

## Five takeaways from new Pew study of Islam

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The [Pew Research Center's in-depth look at Islam](#) [1] is based on 38,000 face-to-face interviews in more than 80 languages covering 39 countries. Anyone who covers religion ought to read this study, not to mention public policy makers.

Below are a five takeaways as reported in [a CNN story](#) [2]:

- 1.) Differences between U.S. and international Muslims are vast
- 2.) Sharia law favored, especially by more devout Muslims
- 3.) Most Muslims believe religion, politics should be intertwined
- 4.) Around the world, Muslims heralded religious freedom
- 5.) Islamic extremism widely rejected, but still a concern

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