

**2022 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**  
**Wave 114**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**SEPTEMBER 13-18, 2022**  
**N=10,588**

**OTHER QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

CHURCHPOL

Do you think churches and religious organizations have... **[RANDOMIZE** "Too much influence in politics" **AND** "Not enough influence in politics," **WITH** "About the right amount of influence in politics" **ALWAYS LAST]**

Sep 13-18 <u>2022</u>		Mar 18-Apr 1 <u>2019</u>	Dec 4-18 <u>2017</u>
42	Too much influence in politics	37	41
22	Not enough influence in politics	28	25
35	About the right amount of influence in politics	34	33
1	No answer	1	1

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REL1 and REL2****ASK ALL:**

REL1 Would you say living in the U.S. today is easier, harder, or about the same as it was 10 years ago for people WHO DO NOT BELIEVE OR PRACTICE A RELIGIOUS FAITH?

Sep 13-18 <u>2022</u>		May 30-Jun 30 <u>2014</u>
25	Easier today	28
35	Harder today	33
38	About the same as 10 years ago	39
2	No answer	1

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REL1 and REL2****ASK ALL:**

REL2 Would you say living in the U.S. today is easier, harder, or about the same as it was 10 years ago for people WHO HAVE STRONG RELIGIOUS FAITH?

Sep 13-18 <u>2022</u>		May 30-Jun 30 <u>2014</u>
13	Easier today	11
47	Harder today	54
38	About the same as 10 years ago	35
2	No answer	1

**ASK ALL:**

DIVRELPOP In general, do you think the fact that the U.S. population is made up of people of many different religions, as well as people who are not religious... **[RANDOMIZE "Strengthens American society" and "Weakens American society" with "Doesn't make much difference" ALWAYS LAST]**

Sep 13-18 <u>2022</u>	
41	Strengthens American society
19	Weakens American society
39	Doesn't make much difference
2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

KEEPOUT In your opinion, should churches and other houses of worship... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Sep 13-18 <u>2022</u>		Sep 20-26 <u>2021</u>	Mar 18-Apr 1 <u>2019</u>
67	Keep out of political matters	70	63
31	Express their views on day-to-day social and political questions	29	36
2	No answer	1	1

**ASK ALL:**

CHURCH\_CAND During political elections, should churches and other houses of worship come out in favor of one candidate over another?

Sep 13-18 <u>2022</u>		Mar 18-Apr 1 <u>2019</u>
20	Yes, should do this	23
77	No, should not do this	76
3	No answer	2

**ASK ALL:**

RELIG\_INFL1 At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is... **[RANDOMIZE]**

**ASK IF GAVE RESPONSE IN RELIG\_INFL1 (RELIG\_INFL1=1,2):**

RELIG\_INFL2 All in all, do you think it's a good thing or a bad thing that religion is **[IF "Gaining influence in American life" (in RELIG\_INFL1) insert: "gaining"; if "Losing influence in American life" (in RELIG\_INFL1) insert: "losing"]** influence in American life?

**SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL**

Sep 13-18 <u>2022</u>		Mar 18-Apr 1 <u>2019</u>
<b>23</b>	<b>Gaining influence in American life</b>	<b>20</b>
9	Good thing	10
10	Bad thing	6
4	Doesn't make a difference	4
<1	No answer	<1
<b>74</b>	<b>Losing influence in American life</b>	<b>78</b>
16	Good thing	17
40	Bad thing	42
18	Doesn't make a difference	18
<1	No answer	<1
<b>3</b>	<b>No answer</b>	<b>2</b>

**ASK ALL:**

RELIG\_FRIENDLY For each of the following groups, please indicate whether it is generally [**SHOW IN ORDER FOR HALF SAMPLE, REVERSE ORDER FOR OTHER HALF SAMPLE:** FRIENDLY toward religion, NEUTRAL toward religion, or UNFRIENDLY toward religion]. [**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS A-D**]

	Friendly toward <u>religion</u>	Neutral toward <u>religion</u>	Unfriendly toward <u>religion</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. The Democratic Party				
Sep 13-18, 2022	21	44	32	3
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	19	48	31	2
b. The Republican Party				
Sep 13-18, 2022	58	27	11	3
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	54	32	13	2
c. The Biden administration				
Sep 13-18, 2022	25	44	29	3
d. The Supreme Court				
Sep 13-18, 2022	35	51	11	3
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	18	69	11	2

**ASK ALL:**

SCOTUS\_REL Thinking about the Supreme Court, do you think justices should or should not bring their own religious views into how they decide major cases?

Sep 13-18

2022

15	Should do this
83	Should NOT do this
2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

SCOTUS\_RELa In their recent decisions, how much do you think Supreme Court justices have relied on their religious beliefs?

Sep 13-18

2022

44	Too much
13	Too little
40	About the right amount
4	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

SCTEFFECT Do you think recent Supreme Court decisions have helped or hurt the interests of each of the following groups? **[RANDOMIZE A-E]**

	Supreme Court decisions have HELPED <u>this group</u>	Supreme Court decisions have HURT this <u>group</u>	Have not made much <u>difference</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Christians Sep 13-18, 2022	42	15	40	3
b. People who are not religious Sep 13-18, 2022	11	31	55	3
c. Women Sep 13-18, 2022	16	53	28	3
d. Men Sep 13-18, 2022	24	14	59	3
e. Lesbian, gay, or bisexual people Sep 13-18, 2022	22	37	37	4

**OTHER QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK IF RESPONDENT IS CHRISTIAN, JEWISH, MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, HINDU, OR IDENTIFIES WITH ANOTHER RELIGION; DO NOT ASK IF RESPONDENT IS ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC, OR RELIGIOUSLY "NOTHING IN PARTICULAR" [N=7,431]:**

ESSENT How important is each of the following to what being **[FAITHFUL]** means to you?  
**[RANDOMIZE]**

**[FAITHFUL: If respondent is Christian insert "Christian"; If Jewish, insert "Jewish"; If Muslim, insert "Muslim"; If Buddhist, insert "Buddhist"; If Hindu, insert "Hindu"; For all others insert "faithful to your religious tradition"]**

	<u>Essential</u>	<u>Important, but not essential</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Believing in God				
Sep 13-18, 2022	80	14	6	1
Nov 19, 2019-Jun 3, 2020 <sup>1</sup>	76	18	5	1
b. Attending religious services regularly				
Sep 13-18, 2022	31	49	19	1
Nov 19, 2019-Jun 3, 2020 <sup>2</sup>	26	50	24	1
<b>NO ITEMS c-f</b>				
g. Being patriotic				
Sep 13-18, 2022	31	39	28	1
h. Continuing family traditions				
Sep 13-18, 2022	45	42	12	1
i. Living a moral life				
Sep 13-18, 2022	75	21	4	1
j. Being a part of a community				
Sep 13-18, 2022	41	48	10	1
<b>ASK ITEM K IF CHRISTIAN [N=6,767]</b>				
k. Having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ				
Sep 13-18, 2022	74	20	5	1

<sup>1</sup> In Nov. 19, 2019-June 3, 2020, survey, Buddhists and Hindus were asked how important believing in God is to what "being faithful to your religious tradition" means to them.

<sup>2</sup> In Nov. 19, 2019-Jun 3, 2020, survey, Buddhists and Hindus were asked how important attending religious services regularly is to what "being faithful to your religious tradition" means to them.

**ASK ALL:**

BIBLE\_INFL1 How much influence should the Bible have on the laws of the United States?

Sep 13-18 <u>2022</u>		Feb 4-15 <u>2020</u>
23	A great deal	23
24	Some	26
16	Not much	19
36	None at all	31
1	No answer	1

**ASK IF BIBLE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SOME INFLUENCE:**

BIBLE\_INFL2 When the Bible and the will of the people conflict with each other, which should have more influence on the laws of the United States?

**SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL**

Sep 13-18 <u>2022</u>		Feb 4-15 <u>2020</u>
<b>47</b>	<b>NET Bible should have a great deal/some influence on U.S. Laws (in BIBLE_INFL1)</b>	<b>49</b>
27	The Bible (in BIBLE_INFL2)	28
19	The will of the people (in BIBLE_INFL2)	19
2	No answer (in BIBLE_INFL2)	2
<b>51</b>	<b>NET Bible should have not much influence/none at all (in BIBLE_INFL1)</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>No answer (in BIBLE_INFL1)</b>	<b>1</b>

**PUT NATCHRa, NATCHRb, and NATCHRc ON ONE PAGE, IN ORDER (DO NOT RANDOMIZE)  
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,311]:**

NATCHRa Do you think the founders of America originally intended for the U.S. to be a Christian nation?

Sep 13-18

2022

60	Yes
37	No
3	No answer

**PUT NATCHRa, NATCHRb, and NATCHRc ON ONE PAGE, IN ORDER (DO NOT RANDOMIZE)  
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,311]:**

NATCHRb Do you think the United States is now a Christian nation?

Sep 13-18

2022

33	Yes
64	No
3	No answer

**PUT NATCHRa, NATCHRb, and NATCHRc ON ONE PAGE, IN ORDER (DO NOT RANDOMIZE)  
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,311]:**

NATCHRc Do you think the United States should be a Christian nation?

Sep 13-18

2022

45	Yes
51	No
3	No answer



**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,311]:**

NATCHROE In your own words, what does the phrase "Christian nation" mean to you?

**RESULTS DO NOT SUM TO 100% BECAUSE MULTIPLE RESPONSES WERE PERMITTED; UP TO THREE RESPONSES WERE CODED**

Sep 13-18

2022

34	NET Guided by Christian beliefs/values
18	NET Christian-based governance
12	NET Guided by beliefs/values (not specifically Christian)
11	NET Negative attributes
4	NET Positive attributes
1	Signifies that America was founded on Christian principles
1	Conservative
4	Unclear
31	Don't know/no answer

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,277]:**

CHRNAT1a How much, if anything, have you heard or read about "Christian nationalism?"

Sep 13-18

2022

5	A great deal
9	Quite a bit
17	Some
14	A little
54	Nothing at all
1	No answer

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,277]****ASK IF HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE ABOUT CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM:**

CHRNAT1b All in all, do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of Christian nationalism?

**SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL (FORM 2)**

Sep 13-18

2022

<b>45</b>	<b>NET Know a great deal, quite a bit, or some about Christian nationalism (in CHRNAT1a)</b>
2	Very favorable
4	Somewhat favorable
8	Neither favorable nor unfavorable
5	Somewhat unfavorable
19	Very unfavorable
8	Don't know enough to say
<1	No answer
<b>54</b>	<b>NET Know nothing at all about Christian nationalism (in CHRNAT1a)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>No answer (in CHRNAT1a)</b>

**ASK IF HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE ABOUT CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM:**

CHRNAT1OE In your own words, what does the phrase "Christian nationalism" mean to you?

**RESULTS BASED ON TOTAL (FORM 2; N=5,277); RESULTS DO NOT SUM TO 100% BECAUSE MULTIPLE RESPONSES WERE PERMITTED; UP TO THREE RESPONSES WERE CODED**

Sep 13-18

2022

13	NET Christian dominance in society
3	NET Faith and positive moral influence in society
8	NET Negative attributes
2	Using religious beliefs as a tool to pander or justify political views
2	NET Tied to a particular group (e.g., evangelicals, Republicans)
2	NET Believing in America's Christian founding/heritage
2	Blending faith and politics
<1	A derogatory concept made up by liberals and/or the media to insult Christians
2	Unclear/essentially repeated the phrase "Christian nationalism"
18	Don't know/no answer
55	NET Know nothing at all about Christian nationalism/no answer (in CHRNAT1a)

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE OR REFUSED [PARTY=3,4 OR refused]:**PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>3</sup>

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
27	30	27	14	2	17	21

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<sup>3</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked of ATP panelists in a prior wave.