

Opinion Poll
Muslim World Barometer Of Facts And Opinions

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Key Findings

- According to census data compilation from World Bank development indicators, 2020, there are almost 2 billion Muslims in the world
- 80% of Muslims are concentrated in 57 countries who are members of OIC (Organization of Islamic Countries) whereas 20% live in the remaining 118 Countries
- **The OIC-57 Muslim World**
- Most but not all of 57 members of OIC are Muslim Majority countries. The proportion of Muslims in these countries ranges between 99% (Turkey) and 12% (Uganda)
- However, 92% of the OIC-57 population reside in countries where Muslims are more than 50% of the local population.
- The OIC-57 span all continents, Asia, Europe, Africa, and America
- OIC-57 has an interesting mix of Muslim societies living in a blend with societies of other civilizations of the world.
- **Muslim World Outside The OIC-57**
- They comprise 20% of the Muslims worldwide.
- Muslim majority are approximately 400 million.
- There are 107 countries excluding OIC states where the Muslim community is more than one million.
- The total population of the OIC-57 urban world is 642.62 million.
- **A Civilizational Perspective on International Relations**
- The United Nations system instituted in 1944 is based on the nation-states which is a useful way of interacting in world affairs.
- In theory, all of its 175+ members (200+ including what are sometimes referred to as micro-states owing to very small population) are 'sovereign' and equal which is a helpful concept to build a 'society of states.'
- As an institution of the age of modernity the United Nations is a 'constructed' entity and 'an administrative' spirit when it comes to deeper and historically rooted affinities, we find that the world population turns to other forms of groupings.
- The monopoly of either 'state' or 'civilization' over any 'identity' and 'rule in public affairs' is a source of undesirable tension rather than harmony
- The definitional problem of civilizations arises from their very nature. Civilizations are not an administrative unit comparable to states. They are not a structure with precise organizational rules and leadership nor are their dividing lines and continuity and discontinuity of the same nature as in states

- During the last century we can trace four seminal writings on the subject of civilizations - Arnold Toynbee (a study of civilizations), Oswald Spengler (decline of the west), Braudel (civilization and capitalism), and Samuel Huntington (clash of civilizations).
- All four have identified the following four as the largest contemporary civilizations – Christian, Islamic, Hindu, Sinic - in terms of the number of their adherents these four comprise the vast majority of the contemporary world population.
- During the early decades of the 21st century, we should include a fifth large civilization which would best be described as the no religion (a-religious) civilization our larger study, the one going beyond the Muslim world, takes up these issues in greater detail.

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