

# Khutbah

*Relevant*

*Insightful*

*Engaging*

**360°**

Does this look  
like a  
village  
to you?



# Mercurius Politicus

COMPRISING

The sum of Foreign Intelligence, with  
the Affairs now on Foot in the Three Nations  
OF  
ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, and IRELAND;  
And particularly those of the Honorable  
City of LONDON.

Published by Order.

From Thursday March 22. to Thursday March 29. 1660.

From Douvrs, March 23.



From the Flemish Coast we have News, that  
the Peace between *France* and *Spain*, hath  
at length been proclaimed with very great  
solemnity at *Brussels*, and in all the other  
Towns of note throughout *Flanders*.

Also that the Princess of *Orange*, having  
been highly caressed with her Brothers at *Brussels*, was de-  
parted thence to *Antwerp*, being conducted thither by her  
Brothers, in order to her return into *Holland*.

That at *Dunkirk*, our Friends are in a good posture, to  
oppose

**BREAKING**  
**news.**



**FOX NEWS**  
7:18 MT  
**PRES OBAMA: ISIS IS NOT ISLAMIC**  
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# FEAR

# Suspicion

“Suspicion always haunts the guilty mind.”  
William Shakespeare





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POSTMEDIA



**CHANGE  
STARTS WITH  
ME.**

# SPEAK UP & ENGAGE

مَنْ رَأَى مِنْكُمْ مُنْكَرًا فَلْيُغَيِّرْهُ بِيَدِهِ  
 فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فَبِلِسَانِهِ  
 فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فَبِقَلْبِهِ  
 وَذَلِكَ أضعفُ الإيمَانِ

*"Whoever amongst you sees anything objectionable, let him change it with his hand, if he is not able, then with his tongue, and if he is not even able to do so, then with his heart, and the latter is the weakest form of faith."*

(Muslim)



# SPEAK UP & ENGAGE



أفضل الجهاد كلمة عدل ( و في رواية : حق ) عند سلطان  
جائر

*“The best Jihad is to speak a word of truth to a tyrant ruler.”*

(Tirmidhi & Abu Dawud)

# SPEAK UP & ENGAGE

أَدْفَعْ بِأَلَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ السَّيِّئَةِ نَحْنُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يَصِفُونَ

*Repel evil with that which is better.*

*We are Best-Acquainted with the things they utter.*

(Qur'an - 23:96)

وَلَا تَسْتَوِي الْحَسَنَةُ وَلَا السَّيِّئَةُ ادْفَعْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ  
فَإِذَا الَّذِي بَيْنَكَ وَبَيْنَهُ عَدَاوَةٌ كَأَنَّهُ وَوَلِيٌّ حَمِيمٌ

*Good and evil are not equal.*

*Repel (evil) with what is best, and you will see that the one you had mutual enmity with him will turn as if he were a close friend.*

(Qur'an - 41:34)





# How Americans Feel About Religious Groups



Pew Research  
Centre

July 2014

Knowing someone from a religious group is linked with having relatively more positive views of that group. Those who say they know someone who is Jewish, for example, give Jews an average thermometer rating of 69, compared with a rating of 55 among those who say they do not know anyone who is Jewish. Atheists receive a neutral rating of 50, on average, from people who say they personally know an atheist, but they receive a cold rating of 29 from those who do not know an atheist. Similarly, Muslims get a neutral rating (49 on average) from those who know a Muslim, and a cooler rating (35) from those who do not know a Muslim.

## Personal Familiarity With Group Members Linked With More Positive Views

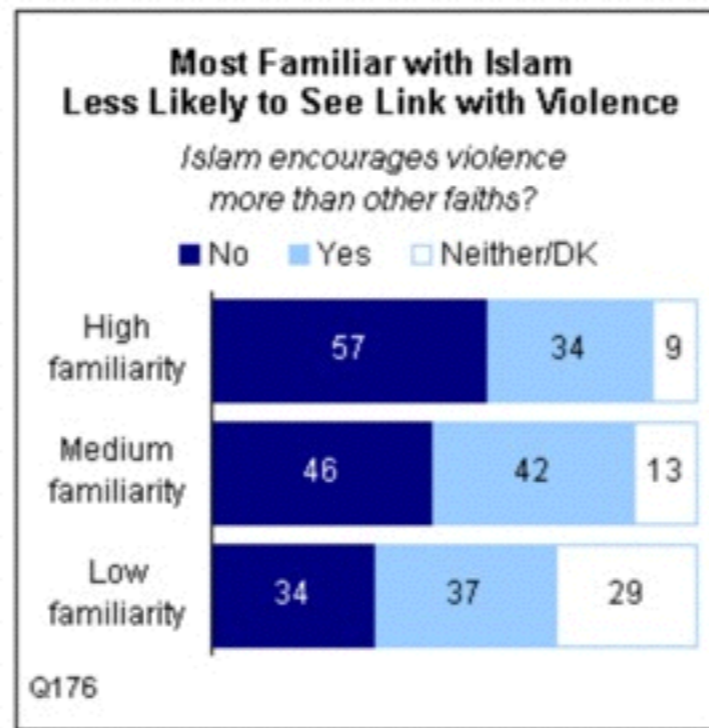
*Mean Thermometer Ratings  
(0=coldest, most negative;  
100=warmest, most positive)*

Mean rating given to...	Total	Know Anyone From Group?	
		Yes	No
Jews	63	69	55
Catholics	62	64	47
Evangelicals	61	65	49
Buddhists	53	70	48
Hindus	50	63	47
Mormons	48	53	44
Atheists	41	50	29
Muslims	40	49	35

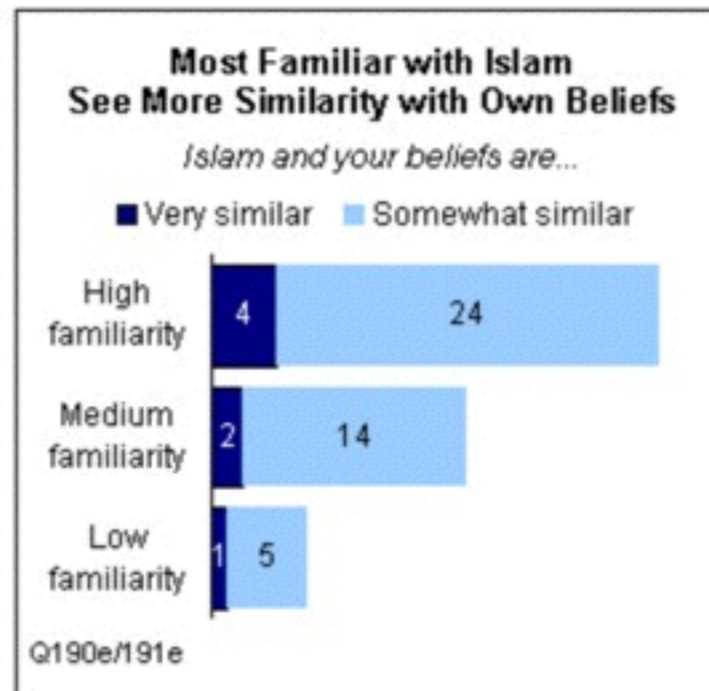
American Trends Panel (wave 4). Survey conducted May 30-June 30, 2014. REL3a-h. Based on all respondents (including those who belong to the group in question).

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

The survey shows that higher levels of familiarity with Islam, and especially knowing someone who is Muslim, are associated with more positive views toward the religion. For example, among the group with the highest level of familiarity with Islam, most reject the idea that Islam encourages violence (57%). By contrast, fewer than half of those with medium familiarity with Islam (46%) and one-third of those with little familiarity (34%) reject the idea of a link between Islam and violence. Not surprisingly, people with lower levels of familiarity with Islam exhibit higher levels of non-response in attitudes about Islam, saying they do not know whether it is more or less likely than other religions to encourage violence.



Similarly, those with the highest levels of familiarity with Islam express the most favorable views of Muslims. Nearly six-in-ten of those most familiar with Islam express favorable views of Muslims, compared with less than four-in-ten among those with less familiarity.



Regardless of their familiarity with Islam, more Americans say that their beliefs are different from rather than similar to the Muslim religion. However, even on this question, those who are most familiar with Islam stand out as being more likely to say that their religion is similar to Islam (27% vs. 7% among those with low familiarity). More than a third (35%) of those with low familiarity say they do not know whether their religion is similar to or different from Islam.

## Results from the 2009 Annual Religion and Public Life Survey

Pew Research Centre

# THANK YOU



Dear Neighbour,

For the last 30 days, Muslims in our city and around the world have been observing the Islamic lunar month of Ramadan, a month of fasting (no food or drink between dawn and sunset), extra charity, mercy and kindness.

The observance of Ramadan had changed our family's daily schedule. Meal gatherings were held late in the evening (at sunset), while mosques and centres hosted prayers late at night and the early hours of the morning.

Ramadan has just come to an end and now we're celebrating the Festival of Fast-Breaking (called *Eid al-Fitr*). It's a time of thankfulness, sharing and family fun. As such, it is customary to exchange gifts.

Thank you for your patience while we observed Ramadan with activities late at night and early in the morning. Please accept this small gift from our family to yours.

Sincerely,

*Front: Canada's first mosque was built in Edmonton in 1938 in a campaign spearheaded by women. Today, the original structure of the Al-Rashid Mosque is preserved at Fort Edmonton Park. It stands proudly beside Alberta's historic churches as a symbol of the Muslim strand in Canada's pioneer heritage, which traces back to the mid-1800s.*

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِّمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنَّنِي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

*Who is better in speech than one who calls to Allah, works righteousness, and says,  
“I am one of the Muslims.”*

(Qur'an - 41:33)

# QUESTIONS

- What opportunities/avenues/forums do we have to speak up and reach out?
- Which areas need positive engagement the most?
- What are the issues we need to address urgently?





"THE SEEKING OF  
KNOWLEDGE IS  
OBLIGATORY FOR  
EVERY MUSLIM"

AT-TIRMIDHI

# KNOWLEDGE

إن هذا العلم دين فليَنظر أحدكم عن من يأخذ دينه

*“This knowledge is a matter of **deen**, so be careful who you take your **deen** from.”*

(Muhammad ibn Sireen - 653-728 AD/33-100 AH)

# KNOWLEDGE

Look for people with:

- ♦ Knowledge
- ♦ Piety
- ♦ Context
- ♦ Availability

# QUESTIONS

- What barriers do youth (and adults) face in acquiring Islamic knowledge?
- What works & what doesn't work?
- What type of Islamic educational approaches are needed?

# THANK YOU!

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