

**2024 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 143 RELIGION
FEBRUARY 13-25, 2024
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CORRECTION (March 18, 2024): A previous version of this Topline listed incorrect figures in the "Very unfavorable" and "Mostly unfavorable" columns on the "FAVPOL" question. This has been updated.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

FAVPOL What is your overall opinion of... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		NET Favor- able	<i>Very favor- able</i>	<i>Mostly favor- able</i>	NET Unfavor- able	<i>Very unfavor- able</i>	<i>Mostly unfavor- able</i>	Never heard of <u>this person</u>	No <u>answer</u>
TRUMP	Donald Trump								
	Feb 13-25, 2024	39	15	24	60	44	16	<1	1
	Jul 10-16, 2023	35	12	24	63	46	17	<1	1
	Mar 20-26, 2023	36	12	24	63	45	18	<1	1
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	38	14	24	60	46	14	<1	1
BIDEN	Joe Biden								
	Feb 13-25, 2024	37	9	28	62	39	23	<1	1
	Jul 10-16, 2023	39	9	30	60	39	21	<1	1
	Mar 20-26, 2023	41	8	33	57	35	22	1	1
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	43	12	31	55	37	19	<1	1
HALEY	Nikki Haley								
	Feb 13-25, 2024	27	3	24	47	16	31	24	1

ASK ALL:

PRES1 In general, how important is it to you to have a president of the United States who...
[RANDOMIZE STRREL, STAND, AND SAMEREL; MORAL ALWAYS LAST]

		Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
STRREL	Has strong religious beliefs, even if they are different from your own					
	Feb 13-25, 2024	16	32	27	24	1
	Feb 4-15, 2020	20	32	25	22	1
STAND	Stands up for people with your religious beliefs					
	Feb 13-25, 2024	31	33	19	16	<1
	Feb 4-15, 2020	38	31	18	13	1
SAMEREL	Has religious beliefs that are the same as your own					
	Feb 13-25, 2024	12	25	31	32	<1
	TREND FOR COMPARISON					
	Shares your religious beliefs					
	Feb 4-15, 2020	14	25	30	30	<1
MORAL	Personally lives a moral and ethical life					
	Feb 13-25, 2024	65	29	3	2	<1
	Feb 4-15, 2020	63	31	5	1	<1

ASK ALL:

CAND

How religious do you think each person is? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS FAVPOL]**

		<u>Very religious</u>	<u>Somewhat religious</u>	<u>Not too religious</u>	<u>Not at all religious</u>	<u>Never heard of this person¹</u>	<u>No answer</u>
TRUMP	Donald Trump						
	Feb 13-25, 2024	4	25	25	43	-	2
	Mar 1-7, 2021	6	26	24	43	-	1
	Feb 4-15, 2020	7	28	23	40	<1	1
	PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON						
	Jan 7-14, 2016 ²	5	25	37	22	n/a	10
BIDEN	Joe Biden						
	Feb 13-25, 2024	13	41	24	20	-	2
	Mar 1-7, 2021	27	37	21	14	-	1
	Feb 4-15, 2020	9	46	28	11	4	3
HALEY	Nikki Haley						
	Feb 13-25, 2024	4	42	29	15	-	10

ASK ALL:

STANDUPREL

To what extent would you say each person stands up for people with religious beliefs similar to yours? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS FAVPOL; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE CATEGORIES "A GREAT DEAL" TO "NOT AT ALL" OR "NOT AT ALL" TO "A GREAT DEAL" WITH "NOT SURE" ALWAYS LAST]**

		<u>A great deal</u>	<u>Quite a bit</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>No answer</u>
TRUMP	Donald Trump							
	Feb 13-25, 2024	10	13	15	9	36	17	<1
BIDEN	Joe Biden							
	Feb 13-25, 2024	7	13	20	12	27	20	<1
HALEY	Nikki Haley							
	Feb 13-25, 2024	2	8	16	10	16	48	1

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¹ "Never heard of this person" was a response option in the February 2020 survey only.

² The telephone question asked: "Now I am going to read you a list of some political figures. For each name that I read, please tell me how religious you think that person is – very religious, somewhat religious, not too religious, or not at all religious. First, **(INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE)**. How about **(INSERT NEXT)**? **[IF NECESSARY: How religious do you think (he/she) is – very religious, somewhat religious, not too religious, or not at all religious?]**"

DISPLAY TO ALL:

Next...

ASK ALL:

RELIG_INFL1 At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is... [RANDOMIZE]

ASK IF GAVE RESPONSE IN RELIG_INFL1 (RELIG_INFL1=1,2):

RELIG_INFL2 All in all, do you think its a good thing or a bad thing that religion is [IF RELIG_INFL1=1 INSERT "gaining"; IF RELIG_INFL1=2 INSERT "losing"] influence in American life?

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL

Feb 13-25, 2024		Sep 13-18, 2022	Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019
18	Gaining influence in American life	23	20
8	Good thing	9	10
6	Bad thing	10	6
3	Doesn't make a difference	4	4
<1	No answer	<1	<1
80	Losing influence in American life	74	78
13	Good thing	16	17
49	Bad thing	40	42
17	Doesn't make a difference	18	18
1	No answer	<1	<1
2	No answer	3	2

RELIG_INFL1 PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON

Q.26 At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life or losing its influence?

	Increasing <u>influence</u>	Losing <u>influence</u>	(VOL.) <u>Same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-14, 2016	26	68	3	4
Sep 2-9, 2014	22	72	2	4
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	25	66	2	7
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	23	67	3	7
Jul 2006	34	59	2	5
Mid-Jul 2003	30	56	5	9
Mar 2002	37	52	3	8
Mid-Nov 2001	78	12	3	7
Mar 2001	37	55	4	4

ASK ALL:

RELIG_FRIENDLY

For each of the following groups, please indicate whether it is generally [**show in same order as response list: friendly toward religion, neutral toward religion, or unfriendly toward religion**]. [**PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE ITEMS. RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CATEGORIES "FRIENDLY TOWARD RELIGION" TO "UNFRIENDLY TOWARD RELIGION" AND "UNFRIENDLY TOWARD RELIGION" TO "FRIENDLY TOWARD RELIGION." SHOW RESPONSE CATEGORIES IN SAME ORDER FOR ALL QUESTIONS. SHOW QUESTION STEM IN SAME ORDER AS RESPONSES**]

	Friendly toward <u>religion</u>	Neutral toward <u>religion</u>	Unfriendly toward <u>religion</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. The Democratic Party				
Feb 13-25, 2024	22	42	32	3
Sep 13-18, 2022	21	44	32	3
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	19	48	31	2
PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON				
Jan 7-14, 2016	30	40	24	6
Sep 2-9, 2014	29	39	25	6
Mar 7-11, 2012	35	36	21	8
Nov 9-14, 2011	30	40	20	11
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	26	41	19	14
Aug 20-27, 2009	29	39	22	11
Aug 2008	38	37	15	10
Aug 2007	30	37	15	18
Jul 2006	26	42	20	12
Jul 2005	29	38	20	13
Aug 2004	40	34	13	13
Mid-Jul 2003	42	36	12	10
b. The Republican Party				
Feb 13-25, 2024	51	31	15	3
Sep 13-18, 2022	58	27	11	3
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	54	32	13	2
PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON				
Jan 7-14, 2016	42	30	21	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	47	30	15	7
Mar 7-11, 2012	54	24	13	10
Nov 9-14, 2011	43	26	19	12
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	43	28	14	15
Aug 20-27, 2009	48	29	12	12
Aug 2008	52	29	9	10
Aug 2007	50	23	9	18
Jul 2006	47	28	13	12
Jul 2005	55	23	9	13
Aug 2004	52	24	10	14
Mid-Jul 2003	52	27	10	11

RELIG_FRIENDLY CONTINUED ...

	Friendly toward <u>religion</u>	Neutral toward <u>religion</u>	Unfriendly toward <u>religion</u>	No <u>answer</u>
c. The Biden administration				
Feb 13-25, 2024	27	40	30	3
Sep 13-18, 2022	25	44	29	3
d. The Supreme Court				
Feb 13-25, 2024	28	56	13	3
Sep 13-18, 2022	35	51	11	3
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	18	69	11	2
PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON				
Jan 7-14, 2016	16	52	25	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	21	50	22	7

ASK ALL:

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

Feb 13-25, <u>2024</u>		Sep 13-18, <u>2022</u>	Feb 4-15, <u>2020</u>
23	A great deal	23	23
26	Some	24	26
18	Not much	16	19
33	None at all	36	31
1	No answer	1	1

ASK IF BIBLE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SOME INFLUENCE:

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?

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL

Feb 13-25, <u>2024</u>		Sep 13-18, <u>2022</u>	Feb 4-15, <u>2020</u>
49	NET The Bible should have a great deal/some influence on U.S. Laws (in BIBLE_INFL1)	47	49
28	The Bible (in BIBLE_INFL2)	27	28
19	The will of the people (in BIBLE_INFL2)	19	19
2	No answer (in BIBLE_INFL2)	2	2
51	NET The Bible should have not much influence/none at all (in BIBLE_INFL1)	51	50
1	No answer (in BIBLE_INFL1)	1	1

ASK ALL:

BIBLE_INFL3

Regardless of how much influence you think it should have, how much influence do you think the Bible has on the laws of the United States today?

[RANDOMIZE ORDER "A GREAT DEAL" TO "NONE AT ALL" AND "NONE AT ALL" TO "A GREAT DEAL"]

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16	A great deal
42	Some
33	Not much
9	None at all
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

NATCHRc3

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS "THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD DECLARE CHRISTIANITY THE OFFICIAL RELIGION OF THE UNITED STATES" TO "THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT DECLARE CHRISTIANITY THE OFFICIAL RELIGION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND IT SHOULD NOT PROMOTE CHRISTIAN MORAL VALUES" AND "THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT DECLARE CHRISTIANITY THE OFFICIAL RELIGION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND IT SHOULD NOT PROMOTE CHRISTIAN MORAL VALUES" TO "THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD DECLARE CHRISTIANITY THE OFFICIAL RELIGION OF THE UNITED STATES"]**

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2024

13	The federal government should declare Christianity the official religion of the United States
44	The federal government should <u>not</u> declare Christianity the official religion of the United States, but it should promote Christian moral values
39	The federal government should <u>not</u> declare Christianity the official religion of the United States, and it should <u>not</u> promote Christian moral values
3	No answer

ASK ALL:

CHRNATc

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE "THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD STOP ENFORCING SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE" AND "THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD ENFORCE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE" WITH "NEITHER/NO OPTION" ALWAYS LAST]**

Feb 13-25,
2024

16	The federal government should stop enforcing separation of church and state
55	The federal government should enforce separation of church and state
28	Neither/no opinion
1	No answer

Mar 1-7,
2021

19
54
25
1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

RELIGMINORITY

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

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2024

29

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

69

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

2

No answer

Feb 4-15,

2020

24

74

2

ASK ALL:

RELIGCONFLICT

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

Feb 13-25,

2024**48****NET A great deal/Some conflict**

15

A great deal of conflict

33

Some conflict

49**NET Not much/No conflict**

28

Not much conflict

22

No conflict at all

2

No answer

Feb 4-15,

2020**42**

13

29

57

32

25

2

RANDOMIZE RELIGDISAGREE, POLDISAGREE**ASK ALL:**

RELIGDISAGREE

What do you personally think is the best thing to do when someone disagrees with you about religion?

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2024

5

Try to persuade the person to change their mind

53

Try to understand the person's beliefs and agree to disagree

41

Avoid discussing religion with the person

2

No answer

Mar 18-Apr 1,

2019

4

62

33

1

Aug 11-Sep 3,

2014

5

67

27

1

ASK ALL:

POLDISAGREE

What do you personally think is the best thing to do when someone disagrees with you about politics?

Feb 13-25,

2024

5

Try to persuade the person to change their mind

49

Try to understand the person's beliefs and agree to disagree

45

Avoid discussing politics with the person

2

No answer

ASK IF ATP AND RELIGIOUSLY UNAFFILIATED [N=3,205]:

CHRASIDE Aside from religion, do you consider yourself to be Christian in any way (for example, ethnically, culturally or because of your family's background)?

Feb 13-25, <u>2024</u>	
40	Yes
59	No
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

CHRNAT1a How much, if anything, have you heard or read about "Christian nationalism?"

Feb 13-25, <u>2024</u>		Sep 13-18, <u>2022</u>
6	A great deal	5
9	Quite a bit	9
16	Some	17
14	A little	14
54	Nothing at all	54
1	No answer	1

ASK IF HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE ABOUT CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM:

CHRNAT1b All in all, do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of Christian nationalism?

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL

Feb 13-25, <u>2024</u>		Sep 13-18, <u>2022</u>
45	NET Heard at least a little about Christian nationalism (in CHRNAT1a)	45
2	Very favorable	2
4	Somewhat favorable	4
6	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	8
6	Somewhat unfavorable	5
19	Very unfavorable	19
8	Don't know enough to say	8
<1	No answer	<1
54	NET Know nothing at all about Christian nationalism (in CHRNAT1a)	54
1	No answer (in CHRNAT1a)	1

ASK TOOFARCON and TOOFARLIB ON ONE PAGE, RANDOMIZE ORDER**ASK ALL:**

TOOFARCON Do you think conservative Christians have gone too far in trying to push their religious values in the government and public schools?

Feb 13-25, <u>2024</u>	
48	Yes, conservative Christians have gone too far
49	No, I don't think so
4	No answer

ASK ALL:

TOOFARLIB Do you think liberals who are not religious have gone too far in trying to keep religious values out of the government and public schools?

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2024

50	Yes, liberals who are not religious have gone too far
47	No, I don't think so
4	No answer

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

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

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...³

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>
28	30	27	13	2	17	18

³ PARTY and PARTYLN asked of ATP panelists in a prior wave. Jewish and Muslim respondents from the Ipsos KnowledgePanel, NORC Amerispeak panel and SSRS opinion panel were asked PARTY and PARTYLN on this survey.