

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 61 FEBRUARY
FINAL TOPLINE
FEB 4-15, 2020
TOTAL N=6,395**

ASK ALL:

HAPPEN2

How likely do you think it is that each of the following will happen in the next 30 years?
[RANDOMIZE]

	Will definitely <u>happen</u>	Will probably <u>happen</u>	Will probably <u>not happen</u>	Will definitely not <u>happen</u>	No <u>answer</u>
c. There will be a cure for Alzheimer's disease					
Feb 4-15, 2020	9	53	34	3	1
Dec 11-23, 2018	9	50	36	4	1
e. A woman will be elected U.S. President					
Feb 4-15, 2020	29	55	13	2	<1
Dec 11-23, 2018	30	56	11	2	<1
f. A Hispanic person will be elected U.S. president					
Feb 4-15, 2020	12	55	26	6	1
Dec 11-23, 2018	13	53	28	6	1
i. There will be another world war					
Feb 4-15, 2020	9	41	43	6	1

ASK ALL:

HAPPEN3

How likely do you think it is that each of the following will happen in the next 30 years?
[RANDOMIZE]

	Will definitely <u>happen</u>	Will probably <u>happen</u>	Will probably not <u>happen</u>	Will definitely <u>not happen</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. There will be a terrorist attack on the U.S. as bad as or worse than 9/11					
Feb 4-15, 2020	9	49	36	5	1
Dec 11-23, 2018	12	48	35	4	1
g. There will be increasing violence against Jews in the U.S.					
Feb 4-15, 2020	9	38	45	8	1
Dec 11-23, 2018	7	32	51	9	1
j. Jesus Christ will return to earth					
Feb 4-15, 2020	14	16	30	37	3

ASK ALL:

WINLOSE

Thinking about the way things have been going in politics over the last few years on the issues that matter to you, would you say your side has been... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 4-15 <u>2020</u>		Apr 29- May 13 <u>2019</u>	Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>	Apr 5- May 2 <u>2016</u>
41	Winning more often than losing	34	29	35
56	Losing more often than winning	62	67	59
3	No answer	4	4	6

ASK ALL:

PRES1 In general, how important is it to you to have a president of the United States who...
[RANDOMIZE]

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Shares your religious beliefs Feb 4-15, 2020	14	25	30	30	<1
b. Has strong religious beliefs, even if they are different from your own Feb 4-15, 2020	20	32	25	22	1
c. Personally lives a moral and ethical life Feb 4-15, 2020	63	31	5	1	<1
d. Stands up for people with your religious beliefs Feb 4-15, 2020	38	31	18	13	1

ASK ALL:

CAND Here is a list of some political figures. How religious do you think each person is?
[RANDOMIZE]

	<u>Very religious</u>	<u>Somewhat religious</u>	<u>Not too religious</u>	<u>Not at all religious</u>	<u>Never heard of this person</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Bernie Sanders Feb 4-15, 2020	4	30	36	24	3	3
b. Donald Trump Feb 4-15, 2020	7	28	23	40	<1	1
c. Elizabeth Warren Feb 4-15, 2020	3	33	33	15	12	3
d. Joe Biden Feb 4-15, 2020	9	46	28	11	4	3
e. Pete Buttigieg Feb 4-15, 2020	4	28	25	13	27	3
f. Mike Pence Feb 4-15, 2020	43	29	13	6	7	3

ASK ALL:

TRUMPRELIG As far as you know, what is Donald Trump's religion?

Feb 4-15

2020

44	NET Christian
33	Protestant
2	"Just Christian"
8	Catholic
1	Jewish
<1	Muslim
<1	Buddhist
16	NET No religion
2	Atheist
13	Nothing in particular
5	Something else
34	Not sure
1	No answer

ASK ALL:INC2 Please indicate whether you have had difficulty paying for any of the following things in the past year... **[RANDOMIZE a, b, c; d ALWAYS LAST]**

	Yes, have had difficulty <u>paying for this</u>	No, did not have <u>difficulty paying for this</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Medical care for yourself or your family Feb 4-15, 2020	36	63	1
b. Rent or mortgage Feb 4-15, 2020	30	69	1
c. Food Feb 4-15, 2020	26	73	1
d. Other bills or debts Feb 4-15, 2020	46	53	1

ASK ALL:TRUMPISSUE1 Thinking about important issues facing the country today, overall, would you say you tend to agree with Donald Trump on... **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS 1-4 AND 4-1]****PHONE TREND FOR
COMPARISON:**

Feb 4-15

2020

19	All or nearly all issues
23	Many, but not all issues
23	A few issues
34	No or almost no issues
1	No answer

Apr 25-May 1

2018

19
22
24
33
2

Aug 15-21

2017

15
18
21
45
1

ASK ALL:

TRUMPISSUE2 Now thinking NOT about issues, but just about the way Donald Trump conducts himself as president, would you say you... **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS 1-3 AND 3-1]**

		PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:	
Feb 4-15 <u>2020</u>		Apr 25- May 1 <u>2018</u>	Aug 15-21 <u>2017</u>
15	Like the way he conducts himself	19	16
30	Have mixed feelings about the way he conducts himself	26	25
53	Don't like the way he conducts himself	54	58
3	No answer	2	1

ASK ALL:

TRUMPDESC How well does each of the following describe Donald Trump? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Fairly well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Fights for what I believe in Feb 4-15, 2020	26	22	15	37	1
b. Morally upstanding Feb 4-15, 2020	8	24	23	44	1
c. Even-tempered Feb 4-15, 2020	6	21	28	44	1
d. Honest Feb 4-15, 2020	12	24	19	44	1
e. Self-centered Feb 4-15, 2020	55	25	11	8	1
f. Prejudiced Feb 4-15, 2020	36	23	20	19	2
g. Intelligent Feb 4-15, 2020	26	24	21	27	1

ASK ALL:

TRUMPHELP Do you think the Trump administration has helped or hurt the interests of each of the following groups, or hasn't it made much of a difference? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	Trump administration has <u>HELPED this group</u>	Trump administration has <u>HURT this group</u>	Has not made much <u>difference</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Evangelical Christians Feb 4-15, 2020	43	11	44	3
b. Muslims Feb 4-15, 2020	7	48	42	3
c. Jews Feb 4-15, 2020	29	26	42	3
d. Catholics Feb 4-15, 2020	25	10	62	3
e. People who are not religious Feb 4-15, 2020	14	18	65	3

ASK ALL:

ISUPP Which of the following statements come closest to your overall view of U.S. support for Israel?
[RANDOMIZE 1 & 2, 3 ALWAYS LAST]

Feb 4-15

2020

28

The U.S. is too supportive of Israel

16

The U.S. is not supportive enough of Israel

52

The level of U.S. support for Israel is about right

4

No answer

ASK ALL:

COEX Do you think a way can be found for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully with each other?

Feb 4-15

2020

55

Yes, can coexist peacefully

41

No, cannot coexist peacefully

4

No answer

ASK ALL:

RELIGMINORITY

Do you think of yourself as part of a minority group because of your religious beliefs?

Feb 4-15

2020

24

Yes, consider myself part of a minority group because of my religious beliefs

74

No, do not consider myself part of a minority group because of my religious beliefs

2

No answer

ASK ALL:

RELIGCONFLICT

How much conflict, if any, is there between your own religious beliefs and mainstream American culture?

Feb 4-15

2020

42

NET A great deal/some conflict

13

A great deal of conflict

29

Some conflict

57

NET Not much/no conflict

32

Not much conflict

25

No conflict at all

2

No answer

ASK ALL:

PPLFAV

Is your overall opinion of... **[RANDOMIZE]**

		<u>NET</u> <u>Favorable</u>	<i>Very</i> <u>fav</u>	<i>Mostly</i> <u>fav</u>	<u>NET</u> <u>Unfavorable</u>	<i>Mostly</i> <u>unfav</u>	<i>Very</i> <u>unfav</u>	<u>Never</u> <u>heard</u> <u>of this</u> <u>person</u>	<u>No</u> <u>answer</u>
a.	Pope Francis Feb 4-15, 2020	64	16	48	27	17	9	7	2
b.	Vladimir Putin Feb 4-15, 2020	14	2	12	76	35	40	8	2
c.	Benjamin Netanyahu Feb 4-15, 2020	30	8	22	31	19	13	36	3

ASK ALL:

CHR_INFL1 Do you think Christianity's influence on American life is...

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

Feb 4-15

2020

19	Increasing
53	Decreasing
27	Not changing very much
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

CHR_INFL1 Do you think Christianity's influence on American life is...

ASK IF CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE IS DECLINING (CHR_INFL1=2) [N=3,431]:CHR_INFL2 All in all, do you think Christianity's declining influence is... **[RANDOMIZE]****BASED ON TOTAL**

Feb 4-15

2020

53	NET Christianity's influence is decreasing
27	This is a permanent change
24	This is a temporary change that may reverse itself in the future
1	No answer
19	Christianity's influence is increasing
27	Christianity's influence is not changing very much
1	No answer

ASK IF CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE IS DECREASING (CHR_INFL1=2) [N=3,431]:

CHR_INFL3 How important has each of the following been in causing the decline of Christianity's influence in American life? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Major cause of Christianity's declining influence</u>	<u>Minor cause of Christianity's declining influence</u>	<u>Not a cause of Christianity's declining influence</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Negative portrayals of Christianity in popular culture Feb 4-15, 2020	41	40	18	1
b. Government policies have limited religion's role in public life Feb 4-15, 2020	28	36	34	1
c. Misconduct by ministers, priests or other Christian leaders Feb 4-15, 2020	58	34	7	1
d. More permissive attitudes about sexual behavior and sexuality in popular culture Feb 4-15, 2020	53	32	14	1
e. Christianity is too closely associated with conservative politics Feb 4-15, 2020	29	38	31	2

ASK IF CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE IS DECREASING (CHR_INFL1=2) [N=3,431]:

CHR_INFL4 How important has each of the following been in causing the decline of Christianity's influence in American life? **[SHOW IN ORDER]**

	<u>Major cause of Christianity's declining influence</u>	<u>Minor cause of Christianity's declining influence</u>	<u>Not a cause of Christianity's declining influence</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Growth in the number of people in the U.S. who are not religious Feb 4-15, 2020	60	30	9	1
b. Growth in the number of people in the U.S. who identify with non-Christian religions (such as Islam, Buddhism or Hinduism) Feb 4-15, 2020	29	48	22	1

ASK IF CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE IS DECREASING (CHR_INFL1=2) [N=3,431]:

CHR_DECOE In your view, are there any other causes of Christianity's declining influence in American life?

Feb 4-15

2020

14	NET Major cultural/societal changes
3	Change in family structure, deterioration of the nuclear family
2	Money/materialism/selfishness/consumerism
2	Decline in morals
2	People have stopped believing in God/the Bible
2	Society has become more secular/society has undergone major cultural and demographic changes
2	Religion is being taken out of schools/schools are indoctrinating children
1	Young people are no longer interested in religion
6	NET Science/technology/education have replaced need for religion
5	Science/education/modern knowledge replacing religion
2	Technology/social media/the internet
6	NET Actions by Christians/the church are pushing people away
3	Christians are hypocritical/hateful/intolerant
1	The church is too strict/rigid/outdated
1	Misconduct by religious leaders
1	Christians, religious leaders spreading the wrong message/watered down message
3	NET Government/politics
2	Influence of Democrats/liberals
1	Connection between religion and conservative politics
3	People no longer need religion/religion is not a priority/too busy/too lazy
2	Entertainment/Hollywood/celebrities
1	The media
7	Other/unsure
3	No answer
49	No other reason for Christianity's decreasing influence
6	Did not answer question about other causes of Christianity's decreasing influence

ASK IF CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE IS INCREASING (CHR_INFL1=1) [N=1,294]:

CHR_INFL5 How important has each of the following been in causing the growth of Christianity's influence in American life? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Major cause of Christianity's growing influence</u>	<u>Minor cause of Christianity's growing influence</u>	<u>Not a cause of Christianity's growing influence</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Christians are building strong communities that watch out for people Feb 4-15, 2020	34	32	32	2
b. Church leaders are doing a better job responding to scandals and misconduct Feb 4-15, 2020	23	31	44	2

c. Christianity's influence had declined so much that it was bound to increase eventually Feb 4-15, 2020	19	30	48	3
d. Christians pushing back against secular trends in society Feb 4-15, 2020	47	31	18	4
e. God intervening to ensure that Christianity prospers Feb 4-15, 2020	36	13	48	2
f. The Trump administration giving Christians more influence Feb 4-15, 2020	51	24	23	2
g. Positive portrayals of Christianity in popular culture Feb 4-15, 2020	36	35	28	2

ASK IF CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE IS INCREASING (CHR_INFL1=1) [N=1,294]:

CHR_INCROE In your view, are there any other causes of Christianity's growing influence in American life?

Feb 4-15
2020

7	Trump/Republicans/conservative political movement/connection between religion and politics
3	People are seeking something in the face of adversity
3	Racism/Islamophobia/xenophobia
3	God has intervened/divine intervention/mention of the end times
2	Christians are pushing back against secular trends/liberal policies
1	Impact of money/lobbying
1	Social media/the internet
1	Ignorance
1	The media
1	Prayer/reading the Bible
10	Other/unsure
6	No answer
55	No other reason for Christianity's increasing influence
5	Did not answer question about other causes of Christianity's increasing influence

ASK ALL:

BIBLE_INFL1 How much influence should the Bible have on the laws of the United States?

Feb 4-15

2020

49	NET A great deal/some influence
23	A great deal
26	Some
50	NET Not much/none
19	Not much
31	None at all
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

BIBLE_INFL1 How much influence should the Bible have on the laws of the United States?

ASK IF BIBLE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SOME INFLUENCE (BIBLE_INFL1=1,2) [N=3,075]:

BIBLE_INFL2 When the Bible and the will of the people conflict with each other, which should have more influence on the laws of the United States?

BASED ON TOTAL

Feb 4-15

2020

49	NET Bible should have a great deal/some influence on U.S. Laws
28	When the two conflict, Bible should have more influence
19	When the two conflict, will of the people should have more influence
2	No answer
50	NET Bible should have not much influence/none at all
1	No answer

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ELECT_TRUMP AND ELECT_OBAMA**ASK ALL:**

ELECT_TRUMP

Which comes closest to your own views about God's role in the 2016 election, even if none are exactly right?

Feb 4-15

2020

5

God chose Trump to become president because God approves of Trump's policies
 Trump's election must be part of God's overall plan, but doesn't necessarily mean God
 approves of Trump's policies

27

49

God does not get involved in U.S. presidential elections

16

I do not believe in God

2

No answer

ASK ALL:

ELECT_OBAMA

Which comes closest to your own views about God's role in the 2008 and 2012 elections, even if none are exactly right?

Feb 4-15

2020

3

God chose Obama to become president because God approved of Obama's policies
 Obama's election must have been part of God's overall plan, but doesn't necessarily
 mean God approved of Obama's policies

29

49

God does not get involved in U.S. presidential elections

16

I do not believe in God

2

No answer

ASK ALL:

PARTY

In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 OR 4) OR REFUSED:

PARTYLN

As of today do you lean more to...¹

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
27	29	29	13	1	17	22

¹ Party and Partyln asked in a prior survey.