

Appendix D: Question wording from each survey

Question wording asking about religious affiliation

The analysis of religious identity in this report distinguished between those who identify with a religion and those who do not. Pew Research Center surveys around the world allow respondents to choose an identity from a list of common options or to name another identity. Those not classified as identifying with a religion include those who say they are atheist, agnostic, have no religion in particular, refuse to answer the religion question or say they don't know. Below are examples of the religious affiliation questions asked in various surveys.

Asian Americans Survey (AAS)

What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

Religious Belief and National Belonging in Central and Eastern Europe (CEEU)

What is your present religion, if any?

Christian

Muslim

Jewish

Buddhist

Baha'i

Hindu

Ancient religion/ancient religion or traditional religion/ancient Greek religion or Hellenistic religion

Traditional or folk religion/Folk religion/Spiritist

Atheist

Agnostic

Old Believer

Something else (SPECIFY _____)

Nothing in particular

Don't know

Refused

Global Attitudes Survey (GA, 2013, 2015, 2017)

What is your current religion, if any? (READ LIST – country specific, for Canada as an example)

Catholic (incl. Roman Catholic and Orthodox)

Protestant (United Church of Canada, Anglican, Orthodox, Baptist, Lutheran)

Christian Orthodox

Jewish

Muslim
 Sikh
 Hindu
 Buddhist
 Atheist (do not believe in God)
 Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
 Something else (SPECIFY _____), or
 Nothing in particular
 Just a Christian
 Don't know
 Refused

Global Survey of Islam (GSI)

What is your present religion, if any? (READ LIST)

Muslim
 Christian
 Hindu
 Buddhist
 Baha'i
 Jewish
 Atheist
 Agnostic
 Ancestral or tribal beliefs
 Druze
 (Pakistan) Parsi; (Iran) Zoroastrian;
 Something else
 Nothing in particular
 Don't know
 Refused

Jewish Americans Survey (JAS)

What is your present religion, if any? Are you ...

Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Nondenominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal,
 Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
 Roman Catholic (Catholic)
 Jewish (Judaism)
 Muslim (Islam)

Buddhist

Hindu

Atheist (do not believe in God)

Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)

Something else (SPECIFY: _____)

Or nothing in particular

Christian

Jewish and Christian (including Protestant, Catholic, Baptist, etc.; also includes “Messianic Jew,” “Jews for Jesus,” and “Completed Jew”) (SPECIFY CHRISTIAN IDENTITY: _____)

Jewish and something else (SPECIFY WHAT SOMETHING ELSE IS: _____)

Don't Know/Refused

Latin America Survey (LAS)

What is your present religion, if any?

Roman Catholic

Protestant/Evangelical

Jehovah's Witness

Mormon

Jewish

Afrobrazilian (Umbanda, Candomble, Macumba, Quimbanda); AfroUmbandista; Indigenous religion (Santeria; Mayan Traditional Religion; Israelitas del Ultimo Pacto Universal)

Spiritist/Kardecist

Something else (SPECIFY)

Atheist

Agnostic

No religion in particular

Muslim

Just a Christian

Don't know

Refused

2017 Muslim Americans Survey (MAS)

What is your religious preference? Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, or something else?

Christian (includes Protestant, Catholic, etc.)

Jewish

Muslim (includes “Islam, Islamic, Nation of Islam, etc.”)

Hindu
 Buddhist
 Something else [SPECIFY: _____]
 No religion, not a believer, atheist, agnostic
 Don't know/refused

Religion in Israel Survey (RIS)

What is your present religion, if any? Are you ...
 Jewish (DO NOT READ IN EAST JERUSALEM)
 Muslim
 Christian
 Druze
 Another religion (SPECIFY _____)
 Or no religion (atheist, agnostic or no religion in particular)
 Messianic Jew/Jews for Jesus/Completed Jew
 Don't Know
 Refused

2014 Religious Landscape Survey (RLS)

What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?
 Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Nondenominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, etc.)
 Roman Catholic (Catholic)
 Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints/LDS)
 Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
 Jewish (Judaism)
 Muslim (Islam)
 Buddhist
 Hindu
 Atheist (do not believe in God)
 Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
 Something else (SPECIFY)
 Nothing in particular
 Christian
 Unitarian (Universalist)

Jehovah's Witness
 Don't Know/Refused

Sub-Saharan Africa Survey (SSAS)

What is your present religion, if any?

Christian
 Muslim
 Ancestral, tribal, animist, or other traditional African religion
 Hindu
 Buddhist
 Bahai
 Jewish
 Atheist
 Agnostic
 Something else (SPECIFY)
 Nothing in particular
 Don't know
 Refused

West Europe Survey (WEUP)

What is your present religion, if any? Are you Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu, Atheist, Agnostic, Something else or Nothing in particular? [If respondent names more than one of the listed groups, classify as "Something else."]

Christian (Catholic, Anglican, Methodist, Orthodox, etc.)
 Muslim (Sunni, Shia, etc.)
 Jewish
 Buddhist
 Hindu
 Atheist (do not believe in God)
 Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
 Something else [SPECIFY QCURRELB]
 Nothing in particular
 Don't know
 Refused

Attendance questions

General questions asked of non-Muslim populations

(CEEU, GA, GSI, LAS, RLS, SSAS, WEUP) 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?

(AAS) Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you [IF NOT BUDDHIST OR HINDU INSERT "ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES"; IF BUDDHIST OR HINDU OR INSERT "GO TO YOUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP"]... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

Question asked of Jews

(JAS) Aside from special occasions like weddings, funerals and bar mitzvahs, how often do you attend Jewish religious services at a synagogue, temple, minyan or Havurah, more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, such as for high holidays, seldom, or never?

(RIS) Aside from special occasions like weddings, funerals and bar mitzvahs, how often do you attend religious services at a synagogue, minyan or Havurah, more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, such as for high holidays, seldom, or never?

Question asked of Muslims

(CEEU) On average, how often do you attend the mosque for salah? More than once a week, once a week for Friday afternoon Prayer, once or twice a month, a few times a year, especially for Eid, seldom or never?

(GSI) On average, how often do you attend the mosque for salat and Jumah Prayer, more than once a week, once a week for Jumah prayer, once or twice a month, a few times a year especially for Eid, seldom, or never?

(MAS, SSAS) On average, how often do you attend a (the) mosque or Islamic Center for salah and Jum'ah Prayer, more than once a week, once a week for Jum'ah Prayer, once or twice a month, a few times a year especially for the Eid, seldom, or never?

(WEUP) On average, how often do you attend a mosque or Islamic Center for salah or Friday Prayer? More than once a week, once a week for Friday Prayer, once or twice a month, a few times a year especially for Eid, seldom or never?

Prayer questions

General prayer questions asked of non-Muslim population

(AAS, GSI, LAS, RLS, RIS, SSAS) 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, a few times a month, seldom, or never?

(CEEU, WEUP) Aside from religious services, do you pray several times a day, once a day, a few times a week, once a week, a few times a month, seldom, or never?

(GA) 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?

Prayer questions asked of Muslims

(CEEU) Aside from religious services, do you pray several times a day, once a day, a few times a week, once a week, a few times a month, seldom, or never?

ASK IF MUSLIM AND PRAYS SEVERAL TIMES A DAY: Do you pray all five salah every day, or not?

(GA) How often, if at all, do you pray: hardly ever, only during religious holidays, only on Fridays, only on Fridays and religious holidays, more than once a week, every day at least once, or every day five times?

(GSI, SSAS) 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, a few times a month, seldom, or never?

ASK IF MUSLIM AND PRAYS SEVERAL TIMES A DAY: Do you pray all five salat every day, or not?

(MAS, WEUP) Concerning daily salah or prayer, do you, in general, pray all five salah daily, make some of the five salah daily, occasionally make salah, only make Eid prayers, or do you never pray?

The importance of religion

(Identical wording across surveys: AAS, CEEU, GA, GSI, JAS, LAS, MAS, RLS, RIS, SSAS, WEUP)
How important is religion in your life – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?