

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

FINAL TOPLINE
2014 U.S. RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPE STUDY
RECONTACT SURVEY
March 17-May 6, 2015
N=5,000

NOTE: FOR FULL QUESTION WORDING, SEE THE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

QUESTIONS Q.A1-Q.A4 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

Q.B1 Thinking about when you were growing up, who were you raised by? Just stop me when I get to the right response. Were you raised **MOSTLY [READ IN ORDER]**?

by your biological mother and father [OR]
 by a biological parent and a stepparent [OR]
 by two adoptive parents [OR]
 by a single parent [OR]
 in another way, such as by your grandparents or other family members
[VOL. – DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused

ASK IF RAISED BY A BIOLOGICAL PARENT AND A STEPPARENT:

Q.B2a Were you raised by **[READ IN ORDER]**?

your mother and stepfather [OR]
 your father and stepmother
[VOL. – DO NOT READ] in another way **(SPECIFY)**
[VOL. – DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused

ASK IF RAISED BY SINGLE PARENT:

Q.B2b Were you raised by **[READ IN ORDER]**?

your mother
 your father [OR]
 someone else **(SPECIFY)**
[VOL. – DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused

ASK IF RAISED IN A DIFFERENT WAY:

Q.B2c **IF RESPONDENT GIVES OPEN ENDED ANSWER IN Q.B1 ENTER IT HERE, OTHERWISE READ:** When you were growing up, who were you raised by?

One parent or guardian **(SPECIFY)**
 More than one parent or guardian **(SPECIFY)**
 Number of guardians is unclear **(SPECIFY)**
[VOL. – DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused

NOTE: COMBINED RESULTS FOR Q.B1 THROUGH Q.B2c ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW**BASED ON TOTAL**

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85	NET Raised by two or more people
76	Biological mother and father
5	Biological mother and stepfather
1	Biological father and stepmother
1	Two adoptive parents
3	Raised by two or more people-other arrangement
13	NET Raised by a single person
11	Single mother
1	Single father
2	Other
1	Number of guardians is unclear
<1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF R WAS RAISED BY MOTHER/STEPMOTHER AND FATHER/STEPFATHER OR TWO ADOPTIVE PARENTS [N=4,277]:

Q.B3 Which of your parents was more responsible for your religious upbringing? Your [mother/stepmother], your [father/stepfather], or did they share this about equally?

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34	Mother/stepmother
5	Father/stepfather
56	Shared about equally
4	Not raised in any religion (VOL.)
<1	Undesignated ¹
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

INTERVENING QUESTIONS (HISP1 THROUGH Q.B13) ASKED ABOUT THE RACE AND RELIGION OF THE PARENT(S) OF THE RESPONDENT. FULL QUESTION WORDING AVAILABLE IN THE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

¹ For some questions asked of a subset of eligible respondents and filtered on previous questions subject to backcoding, the term "undesignated" is used to denote those respondents who did not receive the question even though they should have received it.

SUMMARY TABLE: PARENT RELIGION**BASED ON RESPONDENTS WHO GAVE COMPLETE INFORMATION ABOUT THE RELIGION OF THE PERSON OR PEOPLE WHO RAISED THEM [N=4,852]**

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2015**21 NET Raised by two people w/different religions**

9	Both religiously affiliated
6	One Protestant, one Catholic
3	Other combination
12	One religiously affiliated, one religious "none"
7	One "none," one Protestant
3	One "none," one Catholic
1	One "none," one other religion

79 NET Raised in single religious background

65	By two parents
34	Both Protestant
21	Both Catholic
6	Both other religion
4	Both "none"
14	By single parent
7	Who was Protestant
4	Who was Catholic
1	Who identified with other religion
2	Who was "none"

NO Q.B14**ASK IF R HAD MORE THAN ONE PARENT [N=4,393]:**

Q.B15 When you were growing up how much did your parents [or guardians] talk about religion, if at all?

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31	A lot
37	Some
24	Not much
7	Not at all
1	Undesignated
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF R HAD MORE THAN ONE PARENT [N=4,393]:

Q.B16 As far as you know, how much did your parents [or guardians] disagree with each other about religion, if at all?

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5	A lot
9	Some
24	Not much
57	Not at all
1	Undesignated
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.B17 When you were growing up, how important was religion to you personally– very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

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37	Very important
35	Somewhat important
18	Not too important
9	Not at all important
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.B18 And when you were growing up, how important was religion to your family– very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important? **IF RESPONDENT SAYS IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR ONE PARENT BUT NOT BOTH, ASK:** How important was religion to your family overall?

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45	Very important
35	Somewhat important
14	Not too important
6	Not at all important
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.B19 Do you think of yourself as having been raised in more than one religion, or not?

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11	Yes, raised in more than one religion
87	No, not raised in more than one religion
1	Raised in no religion (VOL.)
<1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF R WAS RAISED IN MORE THAN ONE RELIGION [N=516]:Q.B20 In what way were you raised in more than one religion? (**SPECIFY**)**NOTE: RESULTS MAY NOT SUM TO 100% OR TO SUBTOTALS INDICATED BECAUSE MULTIPLE RESPONSES WERE PERMITTED**

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49	NET Exposure to multiple faiths
31	Family members of various religions
7	Was taught/studied multiple religions
5	Close friend/neighbors of various religions
4	Went to religious school/camp/etc. for a different religion
3	Exposure – miscellaneous
28	NET Multiple faiths at one time
9	Went to multiple churches at the same time
3	Practiced elements of multiple faiths
2	Went to church different from own
2	Accepted beliefs from multiple religions
1	All religions are the same/all religions are right
1	Open minded/spiritual but not religious
10	Other multiple faiths at once
18	NET Religious switching
11	Respondent/family switched religions
4	Respondent/family switched churches
3	Other switching
7	Unclear
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

Q.B21 Do you CURRENTLY think of yourself as belonging to more than one religion, or not?

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6	Yes, think of self as belonging to more than one religion
90	No, do not belong to more than one religion
3	Not part of any religion (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF R CURRENTLY IN MORE THAN ONE RELIGION [N=318]:Q.B22 In what way do you think of yourself as belonging to more than one religion? (**SPECIFY**)**NOTE: RESULTS MAY NOT SUM TO 100% OR TO SUBTOTALS INDICATED BECAUSE MULTIPLE RESPONSES WERE PERMITTED**

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57	NET Multiple faiths at one time
14	All religions are the same/all religions are right
12	Went/go to multiple churches at the same time
10	Accept beliefs from multiple religions
5	Open minded/spiritual but not religious
4	Practiced/practice elements of multiple faiths
3	Went/go to church different from own
11	Other multiple faiths at once
13	NET Religious switching
8	Respondent/family switched religions
4	Searching for a new religion
1	Respondent/family switched churches
12	NET Exposure to multiple faiths
7	Family members of various religions
2	Was taught/studied/studies multiple religions
1	Close friend/neighbors of various religions
2	Exposure - miscellaneous
12	Unclear
7	No answer

QUESTIONS Q.C1-Q.C13 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**READ TO ALL:** Moving on to our last topic, we have some questions about marriage and raising children**ASK ALL:**

Q.D1 Here is a list of things which some people think make for a successful marriage. Please tell me, for each one, whether you think it is very important, somewhat important, or not important for a successful marriage. First, how important is **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE a-f, c should never be first, g should always be last]** for a successful marriage – very important, somewhat important, or not important? Next, how important is **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE a-f, c should never be first, g should always be last]** for a successful marriage? How about **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE a-f, c should never be first, g should always be last]**.

READ EVERY FEW ITEMS AND AS NECESSARY: How important is this for a successful marriage—very important, somewhat important, or not important?

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref.
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a. an adequate income	46	45	7	1
b. agreement on politics	16	48	35	2
c. a satisfying sexual relationship	63	33	3	1
d. sharing household chores	61	34	4	1
e. having children	41	32	25	2
f. having shared interests	66	32	2	<1
g. shared religious beliefs	44	38	17	1

READ TO ALL MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER ²

Last year you told us you were [married/living with a partner].

ASK ALL MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER [N=3,574]:

Q.D2 Would you say your [spouse/partner] is [READ IN ORDER TO RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE, REVERSE ORDER OF 1 AND 2 TO OTHER HALF OF SAMPLE]:

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19	More religious than you
21	Less religious than you
58	About as religious as you
1	[VOL. – DO NOT READ] No longer married/no longer together
1	[VOL. – DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL CURRENTLY MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER THAT ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR [N=2,344]:

Q.D3 When you attend religious services, is it typically with your [spouse/partner], or not?

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77	Yes
23	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL CURRENTLY MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER [N=3,533]:

Q.D4 How much do you and your [spouse/partner] talk about religion, if at all?

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25	A lot
40	Some
26	Not much
8	Not at all
<1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL CURRENTLY MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER [N=3,533]:

Q.D5 How much do you and your [spouse/partner] disagree about religion, if at all?

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5	A lot
16	Some
33	Not much
45	Not at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

² Data on respondent's marital status for questions Q.D2 through Q.D6b drawn from 2014 U.S. Religious Landscape Study. See corresponding [topline](#) for full results for the question (MARITAL).

ASK IF MARRIED [N=3,166]:

Q.D6a Thinking about when you got married, how important a factor was your spouse's religion in deciding whether to marry them? Was it **[READ LIST]**

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27	Very important
21	Somewhat important
17	Not too important or
34	Not at all important
1	[VOL. – DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused

ASK IF UNMARRIED [N=1,808]:

Q.D6b If you were considering marriage, how important a factor do you think your potential spouse's religion would be in deciding whether to marry them? Would it be **[READ LIST]**? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY ARE CURRENTLY MARRIED, ASK "Thinking about when you got married, how important a factor was your spouse's religion in deciding whether to marry them? Was it [AND THEN RE-READ LIST]?"**

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33	Very important
29	Somewhat important
17	Not too important or
19	Not at all important
2	[VOL. – DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused

READ TO ALL PARENTS [N=1,419]³:

Last year you told us you were the parent or guardian of [a child/children] under 18 living in your home.

ASK ALL PARENTS WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR [N=974]⁴:

Q.D7 When you attend religious services, is it typically with [this child/any of these children], or not?

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88	Yes
11	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL PARENTS [N=1,419]:

Q.D8 Would you say you are more responsible for your [child's/children's] religious upbringing, that your [spouse/partner/child's other parent/children's other parent] is more responsible for their religious upbringing, or do you share this about equally?

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26	Respondent does more
8	Spouse/partner/other parent does more
64	Share about equally
<1	Someone else does it (VOL.)
<1	Depends on which child/parent (VOL.)
1	There is no other parent (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

³ Data on parenthood drawn from 2014 U.S. Religious Landscape Study. See the corresponding [topline](#) for full results for the question (CHILDREN).

⁴ Frequency of attendance at religious services drawn from 2014 U.S. Religious Landscape Study. See corresponding [topline](#) for full results for the question (ATTEND).

ASK IF PARENT AND AFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION [N=1,035]:

Q.D9a Are you raising your [child/children] in:

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86	Your current religion [OR]
1	another religion [OR]
3	more than one religion [OR]
8	with no religion
<1	[VOL. – DO NOT READ] Some children in your current religion and some not
1	[VOL. – DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused

ASK IF PARENT AND UNAFFILIATED [N=384]:

Q.D9b Are you raising your [child/children] in:

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31	A religion [OR]
9	more than one religion [OR]
56	with no religion
1	[VOL. – DO NOT READ] Depends on which child
4	[VOL. – DO NOT READ] Don't know/Refused

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2014 RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPE STUDY (RLS-II)

TOPLINE

June 4-September 30, 2014

N=35,071

Note: figures may not sum to 100 due to rounding. Some questions previously released with the [first](#), [second](#) or [third](#) report on the Religious Landscape Study's findings.

ASK IF R IS PARENT/GUARDIAN OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS:

Q.K10 As I read a list, please tell me if you do any of the following things with **[IF ONE CHILD, INSERT: your child; IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD, INSERT: your children]**. First, do you **[INSERT IN ORDER]**? Next, do you **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**?

- a. Pray or read the Scripture with **[IF ONE CHILD, INSERT: your child; IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD: any of your children]**?

		Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused (VOL)	Total	Sample size
Total with children in home	2014	63	36	*	100	8,366
	2007	63	36	1	100	10,705
Evangelical tradition	2014	85	15	*	100	2,175
	2007	81	19	*	100	2,851
Mainline tradition	2014	63	37	*	100	1,218
	2007	61	38	1	100	1,861
Historically black Protestant tradition	2014	85	15	0	100	487
	2007	77	22	*	100	670
Catholic	2014	64	36	*	100	1,761
	2007	63	37	*	100	2,678
Mormon	2014	93	7	0	100	242
	2007	91	9	0	100	249
Jewish	2014	49	51	*	100	184
	2007	41	59	0	100	167
Other faiths	2014	34	66	0	100	129
	2007	40	59	1	100	126
Unaffiliated	2014	28	72	*	100	1,744
	2007	31	68	1	100	1,502
Orthodox Christian, Jehovah's Witness, Other Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu not shown due to insufficient sample size.						

ASK IF R IS PARENT/GUARDIAN OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS:

Q.K10 As I read a list, please tell me if you do any of the following things with **[IF ONE CHILD, INSERT: your child; IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD, INSERT: your children]**. First, do you **[INSERT IN ORDER]**? Next, do you **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**?

- b. Send **[IF ONE CHILD, INSERT: your child; IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD, INSERT: any of your children]** to Sunday school or another religious education program?

		Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused (VOL)	Total	Sample size
Total with children in home	2014	55	44	1	100	8,366
	2007	60	40	1	100	10,705
Evangelical tradition	2014	77	23	1	100	2,175
	2007	79	21	*	100	2,851
Mainline tradition	2014	59	41	1	100	1,218
	2007	62	37	*	100	1,861
Historically black Protestant tradition	2014	73	27	*	100	487
	2007	77	22	1	100	670
Catholic	2014	50	49	1	100	1,761
	2007	51	48	*	100	2,678
Mormon	2014	87	13	0	100	242
	2007	90	10	0	100	249
Jewish	2014	62	38	0	100	184
	2007	56	44	0	100	167
Other faiths	2014	37	61	1	100	129
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ASK IF R IS PARENT/GUARDIAN OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS:

Q.K10 As I read a list, please tell me if you do any of the following things with **[IF ONE CHILD, INSERT: your child; IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD, INSERT: your children]**. First, do you **[INSERT IN ORDER]**? Next, do you **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**?

- c. home school or send **[IF ONE CHILD, INSERT: your child; IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD, INSERT: any of your children]** to a religious school instead of a public school?

		Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused (VOL)	Total	Sample size
Total with children in home	2014	15	85	1	100	8,366
	2007	15	85	1	100	10,705
Evangelical tradition	2014	19	80	1	100	2,175
	2007	18	81	1	100	2,851
Mainline tradition	2014	11	88	1	100	1,218
	2007	10	89	1	100	1,861
Historically black Protestant tradition	2014	13	86	1	100	487
	2007	11	89	*	100	670
Catholic	2014	18	81	*	100	1,761
	2007	20	79	1	100	2,678
Mormon	2014	11	89	0	100	242
	2007	6	94	0	100	249
Jewish	2014	32	68	0	100	184
	2007	27	73	0	100	167
Other faiths	2014	14	85	1	100	129
	2007	10	90	0	100	126
Unaffiliated	2014	7	92	1	100	1,744
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Orthodox Christian, Jehovah's Witness, Other Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu not shown due to insufficient sample size.						

ASK IF R IS PARENT/GUARDIAN OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS:

Q.K10 As I read a list, please tell me if you do any of the following things with **[IF ONE CHILD, INSERT: your child; IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD, INSERT: your children]**. First, do you **[INSERT IN ORDER]**? Next, do you **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**?

d. and **[IF ONE CHILD, INSERT: your child; IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD, INSERT: any of your children]** do volunteer work together?

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Refused (VOL)	Total	Sample size
Total with children in home	46	54	*	100	8,366
Evangelical tradition	50	50	*	100	2,175
Mainline tradition	49	50	1	100	1,218
Historically black Protestant tradition	41	58	*	100	487
Catholic	43	56	1	100	1,761
Mormon	71	29	0	100	242
Jewish	50	49	1	100	184
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