

Islam is not an American Religion and Mohamed is not an American Name.



- Introductory videos
  - a. The Secret History of Muslims in the U.S. <https://youtu.be/dPYldfYfEKM>,
  - b. How the autobiography of a Muslim slave is challenging an American narrative <https://youtu.be/EBQelGvwkhE>
- 1. What were the birth area of the three religions? Is Islam the only religion imported from the Middle East? [Islam, Judaism and Christianity came from the Middle East. Jesus wasn't from Chicago and Moses was not from New York.](#)
- 2. Mohamed is not a Christian name but it is [an American name.](#)
- 3. In case of differences between Muslim American and racist Non-Muslim Americans, the Non-Muslims say go back to your country. How do you reply to that?
  - [I am in my country. I was born here and I don't know any other country.](#)
- 4. Immigrant Muslims accepted to be American citizens (naturalized)

- When they were sworn as US Citizens, they were adults. They made the decision while being aware of it. US born citizens did not make that choice. They became Americans by chance, i.e., accidentally, without prior planning.
5. In a case of differences between main stream Americans, they do not say to each other go back to your country. Why? Do they respect each other's opinion?
- They respect each other opinion and don't say go back to your country.
  - They don't say that because they all came from Europe and consider themselves natives.
  - In fact, the true Americans are the Indians who were here first.
6. Why love it or leave it is not American? What is the American culture?
- The American culture is to love what you believe is good and hate what you believe is bad. Hate is not so uncommon. You may hate your neighbor or teacher.
7. You are either with us or with the terrorists (Bush). You are either with us or you are hypocrite (bin Laden).
- We are against both of you. We reject both forms of extremism.
  - Who are you to accuse me for being a terrorist because I disagree with you Mr. Bush?
8. Difference between propaganda and journalism (decent media).

- Propaganda is one sided. In addition, one intellectual debating against a layman is also propaganda as well. Journalism is to present both sides and we get to choose which side is good and which one is bad. Debates have to be between equally talented persons presenting and we get to choose between them.
9. The main stream American media insults the intellectuals because they impose their opinion and don't present both side and they get to choose.
  10. Natural differences are intended by our creator and we shouldn't punish each other because of it. It is a sign of his greatness. The factory produces carts that are the same, but creates humans that are similar but unique different attributes.
  11. Allah judges us for what we choose to be not what he chose for us. Explain.
    - We have the free will to chose who we are and he is going to judge us for that.
    - He is not going to judge us for his decisions.
  12. Are we democratic or constitutional republic? Explain the difference between both with examples.
    - constitutional republic because we don't vote on non-constitutional choices.
  13. What is the American personality? What is the Islamic personality? Are they against each other or can coexist?
    - Islamic personality is the one who is motivated by the Islamic teachings. It is constant because the teachings are the same.

- American personality changes with time. It was originally for land owners, then changed with time.
  - They both can coexist. All over the history, Christians lived fine in a Muslim land, and the other way around. Muslim men can marry Jews and Christians Quran (5:5).
14. Explain how the American personality and the Islamic personality can work together using the concept of pollution.
- Noise pollution is an American concept. Muslims can introduce image pollution to protect the public space from nakedness.
15. Immigrants are being tested but American born were not tested. Explain this argument. This argument is a reply to what? You may use the example of the free pens given in a medical conference.
- Immigrants grew up with very little opportunities. They are used to take advantage of any opportunity that is available. They are tested.
  - American born usually grows up in an abundant environment. Opportunities are usually available to select from.
16. We don't want Sharia. We want to ban Sharia laws. Explain who said that and how do you reply to them.
- They actually don't want Islam but are saying it in an implied way.
  - Sharia for individuals is to pray, fast, pay charity, do Haj, moral values, no drinking, no sex outside marriage ...etc.
  - Sharia for state is similar to the ten commandments. It is only for Muslim states. They can't be applied in a Non-Muslim state.

17. If the law of the land prohibits Muslims from praying, fasting, pay Zakah or go to Haj, what do Muslims do then?

- Leave to a land that doesn't stop them from the worship of God.