
Support for Terror Wanes Among Muslim Publics
**ISLAMIC EXTREMISM: COMMON CONCERN FOR
MUSLIM AND WESTERN PUBLICS**

17-Nation Pew Global Attitudes Survey
July 2005

Surveys In...

<u>Sample Size</u>		<u>Sample Size</u>	
United States	1,001	Turkey	1,003
Canada	500	Indonesia	1,022
Great Britain	750	*India	2,042
France	751	*Pakistan	1,225
Germany	750	Lebanon	1,000
Spain	751	Jordan	1,000
Netherlands	754	*Morocco	1,000
Russia	1,002	*China	2,191
Poland	1,024		

Surveys conducted from April 20 to
June 16, 2005

* Samples disproportionately urban.

Views About Islamic Extremism

- Common concern about Islamic extremism
- European fears reflect worries about Islamic minorities:
 - Rising Muslim self identification
 - Desire for separatism
- Muslims publics point to: poverty, lack of opportunity, and U.S. policies as causes

Islamic Extremism a Great Threat to Your Country?

	<u>Very great</u> %	<u>Fairly great</u> %	<u>Not too-great</u> %	<u>Not at all</u> %	<u>DK</u> %
Morocco	60	13	7	11	9=100
Pakistan	28	24	11	16	21=100
Turkey	22	25	16	18	19=100
Indonesia	15	30	33	17	5=100
Lebanon	9	17	27	39	8=100
<i>Christians</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>5=100</i>
<i>Muslims</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>11=100</i>
Jordan	2	8	34	53	3=100

Worry about Islamic Extremism In Your Country?

	<u>Very</u> <u>Concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>Concerned</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>Concerned</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>at all</u>	<u>DK</u>
	%	%	%	%	%
Russia	52	32	9	4	3=100
India	48	36	9	4	3=100
Spain	43	34	15	7	1=100
Germany	35	43	14	7	1=100
Great Britain	34	36	22	6	2=100
Netherlands	32	44	22	2	*=100
France	32	41	18	8	*=99
United States	31	39	19	9	3=101
Canada	22	34	27	14	3=100
Poland	7	30	26	23	15=101

Perceptions of Muslims in Your Country

	Want to <u>remain distinct</u>	Increasing sense of <u>Islamic identity</u>
	%	%
Germany	88	66
Russia	72	55
Spain	68	47
Netherlands	65	60
India	61	64
Great Britain	61	63
Canada	60	51
France	59	70
United States	49	50
Poland	42	20

What Causes Islamic Extremism in Your Country?

	<i>Cited in...</i>	
■ U.S. policies and influence	Lebanon	40%
	Jordan	38%
■ Poverty and lack of jobs	Morocco	39%
	Pakistan	38%
	Jordan	25%
	Lebanon	21%
■ Lack of education	Turkey	34%
	Morocco	18%
	Pakistan	16%
■ Immorality	Indonesia	35%
	Jordan	17%
	Turkey	14%
■ Government corruption	Lebanon	14%
	Indonesia	14%
■ Lawlessness	Indonesia	14%

Concerns About Islamic Extremism

	<i>Cited by majorities in...</i>	
■ It is violent	Indonesia	60%
	Morocco	60%
■ Leads to fewer personal freedoms	Lebanon	55%
	Jordan	51%
■ Divides the country	Lebanon	59%
	Jordan	55%
	Morocco	53%
	Turkey	53%
■ Sets back economic development	Jordan	58%

* Based on those who say Islamic extremism poses a threat to their country. Respondents were asked which of the four items concerned them most, then next most. Values listed combine those citing each as the greatest and next greatest concerns.

Ambivalence About Islam in Politics

- Islam seen as playing large role in politics
- An even greater role is welcomed
- Yet, worries about extremism from those seeing Islam playing a large role

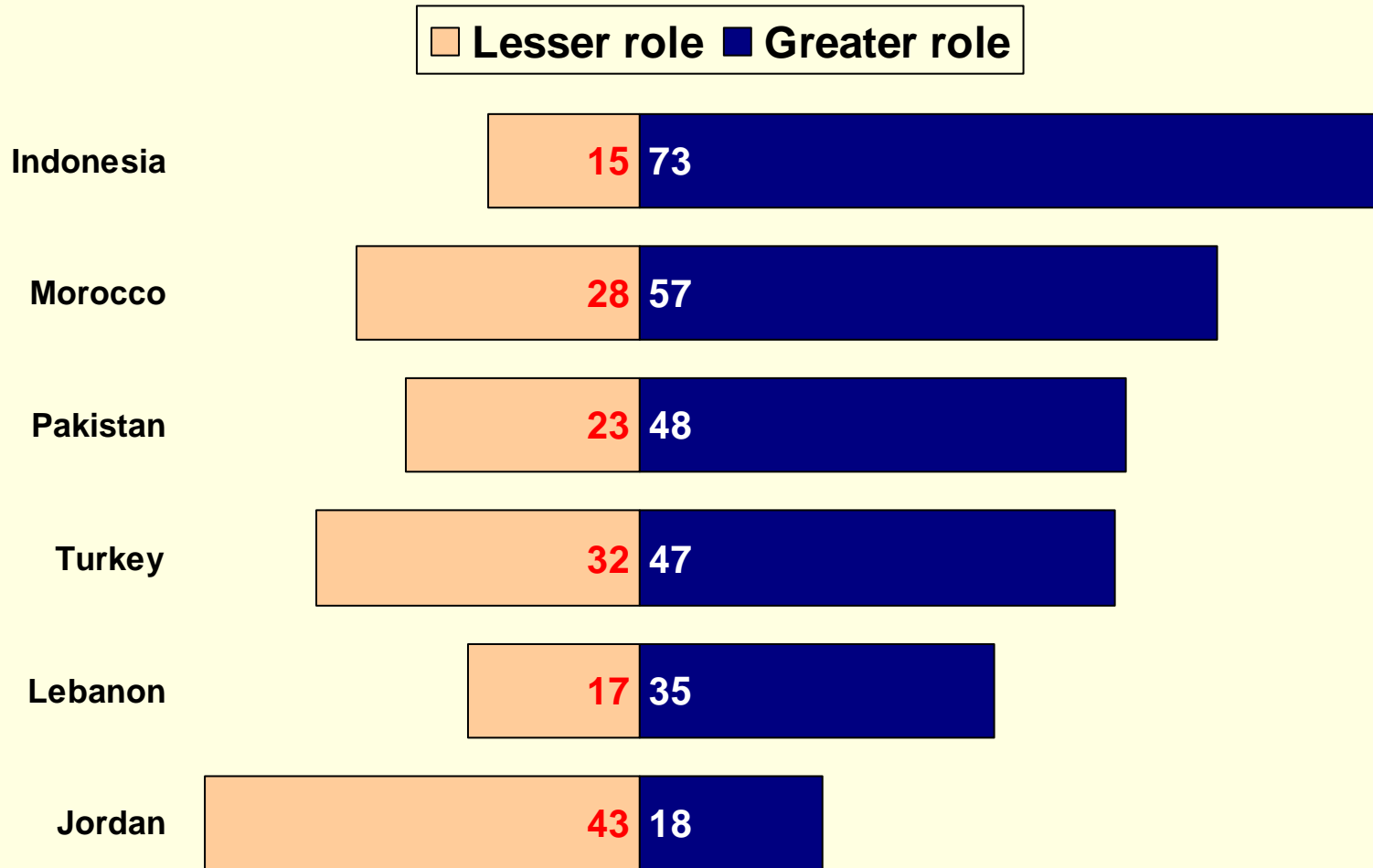
Role of Islam in Political Life

*Islam plays a large role in politics**

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>Change</u>
	%	%	
Turkey	41	62	+21
Lebanon	49	54	+5
Indonesia	86	85	-1
Pakistan	86	62	-24
Jordan	73	30	-43
Morocco	--	75	--

* Islam plays a very or fairly large role in political life of country.

Islam's Role Seen as Increasing



Most Favor, Except in Turkey

Bad thing
 Good thing

Among those who say Islam is playing a GREATER role

Among those who say Islam is playing a LESSER role

Lebanon*



Jordan



Pakistan



Morocco



Indonesia



Turkey



* Lebanon based on Muslims only.

Extremism Concerns Among those Seeing Islam Playing Role in Politics

<i>Perceived extremism threat</i>	<i>Islam plays very large role in political life</i>	
	<u>Yes</u> %	<u>No</u> %
Morocco		
Very great	67 →	52
Fairly great	9	20
Not too/no threat	16	21
Don't know	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>
	100	100
Pakistan		
Very great	38 →	24
Fairly great	22	32
Not too/no threat	27	30
Don't know	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
	100	100
Turkey		
Very great	34 →	17
Fairly great	25	27
Not too/no threat	25	39
Don't know	<u>15</u>	<u>17</u>
	99	100

<i>Perceived extremism threat</i>	<i>Islam plays very large role in political life</i>	
	<u>Yes</u> %	<u>No</u> %
Indonesia		
Very great	26 →	10
Fairly great	23	35
Not too/no threat	47	50
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
	99	100
Lebanon		
Very great	14 →	7
Fairly great	16	17
Not too/no threat	67	67
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>
	100	100
Jordan		
Very great	0	2
Fairly great	13	8
Not too/no threat	84	88
Don't know	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
	100	100

Why Islam's Role is Increasing

- Muslims point to both internal and external factors including:
 - Growing immorality in own country
 - Dissatisfaction with current government
 - Concern about Western influences

Why Islam's Role is Increasing

<i>Because of...</i>	<i>Cited in...</i>	
■ Growing immorality in our society	Jordan	58%
	Morocco	44%
	Turkey	35%
	Indonesia	35%
■ Concerns about Western influence in our country	Lebanon	44%
	Jordan	30%
	Indonesia	30%
■ Dissatisfaction with current government	Pakistan	37%
	Indonesia	31%
	Lebanon	30%

Based on those who say Islam is playing a greater role in politics in their country these days.

Terror Support Wanes

- Compared to 2003:
 - Confidence in Osama Bin Laden declining
 - Fewer see suicide bombing as justifiable

Confidence in Osama bin Laden*

	<u>A lot/ Some</u> %	<u>Not too much</u> %	<u>None</u> %	<u>DK</u> %
Indonesia	35	27	10	27=99
<i>May 2003</i>	58	26	10	7=100
Morocco	26	8	40	26=100
<i>May 2003</i>	49	7	29	15=100
Lebanon	2	9	78	10=99
<i>May 2003</i>	14	18	64	4=100
Turkey	7	6	73	14=100
<i>May 2003</i>	15	7	67	11=100
Jordan	60	20	18	2=100
<i>May 2003</i>	55	26	18	1=100
Pakistan	51	11	12	26=100
<i>May 2003</i>	45	7	20	28=100

*Confidence in Osama bin Laden to do the right thing in world affairs.

Support for Suicide Bombing Declines

*Violence against civilian targets justified in defense of Islam**

	Often/ <u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>DK</u>
	%	%	%	%
Lebanon	39	19	33	10=101
<i>Summer 2002</i>	73	9	12	6=100
Morocco	13	5	79	3=100
<i>March 2004</i>	40	15	38	8=101
Pakistan	25	19	46	10=100
<i>March 2004</i>	41	8	35	17=101
<i>Summer 2002</i>	33	5	38	23=99
Indonesia	15	18	66	1=100
<i>Summer 2002</i>	27	16	54	3=100
Turkey	14	6	66	13= 99
<i>March 2004</i>	15	9	67	9=100
<i>Summer 2002</i>	13	7	64	14=98
Jordan	57	31	11	1=100
<i>Summer 2002</i>	43	22	26	8=99

* Based on Muslim respondents only.

Religious Groups View Each Other

- Favorable views of Muslims predominate in most countries, despite terrorism fears
 - Except in Germany, Netherlands and India
- Muslims hold mixed views of Christians
 - Very negative in Turkey, Morocco and Pakistan
- Anti-Jewish sentiment is endemic in the Muslim world

Views of Christians and Muslims

-- Christians --

	<u>Fav</u>	<u>Unfav</u>
	%	%
Turkey	21	63
Pakistan	22	58
Indonesia	58	38
Lebanon	91	7
Jordan	58	41
Morocco	33	61
China	26	47
India	61	19
United States	87	6
Canada	83	9
Great Britain	85	6
France	84	15
Germany	83	13
Spain	80	10
Netherlands	83	15
Russia	92	3
Poland	86	5

Views of Christians and Muslims

	<i>-- Christians --</i>		<i>-- Muslims --</i>	
	<u>Fav</u>	<u>Unfav</u>	<u>Fav</u>	<u>Unfav</u>
	%	%	%	%
Turkey	21	63	83	11
Pakistan	22	58	94	2
Indonesia	58	38	99	1
Lebanon	91	7	92	7
Jordan	58	41	99	1
Morocco	33	61	97	3
China	26	47	20	50
India	61	19	46	43
United States	87	6	57	22
Canada	83	9	60	26
Great Britain	85	6	72	14
France	84	15	64	34
Germany	83	13	40	47
Spain	80	10	46	37
Netherlands	83	15	45	51
Russia	92	3	55	36
Poland	86	5	46	30

Views of Jews

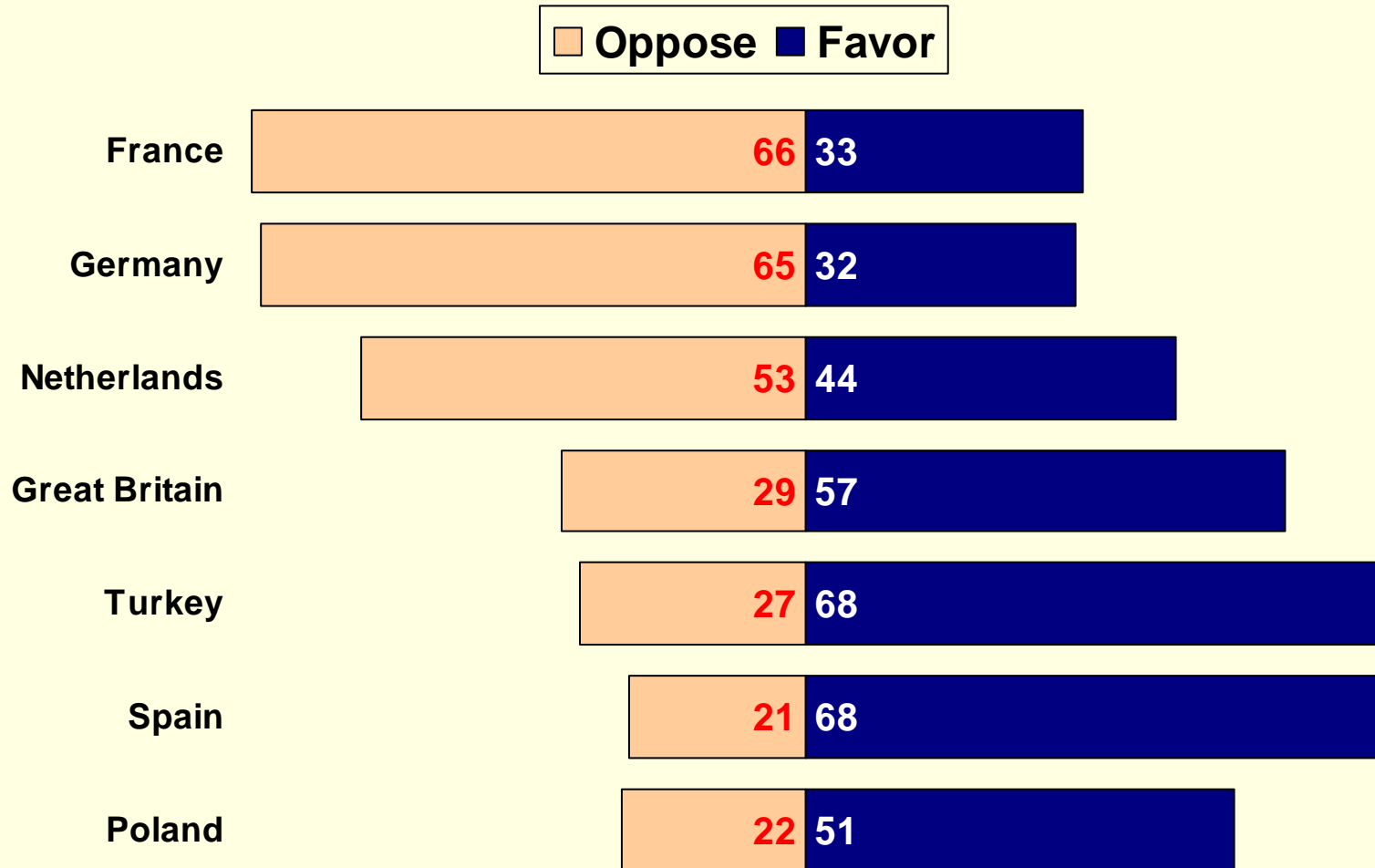
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	<u>Fav</u>	<u>Unfav</u>
	%	%
Turkey	18	60
Pakistan	5	74
Indonesia	13	76
Lebanon	0	99
Jordan	0	100
Morocco	8	88
China	28	49
India	28	17
United States	77	7
Canada	78	11
Great Britain	78	6
France	82	16
Germany	67	21
Spain	58	20
Netherlands	85	11
Russia	63	26
Poland	54	27

Turkey and the European Union

- European extremism worries weigh down support for admitting Turkey to EU
- But, European concerns about national identity also hurt Turkey's candidacy

Turkey Joining the European Union



Immigration Concerns Associated with Opposition to Turkey's EU Bid

<i>Opposition to Turkish membership...</i>	<i>Mideast and N. African Immigration</i>			<i>Eastern European Immigration</i>		
	<u>Good thing</u>	<u>Bad thing</u>	<u>Diff.</u>	<u>Good thing</u>	<u>Bad thing</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
	%	%		%	%	
Netherlands	38	67	+29	40	67	+27
France	54	81	+27	55	79	+24
Germany	49	76	+27	52	74	+22
Great Britain	23	44	+21	23	46	+23
Spain	17	32	+15	20	26	+6
Poland	19	26	+7	NA	NA	

How Muslims View America

- More favorable view of U.S. among young in Morocco
- Across the board boost in Indonesia
- Muslim women have a somewhat more favorable view of U.S.

Modest Gender Differences In U.S. Image

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>DK</u>
Pakistan	%	%	%
Men	17	74	9=100
Women	28	45	28=101
Lebanon			
Men	39	61	*=100
Women	46	54	*=100
Morocco			
Men	47	48	4=99
Women	52	40	8=100
Indonesia			
Men	37	60	3=100
Women	40	52	8=100
Turkey			
Men	21	72	6=99
Women	25	62	13=100
Jordan			
Men	21	80	0=101
Women	20	80	0=100

U.S. Viewed More Favorably by Young

	Overall Percent Favorable	<i>-----by Age-----</i>		<i>Diff.</i>
	<u> </u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35+</u>	
	%	%	%	
Morocco	49	53	45	+8
Lebanon	42	46	39	+7
Indonesia	38	36	40	-4
Pakistan	23	28	18	+10
Turkey	23	29	17	+12
Jordan	21	22	18	+4

Do You Consider Yourself...

