

**2018 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 34 MARCH
FINAL TOPLINE
APRIL 23-May 6, 2018
TOTAL N=2,537**

For details on survey methods including the sampling margins of error for subgroups in this post, see "[Public Views of Gene Editing for Babies Depend on How It Would Be Used](#)"

OTHER QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK IF FORM 1 [N=1,253]:

EVOONE Thinking about the development of human life on Earth...
Which statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right?
[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]

ASK IF NO ANSWER ON EVOONE (EVOONE=99) [N=19]:

EVOTWO Even if you are not sure, which of these is closer to your views? **[RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS EVOONE WITH OPTION FOR "OTHER VIEW (SPECIFY)" ALWAYS LAST]**

ASK IF HUMANS HAVE EVOLVED OVER TIME (EVOONE=1 OR EVOTWO=1) [N=885]:

EVOTHREE Which of these statements comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right? ¹**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

COMBINED RESPONSES EVOONE, EVOTWO, EVOTHREE [N=1,253]:

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68	Humans have evolved over time
40	Humans have evolved over time due to processes such as natural selection; God or a higher power had no role in this process
27	Humans have evolved over time due to processes that were guided or allowed by God or a higher power
2	No answer on process
31	Humans have existed in their present form since the beginning of time
1	Other view
<1	No answer

ASK FORM 2 [N=1,284]:

EVOPERS3 Thinking about the development of human life on Earth...
Which statement comes closest to your view? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 3]**

ASK IF NO ANSWER ON EVOPERS3 (EVOPERS3=99) [N=23]:

EVOPERS3A Even if you are not sure, which statement comes closest to your view? **[RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS EVOPERS3, WITH OPTION FOR "OTHER VIEW (SPECIFY)" ALWAYS LAST]**

¹ Note that question wording in past Pew Research Center surveys about evolution differs from this survey in a number of ways. For a review of past approaches see the companion essay, "[The Evolution of Pew Research Center's Survey Questions About the Origins and Development of Life on Earth](#)"

COMBINED RESPONSES EVOPERS3 AND EVOPERS3A [N=1,284]:

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33	Humans have evolved over time due to processes such as natural selection; God or a higher power had no role in this process
48	Humans have evolved over time due to processes that were guided or allowed by God or a higher power
18	Humans have existed in their present form since the beginning of time
<1	Other view
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:
EVOBIOA**

From what you have heard or read, which of these statements about the development of human life on Earth comes closest to WHAT MOST BIOLOGICAL SCIENTISTS SAY?²
[SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS EVOONE OR EVOPERS3]

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65	Humans have evolved over time due to processes such as natural selection
16	Humans have existed in their present form since the beginning of time
19	Not sure
1	No answer

ASK IF NOT SURE OR NO ANSWER (EVOBIOA=8 OR 99) [N=406]:

EVOBIOB Even if you are not sure, from what you have heard or read, which of these statements about the development of human life on Earth comes closest to WHAT MOST BIOLOGICAL SCIENTISTS SAY? **[SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS EVOBIOA]**

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55	Humans have evolved over time due to processes such as natural selection
36	Humans have existed in their present form since the beginning of time
9	No answer

COMBINED RESPONSES EVOBIOA AND EVOBIOB:

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76	Humans have evolved over time due to processes such as natural selection
23	Humans have existed in their present form since the beginning of time
2	No answer

² Previous Pew Research Center telephone surveys have asked about scientific consensus in different ways. An August 2014 survey asked, "From what you've heard or read, do scientists generally agree that humans evolved over time, or do they not generally agree about this?" Two-thirds (66%) said "Yes, scientists generally agree that humans have evolved over time," 29% said "No, scientists do not generally agree that humans have evolved over time" and 6% said they did not know or gave no answer. In April-May 2009, 60% said "Yes, scientists generally agree that humans have evolved over time," 28% said "No, scientists do not generally agree that humans have evolved over time" and 11% did not know or gave no answer.