# **BACKGROUND AND CODEBOOK**

**Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life**

**U.S. Religious Knowledge Survey**

**Survey Conducted May 19, 2010 – June 4, 2010[[1]](#footnote-1)**

# **BACKGROUND**

In his 2007 book, *Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know – And Doesn’t*, Boston University professor Stephen Prothero wrote that “Americans are both deeply religious and profoundly ignorant about religion.” To support his contention, Prothero offered many compelling anecdotes and some isolated findings from public opinion polls. He also cited a few studies about the extent of biblical literacy among young people. But, as he discovered, there was no comprehensive, national survey assessing the general state of religious knowledge among U.S. adults.

To address this gap, the Pew Research Center’s Forum on Religion & Public Life conducted the U.S. Religious Knowledge Survey to gauge what Americans know about their own faiths and about other religions. The survey covers a wide range of topics, including the beliefs and practices of major religious traditions as well as the role of religion in American history and public life. A report detailing the survey’s findings was published in September, 2010, and is available on the Forum’s website (<http://www.pewforum.org/Other-Beliefs-and-Practices/U-S-Religious-Knowledge-Survey.aspx>).

Results for the survey are based on telephone interviews conducted under the direction of Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS) among a national sample of 3,412 adults living in the continental United States, 18 years of age or older, from May 19-June 4, 2010 (2,393 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,019 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 444 who had no landline telephone). Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.

***INTERVIEWING***

All interviews were conducted using a Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) system, which ensures that questions were asked in the proper sequence with appropriate skip patterns. CATI also allows certain questions and certain answer choices to be rotated, eliminating potential biases from the sequencing of questions or answers.

For the landline sample, half of the time interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult male currently at home and the other half of the time asked to speak with the youngest adult female currently at home. If no respondent of the initially requested gender was available, interviewers asked to speak with the youngest adult of the opposite gender who was currently at home. For the cell-phone sample, interviews were conducted with the person who answered the phone; interviewers verified that the person was an adult and could complete the call safely.

In an attempt to maximize survey response, unless an interview was completed or a callback scheduled for a respondent at a phone number in the sample, each number was contacted approximately seven times at varied times of day and days of the week. Cell-phone respondents also were offered a reimbursement of $5 to cover any costs of taking the call on their mobile phones.

***SAMPLING***

The survey of the full national population used “random digit dial” (RDD) methodology. Samples of landline and cell phone exchanges were generated by Marketing Systems Group, a sister company of SSRS. The landline sample was “list-assisted,” meaning numbers were sampled from active “blocks” (area code plus three-digit exchange plus two-digit block number) that contained at least three residential directory listings; this is intended to exclude blocks dedicated for business or other nonresidential purposes.

The cell sample was not list-assisted but was drawn from systematic sampling of blocks dedicated to wireless phones and shared-service blocks with no directory-listed landline numbers.

The sample of 3,412 respondents included interviews with a nationally representative sample of 3,013 adults as well as an oversample of 399 people who are Jewish, Mormon, atheist or agnostic. One goal of the study was to attain sufficient numbers of interviews with members of these groups to permit reliable analysis of their religious knowledge. Oversampling was necessary because these groups account for a relatively small share of the overall population. Jews and Mormons each comprise roughly 1.7% of U.S. adults, according to the Pew Forum’s 2007 [U.S. Religious Landscape Survey](http://religions.pewforum.org/affiliations), while atheists and agnostics combined account for about 4% of the adult population, meaning that most surveys – even those based on large samples – do not include enough interviews with members of these groups to permit analysis of their views and characteristics.

Oversampling was accomplished by recontacting respondents from previous SSRS surveys. SSRS conducts nationally representative dual-frame (landline and cell phone) random-digit-dial surveys every week and asks respondents their religion; for this study, SSRS recontacted households it had reached in the preceding six months that contained at least one adult who reported being Jewish, Mormon or having no religion. Adults reached in those households were asked to confirm whether they were Jewish, Mormon, or atheist or agnostic and then the interview proceeded.

In total, the sample includes 212 interviews with Jewish respondents (56 interviewed as part of the main national sample and 156 interviewed as part of the oversampling), 215 interviews with Mormons (54 interviewed as part of the national sample and 161 as part of the oversampling), and 212 interviews with atheists and agnostics (130 interviewed as part of the national sample and 82 as part of the oversampling). The survey included a total of 74 self-described atheists, by themselves too small a group for reliable statistical analysis, so those individuals were aggregated with the 138 agnostics in Pew Forum reporting.

The error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for the full sample of 3,412 respondents is +/-2.5 percentage points.

***WEIGHTING***

A two-stage weighting design was applied to ensure an accurate representation of the national population.

The first stage, the base or design weight phase, included four steps. The first was a correction for the disproportionate oversamples and was created by dividing the percentage of each of the four oversampled groups (Jews, Mormons, atheists and agnostics) by their corresponding percentage in the main RDD sample. (Atheists and agnostics were treated as separate groups in this stage of the weighting process.) The second step was a correction for the unequal probabilities of selection that result from some households having more qualified adults than others; households reporting having a single adult received a weight of 1, while those with two or more adults received a weight of 2 (cell respondents were given the average weight of 1). Third, a weight of 0.5 was applied to all respondents who reported having both a landline and a cell phone, as they were twice as likely to be sampled as respondents who only had one phone type. Finally, the recontact sample was provided a propensity weight to account for the potential bias associated with recontacting (panel bias). These four corrections (sample type, household adults, dual frame and recontact propensity) were then multiplied together to arrive at a final base (design) weight.

The data were then put through a second weighting stage, a post-stratification sample balancing routine utilizing national estimates from the Census’ Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement for age, race and ethnicity, gender, education and region of the country; from the decennial census for population density; and from the National Health Interview Survey for telephone usage (landline-only, cell-only or dual usage according to whether the respondent mostly uses the cell phone or uses the landline regularly). The weight variable is called “weight” and should be used in all analyses geared toward reporting marginal results.

***SAMPLE DISPOSITION AND RESPONSE RATE***

The overall response rate for this study is 17.2% using formula “RR3” of the Standard Definitions of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (see   
<http://www.aapor.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Standard_Definitions1> for detail on this calculation). Following is a full disposition of the sample selected for this survey:

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|  | | |  |  |  |  |
| **Sample Dispositions** | | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | **Landline** | **Cell** | **Oversample** | **Total** |
| Total phone numbers used | | | 50,076 | 35,466 | 2,575 | 88,117 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Eligible, Interview (Category 1) | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Complete | 2,010 | 1,003 | 400 | 3,413\* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Eligible, non-interview (Category 2) | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Refusal | 4,279 | 4,407 | 265 | 8,951 |
|  |  | Break off | 752 | 686 | 52 | 1,490 |
|  |  | Physically or mentally unable/incompetent | 118 | 128 | 3 | 249 |
|  |  | No interviewer available for needed language | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Unknown eligibility, non-interview (Category 3) | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Always busy | 834 | 88 | 1 | 923 |
|  |  | No answer | 5,790 | 5,518 | 159 | 11,467 |
|  |  | Answering machine-don't know if household | 4,518 | 5,910 | 215 | 10,643 |
|  |  | Call blocking | 124 | 68 | 12 | 204 |
|  |  | Technical phone problems | 300 | 46 | 0 | 346 |
|  |  | No screener completed | 17 | 1,726 | 198 | 1,941 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Not eligible (Category 4) | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Fax/data line | 2,713 | 631 | 43 | 3,387 |
|  |  | Non-working number | 25,894 | 13,827 | 297 | 40,018 |
|  |  | Business, government, other organizations | 2,329 | 629 | 23 | 2,981 |
|  |  | No eligible respondent | 333 | 799 | 250 | 1,382 |
|  |  | Quota filled | 64 | 0 | 655 | 719 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interview Outcomes | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | I=Complete interviews | | 2,010 | 1,003 | 400 | 3,413\* |
|  | P=Partial interviews | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | R=Refusal and break off | | 5,031 | 5,093 | 317 | 10,441 |
|  | O=Other | | 119 | 128 | 5 | 252 |
|  | e=Estimated proportion of cases of unknown   eligibility that are eligible | | 0.186 | 0.282 | 0.363 | 0.225 |
|  | UH=Unknown household | | 11,566 | 11,630 | 387 | 23,583 |
|  | UO=Unknown other | | 17 | 1,726 | 198 | 1,941 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Response Rate 3 | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | I/((I+P) + (R+NC+O) + e(UH+UO) ) | | 20.0% | 10.0% | 42.8% | 17.2% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \*One respondent qualified for the survey via the oversampling of Jews, Mormons and atheists/agnostics but was later determined not to belong to any of these groups and was subsequently dropped from the dataset.  PEW RESEARCH CENTER’S FORUM ON RELIGION & PUBLIC LIFE May 19-June 4, 2010 | | | | | | |
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**CODEBOOK**

***SAMPLE AND CREATED VARIABLES***

WEIGHT Weight variable recommended for use in all analyses

RID Unique respondent identification number

lang Language of interview

land\_cell Indicator of whether interview was conducted via landline or cell phone

samptype Indicator of whether respondent was from fresh sample (i.e., interviewed for the first time as part of the U.S. Religious Knowledge Survey) or from recontact sample (i.e., interviewed as part of the oversample of Jewish, Mormon, atheist and agnostic respondents)

int\_date Interview date

cregion Census region (based on respondents’ self-reported zipcode, or sample geographic information for those respondents who do not provide a zipcode and those whose zipcode cannot be matched)[[2]](#footnote-2)

state State (based on respondents’ self-reported zipcode, or sample geographic information for those respondents who do not provide a zipcode and those whose zipcode cannot be matched)

RELTRAD1[[3]](#footnote-3) Four-category (most basic) religious tradition of respondent

1 Christian (QN20<5 or QN20=13 or [QN20=998,999 and CHR[[4]](#footnote-4)=YES]

500 Jewish (QN20=5)

900 Unaffiliated (QN20=9,10,12)

999 Other/Don’t know/Refused

RELTRAD2 8-category (more detailed) religious tradition of respondent

2 Protestant (QN20=1 or QN20=13)

100 Catholic (QN20=2)

200 Mormon (QN20=3)

499 Other Christian (All others for whom RELTRAD1=1)

500 Jewish (RELTRAD1=500)

901 Atheist/Agnostic (QN20=9,10)

902 Unaffiliated – nothing in particular (QN20=12)

999 Other/Don’t know/Refused

RELTRAD3 14-category (most detailed) religious tradition of respondent

10 White evangelical Protestant (RELTRAD2=2 and RACECMB=1 and HISP4>1 and BORN=1)

20 White mainline Protestant (RELTRAD2=2 and RACECMB=1 and HISP4>1 and BORN=2,8,9)

29 Other white Protestant (RELTRAD2=2 and RACECMB=1 and HISP4>1 and BORN=85)

30 Black Protestant (RELTRAD2=2 and RACECMB=2 and HISP4>1)

99 Other Protestant (All others for whom RELTRAD2=2)

101 White non-Hispanic Catholic (RELTRAD2=100 and RACECMB=1 and HISP4>1)

110 Hispanic Catholic (RELTRAD2=100 and HISP4=1)

199 Other Catholic (All others for whom RELTRAD2=100)

200 Mormon (RELTRAD2=200)

499 Other Christian (RELTRAD2=499)

500 Jewish (RELTRAD2=500)

901 Atheist/Agnostic (RELTRAD2=901)

902 Unaffiliated – nothing in particular (RELTRAD2=902)

999 Other/Don’t know/Refused

***MAIN SURVEY***

NO Q.1

ASK ALL:

QN2. All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

1 Satisfied

2 Dissatisfied

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(SCRAMBLE a-d)

QN3. And how often would you say you (INSERT)…frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never? And how often do you (INSERT NEXT STATEMENT)? (IF NECESSARY: frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never?)

1 Frequently

2 Occasionally

3 Rarely

4 Never

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

a. Talk with family or friends about science

b. Talk with family or friends about history

c. Talk with family or friends about politics or other current events

d. Talk with family or friends about religion

READ TO EVERYONE: Now I am going to ask you some short questions such as you might

see on a television game show. Some questions may be more difficult than others. If you

don’t know the answer just tell me and we’ll move to the next question.

(PROGRAMMING NOTE – KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS - PLEASE SCRAMBLE BLOCKS Q.4/5

[POLITICAL], Q.7/8 [SCIENCE] AND Q.9/10/11 [HISTORY])

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE Q.4 AND Q.5)

QN4. Can you please tell me the name of the Vice President of the United States?

(DO NOT READ. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Yes, Joe Biden

2 Yes, (incorrect answer, if any other name is given)

8 (DO NOT READ) No, Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE Q.4 AND Q.5)

(ROTATE CODES 1-2)

QN5. Do you happen to know which political party has a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Democrats

OR

2 Republicans

3 (DO NOT READ) Other

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

NO Q.6

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE Q.7 AND Q.8)

QN7. True or false: Lasers work by focusing sound waves.

1 True

2 False

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE Q.7 AND Q.8)

QN8. True or false: antibiotics will kill viruses as well as bacteria.

1 True

2 False

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(SCRAMBLE Q.9, Q.10, Q.11)

(SCRAMBLE 1-3)

QN9. Which of the following is the name of the series of government programs passed while Franklin D. Roosevelt was President?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 The New Deal

2 The Square Deal

3 The Great Society

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(SCRAMBLE Q.9, Q.10, Q.11)

(SCRAMBLE 1-3)

QN10. Which movement did Susan B. Anthony lead? The movement to …?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Give women the right to vote

2 Abolish slavery

3 Prohibit alcohol

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(SCRAMBLE Q.9, Q.10, Q.11)

(SCRAMBLE 1-4)

QN11. Who wrote the novel “Moby Dick?” Was it…?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Herman Melville

2 Nathaniel Hawthorne

3 Edith Wharton

4 Stephen King

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

NO Q.12 THROUGH Q.14

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE Q.15 AND Q.17)

QN15. When does the Jewish Sabbath begin? Does it begin on…?

(READ LIST IN ORDER. ENTER ONLY ONE)

1 Friday

2 Saturday

3 Sunday

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

NO Q.16

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE Q.15 AND Q.17)

(SCRAMBLE 1-3)

QN17. Is Ramadan (RAH-muh-don)…?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 The Hindu festival of lights

2 A Jewish day of atonement

3 The Islamic (is-LAHM-ik) holy month

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

NO Q.18 OR Q.19

READ TO EVERYONE: Now I have some background questions…

ASK ALL:

HISP4. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin such as Mexican, Puerto Rican or Cuban?

1 Yes

2 No

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

RACE1. Which of the following describes your race? You can select as many as apply. (READ LIST)

(INTERVIEWER NOTE: DO NOT PROBE FOR MULTIPLE RACES – IF RESPONDENT GIVES ONE RACE ENTER IN 1ST SCREEN AND ENTER CODE “N” IN NEXT SCREEN)

(NOTE: UP TO FOUR RESPONSES WERE RECORDED IN THE ORDER MENTIONED. RACE1 REFLECTS THE FIRST RESPONSE OFFERED. SEVERAL SUBSEQUENT QUESTIONS IN THE SURVEY ARE FILTERED ON RACE1)

1 White

2 Black or African American

3 Asian or Asian American

4 Or some other race

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

RACECMB. Recoded version of race question, with those who gave more than one response coded as “Mixed Race.” Pew Forum reporting on race and ethnicity is based on a combination of RACECMB and HISP4.

1 White

2 Black or African American

3 Asian or Asian American

4 Mixed Race

5 Or some other race

9 Don’t know/Refused

ASK ALL:

MARITAL. Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?

(INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT SAYS “SINGLE” PROBE TO DETERMINE WHICH CATEGORY IS APPROPRIATE – I.E –IS THAT DIVORCED, SEPARATED, WIDOWED, OR NEVER BEEN MARRIED?)

1 Married

2 Living with a partner

3 Divorced

4 Separated

5 Widowed

6 Never been married

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

IF RECONTACT SAMPLE AND MORMON, Q.20=3; IF RECONTACT SAMPLE AND JEWISH, Q.20=5; IF RECONTACT SAMPLE AND ATHEIST, Q.20=9; IF RECONTACT SAMPLE AND AGNOSTIC, Q.20=10

QN20. 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?

(DO NOT READ DENOMINATIONS/OTHER MATERIAL IN PARENTHESES)

(INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS “nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc.” BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: and would you say that’s atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?)

(ASK IF SOMETHING ELSE, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR, DK OR REF: Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not?)

01 Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian,

Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah’s Witness, etc.)

02 Roman Catholic (Catholic)

03 Mormon (LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)

04 Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)

05 Jewish (Judaism)

06 Muslim (Islam)

07 Buddhist

08 Hindu

09 Atheist (do not believe in God)

10 Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)

997 Something else (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12 Nothing in particular

13 (DO NOT READ) Christian

14 (DO NOT READ) Unitarian (Universalist)

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

**IMPORTANT NOTE TO DATA USERS REGARDING Q.21-Q.21v:**

Some data users may be familiar with the Pew Forum’s 2007 Religious Landscape Survey (RLS), which contained a set of questions identical to Q.21-Q.21v included here. In the RLS dataset, responses to this set of questions were cleaned such that each distinct denomination appeared only once throughout the entire set of questions (or twice for those listing Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal or Church of God as their denomination or church, since branching questions for these groups were filtered on race) – even if in practice the denomination was offered as a response option in multiple items. For example, even though “Free Methodist Church” was provided as a response option when both Methodists (when asked the RLS equivalent of Q.21c here) and those in the Holiness movement (when asked the RLS equivalent of Q.21m here) were asked about their specific denominational affiliation, the data were cleaned such that all respondents in the “Free Methodist Church” were coded “Holiness” in the RLS equivalent of Q21. Similar cleaning has not been conducted on the U.S. Religious Knowledge dataset.

In addition, during the course of analyzing the RLS, extensive effort was made to conclusively categorize the denominational affiliation of every respondent who offered an “Other (SPECIFY)” response in any question in the series. This included employing internet searches to attempt to locate and identify the denominational affiliation of individual congregations for those respondents who offered the name of a particular congregation. For the Religious Knowledge Survey, backcoding was conducted only for those respondents whose verbatim responses indicated they belong to the larger denominations listed here, and no attempt was made to locate or identify the denominational affiliation of respondents who offered the name of a specific congregation.

For these reasons, responses to Q.21-Q.21v as currently coded in the Religious Knowledge dataset ARE NOT and CANNOT BE MADE directly comparable to responses contained in Q.17-Q.17v in the RLS. Users who wish to recode the Religious Knowledge dataset to match the RLS categories as closely as possible (with the understanding that obtaining a perfect correspondence is not possible due to the less extensive approach to backcoding adopted for the Religious Knowledge Survey) should consult the RLS Appendix “Classification of Protestant Denominations” (<http://religions.pewforum.org/pdf/report-religious-landscape-study-appendix2.pdf>).

(BASED ON THOSE CLASSIFIED AS PROTESTANT OR CHRISTIAN: Q.20 = 1 OR 13)

QN21. As far as your present religion, what denomination or church, if any, do you identify with most closely? Just stop me when I get to the right one. Are you …?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ QUESTION IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERED DENOMINATION IN PREVIOUS QUESTION. RECORD RESPONSE IN APPROPRIATE CATEGORY.

011 Baptist

012 Methodist

013 Lutheran

014 Presbyterian

015 Pentecostal (Assemblies of God, Four-Square Gospel)

016 Episcopalian (PRONOUNCE: uh-pisk-uh-PALE-yun) or Anglican

017 Church of Christ, or Disciples of Christ (Christian Church)

018 Congregational or United Church of Christ

019 Holiness (Nazarenes, Wesleyan Church, Salvation Army)

020 Reformed (include Reformed Church in America; Christian Reformed)

021 Church of God

022 Nondenominational or Independent Church

997 Something else (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

000 Or none in particular

115 (DO NOT READ) Jehovah’s Witness

001 (DO NOT READ) Just a Protestant

117 (DO NOT READ) Just a Christian

116 (DO NOT READ) Seventh-Day Adventist

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

70097 (DO NOT READ) R offered name of congregation

(ASK Q.21a IF BAPTIST AND NON-BLACK: Q.21 = 011 AND [RACE1 = 1, 3, 4, 8, OR

9])

QN21a. Which of the following Baptist churches, if any, do you identify with most closely? The Southern Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., an independent Baptist church, or some other Baptist church?

023 Southern Baptist Convention

024 American Baptist Churches in USA

025 Independent Baptist

026 (DO NOT READ) Baptist General Conference

027 (DO NOT READ) Baptist Missionary Association

029 (DO NOT READ) Free Will Baptist

030 (DO NOT READ) General Association of Regular Baptists

996 (DO NOT READ) Baptist not further specified (just a Baptist)

997 Other Baptist (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

70097 (DO NOT READ) R offered name of congregation

(ASK Q.21b IF BAPTIST AND BLACK: Q.21 = 011 AND [RACE1 = 2])

QN21b. Which of the following Baptist churches, if any, do you identify with most closely? The National Baptist Convention, the Progressive Baptist Convention, or some other Baptist church?

023 (DO NOT READ) Southern Baptist Convention

024 (DO NOT READ) American Baptist Churches in USA

025 (DO NOT READ) Independent Baptist

027 (DO NOT READ) Baptist Missionary Association

030 (DO NOT READ) General Association of Regular Baptists

031 National Baptist Convention

032 Progressive Baptist Convention

996 (DO NOT READ) Baptist not further specified (just a Baptist)

997 Other Baptist (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

70097 (DO NOT READ) R offered name of congregation

(ASK Q.21c IF METHODIST AND NON-BLACK: Q.21 = 012 AND [RACE1 = 1, 3, 4, 8,

OR 9])

QN21c. Which of the following Methodist churches, if any, do you identify with most closely? The United Methodist Church, Free Methodist Church, or some other Methodist church?

033 United Methodist Church

034 Free Methodist Church

996 (DO NOT READ) Methodist not further specified (just a Methodist)

997 Other Methodist Church (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.21d IF METHODIST AND BLACK: Q.21 = 012 AND [RACE1 = 2])

QN21d. Which of the following Methodist churches, if any, do you identify with most closely? The African Methodist Episcopal (uh-PISK-uh-pull) Church, the African Methodist Episcopal (uh-PISK-uh-pull) Church Zion, the Christian Methodist Episcopal (uh-PISK-uh-pull) Church, or some other Methodist church?

033 (DO NOT READ) United Methodist Church

036 African Methodist Episcopal

037 African Methodist Episcopal Zion

038 Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

996 (DO NOT READ) Methodist not further specified (just a Methodist)

997 Other Methodist (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.21e IF NONDENOMINATIONAL OR INDEPENDENT CHURCH: Q.21 = 022)

QN21e. Which of the following kinds of nondenominational churches, if any, do you identify with most closely? An evangelical church, fundamentalist church, charismatic church, Inter-denominational church, or some other kind of church?

039 Nondenominational evangelical

040 Nondenominational fundamentalist

041 Nondenominational charismatic

042 Interdenominational

043 (DO NOT READ) Community church

996 (DO NOT READ) Nondenominational not further specified (just

nondenominational/independent)

997 Other (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

70097 (DO NOT READ) R offered name of congregation

(ASK Q.21f IF LUTHERAN: Q.21 = 013)

QN21f. Which of the following Lutheran churches, if any, do you identify with most closely? The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (SIN-id), or some other Lutheran church?

044 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

045 Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod

046 (DO NOT READ) Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Synod

996 (DO NOT READ) Lutheran not further specified (just a Lutheran)

997 Other Lutheran Church (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

70097 (DO NOT READ) R offered name of congregation

(ASK Q.21g IF PRESBYTERIAN: Q.21 = 014)

QN21g. Which of the following Presbyterian churches, if any, do you identify with most closely? The Presbyterian Church U.S.A., Presbyterian Church in America, or some other Presbyterian church?

047 Presbyterian Church USA

048 Presbyterian Church in America

051 (DO NOT READ) Orthodox Presbyterian

996 (DO NOT READ) Presbyterian not further specified (just a Presbyterian)

997 Other Presbyterian Church (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

70097 (DO NOT READ) R offered name of congregation

(ASK Q.21h IF PENTECOSTAL AND NON-BLACK: Q.21 = 015 AND [RACE1 = 1, 3, 4,

8, OR 9])

QN21h. Which of the following Pentecostal churches, if any, do you identify with most closely? The Assemblies of God, Church of God Cleveland Tennessee, or some other church?

052 Assemblies of God

053 Church of God Cleveland TN

054 (DO NOT READ) Four Square Gospel (or Four Square)

055 (DO NOT READ) Pentecostal Church of God

057 (DO NOT READ) Church of God in Christ

996 (DO NOT READ) Pentecostal not further specified (just a Pentecostal)

997 Other Pentecostal Church (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

70097 (DO NOT READ) R offered name of congregation

(ASK Q.21i IF PENTECOSTAL AND BLACK: Q.21 = 015 AND [RACE1 = 2])

QN21i. Which of the following Pentecostal churches, if any, do you identify with most closely? The Church of God in Christ, Church of God of the Apostolic (Ah-puh-STOL-ik) Faith, or some other church?

054 (DO NOT READ) Four Square Gospel (or Four Square)

056 (DO NOT READ) Pentecostal Holiness Church

057 Church of God in Christ

058 Church of God of the Apostolic Faith

996 (DO NOT READ) Pentecostal not further specified (just a Pentecostal)

997 Other Pentecostal Church (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.21j IF EPISCOPALIAN OR ANGLICAN: Q.21 = 016)

QN21j. Which of the following Episcopalian (uh-pisk-uh-PALE-yun) or Anglican Churches, if any, do you identify with most closely? The Episcopal (uh-PISK-uh-pull) Church in the USA, the Anglican Church, or some other church?

060 Episcopal Church in the USA

061 Anglican Church (Church of England)

995 (DO NOT READ) Episcopalian not further specified (just Episcopalian)

996 (DO NOT READ) Anglican not further specified (just Anglican)

997 Other Episcopalian or Anglican Church (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.21k IF CHRISTIAN CHURCH, CHURCH OF CHRIST, DISCIPLES OF CHRIST:

Q.21 = 017)

QN21k. Which of the following Christian churches, if any, do you identify with most closely? The Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, or some other church?

013 (DO NOT READ) “I am just a Christian”

064 Church of Christ

065 Disciples of Christ

066 (DO NOT READ) Christian Churches and Churches of Christ

067 (DO NOT READ) United Church of Christ

068 (DO NOT READ) Nondenominational Christian Church

996 (DO NOT READ) Christian Church not further specified

997 Other (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.21l IF CONGREGATIONAL OR UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST: Q.21 = 018)

QN21l. Which of the following congregational churches, if any, do you identify with most closely? The United Church of Christ, Conservative Congregational Christian, or some other church?

067 United Church of Christ

069 Conservative Congregational Christian

996 (DO NOT READ) Congregational not further specified (just Congregationalist/Church of

Christ)

997 Other Congregational (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

70097 (DO NOT READ) R offered name of congregation

(ASK Q.21m IF HOLINESS: Q.21 = 019)

QN21m. Which of the following Holiness churches, if any, do you identify with most closely? The Church of the Nazarene (na-zuh-REEN), the Wesleyan (WES-lee-un) Church, the Free Methodist Church, or something else?

070 Church of the Nazarene

071 Wesleyan Church

034 Free Methodist Church

073 (DO NOT READ) Christian and Missionary Alliance – alliance

074 (DO NOT READ) Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)

075 (DO NOT READ) Salvation Army, American Rescue workers

996 (DO NOT READ) Holiness not further specified (just Holiness)

997 Other Holiness (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

70097 (DO NOT READ) R offered name of congregation

(ASK Q.21n IF REFORMED: Q.21 = 020)

QN21n. Which of the following Reformed churches, if any, do you identify with most closely? The Reformed Church in America, the Christian Reformed Church, or some other church?

076 Reformed Church in America

077 Christian Reformed Church

996 (DO NOT READ) Reformed not further specified (just Reformed)

997 Other Reformed (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

70097 (DO NOT READ) R offered name of congregation

(ASK Q.21o IF CHURCH OF GOD AND NON-BLACK: Q.21 = 021 AND [RACE1 = 1, 3,

4, 8, OR 9])

QN21o. Which of the following Churches of God, if any, do you identify with most closely? The Church of God Anderson Indiana, Church of God Cleveland Tennessee, or some other church?

074 Church of God Anderson, Indiana

053 Church of God Cleveland, Tennessee

996 (DO NOT READ) Church of God not further specified (just Church of God)

997 Other Church of God (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.21p IF CHURCH OF GOD AND BLACK: Q.21 = 021 AND [RACE1 = 2])

QN21p. Which of the following Churches of God, if any, do you identify with most closely? The Church of God in Christ, the Church of God of the Apostolic (Ah-puh-STOL-ik) Faith, or some other church?

057 Church of God in Christ

058 Church of God of the Apostolic (Ah-puh-STOL-ik) Faith

996 (DO NOT READ) Church of God not further specified (just Church of God)

997 Other Church of God (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.21q IF MORMON OR LATTER-DAY SAINTS: Q.20 = 003)

QN21q. Which of the following Mormon churches, if any, do you identify with most closely? The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Community of Christ, or some other church?

079 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

080 Community of Christ

996 (DO NOT READ) Mormon not further specified (just a Mormon)

997 Other Mormon (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.21r IF ORTHODOX: Q.20 = 004)

QN21r. Which of the following Orthodox churches, if any, do you identify with most closely? The Greek Orthodox Church, Russian Orthodox, Orthodox Church in America, or some other church?

081 Greek Orthodox

082 Russian Orthodox

083 Orthodox Church in America

996 (DO NOT READ) Orthodox not further specified (just Orthodox)

997 Other Orthodox (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.21s IF JEWISH: Q.20 = 005)

QN21s. Which Jewish group do you identify with most closely? Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, or something else?

087 Reform

088 Conservative

089 Orthodox

090 (DO NOT READ) Reconstructionist

120 (DO NOT READ) Culturally Jewish

996 (DO NOT READ) Jewish not further specified (just Jewish)

997 Other (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.21t IF MUSLIM: Q.20 = 006)

QN21t. Which of the following Muslim groups, if any, do you identify with most closely? Sunni (SOON-e), Shia (SHE-ah), or something else?

091 Sunni

092 Shia

093 (DO NOT READ) Nation of Islam (Black Muslim)

996 (DO NOT READ) Muslim not further specified (just a Muslim)

997 Other Muslim (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.21u IF BUDDHIST: Q.20 = 007)

QN21u. Which of the following Buddhist groups, if any, do you identify with most closely? Theravada (tare-ah-VAH-dah) [such as Vipassana (vi-PAH-sah-nah)], Mahayana (mah-hah-YAH-nah) Buddhism (such as zen), Vajrayana (vi-rah-YAH-nah) Buddhism (such as Tibetan), or something else?

094 Theravada (Vipassana) Buddhism

095 Mahayana (Zen) Buddhism

096 Vajrayana (Tibetan) Buddhism

996 (DO NOT READ) Buddhist not further specified (just a Buddhist)

997 Other Buddhist (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.21v IF HINDU: Q.20 = 008)

QN21v. Which of the following Hindu groups, if any, do you identify with most closely? Vaishnava (VAISH-nuh-vuh) Hinduism or Shaivite (SHAI-vite) Hinduism, or is it something else?

197 Vaishnava Hinduism

198 Shaivite Hinduism

996 (DO NOT READ) Hindu not further specified (just Hindu)

997 Other Hindu (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

NO Q.22 THROUGH Q.24

(BASED ON THOSE CLASSIFIED AS CHRISTIAN: QN20<5 or QN20=13 or [QN20=998,999 and CHR[[5]](#footnote-5)=YES])

BORN. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

1 Yes

2 No

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

85 Undesignated (i.e., not asked BORN based on disposition of QN20 during interview)

ASK ALL:

ATTEND. 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?

1 More than once a week

2 Once a week

3 Once or twice a month

4 A few times a year

5 Seldom

6 Never

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

QN25. How important is religion in your life – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

1 Very important

2 Somewhat important

3 Not too important

4 Not at all important

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

QN26. Do you believe in God or a universal spirit, or not?

1 Yes

2 No

3 (DO NOT READ) Other

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.27 IF BELIEVE IN GOD OR UNIVERSAL SPIRIT: Q.26 = 1)

QN27. How certain are you about this belief? Are you absolutely certain, fairly certain, not too certain, or not at all certain?

1 Absolutely certain

2 Fairly certain

3 Not too certain

4 Not at all certain

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

IF CHRISTIAN OR UNAFFILIATED, INSERT “The Bible/is/is a book/is”

IF JEWISH, INSERT “The Hebrew Scriptures/are/are/are ”

IF MUSLIM, INSERT “The Koran/is/is a book/is”

IF OTHER FAITH, INSERT “The Holy Scripture/is/is a book/is”

IF DON’T KNOW/REFUSED TO SPECIFY RELIGION, INSERT “The Bible/is/is a book/is”

QN28. Which comes closest to your view?

(READ LIST IN ORDER. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 (INSERT) (are/is) the word of God, OR

2 (INSERT) (are/is a book) written by men and (is/are) not the word of God.

3 (DO NOT READ) Other

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.29 IF Q.28 = 1)

IF CHRISTIAN OR UNAFFILIATED, INSERT “The Bible/is”

IF JEWISH, INSERT “The Hebrew Scriptures/are”

IF MUSLIM, INSERT “The Koran/is”

IF OTHER FAITH, INSERT “The Holy Scripture/is”

IF DON’T KNOW/REFUSED TO SPECIFY RELIGION, INSERT “The Bible/is”

QN29. And would you say that …?

(READ LIST IN ORDER. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 (INSERT) (are/is) to be taken literally, word for word, OR

2 Not everything in (INSERT) should be taken literally, word for word.

3 (DO NOT READ) Other

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

NO Q.30 THROUGH Q.33

ASK ALL ITEM a

ASK ITEMS b AND c OF ALL EXCEPT UNAFFILIATED (RELTRAD1=900)

ASK ITEM d IF UNAFFILIATED

QN34. How often do you (INSERT ITEM)?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 More than once a week

2 Once a week

3 Once or twice a month

4 A few times a year

5 Seldom, or

6 Never

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

a. Read scripture outside of religious services

b. Read other books or visit websites about your religion

c. Read books or visit websites about other religions

d. Read other books or visit websites about religion

(ASK SPREL IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER: MARITAL = 1 OR 2)

INSERT “spouse’s” IF MARRIED: MARITAL = 1

INSERT “partner’s” IF LIVING WITH A PARTNER: MARITAL = 2

SPREL. And what is your (spouse’s/partner’s) religion, if any? Are they Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

(DO NOT READ DENOMINATIONS/MATERIAL IN PARENTHESES)

(INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS “nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc.” BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: and would you say they are atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?)

(ASK IF SOMETHING ELSE, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR, DK OR REF: And is that a Christian religion, or not?)

01 Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian,

Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah’s Witness, etc.)

02 Roman Catholic (Catholic)

03 Mormon (LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)

04 Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)

05 Jewish (Judaism)

06 Muslim (Islam)

07 Buddhist

08 Hindu

09 Atheist (do not believe in God)

10 Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)

997 Something else (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

0 Nothing in particular

13 (DO NOT READ) Christian

14 (DO NOT READ) Unitarian (Universalist)

90 (DO NOT READ) Same religion as me

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE 1-2)

QN34aa. Which comes closer to your view?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Humans and other living things have evolved over time

(OR)

2 Humans and other living things have existed in their present form since the

beginning of time

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

READ TO EVERYONE: Now I have some more short questions such as you might see on a television game show. If you don’t know the answer just tell me and we’ll move to the next question.

ASK ALL:

(SCRAMBLE 1-3)

QN35. Do you happen to know which of these is the king of gods in ancient Greek mythology?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Zeus

2 Mars

3 Apollo (Uh-PAHL-oh)

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(SCRAMBLE Q36/Q37a/Q37b)

QN36. Do you happen to know the name of the holy book of Islam (is-LAHM)?

(DO NOT READ, PROMPT FOR ANSWER)

1 Yes, the Koran

2 Yes, (incorrect answer)

8 (DO NOT READ) No/Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(SCRAMBLE Q36/Q37a/Q37b)

(SCRAMBLE 1-3)

QN37a. Which of these religions aims at nirvana, the state of being free from suffering?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Islam (is-LAHM)

2 Buddhism

3 Hinduism

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(SCRAMBLE Q36/Q37a/Q37b)

(SCRAMBLE 1-3)

QN37b. In which religion are Vishnu and Shiva (SHEE-va) central figures?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Islam (is-LAHM)

2 Hinduism

3 Taoism (DOW-ism)

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE a & b)

QN38. Is an (INSERT FIRST ITEM) someone who believes in God, someone who does NOT believe in God, or someone who is unsure whether God exists?

And is an (INSERT NEXT ITEM) someone who believes in God, someone who does NOT believe in God, or someone who is unsure whether God exists?

1 Someone who believes in God

2 Someone who does NOT believe in God

3 Someone who is unsure whether God exists

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

a. atheist

b. agnostic

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE Q.39 AND Q.40)

QN39. What is the first book of the Bible?

(DO NOT READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

(INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THE HEBREW WORD FOR GENESIS:‘Bereishit’ (“BRAYsheet” or “BRAYshis,” CODE AS ‘1’)

1 Genesis

2 Incorrect

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE Q.39 AND Q.40)

QN40. Will you tell me the names of the first four books of the New Testament of the Bible, that is the Four Gospels? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT NAMES FEWER THAN FOUR, PROBE “Can you name any others?” STOP PROBING AFTER RESPONDENT NAMES FOUR EVEN IF ONE OR MORE ARE INCORRECT)

(DO NOT READ LIST. CODE 1 IF RESPONDENT IMMEDIATELY NAMES ALL FOUR, OTHERWISE CODE INDIVIDUALLY AS RESPONDENT NAMES THEM)

1 All 4 named correctly

2 1-3 named correctly

3 None named correctly

9 (DO NOT READ) Don’t know/refused

ASK ALL:

(SCRAMBLE 1-4)

QN41. Where, according to the Bible, was Jesus born?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Bethlehem

2 Jericho

3 Jerusalem

4 Nazareth

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE Q.42 AND Q.43)

QN42. When was the Mormon religion founded?

(READ LIST IN ORDER. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Before the year 1200 A.D

2 Between 1200 and 1800

3 Sometime after 1800

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE Q.42 AND Q.43)

(SCRAMBLE 1-3)

QN43. The Book of Mormon tells the story of Jesus Christ appearing to people in what area of the world?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 The Americas

2 Middle East

3 Asia

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE Q.44 AND Q.45)

QN44. Which of the following best describes Catholic teaching about the bread and wine used for communion?

(READ LIST IN ORDER. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 The bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus Christ, or

2 The bread and wine are symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ

3 (DO NOT READ) Other

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE Q.44 AND Q.45)

(ROTATE 1-2; THEN READ CODES 3 AND 4, WITH ITEMS IN PARENS ROTATED

IN SAME ORDER AS 1 AND 2)

QN45. Which of these religious groups traditionally teaches that salvation comes through faith alone?

(READ ROTATED OPTIONS 1-2, THEN 3, THEN 4. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Only Protestants

2 Only Catholics

3 Both (Protestants) and (Catholics)

4 Neither (Protestants) nor (Catholics)

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE Q.46 AND Q.47)

(SCRAMBLE 1-4)

QN46. Please tell me which of the following is NOT one of the Ten Commandments:

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Do not commit adultery

2 Do unto others as you would have them do unto you

3 Do not steal

4 Keep the Sabbath holy

5 (DO NOT READ) All are in the Ten Commandments

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE Q.46 AND Q.47)

(SCRAMBLE a-d)

(SCRAMBLE 1-4; KEEP IN SAME ORDER FOR EACH STATEMENT)

QN47. Which Bible figure is most closely associated with (INSERT STATEMENT)?

Is it …?

(READ LIST)

1 Job (Jobe)

2 Elijah (uh-LIE-jah)

3 Moses

4 Abraham

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

a. Remaining obedient to God despite suffering

NO ITEM B

c. Leading the exodus from Egypt

d. Willingness to sacrifice his son for God

ASK ALL:

(SCRAMBLE a-c; ALWAYS ASK d LAST)

(SCRAMBLE 1-5; KEEP IN SAME ORDER FOR EACH STATEMENT)

QN48. Would you tell me if (INSERT)...?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Catholic

2 Jewish

3 Buddhist

4 Mormon

5 Hindu

6 (DO NOT READ) Other

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

a. Mother Teresa was

b. The Dalai Lama is

c. Joseph Smith was

d. Maimonides (my-MON-eh-deez) was

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE Q.49 AND Q.50)

QN49. Which of the following statements best describes what the U.S. Constitution says about religion?

(READ LIST IN ORDER. READ RESPONSE NUMBER WITH EACH ITEM IN THE LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY. IF RESPONDENT ASKS WHETHER WE MEAN THE CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED, SAY: Yes, what does the U.S. Constitution, including its amendments, say about religion?)

1 Christianity should be given special emphasis by the government

2 The government shall neither establish a religion nor interfere with the practice of

religion, or

3 The Constitution does not say anything one way or the other about religion

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE Q.49 AND Q.50)

(SCRAMBLE a-c)

QN50. According to rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court, is a public school teacher permitted to (READ FIRST ITEM), or not?

And is a public school teacher permitted to (NEXT ITEM), or not?

1 Yes, permitted

2 No, not permitted

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

a. lead a class in prayer

b. read from the Bible as an example of literature

c. offer a class comparing the world’s religions

ASK ALL:

QN51. Thinking about when you were a child, in what religion were you raised, if any? Were you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

(DO NOT READ DENOMINATIONS/OTHER MATERIAL IN PARENTHESES)

(INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS “nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc.” BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: and would you say that was atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?)

(ASK IF SOMETHING ELSE, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR, DK OR REF: And was that a Christian religion, or not?)

001 Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah’s Witness, etc.)

002 Roman Catholic (Catholic)

003 Mormon (LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)

004 Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)

005 Jewish (Judaism)

006 Muslim (Islam)

007 Buddhist

008 Hindu

009 Atheist (do not believe in God)

010 Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)

997 Something else (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

0 Nothing in particular

013 (DO NOT READ) Christian

014 (DO NOT READ) Unitarian (Universalist)

998 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

999 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENS)

QN52. When you were growing up, did you attend (public) or (private) school?

1 Public

2 Private

3 (DO NOT READ) Both

4 (DO NOT READ) Home schooled

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK IF ATTENDED PRIVATE SCHOOL: Q.52 = 2 OR 3)

QN52a. And was that a religious private school or not a religious private school?

1 Religious

2 Not religious

3 (DO NOT READ) Both

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

QN53. When you were growing up, about how often did you attend religious education classes or participate in religious groups for young people? Would you say…?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 More than once a week

2 Once a week

3 Once or twice a month

4 A few times a year

5 Seldom, or

6 Never

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

NO Q.54

READ: We are getting close to the end…

ASK ALL:

(SCRAMBLE a-d)

(SCRAMBLE 1-4; KEEP IN SAME ORDER FOR EACH ITEM)

QN55. Do you happen to know what religion most people in (INSERT FIRST COUNTRY) consider themselves? Is that…?

What about (NEXT COUNTRY)?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF R SAYS “They’re divided,” PROBE WITH “Are they mostly (RE-READ LIST)?” IF STILL DIVIDED, CODE AS “5”]

1 Buddhist

2 Hindu

3 Muslim

4 Christian

5 (DO NOT READ) Divided

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

a. India

b. Indonesia

NO ITEM C

d. Pakistan

NO Q.56 THROUGH Q.59

ASK ALL:

(SCRAMBLE 1-3)

QN60. What was the name of the person whose writings and actions inspired the Protestant Reformation (ref-er-MAY-shun)?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Martin Luther

2 Thomas Aquinas (uhk-WHY-ness)

3 John Wesley

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(SCRAMBLE 1-3)

QN61. Which of these people developed the theory of evolution by natural selection?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Charles Darwin

2 Sigmund Freud

3 Clarence Darrow (DAH-roh)

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

(SCRAMBLE 1-3)

QN62. And which of these court trials focused on whether evolution could be taught in public schools?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 The Scopes trial

2 The Salem witch trials

3 Brown versus Board of Education

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

And one final quiz-type question …

ASK ALL:

(SCRAMBLE 1-3)

QN63. Which one of these preachers participated in the period of religious activity known as the First Great Awakening?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Jonathan Edwards

2 Charles Finney

3 Billy Graham

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

READ TO EVERYONE: Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only…

ASK ALL:[[6]](#footnote-6)

AGE. What is your age?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ YEARS

98 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

99 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

EDUC. What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?

(DO NOT READ)

1 None, or grade 1-8

2 High school incomplete (Grades 9-11)

3 High school graduate (Grade 12 or GED certificate)

4 Technical, trade, or vocational school AFTER high school

5 Some college, associate degree, no 4-year degree

6 College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other 4-year degree)

7 Post-graduate training or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a master's Degree or Ph.D.; law or medical school)

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.64 IF ATTENDED COLLEGE: EDUC = 5, 6, OR 7)

QN64. Have you ever taken any college-level religion courses, or not?

1 Yes

2 No

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

HH1ADULT. How many adults, 18 or over, currently live in your household including yourself?

(INTERVIEWER NOTE: HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS INCLUDE PEOPLE WHO

THINK OF THIS HOUSEHOLD AS THEIR PRIMARY PLACE OF RESIDENCE,

INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE TEMPORARILY AWAY ON BUSINESS,

VACATION, IN A HOSPITAL, OR AWAY AT SCHOOL. THIS INCLUDES

ALL ADULTS)

(DO NOT READ: RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE)

1 One

2 Two

3 Three or more

98 Don’t know

99 Refused

ASK ALL:

INCOME. Last year, that is in 2009, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Less than $10,000

2 10 to under $20,000

3 20 to under $30,000

4 30 to under $40,000

5 40 to under $50,000

6 50 to under $75,000

7 75 to under $100,000

8 100 to under $150,000

9 $150,000 or more

98 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

99 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

PARTY. In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

1 Republican

2 Democrat

3 Independent

4 (DO NOT READ) No preference

5 (DO NOT READ) Other party

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK PARTYLN IF INDEPENDENT, NO PREFERENCE, OTHER PARTY, DK OR REF: PARTY=3,4,5, 8, OR 9)

PARTYLN. As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

1 Republican

2 Democrat

3 (DO NOT READ) Other

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

IDEO. In general, would you describe your political views as...?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

1 Very conservative

2 Conservative

3 Moderate

4 Liberal, OR

5 Very liberal?

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

USBORN1A. Were you born in the United States or in another country?

1 Yes, born in U.S.

2 No, some other country

3 (DO NOT READ) Puerto Rico

4 (DO NOT READ) Other U.S. territories (includes Guam, Samoa, U.S. Virgin

Islands)

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK IF USBORN1A = 1)

USBORN2. Were both of your parents born in the United States, or not?

[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS PARENT(S) BORN

IN PUERTO RICO OR OTHER U.S. TERRITORIES ENTER AS “2”]

1 Yes, both parents born in U.S.

2 No, one or both parents born in another country

8 (DO NOT READ) Don’t know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

ASK ALL:

QN65. How many children have you ever had? Please count all your biological children who were born alive at any time in your life.

[INTERVIEWER: IF R ASKS WHETHER ADOPTED CHILDREN OR STEPCHILDREN SHOULD BE INCLUDED, SAY “No, we’re asking you only to count all your biological children who were born alive at any time in your life.”]

(DO NOT READ: RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE)

0 None

1 One

2 Two

3 Three or more

98 Don't know

99 Refused

(ASK IF LANDLINE SAMPLE)

L1. Now thinking about your telephone use…Do you have a working cell phone?

1 Yes, have cell phone

2 No, do not

8 (DO NOT READ) Don’t know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.LL1a IF NO CELL PHONE AND MULTI-PERSON HOUSEHOLD: Q.L1 = 2, 8,

OR 9 AND HH1ADULT>1)

QNLL1a. Does anyone in your household have a working cell phone?

1 Yes, someone in household has cell phone

2 No

8 (DO NOT READ) Don’t know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.L2 IF DUAL REACHED ON LANDLINE AND SINGLE-PERSON

HOUSEHOLD: Q.L1 = 1 AND HH1ADULT = 1)

(ROTATE OPTIONS 1-3 FOR RANDOM HALF OF RESPONDENTS AND 3-1 FOR

OTHER RANDOM HALF)

L2. Of all the telephone calls that you receive, do you get (READ ITEMS)?

(INTERVIEWER: READ ALL RESPONSES (1-3) BEFORE RECORDING AN ANSWER)

1 All or almost all calls on a cell phone

2 Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone

3 All or almost all calls on a regular home phone

8 (DO NOT READ) Don’t know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.L3 IF DUAL REACHED ON LANDLINE AND MULTI-PERSON HOUSEHOLD

[Q.L1 = 1 OR Q.LL1a = 1] AND HH1ADULT>1)

(ROTATE OPTIONS 1-3 FOR RANDOM HALF OF RESPONDENTS AND 3-1 FOR

OTHER RANDOM HALF)

QNL3. Now thinking about all the people in your household, including yourself, of all the telephone calls that your household receives, are …?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

(INTERVIEWER: READ ALL RESPONSES (1-3) BEFORE RECORDING AN ANSWER)

1 All or almost all calls on a cell phone

2 Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone

3 All or almost all calls on a regular home phone

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK IF CELL PHONE SAMPLE)

QNC1. Now thinking about your telephone use, is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone?

1 Yes, home telephone

2 No home telephone

8 (DO NOT READ) Don’t know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK C2 IF DUAL REACHED ON CELL PHONE AND SINGLE-PERSON

HOUSEHOLD: Q.C1 = 1 AND HH1ADULT = 1)

(ROTATE OPTIONS 1-3 FOR RANDOM HALF OF RESPONDENTS AND 3-1 FOR

OTHER RANDOM HALF)

QNC2. Of all the telephone calls that you receive, do you get (READ ITEMS)?

(INTERVIEWER: READ ALL RESPONSES (1-3) BEFORE RECORDING AN ANSWER)

1 All or almost all calls on a cell phone

2 Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone

3 All or almost all calls on a regular home phone

8 (DO NOT READ) Don’t know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

(ASK Q.C3 IF DUAL REACHED ON CELL PHONE AND MULTI-PERSON

HOUSEHOLD: Q.C1= 1 AND HH1ADULT>1)

(ROTATE OPTIONS 1-3 FOR RANDOM HALF OF RESPONDENTS AND 3-1 FOR

OTHER RANDOM HALF)

QNC3. Now thinking about all the people in your household, including yourself, of all the telephone calls that your household receives, are…?

(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

(INTERVIEWER: READ ALL RESPONSES (1-3) BEFORE RECORDING AN ANSWER)

1 All or almost all calls on a cell phone

2 Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone

3 All or almost all calls on a regular home phone

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

GENDER [RECORD RESPONDENT GENDER]

1 Male

2 Female

1. The field period reported here differs slightly from that reported in previous Pew Forum publications, which indicated that interviewing was conducted May 19-June 6, 2010. In preparing data files for public release, it was found that no interviews were conducted on June 5-June 6. This error has been noted in the Forum’s report on the U.S. Religious Knowledge Survey. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Three cases have system missing values on cregion. These are cases who self-reported a Puerto Rican zipcode, but whose telephone sample geographic information indicated they had been reached in southern states. They were excluded from the bivariate analysis of religious knowledge by geographic region in Pew Forum reporting. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. RELTRAD1, RELTRAD2 and RELTRAD3 define the religious groups upon which most Pew Forum reporting is based. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. CHR was a question asked of those who gave a vague response to QN20, which asks: “Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not?” CHR was used for backcoding purposes, and is not included as a variable in the Religious Knowledge dataset. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. CHR was a question asked of those who gave a vague response to QN20, which asks: “Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not?” CHR was used for backcoding purposes, and is not included as a variable in the Religious Knowledge dataset. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Cell phone respondents and some recontact respondents were asked about their age as part of the screening interview. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)