

A Religious Portrait of African-Americans

Appendix: Detailed Tables

Importance of Religion					
	Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	Don't <u>know/Ref</u>
<i>Among...</i>	%	%	%	%	%
African-Americans	79	15	3	2	0=100
Protestants	86	13	1	1	0=100
Members of hist. black churches	85	13	1	1	0=100
Members of evangelical churches	89	10	1	0	0=100
Members of mainline churches	76	20	1	2	1=100
Catholics	66	31	1	1	1=100
Unaffiliated	45	26	15	11	2=100
Total population	56	26	9	7	1=100
Protestants	70	23	5	2	1=100
Members of hist. black churches	85	13	1	1	0=100
Members of evangelical churches	79	17	2	1	1=100
Members of mainline churches	52	35	9	3	1=100
Catholics	56	34	7	2	1=100
Unaffiliated	16	25	25	33	2=100

Source: Pew Forum U.S. Religious Landscape Survey, conducted in 2007, released in 2008

Question wording: *How important is religion in your life – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?*

Abortion

	Legal all cases	Legal most cases	Net legal	Illegal most cases	Illegal <u>all</u> cases	Net illegal	DK/Ref
<i>Among...</i>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
African-Americans	18	31	49	23	21	44	8=100
Protestants	17	30	47	24	21	45	8=100
Members of hist. black churches	18	30	48	22	22	44	8=100
Members of evangelical churches	14	27	41	32	22	53	6=100
Members of mainline churches	19	34	52	23	13	37	11=100
Catholics	23	35	59	22	13	35	6=100
Unaffiliated	24	35	59	17	17	34	8=100
Total population	18	33	51	27	16	42	6=100
Protestants	14	31	45	30	18	49	6=100
Members of hist. black churches	18	29	47	23	23	45	8=100
Members of evangelical churches	9	24	33	36	25	61	6=100
Members of mainline churches	20	42	62	25	7	32	7=100
Catholics	16	32	48	27	18	45	7=100
Unaffiliated	29	41	70	16	8	24	6=100

Source: Pew Forum U.S. Religious Landscape Survey, conducted in 2007, released in 2008

Question wording: *Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases? [RESPONSE OPTIONS READ IN REVERSE ORDER TO HALF OF SAMPLE]*

Religious Commitment and Abortion

	Legal all <u>cases</u>	Legal most <u>cases</u>	Net legal	Illegal most <u>cases</u>	Illegal all <u>cases</u>	Net illegal	<u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Among African-Americans...</i>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Religion very important	16	29	45	24	23	47	8=100
All others	27	35	62	20	11	31	7=100
Attend worship at least weekly	14	27	41	26	25	51	8=100
All others	23	35	57	19	16	35	7=100
<i>Among total population...</i>							
Religion very important	12	26	37	32	23	56	7=100
All others	26	43	69	19	6	26	5=100
Attend worship at least weekly	10	23	33	35	26	61	6=100
All others	23	40	63	22	9	31	6=100

Source: 2007 Pew Forum U.S. Religious Landscape Survey

Question wording: *Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases?* [RESPONSE OPTIONS READ IN REVERSE ORDER TO HALF OF SAMPLE]

Homosexuality

<i>Among...</i>	<i>Homosexuality should be...</i>			
	<u>Accepted by society</u>	<u>Discouraged by society</u>	<u>Neither/Both equally</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused</u>
	%	%	%	%
African-Americans	41	46	6	7=100
Protestants	39	48	6	7=100
Members of hist. black churches	40	46	6	8=100
Members of evangelical churches	32	58	5	5=100
Members of mainline churches	43	42	9	5=100
Catholics	54	37	4	6=100
Unaffiliated	57	32	5	6=100
Total population	50	40	5	5=100
Protestants	38	51	5	5=100
Members of hist. black churches	39	46	6	8=100
Members of evangelical churches	26	64	5	5=100
Members of mainline churches	56	34	6	5=100
Catholics	58	30	5	7=100
Unaffiliated	71	20	5	5=100

Source: Pew Forum U.S. Religious Landscape Survey, conducted in 2007, released in 2008

Question wording: *Now I'm going to read you a few pairs of statements. For each pair, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right. 1 - Homosexuality is a way of life that should be accepted by society OR 2 - Homosexuality is a way of life that should be discouraged by society.*

Homosexuality and Religious Commitment

	<i>Homosexuality should be...</i>			
	Accepted by <u>society</u> %	Discouraged <u>by society</u> %	Neither/Both <u>equally</u> %	Don't <u>know/Ref</u> %
<i>Among African-Americans...</i>				
Religion very important	36	50	6	8=100
All others	61	29	5	4=100
Attend worship at least weekly	31	56	6	6=100
All others	52	34	5	8=100
<i>Among total population...</i>				
Religion very important	36	52	6	6=100
All others	67	23	5	4=100
Attend worship at least weekly	33	57	5	6=100
All others	61	28	5	5=100

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Party Affiliation

<i>Among...</i>	<u>Rep./Lean Rep.</u>	<u>Dem./Lean Dem.</u>	<u>Ind./other/DK</u>
	%	%	%
African-Americans	10	76	14=100
Protestants	9	79	12=100
Members of hist. black churches	9	80	12=100
Members of evangelical churches	11	76	14=100
Members of mainline churches	8	78	14=100
Catholics	17	74	9=100
Unaffiliated	14	68	19=100
Total population	35	47	18=100
Protestants	42	43	15=100
Members of hist. black churches	10	77	12=100
Members of evangelical churches	50	34	16=100
Members of mainline churches	41	43	15=100
Catholics	33	48	19=100
Unaffiliated	23	55	23=100

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Question wording: *In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent? [IF INDEPENDENT/OTHER/DON'T KNOW, ASK] As of today, do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?*