Appendix I: Research Questionnaire used on internet

Dear respondent,

I am conducting a research on 'religious and social life of Muslims living in the United States of America'. In this connection, I request you to kindly fill out and submit the following questionnaire which seeks information in three life areas viz. personal, religious and socio-cultural.

In case you do not wish to give your name please do not enter it. However, other information is necessary for the purpose of data analysis.

Please find time to respond to and submit the queries. I assure you that the data will be used for research purposes only and will be kept confidential.

Thanking you,

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6. State of Residence: 

7. City of Residence: (Please indicate "unincorporated" or "county area" if not living inside a municipality):

8. Country of origin (if immigrant): 

9. If not an immigrant, what generation American are you?
   - First Generation American
   - Second Generation American
   - Third Generation American
   - Fourth Generation American
   - Fifth Generation American
   - Sixth Generation American or greater
   - I don't want to specify.

10. You will describe yourself as:
    - African American
    - Non-Hispanic White
    - Hispanic
    - Arab
    - South Asian
    - East Asian/Pacific Islander
    - African
    - Native American
    - Mixed
    - Others
    - I don't want to specify.

11. Did you convert to Islam?
    - Yes
    - No

12. If born a Muslim, are you a descendant of someone who converted less than 100 years ago?
    - Yes
    - No
13. **If immigrant, major reason to leave your country of origin:**
- Better economic opportunities
- More social and political freedom
- Comfortable life
- To have a sense of superiority in native country.
- I don't want to specify.

14. **You prefer to live in a neighbourhood that is:**
- Mostly Muslim.
- Mostly your ethnic group irrespective of religion
- Mostly Muslim as well as your ethnic group.
- Mixed
- No preference
- I don't want to specify.

15. **Do you own or rent your current home?**
- Own
- Rent
- I don't want to specify.

6. **How do you choose where you live? (Please choose which is most important for you:)**
- Proximity to work.
- Proximity to school.
- Proximity to mosque.
- Proximity to shopping facilities.
- Proximity to an airport.
- Away from bad neighbourhoods.
- Away from people of an undesirable racial or ethnic background.
- Close to a fast highway or turnpike that gets to work or school quickly.
- Away from a highway to pick a quiet street deep inside a neighbourhood.
- I don't want to specify.

7. **How far do you currently live from your nearest mosque?**
Questions related to knowledge, perception and practice towards religion.

18. Do you know the meaning and concept of Tawhid (Kalma-e-Tayyeba) in Islam?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

19. Do you think it is important that your children or other younger children of your family should understand and recite Kalma-e-Tayyaba?
   - Very Important
   - Quite Important
   - Somewhat Important
   - Not Important
   - I don't want to specify.

20. Do you know the purpose and functions of Namaz / Salaah (Prayer)?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

21. Do you offer Namaz (Salaah):?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.
21a) If Yes:
- Five times a day
- Four times a day
- Three times a day
- Once a day / Irregularly
- Once a week (Friday Prayer)
- I don't want to specify.

22. **How important is Salaat, in one's spiritual life?**
- Very Important
- Quite Important
- Somewhat Important
- Not Important
- I don't want to specify.

23. **How important is Salaat for one's health and well-being?**
- Very Important
- Quite Important
- Somewhat Important
- Not Important
- I don't want to specify.

24. **Do you offer Salaat other than fardh times (e.g. Tahajjud, Ishraaq, Chaasht, Awabeen)?**
- Yes
- No
- I don't want to specify.

25. **Do you know the concept and method of alms tax (Zakaat):**
- Yes
- No
- I don't want to specify.

26. **How important is it for a Muslim to pay zakaat?**
- Very Important
- Quite Important
Somewhat Important
Not Important
I don't want to specify.

27. Do you know how much *zakaat* to be paid?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

28. Do you know who deserves to receive *zakaat*?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

29. Do you pay *zakaat* regularly?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

30. If yes, to whom do you pay *zakaat*?
   - Needy individuals in the U.S.
   - Charity organisations in the U.S.
   - Needy individuals in other countries
   - Charity organizations in other countries
   - I don't want to specify.

31. Do you know the concept of *Hajj*, and its significance in Islam?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

32. How important is it for a Muslim to perform *Hajj* once in a lifetime?
   - Very Important
   - Quite Important
   - Somewhat Important
Questions related to socio-cultural life:

33. Do you know the concept of *Halal/Zabiha* food in Islam?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

34. How important is it for a Muslim to abstain from Non- *Halal or non-Zabiha* food?
   - Very Important
   - Quite Important
   - Somewhat Important
   - Not Important
   - I don't want to specify.

35. Shall you prefer to send your children to the schools, which do not provide Islamic education but only common American education?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

36. Would you like that your children (boys as well as girls) go on dating?
   - Yes
   - Yes, but only with other Muslims.
   - Yes, but only with people of my ethnic group.
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

37. How important is it for your children to get assimilated in American culture?
   - Very Important
   - Quite Important
   - Somewhat Important
   - Not Important
I don't want to specify.

38. I permit my children to watch anything on American television channels.
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

39. I teach my children to judge which television programs are not wholesome or conflict with our family values.
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

40. I directly monitor what my children watch on American television channels.
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

41. I discourage my children from watching American television channels and steer them toward satellite channels that provide programs from my country of origin.
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

42. I allow my children to watch both American channels and satellite channels from my home country so that they understand how to survive in both cultures.
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

43. How important is it for you to maintain family relations with non-Muslim Americans?
   - Very Important
   - Quite Important
   - Somewhat Important
   - Not Important
   - I don't want to specify.

44. How important is it for American Muslim women to get education and have jobs like their male
45. **How important is it for Muslim children to learn Islamic values at a younger age?**
- Very Important
- Quite Important
- Somewhat Important
- Not Important
- I don't want to specify.

46. **How important is it for an American Muslim to celebrate Islamic festivals (Eid-ul-Fitr & Eid-ul-Adha)?**
- Very Important
- Quite Important
- Somewhat Important
- Not Important
- I don't want to specify.

47. **I do not take my children to Eid prayers because their absence from school may result into their loss academically.**
- Yes
- No
- I don't want to specify.

48. **I do not take my children to Eid prayers because they are too young for it to matter.**
- Yes
- No
- I don't want to specify.

49. **I take my children to Eid prayers regardless of their being marked absent in school.**
- Yes
- No
50. **Our school district recognizes the Eid holidays and ensures my children are not marked absent when I take them to Eid prayers.**
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

51. **Our school district fully recognizes Eid holidays and remains closed for those days.**
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

52. **Our children attend full-time Islamic schools so this is not an issue.**
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

53. **How important is it for an American Muslim to marry a Muslim boy / Girl?**
   - Very Important
   - Quite Important
   - Somewhat Important
   - Not Important
   - I don't want to specify.

54. **An American Muslim should only marry a Muslim of his/her own ethnic background.**
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

55. **An American Muslim should marry any Muslim regardless of ethnic background.**
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don't want to specify.

56. **An American Muslim can marry any Muslim regardless of ethnic background but should give more weight to choices of his/her own ethnic group.**
57. An American Muslim should marry any Muslim but my children should marry within our ethnic group.
- Yes
- No
- I don't want to specify.

58. How important is it for an immigrant American Muslim to keep in touch with people of the country of his origin?
- Very Important
- Quite Important
- Somewhat Important
- Not Important
- I don't want to specify.

59. How important is it for American Muslims to teach their mother tongue?
- Very Important
- Quite Important
- Somewhat Important
- Not Important
- I don't want to specify.

60. Can you read, write and speak the native language which your ancestors used? (languages like Arabic, Persian, French, Spanish, Urdu etc.)
- Yes
- No
- I don't want to specify.

61. Can your children have the similar level or lesser knowledge of the same language/s which you referred to in the previous question?
- Yes
- No
- I don't want to specify.

62. How important is it for American Muslims to keep abreast of latest developments in the Muslim World?
63. **When keeping abreast of developments in the Muslim World:**
- I pay attention to all regions of the Muslim World.
- I mostly care for developments in regions surrounding my country of origin and including my country of origin.
- I mostly care for developments in my country of origin.
- I don't want to specify.

64. **How important is it for American Muslims to participate in the American political process?**
- Very Important
- Quite Important
- Somewhat Important
- Not Important
- I don't want to specify.

65. **Do you vote during the Presidential election every four years?**
- Yes
- No
- I don't want to specify.

66. **If no, choose a reason:**
- I don't care for the American political process.
- I do not get off from work on Election Day.
- It is inconvenient for other reasons.
- I am ineligible to vote.
- I don't want to specify.

67. **Do you vote during the off-season elections held every two years?**
- Yes
- No
68. **If no, choose a reason:**
- I don't care for the American political process.
- I do not get off from work on Election Day.
- It is inconvenient for other reasons.
- I am ineligible to vote.
- I don't want to specify.

**Your personal comments or any information that was not covered in the questionnaire:**

Submit