

**2017 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL (ATP)
Wave 30, Dec. 4-18, 2017
Final Questionnaire**

PRECEDING QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

GOD Do you believe in God, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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

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

ASK IF DID NOT ANSWER GOD (GOD=99)¹:

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

**PROGRAMMING NOTE: CREATE VARIABLE "TYPEGOD" AS FOLLOWS FOR FILTERING
SUBSEQUENT QUESTIONS**

IF GODBIBLE=1 OR (GOD=1 AND GODBIBLE=99)² 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"

¹ Respondents who did not answer GOD are coded GOD=99.

² 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

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
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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
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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
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QUESTIONS THAT APPEARED BETWEEN DTRMNGOOD AND QA3 HAVE BEEN HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK IF PROTESTANT:³

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-BLACK⁴ (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 BLACK⁵ (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]

³ 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."

⁴ Respondent race based on response in previous survey.

⁵ Respondent race based on response in previous survey.

ASK IF METHODIST AND NON-BLACK⁶ (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]
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ASK IF METHODIST AND BLACK⁷ (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-BLACK⁸ (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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⁶ Respondent race based on response in previous survey.

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⁸ Respondent race based on response in previous survey.

ASK IF PENTECOSTAL AND BLACK⁹ (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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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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⁹ Respondent race based on response in previous survey.

ASK IF CHURCH OF GOD AND NON-BLACK¹⁰ (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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ASK IF CHURCH OF GOD AND BLACK¹¹ (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]**

¹⁰ Respondent race based on response in previous survey.

¹¹ Respondent race based on response in previous survey.