

**Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life
2008 Religious Landscape Survey (RLS) – Conversion Recontact Survey
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Final Topline**

FRMREL=Former (Childhood) Religion (See Appendix for complete list of inserts)

CURREL=Current Religion (See Appendix for complete list of inserts)

CONVERTS=All those whose current religion is different than their childhood religion

NON-CONVERTS=All those whose current religion is the same as their childhood religion

INTRODUCTORY MODULE

GENERAL INTRODUCTION: Hello, I am _____ calling for Princeton Survey Research. In the summer of 2007, we conducted a telephone opinion survey for leading newspapers and TV stations around the country, and we spoke with a (INSERT SEX AND AGE) in your household. I'd like to ask (HIM/HER) a few additional questions to follow up on that previous interview. Is (HE/SHE) available?

PROMPT IF HESITANT: This is much shorter than our last interview, and should take less than 10 minutes. This survey is for research purposes ONLY – we're not selling anything.

I.1 INTERVIEWER: INDICATE STATUS OF TARGET RESPONDENT

- 1 Person who answered phone is target respondent (**GO TO VERIFICATION QUESTIONS – V.1**)
- 2 Other person is target respondent, now available (**READ TARGET RESPONDENT INTRODUCTION BELOW WHEN TARGET R COMES TO PHONE AND INDICATE STATUS IN I.2**)
- 3 Other person is target respondent, not home/unavailable (**SCHEDULE A CALLBACK FOR CONVENIENT DAY AND TIME**)
- 4 Target respondent does not live here/No one fits age/gender description (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)
- 5 Refused (**RECLASSIFY FOR POSSIBLE REFUSAL CONVERSION**)

INTRODUCTION FOR TARGET RESPONDENT: Hello, I am _____ calling for Princeton Survey Research Associates in Princeton, New Jersey. In the summer of 2007 you participated in a telephone opinion survey we were conducting for leading newspapers and TV stations around the country. I'd like to ask you a few additional questions to follow up on that previous interview.

PROMPT IF HESITANT: This is much shorter than our last interview, and should take less than 10 minutes. This survey is for research purposes ONLY – we're not selling anything.

I.2 INTERVIEWER: INDICATE STATUS OF TARGET RESPONDENT

- 1 Target respondent available and cooperative (**GO TO VERIFICATION QUESTIONS – V.1**)
- 2 Not a good time/Not available (**SCHEDULE A CALLBACK FOR CONVENIENT DAY AND TIME**)
- 3 Not the right person/Wasn't interviewed in summer of 2007 (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)
- 4 Refused (**RECLASSIFY FOR POSSIBLE REFUSAL CONVERSION**)

VERIFICATION MODULE

ASK ALL:

V.1 During our conversation last year, our interviewer recorded that when it comes to religion, you are (**CURREL**). Is that still how you would describe your religion today?

- 1 Yes (**PROCEED TO V.3**)
- 2 No (**PROCEED TO V.2**)
- 9 Don't know/refused (**VOL**) (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)

IF V.1=2, ASK:

V.2 And have you changed religions since we spoke in the summer of 2007, or not?

- 1 Yes (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)
- 2 No (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)
- 9 Don't know/refused (**VOL**) (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)

IF R IS A CONVERT (CON11=1) AND V.1=1, ASK:

V.3 And our interviewer also recorded that when you were a child, you were raised (**FRMREL**). Is that right?

IF FRMREL2=100003 USE ALTERNATE WORDING:

And our interviewer also recorded that when you were a child, you were not raised in any particular religion. Is that right?

- 1 Yes (**PROCEED TO Q.1**)
- 2 No (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)
- 9 Don't know/refused (**VOL**) (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)

MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE

ASK ALL CONVERTS:

Now, I'd like to ask you some questions about why you are no longer (FRMREL). First,

Q.1 About how old were you when you stopped being (FRMREL)? [INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS THEY HAVE STOPPED BEING FRMREL MORE THAN ONCE, SPECIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS APPLY TO THE FIRST TIME THAT THEY STOPPED BEING FRMREL]

IF FRMREL=UNAFFILIATED WITH ANY PARTICULAR RELIGION, USE ALTERNATE WORDING:

Now, I'd like to ask you some questions about why you FIRST started identifying with a religion. About how old were you when you FIRST started identifying with a religion, even if your first religion is not your current religion? [INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS THEY HAVE BEEN AFFILIATED WITH MULTIPLE RELIGIONS, SPECIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS APPLY TO THE FIRST RELIGION WITH WHICH THEY BECAME ASSOCIATED]

IF DON'T KNOW/REFUSED ASK:

Q.1a Just thinking in general terms, would you say you were under the age of 13, between the ages of 13 and 17, between 18 and 23, between 24 and 35, between 36 and 50, between 51 and 65, or were you older than 65?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now affil <u>now affil</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Under age 13 | 17 | 11 | 22 | 15 | 36 |
| Between 13 and 17 | 31 | 23 | 35 | 17 | 16 |
| Between 18 and 23 | 31 | 32 | 28 | 24 | 20 |
| Between 24 and 35 | 18 | 25 | 11 | 29 | 19 |
| Between 36 and 50 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 12 | 7 |
| Between 51 and 65 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Older than 65 | * | * | * | * | * |
| | <u>100</u> | <u>100</u> | <u>100</u> | <u>100</u> | <u>100</u> |
| (N) | (396) | (340) | (349) | (285) | (344) |

Results repercentaged to exclude non-response to q1a.

IF STOPPED BEING (FRMREL) YOUNGER THAN AGE 18, ASK:

Q.2 And would you say that the decision to stop being (FRMREL) was mostly your own decision, or was it mostly decided by your parents or family?

IF FRMREL=UNAFFILIATED WITH ANY PARTICULAR RELIGION, USE ALTERNATE WORDING:

And would you say that the decision to start identifying with a religion was mostly your own decision, or was it mostly decided by your parents or family?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now affil |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|
| Converted as a minor | 47 | 33 | 55 | 31 | 52 |
| <i>Mostly own decision</i> | 37 | 22 | 42 | 18 | 34 |
| <i>Mostly decided by parents or family</i> | 8 | 10 | 8 | 13 | 16 |
| <i>Both/neither (VOL)</i> | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| <i>Don't know/refused (VOL)</i> | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Did not convert as a minor | <u>53</u> | <u>67</u> | <u>45</u> | <u>69</u> | <u>48</u> |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (401) | (343) | (360) | (292) | (350) |

NOTE: ALL RESULTS IN Q.3-Q.6b ARE BASED ON QUALIFIED CONVERTS. THIS INCLUDES ALL RESPONDENTS WHO CURRENTLY HAVE A RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION DIFFERENT THAN THAT IN WHICH THEY WERE RAISED, EXCEPT THOSE WHO LEFT THEIR FORMER RELIGION AS A MINOR AND INDICATED IN Q.2 THAT IT WAS MOSTLY THEIR PARENTS' OR FAMILY'S DECISION TO DO SO.

ASK ALL QUALIFIED CONVERTS:

Q.3 And just in your own words, what is the main reason that you are no longer (FRMREL)?

IF FRMREL=UNAFFILIATED WITH ANY PARTICULAR RELIGION, USE ALTERNATE WORDING:

And just in your own words, what is the main reason that you started identifying with a religion?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Religious and moral beliefs | 48 | 41 | 40 | 17 | 18 |
| Religious teachings | 41 | 40 | 39 | 16 | 18 |
| <i>Do not believe in former religion/any religion</i> | 21 | 16 | 14 | 6 | * |
| <i>Do not believe in God/Jesus</i> | 4 | * | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Religion/former religion not logical</i> | 6 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Stopped believing/lost faith/became skeptical</i> | 3 | 1 | 6 | * | 0 |
| <i>Liked beliefs of current religion</i> | 0 | 1 | * | 4 | 12 |
| <i>Biblical or scriptural reason</i> | 2 | 18 | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| Moral/social teachings | 9 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Religious institutions, practices and people | 36 | 29 | 20 | 32 | 23 |
| Organized religion | 14 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| <i>Pedophilia scandal/molestation</i> | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Religion's rules, rigidity | 14 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| <i>Former relig/members hypocritical, intolerant</i> | 7 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| Particular churches/leaders/members | 10 | 17 | 4 | 14 | 9 |
| Spiritual/social connectedness | 2 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 14 |
| Personal spirituality | 6 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 25 |
| <i>Looking for answers/something deeper</i> | 0 | * | * | 1 | 12 |
| <i>Saved/accepted Jesus/born again</i> | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Lifecycle changes | 5 | 17 | 4 | 28 | 19 |
| Marriage and family | 4 | 17 | 2 | 21 | 16 |
| <i>Marriage/because of spouse</i> | 1 | 12 | 1 | 17 | 8 |
| New circumstances | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| Other reasons | 10 | 7 | 21 | 16 | 9 |
| <i>Just drifted away/fell away/don't go to church</i> | 4 | 1 | 13 | 4 | * |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | 4 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 9 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) | (338) | (265) | (313) |

Cell entries are percentages. Totals do not sum to 100 because respondents were allowed to give more than one response. Up to three responses were coded. Only the most common responses are displayed here. Nested figures do not sum to subtotals indicated because not all responses are shown.

ASK ALL QUALIFIED CONVERTS:

Q.4 There are many reasons people have given us for why they are no longer (FRMREL). As I read a list of possible reasons, please tell me whether or not each one is an important reason for why you are no longer (FRMREL). First, what about this...(INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE IN BLOCKS; FIRST a-d.3, THEN e-i, THEN k-s). Is this an important reason you are no longer (FRMREL), or not? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM). (READ FOR FIRST SEVERAL ITEMS, THEN AS NECESSARY AND AT LEAST EVERY THREE OR FOUR ITEMS, AND EVERY TIME AFTER READING Q.5: Is this an important reason you are no longer (FRMREL), or not?)

IF FRMREL=UNAFFILIATED WITH ANY PARTICULAR RELIGION, USE ALTERNATE WORDING:

There are many reasons people have given us for why they started identifying with their first religious group after having not been raised in any particular religion. As I read a list of possible reasons, please tell me if each one is an important reason for why you started identifying with your first religion, even if your first religion is different than your current religion. First, what about this...(INSERT; RANDOMIZE a-d.3). Is this an important reason you started identifying with your first religion, or not? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM). (READ FOR FIRST SEVERAL ITEMS, THEN AS NECESSARY AND AT LEAST EVERY THREE OR FOUR ITEMS: Is this an important reason you started identifying with your first religion, or not?)

[PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTION: IF Q.4j-Q.4s=1, IMMEDIATELY READ CORRESPONDING ITEM IN Q.5]

ASK ALL QUALIFIED CONVERTS:

Q.4a You married someone who is not (FRMREL)

IF FRMREL=UNAFFILIATED WITH ANY PARTICULAR RELIGION, USE ALTERNATE WORDING:

you married someone who identifies with a religion

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now affil <u>now affil</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Yes, important reason | 13 | 29 | 4 | 33 | 23 |
| No, not important reason | 86 | 71 | 95 | 66 | 77 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | * | * | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) | (338) | (265) | (313) |

ASK ALL QUALIFIED CONVERTS:

Q.4b Your spiritual needs were not being met

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now affil <u>now affil</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Yes, important reason | 43 | 71 | 39 | 51 | 51 |
| No, not important reason | 55 | 28 | 58 | 45 | 46 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) | (338) | (265) | (313) |

ASK ALL QUALIFIED CONVERTS:

Q.4c You moved to a new community

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now affil |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Yes, important reason | 10 | 14 | 10 | 37 | 15 |
| No, not important reason | 90 | 86 | 90 | 63 | 82 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>*</u> | <u>*</u> | <u>*</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> |
| (N) | 100 (379) | 100 (320) | 100 (338) | 100 (265) | 100 (313) |

ASK ALL QUALIFIED CONVERTS:

Q.4d You found a religion that you liked more than being (FRMREL)

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now affil |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Yes, important reason | 10 | 70 | 11 | 58 | 46 |
| No, not important reason | 89 | 27 | 87 | 39 | 52 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>2</u> |
| (N) | 100 (379) | 100 (320) | 100 (338) | 100 (265) | 100 (313) |

ASK ALL QUALIFIED CONVERTS:

Q.4d.2 You became separated or divorced

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now affil |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Yes, important reason | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| No, not important reason | 95 | 96 | 98 | 96 | 94 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>0</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>*</u> | <u>*</u> | <u>*</u> |
| (N) | 100 (379) | 100 (320) | 100 (338) | 100 (265) | 100 (313) |

ASK ALL QUALIFIED CONVERTS:

Q.4d.3 Someone you were close to passed away

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now affil |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Yes, important reason | 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 10 |
| No, not important reason | 93 | 92 | 89 | 94 | 90 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | * | * | 2 | * | * |
| (N) | 100 (379) | 100 (320) | 100 (338) | 100 (265) | 100 (313) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT RAISED IN A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.4e You weren't satisfied with the [IF RAISED CATHOLIC, INSERT: priests at your parish; FOR ALL OTHERS, INSERT: clergy at your local congregation]

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Yes, important reason | 18 | 27 | 25 | 36 |
| No, not important reason | 82 | 72 | 73 | 63 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | * | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| (N) | 100 (379) | 100 (320) | 100 (338) | 100 (265) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT RAISED IN A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.4f You just gradually drifted away from the religion

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Yes, important reason | 71 | 54 | 71 | 40 |
| No, not important reason | 28 | 45 | 27 | 59 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | * | * | 1 | 1 |
| (N) | 100 (379) | 100 (320) | 100 (338) | 100 (265) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT RAISED CATHOLIC, ASK:

Q.4g You were unhappy about the Church’s rule that priests can’t get married

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Yes, important reason | 24 | 21 |
| No, not important reason | 75 | 77 |
| Don’t know/refused (VOL) | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |
| | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT RAISED CATHOLIC, ASK:

Q.4h The clergy sexual-abuse scandal

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Yes, important reason | 27 | 21 |
| No, not important reason | 73 | 78 |
| Don’t know/refused (VOL) | <u>*</u> | <u>1</u> |
| | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT RAISED CATHOLIC, ASK:

Q.4i The Church drifted too far away from its traditional practices and teachings, like Latin Mass and not eating meat on Fridays all year long

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Yes, important reason | 8 | 11 |
| No, not important reason | 91 | 88 |
| Don’t know/refused (VOL) | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |
| | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT RAISED IN A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.4k You were unhappy about the way the religion treated women

ASK IF RESPONDENT SAYS YES, IMPORTANT REASON IN Q.4k:

Q.5k And would you say that the religion treated men better than women, or the religion treated women better than men?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Yes, important reason for leaving | 39 | 16 | 18 | 14 |
| Treated men better than women | 36 | 13 | 16 | 10 |
| Treated women better than men | * | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Neither/both equally/other (VOL) | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | 1 | * | 1 | 2 |
| No, not an important reason | 60 | 82 | 79 | 85 |
| DK/Ref (VOL) | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>*</u> |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) | (338) | (265) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT RAISED IN A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.4l You were unhappy about the religion's teachings about divorce and re-marriage

ASK IF RESPONDENT SAYS YES, IMPORTANT REASON IN Q.4l:

Q.5l And would you say that the religion was too strict and conservative about divorce and remarriage, or the religion was too relaxed and liberal about divorce and remarriage?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Yes, important reason for leaving | 33 | 23 | 9 | 8 |
| Too strict/conservative about divorce/remarriage | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 |
| Too relaxed/liberal about divorce/remarriage | 1 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| Neither/both equally/other (VOL) | 1 | * | 0 | 0 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | * | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| No, not an important reason | 65 | 75 | 88 | 90 |
| DK/Ref (VOL) | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>2</u> |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) | (338) | (265) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT RAISED IN A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.4m You weren't satisfied with the atmosphere at [IF RAISED CATHOLIC, INSERT: Mass; FOR ALL OTHERS, INSERT: worship services]

ASK IF RESPONDENT SAYS YES, IMPORTANT REASON IN Q.4m:

Q.5m And would you say that [IF RAISED CATHOLIC, INSERT: Mass was; FOR ALL OTHERS, INSERT: worship services were] too boring and uninspiring, or [IF RAISED CATHOLIC, INSERT: Mass was; FOR ALL OTHERS, INSERT: worship services were] too emotional and exuberant?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Yes, important reason for leaving | 26 | 32 | 29 | 39 |
| Mass/services were too boring and uninspiring | 20 | 28 | 18 | 23 |
| Mass/services were too emotional and exuberant | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Neither/both equally/other (VOL) | 5 | 1 | 7 | 11 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | 1 | 0 | * | 2 |
| No, not an important reason | 73 | 68 | 69 | 60 |
| DK/Ref (VOL) | <u>1</u> | <u>*</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) | (338) | (265) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT RAISED IN A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.4n You weren't comfortable with the feeling of community at [IF RAISED CATHOLIC, INSERT: your parish; FOR ALL OTHERS, INSERT: your local congregation]

ASK IF RESPONDENT SAYS YES, IMPORTANT REASON IN Q.4n:

Q.5n And would you say that there wasn't enough of a sense of community at [IF RAISED CATHOLIC, INSERT: your parish; FOR ALL OTHERS, INSERT: your local congregation], or the community at [IF RAISED CATHOLIC, INSERT: your parish; FOR ALL OTHERS, INSERT: your local congregation] was too CLOSE, with too many people trying to be involved in other people's private lives?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Yes, important reason for leaving | 19 | 20 | 20 | 22 |
| Not enough sense of community | 10 | 10 | 4 | 6 |
| Community was too close | 5 | 7 | 13 | 7 |
| Neither/both equally/other (VOL) | 2 | 3 | 3 | 8 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| No, not an important reason | 80 | 78 | 77 | 77 |
| DK/Ref (VOL) | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) | (338) | (265) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT RAISED IN A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.4o You stopped believing in the religion’s teachings

ASK IF RESPONDENT SAYS YES, IMPORTANT REASON IN Q.4o:

Q.5o And would you say that this was mostly because of your education, or this was mostly because of some other reason?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Yes, important reason for leaving | 65 | 50 | 50 | 15 |
| Mostly because of your education | 30 | 17 | 22 | 7 |
| Mostly because of some other reason | 31 | 31 | 22 | 6 |
| Neither/both equally/other (VOL) | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Don’t know/refused (VOL) | 1 | 1 | 1 | * |
| No, not an important reason | 34 | 50 | 49 | 83 |
| DK/Ref (VOL) | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) | (338) | (265) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT RAISED IN A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.4p You were unhappy about the religion’s teachings about things like abortion and homosexuality

ASK IF RESPONDENT SAYS YES, IMPORTANT REASON IN Q.4p:

Q.5p And would you say that the religion was too strict and conservative about things like abortion and homosexuality, or the religion was too relaxed and liberal about things like abortion and homosexuality?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Yes, important reason for leaving | 56 | 23 | 23 | 14 |
| Too strict/conservative on abortion/homosexuality | 54 | 14 | 20 | 7 |
| Too relaxed/liberal on abortion/homosexuality | 1 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| Neither/both equally/other (VOL) | * | 2 | * | 0 |
| Don’t know/refused (VOL) | * | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| No, not an important reason | 42 | 75 | 74 | 84 |
| DK/Ref (VOL) | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) | (338) | (265) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT RAISED IN A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.4q You were unhappy about the religion’s teachings about things like poverty or social justice, war and peace, and the death penalty

ASK IF RESPONDENT SAYS YES, IMPORTANT REASON IN Q.4q:

Q.5q And would you say that the religion was too CONSERVATIVE about things like poverty or social justice, war and peace, and the death penalty, or the religion was too LIBERAL about things like poverty or social justice, war and peace and the death penalty?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>faith</u> |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Yes, important reason for leaving | 24 | 11 | 15 | 12 |
| Too conservative on poverty, war, death penalty | 17 | 6 | 12 | 6 |
| Too liberal on poverty, war, death penalty | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Neither/both equally/other (VOL) | 2 | 1 | 1 | * |
| Don’t know/refused (VOL) | 2 | 1 | 1 | * |
| No, not an important reason | 73 | 86 | 81 | 86 |
| DK/Ref (VOL) | <u>3</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>1</u> |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) | (338) | (265) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT RAISED CHRISTIAN, ASK:

Q.4r You were unhappy about the religion’s teachings about the Bible

ASK IF RESPONDENT SAYS YES, IMPORTANT REASON IN Q.4r:

Q.5r And would you say that the religion viewed the Bible too literally, or the religion didn’t view the Bible literally enough?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>faith</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Yes, important reason for leaving | 29 | 43 | 36 | 23 |
| Viewed Bible too literally | 20 | 3 | 22 | 7 |
| Did not view Bible literally enough | 4 | 35 | 5 | 12 |
| Neither/both equally/other (VOL) | 4 | 2 | 5 | * |
| Don’t know/refused (VOL) | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| No, not an important reason | 68 | 56 | 62 | 77 |
| DK/Ref. | <u>3</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) | (338) | (265) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT RAISED CATHOLIC, ASK:

Q.4s You were unhappy about the Church’s teachings about birth control

ASK IF RESPONDENT SAYS YES, IMPORTANT REASON IN Q.4s:

Q.5s And would you say that the Church was too strict and conservative about birth control, or the church was too relaxed and liberal about birth control?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Yes, important reason for leaving | 48 | 16 |
| Too strict and conservative about birth control | 46 | 13 |
| Too relaxed and liberal about birth control | 1 | 3 |
| Neither/both equally/other (VOL) | 1 | 0 |
| Don’t know/refused (VOL) | 1 | 0 |
| No, not an important reason | 51 | 80 |
| DK/Ref. (VOL) | <u>1</u> | <u>4</u> |
| | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT RAISED IN A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.6 And when you stopped being (FRMREL), would you say it was more because you wanted to LEAVE the (FRMREL) religion or more because you wanted to JOIN another religion?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| More because wanted to leave the religion | 67 | 32 | 47 | 12 |
| More because wanted to join another religion | 5 | 47 | 5 | 49 |
| Neither/Both/Other (VOL) | 26 | 18 | 45 | 35 |
| Don’t know/refused (VOL) | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) | (338) | (265) |

ASK ALL QUALIFIED CONVERTS:

Q.6b And thinking about the year or two right before you stopped being (**FRMREL**), about how strong was your religious faith? Was it very strong, somewhat strong, not too strong, or not strong at all?

IF FRMREL=UNAFFILIATED WITH ANY PARTICULAR RELIGION, USE ALTERNATE WORDING:

And thinking about the year or two right before you started identifying with your first religion, about how strong was your religious faith? Was it very strong, somewhat strong, not too strong, or not strong at all?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now affil |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Very strong | 10 | 23 | 11 | 30 | 13 |
| Somewhat strong | 34 | 38 | 38 | 39 | 25 |
| Not too strong | 31 | 21 | 26 | 16 | 27 |
| Not strong at all | 24 | 17 | 21 | 12 | 31 |
| Didn't have religious faith (VOL) | * | 0 | 1 | * | 1 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (379) | (320) | (338) | (265) | (313) |

ASK ALL:

Q.7 Now thinking back to when you were a child, that is BEFORE you became a teenager, about how often did you attend religious services? Would you say (**READ IN ORDER**)

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> | Raised affil, still same <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, still <u>unaffil</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|
| More than once a week | 26 | 30 | 21 | 26 | 7 | 24 | 2 |
| Once a week | 47 | 49 | 43 | 52 | 16 | 53 | 8 |
| Once or twice a month | 10 | 12 | 16 | 14 | 9 | 11 | 7 |
| A few times a year | 7 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 14 | 5 | 20 |
| Seldom, or | 7 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 29 | 4 | 34 |
| Never | 2 | * | 3 | * | 24 | 1 | 28 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>*</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>*</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (401) | (343) | (360) | (292) | (350) | (772) | (201) |

ASK ALL:

Q.8 And when you were a child, about how often did you attend religious education classes, including programs like Sunday School (**IF RAISED CATHOLIC, INSERT: “or CCD”**), or as a part of the curriculum if you attended a religious school? Would you say (**READ IN ORDER**)

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> | Raised affil, still same <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, still <u>unaffil</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|
| Frequently | 68 | 68 | 51 | 66 | 18 | 66 | 9 |
| Occasionally | 13 | 14 | 22 | 23 | 13 | 16 | 15 |
| Rarely, or Never | 10 | 7 | 14 | 7 | 24 | 7 | 28 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | * | <u>4</u> | <u>2</u> |
| (N) | 100 (401) | 100 (343) | 100 (360) | 100 (292) | 100 (350) | 100 (772) | 100 (201) |

ASK ALL:

Q.9 And as a child, about how strong was your religious faith? Was it very strong, somewhat strong, not too strong, or not strong at all?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> | Raised affil, still same <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, still <u>unaffil</u> |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|
| Very strong | 30 | 35 | 18 | 35 | 10 | 43 | 10 |
| Somewhat strong | 35 | 43 | 46 | 42 | 26 | 45 | 12 |
| Not too strong | 17 | 12 | 20 | 15 | 21 | 9 | 32 |
| Not strong at all | 17 | 9 | 15 | 6 | 38 | 1 | 42 |
| Didn't have religious faith (VOL) | * | 0 | * | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> |
| (N) | 100 (401) | 100 (343) | 100 (360) | 100 (292) | 100 (350) | 100 (772) | 100 (201) |

ASK ALL:

Q.10 And thinking now about when you were a TEENAGER, roughly between the ages of 13 and 18, about how often did you attend religious services then? Would you say **(READ IN ORDER)**

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> | Raised affil, still same <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, still <u>unaffil</u> |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|
| More than once a week | 9 | 13 | 10 | 28 | 13 | 18 | 3 |
| Once a week | 35 | 47 | 18 | 36 | 10 | 45 | 3 |
| Once or twice a month | 15 | 16 | 17 | 16 | 13 | 17 | 4 |
| A few times a year | 15 | 9 | 18 | 6 | 15 | 11 | 14 |
| Seldom, or | 13 | 12 | 17 | 8 | 21 | 6 | 36 |
| Never | 13 | 2 | 17 | 5 | 27 | 3 | 40 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | * | * | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | * | * | <u>0</u> |
| (N) | 100 (401) | 100 (343) | 100 (360) | 100 (292) | 100 (350) | 100 (772) | 100 (201) |

IF ATTENDED AT LEAST MONTHLY AS TEENAGER AND RAISED IN A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.10a Were the religious services you attended mostly **(FRMREL)** services, or not?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>faith</u> | Raised affil, still same <u>faith</u> |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Attended at least monthly | 59 | 76 | 46 | 80 | 80 |
| Yes | 54 | 62 | 40 | 64 | 75 |
| No | 4 | 12 | 5 | 15 | 3 |
| Mixed/interfaith/multiple (VOL) | 1 | 2 | * | 1 | 1 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | 0 | 0 | 0 | * | * |
| Attended less/Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>41</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>54</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>20</u> |
| (N) | 100 (401) | 100 (343) | 100 (360) | 100 (292) | 100 (772) |

IF RAISED CATHOLIC, ASK:

Q.10b Did you attend a Catholic high school, or not?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Cath, still <u>Cath</u> |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| Yes | 20 | 16 | 25 |
| No | 80 | 83 | 73 |
| Yes, but only for part of high school (VOL) | * | 1 | 2 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| (N) | 100 (401) | 100 (343) | 100 (287) |

ASK ALL:

Q.11 And when you were a teenager, did you participate in any religious youth groups, Bible study groups, prayer groups, or other religious groups for young people?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, new Prot <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> | Raised affil, still same <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, still <u>unaffil</u> |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|
| Yes | 40 | 44 | 43 | 65 | 39 | 49 | 14 |
| No | 60 | 56 | 57 | 34 | 61 | 50 | 86 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | * | <u>0</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>1</u> | * |
| (N) | 100 (401) | 100 (343) | 100 (360) | 100 (292) | 100 (350) | 100 (772) | 100 (201) |

IF PARTICIPATED IN YOUTH GROUPS AND RAISED IN A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.11a Were the group or groups you participated in mostly (FRMREL) groups, or not?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, new Prot <u>faith</u> | Raised affil, still same <u>faith</u> |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Participated | 40 | 44 | 43 | 65 | 49 |
| Yes | 32 | 29 | 36 | 47 | 44 |
| No | 6 | 13 | 4 | 15 | 3 |
| Mixed/interfaith/multiple (VOL) | * | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | 1 | * | * | 1 | * |
| Did not participate | 60 | 56 | 57 | 34 | 50 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | * | <u>0</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |
| (N) | 100 (401) | 100 (343) | 100 (360) | 100 (292) | 100 (772) |

ASK ALL:

Q.12 And as a teenager, about how strong was your religious faith? Was it very strong, somewhat strong, not too strong, or not strong at all?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> | Raised affil, still same <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, still <u>unaffil</u> |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|
| Very strong | 12 | 22 | 12 | 32 | 16 | 37 | 9 |
| Somewhat strong | 32 | 49 | 30 | 44 | 36 | 46 | 17 |
| Not too strong | 25 | 18 | 33 | 13 | 18 | 12 | 27 |
| Not strong at all | 31 | 10 | 25 | 9 | 27 | 4 | 44 |
| Didn't have relig faith (VOL) | * | 0 | * | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>*</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>*</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>*</u> |
| (N) | 100 (401) | 100 (343) | 100 (360) | 100 (292) | 100 (350) | 100 (772) | 100 (201) |

ASK ALL:

Q.13 And about how strong would you say your religious faith is NOW? Is it very strong, somewhat strong, not too strong, or not strong at all?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> | Raised affil, still same <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, still <u>unaffil</u> |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|
| Very strong | 12 | 71 | 18 | 69 | 63 | 55 | 16 |
| Somewhat strong | 20 | 26 | 25 | 26 | 29 | 29 | 24 |
| Not too strong | 17 | 1 | 17 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 27 |
| Not strong at all | 46 | 1 | 34 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 30 |
| Don't have religious faith (VOL) | 3 | 0 | 4 | * | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>2</u> | <u>*</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>*</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |
| (N) | 100 (401) | 100 (343) | 100 (360) | 100 (292) | 100 (350) | 100 (772) | 100 (201) |

Moving on...

ASK ALL CONVERTS:

Q.14 About how old were you when you became (CURREL)? [INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS THEY HAVE BECOME CURREL MORE THAN ONCE, SPECIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS APPLY TO THE MOST RECENT TIME THAT THEY BECAME CURREL]

IF DON'T KNOW/REFUSED, ASK:

Q.14a Just thinking in general terms, would you say you were under the age of 13, between the ages of 13 and 17, between 18 and 23, between 24 and 35, between 36 and 50, between 51 and 65, or were you older than 65?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Under age 13 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 4 | 19 |
| Between 13 and 17 | 26 | 10 | 32 | 8 | 13 |
| Between 18 and 23 | 35 | 24 | 33 | 23 | 24 |
| Between 24 and 35 | 21 | 41 | 18 | 42 | 30 |
| Between 36 and 50 | 7 | 16 | 5 | 18 | 10 |
| Between 51 and 65 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Older than 65 | * | * | * | * | <u>1</u> |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (396) | (343) | (351) | (284) | (349) |

Results repercentaged to exclude non-response to q14a.

IF BECAME (CURREL) YOUNGER THAN AGE 18, ASK:

Q.15 And would you say that the decision to become (CURREL) was mostly your own decision, or was it mostly decided by your parents or family?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new Prot <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now affil <u>affil</u> |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Converted as a minor | 35 | 15 | 41 | 12 | 32 |
| <i>Mostly own decision</i> | 33 | 10 | 35 | 10 | 22 |
| <i>Mostly decided by parents or family</i> | 1 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 10 |
| <i>Both/neither (VOL)</i> | * | 0 | 1 | * | 0 |
| <i>Don't know/refused (VOL)</i> | * | 0 | 1 | 0 | * |
| Did not convert as a minor | <u>65</u> | <u>85</u> | <u>59</u> | <u>88</u> | <u>68</u> |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (401) | (343) | (360) | (292) | (350) |

NOTE: ALL RESULTS IN Q.16-Q.20e ARE BASED ON QUALIFIED CONVERTS. THIS INCLUDES ALL RESPONDENTS WHO CURRENTLY HAVE A RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION DIFFERENT THAN THAT IN WHICH THEY WERE RAISED, EXCEPT THOSE WHO JOINED THEIR CURRENT RELIGION AS A MINOR AND INDICATED IN Q.15 THAT IT WAS MOSTLY THEIR PARENTS' OR FAMILY'S DECISION TO DO SO.

ASK ALL QUALIFIED CONVERTS:

Q.16 And just in your own words, what would you say is the main reason that you became (CURREL)?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>new Prot faith</u> | Raised unaffil, <u>now affil</u> |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Religious and moral beliefs | 45 | 44 | 42 | 16 | 24 |
| Religious teachings | 41 | 41 | 40 | 15 | 24 |
| <i>Do not believe in former religion/any religion</i> | 20 | 2 | 12 | * | 0 |
| <i>Do not believe in God/Jesus</i> | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Religion/former religion not logical</i> | 6 | 0 | 5 | 0 | * |
| <i>Stopped believing/lost faith/became skeptical</i> | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Liked beliefs of current religion</i> | 3 | 17 | 1 | 10 | 17 |
| <i>Biblical or scriptural reason</i> | 2 | 21 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| Moral/social teachings | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Religious institutions, practices and people | 30 | 29 | 25 | 37 | 30 |
| Organized religion | 14 | 3 | 8 | 0 | * |
| <i>Pedophilia scandal/molestation</i> | 1 | 1 | * | 0 | 0 |
| Religion's rules, rigidity | 10 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| <i>Former relig/members hypocritical, intolerant</i> | 5 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Particular churches/leaders/members | 5 | 11 | 8 | 20 | 12 |
| Spiritual/social connectedness | 2 | 15 | 2 | 17 | 19 |
| Personal spirituality | 11 | 16 | 15 | 13 | 19 |
| <i>Looking for answers/something deeper</i> | 1 | 2 | * | 5 | 3 |
| <i>Saved/accepted Jesus/born again</i> | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Lifecycle changes | 4 | 19 | 6 | 32 | 22 |
| Marriage and family | 3 | 18 | 2 | 26 | 19 |
| <i>Marriage/because of spouse</i> | 2 | 15 | 1 | 17 | 13 |
| New circumstances | 1 | * | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| Other reasons | 12 | 2 | 18 | 7 | 11 |
| <i>Just drifted away/fell away/don't go to church</i> | 3 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | 7 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| (N) | (393) | (334) | (346) | (285) | (327) |

Cell entries are percentages. Totals do not sum to 100 because respondents were allowed to give more than one response. Up to three responses were coded. Only the most common responses are displayed here. Nested figures do not sum to subtotals indicated because not all responses are shown.

ASK ALL QUALIFIED CONVERTS:

Q.17 As I read a list of possible reasons, please tell me whether or not each one is an important reason for why you became (CURREL). First, what about this...(INSERT; RANDOMIZE). Is this an important reason you became (CURREL), or not? What about (INSERT NEXT ITEM).
(READ FOR FIRST SEVERAL ITEMS, THEN AS NECESSARY AND AT LEAST EVERY THREE OR FOUR ITEMS AND AFTER READING Q.18: Is this an important reason you became (CURREL), or not?)

ASK ALL QUALIFIED CONVERTS:

Q.17a You married someone who is (CURREL)

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now Prot <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Yes, important reason | 10 | 28 | 3 | 28 | 25 |
| No, not important reason | 90 | 71 | 96 | 72 | 74 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | * | * | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| (N) | 100 (393) | 100 (334) | 100 (346) | 100 (285) | 100 (327) |

ASK ALL QUALIFIED CONVERTS:

Q.17b You moved to a new community

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now Prot <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Yes, important reason | 9 | 19 | 11 | 38 | 17 |
| No, not important reason | 90 | 81 | 88 | 62 | 82 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | 1 | * | 1 | 1 | * |
| (N) | 100 (393) | 100 (334) | 100 (346) | 100 (285) | 100 (327) |

ASK ALL QUALIFIED CONVERTS:

Q.17c You became separated or divorced

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Yes, important reason | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| No, not important reason | 97 | 97 | 96 | 96 | 93 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | * | * | <u>1</u> | * | <u>1</u> |
| (N) | 100 (393) | 100 (334) | 100 (346) | 100 (285) | 100 (327) |

ASK ALL QUALIFIED CONVERTS:

Q.17d Someone you were close to passed away

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Yes, important reason | 7 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 6 |
| No, not important reason | 93 | 94 | 92 | 91 | 94 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | * | * | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | * |
| (N) | 100 (393) | 100 (334) | 100 (346) | 100 (285) | 100 (327) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT NOW AFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.17e You were attracted by a particular minister or pastor

| | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Yes, important reason | 30 | 36 | 29 |
| No, not important reason | 70 | 64 | 70 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | * | * | * |
| (N) | 100 (334) | 100 (285) | 100 (327) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT NOW AFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.17f You enjoy the religious services and style of worship

| | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, new <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Yes, important reason | 81 | 85 | 74 |
| No, not important reason | 18 | 15 | 24 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>1</u> | * | <u>1</u> |
| (N) | 100 (334) | 100 (285) | 100 (327) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT NOW AFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.17g You felt called by God

| | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, new <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Yes, important reason | 62 | 50 | 55 |
| No, not important reason | 37 | 49 | 42 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> |
| (N) | 100 (334) | 100 (285) | 100 (327) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT NOW AFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.17h You were asked to join by a member of the religion

IF YES, IMPORTANT REASON, ASK:

Q.18 And was this a friend or relative of yours, or not?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, new <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Yes, important reason | 30 | 30 | 29 |
| Yes, was friend or relative | 25 | 26 | 20 |
| No, was not | 5 | 4 | 8 |
| Both/other | * | * | * |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | * | * | * |
| No, not important reason | 70 | 69 | 71 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>*</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |
| (N) | 100 (334) | 100 (285) | 100 (327) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT NOW UNAFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.17i You just haven't yet found the right religion for you

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Yes, important reason | 33 | 38 |
| No, not important reason | 65 | 59 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> |
| | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (393) | (346) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT NOW UNAFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.17j You just don't believe in God or the teachings of most religions

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Yes, important reason | 42 | 39 |
| No, not important reason | 56 | 57 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>2</u> | <u>4</u> |
| | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (393) | (346) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT NOW UNAFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.19 As I read a short list of statements, please tell me if you agree or DISagree with each one. First, **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE; IMMEDIATELY ASK CORRESPONDING ITEM Q.20 SERIES EACH TIME RESPONDENT AGREES WITH AN ITEM]**. Do you agree or DISagree? Next, **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**. Do you agree or DISagree?

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT NOW UNAFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.19a Religious organizations tend to focus too much on rules and not enough on spirituality

IF AGREE, ASK:

Q.20a And is this an important reason that you became (CURREL), or not?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> |
|---|--|--|
| Agree | 73 | 71 |
| Important reason for becoming (CURREL) | 46 | 49 |
| Not an important reason for becoming (CURREL) | 26 | 21 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | 1 | 2 |
| Disagree | 20 | 20 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>7</u> | <u>9</u> |
| | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (393) | (346) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT NOW UNAFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.19b Many religions are *partly* true, but no religion is *completely* true

IF AGREE, ASK:

Q.20b And is this an important reason that you became (CURREL), or not?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> |
|---|--|--|
| Agree | 75 | 76 |
| Important reason for becoming (CURREL) | 48 | 43 |
| Not an important reason for becoming (CURREL) | 27 | 31 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | 0 | 1 |
| Disagree | 21 | 19 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> |
| | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (393) | (346) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT NOW UNAFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.19c Religious leaders are more concerned with money and power than with truth and spirituality

IF AGREE, ASK:

Q.20c And is this an important reason that you became (CURREL), or not?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> |
|---|--|--|
| Agree | 66 | 64 |
| Important reason for becoming (CURREL) | 43 | 38 |
| Not an important reason for becoming (CURREL) | 23 | 26 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | 0 | * |
| Disagree | 30 | 27 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>4</u> | <u>9</u> |
| | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (393) | (346) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT NOW UNAFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.19d Members of religious groups tend to be hypocritical and judgmental rather than sincere and forgiving

IF AGREE, ASK:

Q.20d And is this an important reason that you became (CURREL), or not?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> |
|---|--|--|
| Agree | 74 | 76 |
| Important reason for becoming (CURREL) | 55 | 53 |
| Not an important reason for becoming (CURREL) | 19 | 22 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | * | 1 |
| Disagree | 21 | 18 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> |
| | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (393) | (346) |

IF QUALIFIED CONVERT NOW UNAFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION, ASK:

Q.19e Modern science proves that religion is just superstition

IF AGREE, ASK:

Q.20e And is this an important reason that you became (CURREL), or not?

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> |
|---|--|--|
| Agree | 32 | 32 |
| Important reason for becoming (CURREL) | 23 | 24 |
| Not an important reason for becoming (CURREL) | 8 | 8 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | * | 0 |
| Disagree | 62 | 59 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>7</u> | <u>9</u> |
| | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (393) | (346) |

IF NON-CONVERT (CHILDHOOD RELIGION IS SAME AS CURRENT RELIGION), ASK:

Q.21 Would you say there was ever a time in your life when you didn't consider yourself (CURREL)?

| | All still same faith group | Raised affil, still same faith | Raised unaffil, still <u>unaffil</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Yes | 16 | 16 | 20 |
| No | 83 | 83 | 78 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL) | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |
| | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| (N) | (973) | (772) | (201) |

IF CONVERT OR Q.21=YES, ASK:

Q.22 And finally, as I read a short list of some different religions and churches, please tell me which, if any, you have ever identified with at any point in your life? Have you ever been **(READ IN ORDER; DO NOT READ RESPONDENT’S FRMREL OR CURREL)**

- a. Baptist?
- b. Methodist?
- c. a nondenominational Christian?
- d. Lutheran?
- e. part of any other Protestant church or denomination I haven’t mentioned? **(SPECIFY)**
- f. Catholic?
- g. Mormon?
- h. Jewish?
- h.2 just nothing in particular?
- i. an Atheist?
- j. an Agnostic?
- l. a part of any other religion I haven’t mentioned? **(SPECIFY)**

| | Raised Cath, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Cath, now <u>Prot</u> | Raised Prot, now <u>unaffil</u> | Raised Prot, now new <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, now <u>affil</u> | Raised affil, still same <u>faith</u> | Raised unaffil, still <u>unaffil</u> |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|
| <i>Total number of known religious affiliations:*</i> | | | | | | | |
| One | - | - | - | - | - | 89 | 85 |
| Two | 38 | 46 | 30 | 49 | 47 | 6 | 10 |
| Three | 36 | 33 | 38 | 28 | 32 | 3 | 4 |
| Four | 18 | 14 | 19 | 15 | 15 | 1 | 1 |
| Five or more | <u>8</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>13</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |
| (N) | 100 (401) | 100 (343) | 100 (360) | 100 (292) | 100 (350) | 100 (772) | 100 (201) |

*Includes current and former affiliations. “Just nothing in particular,” “an atheist” and “an agnostic” are classified as affiliations. Items e and l are excluded from this analysis (i.e., they do not count as a known religious affiliation).

APPENDIX:
Complete List of Inserts for CURREL and FRMREL

INSERTS FOR CURREL:

IF CURREL=1 CURREL=BAPTIST
IF CURREL=2 CURREL=METHODIST
IF CURREL=3 CURREL=NONDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN
IF CURREL=4 CURREL=LUTHERAN
IF CURREL=5 CURREL=PRESBYTERIAN
IF CURREL=6 CURREL=PENTECOSTAL
IF CURREL=7 CURREL=EPISCOPALIAN
IF CURREL=8 CURREL=CHURCH OF CHRIST OR DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
IF CURREL=9 CURREL=CONGREGATIONALIST OR UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
IF CURREL=10 CURREL=HOLESNESS CHRISTIAN
IF CURREL=11 CURREL=REFORMED CHRISTIAN
IF CURREL=12 CURREL=ADVENTIST
IF CURREL=13 CURREL=ANABAPTIST
IF CURREL=14 CURREL=PIETIST
IF CURREL=15 CURREL=QUAKER OR FRIENDS
IF CURREL=16 CURREL=EVANGELICAL OR FUNDAMENTALIST CHRISTIAN
IF CURREL=18 CURREL=JUST PROTESTANT (**INTERVIEWER – FOR FIRST INSERT AND
WHENEVER NECESSARY, SPECIFY: THAT IS, PROTESTANT BUT NOT REALLY A
PART OF ANY PARTICULAR DENOMINATION**)
IF CURREL=10000 CURREL=CATHOLIC
IF CURREL=20000 CURREL=MORMON
IF CURREL=30000 CURREL=ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
IF CURREL=40001 CURREL=JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
IF CURREL=50000 CURREL=JEWISH
IF CURREL=60000 CURREL=MUSLIM
IF CURREL=70000 CURREL=BUDDHIST
IF CURREL=80000 CURREL=HINDU
IF CURREL=100001 CURREL=ATHEIST
IF CURREL=100002 CURREL=AGNOSTIC
IF CURREL=100003 CURREL=UNAFFILIATED WITH ANY PARTICULAR RELIGION

INSERTS FOR FRMREL:

IF FRMREL=1 FRMREL=BAPTIST
IF FRMREL=2 FRMREL=METHODIST
IF FRMREL=3 FRMREL=NONDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN
IF FRMREL=4 FRMREL=LUTHERAN
IF FRMREL=5 FRMREL=PRESBYTERIAN
IF FRMREL=6 FRMREL=PENTECOSTAL
IF FRMREL=7 FRMREL=EPISCOPALIAN
IF FRMREL=8 FRMREL=CHURCH OF CHRIST OR DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
IF FRMREL=9 FRMREL=CONGREGATIONALIST OR UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
IF FRMREL=10 FRMREL=HOLINESS CHRISTIAN
IF FRMREL=11 FRMREL=REFORMED CHRISTIAN
IF FRMREL=12 FRMREL=ADVENTIST
IF FRMREL=13 FRMREL=ANABAPTIST
IF FRMREL=14 FRMREL=PIETIST
IF FRMREL=15 FRMREL=QUAKER OR FRIENDS
IF FRMREL=16 FRMREL=EVANGELICAL OR FUNDAMENTALIST CHRISTIAN
IF FRMREL=18 FRMREL=JUST PROTESTANT (**INTERVIEWER – FOR FIRST INSERT AND
WHENEVER NECESSARY, SPECIFY: THAT IS, PROTESTANT BUT NOT REALLY A
PART OF ANY PARTICULAR DENOMINATION**)
IF FRMREL=10000 FRMREL=CATHOLIC
IF FRMREL=20000 FRMREL=MORMON
IF FRMREL=30000 FRMREL=ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
IF FRMREL=40001 FRMREL=JEHOVAH’S WITNESS
IF FRMREL=50000 FRMREL=JEWISH
IF FRMREL=60000 FRMREL=MUSLIM
IF FRMREL=70000 FRMREL=BUDDHIST
IF FRMREL=80000 FRMREL=HINDU
IF FRMREL=100001 FRMREL=ATHEIST
IF FRMREL=100002 FRMREL=AGNOSTIC
IF FRMREL=100003 FRMREL=UNAFFILIATED WITH ANY PARTICULAR RELIGION