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### About the PRRI-IFYC Religion and the Vaccine Survey, Wave 2

- Survey designed and conducted jointly by PRRI and IFYC
- Conducted online June 7 23, 2021
- Wave 2 is a follow-up survey to Wave 1 conducted in March 2021
- Total sample size is 5,851 adults (ages 18 and over) living in all 50 states
  - 5,123 who are part of Ipsos's Knowledge Panel
  - Oversample of smaller states (382) recruited by Ipsos using opt-in survey panels
  - Oversample of Hispanic Protestants (346) recruited from Ipsos Knowledge Panel
- Margin of error is +/- 1.65 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence, including the design effect of 1.7.

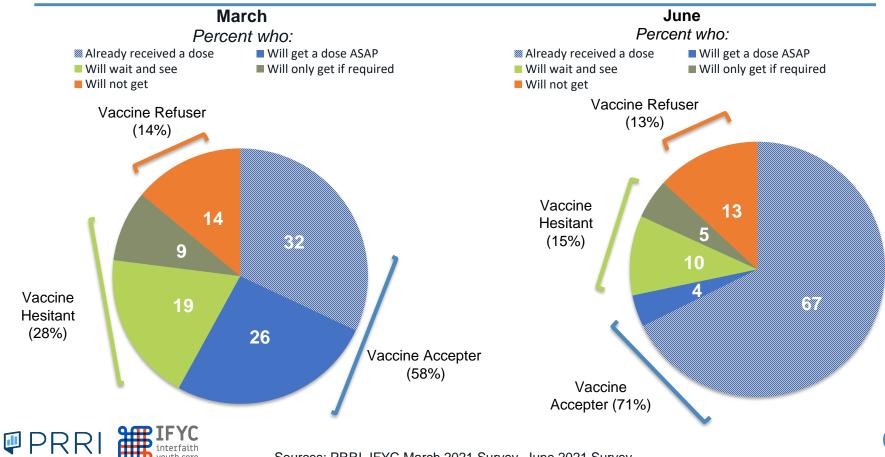


## THE RACE AGAINST THE VIRUS: VACCINE ACCEPTERS, HESITANCY, AND REFUSERS



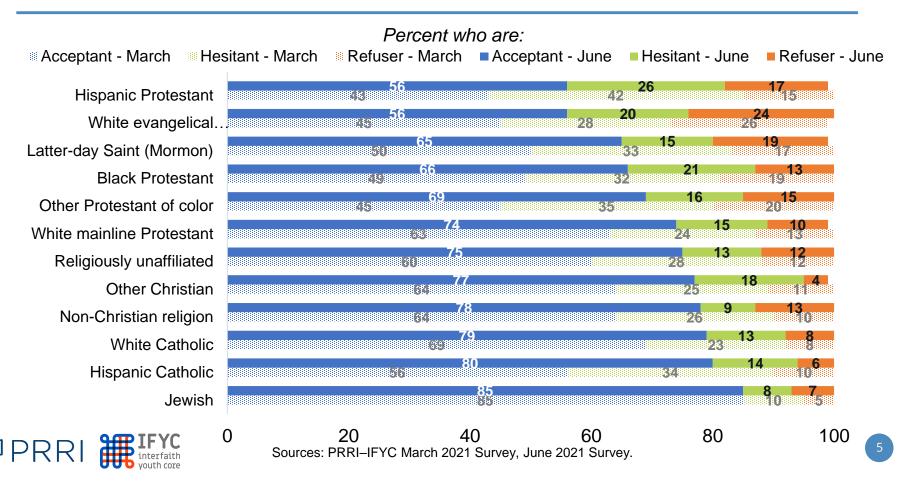


#### Vaccine Acceptance Up, Hesitancy Down, But No Decline in Refusers

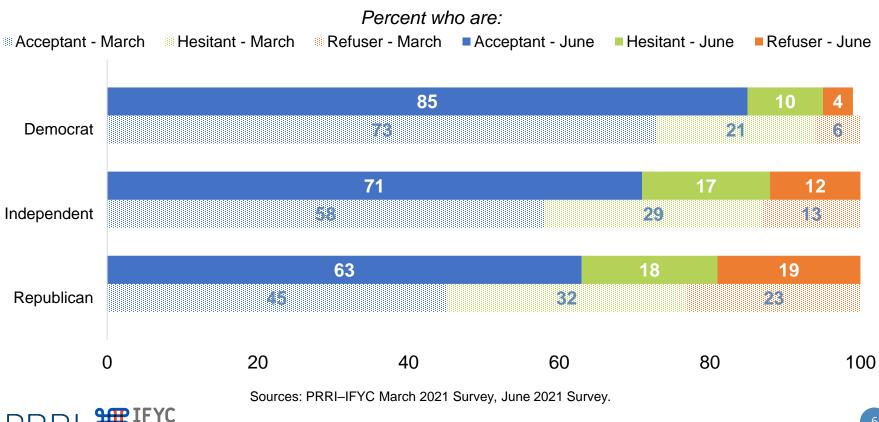


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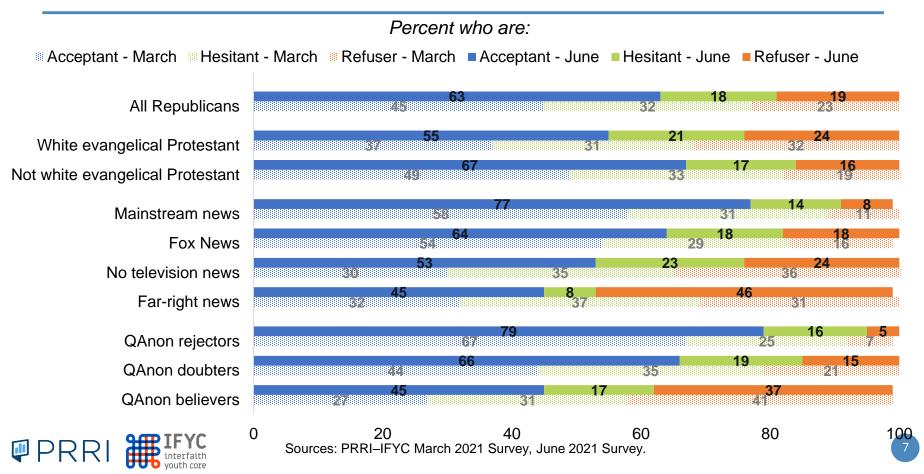
#### Vaccine Acceptance, Hesitancy, and Refusal, by Religious Affiliation



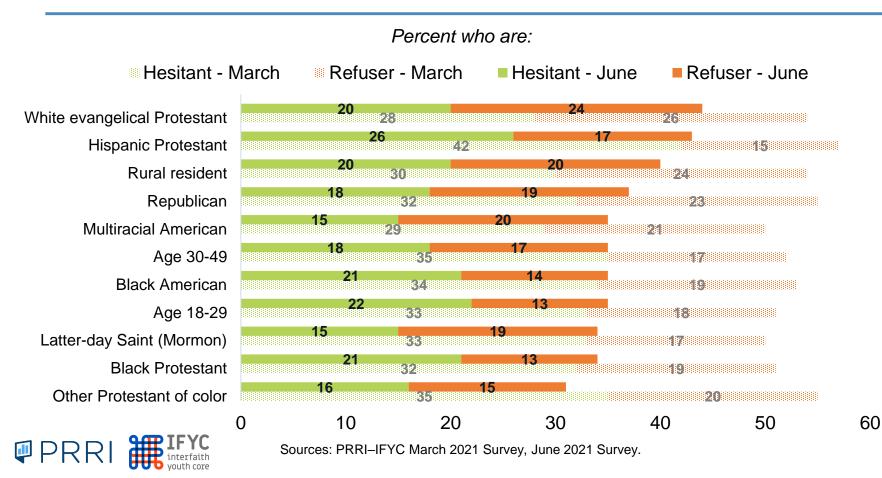
#### Acceptance, Hesitancy, and Refusal, by Party Affiliation



#### Acceptance, Hesitancy, and Refusal, by Republican Subgroups



#### **Progress among Groups that were High Vaccine Hesitant/Refusers In March**



## THE IMPACT OF FAITH-BASED APPROACHES ON VACCINE UPTAKE





#### Impact of 10 Faith-Based Approaches on Vaccine Acceptance

A healthcare professional from a local religious community you trust addressed your concerns about the vaccine	A religious leader encouraged you to get the vaccine
A local religious community you trust held a forum to discuss the safety of the vaccine	A member of a local religious community you trust addressed your concerns about the vaccine
A religious leader you trust got the vaccine	A local religious community you trust created informational materials that answer common questions about the vaccine
A member of a local religious community you trust got the vaccine	A local religious community you trust provided assistance in getting an appointment to get the vaccine
A local religious community you trust provided	You could get the vaccine at a nearby religious

information about the vaccine on social media

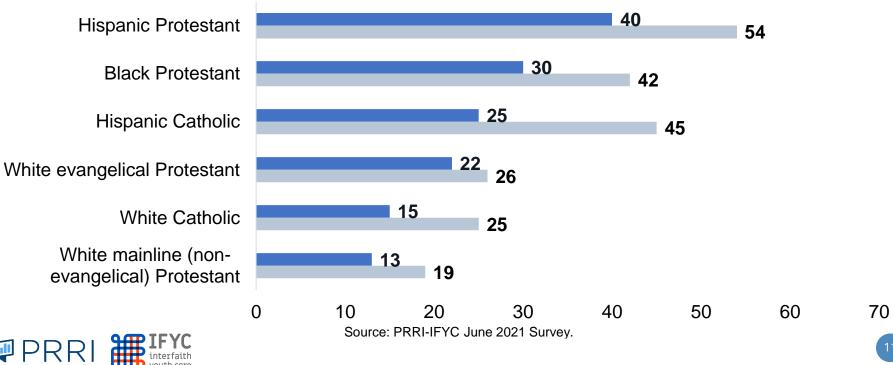
You could get the vaccine at a nearby religious congregation



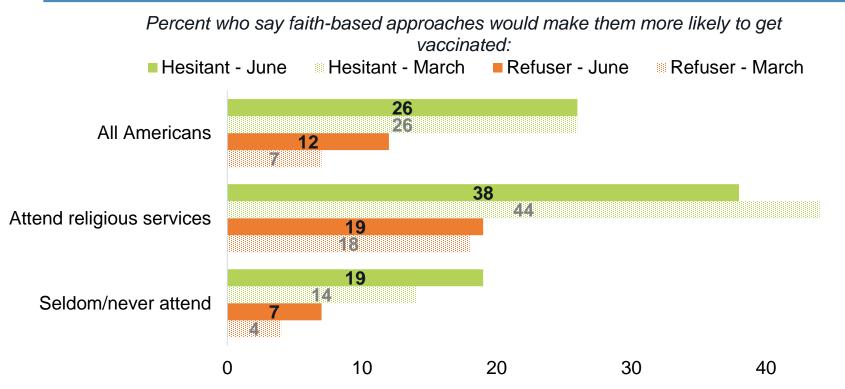
#### Faith-based Interventions are Working, by Religious Affiliation and Church Attendance

Percent of vaccinated who say faith-based approaches made them more likely to get vaccinated:

All Attends services



#### Faith-Based Interventions Remain Promising among Hesitant/Refusers, by Religious Attendance

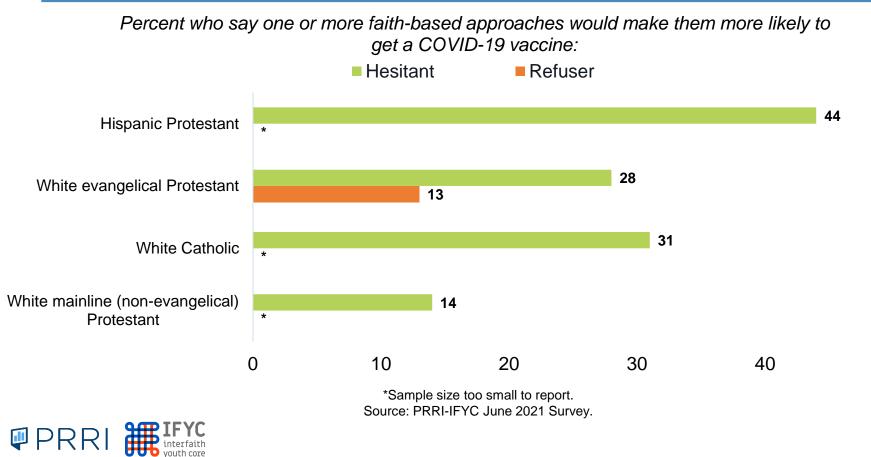


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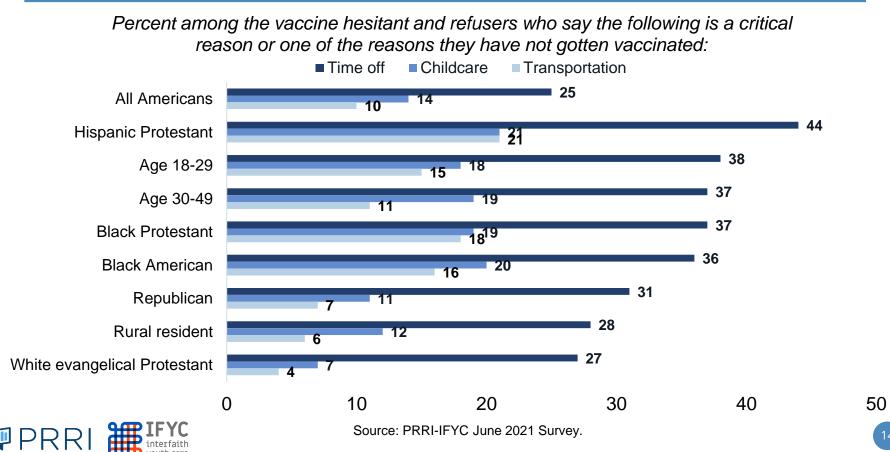
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#### Potential Impact of Faith-based Approaches on Increasing Vaccine Acceptance, by Religious Affiliation



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#### Access: Barriers Preventing Hesitant/Refuser Groups from Getting Vaccinated

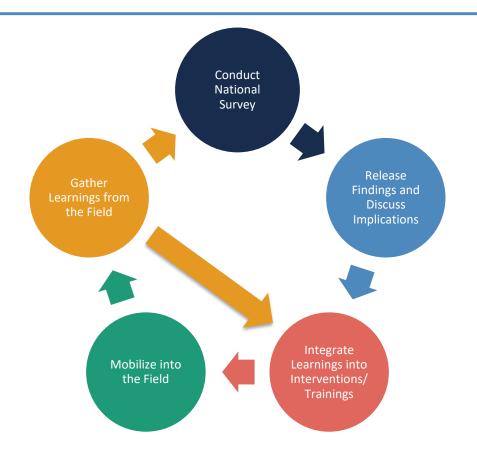


TAKING ACTION: ENCOURAGING THE UNCOMFORTABLE, VACCINATING THE PERSUADED





#### The PRRI-IFYC Research-to-Practice Model







## IFYC's Faith in the Vaccine Ambassador program...

- An interfaith public health worker program equipping local leaders to engage in vaccine outreach through religious communities, leaders, and institutions.
- Includes 100+ campuses, 80+ civic institutions, 2000 individual ambassadors
- IFYC's role is to train, resource, and network these leaders for on-the ground relational outreach

#### Faith in the Vaccine Ambassador Campuses

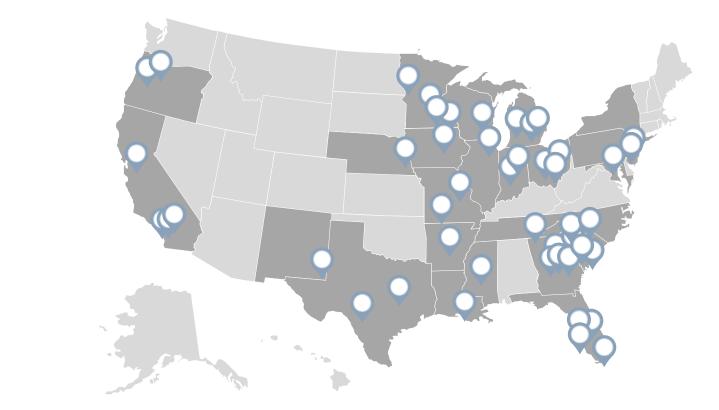
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Greenville University Hebrew College Houghton College Huntington University John Brown University Johns Hopkins University Johnson C. Smith University **Kuyper College** Lee University School of Nursing LeMoyne College Lenoir-Rhyne University Livingstone College Loyola University Chicago Loyola University Maryland Madonna University Malone University Mercer University Missouri State University Morehouse College Mount Vernon Nazarene University North Park University Northwest University

Northwestern College Oklahoma Christian University Oxford College of Emory Pepperdine University Philander Smith College Point University Providence College Queens University of Charlotte **Regis University RTI/** Salem Alliance Church Ministry School Rutgers University – NJ Simpson University South Piedmont **Community College** Southeastern University Southern Nazarene University Southern University Southern Wesleyan University St Mary's College - IN St Mary's College of California St Mary's University of Minnesota St. Olaf College

University of Illinois Chicago University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign University of Central Florida University of Georgia University of La Verne University of Miami University of Mount Union University of Nebraska - Omaha University of Northwestern -St. Paul University of Redlands University of South Florida University of the Incarnate Word University of the Southwest Vanguard University Viterbo University Voorhees College Warner Pacific College Wartburg College Washington University in St. Louis Wayland Baptist University Wheaton College Wingate University Xavier University

#### Faith in the Vaccine.... Across the Nation

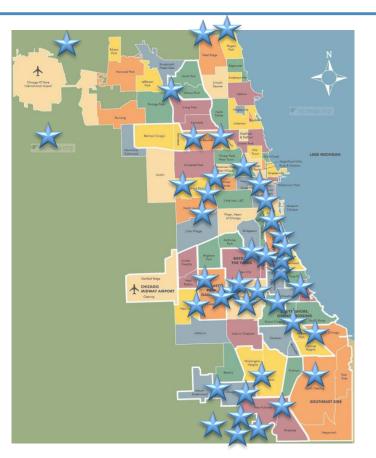




#### **Chicago Communities Mobilizing Around Vaccine Outreach**



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#### **FIVA in Action: Churches Tackle Hurdles to Vaccine Access**



IFYC alumna Rev. Alexis Kassim is working with her congregation at Little River United Church of Christ and Mount Olive Baptist Church, a historically African American congregation in Northern Virginia, to improve vaccine access by opening a community vaccination clinic and addressing transportation and other hurdles to vaccination.



Student vaccine ambassadors at Dominican University have partnered with the Quinn Center of Saint Eulalia in the Maywood neighborhood of Chicago. They help with weekly food distributions and use that opportunity to address concerns and share information about Covid-19 vaccines.

"The purpose of our Faith in the Vaccine project is to not only educate members of our community and get them vaccinated, but to help relieve some of the hardships and injustices of Covid-19."

- Gabriel Allori, Student at Dominican University



### CLÍNICA DE VACUNAS COVID-19



Martes 27 de Julio en el Quinn Center, 4pm-7pm Para hacer una cita: 708-401-7798 qccovidoutreach@quinncenter.org http://bit.ly/QCSummerVaccine • Vacuna de Pfizer • Edad 12 years y mayor

- Dosis 1 or Dosis 2
- Bienvenida sin cita



coalition for spiritual & public leadership Reciba una trajeta de regalo con valor de \$20 con cada vacuna

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#### Encourage the Uncomfortable, Vaccinate the Persuaded...





### Highest and lowest vaccination rates in suburban Cook County

The highest-vaccinated areas are majority white and affluent.	•
Northbrook	81.4%
Des Plaines	78.2%
Riverside	75.5%

The lowest-vaccinated areas are majority black and low-income.	<b>A</b>
Dixmoor	12.6%
Ford Heights	14.0%
Riverdale	19.6%



Screenshot from WBEZ Chicago: <u>https://www.wbez.org/stories/vaccination-rates-across-chicago-suburbs-range-from-under-15-to-over-80/01c45765-cbf4-4ead-97d7-c76a7b93f1e9</u>.



THE AMBASSADOR MODEL IS EASY TO SPREAD; IT CAN BE A POSITIVE CONTAGION.

"They trust me that I won't be giving out wrong information, that I will be giving them 100% truth. I won't be hiding anything." - Tehmina Naheed

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