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Muslim Voters Deeply Divided Over Hamas

A new poll finds troubling levels of support for Hamas, but also significant divisions over the conflict and dissatisfaction with its dominance of Muslim civic life.

Public Policy Challenge:

More than a third of Muslim American registered voters (35%) say they support Hamas in its war with Israel, a troubling finding given Hamas's designation as a foreign terrorist organization and its rejection of peaceful coexistence with Israel. Yet the same poll reveals a community far less united around the conflict than its most vocal representatives suggest: 39% support neither side, 16% support Israel, and 44% believe Muslim community organizations focus excessively on Palestine.

Some Muslim civic and religious leaders have elevated Palestine into the defining cause of Muslim American political identity. Yet the poll results show this agenda does not represent the broader community. Making Palestine a litmus test of Muslim belonging is thus an attempt to force political loyalties increasingly disconnected from Muslim voters' domestic policy preferences, which are strongly conservative-aligned.

The loudest voices do not necessarily represent the majority. Policymakers should stop treating foreign policy grievances as the gateway to Muslim American civic engagement.

Divided Muslim Voters

35% Support Hamas

39% Support neither side

16% Support Israel

44% Say Muslim organizations are overly focused on Palestine

About AML

American Muslim League is a new civic organization founded on a distinct premise: that America has been good to Muslims, and that patriotic contribution — not grievance politics — is the surest path to belonging. AML advances patriotic assimilation and counters identity-based extremism.

About Insights

Insights is AML's research brief on Muslim American civic life. It draws on a national poll of Muslim American registered voters commissioned by AML. Each issue examines one dimension of the findings and sets out practical recommendations for policymakers and civic leaders.

About This Poll

An AML / Rainey Center / MALA national online survey of 768 Muslim American registered voters, April 22–May 4, 2026. Weighted by age, gender, race, education, and 2024 vote recall. Margin of error ±4.3%.

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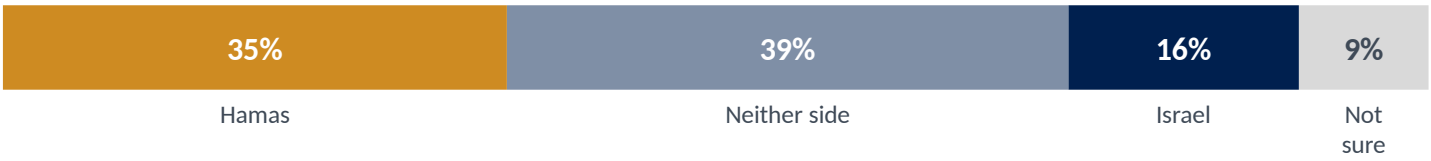
Muslim Voters Divided Over Hamas and Prominence of Palestinian Cause

"In the war between Israel and Hamas, which side do you support?" (Q49)



"Are Muslim community organizations too focused on Palestine?" (Q55)

Support for neither side or Israel exceeds support for Hamas. Although the 35% figure remains deeply concerning and requires action, the findings challenge the assumption of a unified Muslim American position on the conflict. They also reveal substantial dissatisfaction with the centrality of the Palestine cause asserted by some community leaders.

Key Takeaways

1. **Stop treating Palestine as the defining Muslim American issue.** Political leaders should engage Muslim Americans on domestic priorities—school choice, parental rights, crime, and economic opportunity—rather than allowing a foreign conflict to dominate the civic agenda.

2. **Don't confuse the loudest voices with the broader community.** Muslim American opinion is divided. Policymakers should not treat Palestine-focused organizations as default representatives of a community whose political attitudes and priorities are far more diverse.

3. **Apply consistent standards to civic partners.** Support for a designated terrorist organization should not be normalized. Public officials should distinguish legitimate advocacy for Palestinian rights from support for Hamas and apply consistent standards when choosing civic partners.

4. **Elevate Muslim American voices who reject Hamas.** Build sustained relationships with Muslim civic leaders and organizations that reject terrorism and prioritize patriotic contribution over grievance politics. These relationships should become part of a durable civic infrastructure, not simply occasional symbolic gestures.

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