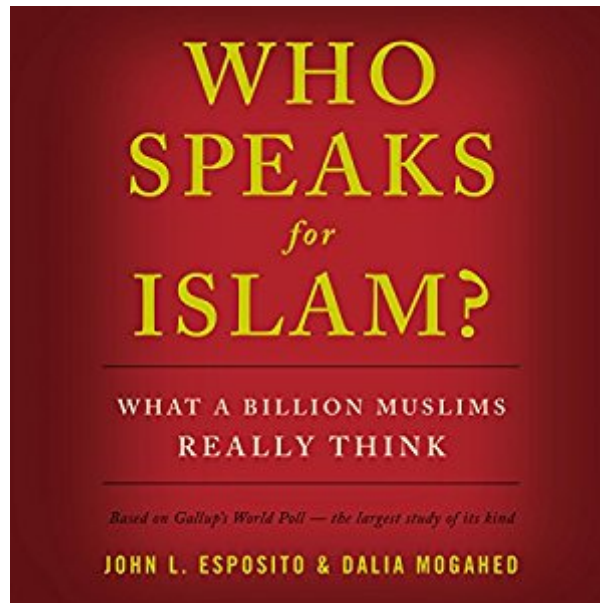




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# Who Speaks For Islam?: What A Billion Muslims Really Think



## Synopsis

Are we on the verge of an all-out war between the West and 1.3 billion Muslims? When the media searches for an answer to that question, they usually overlook the actual views of the world's Muslims. *Who Speaks for Islam?* is about this silenced majority. This book is the product of the Gallup World Poll's massive multiyear research study. As part of this groundbreaking project, Gallup conducted tens of thousands of interviews with residents of more than 35 nations that are predominantly Muslim or have significant Muslim populations. Gallup posed questions that are on the minds of millions: Is Islam to blame for terrorism? Why is there so much anti-Americanism in the Muslim world? Who are the extremists? Where are the moderates? What do Muslim women really want? Grounded in Gallup World Poll data, not in contentious rhetoric, *Who Speaks for Islam?* brings data-driven evidence - the voices of a billion Muslims, not those of individual "experts" or "extremists" - to one of the most heated and consequential debates of our time.

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## Customer Reviews

An excellent, well-written documentation of data collected by an extensive and well-planned survey. I highly recommend the book to anyone who prefers to know of themselves through study and personal experience who are our friends rather than accepting what the media keep feeding to us about who are our enemies. The battle is not between religions but rather, as always, between good and evil. Are we being led to think otherwise? All people who truly live their religion can live together in peace and harmony whether Muslim, Jew, Christian, Buddhist, or Hindu. I have associated with

persons of each faith. Let us not let those who claim religion as a reason for violence destroy the trust and commonality that can exist between people who truly desire to live their faith.

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Great book. Great service.

Amazing book that should be mandatory reading for all Americans who want a better understanding of Islam and are tired of orange haired friction figures

Explains pluralism, diversity, excellent links to web resources. Well-documented. Good perspective on differing cultural aspirations and differences within multiple contending divisions of faith. Gallup and Pew research techniques are excellent and open continuing dialog in search for "what is" and "not for what one thinks should be"....as Albert Einstein also said, "The important thing is not to stop questioning."

The idea to use a Gallup poll to portray the views of most muslims, is a good one. I would have preferred a presentation of the main results with some critical discussion of the result, though. That is not what the book is. The book has a clear message: There is no clash of sivilizations, it is all misconceptions, and mostly it is people in the west who do not understand Islam. Selective results from the poll are used to support this claim. The poll is a minor part of the arument though. Typically, Esposito argues for several (kindle-) pages, and then in the end present a few number to furhter support his argument. As a presentation of the results from the poll, I'd give the book only two stars. But the author does a decent job in making his argument, so as a book arguing that the clash of sivilization is grossly exaggerated it would be a four or five star. Hence it got three.

I had seen a video based on this book, but had some trouble following the presentation. Hence I was eager to get hold of the book so that I could reread important portions as often as needed. This study is surely one of the most important to be conducted in moder times and by a highly reputable source. I wish that it could recommended widely for all Americans and more media writers in particular.

This book gives what the Muslims really thinks about Democracy and Radicalism. How do they view

America and the West, and what Muslims women thinks. This book is better than what is on CNN, MNBC or any other news agencies.

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