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Alejandro is an ISPU Fellow and independent research consultant, where he specializes in the study and analysis of American Muslim civic engagement, combating hate and extremism in the United States, and domestic countering violent extremism. He is

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In 2014 he was ISPU's Policy and Research Engagement Fellow. In this capacity, he conducted outreach and built strategic relations with various non-government organizations and U.S. federal agencies. He also served as Co-Principal Investigator and Project Manager of ISPU's Islamophobia/2050 Study, a research initiative that empirically analyzed anti-Muslim bigotry in the United States and provided actionable solutions to effectively combat it.

From 2009 to 2012 he was the Government and Policy Analyst at the D.C. office of the Muslim Public Affairs Council where he built strategic relationships with government agencies and authored several policy and issue publications in areas such as national security, immigration reform, and religious liberty.

10 Countries With the Largest Muslim Populations, 2010 and 2050

	2010 MUSLIM POPULATION	% OF WORLD'S MUSLIM POPULATION IN 2010		2050 MUSLIM POPULATION	% OF WORLD'S MUSLIM POPULATION IN 2050
1 Indonesia	209,120,000	13.1%	1 India	310,660,000	11.2%
2 India	176,200,000	11.0	2 Pakistan	273,110,000	9.9
3 Pakistan	167,410,000	10.5	3 Indonesia	256,820,000	9.3
4 Bangladesh	134,430,000	8.4	4 Nigeria	230,700,000	8.4
5 Nigeria	77,300,000	4.8	5 Bangladesh	182,360,000	6.6
6 Egypt	76,990,000	4.8	6 Egypt	119,530,000	4.3
7 Iran	73,570,000	4.6	7 Turkey	89,320,000	3.2
8 Turkey	71,330,000	4.5	8 Iran	86,190,000	3.1
9 Algeria	34,730,000	2.2	9 Iraq	80,190,000	2.9
10 Morocco	31,930,000	2.0	10 Afghanistan	72,190,000	2.6
Subtotal	1,053,010,000	65.8	Subtotal	1,701,070,000	61.6
Subtotal for Rest of World	546,700,000	34.2	Subtotal for Rest of World	1,060,410,000	38.4
World Total	1,599,700,000	100.0	World Total	2,761,480,000	100.0

Source: The Future of World Religions: Population Growth Projections, 2010-2050. Population estimates are rounded to the nearest 10,000. Percentages are calculated from unrounded numbers.

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Daayiee Abdullah, Imam

Light of Reform Mosque

Daayiee is an Imam at the Light of Reform Mosque in the District of Columbia. Also known as Masjid An-Nur Al-Isslaah, the mosque cares for the spiritual needs of LGBT Muslims.

Daayiee was raised a Southern Baptist in Detroit. As he grew up, he realized that the religion was not for him and he started practicing Buddhism. It was while studying in Beijing that Daayiee began to study Islam through his friendship with the Uighur Muslim community in China. Daayiee has a law degree from the David A. Clarke School of Law in the District of Columbia.

Daayiee is a prominent sexuality rights activist within Muslim and interfaith contexts and is affiliated with Muslims for Progressive Values as DC co-chapter leader. Daayiee is a scholar, a former public interest lawyer and a specialist in Shari'ah Sciences/Quranic Interpretation. He frequently lectures internationally on progressive Muslim concepts, interfaith networking, and the development of inclusive revisions of Islamic theological thought and interpretations of shari'ah. He has also long been involved in actively promoting understanding and awareness of issues of racial, sexual, and gender equality both within and beyond Muslim communities.

Shazia Farook, Program Manager

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Shazia is currently the Program Manager of The Fairfax Institute. She holds an M.A. in Liberal Studies with a Concentration in International Affairs from Georgetown University and a B.A. in English from the University of California, Berkeley. Shazia's work experience includes the following: Oxfam America, The Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, The Office of International Religious Freedom at the US State Department, Georgetown University, and the Muslim Public Affairs Council. She also serves as an Assistant Editor for the web magazine altmuslimah.com.

