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# **<u>Post 9-11 Attitudes:</u>** RELIGION MORE PROMINENT, MUSLIM-AMERICANS MORE ACCEPTED

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# **Post 9-11 Attitudes:** RELIGION MORE PROMINENT, MUSLIM-AMERICANS MORE ACCEPTED

The Sept. 11 attacks have increased the prominence of religion in the United States to an extraordinary degree, but not at the expense of acceptance of religious minorities. Fully 78% now say religion's influence in American life is growing – up from 37% eight months ago and the highest mark on this measure in surveys dating back four decades. At the same time, the public has a better

opinion of Muslim-Americans than it did before the attacks. Favorable views of Muslim-Americans have risen from 45% in March to 59% today, even though 40% of the public think the terrorists were motivated at least in part by religion when they carried out the Sept. 11 attacks.

The survey finds clear evidence that Americans are heeding President Bush's call for tolerance toward Muslims, and the president's own core constituents – conservative Republicans – have shown by far the biggest turnaround. Nearly two-thirds of conservative Republicans (64%) feel favorably toward Muslims in this country, up 29 percentage points since March.

Despite the improving image of Muslim-Americans, few Americans know much about the Muslim faith and even fewer feel their religion has much in common with Islam. Roughly four-in-ten (38%) say they know something about the Muslim religion and its practices, while 31% see common ground between their own religion and Islam. And while a 49% plurality believes that the terrorists who attacked the United States were motivated primarily by their political beliefs, 30% see mainly religious motives behind the attacks and another 10% see a combination of religious and political factors.

Religion's Role in American Life							
		Decreasing	Same/DK				
Nov 2001	% 78	% 12	<sup>%</sup> 10=100				
March 2001	37	55	8=100				
2000	37	58	5 = 100				
1998	37	56	7=100				
1994	27	69	4=100				
1988	36	49	15=100				
1984	42	39	20=100				
1978	37	48	15=100				
1974	31	56	13=100				
1968	19	67	15=100				
1965	33	45	21=100				
1962	45	32	24 = 100				
1957	69	14	16=100				
Figures for 195	57 to 2000 are f	rom Gallup.					

More Acceptance of Muslim-Americans							
March 2001 Nov 2001 Favor- Un- Favor- Un-							
Opinion of	able	fav	able	fav			
<i>Muslim-Americans</i> Total	% 45	% 24	% 59	% 17			
Conservative Rep	35	40	64	19			
Moderate/Liberal Rep	50	18	61	18			
Independent	51	20	60	17			
Conserv/Mod Dem	46	24	56	19			
Liberal Democrat	56	16	68	18			

The nationwide survey of 1,500 adults by the Pew Research Center, in collaboration with the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, finds broad agreement among all demographic and religious groups that religion now occupies a more important place in American life. Yet this dramatic shift has not been matched by an increase in attendance at religious services – nor is there much evidence that religion is playing a larger role in Americans' *personal* lives at this time. Attendance stands at the same level as it did in March. More important, the number of Americans who say religion is very important to them personally stands at 61%, virtually the same level as eight months ago.

The survey also asked whether people agreed or disagreed with the following statement: "Some religious leaders have said that the terrorist attacks on the United States signal that God is no longer protecting the United States as much as in the past." Members of all religions reject this idea. White evangelical Protestants are only somewhat less dismissive of this idea than are others - 63% in this group totally disagree, compared with 73% of the general public.

Not a Sign From God							
Attacks signal God no longer protects U.S. Agree Disagree, mostly Disagree, completely Don't know	$\frac{\text{Total}}{\%}$ 8 16 73 <u>3</u> 100	<i>-Prote.</i> Evan-	Non-	Cath-			

The public remains solidly behind U.S. military action in Afghanistan and the survey finds that the current war effort taps about as much potential moral support for war as exists among the public. Asked whether war is *sometimes* or *never* morally justified, 83% choose the former, which mirrors current support for military action against terrorism (85%). When asked an alternative version of the question, fewer (64%) say war is *often* morally justified. There is somewhat greater division over how the United States conducts military operations. More Americans (56%) say they worry that the United States doesn't push hard enough to achieve victory than express concern that the U.S. does too little to avoid civilian casualties (25%).

# **Religion's Influence Seen as Growing**

The nearly eight-in-ten who see religion gaining influence in American life surpasses measures on this question dating back at least four decades. This figure has not been approached since 1957 when, in a Gallup survey, 69% said the influence of religion was increasing. Since then, the number who said religion was growing in importance has never exceeded 45%.

The change in opinion since March has been striking – in most demographic groups, the number of people who say that religion's influence is growing has doubled. But while solid majorities of all groups now see religion growing in influence, there is a modest gender gap -83% of women say religion is becoming more important, compared with 70% of men.

Despite the public's overwhelming belief that religion has become more important for the nation, there is little evidence that many Americans who were not actively religious prior to the attacks have turned to religion in the wake of the crisis. Attendance at religious services is comparable to March levels – in both surveys roughly four-in-ten say they attend church once a week or more, a third say they attend less frequently, and a quarter report seldom or never attending religious services. About six-in-ten (61%) currently say religion plays a very important role in their lives, virtually unchanged from the 64% who said that in March.

Still, many people say that since the terror attacks they have become more actively religious, especially when it comes to prayer. Better than four-inten (44%) say they are praying more, although that represents a significant decline from 69% who reported praying more in the Pew Research Center survey conducted just after the attacks (Sept. 13-17). And 16% say they are attending religious services more now than prior to the attacks.

This apparent contradiction between long-term measures of religious observance, which have been remarkably stable, and the self-reported rise in activity since Sept. 11 is explained with closer examination of those Americans who are praying more and attending religious services more often. The evidence suggests that it is largely those already highly religious who are saying that they have increased their religious activity even further.

No Overall Increase in Religiosity							
<i>Religion in</i> <i>personal life</i> Very important Fairly important Not very importan Don't know	6 2 nt 1	$\frac{12001}{6}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	Nov 2001 % 61 24 14 <u>1</u> 100				
	Among ady Rel	g Those ligious					
		ance of r personal					
	Very		Not very				
Praying more	<u>very</u> %	<u>1 aniy</u> %	<u>%</u>				
Yes	56	35	10				
No	43	64	90				
Don't know	43 1	1	0				
	$1\overline{00}$	$1\overline{00}$	100				
Attending more	100	100	100				
Yes	21	10	3				
No	78	89	97				
Don't know	1	1	*				
	$1\overline{00}$	$1\frac{1}{00}$	$1\overline{0}0$				
Number of cases	(914)	(352)	(218)				

Of those who say religion is very important in their lives, 56% are praying more since the attacks,

compared with 35% of those who say religion is only fairly important, and just 10% of those who say religion is not very important to them. And while 21% of those who are highly religious say they are attending church more, just 3% of those for whom religion is not very important say the same.

The events of Sept. 11 also have had an impact on how Americans view family life. Nearly four-in-ten (37%) say they are trying to spend more time with family this holiday season as a result of the attacks – and better than half (54%) of parents say they are making more of an effort to spend time with their children. More women than men stress an effort to spend extra time with family (41%-33%), and mothers are more likely than fathers to say they are trying harder to spend time with their children (59%-47%).

# Judeo-Christian Religions Still Favored

Despite higher favorability for Muslim-Americans, ratings for this group are still lower than those of the major Judeo-Christian religions. Three-quarters of Americans give a favorable rating to Catholics, Protestants and Jews (78%, 77% and 75%, respectively).

Atheists continue to receive much lower favorability ratings than the major religions – just 32% view atheists positively, while about half (49%) rate them unfavorably. But the proportion viewing atheists unfavorably has declined from 57% in March.

The rise in favorability for Muslim-Americans has occurred among all religious groups. But differences in age and education are significant factors, with better-educated and younger people holding more favorable opinions toward Muslim-Americans. Nearly three-quarters (73%) of

<b>Opinions of Religious Groups</b>							
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't Rate				
Muslim-Americans	%	%	%				
Nov 2001	59	17	24=100				
March 2001	45	24	31=100				
Catholics							
Nov 2001	78	8	14=100				
March 2001	74	13	13=100				
Jews							
Nov 2001	75	7	18=100				
March 2001	72	10	18=100				
Protestants							
Nov 2001	77	5	18=100				
March 2001	n/a	n/a	n/a				
Atheists							
Nov 2001	32	49	19=100				
March 2001	29	57	14=100				

college graduates have positive impressions of this group, compared with 51% of those with a high school degree or less. About six-in-ten Americans (62%) under age 30 have favorable opinions of Muslim-Americans compared with just under half (48%) of people age 65 and over.

# Few Familiar With Islam

Islam remains largely unknown to most Americans, especially older and less-educated people. While 44% of those under age 30 say they know at least something about the Islamic faith, just 27% of those 65 and older say this. Nearly six-in-ten (59%) college graduates feel they know at least something about Islam, compared with 42% of those with some college education, and 25% of those who never attended college.

Half of respondents living in the East and 43% of those in the West say they know a great deal or something about Islamic beliefs and practices, compared with a third of those in the Midwest and three-in-ten of those in the South. And more Republicans than Democrats say they are at least somewhat familiar with the Muslim faith (45% to 34%).

Familiarity with Islam is generally associated with more positive views of Muslim-Americans, even when the respondent's education and age are taken into account. Roughly three-quarters (73%) of those who feel knowledgeable about Islam say they have a favorable view of Muslim-Americans, compared with just over half (53%) of those who say they know little or nothing about the Muslim faith. Moreover, people who say they know at least something about Islam are more than twice as likely (48% to 21%) to see Islam as having a lot in common with their own religious beliefs – a pattern, again, which holds up even among respondents of similar generations and educational backgrounds.

Familiarity and Favorability						
View of Muslim-Americans Favorable Unfavorable Can't rate/Refused How much in common with your own religion? A lot in common Very different Don't know	Islan	w about nic faith? Not much/ <u>Nothing</u> % 53 18 <u>29</u> 100 21 58 <u>21</u> 100				

# **College Grads See Similarities**

Among Americans who have a religious preference, 52% feel Islamic beliefs are very different from their own religious beliefs, while roughly three-in-ten (31%) think Islam and their own religion have a lot in common. Both religious denomination and education are strongly related to these views.

Roughly half (51%) of college graduates see more similarities than differences between Islam and their own religion, with 38% disagreeing. By comparison, just 21% of those who never attended college think Islam has a lot in common with their own faith, while 58% think it is very different. Among white Protestants who consider themselves bornagain or evangelical, 62% believe their religion is very different from Islam, while only 44% of those who are not evangelicals say this.

How Much Religious Common Ground?							
	Your re	ligion and	Islam				
	Iave a lot	Are very	DK/				
	common	different	<u>Ref</u>				
	%	%	%				
	31	52	17=100				
White (Total)	31	52	$17=100 \\ 16=100 \\ 18=100 \\ 18=100 \\ 16=100 \\ 18=100 \\ 1$				
Evangelical Protestan	t 21	63					
Mainline Protestant	38	44					
Catholic	32	50					
African-American	25	59					
Hispanic	31	51					
College graduate	51	38	11=100				
Some college	35	53	12=100				
H.S. or less	21	58	21=100				

Interestingly, while young people are

more likely to feel that they know something about the Islamic faith, they are just as likely as their elders to think their own religion is very different from the Islamic faith. And, despite a historically strong Muslim movement within the African-American community, non-Muslim African-Americans are at least as likely as whites to think Islam is very different from their own religion.

## **Terrorists' Motives**

For the most part, Americans believe the terrorists were primarily driven by political motives, although a substantial minority sees their religious beliefs as a factor. But here again, familiarity with the Muslim faith has an influence on attitudes.

Those who say they are most familiar with Islam are among the least likely to say they see a religious motivation to the attacks. Fewer than onein-four (24%) of those who say they know at least

Why did the Terrorists Attack?							
Political beliefs Religious beliefs Both equally Other Don't know	$     \frac{\text{Total}}{\%}     49     30     10     5     \underline{6}     100     $		out Islam Not much/ <u>Nothing</u> % 46 33 8 4 <u>9</u> 100				

something about the Muslim faith say religious beliefs alone were behind the attacks, while more than half (51%) say it was mostly political. By comparison, a third of those who say they know little or nothing about Islam think the attacks were motivated primarily by religious beliefs.

# War and Morality

To test the public's views on the morality of using military force, one group of respondents was asked whether war is *sometimes* or *never* morally justified. Better than eight-in-ten (83%) say that it is sometimes warranted, which nearly mirrors the current level of support for the conflict in Afghanistan (85%). When another group was asked whether war is *often* or *never* morally justified, 64% chose the former and 24% said war is never morally justified.

The war in Afghanistan is the exception that some who have moral objections to war are willing to allow. Even among those who say that war is *never* justified, more than half (55%) support the current war on terrorism.

Supporting the War, Despite Moral Concerns							
Taking military action against terrorists	<u>Total</u> %	<u>Men V</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>White</u>	Non- <u>White</u> <sup>+</sup>		
Favor	85	89	81	88	68		
Oppose	8	8	9	6	20		
Don't know	$\frac{7}{100}$	$\frac{3}{100}$	$\frac{10}{100}$	$\frac{6}{100}$	$\frac{12}{100}$		
War is							
Sometimes justified	83	87	79	86	71		
Never justified	12	11	14	10	24		
Don't know	$\frac{5}{100}$	$\frac{2}{100}$	$\frac{7}{100}$	$\frac{4}{100}$	$\frac{5}{100}$		
War is							
Often justified	64	68	59	66	53		
Never justified	24	20	28	21	35		
Don't know	12	12	13	13	12		
	100	100	100	100	100		
Bigger concern							
Not aggressive enough	56	68	45	58	46		
Civilian casualties	25	19	31	23	35		
Don't know	<u>19</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>		
	100	100	100	100	100		
+ Non-white includes respondents who identify themselves as black, Asian, or of some other or mixed race. The designation Hispanic is unrelated to the white/non-white categorization.							

Women, Democrats and young adults are more likely to object to war

under any circumstances. And 35% of non-whites say that war is never justified, compared with two-in-ten whites (21%).

Religious differences have only a limited influence on attitudes toward war-with the exception of the differences among Protestants. The greatest religious divide on this issue is between white evangelical Protestants (77% say war is "often" justified) and mainline Protestants, who show the lowest support for war of any religious grouping (64%).

When evaluating *how* the United States wages war, Americans are more concerned that the U.S. doesn't push hard enough to achieve military victory (56%) than worry about civilian casualties (25%). However, a familiar pattern emerges when considering this aspect of war. Women are more concerned about civilian casualties than are men (31% women vs. 19% men), while men are more concerned that the U.S. doesn't push hard for military victory (68% men, 45% women).

Civilian casualties are a greater concern for young adults (39% of those under 30), minorities, less-affluent Americans, Democrats, and those on the East Coast. But Americans in rural areas are particularly concerned that the U.S. doesn't push hard enough to achieve military victory. Among religious groups, those who are most likely to be concerned about civilian casualties are Catholics and seculars (those who report no religious affiliation).

# Role of Religious Media

Nearly a quarter (24%) of Americans say they have at least sometimes been getting information about terrorist attacks or the war on terrorism from religious radio or TV shows, with 11% saying they regularly use these sources. Older Americans are far more likely to refer to religious media sources than are younger people – fully 37% of those age 65 and older say they regularly or sometimes gain information from these sources, compared with just 16% of those under age 30.

There are also significant racial and religious gaps in the use of religious media sources. Overall, 21% of whites say they have been regularly or sometimes getting information from religious radio or TV shows, compared with 42% of African-Americans. But among whites, 44% of evangelical Protestants have been learning about the current crisis from religious media sources, compared with 11% of mainline Protestants, 14% of Catholics, and just 6% of seculars.

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## **ABOUT THIS SURVEY**

Results for the survey are based on telephone interviews conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates among a nationwide sample of 1,500 adults, 18 years of age or older, during the period November 13-19, 2001. Based on the total sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling and other random effects is plus or minus 3 percentage points. For results based on either Form 1 (N=769) or Form 2 (N=731), the sampling error is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

	— Ma Increasing	Losing	Other	Increasing	Losing		Change in Increasing
Total	% 37	% 55	<u>%</u> 8=100	% 78	% 12	% 10=100	+41
<i>Sex</i> Male Female	36 38	55 54	9=100 8=100	70 83	16 9	14=100 8=100	+34 +45
<i>Race</i> White Non-white	36 39	56 52	8=100 9=100	77 79	12 14	11=100 7=100	+41 +40
<b>Race and Sex</b> White Men White Women	36 37	56 55	8=100 8=100	70 83	15 9	15=100 8=100	+34 +46
Age Under 30 30-49 50-64 65+	33 38 40 35	62 55 54 49	5=100 7=100 6=100 16=100	77 75 82 77	14 14 10 10	9=100 11=100 8=100 13=100	+44 +37 +42 +42
Sex and Age Men under 50 Women under 50 Men 50+ Women 50+	36 36 35 40	57 58 55 49	7=100 6=100 10=100 11=100	69 82 71 87	17 11 15 6	14=100 7=100 14=100 7=100	+33 +46 +36 +47
<i>Education</i> College Grad. Some College H.S. Grad. & Less	40 36 36	52 57 55	8=100 7=100 9=100	76 77 78	10 13 13	14=100 10=100 9=100	+36 +41 +42
<i>Family Income</i> \$75,000+ \$50,000-\$74,999 \$30,000-\$49,999 \$20,000-\$29,999 <\$20,000	36 42 35 39 34	56 52 59 54 56	8=100 6=100 6=100 7=100 10=100	73 75 82 80 75	13 11 11 17 13	14=100 14=100 7=100 3=100 12=100	+37 +33 +47 +41 +41

Question:

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

	— Ma Increasing %			— Mid-N Increasing %		er 2001 — g <u>Other</u> %	Change in Increasing
Total	37		=100	78	12	10=100	+41
<b>Region</b> East Midwest South West	30 39 38 38	55 6= 54 8=	=100 =100 =100 =100	67 79 82 76	18 12 11 10	15=100 9=100 7=100 14=100	+37 +40 +44 +38
<b>Religious Affiliation</b> Total White Protestant White Protestant Evangelical White Prot. Non-Evangelical White Catholic	37 40 33 33	54 6= 57 10=	=100 =100 =100 =100	83 83 82 79	10 10 10 9	7=100 7=100 8=100 12=100	+46 +43 +49 +46
<i>Community Size</i> Large City Suburb Small City/Town Rural Area	37 38 38 35	54 8= 54 8=	=100 =100 =100 =100	76 79 80 72	10 12 11 16	14=100 9=100 9=100 12=100	+39 +41 +42 +37
<i>Party ID</i> Republican Democrat Independent	36 41 36	50 9=	=100 =100 =100	83 80 71	10 11 16	7=100 9=100 13=100	+47 +39 +35
<i>2000 Presidential Vote</i> Bush Gore	34 41		=100 =100	78 79	11 12	11=100 9=100	+44 +38
<i>Marital Status</i> Married Unmarried	38 35		=100 =100	79 75	11 14	10=100 11=100	+41 +40
<b>Parental Status</b> Parent Non-Parent	38 36		=100 =100	74 80	15 11	11=100 9=100	+36 +44
<i>Labor Union</i> Union Household Non-Union Household	36 37		=100 =100	76 78	11 12	13=100 10=100	+40 +41

	Favorable %	- March 200 <u>Unfavorab</u> %		— Mi <u>Favorable</u> %	d-November Unfavorat %		Change in <u>Favorable</u>
Total	45	24	31=100	59	17	24=100	+14
<i>Sex</i> Male Female	49 41	25 24	26=100 35=100	59 59	21 14	20=100 27=100	+10 +18
<i>Race</i> White Non-white Black Hispanic*	43 51 52 48	25 22 24 21	32=100 27=100 24=100 31=100	60 55 52 56	18 16 19 18	22=100 29=100 29=100 26=100	$^{+17}_{+4}_{0}_{+8}$
<i>Race and Sex</i> White Men White Women	47 40	26 24	27=100 36=100	59 61	21 15	20=100 24=100	+12 +21
Age Under 30 30-49 50-64 65+	55 48 39 33	24 23 29 22	21=100 29=100 32=100 45=100	62 63 58 48	18 17 16 19	20=100 20=100 26=100 33=100	+7 +15 +19 +15
Sex and Age Men under 50 Women under 50 Men 50+ Women 50+	57 46 38 34	21 26 30 23	22=100 28=100 32=100 43=100	60 65 58 51	21 15 21 14	19=100 20=100 21=100 35=100	+3 +19 +20 +17
<i>Education</i> College Grad. Some College High School Grad. <h.s. grad.<="" td=""><td>55 49 39 35</td><td>18 21 27 35</td><td>27=100 30=100 34=100 30=100</td><td>73 62 56 37</td><td>11 17 19 26</td><td>16=100 21=100 25=100 37=100</td><td>+18 +13 +17 +2</td></h.s.>	55 49 39 35	18 21 27 35	27=100 30=100 34=100 30=100	73 62 56 37	11 17 19 26	16=100 21=100 25=100 37=100	+18 +13 +17 +2
<i>Family Income</i> \$75,000+ \$50,000-\$74,999 \$30,000-\$49,999 \$20,000-\$29,999 <\$20,000	56 44 46 43 41	22 24 25 26 27	22=100 32=100 29=100 31=100 32=100	68 72 59 60 52	15 14 20 18 23	17=100 14=100 21=100 22=100 25=100	+12 +28 +13 +17 +11

\* The designation Hispanic is unrelated to the white-black categorization.

Question: Now thinking about some specific religious groups... Is your overall opinion of Muslim-Americans very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly Unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

<u>F</u>	avorable	– March 20 Unfavorat	ole DK	Favorable	d-November Unfavorat	ole DK	Change in <u>Favorable</u>
Total	% 45	% 24	% 31=100	% 59	% 17	% 24=100	+14
<b>Region</b> East Midwest South West	47 43 42 49	18 24 30 21	35=100 33=100 28=100 30=100	65 57 56 60	14 20 21 13	21=100 23=100 23=100 27=100	+18 +14 +14 +11
<b>Religious Affiliation</b> Total White Protestant White Protestant Evangelical White Prot. Non-Evangelical White Catholic Secular	37 34 40 51 51	31 38 23 16 19	32=100 28=100 37=100 33=100 30=100	59 55 64 70 54	20 22 17 14 16	21=100 23=100 19=100 16=100 30=100	+22 +21 +24 +19 +3
<i>Community Size</i> Large City Suburb Small City/Town Rural Area	50 50 44 36	26 23 22 29	24=100 27=100 34=100 35=100	57 64 59 55	18 16 15 22	25=100 20=100 26=100 23=100	+7 +14 +15 +19
<i>Party ID</i> Republican Democrat Independent	40 47 51	32 22 20	28=100 31=100 29=100	62 58 60	19 18 17	19=100 24=100 23=100	+22 +11 +9
Party and Ideology Conservative Republican Moderate/Liberal Republican Conservative/Moderate Democra Liberal Democrat	35 50 at 46 56	40 18 24 16	25=100 32=100 30=100 28=100	64 61 56 68	19 18 19 18	17=100 21=100 25=100 14=100	+29 +11 +10 +12
<b>Bush Approval</b> Approve Disapprove	n/a n/a	n/a n/a	n/a n/a	61 61	17 18	22=100 21=100	
<b>2000 Presidential Vote</b> Bush Gore	41 51	30 19	29=100 30=100	65 65	17 12	18=100 23=100	+24 +14
<i>Marital Status</i> Married Unmarried	44 46	25 24	31=100 30=100	60 58	16 19	24=100 23=100	+16 +12
<b>Parental Status</b> Parent Non-Parent	47 44	23 25	30=100 31=100	61 58	18 17	21=100 25=100	+14 +14
<i>Labor Union</i> Union Household Non-Union Household	45 45	27 24	28=100 31=100	60 59	16 18	24=100 23=100	+15 +14

# **PERCEPTIONS OF ISLAM**

	<i>Islam and</i> Lot in	Respondent' Very	s Religion+	Religious	<i>hy Terroris</i> Political	sts Attaci	<i>ked</i> Other/
	Common %	Different %	<u>DK</u> %	Beliefs %	Beliefs %	Both %	<u>DK</u> %
Total	31	52	17=100	30	49	10	11=100
<i>Sex</i> Male Female	35 28	51 53	14=100 19=100	32 29	49 49	9 10	10=100 12=100
<i>Race</i> White Non-white Black Hispanic*	31 30 25 31	52 55 59 51	17=100 15=100 16=100 18=100	30 30 30 35	49 52 52 47	10 8 7 10	11=100 10=100 11=100 8=100
<b>Race and Sex</b> White Men White Women	36 28	51 52	13=100 20=100	33 29	48 49	9 10	10=100 12=100
Age Under 30 30-49 50-64 65+	31 33 33 25	55 52 47 58	14=100 15=100 20=100 17=100	31 33 26 27	52 50 50 43	9 9 10 10	8=100 8=100 14=100 20=100
Sex and Age Men under 50 Women under 50 Men 50+ Women 50+	36 29 35 26	51 54 50 53	13=100 17=100 15=100 21=100	33 33 31 23	50 51 46 47	8 10 10 10	9=100 6=100 13=100 20=100
<i>Education</i> College Grad. Some College High School Grad. <h.s. grad.<="" td=""><td>51 35 22 16</td><td>38 53 56 64</td><td>11=100 12=100 22=100 20=100</td><td>25 33 31 34</td><td>56 48 48 39</td><td>12 9 9 6</td><td>7=100 10=100 12=100 21=100</td></h.s.>	51 35 22 16	38 53 56 64	11=100 12=100 22=100 20=100	25 33 31 34	56 48 48 39	12 9 9 6	7=100 10=100 12=100 21=100
<i>Family Income</i> \$75,000+ \$50,000-\$74,999 \$30,000-\$49,999 \$20,000-\$29,999 <\$20,000	42 39 32 24 26	46 49 51 59 60	$12=100 \\ 12=100 \\ 17=100 \\ 17=100 \\ 14=100 $	29 28 36 33 30	54 55 50 50 45	11 8 8 9 8	6=100 9=100 6=100 8=100 17=100

+ Based on those who have a religion and are not Muslim
\* The designation Hispanic is unrelated to the white-black categorization.

From what you know, do you think that the Muslim religion and your own religion have a lot in common, or do you think that the Muslim religion and your religion are very different? In your view, why did the terrorists attack the World Trade Center and the Pentagon... Was it mostly because of their religious beliefs, or was it mostly because of their political beliefs? Question:

		Respondent'	s Religion+		hy Terrori	sts Attaci	
	Lot in <u>Common</u>	Very <u>Different</u>	<u>DK</u>	Religious <u>Beliefs</u>	Political <u>Beliefs</u>	Both	Other/ <u>DK</u>
Total	% 31	% 52	% 17=100	% 30	% 49	% 10	<u>%</u> 11=100
Region						-	
East Midwest	34 32	50 50	16=100 18=100	28 29	51 50	9 9	12=100 12=100
South	26	56	18=100	33	48	9	10=100
West	38	49	13=100	29	48	11	12=100
<b>Religious Affiliation</b>	20	52	17-100	20	51	0	10-100
Total White Protestant White Protestant Evangelical	30 21	53 63	17=100 16=100	30 35	51 46	9 9	10=100 10=100
White Prot. Non-Evangelical	38	44	18=100	24	58	9	9=100
White Catholic Secular	32 n/a	50 n/a	18=100 n/a	30 30	51 35	8 11	11=100 24=100
	11/ a	11/ a	11/ a	50	55	11	24-100
<i>Community Size</i> Large City	34	51	15=100	28	53	9	10=100
Suburb	37	49	13 = 100 14 = 100	28 29	53	10	8=100
Small City/Town	28	53	19=100	32	45	10	13=100
Rural Area	28	56	16=100	30	47	10	13=100
Party ID			14 100	22		0	<b>-</b> 100
Republican Democrat	31 29	55 54	14=100 17=100	33 32	52 50	8 8	7=100 10=100
Independent	36	48	16=100	29	47	12	12=100
Party and Ideology							
Conservative Republican	30	59	11=100	35	49	8	8=100
Moderate/Liberal Republican Conservative/Moderate Democr	34	48 57	18=100 17=100	28 30	58 52	7	7=100 9=100
Liberal Democrat	40	48	17 = 100 12 = 100	38	52 50	9 5	7=100
Puch Annual							
<b>Bush Approval</b> Approve	31	53	16=100	31	49	9	11=100
Disapprove	38	49	13=100	28	49	12	11=100
2000 Presidential Vote							
Bush	33	54	13=100	30	53	9	8=100
Gore	34	50	16=100	29	51	10	10=100
Marital Status	21	<b>7</b> 1	10 100	20	50	0	11 100
Married Unmarried	31 31	51 54	18=100 15=100	30 31	50 48	9 10	11=100 11=100
	-	-		-	-	-	
<i>Parental Status</i> Parent	28	55	17=100	32	51	9	8=100
Non-Parent	33	51	16=100	29	48	10	13=100
Labor Union							
Union Household	28	55	17=100	31	50	9	10=100
Non-Union Household	32	52	16=100	31	48	10	11=100

# **GIVING WAR A CHANCE**

	War Is M	<i>lorally Ju</i>		U.S. Doe. Avoid	s <i>n 't Do E</i> Achieve	nough to	
	<u>Never</u> %	<u>Often</u> %	<u>DK</u> %	Casualties %	Victory %		<u>(N)</u>
Total	18	73	9=100	25	56	19=100	(1500)
<i>Sex</i> Male Female	16 20	77 70	7=100 10=100	19 31	68 45	13=100 24=100	(694) (806)
<i>Race</i> White Non-white Black Hispanic*	15 30 29 24	77 62 63 65	8=100 8=100 8=100 11=100	23 35 31 35	58 46 51 52	19=100 19=100 18=100 13=100	(1240) (237) (129) (101)
<b>Race and Sex</b> White Men White Women	14 17	79 73	7=100 10=100	16 29	71 47	13=100 24=100	(570) (670)
Age Under 30 30-49 50-64 65+	24 16 15 20	70 77 76 68	6=100 7=100 9=100 12=100	39 24 18 18	45 60 66 50	16=100 16=100 16=100 32=100	(307) (573) (346) (253)
Sex and Age Men under 50 Women under 50 Men 50+ Women 50+	15 22 16 18	78 72 78 68	7=100 6=100 6=100 14=100	22 38 13 22	66 43 74 47	12=100 19=100 13=100 31=100	(448) (432) (241) (358)
<i>Education</i> College Grad. Some College High School Grad. <h.s. grad.<="" td=""><td>15 18 17 28</td><td>77 74 77 57</td><td>8=100 8=100 6=100 15=100</td><td>25 28 24 24</td><td>58 52 59 53</td><td>17=100 20=100 17=100 23=100</td><td>(496) (380) (498) (121)</td></h.s.>	15 18 17 28	77 74 77 57	8=100 8=100 6=100 15=100	25 28 24 24	58 52 59 53	17=100 20=100 17=100 23=100	(496) (380) (498) (121)
<i>Family Income</i> \$75,000+ \$50,000-\$74,999 \$30,000-\$49,999 \$20,000-\$29,999 <\$20,000	10 16 17 21 25	81 81 77 72 67	9=100 3=100 6=100 7=100 8=100	22 20 23 27 33	65 61 60 63 50	13=100 19=100 17=100 10=100 17=100	(337) (190) (325) (166) (243)

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	Never %	<u>Often</u> %	<u>DK</u> %	Casualties %	Victory %	<u>DK</u> %	<u>(N)</u>
Total	18	73	9=100	25	56	19=100	(1500)
<b>Region</b> East Midwest South West	19 17 18 19	70 73 75 73	11=100 10=100 7=100 8=100	30 26 24 22	53 56 58 56	17=100 18=100 18=100 22=100	(252) (382) (524) (342)
<b>Religious Affiliation</b> Total White Protestant White Protestant Evangelical White Prot. Non-Evangelical White Catholic Secular	13 11 15 13 23	80 83 77 80 68	7=100 6=100 8=100 7=100 9=100	18 16 20 26 28	61 62 61 58 54	21=100 22=100 19=100 16=100 18=100	(649) (320) (329) (297) (96)
<i>Community Size</i> Large City Suburb Small City/Town Rural Area	26 14 17 15	64 79 74 78	10=100 7=100 9=100 7=100	28 26 27 18	56 56 52 64	16=100 18=100 21=100 18=100	(327) (373) (514) (277)
<i>Party ID</i> Republican Democrat Independent	7 25 22	86 66 71	7=100 9=100 7=100	16 33 28	65 50 57	19=100 17=100 15=100	(510) (456) (427)
<i>Party and Ideology</i> Conservative Republican Moderate/Liberal Republican Conservative/Moderate Democra Liberal Democrat	$5 \\ 10 \\ 22 \\ 33$	89 84 72 56	6=100 6=100 6=100 11=100	15 16 34 36	67 64 52 46	18=100 20=100 14=100 18=100	(356) (141) (292) (143)
<b>Bush Approval</b> Approve Disapprove	13 40	79 55	8=100 5=100	23 42	59 47	18=100 11=100	(1280) (124)
2000 Presidential Vote Bush Gore	7 24	87 67	6=100 9=100	15 29	66 51	19=100 20=100	(591) (400)
<i>Marital Status</i> Married Unmarried	14 24	77 69	9=100 7=100	20 32	60 51	20=100 17=100	(839) (649)
<b>Parental Status</b> Parent Non-Parent	17 19	75 72	8=100 9=100	25 25	57 56	18=100 19=100	(519) (979)
<i>Labor Union</i> Union Household Non-Union Household	18 18	73 74	9=100 8=100	24 26	61 55	15=100 19=100	(191) (1289)

#### PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS **MID-NOVEMBER SURVEY MEDIA ATTITUDES / YOUTH ENGAGEMENT / RELIGION AFTER 9/11** FINAL TOPLINE NOVEMBER 13 - 19, 2001 N = 1,500

Now I'd like to ask you about some other ways in which you might be getting news about terrorist attacks and 0.4 the war on terrorism. For each item that I read, please tell me how often, if ever, you LEARN SOMETHING about terrorist attacks or the war on terrorism from this source. (First), how often, if ever, do you learn something about terrorist attacks or the war on terrorism from **[INSERT ITEM, ROTATE ITEMS a. THRU** c. WITH ITEM d. ALWAYS LAST] - regularly, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?<sup>1</sup>

		<u>Regularly</u>	Sometimes	Hardly Ever	Never	DK/Refused
с.	Religious radio or TV shows,					
	such as "Focus on the Family"	11	13	17	59	*=100
	January, 2000	7	12	14	59	8=100
	April, 1996	6	12	15	67	*=100

On another topic... ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:

Q.6F1 Do you favor or oppose taking military action, including the use of ground troops, to retaliate against whoever is responsible for the terrorist attacks?

		Mid-Sept
		<u>2001</u>
85	Favor	82
8	Oppose	8
7	Don't Know/Refused	<u>10</u>
100		100

#### ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=731]:

Q.7F2 Do you favor or oppose taking military action, including the use of ground troops, to retaliate against whoever is responsible for the terrorist attacks, even if it means that U.S. armed forces might suffer thousands of casualties?

		Mid-Sept
77 14	Favor Oppose	$\frac{2001}{77}$
$\frac{9}{100}$	Don't Know/Refused	$\frac{\underline{14}}{100}$

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In January 2000 and April 1996 the question was worded: "...getting news about the presidential campaign from Religious radio shows, such as "Focus on the Family"."

# Q.39 As a result of the terrorist attacks are you [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE WITH ITEM d FIRST, IF APPLICABLE; REPEAT QUESTION STEM FOR EACH ITEM]?

a.	praying more or not Early October, 2001 <sup>2</sup> Mid-September, 2001 January, 1991	<u>Yes</u> 44 57 69 65	<u>No</u> 55 42 30 35	<u>DK/Ref</u> 1=100 1=100 1=100 0=100
b.	attending religious services more or not	16	83	1=100
c.	making more of an effort to see family THIS holiday season or not	37	61	2=100
IF Par d.	rent ('1' YES IN Q.38) ASK [N=519]: making more of an effort to spend time			
	with your children or not	54	45	1=100

## ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:

Q.40F1 At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life or losing its influence?

	Increasing Influence	Losing Influence	(VOL) Same	No Opinion
Mid-November, 2001	78	12	3	7=100
March, 2001	37	55	4	4=100
March, 2000 (Gallup)	37	58	0	5=100
June, 1998 (Gallup)	37	56	4	3=100
March, 1994 (Gallup)	27	69	2	2=100
March, 1988 (Gallup)	36	49	6	9=100
June, 1984 (Gallup)	42	39	14	6=100
December, 1978 (Gallup)	37	48	10	5=100
December, 1974 (Gallup)	31	56	8	5=100
April, 1968 (Gallup)	19	67	8	7=100
February, 1965 (Gallup)	33	45	13	8=100
February, 1962 (Gallup)	45	32	17	7=100
March, 1957 (Gallup)	69	14	10	6=100

### ASK ALL:

Q.41 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?

		March	Sept	June	June
		2001	$2000^{3}$	1997	1996
16	More than once a week	17	17	12	14
26	Once a week	26	28	26	25
14	Once or twice a month	17	16	17	17
17	A few times a year	17	17	20	21
16	Seldom	15	13	15	13
10	Never	7	8	10	9
1	Don't know/Refused	1	1	*	1
100		100	100	100	100

<sup>2</sup> 

January 1991 thru Early October 2001 the item was "are you praying more."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> September 2000 results are based on registered voters.

Q.42 Did you yourself happen to attend church, synagogue or any other place of worship in the last seven days?

		March	June
		2001	1996
44	Yes	46	42
56	No	53	58
*	Don't know/Refused	1	*
100		$1\overline{0}0$	100

Q.43 How important would you say religion is in your own life — very important, fairly important, or not very important?

	Very	Fairly	Not very	Don't Know/
	Important	Important	Important	Refused
Mid-November, 2001	61	24	14	1=100
March, 2001	64	23	12	1=100
March, 2000 (Gallup)	61	27	12	*=100
June, 1998 (Gallup)	62	25	12	1=100
June, 1996	59	26	15	*=100
March, 1994 (Gallup)	59	29	11	1=100
March, 1988 (Gallup)	54	31	14	1=100
March, 1984 (Gallup)	56	30	13	1=100
April, 1978 (Gallup)	52	32	14	2 = 100
November, 1965 (Gallup)	70	22	7	1=100

Q.44 Now I'd like your views on some groups and organizations. As I read from a list, please tell me which category best describes your overall opinion of the group I name. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of... [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS IN BLOCKS (FIRST a. THRU c., THEN d. THRU g. WITH ITEM h ALWAYS LAST] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]

		Very	Mostly	Mostly	Very	Never	
		Favor-	Favor-	Unfavor-	Unfavor-	Heard	Can't
		<u>able</u>	<u>able</u>	<u>able</u>	<u>able</u>	<u>Of</u>	Rate
a.	The federal government in Washington	17	65	12	3	0	3=100
	Late October, 2000 (RVs)	7	47	30	10	*	6=100
	October, 1997	4	34	41	18	0	3=100
b.	Your state government	15	62	14	4	*	5=100
0.	October, 1997	10	56	22	7	*	5=100
c.	Your local government	15	63	13	4	*	5=100
0.	October, 1997	12	56	18	7	*	7=100

Now thinking about some specific religious groups... Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM]** very favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

		Very	Mostly	Mostly	Very	Never	
		Favor-	Favor-	Unfavor-	Unfavor-	Heard	Can't
		<u>able</u> 29	able	able	<u>able</u>	$\frac{\text{Of}}{*}$	Rate
d.	Catholics	29	49	5	3	*	$1\overline{4}=100$
	March, 2001	19	55	10	3	1	12=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	29	49	6	3	*	13=100
e.	Muslim-Americans	15	44	12	5	1	23=100
	March, 2001	7	38	16	8	4	27=100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	11	39	13	8	2	27=100
f.	Protestants	28	49	3	2	1	17=100

Q.44 CONTINUED		Very	Mostly	Mostly	Very	Never	
		Favor-	Favor-		Unfavor-		
σ	Jews	<u>able</u> 24	<u>able</u> 51	<u>able</u>	$\frac{able}{2}$	$\frac{\text{Of}}{*}$	<u>Rate</u> 18=100
g.	March, 2001	16	56	8	$\frac{2}{2}$	*	18 = 100 18 = 100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	27	50	5	3	*	15=100
	June, 1997	26	56	7	2	1	8=100
h.	Atheists, that is, people who don't believe in God	7	25	21	28	*	19=100
	March, 2001	4	25	22	35	*	14 = 100
	September, 2000 (RVs)	8	24	20	32	*	16=100

What is your religious preference — Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Mormon, or an orthodox church such as the Greek or Russian Orthodox Church? O.45

Protestant (Baptist, Christian, Episcopal, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Methodist,

- 51 Presbyterian, etc.)
- Roman Catholic
- 27 2 2 1 Jewish — GO TO Q.47
- Mormon (include Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) Orthodox Church (Greek or Russian)
- Islam/Muslim GO TO Q.48 Other religion [SPECIFY] \*
- 8
- 6 No religion, atheist — GO TO Q.47
- $\frac{3}{100}$ Don't know/Refused

## DO NOT ASK IF JEWISH, MUSLIM, NO RELIGION (Q.45=3, 6, OR 8) [N=1,364]:

Q.46 Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

- 40 Yes, would
- No, would not 54
- <u>5</u> 100 Don't know/Refused

#### DO NOT ASK IF ISLAM/MUSLIM IN (Q.45=6) [N=1497]:

- O.47 Do you, yourself happen to know anyone who is Muslim?
  - 38 Yes
  - 61 No
  - $\frac{1}{100}$ Don't know/Refused

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=731]:

Q.48F2 How much would you say you know about the Muslim religion and its practices?

- A great deal 6
- 32 37 Some
- Not very much
- 24 Nothing at all
- Don't know/Refused 1
- 100

#### ASK ONLY IF R HAS A RELIGION OTHER THAN ISLAM (1-5 OR 7 IN Q.45) [N=1,352]:

- Q.49 From what you know, do you think that the Muslim religion and your own religion have a lot in common, or do you think that the Muslim religion and your religion are very different?
  - 31 A lot in common
  - 52 Very different
  - 17 Don't know/Refused
  - 100

On a different topic...

ASK FORM 1 ÔNLY [N=769]:

Q.50F1 Which comes closer to your view? [READ]

- 12 War is never morally justified [or]
- 83 War is sometimes morally justified
- $\frac{5}{100}$ Don't know/Refused

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=731]:

Q.51F2 Which comes closer to your view? [READ]

- 24 War is never morally justified [or]
- 64 War is often morally justified
- 12 Don't know/Refused
- 100

#### **ASK ALL:**

Q.52 What do you worry about more when the United States uses military force [READ]

- That the U.S. doesn't do enough to avoid civilian casualties [or] 25
- 56 That the U.S. doesn't go far enough to achieve military victory
- 19 Don't know/Refused
- 100
- In your view, why did the terrorists attack the World Trade Center and the Pentagon ... [READ AND Q.53 ROTATE]
  - 30 Was it mostly because of their religious beliefs
  - -- OR --
  - 49 Was it mostly because of their political beliefs
  - 10 Both equally (VOL)
  - 5 Other (VOL)
  - Don't know/Refused 6
  - 100
- O.54 Some religious leaders have said that the terrorist attacks on the United States signal that God is no longer protecting the United States as much as in the past. How do you feel about this statement, do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree with it?
  - 2 6 Completely agree
  - Mostly agree
  - 16 Mostly disagree
  - 73 Completely disagree
  - Don't know/Refused 3
  - 100