

# The New Religious Paradigm:

From Judeo-Christian to Interfaith America



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### The Origins of a "Judeo-Christian" Nation

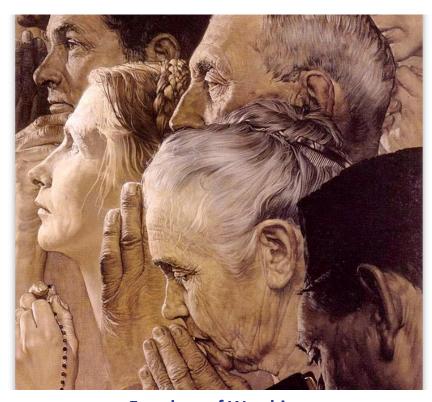


## National Conference of Christians and Jews, 1957





### **Broadening Understandings of Freedom of Worship**



Freedom of Worship Norman Rockwell, 1943



Freedom of Worship
Hank Willis Thomas & Emily Shur, 2018





### Remarkable Individuals... And Beyond











Malcolm X

Ilhan Omar

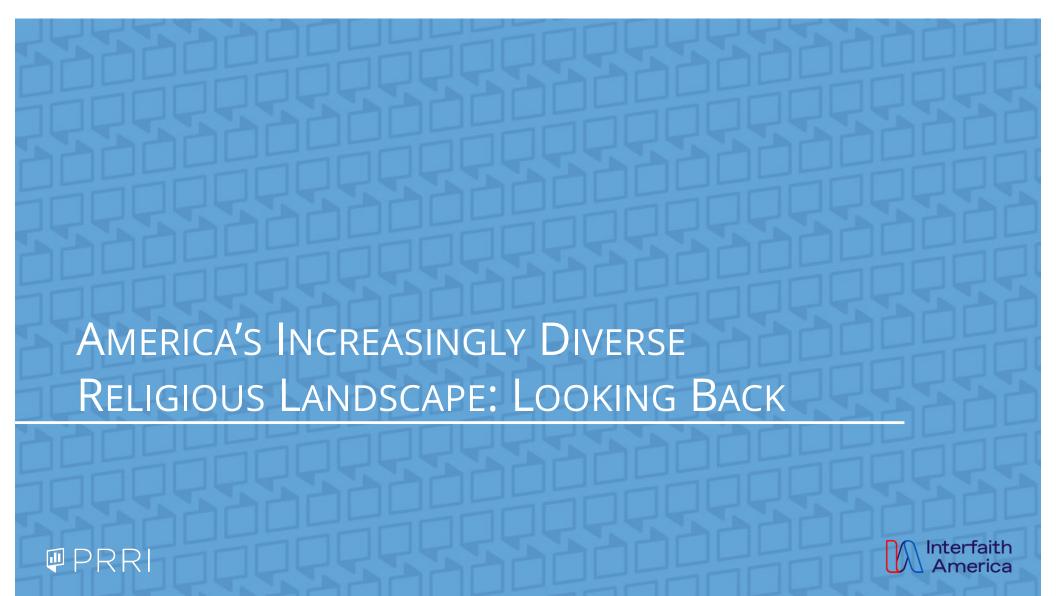
Muhammad Ali

Ibtiaj Muhammad

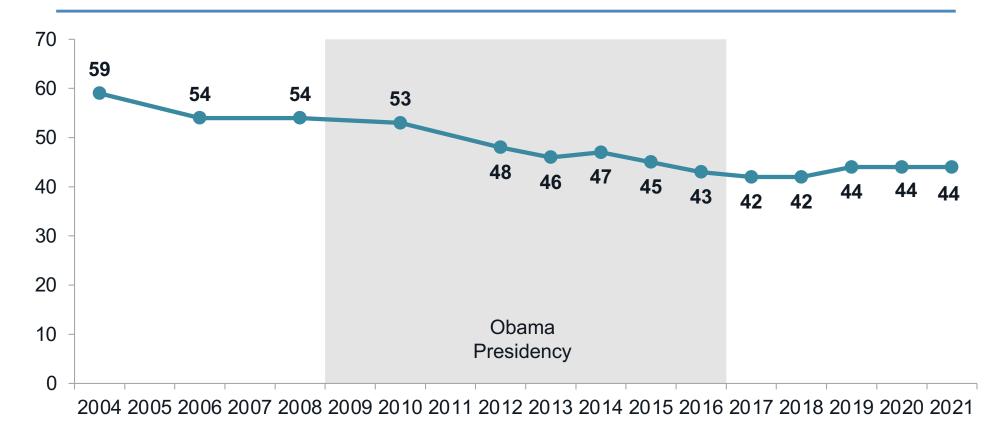
Keith Ellison







#### **Beyond a White Christian Majority**

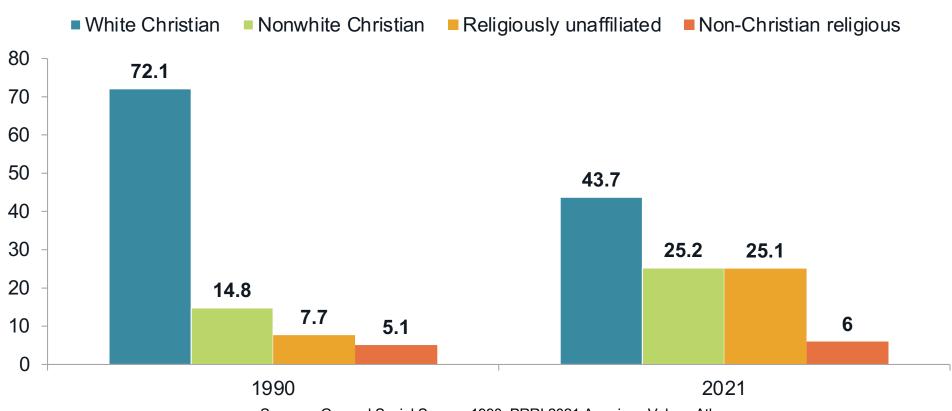


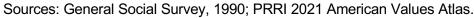
Sources: Pew Research Center Surveys, 2004-2009; PRRI Surveys, 2010-2012; PRRI American Values Atlas, 2013-2021.





### Relative Presence of White Christians to Other Groups, Percent of Population, 1990 vs. 2021



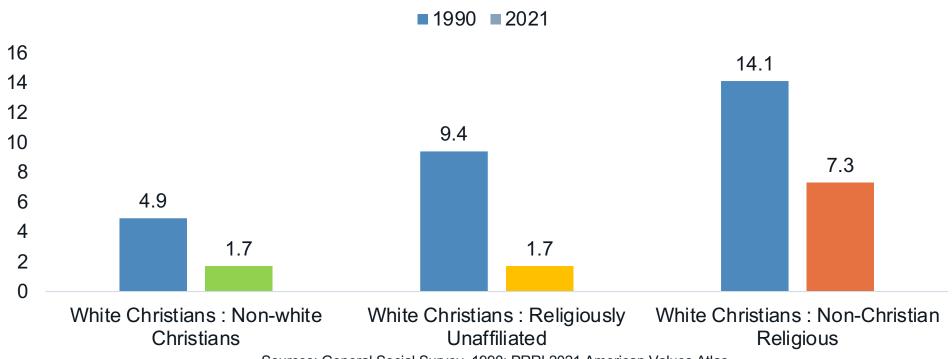






### Relative Presence of White Christians to Other Groups, Declining Relative Presence of White Christians, 1990 vs. 2021

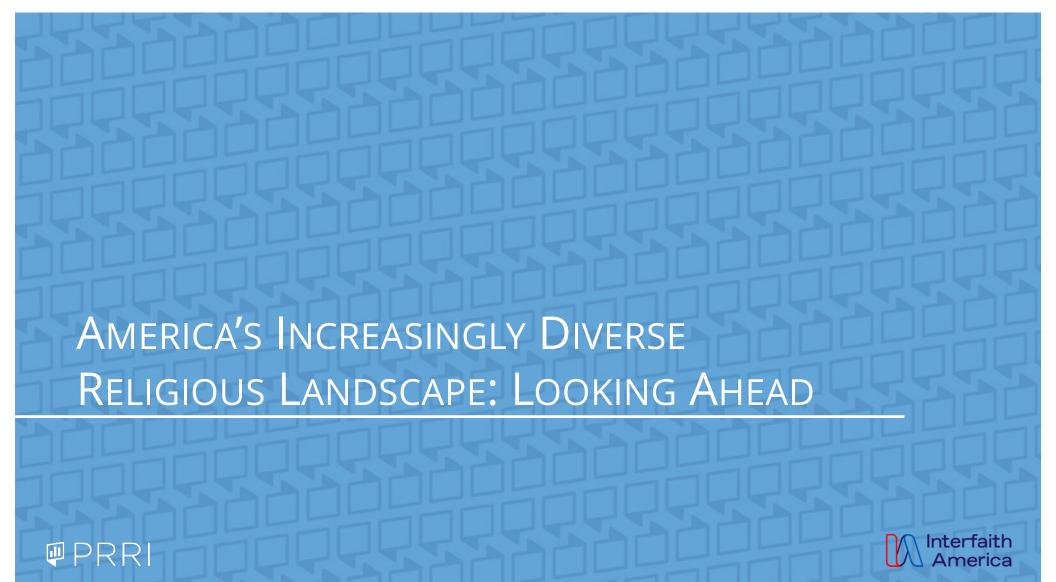




Sources: General Social Survey, 1990; PRRI 2021 American Values Atlas.

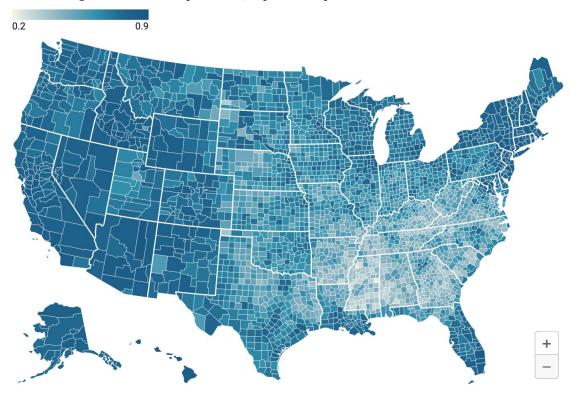






### Religious Diversity by County, PRRI 2020 Census of American Religion

#### The Religious Diversity Index, By County

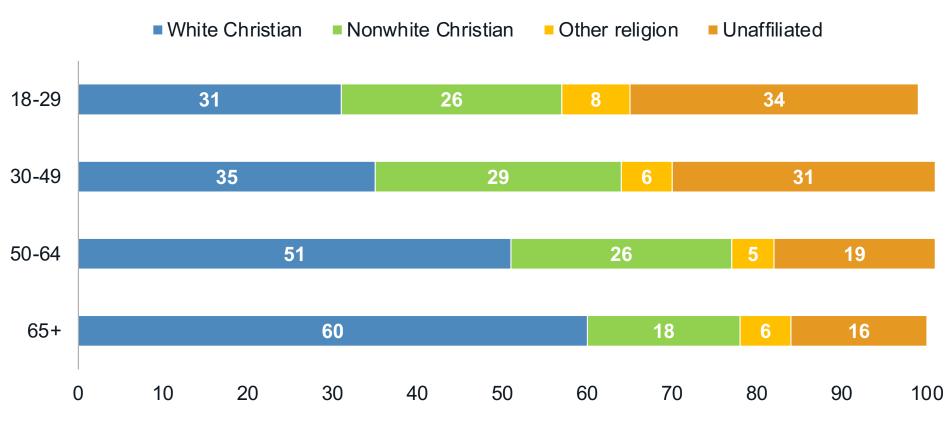


Source: PRRI 2020 Census of American Religion. • Created with Datawrapper





### The Decline of White Christians by Age

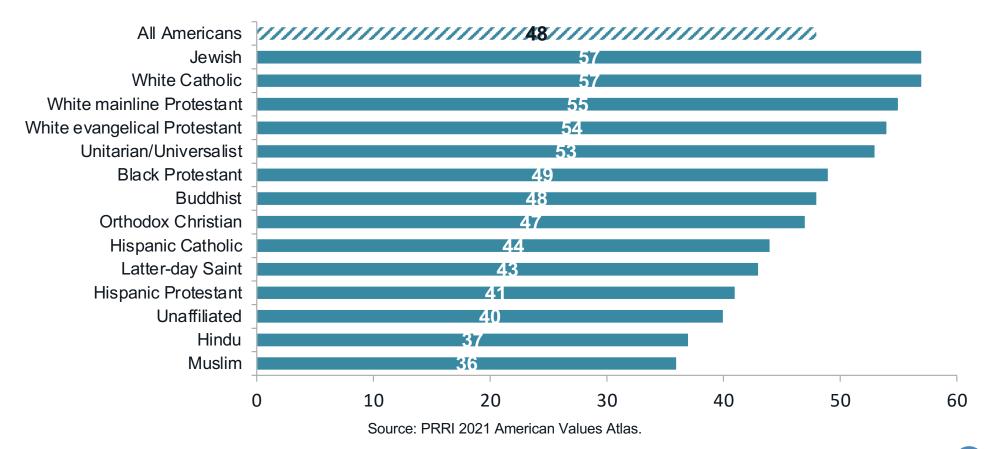


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### A Look into America's Religious Future: The Median Age of Religious Groups



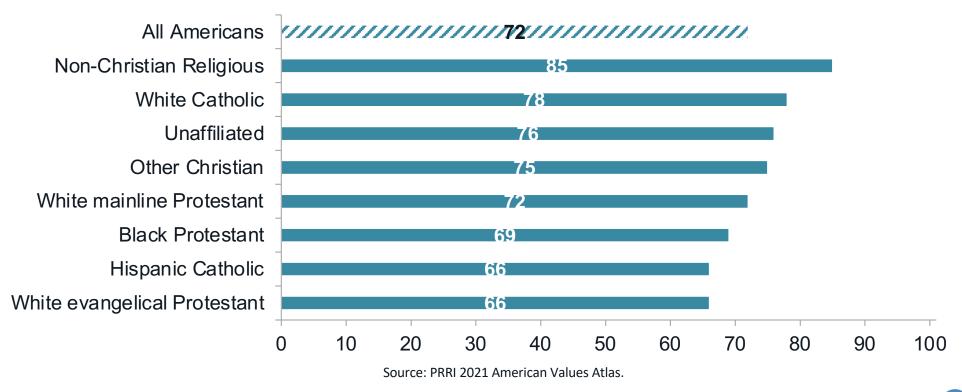






### Most Americans Report Building Some Relationships Across Religious Lines

Percent who agree: "I have built a relationship with a coworker, neighbor, or classmate who follows a different religion than my own."

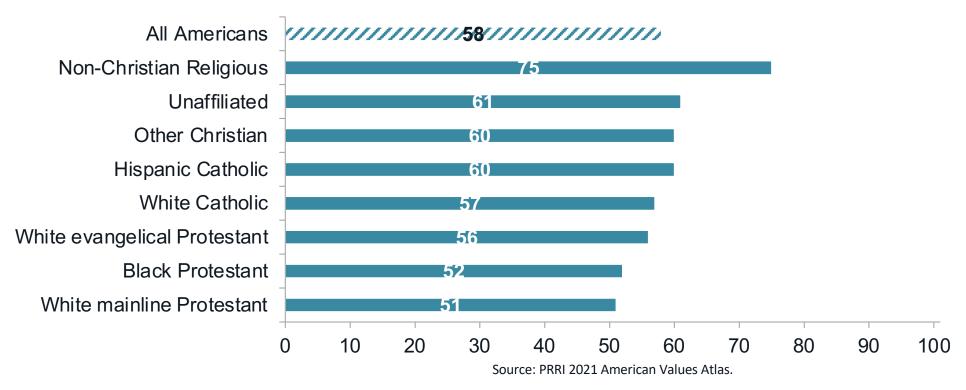






### Most Americans Report Doing Some Work with Neighbors Across Religious Lines

Percent who agree: "I have worked closely with someone from a different religion than my own on projects in my community."



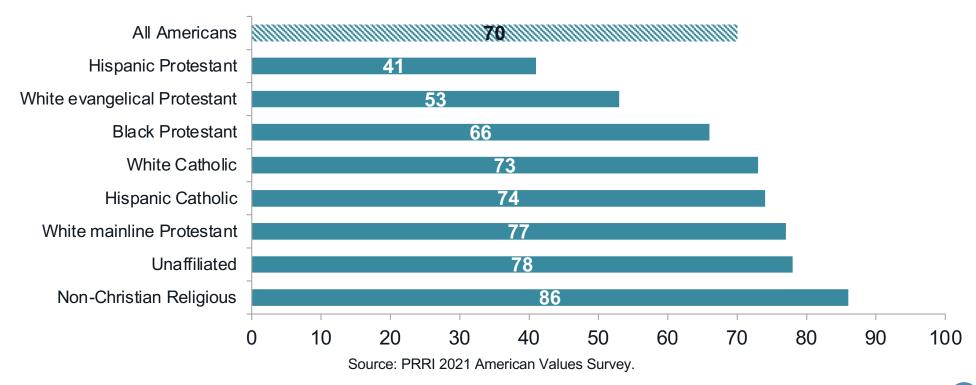






### Most are Proud to be Part of a Nation that is Becoming More Religiously Diverse

Percent who agree: "I am proud to be part of a nation that is becoming more religiously diverse."

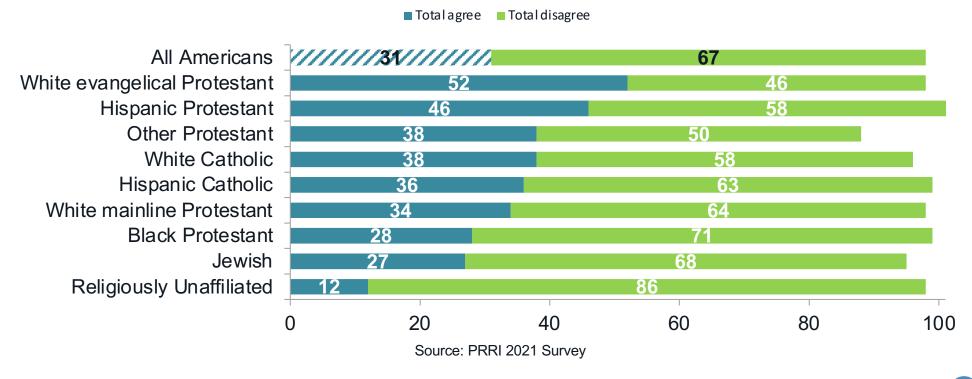






### Two-thirds Reject White Christian Nationalist Mythology about America

Percent who say "God intended America to be a new promised land where European Christians could create a society that could be an example to the rest of the world."







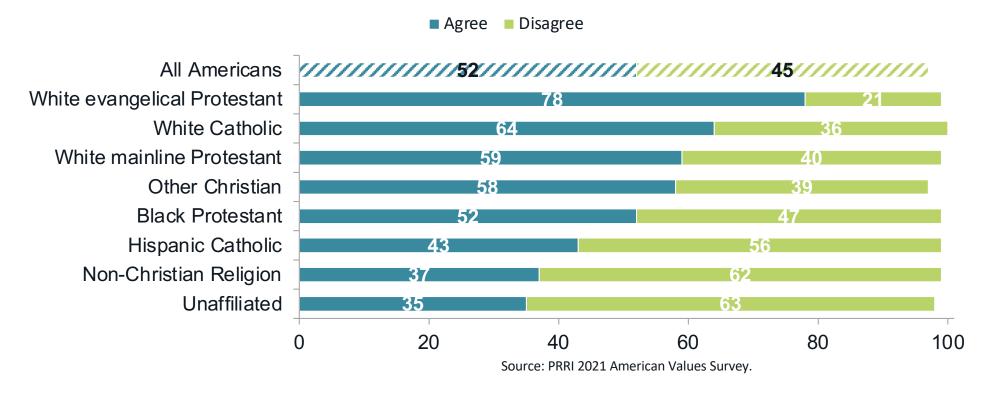






#### **Concerns about Losing American Culture and Identity**

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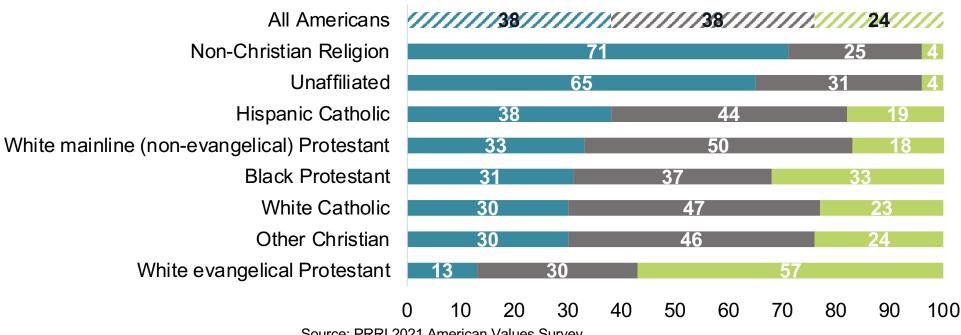


### Americans Lean Toward Support for Religious Pluralism, But **Significant Numbers are Ambivalent**

I would prefer the U.S. to be primarily made up of...

■ People belonging to a wide variety of religions ■ Middle of the scale

People who follow the Christian faith











## Interfaith Manerica

For 20 years, Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC) has been guided by a vision of an America that embraces religious diversity as a foundational strength. Now, IFYC is becoming Interfaith America—expanding our mission and taking the next step toward making that inclusive vision a reality for all.













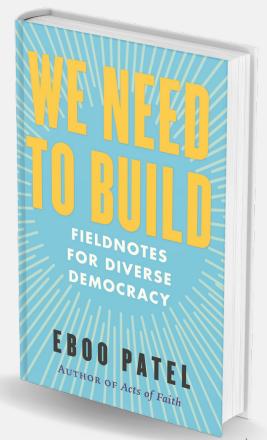
An inspirational guide for those who seek to promote positive social change and build a more diverse and just democracy.

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- Van Jones, Author of Beyond the Messy Truth

#### "Revelatory and profoundly timely."

Valarie Kaur,
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