

Majority reject “clash of civilisations”

A majority of people around the world do not believe that Islam and the West are locked in an inevitable violent struggle and think that common ground can be found, according to a recent poll. Most respondents blamed current tensions on political interests and intolerant minorities on both sides

Cause of tensions between Islam and West

Political power and interests
52%

Don't know
19%

Religious/cultural
differences 29%

Cause of current global tensions between Islam and West

Intolerant minorities:
On both sides 39%

Muslim 12%
West 7%

Don't know
16%

Fundamental
differences 26%

Relationship between Muslim and Western cultures

Possible to find common ground
56%

Don't know
16%

Violent conflict
inevitable 28%

Survey of 28,000 people across 27 countries, in person and by phone

Source: Globescan poll for BBC

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