

PRRI/RNS February 2011 Survey
February 11-13, 2011
N=1,015

Q.1 How much, if at all, have you heard about the upcoming hearings to investigate alleged extremism in the American Muslim community being called by Republican Congressman Peter King, the new chair of the Homeland Security Committee?
[READ IN ORDER]

7 A lot
28 A little
65 Nothing at all
1 Don't know (VOL.)
100

Regardless of whether you have heard about the upcoming committee hearings....

Q.2 Do you think holding hearings to investigate alleged extremism in the American Muslim community is a good idea or a bad idea?

56 Good idea
29 Bad idea
3 Other VOL.
12 Don't know (VOL.)
100

Q.3 Now as I read a few statements please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with each one. The first statement is **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**. Next... **[INSERT NEXT]**.

a. Since 2001, Muslims in the U.S. have been unfairly targeted by law enforcement

11 Completely agree
25 Mostly agree
30 Mostly disagree
19 Completely disagree
14 Don't know (VOL.)
100

b. American Muslims ultimately want to establish Shari'a or Islamic law as law of the land in the U.S.

8	Completely agree
15	Mostly agree
28	Mostly disagree
37	Completely disagree
<u>13</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	

c. American Muslims have not done enough to oppose extremism in their own communities

19	Completely agree
27	Mostly agree
21	Mostly disagree
12	Completely disagree
<u>20</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	

d. American Muslims are an important part of the religious community in the U.S.

24	Completely agree
38	Mostly agree
17	Mostly disagree
13	Completely disagree
<u>8</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	

e. I feel well informed about Islam, the Muslim religion, and about the religious beliefs and practices of Muslims

13	Completely agree
32	Mostly agree
26	Mostly disagree
19	Completely disagree
<u>9</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	

f. Congress should investigate religious extremism any where it exists in the U.S., and not just focus on the American Muslim community

38	Completely agree
34	Mostly agree
10	Mostly disagree
12	Completely disagree
<u>6</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	

MEDIA Which of the following television news sources do you trust the MOST to provide accurate information about politics and current events?

23	Broadcast network news, such as NBC, ABC or CBS
20	CNN
26	Fox News
7	MSNBC
4	Comedy Central's Daily Show with Jon Stewart
10	Public Television
3	Other (VOL.)
5	Do not watch television news (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	

Note: Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding

Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. Results of the survey were based on RDD telephone interviews conducted between February 11, 2011 and February 13, 2011 by professional interviewers under the direction of Opinion Research Corporation. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 1,015 adults 18 years of age or older living in private households in the continental United States.

The final sample was weighted to five different parameters—age, sex, geographic region, education and race—to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the total adult population.

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.0 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.