

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
JANUARY 2016 RELIGION AND POLITICS SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
JANUARY 7-14, 2016
N=2,009**

QUESTIONS 1-3, 8-9, 19-22 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 4-7, 10-18, 23-24****ASK ALL:**

On another subject ...

Q.25 Do you think there has been too much, too little or the right amount of expression of religious faith and prayer by political leaders?

	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>Right amount</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-14, 2016	27	40	26	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	30	41	23	7
Mar 7-11, 2012	38	30	25	7
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	29	37	24	10
August, 2008	29	36	28	7
August, 2007	27	38	26	9
July, 2005	26	39	27	8
August, 2004	27	31	32	10
Mid-July, 2003	21	41	29	9
March, 2002 ¹	16	24	53	7
Early October, 2001	12	22	60	6

ASK ALL:

Q.26 At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life or losing its influence?

	<u>Increasing influence</u>	<u>Losing influence</u>	(VOL.) <u>Same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-14, 2016	26	68	3	4
Sep 2-9, 2014	22	72	2	4
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	25	66	2	7
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	23	67	3	7
July, 2006	34	59	2	5
Mid-July, 2003	30	56	5	9
March, 2002	37	52	3	8
Gallup: December, 2001	71	24	2	3
Mid-November, 2001	78	12	3	7
March, 2001	37	55	4	4
Gallup: March, 2000	37	58	0	5
Gallup: June, 1998	37	56	4	3
Gallup: March, 1994	27	69	2	2
Gallup: March, 1988	36	49	6	9
Gallup: June, 1984	42	39	14	6
Gallup: December, 1978	37	48	10	5
Gallup: December, 1974	31	56	8	5
Gallup: April, 1968	19	67	8	7
Gallup: February, 1965	33	45	13	8

¹ In March 2002 the question was worded, "Since September 11th, has there been too much, too little or the right amount of expressions of religious faith and prayer by political leaders?" In Early October 2001 the question was part of a series and began, "As I read from a list, tell me if you think there has been too much, too little or the right amount of what I mention."

Q.26 CONTINUED...

	Increasing influence	Losing influence	(VOL.) Same	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<i>Gallup</i> : February, 1962	45	32	17	7
<i>Gallup</i> : March, 1957	69	14	10	6

ASK IF GAVE RESPONSE IN Q.26 (Q.26=1,2,3) [N=1,927]:

Q.27 All in all, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

BASED ON TOTAL:

Jan 7-14 <u>2016</u>		Sep 2-9 <u>2014</u>	Jun 28-Jul 9 <u>2012</u>	Jul 21-Aug 5 <u>2010</u>	Jul <u>2006</u>	Mar <u>2002</u>
26	Increasing influence	22	25	23	34	37
12	Good thing	12	16	13	21	31
12	Bad thing	10	8	7	11	4
1	Both/Neither/Depends (VOL.)	1	1	2	1	1
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	*	1	1	1
68	Losing influence	72	66	67	59	52
13	Good thing	12	12	10	6	5
51	Bad thing	56	49	53	50	44
3	Both/Neither/Depends (VOL.)	2	3	2	2	2
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	2	2	1	1
3	Same (VOL.)	2	2	3	2	3
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	7	7	5	8

ASK ALL:Q.28 How important is it to you that a president shares your religious beliefs? Is it **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Jan 7-14 <u>2016</u>	
27	Very important
24	Somewhat important
20	Not too important
27	Not at all important
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 29-30**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.31 As I name some groups, please tell me whether you feel each one is generally FRIENDLY toward religion, NEUTRAL toward religion, or UNFRIENDLY toward religion. First, do you feel that **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is/are generally friendly toward religion, neutral toward religion, or unfriendly toward religion? How about **[SECOND ITEM]**? Do you feel that **[ITEM]** is/are generally friendly toward religion, neutral toward religion, or unfriendly toward religion? And, how about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you feel that [ITEM] is generally friendly toward religion, neutral toward religion, or unfriendly toward religion?]**

	Friendly	Neutral	Unfriendly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. The Democratic Party				
Jan 7-14, 2016	30	40	24	6
Sep 2-9, 2014	29	39	25	6
Mar 7-11, 2012	35	36	21	8
Nov 9-14, 2011	30	40	20	11
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	26	41	19	14
August 20-27, 2009	29	39	22	11
August, 2008	38	37	15	10
August, 2007	30	37	15	18
July, 2006	26	42	20	12

Q.31 CONTINUED...

	<u>Friendly</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July, 2005	29	38	20	13
August, 2004	40	34	13	13
Mid-July, 2003	42	36	12	10
b. The Republican Party				
Jan 7-14, 2016	42	30	21	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	47	30	15	7
Mar 7-11, 2012	54	24	13	10
Nov 9-14, 2011	43	26	19	12
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	43	28	14	15
August 20-27, 2009	48	29	12	12
August, 2008	52	29	9	10
August, 2007	50	23	9	18
July, 2006	47	28	13	12
July, 2005	55	23	9	13
August, 2004	52	24	10	14
Mid-July, 2003	52	27	10	11
c. The Obama administration				
Jan 7-14, 2016	35	31	30	4
Sep 2-9, 2014	30	37	29	4
Mar 7-11, 2012	39	32	23	6
Aug 20-27, 2009	37	36	17	10
d. The Supreme Court				
Jan 7-14, 2016	16	52	25	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	21	50	22	7

ASK ALL:

Q.32 Here are a couple of statements about the political parties. For each, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely DISagree with it. (The first one is...) **(INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS)**

	-----AGREE-----			-----DISAGREE-----			(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Comp- letely</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Comp- letely</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	
a. Religious conservatives have too much control over the Republican Party							
Jan 7-14, 2016	51	21	30	41	29	13	7
Mar 7-11, 2012	51	21	30	40	13	27	9
August, 2008	48	17	31	41	11	30	11
August, 2007	43	15	28	41	10	31	16
July, 2005	45	14	31	43	11	32	12
Early September, 2004 (RVs) ²	43	17	26	48	18	30	9
b. Liberals who are not religious have too much control over the Democratic Party							
Jan 7-14, 2016	44	16	28	47	31	15	9
Mar 7-11, 2012	41	12	28	49	19	30	10
August, 2008	43	14	29	45	13	32	12
August, 2007	37	13	24	47	14	33	16
July, 2005	44	12	32	42	11	31	14

² In 2004, asked as part of a list that began: "Here are some statements about the candidates and political parties.

NO QUESTION 33**QUESTIONS 34-35 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.36 Now I am going to read you a list of some political figures. For each name that I read, please tell me how religious you think that person is -- very religious, somewhat religious, not too religious, or not at all religious. First, **(INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE)**. How about **[INSERT NEXT]**? **[IF NECESSARY: How religious do you think (he/she) is – very religious, somewhat religious, not too religious, or not at all religious?]**

		Very <u>religious</u>	Somewhat <u>religious</u>	Not too <u>religious</u>	Not at all <u>religious</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Barack Obama					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	17	42	19	16	6
	August, 2007	15	36	6	3	40
b.	Ben Carson					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	35	33	4	7	21
c.	Bernie Sanders					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	5	34	17	18	26
d.	Donald Trump					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	5	25	37	22	10
e.	Hillary Clinton					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	10	38	22	22	9
	August, 2007	12	41	16	9	22
	June, 1996	11	45	18	7	19
f.	Marco Rubio					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	16	45	5	8	26
g.	Ted Cruz					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	25	40	5	7	22

QUESTIONS 37-38 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**QUESTION 43 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 39-42, 44-62****ASK ALL:**

Now a different kind of question...

Q.63 Regardless of the specific candidates who are running for president, we'd like to know how you generally feel about some different traits. First, would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for president who **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**, or wouldn't this matter to you? How about if a candidate **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[INTERVIEWER NOTE: PLEASE PROMPT RESPONDENT WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS EVERY FOUR TO SIX ITEMS AS A REMINDER]**

		More <u>likely</u>	Less <u>likely</u>	Wouldn't <u>matter</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Is Muslim				
	Jan 7-14, 2016	3	42	53	2
	August, 2007	3	45	49	3
	February, 2007	1	46	49	4

Q.63 CONTINUED...

	More likely	Less likely	Wouldn't matter	(VOL.) DK/Ref
b. Is an evangelical Christian				
Jan 7-14, 2016	22	20	55	3
Apr 23-27, 2014	21	17	58	4
August, 2007	19	16	60	5
c. Does not believe in God				
Jan 7-14, 2016	6	51	41	1
Apr 23-27, 2014	5	53	41	2
May 25-30, 2011	5	61	33	2
August, 2007	3	61	34	2
February, 2007	3	63	32	2
d. Is gay or lesbian				
Jan 7-14, 2016	4	26	69	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 ³	5	27	66	2
May 25-30, 2011	3	33	62	2
February, 2007	1	46	51	2
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=997]:				
e.F1 Has served in the military				
Jan 7-14, 2016	50	4	45	1
Apr 23-27, 2014	43	4	53	1
May 25-30, 2011	49	4	47	1
February, 2007	48	3	48	1
f.F1 Had an extramarital affair in the past				
Jan 7-14, 2016	3	37	58	2
Apr 23-27, 2014	2	35	61	2
May 25-30, 2011	2	46	49	3
February, 2007	1	39	56	4
g.F1 Is Mormon				
Jan 7-14, 2016	5	23	69	3
May 25-30, 2011	5	25	68	3
August, 2007	5	25	66	4
February, 2007	2	30	64	4
h.F1 Attended a prestigious university such as Harvard or Yale				
Jan 7-14, 2016	20	6	74	*
Apr 23-27, 2014	19	6	74	1
February, 2007	22	5	72	1
i.F1 Is Catholic				
Jan 7-14, 2016	16	8	75	1
Apr 23-27, 2014	9	8	81	1
August, 2007	13	7	79	1

³ In April 2014, a wording experiment tested two different items: "is homosexual" for Form 1 respondents and "is gay or lesbian" for Form 2 respondents. There were no significant differences between the two wordings, so the figures here show the combined responses. In surveys before April 2014, the item was "is homosexual."

Q.63 CONTINUED...

	More likely	Less likely	Wouldn't matter	(VOL.) DK/Ref
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,012]:				
j.F2 Has used marijuana in the past				
Jan 7-14, 2016	6	20	74	1
Apr 23-27, 2014	6	22	70	2
May 25-30, 2011	5	24	69	2
TREND FOR COMPARISON:				
<i>Used drugs in the past</i>				
February, 2007	2	45	47	6
k.F2 Is Jewish				
Jan 7-14, 2016	8	10	80	2
August, 2007	9	11	79	1
l.F2 Has been an elected official in Washington for many years				
Jan 7-14, 2016	22	31	46	1
Apr 23-27, 2014	19	30	48	3
May 25-30, 2011	26	25	46	3
February, 2007	35	15	45	5
m.F2 Has had personal financial troubles				
Jan 7-14, 2016	8	41	49	2

NO QUESTIONS 64-71, 73**QUESTIONS 72, 74-78 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**