PRRI 2021 Religious Liberty Survey
Total = 1,019 Online
January 15 – January 18, 2021

Q1   In America today, do you believe that the right of religious liberty is being threatened, or not?

Jan. 2021	May 2014	Mar. 2012	
42	54	39	Yes
58	41	56	No
*	5	4	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

IF YES, (Q1=2), ASK:
Q1a   In just a few words, in what way is the right of religious liberty being threatened?
[OPEN END] [N=424]

Q2   How much do you agree with the following statements? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. In the U.S., the government cannot establish an official religion or favor one religion over another.

68	Completely agree
20	Somewhat agree
6	Somewhat disagree
5	Completely disagree
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

b. In the U.S. today, I feel like my religious liberty is being threatened.

16	Completely agree
23	Somewhat agree
20	Somewhat disagree
40	Completely disagree
2	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

c. In the U.S. today, I feel like my rights are being threatened by the claims others are making about their religious liberty.

16	Completely agree
28	Somewhat agree
27	Somewhat disagree
28	Completely disagree
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

d. In the U.S., when there is a conflict, the rights and religious freedom of Christians have priority over the rights and religious freedom of non-Christians and non-religious Americans.

10	Completely agree
21	Somewhat agree
23	Somewhat disagree
43	Completely disagree
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

Q3   Which of the following statements comes closest to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

89	Everyone is free to follow their religious beliefs and practices in their personal lives, provided it does not cause harm to others.
10	Everyone is free to follow their religious beliefs and practices in every part of their lives, including performing their jobs, even if that means excluding certain groups of people.
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

Q4   Just your impression, in the United States today, is there a lot of discrimination against any of the following groups, or not? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Asian people

Jan. 2021	Sept. 2020	Oct. 2018	
53	55	44	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
45	44	54	No, not a lot of discrimination
2	1	2	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	Total

b. Women

Jan. 2021	Oct. 2018	July 2018	Oct. 2015	Dec. 2013	
57	65	45	45	44	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
41	32	52	53	54	No, not a lot of discrimination
2	3	3	1	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	100	Total

c. Black people

	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination	No, not a lot of discrimination	Skipped/Refused
Jan. 2021	70	28	2=100
Sept. 2020	75	24	1=100
Oct. 2018	73	25	1=100
Feb. 2017	58	41	1=100
Jan. 2017	60	36	3=100
Dec. 2016	56	42	2=100
Nov. 2016	54	42	4=100
Oct. 2016	64	32	4=100
Sept. 2016	55	40	5=100
Late Aug. 2016	60	37	3=100
Early Aug. 2016	56	39	5=100
July 2016	55	40	5=100
June 2016	57	40	3=100
Oct. 2015	63	36	1=100
Dec. 2013	52	44	3=100

d. Hispanic people

Jan. 2021	Sept. 2020	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2015	
63	69	69	56	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
35	30	30	42	No, not a lot of discrimination
2	1	1	2	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	Total

e. White people

Jan. 2021	Sept. 2020	Oct. 2018	Feb. 2017	Oct. 2016	Oct. 2015	
32	32	33	30	29	25	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
66	66	65	68	68	73	No, not a lot of discrimination
2	1	2	2	3	1	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	100	100	Total

f. Christians

Jan. 2021	Oct. 2020	Feb. 2017	Oct. 2016	
36	37	33	35	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
62	62	63	61	No, not a lot of discrimination
2	1	4	4	Skipped/Refused
100	100	100	100	Total

g. Lesbian and gay people

	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination	No, not a lot of discrimination	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Jan. 2021	67	31	2=100
July 2018	55	40	5=100
Feb. 2017	61	36	3=100
Jan. 2017	60	35	5=100
Dec. 2016	57	39	4=100
Nov. 2016	53	40	6=100
Oct. 2016	62	34	4=100
Sept. 2016	55	41	4=100
Late Aug. 2016	61	35	4=100
Early Aug. 2016	55	39	6=100
July 2016	59	35	6=100
June 2016	60	37	2=100
Oct. 2015	68	31	2=100
June 2015	62	32	7=100
Dec. 2013	68	27	4=100

h. Transgender people

	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination	No, not a lot of discrimination	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Jan. 2021	73	25	2=100
July 2018	59	33	8=100
Feb. 2017	64	30	6=100
Jan. 2017	65	27	8=100
Dec. 2016	60	32	8=100
Nov. 2016	62	28	10=100
Oct. 2016	63	27	9=100
Sept. 2016	57	33	10=100
Late Aug. 2016	65	26	8=100
Early Aug. 2016	60	31	9=100
July 2016	61	30	9=100
June 2016	66	29	5=100
June 2015	62	27	11=100
Dec. 2013	71	19	9=100

i. Jews

Jan. 2021	July 2018	Oct. 2015	Dec. 2013	
56	30	30	32	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
42	59	67	59	No, not a lot of discrimination
2	11	3	9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	Total

j. Muslims

	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination	No, not a lot of discrimination	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Jan. 2021	73	25	2=100
July 2018	62	31	7=100
Feb. 2017	66	30	4=100
Oct. 2016	67	27	6=100
Oct. 2015	70	28	2=100
Dec. 2013	65	27	8=100

Q5   Do you think abortion should be legal or illegal?

	Legal in all cases	Legal in most cases	Illegal in most cases	Illegal in all cases	Skipped/ Refused
Jan. 2021	23	39	26	10	2=100
Sept. 2020	22	38	27	13	1=100
Sept. 2019	24	34	29	11	1=100
Sept. 2018	24	35	23	14	4=100
Mar. 2018	21	33	29	14	3=100
Sept. 2016	26	36	25	12	1=100
Oct. 2015	22	35	27	14	1=100
Aug. 2015	20	33	26	17	4=100
Dec. 2014	23	33	25	15	3=100
Nov. 2014	24	33	25	14	4=100
Oct. 2014	23	34	25	15	4=100
Late Sept. 2014	20	33	24	17	6=100
Early Sept. 2014	19	33	28	16	4=100
Aug. 2014	23	33	23	18	3=100
July 2014	20	31	27	17	6=100
June 2014	21	32	28	16	3=100
May 2014	20	32	26	17	5=100
April 2014	19	30	26	19	7=100
Feb. 2014	20	32	27	14	6=100
July 2013	19	35	28	14	4=100
March 2013	23	33	24	14	5=100
Oct. 2012	22	34	24	15	5=100
Sept. 2012	20	34	27	14	4=100
Nov. 2011	21	32	29	14	3=100
Aug. 2011	18	34	29	15	4=100
June 2011	19	37	26	14	4=100
Oct. 2010	18	37	27	15	3=100

Q6   Do you favor or oppose each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE A-B, C-D]**

a. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

	Strongly favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Skipped/ Refused
Jan. 2021	39	32	15	13	1=100
Sept. 2020	41	29	17	11	2=100
Sept. 2019	37	29	16	16	1=100
July 2019	27	35	18	13	7=100
Apr. 2019	25	37	20	13	5=100
July 2018	35	29	13	15	8=100

Mar. 2018	28	32	19	14	7=100
Oct. 2017	31	30	17	16	5=100
Aug. 2017	38	28	12	16	6=100
Feb. 2017	36	27	15	19	4=100
Jan. 2017	30	30	17	14	9=100
Dec. 2016	29	29	19	15	8=100
Nov. 2016	33	26	17	15	10=100
Oct. 2016	31	26	16	19	8=100
Late Sept. 2016	34	30	16	18	1=100
Early Sept. 2016	28	29	16	16	11=100
Late Aug. 2016	31	31	15	15	8=100
Early Aug. 2016	29	28	19	14	11=100
July 2016	28	28	21	13	10=100
June 2016	25	30	20	15	10=100
Late May 2016	25	30	17	19	8=100
Early May 2016	32	30	18	18	2=100
Dec. 2015	22	30	19	19	10=100
Nov. 2015	32	24	17	20	8=100
Late Oct. 2015	27	28	19	19	6=100
Early Oct. 2015	31	29	17	22	1=100
Sept. 2015	28	27	16	21	7=100
Late Aug. 2015	26	29	15	20	9=100
Early Aug. 2015	28	25	16	23	8=100
July 2015	24	28	16	24	8=100
June 2015	27	28	18	19	9=100
May 2015	26	27	20	19	9=100
Dec. 2014	25	32	18	18	7=100
Nov. 2014	25	29	20	19	7=100
Oct. 2014	24	32	18	17	9=100
Sept. 2014	22	33	18	19	8=100
Late Aug. 2014	24	25	20	22	9=100
Early Aug. 2014	28	28	17	20	7=100
July 2014	24	29	18	20	10=100
June 2014	25	28	14	26	7=100
May 2014	26	24	19	21	10=100
April 2014	27	27	18	22	5=100
Dec. 2013	22	31	21	20	5=100
Oct. 2013	25	27	19	25	4=100
June 2013	22	30	21	20	7=100
May 2013	24	28	22	21	5=100
March 2013	23	27	18	21	10=100
Feb. 2013	25	27	19	23	7=100
Sept. 2012	24	25	18	27	7=100
Aug. 2012	24	25	17	28	6=100
June 2012	25	24	18	26	7=100
March 2012	22	30	19	25	5=100

Oct. 2011	24	24	20	26	6=100
Aug. 2011	19	29	21	25	6=100
July 2011	18	29	21	26	6=100

b. Laws that would protect gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people against discrimination in jobs, public accommodations, and housing?

	Strongly favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Skipped/ Refused
Jan. 2021	45	37	10	5	2=100
Sept. 2020	45	38	11	5	1=100
Apr. 2019	31	40	15	10	4=100
July 2018	38	33	12	10	7=100
Mar. 2018	34	36	16	9	5=100
Oct. 2017	38	32	15	11	4=100
Aug. 2017	42	30	13	11	5=100
Feb. 2017	42	28	11	15	5=100
Aug. 2016	38	34	13	10	5=100
Dec. 2015	32	37	16	10	5=100
Nov. 2015	39	33	12	11	6=100
Oct. 2015	34	35	15	11	4=100
Sept. 2015	37	34	15	10	4=100
Late Aug. 2015	37	33	15	9	6=100
Early Aug. 2015	35	36	13	11	5=100
July 2015	34	34	14	11	6=100
June 2015	40	29	13	12	6=100
May 2015	35	36	15	9	5=100

c. Allowing children to attend public school without receiving required vaccines, if doing so violates their parents' religious beliefs.

7	Strongly favor
20	Favor
39	Oppose
34	Strongly oppose
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

d. Allowing individuals who would otherwise be required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to refuse, if doing so violates their religious beliefs.

15	Strongly favor
33	Favor
31	Oppose
20	Strongly oppose
1	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

Q7   Do you favor or oppose allowing a small business owner in your state to refuse to provide products or services to each of the following groups, if doing so violates their religious beliefs? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Gay or lesbian people

	Strongly favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Jan. 2021	8	14	29	47	2=100
Oct. 2020	13	19	27	38	2=100
Dec. 2019	12	25	30	26	6=100
Nov. 2019	12	24	30	27	7=100
Oct. 2019	12	24	30	27	8=100
Sept. 2019	13	26	30	25	7=100
Aug. 2019	12	27	29	24	9=100
July 2019	13	26	30	24	8=100
June 2019	12	24	32	24	7=100
May 2019	10	23	36	23	8=100
Apr. 2019	13	25	33	24	5=100
Mar. 2019	12	24	26	30	8=100
Sept. 2018	17	20	24	34	5=100
July 2018	17	25	25	24	9=100
Mar. 2018	15	22	26	31	6=100
Oct. 2017	13	19	29	34	5=100
Aug. 2017	16	23	24	32	5=100
Feb. 2017	16	16	24	40	4=100
Jan. 2017	12	17	29	34	8=100
Dec. 2016	14	14	30	35	8=100
Nov. 2016	11	16	26	36	11=100
Oct. 2016	14	17	25	37	7=100
Sept. 2016	10	21	25	33	11=100
Late Aug. 2016	14	16	28	35	7=100
Early Aug. 2016	9	20	31	30	9=100
July 2016	9	22	29	31	8=100
June 2016	13	17	29	31	9=100
May 2016	13	21	28	32	6=100
Dec. 2015	15	21	32	26	7=100
Nov. 2015	15	20	23	36	7=100
Oct. 2015	14	20	27	32	6=100
Sept. 2015	17	18	28	32	5=100
Late Aug. 2015	14	21	29	28	8=100
Early Aug. 2015	17	21	28	28	5=100
July 2015	17	19	27	28	7=100
June 2015	16	18	28	32	5=100
May 2015	14	18	30	32	5=100

b. Black people

6	Strongly favor
9	Favor
28	Oppose
55	Strongly oppose
2	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

c. Hispanic people

6	Strongly favor
10	Favor
28	Oppose
54	Strongly oppose
3	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

d. Asian people

5	Strongly favor
10	Favor
29	Oppose
54	Strongly oppose
2	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

e. Atheists

7	Strongly favor
11	Favor
32	Oppose
48	Strongly oppose
3	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

f. Jews

6	Strongly favor
10	Favor
28	Oppose
53	Strongly oppose
3	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

g. Muslims

6	Strongly favor
11	Favor
30	Oppose
51	Strongly oppose
3	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

h. Transgender people

7	Strongly favor
13	Favor
29	Oppose
47	Strongly oppose
4	Skipped/Refused
100	Total

Q8   Do you think each of the following should be required to provide their employees with health care plans that cover contraception or birth control, if doing so violates their religious beliefs? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Churches and other places of worship

Jan. 2021	Sept. 2018	May 2014	
48	45	42	Yes, should have to provide
51	50	53	No, should not have to provide
2	5	5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

b. Religiously affiliated colleges and universities

Jan. 2021	Sept. 2018	May 2014	
57	54	52	Yes, should have to provide
42	41	44	No, should not have to provide
2	4	4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

c. Religiously affiliated hospitals

Jan. 2021	Sept. 2018	May 2014	
59	59	56	Yes, should have to provide
39	36	41	No, should not have to provide
2	4	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

d. Privately owned corporations

Jan. 2021	Sept. 2018	May 2014	
62	61	57	Yes, should have to provide
36	35	40	No, should not have to provide
1	3	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

e. Privately owned small businesses

Jan. 2021	Sept. 2018	May 2014	
58	53	51	Yes, should have to provide
41	43	46	No, should not have to provide
1	4	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

f. Publicly held corporations

Jan. 2018	Sept. 2018	May 2014	
70	66	61	Yes, should have to provide
28	30	35	No, should not have to provide
2	5	4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

Q9   Do you favor or oppose each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Allowing licensed professionals like doctors, lawyers, teachers, and social workers in your state to refuse to provide services to particular groups of people, if doing so violates their religious beliefs.

Jan. 2021	April 2019	
6	9	Strongly favor
9	19	Favor
37	35	Oppose
47	32	Strongly oppose
1	6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Allowing a pharmacist in your community to refuse to provide contraceptives to women who have a valid prescription for them, if doing so violates their religious beliefs.

Jan. 2021	Sept. 2018	
4	10	Strongly favor
9	16	Favor
34	27	Oppose
51	40	Strongly oppose
1	6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Allowing hospitals or medical providers in your community to refuse to provide abortion services, if doing so violates their religious beliefs

14	Strongly favor
20	Favor
27	Oppose
38	Strongly oppose
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Allowing hospitals or medical providers in your community to refuse to provide reproductive health services such as contraception and sterilization to transgender people, if doing so violates their religious beliefs

8	Strongly favor
15	Favor
34	Oppose
41	Strongly oppose
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q10   Do you favor or oppose allowing religiously affiliated agencies that receive taxpayer funding to refuse to accept qualified couples as foster parents, if the couples are: **[INSERT] [RANDOMIZE]**

a. Gay men

    8   Strongly favor
    13   Favor
    36   Oppose
    41   Strongly oppose
    2   Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

b. Lesbian women

    7   Strongly favor
    13   Favor
    37   Oppose
    40   Strongly oppose
    2   Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

c. Atheist

    6   Strongly favor
    13   Favor
    39   Oppose
    40   Strongly oppose
    2   Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

d. Followers of a different religion than the one with which the agency is affiliated

    5   Strongly favor
    12   Favor
    39   Oppose
    41   Strongly oppose
    2   Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

Q11   Do you favor or oppose allowing religiously affiliated agencies that receive taxpayer funding to refuse to accept qualified couples as adoptive parents, if the couples are: **[INSERT] [RANDOMIZE]**

a. Gay men

7	Strongly favor
12	Favor
37	Oppose
41	Strongly oppose
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Lesbian women

7	Strongly favor
13	Favor
36	Oppose
41	Strongly oppose
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Atheist

6	Strongly favor
12	Favor
40	Oppose
40	Strongly oppose
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Followers of a different religion than the one with which the agency is affiliated

5	Strongly favor
12	Favor
40	Oppose
40	Strongly oppose
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total