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This topline displays question wording used in the online English questionnaire. For additional details about question wording, refer to the [English version of the paper questionnaire](#), the [Spanish version of the paper questionnaire](#), or the combined [English/Spanish version of the web and phone questionnaire](#).

Many questions in the 2023-24 Religious Landscape Study (RLS) previously were asked in the 2014 and/or 2007 Religious Landscape Studies. However, the surveys in 2007 and 2014 were administered by live interviewers on the telephone, while most respondents to the 2023-24 survey answered the questionnaire online or on paper. This change in the survey's mode of administration complicates comparisons between the earlier studies and the new survey, because the "mode shift" affects the results of some questions much more than others.

To help determine which questions are comparable with past surveys and which are not comparable, Pew Research Center conducted a "bridge study" entirely by telephone (for testing purposes only) alongside the main 2023-24 RLS survey. Both surveys asked the same questions. The Center's researchers examined the results and used that information, together with other tests and analyses conducted in recent years, to make case-by-case decisions about the comparability of the 2023-24 results with the findings of previous landscape studies on specific questions.

In this topline, every question in the 2023-24 survey that was also asked in a prior (2007 or 2014) landscape study has been assigned a color – green ("go"), red ("stop") or yellow ("proceed with caution").

Questions that were asked for the first time in the 2023-24 RLS are not given any color.

The results of green questions can be directly compared with the previous Religious Landscape Studies, despite the mode shift. On green questions, this topline shows the new survey's results *and also* the results from all prior landscape studies on which the identical question was asked (the 2007 RLS, the 2014 RLS, or both years).

The results of red questions cannot be compared with the previous landscape studies because of the mode shift. The telephone bridge study (and, in some cases, other methodological research) indicates that people tend to answer these questions differently when responding online/on paper than they do when talking with a live person on the telephone, and thus the new results should not be compared with the earlier findings. On red questions, this topline shows *only* the new survey's results; it does not show estimates from either of the earlier Religious Landscape Studies.

The results of yellow questions can be cautiously compared with the previous landscape studies. The bridge study and other testing suggest the mode shift has some impact on how people tend to answer these questions, but the impact is relatively modest. On yellow questions, this topline includes both the new survey's results and the findings of prior landscape studies, with the prior findings displayed as "trends for comparison."

This topline includes a footnote for each question that was asked in both the 2023-24 RLS and a prior landscape study. The footnote indicates whether the question has been designated as green, red or yellow. Additionally, the footnotes for the yellow questions include brief descriptions of how the mode shift affects results on that particular question.

For more details about the telephone bridge study and the way Pew Research Center made decisions about the comparability of the 2023-24 results with the prior studies, refer to [Appendix A](#).

ASK ALL:

HAPPY Generally, how happy are you with your life these days? Are you... [NOTE: This question has been coded as green¹]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014 ²
28	Very happy	32
57	Pretty happy	52
15	Not too happy	14
<1	No answer	2

ASK ALL:

SATIS How would you describe each of the following? Is your... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a-b]**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Health in general						
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	13	34	36	14	3	<1
b. Family life						
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	23	36	28	10	3	<1

¹ The results on this question are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

² In the 2014 survey, the question wording was, "Generally, how would you say things are these days in your life – would you say that you are very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy?"

ASK ALL:

CHNG Thinking about changes in our society over the last 50 years, all in all, do you think each of the following has been a change for the better, a change for the worse, or hasn't made much difference? **[DISPLAY CHNGa-c ON SAME PAGE. RANDOMIZE CHNGa-c.]**

	<u>Change for the better</u>	<u>Change for the worse</u>	<u>Hasn't made much difference</u>	<u>No answer</u>	(VOL.) Mixed changes³
a. A growing population of immigrants [NOTE: This question has been coded as red ⁴]					
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	35	38	26	1	-
b. More women in the workforce [NOTE: This question has been coded as green ⁵]					
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	73	9	18	1	-
Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	67	9	20	2	2
c. Greater social acceptance of people who are transgender (that is, people who identify as a gender that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth)					
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	39	38	21	2	-

SHOW DIVRELPOP AND DIVRACPOP ON THE SAME PAGE**ASK ALL:**

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

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	
52	Strengthens American society
18	Weakens American society
29	Doesn't make much difference
1	No answer

³ In the 2014 survey, respondents could volunteer the response "Mixed Changes." This was not possible in the 2023-24 survey.

⁴ The results on this question are *not* comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁵ The results on this question are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK ALL:

DIVRACPOP In general, do you think the fact that the U.S. population is made up of people of many different races and ethnicities... **[RANDOMIZE "Strengthens American society" and "Weakens American society" with "Doesn't make much difference" ALWAYS LAST]**

Jul 17, 2023-
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71	Strengthens American society
9	Weakens American society
20	Doesn't make much difference
1	No answer

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QUESTIONS QB2a, QB2c, QB2d AND OPENIDEN**ASK ALL:**

QB2a Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? [NOTE: This question has been coded as yellow⁶]

	<u>Homosexuality should be accepted by society</u>	<u>Homosexuality should be discouraged by society</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	67	30	3

PHONE TREND PRESENTED FOR COMPARISON

	<u>Homosexuality should be accepted by society</u>	<u>Homosexuality should be discouraged by society</u>	<u>No answer</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither/Both equally⁷</u>
Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	62	31	3	4
May 8-Aug 13, 2007	50	40	5	5

⁶ The results on this question can be cautiously compared with previous Religious Landscape Studies. The companion "bridge study" we conducted by telephone (for testing purposes only) shows that the share saying "accepted" is very similar in the main survey and the telephone bridge study, and can be safely compared with the shares from 2007 and 2014. However, the share saying "discouraged" is higher in the main survey than in the telephone bridge study, and should not be compared with the 2007 or 2014 results. The share who don't provide an answer is lower in the main survey than in the bridge study. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁷ In the 2014 and 2007 surveys, respondents could volunteer the response "Neither/Both equally." This was not possible in the 2023-24 survey.

ASK ALL:

QB2c Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? [NOTE: This question has been coded as yellow⁸]

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

38	Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy
60	Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost
2	No answer

PHONE TREND PRESENTED FOR COMPARISON

	Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt <u>the economy</u>	Stricter environmental laws and regulations are <u>worth the cost</u>	<u>No answer</u>	(VOL.) Neither/Both <u>equally</u> ⁹
Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	38	57	3	2
May 8-Aug 13, 2007	30	61	6	3

ASK ALL:

QB2d Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? [NOTE: This question has been coded as red¹⁰]

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

44	There are clear and absolute standards for what is right and wrong
55	Whether something is right or wrong often depends on the situation
1	No answer

⁸ The results on this question can be cautiously compared with previous Religious Landscape Studies. The companion bridge study we conducted by telephone (for testing purposes only) shows that the share saying "cost too many jobs and hurt the economy" is slightly higher (by 3 percentage points) in the main survey than in the telephone bridge study, as is the share saying "worth the cost" (by 2 points), while the share who don't answer the question is lower in the main survey than in the bridge survey (by 6 points). Readers should exercise caution in comparing the absolute value of the substantive responses with those of the prior studies, but the balance of opinion (more support for the "worth the cost" option) is the same in both the main survey and the bridge study. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁹ In the 2014 and 2007 surveys, respondents could volunteer the response "Neither/Both equally." This was not possible in the 2023-24 survey.

¹⁰ The results on this question are *not* comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK ALL

OPENIDEN

Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

69	America's openness to people from all over the world is essential to who we are as a nation
30	If America is too open to people from all over the world, we risk losing our identity as a nation
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

POORASSIST

Thinking about assistance the government provides to people in need, do you think the government... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH "IS PROVIDING ABOUT THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE" ALWAYS LAST]**

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

46	Should provide more assistance
27	Should provide less assistance
26	Is providing about the right amount of assistance
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

GOVSIZE1

If you had to choose, would you rather have... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**[NOTE: This question has been coded as red¹¹]

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

42	A smaller government providing fewer services
55	A bigger government providing more services
3	No answer

ASK ALL:

ABORTLGL

Do you think abortion should be... **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS 1-4 AND 4-****1]** [NOTE: This question has been coded as yellow¹²]

	NET Legal in all/most cases	Legal in all cases	Legal in most cases	NET Illegal in all/most cases	Illegal in most cases	Illegal in all cases	No answer
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	64	31	32	35	24	11	1

PHONE TREND PRESENTED FOR COMPARISON

	NET Legal in all/most cases	NET Illegal in all/most cases	No answer
Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	53	43	4
May 8-Aug 13, 2007	51	42	6

¹¹ The results on this question are *not* comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

¹² The results on this question can be cautiously compared with previous Religious Landscape Studies. The companion bridge study we conducted by telephone (for testing purposes only) shows that the share saying “legal in all cases” is somewhat higher in the main survey than the bridge study (by 3 points), but this is offset by the lower share of respondents in the main survey who say “legal in most cases” (lower than the bridge study by 5 points). The *combined* share who say abortion should be “legal in all/most cases” is similar in the main survey and the bridge study, and can be safely compared with the 2007 and 2014 results. However, the combined share saying abortion should be “illegal in all/most cases” is higher in the main survey than in the bridge study (by 6 points), and the share expressing no opinion is lower in the main survey than in the bridge study (by 5 points). These response options (“NET Illegal in all/most cases” and “No answer”) should *not* be directly compared with the 2007 and 2014 results. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK ALL:

GAYMARR

Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally? [NOTE: This question has been coded as **yellow**¹³]

	NET Favor	Strongly favor	Favor	NET Oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	67	33	33	32	16	15	2

PHONE TREND PRESENTED FOR COMPARISON

	NET Favor	NET Oppose	No answer
Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	53	39	8

ASK ALL:

PAR2CHILD

Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]

ASK IF "CHILDREN WITH TWO PARENTS ARE BETTER OFF":

PAR2CHILDa

If one parent stays home to focus on the family, is it generally better if that parent is the... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH "IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH PARENT STAYS HOME" ALWAYS LAST]**

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

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55	Children with two parents are better off when a parent stays home to focus on the family
22	Mother
<1	Father
33	It doesn't matter which parent stays home
<1	No answer
43	Children with two parents are just as well off when their parents work outside the home
1	No answer

¹³ The results on this question can be cautiously compared with previous Religious Landscape Studies. The companion bridge study we conducted by telephone (for testing purposes only) shows that share who say they "strongly favor" or "favor" same-sex marriage is very similar in the main survey and the bridge study, and can be compared with the 2014 results (this question was not asked in the 2007 survey). However, the combined share who say they "strongly oppose" or "oppose" same-sex marriage is somewhat higher (by 5 points) in the main survey than in the bridge study, while the share who express no opinion is 6 points lower in the main survey than in the bridge study. These response options ("NET Oppose/Strongly oppose" and "No answer") should *not* be directly compared with the previous results. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK ALL:

CLIM1A

Which of these three statements about the Earth's temperature comes closest to your view? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS WITH "THERE IS NO SOLID EVIDENCE THAT THE EARTH IS GETTING WARMER" AND "NOT SURE" ALWAYS THIRD AND FOURTH]**

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48	The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity such as the burning of fossil fuels
22	The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of natural patterns in the Earth's environments
11	There is no solid evidence that the Earth is getting warmer
19	Not sure
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

EVOL

Which of these statements about the development of human life on Earth comes closest to your view? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

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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
47	Humans have evolved over time due to processes that were guided or allowed by God or a higher power
17	Humans have existed in their present form since the beginning of time
3	No answer

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ASK ALL:
GUIDE

How important are each of the following to you when making decisions between right and wrong? [**DISPLAY GUIDEa-d ON SAME PAGE. RANDOMIZE GUIDEa-d.**]

	NET Extremely/ Very important	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	NET Not too/ Not at all important	Not too important	Not at all important	No answer
a. Religious teachings and beliefs Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	53	28	25	23	23	11	12	<1
b. Logic and reason Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	92	55	37	6	1	1	<1	<1
c. Practical experience and common sense Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	93	57	37	5	1	<1	<1	<1
d. Scientific information Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	75	36	39	21	4	3	1	1

ASK ALL:

HISP Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican or Cuban?

ASK ALL:

RACECMB

What is your race or origin? *[Check all that apply]* White, Black or African American, Asian or Asian American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, Some other race or origin (please specify).

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as green¹⁴]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8-Aug 13, 2007
60	White (non-Hispanic)	65	70
	Black or African American (non-		
11	Hispanic)	11	11
6	Asian or Asian American (non-Hispanic)	4	2
5	Multiracial/Other (non-Hispanic)	4	3
16	Hispanic	15	12
2	No answer	1	1

ASK ALL :

AFROHISP Do you consider yourself Afro-Latino or Afro-Hispanic, or not?

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3	Yes
95	No
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

RELIG What is your present religion, if any?

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.)

Roman Catholic

Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or LDS)

Orthodox (such as Greek, Russian, or some other Orthodox church)

Jewish

Muslim

Buddhist

Hindu

Atheist

Agnostic

Something else (specify)

Nothing in particular

ASK IF R SAID THEY ARE SOMETHING ELSE OR DID NOT ANSWER RELIG:

CHR Do you think of yourself as a Christian, or not?

¹⁴ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as green¹⁵]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8-Aug 13, 2007
40	Protestant	47	51
23	Evangelical Protestant tradition	25	26
11	Mainline Protestant tradition	15	18
5	Historically Black Protestant tradition	6	7
19	Catholic	21	24
1	Orthodox Christian	<1	1
2	Latter-day Saint (Mormon)	2	2
<1	Jehovah's Witness	1	1
1	Other Christian	<1	<1
<1	Metaphysical	<1	<1
<1	<i>Spiritualist</i>	<1	<1
<1	<i>Unity Church</i>	<1	<1
<1	<i>Other Metaphysical</i>	<1	<1
1	Others in "Other Christian" tradition	<1	<1
2	Jewish	2	2
1	Muslim	1	<1
1	Buddhist	1	1
1	Hindu	1	<1
<1	Other world religions	<1	<1
2	Something else	2	1
<1	Native American religions	<1	<1
1	Unitarians and other liberal faiths	1	1
<1	<i>Deist</i>	<1	<1
<1	<i>Eclectic/bit of everything/own beliefs</i>	<1	<1
<1	<i>Humanist</i>	<1	<1
1	<i>Spiritual but not religious</i>	<1	<1
<1	<i>Unitarian</i>	<1	<1
<1	<i>Others in Unitarian/other liberal faiths</i>	<1	<1
1	New Age	<1	<1
<1	<i>Pagan/Wiccan</i>	<1	<1
<1	<i>Other New Age</i>	<1	<1
29	Religiously unaffiliated (religious "nones")	23	16
5	Atheist	3	2
6	Agnostic	4	2
19	Nothing in particular	16	12
1	No answer	1	1
100		100	100

¹⁵ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK IF IDENTIFIED AS PROTESTANT IN RELIG OR IDENTIFIED AS SOMETHING ELSE IN RELIG AND AS CHRISTIAN IN CHR:

QA3 As far as your present religion, what denomination or church, if any, do you identify with most closely?

Baptist
 Methodist
 Lutheran
 Presbyterian
 Pentecostal
 Episcopalian or Anglican
 Church of Christ or Disciples of Christ
 Congregational or United Church of Christ
 Holiness
 Reformed
 Church of God
 Nondenominational or independent church
 Something else (specify)
 None in particular

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as **green**¹⁶]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8-Aug 13, 2007
12	Baptist	15	17
7	Nondenominational Protestant	6	5
4	Pentecostal	5	4
3	Methodist	5	6
3	Lutheran	4	5
2	Presbyterian	2	3
1	Episcopalian	1	2
1	Restorationist (Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ)	2	2
1	Congregational	1	1
1	Holiness	1	1
<1	Reformed	<1	<1
<1	Adventist	1	<1
<1	Seventh-day Adventist	1	<1
<1	Other Adventist	<1	<1
<1	Anabaptist	<1	<1
<1	Pietist	<1	<1
<1	Friends	<1	<1
<1	Other evangelical/fundamentalist	<1	<1
4	Protestant non-specific	4	5
40	NET Protestant	47	51

¹⁶ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK IF BAPTIST AND NON-BLACK:

QA4a Which of the following Baptist churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- Southern Baptist Convention
- American Baptist Churches USA
- An independent Baptist church
- Other (specify)

ASK IF BAPTIST AND BLACK:

QA4b Which of the following Baptist churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- National Baptist Convention, USA
- National Baptist Convention of America
- Progressive National Baptist Convention
- Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as green¹⁷]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8-Aug 13, 2007
8	Baptist in the evangelical tradition	9	11
4	Southern Baptist Convention	5	7
3	Independent Baptist (evangelical trad.)	3	3
<1	Conservative Baptist Assoc. of America	<1	<1
<1	Free Will Baptist	<1	<1
<1	General Assoc. of Regular Baptist Churches	<1	<1
<1	Missionary Baptist (evangelical trad.)	<1	<1
<1	Other Baptist (evangelical trad.)	1	1
1	Baptist in the mainline tradition	2	2
1	American Baptist Churches USA	2	1
<1	Other Baptist (mainline trad.)	1	1
3	Baptist in the historically Black Protestant tradition	4	4
1	National Baptist Convention, USA	n/a	n/a
<1	National Baptist Convention of America	n/a	n/a
<1	Progressive National Baptist Convention	<1	<1
n/a	National Baptist Convention ¹⁸	1	2
<1	Independent Baptist (historically Black trad.)	<1	<1
<1	Missionary Baptist (historically Black trad.)	<1	<1
<u>1</u>	Other Baptist (historically Black trad.)	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
12	NET Baptist	15	17

¹⁷ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

¹⁸ The 2007 and 2014 surveys did not differentiate between the National Baptist Convention, USA, and the National Baptist Convention of America. This error was corrected in the 2023-24 survey.

ASK IF METHODIST AND NON-BLACK:

Qa4c Which of the following Methodist Churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

United Methodist Church
 Free Methodist Church
 Global Methodist Church
 Other (specify)

ASK IF METHODIST AND BLACK:

Q4ad Which of the following Methodist Churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME)
 African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME Zion)
 Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
 Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as green¹⁹]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8-Aug 13, 2007
<1	Methodist in the evangelical tradition	<1	<1
<1	Global Methodist Church ²⁰	n/a	n/a
<1	Other Methodist (evangelical trad.)	<1	<1
3	Methodist in the mainline tradition	4	5
3	United Methodist Church	4	5
<1	Other Methodist (mainline trad.)	<1	<1
	Methodist in the historically Black		
<1	Protestant tradition	1	1
<1	African Methodist Episcopal Church	<1	<1
<1	African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	<1	<1
<1	Christian Methodist Episcopal Church	<1	<1
<u><1</u>	Other Methodist (historically Black trad.)	<u><1</u>	<u><1</u>
3	NET Methodist	5	6

¹⁹ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

²⁰ The Global Methodist Church launched in 2022.

ASK IF NONDENOMINATIONAL OR INDEPENDENT CHURCH:

QA4e Which of the following kinds of non-denominational churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- An evangelical church
- A fundamentalist church
- A charismatic church
- An inter-denominational church
- Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as green²¹]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8-Aug 13, 2007
6	Nondenominational in the evangelical trad.	5	3
3	Evangelical nondenominational	2	1
1	Charismatic nondenominational	1	<1
1	Fundamentalist nondenominational	<1	<1
1	Interdenominational (evangelical trad.)	1	1
<1	Community Church	<1	<1
<1	Nondenominational Christian	<1	<1
1	Other nondenominational (evangelical trad.)	1	1
1	Nondenominational in the mainline trad.	1	1
<1	Interdenominational (mainline trad.)	<1	<1
<1	Other nondenominational (mainline trad.)	1	1
<1	Nondenominational in the historically Black Protestant tradition	<1	<1
7	NET Nondenominational Protestant	6	5

²¹ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK IF LUTHERAN:

QA4f Which of the following Lutheran churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

Evangelical Lutheran Church in American (ELCA)
 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
 Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as green²²]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8-Aug 13, 2007
1	Lutheran in the evangelical tradition	1	2
1	Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	1	1
<1	Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod	<1	<1
<1	Other Lutheran (evangelical trad.)	<1	<1
2	Lutheran in the mainline tradition	2	3
1	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)	1	2
<u><1</u>	Other Lutheran (mainline trad.)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
3	NET Lutheran	4	5

ASK IF PRESBYTERIAN:

QA4g Which of the following Presbyterian churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) PCUSA
 Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)
 Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as green²³]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8-Aug 13, 2007
1	Presbyterian in the evangelical tradition	1	1
<1	Presbyterian Church in America	<1	<1
<1	Other Presbyterian (evangelical trad.)	<1	<1
1	Presbyterian in the mainline tradition	1	2
1	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	1	1
<u><1</u>	Other Presbyterian (mainline trad.)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
2	NET Presbyterian	2	3

²² The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.²³ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK IF PENTECOSTAL AND NON-BLACK:

QA4h Which of the following Pentecostal churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- Assemblies of God
- Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)
- Other (specify)

ASK IF PENTECOSTAL AND BLACK:

QA4i Which of the following Pentecostal churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- Church of God in Christ (COGIC)
- Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as green²⁴]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8-Aug 13, 2007
3	Pentecostal in the evangelical tradition	4	3
1	Assemblies of God	1	1
<1	Apostolic Pentecostal (evangelical trad.)	<1	<1
<1	Calvary Chapel	<1	<1
<1	Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	<1	<1
<1	Church of God of the Apostolic Faith	<1	<1
<1	Foursquare	<1	<1
<1	Nondenominational Pentecostal (evang. trad.)	<1	<1
<1	Pentecostal Church of God	<1	<1
<1	Pentecostal Holiness Church	<1	<1
<1	United Pentecostal Church International ²⁵	n/a	n/a
1	Other Pentecostal (evangelical trad.)	1	1
	Pentecostal in the historically Black		
1	Protestant tradition	1	1
1	Church of God in Christ	1	1
<1	Apostolic Pentecostal (historically Black trad.)	<1	<1
<1	Other Pentecostal (historically Black trad.)	<1	<1
4	NET Pentecostal	5	4

²⁴ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

²⁵ In 2007 and 2014, the United Pentecostal Church International was grouped in the historically Black Protestant tradition.

ASK IF EPISCOPALIAN OR ANGLICAN:

QA4j Which of the following Episcopalian or Anglican churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

The Episcopal Church
Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as **green**²⁶]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8-Aug 13, 2007
<1	Episcopalian in the evangelical tradition	<1	<1
1	Episcopalian in the mainline tradition	1	1
1	Episcopal Church	1	1
<1	Anglican	<1	<1
<1	Other Episcopalian (mainline trad.)	<1	<1
1	NET Episcopalian	1	2

ASK IF CHURCH OF CHRIST:

QA4k Which of the following Christian churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

Church of Christ
Disciples of Christ
Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as **green**²⁷]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8-Aug 13, 2007
1	Restorationist in the evangelical trad.	2	2
1	Churches of Christ	2	2
0	Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	<1	<1
<1	Other Restorationist (evangelical trad.)	<1	<1
<1	Restorationist in the mainline trad.	<1	<1
<1	Disciples of Christ	<1	<1
<1	Other Restorationist (mainline trad.)	<1	<1
1	NET Restorationist	2	2

²⁶ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

²⁷ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK IF CONGREGATIONAL OR UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

QA4l Which of the following congregational churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

United Church of Christ
Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as **green**²⁸]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8-Aug 13, 2007
<1	Congregational in the evangelical tradition	<1	<1
<1	Conservative Congregational Christian Conf.	<1	<1
<1	Other Congregational (evangelical trad.)	<1	<1
1	Congregational in the mainline tradition	<1	1
<1	United Church of Christ	<1	1
<1	Other Congregational (mainline trad.)	<1	<1
1	NET Congregational	1	1

ASK IF HOLINESS:

QA4m Which of the following Holiness churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

Church of the Nazarene
Free Methodist Church
Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as **green**²⁹]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8-Aug 13, 2007
<1	Holiness in the evangelical tradition	1	1
<1	Christian and Missionary Alliance	<1	<1
<1	Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	<1	<1
<1	Church of the Nazarene	<1	<1
<1	Free Methodist Church	<1	<1
<1	Wesleyan Church	<1	<1
<1	Other Holiness (evangelical trad.)	<1	<1
<1	Holiness in the historically Black Protestant tradition	<1	<1
1	NET Holiness	1	1

²⁸ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

²⁹ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK IF REFORMED:

QA4n Which of the following Reformed churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

Reformed Church in America
 Christian Reformed Church
 Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as **green**³⁰]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8-Aug 13, 2007
<1	Reformed in the evangelical tradition	<1	<1
<1	Christian Reformed Church	<1	<1
<1	Other Reformed (evangelical trad.)	<1	<1
<1	Reformed in the mainline tradition	<1	<1
<1	Reformed Church in America	<1	<1
<1	Other Reformed (mainline trad.)	<1	<1
<1	NET Reformed	<1	<1

ASK IF CHRISTIAN:

BORN Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian?

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as **green**³¹]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4- Sep 30, 2014	May 8- Aug 13, 2007
29	Yes, born-again or evangelical Christian	35	34
31	No, not born-again or evangelical Christian	33	41
3	No answer/not asked ³²	3	3
62	NET Christian	71	78

³⁰ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

³¹ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

³² Includes a small number of Christians who were not asked this question because they did not identify as Christians during the survey; they were categorized as Christians by researchers based on their open-ended responses to the survey's questions about their religious identity.

ASK IF JEWISH:

BRANCH Thinking about Jewish religious denominations, do you consider yourself to be...

Reform
 Conservative
 Orthodox
 Something else (specify)
 No particular denomination

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as **green**³³]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8-Aug 13, 2007
1	Reform	1	1
<1	Conservative	<1	1
<1	Orthodox	<1	<1
<1	Something else	<1	<1
<1	No particular denomination	<1	-- ³⁴
<1	<u>No answer</u>	<1	<1
2	NET Jewish by religion	2	2

DISPLAY RELPER AND SPIRPER ON SAME PAGE. RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RELPER AND SPIRPER.**ASK ALL:**

RELPER To what extent do you consider yourself a religious person? Are you...

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

58 **NET Very/Somewhat religious**
 19 Very religious
 38 Somewhat religious
42 **NET Not too/Not at all religious**
 22 Not too religious
 20 Not at all religious
 1 No answer

ASK ALL:SPIRPER To what extent do you consider yourself a spiritual person? Are you...

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

74 **NET Very/Somewhat spiritual**
 32 Very spiritual
 42 Somewhat spiritual
25 **NET Not too/Not at all spiritual**
 17 Not too spiritual
 8 Not at all spiritual
 1 No answer

³³ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.³⁴ "No particular denomination" was not offered as a response option in 2007.

DISPLAY RELCONSIDERa-e ON SAME PAGE. RANDOMIZE RELCONSIDERa-e.

ASK RESPONDENTS WHO DID NOT IDENTIFY WITH THE RELIGION IN QUESTION IN "RELIG" (i.e. RELCONSIDER_a ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DID NOT SELECT 'JEWISH' AS THEIR RELIGION IN RELIG)

RELCONSIDER Aside from religion, do you consider yourself to be any of the following in any way (for example, ethnically, culturally or because of your family's background)?

NOTE: RESULTS BASED ON TOTAL

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Identified with group in question (i.e., as Jewish, Catholic, etc.) by religion in RELIG</u>
a. Jewish Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	3	82	14	2
b. Catholic Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	12	61	8	19
c. Hindu Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	1	83	15	1
d. Muslim Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	1	83	15	1
e. Buddhist Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	3	82	14	1

DISPLAY ATTENDPERRLS AND ATTNDONRLS ON SAME PAGE**ASK ALL:**

ATTENDPERRLS Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services in person? [NOTE: This question has been coded as **red**³⁵]

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

25	NET Weekly or more often
8	More than once a week
17	Once a week
26	NET Monthly/A few times a year
8	Once or twice a month
18	A few times a year
49	NET Seldom/Never
25	Seldom
24	Never
1	No answer

³⁵ The results on this question are *not* comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK ALL:

ATTENDONRLS

In general, how often do you watch or participate in religious services online or on TV?

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

16	NET Weekly or more often
8	More than once a week
8	Once a week
19	NET Monthly/A few times a year
7	Once or twice a month
11	A few times a year
65	NET Seldom/Never
18	Seldom
47	Never
1	No answer

DISPLAY CONGRACE AND LEADRACE ON THE SAME PAGE**ASK IF ATTEND IN PERSON AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR:**

CONGRACE Typically when you attend religious services in person, what is the race or ethnicity of most of the other people attending?

BASED ON THOSE WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN PERSON AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR [N=18,325]

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

50	All or most are White
10	All or most are Black or African American
4	All or most are Asian or Asian American
11	All or most are Hispanic or Latino
2	All or most are some other race or ethnicity
21	No one racial group makes up a majority
2	No answer

ASK IF ATTEND IN PERSON AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR:

LEADRACE Thinking about the place where you most often attend religious services in person, what is the race or ethnicity of the senior religious leaders?

BASED ON THOSE WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN PERSON AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR [N=18,325]

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

53	All or most are White
11	All or most are Black or African American
4	All or most are Asian or Asian American
10	All or most are Hispanic or Latino
2	All or most are some other race or ethnicity
18	No one racial group makes up a majority
2	No answer

ASK ALL:RELIMP How important is religion in your life? [NOTE: This question has been coded as [yellow](#)³⁶]

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	38	26	17	18	1

PHONE TREND PRESENTED FOR COMPARISON

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	53	24	11	11	1
May 18-Aug 13, 2007	56	26	9	7	1

ASK ALL:MEMB Are you personally a member of a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other house of worship? [NOTE: This question has been coded as [yellow](#)³⁷]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	37	Yes
	62	No
	1	No answer

PHONE TREND PRESENTED FOR COMPARISON

Jun 4-Sep 30, <u>2014</u>	49	Yes
	50	No
	<1	No answer

³⁶ The results on this question can be cautiously compared with previous Religious Landscape Studies. The companion bridge study we conducted by telephone (for testing purposes only) shows that the share of respondents who say it is “very important” is lower in the main survey than in the bridge study (by 6 points). Additionally, the share of respondents who say “very important” is lower in the RLS main survey than in other recent Pew Research Center surveys, suggesting the context in which this question was asked in the Religious Landscape Study (after an extended series of questions about religion/spirituality) may have had an effect on responses to this question. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

³⁷ The results on this question can be cautiously compared with previous Religious Landscape Studies. The companion bridge study we conducted by telephone (for testing purposes only) shows little difference between those who complete the survey online or on paper and those who participate by talking with an interviewer. However, the wording of the 2014 question was somewhat different. It asked, “Are you personally a member of a local [IF JEWISH: synagogue; IF MUSLIM: mosque; IF BUDDHIST OR HINDU: temple; ALL OTHERS: church] or other house of worship, or not?” Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK ALL:

GOD Do you believe in God or a universal spirit?

ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT OR DOES NOT BELIEVE IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT:

GOD2 How certain are you about this belief?

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL [NOTE: These questions have been coded as yellow³⁸]Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

83	Yes, believe in God or a universal spirit
54	Absolutely certain
21	Fairly certain
6	Not too certain
1	Not at all certain
<1	No answer
16	No, do not believe in God
5	Absolutely certain
7	Fairly certain
2	Not too certain
1	Not at all certain
<1	No answer
1	No answer

PHONE TREND PRESENTED FOR COMPARISON

	Jun 4-Sep 30, <u>2014</u>	May 8-Aug 13, <u>2007</u>
Yes, believe in God or a universal spirit	89	92
Absolutely certain	63	71
Fairly certain	20	17
Not too certain	4	3
Not at all certain	1	1
No answer	1	1
No, do not believe in God	9	5
(VOL.) Other	1	1
No answer	2	2

³⁸ The results on these questions can be cautiously compared with previous Religious Landscape Studies. The companion bridge study we conducted by telephone (for testing purposes only) shows that the share who say they “believe in God/a universal spirit with absolute certainty” is similar in the main survey and in the bridge study, as is the share who say they “believe in God/a universal spirit but are not absolutely certain.” These categories can be safely compared with the 2007 and 2014 results. However, the share who say they “do not believe in God/a universal spirit” is higher in the main survey than the bridge study (by 4 points) and should *not* be compared with the previous results. (The share expressing no opinion is slightly lower in the main survey than in the bridge study.) Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK ALL:

HVN Do you think there is a heaven where people who have led good lives are eternally rewarded?
 [NOTE: This question has been coded as **yellow**³⁹]

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	67	31	3

PHONE TREND PRESENTED FOR COMPARISON

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Other (VOL.)</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	72	21	2	5
May 8-Aug 13, 2007	74	17	3	6

ASK ALL:

HLL Do you think there is a hell where people who have led bad lives and die without being sorry are eternally punished? [NOTE: This question has been coded as **yellow**⁴⁰]

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	55	41	3

PHONE TREND PRESENTED FOR COMPARISON

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Other (VOL.)</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	58	34	2	6
May 8-Aug 13, 2007	59	30	3	8

ASK ALL:

SOUL Do you believe people have a soul or spirit in addition to their physical body?

<u>Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024</u>	
86	Yes
12	No
2	No answer

³⁹ The results on this question can be cautiously compared with previous Religious Landscape Studies. The companion bridge study we conducted by telephone (for testing purposes only) shows that the share saying “yes” is similar in the main survey and the bridge study, and hence can be safely compared with the 2007 and 2014 results. However, the share saying “no” is higher in the main survey than the bridge study, while the share expressing no opinion is lower in the main survey than the bridge study. These response options (“No” and “No answer”) should *not* be compared with the previous results. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁴⁰ The results on this question can be cautiously compared with previous Religious Landscape Studies. The companion bridge study we conducted by telephone (for testing purposes only) shows that the share saying “yes” is similar in the main survey and the bridge study, and can be safely compared with the 2007 and 2014 results. However, the share saying “no” is higher in the main survey than the bridge study, while the share expressing no opinion is lower in the main survey than the bridge study. These response options (“No” and “No answer”) should *not* be compared with the previous results. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK ALL:

BIBIMP How important is the Bible in your life?

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

44	NET Extremely/Very important
25	Extremely important
19	Very important
19	Somewhat important
37	NET Not too/Not at all important
15	Not too important
21	Not at all important
1	No answer

ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT:

HUMNTR How well do the following statements describe your views? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

RESULTS BASED ON TOTAL

	<u>Completely</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	<u>A little bit</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Do not believe or no answer in "Do you believe in God/ universal spirit?" question</u>
a. God gave humans the right to use the Earth including the plants and animals, for humanity's benefit. Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	40	17	12	5	8	1	17
b. God gave humans a duty to protect and care for the Earth, including the plants and animals. Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	50	16	9	3	4	1	17

ASK ALL:

PRAY Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray? [NOTE: This question has been coded as **green**⁴¹]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4- Sep 30, 2014	May 8- Aug 13, 2007
44	NET Daily or more often	55	58
28	Several times a day	38	38
16	Once a day	17	20
23	NET Weekly/Monthly	21	22
13	A few times a week	13	14
3	Once a week	2	3
8	A few times a month	6	6
32	NET Seldom/Never	23	18
16	Seldom	12	11
16	Never	11	7
1	No answer	1	2

ASK ALL:

GRACE How often do you say grace or pray before meals?

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	
33	NET Always/Often
17	Always
16	Often
18	Sometimes
48	NET Seldom/Never
19	Seldom
29	Never
1	No answer

⁴¹ The results on this question are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. The companion bridge study we conducted by telephone (for testing purposes only) found the share saying they “pray daily” is somewhat lower in the main survey than the bridge survey (by 3 points), and the share saying they “seldom or never pray” is somewhat higher in the main survey than the bridge study (by 4 points). However, previous [Pew Research Center analysis](#) found little difference in answers to this question between a telephone survey and self-administered surveys. And both the main survey and the companion bridge study suggest that the share of Americans who pray daily has declined since 2014. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details. Note also that in the 2014 and 2007 surveys, the question wording was: “People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, do you pray several times a day, once a day, a few times a week, once a week, a few times a month, seldom, or never?”

ASK ALL:

PRAC How often do you do each of the following? [**DISPLAY ITEMS a-d ON SAME PAGE, IN ORDER BELOW**]

	At least once a <u>week</u>	Once or twice a <u>month</u>	Several times a <u>year</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Participate in prayer groups, scripture study groups or religious education programs [NOTE: This question has been coded as yellow ⁴²]						
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	13	6	7	21	52	1
PHONE TREND PRESENTED FOR COMPARISON						
Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	24	9	8	18	40	1
May 8-Aug 13, 2007	23	9	8	16	43	1
b. Read scripture outside of religious services [NOTE: This question has been coded as red ⁴³]						
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	22	7	9	20	40	1
c. Read other holy texts, devotions, or inspirational literature (aside from scripture)						
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	20	8	11	22	38	1
d. Share your views about religion with people from other religious backgrounds						
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	9	9	16	35	30	1

⁴² The results on this question can be cautiously compared with previous Religious Landscape Studies. The companion bridge study we conducted by telephone (for testing purposes only) shows that the share saying “at least once a week” is slightly lower in the main survey than the bridge study (by 3 points), as is the share saying “once or twice a month” (also by 3 points). Meanwhile, the share saying “never” is higher in the main survey than the bridge study (by 4 points). However, both the main survey and the bridge study suggest that the share who do this weekly has declined, while the share who never participate in these kinds of groups has risen. That is, in these categories (“Weekly” and “Never”), the difference between the main survey and the bridge study on this question is appreciably smaller than the difference between the main survey and the 2014 findings. Thus, it is reasonable to conclude that the share of adults who participate weekly in prayer groups or scripture-study groups has declined since the 2014 RLS, although not necessarily by the full amount of the difference in results. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁴³ The results on this question are *not* comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK ALL:

EXP How often do you experience each of the following? **[DISPLAY EXPa-f ON SAME PAGE. RANDOMIZE EXPa-f.]**

	At least once a <u>week</u>	Once or twice a <u>month</u>	Several times a <u>year</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Feel a deep sense of spiritual peace and well-being [NOTE: This question has been coded as red ⁴⁴] Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	40	16	19	16	8	1
b. Feel a deep sense of wonder about the universe [NOTE: This question has been coded as red ⁴⁵] Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	41	18	21	14	5	1
c. Feel a strong sense of gratitude and thankfulness [NOTE: This question has been coded as red ⁴⁶] Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	62	15	14	6	2	1
d. Feel the presence of something from beyond this world Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	33	11	16	20	17	2
e. Feel a deep sense of connection with humanity Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	34	18	20	20	6	2
f. Feel a sense of awe at the beauty of nature Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	61	16	16	4	2	1

⁴⁴ The results on this question are *not* comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁴⁵ The results on this question are *not* comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁴⁶ The results on this question are *not* comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK ALL:

EXP_G How often do you think about the meaning and purpose of life? [NOTE: This question has been coded as **red**⁴⁷]

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

46	At least once a week
19	Once or twice a month
19	Several times a year
12	Seldom
3	Never
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

SPIRACT

How often do you do each of the following activities for spiritual reasons? [**DISPLAY SPIRACTa-f ON SAME PAGE. RANDOMIZE SPIRACTa-f.**]

	Do this daily for <u>spiritual reasons</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Less often</u>	<u>Never do this for spiritual reasons</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Visit a nature spot, such as a waterfall, mountaintop or river Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	5	10	15	29	39	1
b. Listen to music Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	23	25	6	12	33	1
c. Exercise Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	11	19	6	16	48	1
d. Find a moment to look inward or center yourself Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	20	20	11	20	28	1
e. Practice yoga Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	2	5	3	15	73	2
f. Meditate Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	12	11	7	21	48	2

⁴⁷ The results on this question are *not* comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK ALL:

RTRT How often do you go on spiritual retreats?

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

3	More than once a year
6	About once a year
6	Once every few years
13	Less often
72	Never
1	No answer

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?

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

3	Yes
82	No
15	Not sure/never head of these kinds of organizations
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

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In the past 12 months, did you spend any time volunteering for any organization or association? (This includes activities people may not think of, such as infrequent activities or for children's schools.)

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

41	Yes
58	No
1	No answer

DISPLAY SCIMPACT AND RELIMPACT ON THE SAME PAGE. RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCIMPACT AND RELIMPACT**ASK ALL:**

SCIMPACT

Moving on to another topic,

Overall, what impact does science have on American society? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF FIRST TWO RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

7	Science does more harm than good
52	Science does more good than harm
39	Science does equal amounts of good and harm
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

RELIMPACT Overall, what impact does religion have on American society? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF FIRST TWO RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

19	Religion does more harm than good
44	Religion does more good than harm
35	Religion does equal amounts of good and harm
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

SCRLCON1 Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

50	Science and religion are mostly in conflict
47	Science and religion are mostly compatible
3	No answer

ASK ALL:

SPIRWORLD2 Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

19	The natural world is all there is
79	There is something spiritual beyond the natural world, even if we cannot see it
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

SECBEL1 Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

29	There is a scientific explanation for everything, even if we don't understand how everything works
69	There are some things that science cannot possibly explain
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

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

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

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

ASK ALL:

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

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.)

Roman Catholic

Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or LDS)

Orthodox (such as Greek, Russian, or some other Orthodox church)

Jewish

Muslim

Buddhist

Hindu

Atheist

Agnostic

Something else (specify)

Nothing in particular

ASK IF CHRELIG WAS SOMETHING ELSE OR IF RESPONDENT DID NOT ANSWER CHRELIG:

CHCHR Were you raised in a Christian religion, or not?

Yes

No

No answer

ASK IF PROTESTANT OR CHRISTIAN UNSPECIFIED OR SOMETHING ELSE/CHRISTIAN IN CHRELIG:

CHA3 What denomination or church, if any, were you raised in?

Baptist

Methodist

Lutheran

Presbyterian

Pentecostal

Episcopalian or Anglican

Church of Christ or Disciples of Christ

Congregational or United Church of Christ

Holiness

Reformed

Church of God

Non-denominational or independent church

Something else (specify)

None in particular

No answer

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as **green**⁴⁸]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8-Aug 13, 2007
46	Protestant	50	54
16	Baptist	19	21
6	Methodist	7	8
3	Nondenominational Protestant	2	2
5	Lutheran	5	5
3	Presbyterian	3	3
4	Pentecostal	4	4
2	Episcopalian	2	2
2	Restorationist (Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ)	2	2
1	Congregational	1	1
1	Holiness	1	1
<1	Reformed	<1	<1
<1	Adventist	1	<1
<1	Anabaptist	<1	<1
<1	Pietist	<1	<1
<1	Friends	<1	<1
<1	Other evangelical/fundamentalist	<1	<1
4	Protestant non-specific	3	3
30	Catholic	32	31
1	Orthodox Christian	1	1
2	Latter-day Saint (Mormon)	2	2
1	Jehovah's Witness	1	1
1	Other Christian	<1	<1
2	Jewish	2	2
1	Muslim	1	<1
1	Buddhist	1	<1
1	Hindu	1	<1
<1	Other world religions	<1	<1
<1	Something else	<1	<1
13	Religiously unaffiliated (religious "nones")	9	7
1	Atheist	1	<1
1	Agnostic	<1	<1
11	Nothing in particular	8	7
1	No answer	1	1
100		100	100

⁴⁸ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK IF RAISED CHRISTIAN:

CHBORN As a child, would you say you were raised as a born-again or evangelical Christian?
 [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as **green**⁴⁹]

BASED ON THOSE WHO WERE RAISED CHRISTIAN [N=30,619]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014
35	Yes, raised as born-again or evangelical Christian	39
62	No, not raised as born-again or evangelical Christian	56
3	No answer ⁵⁰	6

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS a AND b**ASK ALL:**

CHIMPREL When you were growing up, how important was religion to...

	Very important	Some- what important	Not too important	Not at all important	No answer
a. You personally					
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	29	34	22	14	1
b. Your family					
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	45	31	15	8	1

ASK ALL:

CHATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often did you attend religious services in person when you were growing up?

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	
56	NET Weekly or more often
20	More than once a week
36	Once a week
24	NET Monthly/A few times a year
11	Once or twice a month
13	A few times a year
19	NET Seldom/Never
11	Seldom
8	Never
1	No answer

⁴⁹ The results on this variable are directly comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁵⁰ Includes a small number of respondents who were raised as Christians but were not asked this question because they did not identify as having been raised Christian during the survey; they were categorized as having been raised Christian by researchers based on their open-ended responses to the survey's questions about the religion in which they were raised.

ASK IF ATTENDED RELIGIOUS SERVICES AS LEAST YEARLY AS A CHILD:

CHCONGRACE Thinking about the place where you most often attended religious services when you were growing up, as far as you remember, what was the race or ethnicity of most of the other people attending?

**BASED ON THOSE WHO ATTENDED RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST YEARLY AS A CHILD
[N=30,790]**

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

63	All or most were White
11	All or most were Black or African American
4	All or most were Asian or Asian American
11	All or most were Hispanic or Latino
1	All or most were of some other race or ethnicity
10	No one racial group made up a majority
1	No answer

DISPLAY CHEDU1 AND CHEDU2 ON THE SAME PAGE**ASK ALL:**

CHEDU1 Thinking about the type of school you attended when you were growing up, from kindergarten through 12th grade, how many years did you attend a private religious school, if any?

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

75	None – I never attended a private religious school
8	1-3 years
6	4-6 years
11	7 years or more
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

CHEDU2 Aside from any religious schools you might have attended, how many years, if any, did you attend Sunday School, CCD, or some other form of religious education?

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

37	None
20	1-3 years
13	4-6 years
28	7 years or more
1	No answer

DISPLAY LIFEDIR AND LIFESPIR ON SAME PAGE. RANDOMIZE ORDER OF LIFEDIR AND LIFESPIR.**ASK ALL:**

LIFEDIR Over the course of your lifetime, have you generally... **[ADD BLANK LINE BETWEEN OPTION 3 AND 4]**

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

28	Become more religious
29	Become less religious
21	Some of both - sometimes becoming more religious, other times less religious
21	Stayed about the same religiously
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

LIFESPIR Over the course of your lifetime, have you generally... **[ADD BLANK LINE BETWEEN OPTION 3 AND 4]**

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

43	Become more spiritual
11	Become less spiritual
23	Some of both - sometimes becoming more spiritual, other times less spiritual
22	Stayed about the same spiritually
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

GTHGHT In recent years, how much have you thought about God and religion?

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

42	A great deal
22	Quite a bit
17	Some
12	A little
7	None
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

MARITAL

Which of these best describes your current situation? [NOTE: This question has been coded as [yellow](#)⁵¹]

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

50	Married
11	Living with a partner
9	Divorced
2	Separated
6	Widowed
21	Never married
1	No answer

PHONE TREND PRESENTED FOR COMPARISON

	Jun 4-Sep 30, <u>2014</u>	May 8-Aug 13, <u>2007</u>
Married	48	54
Living with a partner	7	6
Divorced	10	10
Separated	3	2
Widowed	6	8
Never married	25	19
No answer	<1	1

⁵¹ The results on this question can be cautiously compared with previous Religious Landscape Studies. The share of respondents in the main survey who are married is in line with Census Bureau estimates. But the share of married respondents is substantially higher in the main survey than in the companion bridge study we conducted by telephone (for testing purposes only), and so comparisons between the new survey and previous estimates of the share of people in various religious groups who are married should be made with caution. Additionally, the wording of the question in the new survey is somewhat different than in the previous studies, which asked, "Are you currently married, living with a partner, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?" Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER:

SPRELIG What is your spouse's/partner's present religion if any?

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.)

Roman Catholic

Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or LDS)

Orthodox (such as Greek, Russian, or some other Orthodox church)

Jewish

Muslim

Buddhist

Hindu

Atheist

Agnostic

Something else (specify)

Nothing in particular

ASK IF ANSWERED SOMETHING ELSE TO SPRELIG OR REFUSED:

SPCHR Does your spouse/partner think of themselves as a Christian, or not?

Yes

No

ASK IF SPOUSE/PARTNER IS PROTESTANT, UNSPECIFIED CHRISTIAN, OR SOMETHING/ELSE:

SPA3 What denomination or church, if any, does your spouse/partner identify with most closely?

Baptist

Methodist

Lutheran

Presbyterian

Pentecostal

Episcopalian or Anglican

Church of Christ or Disciples of Christ

Congregational or United Church of Christ

Holiness

Reformed

Church of God

Non-denominational or independent church

Something else (specify)

None in particular

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER
[N=21,814]: [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as **green**⁵²]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014
39	Protestant	46
11	Baptist	14
4	Methodist	5
7	Nondenominational Protestant	5
3	Lutheran	4
2	Presbyterian	2
4	Pentecostal	4
1	Episcopalian	1
1	Restorationist (Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ)	2
1	Congregational	1
1	Holiness	1
<1	Reformed	<1
<1	Adventist	1
<1	Anabaptist	<1
<1	Pietist	<1
<1	Friends	<1
<1	Other evangelical/fundamentalist	<1
4	Protestant non-specific	4
21	Catholic	25
1	Orthodox Christian	<1
2	Latter-day Saint (Mormon)	2
<1	Jehovah's Witness	1
<1	Other Christian	<1
2	Jewish	2
1	Muslim	1
1	Buddhist	1
1	Hindu	1
<1	Other world religions	<1
1	Something else	1
29	Religiously unaffiliated (religious "nones")	19
4	Atheist	2
4	Agnostic	3
20	Nothing in particular	14
1	No answer	1
100		100

⁵² The results on this variable are directly comparable with the 2014 Religious Landscape Study. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details. However, due to a change in question wording, the 2023-24 and 2014 results cannot be compared with the 2007 results.

ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER AND SPOUSE/PARTNER IS CHRISTIAN:

SPBORN Would your spouse or partner describe themselves as a born-again or evangelical Christian? [NOTE: This question has been coded as green⁵³]

BASED ON THOSE WHO HAVE A SPOUSE/PARTNER WHO IS CHRISTIAN [N=13,964]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014
43	Yes, spouse/partner would describe themselves as born-again or evangelical Christian	48
54	No, spouse/partner would not describe themselves as born-again or evangelical Christian	46
2	No answer ⁵⁴	6

ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER:

SPRELIMP How important is religion in your spouse's/partner's life?

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER [N=21,814]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	
33	Very important
25	Somewhat important
20	Not too important
21	Not at all important
1	No answer

ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER:

SPRELTALK How often do you and your spouse/partner talk with each other about religion?

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER [N=21,814]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	
15	Daily
19	Weekly
14	Monthly
35	Less often
17	Never
1	No answer

⁵³ The results on this variable are directly comparable with the 2014 Religious Landscape Study. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁵⁴ Includes a small number of respondents who have a spouse/partner who is Christian but were not asked this question because they did not identify their spouse/partner as Christian during the survey; they were categorized as having a spouse/partner who is Christian by researchers based on their open-ended responses to the survey's questions about the religion of their spouse/partner.

ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER:

SPRELSIM How similar are your own religious beliefs and your spouse's/partner's religious beliefs?
[ADD BLANK LINE BETWEEN OPTION 3 AND 4]

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER [N=21,814]

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

48	Very similar
31	Somewhat similar
8	Not too similar
6	Not at all similar
5	Not sure
1	No answer

ASK IF MARRIED:

MARWHEN In what year did you and your spouse get married? [NOTE: This question has been coded as **green**⁵⁵]

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE MARRIED [N=18,909]

Jul 17, 2023- <u>Mar 4, 2024</u>		Jun 4- Sep 30, <u>2014</u>
1	Married before 1960	4
4	Married 1960-1969	7
8	Married 1970-1979	11
13	Married 1980-1989	16
16	Married 1990-1999	20
18	Married 2000-2009	25
26	Married 2010-2019	13
11	Married 2020-2024	-
4	No answer	2

ASK ALL:

CHILDREN Are you the parent or guardian of any children under 18 now living in your household?
 [NOTE: This question has been coded as **yellow**⁵⁶]

Jul 17, 2023- <u>Mar 4, 2024</u>		Jun 4-Sep 30, <u>2014</u>	May 8- Aug 13, <u>2007</u>
28	Yes	29	35
70	No	71	65
2	No answer	<1	<1

⁵⁵ The results on this variable are directly comparable with the 2014 Religious Landscape Study. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁵⁶ The results on this question can be cautiously compared with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Fewer respondents say "no" (by 4 points) in the main survey than in the telephone bridge study we conducted (for comparison purposes only), while the share who say "yes" and the share who decline to answer are each slightly higher in the main survey than the bridge study. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK IF RESPONDENT IS PARENT/GUARDIAN:

KIDSAGEGRP How many of these children are in each of the following age groups?

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF MINOR CHILD IN THEIR HOME [N=8,319]Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

40	Have at least one child aged 0 to 4
52	Have at least one child aged 5 to 12
41	Have at least one child aged 13 to 17

DISPLAY KIDACTa-c ON SAME PAGE.**ASK IF RESPONDENT IS PARENT/GUARDIAN OF CHILD UNDER 18:**

KIDACT Do you currently do each of the following things with your child/any of your children?

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF MINOR CHILD IN THEIR HOME [N=8,319]

	<u>Yes, I do this</u>	<u>No, I do not do this</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Pray or read scripture [NOTE: This question has been coded as red ⁵⁷] Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	42	56	2
b. Send your child/any of your children to Sunday school or another religious education program [NOTE: This question has been coded as red ⁵⁸] Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	34	64	2
c. Homeschool or send your child/any of your children to a religious school instead of a public school [NOTE: This question has been coded as green ⁵⁹] Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	17	81	2
Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	15	85	1
May 8-Aug 13, 2007	15	85	1

⁵⁷ The results on this question are *not* comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁵⁸ The results on this question are *not* comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁵⁹ The results on this variable are directly comparable with the 2014 Religious Landscape Study. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

DISPLAY RELINSTa-g ON THE SAME PAGE. RANDOMIZE RELINSTa-g.**ASK ALL:**

RELINST

On a different subject, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about churches and other religious organizations?

Churches and other religious organizations...[NOTE: These questions have been coded as yellow⁶⁰]

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Focus too much on rules Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	54	43	4
b. Are too concerned with money and power Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	59	38	3
NO ITEM c			
d. Are too involved with politics Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	54	43	3
e. Protect and strengthen morality in society Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	64	33	3
f. Bring people together and strengthen community bonds Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	80	17	2
g. Play an important role in helping the poor and needy Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	78	20	3

⁶⁰ The results on these questions can be cautiously compared with results of the 2014 RLS (these questions were not asked in 2007). On four of the six questions, the share who say they “agree” is similar in the main survey and the companion bridge study we conducted by telephone (for testing purposes only). On the other two (asking whether religious organizations “bring people together and strengthen community bonds” and whether religious organizations “play an important role in helping the poor and needy”), the share of respondents saying they “agree” is somewhat lower in the main survey than the bridge study (by 5 points and 4 points, respectively). On these two items, both the main survey and bridge study suggest the share who agree has declined over time. And so we think it is safe to cautiously compare the share *expressing agreement* in the new survey with the share *expressing agreement* in the previous surveys. However, the share expressing disagreement is higher in the main survey than in the bridge study on all six items, and the share expressing no opinion is lower in the main survey than in the bridge study on four items. Thus, we recommend *against* drawing direct comparisons between the new survey and the previous surveys on these response options (“Disagree” and “No answer”). Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

PHONE TREND PRESENTED FOR COMPARISON

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Focus too much on rules Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	51	44	5
b. Are too concerned with money and power Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	52	43	5
NO ITEM c			
d. Are too involved with politics Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	48	47	5
e. Protect and strengthen morality in society Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	75	21	4
f. Bring people together and strengthen community bonds Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	89	9	2
g. Play an important role in helping the poor and needy Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	87	11	2

DISPLAY SCPRY1 AND SCPRY2 ON THE SAME PAGE**ASK ALL:**

SCPRY1 Do you favor or oppose allowing public school teachers to lead their classes in prayers that refer to Jesus?

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

52	NET Favor/Strongly favor
27	Strongly favor
26	Favor
46	NET Oppose/Strongly oppose
24	Oppose
22	Strongly oppose
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

SCPRY2

Do you favor or oppose allowing public school teachers to lead their classes in prayers that refer to God but not to any specific religion?

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

57	NET Favor/Strongly favor
25	Strongly favor
31	Favor
41	NET Oppose/Strongly oppose
22	Oppose
20	Strongly oppose
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

RELDISP

Do you favor or oppose allowing cities and towns in the U.S to place religious symbols on public property?

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

53	NET Favor/Strongly favor
20	Strongly favor
33	Favor
44	NET Oppose/Strongly oppose
27	Oppose
18	Strongly oppose
3	No answer

ASK ALL:

CHRNAT

Do you favor or oppose the federal government declaring the U.S. a Christian nation?

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

47	NET Favor/Strongly favor
21	Strongly favor
25	Favor
50	NET Oppose/Strongly oppose
24	Oppose
26	Strongly oppose
4	No answer

ASK ALL:YOBMOD In what year were you born? [NOTE: This question has been coded as [green](#)⁶¹]**RESULTS SHOW RESPONDENT'S AGE AT THE TIME OF COMPLETION OF THE SURVEY**

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8- Aug 13, 2007
19	Ages 18-29	22	20
33	30-49	34	38
24	50-64	26	24
23	65+	17	16
1	No answer	2	2

ASK ALL:EDUC_ACS What is the highest degree or level of school that you have completed? [NOTE: This question has been coded as [green](#)⁶²]

No schooling completed
 Kindergarten through grade 11
 Regular high school diploma or GED
 Some college credit, but no degree
 Associates degree (for example: AA, AS)
 Bachelor's degree (for example: BA, BS)
 Master's degree or higher

SUMMARY TABLE

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4-Sep 30, 2014	May 8- Aug 13, 2007
65	NET Less than college degree	72	73
35	High school or less	41	n/a
30	Some college	31	n/a
35	NET College graduate	27	27
19	College degree	17	n/a
15	Post-graduate degree	11	n/a
1	No answer	<1	1

⁶¹ The results on this question are directly comparable with the previous Religious Landscape Surveys. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details. In the previous surveys, the question wording was: "What is your age?"

⁶² The results on this question are directly comparable with the previous Religious Landscape Surveys. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details. In the previous surveys, this was an open-ended question; interviewers coded responses using a set of pre-coded response options. Because of a change between 2007 and 2014 in the pre-coded categories available to interviewers, only the "NET Less than college degree" and "NET College graduate" results can be compared with the 2007 survey.

ASK ALL:

E2 Are you now enrolled in school, either full time or part time?

Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

7	Yes, full-time student
3	Yes, part-time student
89	No
1	No answer

ASK ALL:EMPLSIT What is your current work situation? **[ADD BLANK LINE BETWEEN OPTIONS 3 and 4]**Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

47	Work full time for pay
12	Work part time for pay
12	Not currently working for pay
	BLANK LINE
7	Unable to work due to a disability
22	Retired
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

NATIVITY In what country were you born?

ASK ALL:FTHR In what country was your father born?**ASK ALL:**MTHR In what country was your mother born?**RESPONSE OPTIONS (FOR ALL THREE QUESTIONS)**

U.S. – 50 states, District of Columbia

U.S. – Puerto Rico

U.S. – other territory

Another country (specify)

SUMMARY VARIABLE [NOTE: This summary variable has been coded as **green**⁶³]

<u>Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024</u>		<u>Jun 4- Sep 30, 2014</u>	<u>May 8- Aug 13, 2007</u>
69	Born in U.S.; both parents also born in U.S.	74	79
10	Born in U.S.; has at least one parent born outside the U.S.	10	8
18	Born outside the U.S. ⁶⁴	15	12
3	Unclear	1	1

⁶³ The results on this variable are directly comparable with the previous Religious Landscape Surveys. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁶⁴ Although individuals born in Puerto Rico are U.S. citizens by birth, they are included in the “Born outside the U.S.” category here because they are born into a Spanish-dominant culture and because, on many points, their attitudes, views and beliefs are much closer to those of Hispanics born outside the U.S. than to Hispanics born in the 50 U.S. states or the District of Columbia, even those who identify themselves as being of Puerto Rican origin.

ASK IF BORN OUTSIDE 50 STATES AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

YEARSINUS How many years have you lived in the United States (excluding Puerto Rico or other U.S. territories)?

SUMMARY VARIABLE BASED ON TOTAL

	0-10 <u>years</u>	11-20 <u>years</u>	21+ <u>years</u>	No <u>answer</u>	Born in the U.S. or refused <u>to say where born</u>
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	5	3	9	1	82

ASK ALL:

YEARLOC

How many years have you lived in the local community where you live now?

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

4	Less than 1 year
22	1-5 years
13	6-10 years
14	11-19 years
44	20+ years
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

MOVED

Have you lived in or near the local community where you live now for your entire life (aside from the time you may have spent away in school or college), or have you lived in other places?

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

28	Have lived in same local community entire life
71	Have lived in other places
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

CITIZEN

Are you a citizen of the United States? [NOTE: This question has been coded as green⁶⁵]Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

		Jun 4- Sep 30, <u>2014</u>	May 8- Aug 13, <u>2007</u>
93	Yes ⁶⁶	93	94
7	No	6	6
<1	No answer	<1	1

⁶⁵ The results on this question are directly comparable with the previous Religious Landscape Surveys. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details. In the previous surveys, the question wording was: "Are you currently a citizen of the United States, or not?"

⁶⁶ Includes those who were born in the U.S. or Puerto Rico as well as those who answer this question affirmatively.

ASK IF CITIZEN:REG Are you registered to vote at your current address?**RESULTS BASED ON TOTAL**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>No answer</u> ⁶⁷	<u>Not a citizen</u>
Jul 17, 2023-Mar 4, 2024	72	14	5	1	7

ASK ALL:

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

ASK IF INDEPENDENT/SOMETHING ELSE:

PARTYLN As of today, do you lean more to...

[NOTE: These questions have been coded as **red**⁶⁸]Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

46	Republican/lean Republican
46	Democrat/lean Democratic
8	No lean

ASK ALL:IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS 1-4 AND 4-1]** [NOTE: This question has been coded as **red**⁶⁹]Jul 17, 2023-
Mar 4, 2024

33	NET Conservative/Very conservative
10	Very conservative
23	Conservative
38	Moderate
24	NET Liberal/Very liberal
16	Liberal
9	Very liberal
4	No answer

⁶⁷ Includes a small number of respondents who should have received the question (because they indicated they were born in the U.S. or Puerto Rico) but did not (because they said "no" or gave no answer in CITIZEN).

⁶⁸ The results on these questions are *not* comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁶⁹ The results on this question are *not* comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK ALL:

HH1 How many people, including yourself, live in your household? [NOTE: This question has been coded as **green**⁷⁰]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4- Sep 30, 2014
14	1	15
35	2	32
34	3-4	36
14	5 or more	16
2	No answer	1

⁷⁰ The results on this question are directly comparable with the previous Religious Landscape Surveys. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK IF HH1>1:

HH3 How many of the people living in your household, including yourself, are adults, age 18 and older? [NOTE: This question has been coded as **green**⁷¹]

RESULTS BASED ON TOTAL

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024		Jun 4- Sep 30, 2014
17	1	19
51	2	50
25	3-4	26
3	5 or more	4
3	No answer (in HH1 or HH3)	1

ASK ALL:

INTFREQ About how often do you use the internet?

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	
51	Almost constantly
35	Several times a day
4	About once a day
3	Several times a week
2	Less often
4	Never
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

INC_SDT1 Last year, that is in 2022, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? [NOTE: This question has been coded as **red**⁷²]

Jul 17, 2023- Mar 4, 2024	
20	Less than \$30,000
10	\$30,000 to less than \$40,000
8	\$40,000 to less than \$50,000
13	\$50,000 to less than \$75,000
12	\$75,000 to less than \$100,000
8	\$100,000 to less than \$125,000
7	\$125,000 to less than \$150,000
15	\$150,000 or more
7	No answer

⁷¹ The results on this question are directly comparable with the previous Religious Landscape Surveys. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁷² The results on this question are *not* comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

ASK ALL:

GENDER Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman or in some other way? [NOTE: This question has been coded as yellow⁷³]

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

46	A man
51	A woman
2	In some other way
1	No answer

PHONE RESULTS PRESENTED FOR COMPARISON

	Jun 4-Sep 30, <u>2014</u>	May 8-Aug 13, <u>2007</u>
Men	48	48
Women	52	52

ASK ALL:

ORIENTATIONMOD Do you think of yourself as... [NOTE: This question has been coded as red⁷⁴]

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

3	Gay or lesbian
86	Straight, that is, not gay or lesbian
5	Bisexual
2	Something else
2	I don't know the answer
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

FERT How many children have you ever had? Please count all your biological children who were born alive at any time in your life. [NOTE: This question has been coded as green⁷⁵]

Jul 17, 2023-

Mar 4, 2024

31	No children
40	1 or 2 children
26	Three or more children
3	No answer

Jun 4-Sep 30,

2014

31
38
29
1

⁷³ The results on this question can be cautiously compared with previous Religious Landscape Studies. This approach to measuring gender is different from the one used in both the 2007 and 2014 surveys. In the 2007 survey, respondents were not directly asked about their gender; rather, the telephone interviewers were asked to use their judgment to determine whether each respondent was a man or a woman, and to record this judgment at the end of the interview. In the 2014 survey, respondents were asked, "Are you male or female?" If they declined to answer or volunteered another response, the respondent's gender was recorded based on the interviewer's observation. Despite these differences in measurement approaches, we think basic comparisons of the gender composition of religious groups (especially the ratio of men to women) can be made cautiously. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁷⁴ The results on this question are *not* comparable with previous Religious Landscape Studies. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.

⁷⁵ The results on this question are directly comparable with the previous Religious Landscape Surveys. Refer to [Appendix A](#) for details.