

Interview Legalization of the Islamic State in Indonesia

Public Response to the Legalization of the Islamic State in Indonesia

No	Statement	Description
1	Aware of the concept of an Islamic state.	Yes: 60% No: 40%
2	Agree if Indonesia transitions to an Islamic state.	Strongly agree: 10%, Agree: 20%, Neutral: 30%, Disagree: 25%, Strongly disagree: 15%
3	Indonesia needs to implement Sharia law nationally.	Yes: 35%, No: 45%, Not sure: 20%
4	Islamic law would be fairer than the current law.	Yes: 40%, No: 40%, Not sure: 20%
5	Implementing Sharia law would improve the quality of life.	Yes: 35%, No: 45%, Not sure: 20%
6	An Islamic state would strengthen national identity.	Yes: 50%, No: 30%, Not sure: 20%
7	An Islamic state would enhance political stability in Indonesia.	Yes: 35%, No: 45%, Not sure: 20%
8	An Islamic state would affect personal freedom.	Yes, would increase freedom: 15%; yes, would reduce freedom: 60%, No effect: 25%
9	Agree with severe punishment according to Sharia law for major offences like corruption and theft.	Strongly agree: 20%, Agree: 35%, Neutral: 20%, Disagree: 15%, Strongly disagree: 10%
10	More intensive religious education is needed in the school system.	Yes: 60%, No: 25%, Not sure: 15%
11	There should be restrictions on non-Muslims in certain aspects of an Islamic state.	Yes: 20%, No: 55%, Not sure: 25%
12	Islamic economics would be better for the welfare of society.	Yes: 35%, No: 45%, Not sure: 20%
13	The media needs to be monitored and regulated based on Islamic values.	Yes: 30%, No: 50%, Not sure: 20%
14	Non-Muslims must adhere to Islamic rules in an Islamic state.	Yes: 20%, No: 55%, Not sure: 25%
15	Agree with restrictions on the public practice of other religions.	Strongly agree: 10%, Agree: 15%, Neutral: 25%, Disagree: 30%, Strongly disagree: 20%
16	Society is ready for the transition to an Islamic state.	Yes: 20%, No: 50%, Not sure: 30%
17	Support restrictions on lifestyles considered incompatible with Sharia.	Yes: 30%, No: 50%, Not sure: 20%
18	Current laws adequately represent Islamic values.	Yes: 35%, No: 45%, Not sure: 20%
19	Leadership should be in the hands of those with a deep understanding of Islam.	Yes: 45%, No: 35%, Not sure: 20%

20	The international community will accept Indonesia as an Islamic state.	Yes: 25%, No: 50%, Not sure: 25%
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The Impact of Islamic State Legalization on Indonesia's International Relations

Respondent 1: "An Islamic state might make international relations more difficult, especially with non-Muslim countries." ¹
Respondent 2: "I think an Islamic state could strengthen ties with other Muslim countries." ²
Respondent 3: "International relations might be disrupted due to differences in values and laws." ³
Respondent 4: "There might be more support from Islamic countries but less from Western countries." ⁴
Respondent 5: "Indonesia might face sanctions or pressure from countries that do not agree with the Islamic state system." ⁵
Respondent 6: "Diplomatic relations could become more strained, but it could also create new opportunities with like-minded countries." ⁶
Respondent 7: "I'm worried that non-Muslim neighbouring countries will feel uncomfortable, which could affect trade and regional cooperation." ⁷
Respondent 8: "As the country with the largest Muslim population, I think this could strengthen Indonesia's position in the Islamic world." ⁸
Respondent 9: "I think there will be uncertainty at first, but if implemented well, it could become a model for other countries." ⁹

¹ Personal Interview May 2024 Respondent 1, "Respondent 1, Personal Interview May 2024," May 15, 2024.

² Personal Interview May 2024 Respondent 2, "Respondent 2, Personal Interview May 2024," 2024.

³ Personal Interview May 2024 Respondent 3, "Respondent 3, Personal Interview May 2024," May 2024.

⁴ Personal Interview May 2024 Respondent 4, "Respondent 4, Personal Interview May 2024," 2024.

⁵ Personal Interview May 2024 Respondent 5, "Respondent 5, Personal Interview May 2024," 2024.

⁶ Personal Interview May 2024 Respondent 6, "Respondent 6, Personal Interview May 2024," 2024.

⁷ Personal Interview May 2024 Respondent 7, "Respondent 7, Personal Interview May 2024," 2024.

⁸ Personal Interview May 2024 Respondent 8, "Respondent 8, Personal Interview May 2024," 2024.

⁹ Personal Interview May 2024 Respondent 9, "Respondent 9, Personal Interview May 2024," 2024.

Respondent 10: "An Islamic state might have more enemies than friends on the international stage." ¹⁰
Respondent 11: "There's a high possibility that some countries will withdraw their support or investment if Indonesia becomes an Islamic state." ¹¹
Respondent 12: "Relations with Western countries might deteriorate, but ties with Middle Eastern countries might improve." ¹²
Respondent 13: "Other countries might be more cautious in interacting with Indonesia due to differences in laws and values." ¹³
Respondent 14: "I think the impact will depend on how Indonesia manages this transition while maintaining good international relations." ¹⁴
Respondent 15: "Indonesia might face a lot of criticism from the international community, particularly regarding human rights and religious freedom." ¹⁵
Respondent 16: "If implemented wisely, it could be an example of harmonising Sharia law with international relations." ¹⁶

Public Response if Indonesia becomes an Islamic State

Respondent 1: "I hope for more order and justice in society." ¹⁷
Respondent 2: "I worry about the restrictions on personal freedom and minority rights." ¹⁸
Respondent 3: "I hope for an improvement in morality and ethics in everyday life." ¹⁹
Respondent 4: "I hope religious education will be more emphasised in schools." ²⁰
Respondent 5: "I am concerned about overly strict regulations on dress codes and lifestyle." ²¹

¹⁰ Personal Interview May 2024 Respondent 10, "Respondent 10, Personal Interview May 2024," 2024.

¹¹ Personal Interview May 2024 Respondent 11, "Respondent 11, Personal Interview May 2024," 2024.

¹² Personal Interview May 2024 Respondent 12, "Respondent 12, Personal Interview May 2024," 2024.

¹³ Personal Interview May 2024 Respondent 13, "Respondent 13, Personal Interview May 2024," 2024.

¹⁴ Personal Interview May 2024 Respondent 14, "Respondent 14, Personal Interview May 2024," 2024.

¹⁵ Personal Interview May 2024 Respondent 15, "Respondent 15, Personal Interview May 2024," 2024.

¹⁶ Personal Interview May 2024 Respondent 16, "Respondent 16, Personal Interview May 2024," 2024.

¹⁷ Respondent 1, "Respondent 1, Personal Interview May 2024."

¹⁸ Respondent 2, "Respondent 2, Personal Interview May 2024."

¹⁹ Respondent 3, "Respondent 3, Personal Interview May 2024."

²⁰ Respondent 4, "Respondent 4, Personal Interview May 2024."

²¹ Respondent 5, "Respondent 5, Personal Interview May 2024."

Respondent 6: "I hope social services and community welfare will improve." ²²
Respondent 7: "I hope there will be more focus on social justice and reducing corruption." ²³
Respondent 8: "I hope for fairer and more transparent laws applied to everyone." ²⁴
Respondent 9: "I fear that freedom of expression and opinion will be restricted." ²⁵
Respondent 10: "I hope interfaith relations remain harmonious and tolerant." ²⁶
Respondent 11: "I am concerned about discrimination against religious minority groups." ²⁷
Respondent 12: "I hope society will be more obedient and adherent to religious laws and norms." ²⁸
Respondent 13: "I worry about the impact on the tourism sector and foreign investment." ²⁹
Respondent 14: "I hope Islamic economics will be more widely implemented and benefit society." ³⁰
Respondent 15: "I hope life will become more orderly and peaceful with the implementation of Islamic law." ³¹
Respondent 16: "I fear the imposition of certain religious beliefs and practices." ³²

²² Respondent 6, "Respondent 6, Personal Interview May 2024."

²³ Respondent 7, "Respondent 7, Personal Interview May 2024."

²⁴ Respondent 8, "Respondent 8, Personal Interview May 2024."

²⁵ Respondent 9, "Respondent 9, Personal Interview May 2024."

²⁶ Respondent 10, "Respondent 10, Personal Interview May 2024."

²⁷ Respondent 11, "Respondent 11, Personal Interview May 2024."

²⁸ Respondent 12, "Respondent 12, Personal Interview May 2024."

²⁹ Respondent 13, "Respondent 13, Personal Interview May 2024."

³⁰ Respondent 14, "Respondent 14, Personal Interview May 2024."

³¹ Respondent 15, "Respondent 15, Personal Interview May 2024."

³² Respondent 16, "Respondent 16, Personal Interview May 2024."