

**2017 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL (ATP)
Wave 30 December 4-18, 2017
2017 Religious Typology Questionnaire**

ASK ALL:

LIFE1 Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going IN YOUR LIFE today?

- 1 Very satisfied
 - 2 Mostly satisfied
 - 3 Mostly dissatisfied
 - 4 Very dissatisfied
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RANDOMIZE ORDER OF "MOSTLY POSITIVE" AND "MOSTLY NEGATIVE" IN QUESTION STEM WITH RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER

ASK ALL:

INSTVIEW Do you have a [**RANDOMIZE ORDER:** "mostly positive or mostly negative," "mostly negative or mostly positive"] view of the following groups and institutions? [**RANDOMIZE ITEMS**]

- a. The federal government
- b. Large corporations
- c. The national news media
- d. Churches and religious organizations
- e. Colleges and universities
- f. The military

RESPONSE OPTIONS [RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM, 3 ALWAYS LAST:]

- 1 Mostly positive view
 - 2 Mostly negative view
 - 3 Neither positive nor negative view
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ASK ALL:

GOVT_ROLE Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]

- 1 Government should do more to solve problems
 - 2 Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals
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ASK ALL:

IMMCULT2 Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right? [**PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS**]

- 1 The growing number of newcomers from other countries threatens traditional American customs and values
 - 2 The growing number of newcomers from other countries strengthens American society
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ASK ALL:
MORALISSUE Do you personally believe that each of the following is **[RANDOMIZE ORDER:**
"morally acceptable," "morally wrong,"] or is it not a moral issue?

[RANDOMIZE LIST]

- NO ITEM a**
- b. Having an abortion
 - c. Homosexual behavior
 - d. Drinking alcohol

RESPONSE OPTIONS [RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM, 3 ALWAYS LAST]

- 1 Morally acceptable
 - 2 Morally wrong
 - 3 Not a moral issue
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ASK ALL:
EQUALITY Which of these two statements comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right? **[DO NOT ROTATE RESPONSES]**

- 1 Our country has made the changes needed to give blacks equal rights with whites
 - 2 Our country needs to continue making changes to give blacks equal rights with whites
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ASK ALL:
ENV20A Which of these three statements about the Earth's temperature comes closest to your view? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 and 2; KEEP 3 and 8 LAST]:**

- 1 The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of natural patterns in the Earth's environment
 - 2 The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity, such as burning fossil fuels
 - 3 There is no solid evidence the Earth is getting warmer
 - 8 Not sure
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ASK ALL:
GODMORAL Which of these statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]

- 1 It is NOT necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values
 - 2 It is necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values
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ASK ALL:
SHAREVAL How important, if at all, is it to you to belong to a community of people who share your values and beliefs?

- 1 Very important
 - 2 Somewhat important
 - 3 Not too important
 - 4 Not at all important
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ASK ALL:
GUIDE_1

How much, if at all, do you look to each of the following to help you make decisions about what is right and wrong?

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

- a. Religious teachings and beliefs
- b. Philosophy and reason
- c. Practical experience and common sense
- d. Scientific information

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 A lot
 - 2 Some
 - 3 Not much
 - 4 Not at all
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ASK IF SELECTED MORE THAN ONE ITEM AS "A LOT" [RESPONSE 1] IN GUIDE_1:

GUIDE_2 Which of these do you rely on the MOST to help you make decisions about what is right and wrong?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: DISPLAY SELECTED RESPONSE OPTIONS IF SELECTED MORE THAN ONE ITEM AS "A LOT" (RESPONSE 1) IN GUIDE_1]

- 1 Religious teachings and beliefs
 - 2 Philosophy and reason
 - 3 Practical experience and common sense
 - 4 Scientific information
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ASK ALL:
MEANING_1

Many things can make a person feel that their life is meaningful and fulfilling. Regardless of how much time you spend doing it, how much meaning and fulfillment, if any, does each of the following provide you?

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a-h]

- a. Your religious faith
- b. Spiritual practices, such as meditation
- c. Volunteer work
- d. Being outdoors and experiencing nature
- e. Arts or crafts, such as painting, making music or pottery
- f. Spending time with family
- g. Reading
- h. Watching television shows or videos

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 A great deal
 - 2 Some
 - 3 Not much
 - 4 None at all
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ASK ALL:

MEANING_2 Now still thinking about what gives your life meaning and fulfillment, regardless of how much time you spend doing it, how much meaning and fulfillment, if any, does each of the following provide you?

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

- i. Spending time with friends
- j. Your job or career
- k. Caring for pets or animals
- l. Participating in sports or exercising
- m. Supporting a social or political cause
- n. Listening to music

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much
- 4 None at all

ASK ALL:

MEANING_2o Is there something else not listed previously that gives your life a GREAT DEAL of meaning and fulfillment?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

ASK IF SELECTED MORE THAN ONE ITEM AS "A GREAT DEAL" [RESPONSE 1] IN MEANING_1, MEANING_2 OR MEANING_2o:

MEANING_3 What is the MOST IMPORTANT source of meaning and fulfillment in your life?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: DISPLAY SELECTED RESPONSE OPTIONS IF SELECTED MORE THAN ONE ITEM AS "A GREAT DEAL" (RESPONSE 1) IN MEANING_1, MEANING_2 OR MEANING_2o.]

- 1 Your religious faith
- 2 Spiritual practices, such as meditation
- 3 Volunteer work
- 4 Being outdoors and experiencing nature
- 5 Arts or crafts, such as painting, making music or pottery
- 6 Spending time with family
- 7 Reading
- 8 Watching television shows or videos
- 9 Spending time with friends
- 10 Your job or career
- 11 Caring for pets or animals
- 12 Participating in sports or exercising
- 13 Supporting a social or political cause
- 14 Listening to music
- 15 Something else

ASK ALL:

RELIMP How important is religion in your life?

- 1 Very important
 - 2 Somewhat important
 - 3 Not too important
 - 4 Not at all important
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ASK IF RESPONDENT SAID RELIGION VERY IMPORTANT (RELIMP=1):

RELMOST Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]

- 1 My religion is the single most important thing in my life
 - 2 Although my religious beliefs are important, there are other things in my life that are equally important or more important
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Now, thinking about churches and religious organizations here in the United States...

ASK ALL:

CHURCHMORAL Do you think churches and religious organizations...

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 & 2, 3 ALWAYS LAST]

- 1 Strengthen morality in society
 - 2 Weaken morality in society
 - 3 Don't make much difference
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ASK ALL:

CHURCHPOL Do you think churches and religious organizations have...

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 & 2, 3 ALWAYS LAST]

- 1 Too much influence in politics
 - 2 Not enough influence in politics
 - 3 About the right amount of influence in politics
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ASK ALL:

CHURCHUNITE Do you think churches and religious organizations...

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 & 2, 3 ALWAYS LAST]

- 1 Mostly bring people together
 - 2 Mostly push people apart
 - 3 Neither
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ASK ALL:

CHURCHIMPACT Considering everything, what impact do churches and religious organizations have on American society?

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 & 2, 3 ALWAYS LAST]

- 1 They do more harm than good
 - 2 They do more good than harm
 - 3 Don't make much difference
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Thinking now about your attendance at religious services...

ASK RESPONDENTS WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH OR MORE OFTEN¹:

REASONATTEND_1 People attend religious services for many reasons. How important, if at all, is each of the following reasons for why you personally attend religious services?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE a-e]

- a. To become closer to God
- b. To be part of a community of faith
- c. To continue my family's religious traditions
- d. To meet new people or to socialize
- e. Because I feel a religious obligation to go

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Very important
 - 2 Somewhat important
 - 3 Not important
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ASK RESPONDENTS WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH OR MORE OFTEN²:

REASONATTEND_2 And now, still thinking about why you attend religious services, how important, if at all, is each of the following reasons for why you personally attend religious services? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- f. For comfort in times of trouble and sorrow
- g. To make me a better person
- h. I find the sermons valuable
- i. To please my family, spouse or partner
- j. So my children will grow up with a moral foundation

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Very important
 - 2 Somewhat important
 - 3 Not important
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ASK IF RESPONDENT SELECTED MORE THAN ONE ITEM AS "VERY IMPORTANT" [RESPONSE 1] IN REASONATTEND_1 OR REASONATTEND_2:

REASONATTEND_3 What is the MOST IMPORTANT reason you attend religious services?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: DISPLAY SELECTED ITEMS IF SELECTED MORE THAN ONE ITEM AS "VERY IMPORTANT" (RESPONSE 1) IN REASONATTEND_1 OR REASONATTEND_2]

- 1 To become closer to God
- 2 To be part of a community of faith
- 3 To continue my family's religious traditions
- 4 To meet new people or to socialize
- 5 Because I feel a religious obligation to go
- 6 For comfort in times of trouble and sorrow
- 7 To make me a better person
- 8 I find the sermons valuable
- 9 To please my family, spouse or partner
- 10 So my children will grow up with a moral foundation

ASK IF ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR LESS OFTEN³:

NOATTEND In a previous survey you indicated that you [**IF ATTENDS A FEW TIMES A YEAR:** "only attend religious services a few times a year", **IF SELDOM ATTENDS:** "seldom attend religious services", **IF NEVER ATTENDS:** "never attend religious services"]. How important, if at all, is each of the following reasons for why you [**IF ATTENDS A FEW TIMES A YEAR:** "only attend religious services a few times a year", **IF SELDOM ATTENDS:** "seldom attend religious services", **IF NEVER ATTENDS:** "never attend religious services"]?

[RANDOMIZE]

- a. I am not a believer
- b. I don't have the time
- c. I haven't found a church or other house of worship I like
- d. There isn't a church or other house of worship for my religion in my area
- e. I don't like the sermons
- f. I don't feel welcome
- g. I'm in poor health or find it difficult to get around
- h. I practice my faith in other ways

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not important

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ASK IF ATTEND A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR SELDOM⁴:

ATTENDHOL Aside from weddings and funerals, when you attend religious services, is it...

- 1 Almost always on religious holidays [**IF CHRISTIAN⁵, insert:** such as Christmas or Easter]
- 2 Almost always at other times
- 3 Sometimes for religious holidays and sometimes for other occasions

ASK RESPONDENTS WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH OR MORE OFTEN⁶:

ATTENDEXP How often do you experience each of the following when you attend religious services?
[RANDOMIZE]

- a. A sense of God's presence
- b. A sense of connection to a longstanding tradition
- c. A sense of community with people who share your religion

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Always
- 2 Often but not always
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never

ASK RESPONDENTS WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH OR MORE OFTEN⁷:

CHURCHACT Besides attending religious services, how often do you take part in other activities connected with your church or house of worship, for example, volunteering, participating in prayer groups, or sharing community meals?

- 1 At least once a week
- 2 Once or twice a month
- 3 Several times a year
- 4 Seldom
- 5 Never

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ASK ALL:

PRAY

Other than during religious services, how often do you pray?

- 1 Several times a day
- 2 Once a day
- 3 A few times a week
- 4 Once a week
- 5 A few times a month
- 6 Seldom
- 7 Never

ASK ALL:

READBIB

How often, if at all, do you read **[Holy book: If Christian or no religion, insert "the Bible"; If Jewish, insert "the Torah"; If Muslim insert, "the Quran"; If other non-Christian affiliations, insert "holy scripture"; if did not answer the question about religious affiliation, insert "the Bible"]**⁸ outside of religious services?

- 1 Several times a day
- 2 Once a day
- 3 A few times a week
- 4 Once a week
- 5 A few times a month
- 6 Seldom
- 7 Never

ASK ALL:

LITERAL

Which comes closest to your views, even if none is exactly right?

[Holy book: If Christian or no religion, insert "The Bible"; If Jewish, insert "The Torah"; If Muslim, insert, "The Quran"; If other non-Christian affiliations, insert "The holy scripture"; if did not answer the question about religious affiliation, insert "The Bible"]⁹

- 1 **[Holy book]** is the word of God and should be taken literally, word for word
- 2 **[Holy book]** is the word of God, but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word
- 3 **[Holy book]** is a book written by people and is not the word of God

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ASK ALL:

RELMEDIA How often, if at all, do you watch or listen to religious programs on TV, the radio or online?

- 1 At least once a week
 - 2 Once or twice a month
 - 3 Several times a year
 - 4 Seldom
 - 5 Never
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ASK IF AFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION¹⁰:

RELHELP_1 How much, if at all, do you find that your religious beliefs help you in...

- a. Your family relationships
- b. Your relationships with other people, such as friends and neighbors

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 A lot
 - 2 Some
 - 3 Not much
 - 4 Not at all
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ASK IF AFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION¹¹:

RELHELP_2 How much, if at all, do you find that your religious beliefs help you in...

[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]

- c. The way you do your job or pursue your career
- d. Coping with difficult times in life
- e. Doing what's right, even when it's hard

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 A lot
 - 2 Some
 - 3 Not much
 - 4 Not at all
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ASK ALL:

ACTVORG_1 Are you currently active in any of the following groups or organizations, or not?
[RANDOMIZE]?

- a. Church groups or other religious or spiritual organizations
- b. A book club or study group
- c. A performing arts, singing or dance group
- d. A professional association, trade association or union
- e. A parent group or youth organization, such as PTA, scouts or youth sports

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Yes, active
 - 2 No, not active
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ASK ALL:

ACTVORG_2 Are you currently active in any of the following groups or organizations, or not?
[RANDOMIZE f-j]?

- f. A social club, sorority or fraternity
- g. A veterans group such as American Legion or VFW
- h. A hobby group or club
- i. A charitable or volunteer organization
- j. A community group or neighborhood association

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Yes, active
 - 2 No, not active
-

ASK ALL:

ACTVORG_2k Are you currently active in any other group or organization not already listed?

- 1 Yes, active
 - 2 No, not active
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RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RELPER AND SPIRPER

ASK ALL:

RELPER To what extent do you consider yourself a RELIGIOUS person? Are you...

- 1 Very religious
- 2 Somewhat religious
- 3 Not too religious
- 4 Not at all religious

ASK ALL:

SPIRPER To what extent do you consider yourself a SPIRITUAL person? Are you...

- 1 Very spiritual
 - 2 Somewhat spiritual
 - 3 Not too spiritual
 - 4 Not at all spiritual
-

ASK ALL:

GOD Do you believe in God, or not?

- 1 Yes
 - 2 No
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ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD (GOD=1):

GODBIBLE Which of these statements comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

[RANDOMIZE]

- 1 I believe in God as described in the Bible
 - 2 I DO NOT believe in God as described in the Bible, but I do believe there is some other higher power or spiritual force in the universe
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ASK IF DOES NOT BELIEVE IN GOD (GOD=2):

HGHPWR Which of these statements comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

[RANDOMIZE]

- 1 I DO NOT believe in God as described in the Bible, but I do believe there is some other higher power or spiritual force in the universe
 - 2 I do not believe there is ANY higher power or spiritual force in the universe
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ASK IF DID NOT ANSWER GOD (GOD=99)¹²:

MISSINGGOD Which of these statements comes closest to your views, even if none is exactly right?

- 1 I believe in God as described in the Bible
 - 2 I DO NOT believe in God as described in the Bible, but I do believe there is some other higher power or spiritual force in the universe
 - 3 I do not believe there is ANY higher power or spiritual force in the universe
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PROGRAMMING NOTE: CREATE VARIABLE "TYPEGOD" AS FOLLOWS AND INSERT IN DATASET

IF GODBIBLE=1 OR (GOD=1 AND GODBIBLE=99)¹³ OR MISSINGGOD=1 TYPEGOD=1

IF GODBIBLE=2 OR HGHPWR=1 OR MISSINGGOD=2 TYPEGOD=2

IF HGHPWR=2 OR (GOD=2 AND HGHPWR=99) OR MISSINGGOD=3 TYPEGOD=3

IF GOD=99 AND MISSINGGOD=99 TYPEGOD=4

VAL LABEL TYPEGOD 1 "BELIEVE IN GOD OF THE BIBLE" 2 "DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD OF THE BIBLE BUT BELIEVE IN SOMETHING ELSE" 3 "DON'T BELIEVE IN ANYTHING" 4 "UNCLEAR"

¹² Respondents who did not answer GOD are coded GOD=99.

¹³ Respondents who did not answer a question are coded 99, e.g., GODBIBLE=99 or HGHPWR=99 or GOD=99 or MISSINGGOD=99.

ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD OR HIGHER POWER (TYPEGOD=1,2):

GODBELIEFS Which of the following, if any, do you believe about [**IF TYPEGOD=1 INSERT:** God; **TYPEGOD=2 INSERT:** the higher power or spiritual force in the universe]?

Do you believe that [**IF TYPEGOD=1 INSERT:** God; **IF TYPEGOD=2 INSERT:** the higher power or spiritual force in the universe]...

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

- a. Knows everything that goes on in the world
- b. Has the power to direct or change everything that goes on in the world
- c. Loves all people regardless of their faults
- d. Will judge all people on what they have done

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Yes
 - 2 No
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ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD OR HIGHER POWER (TYPEGOD=1,2):

TALKGOD Do you ever try to talk to [**IF TYPEGOD=1 INSERT:** God; **IF TYPEGOD=2 INSERT:** the higher power or spiritual force in the universe], or not?

- 1 Yes
 - 2 No
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ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD OR HIGHER POWER (TYPEGOD=1,2):

GODRESPOND Does [**IF TYPEGOD=1 INSERT:** God; **IF TYPEGOD=2 INSERT:** the higher power or spiritual force in the universe] ever talk directly with you, or not?

- 1 Yes
 - 2 No
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ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD OR HIGHER POWER (TYPEGOD=1,2):

GODACT Do you think [**IF TYPEGOD=1 INSERT:** God; **IF TYPEGOD=2 INSERT:** the higher power or spiritual force in the universe] has ever...

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

- a. Rewarded you
- b. Punished you
- c. Protected you {new}

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Yes
 - 2 No
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ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD OR HIGHER POWER (TYPEGOD=1,2):

GODDTRMN Do you think [**IF TYPEGOD=1 INSERT: God; IF TYPEGOD=2 INSERT: the higher power or spiritual force in the universe**] directly determines what happens in your life...

- 1 All of the time
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Just some of the time
- 4 Hardly ever
- 5 Never

ASK IF GOD OR HIGHER POWER DETERMINES WHAT HAPPENS IN LIFE MOST OF THE TIME, SOME OF THE TIME OR HARDLY EVER (GODDTRMN=2, 3, 4):

DTRMNALL Which things do you think [**IF TYPEGOD=1 INSERT: God; IF TYPEGOD=2 INSERT: the higher power or spiritual force in the universe**] directly determines in your life?

- 1 Just the little things
- 2 Just the big things
- 3 A mix of big and little things

ASK IF GOD OR HIGHER POWER DETERMINES WHAT HAPPENS IN LIFE MOST OF THE TIME, SOME OF THE TIME OR HARDLY EVER (GODDTRMN=2, 3, 4):

DTRMNGOOD Do you think [**IF TYPEGOD=1 INSERT: God; IF TYPEGOD=2 INSERT: the higher power or spiritual force in the universe**] determines...

- 1 Only the good things that happen to you
- 2 Only the bad things that happen to you
- 3 A mix of good and bad things that happen to you

ASK ALL:

BELIEVE Which of the following, if any, do you believe in? [**RANDOMIZE ITEMS**]

- a. Heaven
- b. Hell
- c. Spiritual energy located in physical things, such as mountains, trees or crystals
- d. Reincarnation (people will be reborn again and again in this world)
- e. Astrology (the position of stars and planets can affect people's lives)
- f. Psychics (that some people perceive or are sensitive to supernatural forces)

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Yes, believe in
- 2 No, don't believe

ASK IF RELIGIOUSLY UNAFFILIATED¹⁴:

WHYNONE_1 In a previous survey, you told us that, when it comes to religion, you are [**IF ATHEIST**, “an atheist”; **IF AGNOSTIC**, “agnostic”, **IF NOTHING IN PARTICULAR**, “nothing in particular”]. How important, if at all, is each of the following reasons for why [**IF ATHEIST**, “you are an atheist”; **IF AGNOSTIC**, “you are agnostic”, **NOTHING IN PARTICULAR**, “your religion is nothing in particular”]?

[RANDOMIZE]

- a. I don’t believe in God
- b. I don’t like religious leaders
- c. I don’t like religious organizations
- d. I question a lot of religious teachings
- e. Religion is irrelevant to me
- f. I don’t like the positions that churches take on social or political issues

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not important at all

ASK IF RELIGIOUSLY UNAFFILIATED AND IF SELECTED MORE THAN ONE ITEM AS “VERY IMPORTANT” [RESPONSE 1] IN WHYNONE_1¹⁵:

WHYNONE_2 What is the MOST important reason that you are [**IF ATHEIST**, “an atheist”; **IF AGNOSTIC**, “agnostic”, **IF NOTHING IN PARTICULAR**, “nothing in particular”]?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: DISPLAY SELECTED ITEMS IF SELECTED MORE THAN ONE ITEM AS “VERY IMPORTANT” (RESPONSE 1)]

- 1 I don’t believe in God
- 2 I don’t like religious leaders
- 3 I don’t like religious organizations
- 4 I question a lot of religious teachings
- 5 Religion is irrelevant to me
- 6 I don’t like the positions that churches take on social or political issues

¹⁴ Respondents’ religion is based on their answer to a question about religious identity administered in a previous wave of the ATP; nearly all respondents (n=4,699) most recently answered the question about their religious identity in an ATP wave conducted May 30-Oct. 23, 2017, though a few respondents (n=30) last answered the question about their religious identity in an earlier survey. The religious identity question in the May 30-Oct. 23, 2017 ATP wave was “What is your present religion, if any? Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, etc.), Roman Catholic, Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or LDS), Orthodox (such as Greek, Russian, or some other Orthodox Church) Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Atheist, Agnostic, Something else (SPECIFY), Nothing in particular.” WHYNONE_1a-f was asked only of those who identify, religiously, as atheist, agnostic or nothing in particular.

¹⁵ Respondents’ religion is based on their answer to a question about religious identity administered in a previous wave of the ATP; nearly all respondents (n=4,699) most recently answered the question about their religious identity in an ATP wave conducted May 30-Oct. 23, 2017, though a few respondents (n=30) last answered the question about their religious identity in an earlier survey. The religious identity question in the May 30-Oct. 23, 2017 ATP wave was “What is your present religion, if any? Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, etc.), Roman Catholic, Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or LDS), Orthodox (such as Greek, Russian, or some other Orthodox Church) Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Atheist, Agnostic, Something else (SPECIFY), Nothing in particular.” WHYNONE_2 was asked only of those who identify, religiously, as atheist, agnostic or nothing in particular.

ASK IF PROTESTANT:¹⁶

QA3 In a previous survey, you told us that when it comes to religion, you are a Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, nondenominational Christian, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, etc.).

What Protestant denomination or church, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 Baptist
- 2 Methodist
- 3 Lutheran
- 4 Presbyterian
- 5 Pentecostal
- 6 Episcopalian or Anglican
- 7 Church of Christ or Disciples of Christ
- 8 Congregational or United Church of Christ
- 9 Holiness
- 10 Reformed
- 11 Church of God
- 12 Nondenominational or independent church
- 13 Something else [TEXT BOX]
- 14 None in particular

ASK IF BAPTIST AND NON-BLACK¹⁷ (QA3=1 AND RESPONDENT IS NOT BLACK):

QA4a Which of the following Baptist churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 Southern Baptist Convention
- 2 American Baptist Churches USA
- 3 An independent Baptist church
- 96 Other [TEXT BOX]

ASK IF BAPTIST AND BLACK¹⁸ (QA3=1 AND RESPONDENT IS BLACK):

QA4b Which of the following Baptist churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 National Baptist Convention
- 2 Progressive Baptist Convention
- 96 Other [TEXT BOX]

ASK IF METHODIST AND NON-BLACK¹⁹ (QA3=2 AND RESPONDENT IS NOT BLACK):

QA4c Which of the following Methodist churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 United Methodist Church
- 2 Free Methodist Church
- 96 Other [TEXT BOX]

¹⁶ Respondents were categorized as Protestants based on their answer to a question about religious identity administered in a previous wave of the ATP; nearly all respondents (n=4,699) most recently answered the question about their religious identity in an ATP wave conducted May 30-Oct. 23, 2017, though a few respondents (n=30) last answered the question about their religious identity in an earlier survey. The religious identity question in the May 30-Oct. 23, 2017 ATP wave was "What is your present religion, if any? Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, etc.), Roman Catholic, Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or LDS), Orthodox (such as Greek, Russian, or some other Orthodox Church), Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Atheist, Agnostic, Something else (SPECIFY), Nothing in particular."

¹⁷ Respondent race based on response in previous survey.

¹⁸ Respondent race based on response in previous survey.

¹⁹ Respondent race based on response in previous survey.

ASK IF METHODIST AND BLACK²⁰ (QA3=2 AND RESPONDENT IS BLACK):

QA4d Which of the following Methodist churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME)
 - 2 African Methodist Episcopal Church Zion (AME Zion)
 - 3 Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
 - 96 Other [**TEXT BOX**]
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ASK IF NONDENOMINATIONAL OR INDEPENDENT CHURCH (QA3=12):

QA4e Which of the following kinds of nondenominational churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 An evangelical church
 - 2 A fundamentalist church
 - 3 A charismatic church
 - 4 An interdenominational church
 - 96 Other [**TEXT BOX**]
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ASK IF LUTHERAN (QA3=3):

QA4f Which of the following Lutheran churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
 - 2 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
 - 96 Other [**TEXT BOX**]
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ASK IF PRESBYTERIAN (QA3=4):

QA4g Which of the following Presbyterian churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 Presbyterian Church U.S.A. (PCUSA)
 - 2 Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)
 - 96 Other [**TEXT BOX**]
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ASK IF PENTECOSTAL AND NON-BLACK²¹ (QA3=5 AND RESPONDENT IS NOT BLACK):

QA4h Which of the following Pentecostal churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 Assemblies of God
 - 2 Church of God Cleveland, Tennessee
 - 96 Other [**TEXT BOX**]
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ASK IF PENTECOSTAL AND BLACK²² (QA3=5 AND RESPONDENT IS BLACK):

QA4i Which of the following Pentecostal churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 Church of God in Christ
 - 2 An apostolic church
 - 96 Other [**TEXT BOX**]
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²⁰ Respondent race based on response in previous survey.

²¹ Respondent race based on response in previous survey.

²² Respondent race based on response in previous survey.

ASK IF EPISCOPALIAN OR ANGLICAN (QA3=6):

QA4j Which of the following Episcopalian or Anglican Churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 Episcopal Church in the USA
 - 2 Anglican Church (Church of England)
 - 96 Other [TEXT BOX]
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ASK IF CHURCH OF CHRIST (QA3=7):

QA4k Which of the following Christian churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 Church of Christ
 - 2 Disciples of Christ
 - 96 Other [TEXT BOX]
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ASK IF CONGREGATIONAL OR UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (QA3=8):

QA4l Which of the following congregational churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 United Church of Christ
 - 2 Conservative Congregational Christian
 - 96 Other [TEXT BOX]
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ASK IF HOLINESS (QA3=9):

QA4m Which of the following Holiness churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 Church of the Nazarene
 - 2 Wesleyan Church
 - 3 Free Methodist Church
 - 96 Other [TEXT BOX]
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ASK IF REFORMED (QA3=10):

QA4n Which of the following Reformed churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 Reformed Church in America
 - 2 Christian Reformed Church
 - 96 Other [TEXT BOX]
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ASK IF CHURCH OF GOD AND NON-BLACK²³ (QA3=11 AND RESPONDENT IS NOT BLACK):

QA4o Which of the following Churches of God, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 Church of God of Anderson, Indiana
 - 2 Church of God of Cleveland, Tennessee
 - 96 Other [TEXT BOX]
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²³ Respondent race based on response in previous survey.

ASK IF CHURCH OF GOD AND BLACK²⁴ (QA3=11 AND RESPONDENT IS BLACK):
QA4p Which of the following Churches of God, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- 1 Church of God in Christ
 - 2 Church of God of the Apostolic Faith
 - 96 Other **[TEXT BOX]**
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ASK ALL:

CHRELIG Thinking about WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD, in what religion were you raised, if any?

- 1 Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, nondenominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, etc.)
- 2 Roman Catholic
- 3 Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or LDS)
- 4 Orthodox (such as Greek, Russian or some other Orthodox church)
- 5 Jewish
- 6 Muslim
- 7 Buddhist
- 8 Hindu
- 9 Atheist
- 10 Agnostic
- 11 Something else **[TEXT BOX]**
- 12 Nothing in particular

Prompt: You did not specify a response for "Something else". If you are sure you want to skip, click Next.

²⁴ Respondent race based on response in previous survey.