



FOX News/Opinion Dynamics Poll

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Polling was conducted by telephone November 29-30, 2005 in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of ± 3 percentage points.

Questions 1 - 9 released separately

10. Do you think America is a more or less spiritual nation today than it was 25 years ago?

	More	Less	(Same)	(Don't know)
29-30 Nov 05	25%	60	8	8
Attend services weekly	24%	62	7	7
Less than weekly	26%	59	8	8
Born Again/Evangelical	24%	66	6	4

PAST TREND

24-25 Jan 01	16%	67	9	8
24-25 March 99	16%	72	5	7
29-30 Oct 97	33%	56	5	6

11. Do you think religion plays too large or too small a role in most people's lives today?

	Too large	Too small	(About right)	(Not sure)
29-30 Nov 05	15%	68	8	9
Attend services weekly	8%	78	6	7
Less than weekly	20%	61	9	10
Born Again/Evangelical	6%	85	5	3

PAST TREND

23-24 Sep 03	15%	69	7	9
24-25 Jan 01	10%	68	9	13
24-25 Mar 99	10%	73	6	11
12-13 Jun 96	14%	70	4	11

12. Which one of the following is closer to your view:

SCALE: 1. Religion is under attack in America today 2. Religion has too much influence in America today 3. The current standing of religion in America is just about right 4. (Don't know)

	Religion under attack	Religion has too much influence	Current standing just right	(DK)
29-30 Nov 05	49%	17	22	12
Attend services weekly	61%	10	18	10
Less than weekly	41%	23	24	11
Born Again/Evangelical	72%	3	17	8

13. Do you feel like Christianity is under attack in the United States today?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
29-30 Nov 05	59%	37	4
Attend services weekly	72%	25	3
Less than weekly	49%	46	5
Born Again/Evangelical	76%	21	3

14. Do you agree or disagree that all religion should be excluded from public life?

	Agree	Disagree	(Don't know)
29-30 Nov 05	15%	81	4
Attend services weekly	10%	88	2
Less than weekly	20%	75	5
Born Again/Evangelical	8%	91	2

15. Which of these late December holidays do you celebrate? (Multiple responses allowed)

	Christmas	Hanukkah	Kwanzaa	(Other/ Refused)	(None)
29-30 Nov 05	95%	4	3	1	2
Attend services weekly	98%	2	3	-	1
Less than weekly	94%	5	3	2	3
Born Again/Evangelical	99%	2	2	-	1
3-4 Dec 03	96%	5	2	1	1

16. Do you plan to put up any Christmas decorations this year?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
29-30 Nov 05	83%	16	1
Attend services weekly	88%	11	1
Less than weekly	80%	18	1
Born Again/Evangelical	88%	11	1

17. Do you consider Christmas a religious holiday or a cultural holiday? (ROTATE)

	Religious	Cultural	(Both)	(Neither)	(DK)
29-30 Nov 05	57%	14	27	2	1
Attend services weekly	68%	9	22	-	1
Less than weekly	49%	17	31	2	1
Born Again/Evangelical	72%	8	20	1	-

18. Do you consider a Christmas tree more a religious or more a cultural symbol? (ROTATE)

	Religious	Cultural	(Both)	(Neither)	(DK)
29-30 Nov 05	14%	69	12	2	3
Attend services weekly	18%	62	15	2	3
Less than weekly	11%	75	11	2	2
Born Again/Evangelical	19%	64	14	1	2

19. Do you consider Santa Claus more a religious or more a cultural symbol? (ROTATE)

	Religious	Cultural	(Both)	(Neither)	(DK)
29-30 Nov 05	4%	87	4	3	2
Attend services weekly	4%	87	5	2	2
Less than weekly	3%	87	4	4	3
Born Again/Evangelical	4%	87	4	3	2

20. Do you agree or disagree there is a war on Christmas in the United States today?

	Agree	Disagree	(Don't know)
29-30 Nov 05	42%	48	10
Attend services weekly	49%	41	9
Less than weekly	38%	53	10
Born Again/Evangelical	56%	34	10

21. Around this time of year, there is talk about whether holiday decorations on public property should include a nativity scene. Some say nativity scenes should not be on public property because this violates the separation of church and state. Others say it is acceptable for nativity scenes to be on public property because they are part of the historical celebration of Christmas. What is your view -- should nativity scenes be allowed on public property, or not?

	Yes, should be	No, should not be	(Not sure)
29-30 Nov 05	83%	12	5
Attend services weekly	90%	5	4
Less than weekly	78%	16	5
Born Again/Evangelical	91%	4	4
3-4 Dec 03	87%	9	4

22. This year, does it seem that the public display of the Christian symbols of Christmas, such as the nativity scene, are more under attack or less under attack than in past years?

	More	Less	(Same)	(Not sure)
29-30 Nov 05	58%	13	15	15
Attend services weekly	63%	11	11	15
Less than weekly	55%	14	18	13
Born Again/Evangelical	65%	12	10	14
14-15 Dec 04	51%	20	17	12

23. Are you offended when people change the name of a Christmas tree to a "Holiday tree" or a "Friendship tree"?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
29-30 Nov 05	44%	52	4
Attend services weekly	50%	46	4
Less than weekly	39%	57	3
Born Again/Evangelical	51%	44	5

24. When greeting people you don't know well during the coming month, are you more likely to say "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holidays"? (ROTATE)

	Merry Christmas	Happy Holidays	(Depends)	(Neither)	(DK)
29-30 Nov 05	61%	26	10	3	1
Attend services weekly	74%	18	6	2	1
Less than weekly	52%	32	12	3	1
Born Again/Evangelical	69%	20	7	2	1

25. Are you offended by stores that instruct employees not to say "Merry Christmas" and make it a policy to specifically not use the words "Merry Christmas" in advertising and promotions?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
29-30 Nov 05	45%	49	6
Attend services weekly	55%	39	7
Less than weekly	38%	56	6
Born Again/Evangelical	56%	38	6

(RANDOMIZE 26-27)

26. Do you believe the motto "in God we trust" should remain on U.S. currency and coins or should it be removed?

	Remain	Removed	(Not sure)
29-30 Nov 05	93%	4	3
Attend services weekly	97%	1	2
Less than weekly	90%	7	3
Born Again/Evangelical	97%	1	1
25-26 Apr 05	92%	5	3

27. Do you believe the phrase "under God" should remain in the Pledge of Allegiance or should it be removed?

	Remain	Removed	(Not sure)
29-30 Nov 05	90%	7	3
Attend services weekly	95%	4	2
Less than weekly	87%	10	3
Born Again/Evangelical	97%	1	1
27-28 Sep 05	89%	8	3

28. Do you think it should be legal or illegal to display the Ten Commandments on government property?

	Legal	Illegal	(Not sure)
29-30 Nov 05	76%	15	8
Attend services weekly	86%	7	7
Less than weekly	69%	22	9
Born Again/Evangelical	90%	5	5
1-2 Mar 05	77%	14	9

29. Do you agree or disagree that the courts have gone too far in taking religion out of public life?

	Agree	Disagree	(Don't know)
29-30 Nov 05	77%	17	6
Attend services weekly	87%	8	5
Less than weekly	70%	23	6
Born Again/Evangelical	91%	6	3

30. Do you agree or disagree with the idea of removing all religious holidays from public school calendars?

	Agree	Disagree	(Remove some, not all)	(Not sure)
29-30 Nov 05	8%	87	2	4
Attend services weekly	6%	90	1	3
Less than weekly	9%	85	2	4
Born Again/Evangelical	6%	91	1	2

31. Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to post the Ten Commandments in public schools?

	Good idea	Bad idea	(Not sure)
29-30 Nov 05	66%	24	10
Attend services weekly	79%	13	8
Less than weekly	57%	33	10
Born Again/Evangelical	84%	8	8
22-23 Sep 99*	69%	24	7

*Wording: "Recently a candidate for president announced support for posting the Ten Commandments in schools. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?"

32. Do you favor or oppose allowing public schools to set aside time for a moment of silence?

	Favor	Oppose	(Not sure)
29-30 Nov 05	87%	9	4
Attend services weekly	93%	5	3
Less than weekly	83%	12	5
Born Again/Evangelical	94%	4	2

33. Do you think private schools should allow a moment of silence for those students who want it?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
29-30 Nov 05	94%	3	3
Attend services weekly	96%	1	3
Less than weekly	94%	4	3
Born Again/Evangelical	97%	1	2

34. Do you favor or oppose allowing voluntary prayer in public schools?

	Favor	Oppose	(Not sure)
29-30 Nov 05	82%	14	5
Attend services weekly	89%	8	3
Less than weekly	77%	18	5
Born Again/Evangelical	92%	5	3
19-20 May 99	85%	11	4

35. Do you favor or oppose allowing public schools to have a prayer during graduation ceremonies?

	Favor	Oppose	(Not sure)
29-30 Nov 05	82%	11	6
Attend services weekly	91%	5	4
Less than weekly	76%	17	7
Born Again/Evangelical	96%	2	2

36. Do you think students in schools in the United States should be able to say "Merry Christmas" to their fellow classmates?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
29-30 Nov 05	98%	1	1
Attend services weekly	99%	1	1
Less than weekly	99%	1	1
Born Again/Evangelical	100%	-	-

37. Do you think religious holidays of different faiths such as Christmas, Hanukkah and Ramadan should all be taught in public schools for their historical context or should they all be banned entirely?

	Taught	Banned	(Some taught, others banned)	(Don't know)
29-30 Nov 05	86%	6	3	6
Attend services weekly	87%	5	2	6
Less than weekly	85%	7	4	5
Born Again/Evangelical	88%	4	2	6

38. Just your best guess, what percentage of Americans do you think are Christian? (Note: most current polling shows 80-84 percent of Americans are Christians)

	50% or less	51-74%	75% or more	(DK/Refused)
29-30 Nov 05	33%	30	22	14
Attend services weekly	34%	27	24	14
Less than weekly	33%	32	21	13
Born Again/Evangelical	41%	27	21	12

39. And what percentage of religious Americans do you think are non-Christian? (Note: most current polling shows 5-7 percent of Americans are "other, non-Christian religion")

	5% or less	6-10%	11-24%	25% or more	(DK/Refused)
29-30 Nov 05	1%	5	18	57	19
Attend services weekly	2%	5	18	54	22
Less than weekly	1%	5	18	59	15
Born Again/Evangelical	1%	5	14	64	15

40. And what percentage of Americans do you think are agnostic or atheist or follow no religion at all? (Note: most current polling shows 7-10 percent of Americans are atheist, agnostic or have no religion)

	5% or less	6-10%	11-24%	25% or more	(DK/Refused)
29-30 Nov 05	26%	24	16	14	20
Attend services weekly	26%	22	13	16	23
Less than weekly	27%	25	18	12	18
Born Again/Evangelical	25%	22	18	14	21

41. Which one of the following best describes the main reason you attend religious services?

SCALE: 1. To feel the power of God 2. To enjoy the sense of community at your congregation 3. To participate in a tradition with your family 4. (Other) 5. (All of these) 6. (Never attend) 7. (Don't know/Refused)

	God	Commun-ity	Trad-ition	(Othr)	(All)	(Nvr Att.)	(DK/Ref.)
29-30 Nov 05	39%	8	14	4	23	7	4
Attend services weekly	53%	7	8	4	27	-	2
Less than weekly	30%	8	20	4	21	13	5
Born Again/Evangelical	60%	4	7	2	23	1	3

42. (If Q41=1-4; n=586, ±4%) And which one of the following would best describe the next reason you attend religious services?

	God	Commun-ity	Trad-ition	(Othr)	(All)	(Nvr Att.)	(DK/Ref.)
29-30 Nov 05	30%	25	30	5	3	1	6
Attend services weekly	33%	29	25	4	5	-	4
Less than weekly	26%	22	35	6	2	2	7
Born Again/Evangelical	31%	27	27	6	4	-	5

43. How often do you attend church, synagogue or other place of worship?

SCALE: 1. At least once a week 2. Almost every week 3. About once a month 4. Seldom 5. Never 6. (On holidays/holy days) 7. (Not sure)

	Least once/wk	Almst wkly	Once/mnth	Seldom	Nvr	(Holy/hldys)	(NS)
29-30 Nov 05	42%	12	12	18	11	3	1
Born Again/Evangelical	58%	15	10	11	4	1	1
23-24 Sep 03	37%	13	12	19	15	3	1
24-25 Mar 99	35%	11	12	27	13	1	1

44. How often do you pray?

SCALE: 1. Every day 2. Several times a week 3. Several times a month 4. About once a month 5. A few times a year 6. Never 7. (Don't know/refused)

	Every day	Svrl Times Week	Svrl Times Month	Once a Month	Few Times Year	Never	(DK Ref.)
29-30 Nov 05	67%	13	5	3	4	6	2
Attend services weekly	85%	13	1	-	-	-	1
Less than weekly	54%	13	8	6	7	10	2
Born Again/Evangelical	80%	11	3	1	2	-	1
14-15 Dec 04	66%	12	5	3	5	8	1