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<u>Black</u>																		
Yes	932	444	488	111	148	190	159	139	186	249	280	185	218	245	243	231	132	82
	93%	92%	93%	92%	93%	95%	94%	93%	89%	95%	96%	88%	90%	93%	92%	93%	93%	92%
No	54	29	25	5	9	9	9	8	16	10	7	19	18	15	16	11	8	4
	5%	6%	5%	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%	7%	4%	2%	9%	8%	6%	6%	4%	6%	5%
Don't know	21	10	11	5	3	1	1	3	8	3	5	7	5	5	5	7	2	3
	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	*	1%	2%	4%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%
<u>Muslim</u>																		
Yes	726	353	373	99	135	167	110	98	118	197	230	150	149	187	186	192	95	67
	72%	73%	71%	83%	85%	84%	65%	65%	56%	75%	79%	71%	62%	71%	70%	77%	67%	75%
No	234	115	120	14	21	29	53	40	77	58	51	50	76	63	65	47	42	17
	23%	24%	23%	12%	13%	15%	31%	27%	37%	22%	17%	23%	31%	24%	25%	19%	30%	19%
Don't know	47	15	31	6	4	4	7	12	14	6	11	12	17	14	13	10	5	5
	5%	3%	6%	5%	2%	2%	4%	8%	7%	2%	4%	6%	7%	5%	5%	4%	3%	6%
<u>Atheist</u>																		
Yes	758	372	386	96	130	159	134	117	122	206	241	160	151	206	190	192	102	68
	75%	77%	74%	80%	82%	80%	79%	78%	58%	79%	83%	76%	62%	78%	72%	77%	72%	76%
No	205	99	106	15	21	35	32	28	74	47	40	39	80	48	62	47	33	15
	20%	21%	20%	12%	13%	18%	19%	19%	35%	18%	14%	18%	33%	18%	24%	19%	23%	17%
Don't know	44	12	32	9	8	5	4	5	13	9	11	13	11	10	11	10	7	6
	4%	2%	6%	8%	5%	3%	2%	3%	6%	3%	4%	6%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	6%

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<u>Divorced</u>																		
Yes	913 91%	436 90%	477 91%	111 93%	148 93%	181 91%	154 91%	136 91%	183 87%	242 92%	276 94%	188 89%	207 86%	242 92%	231 88%	233 94%	128 90%	79 90%
No	75 7%	40 8%	35 7%	2 1%	10 7%	19 9%	14 8%	8 6%	23 11%	15 6%	14 5%	19 9%	28 12%	18 7%	27 10%	12 5%	11 8%	6 7%
Don't know	18 2%	7 1%	11 2%	7 6%	1 1%	- -	1 1%	5 3%	3 2%	5 2%	3 1%	4 2%	6 3%	4 1%	5 2%	4 2%	3 2%	3 3%
<u>72 years of age</u>																		
Yes	551 55%	285 59%	266 51%	70 59%	84 53%	127 64%	87 51%	77 51%	105 50%	149 57%	160 55%	120 57%	122 51%	161 61%	136 51%	131 53%	71 50%	52 59%
No	435 43%	192 40%	242 46%	42 35%	73 46%	71 36%	79 47%	69 46%	100 48%	109 41%	127 44%	86 41%	113 47%	101 38%	118 45%	114 46%	69 48%	33 38%
Don't know	21 2%	6 1%	15 3%	7 6%	2 2%	1 1%	3 2%	4 3%	3 2%	4 2%	5 2%	5 2%	7 3%	1 *	10 4%	4 2%	3 2%	3 4%
<u>Gay or lesbian</u>																		
Yes	754 75%	340 70%	414 79%	90 75%	133 84%	170 85%	129 76%	111 74%	121 58%	203 78%	233 80%	157 74%	160 66%	192 73%	195 74%	197 79%	103 73%	67 76%
No	232 23%	139 29%	93 18%	27 22%	25 16%	29 15%	37 22%	34 23%	81 39%	54 20%	53 18%	48 23%	78 32%	68 26%	61 23%	50 20%	36 25%	17 19%
Don't know	21 2%	5 1%	16 3%	3 2%	1 1%	1 *	4 2%	5 3%	7 4%	5 2%	6 2%	5 3%	4 2%	4 1%	8 3%	2 1%	3 2%	5 5%

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<u>A woman</u>																		
Yes	926 92%	445 92%	481 92%	109 91%	148 93%	189 95%	157 92%	133 89%	190 91%	249 95%	281 96%	187 88%	209 86%	238 90%	246 93%	231 93%	134 95%	77 86%
No	68 7%	33 7%	35 7%	6 5%	10 6%	10 5%	11 7%	13 9%	17 8%	10 4%	8 3%	20 10%	30 12%	24 9%	15 6%	15 6%	6 4%	9 10%
Don't know	13 1%	5 1%	8 2%	5 4%	1 1%	1 *	1 1%	3 2%	2 1%	2 1%	3 1%	4 2%	3 1%	2 1%	3 1%	3 1%	2 2%	3 4%
<u>Christian</u>																		
Yes	912 91%	432 89%	480 92%	102 85%	144 90%	187 94%	154 91%	135 90%	190 91%	244 93%	273 94%	181 86%	214 89%	237 90%	242 92%	228 92%	130 91%	75 85%
No	74 7%	41 8%	34 6%	12 10%	12 8%	12 6%	14 8%	9 6%	16 7%	14 6%	17 6%	22 10%	21 9%	21 8%	17 6%	15 6%	10 7%	11 13%
Don't know	21 2%	11 2%	10 2%	6 5%	3 2%	1 *	1 1%	6 4%	4 2%	4 1%	2 1%	8 4%	7 3%	6 2%	5 2%	6 2%	2 2%	2 2%
NET: Would not vote for a political candidate because they were either Christian, Muslim or Atheist	334 33%	162 33%	172 33%	24 20%	34 21%	47 24%	60 36%	54 36%	114 54%	86 33%	74 25%	61 29%	113 47%	92 35%	92 35%	73 29%	48 34%	29 33%
NET: Would not vote for a political candidate because they were either Christian, Muslim, Atheist or gay/lesbian	396 39%	199 41%	196 38%	31 26%	44 28%	57 29%	69 41%	61 41%	134 64%	102 39%	90 31%	77 36%	127 52%	115 44%	105 40%	88 35%	55 39%	32 36%

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Table 2

Q.2 If you could vote in the US presidential elections, which candidate would you vote for?

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Barack Obama	669 66%	352 73%	317 61%	71 59%	109 69%	139 70%	115 68%	99 66%	136 65%	179 68%	216 74%	141 67%	133 55%	178 67%	162 61%	182 73%	94 66%	54 61%
John McCain	100 10%	48 10%	52 10%	19 16%	6 4%	18 9%	13 8%	16 11%	27 13%	29 11%	19 6%	8 4%	43 18%	26 10%	28 11%	13 5%	20 14%	12 14%
Ralph Nader	18 2%	8 2%	11 2%	2 1%	4 3%	3 1%	2 1%	2 1%	6 3%	4 1%	2 1%	7 4%	5 2%	5 2%	8 3%	1 1%	2 1%	1 1%
None of these	63 6%	32 7%	31 6%	11 9%	8 5%	13 7%	5 3%	13 9%	13 6%	11 4%	24 8%	17 8%	12 5%	12 4%	15 6%	18 7%	12 8%	6 7%
Don't know	157 16%	44 9%	113 22%	18 15%	31 20%	27 13%	33 20%	20 13%	28 13%	39 15%	31 11%	38 18%	48 20%	43 16%	50 19%	34 13%	15 10%	15 17%

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Table 3

Q.3 What impact has the presidency of George W. Bush had on your view of Christianity?**Base: All respondents**

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It has improved my opinion of Christianity	3 *	1 *	2 *	- -	1 *	- -	- -	1 *	2 1%	1 *	- -	- -	2 1%	1 *	1 *	- -	1 1%	1 1%
It has damaged my view of Christianity	121 12%	69 14%	52 10%	23 19%	21 13%	19 10%	22 13%	14 9%	22 11%	45 17%	29 10%	23 11%	24 10%	34 13%	24 9%	28 11%	25 18%	9 11%
It has made no difference to my view of Christianity	866 86%	402 83%	464 89%	97 81%	138 86%	176 88%	144 85%	131 88%	180 86%	208 80%	263 90%	183 87%	211 87%	228 86%	235 89%	213 86%	114 80%	76 86%
Refused	2 *	1 *	1 *	- -	- -	- -	1 *	- -	2 1%	1 *	- -	- -	2 1%	- -	- -	1 1%	1 *	1 1%
Don't know	15 1%	10 2%	5 1%	- -	1 *	4 2%	3 2%	4 3%	4 2%	7 3%	- -	5 2%	3 1%	1 *	4 2%	7 3%	1 1%	2 2%