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PEW.1-PEW.3 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

On a different subject...

ASK ALL:

PEW.4 How much would you say you know about the Muslim religion and its practices? **[READ, IN ORDER]**

Aug 19-22 <u>2010</u>		August <u>2007</u>	July <u>2005</u>	Mid-July <u>2003</u>	March <u>2002</u>	Mid-Nov <u>2001</u>
9	A great deal	7	5	4	5	6
35	Some	34	28	27	29	32
30	Not very much	33	36	39	37	37
25	Nothing at all	25	30	29	28	24
*	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	1	1	1	1	1

ASK ALL:

PEW.5 Would you say you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of Islam?

Aug 19-22 <u>2010</u>		July <u>2005</u>	Mid-July <u>2003</u>	March <u>2002</u>	---- ABC/Beliefnet ---- <u>Jan 2002</u> <u>Oct 2001</u>	
30	Favorable	41	40	38	41	47
38	Unfavorable	36	34	33	24	39
32	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	23	26	29	35	13

ASK ALL:

PEW.6 Do you, yourself happen to know anyone who is Muslim?

-----Based on Non-Muslims ¹ -----						
Aug 19-22 <u>2010</u>		Aug 11-17 <u>2009</u>	August <u>2007</u>	Mid-Nov <u>2001</u>		
41	Yes	45	45	38		
58	No	54	54	61		
0	Respondent is Muslim (VOL.)	--	--	--		
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1	1		

ASK ALL:

PEW.7 Which statement is closer to your views even if neither is exactly right **[READ]**.

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35	The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among its believers	38	45	36	46	44	25
42	The Islamic religion does not encourage violence more than others	45	39	47	37	41	51
6	Neither (VOL.)	1	4	3	2	3	3
18	Don't know (VOL.)	15	12	14	15	12	21

PEW.8-PEW.9 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

¹ In each of these surveys, less than 1% of respondents identified as Muslim.

ROTATE PEW.10 AND PEW.11

ASK ALL:

PEW.10 As you may know, there is a proposal to build an Islamic cultural center and mosque in downtown New York City, a few blocks from the site of the World Trade Center. From what you've read and heard, do you agree more with: **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]?**

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- 51 Those who object to the building of this center **[OR]**
- 34 Those who think the center should be allowed to be built
- 15 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

ROTATE PEW.10 AND PEW.11

ASK ALL:

PEW.11 Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]?**

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- 25 Local communities should be able to prohibit the construction of mosques in their area if they don't want them **[OR]**
- 62 Muslims should have the same rights as other religious groups to build houses of worship in local communities
- 13 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

ASK IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> No preference	<u>(VOL.)</u> Other party	<u>(VOL.)</u> DK/Ref	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
Aug 19-22, 2010	22	29	39	7	*	3	14	14