

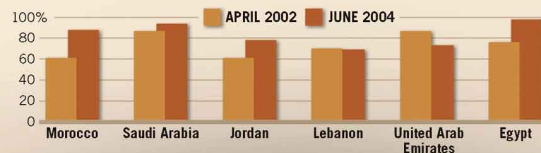
GOING GLOBAL

In a bold move to influence the direction of Islam, Washington since 9/11 has quietly funded a variety of projects to boost Muslim religious moderates and generate goodwill in at least 24 countries. Programs range from training Islamic-school teachers in civics to funding think tanks that promote moderate interpretations of the Koran.

1.07 billion total population

UNFAVORABLE ARAB ATTITUDES TOWARD THE UNITED STATES

Anti-American sentiment soared in the Arab world after the invasion of Iraq, even among U.S. allies.



UNITED KINGDOM

Think tank on moderate Islam

BULGARIA

Restoration of old mosques and Islamic library

MOROCCO

Workshop for Islamic political activists; journal on moderate Islam

ALGERIA

Workshop for Islamic political activists; preservation of over 1,000 ancient Islamic manuscripts

MALI

Training of madrasah teachers; restoration of Islamic manuscripts

BENIN

Renovation of Central Grand Mosque

NIGER

Preservation of over 4,000 antique Islamic manuscripts

NIGERIA

Workshop for Islamic political activists; training of madrasah teachers and curriculum reform

UGANDA

Construction of three Islamic elementary schools; promotion of Islamic FM radio; donation of 10,000 books to Islamic university

CYPRUS

Restoration of Hala Sultan Tekke, holiest site for local Muslims

TURKEY

Workshop for Islamic political activists

TURKMENISTAN

Restoration of 11th-century Abu Sakhyt Abul Khaira shrine, a Sufi pilgrimage site; restoration of 15th-century Seit Jemmalatdin Mosque

UZBEKISTAN

Preservation of some 20 ancient Korans and manuscripts

KIRGIZSTAN

Restoration of Shaik Fazil Mausoleum, a major Sufi pilgrimage site

PAKISTAN

Training of madrasah teachers; curriculum reform; training of Islamic political activists; preservation of 17th-century Mohabat Khan mosque

BANGLADESH

Training of mosque leaders in development issues

MUSLIMS WITHIN COUNTRY POPULATIONS

In millions

■ Total population
■ Muslim population

An estimated 1.2 billion Muslims live worldwide, about one fifth of the world's population, spread largely through the Middle East, Asia and North Africa.

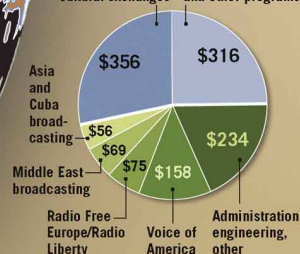


U.S. PUBLIC DIPLOMACY SPENDING

Total 2005 budget: \$1.26 billion

■ State Department
■ Broadcasting Board of Governors

In millions of dollars
Educational and cultural exchanges
Public information and other programs



Sources: National Endowment for Democracy; U.S. Agency for International Development; U.S. Department of State, 2005 World Almanac; Zogby International; International Population Center; Department of Geography, San Diego State University; USN&WR reporting