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# Religion and politics in North Africa



Results Presentation of surveys in Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Libya, Egypt

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# Summary

- **Principles and Methods**
- **The relationship of the citizens with Islam**
- **The perception towards the political Islam**
- **The citizens and the concept of religious extremism**
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# Principles and methods(1/2)

- **Survey**
- **Theme** : Religion and Politics in North Africa
- **Completion date of the survey**: December 2015
- **Silent Partner**: Konrad-Adenauer –Stiftung (KAS)
- **Academic partner**: Arabic Observatory of Religions and Freedom
- **Survey Technique**: CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing) via call center SIGMA
- **Reference population**: Citizens (Tunisians, Algerians, Moroccans, Libyans, Egyptians), aged 18 years and over



# Principles and methods(2/2)

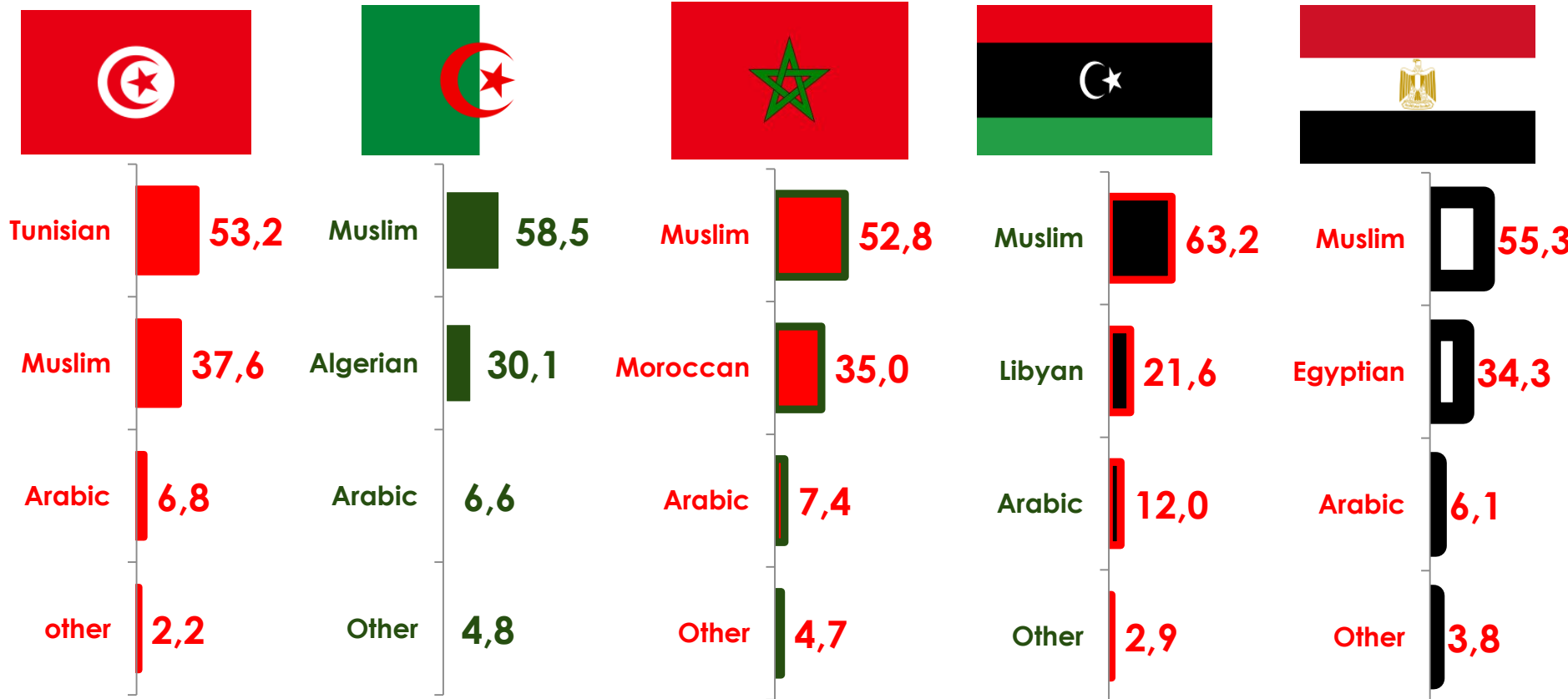
- **Sample size:** 1000 citizens by country
- **Sampling Method :** Quotas on the region, the environment, age and gender.
- **Maximum sampling error per Country:** 3%
- **Survey:**
  - ✓ *The relationship of citizens to Islam and political Islam,*
  - ✓ *Citizens and the notion of religious extremism*
  - ✓ *The perception of citizens of the Islamic State*

# The relationship of the citizens with Islam



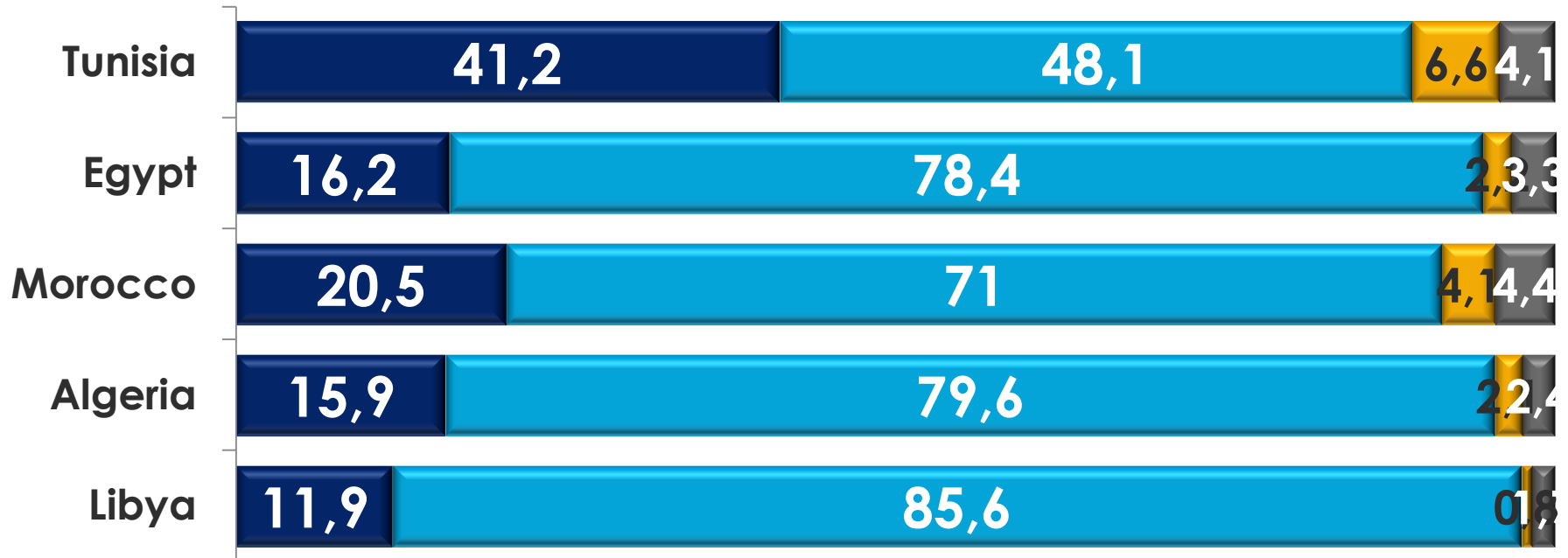
# The respondents feel Muslim first, then citizens, except in Tunisia

Personally, you feel you're more " Citizen of the Country / Arabic / African / Mediterranean / Berber / Muslim / Christian / Jewish / Kabyle". Assisted :



# In terms of opposition and preferably, religious identity always prevails, even in Tunisia

*Do you think that your national identity is more important than your religious identity?*



- The National identity is more important than the religious identity
- The religious identity is more important than the National identity
- Don't know

# The respondents in the five countries of North Africa are almost unanimous in the view that Islam is important or very important in their lives

*What is the degree of importance of Islam in your life? (for Muslims)*





# A high degree of certainty about their Understanding of the rules of Islam

What is your personal evaluation to your level of understanding of the rules of Islam?  
(for Muslims and non-Muslims)

Too low Degree  
Low Degree

High Degree  
Average Degree



# The cult aspect is very important

*What is the degree of importance of these abutments of Islam in your life? (For Muslims)*

	Praying 5 times per day		Visiting regularly the mosque		Zakat		Pilgrimage		Fasting during Ramadan	
	Top 1 box Very Important †	Top 2 box (Very Important+ Somewhat important)	Top 1 box Very Important	Top 2 box (Very Important+ Somewhat important)	Top 1 box Very Important	Top 2 box (Very Important+ Somewhat important)	Top 1 box Very Important	Top 2 box (Very Important + Somewhat important)	Top 1 box Very Important †	Top 2 box (Very Important+ Somewhat important)
Tunisia	81.6	95.3	18.4	49.9	91.9	98.0	62.8	93.7	34.3	84.6
Algéria	97.1	99.7	40.7	72.8	99.3	99.9	89.1	99.4	64.8	96.4
Morocco	92.0	98.2	40.8	73.1	96.9	99.4	87.9	99.4	60.4	95.5
Libya	97.2	99.8	54.4	83.4	99.1	99.8	88.2	99.4	70.8	97.9
Egypt	96.5	99.0	51.1	80.7	98.0	99.0	93.9	99.4	82.0	98.9

# The fasting commitment is more important than the commitment to prayer




*What is your level of commitment to these religious abutments? (For Muslims)*

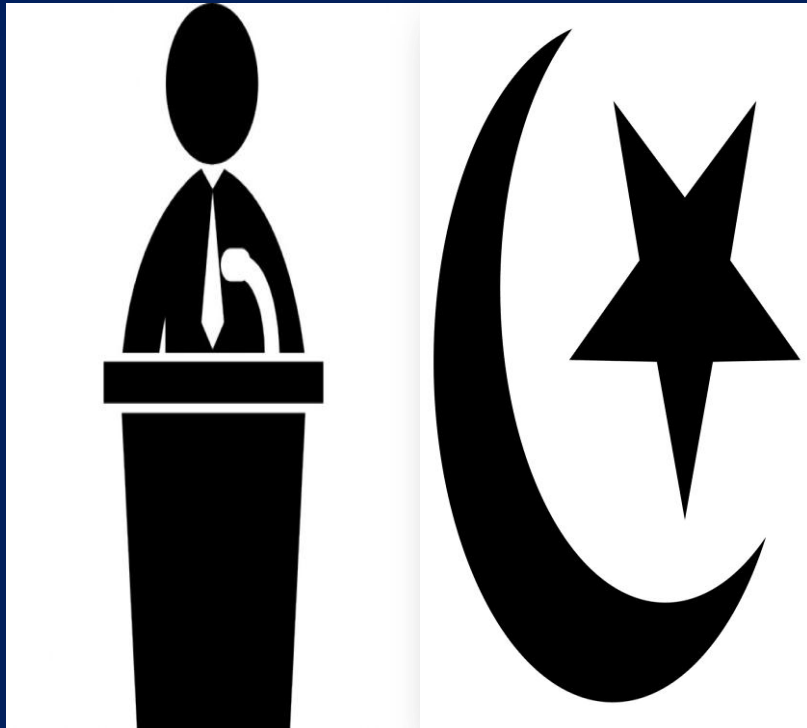
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Regularly</b>
<b>Egypt</b>	<b>81,8</b>
<b>Libya</b>	<b>80,8</b>
<b>Morocco</b>	<b>78,7</b>
<b>Algeria</b>	<b>76,9</b>
<b>Tunisia</b>	<b>55,4</b>

<b>Fasting</b>	<b>Regularly</b>
<b>Morocco</b>	<b>97,8</b>
<b>Egypt</b>	<b>97,3</b>
<b>Libya</b>	<b>96,7</b>
<b>Algeria</b>	<b>96,4</b>
<b>Tunisia</b>	<b>91,7</b>

# The commitment "ostentatious" is expressed in different degrees according to the society

*What is your level of support regarding the following religious appearances?*

			
<b>Algeria</b>	<b>94,5</b>	<b>34,0</b>	<b>59,5</b>
<b>Libya</b>	<b>89,9</b>	<b>44,6</b>	<b>73,8</b>
<b>Egypt</b>	<b>87,2</b>	<b>36,9</b>	<b>64,5</b>
<b>Morocco</b>	<b>83,9</b>	<b>28,2</b>	<b>63,2</b>
<b>Tunisia</b>	<b>60,1</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>20,9</b>



# The perception towards the political Islam

# The majority of respondents claim the separation between the political and religious spheres

*What is your level of agreement / disagreement with the following proposals:  
«The separation between religion and politics »*

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	For the separation between religion and politics	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Against the separation between religion and politics
Tunisia	57,2	15,6	72,8	9,1	12,7	21,8
Egypt	59,4	11,8	71,2	7,2	16,3	23,5
Libya	47,6	15,5	63,1	9,2	25,3	34,5
Algeria	40,5	16,8	57,4	10,8	27	37,8
Morocco	39,4	15,4	54,8	12	24,4	36,4

The differences between countries appear when we asked citizens about the use of Shari'a as the sole source of inspiration for the law.

*What is your level of agreement / disagreement with the following proposals:  
"Sharia is the only source of inspiration for law"*

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	For Shari'a as the sole source of inspiration for the law	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Against Shari'a as the sole source of inspiration for the law
Libye	57,3	21,4	78,7	8,8	9,7	18,5
Algérie	39,9	23	62,9	16,8	14,7	31,5
Egypte	39,8	19,9	59,7	13,6	19,4	33
Maroc	32,6	22,3	54,9	17,6	18,2	35,8
Tunisie	10,7	12,7	23,4	23,5	46	69,5

# 3/4 of Tunisians disapprove the intervention of Imams in politics

*What is your level of agreement / disagreement with the following proposals:  
"The intervention of the Imams in politics"*

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Approve the intervention of Imams in politics	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	disapprove the intervention of Imams in politics
Morocco	36,6	17,0	53,6	21,7	15,5	37,2
Algeria	19,2	25,5	44,7	16,7	34,3	51,0
Libya	14,9	17,4	32,3	17,3	47,6	64,9
Egypt	10,5	16,8	27,3	14,8	52,3	67,1
Tunisia	9,1	11,3	20,4	12,7	62,9	75,6



# The impact of Islam on politics is very contrasted depending on the country

*How do you judge the impact of Islam on politics in your country?*

	Very positive impact	Somewhat positive impact	Positive Impact	No Impact	Somewhat negative Impact	Very negative Impact	Negative Impact
Morocco	33,1	28,6	61,7	21,5	5,1	4,1	9,2
Algeria	17,9	26,4	44,3	30,4	11,2	8,3	19,5
Egypt	21,6	19,6	41,2	20,9	13,6	14,2	27,8
Libya	15,6	19,7	35,3	14,1	18,9	25,4	44,3
Tunisia	6,6	10,5	17,1	16,5	23,1	34,5	57,6



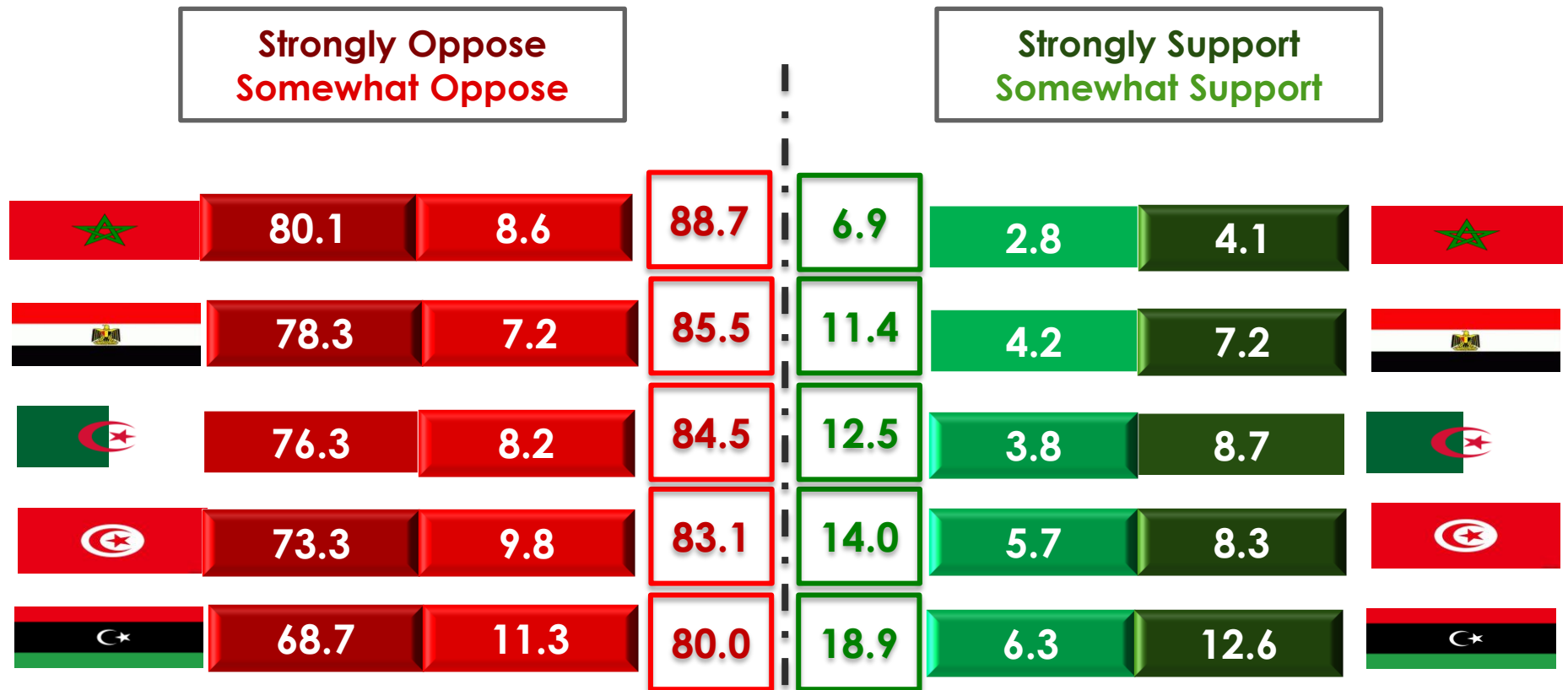
# Those surveyed feel that the state has a responsibility towards religion which requires it to respond to an insult given to the religious beliefs

*When there is an insult to the religious beliefs, who should intervene?*

	Tunisia	Algeria	Morocco	Libya	Egypt
The authorities	<b>68,2</b>	<b>46,4</b>	<b>58,2</b>	<b>42,7</b>	<b>45,0</b>
The citizens	<b>21,6</b>	<b>20,8</b>	<b>10,9</b>	<b>23,2</b>	<b>12,7</b>
The Muslims	<b>10,5</b>	<b>20,2</b>	<b>12,2</b>	<b>27,0</b>	<b>19,2</b>
The religious police	<b>8,7</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>6,4</b>	<b>9,7</b>	<b>7,9</b>
Other	<b>6,7</b>	<b>10,4</b>	<b>9,2</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>18,4</b> <i>(AL Azhar : 5,8)</i>
No one	<b>1,9</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>2,7</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>2,2</b>

# Those surveyed strongly disapprove terrorist attacks claiming to be committed following any insulting to Islam

*When there is an insult to Islam, to what degree you support the Islamists attacks?*





# The associations linked to religious extremism

*In your opinion, what is the meaning of the term "religious extremism"?*

	Egypt	Morocco	Algeria	Tunisia	Libya
<b>Misinterpretation of religion</b>	<b>42,5</b>	<b>40,8</b>	<b>35,9</b>	<b>32,7</b>	<b>28,7</b>
<b>slander against Islam</b>	<b>32,3</b>	<b>34,8</b>	<b>36,2</b>	<b>31,0</b>	<b>42,8</b>
<b>Terrorist organization</b>	<b>18,8</b>	<b>11,2</b>	<b>11,4</b>	<b>26,1</b>	<b>16,3</b>
<b>Radical movement</b>	<b>11,3</b>	<b>12,1</b>	<b>11,8</b>	<b>16,6</b>	<b>13,6</b>
<b>A way of gaining power where Islam is instrumentalized</b>	<b>8,8</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>7,6</b>	<b>8,5</b>
<b>Religious violence</b>	<b>7,7</b>	<b>6,0</b>	<b>6,4</b>	<b>6,4</b>	<b>4,4</b>
<b>Wahabism</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>0,8</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>0,0</b>
<b>jihadism</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>1,3</b>

# The main causes used to explain the rise of religious extremism are exogenous

*In your opinion what is the main cause of religious extremism?*

	Egypt	Morocco	Algeria	Libya	Tunisia
Misinterpretation of Islam	34,0	32,5	31,9	24,9	22,2
Unemployment / Poverty	14,1	15,6	9,6	13,2	21,2
The unconscious	15,3	17,5	18,0	17,1	14,3
Ignorance	13,3	17,7	12,8	14,7	12,2
money	5,9	4,1	5,3	9,1	9,9
Lack of supervision	1,1	2,3	1,6	0,0	8,0
The conquest of power	3,5	1,2	5,1	6,2	3,1
Islam is in danger	2,7	1,6	5,2	6,9	3,1
The mismanagement of the country	2,4	1,8	3,9	2,5	2,1
The depreciation of morality	2,9	1,4	3,3	1,3	1,0
All those reasons	1,7	0,0	0,0	1,1	0,0



# The West is nominated principal "responsible" of religious extremism

*Who do you think is the mainly responsible of the incitement of the religious extremism ?*

	Libya	Algeria	Egypt	Morocco	Tunisia
<b>The occident</b>	<b>58,8</b>	<b>49,0</b>	<b>42,8</b>	<b>38,4</b>	<b>30,4</b>
The Islamist parties	17,6	13,7	15,6	7,6	16,3
The Wahhabism	3,8	4,8	3,7	6,8	11,1
The Associations	0,7	3,7	5,5	7,4	10,3
The governing party	7,0	7,6	6,7	4,2	7,1
The qur'an schools	3,1	1,8	3,1	1,4	3,6
Other	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,2	2,3

# The preoccupation level of religious extremism is not the same in all five countries

*In your opinion, to what degree the phenomenon of religious extremism has spread in your country?*

	High Degree	Mean Degree	Low Degree	Does not exist
Tunisia	44,0	35,6	14,7	1,9
Libya	24,3	40,5	28,5	1,0
Egypt	10,7	29,4	45,2	11,2
Algeria	7,1	29,0	46,1	13,8
Morocco	5,2	20,7	46,8	20,5



# Tunisians are more worried than the other countries of the spread of religious extremism and terrorism

*In your opinion, to what degree the religious extremism presents a risk on the national security of your country?*

	Great Threat	Mean Threat	Low Threat	No Threat
Tunisia	78,3	11,9	3,9	3,4
Libya	65,4	16,5	8,0	8,3
Algeria	40,2	21,2	16,3	20,0
Egypt	34,0	20,9	17,9	25,0
Morocco	27,5	18,9	18,6	30,4



# The perception of citizens towards the Islamic State

# The associative world of "DAECH"

*When I say "ISLAMIC STATE (DAECH)" what is the first thing that comes to your mind?*

	Tunisia	Algeria	Libya	Morocco	Egypt
<b>The Terrorism</b>	<b>64,0</b>	<b>52,1</b>	<b>46,3</b>	<b>45,2</b>	<b>35,4</b>
<b>The barbarism</b>	<b>10,4</b>	<b>10,0</b>	<b>11,4</b>	<b>11,5</b>	<b>11,5</b>
<b>The Murder and massacre</b>	<b>10,0</b>	<b>8,5</b>	<b>15,1</b>	<b>14,4</b>	<b>21,5</b>
<b>The Slander against Islam</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>4,1</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>6,1</b>
<b>The Religious extremism</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>5,2</b>	<b>6,1</b>	<b>5,2</b>	<b>4,4</b>
<b>The Western plot</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>3,9</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>3,9</b>
<b>The Islamic radicalism</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>3,7</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>1,9</b>
<b>The collapse of the Arab countries</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>1,7</b>

# There are no major differences between countries in condemning DAECH

*What image do you have about the Islamic STATE "DAECH"?*

**Very Bad**  
**Somewhat Bad**

**Very Good**  
**Somewhat Good**



# Those surveyed strongly disapprove Daech and its practices

*To what level do you support the practices of the Islamic STATE (DAECH)?*

**Strongly Oppose**  
**Somewhat Oppose**

**Strongly Support**  
**Somewhat Support**



# The foreign liability in the proliferation of extremism and violence

*According to you, which of those countries behind the establishment of the Islamic State (Daech)?*

	Tunisia	Algeria	Libya	Morocco	Egypt
The United States	52,8	48,1	49,4	37,5	59,1
Israel	33,5	1,8	26,9	1,8	0,0
Qatar	14,8	5,2	12,2	3,0	10,7
Turkey	11,9	3,0	16,1	2,2	19,5
Saudi Arabia	11,0	5,7	2,1	5,1	0,0
Syria	9,0	4,4	4,7	7,9	1,7
Libya	6,8	1,1	1,9	0,9	0,0
Irak	5,9	4,0	4,9	5,4	2,6
United Kingdom	3,7	6,5	11,6	4,0	7,1
Russia	3,3	3,5	2,7	3,1	1,8
France	3,3	7,6	3,3	2,2	1,5
The West in general	3,3	4,4	5,1	3,4	2,6
Iran	2,2	2,7	3,4	3,3	2,5
UAE	1,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Tunisia	1,0	0,0	1,2	0,6	0,0
Yemen	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,7	0,0
Afghanistan	0,0	0,0	2,0	0,0	0,0

# The foreign liability in financing the extremism and violence

*In your opinion, what is the main country that supports the Islamic STATE (DAECH) financially?*

	Tunisia	Algeria	Libya	Morocco	Egypt
<b>The Americans</b>	34,6	34,8	36,7	22,6	44,9
<b>The Israelis</b>	21,2	20,8	16,9	17,9	14,7
<b>The Qataris</b>	27,6	8,3	19,7	5,7	18,1
<b>The Turks</b>	12,7	3,9	24,3	3,7	22,8
<b>The Saudis</b>	17,7	10,5	3,4	6,2	1,8
<b>The Syrians</b>	2,1	0,7	1,7	2,9	0,0
<b>The Libyans</b>	2,4	0,6	1,2	0,4	0,0
<b>The Iraqis</b>	0,9	0,0	1,3	1,4	0,0
<b>The English</b>	1,7	2,2	5,6	1,4	2,7
<b>The Russians</b>	2,1	3,0	1,8	3,6	0,0
<b>The French</b>	1,1	3,3	1,5	1,0	1,3
<b>The West in general</b>	1,0	2,0	2,0	1,3	1,0
<b>The Iranians</b>	2,0	1,6	4,7	4,3	2,9
<b>The Emiratis</b>	3,0	0,6	1,7	0,0	0,0
<b>People of the Gulf countries</b>	1,0	0,5	0,0	0,7	0,0
<b>The Algerians</b>	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,3	0,0

# For respondents in different countries of North Africa, Tunisians are the nationality that supply the most the ranks of DAECH

*In your opinion, what is the main nationality that supplies most DAECH?*

	Tunisia	Algeria	Libya	Morocco	Egypt
<b>The Tunisians</b>	49,9	10,8	32,8	9,5	2,9
<b>The Libyans</b>	27,6	6,4	14,0	3,5	2,2
<b>The Syrians</b>	17,2	11,2	14,4	10,1	7,0
The Algerians	9,7	6,1	9,8	6,0	0,0
<b>The Iraqis</b>	6,6	8,3	8,0	7,6	6,6
The Turks	5,1	1,7	7,7	1,4	7,6
The Egyptians	5,0	0,0	6,8	1,3	3,3
<b>The Saudis</b>	4,3	2,9	3,2	2,2	1,2
All countries	4,2	3,5	4,3	4,2	0,0
The Moroccans	4,1	3,5	5,1	11,5	0,0
The Americans	3,6	9,4	6,9	6,4	15,2
<b>The Qataris</b>	2,0	0,0	4,0	0,0	2,5
The Israelis	1,9	3,9	2,4	3,3	3,9
The French	1,9	3,3	2,6	3,4	2,0
<b>The Iranians</b>	1,1	0,0	2,4	1,9	1,8
The Malians	1,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
The Arabic Countries	0,0	3,2	0,0	1,4	0,0
The West in general	0,0	1,9	0,0	0,0	2,8
The Russians	0,0	1,9	0,0	1,6	0,0
The English	0,0	1,7	2,9	0,0	3,0
The Yemenis	0,0	0,0	2,5	0,0	0,0
The Sudanese	0,0	0,0	3,5	0,0	0,0
The Organizations and lobbies	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	2,2





# Internet and mosques are the main places of radicalization

*In your opinion, where does it happen the radicalization of certain?*

	Tunisia	Algeria	Morocco	Libya	Egypt
In mosques	46,6	12,5	11,7	23,7	8,6
On the Internet	23,3	32,4	25,6	28,3	18,2
In coffee shops	16,4	6,8	4,7	8,9	2,9
In associations	8,4	3,5	3,4	4,5	3,6
In prison	7,0	1,7	1,4	3,3	2,9
In educational institutions	4,9	2,6	1,5	3,7	1,5
Other	6,7	4,7	5,0	9,5	7,6

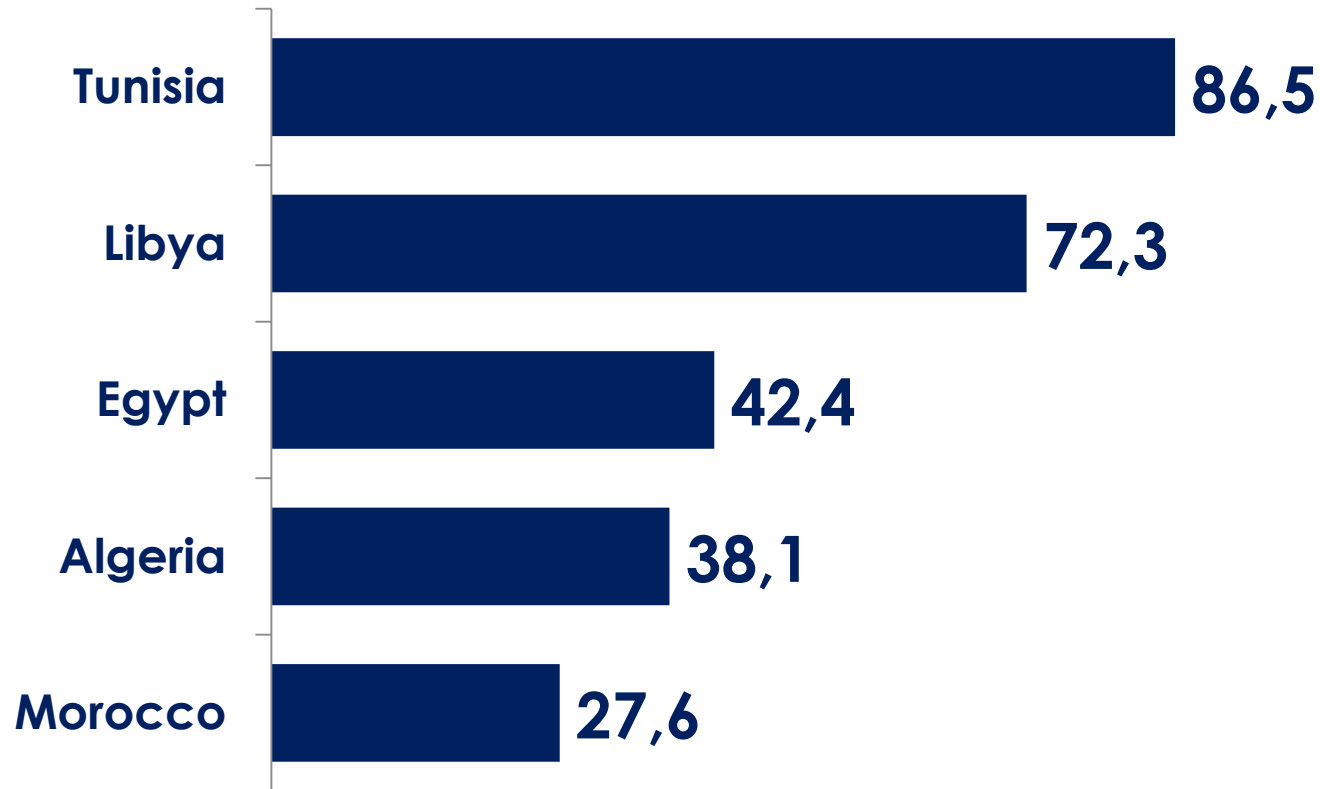
# The socio-economic and cultural instability are the main reasons that lead to radicalization

*In your opinion, what is the main reason a person to join the ranks of Islamic STATE "Daech"?(Assisted question)*

	Tunisia	Algeria	Morocco	Libya	Egypt
<b>The Unemployment / Poverty</b>	<b>29,7</b>	<b>17,1</b>	<b>18,5</b>	<b>20,4</b>	<b>16,9</b>
<b>The unconscious</b>	<b>26,9</b>	<b>26,0</b>	<b>30,8</b>	<b>24,7</b>	<b>23,0</b>
<b>The Money</b>	<b>16,2</b>	<b>15,0</b>	<b>15,7</b>	<b>24,3</b>	<b>20,8</b>
<b>The Wrong interpretation of Islam</b>	<b>9,5</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>0,0</b>
<b>The Lack of supervision</b>	<b>7,6</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>1,8</b>
<b>The feeling of Injustice and inequality</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>11,3</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>5,4</b>
<b>The attraction of violence</b>	<b>1,6</b>	<b>1,0</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>1,3</b>	<b>1,6</b>
<b>The Misunderstanding</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>14,9</b>	<b>15,6</b>	<b>10,9</b>	<b>13,5</b>
<b>All those Reasons</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>2,0</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>3,0</b>
<b>The belief</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>2,1</b>
<b>The ignorance</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>3,2</b>

# Tunisia the country where respondents consider most DAECH that has a negative impact on the economy

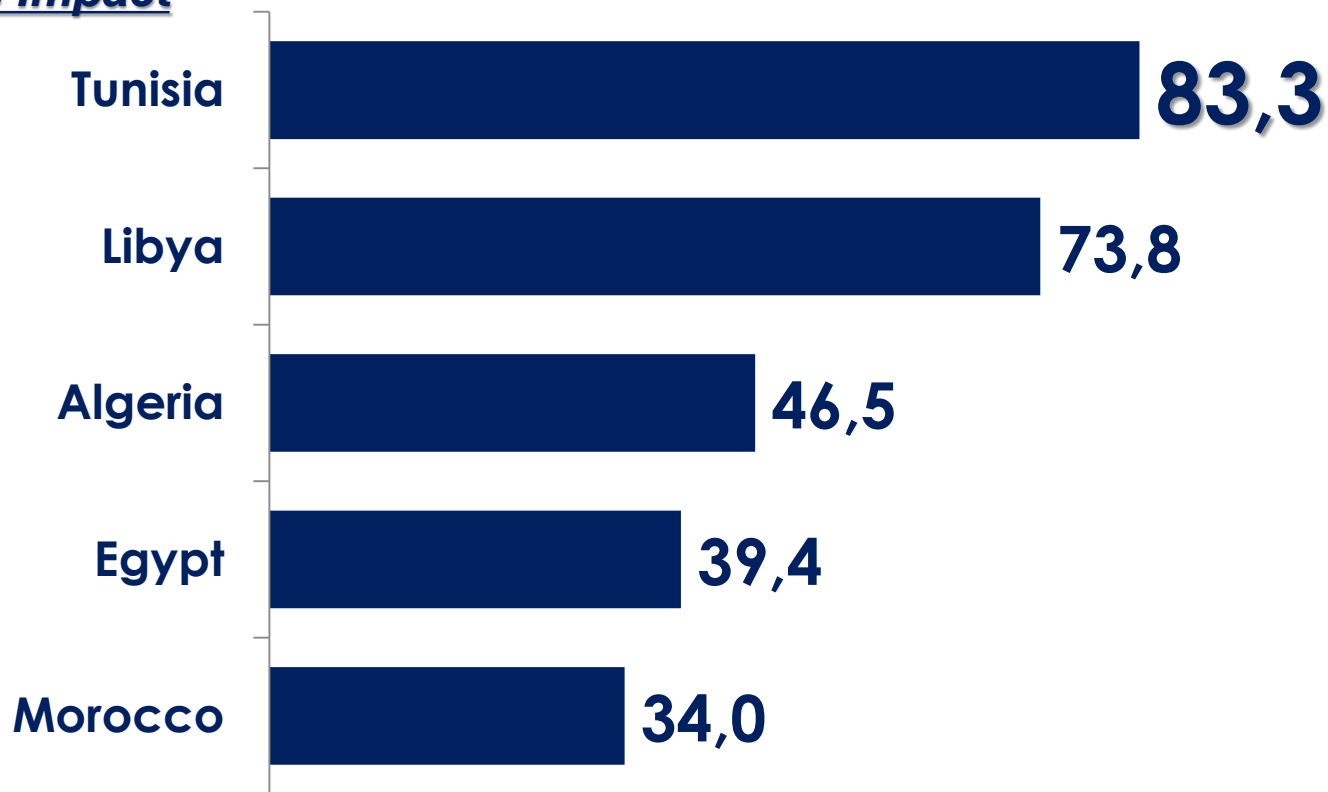
*In your country, what is the impact of the Islamic STATE on the economy?*  
Negative Impact



# Tunisians are the most preoccupied about the impact on security

*In your country, what is the impact of the Islamic STATE on the security of the country?*

## Negative Impact



# Facing DAECH, Anxiety is stronger among Tunisians and Libyans, lesser strong among Egyptians, Algerians and Moroccans

*According to you, to what degree the Islamic state presents a danger to your country?*

	<b>High Threat</b>	<b>Mean Threat</b>	<b>Low Threat</b>	<b>No Threat</b>	Don't know	Refusal
<b>Tunisia</b>	<b>65,4</b>	<b>20,6</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>5,4</b>	2,8	0,4
<b>Libya</b>	<b>54,9</b>	<b>19,3</b>	<b>8,3</b>	<b>7,1</b>	6,0	4,4
<b>Algeria</b>	<b>28,1</b>	<b>19,1</b>	<b>15,5</b>	<b>26,4</b>	6,7	4,1
<b>Morocco</b>	<b>19,0</b>	<b>19,1</b>	<b>20,6</b>	<b>31,2</b>	7,2	2,8
<b>Egypt</b>	<b>18,4</b>	<b>16,0</b>	<b>18,6</b>	<b>34,8</b>	10,6	1,7





**Thanks**