Graph 1: U.S. Muslims' Beliefs

PERCENTAGE OF U.S. MUSLIMS

Native Born
Foreign Born

Sunni: 50%, 53%
Shiite: 7%, 21%
Other Muslims: 43%, 26%

Source: Pew Research Center, "Muslim Americans: Middle Class and Mostly Mainstream," 2007. <pewresearch.org/pubs/483/muslim-americans>
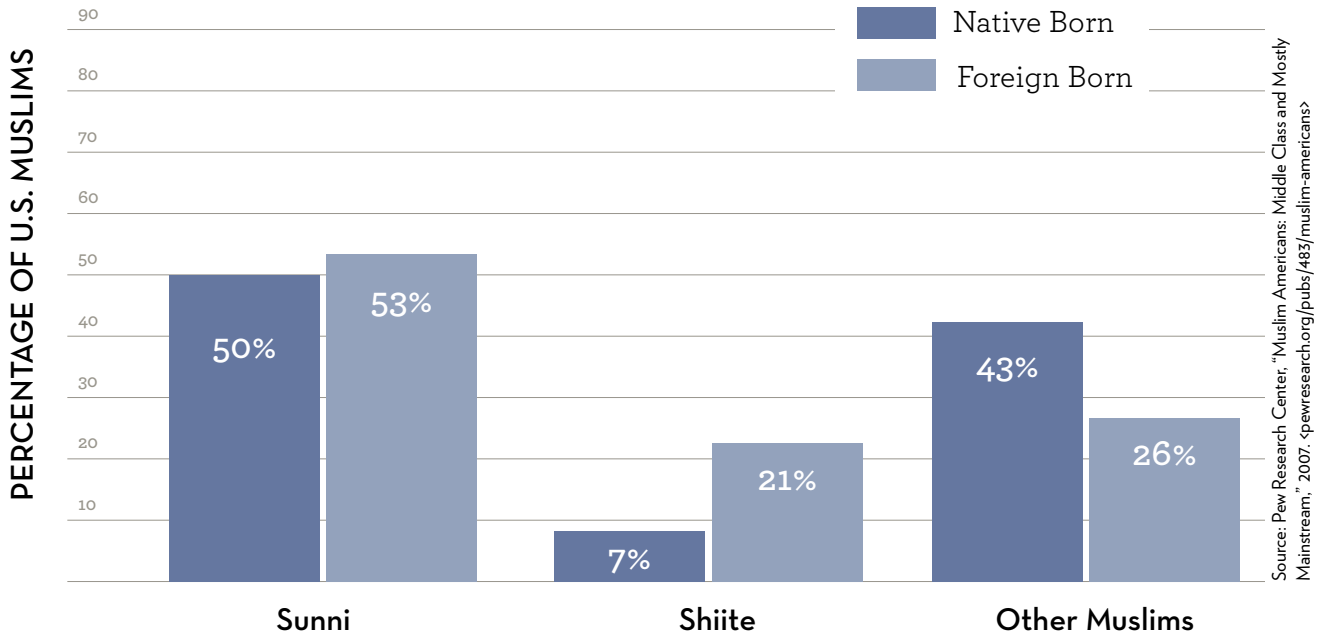
UNDERSTANDING

1. To be sure you are reading the data correctly, answer the following questions:

　　a. To which branch of Islam do most U.S. Muslims belong? _____

　　b. Which is the second most numerous group of U.S. Muslims? _____

ANALYZING

2. Now think about what the data means.

　　a. Hypothesize about why there might be such a high proportion of "other" Muslims in the United States.

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　　b. How does knowing that there are different branches within Islam affect your understanding of the faith? Of U.S. Muslims?

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