

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE
(2014.09.27 VERSION)

INFO	QUESTION-TYPE
<u>DEMOGRAPHICS</u>	
- Age	1. How old are you ? 2. Where were you born ? 3. Where did you grow up ? -----
- Family	4. Where were your parents born (or lived before, if they immigrated) ? 5. When did your parents [<i>for immigrant parent</i>], or you come to Canada ? 6. Why was Canada chosen ? 7. Do you have any brothers and sisters ? a. [<u>If yes</u>] Where are they born ? 8. What is the occupation of your parents ? 9. What is your marital status ? [e.g. <i>single, civil union, married, separated, divorced, any children</i>] -----
- Ethnicity	10. How would you describe your “ethnic” background ? [e.g. <i>Moroccan Berber, Pakistani, Indonesian, Egyptian, Iranian Kurd, etc.</i>]
- Religion	11. How would you describe your “religious” background / identity ? [e.g. <i>very religious, atheist, liberal, traditional, Salafi, etc.</i>] -----
- Nationality	12. Are you a <u>long term</u> or <u>short term</u> resident of Canada ? <u>Can you specify</u> ? [e.g., <i>Canadian citizen, permanent resident, international student, etc.</i>]
- Education	13. How long have you lived in Canada ? [<u>DO NOT SKIP</u> this question for Canadian born participants, some of them may have lived outside Canada for few years] -----
- Education	14. What is your highest education degree ? [e.g. <i>PhD, MA, BA, College degree, High School leaving certificate, other...</i>] -----
- Education	15. What kind of elementary and secondary school did you attend ? [e.g. <i>public school (or private non-Islamic school), home schooling, Islamic school</i>] -----
- Employment	16. Are you employed ? a. [<u>If yes</u>] What is your current occupation or profession ? b. [<u>If no</u>] Are you unemployed, unable to work, or a student ? i. [<u>If student</u>] In which field of study ?

<u>INTERNET</u>	<p>17. Has your Internet usage <u>increased</u>, or <u>decreased</u>, in the last 5 years ?</p> <p>18. On average, how many hours – per day, per week, per month – do you use the Internet ? [e.g., including cell phone, checking emails, for work or study, etc.]</p> <p>-----</p> <p>19. So, on the topic of what you do online, do you use the internet for “religious” or “spiritual life”?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. [<u>If yes</u>] How is the Internet impacting, or affecting your “religious” or “spiritual” practices, beliefs, values, or attitudes ?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>20. Do your faith – beliefs and practices – affect how you use the Internet and what you do <u>online</u> ?</p> <p>21. Do you have any faith-based limitations ?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. [<u>If yes</u>] In what ways ?</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">i. Can you give some examples ?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>22. Do you think the Internet –</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) enhances your faith,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) operates more as a distraction or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(iii) changes your faith in any way ?</p> <p>23. For better or worse ?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Can you explain or give examples ?</p>
<u>IDENTITY</u>	<p>24. What does it mean to you to be a Muslim living in Canada ?</p> <p>25. How do you identify yourself, religiously and nationally ? Do you see yourself as a Canadian Muslim, a Muslim Canadian, or other ?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>26. Do you tend to have friends of the same “ethnic” or “religious” background as you, or not ?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Any reasons why this might be so ?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. Has the circle of <u>your offline</u> friends changed as you grew older ?</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">i. [<u>If yes</u>] In what ways ?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. Has the circle of <u>online</u> friends changed also ?</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">i. [<u>If yes</u>] In what ways ?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>27. Do you change your way of behaving depending on the “ethnic”, or “cultural” background of the group of friends you are with ?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. What about when you are with Muslim <i>versus</i> <u>non-Muslim</u> friends ?</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. How so ?</p>

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c. What about online ?

28. Do you feel a generational, or cultural, or linguistic, or a religious gap with your parents ? How so ?

[young participants – e.g., act differently at home as compared to outside the home]

[adults not living with parents – e.g., act differently in the presence of their parents or of elders of the family]

29. Would you discuss with them all your online interests and activities?

a. [If yes] Can you give examples of things you discuss or share with them ?

b. [If no] Why not ?

30. Does gender play a role in how you socialize or do not socialize or interact with some people ?

31. Who do you socialize with ?

a. Mainly with the same gender ?

b. Any ethnic, religious, or intellectual preferences ?

32. Where do you socialize ?

[ex. parks, coffee shops, community centers, bars, mosques, etc.]

33. If you wish to remain gender segregated, how is this maintained online ?

34. Do you find that online communities offer opportunities to find friends, companions, or a life partner / spouse ?

a. Have you used online communities this way ?

35. How has the Internet affected the way you feel connected to your Muslim and non-Muslim friends in Canada, or in other places ?

a. [If yes] Which online communities or groups ?

[e.g., local, national or international – country or countries]

36. Does (i) information you find online and the (ii) communities or people you relate to online affect your religious practices and beliefs offline

[e.g., since childhood, in the past 5 years] ?

a. Can you explain or give examples ?

37. Do you use online media in the practice your faith ? For example, for...

a. buying religious goods *[e.g., for prayer rug, hijabs, etc.]*

b. accessing religious literature *[e.g., for Qur'an recitation, religious sermons, scholars opinions concerning debatable issues, etc.]*

c. using applications (Apps) regularly *[e.g. for the direction of prayer, the time to start fasting for Ramadan, etc.]*

<p>AUTHORITY</p> <p>Usage</p> <p>“Brand Names”</p>	<p>38. Does your usage of the Internet include visiting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> sites to read the Qur’ân ? sites that deal with Islamic jurisprudence (<i>fiqh</i>) ? hadith (prophetic sayings) search engines ? Islamic Blogs ? Arabic language instruction websites aiming to read the Qur’ân ? [for <i>non Arabic speakers</i>] <p>-----</p> <p>39. How do you decide whether an “Islamic” site is authentic or appropriate, and that you can trust it ?</p> <p>40. What signs do you look for to ensure it is authentic, or appropriate ? [e.g., use of language, cited sources, logos, references to known scholars, known Qur’ânic verses (<i>suras</i>) or hadiths, website interface, links, etc.]</p> <p>41. What are the “Islamic” websites that have had the most influence on you, or that affected your beliefs and practices? a. Can you give examples ?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>42. When you visit websites, are particular schools of jurisprudence (<i>madhhab</i>) important in your determination of their appropriateness ? [Sunnis: Hanafi Hanbali Shafi’i Maliki Shi’as: Ja’fari Ismaili Zaidi] [<u>IMPORTANT to mention doctrines OTHER than the one of participant, because Sunnis might state they are open to other interpretations – i.e. other Sunni interpretations – but not to Shia, Ahmadi, or Sufi interpretations</u>]</p> <p>43. If you attend a mosque – that is affiliated with a particular school of jurisprudence (<i>madhhab</i>,) – does it have an impact on your selection of Islamic websites ? a. [<u>If no</u>] Do you accept, or are you open to, all interpretations and doctrines?</p> <p>44. What kind of information do you find most helpful in an <u>online</u> context ? [e.g., in comparison with an offline engagements with your religious beliefs and practices]</p> <p>45. Are there certain situations or moments where <u>online</u> spaces offer better support, or Islamic information <u>than offline</u> spaces ? [e.g., for more private matters, such as questions related to sex, alternative lifestyles, etc.]</p> <p>-----</p> <p>46. What are your feelings encountering online interpretations that differ from, or conflict with your own beliefs or practices ? [e.g., Shia, Sunni, secular interpretations, etc.]</p>
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<p><u>AUTHORITY</u></p>	<p>-----</p> <p>47. What would you consider a radical or very conservative websites ?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Have you encountered such radical or very conservative websites ? Do you think they are easily identifiable ? How ? How would you describe them ?
<p>Fiqh for Minorities</p>	<p>48. If you seek out Islamic jurisprudence (<i>fiqh</i>) <u>online</u>, do you believe that it should be interpreted for a Muslim minority context?</p> <p>49. Or, do you see interpretation of religious texts, such as the Quran, hadith, and legal fatwas, as unchanging, irrespective of place, time, or context ?</p> <p>50. Have your opinions to this end changed in the last 5 years?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> [<u>If yes</u>] Has your usage of the Internet anything to do with that change ? <p>-----</p> <p>51. Which scholars or thinkers do you feel are most important as sources of religious authority ?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>52. If you visit a Muslim website hosted in Canada – of a Scholar or an organization that is from Canada, have you <u>noted any differences</u> between so-called “local”, or “national”, and “non-Canadian”, or “foreign” perspectives ?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> [<u>If yes</u>] can you describe how they differ in their presentation ?
<p><u>COMMUNITY</u></p> <p>General</p>	<p>53. What Muslim group or community do you affiliate yourself with ? [e.g. some would say they are affiliated with the “Maliki-Sunni”, or with a “Sufi-humanist” community, etc.]</p> <p>54. Is that because of family, friends, or personal choice?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>55. Do you belong to a religious group, or mosque – not necessarily through a formal membership, but where you regularly attend ?</p> <p>56. How regularly do you attend? [e.g., <i>attend all activities, prayers, online community outings, etc.</i>]</p> <p>57. What kinds of activities, if any, do you participate in <u>outside of</u> worship ?</p> <p>58. How important is that community to you ?</p> <p>-----</p>

<p>COMMUNITY</p>	<p>59. If you attend a mosque, does it use the Internet and how ? <i>[e.g., websites, chat rooms, blogs, Twitter, Facebook, etc.]</i></p> <p>a. [If yes] Is it for internal communication with members, promoting your local mosque or group, or for correcting misinformation about Islam ?</p> <p>i. How might the usage of the Internet be improved ?</p> <p>ii. Anything the mosque can do better to improve their usage ?</p> <p>b. [If no] Why might that be so ?</p> <p>i. How might their usage be improved ?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>60. Is your Muslim community, or religious group, using the Internet adequately ?</p> <p><i>[e.g., local Islamic organizations, Muslim associations, MSA, etc.]</i></p> <p>a. [If yes] Can you explain how the Internet is used ?</p> <p>i. How might the usage of Internet be improved ?</p> <p>b. [If no] Why might that be so ?</p> <p>ii. How might their usage be improved ?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>61. Do you use the Internet to you access information about Muslim events or gatherings ?</p> <p><i>[e.g., Muslim Fest, Islamic Spirit, Canadian Muslim Day,¹ international speaking tours of Muslim preachers or scholars]</i></p>
<p>Online interactivity</p>	<p>62. Are the online groups to which your <u>offline</u> friends belong different from yours ?</p> <p><i>[e.g. online forums, Facebook, chat rooms, etc.]</i></p> <p>a. Why is this so?</p> <p>b. Can you give examples?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>63. Can you describe the type of activities in which you engage online with members of your group or faith community ?</p> <p><i>[e.g. mosque, Muslim association, Muslim Student Associations (MSA), transnational group, etc.]</i></p> <p>64. How much do you contribute and interact with others online ?</p> <p><i>[e.g., commenting, posting, sharing articles, etc.]</i></p> <p>a. Do you use hashtags?</p> <p><i>[e.g. #Islam, #Canada, #Religion, #PBUH, #Muslim, #Cdnpoli, #Ramadan, #HumanRights, #Allah, #IslamisPeace, #deen, etc.]</i></p>

¹ Muslim Fest (www.muslimfest.com), Islamic Spirit (<http://www.revivingtheislamicspirit.com>), Canadian Muslim Day (<http://www.muslimday.info>),

<p>COMMUNITY</p>	<p>i. [If yes] Which hashtags do you use and how?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>65. Have you joined Islam related self-improvement activities ? [e.g., <i>weekend seminar, leadership seminars, etc.</i>]</p> <p>66. Have you taken any <u>online</u> ? a. [<u>If yes</u>] What did they consist of ?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>67. Have you ever changed some of your views before, or after joining a group, whether <u>offline</u> or <u>online</u> ? a. [<u>If yes</u>] Can you give examples ?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>68. How do you evaluate the quality of your time spent online ? [e.g., <i>with individuals or with groups</i>]</p> <p>69. It is worth the time spent, or do you believe you are wasting too much time ?</p>
<p>Online community</p>	<p>70. Has an <u>online</u> community or a religious group ever</p> <p>a. helped deepen your understanding of an issue, or</p> <p>b. given you some solidarity when you may have disagreed with the teachings of your faith community or family ?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>71. Have you found that the Internet has provided you with a faith community or a religious group that you otherwise might not have accessed ?</p> <p>a. Do you feel you share more or less with people <u>online</u>?</p> <p>b. Does anonymity help or hinder ?</p> <p>c. Have you ever moved on to meet others of an <u>online</u> group face-to-face ?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>72. Have you ever left an online community or a religious group ?</p> <p>a. [<u>If yes</u>] Why ?</p> <p>b. Were there any conflicts ?</p>
<p>DIVERSITY</p> <p>Intra-religious dimensions</p>	<p>73. Do you have Muslim friends who are from groups or communities other than the one to which you belong ? [e.g. <i>non-Sunnis IF you are a Sunni, etc.; how many, some / all</i>]</p> <p>74. What about <u>online</u> ?</p>

<p><u>DIVERSITY</u></p> <p>Intra-religious dimensions</p>	<p>75. What kinds of issues are discussed with them <u>online</u> ? [e.g., do you discuss beliefs, dogma, creationism, etc.]</p> <p>76. Are these similar or different from those discussed <u>offline</u> ? [e.g. diversity within Islam, differences between Islamic doctrines, etc.]</p> <p>77. Do you avoid – either online or offline – any topics or websites ? a. [<u>If yes</u>] Why? -----</p> <p>78. What do you think about the different interpretations, different beliefs and practices within Islam and the Muslim communities ? [e.g., Sunnis, Shi’as, Sufis, Ahmadis, Ismailis, Alevis, Alawiyya, Salafis, etc.] -----</p> <p>79. What sources do you rely upon to inform you about diversity within Islam and the Muslim community ? [e.g., mosque, family, friends, religious leaders, readings, the Qur’ân, the hadiths, etc.]</p> <p>80. And, what about the Internet ? [e.g., websites of other Muslim groups, of religious scholars, social media, blogs, etc.]</p> <p>81. How often do you access information on other Muslim groups or doctrines on the Internet ? -----</p> <p>82. Have your beliefs or practices about differences that exist within Islam and the Muslim community changed in the last 5 years ?</p> <p>83. And, why do you think that is ?</p> <p>84. Has your Internet usage anything to do with this change ?</p>
<p>Inter-religious dimensions</p>	<p>85. Do you have friends who are <u>non</u> Muslim ? [how many, some / all]</p> <p>86. What about <u>online</u> ? -----</p> <p>87. What do you think about living in a religiously plural society, and a society with secular values such as the Canadian society ?</p>

<p><u>DIVERSITY</u></p> <p>Inter-religious dimensions</p>	<p>88. What kinds of topics are discussed with your non-Muslim friends <u>online</u> about inter-religious diversity ?</p> <p>89. Are these topics similar or different from those discussed with them <u>offline</u> ?</p> <p>90. When you are with <u>non</u>-Muslims – either off or online – do you avoid any topics or websites ?</p> <p>a. [<u>If yes</u>] Why ?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>91. Have you been (i) involved in, or (ii) do you participate in any formal inter-faith groups or events – either inter-religious or intra-religious <u>offline</u> ?</p> <p>a. [<u>If yes</u>] can you explain and give examples ?</p> <p>92. Have you (iii) accessed <u>online</u> interfaith groups or blogs? [e.g., <i>interfaith Facebook, blogs, online forums, etc.</i>] [<u>If yes</u>]</p> <p>a. How much of an influence do they have on your personal faith ?</p> <p>b. What about on your public practice ?</p> <p>c. Do you feel they deepen your faith, or that they trouble it ?</p> <p>-----</p> <p>93. What sources do you depend upon to inform you about people of other religions ?</p> <p>[e.g., <i>mosque, family, friends, religious leaders, readings, Qur’ân, hadiths</i>]</p> <p>94. And what about the Internet ?</p> <p>[ex. <i>websites of non-Muslim religious groups, of non-Muslim religious scholars, social media, blogs, etc.</i>]</p> <p>95. How often do you access information on groups of other faiths on the Internet ?</p> <p>[e.g., <i>always, often, rarely, never</i>]</p> <p>-----</p> <p>96. Have your beliefs or practices about differences between Muslims and <u>non</u>-Muslims changed in the last few years ?</p> <p>97. <u>If</u> your beliefs or practices about those differences <u>have changed</u>, ...</p> <p>a. Why do you think that is ?</p> <p>b. Has your usage of the Internet anything to do with it ?</p>
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<p><u>Recap Questions</u></p>	<p>98. Is the influence of the Internet MORE or LESS importance than the influence of ... [<i>rank according to importance</i>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. religious leadersii. religious text(s)iii. your parents/caregiversiv. your siblingsv. your other relativesvi. your friendsvii. printed media [<i>e.g. magazines, books, etc.</i>]viii. electronic media [<i>e.g., online TV, videos, audio</i>]ix. Other ? Please specify... <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>99. How important are the Internet and digital technologies for you as a Muslim living in Canada ?</p> <p>100. Can you explain further and give some examples ?</p>
<p><u>Additional Information</u></p>	<p>101. Is there anything else you would like to add – regarding your experience with the Internet and digital technologies as a Muslim living in Canada ?</p>