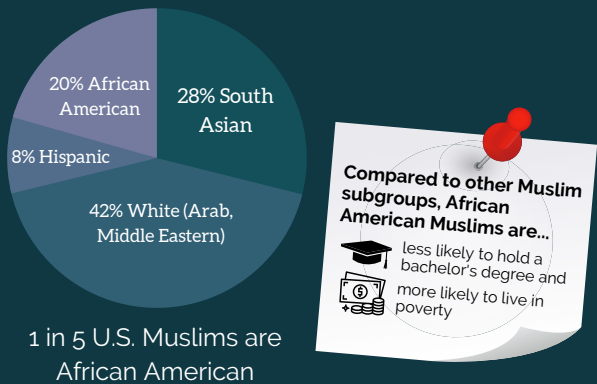


POLITICAL EXPERIENCE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSLIMS

How perceptions of discrimination impact their political behavior

demographic overview:

Total U.S. Muslim population (2017): 3.45 million



Political Ideology of African American Muslims

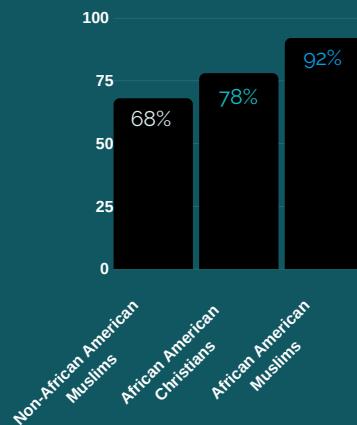


Source: Pew Research Center 2017

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSLIMS PERCEIVE DOUBLE DISCRIMINATION

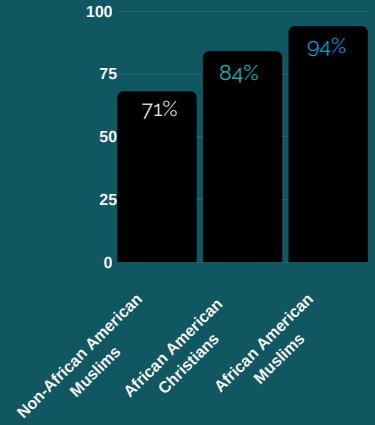
Racial Discrimination

% who say there is a lot of discrimination in the U.S. against blacks:



Religious Discrimination

% who say there is a lot of discrimination in the U.S. against Muslims:

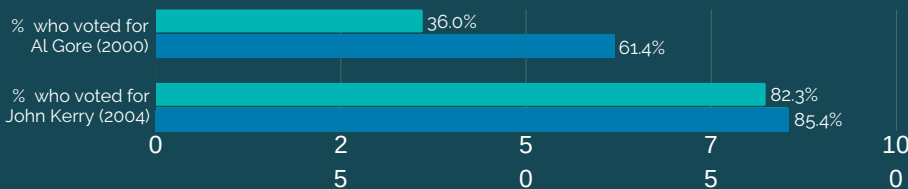


Source: Pew Research Center 2019

DISCRIMINATION AND PARTISANSHIP

African American Muslims overwhelmingly support the Democratic Party. A significant driver of their strong Democratic affiliation was the Bush administration's post-9/11 policies that targeted the Muslim community.

African American Muslims
All U.S. Muslims



Source: Institute for Social Policy and Understanding 2012

DISCRIMINATION AND ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION

African American Muslims demonstrate the **lowest** levels of electoral participation compared to the rest of the Muslim American community.

Existing research strongly suggests that **societal discrimination** plays a significant role in this phenomenon.

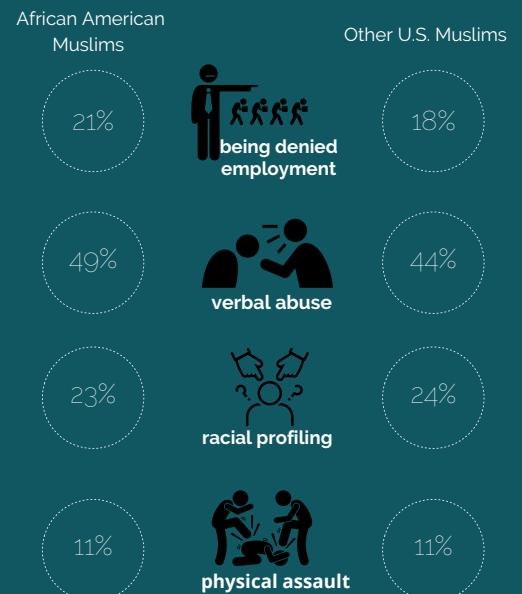
Scholars have found that interpersonal acts of discrimination can lead to a decrease in voter turnout. Further research is required to better understand how perceptions of discrimination shape the political behavior of African American Muslims.



STUDIES ON SOCIETAL DISCRIMINATION

The 2004 MAPS study found that African American Muslims experience levels of societal discrimination very similar to, if not higher than, other Muslim subgroups. The following percentages compare the levels of societal discrimination experienced by African American Muslims with other U.S. Muslims.

% who report they have experienced the following forms of societal discrimination :



Source: Institute for Social Policy and Understanding 2012