# ATTITUDES TOWARDS PRESIDENT TRUMP'S DECISION ON JERUSALEM

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# BLUF

- There is global disapproval of President Trump's decision to recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. More than two in three (71%) disagree with the proposal (59%strongly) In the Arab world alone disagreement stands at 94%.
- Traditional allies in Jordan (97%), South Korea (46%) and the UK (45%) all disagree with the proposal.
- But worryingly a majority (52%) say that it gives the Palestinians more justification to use violence to achieve their own state. In an already volatile Arab world this figure increases to 77%.
- As a result, more than two in three (70%) of those polled around the world think the decision will result in an increase in terrorism in the Islamic World. The number increases significantly in Yemen (87%), Syria (82%) and Iraq (76%) – the same countries currently fighting violent extremist organisations at home.
- The appetite and belief that peace was achievable between Palestinians and Israelis was always brittle as best. However, the poll also suggests this has made it a lot harder to achieve now.

# METHODOLOGY

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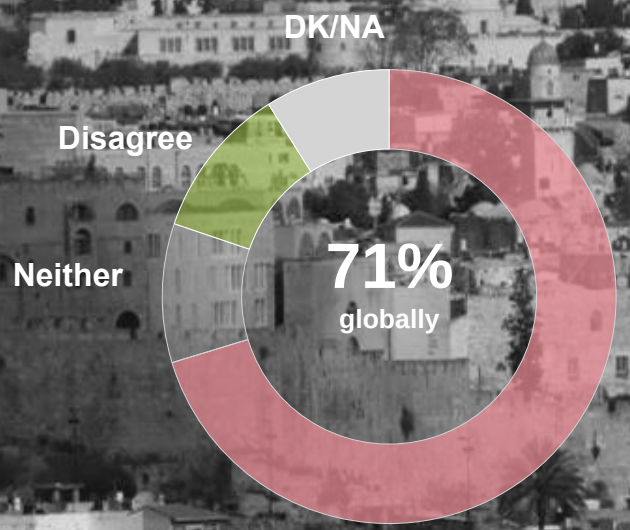
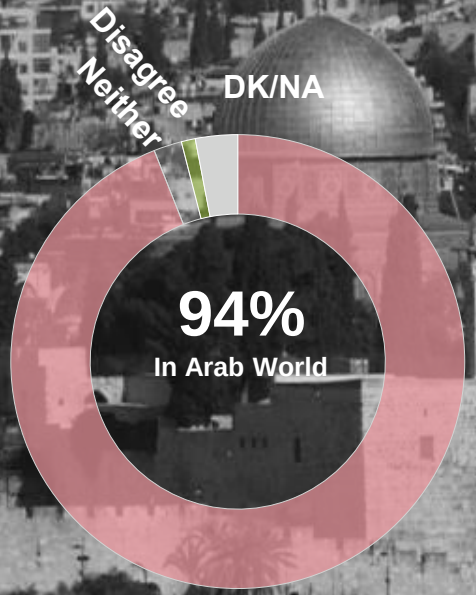
| Country | Sample n= | Methodology | Fieldwork |
|---|---|---|---|
| Algeria | 625 | FACE TO FACE | 13-18 DECEMBER |
| Egypt | 1519 | CATI | 11-17 DECEMBER |
| Iraq | 856 | CATI | 18-30 DECEMBER |
| Jordan | 792 | CATI | 29 DEC - 3 JANUARY |
| Lebanon | 1022 | FACE TO FACE | 12-25 DECEMBER |
| Libya | 594 | FACE TO FACE | 13-18 DECEMBER |
| Morocco | 100* | CATI | 13-25 DECEMBER |
| Syria | 1022 | FACE TO FACE | 12-25 DECEMBER |
| Tunisia | 609 | CATI | 13-18 DECEMBER |
| Yemen | 811 | FACE TO FACE | 10-17 DECEMBER |
| Indonesia | 1004 | ONLINE | 18-22 DECEMBER |
| Nigeria | 837 | FACE TO FACE | 18-22 DECEMBER |
| Pakistan | 1700 | FACE TO FACE | 17-23 DECEMBER |
| Turkey | 504 | CATI | 15-25 DECEMBER |
| Austria | 1000 | ONLINE | 20-28 DECEMBER |
| Bulgaria | 801 | CATI | 14-16 DECEMBER |
| Finland | 1008 | CATI | 19-27 DECEMBER |
| Italy | 1000 | CATI | 18-21 DECEMBER |
| Germany | 1000 | ONLINE | 20-28 DECEMBER |
| Cote d'Ivoire | 800 | FACE TO FACE | 20-29 DECEMBER |
| Kenya | 776 | FACE TO FACE | 1-8 JANUARY |
| Moldova | 1110 | CATI | 15-23 DECEMBER |
| South Korea | 506 | CATI | 19-21 DECEMBER |
| UK | 2109 | ONLINE | 15-17 DECEMBER |

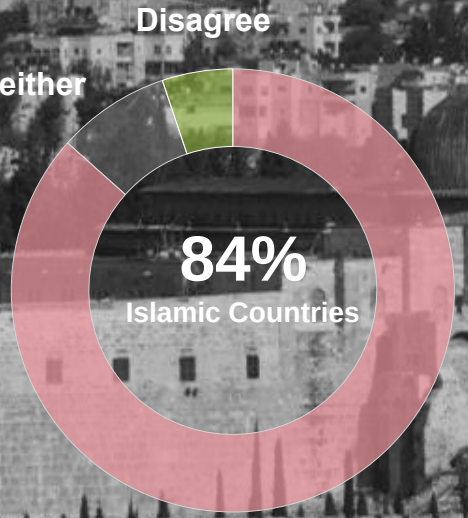
** Extremely low base size. Treat with caution*

# FINDINGS

# WIDESPREAD DISAGREEMENT WITH DECISION




## WIDESPREAD DISAGREEMENT

Only Nigeria (29%) and Cote d'Ivoire (42%) where sizeable percentages agree

## ARAB REJECTION

98% Morocco, Algeria, Libya
97% Jordan
95% Egypt
94% Yemen, Iraq
89% Syria

## ISLAMIC REJECTION

96% Turkey
85% Pakistan
71% Indonesia

*Q* How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following recent policy positions and statements : "The decision by President Trump to recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and thereby moving the US embassy there *N=22,105*

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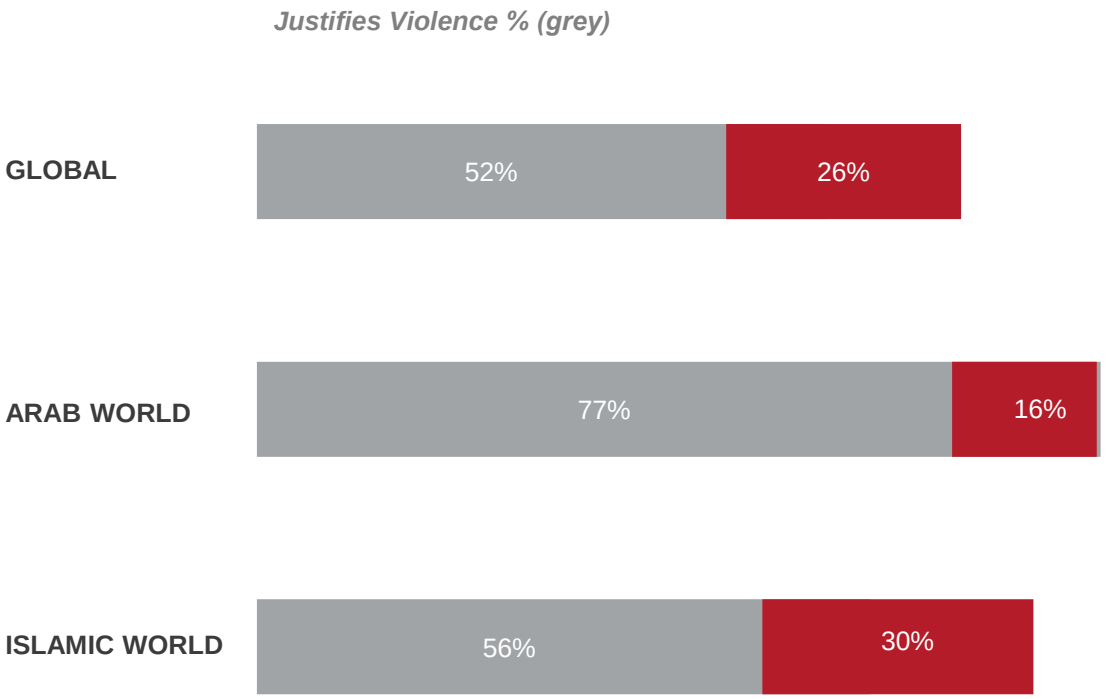
# DECISION JUSTIFIES PALESTIAN USE OF VIOLENCE




*Q* How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following recent policy positions and statements :

"The US move to recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel gives the Palestinians more justification for using force to achieve their own state" N=22,105

This will have dangerous repercussions on the stability and security of the region

**KING ABDULLAH II, JORDAN**

I can not hide my deep concern for the situation that has been created in the last few days.

**POPE FRANCIS**

The recognition will have serious implications and will be provocative to all Muslims

**SAUDI STATE NEWS AGENCY**

The recognition of your dog 'Trump' (sic) Jerusalem as the capital of Israel will make us recognize explosives as the capital of your country

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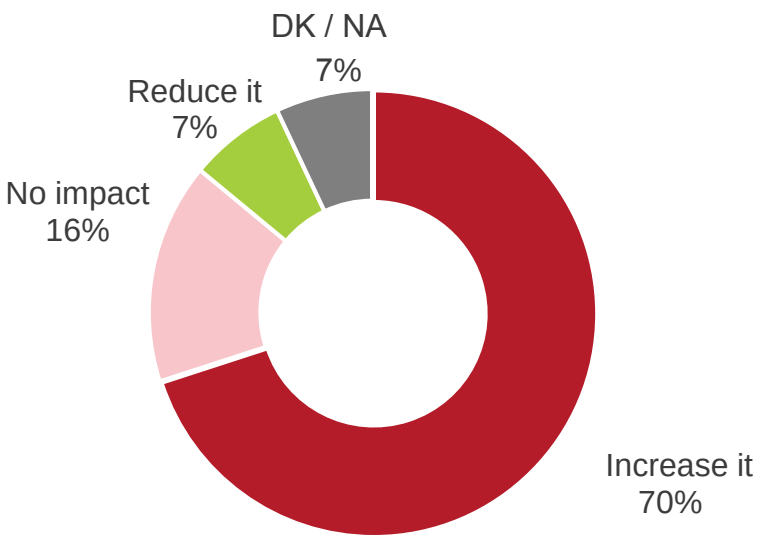
# MAJORITY EXPECT TO SEE AN INCREASE IN TERRORISM IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

## GLOBAL

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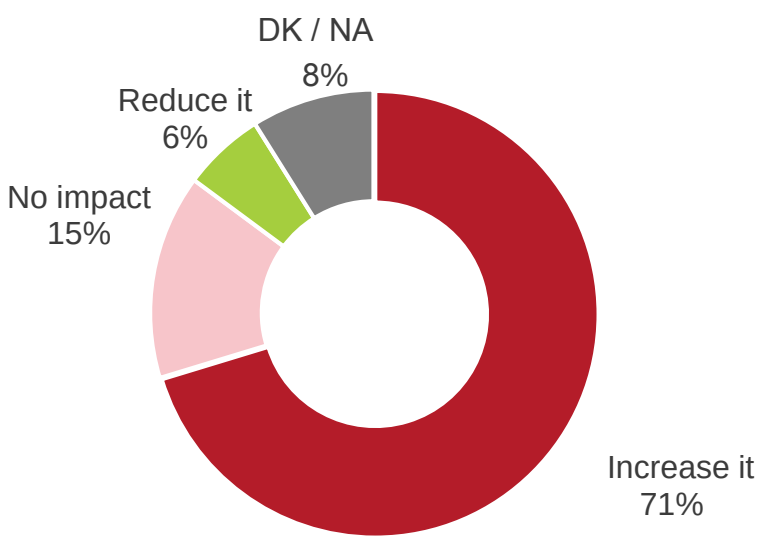
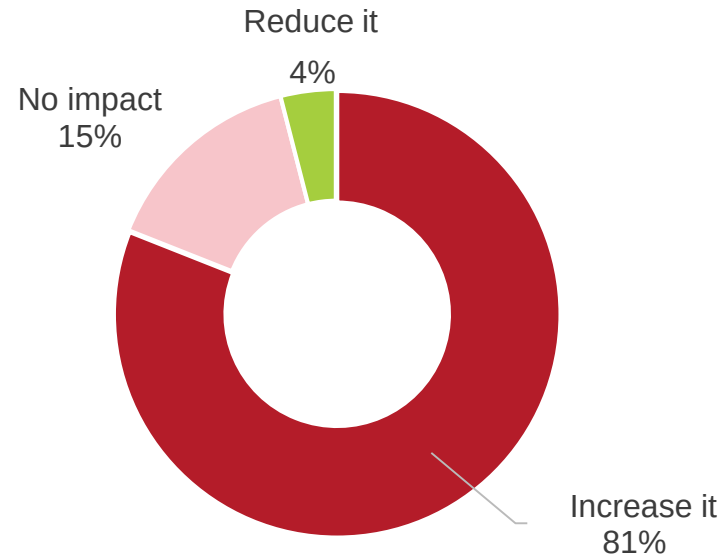



## ISLAMIC WORLD




To what extent do you think President Trump's decision about Jerusalem will increase or decrease terrorism in the Islamic World? Will it increase terrorism a lot, a little, not have any impact of reduce terrorism in the Islamic world? (n=22,205)

# EXPECTED INCREASE IN TERRORISM

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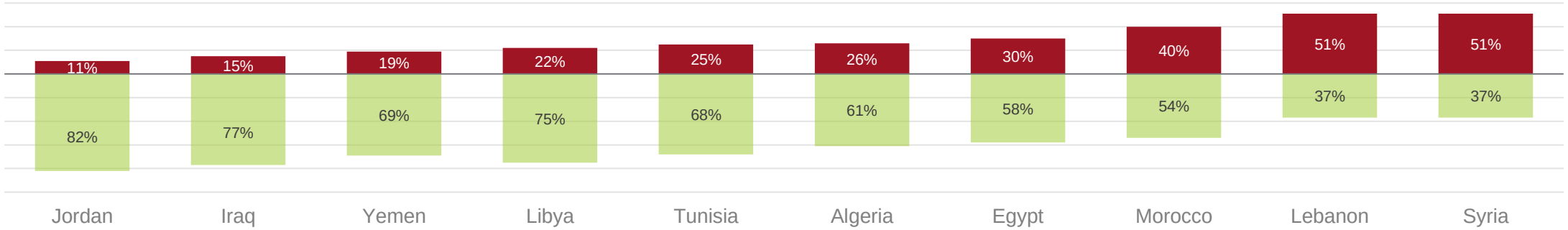
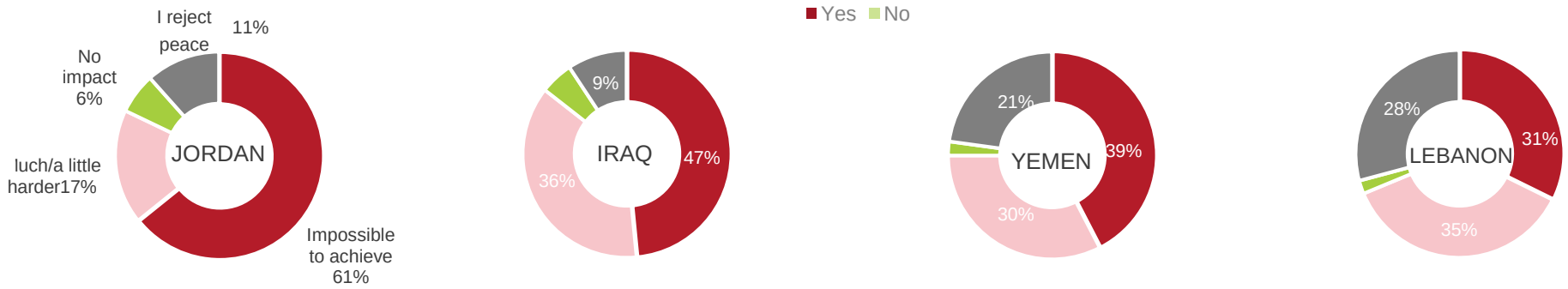
# MAJORITY EXPECT TO SEE AN INCREASE IN TERRORISM IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

*Did you believe there was any serious chance of a peace settlement before President Trump's decision to move the US Embassy and recognize Jerusalem as the Capitol of Israel? (n=7,950)*

***Belief in any peace settlement prior to President's decision***




*What about now, do you think that this decision will make peace between Israelis and Arabs?*