

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
DECEMBER 2014 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
DECEMBER 3-7, 2014
N=1,507**

**ALL OTHER QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
NO QUESTIONS 3-4, 8-11, 13-16, 22-23**

ASK ALL:

On a different subject,

Q.24 Thinking about holiday displays on government property, which comes closest to your view?
[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]?

Dec 3-7

2014

- 20 No religious symbols, like Christian nativity scenes, should be allowed on government property, [OR]
Religious symbols like Christian nativity scenes should be allowed on government property, but ONLY if accompanied by symbols from other faiths such as Hanukkah **[PRONOUNCED: "HAH-nuh-kuh"]** candles, [OR]
- 28 Christian symbols like nativity scenes should be allowed on government property whether or not they are accompanied by symbols from other faiths, [OR]
- 44 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**
- 8

NO QUESTIONS 25-29, 32-35, 39, 41-44, 47-52, 56-60, 62-65, 67-69, 71-73, 79-84

ASK ALL:

Q.85 Now, thinking about the holiday season, tell me how much, if at all, you look forward to each of the following. First do you look forward to **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** a lot, some, not much, or not at all? And do you look forward to **[ITEM]** a lot, some, not much, or not at all? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY: Do you look forward to [ITEM] a lot, some, not much, or not at all?]**

					(VOL.) Not planning to do this	(VOL.) DK/ Ref
	A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all		
a. Visiting with family and friends Dec 3-7, 2014	75	16	4	4	1	1
b. Attending religious services Dec 3-7, 2014	44	23	11	20	1	1
c. Eating holiday foods Dec 3-7, 2014	60	26	9	4	*	1
d. Decorating your home for the holidays Dec 3-7, 2014	44	26	13	15	2	1
e. The playing of Christmas music in stores and public places Dec 3-7, 2014	48	25	12	14	*	1
f. Giving and receiving gifts Dec 3-7, 2014	45	32	13	8	1	1

ASK ALL:

Q.86 When you think about buying and receiving holiday gifts, does it make you feel **[INSERT, RANDOMIZE]**, or not? Does it make you feel **[INSERT NEXT]**, or not? **[IF NECESSARY: When you think about buying and receiving holiday gifts, does it make you feel [INSERT ITEM], or not?]**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Joyful Dec 3-7, 2014	83	16	1
b.	Stressed out Dec 3-7, 2014	36	63	1
c.	Wasteful Dec 3-7, 2014	23	75	2
d.	Generous Dec 3-7, 2014	78	21	1
e.	Stretched thin financially Dec 3-7, 2014	46	53	1

ASK ALL:

Next,

Q.87 Do you believe that Jesus Christ was born to a virgin, or don't you believe this?

<u>Dec 3-7</u> <u>2014</u>		<u>Dec 3-8</u> <u>2013</u>
73	Yes, believe	73
20	No, don't believe	19
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7

ASK IF "DON'T BELIEVE" OR "DK/REF" ON Q.87 (Q.87=2,9):

Q.88 Regardless of your religious beliefs... Do you think Jesus Christ ever actually lived, or not?

BASED ON TOTAL

<u>Dec 3-7</u> <u>2014</u>	
20	Yes, lived
5	No, did not live
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
27	<i>Don't believe/Don't know if Jesus Christ was born to a virgin (Q87=2,9)</i>

ASK IF "BELIEVE" IN Q.87 OR Q.88 (Q.87=1 OR Q.88=1):

Q.89 Thinking about the Christmas story, for each of the following, please tell me whether you believe it is an event that actually occurred or not. First, **[INSERT, RANDOMIZE]**... Do you believe this is an event that actually occurred, or don't you believe this? Next, **[INSERT NEXT]**...**[IF NECESSARY: Do you believe this is an event that actually occurred, or don't you believe this?]**

BASED ON TOTAL

	<u>Yes, believe this event actually occurred</u>	<u>No, don't believe</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>Don't believe in Jesus (No/DK on Q.88)</i>	
a.					
a.	An angel of the Lord appeared to shepherds to announce the birth of Jesus Dec 3-7, 2014	74	15	3	7

Q.89 CONTINUED...

	Yes, believe this event actually <u>occurred</u>	No, don't <u>believe</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>Don't believe in Jesus (No/DK on Q.88)</i>
b. Wise men were guided by a star and brought Jesus gold, frankincense [PRONOUNCE: "FRANK-in-sens"] and myrrh [PRONOUNCE: "murr"] Dec 3-7, 2014	75	14	4	7
c. The newborn baby Jesus was laid in a manger Dec 3-7, 2014	81	9	3	7