

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
2023-24 RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPE STUDY (RLS-III)
FINAL BRIDGE STUDY TOPLINE
ABS: JULY 17, 2023-MARCH 4, 2024
RDD: AUGUST 7-NOVEMBER 6, 2023
BRIDGE STUDY (RDD)=1,519
MAIN STUDY (ABS)=36,908**

Many questions in the 2023-24 Religious Landscape Study (RLS) previously were asked in the 2014 and/or 2007 Religious Landscape Studies. However, the surveys in 2007 and 2014 were administered by live interviewers on the telephone, while most respondents to the 2023-24 survey answered the questionnaire online or on paper. This change in the survey's mode of administration complicates comparisons between the earlier studies and the new survey, because the "mode shift" affects the results of some questions much more than others.

To help determine which questions are comparable with past surveys and which are not comparable, Pew Research Center conducted a "bridge survey" entirely by telephone (for testing purposes only) alongside the main 2023-24 RLS survey. Both surveys asked the same questions. The Center's researchers examined the results and used that information, together with other tests and analyses conducted in recent years, to make case-by-case decisions about the comparability of the 2023-24 results with the findings of previous landscape studies on specific questions.

This topline reports the results of the bridge study. Results are presented by displaying the difference (in percentage points) between the bridge study's estimates and the main survey's estimates. Positive numbers indicate that the share giving the answer in question are higher in the bridge study than in the main survey; negative numbers indicate that the share giving the answer in question are lower in the bridge study than in the main survey. Entries of "-" indicate that there is no difference between the bridge study and the main survey.

These questions are not presented in the order they were asked in the survey. Rather, they are grouped by color:

- **"Green" questions** are ones that our researchers have determined can be directly compared with prior landscape studies.
- **"Red" questions** cannot be compared with prior landscape studies.
- **"Yellow" questions** can be cautiously compared with prior landscape studies.

Refer to [Appendix A](#) for additional information about this bridge study and how it was conducted. Read the report's [Methodology](#) for additional details about how the main survey was conducted, and the [main survey's topline](#) to see results from the main survey.

GREEN**ASK ALL:**

RELIG What is your present religion, if any?

ASK IF R SAID THEY ARE SOMETHING ELSE OR DID NOT ANSWER IN RELIG:

CHR Do you think of yourself as a Christian, or not?

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Protestant	+1
Evangelical Protestant tradition	-
Mainline Protestant tradition	+1
Historically Black Protestant tradition	-
Catholic	-4
Orthodox Christian	-
Latter-day Saint (Mormon)	+1
Jehovah's Witness	-
Other Christian	-
Metaphysical	-
<i>Spiritualist</i>	-
<i>Unity Church</i>	-
<i>Other Metaphysical</i>	-
Others in "Other Christian" tradition	-
Jewish	-
Muslim	+1
Buddhist	-
Hindu	+1
Other world religions	-
Something else	+1
Native American religions	-
Unitarians and other liberal faiths	+1
<i>Deist</i>	-
<i>Eclectic/bit of everything/own beliefs</i>	-
<i>Humanist</i>	-
<i>Spiritual but not religious</i>	-
<i>Unitarian</i>	-
<i>Others in Unitarian/other liberal faiths</i>	-
New Age	-
Pagan/Wiccan	+1
Other New Age	-
Religiously unaffiliated (religious "nones")	-1
Atheist	-1
Agnostic	-
Nothing in particular	-1
No answer	+1

ASK IF IDENTIFIED AS PROTESTANT IN RELIG OR IDENTIFIED AS SOMETHING ELSE IN RELIG AND AS CHRISTIAN IN CHR:

QA3 As far as your present religion, what denomination or church, if any, do you identify with most closely?

Baptist
 Methodist
 Lutheran
 Presbyterian
 Pentecostal
 Episcopalian or Anglican
 Church of Christ or Disciples of Christ
 Congregational or United Church of Christ
 Holiness
 Reformed
 Church of God
 Nondenominational or independent church
 Something else (specify)
 None in particular

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Baptist	-1
Nondenominational Protestant	-
Pentecostal	-
Methodist	-1
Lutheran	-
Presbyterian	-
Episcopalian	+1
Restorationist (Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ)	-
Congregational	-
Holiness	-
Reformed	-
Adventist	-
Seventh-day Adventist	-
Other Adventist	-
Anabaptist	-
Pietist	-
Friends	-
Other evangelical/fundamentalist	-
Protestant non-specific	+2
NET Protestant	+1

ASK IF BAPTIST AND NON-BLACK:

QA4a Which of the following Baptist churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- Southern Baptist Convention
- American Baptist Churches USA
- An independent Baptist church
- Other (specify)

ASK IF BAPTIST AND BLACK:

QA4b Which of the following Baptist churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- National Baptist Convention, USA
- National Baptist Convention of America
- Progressive National Baptist Convention
- Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Baptist in the evangelical tradition	-
Southern Baptist Convention	-
Independent Baptist (evangelical trad.)	-1
Conservative Baptist Assoc. of America	-
Free Will Baptist	-
General Assoc. of Regular Baptist Churches	-
Missionary Baptist (evangelical trad.)	-
Other Baptist (evangelical trad.)	+1
Baptist in the mainline tradition	-1
American Baptist Churches USA	-1
Other Baptist (mainline trad.)	-
Baptist in the historically Black Protestant tradition	-
National Baptist Convention, USA	-1
National Baptist Convention of America	-
Progressive National Baptist Convention	-
National Baptist Convention	-
Independent Baptist (historically Black trad.)	-
Missionary Baptist (historically Black trad.)	-
Other Baptist (historically Black trad.)	+1
NET Baptist	-1

ASK IF METHODIST AND NON-BLACK:

Qa4c Which of the following Methodist Churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

United Methodist Church
 Free Methodist Church
 Global Methodist Church
 Other (specify)

ASK IF METHODIST AND BLACK:

Q4ad Which of the following Methodist Churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME)
 African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME Zion)
 Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
 Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Methodist in the evangelical tradition	-
Global Methodist Church	-
Other Methodist (evangelical trad.)	-
Methodist in the mainline tradition	-1
United Methodist Church	-1
Other Methodist (mainline trad.)	-
Methodist in the historically Black Protestant tradition	-
African Methodist Episcopal Church	-
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	-
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church	-
Other Methodist (historically Black trad.)	-
NET Methodist	-1

ASK IF NONDENOMINATIONAL OR INDEPENDENT CHURCH:

QA4e Which of the following kinds of non-denominational churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- An evangelical church
- A fundamentalist church
- A charismatic church
- An inter-denominational church
- Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Nondenominational in the evangelical trad.	-1
Evangelical nondenominational	-2
Charismatic nondenominational	-
Fundamentalist nondenominational	-
Interdenominational (evangelical trad.)	-
Community Church	-
Nondenominational Christian	-
Other nondenominational (evangelical trad.)	+1
Nondenominational in the mainline trad.	+1
Interdenominational (mainline trad.)	-
Other nondenominational (mainline trad.)	+1
Nondenominational in the historically Black Protestant tradition	-
NET Nondenominational Protestant	-

ASK IF LUTHERAN:

QA4f Which of the following Lutheran churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- Evangelical Lutheran Church in American (ELCA)
- Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
- Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Lutheran in the evangelical tradition	-
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	-1
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod	-
Other Lutheran (evangelical trad.)	-
Lutheran in the mainline tradition	-
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)	-
Other Lutheran (mainline trad.)	-
NET Lutheran	-

ASK IF PRESBYTERIAN:

QA4g Which of the following Presbyterian churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) PCUSA
- Presbyterian Church in American (PCA)
- Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

	DIFFERENCE (<u>RDD-ABS</u>)
Presbyterian in the evangelical tradition	-
Presbyterian Church in America	-
Other Presbyterian (evangelical trad.)	-
Presbyterian in the mainline tradition	-
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	-
Other Presbyterian (mainline trad.)	-
NET Presbyterian	-

ASK IF PENTECOSTAL AND NON-BLACK:

QA4h Which of the following Pentecostal churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- Assemblies of God
- Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)
- Other (specify)

ASK IF PENTECOSTAL AND BLACK:

QA4i Which of the following Pentecostal churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

- Church of God in Christ (COGIC)
- Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

	DIFFERENCE (<u>RDD-ABS</u>)
Pentecostal in the evangelical tradition	-
Assemblies of God	-
Apostolic Pentecostal (evangelical trad.)	-
Calvary Chapel	-
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	-
Church of God of the Apostolic Faith	-
Foursquare	-
Nondenominational Pentecostal (evang. trad.)	-
Pentecostal Church of God	-
Pentecostal Holiness Church	-
United Pentecostal Church International	-
Other Pentecostal (evangelical trad.)	-
Pentecostal in the historically Black Protestant tradition	-
Church of God in Christ	-1
Apostolic Pentecostal (historically Black trad.)	-
Other Pentecostal (historically Black trad.)	+1
NET Pentecostal	-

ASK IF EPISCOPALIAN OR ANGLICAN:

QA4j Which of the following Episcopalian or Anglican churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

The Episcopal Church
Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Episcopalian in the evangelical tradition	-
Episcopalian in the mainline tradition	+1
Episcopal Church	-
Anglican	-
Other Episcopalian (mainline trad.)	-
NET Episcopalian	+1

ASK IF CHURCH OF CHRIST:

QA4k Which of the following Christian churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

Church of Christ
Disciples of Christ
Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Restorationist in the evangelical trad.	-
Churches of Christ	-
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	-
Other Restorationist (evangelical trad.)	-
Restorationist in the mainline trad.	-
Disciples of Christ	-
Other Restorationist (mainline trad.)	-
NET Restorationist	-

ASK IF CONGREGATIONAL OR UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

QA4l Which of the following congregational churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

United Church of Christ
Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

	DIFFERENCE (<u>RDD-ABS</u>)
Congregational in the evangelical tradition	-
Conservative Congregational Christian Conf.	-
Other Congregational (evangelical trad.)	-
Congregational in the mainline tradition	-
United Church of Christ	-
Other Congregational (mainline trad.)	-
NET Congregational	-

ASK IF HOLINESS:

QA4m Which of the following Holiness churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

Church of Nazarene
Free Methodist Church
Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

	DIFFERENCE (<u>RDD-ABS</u>)
Holiness in the evangelical tradition	-
Christian and Missionary Alliance	-
Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	-
Church of the Nazarene	-
Free Methodist Church	-
Wesleyan Church	-
Other Holiness (evangelical trad.)	-
Holiness in the historically Black Protestant tradition	-
NET Holiness	-

ASK IF REFORMED:

QA4n Which of the following Reformed churches, if any, do you identify with most closely?

Reformed Church in America
 Christian Reformed Church
 Other (specify)

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

	DIFFERENCE (<u>RDD-ABS</u>)
Reformed in the evangelical tradition	-
Christian Reformed Church	-
Other Reformed (evangelical trad.)	-
Reformed in the mainline tradition	-
Reformed Church in America	-
Other Reformed (mainline trad.)	-
NET Reformed	-

ASK IF JEWISH:

BRANCH Thinking about Jewish religious denominations, do you consider yourself to be...

BASED ON TOTAL

	DIFFERENCE (<u>RDD-ABS</u>)
Reform	-
Conservative	-
Orthodox	-
Something else	-
No particular denomination	-
No answer	-
NET Jewish by religion	-

ASK ALL:

PRAY Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

	DIFFERENCE (<u>RDD-ABS</u>)
NET Daily or more often	+3
Several times a day	+4
Once a day	-1
NET Weekly/monthly	-
A few times a week	-
Once a week	-1
A few times a month	+1
NET Seldom/Never	-4
Seldom	-2
Never	-2
No answer	+1

ASK IF CHRISTIAN:

BORN Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian?

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Yes, born-again or evangelical Christian	-1
No, not born-again or evangelical Christian	-
No answer/not asked	-
NET Christian	-2

ASK ALL:

CHRELIG Thinking about when you were a child, in what religion were you raised, if any?

Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Church of Christ, Congregational/United Church of Christ, Holiness, Reformed, Church of God, 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

ASK IF CHRELIG WAS SOMETHING ELSE OR IF RESPONDENT DID NOT ANSWER CHRELIG:

CHCHR Were you raised in a Christian religion, or not?

Yes

No

No answer

ASK IF PROTESTANT OR CHRISTIAN UNSPECIFIED OR SOMETHING ELSE/CHRISTIAN IN CHRELIG:

CHA3 What denomination or church, if any, were you raised in?

Baptist

Methodist

Lutheran

Presbyterian

Pentecostal

Episcopalian or Anglican

Church of Christ or Disciples of Christ

Congregational or United Church of Christ

Holiness

Reformed

Church of God

Non-denominational or independent church

Something else (specify)

None in particular

No answer

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Protestant	+3
Baptist	+2
Methodist	-1
Nondenominational Protestant	+1
Lutheran	-
Presbyterian	-1
Pentecostal	-
Episcopalian	-
Restorationist (Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ)	-1
Congregational	-
Holiness	-
Reformed	-
Adventist	-
Anabaptist	-
Pietist	-
Friends	-
Other evangelical/fundamentalist	-
Protestant non-specific	+2
Catholic	-1
Orthodox Christian	-
Latter-day Saint (Mormon)	-
Jehovah's Witness	-
Other Christian	-
Jewish	-
Muslim	+1
Buddhist	-1
Hindu	-
Other world religions	-
Something else	-
Religiously unaffiliated (religious "nones")	-2
Atheist	-
Agnostic	-
Nothing in particular	-2
No answer	-

ASK IF RAISED CHRISTIAN:

CHBORN As a child, would you say you were raised as a born-again or evangelical Christian?

BASED ON THOSE WHO WERE RAISED CHRISTIAN

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Yes, raised as born-again or evangelical Christian	-
No, not raised as born-again or evangelical Christian	-4
No answer	+4

ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER:

SPRELIG What is your spouse's/partner's present religion if any?

Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Church of Christ, Congregational/United Church of Christ, Holiness, Reformed, Church of God, 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

ASK IF SPOUSE IS PROTESTANT, UNSPECIFIED CHRISTIAN, OR SOMETHING/ELSE:

SPA3 What denomination or church, if any, does your spouse/partner identify with most closely?

Baptist

Methodist

Lutheran

Presbyterian

Pentecostal

Episcopalian or Anglican

Church of Christ or Disciples of Christ

Congregational or United Church of Christ

Holiness

Reformed

Church of God

Non-denominational or independent church

Something else (specify)

None in particular

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON THOSE MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER:

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Protestant	+3
Baptist	-1
Methodist	+2
Nondenominational Protestant	-1
Lutheran	+1
Presbyterian	-
Pentecostal	-
Episcopalian	-
Restorationist (Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ)	-
Congregational	-1
Holiness	-
Reformed	-
Adventist	-
Anabaptist	-
Pietist	-
Friends	-
Other evangelical/fundamentalist	-
Protestant non-specific	+2
Catholic	-3
Orthodox Christian	-
Latter-day Saint (Mormon)	-
Jehovah's Witness	-
Other Christian	-
Jewish	+1
Muslim	-
Buddhist	-
Hindu	+2
Other world religions	-
Something else	+1
Religiously unaffiliated (religious "nones")	-4
Atheist	-1
Agnostic	-
Nothing in particular	-4
No answer	+1

ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER AND SPOUSE/PARTNER IS CHRISTIAN:

SPBORN Would your spouse or partner describe themselves as a born-again or evangelical Christian?

BASED ON THOSE WHO HAVE A SPOUSE/PARTNER WHO IS CHRISTIAN

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Yes, spouse/partner would describe themselves as born-again or evangelical Christian	-1
No, spouse/partner would not describe themselves as born-again or evangelical Christian	-3
No answer	+4

ASK ALL:

RACECMB

What is your race or origin? [Check all that apply] White, Black or African American, Asian or Asian American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, Some other race or origin (please specify).

ASK ALL:

HISP

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

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
White (non-Hispanic)	-1
Black or African American (non-Hispanic)	-
Asian or Asian American (non-Hispanic)	-1
Multiracial/Other (non-Hispanic)	-
Hispanic	-
No answer	+1

ASK ALL:

EDUC_ACS

What is the highest degree or level of school that you have completed?

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
NET Less than college degree	+1
High school or less	+2
Some college	-1
NET College graduate	-1
College degree	+1
Postgraduate degree	-2
No answer	-

ASK ALL:

YOBMOD

In what year were you born? [Used to determine respondent's age]

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Ages 18-29	+1
30-49	-1
50-64	-1
Ages 65+	-1
No answer	+1

ASK ALL:

NATIVITY In what country were you born?

ASK ALL:

FTHR In what country was your father born?

ASK ALL:

MTHR In what country was your mother born?

RESPONSE OPTIONS (FOR ALL THREE QUESTIONS)

U.S. – 50 states, District of Columbia

U.S. – Puerto Rico

U.S. – other territory

Another country (specify)

SUMMARY VARIABLE

	DIFFERENCE (<u>RDD-ABS</u>)
Born in U.S.; both parents also born in U.S.	-1
Born in U.S.; has at least one parent born outside the U.S.	+1
Born outside the U.S. ¹	-
Unclear	-1

ASK ALL:

HH1 How many people, including yourself, live in your household?

	DIFFERENCE (<u>RDD-ABS</u>)
1	+7
2	-4
3-4	-3
5 or more	+1
No answer	-2

¹ Although individuals born in Puerto Rico are U.S. citizens by birth, they are included in the “Born outside the U.S.” category here because they are born into a Spanish-dominant culture and because, on many points, their attitudes, views and beliefs are much closer to those of Hispanics born outside the United States than to Hispanics born in the 50 U.S. states or the District of Columbia, even those who identify themselves as being of Puerto Rican origin.

ASK IF HH1>1:

HH3 How many of the people living in your household, including yourself, are adults, age 18 and older?

NUMBER OF ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD, SUMMARY TABLE BASED ON TOTAL

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
1	+9
2	-5
3-4	-1
5 or more	-
No answer (in HH1 or HH3)	-2

ASK ALL:

FERT² How many children have you ever had? Please count all your biological children who were born alive at any time in your life.

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
No children	+6
1 or 2 children	-4
Three or more children	-1
No answer	-1

ASK IF MARRIED:

MARWHEN In what year did you and your spouse get married?

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE MARRIED

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Married before 1960	-
Married 1960-1969	+2
Married 1970-1979	-1
Married 1980-1989	-1
Married 1990-1999	-3
Married 2000-2009	+3
Married 2010-2019	+2
Married 2020-present	-1
No answer	-1

² Compared with the main survey, respondents in the “bridge study” report living in smaller households and having fewer children. We nevertheless treat HH1, HH3 and FERT as “green” variables because both the 2023-24 address-based sample (ABS) and 2014 random-digit-dial (RDD) estimates for household size and number of children are closely aligned with corresponding benchmarks from the U.S. Census Bureau. These also are not questions where prior research on “mode effects” would lead us to expect respondents to answer them differently when speaking with an interviewer than when completing a survey online or on paper. Instead, it appears likely that the apparent declines in these measures seen on the RDD bridge study are attributable to nonresponse patterns that were not present in either the 2014 RDD or 2023-24 ABS surveys. That is, today, adults in larger households appear less likely to participate in an RDD survey than they were in 2014, whereas willingness to participate in an ABS survey has not declined to the same degree.

ASK ALL:

CITIZEN Are you a citizen of the United States?

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Yes ³	-2
No	+2
No answer	-

ASK ALL:

HAPPY Generally, how happy are you with your life these days? Are you...

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Very happy	+1
Pretty happy	-3
Not too happy	-
No answer	+2

ASK ALL:

CHNG Thinking about changes in our society over the last 50 years, all in all, do you think each of the following has been a change for the better, a change for the worse, or hasn't made much difference?

	Change for <u>the better</u>	Change for <u>the worse</u>	Hasn't made <u>much change</u>	<u>No answer</u>
b. More women in the workforce				
DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)	-	-	-2	+3

ASK IF RESPONDENT IS PARENT/GUARDIAN OF CHILD UNDER 18:

KIDACT Do you currently do each of the following things with your child/any of your children?

BASED ON TOTAL ASKED

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
c. Homeschool or send your child/any of your children to a religious school instead of a public school			
DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)	+1	-2	+1

³ Includes those who were born in the U.S. or Puerto Rico as well as those who answer this question affirmatively.

RED**ASK ALL:**

ATTNDPERRLS

Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services in person?

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
NET Weekly or more often	+3
More than once a week	+1
Once a week	+2
NET Monthly/A few times a year	+6
Once or twice a month	+4
A few times a year	+3
NET Seldom/Never	-9
Seldom	-4
Never	-5
No answer	-

ASK ALL:

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

ASK IF INDEPENDNT/SOMETHING ELSE/REFUSED:

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

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Republican/lean Republican	-11
Democrat/lean Democrat	-3
No lean/No answer	+14

ASK ALL:IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... [**RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-4 OR 4-1**]

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
NET Conservative/Very conservative	-1
Very conservative	-2
Conservative	+1
Moderate	-8
NET Liberal/Very liberal	+4
Liberal	+2
Very liberal	+2
No answer	+6

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	Change for <u>the better</u>	Change for <u>the worse</u>	Hasn't made <u>much change</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. A growing population of immigrants				
DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)	+5	-15	+4	+6

ASK ALL:

QB2d Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	DIFFERENCE <u>(RDD-ABS)</u>
There are clear and absolute standards for what is right and wrong	-10
Whether something is right or wrong often depends on the situation	+9
No answer	+1

ASK ALL:

GOVSIZE1 If you had to choose, would you rather have... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

	DIFFERENCE <u>(RDD-ABS)</u>
A smaller government providing fewer services	-3
A bigger government providing more services	-5
No answer	+8

ASK ALL:

PRAC How often do you do each of the following? **[DISPLAY ITEMS a-d ON THE SAME PAGE, ASK IN ORDER BELOW]**

	At least once a <u>week</u>	Once or twice a <u>month</u>	Several times a <u>year</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never</u>	No <u>answer</u>
b. Read scripture outside of religious services						
DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)	+7	+2	-	-1	-7	-

ASK ALL:

EXP How often do you experience each of the following? [**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS a-f AND DISPLAY ITEMS ALL ON THE SAME PAGE**]

	At least once a <u>week</u>	Once or twice a <u>month</u>	Several times a <u>year</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Feel a deep sense of spiritual peace and well-being DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)	+11	+1	-8	-3	-3	+1
b. Feel a deep sense of wonder about the universe DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)	+9	-	-8	-2	+1	-
c. Feel a strong sense of gratitude and thankfulness DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)	+12	-3	-7	-1	-	-1

ASK ALL:

EXP_g How often do you think about the meaning and purpose of life?

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
At least once a week	+9
Once or twice a month	-2
Several times a year	-7
Seldom	-1
Never	+1
No answer	-

ASK IF RESPONDENT IS PARENT/GUARDIAN OF CHILD UNDER 18:

KIDACT Do you currently do each of the following things with your child/any of your children?

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF MINOR CHILD IN THEIR HOME

	<u>Yes, I do this</u>	No, I do not <u>do this</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Pray or read scripture DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)	+22	-21	-1
b. Send your child/any of your children to Sunday school or another religious education program DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)	+13	-13	-

ASK ALL:

INC_SDT1 Last year, that is in 2022, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?

	DIFFERENCE (ABS-RDD)
Less than \$30,000	+1
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	-1
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	-1
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	-1
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	-2
\$100,000 to less than \$125,000	-1
\$125,000 to less than \$150,000	-2
\$150,000 or more	-2
No answer	+10

ASK ALL:

ORIENTATIONNMOD Do you think of yourself as...⁴

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Gay or lesbian	-1
Straight, that is, not gay or lesbian	-
Bisexual	-
Something else	+1
I don't know the answer	+1
No answer	-1

⁴ The differences between the bridge study and main survey are minimal on this question. However, the 2023-24 survey offered the respondents the option of saying "something else" and "I don't know the answer." In total, 6% of respondents in the main survey said "something else," "I don't know the answer" or skipped the question. In 2014, "something else" and "I don't know" were volunteered categories; in the 2014 RLS, 3% volunteered "something else," "don't know" or refused to answer the question. As a result of these differences in answer choices, we treat this question as "red" (i.e., as *not* comparable to the earlier survey). This question was not asked in the 2007 RLS.

YELLOW**ASK ALL:**

QB2a Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Homosexuality should be accepted by society	-
Homosexuality should be discouraged by society	-7
No answer	+7

ASK ALL:

QB2c Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy	-3
Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost	-2
No answer	+6

ASK ALL:

ABRTLGL Do you think abortion should be... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-4 AND 4-1]**

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
NET Legal in all/most cases	+2
Legal in all cases	-3
Legal in most cases	+5
NET Illegal in all/most cases	-6
Illegal in most cases	-5
Illegal in all cases	-2
No answer	+5

ASK ALL:

GAYMARR Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
NET Favor/Strongly favor	-
Strongly favor	+2
Favor	-3
NET Oppose/Strongly oppose	-5
Oppose	-1
Strongly oppose	-4
No answer	+6

ASK ALL:

RELIMP How important is religion in your life?

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Very important	+6
Somewhat important	-1
No too important	-3
Not at all important	-2
No answer	-

ASK ALL:

MEMB Are you personally a member of a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other house of worship?

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Yes	+2
No	-2
No answer	-

ASK ALL:

GOD Do you believe in God or a universal spirit?

ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT OR DOES NOT BELIEVE IN GOD/UNIVERSAL SPIRIT:

GOD2 How certain are you about this belief?

SUMMARY TABLE, BASED ON TOTAL:

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Yes, believe in God or a universal spirit	+2
Absolutely certain	+1
Fairly certain	-
Not too certain	+1
Not at all certain	-
No answer	-
No, do not believe in God	-4
Absolutely certain	-2
Fairly certain	-1
Not too certain	-1
Not at all certain	-1
No answer	-
No answer	+2

ASK ALL:

HVN Do you think there is a heaven where people who have led good lives are eternally rewarded?

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Yes	-2
No	-5
No answer	+7

ASK ALL:

HLL Do you think there is a hell where people who have led bad lives and die without being sorry are eternally punished?

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Yes	-2
No	-5
No answer	+8

ASK ALL:

PRAC How often do you do each of the following? [**DISPLAY ITEMS a-d ON THE SAME PAGE, ASK IN ORDER BELOW**]

	At least once a <u>week</u>	Once or twice a <u>month</u>	Several times a <u>year</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Participate in prayer groups, scripture study groups or religious education programs						
DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)	+3	+3	-	-1	-4	-

ASK ALL:

MARITAL Which of these best describes your current situation?

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Married	-11
Living with a partner	-3
Divorced	+4
Separated	+1
Widowed	+2
Never been married	+8
No answer	-1

ASK ALL:

CHILDREN Are you the parent or guardian of any children under 18 now living in your household?

	DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)
Yes	-3
No	+4
No answer	-1

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS a-g AND DISPLAY ALL ON THE SAME PAGE**ASK ALL:**

RELINST

On a different subject, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about churches and other religious organizations?

Churches and other religious organizations...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Focus too much on rules DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)	+1	-7	+6
b. Are too concerned with money and power DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)	-	-4	+4
NO ITEM C			
d. Are too involved with politics DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)	+3	-6	+3
e. Protect and strengthen morality in society DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)	+2	-5	+2
f. Bring people together and strengthen community bonds DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)	+5	-6	+1
g. Play an important role in helping the poor and needy DIFFERENCE (RDD-ABS)	+4	-5	+1

ASK ALL:

GENDER

Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman or in some other way?

	<u>DIFFERENCE</u> <u>(RDD-ABS)</u>
A man	+1
A woman	-1
In some other way	-
No answer	-1