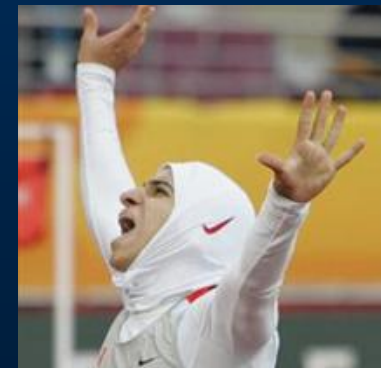
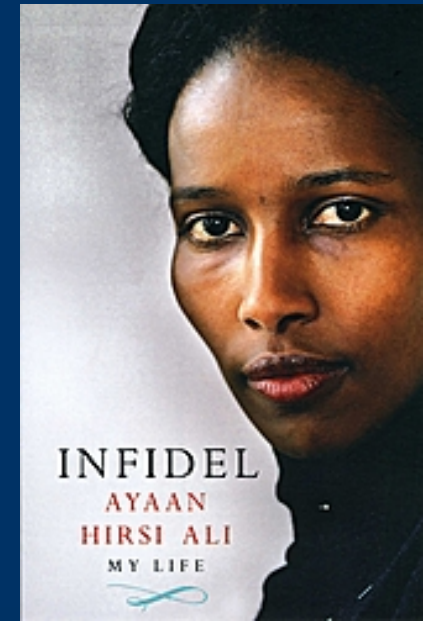


# Muslims and Multiculturalism in Canada

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# Focus Canada 2006-4 survey

## GENERAL POPULATION

- Survey of 2,045 adult Canadians
- Conducted December 8 to 30, 2006
- Interviews in English and French
- National results accurate to within  $\pm 2.2$  percentage points  
*(in 19 out of 20 samples)*

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# Muslim Demographics

# Muslims in the West

	# of Muslims (millions)	% of Total Population
France	5--6	8--9.6%
Germany	3	3.6%
United Kingdom	1.6	2.8%
Canada	0.8	2.6%
Spain	1	2.3%

*Sources: France: Total population - National Institute for Statistics and Economic Studies, 2004 figures; Muslim population - French government estimate. Germany: Total population - Federal Statistical Office, 2004 figures; Muslim population - Federal Ministry of the Interior estimate. Spain: Total population - Spanish National Institute of Statistics, 2005 figures; Muslim population - US State Department. United Kingdom:: Total population - Office for National Statistics, 2001 figures; Muslim population - Office for National Statistics, 2001 figures. Canada: Statistics Canada, 2006.*

# Canadian Muslim Population Over Time

	# of Muslims in Canada	% of Canadian Population
1871	13	--
1931	645	--
1971	33,370	0.1%
1981	98,160	0.3%
1991	253,300	0.9%
2001	579,600	1.8%
2006	842,200	2.6%

*Source: Statistics Canada, Census*

# Region of residence

Canadian Muslims

	Unweighted	Weighted	%
Ontario	270	301	60
West	85	89	18
Quebec	130	107	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	

# Country of origin

**91% foreign-born (from more than 30 countries)**

## Top three countries of origin

**Quebec:** Morocco (22%)  
Algeria (16%)  
Other Africa (8%)

**Ontario:** Pakistan (21%)  
Canada (8%)  
Bangladesh/Somalia (6% each)

**West:** Iran (22%)  
Canada (12%)  
Afghanistan (11%)



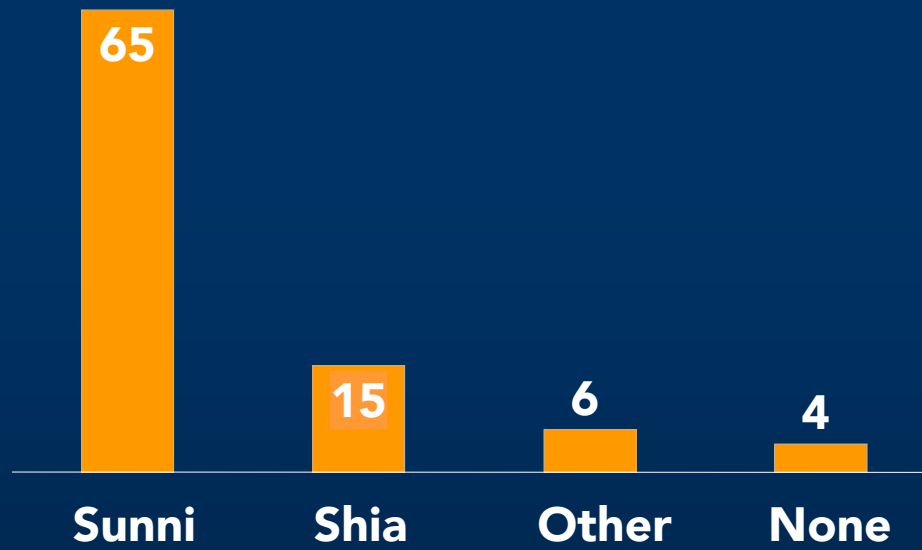
# Foreign-born length of residency

Canadian Muslims



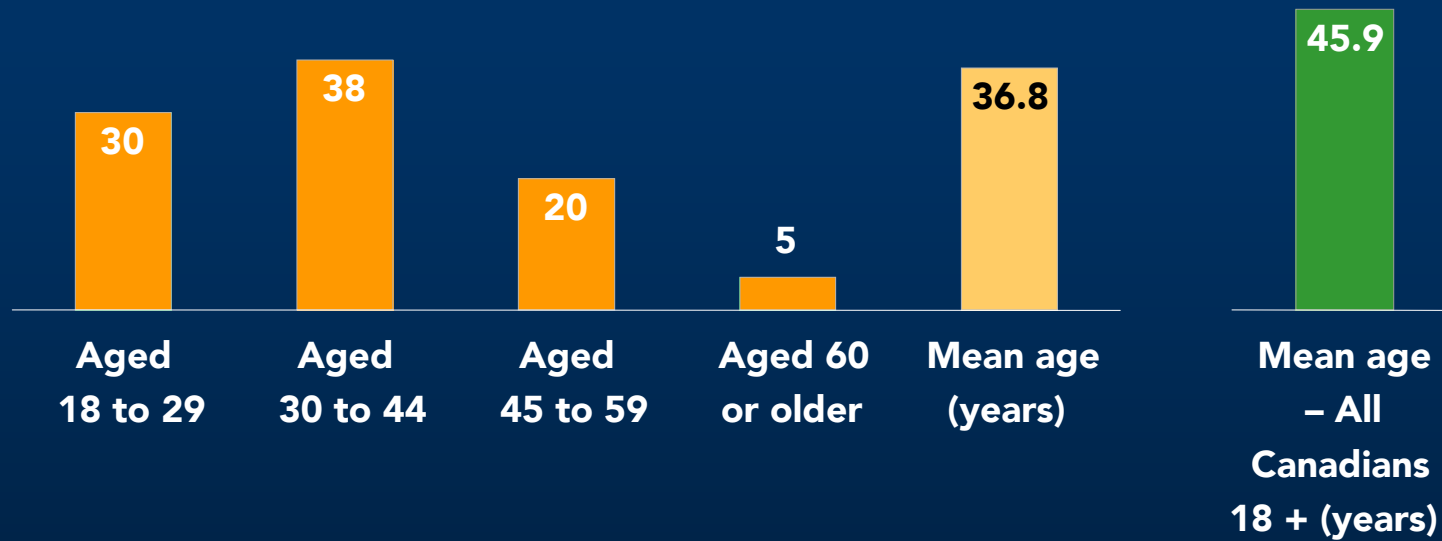
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## Canadian Muslims



# Age

## Canadian Muslims

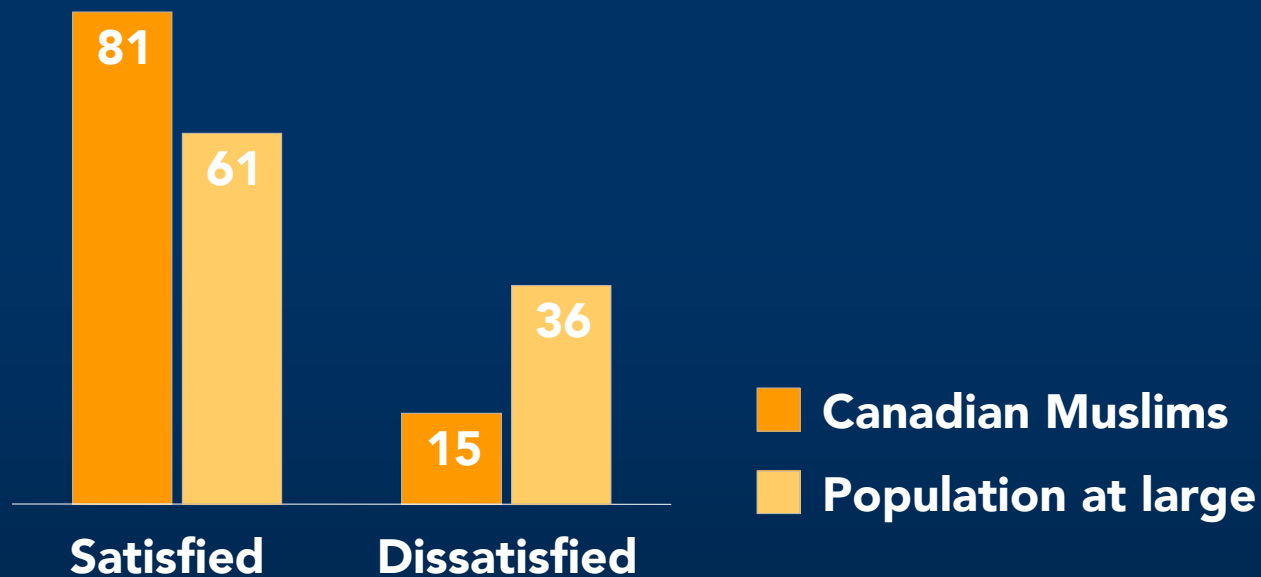


# Education

## Canadian Muslims and population at large

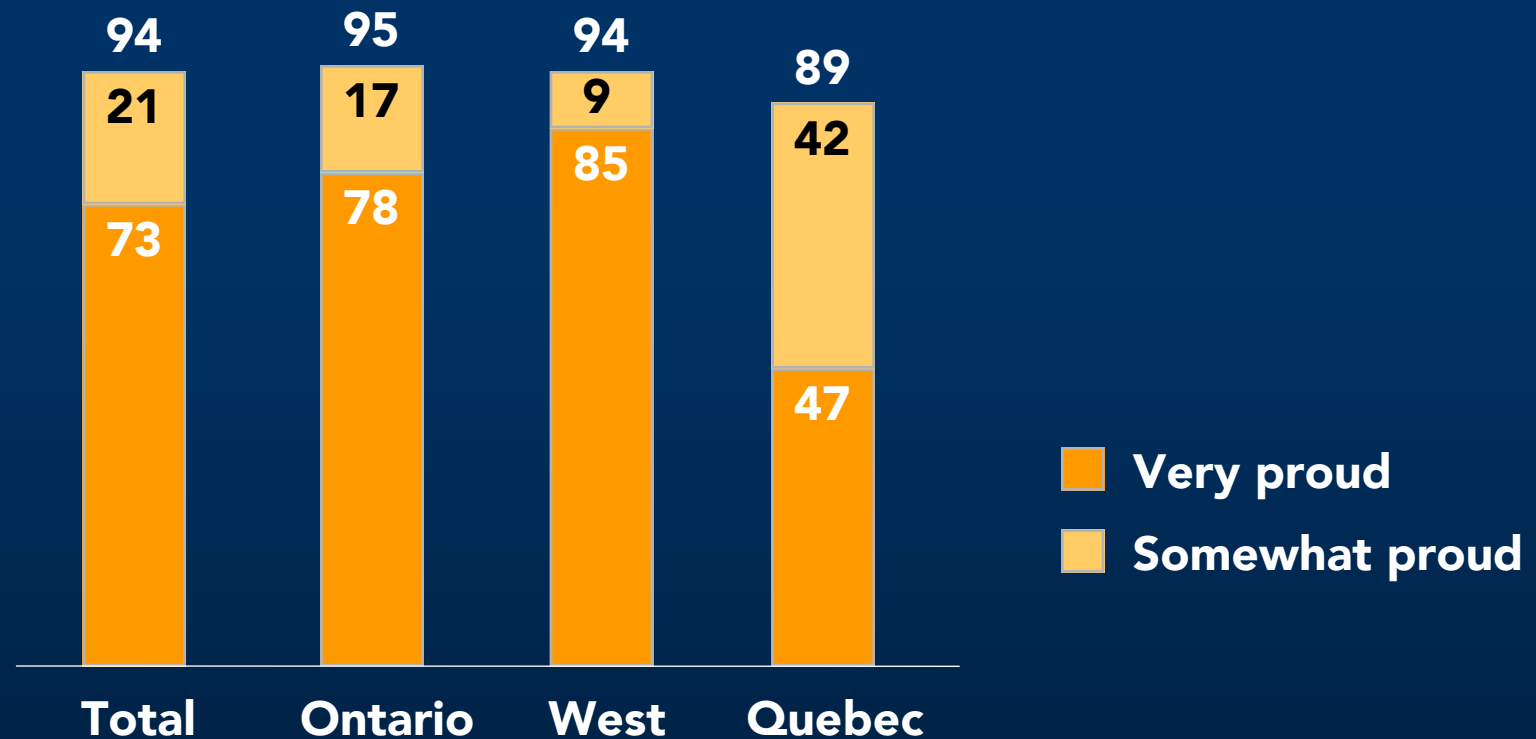
	Cdn Muslims (18+)	Gender		Age			Canadian Population (18+)
		Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 44	45 or older	
Some high school or less	6	4	5	7	3	6	10
Completed high school	13	13	14	18	11	11	19
College/trade school	23	16	30	29	22	20	27
Some university	11	12	11	26	4	6	10
Completed university (A)	23	24	21	9	29	27	21
Post-grad degree/ professional school (B)	22	28	16	11	30	29	12
<b>One or more degrees (A + B)</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>33</b>

## Muslims are satisfied with the way things are going in Canada, even more so than the population at large



# Muslims are proud of being Canadian, although with less enthusiasm in Quebec

## Canadian Muslims



# Muslims are proud of Canadian democracy, freedom, multiculturalism, peace and humanitarianism

Greatest source of pride in Canada  
Top mentions Canadian Muslims



# Muslims like least Canada's cold weather and discrimination

Like least about Canada

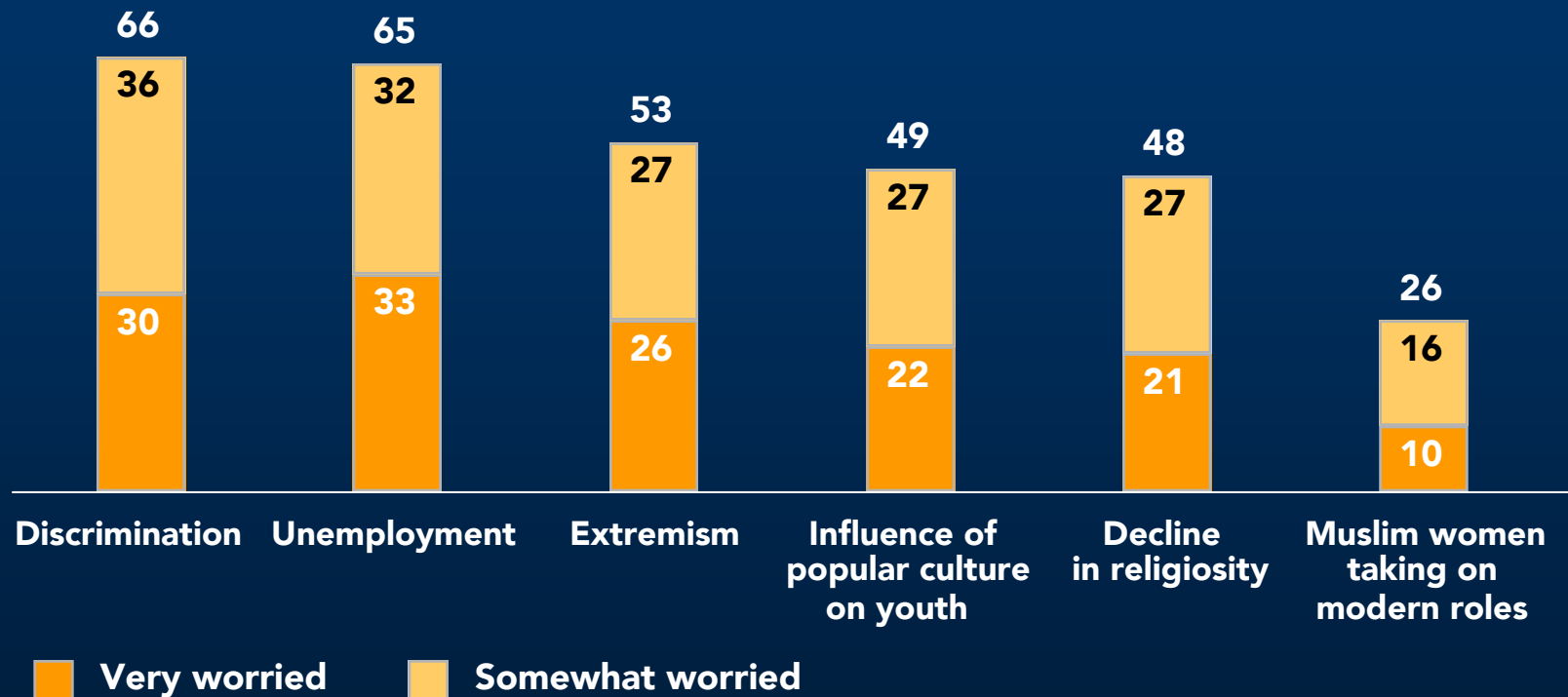
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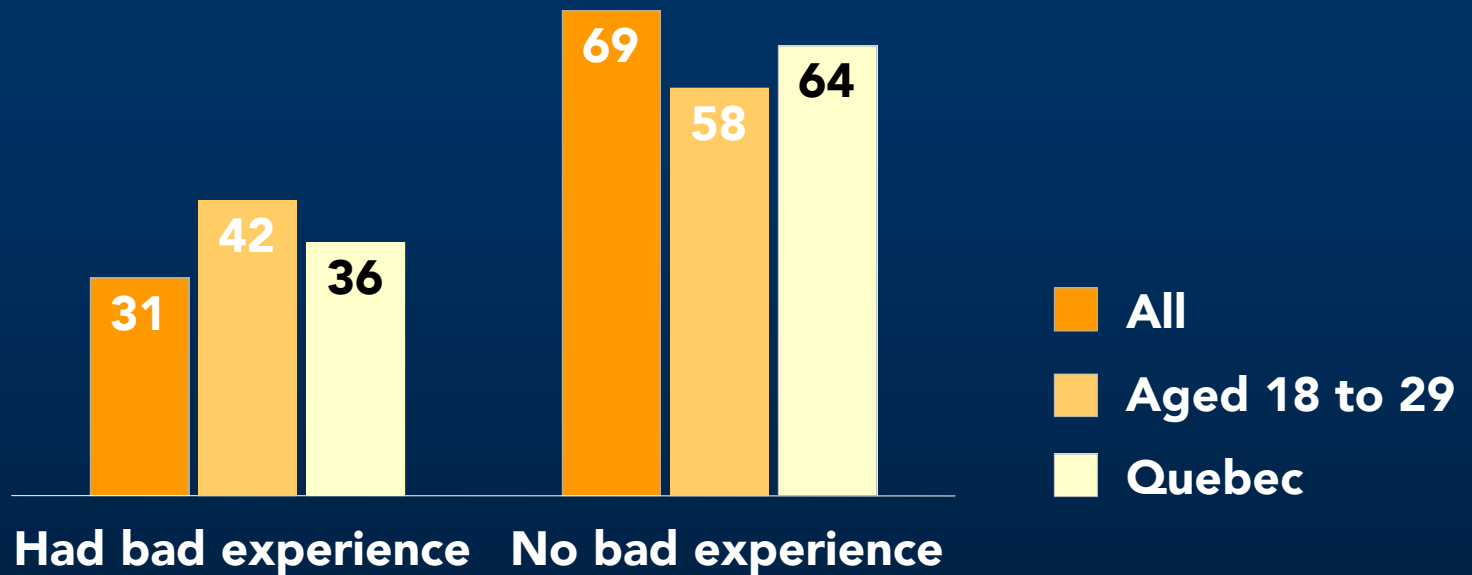
# Muslims are most worried about discrimination and unemployment, least worried about Muslim women taking on modern roles

Greatest worries about Muslims living in Canada  
Canadian Muslims



## Yet the majority of Muslims have not personally experienced discrimination

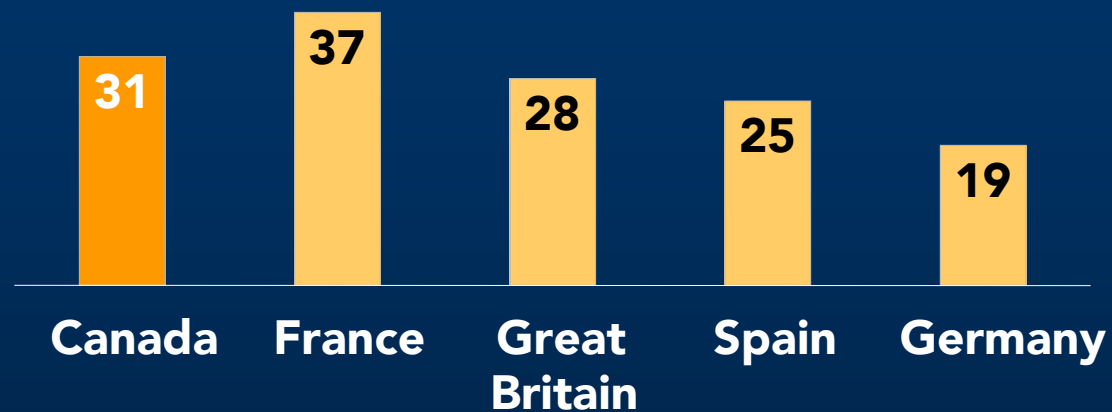
Have had bad experience due to race/ethnicity/religion in past two years  
Canadian Muslims



## Still, this is higher than in most European countries

Have had recent bad experience due to race/ethnicity/religion  
in past two years

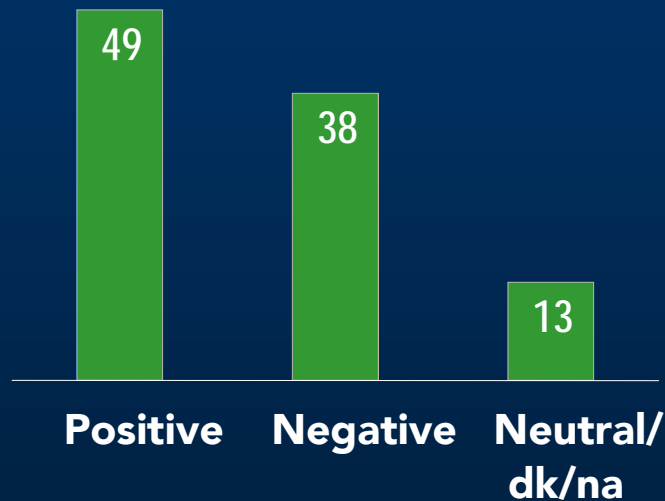
Muslim residents      Canada and Europe



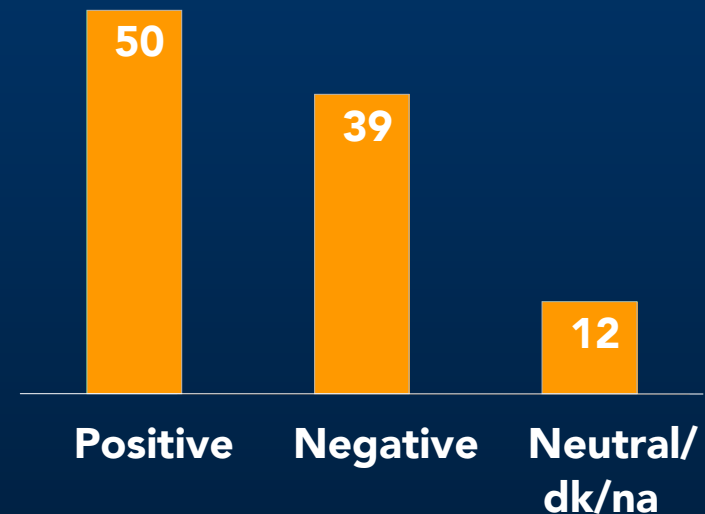
# Half of Muslims think Canadians have a positive impression of Islam; this reflects the Canadian consensus

Perception of Canadians' impression of Islam

How Muslims think Canadians view Islam



How Canadians view Islam



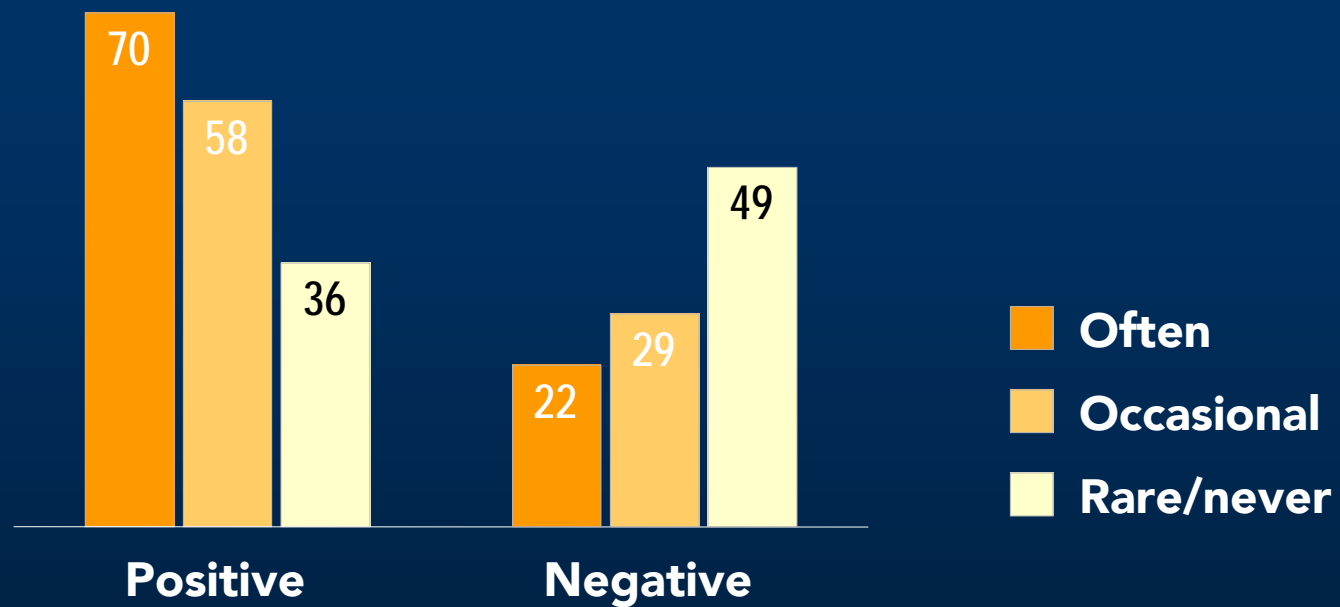
# The majority of urban Canadians have contact with Muslims

## Frequency of contact with Muslims

	COMMUNITY SIZE				Toronto	Montreal	Vancouver
	1M+	100K – 1M	5K – 100K	>5K			
Never	17	25	37	49	13	23	19
Rarely	18	22	29	25	17	22	15
Occasionally	30	29	24	19	32	25	33
Often	34	22	9	5	38	29	32
<b>Often/Occasionally</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>

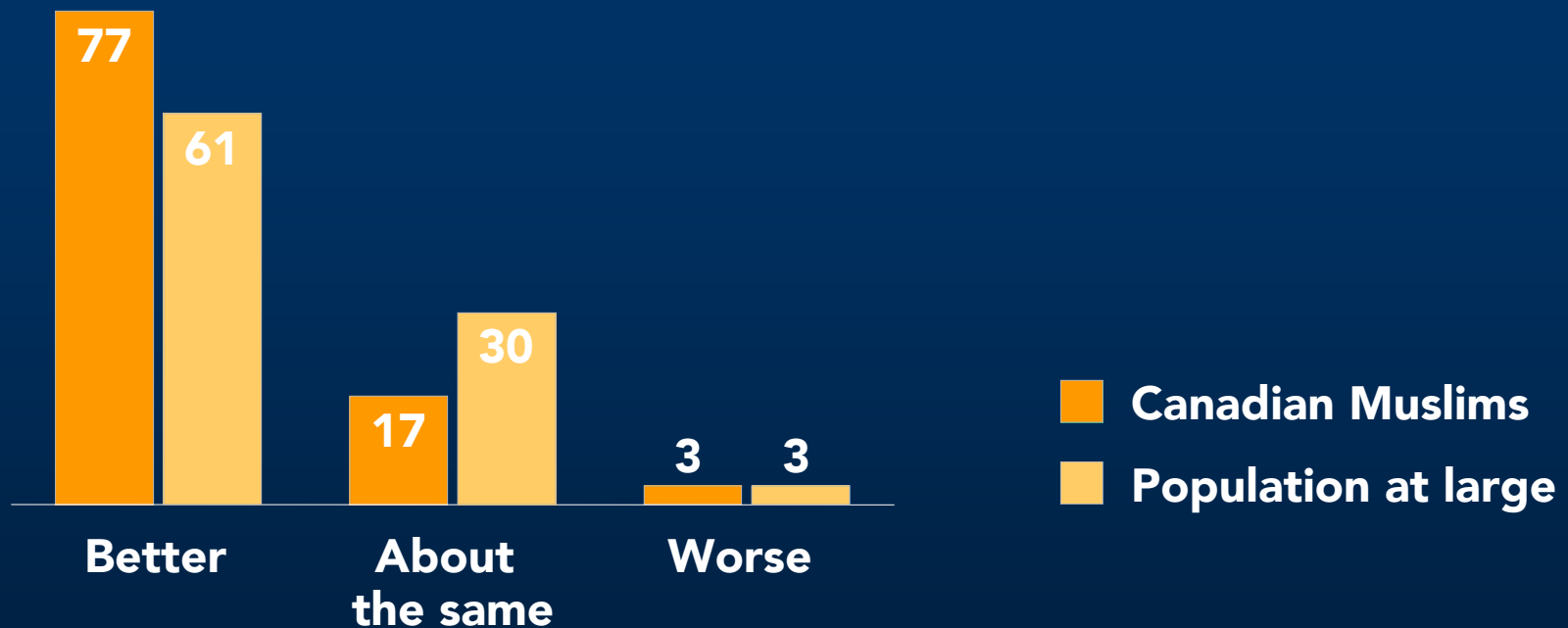
# Contact breeds goodwill

Impression of religion of Islam  
By frequency of contact with Muslims



# Muslims are even more likely than population at large to think Muslims are treated better in Canada than elsewhere in the West

Treatment of Muslims in Canada vs. in other western countries



# Majority of Muslims think the quality of life for Muslim women is better in Canada than in most Muslim countries

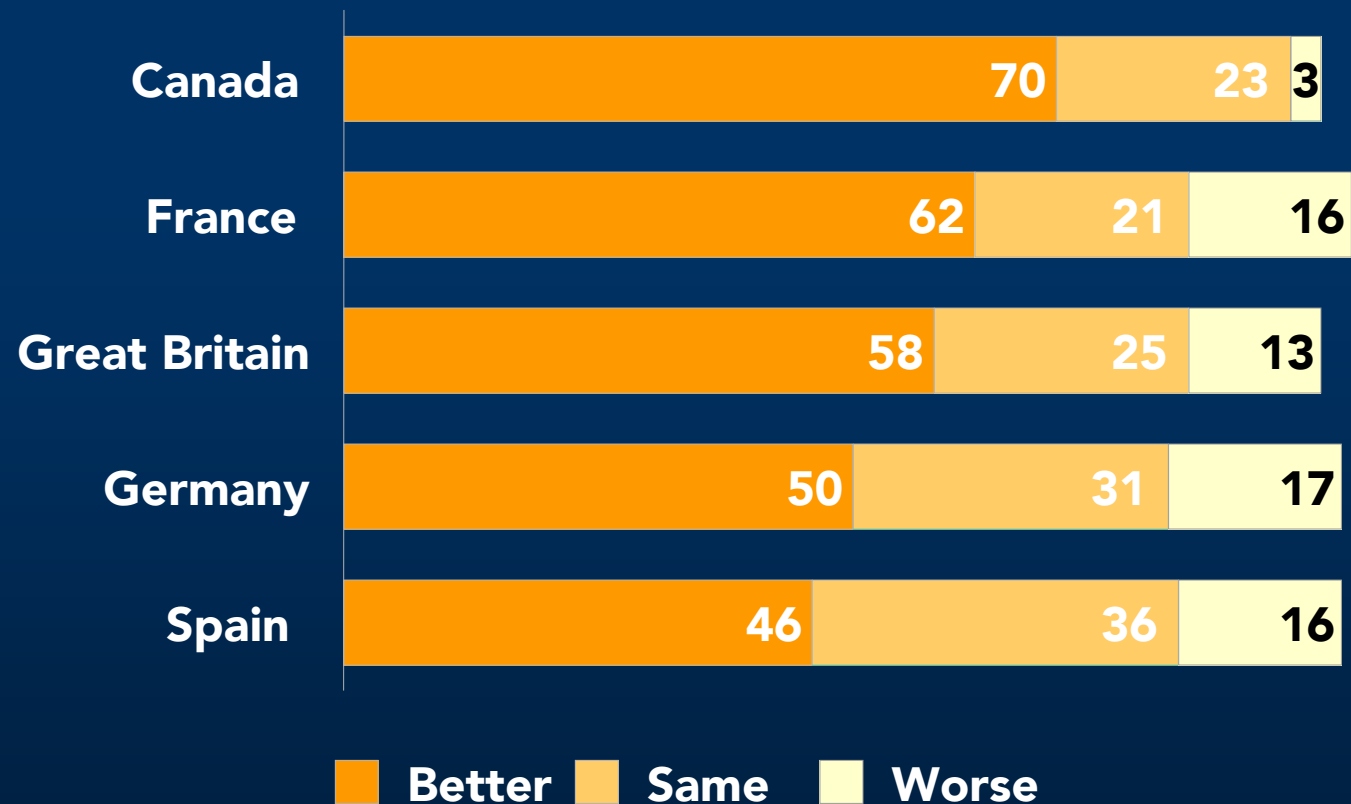
Quality of life for Muslim women in Canada compared to most Muslim countries





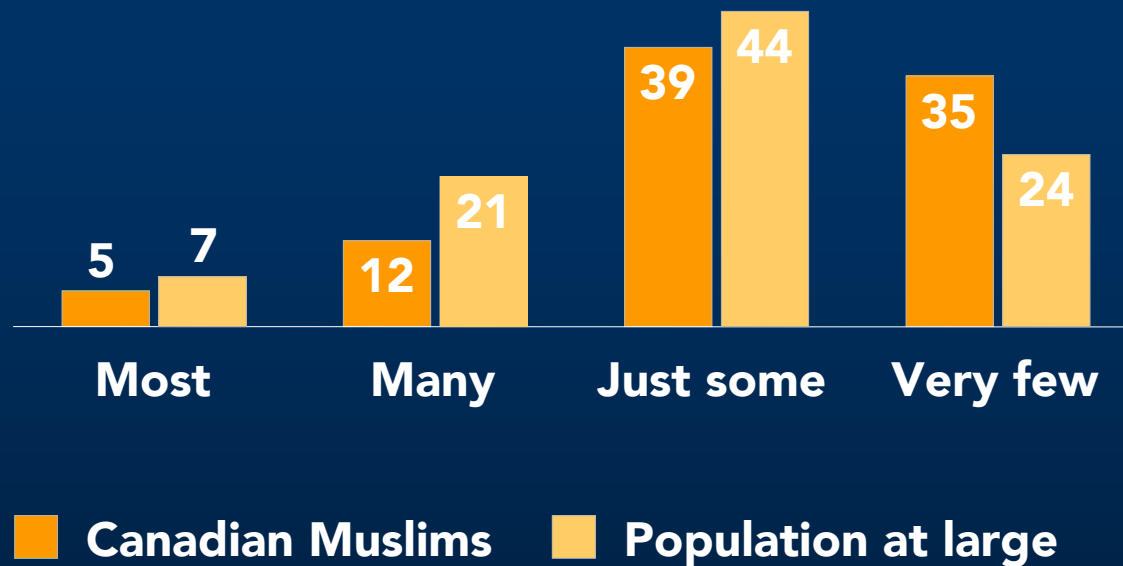
# Canadian Muslims are the most likely to believe their country is the place to be if you are a Muslim woman

Quality of life for Muslim women in Canada/Europe compared to most Muslim countries



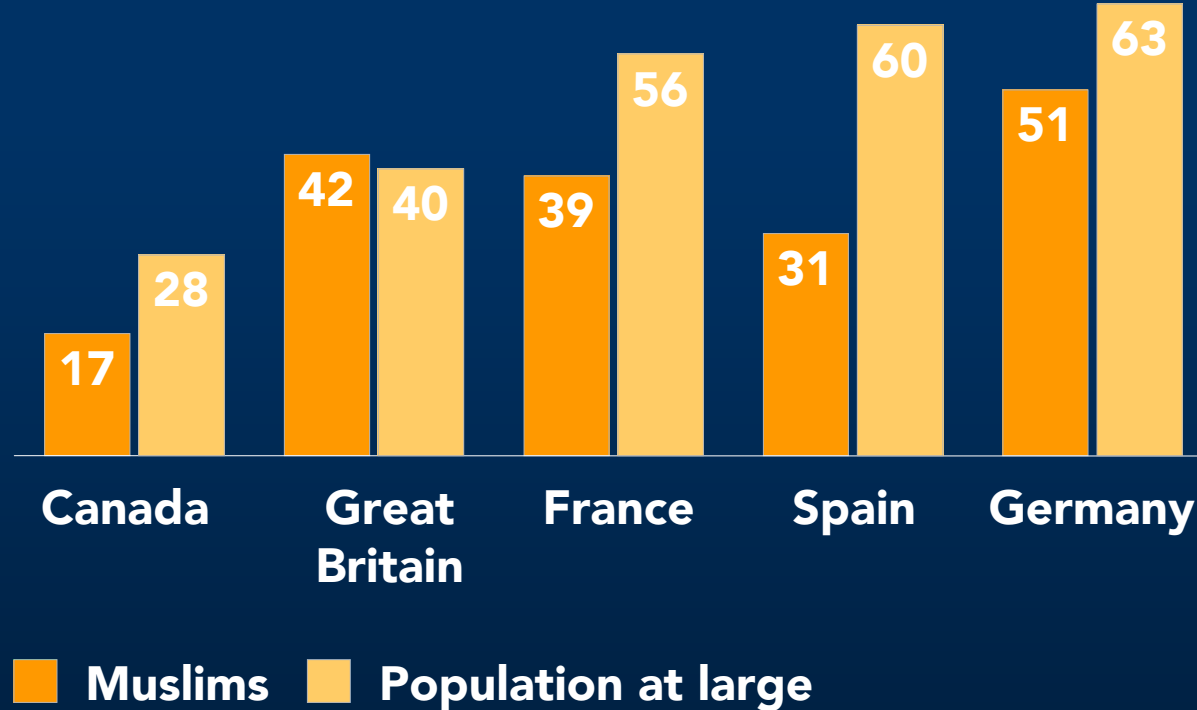
## Muslims and the population at large do not feel Canadians are hostile to Muslims

How many Canadians are hostile to Muslims?



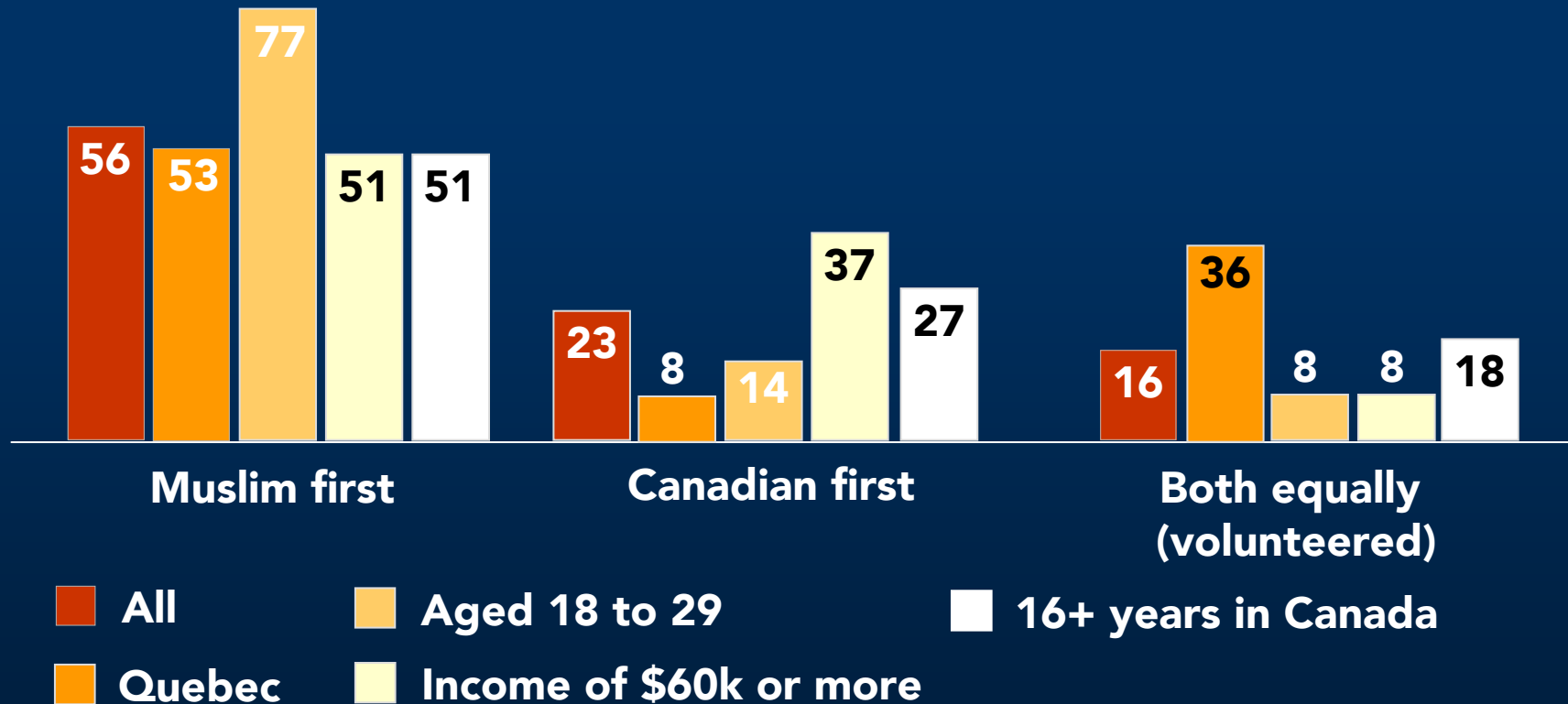
## Canadian Muslims and the population at large are the least likely to perceive hostility to Muslims in their country

Think many/most Canadians/Europeans are hostile to Muslims



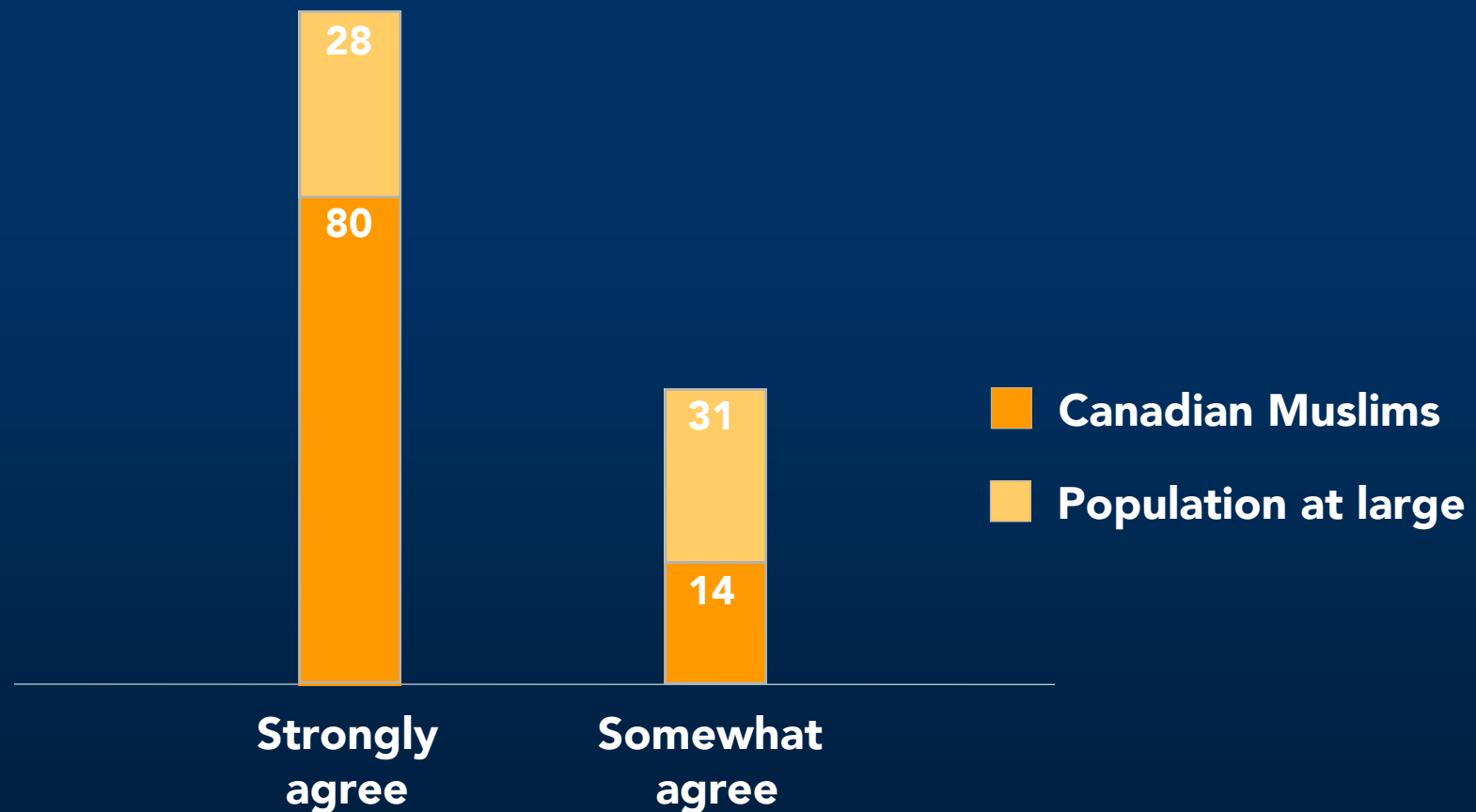
# When it comes to identity, Muslims think of themselves as Muslim first, Canadians second

Think of self as Muslim or Canadian first?  
Canadian Muslims



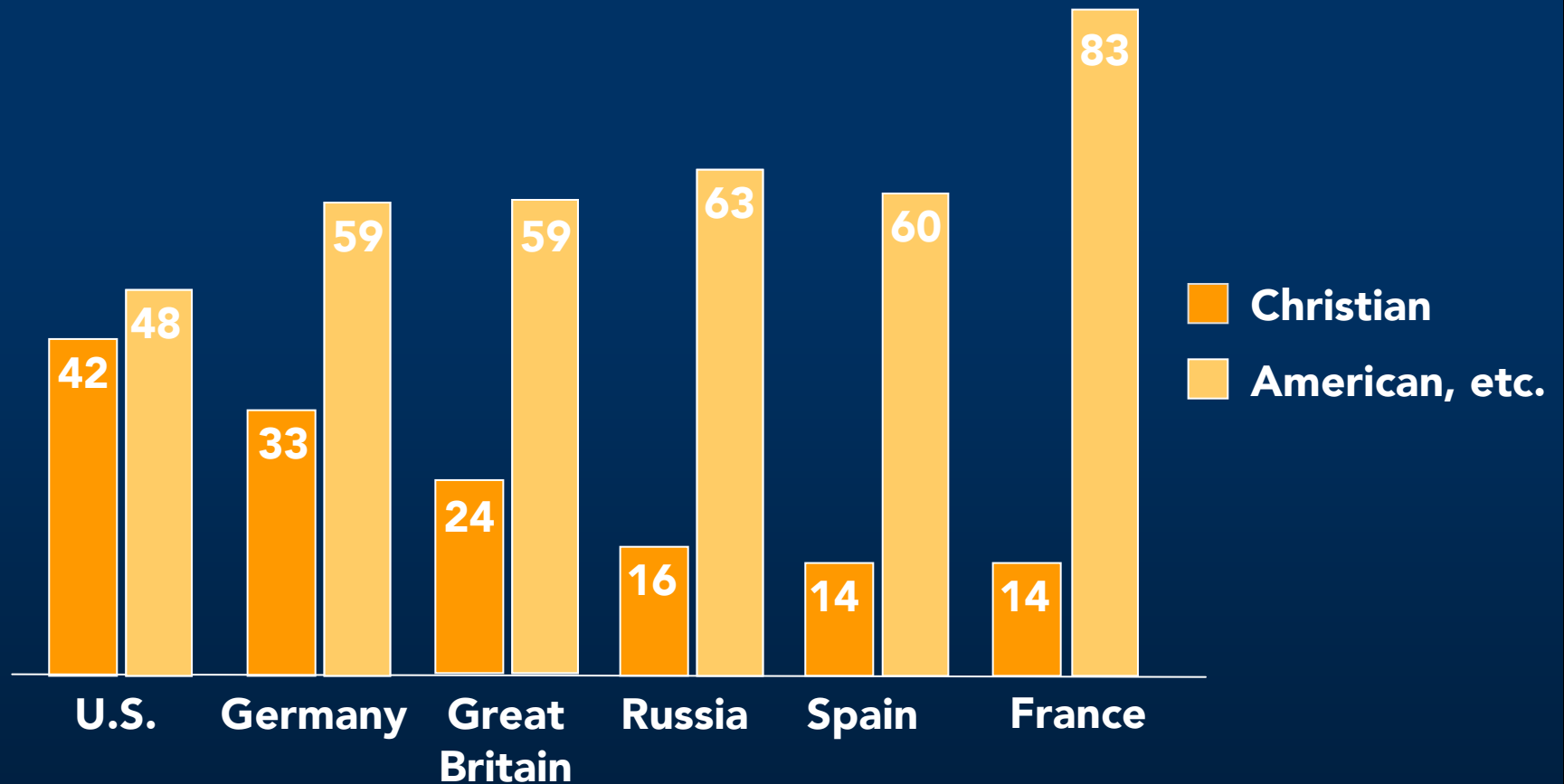
## Religion is important to Muslims, less so to Canadians

My religious beliefs are very important to me  
Canadian Muslims



# And, by the way, believe it or not, four in ten Americans consider themselves to be more Christian than American

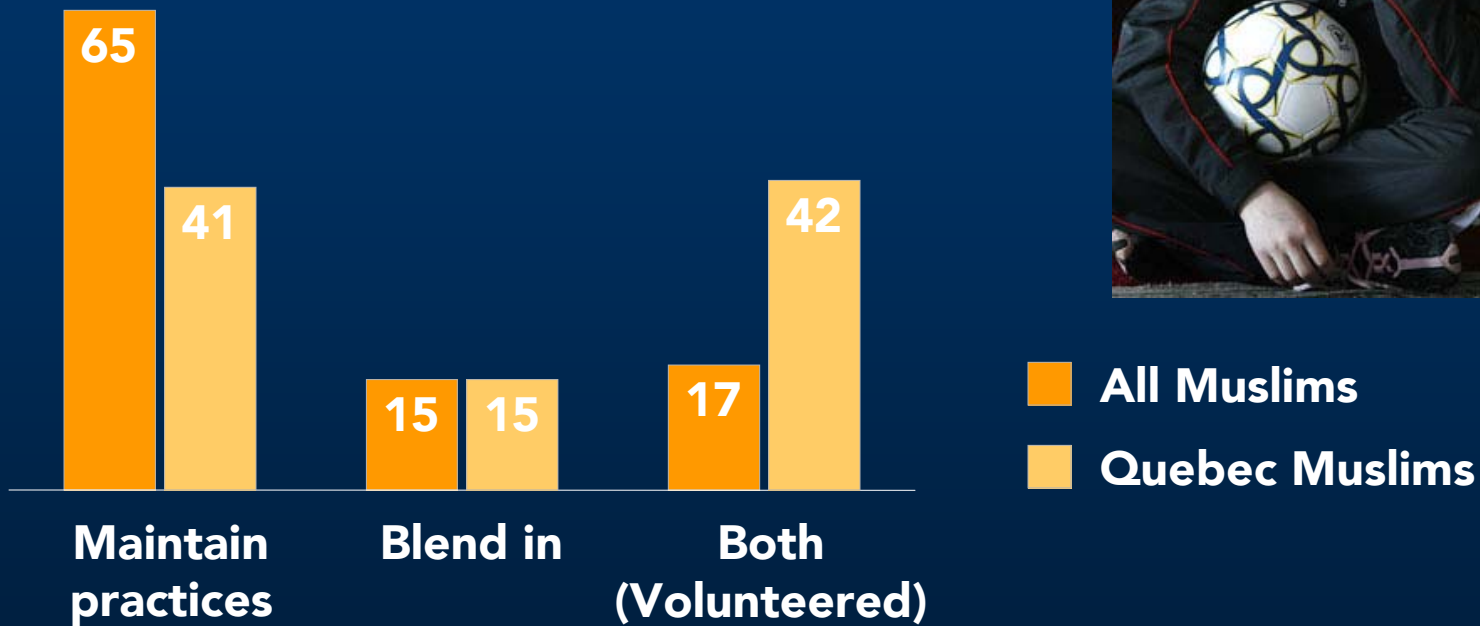
What do you consider yourself as first?



Source: Pew, 2006

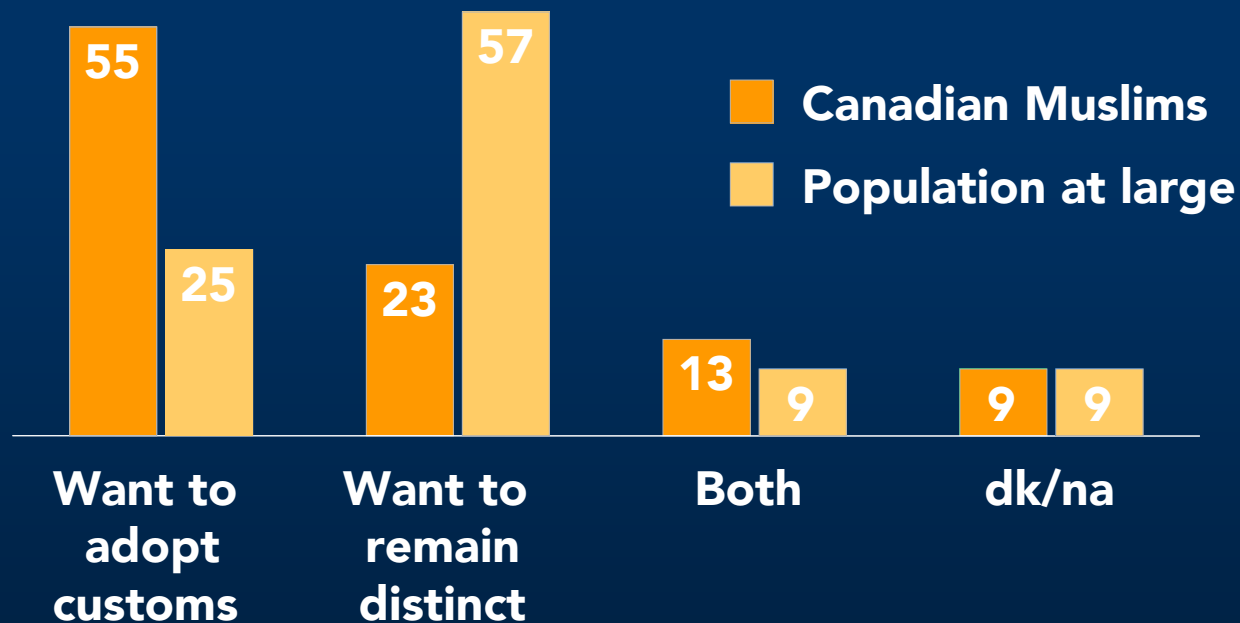
# Muslims believe immigrants should be free to maintain their religious and cultural practices rather than blend into Canadian society, although Quebec Muslims are more ambivalent

Canadian Muslims



## Muslims say they want to adopt Canadian customs, but the population at large doubts this

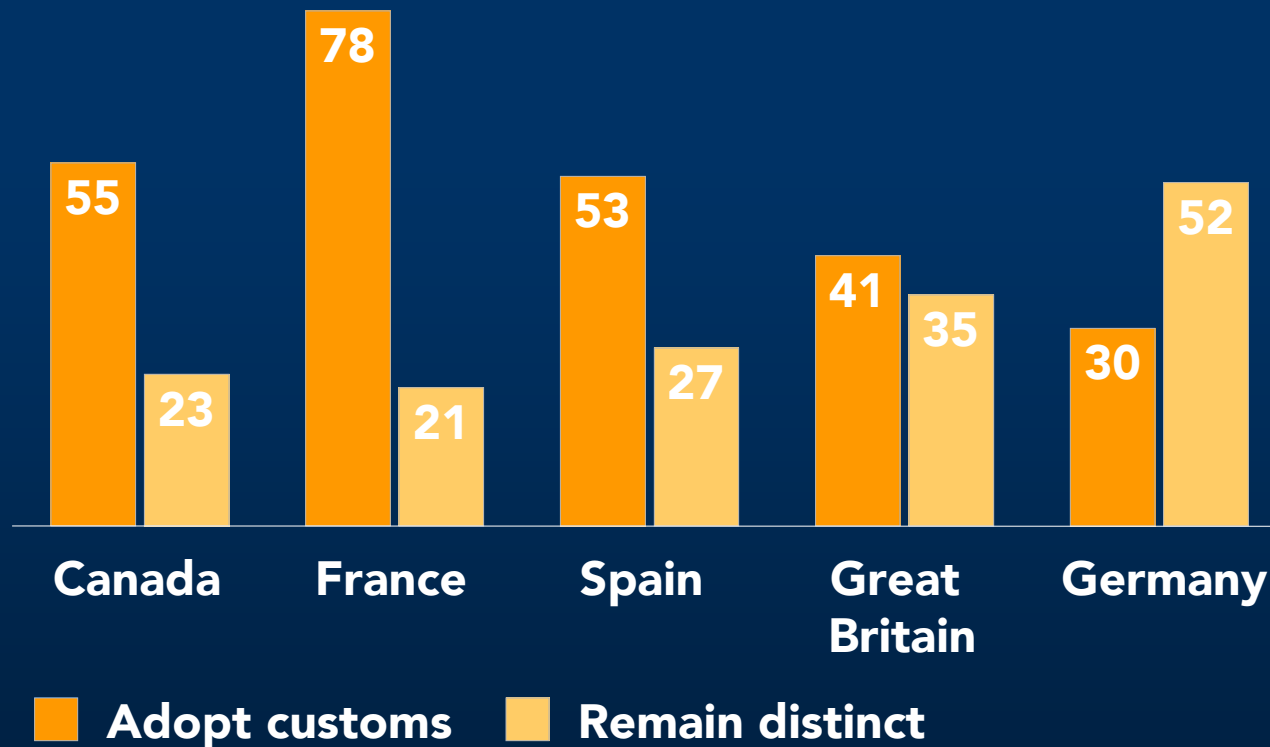
Do Muslims want to adopt Canadian customs or remain distinct?





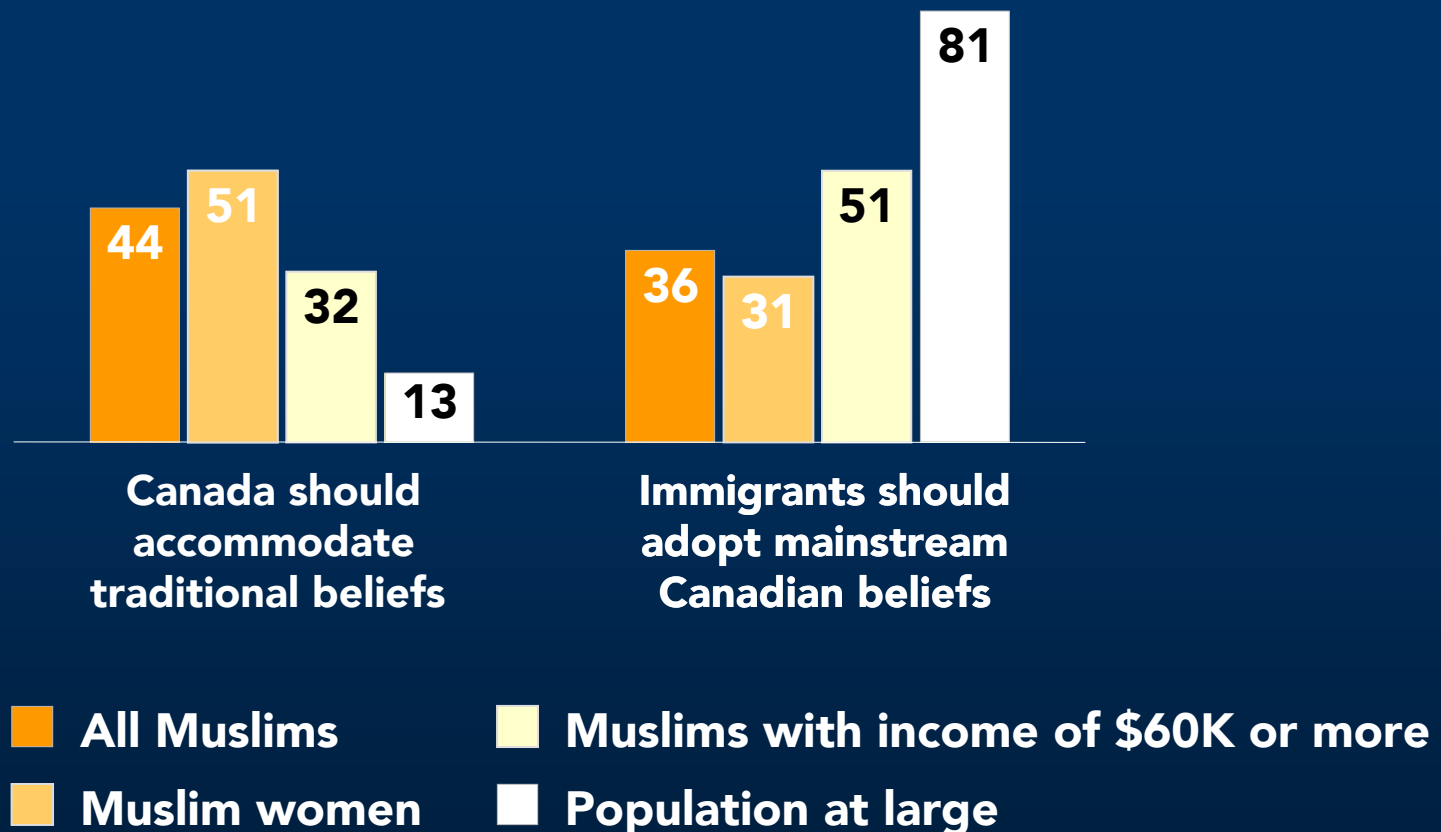
## Canadian Muslims are among the most likely to believe Muslims want to adopt their country's customs

Do Muslims want to adopt local country's customs or remain distinct?  
Muslim residents    Canada and Europe



# A plurality of Canadian Muslims want traditional beliefs about gender rights and roles accommodated; the vast majority of the population at large insists immigrants adopt mainstream Canadian beliefs

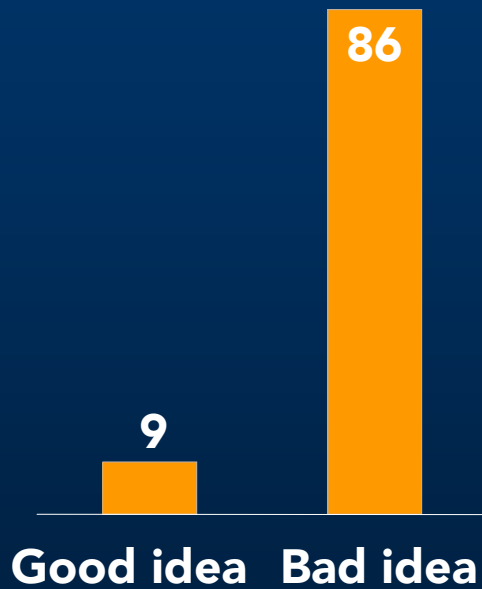
Role of women in immigrant/ethnic communities



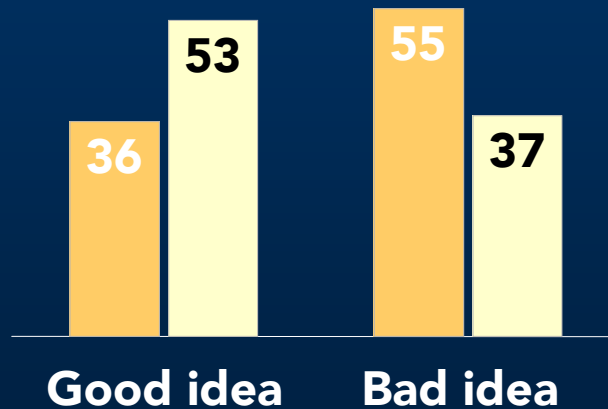
# Muslims do not think head scarves should be banned in public places like schools. A majority of the population at large agree, except in Quebec

## Banning of head scarves in public places, including schools

### Canadian Muslims



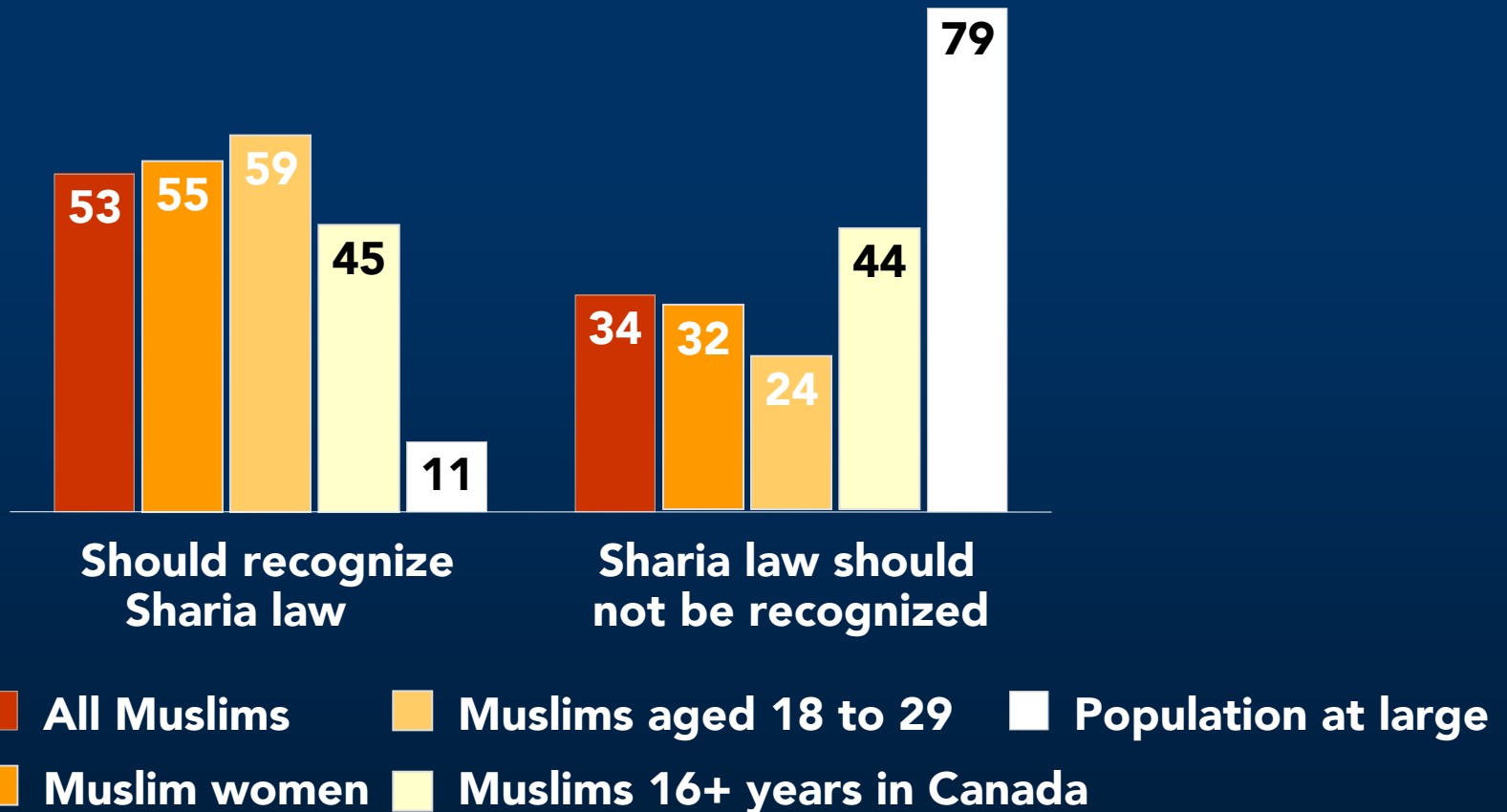
### Population at large



■ All Canadians ■ Quebec

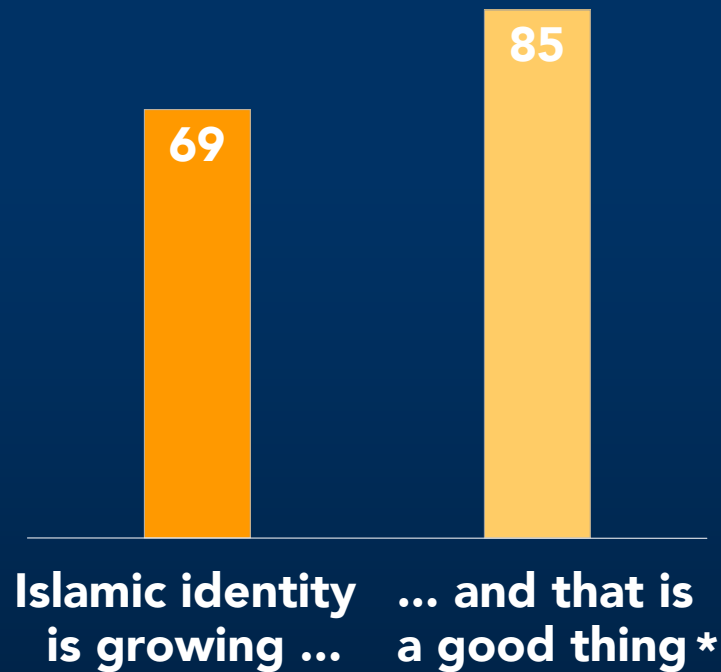
# The majority of Muslims believe Sharia law should be recognized as a legal basis for settling family disputes but the population at large disagrees

Should Canada recognize Sharia law for settling family disputes?



# Muslims think Islamic identity is growing and that this is a good thing

Muslim Islamic identity  
Canadian Muslims



*\* Subsample: Those who think Islamic identity is growing*

# Muslims think growing Islamic identity is a good thing because multicultural Canada should appreciate this religion

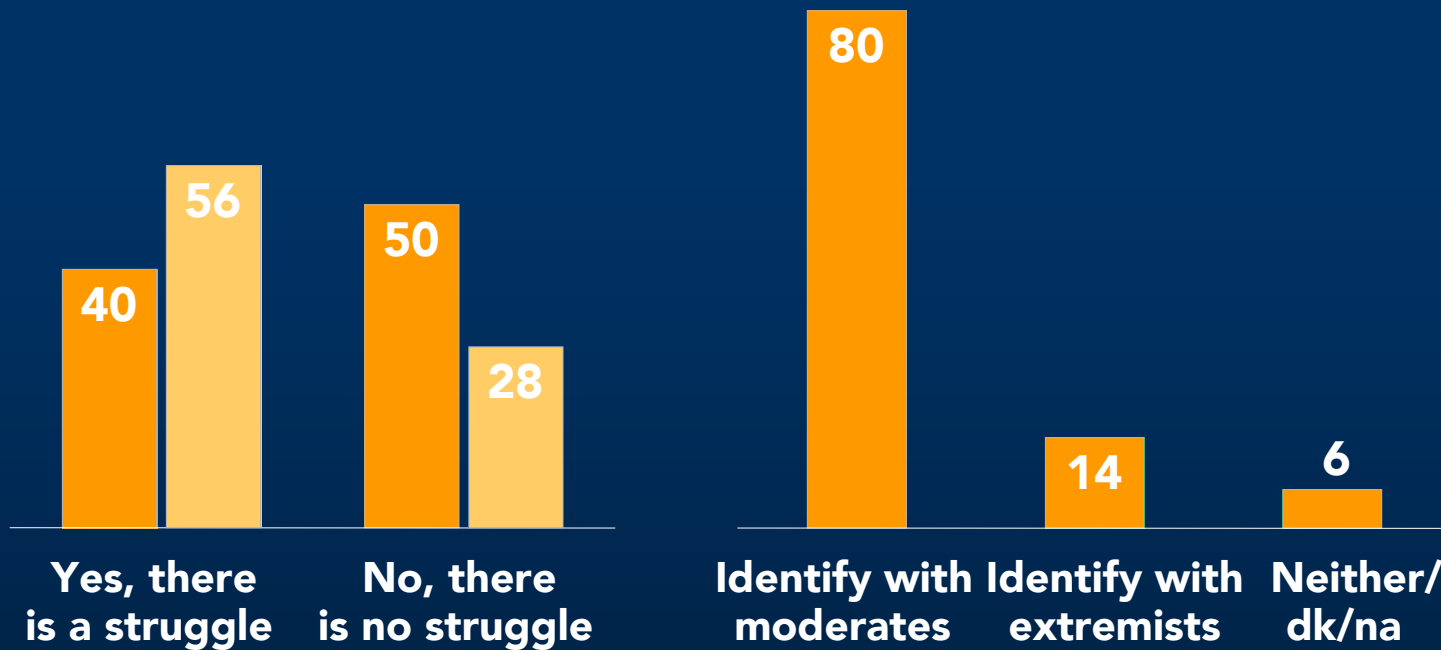
How growing sense of Islamic identity if good for Canada

Top mentions Canadian Muslims



# Many Muslims and most of the population at large believe there is a struggle between moderates and extremists – and most identify with moderates

Struggle between moderate and extremist Muslims

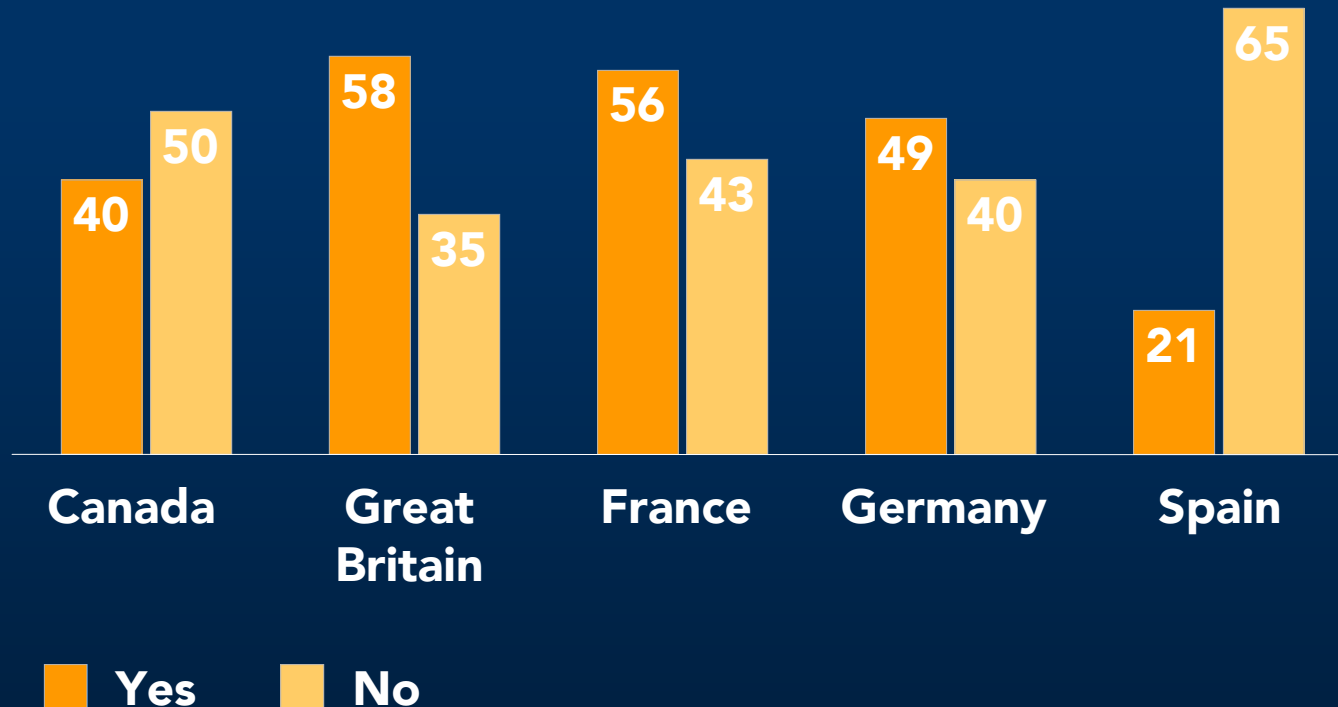


*Subsample: Those who think there is a struggle*

■ Muslims ■ Population at large

## Canadian Muslims are less likely than Muslims in most European countries to see a struggle between moderates and extremists

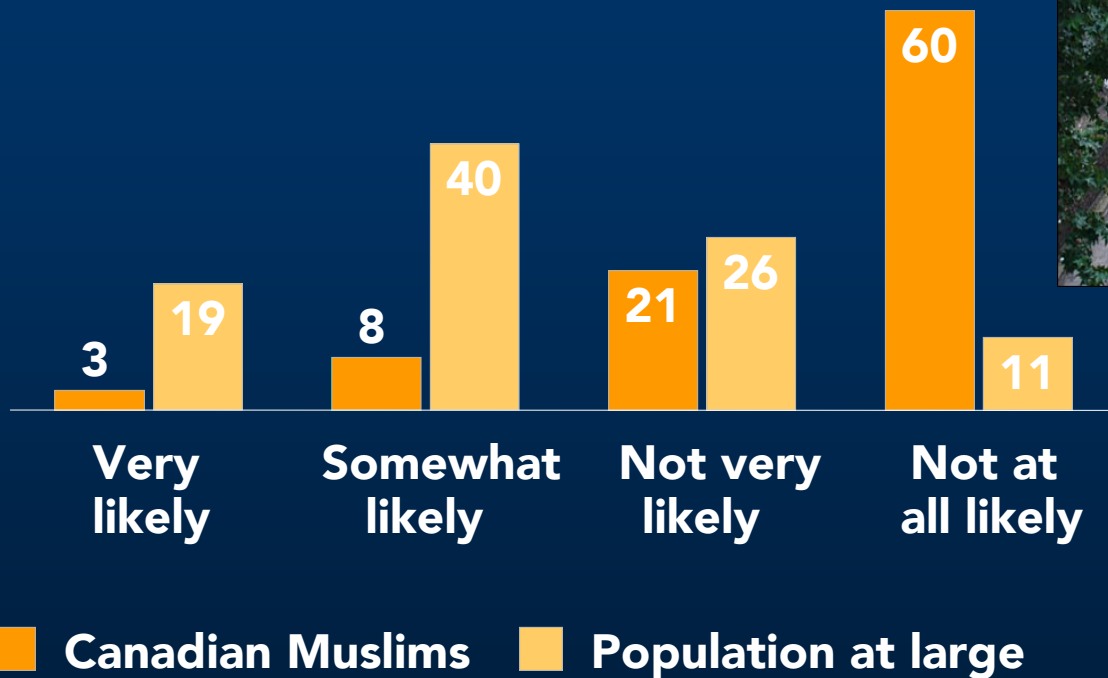
Struggle between moderate and extremist Muslims  
Muslim populations Canada and Europe





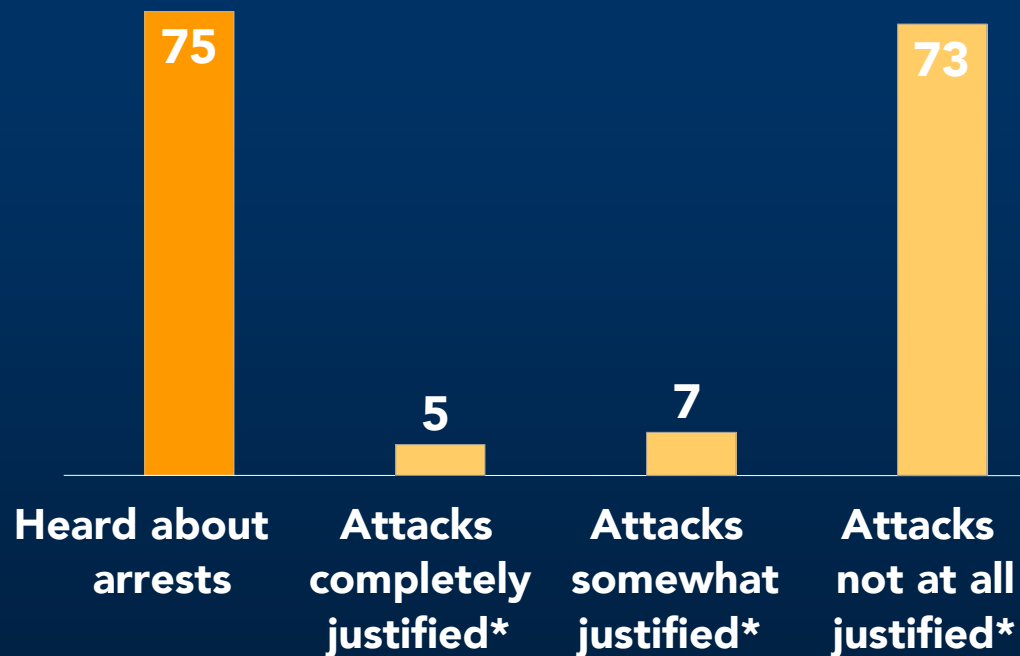
# Few Muslims think Canada will experience a terrorist attack from Muslim Canadians, but the population at large is not so sure

Likelihood of terrorist attack in Canada by Muslim Canadians



# Most Muslims have heard that 18 Muslim men and boys were accused of plotting terrorism last year and the large majority of them do not think such attacks are justified

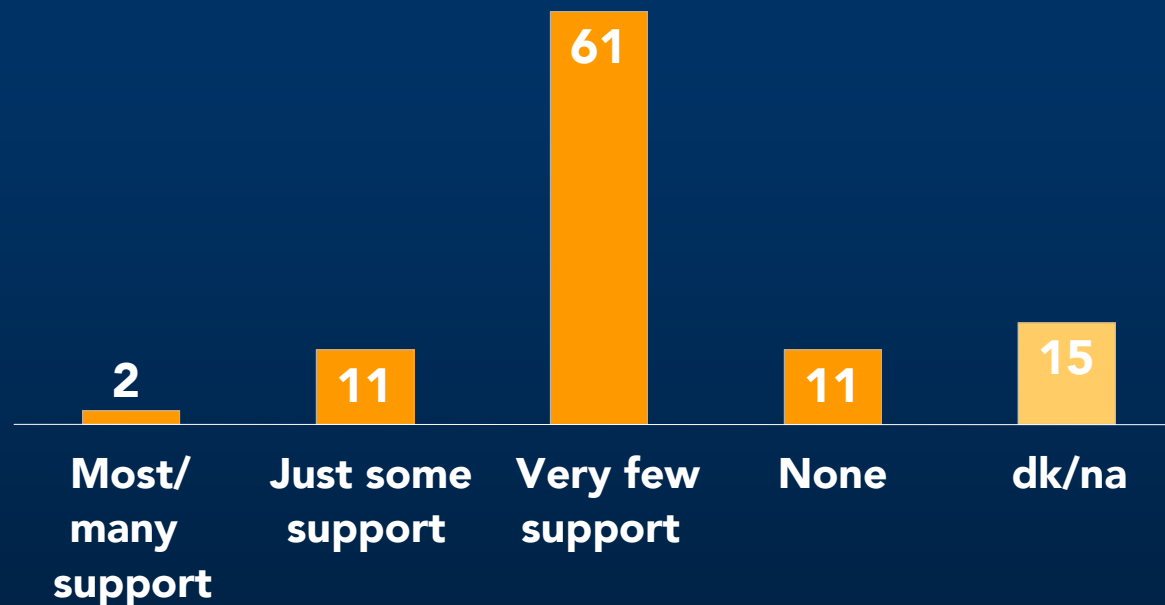
Arrest of 18 Muslim terrorist suspects in Toronto  
Canadian Muslims



*\* Subsample: Those who heard about the arrests*

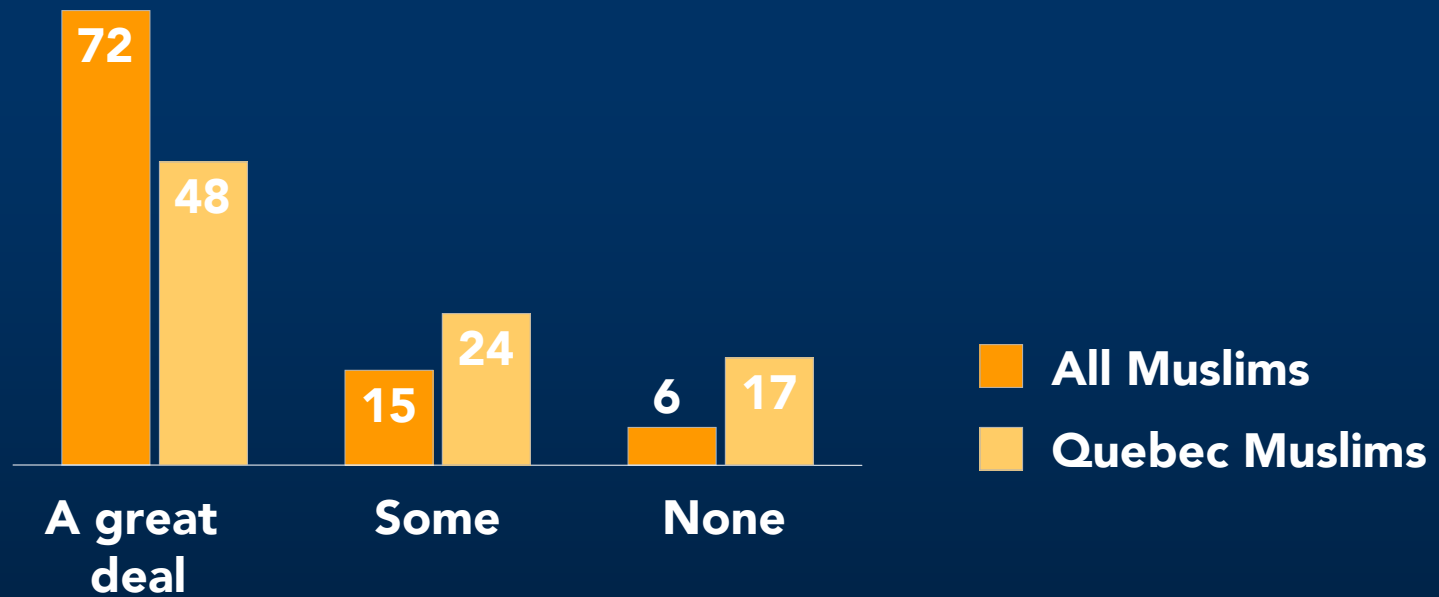
# The vast majority of Canadian Muslims feel few Canadian Muslims support extremists like al-Qaeda

Perceived support among Canadian Muslims for extremists like al-Qaeda



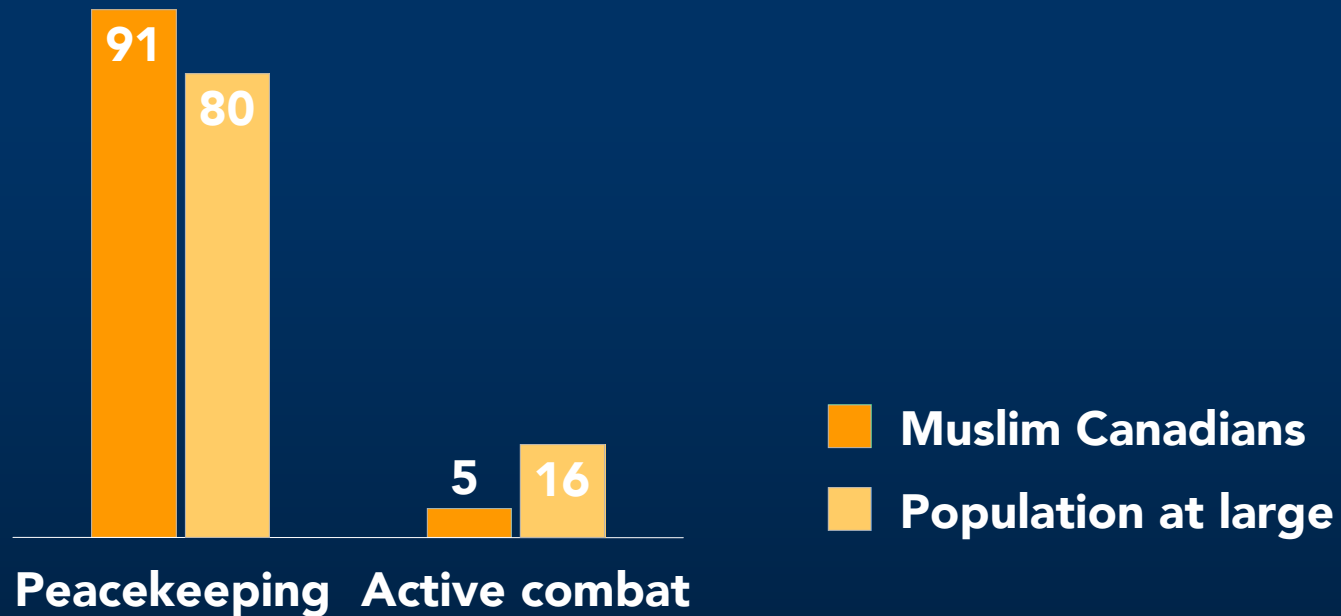
## Muslims think their community has a responsibility to report on potentially violent extremists, but less so in Quebec

Degree of responsibility for reporting potentially violent extremists  
Canadian Muslims



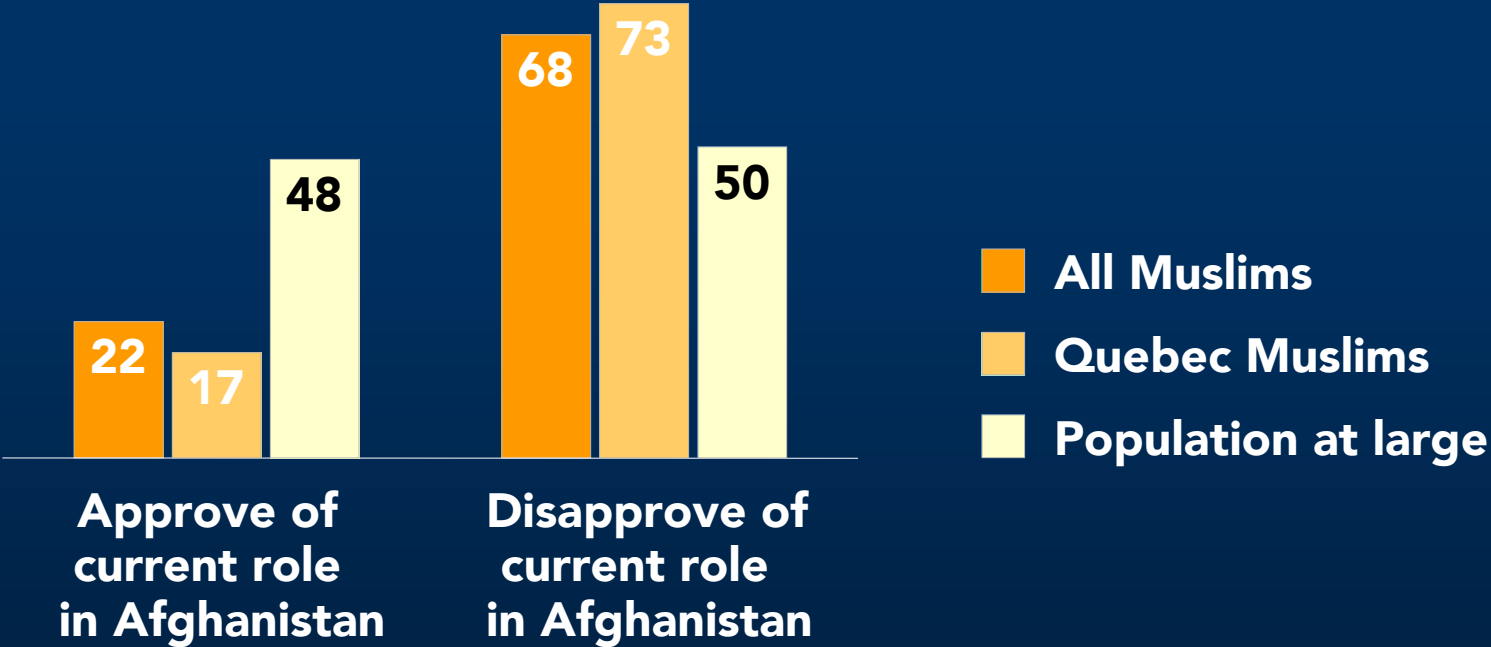
# Muslims, like other Canadians, want Canadian foreign policy to promote peace-building, not active combat alongside allies

Preferred role for Canadian military



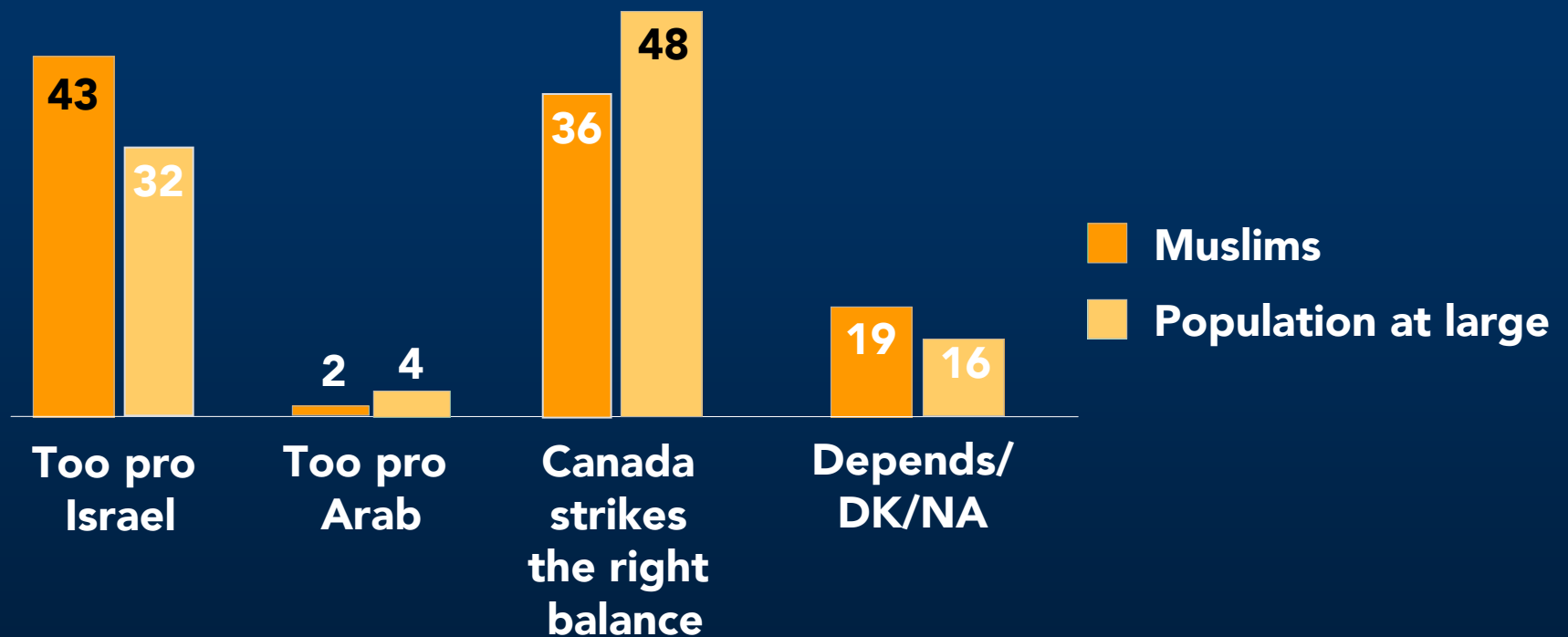
# Muslims disapprove of Canada's military participation in Afghanistan, while the population at large is divided

Approve Canada's current military action in Afghanistan



## And Muslims are more likely to believe Canadian foreign policy is too pro-Israel

Canadian government's foreign policy is ...





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