

APPENDIX 2: TOPLINE QUESTIONNAIRE

PEW RESEARCH CENTER/RELIGION & ETHICS NEWSWEEKLY

PART OF THE JULY 2012 PEW RESEARCH CENTER RELIGION & POLITICS SURVEY June 28 – July 9, 2012

GENERAL PUBLIC SAMPLE N=2,973

QUESTIONS 1-3, 10, 12-13, 18-20, 23-26, 30-32, 34-35, 40-47, 50, 75-78, 80-83, 95-96 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE. For the results to these questions, see the following reports:

"Catholics Share Bishops' Concerns About Religious Liberty," August 1, 2012

<http://www.pewforum.org/Politics-and-Elections/Catholics-Share-Bishops-Concerns-about-Religious-Liberty.aspx>

"Two-Thirds of Democrats Now Support Gay Marriage," July 31, 2012

<http://www.pewforum.org/Politics-and-Elections/2012-opinions-on-for-gay-marriage-unchanged-after-obamas-announcement.aspx>

"Little Voter Discomfort with Romney's Mormon Religion," July 26, 2012

<http://www.pewforum.org/Politics-and-Elections/Little-Voter-Discomfort-with-Romney%E2%80%99s-Mormon-Religion.aspx>

"Obama Holds Lead; Romney Trails on Most Issues," July 12, 2012

<http://www.people-press.org/2012/07/12/obama-holds-lead-romney-trails-on-most-issues/>

NO QUESTIONS 4-9, 11, 14-17, 27-29, 33, 36-39, 48-49, 55-69, 74, 79, 84-94

ASK ALL:

A few questions about you...

Q.21 How often, if at all, do you **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE] [READ OPTIONS IN ORDER]**
And, how often, if at all, do you **[INSERT NEXT ITEM] [READ OPTIONS IN ORDER]?**

		<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Think about the meaning and purpose of life Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	67	22	7	3	1
b.	Feel a deep connection with nature and the earth Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	58	26	8	5	2

ASK ALL:

Q.22 How important is it to you to belong to a community of people who share your values and beliefs – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

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49	Very important
34	Somewhat important
11	Not too important
5	Not at all important
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF R SAYS RELIGION IS IMPORTANT TO THEM BUT DOES NOT ATTEND SERVICES REGULARLY (ATTEND=4,5,6 AND Q50=1,2) [N=843]:

Q.51 People tell us there are a variety of reasons they don't attend religious services more often. Just in your own words, what would you say is the main reason you don't attend religious services more often?

BASED ON ALL ASKED; FIRST RESPONSE ONLY

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40	NET Religion-related reasons
20	Don't agree (with religion/local church); don't believe in religion; not necessary to attend; churches do not reflect respondent's beliefs
5	Hypocrisy (of religion, churches, leaders, people); Don't practice what they preach
3	Religion/churches/leaders too concerned with money/power/politics; corrupt/corruption
3	Religion/churches/leaders too pushy/demanding; too dogmatic; too intolerant
3	General dislike of church leaders/religious leaders
2	Looking for/haven't found suitable church; Don't belong to a church
1	General dislike of/discomfort with other people in church; churches/religion unwelcoming
1	Poor services/music/preaching
3	Other religion-related reason
23	NET Practical difficulties
12	Work
6	Health issues (of respondent/respondent's family)
4	Difficulties with travel/transportation
1	Inconvenient
1	Children/childcare
*	Other practical difficulty
22	NET Personal Priorities
15	Too busy; other things respondent would rather be doing; don't have time
3	Laziness
3	No reason; don't feel like it; just don't go; not that important
1	Not relevant; don't get anything out of it
5	Other/uncodeable
9	Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL:

Q.52 People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, do you pray
[READ LIST]

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		Aug <u>2009</u>	Aug <u>2007</u>
38	Several times a day	36	35
20	Once a day	19	21
13	A few times a week	14	15
3	Once a week	4	4
5	A few times a month	6	6
10	Seldom	11	11
9	Never	8	6
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2

ASK ALL:

Q.53 Do you believe in God or a universal spirit, or not?

IF BELIEVE IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT (Q.53=1), ASK:

Q.54 How certain are you about this belief? Are you absolutely certain, fairly certain, not too certain, or not at all certain?

BASED ON TOTAL:

Jun 28-Jul 9 <u>2012</u>		Aug <u>2007</u>	<i>Gallup</i> Dec <u>1994</u>	<i>Gallup</i> Dec <u>1988</u>	<i>Gallup</i> Nov <u>1978</u>	<i>Gallup</i> Jun <u>1976</u> ²⁴
91	Yes, believe in God	94	96	95	94	94
69	Absolutely certain	73				
17	Fairly certain	16				
3	Not too certain	3				
1	Not at all certain	1				
1	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	1				
7	No, do not believe in God	4	3	5	4	3
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	1	1	2	2

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.70 Thinking about when you were a child, in what religion were you raised, if any? Were you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

[INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS "nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc." BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: and would you say that was atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]

IF SOMETHING ELSE OR DK (Q.70=11, 99), ASK:

Q.71 And was that a Christian religion, or not?

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47	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
31	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
1	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
2	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
*	Buddhist
*	Hindu
*	Atheist (do not believe in God)
1	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
1	Something else (SPECIFY)
8	Nothing in particular
4	Christian (VOL.)
*	Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.)
1	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)

24 Based on responses from a national sample aged 15 and over.

ASK IF RELIGION IS "NOTHING IN PARTICULAR" (RELIG=12):

Q.72 Earlier you mentioned that you don't currently belong to any religion in particular. Would you say you are you looking for a religion that would be right for you, or are you not doing this?

BASED THOSE SAYING RELIGION IS "NOTHING IN PARTICULAR" (N=631):

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10	Yes, looking for a religion
88	Not doing this
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.73 As I read a short list of statements about churches and other religious organizations, please tell me if you agree or DISagree with each one. First, churches and other religious organizations **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? Do you agree or disagree? How about, churches and other religious organizations **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? Do you agree or disagree? Next, they **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY: "Do you agree or disagree?" and clarify "churches and other religious organizations"]**

		<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Focus too much on rules Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	51	43	6
b.	Are too concerned with money and power Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	51	44	5
NO ITEM C				
d.	Are too involved with politics Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	46	49	5
e.	Protect and strengthen morality in society Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	76	20	4
f.	Bring people together and strengthen community bonds Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	88	10	2
g.	Play an important role in helping the poor and needy Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	87	11	1

ASK ALL:

Q.97 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**, or not? And generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**, or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Religious person Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	65	34	1
b.	Spiritual person Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	78	21	2