
The Changing View of Sikhs

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Sikhs Beliefs

- The goal of every Sikh is to build a close, loving relationship with God.
- Worship one god
- Treat everyone equally.
- Live by the three primary principles. (Honesty, Remember God, share with the needy.)
- Avoid 5 sins of Ego (Greed, Lust, Pride, Anger, and Attachment.)
- Become Baptized
- Keep the code of honor. (daily worship and abide by gurus rules)
- Wear the five articles of faith. (undergarment, wooden comb, steel wristlet, hair uncut, and small sword).
- Follow four commandments. (Do not cut hair, no Tabaco or substances, do not eat pork, and do not commit adultery)
- Pray five times a day
- Worship (Khalsa)

Misconceptions of Sikhs

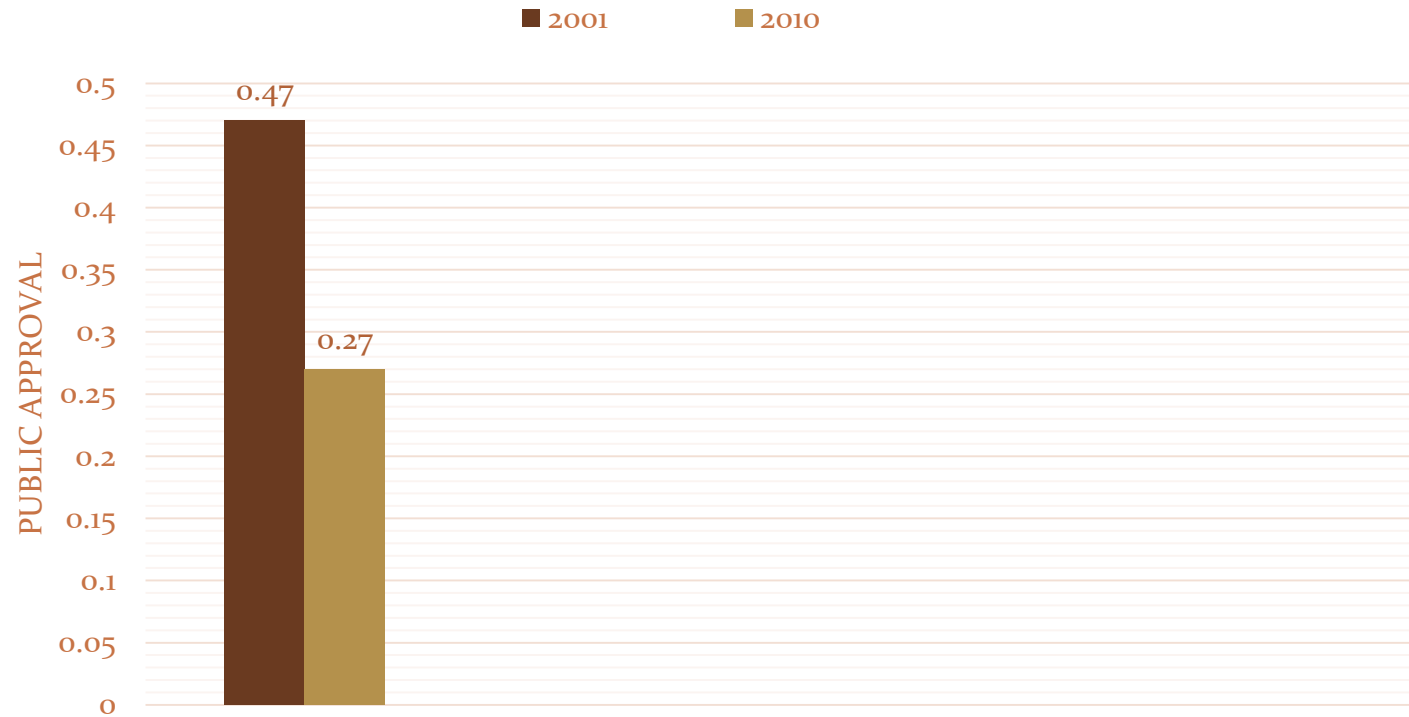
- Confused for being Muslims, because they wear turban, and some Muslims wear turbans.
- Sikhs are terrorist because Osama Bin Laden was a Muslim and terrorist.
- Sikhs are mistaken as Hindus because Hinduism dominates India, where Sikhs were founded.
- Overall, Sikhs are grouped with other nationalities in the middle east to be Muslim or Arabian.

Important Notes

- Muslims are a minority making 1-2% of the U.S. population.
- 60% of Americans don't even know a Muslim.
- Currently over 20% of Muslims are unemployed even though they only make up 1-2% of the U.S. population.
- Although, there is different nationalities and religions practiced they are grouped together as Muslims or Arabs. (Obedeliah)

Poll On Favorable View of Muslims Post 9/11

ABC POLL On Favor of Muslims



What Does The ABC POLL Mean?

- In October 2001 Americans favorable view of Muslims at 47%.
- In 2010 Americans had a favorable view of Muslims at 27%.
- Within 9 years the number favoring Muslims dropped almost 50%. (Obeidalla)

Attitude Change

Sep 2001

- “The enemy of America is not our many Muslim friends; it is not our many Arab friends. Our enemy is a radical network of terrorists, and every government that supports them.” (Bush)

Sep 2014

- “The Quran clearly states that non Muslims should be killed. Arab is the ethnicity, not Muslim or Islam. Be wary of the individuals who claim to be ‘Muslim American.’ Be especially wary if you are Christian.”(Bennett)

Sikhs Target of Bullying

- Bullying is a nationwide problem, but many school officials and youth workers say it has become especially severe for Muslim students in the 10 years since the 9/11 terrorist attacks. (Sacirbey)
- Sikhs specifically are targets because of their faith shows on the outside, through clothing, like the turban.
- According to a 2010 survey of Muslim youths aged 11 to 18 by the Washington-based advocacy group Muslim Mothers Against Violence, all 57 respondents reported being called a name because of their faith, including 80 percent who said they had been called "terrorist."
(Sacirbey)

Conclusion

- Based on the facts and the dramatic shift of a decline in favorable views on Muslims it easy to say Sikhs or of Middle Eastern lineage are targeted of bullying.
- Bullying is probably due to the media portraying people of a faith such as a Sikhs as radicals, enacting fear and hate from the public.
- Course of action would be to have schools offer race and diversity class to educate children and people on our differences and similarities.

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