

## Interpretation of Religious Teachings

U.S. Religious Traditions	There is only ONE true way to interpret the teachings of my religion		There is MORE than one true way to interpret the teachings of my religion		Neither/ both equally	Don't know/ refused	Sample Size
National Total:	<div><div></div></div> 27%	<div><div></div></div> 68%	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 4%		30236	
Evangelical Churches	<div><div></div></div> 41%	<div><div></div></div> 53%	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 4%		9472	
Mainline Churches	<div><div></div></div> 14%	<div><div></div></div> 82%	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 3%		7470	
Historically Black Churches	<div><div></div></div> 39%	<div><div></div></div> 57%	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 3%		1995	
Catholics	<div><div></div></div> 19%	<div><div></div></div> 77%	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 4%		8054	
Mormons	<div><div></div></div> 54%	<div><div></div></div> 43%	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 2%		581	
Orthodox	<div><div></div></div> 28%	<div><div></div></div> 68%	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 4%		363	
Jehovah's Witnesses	<div><div></div></div> 77%	<div><div></div></div> 18%	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 4%		215	
Other Christians	<div><div></div></div> 13%	<div><div></div></div> 82%	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 5%		129	
Jews	<div><div></div></div> 6%	<div><div></div></div> 89%	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 3%		682	
Muslims	<div><div></div></div> 33%	<div><div></div></div> 60%	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 5%		1050	
Buddhists	<div><div></div></div> 5%	<div><div></div></div> 90%	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 5%		411	
Hindus	<div><div></div></div> 10%	<div><div></div></div> 85%	<div><div></div></div> 1%	<div><div></div></div> 4%		257	
Other Faiths	<div><div></div></div> 6%	<div><div></div></div> 89%	<div><div></div></div> 3%	<div><div></div></div> 3%		449	
Unaffiliated	N/A						

**Question wording:** [IF RESPONDENT HAS A RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION, ASK:] Now, as I read a pair of statements, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views even if neither is exactly right. First/next: There is only ONE true way to interpret the teachings of my religion, OR: there is MORE than one true way to interpret the teachings of my religion.

Data for Muslims from "Muslim Americans: Middle Class and Mostly Mainstream," Pew Research Center, 2007.

Results based on those who belong to a particular religion.