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### Demography and Origins of European Muslim Women: France, U.K.

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- ❖ In the UK, according to the 2011 consensus, 4.4% of the population is Muslim, the majority of whom migrated from India (7.3%), Pakistan (38%), and Bangladesh (14.9%).<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ Islam is the second largest religion in the UK with a total Muslim population of 2,786,635 in 2011 at 4.4% of the population. The British Muslim population is comprised of numerous ethnic groups categorized as White, Mixed, British Asian, Black, Arab, and other with 7.8%, 3.8%, 67.6%, 10.1%, 6.6%, and 4.1% respectively.<sup>2</sup>
- ❖ According to a paper written in 2009, 48% of British Muslims are women, 66% of whom are economically inactive.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ In France, 7.9% of the population is Muslim with an estimate of 5,000,000 Muslims. As of 1999 the distribution of Muslims is as follows: 37% from Algeria, 24% from Morocco, 7% from Turkey, 2% from the Middle East, and 2% from Asia. Due to the 1987 law that prohibits the collection of information regarding religion, these are the most recent official statistics available.
- ❖ As of 2010 the sex ratio in France is 97.3 men per 100 women, and in the U.K, this ratio is 116 men per 100 women. This is projected to increase by 2013 to 103.1 men per 100 women in France, and 121 men per 100 women.<sup>4</sup>
- ❖ As of 2010, the fertility rate of Muslim women in France is 2.8, and the fertility rate of Muslim women in the U.K is 3.0.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/datasets-and-tables/index.html?pageSize=50&sortBy=none&sortDirection=none&newquery=origin&content-type=Reference+table&content-type=Dataset>

<sup>2</sup> <https://wikileaks.org/cable/2009/01/09LONDON27.html>

<sup>3</sup> <http://ecpr.eu/Filestore/PaperProposal/9858c1f0-2227-4842-8c67-f42eb6859915.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.pewforum.org/2011/01/27/future-of-the-global-muslim-population-regional-europe/>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.pewforum.org/2011/01/27/future-of-the-global-muslim-population-regional-europe/>