiths.

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Majority of comparison are similarities, such as...

- Honesty, common good, respect, charity, etc.
- One God as the creator and sustainer of the universe
- 10 Commandments

- Old testament/Torah, New testament/Gospel are holy scriptures
- God sent prophets as messengers to mankind
 - Moral teachings of prophets

Furthermore....

- Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a virgin; Jesus was born miraculously
- Jesus is the Messiah and he performed miracles
- An Anti-Christ will appear on Earth before the Day of Judgment

- Jesus will return by descending from Heaven
 - Will do away with the Anti-Christ
- The Day of Judgment will occur
 - People will be judged
 - There is Hell and Paradise

WWJD

Muslims **MUST** love Jesus

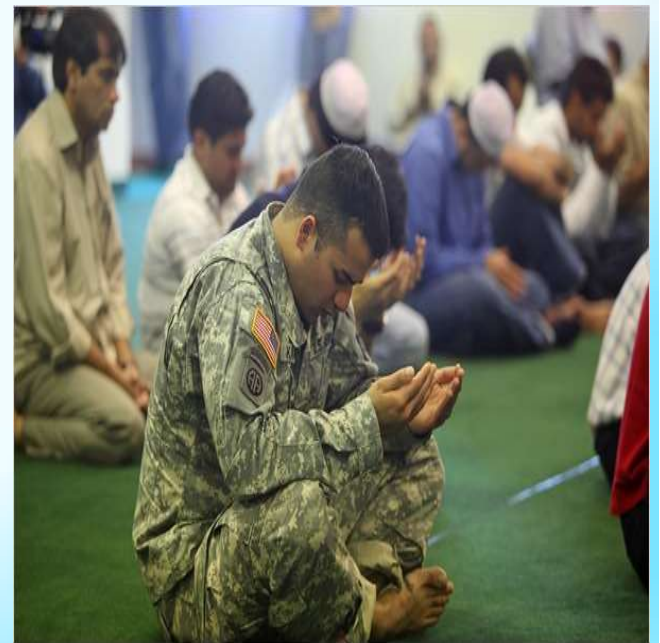
- inspired by same God
 - All prophets had same key message

Peace be with you

- Salam alaykum – Alaykum salam
- Hebrew: Shalom aleyhkum
- **"And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house."**
 - New Testament (Luke 10:5)
- Jesus came and stood among them and said,
"Peace be with you!" - New Testament (John 20:26)

Prayer

- 5 obligatory prayers a day:
 - Sunrise, Mid-day, Afternoon, Sunset, Night
 - Facing Mecca
- Prayer rituals...



Some references to prayer in BIBLE



**PUT OFF
THE SHOES
[EXODUS 3:5]**



**WASH
HANDS
AND
FEET.
[EXODUS
40:31-
32]**



**STAND
AND
PRAY
[MARK
11:25]**



**KNEEL
DOWN
AND
PRAY
[LUKE
22:41]**



**PROSTRATE
AND PRAY
[MATT
26:39]**

Hijab = MODESTY in dress and behavior

- UNNECESSARY in front of husband and...
- Anyone unlawful for marriage in Islam
 - ALL ADOLESCENTS & ALL WOMEN
 - Male siblings and offspring, uncles, grandfather, father-in-law...

- Decision usually not made lightly
 - Very visible sign of Islam
 - Often forced to defend their right to cover
- Women wearing hijab insist that advantages far outweigh any disadvantage *conjured up by media bias or general ignorance*

Muslims Victims Represent Largest Death Toll



**Muslims suffered between 82 and 97%
of terrorism-related fatalities**

The U.S. National Counterterrorism Center, U.S. government organization reported in 2011.

Let's not be un-American...

- Many of us may have forgotten
 - Great-great grandparents
 - Poverty, famine, religious persecution, war, etc
 - Blamed for laziness, terrorism, barbarity, disease, crime, etc
 - We are here because at that time the doors were open for us
 - Fleeing WORST WAR of the 21st CENTURY

51 % Against Syrian Refugees Coming to America

- 61% - No to Jewish Refugee Children, 1939
- 55% – No to Hungarians Fleeing Communism, 1958
- 57% – No to Indochinese (Vietnamese, Cambodians, Laotians) Fleeing Communism, 1979
- 71% - No to Cubans, 1980
- 77% - Not to Haitians, 1994

Pew Global Research, 2015

*Refugees have the most difficult entry procedures
of all groups entering the U.S.*

Odds of death from terrorism are much less than odds of dying by being crushed by furniture

- **Cancer, heart disease, car accidents, alzheimers, etc.**



Gestures



- Same beliefs as to who is permissible removal of hijab relates to...
 - Touching of opposite genders (incl. shaking hands)



NEVER DOUBT THAT
A SMALL GROUP OF
THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED
CITIZENS CAN CHANGE
THE WORLD;
INDEED, IT'S THE ONLY
THING THAT EVER HAS
- MARGARET MEAD

Ma salama!



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