

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
JUNE 2016 VOTER ATTITUDES SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
June 15-26, 2016  
N=2,245**

**QUESTIONS**

**NO QUESTIONS 3-4, 6-8, 13-19, 21-22, 26-29, 31-32, 36-39, 43-44, 46-47, 51-54, 61-70, 73-77**

**ALL OTHER PRIOR QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

On a different subject ...

Q.78 These days, how much do you think churches, synagogues and other houses of worship contribute to solving important social problems...a great deal, some, not much, or nothing at all?

Jun 15-26 <u>2016</u>		Jun 28-Jul 9 <u>2012</u>	Aug <u>2008</u>	Jul <u>2005</u>	Mar <u>2001</u>	Sept <u>2000</u> <sup>1</sup>
19	A great deal	26	24	20	23	28
38	Some	40	51	46	52	44
26	Not much	22	16	23	18	21
14	Nothing at all	10	7	7	4	4
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	3	2	4	3	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.79 In your opinion, should churches and other houses of worship **[RANDOMIZE: keep out of political matters; express their views on day-to-day social and political questions]** – or should they **[INSERT OTHER OPTION]**?

	Should <u>keep out</u>	Should <u>express views</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 15-26, 2016	49	47	4
Sep 2-9, 2014	48	49	3
Mar 7-11, 2012	54	40	6
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	52	43	5
August, 2008	52	45	3
July, 2006	46	51	3
July, 2005	44	51	5
August, 2004	44	51	5
Mid-July, 2003	44	52	4
March, 2001	43	51	6
September, 2000 (RVs) <sup>2</sup>	45	51	4
June, 1996	43	54	3
Gallup: February, 1968	53	40	7
Gallup: March, 1957	44	48	8

<sup>1</sup> Based on registered voters. Question was worded: "These days, how much do you think churches, synagogues and mosques contribute to solving important social problems... a great deal, some, not much, nothing at all?"

<sup>2</sup> In 2000 and earlier, the question did not include "and other houses of worship."

**ASK ALL:**

Q.80 During political elections, should churches and other houses of worship come out in favor of one candidate over another, or shouldn't they do this?

	Should come out in favor of <u>candidates</u>	Should not come out in favor of <u>candidates</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 15-26, 2016	29	66	5
Sep 2-9, 2014	32	63	5
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	66	7
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	24	70	6
August, 2008	29	66	5
August, 2007	28	63	9
August, 2004	25	65	10
March, 2002	22	70	8

**ASK ALL:**

Q.81 How do you feel about this statement: It's important to me that a president have strong religious beliefs. Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely DISagree with it?

Jun 15-26 <u>2016</u>		Jun 28-Jul 9 <u>2012</u>	Aug <u>2008</u>	Aug <u>2007</u>	Aug <u>2004</u>	Sept <u>2000 (RVs)</u>
25	Completely agree	30	32	30	29	35
37	Mostly agree	37	40	39	41	35
19	Mostly disagree	17	14	16	15	17
16	Completely disagree	12	11	11	11	10
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	4	3	4	4	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.82 Do you think of yourself as a member of a minority because of your religious beliefs, or not?

Jun 15-26 <u>2016</u>		Sep 2-9 <u>2014</u>	Aug 11-17 <u>2009</u>	Mar <u>2001</u>
19	Yes	21	19	19
79	No	78	78	78
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	3	3

**ASK IF EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN AND NOT CATHOLIC (BORN=1 AND (RELIG=1,3,4,13 OR CHR=1)):**

Q.83 In recent years, has it become more difficult to be an evangelical Christian in the U.S., has it become easier, or hasn't it changed very much?

**BASED ON EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS [N=603]:**

Jun 15-26 <u>2016</u>		Sep 2-9 <u>2014</u>
41	Has become more difficult	34
10	Has become easier	8
46	Hasn't changed very much	53
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	5

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2):**

Q.84 In recent years, has it become more difficult to be a Catholic in the US, has it become easier, or hasn't it changed very much?

**BASED ON CATHOLICS [N=527]:**

Jun 15-26 <u>2016</u>		Sep 2-9 <u>2014</u>
18	Has become more difficult	18
9	Has become easier	8
68	Hasn't changed very much	73
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b> <sup>3</sup>	1

**ASK IF UNAFFILIATED (RELIG=9,10,12):**

Q.85 In recent years, has it become more difficult to be a person with no religion in the US, has it become easier, or hasn't it changed very much?

**BASED ON UNAFFILIATED [N=476]:**

Jun 15-26 <u>2016</u>		Sep 2-9 <u>2014</u>
7	Has become more difficult	8
29	Has become easier	31
60	Hasn't changed very much	60
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	2

**QUESTIONS 86 AND 87 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

<sup>3</sup> The "don't know/refused" category in June 2016 includes five Catholic respondents who did not receive the question because it was filtered on a previous question subject to backcoding.