

PRRI July 2012 Survey July 25 – July 29, 2012 N = 1,026

Now a few different questions...

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

- 9 More than once a week
- 24 Once a week
- 13 Once or twice a month
- 18 A few times a year
- 16 Seldom
- 18 Never
- <u>2</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100 Total
- Q.1 Now as I read a list of activities please tell us whether you have ever done any of the following. First, [INSERT; RANDOMIZE LIST]. Have you ever done this, or not?
- a. Followed a religious or spiritual leader on Twitter or Facebook
 - 5 Yes
 - 94 No
 - * Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
 - 100 Total
- b. Downloaded a podcast of a sermon or listened to a sermon online
 - 13 Yes
 - 86 No
 - 1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
 - 100 Total

c. Joined a religious or spiritual group on Facebook

- 6 Yes
- 94 No
- * Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100 Total

IF ATTEND A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE (ATTEND=1-4), ASK [N=674]:

- d. Sent or read emails or text messages during a worship service
 - 7 Yes
 - 93 No
 - * Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
 - 100 Total
- e. Posted status updates on your Facebook page or other social networking site about being in church
 - 11 Yes
 - 89 No
 - * Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
 - 100 Total
- f. Used a cell phone to take pictures or record video during a worship service
 - 10 Yes
 - 90 No
 - * Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
 - 100 Total

ASK ALL:

- Q.2 How often, if at all do you use Facebook? [READ IN ORDER]
 - 20 Several times a day
 - 11 Once a day
 - 14 A few times a week
 - 6 Once or twice a month
 - 8 Seldom
 - 33 Never
 - 9 Do not have a Facebook account (VOL.)
 - * Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
 - 100 Total

IF USE FACEBOOK AT LEAST SELDOM (Q2=1-5), ASK [N=500]:

- Q.3 On your Facebook profile page how do you describe your religious beliefs?
 - 50 OPEN-END RESPONSE
 - 46 Do not describe religious beliefs (VOL.)
 - 4 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
 - 100 Total

IF ATTEND A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE (ATTEND=1-4), ASK [N=674]:

- Q.4 Thinking about your current place of worship, that is the place you attend most often, please tell us whether how well the following describes your church or place of worship. First, [INSERT; RANDOMIZE LIST]. Does this describe your place of worship very well, somewhat well, not too well or not at all well? Next...
- a. My religious leader uses twitter or Facebook regularly
 - 8 Very well
 - 10 Somewhat well
 - 6 Not too well
 - 52 Not at all well
 - 24 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
 - 100 Total
- b. My church or place of worship has an active Facebook page or website where people interact
 - 17 Very well
 - 12 Somewhat well
 - 8 Not too well
 - 42 Not at all well
 - 20 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
 - 100 Total
- c. My church or place of worship encourages us to use social media like Twitter or Facebook to post photos or share information with others
 - 8 Very well
 - 9 Somewhat well
 - 11 Not too well
 - Not at all well
 - 7 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
 - 100 Total

- d. My church or place of worship uses television or multimedia screens during worship services
 - 21 Very well
 - 13 Somewhat well
 - 4 Not too well
 - 59 Not at all well
 - 3 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
 - 100 Total

IF ATTEND A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE (ATTEND=1-4), ASK [N=674]:

- Q.5 About how many people belong to the church or place of worship where you attend religious services most often? Just your best estimate will do. Would you say (READ LIST IN ORDER) {Pew Religious Landscape Survey, 2007}
 - 24 Less than 100
 - 44 Between 100 and 500
 - 17 Between 500 and 2,000
 - 9 Or more than 2,000
 - 5 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
 - 100 Total

Note: Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding

Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between July 25, 2012 and July 29, 2012 by professional interviewers under the direction of Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS). Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 1,026 adults 18 years of age or older in the continental United States (312 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone).

The final sample was weighted to five different parameters—age, sex, geographic region, education and telephone usage¹—to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the total adult population.

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.5 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.

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¹ Telephone usage refers to whether respondents have only a landline telephone, only a cell phone or both types and the frequency with which they use each type.