

# $\bigcirc \bigcirc$ AWAKE the world

#### **#OPENYOUREYES**

to a world of tolerance, respect, peace and equality.





# **1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

# Mission Target



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## **OUR MISSION**

**AWAKE THE WORLD** is a project created with the main **purpose** of countering radical and violent extremism from different points of view:

-Encourage knowledge of groups such as Muslims and Arabs wrongly identified with extremism

-Promote tolerance and social coexistence, especially in the case of refugees coming to Spain -Actively counter islamophobia

-Use of social networks to raise awareness of other religions and cultures

# **OUR TARGET**

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16 to 25 years old Spanish-resident students. Silent majority. We want to communicate with people like us, so that there would be no difference between our followers and us.

Being able to fight the extension of radicalism in social networks and raise our target's awareness levels.





Muslims in Spain Perception of Muslims Quantitative Data



# **REPORT REVIEW**

### **OUR ANALYSIS**

57% of the Spanish population believe Muslims are violent

61% of the Spanish population consider it acceptable to expel a student for wearing a veil in class MUSLIMS REPRESENT 4% OF THE SPANISH POPULATION 41% of Muslims are Spanish
59% of Muslims are immigrants (with a 40% Moroccan origin)

90% of all Muslims in Spain lack Islam religion classes 90% of Islam teachers are unemployed



### **REPORT REVIEW**

### **OUR ANALYSIS**

Some misconceptions that the means of communication spread about Muslim traditions. Lack of awareness towards Arab culture.

Negative role of mass media in the population's acceptance of other cultures and religions A COUNTRY OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COEXISTENCE yet... Refugees "massive" arrival to Europe, giving a negative & generalized perception of them

Lack of communication between Muslims and non-Muslims

### INTERVIEWING EXPERTS AS A SOURCE OF INFORMATION

"I believe the means of communication are partly responsible for not informing correctly about the Muslim's society situation in some European countries, about the DAESH threat or even about the migration crisis, and I think that the fear message is too often used. Such ignorance actually calls for attention in Spain, where we have such a broad tradition and 2 million Muslims".

- Ángel Martinez, journalist

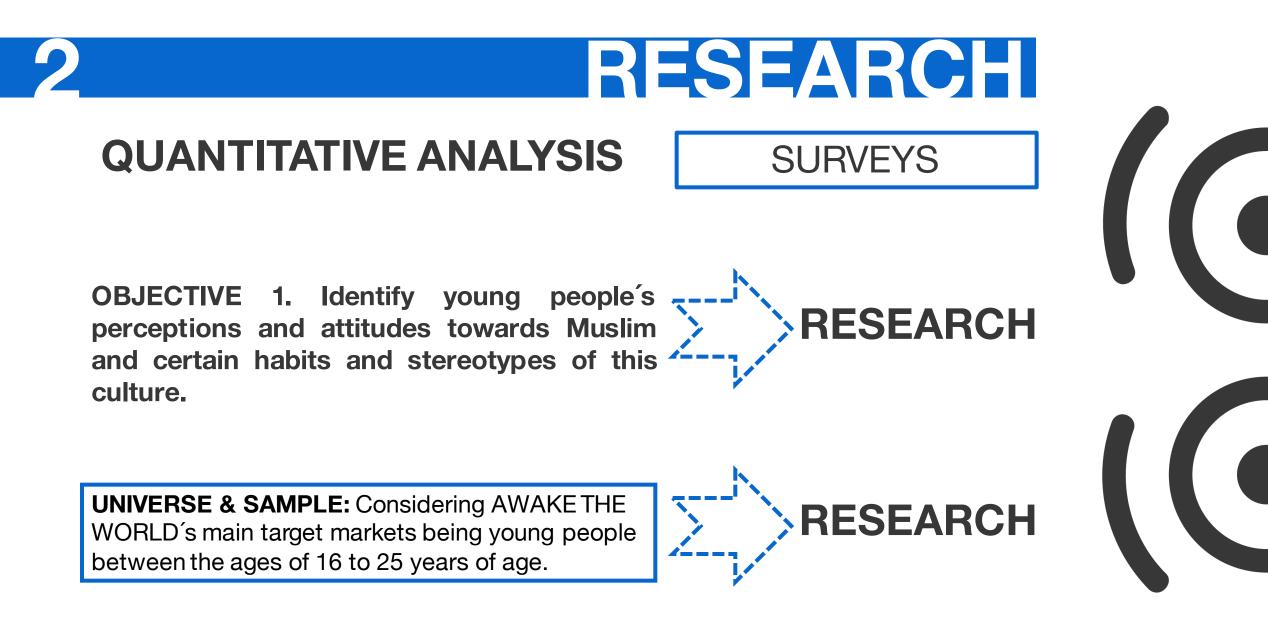
"I believe that there are many ways of raising awareness, but I would start with the heart of society, and this is the family, and afterwards, of course, education centers, but without forgetting about family as the basic and fundamental origin of raising awareness."

-Antonio Pastor, International Relations professor

"Generally speaking, the Spanish society is very welcoming and integrating. Nevertheless, prejudice exists in all cultures and we have to face them. We have to work together by creating common areas of freedom, pushing democratic dialogues forward and having an attitude of acknowledgement. Once we get to know each other we combat stereotypes and prejudices."

- Mimoun Amiroui, President of the Islamic Cultural Center of Fuenlabrada

"Terrorism is a tool used to achieve political ends. Terrorism is not related to religion. Arrogance that puts up even higher stereotypes and exclusion walls and works in favor of those who are truly responsible of terrorism." - **Pedro Baños,** Geopolitical Analyst. Army Colonel.



### **QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS**

#### **UNIVERSE & SAMPLE:**

- Our main target market were young people.
- Sample size: 421 From universities all around Spain. 91% was less than 26 y.o. **MAIN RESULTS:**
- 53% have few Muslim friends and 43% have no Muslim friends.
- Around 50% of the participants have rarely any contact with Muslims in high school/ college/ university or practice cultural or sports activities with them and only aprox. 10% have that contact frequently.
- 43% of the participants have a positive or very positive attitude towards Muslims living in Spain.
- A statistical analysis has been made in order to identify relations among variables. The only one found, statistically significant, was that women were more positive towards the Muslim culture than men ( $\chi^2$  Pearson=27,138; P=0.007; c.c=0.253; p=0.007).

# SIS SURVEYS

RESEARCH



**SURVEYS** 

# **QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS**

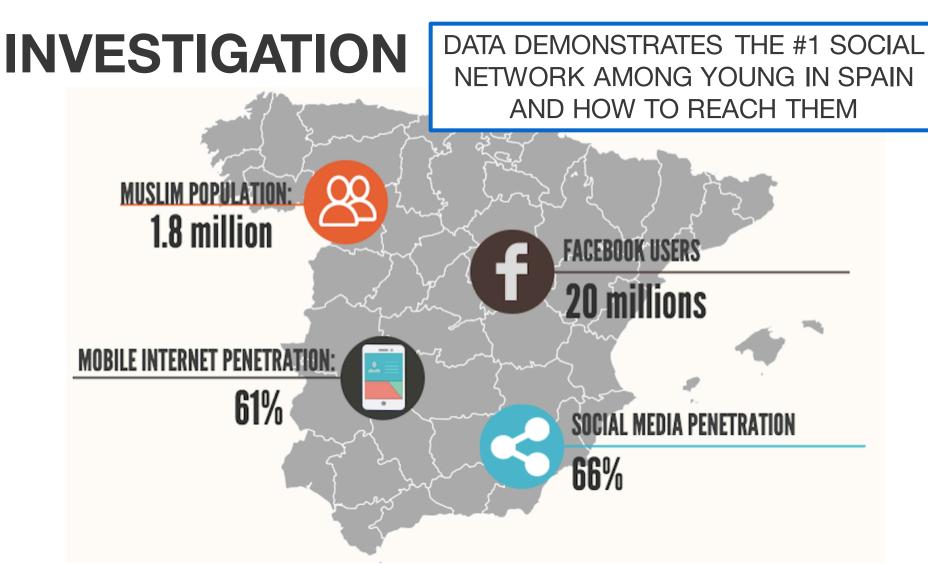
#### MAIN CONCLUSIONS:

- Young Spaniards do not have a high level of contact with Muslim people or culture.
- Stereotyping is based on lack of information and knowledge.
- Spaniards need to learn about Muslims, their culture, its relation with Spanish culture and how being Muslim is not related to violence.

After carrying out all our research and analyzing our own surveys we realized the reality of the situation around us and we agreed on the TARGET and started creating our campaign:

### AWAKE THE WORLD





# **3** Awake the World

Overview Team Project Support



# **OVERVIEW**

WHY WE CHOOSE THIS PROJECT VIOLENT EXTREMISM ≠ DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES EMPHASIZE **TOLERANCE** AND COMMON **VALUES** <u>POSITIVE</u> CHANGE



THE IGNORANCE OF THE SPANISH POPULATION TOWARDS OTHER CULTURES SUCH AS THE MUSLIM CULTURE CREATES A BREEDING GROUND FOR IDENTITY CRISIS AND RELATIVE DEPRIVATION LEADING TO THE RADICALIZATION OF INDIVIDUALS



# **3 AWAKE THE WORLD** THE TEAM



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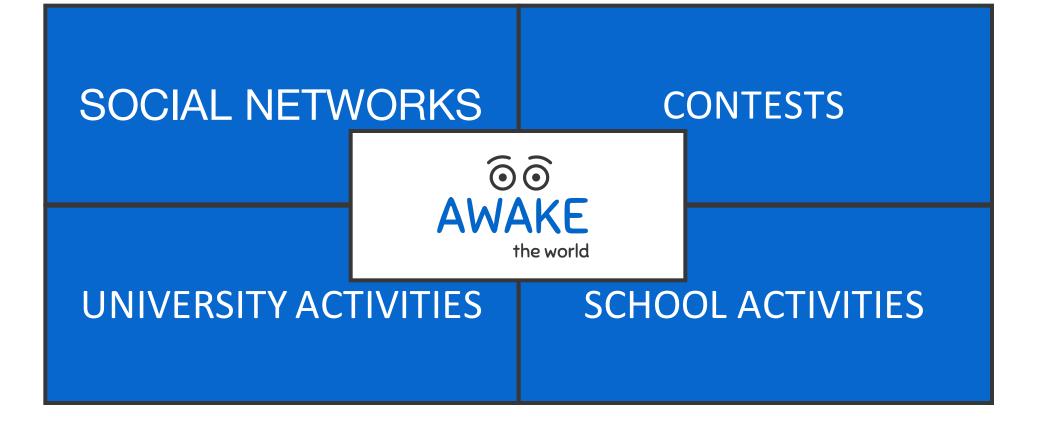
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**STUDENTS** 

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THE PROJECT

### WEBSITE

Meeting point of all our campaign

AWAKE THE WORLD's website collects all the information about the project:



www.awaketheworld.org

THE PROJECT

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

LET US TALK ABOUT TOLERANCE

AWAKE THE WORLD project decided to go to high schools all over Spain to give some informative and eye-opening talks to 16, 17 and 18 year old students.

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We talked about the following topics:

Perception and Reality

□ Refugees and Immigration

- □ The European Union and Middle East
- Integration and Racism (Islamophobia)

□ Final thoughts: Are we tolerant?



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### UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

#### TOLERANCE WEEK

Our country has received an enormously valuable inheritance of its Arabic past and is an example of multiculturalism and tolerance, values we wish to spread.

**Awake the World** decided to organize a 4 day Tolerance Week with the aim of informing people through conferences about religion, culture, tolerance, integration, terrorism and much more. Misinformation is what we believe causes stereotypical thinking and ignorance. In addition to the conferences, a Debate Tournament took place where people discussed a topic and shared others points of view to open their mind to new opinions that they didn't have in the first place. A football tournament put an end to this week because, in Spain, there's nothing that brings people together than football. In the field, no judgments are made.



# THE PROJECT

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

From April 06 to April 10, 2016 Rey Juan Carlos University

### TOLERANCE WEEK

#### **CONFERENCES:**

"REFUGEES, WELCOME?" "PRESS AND OTHER CULTURES" "TERRORISM AND RADICALIZATION" "INTEGRATION" "ISLAMOPHOBIA"



#### DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Does the Schengen treaty give effective solutions to terrorism?





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SENTENCES FOR TOLERANCE

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### UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

### MEETING OF CULTURES

**Interculturality** is the **coexistence** that wishes to **mix cultures** in a <u>peaceful dialogue</u> and <u>coexistence</u>, in a search to eliminate prejudice and develop respect between people to reach an understanding in a tolerant relationship. In society, communication and mutual learning should be encouraged in an effort to motivate the acceptance of different cultures, on a basis of respect, with positive attitudes that maintain the importance of cultural values.

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#### INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE.

#### TALKING ABOUT RELIGIOUS COEXISTENCE IN SPAIN

-José Antonio Rodríguez García. Ecclesiastical law professor at Rey Juan Carlos University

-Francisco Sigüenza. San Antón Church Director. NGO Mensajeros de la Paz Director.

-Mohamed Ajana El Ouafi. President of the Union of Islamic

Communities in Spain.

-Juan Sánchez Núñez. Professor of Systematic Theology. Evangelic Christian.





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SOCIAL NETWORKS

CONTESTS

**"TOLERANCE 100"** Facebook and Instagram Photo contests. Both consist on uploading a photo or image related to tolerance and the objectives of our project. Both planned to be a platform for displaying images of tolerance between cultures and religions.

The photographs or posters shall display the vision of the creator on ways of coexistence in relationship to the following topics:

- Promoting solidarity and tolerance and the universal principles of coexistence
- Promoting tolerance, respect and coexistence between religions and cultures, and coexistence of people from different origins.
- Showing the negative side of violence, terrorism and injustice as global menaces to the universal values of humanity





**THE PROJECT** 

### SOCIAL NETWORKS

#### FACEBOOK

#### 60 Awake the World

AWAKE Published by Irene Alos Ordiales [?] · April 18 at 6:53pm · @

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"It's very important to travel and see other parts of the world, learn about other people's culture and religions and hang out with friends from different background. I believe all this teaches you to be more aware, open and accepting towards new things."

Asad #CitizenX #ChallengeExtremism #Openyoureves



FB <u>HOT SPOT</u>: 28K PEOPLE REACHED 
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 Published by Irene Alos Ordiales [?] · March 15 · @

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#### Let me tell you an anecdote:

"One day, when I was 12 years old, I was attending prayer and I bumped into a man who was also coming to pray. I didn't know him. I was wearing a Springfield t-shirt with ghosts on it. He told me, "Brother, here is my advice to you to help you out. You gott take off that shirt and burn it. Wearing that, you belong to the fire people. Those ghosts are against our religion. Images in Islam are forbidden." I answered, "That's true, but only for images that you worship. If this image means nothing to me, it isn't sim". He was wearing a work uniform polo, and on the top left side a sign. I continued, "Brother, you shall also go to hell." In reality, this man just moved on impulse but he had no true knowledge. People must learn about Islam in order to get rid of misunderstandings to achieve a higher level of tolerance. IslamCrew #ChallengeExtremism #Openyoureyes #CitizenX



FB <u>HOT SPOT</u>: 15K PEOPLE ENGAGED #CitizenX, on Facebook, is a global platform where everyone can share their story of tolerance, cultural and religious exchange with positive messages.

> FB <u>HOT SPOT</u>: 1106 LIKES



### SOCIAL NETWORKS

#### FACEBOOK

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 Published by Squarespace [?] · April 14 at 2:00am · €

http://www.awaketheworld.org/.../entrevista-a-borja-fernandez... facebook.com/awaketw2016



Entrevista a Borja Fernandez, colaborador en ACNUR, por Awake the World

Entrevista a Borja Fernandez (B), colaborador en ACNUR, por Awake the World (ATW) (Todos los comentarios que aparecen en esta entrevista son OPINIONES...

BORJA FERNANDEZ UNHCR LEILA NACHAWATI Communications professor at the Carlos III University of Madrid



Interviewing journalists, university professors, NGO employeers...

Sharing different points of views from experts. Promoting knowledge.



### SOCIAL NETWORKS

#### FACEBOOK



### THE PROJECT

ESSENTIAL FOR THE PROJECT AND FOR IT'S FUTURE CONTINUITY

Dean & Management Team. Faculty Social Science and Law. URJC.



### INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

#### RELEVANT SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS IN OUR EVENTS

- □ Mauricio Valiente Ots. City Councilor of Ahora Madrid. Third Deputy of the Mayor of Madrid. Member of the Government Council.
- Rafael Osorio de Rebellón. United Nation and International Policy Subdirector. Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
- □ Vicente Garrido Rebolledo. Member of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters of the United Nations Secretary General
- Beatriz Quintana. Spanish General Law Council consultant
- Mariángela Paone. El Español (national newspaper)
- Carlos Echeverría. International Relations professor. Sociology and Political Science Faculty. UNED University of Madrid.
- Dedro Baños. Geopolitical Analyst. Army Colonel
- □ **Rita Gomes**. Pluralism and Coexistence Foundation. Ministry of Justice
  - Mimoun Amiroui. President of the Islamic Cultural Center
- Houda Arkez. Muslim Women's Association
- Leila Nachawati. Communications professor at the Carlos III University of Madrid



# FINANCE

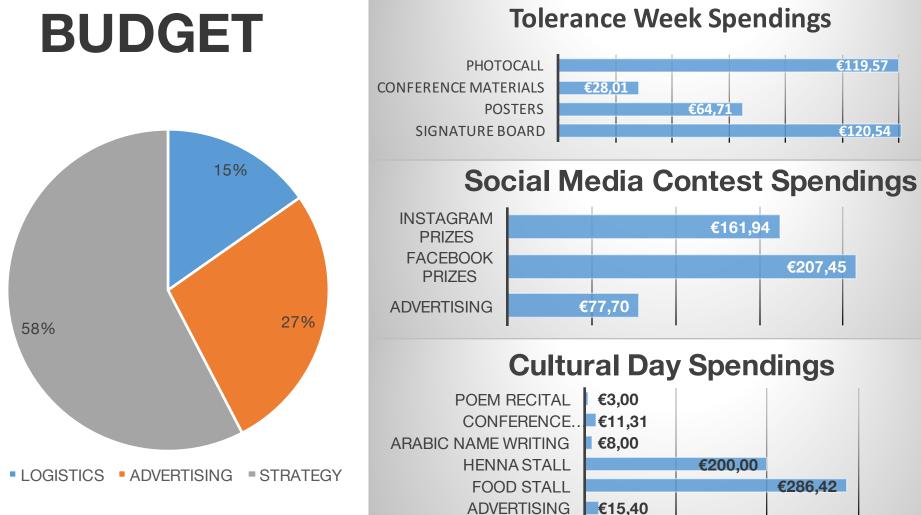
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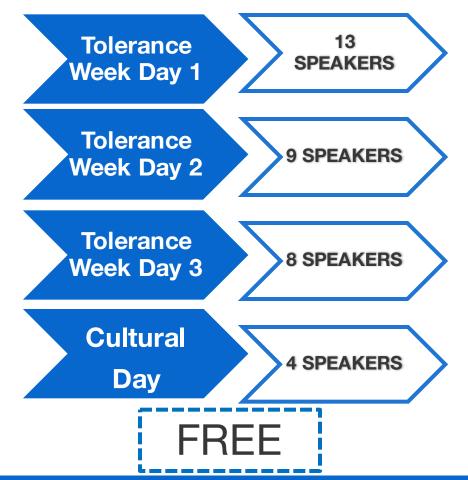
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# FINANCE

# **CONFERENCE SPEAKERS**



We wished to manage our budget in the best way possible in order to accomplish the best campaign we could with it.

Therefore, we invited a total of 34 speakers from different backgrounds to participate in our events. All our speakers visited us for free. This helped us to developed a better campaign and use all that budget wisely.

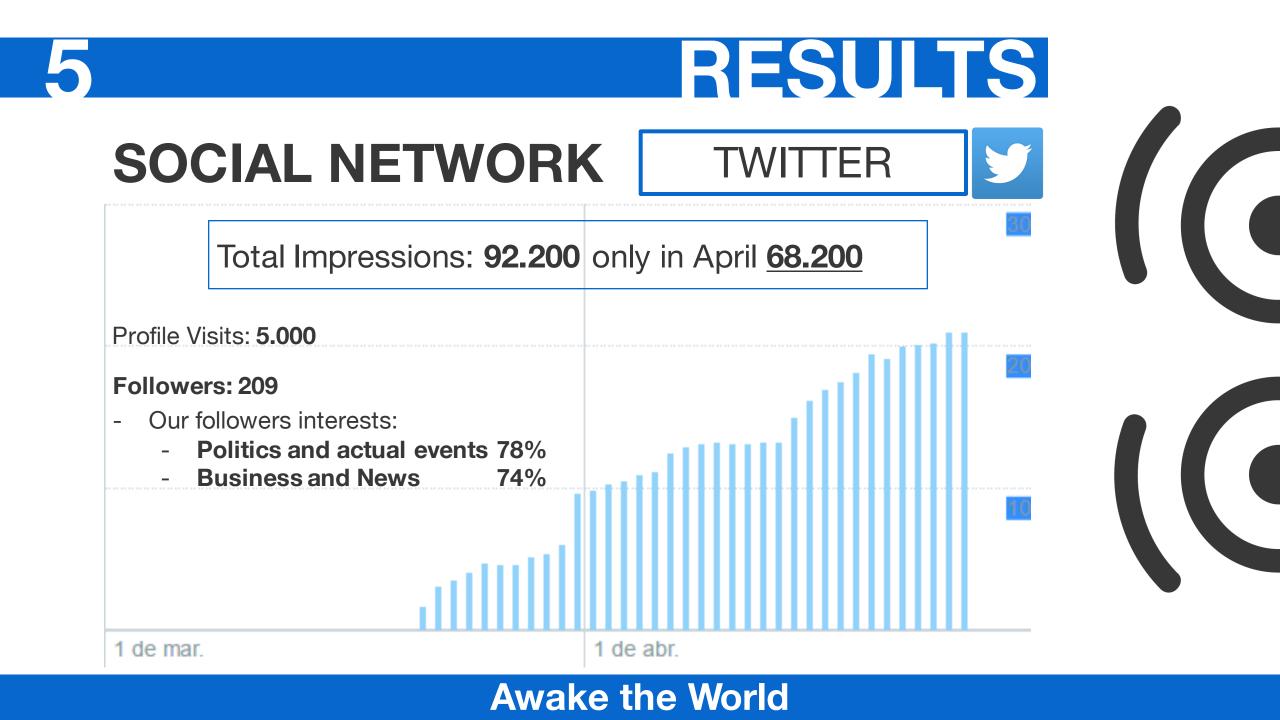


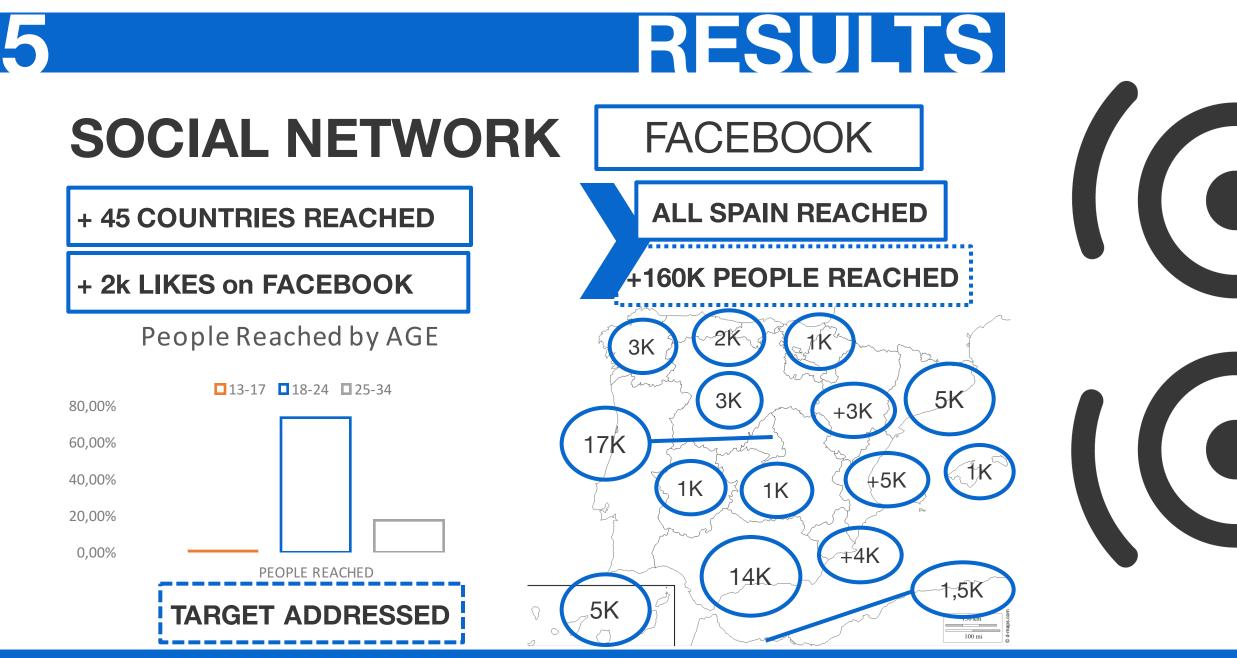


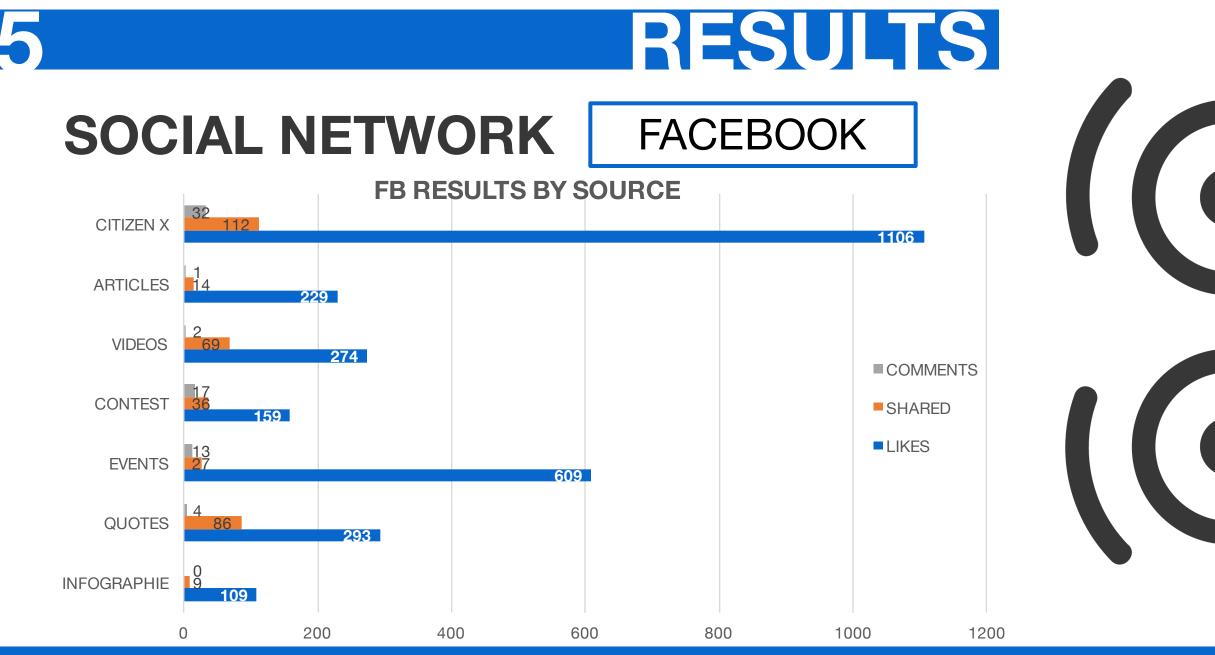
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# Social Networks Overview









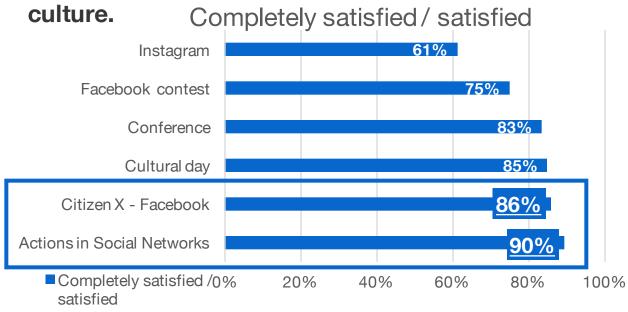


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# **SOCIAL NETWORK**

### SURVEYS: OBJETIVE 2 RESEARCH

**OBJECTIVE 2.** Analyze the impact of AWAKE THE WORLD activities towards the dissemination of information and knowledge regarding Muslims and their



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- Universe: Participants in all the AWAKE THE WORLD activities
- Sample size: 125 participants

# High level of satisfaction in all the activities.

Highest level of satisfaction in Social Networks, specifically in Citizen X (Facebook). Combination of activities seem more effective. Activities were people share their experiences and culture are the most effective – Facebook is a KEY social network



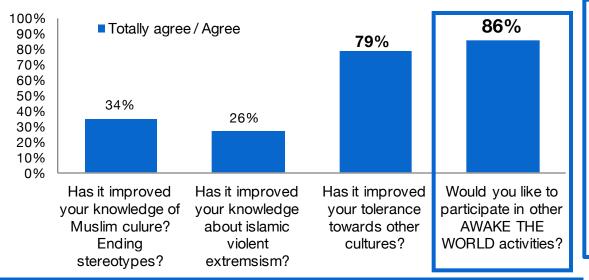


# RESULTS

# **SOCIAL NETWORK**

### QUESTIONARIES OBJETIVE 2 RESEARCH

**OBJECTIVE 2.** Analyze the impact of AWAKE THE WORLD activities towards the dissemination of information and knowledge regarding Muslims and their culture.



**BIG SUCCESS:** 86% of the participants want AWAKE THE WORLD to continue their activities and want to be part of it. Awake the World had important challenges.

More than 1/3 of our participants learned about false stereotypes and how violent extremism is not directed related to Muslims. 3 / 4 of our participants have become more tolerant towards Muslims, as they know them better.

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# FUTURE



# PROSPECTS

# NEXT

Young European online activist Conference "Positive Alternatives Online"

Celebrate more tolerance events + culture exchange days in other cities of Spain

Seeking funding and partners to expand to other cities and countries Amsterdam 20-23 May 2016 -> Conference for young European online activist. The goal of the conference is to create a strong positive message online, as an alternative to jihadist peer-recruitment and violent, extremist messages.

-We are attending UNLEASH event. <u>http://unleash.website/</u> -Application send to participate in NANTES FORUM 2016: Have an idea or project for "living together", which promotes solidarity, fosters cultural exchanges and encourages greater respect for and towards others. openness http://www.nantescreativegenerations.eu/en/forum/calls-forapplication/ AND Creative Europe - Cross-sectoral - Refugee Integration Projects 2016: The aim of the call is is to support cultural, audio-visual and crosssectorial projects aiming at facilitating the integration of refugees in the European environment, enhancing mutual cultural understanding and fostering intercultural and interreligious dialogue, tolerance and respect for other https://eurodesk.eu/program/creative-europe-crosscultures. sectoral-refugee-integration-projects-2016

# PROSPECTS

### NEXT

 "COUNTERING AND PREVENTING SPREAD OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM: A VIEW FOR THE U.S." 12 OF MAY 2016 Conference by ATW
 Alejandro Beutel. Researcher for Countering Violent Extremism, Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START)

http://www.start.umd.edu/pe ople/alejandro-beutel



#### ALREADY SIGNED FUTURE COLLABORATION WITH CASA ARABE:

Spanish public consortium A headed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. lt is operated as a strategic center for Spain's relations with the Arab world, a meeting point where different role-players and institutions, both private and public, from the worlds of business. education, academia, politics and culture can dialogue, interact, establish lines of cooperation and undertake joint projects.

http://en.casaarabe.es/p/about-us