## PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE \& THE PRESS AND PEW FORUM ON RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE 2003 RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE SURVEY <br> FINAL TOPLINE <br> June 24 - July 8, 2003 N=2002

Q. 1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? [IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]

Mid-July, 2003
Early July, 2003
June, 2003
May, 2003
April 10-16, 2003

| Approve | Disapprove | Don't know |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 58 | 32 | $10=100$ |
| 60 | 29 | $11=100$ |
| 62 | 27 | $11=100$ |
| 65 | 27 | $8=100$ |
| 72 | 22 | $6=100$ |
| 74 | 20 | $6=100$ |
| 69 | 25 | $6=100$ |
| 71 | 23 | $6=100$ |
| 70 | 24 | $6=100$ |
| 67 | 26 | $7=100$ |
| 55 | 34 | $11=100$ |
| 54 | 36 | $10=100$ |
| 58 | 32 | $10=100$ |
| 61 | 28 | $11=100$ |
| 59 | 29 | $12=100$ |
| 61 | 30 | 9=100 |
| 67 | 22 | $11=100$ |
| 63 | 26 | $11=100$ |
| 60 | 27 | $13=100$ |
| 67 | 21 | $12=100$ |
| 65 | 25 | $10=100$ |
| 67 | 21 | $12=100$ |
| 70 | 20 | $10=100$ |
| 69 | 18 | $13=100$ |
| 74 | 16 | $10=100$ |
| 78 | 13 | $9=100$ |
| 80 | 11 | $9=100$ |
| 84 | 9 | 7=100 |
| 84 | 8 | $8=100$ |
| 86 | 7 | $7=100$ |
| 80 | 9 | $11=100$ |
| 51 | 34 | $15=100$ |
| 50 | 32 | $18=100$ |
| 51 | 32 | $17=100$ |
| 50 | 33 | $17=100$ |
| 53 | 32 | $15=100$ |
| 56 | 27 | $17=100$ |
| 55 | 25 | $20=100$ |
| 53 | 21 | $26=100$ |

Q. 2 I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in this country today. All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose [READ AND RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose [NEXT ITEM]

|  |  | Strongly |  |  | Strongly | DK/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASK | ORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=1001$ ]: | Favor | Favor | Oppose | Oppose | Ref |
| a.F1 | The death penalty for persons convicted of murder | 28 | 36 | 20 | 10 | $6=100$ |
|  | March, 2002 | 33 | 34 | 17 | 9 | $7=100$ |
|  | March, 2001 | 30 | 36 | 17 | 10 | $7=100$ |
|  | September, 1999 | 41 | 33 | 15 | 7 | $4=100$ |
|  | June, 1996 | 43 | 35 | 11 | 7 | $4=100$ |

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=1001$ ]:

b.F2 The death penalty for persons convicted of murder when they were under the age of 18 ?
$112438 \quad 20 \quad 7=100$

## ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1001]:

c.F1 Making it legal for doctors to give terminally ill patients the means to end their lives

March, 2001

| 18 | 36 | 22 | 17 | $7=100$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 19 | 34 | 22 | 18 | $7=100$ |

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=1001$ ]:

d.F2 Making it legal for doctors to assist terminally ill patients in committing suicide
$14 \quad 2924 \quad 24 \quad 9=100$

## ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=1001$ ]:

| e.F1 | Allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally | 10 | 28 | 23 | 30 | $9=100$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March, 2001 | 8 | 27 | 23 | 34 | $8=100$ |  |
|  | 6 | 21 | 24 | 41 | $8=100$ |  |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 3 Looking ahead, would you like to see George W. Bush re-elected President in 2004 or would you prefer that a Democratic candidate win the election? [INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS "OTHER" OR "SOMEONE ELSE," PROBE ONCE BEFORE CODING AS OTHER]

|  | ------------ Total ------------ |  |  | --------- Registered Voters -------- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Bush | Prefer | Other/ | Bush | Prefer | Other/ |
|  | Re-elected | Democrat | DK | Re-elected | Democrat | DK |
| Mid-July, 2003 | 45 | 37 | $18=100$ | 47 | 37 | 16=100 ( $\mathbf{N}=1546$ ) |
| April, 2003 | 46 | 35 | $19=100$ | 48 | 34 | $18=100$ |
| Late March, $2003{ }^{1}$ (Gallup) | 51 | 36 | $13=100$ | 51 | 36 | $13=100$ |
| Mid-March, 2003 (Gallup) | 45 | 42 | $13=100$ | 45 | 42 | $13=100$ |
| February, 1992 | 40 | 48 | $12=100$ | 39 | 49 | $12=100$ |
| January, 1992 | 42 | 42 | $16=100$ | 41 | 45 | $14=100$ |
| November, 1991 | 41 | 43 | $16=100$ | 41 | 44 | $15=100$ |

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## ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=1001$ ]:

Q.4F1 At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life or losing its influence?

|  | Increasing <br> Influence | Losing <br> Influence | Same <br> (VOL) | No <br> Opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mid-July, 2003 | 30 | 56 | 5 | $\frac{9=100}{}$ |
| March, 2002 | 37 | 52 | 3 | $8=100$ |
| December, 2001 (Gallup) | 71 | 24 | 2 | $3=100$ |
| 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 FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=1001$ ]:

Q.5F2 At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence in THE WORLD or losing its influence?

|  | Increasing <br> Influence | Losing <br> Influence | Same <br> (VOL) | No <br> Opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mid-July, 2003 | 36 | 51 | 4 | $9=100$ |
| March, 2002 | 38 | 50 | 3 | $9=100$ |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 6 Now thinking about some specific religious groups... Is your overall opinion of [INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE; ITEM g/h SHOULD ALWAYS COME LAST. OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN’T RATE."]
a. Catholics

March, 2002
Mid-November, 2001
March, 2001
September, 2000 (RVs)

| Very | Mostly | Mostly <br> Favor- | Very <br> Favor- | Never <br> Unfavor- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{\text { able }}{\text { Unfavor- }}$ | Heard <br> 21 | $\frac{\text { able }}{48}$ | $\frac{\text { able }}{12}$ | $\frac{\text { able }}{6}$ | $\frac{\text { Of }}{*}$ | | Can't |
| :---: |
| 19 |

Q. 6 CONTINUED...
b. Jews

March, 2002
Mid-November, 2001
March, 2001
September, 2000 (RVs) June, 1997
c. Evangelical Christians

March, 2002
March, 2001
September, 2000 (RVs)
February, 1996
July, 1994
May, 1990
d. Protestants

March, 2002
Mid-November, 2001
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=1001$ ]:
e.F1 Muslim Americans

March, 2002
Mid-November, 2001
March, 2001
September, 2000 (RVs)
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=1001$ ]:
f.F2 Muslims March, 2002

## ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=1001$ ]:

g.F1 Atheists, that is, people who don't believe in God

March, 2002
Mid-November, 2001
March, 2001
September, 2000 (RVs)
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1001]:
h.F2 People who are not religious

March, 2002

| Very | Mostly | Mostly | Very | Never |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Favorable | Favorable | Unfavorable | Unfavorable | Heard Of | Can't <br> Rate |
| 20 | 52 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 18=100 |
| 18 | 56 | 7 | 2 | * | $17=100$ |
| 24 | 51 | 5 | 2 | * | $18=100$ |
| 16 | 56 | 8 | 2 | * | $18=100$ |
| 27 | 50 | 5 | 3 | * | $15=100$ |
| 26 | 56 | 7 | 2 | 1 | $8=100$ |
| 18 | 40 | 12 | 6 | 3 | $21=100$ |
| 13 | 42 | 13 | 5 | 7 | $20=100$ |
| 13 | 42 | 12 | 4 | 8 | $21=100$ |
| 21 | 42 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 18=100 |
| 13 | 26 | 23 | 15 | 11 | $12=100$ |
| 10 | 33 | 22 | 10 | 11 | $14=100$ |
| 12 | 31 | 19 | 19 | 7 | $12=100$ |
| 20 | 50 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 18=100 |
| 20 | 54 | 6 | 2 | 1 | $17=100$ |
| 28 | 49 | 3 | 2 | 1 | $17=100$ |
| 10 | 41 | 15 | 9 | 1 | 24=100 |
| 8 | 46 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 22=100 |
| 15 | 44 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 23=100 |
| 7 | 38 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 27=100 |
| 11 | 39 | 13 | 8 | 2 | $27=100$ |
| 9 | 38 | 19 | 12 | 1 | $21=100$ |
| 7 | 40 | 18 | 11 | 1 | $23=100$ |

## ASK ALL:

On another subject...
Q. 7 In your opinion, should churches and other houses of worship keep out of political matters - or should they express their views on day-to-day social and political questions?

|  | March | Sept | June | - Gallup - |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\frac{2001}{43}$ | $\frac{2000^{2}}{45}$ | $\frac{1996}{43}$ |  | Feb 1968 | $\underline{\text { March 1957 }}$ |
| 44 | Should keep out | 51 | 51 | 54 | 40 | 44 |  |
| 52 | Should express views | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{4}$ | $\underline{3}$ | $\underline{7}$ | 48 |  |
| $\frac{4}{100}$ | No opinion | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | $\underline{8}$ |  |

Q. 8 If clergy DO speak out on issues, should they reflect the views of the members of their congregation, or should they express their own views, even if most members disagree?

36 Reflect views of members
52 Express their own views
4 Should not give views (VOL.)
ㅇ No opinion (VOL.)
100

## ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1001]:

Q.9F1 Do you think there has been too much, too little or the right amount of expressions of religious faith and prayer by political leaders?

|  |  | March <br> $2002^{3}$ | Early Oct <br> $\underline{2001}^{4}$ |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 21 | Too much | 16 | 12 |
| 41 | Too little | 24 | 22 |
| 29 | Right amount | 53 | 60 |
| $\frac{9}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused | $\underline{7}$ | $\underline{6}$ |
|  |  | 100 | 100 |

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1001]:

Q.10F2 Do you think George W. Bush mentions his religious faith and prayer too much, too little, or about the right amount?

14 Too much
11 Too little
62 About the right amount
13 Don’t know/Refused (VOL.) 100

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## ASK ALL:

Q. 11 How much do you think George W. Bush relies on his own religious beliefs in making policy decisions - a great deal, a fair amount, or not very much?

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20 A great deal
4 0 ~ A ~ f a i r ~ a m o u n t
31 Not very much
9 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100
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Q. 12 In making policy decisions, do you think he relies on his religious beliefs too much, too little or about the right amount?

| 10 | Too much |
| :--- | :--- |
| 21 | Too little |
| 58 | About the right amount |
| $\frac{11}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

Q. 13 In the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, which side do you sympathize with more, Israel or the Palestinians?

|  | Israel | Palestinians | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Both } \\ & \text { (VOL) } \end{aligned}$ | Neither (VOL) | DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mid-July, 2003 | 41 | 13 | 8 | 18 | $20=100$ |
| June, 2002 | 46 | 12 | 6 | 19 | $17=100$ |
| Early April, 2002 | 41 | 13 | 6 | 21 | $19=100$ |
| Mid-October, 2001 | 47 | 10 | 8 | 18 | $17=100$ |
| Early September, 2001 | 40 | 17 | 6 | 23 | $14=100$ |
| September, 1997 | 48 | 13 | 5 | 16 | $18=100$ |
| September, 1993 | 45 | 21 | 3 | 18 | $12=100$ |
| Chicago CFR: 1990 | 34 | 13 | 7 | 26 | $20=100$ |
| Chicago CFR: 1982 | 41 | 17 | 8 | 19 | $16=100$ |
| Chicago CFR: 1978 | 39 | 12 | 8 | 15 | $13=100$ |

## IF ANSWER GIVEN (1-4 IN Q.13), ASK [N=1610]:

Q. 14 Which one of the following has had the biggest influence on your thinking on this issue (The dispute between Israel and the Palestinians)... (READ; RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 THRU 5)

|  |  | Sympathize more with... |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :---: |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 15 Some people believe God gave the land that is now Israel to the Jewish people. Other people do not believe this is literally true. Which comes closer to your own view?

44 Believe Israel given to the Jewish people by God
36 Don't believe this is literally true
$\underline{20}$ Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)
100
Q. 16 Some people say that the state of Israel is a fulfillment of the biblical prophesy about the second coming of Jesus. Do you believe that this is true, or not?

| 36 | Yes, true |
| :--- | :--- |
| 46 | No, not true |
| $\frac{18}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

Now, a few questions about your religious affiliation.
Q. 17 What is your religious preference - do you consider yourself Christian, Jewish, Muslim, other nonChristian such as Buddhist or Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or don't you have a religious preference?

|  | March <br> $\underline{2002}$ | March <br> $\underline{2001}$ | June <br> $1996^{5}$ |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 81 | Christian | 82 | 82 | 84 |
| 2 | Jewish | $*$ | 1 | 1 |
| $*$ | Muslim | 1 | 1 | $*$ |
| 4 | Other non-Christian | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 2 | Atheist | 2 | 1 | n/a |
| 3 | Agnostic | 2 | 2 | n/a |
| 1 | Something else (SPECIFY) | 10 | 1 | n/a |
| 6 | No preference | $\underline{1}$ | $\underline{2}$ | 11 |
| $\frac{1}{1}$ | Don't know/Refused | 100 | 100 | $\underline{1}$ |
| 100 |  |  |  |  |

## IF 1 'CHRISTIAN’ IN Q.17, ASK:

Q. 18 Are you Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox - such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, or something else?

|  | March | March | June |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 52 | Protestant | $\frac{2002}{52}$ | $\underline{2001}$ | $\underline{1996}$ |
| 23 | Catholic | 24 | 23 | 54 |
| 1 | Mormon | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| $*$ | Orthodox | $*$ | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | Something else (SPECIFY) | 2 | $*$ | 1 |
| - | Not practicing any religion | - | - | 1 |
| $\underline{4}$ | Don't know/Refused | $\underline{2}$ | $\underline{3}$ | $\underline{2}$ |
| $\mathbf{8 1} \%$ | Christian | $82 \%$ | $82 \%$ | $84 \%$ |

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## IF 1 ‘CHRISTIAN’ OR 7 'SOMETHING ELSE’ IN Q.17, ASK:

Q. 19 Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

|  |  | March | March | June |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 37 | Yes | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2001}$ | $\frac{1996}{35}$ |
| 41 | No | 44 | 43 | 47 |
| $\underline{4}$ | Don't Know/Refused | $\underline{5}$ | $\underline{4}$ | $\underline{3}$ |
| $82 \%$ | Christian/Something else | $84 \%$ | $83 \%$ | $84 \%$ |

## IF CATHOLIC (Q.18=2), ASK:

Q. 20 Please tell me which if any of the following descriptions apply to you: traditional Catholic, or progressive Catholic?

|  |  | June |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 13 | Traditional Catholic, OR | $\frac{1996}{11}$ |
| 8 | Progressive Catholic | 10 |
| 1 | Neither (VOL) | 1 |
| $\underline{1}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL) | $\underline{1}$ |
| $23 \%$ | Catholic | $23 \%$ |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 21 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 | March | Mid-Nov | March | Sept | June | June |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2003}$ | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{2001}$ | $\underline{2001}$ | $\underline{2000}{ }^{6}$ | 1997 | 1996 |
| 16 | More than once a week | 15 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 12 | 14 |
| 27 | Once a week | 24 | 25 | 26 | 26 | 28 | 26 | 25 |
| 15 | Once or twice a month | 15 | 17 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 17 | 17 |
| 18 | A few times a year | 21 | 18 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 20 | 21 |
| 14 | Seldom | 15 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 13 | 15 | 13 |
| 10 | Never | 9 | 9 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 9 |
| * | Don't know/Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | * | 1 |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Q. 22 How important would you say religion is in your own life - very important, fairly important, or not very important?

Mid-July, 2003

| Very | Fairly | Not very | Don't know/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Important | Important | Important | Refused |
| 61 | 24 | 14 | 1=100 |
| 60 | 27 | 12 | $1=100$ |
| 63 | 24 | 12 | $1=100$ |
| 61 | 24 | 14 | $1=100$ |
| 64 | 23 | 12 | $1=100$ |
| 61 | 27 | 12 | * $=100$ |

September 2000 results are based on registered voters.
Q. 22 CONTINUED...
$\begin{array}{lc}\text { June, } 1998 \text { (Gallup) } & 62 \\ \text { June, } 1996 & 59 \\ \text { March, } 1994 \text { (Gallup) } & 59 \\ \text { March, } 1988 \text { (Gallup) } & 54 \\ \text { March, } 1984 \text { (Gallup) } & 56 \\ \text { April, } 1978 \text { (Gallup) } & 52 \\ \text { November, 1965 (Gallup) } & 70\end{array}$

| Very <br> Important |
| :---: |
| 62 |
| 59 |
| 59 |
| 54 |
| 56 |
| 52 |
| 70 |


| Fairly <br> Important |
| :---: |
| 25 |
| 26 |
| 29 |
| 31 |
| 30 |
| 32 |
| 22 |


| Not very <br> Important |  | Don't know/ <br> Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12 |  |  |
| 15 |  |  |
| 11 |  | $=100$ |
| 14 |  | $1=100$ |
| 13 |  | $1=100$ |
| 14 |  | $1=100$ |
| 7 |  | $2=100$ |
|  |  | $1=100$ |

Q. 23 In recent years do you attend religious services more often, less often, or has there been no change?

|  |  | New York Times <br> Dec 1995 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 24 | More often | 20 |
| 19 | Less often | 21 |
| 56 | No change | 58 |
| $\frac{1}{100}$ | Don't know/No answer (VOL.) | $\underline{1}$ |
| 100 |  |  |

Q.24F1/
Q.25F2 Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

|  | Standard | Reverse |  | March | June |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | Order ${ }^{7}$ | Order |  | $\underline{2001}$ | 1996 |
| 35 | 32 | 38 | The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word, OR | 36 | 35 |
| 43 | 42 | 44 | The Bible is the word of God, but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word, OR | 43 | 47 |
| 16 | 19 | 13 | The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God. | 14 | 14 |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | Other (VOL.) | 3 | 2 |
| $\underline{4}$ | $\underline{4}$ | $\underline{3}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 4 | 2 |
| 100 | 100 | 100 |  | 100 | 100 |
|  | ( $\mathrm{N}=1001$ ) | $\mathrm{N}=1001$ ) |  |  |  |

## ASK ALL:

On another subject...
Q. 26 How much would you say you know about the Muslim religion and its practices? [READ, IN ORDER]

|  |  | March | Mid-Nov |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\frac{2002}{5}$ | $\frac{2001}{6}$ |
| 4 | A great deal | 29 | 32 |
| 39 | Some | Not very much | 37 |
| 29 | Nothing at all | 28 | 37 |
| $\underline{1}$ | Don’t know/Refused | $\underline{1}$ | 24 |
| 100 |  | 100 | $\underline{1}$ |

Form 1 of this question was asked in the order in which the response categories appear. Form 2 of the question was asked in the reverse order.

## ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

ASK ONLY IF R HAS A RELIGION OTHER THAN ISLAM (1,2,4,7 IN Q.17) [N=858]:
Q.27F1 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?

|  |  | March | Mid-Nov |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 22 | A lot in common | $\frac{2002}{27}$ | $\frac{2001}{31}$ |
| 60 | Very different | 57 | 52 |
| $\frac{18}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused | $\underline{16}$ | $\underline{17}$ |

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1001]:

Q.28F2 Would you say you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of Islam?

|  | March | ------ ABC/Beliefnet -------- |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2002}$ | $\underline{\text { Jan 2002 }}$ | $\underline{\text { Oct 2001 }}$ |
| 40 | Favorable | 38 | 41 | 47 |
| 34 | Unfavorable | $\underline{29}$ | 24 | 39 |
| $\frac{\mathbf{2 6}}{100}$ | No Opinion | $\underline{35}$ | $\underline{13}$ |  |
|  |  |  | 100 | 100 |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 29 Next, I would like to ask you some questions about the Muslim religion. Not everyone will know about them. First [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

|  |  | Correct <br> Answer | Incorrect Answer | Don’t know/ Refused |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. | Do you happen to know what name |  |  |  |
|  | Muslims use to refer to God? [Allah] | 45 | 9 | $46=100$ |
|  | March, 2002 | 47 | 11 | $42=100$ |
| b. | Do you happen to know the name of the |  |  |  |
|  | Islamic equivalent to the Bible? [Koran] | 42 | 4 | $54=100$ |
|  | March, 2002 | 43 | 8 | $49=100$ |

On another subject...

## ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=1001$ ]:

Q.30F1 Here are some statements made by prominent U.S. political leaders. For each statement, please tell me whether you are comfortable or uncomfortable with a political leader making this kind of religious reference. First, [READ AND RANDOMIZE]
a. "The liberty we prize is not America’s gift to
the world, it is God's gift to humanity."
Comfortable Uncomfortable Don't know
67
27
$6=100$
b. "I have never believed the Constitution required our schools to be religion-free zones...."

44
49
$7=100$
c. "Unique among the nations, America recognized the source of our character as being godly and eternal...." $54 \quad 38$ 8=100
d. "...[T]he Constitution promises freedom OF religion, not freedom FROM religion."
$71 \quad 24 \quad 5=100$

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=1001$ ]:

Q.31F2 Here are some statements made by prominent U.S. political leaders. For each statement, please tell me whether you are comfortable or uncomfortable with a political leader making this kind of religious reference. First, [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

Comfortable Uncomfortable Don't know
a. President George W. Bush said "The liberty we prize is not America's gift to the world, it is God's gift to humanity." $73 \quad 22 \quad 5=100$
b. President Bill Clinton said "I have never believed the Constitution required our schools to be religion-free zones...." $59 \quad 34 \quad 7=100$
c. Attorney General John Ashcroft said "Unique among the nations, America recognized the source of our character as being godly and eternal...." $56 \quad 34 \quad 10=100$
d. Senator Joe Lieberman said "...[T]he Constitution promises freedom OF religion, not freedom FROM religion."
$70 \quad 23 \quad 7=100$

## ASK ALL:

Q. 32 Do you believe that it is proper or improper for journalists to ask politicians how their religious beliefs affect their opinions on issues of the day?
IF "IMPROPER" (2 IN Q.32) ASK:
Q. 33 Do you think it's proper or improper for journalists to do this if the politician talks about his or her religious beliefs first?

| 57 | Proper |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 39 | Improper |  |
|  | 20 | Proper, if politician talks about it first |
|  | 17 | Improper, if politician talks about it first |
|  | 2 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| $\underline{4}$ | Don't | know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 |  |  |

## ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1001]:

Q.34F1 Between now and the 2004 political conventions, there will be discussion about the qualifications of presidential candidates--their education, age, religion, race, and so on. If your party nominated a generally well-qualified person for president who happened to be...[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE], would you vote for that person?
-Rotation Experiment ${ }^{8}$ -

|  |  | Yes, wou |  | on't Know |  |  |  |  | DK/ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | vote for | No | Refused |  |  |  | No | Refused |  |
| a. | Catholic - Precedes item c. | 90 | 8 | 2=100 | ( $\mathrm{N}=521$ ) | Follows item c. | 85 | 10 | 5=100 | $(\mathrm{N}=480)$ |
|  | May, 2003 (Gallup) | 93 | 5 | 2=100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | February, 1999 (Gallup) | 94 | 4 | $2=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | April, 1983 (Gallup) | 92 | 5 | $3=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | July, 1978 (Gallup) | 91 | 4 | 5=100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | March, 1969 (Gallup) | 87 | 7 | 5=100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | April, 1967 (Gallup) | 90 | 8 | $2=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | July, 1965 (Gallup) | 87 | 10 | $3=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | August, 1963 (Gallup) | 84 | 13 | $3=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | August, 1961 (Gallup) | 82 | 13 | $5=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May, 1960 (Gallup) | 71 | 21 | $8=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | December, 1959 (Gallup) | ) 70 | 25 | 5=100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | April, 1959 (Gallup) | 70 | 21 | $9=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | September, 1958 (Gallup) | ) 67 | 27 | $6=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | August, 1958 (Gallup) | 69 | 24 | $7=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | July, 1958 (Gallup) | 72 | 24 | $4=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | May, 1958 (Gallup) | 72 | 21 | $7=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | April, 1958 (Gallup) | 70 | 22 | $8=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | June, 1956 (Gallup) | 72 | 22 | $5=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | January, 1955 (Gallup) | 69 | 23 | $8=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | March, 1940 (Gallup) | 61 | 33 | $7=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | February, 1937 (Gallup) | 60 | 30 | $10=100$ |  |  |  |  | DK/ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Yes | No | Refused |  |
| b. | Jewish - Precedes item c. | 85 | 10 | 5=100 | ( $\mathrm{N}=525$ ) | Follows item c. | 80 | 15 | 5=100 | $(\mathrm{N}=476)$ |
|  | May, 2003 (Gallup) | 89 | 8 | $3=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | February, 1999 (Gallup) | 92 | 6 | $2=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | July, 1987 (Gallup) | 89 | 6 | 5=100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | April, 1983 (Gallup) | 88 | 7 | 5=100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | July, 1978 (Gallup) | 82 | 12 | $6=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | March, 1969 (Gallup) | 86 | 8 | $6=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | April, 1967 (Gallup) | 82 | 13 | $5=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | July, 1965 (Gallup) | 80 | 15 | $5=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | August, 1963 (Gallup) | 77 | 17 | 6=100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | August, 1961 (Gallup) | 68 | 23 | $9=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | December, 1959 (Gallup) | ) 72 | 22 | $6=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | September, 1958 (Gallup) | ) 63 | 29 | $7=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | August, 1958 (Gallup) | 62 | 28 | $10=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | February, 1937 (Gallup) | 46 | 47 | $8=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c. | Muslim | 56 | 38 | $6=100$ | ( $\mathrm{N}=1001$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |

56 38 6-100 ( $\mathrm{N}=1001$ ) items, responses are shown here based on whether the Muslim item came before or after the item in question. Instances where the item preceded the Muslim item are reported here as consistent with the Gallup trend.

| d. | An atheist - Precedes item c. | Yes, would vote for | Don't Know/ |  |  | -Rollows item c. | Yes$\frac{Y 3}{}$ | $\frac{\mathrm{No}}{54}$ | -Rotation Experiment ${ }^{3}$ - | $(\mathrm{N}=488)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | No | Refused |  |  |  |  | Refused |  |
|  |  | 46 | 50 | 4=100 | ( $\mathrm{N}=513$ ) |  |  |  | 3=100 |  |
|  | February, 1999 (Gallup) | 49 | 48 | $3=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | August, 1987 (Gallup) | 44 | 48 | $8=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | April, 1983 (Gallup) | 42 | 51 | $7=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | July, 1978 (Gallup) | 40 | 53 | $7=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | December, 1959 (Gallup) | ) 22 | 74 | 5=100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | September, 1958 (Gallup) | ) 18 | 77 | $5=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | August, 1958 (Gallup) | 18 | 75 | $7=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| e. | An Evangelical |  |  |  |  |  | Yes | No | DK/ <br> Refused |  |
|  | Christian - Precedes item c. | 79 | 15 | $6=100$ | ( $\mathrm{N}=531$ ) | Follows item c. | 74 | 19 | 7=100 | $(\mathrm{N}=470)$ |

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1001]:

Q.35F2 Between now and the 2004 political conventions, there will be discussion about the qualifications of presidential candidates--their education, age, religion, race, and so on. Are there any reasons why you might not vote for [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE] for president if he or she were nominated by the party you usually prefer?
a. A Catholic
$\left.\begin{array}{cccc}\begin{array}{c}\text { Yes, there are reasons } \\ \text { NOT to vote for }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { No, } \\ \text { No reasons }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Don't Know/ } \\ \text { Refused }\end{array} & \\ \hline 15 & 78 & & 7=100\end{array}\right)$
d. An atheist

Precedes item c.
Follows item c.
$\begin{array}{lll}41 & 53 & 6=100 \\ 38 & 56 & 6=100\end{array}$
$6=100 \quad(N=489)$
$43 \quad 50 \quad 7=100 \quad(N=512)$
e. An Evangelical Christian

Precedes item c.
Follows item c.

| 20 | 70 | $10=100$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 19 | 72 | $9=100$ | $(N=510)$ |
| 21 | 67 | $12=100$ | $(N=491)$ |

[^3]
## ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1001]:

Q.36F1 As I read from a list, please tell me if you would like to see more of this, less of this, or no change in the amount of this in the next few years. First, [RANDOMIZE]

|  |  |  | NoDon't Know/ <br> a. |  | Religious leaders appearing on television talk shows | $\frac{\text { More }}{26}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Less | $\frac{\text { Change }}{32}$ | $\frac{\text { Refused }}{39}$ | $3=100$ |  |  |  |
| b. | Religious leaders serving as advisers for elected officials | 33 | 28 | 37 | $2=100$ |  |
| c. | Religious leaders running for public office | 30 | 29 | 38 | $3=100$ |  |
| d. | Religious leaders forming political movements | 22 | 42 | 33 | $3=100$ |  |

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=1001$ ]:

Q.37F2 I am going to name several types of groups or organizations. For each, please tell me whether you feel that group is generally friendly toward religion, neutral toward religion, or unfriendly toward religion? Do you think ... [INSERT ITEM AND RANDOMIZE] is/are generally friendly, neutral, or unfriendly toward religion?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Friendly | Neutral | Unfriendly | Don’t Know/ Refused |
| a. | The Democratic party | 42 | 36 | 12 | 10=100 |
| b. | The Republican party | 52 | 27 | 10 | $11=100$ |
| C. | Hollywood and the makers of movies and TV entertainment shows | 16 | 31 | 45 | $8=100$ |
| d. | News reporters and the news media | 16 | 41 | 34 | $9=100$ |
| e. | University professors | 18 | 40 | 26 | $16=100$ |
| f. | Liberals | 26 | 33 | 27 | $14=100$ |
| g. | Conservatives | 51 | 25 | 10 | $14=100$ |

ASK ALL:

## ROTATE Q. 38 AND Q. 39

Q. 38 In the choices and decisions you make in a typical day, how often do you find yourself using your religious beliefs to help you decide what to do - frequently, occasionally, only once in a while, or hardly ever?

|  |  | CBS News/New York Times <br> April 2002 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Frequently | 50 | 49 |
| 22 | Occasionally | 21 | 24 |
| 14 | Only once in a while | 14 | 15 |
| 14 | Hardly ever | 12 | 10 |
| 4 | Never (VOL.) | 3 | 2 |
| $\frac{1}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | $\underline{0}$ | $\underline{\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}}$ |
|  |  | 100 | $\underline{100}$ |

Q. 39 When you vote in an election, how often do you find yourself using your religious beliefs to help you decide how to vote - frequently, occasionally, only once in a while, or hardly ever?

| 22 | Frequently |
| :--- | :--- |
| 16 | Occasionally |
| 11 | Only once in a while |
| 36 | Hardly ever |
| 11 | Never (VOL.) |
| $\frac{4}{100}$ | Don't vote/Can't vote/Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

Q. 40 Please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely disagree with this statement... The government should guarantee health insurance for all citizens, even if it means repealing most of the tax cuts passed under President Bush.

| 38 | Completely agree |
| :--- | :--- |
| 34 | Mostly agree |
| 14 | Mostly disagree |
| 10 | Completely disagree |
| $\underline{4}$ | Don't know/Refused [VOL.] |
| 100 |  |

Q. 41 Do you see this as strictly a political issue or is it also a moral issue?

| 33 | Strictly a political issue |
| :---: | :--- |
| 52 | Also a moral issue |
| 11 | Both (VOL.) |
| 1 | Neither (VOL.) |
| $\frac{3}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused |

Q. 42 As I read you a pair of statements, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views even if neither is exactly right.

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1001]:

March
a.F1 Some religions are more likely than others to encourage violence 52 among believers 47 -OR-
38 Religions are all about the same in this regard 41
5 Neither (VOL) 4
$\underline{5}$ Don't know/Refused $\underline{8}$
$\overline{100} \quad 100$

ASK FORM 2 ONL Y ONLY [N=1001]: March
ASK FORM 2 ONLY ONLY [N=1001]: $\underline{2002}$
b.F2 The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence

44 among its believers 25
-OR-
41 The Islamic religion does not encourage violence more than others 51
3 Neither (VOL) 3
$\underline{12}$ Don't know/Refused $\underline{21}$
$100 \quad 100$

## ASK ALL:

Q. 43 How much of a role does religion play in causing most wars and conflicts in the world? [READ, IN ORDER]

|  |  | March |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 44 | A great deal | $\underline{2002}$ |
| 35 | A fair amount | 31 |
| 12 | Only a little [OR] | 20 |
| 6 | None at all | 9 |
| $\underline{3}$ | Don't know/Refused | $\underline{6}$ |
| $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |  | 100 |

Q. 44 Have you heard or read anything about the effort to discourage people from buying Sport Utility Vehicles that asks the question "What would Jesus drive?"

| 31 | Yes |
| :--- | :--- |
| 67 | No |
| $\frac{2}{100}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

Q. 45 What's your opinion, do you think that Jesus WOULD or WOULD NOT drive an SUV?

29 Would
33 Would not
$7 \quad$ Would not drive/would walk (VOL.)
31 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100
D. 17 And one last short list...[RANDOMIZE]

| a. |  | Yes | No | DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Do you have a friend, colleague, or family member who is gay? | 45 | 52 | 3=100 |
|  | August, 2002 | 45 | 53 | $2=100$ |
|  | August, 1999 | 39 | 60 | $1=100$ |
| b. | Do you own an SUV (Sports Utility Vehicle)? | 21 | 77 | $2=100$ |
|  | August, 2002 | 22 | 78 | *=100 |
| c. | Display the flag at your home, in your office, or on your car | 69 | 29 | $2=100$ |
|  | August, 2002 | 75 | 25 | *=100 |
| d. | Do you happen to have any guns or revolvers in your home? | 34 | 63 | $3=100$ |
|  | August, 2002 | 35 | 62 | $3=100$ |
|  | April, 2000 | 35 | 62 | $3=100$ |
|  | June, 1997 | 40 | 57 | $3=100$ |
|  | December, 1993 | 45 | 53 | $2=100$ |
| e. | Trade stocks or bonds in the stock markets | 29 | 69 | $2=100$ |
|  | August, 2002 | 34 | 65 | 1=100 |
|  | August, 1999 | 25 | 75 | *=100 |

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Q. 12 What's your impression - how many Muslims around the world are anti-American? [READ, IN ORDER]

|  |  | March <br> 7 |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 17 | Almost all | $\frac{2002}{6}$ |
| 25 | Abst | 12 |
| 24 | Some half | 18 |
| 15 | Just a few | 24 |
| $\underline{12}$ | Don't know/Refused | 21 |
| 100 |  | $\underline{19}$ |


[^0]:    The March 2003 trends are from Gallup and were worded: "If George W. Bush runs for re-election in 2004, in general are you more likely to vote for Bush or for the Democratic Party's candidate for president?"

[^1]:    September 2000 results are based on registered voters. In 2000 and earlier, the question did not include "and other houses of worship."

    In March 2002 the question was worded, "Since September $11^{\text {th }}$, has there been too much, too little or the right amount of expressions of religious faith and prayer by political leaders?"

    In Early October 2001 the question was part of a series and began, "As I read from a list, tell me if you think there has been too much, too little or the right amount of what I mention."

[^2]:    5 In 1996, question was worded: "What is your religious preference - do you consider yourself Christian, Jewish, Muslim, other non-Christian, or don't you have a religious preference?"

[^3]:    9 ROTATION EXPERIMENT: Q.35F2 items a. through e. were read to respondents in a random order. To see whether the presence of the Muslim item affects responses to other religious items, responses are shown here based on whether the Muslim item came before or after the item in question.

