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RELIGIOUS CONSIDERATIONS
- Europeans are less supportive of asylum seekers who are Muslim rather than Christian. This pattern is more pronounced among voters who are on the right of the left-right ideological spectrum.

Results based on a survey experiment involving 18,000 citizens in 15 European countries. See the full article in Science: http://science.sciencemag.org/lookup/doi/10.1126/science.aag2147.