

2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 170: Post-RLS Survey
MAY 5-11, 2025

TOPLINE
N=8,937

Note: All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Percentages less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (*). Rows/columns may not total 100% due to rounding. The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel.

"No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say they don't know how to answer. In cases where "Not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "No answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.

American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). For additional details, visit the Methodology.

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	8,937	+/- 1.4 percentage points

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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ASK ALL:

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Which of the following statements comes closest to your own views about religion?

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26	Only one religion is true
48	Many religions may be true
18	There is little truth in any religion
6	There is no truth in any religion
1	No answer

CHR_INFL1**ASK ALL:**

Do you think Christianity's influence on American life is...

May 5-11, <u>2025</u>		Feb 4-15, <u>2020</u>
27	Increasing	19
48	Decreasing	53
24	Not changing very much	27
1	No answer	1

CHR_INFL1_FOL**ASK IF SAID CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE IS CHANGING (CHR_INFL1=1,2):**

All in all, do you think it's a good thing or a bad thing that Christianity's influence is [**PN: IF CHR_INFL1=1 INSERT "increasing"; IF CHR_INFL1=2 INSERT "decreasing"]?**

BASED ON TOTAL

May 5-11, <u>2025</u>	
27	Increasing
13	Good thing
11	Bad thing
2	Doesn't make a difference
*	No answer
48	Decreasing
7	Good thing
32	Bad thing
8	Doesn't make a difference
*	No answer
24	Not changing very much
1	No answer

INTERVENING QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ESSENT**ASK ALL:**

[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN EACH SCREEN; INCLUDE BOTH RANDOMIZATIONS IN DATA FILE]

How important is each of the following to what being [PN: IF CONFIRMSUCCESS=1 AND X_RELIG_W162=1-4, INSERT "Christian"; IF CONFIRMSUCCESS=1 AND X_RELIG_W162=5, INSERT "Jewish"; IF CONFIRMSUCCESS=1 AND X_RELIG_W162=6, INSERT "Muslim"; IF CONFIRMSUCCESS=1 AND X_RELIG_W162=7, INSERT "Buddhist"; IF CONFIRMSUCCESS=1 AND X_RELIG_W162=8, INSERT "Hindu"; OTHERWISE INSERT "a good person"] means to you?¹

		<u>Essential</u>	Important, but not <u>essential</u>	Not <u>important</u>	No <u>answer</u>
SCREEN 1					
a.	Believing in God				
	May 5-11, 2025				
	Confirmed religiously affiliated ² [N=5,922]	83	14	3	*
	Religiously unaffiliated ³ [N=2,432]	11	18	70	1
b.	Attending religious services regularly				
	May 5-11, 2025				
	Confirmed religiously affiliated [N=5,922]	28	51	21	*
	Religiously unaffiliated [N=2,432]	3	13	84	*
c.	Continuing family traditions				
	May 5-11, 2025				
	Confirmed religiously affiliated [N=5,922]	30	53	17	*
	Religiously unaffiliated [N=2,432]	13	55	31	*
d.	Treating people with kindness				
	May 5-11, 2025				
	Confirmed religiously affiliated [N=5,922]	85	14	1	*
	Religiously unaffiliated [N=2,432]	87	11	1	*
e.	Being honest				
	May 5-11, 2025				
	Confirmed religiously affiliated [N=5,922]	86	12	1	*
	Religiously unaffiliated [N=2,432]	84	14	1	*

¹ Some of the items in this battery were asked about in [two previous surveys](#), but the results are not comparable due to differences in how the question was asked in the latest survey (May 2025). Respondents who received this question were first asked to confirm their religious identity after being asked about it in a [February 2025 survey](#). Respondents were then asked whether each item in the battery is essential to being Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist or Hindu if they identified with one of those religious groups in both the current survey and the February 2025 survey. Respondents who do not identify with one of those religions or did not confirm their religious identity from the February 2025 survey were asked what is essential to being "a good person." In the previous surveys that asked this question, respondents were not asked to confirm their religious identity, religiously unaffiliated respondents did not receive the question, and those who identified as something other than Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist or Hindu were asked what is essential to being "faithful to your religious tradition."

² "Confirmed religiously affiliated" includes respondents who told us that they were Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist or Hindu in the February 2025 survey and confirmed this identity on the May 2025 survey that asked about the above items. It does not include those who said their religion is "Something else" in the February 2025 survey or those who did not confirm their religion in the May 2025 survey.

³ "Religiously unaffiliated" includes those who identify religiously as atheist, agnostic or "nothing in particular." All religiously unaffiliated respondents were asked ESSENT_a-h, regardless of whether they confirmed their religious identity.

ESSENT CONTINUED ...**ASK ALL:**

[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN EACH SCREEN; INCLUDE BOTH RANDOMIZATIONS IN DATA FILE]

		<u>Essential</u>	Important, but not <u>essential</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>important</u>	<u>No</u> <u>answer</u>
SCREEN 2					
f.	Loving your country				
	May 5-11, 2025				
	Confirmed religiously affiliated [N=5,922]	29	46	24	1
	Religiously unaffiliated [N=2,432]	16	43	40	*
g.	Being part of a community				
	May 5-11, 2025				
	Confirmed religiously affiliated [N=5,922]	34	56	10	*
	Religiously unaffiliated [N=2,432]	21	62	17	1
h.	Helping those in need				
	May 5-11, 2025				
	Confirmed religiously affiliated [N=5,922]	67	31	2	*
	Religiously unaffiliated [N=2,432]	59	38	3	*
IF CONFIRMED RELIGION AND CHRISTIAN (X_RELIG_W162=1-4 AND CONFIRMSUCCESS=1)					
[N=5,313]					
i.	Having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ				
	May 5-11, 2025	76	18	5	*

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