Stories of My Elders

Upcoming Events

Sat, Jul 18 - ʿĪd-ul-Fiṭr

Fri-Sun, Aug 14-16 - Jalsa Sālāna, USA

Fri-Sun, Aug 28-30 - Jalsa Sālāna, Canada

Fri-Sun, Sep. 18-20 - Anṣār National Ijtimāʿ

Thu, Sep. 24 - ʿĪd-ul-Adhiyyah

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Dear Anṣār Brothers,
As-Salāmu ʿAlaikum Wa Raḥmatullāh

Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA is launching an initiative called "Stories of My Elders." Please see the following message from Nāʾib Ṣadr Awwal.

Was-Salām,

Faheem Younus Qureshi
Serving Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA

Imagine you are sitting with your family at the dinner table and something reminds you of your mother, or father, or grandparents, and your heart melts with the memory of their faith inspiring life. Imagine you start telling a moving story, an incidence that you remember about them, to your family.

We want you to share such a story with Anṣār brothers. Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA is launching an initiative entitled "Stories of My Elders" to do just that. Please read below to get an idea of the scope of this project. We encourage all Anṣār, especially members of Ṣaff Awwal, to share with us the stories of their elders.

I personally urge my brothers in Ṣaff Awwal to enlighten us with such stories. As an example, one such story of a member talking about his parents can be viewed at the following link:

http://youtu.be/obx6xibVf70

The guidelines for story submission are as follows.

- Record a video of a Nāṣir telling a faith inspiring story of his deceased parents or family members.
- The Nāṣir should talk about a blood relative/family member.
- Show original artifacts or Tabarukāt (Tasbīḥ, Qurʾān, Prayer rug, notebook, letters, etc.) that helps us visualize. Use specifics when telling the story.
- Cell phone videos are acceptable provided there is clean background, steady hand, and good sound.
- The video must be under 6-minute duration.
- The story must be narrated in English or should have English subtitles.
- A Majlis could submit as many high quality videos as they like. A Majlis can earn up to a maximum of 100 points from these videos in a calendar year.
- Each video that meets the above criteria will be awarded up to 20 points maximum (from Ṣadr's discretion) towards ʿAlam-i-Inʿāmī. Videos will be archived on our YouTube channel.
- The video with the most views on December 31, 2015 will be awarded the grand prize. The Nāṣir narrating the story and his Majlis will be recognized and awarded. The wining video will be shown at the 2016 National Ijtimāʿ of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA.
- For any questions, please contact me at naibsadr.awwal@ansarusa.org

Was-Salām,

Suhail Kausar
Nāʾib Ṣadr Awwal
Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA

2015 Taʻlīm Test I Results

Monas Chaudry, Qāʼid Taʻlīm

Alḥamdulillāh, 2015 Taʻlīm Test I has been completed. It is the sheer grace and mercy of Allāh that He has helped the Majlis achieve its Taʻlīm test goal. All glory to Allāh, I am reminded of this verse of Sūrah Al-Naṣr, "Glorify Thy Lord with His Praise and seek His forgiveness."

May Allāh forgive our shortcomings and cover up our faults. My dear Nāẓimīn and Zuʻamā brothers have worked tirelessly to encourage members to participate in the Taʻlīm test. May Allāh accept their efforts and reward them manifold. May Allāh soften up their hearts and minds towards me for so kindly putting up with my nagging and pestering. Jazākallāh to all.

I would like to thank Ṣadr Majlis and members of Majlis ʻĀmila for praying for the success and supporting this noble endeavor. Jazākallāh!

Proclaiming the bounties of Allāh, I present the following details of Taʻlīm Test I results:

Participation (Goal)	50%
Participation (Actual)	52%
Total number of participants	1,467
Number of Majālis with 100% participation	5
Number of Majālis with 70% and above	22
Number of Majālis with 50% and above	49
Number of regions with 50% and above	8

1st	Southwest Region (all Majālis over 50%)	79%
2nd	Gulf States Region	75%
3rd	Central East Region	63%

Ranking of Majālis in terms of participation percentage is as follows.

No.	Majlis	Participation	No.	Majlis	Participation
1	Cypress-Houston	100%	16	Bay Point	73%
2	Houston North	100%	17	Georgia-Carolina	73%
3	LA Inland	100%	18	Lehigh Valley	73%
4	Las Vegas	100%	19	Dallas	72%
5	North Virginia	100%	20	Cleveland	71%
6	Charlotte	94%	21	Detroit	71%
7	Richmond	93%	22	Willingboro	71%
8	York	90%	23	Fitchburg	69%
9	Syracuse	89%	24	Houston South	69%
10	Fort Worth	81%	25	LA West	68%
11	Buffalo	80%	26	Indiana	67%
12	Kentucky	78%	27	San Diego	67%
13	LA East	77%	28	Philadelphia	64%
14	Laurel	75%	29	Chicago Northwest	62%
15	New Orleans	75%	30	Austin	61%

No.	Majlis	Participation	No.	Majlis	Participation
31	New York	61%	51	Binghamton	42%
32	Baltimore	59%	52	Chicago East	39%
33	Portland	59%	53	Pittsburgh	33%
34	Central Jersey	58%	54	South Virginia	33%
35	Columbus	58%	55	Milwaukee	31%
36	Sacramento	58%	56	Boston	27%
37	North Jersey	57%	57	Rochester	26%
38	Oshkosh	57%	58	Long Island	24%
39	Seattle	57%	59	St. Louis	24%
40	Phoenix	56%	60	Washington DC	24%
41	Research Triangle	56%	61	Brooklyn	23%
42	Zion	56%	62	Chicago Southwest	23%
43	Bloomington	55%	63	Central Virginia	21%
44	Merced	55%	64	Minnesota	16%
45	Tucson	55%	65	Orlando	16%
46	Miami	54%	66	Tulsa	16%
47	Silver Spring	54%	67	Potomac	15%
48	Silicon Valley	53%	68	Alabama-TN	10%
49	Dayton	50%	69	Albany	10%
50	Bronx	47%	70	Hartford	8%

Quick Facts about U.S. Population

Zahid Mian, Los Angeles

Here are a few quick facts about U.S. population.

- As of 12/31/2014 U.S. population: 320,087,963
- 1 birth every 8 seconds
- 1 death every 13 seconds
- 1 international migrant (net) every 33 seconds
- Overall, male to female ration is virtually 1:1 (slightly more females)
- Per Capita income: $28,155
- 14.5% of population lives in poverty (annual income of $23,850 for a family of four)

The graphic on the next page (called Minaret Curve because it is shaped like a minaret) represents the population, as a percent of total population, of men and women. Men and women at age 40 represent 0.61% and 0.62% of the entire population, respectively. No surprise that the population declines precipitously after age 75. Did you notice that "bulge" from 50 to 65? That's the Baby Boom generation. And now you know why it is called that.
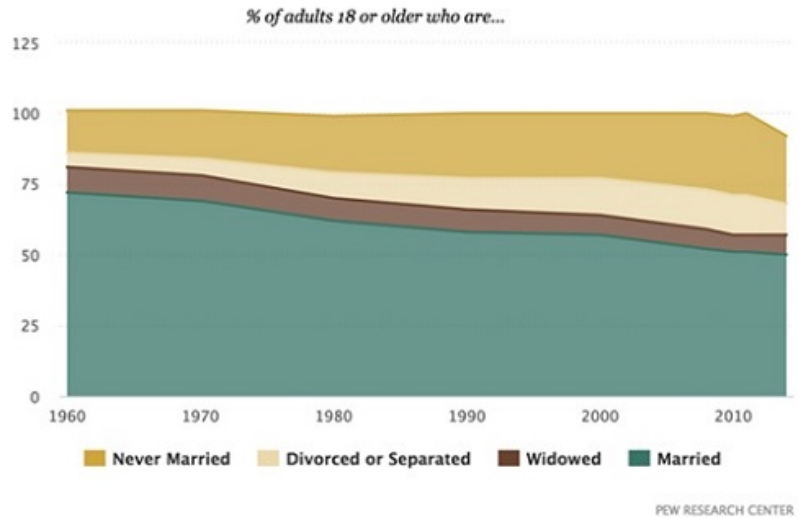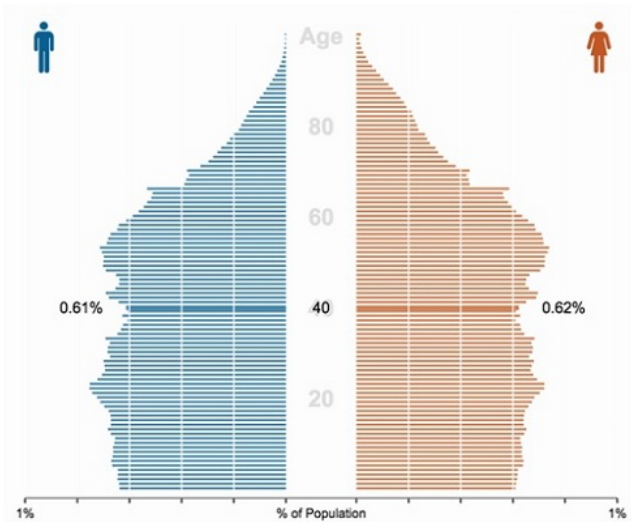
The following graph depicts the U.S. marriage trend from 1960 to 2014. Note that the percentage of those:

- currently married declined steadily from 1960 (72%) to 2014 (50%).
- that never married increased from 1960 (15%) to 2014 (24%)
- currently divorced or separated increased from 1960 (5%) to 2014 (11%)
- currently widowed declined from 1960 (9%) to 2014 (7%)

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