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2001 RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
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N = 2,041 (197 Oversample of African-Americans)

Q.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
March, 2001	47	45	8=100
February, 2001	46	43	11=100
January, 2001	55	41	4=100
September, 2000	51	41	8=100
June, 2000	47	45	8=100
April, 2000	48	43	9=100
August, 1999	56	39	5=100
January, 1999	53	41	6=100
November, 1998	46	44	10=100
Early September, 1998	54	42	4=100
Late August, 1998	55	41	4=100
Early August, 1998	50	44	6=100
February, 1998	59	37	4=100
January, 1998	46	50	4=100
September, 1997	45	49	6=100
August, 1997	49	46	5=100
January, 1997	38	58	4=100
July, 1996	29	67	4=100
March, 1996	28	70	2=100
October, 1995	23	73	4=100
June, 1995	25	73	2=100
April, 1995	23	74	3=100
July, 1994	24	73	3=100
March, 1994	24	71	5=100
October, 1993	22	73	5=100
September, 1993	20	75	4=100
May, 1993	22	71	7=100
January, 1993	39	50	11=100
January, 1992	28	68	4=100
November, 1991	34	61	5=100
<i>Late February, 1991 (Gallup)</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>3=100</i>
August, 1990	47	48	5=100
May, 1990	41	54	5=100
January, 1989	45	50	5=100
September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5=100
May, 1988	41	54	5=100
January, 1988	39	55	6=100

Now, thinking about your personal life...

Q.2 When you need help, would you say that you can turn to many people for support, just a few people, or hardly any people for support?

	(VOL)				
	Many People	Just A Few	Hardly Any People	No One/ None	DK/Ref
March, 2001	43	43	11	2	1=100
November, 1998	43	41	14	1	1=100
June, 1997	41	45	12	1	1=100
February, 1997	39	51	8	1	1=100

Q.3 Next I would like to talk with you about volunteer activity. By volunteer activity, I mean not just belonging to an organization, but actually spending your time helping without being paid for it. In the PAST YEAR have you volunteered your time to (INSERT FIRST ITEM. RANDOMIZE ITEMS). How about (INSERT ITEMS)? (RECORD ANSWER, THEN FOR ITEMS DONE IN PAST YEAR ASK Q.4.)

Q.4 In the past MONTH, on about how many days, if any, have you done this? (PROBE FOR BEST GUESS) (RECORD NUMBER OF TIMES, THEN ASK NEXT ITEM IN Q.3)

	Didn't Do In The Past Year	Number of Days Volunteered in Past Month						DK/Ref
		0	1	2	3-5	6+		
a. Any church or religious group	60	6	5	6	13	9	1=100	
February, 1997	61	6	5	5	14	8	1=100	
b. Any political organizations or candidates	94	3	1	1	1	*	*=100	
February, 1997	92	5	*	1	1	1	0=100	
c. Any child or youth development programs, such as day care centers, schools, tutoring, scouts or little league	69	6	4	4	9	8	*=100	
February, 1997 ¹	74	8	3	2	6	7	*=100	
d. Any arts or cultural organization, like a theater or music group, museum, or public TV station	90	3	1	2	2	2	*=100	
February, 1997	89	2	2	2	3	2	0=100	
e. Any neighborhood, civic or community group such as a block association or a neighborhood watch	82	4	3	3	4	3	1=100	
February, 1997 ²	77	5	4	4	5	5	*=100	

¹ Item was worded "Any child or youth development programs, such as day care centers, scouts or little league."

² Item was worded "Any local government, neighborhood, civic or community group such as block association or a neighborhood watch."

Q. 4 CONTINUED ...

	Didn't Do In The Past Year	<i>Number of Days Volunteered in Past Month</i>					
		<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3-5</u>	<u>6+</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
f. Any organization to help the poor, sick, elderly, or homeless	68	9	5	4	8	5	1=100
February, 1997 ³	66	10	5	6	8	5	*=100

ASK ALL:

Q.5 Now I am going to read you a list of some programs and proposals that are being discussed in this country today. For each one, please tell me whether you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose it. The first one is... (**READ AND ROTATE**).

		Strongly		DK/ Ref
		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	
a.	The death penalty for persons convicted of murder (Influence)	30	36	7=100
	September, 1999	41	15	4=100
	June, 1996	43	11	4=100
b.	Allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally (Influence)	8	27	8=100
	June, 1996	6	24	8=100
c.	Providing more generous government assistance to the poor (Influence)	28	45	4=100
d.	Allowing unrestricted scientific research related to human cloning (Influence)	2	33	6=100
e.	An across the board income tax cut	28	17	8=100
f.	Making it legal for doctors to give terminally ill patients the means to end their lives (Influence)	19	22	7=100

FORM 1 [N=1,023]:

g.F1	Allowing churches and other houses of worship to apply, along with other organizations, for government funding to provide social services such as job training or drug treatment counseling to people who need them	30	45	13	8	4=100
	February, 2001	28	36	19	11	6=100
	September, 2000 ⁴	32	35	17	12	4=100

³ Item was worded "Any organization to help the poor, elderly, or homeless."

⁴ Based on registered voters. Item was worded "Allowing religious organizations to apply, along with other organizations, for government funding to provide social services such as job training or drug treatment counseling to people who need them."

Q.5 CONTINUED ...

Strongly <u>Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>Oppose</u>	DK/ <u>Ref</u>
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FORM 2 [N=1,018]:

h.F2	Giving government funding to churches and other houses of worship so they can provide social services such as job training or drug treatment counseling to people who need them	27	39	19	11	4=100
	September, 2000 ⁵	21	33	27	17	2=100

ASK ALL:

Now I'm going to read you a couple of statements. Please tell if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely disagree with each statement...

Q.7 People should do much more than they do now to help others who are in need, even if it costs them their own time and money. **(Influence)**

34	Completely agree
52	Mostly agree
9	Mostly disagree
2	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.8 Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely disagree that, in the future, the U.S. and other Western powers have a moral obligation to use military force if necessary, to prevent one group of people from committing genocide against another. **(Influence)**

36	Completely agree
38	Mostly agree
11	Mostly disagree
6	Completely disagree
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

⁵ Based on registered voters. Item was worded "Giving government funding to religious organizations so they can provide social services such as job training or drug treatment counseling to people who need them."

--- INFLUENCE SUMMARY TABLE ---

INTERVIEWER NOTE: FOR Q.5 - Q.8, THE FOLLOWING FOLLOW-UP QUESTION WILL BE USED WHERE THE DESIGNATION "Influence" IS LISTED:

Q.6 Which one of the following has had the biggest influence on your thinking on this issue... a personal experience, the views of your friends and family, what you have seen or read in the media, your religious beliefs, your education, OR something else? **(READ IN ORDER)**

	Personal Experience	Friends/ Family Views	Media	Religious Belief	Education	Some- thing Else	DK	(N)
a. The death penalty for persons convicted of murder	12	5	25	23	14	17	4=100	
Favor	14	6	30	15	14	19	2=100	(1,290)
Oppose	9	4	15	42	14	14	2=100	(609)
b. Allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally	12	8	9	40	12	15	4=100	
Favor	20	15	13	4	24	23	1=100	(732)
Oppose	7	3	6	65	6	11	2=100	(1,145)
c. Providing more generous government assistance to the poor	28	8	19	12	16	14	3=100	
Favor	27	8	20	15	16	12	2=100	(1,499)
Oppose	33	6	17	5	20	18	1=100	(461)
d. Allowing unrestricted scientific research related to human cloning	6	2	21	35	19	13	4=100	
Favor	10	3	27	6	36	16	2=100	(276)
Oppose	5	2	20	42	17	13	1=100	(1,655)
f. Making it legal for doctors to give terminally ill patients the means to end their lives	24	8	13	27	11	13	4=100	
Favor	35	12	15	4	16	17	1=100	(1,063)
Oppose	11	4	10	59	6	9	1=100	(840)
aa. People should do much more than they do now to help others who are in need, even if it costs them their own time and money	35	12	11	18	10	12	2=100	
Agree	35	12	11	20	10	11	1=100	(1,753)
Disagree	35	13	14	4	10	20	4=100	(238)
bb. In the future, the U.S. and other Western powers have a moral obligation to use military force if necessary, to prevent one group of people from committing genocide against another	12	4	34	13	18	12	7=100	
Agree	12	4	37	12	21	12	2=100	(1,529)
Disagree	14	7	35	16	14	12	2=100	(344)

On another subject...

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,023]:

Q.9F1 In your opinion, should the churches keep out of political matters — or should they express their views on day-to-day social and political questions?

		Sept <u>2000⁶</u>	June <u>1996</u>	— <i>Gallup</i> —	
				<u>Feb 1968</u>	<u>March 1957</u>
46	Should keep out	45	43	53	44
48	Should express views	51	54	40	48
<u>6</u>	No opinion	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,018]:

Q.10F2 In your opinion, should churches and other houses of worship keep out of political matters — or should they express their views on day-to-day social and political questions?

43	Should keep out
51	Should express views
<u>6</u>	No opinion
100	

ASK ALL:

Q.11 Do you think it is ever right for clergy to discuss political candidates or issues from the pulpit?

		Sept <u>2000⁷</u>	June <u>1996</u>	<i>Gallup</i> <u>Nov 1965</u>
28	Yes	32	29	22
65	No	64	66	68
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>
100		100	100	100

⁶ September 2000 results are based on registered voters.

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Q.12 Now I'd like your views on some groups and organizations. As I read from a list, please tell me which category best describes your overall opinion of what I name. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of... (INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS IN BLOCKS (FIRST a. THRU f., THEN g. THRU o., ITEM p. SHOULD ALWAYS COME LAST) is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? (INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE.")

** OBSERVE FORM DIFFERENCES: ITEMS l. THRU o. ARE ASKED OF A QUARTER SAMPLE.

	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Never Heard Of	Can't Rate
FORM 1 [N=1,023]; FORM 2 [N=1,018]:						
a.F1 Congress	6	50	26	10	1	7=100
January, 2001	10	54	18	5	1	12=100
September, 2000 (RVs)	8	53	27	5	*	7=100
August, 1999	8	55	27	7	*	3=100
June, 1999	9	47	30	9	*	5=100
February, 1999	4	48	36	8	0	4=100
January, 1999	7	41	30	15	0	7=100
Early December, 1998	11	41	29	12	0	7=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	7	55	25	8	0	5=100
Early September, 1998	7	59	22	5	0	7=100
October, 1997	5	48	33	11	0	3=100
August 1997 6	44	33	11	0	6=100	
June, 1997	4	48	34	8	0	6=100
May, 1997	5	44	32	10	*	9=100
February, 1997	6	46	31	9	*	8=100
January, 1997	6	50	32	8	*	4=100
June, 1996	6	39	38	12	*	5=100
April, 1996	6	39	37	13	0	5=100
January, 1996	4	38	38	16	*	4=100
October, 1995	4	38	42	13	0	3=100
August, 1995	5	40	34	13	*	7=100
June, 1995	8	45	31	11	*	5=100
February, 1995	10	44	27	10	0	9=100
July, 1994	7	46	34	9	*	4=100
May, 1993	8	35	35	13	0	9=100
November, 1991	7	44	34	9	0	6=100
March, 1991	16	50	19	7	0	8=100
May, 1990	6	53	25	9	1	6=100
May, 1988	8	56	23	5	0	8=100
January, 1988	6	58	25	4	0	7=100
May, 1987	10	64	16	4	*	6=100
January, 1987	7	52	23	8	0	10=100
June, 1985	9	58	21	5	*	7=100

Q.12 CONTINUED ...

		Very Favor- <u>able</u>	Mostly Favor- <u>able</u>	Mostly Unfavor- <u>able</u>	Very Unfavor- <u>able</u>	Never <u>Of</u>	Can't <u>Rate</u>
FORM 1 [N=1,023]; FORM 2 [N=1,018]:							
b.F2	The Supreme Court	15	57	15	5	*	8=100
	January, 2001	18	50	13	8	1	10=100
	October, 1997	13	64	12	6	*	5=100
	May, 1997	16	56	17	5	0	6=100
	July, 1994	18	62	13	3	*	4=100
	May, 1993	17	56	14	4	0	9=100
	November, 1991	18	54	16	5	0	7=100
	May, 1990	10	55	18	7	1	9=100
	January, 1988	14	65	11	2	*	8=100
	May, 1987	13	63	15	2	*	7=100
	<i>Roper</i> , March 1985	17	47	21	7		8=100
c.	The Christian conservative movement	9	33	20	11	11	16=100
d.F1	Business Corporations	9	56	19	6	1	9=100
	August, 1999	8	65	19	3	0	5=100
	Early September, 1998	9	55	21	5	*	10=100
	October, 1997	11	55	23	5	*	6=100
	June, 1997	8	60	18	7	*	7=100
	May, 1997	9	50	21	7	1	12=100
	June, 1996	10	52	25	6	*	7=100
	February, 1996	9	50	24	10	1	6=100
	October, 1995	6	54	29	7	0	4=100
	July, 1994	8	62	19	5	*	6=100
	November, 1991	8	57	22	6	0	7=100
	January, 1988	6	53	27	5	*	9=100
	June, 1985	8	50	24	7	1	10=100
e.F2	Labor unions	16	47	21	7	1	8=100
	August, 1999	12	47	27	9	*	5=100
	Early September, 1998	12	40	25	13	*	10=100
	June, 1997	15	43	25	10	*	7=100
	May, 1997	15	34	26	13	*	12=100
	April, 1996	10	37	28	17	*	8=100
	February, 1996	17	37	27	14	*	5=100
	July, 1994	14	43	28	10	*	5=100
	January, 1988	10	42	29	10	*	9=100
	July, 1985	9	37	30	17	*	7=100
f.	The motion picture and entertainment television industry	8	42	31	15	*	4=100
	June, 1999	12	48	26	12	0	2=100

Q.12 CONTINUED ...

Now thinking about some specific religious groups... Is your overall opinion of **(INSERT FIRST ITEM IN g. THRU o. SERIES)** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?

		Very Favor- <u>able</u>	Mostly Favor- <u>able</u>	Mostly Unfavor- <u>able</u>	Very Unfavor- <u>able</u>	Never Heard <u>Of</u>	Can't <u>Rate</u>
g.	Catholics	19	55	10	3	1	12=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	29	49	6	3	*	13=100
h.	Jews	16	56	8	2	*	18=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	27	50	5	3	*	15=100
	June, 1997	26	56	7	2	1	8=100
i.	Evangelical Christians	13	42	12	4	8	21=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	21	42	13	3	3	18=100
	February, 1996	13	26	23	15	11	12=100
	July, 1994	10	33	22	10	11	14=100
	May, 1990	12	31	19	19	7	12=100
j.	Muslim Americans	7	38	16	8	4	27=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	11	39	13	8	2	27=100
k.	American Buddhists	6	31	14	11	7	31=100
FORM 1a [N=490]; FORM 1b [N=533]:							
l.F1a	Methodists	16	57	6	2	2	17=100
m.F1b	Episcopalians	10	44	6	3	9	28=100
FORM 2a [N=491]; FORM 2b N=527]:							
n.F2a	Lutherans	13	51	9	2	4	21=100
o.F2b	Presbyterians	12	55	6	3	3	21=100
p.	Atheists, that is, people who don't believe in God	4	25	22	35	*	14=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	8	24	20	32	*	16=100

On another subject...

Q.13 At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life or losing its influence?

	Increasing <u>Influence</u>	Losing <u>Influence</u>	(VOL) <u>Same</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
March, 2001	37	55	4	4=100
March, 2000 (<i>Gallup</i>)	37	58	0	5=100
June, 1998 (<i>Gallup</i>)	37	56	4	3=100
March, 1994 (<i>Gallup</i>)	27	69	2	2=100
March, 1988 (<i>Gallup</i>)	36	49	6	9=100
June, 1984 (<i>Gallup</i>)	42	39	14	6=100
December, 1978 (<i>Gallup</i>)	37	48	10	5=100
December, 1974 (<i>Gallup</i>)	31	56	8	5=100
April, 1968 (<i>Gallup</i>)	19	67	8	7=100
February, 1965 (<i>Gallup</i>)	33	45	13	8=100
February, 1962 (<i>Gallup</i>)	45	32	17	7=100
March, 1957 (<i>Gallup</i>)	69	14	10	6=100

Q.14 In general, who do you think can do the best job of providing services to people in need... **(READ AND ROTATE)**

37	Religious organizations
27	Non-religious, community-based organizations [OR]
28	Federal and state government agencies
2	None of the above (VOL)
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

Q.15 These days, how much do you think churches, synagogues and other houses of worship contribute to solving important social problems... a great deal, some, not much, or nothing at all?

		<u>Sept 2000⁸</u>
23	A great deal	28
52	Some	44
18	Not much	21
4	Nothing at all	4
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>
100		100

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Based on registered voters. Question was worded: "These days, how much do you think churches, synagogues and mosques contribute to solving important social problems... a great deal, some, not much, nothing at all?"

Q.16 Now, thinking about some specific problem areas. For each item that I read, please tell me WHO you think could do the best job of providing services to people in need. (First,) **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE)**... who could do the best job providing these types of services: a religious organization, a non-religious community-based group, or a federal or state government agency?

OBSERVE FORM DIFFERENCES.

FORM 1 [N=1,023]; FORM 2 [N=1,018]:		<u>Religious Organization</u>	<u>Non-religious Community- Based Group</u>	<u>Federal/ State Govt. Agency</u>	(VOL) <u>None of the Above</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.F1	Treatment for drug & alcohol addiction	27	36	31	2	4=100
b.F2	Literacy training	12	31	49	2	6=100
c.F1	Mentoring programs for young people	40	39	15	2	4=100
d.F2	Feeding the homeless	40	25	28	2	5=100
e.F1	Counseling teens about pregnancy	39	42	12	3	4=100
f.F2	Child care	29	32	29	4	6=100
g.F1	Health care	9	28	56	2	5=100
h.F2	Job training	5	28	61	1	5=100
i.F1	Counseling and educating prisoners	40	18	35	2	5=100

Q.17 I'm going to read the names of some specific religious groups. For each one that I name, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose this group applying for government funds to provide social services to people who need them. (First,) **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE IN BLOCKS: a./b. AND c. THRU k.;**

ITEM I. SHOULD ALWAYS COME LAST)

OBSERVE FORM DIFFERENCES.

FORM 1 [N=1,023]; FORM 2 [N=1,018]:		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Individual churches, synagogues & other houses of worship	60	35	5=100
b.	Charitable organizations that have a religious affiliation	69	26	5=100
c.F1	Catholic churches	62	32	6=100
d.F2	Protestant churches	61	31	8=100
e.F1	Muslim mosques	38	46	16=100
f.F2	Jewish synagogues	58	34	8=100
g.F1	The Church of Scientology	26	52	22=100
h.F2	Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam	29	53	18=100

Q.17 CONTINUED ...

FORM 1 [N=1,023]; FORM 2 [N=1,018]:		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
i.F1	Buddhist temples	38	46	16=100
j.F2	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or Mormon churches	51	41	8=100
k.F1	Evangelical Christian churches	52	35	13=100
l.	Groups that encourage religious conversion as part of the services they provide	32	59	9=100

ROTATE Q.18 AND Q.19

Q.18 I'm going to read a few reasons why some people **OPPOSE** the idea of allowing churches and other houses of worship to use government money to provide social services. Please tell me whether each one is an important concern of yours, or not. (First,) **(READ AND ROTATE; ITEM a. SHOULD ALWAYS COME FIRST)**... Is this an important concern of yours, or not?

		<u>Important Concern</u>	<u>Not Important Concern</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused</u>
a.	This would interfere with the separation between church and state	52	45	3=100
b.	The people who receive these services might be forced to take part in religious practices	60	38	2=100
c.	The programs may not meet the same standards as government-based programs	47	48	5=100
d.	This might increase religious divisions within this country	48	48	4=100
e.	Government might get too involved in what religious organizations do	68	30	2=100

Q.19 I'm going to read a few reasons why some people **FAVOR** the idea of allowing churches and other houses of worship to use government money to provide social services. Please tell me whether you think each one is an important reason to favor this, or not? (First,) **(READ AND ROTATE)**... Do you think this is an important reason, or not?

		<u>Important Reason</u>	<u>Not Important Reason</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused</u>
a.	Religious groups could do a better job because the power of religion can change people's lives	62	35	3=100
b.	The people who provide the services would be more caring and compassionate	72	25	3=100

Q.19 CONTINUED ...

		<u>Important Reason</u>	<u>Not Important Reason</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused</u>
c.	Religious groups could provide services more efficiently than government programs	60	36	4=100
d.	People who need social services should have a variety of options to pick from	77	20	3=100

Q.20 If religious organizations do use government funds to provide social services, do you think these organizations should be allowed to ONLY hire people who share their religious beliefs, or should they not be allowed to do this?

18 Should be allowed to only hire people who share their religious beliefs
78 Shouldn't be allowed to do this
4 Don't know/Refused
100

Q.R1 AND Q.R2 WERE ASKED OF AN INDEPENDENT SAMPLE MARCH 23-25, 2001:

Q.R1 If religious organizations do use government funds to provide social services, do you think these organizations should be allowed to hire people on the basis of their religious beliefs, or should they not be allowed to do this?

23 Should be allowed to hire people on the basis of their religious beliefs
69 Should not be allowed to do this
8 Don't know/Refused
100
(N=418)

Q.R2 If religious organizations do use government funds to provide social services, do you think these organizations should be allowed to ONLY hire people who share their moral values, or should they not be allowed to do this?

25 Should be allowed to only hire people who share their moral values
62 Should not be allowed to do this
13 Don't know/Refused
100
(N=397)

Now, a few questions about your religious affiliation.

Q.21 What is your religious preference — do you consider yourself Christian, Jewish, Muslim, other non-Christian such as Buddhist or Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or don't you have a religious preference?

		<u>June 1996</u>
82	Christian	84
1	Jewish	1
1	Muslim	*
2	Other non-Christian	3
1	Atheist	*
2	Agnostic	*
1	Something else (SPECIFY)	*
8	No preference	11
<u>2</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>1</u>
100		100

IF CHRISTIAN, ASK:

Q.22 Are you Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox — such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, or something else?

		<u>June 1996</u>
53	Protestant	53
23	Catholic — GO TO Q.24	23
2	Mormon — GO TO Q.24	2
1	Orthodox — GO TO Q.24	1
0	Non-Denominational	1
*	Something else (SPECIFY)	1
0	Not practicing any religion (VOL)	1
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused — GO TO Q.24	<u>2</u>
82%	Christian	84%

IF 1 "PROTESTANT" OR 5 "SOMETHING ELSE", ASK:

Q.23 As I read a list, tell me which if any of these denominations you are affiliated with. (**READ LIST**)

		<u>June 1996</u>
17	Baptist	18
8	Methodist	10
5	Lutheran	6
3	Presbyterian	4
3	Congregational or United Church of Christ	3
6	Nondenominational or Independent Church	5
5	Pentecostal	3
2	Episcopalian	2
*	Reformed, or	*
3	Something else (SPECIFY)	2
1	Nothing in particular (DO NOT READ)	1
<u>1</u>	Don't Know/Refused (DO NOT READ)	<u>*</u>
54%	Protestant/Something else	54%

ASK ONLY THOSE WHO ANSWERED 1 "CHRISTIAN" OR 6 "SOMETHING ELSE" IN Q. 21

Q.24 Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

		<u>June 1996</u>
36	Yes	34
43	No	47
<u>4</u>	Don't Know/Refused	<u>3</u>
83%	Christian/Something else	84%

IF PROTESTANT (Q.22=1), ASK:

Q.25 As I read from a list, please tell me which if any of the following descriptions apply to you. (First,) **(INSERT, ROTATE)**... does this apply to you, or not?

		<u>Yes, Applies</u>	<u>Does Not Apply</u>	<u>Undesig-nated⁹</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	
a.	Fundamentalist Christian	11	23	14	5	⇒ 53% Protestant
b.	Pentecostal or Charismatic Christian	7	31	13	2	⇒ 53% Protestant
c.	Liberal Christian	16	20	14	3	⇒ 53% Protestant

IF CATHOLIC (Q.22=2), ASK:

Q.26 As I read from a list, please tell me which if any of the following descriptions apply to you. (First,) **(READ, ROTATE)**... does this apply to you, or not?

		<u>Yes, Applies</u>	<u>Does Not Apply</u>	<u>Undesig-nated</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	
a.	Traditional Catholic	13	7	2	1	⇒ 23% Catholic
b.	Liberal Catholic	11	8	2	2	⇒ 23% Catholic

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED 'YES, APPLIES,' TO ITEMS a. AND b., ASK [N=101]:

Q.27 If you had to choose, which better describes you... **(READ IN SAME ORDER AS PREVIOUS QUESTION)?**

41	Traditional Catholic
57	Liberal Catholic
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

⁹ Due to a programming error, a limited number of Protestants and Catholics were not asked questions 25 and 26. The error was corrected early in the field period.

Q.28 Aside from weddings and funerals how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

		Sept <u>2000</u> ¹⁰	June <u>1997</u>	June <u>1996</u>
17	More than once a week	17	12	14
26	Once a week	28	26	25
17	Once or twice a month	16	17	17
17	A few times a year	17	20	21
15	Seldom	13	15	13
7	Never	8	10	9
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	*	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100

Q.29 Did you yourself happen to attend church, synagogue or any other place of worship in the last seven days?

		<u>June 1996</u>
46	Yes	42
53	No	58
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	*
100		100

Q.30 How important would you say religion is in your own life — very important, fairly important, or not very important?

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Fairly Important</u>	<u>Not very Important</u>	<u>Don't Know/ Refused</u>
March, 2001	64	23	12	1=100
March, 2000 (<i>Gallup</i>)	61	27	12	*=100
June, 1998 (<i>Gallup</i>)	62	25	12	1=100
June, 1996	59	26	15	*=100
March, 1994 (<i>Gallup</i>)	59	29	11	1=100
March, 1988 (<i>Gallup</i>)	54	31	14	1=100
March, 1984 (<i>Gallup</i>)	56	30	13	1=100
April, 1978 (<i>Gallup</i>)	52	32	14	2=100
November, 1965 (<i>Gallup</i>)	70	22	7	1=100

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September 2000 results are based on registered voters.

IF RESPONDENT ATTENDS CHURCH AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR (Q.28=1-4), ASK [N=1,604]:

Q.31 Aside from attending religious services, how involved are you in activities at your church or house of worship... would you say you're very involved, somewhat involved, not too involved, or not at all involved?

		<u>Sept 2000</u> ¹¹
23	Very involved	25
31	Somewhat involved	34
26	Not too involved	25
20	Not at all involved	16
*	Don't know/Refused	*
100		100

Now a different kind of question...

Q.32 If you had to describe God in your OWN words, what would you say? (**ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES; IF ONLY ONE RESPONSE PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSES**) (Open-end)

38 POWER AND MIGHT (NET)

- 10 Creator/Maker/Architect of the universe
- 9 Almighty/All powerful/Omnipotent
- 7 Higher power/Supreme Being/Divine Power
- 5 Everything/In everything/Everyone
- 4 Omnipresent/Everywhere/All seeing/All knowing/Omniscient
- 3 Magnificent/Awesome/Amazing
- 2 First/First above everything/One and only
- 2 The Lord/Lord and Master/Ruler
- 1 Beginning and end/Alpha and Omega
- 1 Infallible/Perfect
- 1 Everlasting/Eternal/Always was and always will be/Infinite

25 WHAT GOD DOES FOR US (NET)

- 6 Important/Most important part of my life/Can't do anything without him
- 5 Savior/Redeemer
- 4 Protector/Provider/Takes care of/Watches over/Helps me/Who I depend upon
- 4 Forgiving/Merciful
- 3 Guiding force/Way to live your life
- 3 Friend/always here for me/hears my prayers
- 2 Faith/A belief/Someone/Something to believe in/Gives meaning
- 1 Peace/Peace of mind/Comforting presence
- 1 The Word/The Way/Way to salvation/heaven
- * Hope

12 LOVING, CARING, COMPASSIONATE (NET)

- 10 Love/All loving/Unconditional love
- 4 All caring/kind/understanding/compassionate

6 GOOD/GREAT (NET)

- 3 Great/Terrific/Wonderful
- 2 Good/All good things/Spirit of good

5 GOD THE FATHER (NET)

- 4 Father
- 1 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit/The Trinity

¹¹ Based on registered voters who attend church at least a few times a year. Question was worded: "Aside from attending religious services, how involved are you in church activities, would you say you're very involved, somewhat involved, not too involved, or not at all involved?"

Q.32 CONTINUED ...

3	NOT SURE THERE IS A GOD (NET)
1	I'm not sure there is a God/May or may not exist
1	A social construct/designed for humans to have a moral guide/a metaphor for human kindness
1	Don't believe in God/Don't care/Nothing
5	I believe/God is real/He exists
3	Beyond comprehensive/Indescribable/Can't be expressed in words/Mysterious
3	A spirit/Spirit we carry within us/Soul/Spiritual/Holy
2	God/Allah/Buddha/"I Am"/Jesus
1	Personal/Different things to different people
1	"The man"/guy above/the good guy
1	Demanding/Judgmental/To be feared
8	Other
2	Don't know/No idea
13	No answer/Refused

Q.32a Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

	<u>June 1996</u>
36	35
	OR
43	47
	OR
14	14
3	2
<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
100	100

Q.33 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 or less, or never?

	<u>June 1996</u>
37	29
22	22
17	19
14	18
8	10
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
100	100

Q.34 As I read a list of activities, please tell me how often, if ever, you do each one. (First,) How often do you **(READ, ROTATE)**... frequently, sometimes, hardly ever or never?

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		<u>Freq-</u> <u>uently</u>	<u>Some-</u> <u>times</u>	<u>Hardly</u> <u>Ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>Does Not</u> <u>Apply</u>	<u>DK/</u> <u>Ref</u>
a.	Attend prayer group meetings or Bible or scripture study groups	18	20	15	46	*	1=100
b.	Receive child care services at your place of worship or some other church-based organization	5	6	6	76	5	2=100
c.	Watch religious TV programs or listen to religious radio shows	20	29	16	34	*	1=100

ITEMS d-h ASKED OF CHURCH ATTENDERS ONLY (Q.28=1-3):¹²

d.	Work with children or youth at your place of worship	12	16	9	22	40	1=100
e.	Participate in religious education programs at your place of worship	15	18	9	17	40	1=100
f.	Participate in sports leagues through your place of worship	3	8	7	40	41	1=100
g.	Do community volunteer work through your place of worship	11	21	9	18	40	1=100
h.	Participate in a church choir or other musical program	10	7	6	36	41	*=100

On a different subject...

Q.35 Do you think of yourself as a member of a minority because of your religious beliefs, or not?

19	Yes
78	No
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,023]:

Q.36F1 Do you think Hollywood and the entertainment industry are fair in their portrayal of people who share your religious faith, or not?

35	Yes
49	No
<u>16</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

¹² Respondents who were not asked this question are included in the "Does Not Apply" category.

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,018]:

Q.37F2 Do you think the news media is fair in its portrayal of people who share your religious faith, or not?

45	Yes
41	No
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK ALL:

Q.38 Do you think the number of people in the U.S. who practice religions other than Christianity and Judaism is increasing, decreasing or staying about the same?

IF INCREASING, ASK:

Q.39 Does this sometimes bother you, or not?

44	Increasing
13	Yes
31	No
*	Don't know/Refused
11	Decreasing
34	Staying about the same
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,023]:

Q.40F1 Do you think the number of people in the U.S. who are atheists or who don't believe in God is increasing, decreasing or staying about the same?

IF INCREASING, ASK:

Q.41F1 Does this sometimes bother you, or not?

34	Increasing
23	Yes
11	No
*	Don't know/Refused
11	Decreasing
41	Staying about the same
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,018]:

Q.42F2 Do you think the number of people in the U.S. who are fundamentalist Christians is increasing, decreasing or staying about the same?

IF INCREASING, ASK:

Q.43F2 Does this sometimes bother you, or not?

27	Increasing
9	Yes
18	No
*	Don't know/Refused
11	Decreasing
44	Staying about the same
<u>18</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

On another subject...

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,023]:

Q.44F1 Would you object to public schools making facilities available after school hours for use by student religious groups or organizations, or wouldn't you object to this?

		<i>Gallup</i>
		<u>1986</u>
17	Would object	21
81	Would not object 74	
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,018]:

Q.45F2 Would you object to public schools making facilities available after school hours for use by religious groups or organizations, or wouldn't you object to this?

22	Would object
75	Would not object
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	

ASK ALL:

Q.46 Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs... **(READ)**

	<u>Most of The Time</u>	<u>Some of the Time</u>	<u>Only Now and Then</u>	<u>Hardly at All</u>	(Vol) <u>DK/Ref</u>
March, 2001	49	27	13	10	1=100
Early November, 2000 (RVs)	51	32	12	5	*=100
September, 2000 (RVs)	51	34	10	4	1=100
June, 2000	38	32	19	11	*=100
Late September, 1999	39	32	20	9	*=100
August, 1999	40	35	17	8	*=100
November, 1998	46	27	14	13	*=100
October, 1998 (RVs)	57	29	10	4	*=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	51	33	11	5	*=100
Early September, 1998	45	34	15	6	*=100
June, 1998	36	34	21	9	*=100
November, 1997	41	36	16	7	*=100
November, 1996 (RVs)	52	32	12	4	*=100
October, 1996 (RVs)	43	37	13	6	1=100
June, 1996	41	34	17	8	*=100
October, 1995	46	35	14	5	*=100
April, 1995	43	35	16	6	*=100
November, 1994	49	30	13	7	1=100
October, 1994	45	35	14	6	*=100
July, 1994	46	33	15	6	*=100
May, 1990	39	34	18	9	*=100
February, 1989	47	34	14	4	1=100
October, 1988	52	33	11	4	*=100
September, 1988	58	32	8	2	*=100
May, 1988	37	37	17	6	3=100
January, 1988	37	35	18	8	2=100
November, 1987	49	32	14	4	1=100
May, 1987	41	35	15	7	2=100
July, 1985	36	33	18	12	1=100