

# Religion And Ethics NewsWeekly Frequency Questionnaire

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**1400 Adult Respondents, 1000 Weighted**

**315 Young White Evangelical Christians, 26 Weighted**

What is your religious preference? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Muslim or some other religion, or don't you have a religious preference?

|                                      | Total | White<br>Young<br>Evang |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Protestant .....                     | 35    | 72                      |
| Roman Catholic .....                 | 23    | -                       |
| Jewish.....                          | 2     | -                       |
| Muslim/Islam.....                    | 0     | -                       |
| Mormon .....                         | 1     | -                       |
| Orthodox Church .....                | 0     | -                       |
| Other Christian religion.....        | 10    | 28                      |
| Other non-Christian religion.....    | 6     | -                       |
| No preference/Atheist/Agnostic ..... | 19    | -                       |
| (DON'T KNOW/REFUSED) .....           | 3     | -                       |
| (ref:RELIG1A)                        |       |                         |

**[442 Respondents]**

(ONLY IF PROTESTANT OR OTHER CHRISTIAN) When it comes to your religious identity, would you say you are a fundamentalist, evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal, mainline, liberal Protestant, or do none of these describe you?

|                            | Total | White<br>Young<br>Evang |
|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Fundamentalist .....       | 5     | 7                       |
| Evangelical .....          | 14    | 29                      |
| Charismatic.....           | 2     | 4                       |
| Pentecostal.....           | 6     | 9                       |
| Mainline .....             | 10    | 4                       |
| Liberal.....               | 9     | 12                      |
| None .....                 | 46    | 24                      |
| (Other) .....              | 4     | 10                      |
| (DON'T KNOW/REFUSED) ..... | 4     | 1                       |
| (ref:RELGSID)              |       |                         |

**[779 Respondents]**

(IF PROTESTANT, CATHOLIC, MORMON, ORTHODOX, OTHER CHRISTIAN, OTHER, OR DON'T KNOW) Would you consider yourself a born-again Christian, or not?

|                            | Total | White Young Evang |
|----------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Yes .....                  | 44    | 91                |
| No .....                   | 52    | 9                 |
| (DON'T KNOW/REFUSED) ..... | 4     | 0                 |

(ref:BORNAGIN)

Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a very warm, favorable feeling; zero meaning a very cold, unfavorable feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or organization, please say so.

|  | Mean      | % Warm    | % Cool    | % ID      |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>[500 Respondents]</b>                       |           |           |           |           |
| (SPLIT A) George W. Bush.....                  | 38        | 33        | 56        | 98        |
| <b>White Young Evangelical Christians.....</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>48</b> | <b>98</b> |
| <b>[500 Respondents]</b>                       |           |           |           |           |
| (SPLIT B) Barack Obama .....                   | 56        | 51        | 34        | 97        |
| <b>White Young Evangelical Christians.....</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>96</b> |
| <b>[500 Respondents]</b>                       |           |           |           |           |
| (SPLIT A) John McCain .....                    | 49        | 45        | 40        | 98        |
| <b>White Young Evangelical Christians.....</b> | <b>56</b> | <b>54</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>96</b> |
| <b>[500 Respondents]</b>                       |           |           |           |           |
| (SPLIT A) Sarah Palin.....                     | 49        | 38        | 36        | 85        |
| <b>White Young Evangelical Christians.....</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>91</b> |
| <b>[500 Respondents]</b>                       |           |           |           |           |
| (SPLIT B) Joe Biden .....                      | 54        | 37        | 27        | 80        |
| <b>White Young Evangelical Christians.....</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>41</b> | <b>71</b> |

(ref:THERM04)

I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the elections this year, if the election for president were held today and the candidates were: Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain, for whom would you vote, John McCain or Barack Obama?

|   | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|---|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Democrat Barack Obama .....               | 46           | 26                               |
| Lean Democrat Barack Obama .....          | 4            | 4                                |
| Republican John McCain.....               | 40           | 56                               |
| Lean Republican John McCain.....          | 3            | 6                                |
| (Other candidate).....                    | 3            | 4                                |
| Lean (Other candidate).....               | 0            | 3                                |
| (Undecided) .....                         | 3            | 1                                |
| (Refused).....                            | 2            | 0                                |
| <b>Total Democrat Barack Obama .....</b>  | <b>49</b>    | <b>30</b>                        |
| <b>Total Republican John McCain .....</b> | <b>43</b>    | <b>62</b>                        |
| <b>Total (Other candidate) .....</b>      | <b>3</b>     | <b>6</b>                         |
| (ref:PRES08A)                             |              |                                  |

Which candidate for President do you think is more religious - - Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

|                             | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Democrat Barack Obama ..... | 28           | 20                               |
| Republican John McCain..... | 32           | 48                               |
| (Equally religious) .....   | 9            | 24                               |
| (Don't know/refused).....   | 31           | 7                                |
| <b>Obama - McCain.....</b>  | <b>-5</b>    | <b>-28</b>                       |
| (ref:RELIGCAN)              |              |                                  |

Now I want to talk to you about something different. Which one of the following statements do you most agree with when it comes to the issue of gay marriage?

*Statement A: Gay and lesbian couples should have the same legal right to marry as do a man and a woman.*

*Statement B: Marriage under the law should only be between a man and a woman, but there should be domestic partnerships or some other legal rights that would give same-sex couples many of the benefits and protections of marriage.*

*Statement C: There should be no legal recognition of a relationship for gay or lesbian couples.*

|                           | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Statement A .....         | 30           | 26                               |
| Statement B .....         | 36           | 32                               |
| Statement C .....         | 29           | 41                               |
| (Don't know/refused)..... | 4            | -                                |
| (ref:THREEWAY)            |              |                                  |

Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases?

|                             | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Legal in all cases .....    | 19           | 8                                |
| Legal in most cases .....   | 31           | 18                               |
| Illegal in most cases ..... | 32           | 48                               |
| Illegal in all cases .....  | 13           | 25                               |
| (DK/REF) .....              | 5            | 1                                |
| <b>Total Legal.....</b>     | <b>50</b>    | <b>26</b>                        |
| <b>Total Illegal.....</b>   | <b>45</b>    | <b>73</b>                        |
| <b>Legal - Illegal.....</b> | <b>5</b>     | <b>-47</b>                       |
| (ref:ABORTION)              |              |                                  |

Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

|                            | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 - 11th grade .....       | 6            | 5                                |
| High School graduate ..... | 30           | 25                               |
| Non-college post H.S.....  | 2            | 2                                |
| Some college .....         | 28           | 36                               |
| College graduate .....     | 21           | 25                               |
| Post-graduate school.....  | 12           | 7                                |
| (Don't know/refused).....  | 1            | -                                |
| (ref:EDUC)                 |              |                                  |

In terms of your job status, are you employed full-time, employed part-time, unemployed but looking for work, retired, a student, or a homemaker?

|                           | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Employed full-time .....  | 47           | 51                               |
| Employed part-time.....   | 10           | 12                               |
| Unemployed .....          | 7            | 6                                |
| Retired .....             | 21           | -                                |
| Student .....             | 4            | 18                               |
| Homemaker .....           | 9            | 13                               |
| (Other) .....             | 2            | 0                                |
| (Don't know/refused)..... | 0            | -                                |
| (ref:EMPLOY)              |              |                                  |

Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

|                              | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Married .....                | 57           | 47                               |
| Single.....                  | 25           | 49                               |
| Separated .....              | 2            | -                                |
| Divorced .....               | 9            | 1                                |
| Widowed.....                 | 6            | -                                |
| (DK/REF) .....               | 0            | -                                |
| (Domestic partnership) ..... | 0            | 3                                |
| (ref:MARITAL2)               |              |                                  |

How often do you attend religious services -- More than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

|                             | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| More than once a week ..... | 13           | 24                               |
| Once a week.....            | 26           | 29                               |
| Once or twice a month.....  | 13           | 14                               |
| Several times a year .....  | 15           | 16                               |
| Hardly ever .....           | 27           | 15                               |
| (Never).....                | 4            | 3                                |
| (DK/REF) .....              | 1            | -                                |
| (ref:RELIG2)                |              |                                  |

**[442 Respondents]**

(ONLY IF PROTESTANT OR OTHER CHRISTIAN) What specific Protestant or Christian denomination do you consider yourself?

|  | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|--|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Baptist.....   | 27           | 29                               |
| Methodist .....  | 13           | 5                                |
| Lutheran .....   | 8            | 6                                |
| Presbyterian .....                                       | 7            | 3                                |
| Christian or Just Christian.....                         | 6            | 13                               |
| Nondenominational or Interdenominational Protestant..... | 5            | 15                               |
| Pentecostal.....   | 4            | 5                                |
| Church(es) of Christ .....                               | 2            | 2                                |
| Episcopalian (or Anglican Church of England) .....       | 2            | 3                                |
| African Methodist Episcopal (AME) .....                  | 1            | 0                                |
| Assemblies of God.....                                   | 1            | 2                                |
| Charismatic.....   | 1            | 1                                |
| Church of God .....                                      | 1            | 1                                |
| Congregationalist.....                                   | 1            | -                                |
| Just Protestant.....                                     | 1            | 1                                |
| Mennonite .....  | 1            | 0                                |
| Mormon/Latter Day Saints.....                            | 1            | -                                |
| Seventh-Day Adventist .....                              | 1            | -                                |
| Unitarian-Universalist.....                              | 1            | 0                                |
| United Church of Christ (UCC) .....                      | 1            | 0                                |
| Brethren.....  | 0            | 1                                |
| Christian and Missionary Alliance (CMA) .....            | 0            | 1                                |
| Church of the Nazarene .....                             | 0            | 1                                |
| Disciples of Christ.....                                 | 0            | -                                |
| Evangelical Covenant Church .....                        | 0            | 1                                |
| Evangelical Free Church .....                            | 0            | 1                                |
| Four Square Gospel .....                                 | 0            | 0                                |
| Holiness.....  | 0            | 0                                |
| Independent.....   | 0            | 1                                |
| Jehovah's Witness.....                                   | 0            | -                                |
| Quaker/Friends .....                                     | 0            | -                                |
| Reformed.....  | 0            | 1                                |
| Wesleyan Church .....                                    | 0            | 0                                |
| African Methodist Episcopal Zion (AMEZ) .....            | .            | -                                |
| Christian Science.....                                   | -            | -                                |
| Free Methodist Church .....                              | .            | 1                                |
| Salvation Army.....                                      | -            | -                                |
| Other.....   | 5            | 4                                |
| (DK/REF) .....   | 9            | 2                                |
| (ref:DENMNTN)  |              |                                  |

**[120 Respondents]**

(ONLY IF BAPTIST) With which Baptist group is your church associated? Is it the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Churches in the USA, the American Baptist Association, the National Baptist Convention USA, an independent Baptist church or some other Baptist group?

|   | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|---|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Southern Baptist Convention.....                    | 31           | 43                               |
| Independent Baptist (no denominational ties) .....  | 19           | 15                               |
| National Baptist Convention USA.....                | 6            | -                                |
| American Baptist Association .....                  | 5            | 4                                |
| American Baptist Churches in the USA.....           | 3            | -                                |
| General Association of Regular Baptists (GARB)..... | 2            | -                                |
| Baptist, don't know which .....                     | 1            | 13                               |
| Baptist Bible Fellowship.....                       | 1            | 3                                |
| Baptist General Conference .....                    | 1            | 2                                |
| Conservative Baptist Association of America .....   | 1            | -                                |
| Free Will Baptist.....                              | 1            | 3                                |
| Missionary Baptist.....                             | 1            | -                                |
| Primitive Baptist.....                              | 1            | -                                |
| American Baptist, don't know which .....            | 0            | 2                                |
| Baptist Missionary Association .....                | 0            | -                                |
| Fundamentalist Baptist Association of America.....  | -            | -                                |
| Progressive National Baptist Convention .....       | -            | -                                |
| Other.....  | 17           | 13                               |
| (DK/REF) .....                                      | 11           | 2                                |
| (ref:BAPTGRP)                                       |              |                                  |

**[33 Respondents]**

(ONLY IF LUTHERAN) With which Lutheran group is your church associated? Is that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Missouri Synod, the Wisconsin Synod, or some other Lutheran group?

|   | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|---|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA:<br>formerly Lutheran Church in America, American<br>Lutheran Church)..... | 43           | 55                               |
| Missouri Synod Lutheran.....  | 28           | 23                               |
| Wisconsin Synod Lutheran .....  | 10           | 15                               |
| Lutheran, don't know which .....  | 1            | 7                                |
| Other.....  | 15           | -                                |
| (DK/REF) .....  | 3            | -                                |
| (ref:LUTHNGRP)  |              |                                  |

**[57 Respondents]**

(ONLY IF METHODIST) With which Methodist group is your church associated? Is that the United Methodist Church, Free Methodist, Wesleyan Methodist, or some other Methodist group?

|                                  | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| United Methodist.....            | 86           | 95                               |
| Wesleyan Methodist .....         | 6            | -                                |
| Free Methodist.....              | 4            | -                                |
| Methodist, don't know which..... | 2            | 5                                |
| Other.....                       | 1            | -                                |
| (DK/REF) .....                   | -            | -                                |
| (ref:METHDGRP)                   |              |                                  |

**[32 Respondents]**

(ONLY IF PRESBYTERIAN) With which Presbyterian group is your church associated? Is that the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Presbyterian Church in America, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, or some other Presbyterian Group?

|  | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|--|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Presbyterian Church (USA) .....            | 39           | 12                               |
| Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) ..... | 23           | 64                               |
| Orthodox Presbyterian Church .....         | 2            | -                                |
| Evangelical Presbyterian Church.....       | 1            | 6                                |
| Presbyterian, don't know which .....       | 1            | 17                               |
| Other.....                                 | 28           | -                                |
| (DK/REF) .....                             | 7            | -                                |
| (ref:PRSBYGRP)                             |              |                                  |

**[9 Respondents]**

(ONLY IF CHURCH OF CHRIST) With which group is your church associated? Is that the Church of Christ or the United Church of Christ?

|                               | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Church(es) of Christ .....    | 89           | 100                              |
| United Church of Christ ..... | 11           | -                                |
| Other.....                    | -            | -                                |
| (DK/REF) .....                | -            | -                                |
| (ref:CHRSTGRP)                |              |                                  |



**[225 Respondents]**

(ONLY IF CATHOLIC) When it comes to your religious identity, would you say you are a traditional Catholic, a liberal catholic, or do none of these describe you?

|                  | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Traditional..... | 37           | -                                |
| Liberal.....     | 33           | -                                |
| None.....        | 26           | -                                |
| Other.....       | -            | -                                |
| (DK/REF).....    | 4            | -                                |
| (ref:CATHID)     |              |                                  |

What is your race?

|                           | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| White.....                | 69           | 100                              |
| Black.....                | 11           | -                                |
| Hispanic or Latino.....   | 10           | -                                |
| (Other).....              | 6            | -                                |
| (Don't know/refused)..... | 4            | -                                |
| <b>Non-White.....</b>     | <b>27</b>    | <b>-</b>                         |
| (ref:RACE)                |              |                                  |

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

|                                  | <b>Total</b> | <b>White<br/>Young<br/>Evang</b> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Strong Democrat.....             | 22           | 13                               |
| Weak Democrat.....               | 15           | 8                                |
| Independent-lean Democrat.....   | 11           | 5                                |
| Independent.....                 | 9            | 14                               |
| Independent-lean Republican..... | 8            | 13                               |
| Weak Republican.....             | 13           | 21                               |
| Strong Republican.....           | 19           | 26                               |
| (Don't know/refused).....        | 4            | 1                                |
| (ref:PTYID1)                     |              |                                  |

Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

|                           | Total | White<br>Young<br>Evang |
|---------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Liberal.....              | 20    | 17                      |
| Moderate .....            | 34    | 38                      |
| Conservative.....         | 38    | 45                      |
| (Don't know/refused)..... | 8     | -                       |
| (ref:IDEO1)               |       |                         |

Last year, that is in 2007, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

|                            | Total | White<br>Young<br>Evang |
|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Less than \$10K.....       | 6     | 7                       |
| \$10K to under \$20K.....  | 8     | 11                      |
| \$20K to under \$30K.....  | 9     | 13                      |
| \$30K to under \$50K.....  | 16    | 24                      |
| \$50K to under \$75K.....  | 17    | 23                      |
| \$75K to under \$100K..... | 11    | 13                      |
| \$100K or more.....        | 16    | 7                       |
| (Refused).....             | 12    | 1                       |
| (Don't know).....          | 5     | 1                       |
| (ref:INCOME)               |       |                         |

Respondents' gender

|              | Total | White<br>Young<br>Evang |
|--------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Male.....    | 49    | 48                      |
| Female.....  | 51    | 52                      |
| (ref:GENDER) |       |                         |

In what year were you born?

|                  | Total | White<br>Young<br>Evang |
|------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| 18 - 24 .....    | 8     | 45                      |
| 25 - 29 .....    | 10    | 55                      |
| 30 - 34 .....    | 12    | -                       |
| 35 - 39 .....    | 7     | -                       |
| 40 - 44 .....    | 7     | -                       |
| 45 - 49 .....    | 12    | -                       |
| 50 - 54 .....    | 8     | -                       |
| 55 - 59 .....    | 9     | -                       |
| 60 - 64 .....    | 8     | -                       |
| Over 64.....     | 18    | -                       |
| (No answer)..... | 1     | -                       |
| (ref:AGE)        |       |                         |