

THE GLOBAL MUSLIM POPULATION

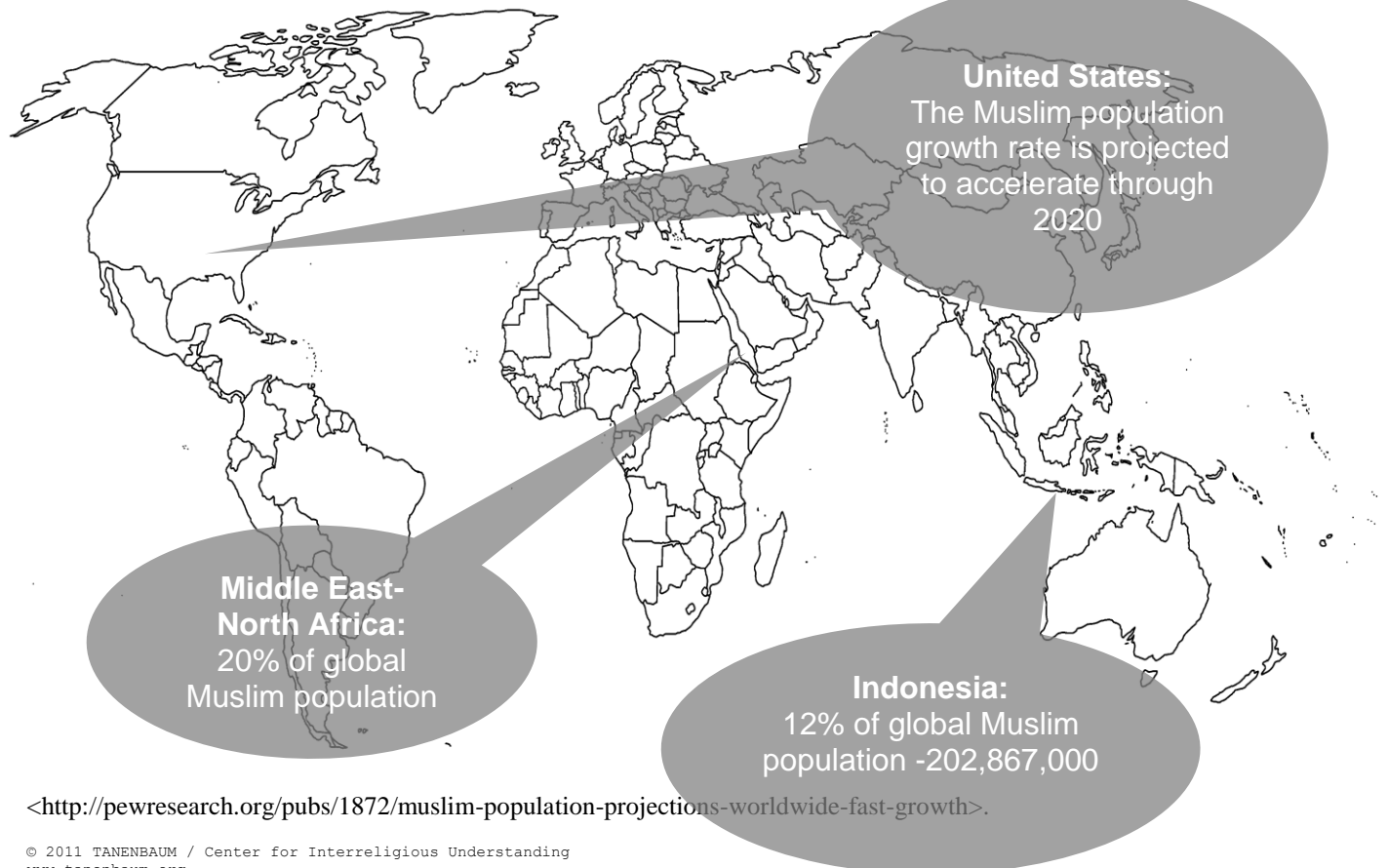
Fact Sheet

Mapping the Global Muslim Population

While the Middle East-North Africa region accounts for the highest percentage of Muslim-majority countries, only about 20% of the global Muslim population live in that area. 300 million Muslims, or one-fifth of the world's Muslim population, live as a minority. Sixty percent of the Muslim population currently lives in Asia, and presently, Indonesia accounts for the country with the single largest Muslim population.¹

The Future of the Muslim Population

If current trends continue in the U.S., the population projections show the number of Muslims more than doubling over the next two decades to about 6.2 million, which will make Muslims roughly as numerous as Jews or Episcopalians in the U.S.. However, the Americas is the only region where the Muslim population growth is projected to accelerate through 2020 (largely because of immigration). Globally, the growth of the Muslim population has actually been slowing over recent decades and is likely to continue to decline (dropped from an annual growth rate of 2.2% to 1.5%). The declining growth rate is due in part to women's fertility dropping



<http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1872/muslim-population-projections-worldwide-fast-growth>.