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Majority of Americans say religion and spirituality can bring people together

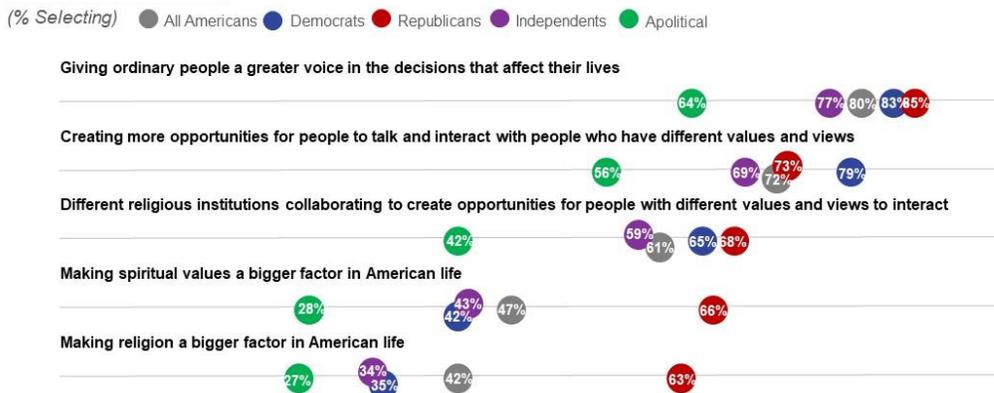
Yet half say religious institutions have too much political influence

Topline Findings

Washington, D.C., December 6, 2022 – This Public Agenda/Ipsos poll examines the intersection between religion, spirituality, and political divisiveness in the United States. The poll finds that most Americans are concerned about political divisiveness between ordinary people. While Americans agree that religion and spirituality can play a role in bringing people together, more say giving ordinary people a greater voice in decisions that affect their lives is effective in reducing divisiveness and destructive disagreements.

Americans say giving ordinary people a greater voice in decisions that affect their lives is more effective in reducing divisiveness than spirituality or religion

How effective or ineffective do you think the following would be in reducing divisiveness or destructive disagreements in the United States?*



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Base: All Americans (N=2,219); Democrats (N=829); Republicans (N=600); Independents (N=578); Apolitical (N=212)

*Note: Differences in vertical plotting locations are intended to ease data visualization and do not have data implications.



Detailed Findings

1. A majority of Americans, regardless of party, are concerned about political divisiveness between ordinary people. Half attribute divisions among political leaders to a limited common ground between Americans.
 - Eight in ten—and a majority within each party—say political hostility and divisiveness between ordinary Americans is a serious problem, and nearly half (48%) say it is very serious.
 - Fifty-one percent of Americans agree that the main reason our political leaders are divided is because there is not much common ground among Americans.



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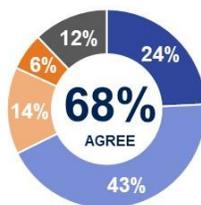
2. That being said, most Americans say there is more common ground among the American people than is portrayed by politicians or the news media. A majority is optimistic about finding common ground and about people doing the right thing.
 - Seven in ten (68%) say there is more in common among Americans than the news media or political leaders portray. Although, more Republicans (76%) than Democrats (68%) and Independents (67%) agree with this sentiment.
 - Over half (56%) of Americans say most people are trying to do the right thing.
 - Sixty-six percent say politicians should put aside their differences and compromise, while only about a third (34%) say politicians should fight for what is right without compromise.
 - Women (69%) and people ages 55+ (72%) are more likely to agree that politicians should compromise compared to men and younger adults.

Majority say Americans have more in common than portrayed; politicians should put aside their differences and compromise

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

(% Selecting)

“There is more common ground among the American people than the news media and political leaders portray”

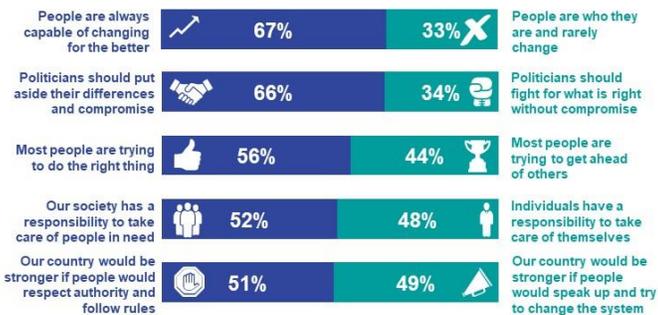


■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree
■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know

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Base: All Americans (N=2,219)

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

(% Selecting)



3. In their personal lives, most people are open to learning about differences in political opinions, and a majority say having a variety of opinions is important for the country.
 - Fifty-five percent of Americans say it isn't difficult to be friends with someone whose political views are different from their own. Even more (75%) say they can learn something by talking to people with different political views.
 - People engaged in the community and those who identify as very/moderately religious or spiritual are more likely to say they can learn something by talking to people with different political views.
 - Half (49%) say they have had a constructive conversation about politics with someone with opposing political views. But fewer (38%) report that it is worth trying to change someone's mind.
 - Overall, nearly 8 in 10 (77%) say it's a good thing Americans have multiple political viewpoints, including some they disagree with.

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4. American attitudes towards the role of spirituality and religion in politics are divided, with most saying they can play an important role but half saying religions institutions already have too much influence in politics.
 - Six in ten say spirituality (62%) and religion (57%) can play an important role in bringing people together in our nation. Although, more Republicans than Democrats and Independents agree.
 - Forty-nine percent of Americans agree that religious institutions have too much influence in national politics, but differences emerge by partisanship and other demographics
 - Democrats (65%) are most likely to agree that religious institutions have too much political influence, followed by 46% of independents. In contrast, most Republicans (55%) disagree, saying that religious institutions *do not* have too much political influence.
 - Younger Americans (ages 18-34), those who are slightly/not at all spiritual or religious, and those who are engaged in the community are more likely to agree that religious institutions have too much political influence.
5. Few Americans think increasing the role of religion and spirituality in the US would be effective in reducing political divisiveness. They are optimistic, however, about the effectiveness of collaboration and interaction across religious institutions and varying viewpoints.
 - Of all measures considered, Americans say making spiritual values and religion bigger factors in American life are the least effective ways to reduce divisiveness.
 - In contrast, 61% say interacting and collaborating across different religious institutions would be effective at reducing destructive disagreements. This sentiment is consistent across party lines.
 - Even more (72%) agree that creating opportunities for people to talk and interact with those who have different values and views would be effective at mitigating divisiveness.
6. A supermajority believes the most effective way to reduce divisiveness in the U.S. is through community empowerment and representation.
 - A majority (61%) say ordinary people have more influence in how problems are addressed in local communities than at the national level.
 - Compared to other measures considered, the highest share of Americans (80%) says that giving ordinary people a greater voice in the decisions that affect their lives would be effective at reducing divisiveness.
 - Americans ages 55+, those who are college-educated, and those earning \$50K+ are more likely to say that giving people a greater voice is effective in reducing destructive disagreements.

These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between August 24 – 26, 2022 on behalf of Public Agenda. For this survey, a sample of 2,219 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample includes 917 both religious and spiritual individuals, 99 largely religious individuals, 369 largely spiritual individuals, and 834 neither religious nor spiritual individuals.

The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points for all respondents, plus or minus 4.0 percentage points for both religious and spiritual individuals, plus or minus 12.1 percentage points for



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largely religious individuals, plus or minus 6.2 percentage points for largely spiritual individuals, and plus or minus 4.2 percentage points for neither religious nor spiritual individuals.

For full results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire:

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

*NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents, NA = not applicable*



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Full Annotated Questionnaire

1. Do you consider yourself [ROTATE “a Democrat, a Republican” OR “a Republican, a Democrat”], an independent or none of these?

	Total (N=2,219)	Both religious and spiritual (N=917)	Largely religious (N=99**)	Largely spiritual (N=369)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=834)
Democrat	29%	28%	24%	31%	29%
Republican	28%	36%	33%	21%	21%
Independent	33%	29%	34%	35%	37%
Don't know	3%	2%	6%	3%	4%
None of these	7%	5%	3%	9%	8%

**Caution: Low base size, less than N=100.

2. [Asked if Q1= “Independent”, “Don't Know”, or “None of These”] Do you think of yourself as closer to the [ROTATE “Democratic or Republican” OR “Republican or Democratic”] party?

	Total (N=790)	Both religious and spiritual (N=269)	Largely religious (N=35**)	Largely spiritual (N=146)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=340)
Closer to the Democratic Party	17%	14%	**	22%	17%
Closer to the Republican Party	17%	21%	**	15%	14%
Not close to either	66%	65%	**	64%	68%

**The base size of N=35 is too low to report data.

3. [Asked if Q1 = Democrat] Do you consider yourself to be a [ROTATE “strong Democrat or moderate Democrat” OR “moderate Democrat or a strong Democrat”]?

	Total (N=829)	Both religious and spiritual (N=322)	Largely religious (N=34**)	Largely spiritual (N=154)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=319)
Strong Democrat	51%	51%	**	54%	50%
Moderate Democrat	49%	49%	**	46%	50%

**The base size of N=34 is too low to report data.

4. [Asked if Q1 = Republican] Do you consider yourself to be a [ROTATE “strong Republican or moderate Republican” OR “moderate Republican or a strong Republican”]?

	Total (N=600)	Both religious and spiritual (N=326)	Largely religious (N=30**)	Largely spiritual (N=69)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=175)
Strong Republican	47%	55%	**	39%	35%
Moderate Republican	53%	45%	**	61%	65%

**The base size of N=30 is too low to report data.



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5. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Our country would be stronger if people would respect authority and follow rules	51%	61%	48%	38%	46%
Our country would be stronger if people would speak up and try to change the system	49%	39%	52%	62%	54%

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Our society has a responsibility to take care of people in need	52%	52%	57%	52%	51%
Individuals have a responsibility to take care of themselves	48%	48%	43%	48%	49%

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Politicians should put aside their differences and compromise	66%	65%	57%	65%	68%
Politicians should fight for what is right without compromise	34%	35%	43%	35%	32%

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Most people are trying to do the right thing	56%	60%	59%	51%	52%
Most people are trying to get ahead of others	44%	40%	41%	49%	48%

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
People are always capable of changing for the better	67%	70%	55%	71%	63%
People are who they are and rarely change	33%	30%	45%	29%	37%

6. Generally speaking, how do you feel toward the following:

Total Favorable Summary

	Total Sept 2021 (N=2,345)	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Democratic voters	53%	45%	44%	48%	50%	44%
Republican voters	40%	44%	56%	57%	37%	33%
Democratic politicians	46%	40%	41%	45%	43%	38%
Republican politicians	33%	38%	50%	49%	33%	26%



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6. Generally speaking, how do you feel toward the following: *(Continued)*

a. Republican voters

	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very favorable	15%	14%	21%	24%	9%	8%
Somewhat favorable	14%	16%	21%	16%	14%	12%
A little favorable	12%	14%	14%	16%	14%	13%
A little unfavorable	15%	13%	10%	8%	17%	15%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%	12%	10%	12%	13%	13%
Very unfavorable	18%	17%	13%	6%	21%	21%
Don't know	14%	14%	11%	17%	13%	17%
Favorable (Net)	40%	44%	56%	57%	37%	33%
Unfavorable (Net)	45%	42%	33%	26%	50%	50%

b. Democratic voters

	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very favorable	20%	16%	17%	15%	19%	15%
Somewhat favorable	18%	15%	15%	13%	18%	15%
A little favorable	16%	14%	12%	20%	13%	15%
A little unfavorable	11%	14%	13%	12%	14%	14%
Somewhat unfavorable	8%	11%	12%	7%	9%	12%
Very unfavorable	13%	15%	19%	17%	13%	12%
Don't know	14%	14%	12%	16%	14%	17%
Favorable (Net)	53%	45%	44%	48%	50%	44%
Unfavorable (Net)	33%	40%	44%	36%	36%	39%

c. Republican politicians

	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very favorable	9%	8%	12%	14%	4%	4%
Somewhat favorable	13%	17%	21%	18%	14%	12%
A little favorable	12%	14%	16%	16%	15%	10%
A little unfavorable	11%	12%	10%	18%	13%	12%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%	11%	10%	9%	11%	13%
Very unfavorable	31%	26%	20%	11%	30%	33%
Don't know	12%	12%	10%	13%	12%	15%
Favorable (Net)	33%	38%	50%	49%	33%	26%
Unfavorable (Net)	55%	49%	40%	38%	55%	59%



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6. Generally speaking, how do you feel toward the following: *(Continued)*

d. Democratic politicians

	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very favorable	12%	11%	14%	9%	10%	8%
Somewhat favorable	19%	16%	15%	23%	19%	14%
A little favorable	15%	14%	11%	14%	14%	16%
A little unfavorable	10%	11%	8%	11%	13%	13%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%	11%	11%	9%	14%	11%
Very unfavorable	23%	25%	30%	22%	19%	2%
Don't know	12%	12%	10%	12%	12%	15%
<i>Favorable (Net)</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>38%</i>
<i>Unfavorable (Net)</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>47%</i>

7. How important is it...?

Total Important Summary

	Total Feb 2021 (N=1,283)	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
for the United States to try to reduce divisiveness?	93%	79%	82%	64%	80%	77%
[Ask if NOT Republican] to you to have better ways to understand the views and values of ordinary people who identify as Republicans	67%	56% (N=1,619)	67% (N=591)	** (N=69**)	60% (N=300)	44% (N=659)
[Ask if NOT Democrat] to you to have better ways to understand the views and values of ordinary people who identify as Democrats	63%	51% (N=1,390)	60% (N=595)	** (N=65**)	54% (N=215)	41% (N=515)

**The base sizes of N=69 and N=65 are too low to report data.

a. **[Ask if NOT Democrat]** to you to have better ways to understand the views and values of ordinary people who identify as Democrats?

	Total Feb 2021 (N= 856)	Total (N=1,390)	Both religious and spiritual (N=595)	Largely religious (N=65**)	Largely spiritual (N=215)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=515)
Very important	23%	16%	21%	**	16%	10%
Somewhat important	40%	36%	39%	**	38%	31%
Not too important	16%	21%	17%	**	22%	27%
Not important at all	9%	14%	12%	**	15%	15%
Don't know	12%	13%	11%	**	9%	17%
<i>Important (Net)</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>**</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>41%</i>
<i>Not Important (Net)</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>**</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>42%</i>

**The base size of N=65 is too low to report data.



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7. How important is it...? (Continued)

b. **[Ask if NOT Republican]** to you to have better ways to understand the views and values of ordinary people who identify as Republicans?

	Total Feb 2021 (N= 982)	Total (N=1,619)	Both religious and spiritual (N=591)	Largely religious (N=69**)	Largely spiritual (N=300)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=659)
Very important	25%	19%	26%	**	18%	12%
Somewhat important	41%	37%	41%	**	43%	32%
Not too important	16%	20%	15%	**	21%	24%
Not important at all	6%	10%	7%	**	9%	15%
Don't know	11%	14%	11%	**	10%	18%
<i>Important (Net)</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>**</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>44%</i>
<i>Not Important (Net)</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>**</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>38%</i>

**The base size of N=69 is too low to report data.

c. for the United States to try to reduce divisiveness?

	Total Oct 2019 (N=1,548)	Total Feb 2021 (N=1,283)	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very important	65%	64%	48%	54%	33%	48%	44%
Somewhat important	27%	29%	31%	28%	32%	33%	34%
Not too important	5%	5%	7%	6%	19%	7%	7%
Not important at all	2%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%
Don't know	NA**	NA**	10%	8%	13%	8%	12%
<i>Important (Net)</i>	<i>92%</i>	<i>93%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>77%</i>
<i>Not Important (Net)</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>10%</i>

** In October 2019 and February 2021, "Don't know" was not included as a response to this question.

8. When it comes to how problems are addressed, how much influence, if any, do you think ordinary people have...?

Total A Lot/Some Influence Summary

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
In local communities	61%	66%	61%	64%	54%
At the national level	41%	46%	46%	45%	32%

a. At the national level

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
A lot of influence	15%	17%	16%	19%	10%
Some influence	26%	29%	31%	26%	22%
A little influence	31%	29%	28%	32%	34%
No influence at all	22%	20%	20%	20%	27%
Don't know	6%	5%	6%	4%	8%
<i>A lot/Some influence (Net)</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>32%</i>
<i>A little/No influence (Net)</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>60%</i>





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8. When it comes to how problems are addressed, how much influence, if any, do you think ordinary people have...? (Continued)

b. In local communities

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
A lot of influence	24%	28%	22%	25%	20%
Some influence	37%	38%	39%	39%	34%
A little influence	26%	24%	23%	25%	28%
No influence at all	7%	5%	5%	7%	10%
Don't know	6%	5%	11%	4%	8%
<i>A lot/Some influence (Net)</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>54%</i>
<i>A little/No influence (Net)</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>39%</i>

9. How serious of a problem, if at all, are each of the following?

Total Serious Summary

	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Political hostility and divisiveness between ordinary Americans	81%	80%	83%	74%	82%	75%
Politicians making decisions based on their own religious beliefs**	NA	65%	62%	49%	74%	67%
Politicians making decisions based on their own spiritual values**	NA	64%	61%	57%	73%	64%
Religious leaders sharing their stance on political or social issues**	NA	59%	58%	54%	64%	59%
Religious leaders supporting specific political candidates**	NA	59%	56%	55%	67%	59%

**This question was first asked in the August 2022 poll.

a. Political hostility and divisiveness between ordinary Americans

	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very serious	45%	48%	51%	26%	52%	47%
Somewhat serious	35%	31%	32%	48%	30%	29%
Not too serious	9%	10%	9%	14%	13%	9%
Not serious at all	2%	2%	1%	6%	-	3%
Don't know	9%	8%	6%	6%	5%	12%
<i>Serious (Net)</i>	<i>81%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>75%</i>
<i>Not serious (Net)</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>13%</i>

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9. How serious of a problem, if at all, are each of the following? (*Continued*)

b. Politicians making decisions based on their own spiritual values

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very serious	33%	28%	21%	37%	39%
Somewhat serious	30%	32%	35%	36%	25%
Not too serious	17%	19%	18%	13%	17%
Not serious at all	9%	13%	13%	6%	7%
Don't know	10%	8%	13%	8%	12%
<i>Serious (Net)</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>64%</i>
<i>Not serious (Net)</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>23%</i>

c. Politicians making decisions based on their own religious beliefs

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very serious	38%	31%	25%	47%	43%
Somewhat serious	27%	31%	24%	27%	23%
Not too serious	16%	18%	19%	14%	15%
Not serious at all	9%	12%	17%	5%	6%
Don't know	10%	9%	16%	6%	13%
<i>Serious (Net)</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>67%</i>
<i>Not serious (Net)</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>20%</i>

d. Religious leaders supporting specific political candidates

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very serious	31%	28%	22%	36%	33%
Somewhat serious	28%	28%	33%	31%	26%
Not too serious	21%	23%	24%	16%	20%
Not serious at all	8%	10%	13%	7%	6%
Don't know	12%	10%	9%	10%	14%
<i>Serious (Net)</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>59%</i>
<i>Not serious (Net)</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>27%</i>

e. Religious leaders sharing their stance on political or social issues

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very serious	28%	25%	16%	32%	30%
Somewhat serious	32%	33%	39%	32%	30%
Not too serious	20%	21%	18%	21%	18%
Not serious at all	10%	12%	15%	6%	9%
Don't know	11%	9%	13%	8%	14%
<i>Serious (Net)</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>59%</i>
<i>Not serious (Net)</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>27%</i>



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10. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following?

Total Agree Summary

	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
When people have political views that are different from mine, I try to understand where they are coming from**	NA	79%	86%	71%	83%	72%
It's a good thing that Americans have many different political viewpoints, including some that I disagree with	73%	77%	83%	61%	77%	73%
I can learn something by talking to people whose political views are different from mine	71%	75%	81%	65%	77%	69%
If someone's political views are different from mine, it's worth trying to change their mind	34%	38%	44%	42%	40%	30%
It's difficult to be friends with someone whose political views are different from mine	39%	37%	38%	53%	35%	34%

**This question was first asked in the August 2022 poll.

a. It's difficult to be friends with someone whose political views are different from mine

	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	12%	11%	13%	19%	8%	9%
Somewhat agree	27%	26%	25%	35%	27%	25%
Somewhat disagree	33%	31%	31%	22%	36%	31%
Strongly disagree	19%	24%	25%	19%	23%	23%
Don't know	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	11%
Agree (Net)	39%	37%	38%	53%	35%	34%
Disagree (Net)	52%	55%	56%	41%	59%	55%

b. I can learn something by talking to people whose political views are different from mine

	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	21%	26%	32%	14%	32%	19%
Somewhat agree	50%	49%	49%	51%	45%	50%
Somewhat disagree	12%	13%	9%	25%	14%	15%
Strongly disagree	7%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%
Don't know	10%	8%	7%	7%	5%	11%
Agree (Net)	71%	75%	81%	65%	77%	69%
Disagree (Net)	19%	17%	12%	27%	18%	20%



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10. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following? (Continued)

c. If someone's political views are different from mine, it's worth trying to change their mind

	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	7%	10%	13%	17%	11%	6%
Somewhat agree	26%	28%	32%	25%	29%	24%
Somewhat disagree	32%	34%	31%	32%	36%	36%
Strongly disagree	19%	17%	14%	21%	17%	20%
Don't know	15%	11%	10%	6%	8%	14%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>30%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>56%</i>

d. It's a good thing that Americans have many different political viewpoints, including some that I disagree with

	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	23%	27%	30%	26%	30%	22%
Somewhat agree	50%	50%	53%	35%	47%	51%
Somewhat disagree	14%	11%	9%	18%	15%	11%
Strongly disagree	4%	3%	2%	7%	3%	4%
Don't know	10%	9%	7%	14%	5%	12%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>73%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>15%</i>

e. When people have political views that are different from mine, I try to understand where they are coming from

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	26%	32%	20%	33%	19%
Somewhat agree	53%	54%	50%	50%	53%
Somewhat disagree	11%	8%	21%	10%	13%
Strongly disagree	4%	2%	7%	5%	6%
Don't know	6%	5%	1%	3%	9%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>72%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>19%</i>



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11. How often, if at all, have you done the following in the last twelve months?

Total Often/Sometimes Summary

	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Made an effort to better understand political viewpoints that are different from your own**	NA	68%	74%	62%	72%	60%
Avoided talking about politics with someone whose political views are different from your own	71%	67%	70%	58%	69%	65%
Gotten to know someone whose political views are different from your own	58%	61%	70%	44%	61%	54%
Had a constructive conversation about politics with someone whose political views are different from your own	45%	49%	56%	48%	52%	41%
Volunteered to help make a positive change in your community**	NA	41%	50%	42%	41%	32%
Made an effort to attend a community event**	NA	40%	48%	43%	44%	29%
Attended a meeting to talk about political or social issues, online or in-person**	NA	25%	31%	31%	27%	16%
Ended a relationship with someone whose political views are different from your own	25%	22%	23%	36%	24%	18%

**This question was first asked in the August 2022 poll.

a. Had a constructive conversation about politics with someone whose political views are different from your own

	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Often	7%	10%	13%	7%	11%	6%
Sometimes	38%	39%	42%	41%	40%	35%
Hardly ever	33%	30%	28%	29%	32%	31%
Never	22%	21%	16%	23%	16%	28%
Often/Sometimes (Net)	45%	49%	56%	48%	52%	41%
Hardly ever/never (Net)	55%	51%	44%	52%	48%	59%

b. Gotten to know someone whose political views are different from your own

	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Often	13%	16%	20%	10%	14%	13%
Sometimes	45%	46%	50%	34%	47%	42%
Hardly ever	25%	23%	18%	35%	27%	23%
Never	18%	16%	12%	21%	12%	22%
Often/Sometimes (Net)	58%	61%	70%	44%	61%	54%
Hardly ever/never (Net)	42%	39%	30%	56%	39%	46%

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11. How often, if at all, have you done the following in the last twelve months? *(Continued)*

c. Avoided talking about politics with someone whose political views are different from your own

	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Often	33%	28%	28%	20%	31%	27%
Sometimes	38%	40%	42%	38%	38%	38%
Hardly ever	14%	18%	17%	31%	20%	17%
Never	15%	14%	12%	11%	11%	18%
<i>Often/Sometimes (Net)</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>65%</i>
<i>Hardly ever/never (Net)</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>35%</i>

d. Ended a relationship with someone whose political views are different from your own

	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Often	6%	6%	6%	12%	10%	4%
Sometimes	19%	16%	17%	24%	15%	14%
Hardly ever	19%	18%	19%	24%	18%	15%
Never	57%	60%	58%	40%	58%	67%
<i>Often/Sometimes (Net)</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>18%</i>
<i>Hardly ever/never (Net)</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>82%</i>

e. Volunteered to help make a positive change in your community

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Often	11%	14%	16%	14%	7%
Sometimes	30%	36%	25%	27%	24%
Hardly ever	24%	22%	34%	29%	23%
Never	35%	29%	24%	30%	46%
<i>Often/Sometimes (Net)</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>31%</i>
<i>Hardly ever/never (Net)</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>69%</i>

f. Made an effort to attend a community event

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Often	10%	13%	15%	9%	6%
Sometimes	31%	35%	28%	35%	24%
Hardly ever	25%	24%	29%	24%	27%
Never	34%	28%	28%	31%	44%
<i>Often/Sometimes (Net)</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>29%</i>
<i>Hardly ever/never (Net)</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>71%</i>

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11. How often, if at all, have you done the following in the last twelve months? *(Continued)*

g. Attended a meeting to talk about politics or social issues, online or in-person

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Often	5%	8%	7%	4%	3%
Sometimes	19%	22%	24%	23%	13%
Hardly ever	21%	22%	25%	22%	20%
Never	54%	48%	44%	51%	63%
<i>Often/Sometimes (Net)</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>16%</i>
<i>Hardly ever/never (Net)</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>84%</i>

h. Made an effort to better understand political viewpoints that are different from your own

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Often	16%	19%	21%	19%	10%
Sometimes	52%	55%	41%	53%	50%
Hardly ever	18%	16%	23%	18%	19%
Never	14%	10%	15%	10%	21%
<i>Often/Sometimes (Net)</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>60%</i>
<i>Hardly ever/never (Net)</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>40%</i>

12. [Asked if select “Often” or “Sometimes” at Q11=E, F, or G] You previously mentioned that you have done the following often or sometimes in the past year. To the best of your knowledge, who organized each of these events? *Select all that apply.*

a. [Asked if select “Often” or “Sometimes” at Q11=E] Volunteered to help make a positive change in your community

	Total (N=940)	Both religious and spiritual (N=476)	Largely religious (N=47**)	Largely spiritual (N=158)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=259)
A non-profit organization	47%	44%	**	52%	51%
A religious organization	24%	38%	**	16%	8%
On my own/organized by friends and neighbors	22%	24%	**	28%	16%
Local government	15%	17%	**	12%	12%
A business	12%	14%	**	13%	6%
None of the above	9%	5%	**	10%	17%
Don't know	4%	3%	**	5%	6%

**The base size of N=47 is too low to report data.

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12. [Asked if select “Often” or “Sometimes” at Q11=E, F, or G] You previously mentioned that you have done the following often or sometimes in the past year. To the best of your knowledge, who organized each of these events? *Select all that apply. (Continued)*

b. [Asked if select “Often” or “Sometimes” at Q11=F] Made an effort to attend a community event

	Total (N=919)	Both religious and spiritual (N=455)	Largely religious (N=47**)	Largely spiritual (N=163)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=254)
A non-profit organization	37%	38%	**	30%	40%
On my own/organized by friends and neighbors	25%	24%	**	30%	24%
A religious organization	21%	32%	**	13%	7%
Local government	20%	18%	**	26%	19%
A business	13%	13%	**	14%	12%
None of the above	8%	6%	**	8%	12%
Don't know	4%	2%	**	6%	7%

**The base size of N=47 is too low to report data.

c. [Asked if select “Often” or “Sometimes” at Q11=G] Attended a meeting to talk about political or social issues, online or in-person

	Total (N=545)	Both religious and spiritual (N=279)	Largely religious (N=33**)	Largely spiritual (N=94**)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=139)
A non-profit organization	28%	29%	**	**	29%
Local government	26%	26%	**	**	22%
On my own/organized by friends and neighbors	23%	22%	**	**	19%
A business	18%	18%	**	**	12%
A religious organization	17%	24%	**	**	6%
None of the above	15%	14%	**	**	18%
Don't know	7%	5%	**	**	15%

**The base sizes of N=37 and N=94 are too low to report data.



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13. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?***

Total Agree Summary

	Total Oct 2019	Total Feb 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
There is more common ground among the American people than the news media and political leaders portray	73%	71%	68%	77%	65%	71%	57%
Spirituality can play an important role in bringing people together in our nation**	NA	NA	62%	82%	58%	68%	38%
It's important for me to be involved in my community**	NA	NA	61%	73%	65%	59%	50%
It would be good for our country if more people from diverse religious and spiritual backgrounds served in government**	NA	NA	60%	71%	53%	62%	48%
Religion can play an important role in bringing people together in our nation**	NA	NA	57%	81%	69%	48%	34%
Religious institutions play an important role in bringing people together in my community**	NA	NA	57%	78%	65%	51%	36%
Religious people are too stuck in their ways and unwilling to compromise**	NA	NA	52%	40%	47%	64%	61%
The main reason our political leaders are divided is because there is not much common ground among the American people	42%	48%	51%	56%	53%	53%	46%
Religious institutions have too much influence in national politics**	NA	NA	49%	39%	38%	62%	55%
Electing more people who are spiritual to public office would be good for our country**	NA	NA	47%	70%	48%	44%	24%
Religious people respect other people's opinions even when they disagree**	NA	NA	45%	64%	58%	37%	25%
A politician's spiritual values are important to me when I consider who to vote for**	NA	NA	44%	62%	57%	46%	21%
Electing more people who are religious to public office would be good for our country**	NA	NA	42%	64%	55%	32%	21%
A politician's religious beliefs are important to me when I consider who to vote for**	NA	NA	42%	59%	60%	36%	23%
Religious institutions do more harm than good in my community**	NA	NA	33%	26%	41%	43%	36%

**This question was first asked in the August 2022 poll.

*** In October 2019 and February 2021, this question was asked as, "Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?"

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13. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (*Continued*)

a. A politician's religious beliefs are important to me when I consider who to vote for

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	16%	25%	25%	12%	6%
Somewhat agree	26%	34%	35%	24%	17%
Somewhat disagree	25%	21%	20%	29%	28%
Strongly disagree	23%	12%	11%	27%	35%
Don't know	10%	8%	9%	8%	14%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>23%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>62%</i>

b. A politician's spiritual values are important to me when I consider who to vote for

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	16%	27%	16%	17%	3%
Somewhat agree	28%	36%	41%	29%	18%
Somewhat disagree	23%	19%	21%	27%	25%
Strongly disagree	22%	9%	7%	19%	39%
Don't know	12%	9%	15%	8%	15%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>21%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>63%</i>

c. Religious institutions play an important role in bringing people together in my community

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	18%	33%	24%	11%	6%
Somewhat agree	38%	45%	41%	40%	30%
Somewhat disagree	18%	10%	19%	22%	24%
Strongly disagree	12%	3%	8%	15%	21%
Don't know	13%	9%	8%	13%	19%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>36%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>45%</i>

d. Spirituality can play an important role in bringing people together in our nation

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	23%	40%	15%	21%	6%
Somewhat agree	40%	43%	44%	47%	32%
Somewhat disagree	16%	8%	14%	14%	25%
Strongly disagree	9%	3%	15%	8%	16%
Don't know	13%	7%	13%	9%	20%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>38%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>41%</i>

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13. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? *(Continued)*

e. Religion can play an important role in bringing people together in our nation

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	23%	42%	23%	15%	8%
Somewhat agree	34%	39%	47%	33%	27%
Somewhat disagree	19%	10%	15%	25%	26%
Strongly disagree	12%	3%	7%	16%	22%
Don't know	12%	7%	9%	11%	19%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>81%</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>34%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>47%</i>

f. Religious institutions do more harm than good in my community

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	15%	12%	11%	18%	17%
Somewhat agree	19%	14%	30%	25%	20%
Somewhat disagree	24%	24%	22%	24%	25%
Strongly disagree	25%	40%	23%	15%	14%
Don't know	17%	10%	15%	18%	25%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>36%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>39%</i>

g. Religious institutions have too much influence in national politics

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	23%	16%	14%	30%	29%
Somewhat agree	26%	23%	25%	32%	26%
Somewhat disagree	22%	28%	26%	16%	17%
Strongly disagree	15%	22%	15%	11%	9%
Don't know	14%	10%	21%	11%	19%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>55%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>26%</i>

h. There is more common ground among the American people than the news media and political leaders portray**

	Total Oct 2019	Total Feb 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	22%	21%	24%	32%	18%	24%	17%
Somewhat agree	51%	50%	43%	45%	47%	47%	40%
Somewhat disagree	19%	23%	14%	11%	12%	17%	17%
Strongly disagree	7%	6%	6%	4%	9%	4%	9%
Don't know	NA**	NA**	12%	9%	14%	8%	17%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>57%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>26%</i>

** In October 2019 and February 2021, "Don't know" was not included as a response to this question.

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13. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Continued)

i. The main reason our political leaders are divided is because there is not much common ground among the American people**

	Total Oct 2019	Total Feb 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	12%	11%	18%	20%	19%	21%	14%
Somewhat agree	30%	37%	34%	36%	34%	33%	32%
Somewhat disagree	35%	36%	24%	22%	26%	25%	26%
Strongly disagree	21%	16%	13%	12%	14%	13%	12%
Don't know	NA**	NA**	12%	9%	7%	8%	16%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>46%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>38%</i>

** In October 2019 and February 2021, "Don't know" was not included as a response to this question.

j. Electing more people who are religious to public office would be good for our country

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	16%	27%	29%	11%	4%
Somewhat agree	26%	37%	25%	21%	16%
Somewhat disagree	20%	14%	24%	27%	22%
Strongly disagree	21%	7%	6%	25%	35%
Don't know	18%	16%	15%	16%	21%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>21%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>58%</i>

k. Electing more people who are spiritual to public office would be good for our country

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	16%	29%	20%	12%	5%
Somewhat agree	31%	42%	28%	33%	20%
Somewhat disagree	19%	11%	18%	24%	25%
Strongly disagree	16%	6%	13%	15%	27%
Don't know	18%	13%	21%	16%	24%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>24%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>52%</i>

l. It would be good for our country if more people from diverse religious and spiritual backgrounds served in government

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	21%	27%	19%	24%	14%
Somewhat agree	39%	44%	34%	39%	34%
Somewhat disagree	15%	14%	22%	14%	17%
Strongly disagree	9%	4%	13%	10%	12%
Don't know	16%	11%	12%	14%	23%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>48%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>29%</i>

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13. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Continued)

m. It's important for me to be involved in my community

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	19%	27%	18%	18%	12%
Somewhat agree	42%	45%	47%	42%	38%
Somewhat disagree	19%	15%	15%	23%	23%
Strongly disagree	9%	5%	4%	11%	13%
Don't know	10%	7%	16%	7%	14%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>50%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>36%</i>

n. Religious people respect other people's opinions even when they disagree

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	13%	22%	11%	13%	5%
Somewhat agree	31%	43%	47%	24%	21%
Somewhat disagree	23%	20%	14%	26%	27%
Strongly disagree	19%	7%	13%	28%	30%
Don't know	13%	9%	15%	9%	18%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>25%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>57%</i>

o. Religious people are too stuck in their ways and unwilling to compromise

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Strongly agree	21%	13%	18%	27%	28%
Somewhat agree	31%	27%	30%	37%	33%
Somewhat disagree	22%	29%	28%	19%	16%
Strongly disagree	14%	23%	12%	9%	8%
Don't know	11%	8%	12%	8%	16%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>61%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>23%</i>

14. Which one do you worry about more?

	Total Oct 2019	Total Feb 2021	Total Sept 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Americans don't know how to talk about their disagreements and conflicts in constructive ways	43%	41%	30%	30%	30%	29%	30%	29%
Americans have too many fundamental disagreements and conflicting values	10%	11%	11%	11%	12%	18%	12%	10%
Both equally	38%	41%	50%	51%	50%	44%	52%	52%
Neither	8%	7%	9%	8%	8%	9%	7%	9%



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15. How effective or ineffective do you think the following would be in reducing divisiveness or destructive disagreements in the United States?

Total Effective Summary

	Total Feb 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Giving ordinary people a greater voice in the decisions that affect their lives	84%	80%	86%	64%	82%	74%
Creating more opportunities for people to talk and interact with people who have different values and views	79%	72%	80%	54%	75%	63%
Different religious institutions collaborating to create opportunities for people with different values and views to interact**	NA	61%	76%	56%	64%	45%
Making spiritual values a bigger factor in American life***	59%	47%	72%	52%	46%	22%
Making religion a bigger factor in American life***	48%	42%	67%	55%	29%	19%

**This question was first asked in the August 2022 poll.

*** In February 2021, half of the sample (N=641) was asked whether “Making spiritual values a bigger factor in American life” was effective. The other half of the sample (N=642) was asked whether “Making religion a bigger factor in American life” was effective.

a. Making religion a bigger factor in American life

	Total Feb 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very effective	21%	17%	32%	20%	8%	3%
Somewhat effective	27%	25%	34%	35%	22%	15%
Not very effective	23%	21%	16%	17%	29%	24%
Not effective at all	20%	23%	6%	14%	32%	39%
Don't know	10%	14%	12%	14%	10%	17%
<i>Effective (Net)</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>19%</i>
<i>Not effective (Net)</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>64%</i>

b. Making spiritual values a bigger factor in American life

	Total Feb 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very effective	27%	17%	31%	17%	11%	3%
Somewhat effective	32%	31%	40%	35%	36%	18%
Not very effective	20%	22%	14%	25%	24%	31%
Not effective at all	14%	16%	4%	10%	18%	29%
Don't know	8%	14%	10%	13%	13%	19%
<i>Effective (Net)</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>22%</i>
<i>Not effective (Net)</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>59%</i>

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15. How effective or ineffective do you think the following would be in reducing divisiveness or destructive disagreements in the United States? *(Continued)*

c. Creating more opportunities for people to talk and interact with people who have different values and views

	Total Feb 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very effective	36%	24%	30%	17%	28%	17%
Somewhat effective	43%	47%	50%	37%	47%	47%
Not very effective	12%	15%	11%	23%	17%	17%
Not effective at all	4%	4%	2%	12%	5%	5%
Don't know	6%	10%	7%	11%	4%	15%
<i>Effective (Net)</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>63%</i>
<i>Not effective (Net)</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>22%</i>

d. Giving ordinary people a greater voice in the decisions that affect their lives

	Total Feb 2021	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very effective	44%	38%	44%	26%	44%	32%
Somewhat effective	40%	41%	42%	38%	38%	42%
Not very effective	8%	8%	5%	11%	10%	9%
Not effective at all	1%	3%	2%	7%	4%	4%
Don't know	6%	9%	7%	17%	4%	13%
<i>Effective (Net)</i>	<i>84%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>74%</i>
<i>Not effective (Net)</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>13%</i>

e. Different religious institutions collaborating to create opportunities for people with different values and views to interact

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very effective	20%	28%	25%	22%	9%
Somewhat effective	42%	48%	32%	42%	36%
Not very effective	18%	11%	31%	20%	22%
Not effective at all	7%	3%	3%	7%	12%
Don't know	14%	10%	9%	10%	21%
<i>Effective (Net)</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>45%</i>
<i>Not effective (Net)</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>34%</i>

16. To what extent do you consider yourself to be a...

Total Very/Moderately Summary

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Spiritual person	57%	100%	-	100%	-
Religious person	45%	100%	100%	-	-



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16. To what extent do you consider yourself to be a... (Continued)

a. Spiritual person

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very	25%	45%	-	41%	-
Moderately	32%	55%	-	59%	-
Slightly	23%	-	77%	-	51%
Not at all	16%	-	13%	-	42%
Don't know	3%	-	10%	-	7%
<i>Very/Moderately (Net)</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Slightly/Not at all (Net)</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>90%</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>93%</i>

b. Religious person

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very	18%	42%	18%	-	-
Moderately	28%	58%	82%	-	-
Slightly	23%	-	-	51%	39%
Not at all	29%	-	-	44%	57%
Don't know	2%	-	-	4%	4%
<i>Very/Moderately (Net)</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Slightly/Not at all (Net)</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>96%</i>	<i>96%</i>

17. [Asked if selected “Very”, “Moderately”, or “Slightly” spiritual at 16A] How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following?

Total Agree Summary

	Total (N=1,786)	Both religious and spiritual (N=917)	Largely religious (N=78**)	Largely spiritual (N=369)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=422)
My spirituality helps me remain calm when confronted with political views I disagree with	70%	82%	**	73%	46%
My spirituality inspires me to help others in my community	69%	86%	**	62%	45%
My spirituality helps me be more understanding of people with different political views	67%	81%	**	68%	42%
My spirituality influences my political views	49%	65%	**	46%	19%

**The base size of N=78 is too low to report data.



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17. [Asked if selected “Very”, “Moderately”, or “Slightly” spiritual at 16A] How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following? (Continued)

a. My spirituality helps me be more understanding of people with different political views

	Total (N=1,786)	Both religious and spiritual (N=917)	Largely religious (N=78 ^{**})	Largely spiritual (N=369)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=422)
Strongly agree	26%	35%	**	31%	6%
Somewhat agree	41%	46%	**	37%	36%
Somewhat disagree	19%	11%	**	20%	33%
Strongly disagree	7%	4%	**	8%	14%
Don't know	6%	5%	**	4%	12%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>81%</i>	<i>**</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>42%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>**</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>46%</i>

^{**}The base size of N=78 is too low to report data.

b. My spirituality inspires me to help others in my community

	Total (N=1,786)	Both religious and spiritual (N=917)	Largely religious (N=78 ^{**})	Largely spiritual (N=369)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=422)
Strongly agree	27%	38%	**	27%	5%
Somewhat agree	43%	47%	**	36%	40%
Somewhat disagree	16%	7%	**	22%	28%
Strongly disagree	7%	3%	**	6%	14%
Don't know	8%	5%	**	8%	13%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>**</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>45%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>**</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>42%</i>

^{**}The base size of N=78 is too low to report data.

c. My spirituality helps me remain calm when confronted with political views I disagree with

	Total (N=1,786)	Both religious and spiritual (N=917)	Largely religious (N=78 ^{**})	Largely spiritual (N=369)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=422)
Strongly agree	26%	36%	**	27%	7%
Somewhat agree	44%	46%	**	46%	39%
Somewhat disagree	16%	9%	**	17%	28%
Strongly disagree	6%	3%	**	5%	12%
Don't know	7%	6%	**	4%	13%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>**</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>46%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>**</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>41%</i>

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17. [Asked if selected “Very”, “Moderately”, or “Slightly” spiritual at 16A] How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following? (Continued)

d. My spirituality influences my political views

	Total (N=1,786)	Both religious and spiritual (N=917)	Largely religious (N=78 ^{**})	Largely spiritual (N=369)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=422)
Strongly agree	20%	30%	**	19%	2%
Somewhat agree	29%	35%	**	27%	17%
Somewhat disagree	23%	17%	**	27%	34%
Strongly disagree	19%	11%	**	20%	35%
Don't know	8%	7%	**	7%	12%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>**</i>	<i>46%</i>	<i>19%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>**</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>70%</i>

^{**}The base size of N=78 is too low to report data.

18. [Asked if selected “Very”, “Moderately”, or “Slightly” religious at 16B] How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following?

Total Agree Summary

	Total (N=1,533)	Both religious and spiritual (N=917)	Largely religious (N=99)	Largely spiritual (N=200)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=317)
My religion inspires me to help others in my community	70%	85%	62%	54%	43%
My religion helps me remain calm when confronted with political views I disagree with	66%	77%	68%	53%	41%
My religion helps me be more understanding of people with different political views	66%	79%	54%	55%	40%
My religion influences my political views	49%	62%	51%	38%	21%

a. My religion helps me be more understanding of people with different political views

	Total (N=1,533)	Both religious and spiritual (N=917)	Largely religious (N=99)	Largely spiritual (N=200)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=317)
Strongly agree	24%	34%	16%	16%	5%
Somewhat agree	42%	45%	38%	40%	35%
Somewhat disagree	19%	11%	18%	25%	35%
Strongly disagree	8%	4%	17%	12%	14%
Don't know	8%	6%	11%	8%	12%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>40%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>49%</i>



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18. [Asked if selected “Very”, “Moderately”, or “Slightly” religious at 16B] How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following? (Continued)

b. My religion inspires me to help others in my community

	Total (N=1,533)	Both religious and spiritual (N=917)	Largely religious (N=99)	Largely spiritual (N=200)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=317)
Strongly agree	28%	41%	18%	12%	6%
Somewhat agree	42%	44%	44%	41%	37%
Somewhat disagree	16%	7%	20%	27%	32%
Strongly disagree	6%	3%	5%	12%	13%
Don't know	7%	5%	13%	8%	12%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>43%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>45%</i>

c. My religion helps me remain calm when confronted with political views I disagree with

	Total (N=1,533)	Both religious and spiritual (N=917)	Largely religious (N=99)	Largely spiritual (N=200)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=317)
Strongly agree	25%	34%	25%	14%	4%
Somewhat agree	41%	43%	43%	39%	38%
Somewhat disagree	18%	11%	20%	25%	34%
Strongly disagree	8%	5%	4%	13%	14%
Don't know	8%	7%	8%	9%	10%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>41%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>48%</i>

d. My religion influences my political views

	Total (N=1,533)	Both religious and spiritual (N=917)	Largely religious (N=99)	Largely spiritual (N=200)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=317)
Strongly agree	19%	28%	14%	11%	3%
Somewhat agree	30%	34%	37%	27%	18%
Somewhat disagree	25%	20%	21%	30%	37%
Strongly disagree	19%	12%	8%	28%	35%
Don't know	7%	5%	20%	3%	7%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>21%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>29%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>72%</i>



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19. How important are each of the following in your life?

Total Important Summary

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Spirituality	59%	91%	43%	77%	20%
Religion	49%	88%	62%	28%	16%

a. Spirituality

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very important	30%	54%	13%	41%	2%
Somewhat important	29%	37%	30%	36%	17%
Neither important nor unimportant	17%	6%	38%	15%	27%
Somewhat unimportant	8%	1%	8%	6%	15%
Very unimportant	12%	1%	2%	1%	30%
Don't know	3%	1%	8%	-	7%
<i>Important (Net)</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>91%</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>20%</i>
<i>Unimportant (Net)</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>2%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>46%</i>

b. Religion

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Very important	25%	54%	22%	5%	2%
Somewhat important	25%	34%	40%	23%	13%
Neither important nor unimportant	18%	9%	23%	27%	23%
Somewhat unimportant	8%	1%	9%	16%	12%
Very unimportant	21%	1%	6%	25%	43%
Don't know	3%	1%	1%	2%	6%
<i>Important (Net)</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>16%</i>
<i>Unimportant (Net)</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>55%</i>





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20. What is your religion?

	Total	Both religious and spiritual	Largely religious	Largely spiritual	Neither religious nor spiritual
Evangelical or Protestant Christian (Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Pentecostal, Church of Christ, etc.)	28%	42%	26%	22%	16%
Catholic	21%	26%	19%	16%	19%
Jewish	2%	1%	6%	3%	3%
Buddhist	2%	1%	2%	4%	2%
Islam/Muslim	1%	2%	4%	1%	1%
Mormon	1%	2%	-	*	*
Greek or Russian Orthodox	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Hindu	1%	*	3%	1%	*
Jehovah's Witness	*	1%	1%	-	*
Unitarian (Universalist)	*	*	2%	*	*
Other Christian religion	12%	16%	16%	11%	7%
Other non-Christian religion	3%	2%	6%	5%	2%
No religion	28%	6%	14%	36%	49%

21. [Asked if selected “Evangelical or Protestant Christian”, “Catholic”, “Jehovah’s Witness”, “Mormon”, “Orthodox”, or “Other Christian religion” at Q20] Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian?

	Total (N=1,419)	Both religious and spiritual (N=808)	Largely religious (N=69**)	Largely spiritual (N=188)	Neither religious nor spiritual (N=354)
Yes	39%	50%	**	34%	17%
No	57%	47%	**	63%	77%
Don't know	4%	3%	**	3%	6%

**The base size of N=69 is too low to report data.



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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll, conducted between August 24 – 26, 2022 on behalf of Public Agenda. For this survey, a sample of 2,219 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample includes 917 both religious and spiritual individuals, 99 largely religious individuals, 369 largely spiritual individuals, and 834 neither religious nor spiritual individuals.

The sample for this study was randomly drawn from Ipsos' online panel (see [link](#) for more info on "Access Panels and Recruitment"), partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling (see [link](#) for more info on the Ipsos "Ampario Overview" sample method) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2019 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Posthoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education. Party ID benchmarks are from recent high quality telephone polls.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online non-probability polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points for all respondents. Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following (N=2,219, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/- 4.0 percentage points).

The poll also has a credibility interval of plus or minus 4.0 percentage points for both religious and spiritual individuals, plus or minus 12.1 percentage points for largely religious individuals, plus or minus 6.2 percentage points for largely spiritual individuals, and plus or minus 4.2 percentage points for neither religious nor spiritual individuals.

The survey is trended with three surveys. The first one was conducted October 14-21, 2019, the second was conducted February 23-26, 2021, and the third was conducted September 20-28, 2021, all for Public Agenda by Ipsos. The October 2019 survey was based on a nationally representative probability sample of adults age 18 or older (n=1,548). The February 2021 survey was conducted based on a nationally representative probability sample of adults age 18 or older (n=1,283). The September 2021 survey was conducted based on a nationally representative probability sample of adults age 18 or older (N=2,345).

Further information about the October 2019 survey can be found [here](#). Further information about the February 2021 survey can be found [here](#). Further information about the September 2021 survey can be found [here](#).



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