

BBC
Multiculturalism Poll
FINAL RESULTS
10th August 2005

- Results are based on a nationally representative sample of 1,004 GB adults aged 16+ years
- Interviews for the national sample were conducted by telephone using Random Digit Dialling
- The national sample includes 25 Muslim respondents. In addition to this, 204 interviews were conducted on a booster survey of Muslims. Interviews were conducted by telephone with Muslim respondents who had agreed to be re-contacted after taking part in MORI's face to face Omnibus Surveys. 112 were conducted using such leads. The remainder 92 interviews were conducted using Random Digit Dialling across 27 local authority areas containing clusters of wards with a Muslim population penetration of at least 10%.
- The topline shows two sets of data, the national sample (N= 1,004 and labelled 'National') and the booster survey among Muslims (N= 229 and labelled 'Muslim'), which includes Muslim respondents interviewed as part of the national sample.
- Fieldwork was conducted on 8th - 9th August 2005
- National data are weighted by age, gender, social class, work status and Government Office Region to reflect the population profile
- The Muslim booster sample is weighted according to age, gender and work status to reflect the Muslim population profile using 2001 Census Data.
- When results do not add up to 100%, this may be due to computer rounding or multiple responses
- An asterisk (*) denotes a finding of less than 0.5% but greater than zero
- Base: All adults (aged 16+) unless otherwise stated

Q1. **Do you think Britain is becoming more or less racially tolerant, or is there no change?**

	National % (Base: 1,004)	Muslim % (Base: 229)
More	34	31
Less	39	31
No change	22	32
Don't know	5	5
Refused	*	1

Q2A **I am going to read out some statements and would like you to tell me which one of the statements comes closest to your view.**

	National % (Base: 1,004)	Muslim % (Base: 229)
Multiculturalism makes Britain a better place to live	62	82
OR Multiculturalism threatens the British way of life	32	13
Don't know	6	6
Refused	1	0

Q2B I am going to read out some statements and would like you to tell me which one of the statements comes closest to your view.

	National % (Base: 1,004)	Muslim % (Base: 229)
OR		
People who come to live in Britain should adopt the values and traditions of British culture	58	29
People who come to live in Britain should be free to live their lives by the values and traditions of their own culture	35	59
Don't know	7	11
Refused	*	1

Q3 Would you describe yourself as . . . ?

	National % (Base: 1,004)	Muslim % (Base: 229)	BSA survey 2003†
A) Very racially prejudiced against people from other races	2	0	3
B) A little racially prejudiced against people from other races	23	8	27
C) Not prejudiced at all	75	92	69
Don't know	1	1	1**
Refused	0	0	*

†This question was asked face to face on the 2003 British Social Attitudes survey, so results should be interpreted with caution

**includes 'Others'.

Q4 Do you agree or disagree that "when British teams do well in international competitions, such as sporting events, it makes me proud"?

	National % (Base: 1,004)	Muslim % (Base: 229)
Agree	90	88
Disagree	7	7
Don't know	2	5
Refused	*	0

Q5 Do you agree or disagree that "the policy of multiculturalism in Britain has been a mistake and should be abandoned"?

	National % (Base: 1,004)	Muslim % (Base: 229)
Agree	21	14
Disagree	68	74
Don't know	11	12
Refused	*	0

Q6 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		Agree %	Disagree %	Don't know %	Refused %
A)	My area doesn't feel like Britain any more because of immigration				
	National	(Base: 1,004) 12	86	2	0
	Muslim	(Base: 229) 23	74	3	0
B)	Parts of this country don't feel like Britain any more because of immigration				
	National	(Base: 1,004) 54	40	6	*
	Muslim	(Base: 229) 36	57	7	*

Q7 I am now going to read out a number of statements. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each.

Immigrants who become British citizens should be made to

		Agree %	Disagree %	Don't know %	Refused %
A)learn English				
	National	(Base: 1,004) 82	17	1	0
	Muslim	(Base: 229) 90	10	0	0
B)pledge their primary loyalty to Britain				
	National	(Base: 1,004) 73	23	4	*
	Muslim	(Base: 229) 76	18	6	0
C)swear allegiance to the national flag				
	National	(Base: 1,004) 50	45	5	0
	Muslim	(Base: 229) 55	35	9	*
D)swear allegiance to the Crown				
	National	(Base: 1,004) 51	45	5	*
	Muslim	(Base: 229) 50	40	10	0
E)accept the authority of British institutions				
	National	(Base: 1,004) 93	4	2	0
	Muslim	(Base: 229) 91	5	4	*
F)integrate fully into British society				
	National	(Base: 1,004) 73	22	4	0
	Muslim	(Base: 229) 69	26	5	0
G)accept the rights of women as equal citizens				
	National	(Base: 1,004) 96	3	1	*
	Muslim	(Base: 229) 95	4	*	0

Q8 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		Agree %	Disagree %	Don't know %	Refused %
A)	Schools should be free to demand that Muslim students remove headscarves when at school				
	National (Base: 1,004)	35	58	6	*
	Muslim (Base: 229)	17	78	4	1
B)	Employers should be free to demand that Muslim women remove headscarves at work				
	National (Base: 1,004)	30	63	6	*
	Muslim (Base: 229)	13	84	2	1

Q10 I am now going to read out some statements about different religions. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each.

		Agree %	Disagree %	Don't know %	Refused %
A)	Britain's national identity is essentially Christian				
	National (Base: 1,004)	69	27	5	0
	Muslim (Base: 229)	57	37	6	0
B)	Islam is incompatible with the values of British democracy				
	National (Base: 1,004)	27	49	24	*
	Muslim (Base: 229)	18	66	16	0
C)	Given Britain's multicultural nature, the monarch should <u>no longer</u> be the head of the established Church of England				
	National (Base: 1,004)	26	66	8	*
	Muslim (Base: 229)	28	43	28	1

Q11A I am going to read out some statements and would like you to tell me which one of the statements comes closest to your view.

Given the threat to Britain from terrorism, we should be:

	National % (Base: 1,004)	Muslim % (Base: 229)
More concerned about ensuring the rights of ethnic minorities are protected	58	81
OR Less concerned about ensuring the rights of ethnic minorities are protected	30	9
Don't know	11	9
Refused	1	*

Q11B I am going to read out some statements and would like you to tell me which one of the statements comes closest to your view.

Given the threat to Britain from terrorism, we should:

National Muslim

		%	%
		(Base: 1,004)	(Base: 229)
	Encourage ethnic communities to integrate more with White British communities	45	43
OR	Encourage greater tolerance between different ethnic communities	50	49
	Don't know	5	8
	Refused	*	0

Q12 Given the threat from international terrorism, would you say it is acceptable or unacceptable for the British Government to . . . ?

		Acceptable %	Unacceptable %	Don't know %	Refused %
A)	Detain suspected terrorists without trial				
	National (Base: 1,004)	60	36	4	*
	MORI/Observer/Sunday Mirror poll**	55	41	4	0
B)	Place suspected terrorists under house arrest				
	National (Base: 1,004)	82	14	4	0
	MORI/Observer/Sunday Mirror poll**	74	21	4	0
C)	Conduct some terror trials without a jury				
	National (Base: 1,004)	31	64	5	0
	Muslim (Base: 229)	25	66	9	0
D)	Make it easier to convict terrorist suspects				
	National (Base: 1,004)	65	26	8	1
	Muslim (Base: 229)	59	31	10	0
E)	Limit freedom of speech to prevent the spread of radical Islamist views				
	National (Base: 1,004)	52	41	7	*
	Muslim (Base: 229)	40	50	10	0
F)	Stop and search people on the basis of their race				
	National (Base: 1,004)	32	65	3	*
	Muslim (Base: 229)	24	72	5	0
G)	Stop all asylum into the UK				
	National (Base: 1,004)	37	58	5	*
	Muslim (Base: 229)	36	57	7	1
H)	Deport or exclude non-UK citizens who encourage terrorism				
	National (Base: 1,004)	91	7	2	0
	Muslim (Base: 229)	74	20	5	0

** This poll was conducted among 1,004 British adults aged 18+ by telephone between 7-9 April 2005, so before any of the terrorist attacks in London