

2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 191: Religion & Public Life
April 6-12, 2026

TOPLINE
N=3,592

Note: All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Percentages less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (*). Rows/columns may not total 100% due to rounding. The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel.

"No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say they don't know how to answer. In cases where "not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "no answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	3,592	+/- 1.9 percentage points

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

SCHOOLPRAY

ASK ALL:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST]

Thinking about public schools, do you favor or oppose...

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Somewhat favor</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Allowing public school teachers to lead their classes in prayer Apr 6-12, 2026	23	23	19	34	1
b. Allowing public school coaches to lead their teams in prayer Apr 6-12, 2026	29	28	19	23	1
c. Allowing public school students to voluntarily pray in student-led groups Apr 6-12, 2026	43	36	11	9	1
d. Displaying the 10 Commandments in public school classrooms Apr 6-12, 2026	26	24	17	32	1

SCHPRAYYES**ASK IF FAVORS TEACHER-LED PRAYER (SCHOOLPRAY_a=1,2):**

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

- 1 Public school teachers should be allowed to lead their classes in prayer, and students should be required to participate
- 2 Public school teachers should be allowed to lead their classes in prayer, but only if students are not required to participate

SCHPRAYNO**ASK IF OPPOSES TEACHER-LED PRAYER (SCHOOLPRAY_a=3,4):**

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

- 1 Public school teachers should not be allowed to lead their classes in prayer at all
- 2 Public school teachers should be allowed to lead their classes in prayer, but only if students are not required to participate

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL

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8	Public school teachers should be allowed to lead their classes in prayer, and students should be required to participate
53	Public school teachers should be allowed to lead their classes in prayer, but only if students are not required to participate
37	Public school teachers should not be allowed to lead their classes in prayer at all
1	No answer (in SCHPRAYYES)
*	No answer (in SCHPRAYNO)
1	No answer (in SCHOOLPRAY_a)

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