

**RELIGION & POLITICS TRACKING SURVEY**  
**February 1 – February 5, 2012**  
**N = 1,009**

Q.1 Now, as I read some statements, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree with each one. First... **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**. Next...

**READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree?

a. American Muslims ultimately want to establish Shari'a [PRONCIATION: Sha-REE-uh] or Islamic law as law of the land in the U.S.

6	Completely agree
8	Mostly agree
24	Mostly disagree
44	Completely disagree
14	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

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

21	Completely agree
33	Mostly agree
19	Mostly disagree
14	Completely disagree
11	Don't know (VOL.)
3	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Methods of birth control should be generally available to teenagers age 14 or older without parental approval

23	Completely agree
18	Mostly agree
19	Mostly disagree
36	Completely disagree
2	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. All employers should be required to provide their employees with health care plans that cover contraception or birth control at no cost {New}

27	Completely agree
28	Mostly agree
20	Mostly disagree
20	Completely disagree
4	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.2 There is currently a debate over what kinds of health care plans some religious organizations should be required to provide. Do you think **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** should be required to provide their employees with health care plans that cover contraception or birth control at no cost, or not? What about **[INSERT]**?

a. Religiously affiliated colleges and hospitals

49	Yes, should have to provide
46	No, should not have to provide
4	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Churches and other places of worship

36	Yes, should have to provide
57	No, should not have to provide
5	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

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

## Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between February 1, 2012 and February 5, 2012 by professional interviewers under the direction of Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS). Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 1,009 adults 18 years of age or older in the continental United States (304 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone).

The final sample was weighted to five different parameters—age, sex, geographic region, education and telephone usage<sup>1</sup>—to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the total adult population.

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.5 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Telephone usage refers to whether respondents have only a landline telephone, only a cell phone or both types and the frequency with which they use each type.