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US Muslims and Elections

CAIR and Jet-Pac compiled a list of 55 elected officials in 2018 elections. These are Muslims in US politics that give us a voice in the US main stream. See the list at the bottom.

There are 3.45 Million Muslims in USA. Muslims as a community are becoming much more aware to participate in the elections.

In a survey, 95% of the Muslim voters who responded to a survey stated that they did vote in 2018 elections. 78% of these voted for the Democratic Party candidates and 17% for Republican Party candidates.

In the same survey, 53% of Muslim voters became more interested in politics since the 2016 presidential election, while 34% maintained the same level of interest in politics and 13% became less interested.

Muslim candidates demonstrate increased activity. The Muslim civil rights group, Emgage, estimates that as many as 100 Muslims filed to run for elected office in 2018, which is significantly higher than just a dozen that ran in 2016.

Many of the candidates say they were motivated by growing anti-Muslim sentiment in the U.S., due to President Trump's anti-Muslim rhetoric and policies. Trump has kind of ignited the Muslims to be together and stand with each other and to make a difference. Rhetoric that puts down Muslim Americans has actually empowered them to take a more active role in politics.

There is a long history of opposition to Muslims holding office in the U.S. But things are changing slowly. The Muslim electoral victories in 2018 make it clear that increasingly, voters are seeing Muslims not as a threat, but as fellow Americans.

There are 3.45 million US Muslims. These encouraging results at the ballot boxes must spur the Muslim community in USA to come forward enthusiastically and feel their strength. They must come forward and contest elections at all levels (federal-state-local). However, elections are a matter of money and resources. The Muslim community in USA must therefore donate to the campaigns of Muslim candidates in addition to a huge turn out on the Election Day and voting for them.

We currently have 3 Muslims in the House of Representatives. They are under threat from the Dark Forces. We must ensure that they get reelected. For that we must campaign for them, donate towards their reelection, get registered as voters, turn out in huge numbers, and vote.

The next article provides details.

List of the 55 Muslims who successfully campaigned energetically and resourcefully.

They won the Elections in 2018.

State	Last Name	First Name	Legislative Body	Level of Office
CA	Sudduth	Cheryl	West County Wastewater District Director	COUNTY
CA	Abdallah Jr.	George	Superior Court of San Joaquin County	JUDICIARY
CA	Dhanidina	Halim	District 2 Court of Appeal	JUDICIARY
CA	Afzal Berta	Maimona	Franklin-McKinley Board of Education	LOCAL
CA	Ellahie	Javed	Monte Sereno City Council	LOCAL
CA	Jabbar	Al	Anaheim Union High School District Board of Trustees	LOCAL
CA	Khan	Farrah	Irvine City Council	LOCAL
CA	Taj	Ali Sajjad	Artesia City Council	LOCAL
CA	Wahab	Aisha	Hayward City Council	LOCAL
CA	Zafar	Sabina	San Ramon City Council	LOCAL
CA	Zahra	Ahmad	Fullerton City Council	LOCAL
GA	Rahman	Sheikh	GA State Senate	SL
IL	Covert	Sadia Gul	Dupage County Board	COUNTY
IN	Carson	Andre	US House of Representatives	CONGRESS
MD	Lateef	Babur	Prince William County School Board	COUNTY
MD	Taj	Sabina	Howard County Board of Education	COUNTY
MI	Tlaib	Rashida	US House of Representatives	CONGRESS
MI	Baydoun	Sam	Wayne County Commission	COUNTY
MI	Harb	Adel A.	Wayne County Circuit Court	JUDICIARY
MI	Salamey	Sam	MI District Courts	JUDICIARY
MI	Ahmed	Aamina	Plymouth Canton Community School District	LOCAL
MI	Fawaz	Salwa	Crestwood School Board	LOCAL
MI	Hassan	Mohammed	Hamtramck City Council	LOCAL
MI	Hammoud	Abdullah	MI House of Representatives	SL
MN	Omar	Ilhan	US House of Representatives	CONGRESS
MN	Gomez	Aisha	MN State House	SL
MN	Hassan	Hodan	MN State House	SL
MN	Noor	Mohamud	MN House of Representatives	SL
MN	Ellison	Keith	MN Attorney General	SW
NC	Majeed	Nasif	State House of Representatives	SL
NC	Mohammed	Mujtaba	NC State Senate	SL
NH	Khan	Aboul	NH House of Representatives	SL
NH	Wazir	Safiya	NH State House	SL
NJ	Akhter	Assad	Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders	COUNTY
NJ	Patel	Salim	Passaic City Council	COUNTY
NJ	Ramadan	Mohammad	Passaic County Board of Education	COUNTY
NJ	Abdel-Aziz	Alaa	Paterson City Council	LOCAL
NJ	Arjumand	Shahanaz	Teaneck Township Board of Education	LOCAL

NJ	Haynes	Dawn	Newark Public Schools School Board	LOCAL
NJ	Khairullah	Mohamed	Prospect Park City Council	LOCAL
NJ	Matari	Alaa	Prospect Park Borough Councilman	LOCAL
NJ	Sherif	Siaka	Orange Board of Education	LOCAL
NJ	Yassin	Hazim	Red Bank City Council	LOCAL
NJ	Elnahal	Shereef	NJ Department of Health Commissioner	SW
NM	Akhil	Abbas	NM State House	SL
NY	Ally	Shahabuddeen	Manhattan Civil Court Judge	JUDICIARY
NY	Fall	Charles	State Assembly	SL
NY	Jackson	Robert	NY State Senate	SL
OH	Al-Hamdani	Mohamed	Dayton Public Schools Board of Education	LOCAL
PA	Dawkins	Jason	PA State House	SL
TX	Collier	Rabeea	Texas District Courts	JUDICIARY
TX	Bhojani	Salman	Eules City Council	LOCAL
VA	Javed	Haseeb	Manassas Park City Council	LOCAL
VA	Seifeldein	Mo	Alexandria City Council	LOCAL

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2020 Elections are here

The people who truly care for you are under attack from all sides. They are under attack from President Trump, Republican Party, Anti-Defamation League (of the Zionists), and the White Supremacists. [Here](#) is the video of the vulgar talk of President Trump against Ilhan Omar in her own constituency in Minnesota.

Not only Ilhan Omar but all people who represent you are the target of people who are fully cocked and loaded to attack you via attacking your elected representatives. And who are the targets of the aggression? It should be obvious to you by now. They are:

[Ilhan Omar](#) of Minnesota

[Rashida Tlaib](#) of Michigan

[Plus those who work with them in support of you.](#)

[Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez](#) of New York

[Ayanna Pressley](#) of Massachusetts

They are collectively defamed as [the Squad](#).

And there are two more targets of the cocked and loaded aggression on our democracy and civilization. They are André Carson, the Representative from Indiana, and Keith Maurice Ellison who is currently serving as the 30th Attorney

General of Minnesota, and he was previously the Representative for Minnesota's 5th congressional district from 2007 to 2019.

These are the people who regularly put themselves in the firing line to save you from being demagogically defamed as extremists and terrorists, and to ensure for you your rights as the US citizens.

And ask yourself, what are you doing for them, rather for your own selves? If they are defeated by the racists and bigots then there will be no one left to be your shield from those cocked and loaded guns. Buy yourselves a shield now while you can. Contribute to their reelection struggle by clicking the links below.

[CONTRIBUTE](#) to the reelection campaign of Ilhan Omar.

[CONTRIBUTE](#) to the reelection campaign of Rashida Talaib.

[CONTRIBUTE](#) to the reelection campaign of André Carson.

[CONTRIBUTE](#) to the reelection campaign of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

And [contribute](#) to the Muslim Planet Project so we can continue to build the nationwide infrastructure and capabilities to campaign for the Muslim Community in USA. No other organization is working towards this scope and objective.



Ranking Analysis of Mosques Statistics in USA

We examine the Mosque statistics as obtained from two very different sources. One source is a study by Ihsan Bagby working for Hartford Seminary. It was compiled in 2013, though the work was conducted in preceding years. The second source is a team of individuals that calls itself Salatomatic. We did some sporadic checks for its validity and it came out with a high level of trustworthiness. However the source does not explain its methodology and findings in a publication that we could find.

There are substantially more than 2000 mosques in USA. The first source that is dated 2013 places the number at 2108, while the second source places it at 2694. The discrepancy can be explained by the fact that the second study is more recent. However, we ranked the States in USA with respect to the number of mosques in each state using the data from the first source. As stated earlier the reason for using the first source is that the second source did not explain its methodology and findings.

Despite these technicalities, the two studies are in good agreement despite their rather very different motivations and support structures. This is good news regarding their veracity. We regard them both equally trustworthy. The ranking of the States is however roughly the same, irrespective of which source we analyze. In the table given at the end, we present the raw data from both sources so that the reader can evaluate them herself or himself.

The purpose of this in depth analysis is to meet the [goals](#) of the Muslim Planet project for the Muslim community in USA. The objectives include to elect 5 Muslims for Congressmen/Congresswomen in the US House of representatives by 2024; and to elect one Muslim Senator in the US Senate by 2028. The following discussion shows how the Muslim community in USA can achieve these important goals.

The main observations from this analysis, from the point of view of their action-ability in the current socio political environment in USA, are the following.

- Muslims are concentrated on the East coast, chiefly the metropolises of New York, Texas, New Jersey, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.
- On the West coast the heavy weight is California. There is also Washington.
- There are some notable heavy weights in between the two coasts. These are the metropolises in Texas, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, and Missouri.
- There are states that have less than 5 mosques. These might include States like Vermont, Hawaii, Montana, Alaska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Maine.

These statistics can be used in a strategic way to gain socio political weight for the Muslim Community in USA. Take for example the State of Delaware. Its population is a bit shy of a million. The analysis, using the data of 11 mosques, at an average of 1000 Muslims per Mosque, would lead to over 10000 Muslims in that State. This would be about 1 % of Delaware population. Under these circumstances the Muslims can become the victims of hate crimes and bigotry.

Let us now see how we can turn the situation to the advantage of the Muslim Community. The neighboring states of Maryland, New Jersey and New York together have over 600 Mosques. Given that these are densely populated areas, at 10000 per Mosque, we would realize of the order of 6 Million Muslims surrounding the State of Delaware. Now if a mere half a million of these Muslims move to Delaware, they can greatly influence the State Politics. At the state level, Muslims can achieve a 50% representation. Now the Muslims cannot be victims; rather, they can steer their destiny to prove to the rest of USA that Muslims are the engine that drives the peace and progress.

And there is more where that comes from. With over 50% of Delaware population they can send one Senator to the Federal Senate. That is 1% of the National politics driving machine. However, in circumstances with complete political polarization, one Senator can be the one who makes or breaks a piece of Legislation; for example the matters like the renewal of the Patriot Act.

This can easily happen if we step out of the confines of the perimeters of the Mosque and move forward with wisdom and sensitivity to the life in USA.

Table of Mosque Analysis

Number of Mosq	State	Rank	Another #
258	New York	1	352
246	California	2	331
166	Texas	3	238
118	Florida	4	158
109	New Jersey	5	128
109	Illinois	6	123
98	Pennsylvania	7	106
77	Michigan	8	89

Number of Mosq	State	Rank	Another #
70	Georgia	9	104
62	Virginia	10	104
60	Ohio	11	101
54	Maryland	12	65
50	North Carolina	13	59
45	Minnesota	14	51
39	Missouri	15	44
39	Massachusetts	16	52
38	Tennessee	17	42
37	Connecticut	18	43
36	Washington	19	47
33	Indiana	20	34
31	Alabama	21	29
29	Arizona	22	35
27	Louisiana	23	32
27	Kentucky	24	30
23	Wisconsin	25	28
21	South Carolina	26	22
21	Kansas	27	14
18	Oklahoma	28	18
17	Iowa	29	19
17	Colorado	30	22
16	Mississippi	31	18
13	Arkansas	32	13
12	Oregon	33	15
10	New Mexico	34	14
9	Utah	35	15
8	Nebraska	36	8
7	West Virginia	37	8
7	Nevada	38	10
7	DC	39	13
6	Rhode Island	40	8
6	Idaho	41	6
5	South Dakota	42	4
5	Maine	43	8
5	Delaware	44	11
3	Wyoming	45	3
3	North Dakota	46	3

Number of Mosq	State	Rank	Another #
3	New Hampshire	47	6
3	Alaska	47	2
2	Montana	48	5
2	Hawaii	49	3
1	Vermont	50	1
Total=2108			Total= 2694

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