

**ZA5001**

**Religionsmonitor 2008 –  
Muslimische Religiosität in Deutschland**

- Fragebogen englisch -**
- Questionnaire English -**

## Religion Monitor

### Muslim Religiousness in Germany

#### INTRO

Good morning/afternoon, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ from TNS Emnid, institute of public opinion research in Bielefeld, Germany.

Within the scope of an international research project we are currently implementing a survey on global views. **In the course of this research, we are cooperating with the Muslim Academy in Germany.** Your household has been randomly selected for this poll. In order to guarantee that this survey is representative, it would be important for us to speak to the person from your household whose birthday is closest to today, and is at least 18 years old. The interview will take about 15-20 minutes. Of course your answers are voluntary and we will keep them anonymous.

All questions focus solely on your personal attitude. If you have never thought about (bothered with) topics in particular questions in this interview, you may always choose to answer that you do not have an opinion (or do not know).

- 1: Interviewee is ready for the poll immediately
- 2: Interviewee not present, make an appointment
- 3: Interviewee refuses

#### Question 1 (100-106)

Now I will read some areas of life to you. Please tell me how important each of these are to you personally.

- your family and children
- spouse/partner
- work and occupation
- free time
- politics
- religiousness
- education

(INT.: Read out!)

- 1: not at all important
- 2: not very important
- 3: moderately important
- 4: quite important
- 5: very important

9: don't know, n.a. (INT.:Don't read out!)

**Question 2 (107)**

**If Q2 = "1," "2," "4," "5" or "6" → End of interview**

May I ask, which of the following religious communities do you belong to?

(INT.: Read out!)

- 1: Christianity,
- 2: Judaism,
- 3: Islam,
- 4: Hinduism,
- 5: Buddhism,
- 6: another religious community
- 7: no religious community?

9: don't know, n.a. (INT.: Don't read out!)

**Question 2a**

**Ask Q2a only IF Q2 = "7" or "9"**

Were you, in the past, a member of a religious community?

(INT.: Don't read out!)

- 1: yes
- 2: no

9: don't know, n.a. (INT.: don't read out)

If Q2a = "2" or "9" → End of interview

**Question 2b**

**If Q2a = "1"**

And which of the following communities did you belong to?

(INT.: Read out!)

- 1: Christianity,
- 2: Judaism,
- 3: Islam,
- 4: Hinduism,
- 5: Buddhism,
- 6: another religious community

If 2b NOT "3" → End of interview

If 2b = "3" → Ask Q3c, interview ends afterwards

**Question 3b (109)**

**If question 2 = "3"**

And which denomination do you belong to? Are you...

(INT.: Read out!)

- 1: **Schi'a**
- 2: **Sunna**
- 3: Alevi
- 5: **or do you belong to another denomination?**

9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out!)

**Question 3c**

If Q2b = "3"

And which denomination did you belong to? Were you...

(INT.: Read out!)

1: Shi'a

2: Sunna

3: Alevi

5: or did you belong to another denomination?

9: don't know, n.a. (INT.: don't read out)

After 3c → End of interview

**Question 5 (111)**

Has religion been part of your up-bringing?

(INT.: Don't read out!)

1: yes

2: no

9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out!)

**Question 5a**

How important are the following things to you?

- a) Adherence to dietary laws
- b) Adherence to dress laws
- c) Fasting during Ramadan
- d) Engaging in ritual purification (Wudu, or ablution)
- e) Making the pilgrimage to Mecca in your lifetime (Hajj)
- f) Giving alms (Zakaat)

1: not at all

2: a little

3: medium

4: fairly

5: very

9: don't know, n.a. (INT.: Don't read out)

**Question 5b**

How often do you eat pork?

(INT.: Read out!)

1: never

2: rarely

3: occasionally  
4: often  
5: very often

9: don't know, n.a. (INT.: don't read out)

**Question 5c**

How often do you consume alcohol?

(INT.: Read out!)

1: never  
2: rarely  
3: occasionally  
4: often  
5: very often

9: don't know, n.a. (INT.: don't read out)

**Question 5d)**

Do you believe a Muslim woman should wear a headscarf?

1: yes  
2: no

9: don't know, n.a. (INT.: don't read out)

**Question 6 (112-114)**

How often do you do the following?

6a) How often do you engage in ritual prayer (salat)?

(INT.: Read out!)

1a: five times a day  
1b: two to four times a day  
2: once a day  
3: more than once a week  
4: once a week  
5: one to three times a month  
6: a few times a year  
7: less often  
8: never

9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out!)

6b) How often do you say personal prayers (du'a)?

(INT.: Read out!)

1: several times a day  
2: once a day  
3: more than once a week

- 4: once a week
- 5: one to three times a month
- 6: a few times a year
- 7: less often
- 8: never
  
- 9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out!)

6c) How often do you meditate?

- (INT.: Read out!)
- 1: several times a day
  - 2: once a day
  - 3: more than once a week
  - 4: once a week
  - 5: one to three times a month
  - 6: a few times a year
  - 7: less often
  - 8: never
  
  - 9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out!)

#### Question 8 (119)

How often do you take part in congregational or Friday prayers?

- (INT.: Read out!)
- 1: once a week
  - 2: one to three times a month
  - 3: a few times a year
  - 4: less often
  - 5: never
  
  - 9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out!)

#### Question 8a

How many different mosques have you attended for the congregational or Friday prayer during the last year?

- (INT.: Read out!)
- 1: always the same mosque
  - 2: two different mosques
  - 3: three different mosques
  - 4: more than three different mosques
  - 5: none
  
  - 9: don't know, n.a. (INT.: don't read out)

**Question 10 (121-128)**

How do you personally experience the following ?

(INT.: Read out!)

- a) How often do you think about religious issues?
- b) How often do you experience situations where you have the feeling that God or something divine wants to communicate or to reveal something to you?
- c) How often do you experience situations where you have the feeling that God or something divine intervenes in your life?
- d) How often do you experience situations where you have the feeling that you are at one with all?
- e) How often do you think about suffering and injustice in this world?
- f) How often are you critical towards religious teachings you in principle agree with?
- g) How often do you rethink certain aspects of your religious views?
- h) How often do you read religious or spiritual books?

(INT.: Read out!)

- 1: never
- 2: rarely
- 3: occasionally
- 4: often
- 5: very often

9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out!)

**Question 11 (130)**

All in all, how religious would you consider yourself to be? Not at all, not very, moderately, quite, or very religious?

(INT.: Don't read out!)

- 1: not at all religious
- 2: not very religious
- 3: moderately religious
- 4: quite religious
- 5: very religious

9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out!)

**Question 12 (131)**

Putting aside whether or not you would describe yourself as a religious person, how spiritual would you say you are? Not at all, not very, moderately, quite, or very spiritual?

(INT.: Don't read out!)

- 1: not at all spiritual
- 2: not very spiritual
- 3: moderately spiritual
- 4: quite spiritual
- 5: very spiritual

9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out!)

### Question 13 (132-145)

Now I will ask you some questions about the importance of several aspects of religiousness.

(INT.: Read out!)

- a) How interested are you in learning more about religious issues?
- b) How important is ritual prayer (salat) for you?
- c) How important is personal prayer (du'a) for you?
- d) How important is meditation to you?
- e) To what extent do you believe in God or something divine?
- f) How important is participating in congregational or Friday prayer to you?
- g) To what extent do you believe in an afterlife? - e.g. immortality of the soul, resurrection of the dead or reincarnation?
- h) To what extent do you adhere to religious commandments in your daily life?
- i) How important is it for you to consider religious issues from different perspectives?
- j) To what extent are you looking for something in your religious beliefs?
- k) To what extent do you believe in the efficacy of supernatural powers?
- l) To what extent do you believe in astrology?
- m) To what extent do you believe in the efficacy of demons?
- n) To what extent do you believe in the efficacy of angels?

(INT.: Read out!)

- 1: not at all
- 2: not very much
- 3: moderately
- 4: quite a bit
- 5: very much so

9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out!)

### Question 13a

And how important are the following aspects of religiousness to you?

(INT.: Read out!)

- a) How strongly do you believe in the efficacy of the devil?
- b) How strongly do you believe in the existence of Hell?
- c) How strongly do you believe in God's promise of paradise?

(INT.: Read out!)

- 1: not at all
- 2: a little
- 3: medium
- 4: fairly
- 5: very

9: don't know, n.a. (INT.:Don't read out)

If (Q11 AND Q12) NOT "1"

### Question 14 (150 – 160)

To what extent do your religious beliefs affect the following areas of your life?

(INT.: Read out!)

- the upbringing of your children



- your relation with your partner
- your work, your occupation
- your free time
- your political opinion
- your attitude towards nature
- your attitude towards sexuality
- your coping with disease
- your questioning the meaning of life
- your coping with life crises
- your dealings with vital events in your family, like birth, marriage, or death

(INT.: Read out!)

1: not at all

2: not very much

3: moderately

4: quite a bit

5: very much so

8: does not apply (INT.: Don't read out!)

9: don't know, n.a. (INT.: Don't read out!)

#### **Question 14a**

And how strongly does your religiousness affect the following areas of your life?

(INT.: Read out!)

- choosing a partner for marriage
- naming your children

(INT.: Read out!)

1: not at all

2: a little

3: medium

4: fairly

5: very

8: not applicable (Don't read out)

9: don't know, n.a. (INT.: Don't read out)

**If (Q11 AND Q12) NOT "1"**

#### **Question 15 (170 – 184)**

How often do you experience the following in relation to God or something divine?

(INT.: Read out! Repeat question from time to time)

- awe
- guilt
- protection
- rage
- gratitude
- strength
- anxiety

- joy
- release from guilt
- love
- hope
- liberation from an evil power
- justice
- help
- despair

(INT.: Read out!)

1: never

2: rarely

3: occasionally

4: often

5: very often

9: don't know, n.a. (INT.: Don't read out!)

#### **Question 16 (185-197)**

To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

- a) (not applicable)
- b) (not applicable)
- c) (not applicable)
- d) For me every religion has a core of truth.
- e) I believe that one should have an open mind to all religions.
- f) For myself I rely on teachings from several different religious traditions.
- g) I believe that the end of the world is near.
- h) I am prepared to make considerable sacrifices for my religion.
- i) I try to convert as many people to my religion as possible.
- j) For my religiousness it is important to be constantly on guard against evil.
- k) I am convinced that in questions of religion, my own religion is right while other religions tend to be wrong.
- l) I am convinced that primarily members of my religion will be saved.
- m) For my religiousness it is important that I resolutely fight against evil.

(INT.: Read out!)

1: totally agree

2: tend to agree

3: have no definite opinion

4: tend to disagree

5: totally disagree

(INT.: Don't read out!)

6: never bothered

9: don't know, n.a.

## SOZIODEMOGRAPHICS - INTERNATIONAL

### S1 (300-301)

How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_ Years

### S2 (302)

Gender (Interviewer provides info)

1: male

2: female

### S3 (303)

Do you live with a partner?

1: yes

2: no

9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out!)

### S4 (304)

Do you have children?

1: yes

2: no

9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out!)

### Filter Question S4 = 1

#### S4b (305)

And how many children do you have?

(INT.:Don't read out!)

1: 1 child

2: 2 children

3: 3 children

4: 4 children

5: 5 children

6: 6 children

7: 7 children

9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out!)

### S5 (306)

Are you gainfully employed? By this we mean every activity that is paid or related to income, no matter how much time you spend on it.

1: yes

2: no

9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out!)

**S6 (307)**

According to your own assessment, do you live in the country, i.e. in a village, in a small or in a medium sized town, or in a big city?

(INT.: Don't read out!)

1: country, in a village

2: small town

3: medium town

4: big city

9: don't know, n.a. (Don't read out!)

**S7 (308-309)**

How old were you when you finished your education in school or university?

(INT.: If Person is still in school type in Code "00"; if Person has no education, type in Code "98"; if d.k. / n.a., type in Code "99")

**Additional Questions for Germany Only****D0**

In which country were you born?

(Don't read out)

11: Germany

12: Turkey

13: Bosnia-Herzegovina

14: Iran

15: Morocco

16: Afghanistan

17: Iraq

18: Lebanon

19: Pakistan

20: Tunisia

21: Syria

22: other

Formatiert: Deutsch (Deutschland)

**D0a**

What country are you a citizen of?

(Don't read out/multiple responses possible)

11: Germany

12: Turkey

13: Bosnia-Herzegovina

14: Iran

15: Morocco

16: Afghanistan

17: Iraq

18: Lebanon

19: Pakistan

20: Tunisia

21: Syria  
22: other

If Question D0 not "11"

**D0b**

How long have you been living in Germany? \_\_ years

Formatiert: Englisch (USA)

#### **D1 (400)**

We would like to know if you engage in associational activity outside of your occupation and family. Here we mean any activity you regularly do on a volunteer basis without compensation or for a symbolic sum.

Do you currently do volunteer work?

- 1: volunteer
- 2: no volunteer work

(INT.: Don't read out!)

8: don't know

9: n.a.

#### **D1a**

Are you a member of a religious association or organization?

- 1: yes
- 2: no

(INT.: Don't read out)

9: don't know, n.a.

#### **D2 (401)**

What is the highest academic degree you have received?

(INT.: Read out if necessary)

- 1: currently in school
- 2: left school before completion
- 3: Basic Secondary/High school and/or GED secondary/high school certificate with completion of the 8th or 9th classes (Volks-/Hauptschulabschluss)
- 4: Secondary/High school certificate and/or GED secondary/high school certificate with completion of the 10th grade (Mittlere Reife, Realschulabschluss)
- 5: College of Applied Sciences entrance qualification, Advanced Technical secondary school certificate (Fachhochschulreife, Fachoberschulabschluss)
- 6: High School Diploma/University entrance qualification with completion of the 12th class (Abitur, Hochschulreife)

Formatiert: Deutsch (Deutschland)

- 7: Sonstiges (NICHT VORLESEN)
- 9: weiß nicht. k. A. (NICHT VORLESEN)

**D3 (402 -403)**

Many people in Germany tend to support one party over time, although they occasionally do vote for a different party. How about you? Do you generally tend to support a specific party? If so, which one?

(INT.: Don't read out!)

11: CDU

12: CSU

13: SPD

14: FDP

15: Bündnis 90, Die Grünen

16: Die Linke. PDS

17: Die Republikaner

18: DVU

19: NPD

20: other party

21: no, have no preference

99: don't know, n.a.

Formatiert: Deutsch (Deutschland)

**D4**

Do you think there should be an Islamic party in Germany?

1: yes

2: no

9: don't know, n.a. (INT.:Don't read out)