FAITH/RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

For the most part I don't think it matters what kind of church one attends.

8.2%	Strongly agree
45.4	Agree
30.2	Disagree
8.9	Strongly disagree
7.2	Not sure

I think a person should do what they think is right for them, even if it means going against the teachings of their church.

6.7%	Strongly agree
26.0	Agree
42.6	Disagree
13.3	Strongly disagree
11.5	Not sure

I don't think any church is much help when it comes to dealing with daily life.

1.7%	Strongly agree
4.4	Agree
52.5	Disagree
38.0	Strongly disagree
3.3	Not sure

Which of the following terms best describes your current stand on ***theological*** issues?

4.6%	Very conservative
34.3	Conservative
47.9	Moderate
11.4	Liberal
1.8	Very liberal

Do you believe that some or all of the Bible was inspired by God?

97.9%	Yes
2.1	No

The account of Creation presented in Genesis: (Mark the ***one*** that best describes your view.)

8.8%	Is literally true, exactly as we find it in the Bible–that is, it took six 24-hour periods for God to create the world
62.3	Is a true account of how God created the world
29.0	Reflects human feelings about how the world might have been created

Which statement best summarizes your view of the Bible? (Mark only ***one***.)

30.3%	The Bible is entirely accurate without error of any kind
50.0	The Bible is without error of any kind in spiritual matters, but there are problems in other areas such as science and history
19.7	The Bible contains errors in both spiritual and secular matters

Which statement comes closest to your view of the Bible? (Mark ***one*** only.)

23.9%	The Bible is the word of God, to be taken literally word for word
26.8	The Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical and cultural context
42.5	The Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical context and the Church's teachings
3.8	The Bible is not the word of God, but contains God's word to us
0.6	The Bible is not the word of God but is a valuable book
0.1	The Bible is an ancient book with little value today
2.2	Don't know

An individual should arrive at his or her own religious beliefs independent of any church.

12.7%	Strongly agree
31.4	Agree
25.4	Neutral or unsure
25.9	Disagree
4.6	Strongly disagree

There is a life beyond death.

63.2%	Strongly agree
29.8	Agree
5.9	Neutral or unsure
0.5	Disagree
0.5	Strongly disagree

The only absolute Truth for humankind is in Jesus Christ.

47.1%	Strongly agree
39.4	Agree
10.5	Neutral or unsure
2.1	Disagree
0.9	Strongly disagree

Only followers of Jesus Christ can be saved.

21.8%	Strongly agree
27.4	Agree
26.9	Neutral or unsure
18.5	Disagree
5.4	Strongly disagree

Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "All the different religions are equally good ways of helping a person find ultimate truth"?

12.9%	Strongly agree
41.2	Agree
21.0	Neutral or unsure
17.9	Disagree
7.0	Strongly disagree

The Devil (Satan) really exists.

37.8%	Strongly agree
40.8	Agree
17.0	Neutral or unsure
3.9	Disagree
0.0	Strongly disagree

Jesus was born of a virgin.

53.0%	Strongly agree
37.3	Agree
8.3	Neutral or unsure
1.2	Disagree
0.2	Strongly disagree

God may suspend the laws of the universe to intervene in human affairs.

26.3%	Strongly agree
37.6	Agree
28.4	Neutral or unsure
6.3	Disagree
1.4	Strongly disagree

Do you believe that Jesus will return to earth some day?

81.7%	Yes
3.7	No
14.6	Neutral or unsure

Do you agree or disagree: "People should remain loyal to one denomination throughout their adult lives"?

7.0%	Strongly agree
21.8	Agree
40.8	Neutral or unsure
27.1	Disagree
3.3	Strongly disagree

Which best summarizes your belief about God? (Mark ***one*** only.)

91.1%	There is ***one*** God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
1.9	There is one God, but ***not*** in three persons
0.0	There is not one God, but many gods
3.1	"God" is the name we give to a mysterious power or creative principle in the universe
2.2	We are all part of an ultimate essence or reality which can be called "God"
0.2	We cannot know for sure whether God exists
0.0	God does not exist
0.9	None of these statements reflect my views about God
0.7	Don't know

Jesus Christ was both fully God and fully human.

61.1%	Strongly agree
30.9	Agree
7.4	Neutral or unsure
0.5	Disagree
0.0	Strongly disagree

Jesus' resurrection from the dead was an actual historical event.

62.8%	Strongly agree
31.3	Agree
5.4	Neutral or unsure
0.5	Disagree
0.0	Strongly disagree

Jesus was born of a virgin. (repeat)

61.0%	Strongly agree
31.0	Agree
6.9	Neutral or unsure
0.9	Disagree
0.2	Strongly disagree

There is a life beyond death. (repeat)

66.1%	Strongly agree
27.8	Agree
5.9	Neutral or unsure
0.2	Disagree
0.0	Strongly disagree

What is your opinion of "speaking in tongues'' as it is practiced today?

9.1%	I strongly disapprove
11.7	I disapprove
41.5	I neither approve nor disapprove
6.9	I approve, but do not speak in tongues myself
1.4	I approve, and have spoken in tongues myself
0.5	I think it is necessary for all Christians
28.8	Don't know

Some people feel they came to faith gradually. For others, it began at a definite moment of commitment. Have you ever experienced such a moment of decisive faith commitment or conversion?

52.8%	No, I've had faith for as long as I can remember
25.5	No, I came to faith through a gradual process
3.3	Yes, at one specific moment in the last 5 years
5.8	Yes, at one specific moment more than 5 years ago
8.3	Yes, a number of specific moments of commitment or re-commitment
4.4	Not sure or not applicable

Do you identify with any of the following approaches to faith? (Mark up to ***two*** options.)

20.9	Catholic	1.3	Pentecostal	3.4	Liberal
31.0	Evangelical	1.3	Fundamentalist	1.2	New Age
3.3	Reformed	13.0	Traditionalist		
1.4	Charismatic	6.7	Moderate		
25.6	I do not identify with such descriptions				

SCIENTIFIC BELIEFS

Human beings, as we know them today, developed from earlier species of animals.

5.9%	Strongly agree
18.3	Agree
27.7	Neutral or unsure
28.8	Disagree
19.4	Strongly disagree

The universe began with a big explosion.

3.9%	Strongly agree
10.0	Agree
42.9	Neutral or unsure
26.3	Disagree
16.9	Strongly disagree

Which statement best describes your views about theories of evolution?

31.8% I do not believe in evolution. The world was created in six days as described in the Bible.
42.1 I think evolution and the biblical account of creation can be reconciled.
11.9 I accept evolutionary theory and see the biblical account of creation as largely symbolic.
14.1 I am unsure.

SOCIAL-POLITICAL BELIEFS

Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

70.9% Most people can be trusted
25.0 You can't be too careful
4.1 Don't know

How much confidence do you have in the following institutions in this country?

	A Great Deal	Only Some	Hardly Any	Don't Know
The churches	75.5%	23.3	0.2	1.0
The armed forces	61.3	33.6	2.5	2.7
The press	4.2	52.9	41.0	1.9
Television	4.0	48.6	45.5	1.9
Labor unions	7.6	39.6	37.6	15.3
The police	49.8	45.5	3.5	1.2
The government in Washington	14.8	63.4	18.8	3.0
Political parties	3.7	52.8	40.0	3.5
Congress	10.2	64.6	21.3	3.9
Major companies	7.3	58.8	27.5	6.4
The education system	28.4	60.9	8.7	1.9
The health care system	19.9	61.4	16.3	2.4
The justice system	17.5	64.6	15.4	2.5
The environmental movement	15.7	58.0	20.3	6.0
The women's movement	11.5	51.6	25.8	11.1
The United Nations	20.0	53.8	18.6	7.7

Do you favor or oppose each of the following in ***public schools***?

	Favor	Oppose
Allowing schools to post the Ten Commandments	75.3%	24.7
Teaching creation ***along with*** evolution	74.7	25.3
Teaching creation ***instead of*** evolution	29.9	70.1
Allowing students to say prayers at graduation ceremonies as part of the official program	91.0	9.0
Making facilities available after school hours for use by student religious groups	86.1	13.9
Using the Bible in literature classes	75.6	24.4
Allowing daily prayer to be spoken in classroom	73.7	26.3

Do you think the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

62.6% More strict
4.7 Less strict
25.1 Kept as they are now
7.5 Not sure

Under what circumstances do you think abortion should be legal? (Mark ***all*** that should be legal.)

80.8% Woman's life is in danger
56.4 Woman's physical health is in danger
42.6 Woman's mental health is in danger
69.4 Pregnancy caused by rape or incest
31.6 Evidence the baby is mentally-impaired
27.9 Evidence the baby is physically-impaired
12.9 Woman or family cannot afford the baby
15.7 Woman does not want the baby
9.7 Abortion should ***never*** be legal

Are there any cases in which you believe persons convicted of murder should receive the death penalty?

14.7% No, we should ***never*** use the death penalty
60.9 Yes, ***in some extreme cases*** those convicted of murder should receive the death penalty
12.1 Yes, ***all*** persons convicted of murder should receive the death penalty
12.3 Not sure

Do you think a person has the right to end his or her own life if this person . . .	**Yes**	**No**
Has an incurable life-threatening disease?	46.9%	53.1
Is in chronic pain?	37.6	62.4
Is tired of living and ready to die?	18.6	81.4

Are there any circumstances in which competent doctors should be allowed by law to end a patient's life through mercy killing or euthanasia?

38.1% Yes
33.0 No
28.9 Not sure

Do you agree or disagree: "Homosexuals should have the right to marry one another"?

7.3% Strongly agree
11.7 Agree
22.2 Neutral or unsure
25.9 Disagree
33.0 Strongly disagree

Should homosexuals be allowed to be ordained as ministers, pastors, or priests within your own faith or denomination?

23.2% Yes, under any circumstances
9.8 Yes, only if they are ***not*** sexually active
41.0 No
23.8 Not sure
2.3 We do not ordain people to the ministry

Do you agree or disagree: "Gay partners living in a committed relationship should be entitled to the same rights and benefits as couples in traditional marriages"?

10.2% Strongly agree
17.7 Agree
23.9 Neutral or unsure
27.0 Disagree
21.3 Strongly disagree

Do you agree or disagree: "Homosexuality should be considered an acceptable alternative lifestyle"?

9.2% Strongly agree
18.0 Agree
28.6 Neutral or unsure
22.1 Disagree
22.1 Strongly disagree

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or what?

47.8% Republican
30.5 Democrat
20.7 Independent
0.9 Other (specify):_____

Do you think it is wrong or not wrong for a man and woman to have sexual relations before marriage?

31.6% Always wrong
20.0 Usually wrong
19.7 Sometimes wrong
14.7 Not wrong at all
14.0 Not sure

Do you think it is wrong or not wrong for a married person to have sexual relations with someone other than his or her husband or wife?

89.2% Always wrong
7.1 Usually wrong
1.8 Sometimes wrong
0.5 Not wrong at all
1.4 Not sure

In general, what is your opinion of legalized gambling or betting?

17.8% Approve
44.6 Mixed feeling–both approve and disapprove
32.3 Disapprove
5.3 Unsure

Should women be allowed to be ordained as ministers, pastors, or priests within your own faith or denomination?

92.4% Yes
2.6 No
4.9 Not sure
0.0 We do not ordain people to the ministry