



NEXT STEPS

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PRESENCING OURSELVES

A MUSLIM LGBTQIA+ LANDSCAPE

SURVEY GOALS

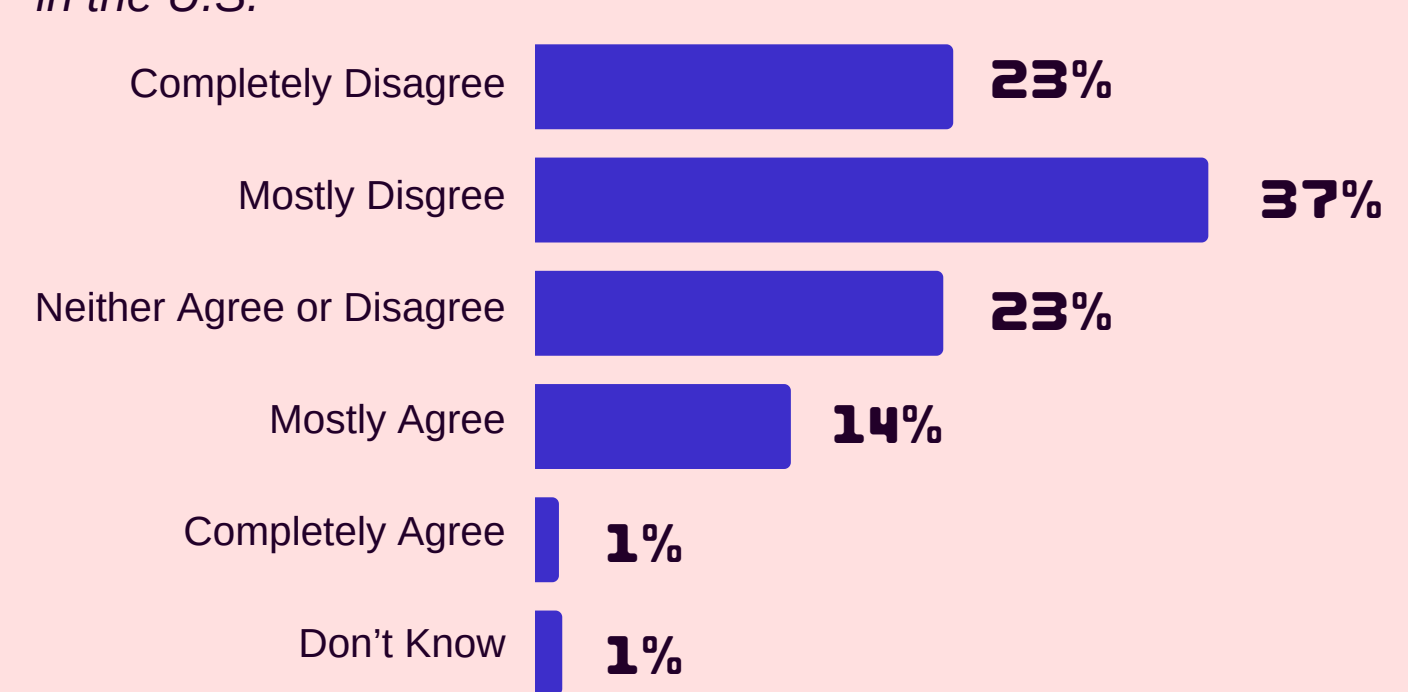
- Launch the first US-wide LGBTQIA+ Muslim needs assessment, made by and for LGBTQIA+ Muslims
- The resulting survey data will be an open source data by Summer 2024 to help those working towards our liberation
- Develop actionable literature, including an initial findings report, to support queer and trans Muslim organizing and inclusion

SURVEY DEVELOPMENT

- 162 questions spanning demographics and life domains, including immigration, relations to the police state, religiosity, healthcare experiences, sexual health and violence, and belonging
- IRB-supported through the University of Chicago
- Survey was open for 4 months, as more isolated and marginalized communities receive information later than the most-connected
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis applied

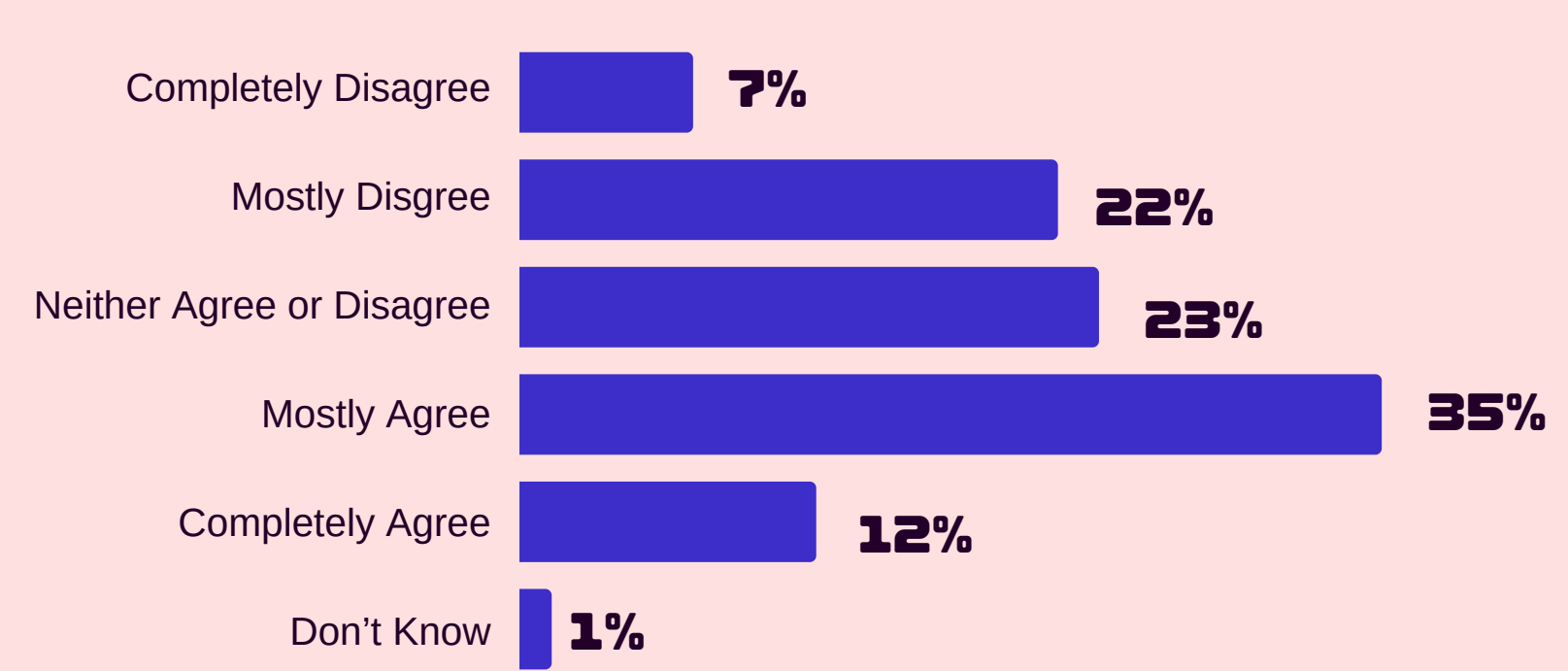
DO LGBTQIA+ MUSLIMS FEEL LIKE THEY BELONG?

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?: I feel a strong sense of belonging to the Muslim community in the U.S.



Only 15% felt a strong sense of belonging to the Muslim community, while a large majority, 60%, did not.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?: I feel a strong sense of belonging to the LGBTQIA+ or queer community/movement in the U.S.



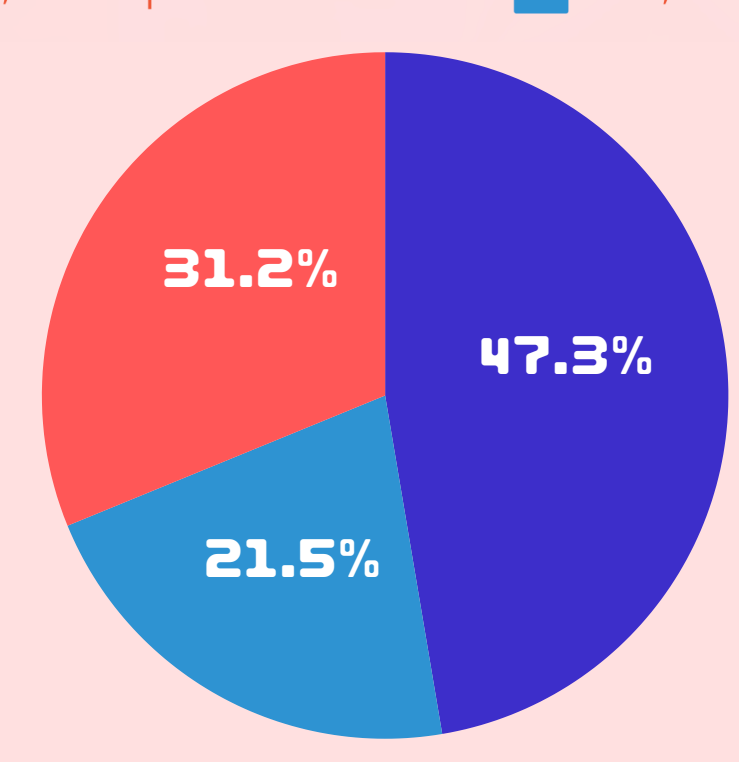
Only 47% felt a strong sense of belonging in LGBTQIA+ spaces, while 29% did not.

"Finding little communities of affirming queer Muslims has made me closer to my faith" - Survey respondent

A STORY OF BELONGING THROUGH NUMBERS

Have you ever connected with LGBTQIA+ or LGBTQIA+ friendly organizations, such as support groups or non-profits?

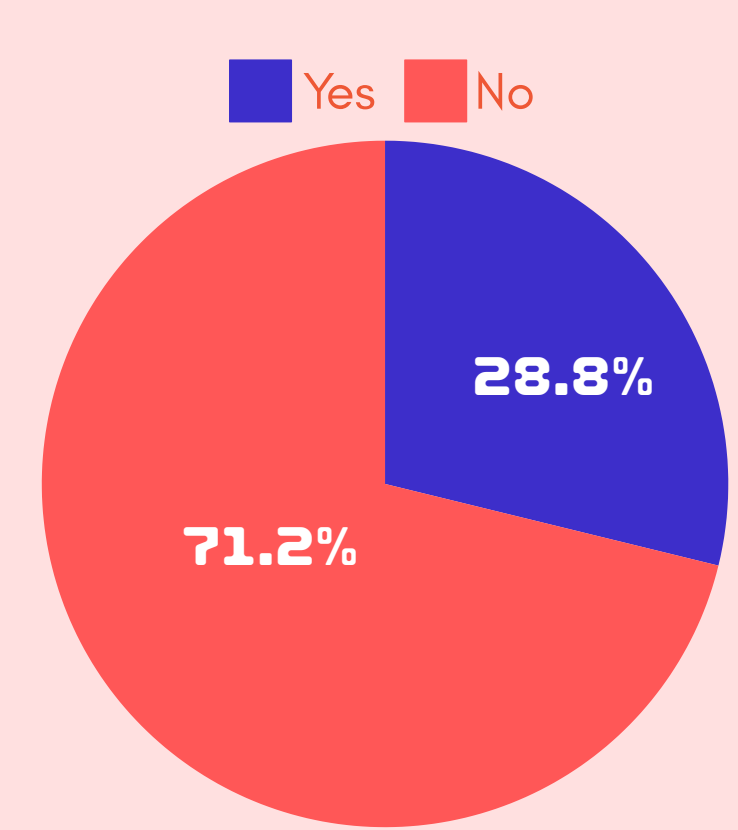
Yes, in the past 12 months | Yes, but over 12 months ago | No



68% of LGBTQIA+ Muslim survey respondents were engaged with LGBTQIA+ or friendly organizations.

ARE LGBTQIA+ MUSLIMS ENGAGED WITH ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN FOSTER BELONGING?

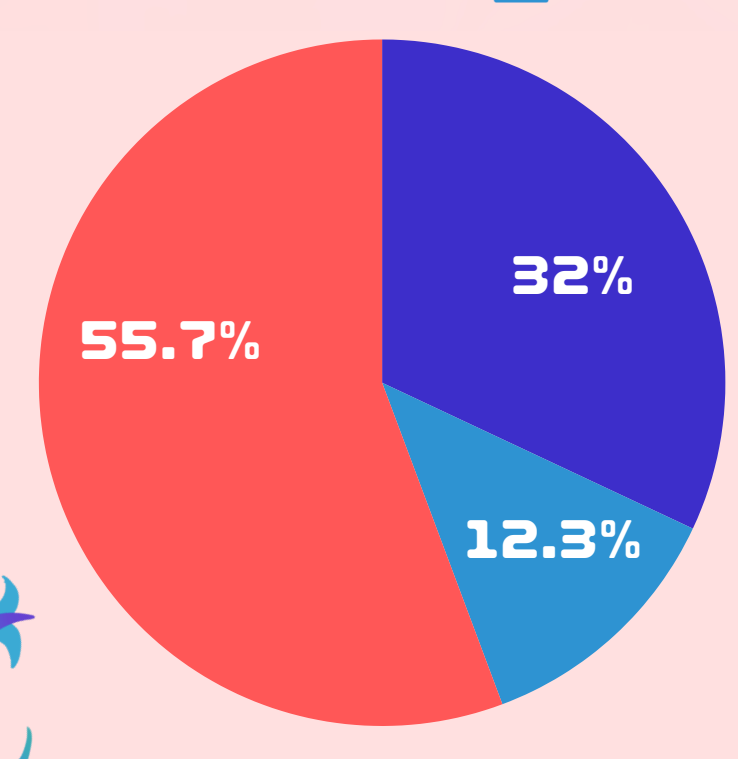
Are you a member of or regularly attend a spiritual/religious community such as a mosque or Islamic center?



Only 29% of respondents stated that they were a member of or regularly attended a spiritual/religious community such as a mosque or Islamic center.

Have you ever connected with Muslim LGBTQIA+ or LGBTQIA+ friendly Muslim organizations, such as affirming mosques or Muslim LGBTQIA+ support groups?

Yes, in the past 12 months | Yes, but over 12 months ago | No



44% of LGBTQIA+ Muslim respondents reported they were engaged with LGBTQIA+ Muslim or friendly organizations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Be brave. Say the first hello, ask the hard question, be the bridge.** Deepen your solidarity and inclusion with Black, Muslim, and LGBTQIA+ communities.
- **Defend and improve sexual education.** Include topics of gender diverse attraction, as well as consent, sexual violence and safety, and misogyny.
- **Align with abolitionist work.** BIPOC LGBTQIA+ Muslims are disproportionately targeted by policing.
- **Include community-focused education for medical and service providers.** Intersectional training can show the unique challenges of LGBTQIA+ Muslims.

"Honestly, it has become difficult to practice Islam actively because every interaction with my Islam feels like a reminder that I'm not welcome." - Survey respondent

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