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2014 RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPE STUDY (RLS-II)
AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL WAVE 6
TOPLINE
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THIS TOPLINE SHOWS QUESTION WORDING FROM THE WEB VERSION OF THE SURVEY. QUESTION WORDING, FORMAT, AND ORDER WERE ADAPTED FOR THE PAPER QUESTIONNAIRE DELIVERED BY MAIL; THE MAIL QUESTIONNAIRE IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. ALL QUESTIONS WERE ASKED IN BOTH MODES UNLESS NOTED.

THIS TOPLINE DOES NOT INCLUDE RESULTS FOR ALL QUESTIONS IN THE SURVEY. SOME QUESTIONS WERE PREVIOUSLY RELEASED; OTHERS HAVE BEEN HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE. FOR FULL DETAILS ON QUESTION WORDING AND ORDER, SEE THE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE.

ASK ALL:**[RANDOMIZE Q.B1A TO Q.B1E]****Q.B1A When you make major life decisions, how much do you rely on ADVICE FROM FAMILY?**

43	A lot
50	A little
7	Not at all
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

Q.B1B When you make major life decisions, how much do you rely on ADVICE FROM PROFESSIONAL EXPERTS?

25	A lot
57	A little
18	Not at all
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

Q.B1C When you make major life decisions, how much do you rely on PRAYER AND PERSONAL RELIGIOUS REFLECTION?

45	A lot
30	A little
25	Not at all
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

Q.B1D When you make major life decisions, how much do you rely on ADVICE FROM RELIGIOUS LEADERS?

15	A lot
35	A little
49	Not at all
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

Q.B1E When you make major life decisions, how much do you rely on YOUR OWN RESEARCH?

82	A lot
16	A little
1	Not at all
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

ASK ALL:

[RANDOMIZE Q.B2A TO Q.B2D]

Q.B2 How much, if at all, do you consider each factor when making purchasing decisions for EVERYDAY PRODUCTS?

a. How much the product costs. Is this a ...?

75	A major factor in your decisions
22	A minor factor in your decisions
3	Not a factor in your decisions
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

b. Whether the company pays its employees a fair wage. Is this ...?

26	A major factor in your decisions
37	A minor factor in your decisions
37	Not a factor in your decisions
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

c. How environmentally responsible the company is. Is this ...?

26	A major factor in your decisions
48	A minor factor in your decisions
25	Not a factor in your decisions
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

d. The quality of the product. Is this ...?

90	A major factor in your decisions
9	A minor factor in your decisions
1	Not a factor in your decisions
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

ASK ALL:

Q.B3 How often do you recycle or reduce waste in order to protect the environment?

46	Whenever possible
30	Most of the time
19	Occasionally
4	Never
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

ASK ALL:

Q.B4 Thinking specifically about just the past week, the past seven days, how many times did you get some kind of vigorous exercise such as running, playing a sport or working out at a gym? [RESPONDENTS ENTER NUMBER]

29	0 times
27	1-2 times
23	3-4 times
20	5 or more times
1	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

2.5 Mean¹

ASK ALL:

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS Q.B5D-Q.B5H FIRST, FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED Q.B5A-Q.B5C]

Q.B5A In the past week, did you ask God for help or guidance about something?

67	Yes
33	No
1	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

Q.B5B In the past week, did you thank God for something?

76	Yes
23	No
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

Q.B5C In the past week, did you ever become angry at God?

8	Yes
92	No
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

Q.B5D In the past week, did you donate money, time or goods to help the poor and needy?

48	Yes
52	No
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

Q.B5E In the past week, did you tell a white lie?

43	Yes
56	No
1	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

¹ Mean excludes six respondents who reported exercising more than 20 times in the past seven days.

Q.B5F In the past week, did you lose your temper?

43	Yes
57	No
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

Q.B5G In the past week, did you ever eat too much?

58	Yes
42	No
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

Q.B5H In the past week, did you meditate to cope with stress?

30	Yes
69	No
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

ASK ALL:**Q.B6 How often, if ever, do you attend a gathering with extended family?**

12	At least once a week
22	Once or twice a month
38	A few times a year
21	Seldom
6	Never
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

ASK ALL:**Q.B9 How often, if ever, do you volunteer or help out in a church or other religious congregation?**

10	At least once a week
9	Once or twice a month
13	Several times a year
25	Seldom
42	Never
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

ASK ALL:**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SET Q.B10 AND Q.B16]****[RANDOMIZE ITEMS Q.B10C THROUGH Q.B10H; ITEM A SHOULD ALWAYS APPEAR FIRST, AND SHOULD ALWAYS BE FOLLOWED BY B]**

Q.B10 **Please tell me how important each of the following is to what being [IF RESPONDENT WAS CATHOLIC, INSERT "Catholic"; IF RESPONDENT WAS A NON-CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN, INSERT "Christian"; FOR ALL OTHER RESPONDENTS, INSERT "a moral person" means to you].**

a. **Attending religious services regularly. Is this...?**

- 27 Essential to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 34 Important but not essential
- 38 Not important to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 1 Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

b. **Helping out in your congregation. Is this...?**

- 22 Essential to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 41 Important but not essential
- 36 Not important to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 1 Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

c. **Living a healthy lifestyle by eating right and exercising regularly. Is this...?**

- 18 Essential to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 52 Important but not essential
- 29 Not important to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 1 Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

d. **Committing to spend time with family. Is this...?**

- 48 Essential to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 41 Important but not essential
- 10 Not important to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 1 Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

e. **Forgiving those who have wronged you. Is this...?**

- 61 Essential to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 30 Important but not essential
- 8 Not important to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 1 Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

f. **Working to protect the environment. Is this...?**

- 26 Essential to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 50 Important but not essential
- 23 Not important to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 1 Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

g. **Reading the Bible or other religious materials regularly. Is this...?**

- 32 Essential to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 31 Important but not essential
- 36 Not important to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 1 Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

h. **Dressing modestly. Is this...?**

- 22 Essential to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 40 Important but not essential
- 37 Not important to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- * Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

B11-B14 LOCATED AFTER B10,B16,B17 SET

ASK ALL:

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS Q.B16C THROUGH Q.B16H; ITEM A SHOULD ALWAYS APPEAR FIRST, FOLLOWED BY B ALWAYS 2ND]

Q.B16 Please tell me how important each of the following is to what being [IF RESPONDENT WAS CATHOLIC, INSERT "Catholic"; IF RESPONDENT WAS A NON-CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN, INSERT "Christian"; FOR ALL OTHER RESPONDENTS, INSERT "a moral person"] means to you.

a. Believing in God. Is this...?

- 68 Essential to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 12 Important but not essential
- 19 Not important to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 1 Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

b. Praying regularly. Is this...?

- 49 Essential to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 24 Important but not essential
- 26 Not important to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- * Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

c. Being honest at all times. Is this...?

- 65 Essential to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 31 Important but not essential
- 4 Not important to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- * Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

d. Being grateful for what you have. Is this...?

- 67 Essential to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 28 Important but not essential
- 5 Not important to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- * Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

e. Buying products from companies that pay their employees a fair wage. Is this...?

- 16 Essential to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 50 Important but not essential
- 34 Not important to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- * Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

f. Working to help the poor and needy. Is this...?

- 47 Essential to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 44 Important but not essential
- 8 Not important to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 1 Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

g. Not losing your temper in the face of frustration. Is this...?

- 31 Essential to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 52 Important but not essential
- 16 Not important to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 1 Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

h. Resting on the Sabbath. Is this...?

- 14 Essential to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 37 Important but not essential
- 48 Not important to what being [Catholic/Christian/a moral person] means to you
- 1 Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

ASK ALL:

Q.B17 Just in your own words, is there anything else that is an essential part of what being Catholic/Christian/a moral person means to you

[NOTE: RESULTS DO NOT SUM TO 100% OR TO SUBTOTALS INDICATED BECAUSE UP TO THREE RESPONSES WERE CODED.]

NET General	42
Following the "golden rule"/kindness/empathy	17
Being a good person	8
Tolerance/respect	7
Helping others	6
Honesty	5
Being the best person you can/true to yourself	3
Other general beliefs/behaviors	9
NET Explicitly Religious	28
Trust in God/belief in God	10
Salvation through Jesus	8
Following the Bible/religious law	6
Faith	1
Other explicitly religious beliefs/practices	7
Unclear/Off Topic	2
No/No Answer	34

ASK ALL:

Q.B11 How often do you talk about religion with your immediate family?

- 32 At least once a week
- 14 Once or twice a month
- 14 Several times a year
- 26 Seldom
- 13 Never
- 1 Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

ASK ALL:

Q.B12 **How often do you talk about religion with your extended family?**

14	At least once a week
13	Once or twice a month
18	Several times a year
33	Seldom
21	Never
1	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

ASK ALL:

Q.B13 **How often to do you talk about religion with people outside your family?**

18	At least once a week
15	Once or twice a month
18	Several times a year
33	Seldom
16	Never
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

ASK ALL:

Q.B14 **What do you personally think is the BEST thing to do when someone disagrees with you ABOUT RELIGION?**

5	Try to persuade the person to change their mind
67	Try to understand the person's beliefs and agree to disagree
27	Avoid discussing religion with the person
1	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)

ASK IF CATHOLIC [N=634]:

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.C1A THROUGH Q.C1D]

Q.C1A **How much do you, personally, look to THE BIBLE for guidance on difficult moral questions?**

Catholics

15	A great deal
26	Some
26	Not much
29	Not at all
0	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)
3	Undesignated ²

² For some questions asked of a subset of eligible respondents and filtered on previous questions subject to backcoding, the term "undesignated" is used to denote those respondents who did not receive the question even though they should have received it.

Q.C1B How much do you, personally, look to YOUR OWN CONSCIENCE for guidance on difficult moral questions?

Catholics

73	A great deal
18	Some
4	Not much
2	Not at all
0	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)
3	Undesignated

Q.C1C How much do you, personally, look to THE POPE for guidance on difficult moral questions?

Catholics

11	A great deal
30	Some
28	Not much
28	Not at all
1	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)
3	Undesignated

Q.C1D How much do you, personally, look to THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S TEACHINGS for guidance on difficult moral questions?

Catholics

21	A great deal
34	Some
24	Not much
17	Not at all
0	Don't Know/Refused (VOL)
3	Undesignated

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TOPLINE

June 4-September 30, 2014

N=35,071

Note: figures may not sum to 100, and nested figures may not sum to subtotals indicated, due to rounding. Some questions previously released with first or second report on the Religious Landscape Study's findings.

ASK ALL:

Q.A1 Generally, how would you say things are these days in your life – would you say that you are very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy?

	Very happy	Pretty happy	Not too happy	Don't know/ Refused (VOL)	Total
Total	32	52	14	2	100
Evangelical tradition	35	49	14	2	100
Mainline tradition	32	53	13	2	100
Historically black Protestant tradition	33	50	15	2	100
Catholic	35	47	15	3	100
Mormon	36	52	10	2	100
Orthodox Christian	28	58	11	4	100
Jehovah's Witness	33	44	20	3	100
Other Christian	31	50	14	5	100
Jewish	33	52	13	2	100
Muslim	35	53	10	2	100
Buddhist	26	61	11	2	100
Hindu	29	61	9	1	100
Other faiths	25	56	15	4	100
Unaffiliated	29	56	13	2	100

ASK ALL:

Q.A2 Next, are you satisfied or dissatisfied, on the whole, with **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**. And are you satisfied or dissatisfied with **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**. **REQUIRED PROBE:** Would you say you are **VERY** (dis)satisfied or **SOMEWHAT** (dis)satisfied?

a. Your family life

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know/ Refused (VOL)	Total
Total	69	21	5	3	2	100
Evangelical tradition	70	19	5	3	2	100
Mainline tradition	72	20	4	2	2	100
Historically black Protestant trad.	63	25	6	4	3	100
Catholic	72	19	4	2	3	100
Mormon	77	17	3	2	1	100
Orthodox Christian	64	29	3	3	2	100
Jehovah's Witness	67	21	6	5	2	100
Other Christian	69	20	4	4	2	100
Jewish	68	22	5	4	1	100
Muslim	68	23	5	2	3	100
Buddhist	59	26	6	6	2	100
Hindu	67	26	2	3	3	100
Other faiths	58	24	8	6	4	100
Unaffiliated	65	23	6	3	2	100

ASK ALL:

Q.A2 Next, are you satisfied or dissatisfied, on the whole, with [INSERT; RANDOMIZE]. And are you satisfied or dissatisfied with [INSERT NEXT ITEM]. **REQUIRED PROBE:** Would you say you are VERY (dis)satisfied or SOMEWHAT (dis)satisfied?

b. Your health

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know/ Refused (VOL)	Total
Total	52	30	10	6	2	100
Evangelical tradition	50	30	11	8	2	100
Mainline tradition	52	31	9	6	2	100
Historically black Protestant trad.	52	28	11	7	2	100
Catholic	53	29	9	5	3	100
Mormon	51	32	9	6	2	100
Orthodox Christian	55	34	7	3	1	100
Jehovah's Witness	39	27	17	16	2	100
Other Christian	43	38	11	6	2	100
Jewish	50	33	10	6	1	100
Muslim	57	32	6	3	2	100
Buddhist	48	31	13	7	2	100
Hindu	55	33	10	1	1	100
Other faiths	47	33	11	7	2	100
Unaffiliated	53	31	9	5	2	100

ASK ALL:

Q.I3 Thinking specifically about just the past week, that is the past seven days – did you yourself happen to do any volunteer work in the last seven days, or not?

Yes, did volunteer work in past seven days

No, did not do volunteer work in the past seven days

	Yes, did volunteer work in past seven days	No, did not do volunteer work in past seven days	Don't know/ Refused (VOL)	Total
Total	33	67	*	100
Evangelical tradition	37	63	*	100
Mainline tradition	35	65	*	100
Historically black Protestant tradition	32	68	*	100
Catholic	29	71	*	100
Mormon	59	41	*	100
Orthodox Christian	36	64	0	100
Jehovah's Witness	53	47	*	100
Other Christian	41	59	0	100
Jewish	39	61	*	100
Muslim	33	67	0	100
Buddhist	34	66	0	100
Hindu	27	73	0	100
Other faiths	38	62	*	100
Unaffiliated	27	73	*	100

ASK ALL:

Q.I3 Thinking specifically about just the past week, that is the past seven days – did you yourself happen to do any volunteer work in the last seven days, or not?

ASK IF VOLUNTEERED IN LAST SEVEN DAYS:

Q.I3b And was that mainly through a church or other religious organization, or not? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF R SAYS THEY ONLY VOLUNTEERED THROUGH CHURCH/OTHER RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, RECORD AS CODE 1]**

Yes, volunteered mainly through church/other religious organization

No, volunteering was not done mainly through church/other religious organization

	NET Yes, did volunteer				No, did not do volunteer work (in Q.I3)	Don't know/Refused (VOL) (in Q.I3)	Total
	Yes, mainly through church/religious organization	No, not mainly through church/religious organization	Both through religious organization and in other way (VOL)	DK/Ref (VOL)			
Total	10	22	1	*	67	*	100
Evangelical tradition	15	21	1	*	63	*	100
Mainline tradition	10	24	1	*	65	*	100
Historically black Protestant tradition	11	20	1	*	68	*	100
Catholic	9	20	1	*	71	*	100
Mormon	31	24	4	0	41	*	100
Orthodox Christian	14	22	1	0	64	0	100
Jehovah's Witness	42	10	1	0	47	*	100
Other Christian	7	34	0	0	59	0	100
Jewish	7	31	1	0	61	*	100
Muslim	7	24	1	1	67	0	100
Buddhist	8	25	1	0	66	0	100
Hindu	7	20	1	0	73	0	100
Other faiths	3	33	1	*	62	*	100
Unaffiliated	2	24	*	*	73	*	100
Based on total.							