

**2023 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 132 RELIGION
SPIRITUALITY AND NON-RELIGION SURVEY
JULY 31-AUGUST 6, 2023
N=11,201**

PRECEDING QUESTIONS WERE PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

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How important are each of the following factors when you make decisions between right and wrong? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS, RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS "EXTREMELY IMPORTANT" TO "NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT" IN REVERSE; IN SAME ORDER AS IMPWOMPRES]**

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Your religious beliefs Aug 1-6, 2023	28	20	19	13	20	1
b. Logic and reason Aug 1-6, 2023	40	40	16	2	1	1
c. You believe what goes around comes around Aug 1-6, 2023	24	26	28	13	8	1
d. You feel good when you choose the right thing Aug 1-6, 2023	39	36	18	4	2	1
e. You want to stay out of trouble Aug 1-6, 2023	37	30	21	7	4	1
f. The way you were raised Aug 1-6, 2023	28	36	25	6	4	1
g. You do not want to hurt people Aug 1-6, 2023	48	34	14	2	2	<1

INTERVENING QUESTIONS WERE PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

SECMEMB Some atheists and non-believers who do not participate in organized religion meet together regularly to discuss their views and support each other.

Do you participate in any organization of atheists or non-believers?

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2	Yes
90	No
8	Not sure/never heard of these kinds of organizations
<1	No answer

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SECBEL2 Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?
[RANDOMIZE]

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25	It is necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values
73	It is possible to be moral and have good values without believing in God
2	No answer

INTERVENING QUESTIONS, INCLUDING "RELIMPACT" WERE PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

SHOW RELIMPACT AND SCIMPACT ON THE SAME PAGE, RANDOMIZE RELIMPACT AND SCIMPACT. RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS "RELIGION/SCIENCE DOES MORE HARM THAN GOOD" AND "RELIGION/SCIENCE DOES MORE GOOD THAN HARM", WITH "RELIGION/SCIENCE DOES EQUAL AMOUNTS OF GOOD AND HARM" ALWAYS LAST. KEEP RESPONSE OPTIONS IN THE SAME ORDER FOR EACH QUESTION

ASK ALL:

SCIMPACT Overall, what impact does science have on American society?

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8	Science does more harm than good
45	Science does more good than harm
46	Science does equal amounts of good and harm
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

CHRELIG Thinking about when you were a child, in what religion were you raised, if any?

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46	Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Church of Christ, Congregational/United Church of Christ, Holiness, Reformed, Church of God, etc.)
28	Roman Catholic
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or LDS)
1	Orthodox Christian (such as Greek, Russian or some other Orthodox church)
2	Jewish
1	Muslim
1	Buddhist
1	Hindu
1	Atheist
1	Agnostic
5	Something else
11	Nothing in particular
1	No answer

INTERVENING QUESTIONS WERE PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK IF IDENTIFIED AS ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC, OR NON-RELIGIOUS IN ALTIDb-c OR ALTIDe OR IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON PREVIOUS SURVEY ABOUT RELIGIOUS IDENTITY [N=4,503]:**

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[IF NONRELIGIOUS IN ALTIDb-c OR ALTIDd, "Earlier, you mentioned that you think of yourself as atheist, agnostic, or nonreligious.]
[FOR ALL OTHERS, "In a previous survey, you said that when it comes to your religion, you are an atheist, agnostic, or do not identify with any particular religion.]

How important, if at all, is each of the following reasons for why you are nonreligious? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS. RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS IMPWOMPRES]**

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. I don't believe in God or a higher power Jul 31-Aug 6, 2023	17	11	16	20	32	4
b. I don't like religious organizations Jul 31-Aug 6, 2023	24	20	25	14	14	3
c. I question a lot of religious teachings Jul 31-Aug 6, 2023	32	24	23	8	10	2
d. I don't see a need for religion in my life Jul 31-Aug 6, 2023	20	16	24	20	17	3
e. I have had bad experiences with religious people Jul 31-Aug 6, 2023	14	14	24	21	24	3
f. I don't have time for religion Jul 31-Aug 6, 2023	7	6	17	23	43	3