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Weighted base	1007	483	524	120	160	200	169	149	209	262	292	211	242	264	264	249	142	89
<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	436	477	111	148	181	154	136	183	242	276	188	207	242	231	233	128	79
	91%	90%	91%	93%	93%	91%	91%	91%	87%	92%	94%	89%	86%	92%	88%	94%	90%	90%
No	75	40	35	2	10	19	14	8	23	15	14	19	28	18	27	12	11	6
	7%	8%	7%	1%	7%	9%	8%	6%	11%	6%	5%	9%	12%	7%	10%	5%	8%	7%
Don't know	18	7	11	7	1	-	1	5	3	5	3	4	6	4	5	4	3	3
	2%	1%	2%	6%	1%	-	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%
<u>72 years of age</u>																		
Yes	551	285	266	70	84	127	87	77	105	149	160	120	122	161	136	131	71	52
	55%	59%	51%	59%	53%	64%	51%	51%	50%	57%	55%	57%	51%	61%	51%	53%	50%	59%
No	435	192	242	42	73	71	79	69	100	109	127	86	113	101	118	114	69	33
	43%	40%	46%	35%	46%	36%	47%	46%	48%	41%	44%	41%	47%	38%	45%	46%	48%	38%
Don't know	21	6	15	7	2	1	3	4	3	4	5	5	7	1	10	4	3	3
	2%	1%	3%	6%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	*	4%	2%	2%	4%
<u>Gay or lesbian</u>																		
Yes	754	340	414	90	133	170	129	111	121	203	233	157	160	192	195	197	103	67
	75%	70%	79%	75%	84%	85%	76%	74%	58%	78%	80%	74%	66%	73%	74%	79%	73%	76%
No	232	139	93	27	25	29	37	34	81	54	53	48	78	68	61	50	36	17
	23%	29%	18%	22%	16%	15%	22%	23%	39%	20%	18%	23%	32%	26%	23%	20%	25%	19%
Don't know	21	5	16	3	1	1	4	5	7	5	6	5	4	4	8	2	3	5
	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	*	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	5%

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<u>A woman</u>																		
Yes	926	445	481	109	148	189	157	133	190	249	281	187	209	238	246	231	134	77
	92%	92%	92%	91%	93%	95%	92%	89%	91%	95%	96%	88%	86%	90%	93%	93%	95%	86%
No	68	33	35	6	10	10	11	13	17	10	8	20	30	24	15	15	6	9
	7%	7%	7%	5%	6%	5%	7%	9%	8%	4%	3%	10%	12%	9%	6%	6%	4%	10%
Don't know	13	5	8	5	1	1	1	3	2	2	3	4	3	2	3	3	2	3
	1%	1%	2%	4%	1%	*	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	4%
<u>Christian</u>																		
Yes	912	432	480	102	144	187	154	135	190	244	273	181	214	237	242	228	130	75
	91%	89%	92%	85%	90%	94%	91%	90%	91%	93%	94%	86%	89%	90%	92%	92%	91%	85%
No	74	41	34	12	12	12	14	9	16	14	17	22	21	21	17	15	10	11
	7%	8%	6%	10%	8%	6%	8%	6%	7%	6%	6%	10%	9%	8%	6%	6%	7%	13%
Don't know	21	11	10	6	3	1	1	6	4	4	2	8	7	6	5	6	2	2
	2%	2%	2%	5%	2%	*	1%	4%	2%	1%	1%	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

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Table 2

Q.2 If you could vote in the US presidential elections, which candidate would you vote for?**Base: All respondents**

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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?
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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%