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AND PEW FORUM ON RELIGION & PUBLIC LIFE  
JULY 2006 RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
July 6-19, 2006  
N=2,003**

**QUESTIONS 1-5 RELEASED PREVIOUSLY**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

Now a different kind of question...

Q.6F2 In the long run, do you think the scientific advances we are making will help or harm mankind?

65 Will help  
19 Will harm  
10 Some of each (VOL.)  
6 Don't know/refused (VOL.)  
100

Q.7F2 I'd like to get your opinion of some groups and organizations in the news. Is your overall opinion of...  
**[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE AND ROTATE ITEMS IN BLOCKS, FIRST a THRU c, THEN d THRU f]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?  
**[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN NEVER HEARD OF AND CAN'T RATE.]**

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL)	(VOL)
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never	Can't
								Heard of	Rate/Ref
a.F2	The Christian conservative movement	44	12	32	36	16	20	8	12=100
	July, 2005	42	11	31	34	13	21	8	16=100
	Late March, 2005	41	15	26	34	15	19	9	16=100
	March, 2002	45	10	35	29	11	18	12	15=100
	March, 2001	42	9	33	31	11	20	11	16=100
b.F2	The environmentalist movement	63	15	48	25	8	17	4	8=100
c.F2	The Supreme Court	63	7	56	27	8	19	1	9=100
	February, 2006	60	16	44	28	10	18	*	12=100
	Late October, 2005	62	12	50	27	10	17	*	11=100
	July, 2005	61	12	49	28	10	18	*	11=100
	June, 2005	57	8	49	30	8	22	*	13=100
	July, 2001	70	15	55	20	6	14	*	10=100
	March, 2001	72	15	57	20	5	15	*	8=100
	January, 2001	68	18	50	21	8	13	1	10=100
	October, 1997	77	13	64	18	6	12	*	5=100
	May, 1997	72	16	56	22	5	17	0	6=100
	July, 1994	80	18	62	16	3	13	*	4=100
	May, 1993	73	17	56	18	4	14	0	9=100
	November, 1991	72	18	54	21	5	16	0	7=100
	May, 1990	65	10	55	25	7	18	1	9=100
	January, 1988	79	14	65	13	2	11	*	8=100
	May, 1987	76	13	63	17	2	15	*	7=100
	March 1985 (Roper)	64	17	47	28	7	21	--	8=100

**Q.7F2 CONTINUED...**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL)	(VOL)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never Heard of	Can't Rate/Ref
f.F2 The United Nations	53	12	41	36	12	24	2	9=100
May, 2006 <sup>1</sup>	51	15	36	38	19	19	--	11=100
Late October, 2005	48	9	39	39	15	24	1	12=100
Late March, 2005	59	14	45	32	11	21	*	9=100
Late February, 2004	55	14	41	35	15	20	--	10=100
Early September, 2001	77	23	54	18	6	12	1	4=100
August, 1999	76	19	57	19	5	14	*	5=100
June, 1999	70	19	51	23	7	16	0	7=100
Early September, 1998	69	14	55	23	7	16	*	8=100
September, 1997	64	11	53	28	9	19	*	8=100
February, 1996	65	19	46	29	9	20	1	5=100
June, 1995	67	14	53	28	8	20	*	5=100
February, 1995	62	13	49	26	8	18	*	12=100
July, 1994	76	21	55	19	5	14	1	4=100
May, 1993	73	21	52	17	4	13	0	10=100
May, 1990	70	15	55	19	6	13	1	10=100

**QUESTIONS 8-18 RELEASED PREVIOUSLY**

**ASK ALL:**

And on another subject...

Q.19 Which comes closer to your view **[READ IN ORDER]**?

	Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many <u>jobs and hurt the economy</u>	Stricter environmental laws and regulations <u>are worth the cost</u>	(VOL.) Neither/ Both equally/ Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
July, 2006	31	57	12=100
March, 2006	29	65	6=100
December, 2005	37	56	7=100
December, 2004	31	60	9=100
September, 2000	31	61	8=100
August, 1999	28	65	7=100
October, 1996	30	63	7=100
October, 1995	35	61	4=100
April, 1995	39	57	4=100
October, 1994	32	62	6=100
July, 1994	33	62	5=100

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1 In May 2006 the question was asked, "Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable or somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of the United Nations?"

**ASK IF Q.19=1,2 [N=1,753]:**

Q.20 Which one of the following has had the biggest influence on your thinking on the issue of the environment...**[READ IN ORDER]**

23	A personal experience
6	The views of your friends and family
25	What you have seen or read in the media
8	Your religious beliefs
26	Your education
11	OR something else
<u>1</u>	Don't know/refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )
100	

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,007]:**

Q.21F2 From what you've read and heard, is there solid evidence that the average temperature on earth has been getting warmer over the past few decades, or not?

**IF "YES" (1 IN Q.21F2) ASK:**

Q.22F2 Do you believe that the earth is getting warmer **[READ AND ROTATE]**?

		June <u>2006</u>
79	Yes	70
50	Mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels, OR	41
23	Mostly because of natural patterns in the earth's environment	21
6	Don't know/Refused	8
17	No	20
1	Mixed/some evidence ( <b>VOL.</b> )	1
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )	<u>9</u>
100		100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,007]:**

Q.23F2 In your view, is global warming a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not a problem?

		June <u>2006</u>
43	Very serious	41
36	Somewhat serious	33
11	Not too serious	13
9	Not a problem	11
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )	<u>2</u>
100		100

**IF SEE GLOBAL WARMING AS PROBLEM (Q.23F2=1,2,3), ASK:**

Q.24F2 Do you think global warming is a problem that requires immediate government action, or don't you think it requires immediate government action?

**BASED ON TOTAL FORM 2 [N=1,007]:**

61	Yes, it is a problem that requires immediate government action
26	No, don't think global warming requires immediate government action
3	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )
<u>10</u>	(Global warming not a problem/DK) <b>[4 and 9 in Q.23F2]</b>
100	

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,007]:**

Q.25F2 From what you've heard or read, is there general agreement among scientists that the earth is getting warmer because of human activity, or not?

59 Yes, scientists agree that the earth is getting warmer because of human activity  
 29 No, there is not agreement among scientists  
12 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)  
 100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=996]:**

Turning to another subject...

Q.26F1 In the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, which side do you sympathize with more, Israel or the Palestinians?

	<u>Israel</u>	<u>Palestinians</u>	<u>Both (VOL.)</u>	<u>Neither (VOL.)</u>	<u>Don't know Refused</u>
August, 2006 <sup>2</sup>	52	11	5	15	17=100
July, 2006	44	9	5	20	22=100
July, 2005	37	12	5	19	27=100
July, 2004	40	13	7	18	22=100
Late February, 2004	46	12	8	15	19=100
Mid-July, 2003	41	13	8	18	20=100
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
<i>Chicago CFR 1990</i>	34	13	7	26	20=100
<i>Chicago CFR 1978</i>	38	12	8	15	13=100

**QUESTION 27 RELEASED PREVIOUSLY  
 NO QUESTIONS 28-33**

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

Q.34 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?

	<u>July 2005</u>	<u>Aug 2004</u>	<u>Mid-July 2003</u>	<u>March 2001</u>	<u>Sept 2000<sup>3</sup></u>	<u>June 1996</u>	<u>— Gallup —</u>	
							<u>Feb 1968</u>	<u>March 1957</u>
46 Should keep out	44	44	44	43	45	43	53	44
51 Should express views	51	51	52	51	51	54	40	48
<u>3</u> No opinion	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

2 This question was asked more recently, August 9-13 (N=1506). For full details of the more recent survey see: "American Attitudes Hold Steady in Face of Foreign Crises" August 17, 2006.

3 September 2000 results are based on registered voters. In 2000 and earlier, the question did not include "and other houses of worship."

Q.35 Do you think George W. Bush mentions his religious faith and prayer too much, too little, or about the right amount?

		July <u>2005</u>	Aug <u>2004</u>	Mid-July <u>2003</u>
24	Too much	28	24	14
14	Too little	10	11	11
52	About the right amount	52	53	62
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
100		100	100	100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=996]:**

Q.36F1 At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life or losing its influence?

	Increasing <u>Influence</u>	Losing <u>Influence</u>	Same <u>(VOL)</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
July, 2006	34	59	2	5=100
Mid-July, 2003	30	56	5	9=100
March, 2002	37	52	3	8=100
December, 2001 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	71	24	2	3=100
Mid-November, 2001	78	12	3	7=100
March, 2001	37	55	4	4=100
March, 2000 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	37	58	0	5=100
June, 1998 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	37	56	4	3=100
March, 1994 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	27	69	2	2=100
March, 1988 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	36	49	6	9=100
June, 1984 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	42	39	14	6=100
December, 1978 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	37	48	10	5=100
December, 1974 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	31	56	8	5=100
April, 1968 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	19	67	8	7=100
February, 1965 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	33	45	13	8=100
February, 1962 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	45	32	17	7=100
March, 1957 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	69	14	10	6=100

**IF GAVE RESPONSE IN Q.36F1 (Q.36F1=1,2,3), ASK:**

Q.37F1 All in all, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

<b>BASED ON TOTAL FORM 1 [N=996]:</b>		March <u>2002</u>
34	Increasing influence	37
21	Good thing	31
11	Bad thing	4
1	Both/Neither/Depends (VOL)	1
1	Don't know/Refused	1
59	Losing influence	52
6	Good thing	5
50	Bad thing	44
2	Both/Neither/Depends (VOL)	2
1	Don't know/Refused	1
2	Same (VOL)	3
<u>5</u>	No opinion	<u>8</u>
100		100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,007]:**

Q.38F2 At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on government leaders and institutions such as the President, Congress, and the Supreme Court, or losing its influence?

**IF GAVE RESPONSE IN Q.38F2 (Q.38F2=1,2,3), ASK:**

Q.39F2 All in all, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

42	Increasing influence
15	Good thing
24	Bad thing
2	Both/Neither/Depends (VOL)
1	Don't know/Refused
45	Losing influence
8	Good thing
36	Bad thing
*	Both/Neither/Depends (VOL)
1	Don't know/Refused
6	Same (VOL)
<u>7</u>	No opinion
100	

**ASK ALL:**

Q.40 Do you feel that [INSERT ITEM AND RANDOMIZE] is generally friendly toward religion, neutral toward religion, or unfriendly toward religion?

	<u>Friendly</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>Don't Know/ Refused (VOL)</u>
a. The Democratic party	26	42	20	12=100
July, 2005	29	38	20	13=100
August, 2004	40	34	13	13=100
Mid-July, 2003	42	36	12	10=100
b. The Republican party	47	28	13	12=100
July, 2005	55	23	9	13=100
August, 2004	52	24	10	14=100
Mid-July, 2003	52	27	10	11=100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,007]:**

**ROTATE Q.41F2 AND Q.42F2:**

Q.41F2 Do you think that Conservative Christians have gone too far in trying to impose their religious values on the country, or don't you think Conservative Christians have gone too far?

		<u>July 2005</u>
49	Yes, think that Conservative Christians have gone too far	45
43	No, don't think that Conservative Christians have gone too far	45
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>10</u>
100		100

Q.42F2 Do you think that liberals have gone too far in trying to keep religion out of the schools and the government, or don't you think liberals have gone too far?

		July <u>2005</u>
69	Yes, think that liberals have gone too far	67
26	No, don't think that liberals have gone too far	28
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>5</u>
100		100

**QUESTIONS 43 & 45 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**  
**NO QUESTION 44**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=996]:**

And on another topic...

Q.46F1 Do you consider the United States a Christian nation, or not?

		March <u>2005</u>	March <u>2002</u>	June <u>1996</u>
67	Yes	71	67	60
28	No	26	25	34
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,007]:**

And on another topic...

Q.47F2 Some people think of the United States as a Christian nation. Others don't think of the U.S. that way. Which of these comes closest to your view?

67	Think of the United States as a Christian nation
29	Don't think of the U.S. that way
<u>4</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	

**ASK ALL:**

Q.48 Which should be the more important influence on the laws of the United States? **[READ IN ORDER]**

32	Should it be the Bible
	<b>[OR]</b>
63	Should it be the will of the American people, even when it conflicts with the Bible
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

**QUESTIONS 49-57 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**  
**NO QUESTION 51**

**ROTATE Q.58F1 AND Q.59F1:**

Turning to another subject...

Q.58F1 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 view?

		Mid-July <u>2003</u>
42	Believe Israel given to the Jewish people by God	44
37	Don't believe this is literally true	36
<u>21</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>20</u>
100		100

Q.59F1 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?

		Mid-July <u>2003</u>
35	Yes, true	36
47	No, not true	46
<u>18</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>18</u>
100		100

**ASK ALL:**

On another subject...

**ASK Q.61-Q.63 OF RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE [N=973]:**

Q.61 Which of the following statements comes closest to your belief about God – You believe in God, OR You don't believe in God, but you do believe in a universal spirit or higher power, OR You don't believe in either?

**IF 1 in Q.61, ASK:**

Q.62 Do you think that God was responsible for the creation of life on earth, or don't you believe this?

**IF 2 IN Q.61, ASK:**

Q.63 Do you think that a universal spirit or higher power was responsible for the creation of life on earth, or don't you believe this?

		July <u>2005</u>	<i>Gallup</i> <u>May 2004</u>
83	You believe in God	85	81
76	Yes, believe God was responsible	78	-
5	No, don't believe this	5	-
2	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	2	-
	You don't believe in God, but do believe in a universal spirit/ higher power	11	13
6	Yes, believe universal spirit/higher power was responsible	5	-
5	No, don't believe this	5	-
1	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	1	-
4	You don't believe in either	3	5
*	Other (VOL.)		*
*			
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100



**ASK ALL:**

Q.64 Some people think that humans and other living things **[INSERT; ROTATE]**. Others think that humans and other living things **[INSERT; ROTATE]**. Which of these comes closest to your view?

		July <u>2005</u>
51	Evolved over time	48
42	Existed in their present form since the beginning of time	42
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )	<u>10</u>
100		100

**IF EVOLVED (1 in Q.64), ASK:**

Q.65 And do you think that...**[READ OPTIONS AND ROTATE]**?

		July <u>2005</u>
26	Humans and other living things have evolved due to natural processes such as natural selection, <b>[OR]</b> A supreme being guided the evolution of living things for the purpose of creating humans and other life in the form it exists today	26
21		18
<u>4</u>	Don't know/refused ( <b>VOL./ DO NOT READ</b> )	<u>4</u>
51%		48%

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,007]:**

Q.66F2 From what you've heard or read, is there general agreement among scientists that humans evolved over time, or not?

		July <u>2005</u>
62	Yes, there is agreement among scientists that humans evolved over time	54
28	No, there is not agreement among scientists that humans evolved over time	33
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )	<u>13</u>
100		100

**ASK ALL:**

RELIG What is your religious preference — Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Mormon, or an orthodox church such as the Greek or Russian Orthodox Church? **[INTERVIEWER: IF 'OTHER RELIGION' GIVEN, FOLLOW-UP WITH "And is that a Christian religion, or not?" IF YES, CODE AS 7; IF NOT, CODE AS 8]**

56	Protestant
23	Roman Catholic
2	Jewish
1	Mormon
1	Orthodox Church (Greek or Russian)
1	Islam/Muslim
1	Other religion - Christian ( <b>SPECIFY</b> )
2	Other religion – non-Christian ( <b>SPECIFY</b> )
11	No religion, not a believer, atheist, agnostic
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )
100	

**QUESTIONS 67 & 68 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**IF PROTESTANT OR OTHER RELIGION - CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1,7), ASK:**

Q.69 As I read a list, tell me which if any of these denominations you are affiliated with. **(READ LIST)**

**BASED ON TOTAL**

19 Baptist  
 7 Methodist  
 5 Lutheran  
 3 Presbyterian  
 2 Congregational or United Church of Christ  
 7 Nondenominational or Independent Church  
 4 Pentecostal  
 1 Episcopalian  
 1 Reformed, or  
 4 Something else (**SPECIFY**)  
 4 Nothing in particular (**DO NOT READ**)  
 \* Don't Know/Refused (**DO NOT READ**)  
57% Protestant/Other Christian

**IF CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1,2,4,5,7):**

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

**BASED ON TOTAL**

38 Yes  
 42 No  
2 Don't Know/Refused  
 82% Christian

Q.70 As I read from a list, please tell me which if any of the following descriptions apply to you. (First,) **(INSERT, ROTATE; FOR CATHOLICS [RELIG=2], INSERT 'CATHOLIC'; FOR OTHER CHRISTIANS [RELIG=1,4,5,7], INSERT 'CHRISTIAN')**... does this apply to you, or not?

**BASED ON TOTAL**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Total Christian</u>
a. Pentecostal Christian	13	65	4	=82%
July, 2005	12	64	5	=81%
b. Charismatic	16	57	9	=82%
c. Liberal or Progressive Christian	32	44	6	=82%
July, 2005	30	44	7	=81%

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,007]:**

Q.70dF2 Do you think of yourself as a member of the religious right political movement, or not?

	<u>June 1996</u>
11 Yes	7
86 No	88
<u>3</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>
100	100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=996]:**

Q.70eF1 Do you think of yourself as a member of the religious left political movement, or not?

7 Yes  
 86 No  
7 Don't know/refused (VOL.)  
 100

**ASK ALL:**

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

	<u>July</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2002</u>	<u>Mid-Nov</u> <u>2001</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2001</u>	<u>Sept</u> <u>2000<sup>4</sup></u>	<u>June</u> <u>1997</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1996</u>
15 More than once a week	14	13	16	15	15	16	17	17	12	14
25 Once a week	27	25	27	24	25	26	26	28	26	25
15 Once or twice a month	14	15	15	15	17	14	17	16	17	17
18 A few times a year	19	20	18	21	18	17	17	17	20	21
14 Seldom	14	15	14	15	15	16	15	13	15	13
12 Never	11	11	10	9	9	10	7	8	10	9
<u>1</u> Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>1</u>
100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.71 How important would you say religion is in your own life – very important, fairly important, or not very important?

	<u>Very</u> <u>Important</u>	<u>Fairly</u> <u>Important</u>	<u>Not very</u> <u>Important</u>	<u>Don't know/</u> <u>Refused</u>
July, 2006	60	24	15	1=100
July, 2005	60	25	14	1=100
August, 2004	57	26	16	1=100
October, 2003	62	24	13	1=100
Mid-July, 2003	61	24	14	1=100
December, 2002	60	27	12	1=100
March, 2002	63	24	12	1=100
Mid-November, 2001	61	24	14	1=100
March, 2001	64	23	12	1=100
March, 2000 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	61	27	12	*=100
June, 1998 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	62	25	12	1=100
June, 1996	59	26	15	*=100
March, 1994 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	59	29	11	1=100
March, 1988 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	54	31	14	1=100
March, 1984 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	56	30	13	1=100
April, 1978 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	52	32	14	2=100
November, 1965 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	70	22	7	1=100

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4 September 2000 results are based on registered voters.

**IF ATTEND AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH (ATTEND<4), ASK:**

Q.72 Does the clergy at your place of worship ever speak out [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

**BASED ON THOSE WHO ATTEND SERVICES  
AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH [N=1,161]**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK</u>
a. On the issue of abortion	59	39	2=100
November, 2005	52	45	3=100
October, 2003	63	35	2=100
June, 1996	60	39	1=100
b. On the issue of the situation in Iraq	53	46	1=100
November, 2005	50	47	3=100
October, 2003	53	45	2=100
March, 2003 <sup>5</sup>	57	41	2=100
c. About laws regarding homosexuals	52	47	1=100
October, 2003	41	57	2=100
June, 1996	36	62	2=100
d. About hunger and poverty	92	8	*=100
June, 199	87	12	1=100
e. On the issue of embryonic stem cell research	24	74	2=100
f. About evolution and intelligent design	40	57	3=100
g. About laws regarding immigration	21	77	2=100
h. About the environment	48	50	2=100
i. On the issue of the death penalty	31	67	2=100
November, 2005	27	69	4=100
October, 2003	28	69	3=100
June, 1996	27	70	3=100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.73 Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible? [READ, IN ORDER]

	<u>July 2005</u>	<u>March 2004<sup>6</sup></u>	<u>Mid-July 2003</u>	<u>March 2001</u>	<u>June 1996</u>
35 The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word, OR	36	40	35	36	35
43 The Bible is the word of God, but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word, OR	40	42	43	43	47
18 The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God.	18	13	16	14	14
2 Other (VOL.)	2	1	2	3	2
<u>2</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
100	100	100	100	100	100

5 In March 2003 the question was not asked as part of a list and was worded: "Has the clergy at your place of worship spoken recently about the issue of war with Iraq, or not?"

6 In 2004 and 2003, the response categories were read in reverse order to half of the samples.

**QUESTIONS Q.74 THROUGH Q.76 HELD**

**IF CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1,2,4,5,7), ASK:**

Q.77 Do you believe in the second coming of Jesus Christ – that is, that Jesus will return to earth someday, or don't you believe this?

**BASED ON ALL CHRISTIANS [N=1,670]:**

79 Yes, believe in the second coming  
17 No, don't believe in the second coming  
4 Don't know/refused (VOL.)  
100

**IF BELIEVE IN THE SECOND COMING (Q.77=1), ASK:**

Q.78 Do you believe that Jesus will return to earth in your lifetime?

**BASED ON ALL CHRISTIANS [N=1,670]:**

20 Yes  
39 No  
14 Unknowable/No one knows when Jesus will return (VOL.)  
6 Don't know/refused (VOL.)  
21 (Do not believe in second coming/DK) [2 and 9 in Q.77]  
100

Q.79 Do you believe that the specific time of Jesus Christ's return to earth is revealed in the prophecies contained in the Bible, or don't you think so?

**BASED ON ALL CHRISTIANS [N=1,670]:**

33 Yes, the specific time of Christ's return to earth is revealed in the prophecies in the Bible  
40 Don't think the prophecies in the Bible reveal the specific time of Christ's return  
6 Don't know/refused (VOL.)  
21 (Do not believe in second coming/DK) [2 and 9 in Q.77]  
100

Q.80 And which of the following statements comes closest to your view of Jesus' return to earth? [READ; ROTATE]

**BASED ON ALL CHRISTIANS [N=1,670]:**

34 The world situation will steadily worsen and when it reaches a low point, Jesus will return to earth  
4 The world situation will gradually improve and when it reaches a high point, Jesus will return to earth  
37 It is impossible to know the circumstances that will precede Jesus' return to earth  
4 Don't know/refused (VOL.)  
21 (Do not believe in second coming/DK) [2 and 9 in Q.77]  
100

Q.81 Do you think that peoples and nations of the world can affect when Jesus Christ returns to earth, or is it not possible for humans to affect when Jesus returns to earth?

**BASED ON ALL CHRISTIANS [N=1,670]:**

23 Peoples and nations can affect when Jesus Christ returns to earth  
50 It is not possible for humans to affect when Jesus returns to earth  
6 Don't know/refused (VOL.)  
21 (Do not believe in second coming/DK) [2 and 9 in Q.77]  
100

**ASK ALL:**

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

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL) <u>No Preference</u>	(VOL) <u>Other Party</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
July, 2006	29	33	31	4	1	2=100
June, 2006	29	34	31	4	*	2=100
April, 2006	29	32	33	3	*	3=100
March, 2006	28	34	30	4	*	4=100
February, 2006	30	33	31	3	*	3=100
January, 2006	28	32	32	5	*	3=100
December, 2005	29	34	31	4	*	2=100
Late November, 2005	27	34	29	5	1	4=100
Early November, 2005	28	34	31	5	*	2=100
Late October, 2005	29	33	31	5	*	2=100
Early October, 2005	26	34	34	4	*	2=100
September 8-11, 2005	31	32	33	3	*	1=100
September 6-7, 2005	27	33	33	4	*	3=100
July, 2005	31	34	29	4	*	2=100
June, 2005	30	32	32	4	*	2=100
<b>Yearly Totals</b>						
2005	30	33	31	4	*	2=100
2004	30	33	30	4	*	3=100
2003	30	31	31	5	*	3=100
2002	30	31	30	5	1	3=100
2001	29	34	29	5	*	3=100
2001 Post-Sept 11	31	32	28	5	1	3=100
2001 Pre-Sept 11	28	35	30	5	*	2=100
2000	28	33	29	6	*	4=100
1999	27	33	34	4	*	2=100
1998	28	33	32	5	*	2=100
1997	28	33	32	4	1	2=100
				No Preference/ <u>Other/DK</u>		
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>			
1996	29	33	33	5=100		
1995	32	30	34	4=100		
1994	30	32	34	4=100		
1993	27	34	34	5=100		
1992	28	33	35	4=100		
1991	31	32	33	4=100		
1990	31	33	30	6=100		
1989	33	33	34=100			
1987	26	35	39=100			

**IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK:**

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

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Refused to lean</u>
July, 2006	11	14	13=38%
June, 2006	10	16	11=37%
April, 2006	12	17	10=39%

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Refused to lean</u>
March, 2006	11	14	13=38%
February, 2006	11	16	10=37%
January, 2006	10	16	14=40%
December, 2005	10	16	11=37%
Late November, 2005	9	13	17=39%
Early November, 2005	11	14	13=38%
Late October, 2005	11	15	12=38%
Early October, 2005	11	18	11=40%
September 8-11, 2005	10	18	9=37%
September 6-7, 2005	10	15	15=40%
July, 2005	9	15	11=35%
June, 2005	10	16	12=38%
Mid-May, 2005	9	13	14=36%
Late March, 2005	13	17	9=39%
December, 2004	14	12	9=35%
August, 2003	12	16	14=42%
August, 2002	12	13	13=38%
September, 2000	11	13	15=39%
Late September, 1999	14	15	16=45%
August, 1999	15	15	12=42%