



CBS NEWS POLL
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**The Mosque Near Ground Zero
August 20-24, 2010**

Most Americans don't think it is appropriate to build a mosque and Islamic cultural center two blocks from the site of the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. 71% of Americans say building a mosque so close to the site is not appropriate, while just 22% say it is appropriate.

Is Building a Mosque Near Ground Zero Appropriate?

Yes	22%
No	71

How one views Islam informs how people feel about the proposed construction of the mosque near Ground Zero. Those who have a favorable opinion of Islam are more inclined to think the mosque is appropriate, while those who view Islam unfavorably decidedly think it's inappropriate.

Is Building a Mosque Near Ground Zero Appropriate?

	Favorable towards Islam	Unfavorable towards Islam
Yes	50%	9%
No	42	88

Nevertheless, most Americans also agree that the developers do have a right to build a mosque there. 67% say they do, while just 29% say they do not.

Do the Developers Have a Right to Build a Mosque Near Ground Zero?

Yes	67%
No	29

24% of Americans have a favorable impression of Islam, while far more – 39%- have an unfavorable opinion of the religion. Nearly as many – 37% - don't have an opinion.

Impression of Islam

Favorable	24%
Unfavorable	39
Don't know	37

This poll was conducted among a random sample of 1,082 adults nationwide, interviewed by telephone August 20-24, 2010. Phone numbers were dialed from random digit dial samples of both standard land-line and cell phones. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher.

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q1-q18 HELD FOR RELEASE

q19 What is your impression of the religion called Islam? As of today, is it very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable, or haven't you heard enough about that to say?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Feb07a
	%	%	%	%	%
Very favorable	6	4	9	5	1
Somewhat favorable	18	12	24	15	14
Somewhat unfavorable	19	32	12	17	21
Very unfavorable	20	29	13	19	25
Haven't heard enough	30	19	36	33	34
DK/NA	7	4	6	11	5

q20-q29 HELD FOR RELEASE

q30 There is a proposal to build a mosque and Islamic cultural center near the site of the World Trade Center in New York City where the September 11th terrorist attacks occurred. Do you think it is appropriate or not appropriate to build a mosque and Islamic center near the site of the World Trade Center?

Appropriate	22	10	32	22
Not appropriate	71	88	57	70
DK/NA	7	2	11	8

q31 Regardless of whether you think it is appropriate to build a mosque near the site of the World Trade Center in New York City, do you think the developers have a right to build a mosque there, or don't they have that right?

Yes, they have the right	67	59	69	69
No, they don't have the right	29	39	25	27
DK/NA	4	2	6	4

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	1082	
Total Republicans	312	282
Total Democrats	353	362
Total Independents	417	438