

**2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 191: Religion & Public Life
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QUESTIONNAIRE

Note: The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel. For all questions, the 98 ("don't know" in phone mode) and 99 (refusal in phone mode and no answer in web mode) codes are combined in the data for analytical purposes.

PN = Programming note

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

TXT:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REL1 AND REL2; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: REL1

ASK ALL:

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?

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| 1 | Easier today |
| 2 | Harder today |
| 3 | About the same as 10 years ago |
| 98 | [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know |
| 99 | [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused |

TXT:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REL1 AND REL2; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: REL2

ASK ALL:

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 a strong religious faith?

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| 1 | Easier today |
| 2 | Harder today |
| 3 | About the same as 10 years ago |
| 98 | [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know |
| 99 | [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused |
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QUE: KEEPOUT**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

In your opinion, should churches and other houses of worship...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Keep out of political matters
- 2 Express their views on day-to-day social and political questions
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: CHURCH_CAND**ASK ALL:**

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

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Yes, should do this
- 2 No, should not do this
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: RELIG_INFL1**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Gaining influence in American life
- 2 Losing influence in American life
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: RELIG_INFL2**ASK IF GAVE RESPONSE IN RELIG_INFL1 (RELIG_INFL1=1,2):**

[**PN: IF WEB:**] All in all, do you think it's a good thing or a bad thing that religion is [**PN: IF RELIG_INFL1=1 INSERT** "gaining"; **IF RELIG_INFL1=2 INSERT** "losing"] influence in American life?

[**PN: IF CATI:**] All in all, do you think it's a good thing or a bad thing that religion is [**PN: IF RELIG_INFL1=1 INSERT** "gaining"; **IF RELIG_INFL1=2 INSERT** "losing"] influence in American life, or does it not make a difference?

[**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ LIST)**

- 1 Good thing
- 2 Bad thing
- 3 Doesn't make a difference
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: BIBLE_INFL1**ASK ALL:**

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

[**PN: IF CATI:**] **(READ LIST)**

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much
- 4 None at all
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: BIBLE_INFL2**ASK IF BIBLE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SOME INFLUENCE (BIBLE_INFL1=1,2):**

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?

[**PN: IF CATI:**] **(READ LIST)**

- 1 The Bible
- 2 The will of the people
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: NATCHRc3**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3/3-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 The federal government should declare Christianity the official religion of the United States
- 2 The federal government should not declare Christianity the official religion of the United States, but it should promote Christian moral values
- 3 The federal government should not declare Christianity the official religion of the United States, and it should not promote Christian moral values
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: CHR NATc**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 The federal government should stop enforcing separation of church and state
- 2 The federal government should enforce separation of church and state
- [PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
- 3 [PN: IF WEB:] Neither/no opinion [PN: IF CATI:] Neither or no opinion
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: CHR NATe**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Which of these statements comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 God favors the United States over all other countries
- 2 God does not favor any one country over all the others
- [PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
- 3 [PN: IF WEB:] Neither/no opinion [PN: IF CATI:] Neither or no opinion
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUE: CHR NAT1a**ASK ALL:**

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

[**PN: IF CATI:**] (READ LIST)

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Quite a bit
- 3 Some
- 4 A little
- 5 Nothing at all
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: CHR NAT1b**ASK IF HEARD OR READ AT LEAST A LITTLE ABOUT CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM (CHR NAT1a=1-4):**

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

[**PN: IF CATI:**] (READ LIST)

- 1 Very favorable
- 2 Somewhat favorable
- 3 Neither favorable nor unfavorable
- 4 Somewhat unfavorable
- 5 Very unfavorable
- [**PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE**]
- 6 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Don't know enough to say [**PN: IF CATI:**] Or do you not know enough to say?
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Refused

TXT:

[**PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF TOOFARCON AND TOOFARLIB ON SAME SCREEN; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE**]

QUE: TOOFARCON**ASK ALL:**

Do you think conservative Christians have gone too far in trying to push their religious values in the government and public schools?

[**PN: IF CATI:**] (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

- 1 Yes, conservative Christians have gone too far
- 2 [**PN: IF WEB:**] No, I don't think so [**PN: IF CATI:**] No, you don't think so
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: TOOFARLIB
ASK ALL:

Do you think liberals who are not religious have gone too far in trying to keep religious values out of the government and public schools?

[**PN: IF CATI:**] **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

- 1 Yes, liberals who are not religious have gone too far
2 [**PN: IF WEB:**] No, I don't think so [**PN: IF CATI:**] No, you don't think so
98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

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