

YouGov - Western/ MENA attitudes to religion - Egypt results

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	Male	Female	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55+	Yes	No	Don't know	Prefer not to say

Thinking about religion...

How favourable or unfavourable do you feel towards each of the following? (Please select one option on each row)

Christianity

	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very favourable	18%	19%	17%	12%	15%	18%	27%	28%	19%	4%	14%	7%
Fairly favourable	12%	10%	14%	8%	13%	12%	13%	11%	13%	5%	7%	7%
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	19%	17%	21%	13%	19%	21%	20%	26%	20%	18%	14%	3%
Fairly unfavourable	8%	9%	7%	12%	8%	8%	5%	5%	8%	7%	14%	3%
Very unfavourable	23%	25%	20%	34%	21%	22%	19%	11%	22%	34%	31%	21%
Don't know	5%	5%	5%	8%	6%	3%	5%	2%	5%	9%	3%	-
Prefer not to answer	16%	15%	16%	13%	18%	16%	12%	16%	14%	23%	17%	59%

Islam

	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very favourable	90%	88%	92%	90%	91%	90%	91%	80%	90%	96%	89%	72%
Fairly favourable	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	-	7%	1%	2%	-	-
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	7%	2%	2%	4%	-
Fairly unfavourable	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%	-	-	-
Very unfavourable	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	-	2%	-	-	4%
Don't know	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	-	-	0%	-	-	-
Prefer not to answer	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	-	7%	24%

Judaism

	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very favourable	10%	10%	9%	5%	7%	11%	18%	11%	11%	2%	7%	-
Fairly favourable	8%	8%	8%	6%	9%	7%	11%	10%	9%	4%	3%	3%
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	18%	17%	19%	11%	17%	22%	18%	33%	19%	14%	10%	-
Fairly unfavourable	6%	7%	6%	7%	5%	6%	7%	13%	6%	2%	10%	10%
Very unfavourable	34%	34%	34%	49%	34%	33%	27%	13%	34%	46%	38%	24%
Don't know	6%	6%	7%	8%	8%	5%	4%	5%	6%	13%	7%	4%
Prefer not to answer	17%	17%	17%	14%	20%	17%	14%	15%	15%	20%	24%	59%

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Hinduism

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very favourable	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	-	-	-
Fairly favourable	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	5%	1%	2%	-	-
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	6%	6%	7%	3%	8%	6%	5%	8%	7%	2%	7%	-
Fairly unfavourable	4%	3%	5%	6%	4%	2%	2%	7%	4%	5%	3%	-
Very unfavourable	68%	69%	68%	69%	64%	73%	74%	53%	69%	70%	65%	34%
Don't know	8%	8%	7%	8%	7%	6%	9%	13%	8%	11%	3%	7%
Prefer not to answer	12%	12%	12%	13%	15%	10%	8%	15%	11%	11%	21%	59%

Sikhism

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very favourable	1%	2%	1%	-	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	-	3%
Fairly favourable	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%	-	-	-
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	6%	6%	6%	2%	8%	5%	8%	7%	7%	2%	3%	-
Fairly unfavourable	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	-
Very unfavourable	69%	72%	66%	70%	63%	76%	72%	61%	70%	70%	62%	34%
Don't know	13%	9%	16%	17%	15%	9%	7%	13%	12%	20%	10%	7%
Prefer not to answer	8%	8%	8%	6%	10%	5%	8%	11%	6%	5%	21%	55%

Buddhism

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very favourable	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	-	1%	-	-	-
Fairly favourable	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	5%	1%	2%	-	-
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	6%	6%	7%	2%	8%	7%	7%	8%	7%	-	3%	-
Fairly unfavourable	3%	3%	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%	5%	2%	5%	3%	3%
Very unfavourable	73%	75%	71%	74%	70%	78%	78%	59%	75%	77%	58%	34%
Don't know	8%	7%	10%	12%	9%	7%	4%	13%	8%	11%	14%	11%
Prefer not to answer	8%	8%	8%	6%	10%	6%	6%	10%	6%	5%	21%	52%

Atheism (i.e. lack of belief in the existence of God or gods)

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very favourable	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	-	1%	-	0%	-	-	-
Fairly favourable	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	-	3%	1%	-	-	-
Neither favourable nor unfavourable	4%	4%	3%	2%	4%	3%	6%	2%	4%	2%	-	-
Fairly unfavourable	2%	2%	2%	5%	2%	1%	1%	-	2%	-	3%	-
Very unfavourable	83%	82%	85%	85%	80%	87%	84%	80%	85%	93%	62%	45%
Don't know	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%	3%	5%	4%	4%	14%	3%
Prefer not to answer	6%	6%	6%	3%	7%	6%	5%	10%	4%	2%	21%	52%

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Continuing to think about religion...

How familiar are you, if at all, with the basic teachings of the following religions? (Please select one option on each row)

Christianity

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very familiar	15%	17%	12%	13%	11%	16%	21%	20%	16%	5%	4%	10%
Fairly familiar	38%	36%	41%	35%	38%	35%	44%	44%	40%	28%	17%	7%
Not very familiar	27%	25%	29%	28%	27%	31%	25%	20%	28%	25%	34%	14%
Not at all familiar	14%	15%	12%	19%	15%	13%	7%	6%	12%	36%	27%	14%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	-	-	1%	2%	10%	3%
Prefer not to say	5%	6%	4%	2%	6%	5%	3%	10%	3%	4%	7%	52%

Islam

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very familiar	84%	85%	83%	87%	81%	86%	88%	79%	85%	89%	82%	59%
Fairly familiar	12%	10%	13%	8%	14%	11%	10%	18%	12%	7%	7%	7%
Not very familiar	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	-	1%	-	7%	4%
Not at all familiar	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-
Don't know	1%	1%	-	1%	-	1%	-	-	0%	2%	-	-
Prefer not to say	1%	2%	1%	-	2%	1%	1%	3%	0%	2%	4%	31%

Judaism

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very familiar	7%	9%	5%	6%	3%	9%	12%	7%	7%	4%	-	3%
Fairly familiar	24%	24%	24%	18%	21%	26%	29%	36%	25%	20%	7%	10%
Not very familiar	30%	30%	30%	26%	29%	31%	34%	36%	31%	25%	31%	14%
Not at all familiar	32%	29%	35%	45%	37%	29%	21%	11%	31%	45%	48%	17%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	1%	-	2%	5%	7%	7%
Prefer not to say	5%	6%	4%	3%	6%	5%	3%	10%	4%	2%	7%	48%

Hinduism

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very familiar	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	-	1%	2%	-	3%
Fairly familiar	9%	9%	9%	9%	6%	11%	9%	16%	10%	5%	-	7%
Not very familiar	21%	20%	23%	21%	19%	21%	26%	20%	21%	27%	21%	7%
Not at all familiar	60%	59%	61%	61%	64%	57%	44%	61%	56%	59%	59%	28%
Don't know	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	3%	2%	8%	3%	7%	7%	-
Prefer not to say	5%	6%	5%	3%	6%	5%	5%	12%	4%	4%	14%	55%

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Sikhism

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Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very familiar	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	5%	2%	-	-	7%
Fairly familiar	7%	8%	6%	3%	4%	9%	9%	18%	7%	5%	-	-
Not very familiar	16%	15%	17%	8%	16%	18%	21%	13%	16%	14%	17%	14%
Not at all familiar	68%	66%	70%	79%	71%	64%	63%	46%	69%	72%	69%	31%
Don't know	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	5%	3%	5%	7%	-
Prefer not to say	5%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	13%	4%	4%	7%	48%

Buddhism

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very familiar	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	-	-	1%	-	-	3%
Fairly familiar	10%	11%	8%	7%	6%	11%	16%	16%	10%	7%	-	-
Not very familiar	20%	18%	23%	19%	21%	21%	19%	20%	20%	28%	17%	14%
Not at all familiar	61%	60%	62%	65%	63%	59%	58%	43%	62%	54%	66%	28%
Don't know	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	8%	3%	7%	10%	-
Prefer not to say	5%	5%	5%	3%	6%	4%	3%	13%	3%	4%	7%	55%

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Continuing to think about religion...

How concerned are you, if at all, about the possible rise of extremism in each of the following religions? (Please select one option on each row)

Christianity

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very concerned	14%	15%	13%	13%	14%	15%	16%	10%	14%	30%	3%	-
Fairly concerned	26%	26%	26%	22%	24%	28%	27%	43%	28%	18%	7%	10%
Not very concerned	21%	21%	21%	17%	18%	24%	23%	24%	22%	9%	10%	17%
Not at all concerned	16%	18%	15%	18%	14%	15%	23%	11%	17%	5%	17%	7%
Don't know	16%	13%	19%	24%	20%	12%	7%	5%	14%	32%	41%	14%
Prefer not to say	7%	7%	6%	6%	9%	6%	3%	7%	5%	5%	21%	52%

Islam

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very concerned	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	22%	18%	11%	7%	3%
Fairly concerned	20%	17%	22%	17%	18%	20%	21%	34%	21%	19%	7%	7%
Not very concerned	17%	18%	16%	15%	16%	17%	19%	20%	17%	18%	3%	7%
Not at all concerned	36%	39%	33%	39%	35%	38%	37%	20%	35%	41%	62%	17%
Don't know	5%	3%	8%	6%	8%	4%	3%	2%	5%	11%	4%	7%
Prefer not to say	5%	6%	4%	7%	6%	5%	3%	3%	3%	-	17%	58%

Judaism

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very concerned	34%	36%	32%	30%	30%	41%	37%	33%	35%	39%	17%	10%
Fairly concerned	17%	19%	16%	14%	15%	17%	21%	34%	18%	14%	14%	-
Not very concerned	9%	11%	6%	8%	5%	12%	12%	8%	10%	2%	3%	3%
Not at all concerned	12%	10%	15%	13%	14%	9%	14%	8%	13%	9%	3%	17%
Don't know	21%	17%	25%	27%	27%	14%	13%	8%	20%	31%	38%	14%
Prefer not to say	7%	7%	7%	7%	9%	6%	3%	8%	5%	5%	24%	55%

Hinduism

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very concerned	20%	25%	16%	20%	17%	23%	28%	11%	21%	23%	17%	3%
Fairly concerned	15%	17%	12%	14%	13%	16%	14%	21%	15%	14%	3%	3%
Not very concerned	10%	12%	7%	7%	7%	10%	14%	18%	10%	11%	3%	3%
Not at all concerned	15%	12%	19%	15%	16%	15%	15%	11%	16%	7%	11%	14%
Don't know	32%	27%	37%	34%	37%	30%	23%	30%	32%	41%	45%	18%
Prefer not to say	8%	8%	8%	10%	10%	5%	6%	8%	6%	4%	21%	58%

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Sikhism

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very concerned	18%	22%	13%	16%	14%	22%	22%	15%	18%	22%	10%	-
Fairly concerned	14%	18%	9%	11%	10%	15%	18%	21%	15%	7%	3%	3%
Not very concerned	9%	10%	8%	8%	8%	9%	13%	7%	9%	7%	3%	10%
Not at all concerned	15%	13%	18%	13%	16%	15%	16%	16%	16%	11%	10%	10%
Don't know	38%	32%	44%	42%	43%	33%	29%	36%	37%	50%	52%	21%
Prefer not to say	7%	6%	7%	10%	10%	4%	3%	5%	5%	4%	21%	55%

Buddhism

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Very concerned	20%	24%	15%	21%	15%	24%	25%	13%	20%	25%	14%	3%
Fairly concerned	12%	15%	10%	11%	11%	14%	13%	18%	13%	7%	7%	-
Not very concerned	8%	8%	9%	6%	8%	8%	12%	8%	9%	5%	3%	3%
Not at all concerned	16%	14%	18%	12%	17%	17%	18%	16%	17%	11%	7%	14%
Don't know	36%	31%	41%	38%	40%	33%	28%	36%	36%	45%	48%	21%
Prefer not to say	8%	8%	7%	12%	9%	5%	3%	8%	6%	7%	21%	58%

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Total	Gender		Age					Whether personally know anyone who is a Christian			
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Generally speaking, do you think most people in Egypt would mind or not mind if one of their close relatives were to marry a person who is Christian?

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Would mind a lot	45%	45%	46%	42%	46%	47%	45%	43%	47%	45%	28%	10%
Would mind a little	28%	30%	27%	37%	26%	25%	27%	35%	30%	23%	17%	7%
Would not mind at all	7%	7%	6%	7%	6%	8%	8%	7%	7%	4%	10%	-
Don't know	15%	13%	16%	9%	16%	17%	15%	13%	14%	23%	41%	14%
Prefer not to say	5%	5%	5%	4%	7%	4%	5%	3%	3%	5%	3%	69%

Personally speaking, would you mind or not mind if one of your close relatives were to marry a person who is Christian?

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Would mind a lot	35%	35%	36%	33%	33%	40%	36%	33%	35%	48%	31%	14%
Would mind a little	20%	20%	19%	23%	20%	17%	21%	20%	21%	16%	10%	-
Would not mind at all	27%	29%	25%	28%	25%	26%	28%	33%	29%	9%	14%	14%
Don't know	12%	10%	13%	11%	14%	11%	8%	8%	10%	16%	45%	14%
Prefer not to answer	7%	6%	7%	5%	8%	6%	7%	7%	5%	11%	-	59%

Thinking about religion and society...

Which ONE, if any, of the following statements best describes your view?

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Christianity is generally compatible with the values of society in Egypt	50%	49%	51%	43%	45%	50%	66%	67%	54%	28%	17%	10%
There is a fundamental clash between Christianity and the values of society in Egypt	7%	10%	4%	9%	7%	7%	7%	10%	7%	15%	3%	-
Neither of these	21%	20%	22%	26%	22%	22%	14%	12%	21%	27%	21%	7%
Don't know	14%	13%	16%	16%	18%	14%	10%	2%	13%	27%	55%	-
Prefer not to say	7%	8%	6%	6%	8%	7%	5%	10%	5%	4%	4%	83%

Thinking about your own life...Do you personally know anyone who is a Christian?

Unweighted base	1009	515	494	179	357	258	154	61	895	56	29	29
Base: All Egyptian Adults	1009	515	494	181	360	256	152	60	895	56	29	29
Yes	89%	90%	87%	87%	86%	89%	94%	95%	100%	-	-	-
No	6%	4%	7%	9%	5%	5%	3%	2%	-	100%	-	-
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	1%	-	-	-	100%	-
Prefer not to say	3%	3%	2%	1%	4%	3%	2%	3%	-	-	-	100%