

MOSQUE NEAR GROUND ZERO

Two-in-Five Americans Regard Mosque Near Ground Zero as a Provocation

Respondents aged 18-34 are evenly divided on this matter, while older Americans are more likely to decry the planned mosque.

[NEW YORK – Jul. 27, 2010] – The plan to build a mosque and a 13-story community center in lower Manhattan, a few blocks from Ground Zero, is rejected by a considerable proportion of Americans, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative national sample of 1,013 American adults, 42 per cent of respondents believe having a mosque close to one of the sites of the 9/11 attacks is a provocation. Conversely, just 28 per cent of respondents see no problem with the mosque, and regard it as a sign of New York's tolerance and openness.

Across the country, at least two-in-five Americans in the Northeast (43%), South (43%) and Midwest (41%) regard the plan as a provocation.

Respondents aged 18 to 34 are divided on the issue (34% regard the mosque as a provocation, while 33% see nothing wrong with it). The gap between the two choices is wider among Americans aged 35 to 54 (44% to 27%) and those over the age of 55 (47% to 26%).

A similar scenario ensues when political allegiance is assessed. Three-in-five Republicans (63%) and almost half of Independents (45%) see the mosque as a provocation, compared to only one third (32%) of Democrats.

KEY FINDINGS

- **43% believe having a mosque close to one of the sites of the 9/11 attacks is a provocation**
- **28% see no problem with the mosque, and regard it as a sign of New York's tolerance and openness**

Full topline results are at the end of this release.

From July 22 to July 23, 2010, Angus Reid Public Opinion conducted an online survey among 1,013 American adults who are Springboard America panelists. The margin of error—which measures sampling variability—is +/- 3.1%. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult population of the United States. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.

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As you may know, there are plans to build a mosque and a 13-story community center in lower Manhattan, a few blocks from Ground Zero. Some people believe that having a mosque close to one of the sites of the 9/11 attacks is a provocation. Other people see no problem with the mosque, and regard it as a sign of New York's tolerance and openness. All things considered, which of these statements comes closest to your own point of view?

	Total	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The planned mosque is a provocation	42%	43%	41%	43%	39%
There is nothing wrong with the planned mosque	28%	27%	29%	27%	32%
Not sure	30%	31%	30%	30%	28%

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	Total	Male	Female	Age 18-34	Age 35-54	Age 55+
The planned mosque is a provocation	42%	42%	42%	34%	44%	47%
There is nothing wrong with the planned mosque	28%	32%	25%	33%	27%	26%
Not sure	30%	26%	33%	33%	29%	27%

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	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
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There is nothing wrong with the planned mosque	28%	33%	17%	35%
Not sure	30%	35%	20%	20%

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