

**BACKGROUND AND CODEBOOK**  
**Pew Research Center**  
**Religion in India: Tolerance and Segregation**  
**Dataset**  
**Survey Conducted November 17, 2019-March 23, 2020**

Pew Research Center conducted face-to-face surveys among 29,999 adults (ages 18 and older) across 26 Indian states and three union territories in 17 languages. The sample includes interviews with 22,975 Hindus, 3,336 Muslims, 1,782 Sikhs, 1,011 Christians, 719 Buddhists and 109 Jains. An additional 67 respondents belong to other religions or are religiously unaffiliated. Six groups were targeted for oversampling as part of the survey design: Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and those living in the Northeast region. Interviews were conducted under the direction of RTI International from November 17, 2019, to March 23, 2020. Data collection used computer-assisted personal interviews (CAPI) after random selection of households.

The questionnaire was designed by Pew Research Center staff in consultation with subject-matter experts and advisers to the project. The questionnaire was developed in English and translated into 16 languages and independently verified by professional linguists with native proficiency in regional dialects. To improve respondent comprehension of survey questions and to ensure all questions were culturally appropriate, Pew Research Center followed a multiphase questionnaire development process that included focus groups, cognitive interviews, a pretest and a pilot survey before the national survey. An in-country institutional review board (IRB) also approved the questionnaire, including the consent language, to protect the rights and privacy of Indian respondents.

The survey sample was designed to be nationally representative of the Indian population and was selected using a stratified, multistage cluster method. The sample is also designed to allow for robust analysis of all major religious groups – Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Jains – as well as all major regional zones. To bolster representation of religious groups with lower prevalence in the country, the sample design uses a composite measure of size (cMOS) to increase the probability of selecting primary and secondary sampling units with those religious populations. To ensure adequate sample for stand-alone analyses of the Northeast, the least populated of the zones, the region’s strata are allocated more sample than proportional to population size.

For more information about the methodological details, please consult our [methodology chapter](#).

*Geographic data that could potentially reveal a respondent's location has been withheld from this dataset. Responses to religious identification and demographic questions that contain few respondents have been recoded to protect respondents' confidentiality. All questions pertaining to conversion (childhood religion, spouse religion, etc.) have been recoded to protect respondent confidentiality. Variables that have been recoded have "rec" appended to the variable name. The questionnaire with all response options is provided in a separate document for reference.*

*Pew Research will make the state variable available only to students and scholars currently affiliated with a university or college. Scholars who wish to use the suppressed variables in their research should contact [info@pewresearch.org](mailto:info@pewresearch.org).*

#### **ADDITIONAL VARIABLES NOT IN QUESTIONNAIRE**

COUNTRY	Country name
QRID	Unique identification number for each respondent
WEIGHT	Weight variable. Data were weighted to account for differences in probability of selection and to match the demographic characteristics of the population.
ISCED	ISCED education level as coded by Pew (using UNESCO 1997 standards)
REGION	Indian zonal council region name
URBAN	Urbanicity variable

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**NOTE: Text within parentheses or brackets is NOT to be read aloud during survey administration. It is for programming or to assist the interviewer.**

**ASK ALL**

QMLangRec     **[DO NOT READ]** Main language of interview? **[INTERVIEWER: THIS QUESTION IS NOT TO BE READ TO RESPONDENT. YOU NEED TO RECORD THE MAIN LANGUAGE SELECTED TO CONDUCT THIS INTERVIEW.]**

- 1        Hindi
- 2        Language other than Hindi

*Note: This variable has been recoded because of the overlap with the State variable.*

**NO Q1**

**ASK ALL**

Q2        How often, if at all, do you follow the news?

- 1        Every day
- 2        More than once a week
- 3        Once a week
- 4        Once or twice a month
- 5        A few times a year
- 6        Seldom [OR]
- 7        Never
- 98       Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99       Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF FOLLOWS THE NEWS (Q2=1,2,3,4,5,6)**

Q3rec     How have you been getting the news? **[INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ RESPONSE OPTIONS. SELECT UP TO THREE RESPONSES IN ORDER OF MENTION. As respondents could select more than one option, this variable is coded as multiple variables in the dataset. They are listed here as one question for convenience. For example, the variable for those who say they get the news from watching television is Q3rec\_1]**

- 1        Television
- 2        Newspapers or magazines
- 3        Radio
- 4        Internet
- 5        Social media (Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp)
- 6        Word of mouth, family, friends
- 7        Other
- 98       Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99       Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q4        Thinking about your current economic situation, how would you describe it?

- 1        Very good
- 2        Somewhat good
- 3        Somewhat bad [OR]
- 4        Very bad
- 98       Don't Know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99       Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q5 Over the next 12 months, do you expect your economic situation to ...?

- 1 Improve
- 2 Remain the same [OR]
- 3 Worsen
- 98 Don't Know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q6 Now I am going to read you a list of things that may be problems in India. As I read each one, please tell me if you think it is a ....

- a. Unemployment
- b. Crime
- c. Communal violence
- d. Corruption
- e. Violence against women

- 1 Very big problem
- 2 Moderately big problem
- 3 Small problem [OR]
- 4 Not a problem at all
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q7 To improve the safety of women in our community, which do you think is more important?

**[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND "to behave appropriately", CLARIFY: "For example, not staying out late at night and not wearing revealing clothing."]** **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

- 1 Teaching boys to respect all women
- 2 Teaching girls to behave appropriately
- 3 Women are already safe **(DO NOT READ)**
- 4 Improve law and order/Policing **(DO NOT READ)**
- 5 Both/Depends/Other **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**NO Q8**

**ASK ALL**

Q9 How important is it for women to have the same rights as men?

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important [OR]
- 4 Not at all important
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

ABORT Do you think having an abortion should be ...?

- 1 Legal in all cases
- 2 Legal in most cases
- 3 Illegal in most cases [OR]
- 4 Illegal in all cases
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q10 Some feel that we should rely on a democratic form of government to solve our country's problems. Others feel that we should rely on a leader with a strong hand to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your opinion?

- 1 Democratic form of government
- 2 Leader with a strong hand
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q11y Just your impression, in India today, is there a lot of discrimination against **[INSERT]**?

- a. Hindus
  - b. Muslims
  - c. Christians
  - d. Sikhs
  - e. Buddhists
  - f. Jains
  - g. Members of Scheduled Castes
  - h. Members of Scheduled Tribes
  - i. Members of Other Backward Classes
  - j. Women
- 
- 1 Yes, a lot of discrimination
  - 2 No, not a lot of discrimination
  - 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
  - 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q12 How much influence should politicians have in religious matters?

- 1 A large influence
- 2 Some influence
- 3 Not too much influence [OR]
- 4 No influence at all
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**READ TO ALL**

Now on to a different topic ...

**ASK ALL**

Q13 Nowadays, would you say that your health is ...?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Fair [OR]
- 4 Poor
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q14 In general, when you or someone in your family has health problems, how much do you trust **[INSERT]** for treatment? **[INTERVIEWER: IF NECESSARY, CLARIFY THAT "health problems" CAN REFER TO MAJOR OR MINOR HEALTH PROBLEMS.] [INTERVIEWER: MEDICAL SCIENCE REFERRED TO AS "ALLOPATHIC MEDICINE".]**

- a. ayurveda or home remedies
- b. religious ritual
- c. homeopathy
- d. medical science

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Not too much [OR]
- 4 Not at all
- 5 Depends on situation **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q15 How acceptable or unacceptable is it to get a checkup using modern methods to balance the number of girls and boys in the family?

- 1 Completely acceptable
- 2 Somewhat acceptable
- 3 Somewhat unacceptable [OR]
- 4 Completely unacceptable
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**NO Q16****ASK ALL**

Q17 In India today, how free are **[INSERT]**?

- a. people of other religions to practice their religion
- b. you to practice your religion

- 1 Very free
- 2 Somewhat free
- 3 Not too free [OR]
- 4 Not at all free
- 5 Not religious/Do not practice religion/Other/Depends **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q18 How much do you know about **[INSERT AND RANDOMIZE]**?

- a. the Hindu religion and its practices
- b. the Muslim religion and its practices
- c. the Christian religion and its practices
- d. the Jain religion and its practices
- e. the Sikh religion and its practices
- f. the Buddhist religion and its practices

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Some
- 3 Not very much [OR]
- 4 Nothing at all
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**READ TO ALL**

Now I would like to ask about your views on family-related topics.

**ASK ALL**

Q19 How important is it for a family to have at least one **[INSERT AND RANDOMIZE]**?

- a. son
- b. daughter

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important [OR]
- 4 Not at all important
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**NO Q20****RANDOMIZE QW21 AND QM21****ASK ALL**

QW21 How important is it to stop women in your community from marrying into another **[INSERT]**?

- a. caste
- b. religion

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important [OR]
- 4 Not at all important
- 5 It depends **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

QM21 How important is it to stop men in your community from marrying into another **[INSERT]**?

- a. caste
- b. religion

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important [OR]
- 4 Not at all important
- 5 It depends **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**



**ASK ALL**

Q22 In a family, who should be primarily responsible for **[INSERT]**?

- a. earning money
  - b. taking care of children
  - c. making decisions about expenses
- 
- 1 Men
  - 2 Women [OR]
  - 3 Both
  - 4 Depends/Other **(DO NOT READ)**
  - 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
  - 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q23 Please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following statements.

- a. A wife must always obey her husband
  - b. When there are few jobs, men should have more rights to a job than women
- 
- 1 Completely agree
  - 2 Mostly agree
  - 3 Mostly disagree
  - 4 Completely disagree
  - 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
  - 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q24 In your opinion, who should have a greater right to parents' inheritance?

- 1 Sons [OR]
- 2 Daughters [OR]
- 3 Both should have equal rights
- 4 Other/Neither/Depends **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**NO Q25****ASK ALL**

Q26 Which of these three statements comes closest to your opinion? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

- 1 Men generally make better political leaders than women [OR]
- 2 Women generally make better political leaders than men [OR]
- 3 In general, women and men make equally good political leaders
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**NO Q27**

**NOT INCLUDED IN DATASET**

QCURREL What is your present religion, if any? Are you Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, some other religion or have no religion? **[Original QCURREL variable withheld to protect confidentiality.]**

- 1 Hindu
- 2 Muslim
- 3 Christian
- 4 Sikh
- 5 Buddhist
- 6 Jain
- 7 Some other religion
- 8 No religion
- 9 Parsi (DO NOT READ)
- 98 Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 99 Refused (DO NOT READ)

**NOT INCLUDED IN DATASET**

**ASK IF RESPONDED "SOME OTHER RELIGION", "DON'T KNOW" OR "REFUSED"**  
**(QCURREL=7,98,99)**

QCURRELC Would you describe yourself as Hindu? **[Original QCURRELC variable withheld to protect confidentiality.]**

- 1 Hindu
- 2 Not Hindu
- 98 Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 99 Refused (DO NOT READ)

**DO NOT READ (AUTO CODE)**

QRELSING Create a new variable with the following labels based on QCURREL **[Original QCURREL withheld to protect confidentiality.]**:

- 1 Hindu **[IF QCURREL=1 OR QCURRELC=1]**
- 2 Muslim **[IF QCURREL=2]**
- 3 Christian **[IF QCURREL=3]**
- 4 Sikh **[IF QCURREL=4]**
- 5 Buddhist **[IF QCURREL=5]**
- 6 Jain **[IF QCURREL=6]**
- 7 your religion **[IF QCURREL=7,9,98,99 & QCURRELC≠1]**
- 8 None **[IF QCURREL=8 & QCURRELC≠1]**

**DO NOT READ (AUTO CODE)**

QRELSYS **[Alternate form of QRELSING with religion variable labels (i.e. Hinduism, Islam, etc.). Both were created for scripting purposes and may be in filters, but only one is included in the dataset to avoid repetition]**

**ASK ALL**

QCASTE Are you from a ...?

- 1 General Category
- 2 Scheduled Caste
- 3 Scheduled Tribe [OR]
- 4 Other Backward Class
- 5 Most Backward Class (DO NOT READ)
- 96 I do not/my religion does not recognize a caste system (DO NOT READ)
- 97 Not a member of any caste/category/class (DO NOT READ)
- 98 Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 99 Refused (DO NOT READ)

**ASK IF GENERAL CATEGORY (QCASTE=1)**

QCASTEb      Are you ...?

- 1      Brahmin
- 2      Other Forward Caste [OR]
- 97     Neither or just General Category
- 98     Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99     Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

*NOTE: See questionnaire for full question wording of questions on sect and denomination below. Because of the small numbers of respondents who identified with some of these sects, several response options have been recoded into "Some other sect." This answer option also was available in each question for respondents who chose to name a sect not offered in the list of responses.*

**ASK IF HINDU (QRELSYS=1)**

QHINDU I would like to ask you about some sects within Hinduism. It is possible that some of these may not be familiar to you. Which, if any, of the sects do you identify with?  
**[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT NAMES MORE THAN ONE OF THESE GROUPS, PROBE TO LEARN WHICH SECT THE RESPONDENT IDENTIFIES WITH MORE AND RECORD RESPONSE HERE.]**

- 1 Vaishnavite
- 2 Shaivite
- 3 Shakta
- 4 Some other sect [OR]
- 5 No sect in particular
- 6 Smartism **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF MUSLIM (QRELSYS=2)**

QSECTrec Are you ...? **[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT NAMES MORE THAN ONE OF THESE GROUPS, PROBE TO LEARN WHICH SECT THE RESPONDENT IDENTIFIES WITH MORE AND RECORD RESPONSE HERE. IF RESPONDENT ONLY MENTIONS SUFIISM, DOUBLE CHECK IF THEY IDENTIFY WITH ANY OF THE LISTED GROUPS. IF THEY DO IDENTIFY WITH ONE OF THESE GROUPS, ONLY CODE THAT GROUP HERE. IF THEY STICK WITH JUST SUFIISM, CODE AS "Some other sect".]**

- 1 Sunni **(DO NOT READ: Barelvi/Hanafī, Deobandi, Ahl-I Hadith)**
- 3 Some other sect
- 4 No sect in particular
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF CHRISTIAN (QRELSYS=3)**

QDENOMrec Please tell me which denomination or church, if any, you identify with MOST CLOSELY?  
**[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT NAMES MORE THAN ONE OF THESE GROUPS, PROBE TO LEARN WHICH DENOMINATION OR CHURCH THE RESPONDENT IDENTIFIES WITH MORE AND RECORD RESPONSE HERE.]**

- 1 Catholic **(DO NOT READ: Roman Catholic, Eastern/Oriental rite)**
- 9 Baptist **(DO NOT READ)**
- 12 Presbyterian **(DO NOT READ)**
- 6 No denomination in particular
- 97 All other denominations
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF SIKH (QRELSYS=4)**

QSIKHrec I would like to ask you about some sects within Sikhism. It is possible that some of these may not be familiar to you. Which, if any, of the sects do you identify with?  
**[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT NAMES MORE THAN ONE OF THESE GROUPS, PROBE TO LEARN WHICH SECT THE RESPONDENT IDENTIFIES WITH MORE AND RECORD RESPONSE HERE.]**

- 1 Amritdhari
- 2 Keshdhari
- 3 Namdhari
- 4 Sahajdhari
- 7 Some other sect
- 8 No sect in particular
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF BUDDHIST (QRELSYS=5)**

QBUDDHISTrec I would like to ask you about some orders within Buddhism. It is possible that some of these may not be familiar to you. Which, if any, of the orders do you identify with?  
**[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT NAMES MORE THAN ONE OF THESE GROUPS, PROBE TO LEARN WHICH ORDER THE RESPONDENT IDENTIFIES WITH MORE AND RECORD RESPONSE HERE.]**

- 4 Navayana **(DO NOT READ: Nav Buddhist, Nav Baudha, Nav Boudha, Ambedkarite)**
- 5 Some other order [OR]
- 6 No order in particular
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF JAIN (QRELSYS=6)**

QJAIN I would like to ask you about some schools of thought or traditions within Jainism. It is possible that some of these may not be familiar to you. Which, if any, of the schools of thought or traditions do you identify with? **[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT NAMES MORE THAN ONE OF THESE GROUPS, PROBE TO LEARN WHICH SCHOOL OF THOUGHT OR TRADITION THE RESPONDENT IDENTIFIES WITH MORE AND RECORD RESPONSE HERE.]**

- 1 Shwetambara
- 2 Digambara **(DO NOT READ: Samanar)**
- 3 Some other school of thought or tradition [OR]
- 4 No school of thought or tradition in particular
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

QSUFIREC I would like to ask you about some orders within Sufiism. It is possible that some of these may not be familiar to you. Do you follow any Sufi order, such as ...?  
**[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT NAMES MORE THAN ONE OF THESE GROUPS, PROBE TO LEARN WHICH ORDER THE RESPONDENT IDENTIFIES WITH MORE AND RECORD RESPONSE.]**

- 1 Identify as a Sufi
- 2 I am not a Sufi
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF HAS A RELIGION (QRELSING=1,2,3,4,5,6)**

Q28rec To you personally, is being **[INSERT QRELSING]** ...? **[INTERVIEWER: ALLOW UP TO THREE RESPONSES FROM 1 THROUGH 3. RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS.]**

- 1 Mainly a matter of religion
- 2 Mainly a matter of ancestry
- 3 Mainly a matter of culture
- 4 All of these
- 5 Religion and ancestry
- 6 Religion and culture
- 7 Ancestry and culture
- 8 Other/none of these **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF HAS A RELIGION (QRELSING=1,2,3,4,5,6)**

Q29 Please tell me how important each of the following is to what being **[INSERT QRELSING]** means to you. Is **[INSERT]** a very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important part of what being **[INSERT QRELSING]** means to you? What about **[INSERT NEXT]**? **[INTERVIEWER: EMPHASIZE AS NECESSARY: "what being your religion means to you"]**

- a. respecting elders
- b. believing in God
- cdREC. praying **[ASK IF NOT MUSLIM (QRELSING=1,3,4,5,6)]/offering namaz [ASK IF MUSLIM (QRELSING=2)]**
- e. helping the poor and needy
- f. respecting other religions
- g. being born into a **[INSERT QRELSING]** family
- h. respecting India

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important
- 4 Not at all important
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF HAS A RELIGION (QRELSING=1,2,3,4,5,6)**

Q30 In your opinion, can a person be [INSERT QRELSING] if they [INSERT]?

- a. show disrespect to elders
- b. do not believe in God
- c. never go to [INSERT IF HINDU, JAIN, BUDDHIST (QRELSING=1,5,6): "temple";  
INSERT IF MUSLIM (QRELSING=2): "mosque"; INSERT IF CHRISTIAN  
(QRELSING=3): "church"; INSERT IF SIKH (QRELSING=4): "gurdwara"]
- deREC. never perform prayers [ASK IF NOT MUSLIM (QRELSING=1,3,4,5,6)]/ never offer namaz  
[ASK IF MUSLIM (QRELSING=2)]
- f. eat beef [ASK IF NOT CHRISTIAN AND NOT MUSLIM (QRELSING≠2,3, 7 or 8)]
- g. eat pork [ASK IF MUSLIM (QRELSING=2)]
- h. do not celebrate [INSERT QRELSING] festivals
- i. celebrate Christmas [ASK IF NOT CHRISTIAN (QRELSING≠3, 7, or 8)]
- j. celebrate Eid [ASK IF NOT MUSLIM (QRELSING≠2, 7 or 8)]
- k. celebrate Diwali [ASK IF NOT HINDU (QRELSING≠1, 7 or 8)]
- l. disrespect India

- 1 Yes, can be
- 2 No, cannot be
- 97 Depends on the situation (DO NOT READ)
- 98 Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 99 Refused (DO NOT READ)

**ASK ALL**

Q3132rec [INSERT IF CHRISTIAN (QRELSYS=3)] "Aside from weddings and funerals,"  
how often do you [INSERT IF HINDU, BUDDHIST OR JAIN (QRELSYS=1,5,6) "go  
to the temple"; INSERT IF SIKH (QRELSYS=4) "go to the gurdwara"; INSERT  
FOR ALL OTHERS (QRELSYS=3,7,8) "attend religious services"]? [ASK IF  
MUSLIM (QRELSYS=2) On average, how often do you attend the mosque for  
namaz?]

- 1 Every day
- 2 More than once a week
- 3 Once a week
- 4 Once or twice a month
- 5 A few times a year
- 6 Seldom [OR]
- 7 Never
- 98 Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 99 Refused (DO NOT READ)

**ASK ALL**

Q33 Have you ever prayed, meditated or performed a ritual at a [INSERT]? [INTERVIEWER: IF  
THE RESPONDENT SAYS THEY HAVE BEEN, BUT ONLY FOR SIGHTSEEING OR TO LOOK  
AROUND THEIR ANSWER SHOULD BE "No".]

- a. Hindu temple [ASK IF NOT HINDU (QRELSYS≠1)]
- b. Mosque [ASK IF NOT MUSLIM (QRELSYS≠2)]
- c. Church [ASK IF NOT CHRISTIAN (QRELSYS≠3)]
- d. Gurdwara [ASK IF NOT SIKH (QRELSYS≠4)]
- e. Buddhist stupa [ASK IF NOT BUDDHIST (QRELSYS≠5)]
- f. Sufi shrine

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 99 Refused (DO NOT READ)

**ASK ALL**

Q34 How often do you **[INSERT]**, if at all?

- a. meditate
- b. practice yoga

- 1 Every day
- 2 More than once a week
- 3 Once a week
- 4 Once or twice a month
- 5 A few times a year
- 6 Seldom [OR]
- 7 Never
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q35 How important is religion in your life?

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important [OR]
- 4 Not at all important
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q36 Have you ever **[INSERT]**?

- a. made a pilgrimage
- b. participated in or witnessed animal sacrifices for religious purposes
- c. received purification by taking a dip in a holy body of water, like the Ganges River **[ASK IF NOT CHRISTIAN AND NOT MUSLIM (QRELSYS#2,3)]**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**



**ASK ALL**

Q37 Do you **[INSERT]**?

- a. give money to a **[INSERT IF HINDU, JAIN, BUDDHIST (QRELSYS=1,5,6): "temple"; INSERT IF MUSLIM (QRELSYS=2): "mosque"; INSERT IF CHRISTIAN (QRELSYS=3): "church"; INSERT IF SIKH (QRELSYS=4): "gurdwara"; INSERT IF OTHER (QRELSYS=7,8): "house of worship"]**
- b. give money to any other charitable causes
- c. have an altar, shrine or religious symbol in your home for worship
- d. ever invite **[INSERT IF HINDU (QRELSYS=1): "a pundit or learned person"; INSERT IF BUDDHIST (QRELSYS=5): "a monk or learned person"; INSERT IF CHRISTIAN (QRELSYS=3): "a priest or pastor"; INSERT IF MUSLIM (QRELSYS=2): "an imam"; INSERT FOR ALL OTHERS: (QRELSYS=4,6,7,8): "a religious leader"]** to conduct religious rites at your home
- e. sing devotionally
- f. dance devotionally
- g. fast
- h. have holy basil at home
- i. fix important dates, such as for a wedding, based on auspicious times or dates

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q38 Do you currently follow a guru, pir or baba?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 My family follows one, but I do not **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q39 How often do you watch **[INSERT]**, if at all?

- a. Religious programs or serials
  - b. Other serials
  - c. News programs
- 1 Every day
  - 2 More than once a week
  - 3 Once a week
  - 4 Once or twice a month
  - 5 A few times a year
  - 6 Seldom [OR]
  - 7 Never
  - 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
  - 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q40 Which of these two statements is closest to your opinion?

- 1 My religion is the one true religion [OR]
- 2 Many religions can be true
- 3 Neither/Both equally **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**NO Q41**

**ASK ALL**

QCHRELrec Now, thinking about when you were a child, in what religion were you raised, if any?

- 1 Childhood religion same as current religion
- 2 Childhood religion different from current religion
- 999 Don't know/Refused for current or childhood religion

**ASK ALL**

Q42 Still thinking about when you were growing up, how important was religion to your family?

**[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT SAYS IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR ONE PARENT BUT NOT BOTH, ASK: "How important was religion to your family overall?"]**

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important [OR]
- 4 Not at all important
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q43a Do you believe in God?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD (Q43a=1)**

Q43b How certain are you about this belief?

- 1 Absolutely certain
- 2 Fairly certain
- 3 Not too certain [OR]
- 4 Not at all certain
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD (Q43a=1)**

Q43c Do you believe that ...?

- 1 there is only one God [OR]
- 2 there is only one God with many manifestations [OR]
- 3 there are many Gods
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF NOT CHRISTIAN AND NOT MUSLIM (QRELSYS#2,3)**

Q44rec Do you feel closest to any god? If so, which one? **[As respondents could select more than one option, this variable is coded as multiple variables in the dataset. They are listed here as one question for convenience. For example, the variable for those who say they believe in God and feel close to Ganesha is Q44rec\_1.]**

- 1 Yes, Ganesha
- 2 Yes, Hanuman
- 3 Yes, Kali
- 4 Yes, Krishna
- 5 Yes, Lakshmi
- 6 Yes, Lord Ram
- 7 Yes, Saraswati
- 8 Yes, Shiva
- 9 Yes, Vishnu
- 10 Yes, Dattatreya
- 11 Yes, Ayyappa
- 12 Yes, Meenakshi
- 13 Yes, Murugan
- 14 Yes, the Sun
- 15 Yes, Jesus
- 16 Yes, another god
- 17 No, I do not have a god I feel closest to
- 18 I have many personal gods
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

*Note: Only Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists and Jains who said they believe in God were asked this question.*

**ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD (Q43a=1)**

Q45 Do you think God can be manifested in **[INSERT]**?

- a. nature, such as mountains, rivers or trees
- b. animals
- c. people

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF BELIEVES GOD CAN BE MANIFESTED IN PEOPLE (Q45c=1)**

Q46 Do you think God can be manifested in people who **[INSERT]**?

- a. belong to a lower caste
- b. have done bad things in their life

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD (Q43a=1)**

Q47 Do you ever ask God for **[INSERT]** for you or your family?

- a. good health
- b. prosperity
- c. forgiveness

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q48 Do you participate in celebrations of **[INSERT]**?

- a. Christmas
- b. Eid
- c. Diwali
- d. Holi
- e. Valentine's Day
- f. Independence Day (15 August)

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q49 Do you believe **[INSERT]**?

- a. in the "evil eye"
- b. in reincarnation
- c. in fate
- d. in astrology
- e. that magic, sorcery or witchcraft can influence people's lives
- f. in miracles
- g. in Heaven
- h. in Judgement Day **[ASK IF MUSLIM OR CHRISTIAN (QRELSYS=2,3)]**
- i. in Nirvana **[ASK IF BUDDHIST (QRELSYS=5)]**
- j. in Moksha **[ASK IF HINDU, SIKH OR JAIN (QRELSYS=1,4,6)]**
- k. in Kaivalya **[ASK IF HINDU, SIKH OR JAIN (QRELSYS=1,4,6)]**
- l. in Karma
- m. in angels or benevolent spirits
- n. in demons or evil spirits
- o. that the Ganges has the power to purify

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q50 How often do you read or listen to recitations of religious books [INSERT ", for example, the Bhagavad Gita" IF HINDU (QRELSYS=1); INSERT ", for example, the Quran" IF MUSLIM (QRELSYS=2); INSERT ", for example, the Bible" IF CHRISTIAN (QRELSYS=3); INSERT ", for example, the Guru Granth Sahib" IF SIKH (QRELSYS=4); INSERT ", for example, the Sutras" IF BUDDHIST (QRELSYS=5)]?

- 1 Every day
- 2 More than once a week
- 3 Once a week
- 4 Once or twice a month
- 5 A few times a year
- 6 Seldom [OR]
- 7 Never
- 98 Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 99 Refused (DO NOT READ)

**ASK IF HAS A RELIGION (QRELSYS=1,2,3,4,5,6,7)**

Q51 Which comes closest to your view? The [INSERT "Bhagavad Gita" IF HINDU (QRELSYS=1); INSERT "Quran" IF MUSLIM (QRELSYS=2); INSERT "Bible" IF CHRISTIAN (QRELSYS=3); INSERT "Guru Granth Sahib" IF SIKH (QRELSYS=4); INSERT "Sutras" IF BUDDHIST (QRELSYS=5); INSERT "sacred text of your religion" IF OTHER (QRELSYS=6,7)] ...?

- 1 Is the word of God [OR]
- 2 Is not the word of God
- 3 Other (DO NOT READ)
- 98 Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 99 Refused (DO NOT READ)

**ASK IF HAS A RELIGION (QRELSYS=1,2,3,4,5,6,7)**

Q52 Which of these two statements is closest to your opinion?

- 1 There is only ONE true way to interpret the teachings of my religion [OR]
- 2 There is MORE than one true way to interpret the teachings of my religion
- 3 Other/Both/Neither/Depends (DO NOT READ)
- 98 Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 99 Refused (DO NOT READ)

**ASK IF NOT CHRISTIAN AND NOT MUSLIM (QRELSYS≠2,3)**

Q53 Do you perform puja ...?

- a. at home
- b. at temple

- 1 Several times a day
- 2 Once a day
- 3 A few times a week
- 4 Once a week
- 5 A few times a month
- 6 Seldom [OR]
- 7 Never
- 98 Don't know (DO NOT READ)
- 99 Refused (DO NOT READ)

**ASK ALL**

Q54a Do you **[IF NOT MUSLIM (QRELSYS≠2), INSERT "pray"; IF MUSLIM (QRELSYS=2), INSERT "offer namaz"]** ...?

- 1 Several times a day
- 2 Once a day
- 3 A few times a week
- 4 Once a week
- 5 A few times a month
- 6 Seldom [OR]
- 7 Never
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF MUSLIM (QRELSYS=2) AND PRAYS SEVERAL TIMES A DAY (Q54a=1)**

Q54b Do you pray all five namaz every day?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q55a Are you a vegetarian? **[INTERVIEWER: RESPONDENTS CAN USE THEIR JUDGMENT AS TO HOW "vegetarian" IS DEFINED.]**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF VEGETARIAN (Q55a=1)**

Q55b Do you abstain from eating root vegetables, such as garlic and onion?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF NOT A VEGETARIAN (Q55a=2)**

Q55c Do you abstain from eating meat on certain days?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF NOT A VEGETARIAN (Q55a=2)**

Q55d Do you abstain from eating certain meats?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q56 Would you ever eat food **[INSERT]**?

- a. in a restaurant that serves both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food **[ASK IF VEGETARIAN (Q55a=1)]**
- b. in the home of a friend or neighbor who is non-vegetarian **[ASK IF VEGETARIAN (Q55a=1)]**
- c. in the home of someone whose religion has different rules about food than yours
- d. at a function hosted by people whose religion has different rules about food than yours

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Other/Depends **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q57 How important is it for you to have **[INSERT]**?

- a. **[INSERT "a baptism" IF CHRISTIAN (QRELSYS=3); INSERT "a religious naming ceremony" FOR OTHERS (QRELSYS≠3)]** for sons or daughters in your family
- b. a religious wedding ceremony for you or the children in your family
- c. a religious **[INSERT: "burial" IF MUSLIM OR CHRISTIAN (QRELSYS=2,3); INSERT "cremation" IF NOT MUSLIM OR CHRISTIAN (QRELSYS≠2,3)]** for your loved ones

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important [OR]
- 4 Not at all important
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q58x In a family, who should have the primary responsibility **[INSERT]**?

- a. to care for parents as they age
- b. for a parent's **[IF CHRISTIAN OR MUSLIM (QRELSYS=2,3) INSERT "burial rituals"; ELSE (QRELSYS≠2,3) INSERT "last rites"]**

- 1 Sons
- 2 Daughters [OR]
- 3 Both should have the responsibility
- 4 Daughters-in-law **(DO NOT READ)**
- 5 Sons-in-law **(DO NOT READ)**
- 6 Other/Neither/Depends **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**NO Q59****ASK ALL**

Q60 Should Muslim men be able to divorce their wives by saying "Talaq" three times?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**OBSERVE FOR ALL**

QGEN **[RECORD BY OBSERVATION]** What is the respondent's gender? **[INTERVIEWER: IF RESPONDENT IS TRANSGENDER, CODE AS "MALE"]**

- 1 Male
- 2 Female



**READ TO ALL**

Now I'd like to ask you about your opinion of several groups in society.

**ASK ALL**

QDIV All in all, do you think India's religious diversity ...?

- 1 Benefits our country [OR]
- 2 Harms our country
- 3 Neither benefits nor harms **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q61 How many of your close friends **[INSERT]**?

- a. **[IF HAS SPECIFIC RELIGION (QRELSING=1,2,3,4,5,6) INSERT "are" QRELSING]; IF OTHER RELIGION (QRELSING=7) INSERT "have the same religion as you"; IF UNAFFILIATED (QRELSING=8) INSERT "belong to no particular religion"]**
- b. are the same caste as you

- 1 All of them
- 2 Most of them
- 3 Some of them [OR]
- 4 Hardly any of them
- 5 None of them **(DO NOT READ)**
- 97 Not a member of any caste **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF HAS A RELIGION (QRELSING=1,2,3,4,5,6)**

Q62 From what you know, do you think **[INSERT QRELSING]**s and **[INSERT]** in India ...?

- a. Hindus **[ASK IF NOT HINDU (QRELSING≠1)]**
- b. Muslims **[ASK IF NOT MUSLIM (QRELSING≠2)]**
- c. Christians **[ASK IF NOT CHRISTIAN (QRELSING≠3)]**
- d. Sikhs **[ASK IF NOT SIKH (QRELSING≠4)]**
- e. Buddhists **[ASK IF NOT BUDDHIST (QRELSING≠5)]**
- f. Jains **[ASK IF NOT JAIN (QRELSING≠6)]**

- 1 Have a lot in common [OR]
- 2 Are very different
- 3 Other/Neither/Depends **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q63 Would you be willing to accept a **[INSERT]** as a neighbor?

- a. Hindu **[ASK IF NOT HINDU (QRELSING#1)]**
- b. Muslim **[ASK IF NOT MUSLIM (QRELSING#2)]**
- c. Christian **[ASK IF NOT CHRISTIAN (QRELSING#3)]**
- d. Sikh **[ASK IF NOT SIKH (QRELSING#4)]**
- e. Buddhist **[ASK IF NOT BUDDHIST (QRELSING#5)]**
- f. Jain **[ASK IF NOT JAIN (QRELSING#6)]**
- g. Scheduled Caste **[ASK IF NOT SCHEDULED CASTE OR TRIBE (QCASTE#2,3)]**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Other/Both/Neither/Depends **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**NO Q64**

**ASK ALL**

Q65 Do you support or oppose allowing Muslims to go to their own religious court to solve family disputes, such as divorce or inheritance?

- 1 Support Muslims going to their own religious court
- 2 Oppose Muslims going to their own religious court
- 3 Other/Neither **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q66 In the last 12 months, have you personally felt discriminated against **[INSERT]**?

- a. because you are a **[INSERT "man" IF QGEN=1; INSERT "woman" IF QGEN=2]**
- b. because you are **[INSERT QRELSING IF QRELSING=1,2,3,4,5,6,7; INSERT "a person with no religion" IF QRELSING=8]**
- c. because of your caste

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 96 I do not/my religion does not recognize a caste system **(DO NOT READ)**
- 97 Not a member of any caste/category/class **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**READ TO ALL**

Now on a different subject.

**ASK ALL**

Q67 How proud are you to be **[INSERT]**?

- a. Indian
  - b. a **[INSERT STATE]** resident
  - c. **[INSERT QRELSING IF QRELSING=1,2,3,4,5,6,7; INSERT "a person with no religion" IF QRELSING=8]**
- 1 Very proud
  - 2 Somewhat proud
  - 3 Not very proud [OR]
  - 4 Not proud at all
  - 5 I am not \_\_\_\_ **(DO NOT READ)**
  - 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
  - 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q68 Was the partition of India and Pakistan a good thing or a bad thing for Hindu-Muslim relations?

- 1 A good thing
- 2 A bad thing
- 3 Neither good nor bad **(DO NOT READ)**
- 4 Depends **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q69 Some people say that the following things are important to be truly Indian. Others say that they are not important. How important do you think it is **[INSERT]** to be truly Indian?

- a. To be able to speak Hindi **[IN TRANSLATIONS INTO INDIAN LANGUAGES, 'TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK' AND 'TO SPEAK' WERE USED INTERCHANGABLY]**
  - b. To be a Hindu
  - c. To respect the army
  - d. To stand for the national anthem
  - e. To respect elders
  - f. To respect all religions
  - g. To know the history of India's freedom struggle
  - h. To respect the country's institutions and laws
  - i. To support India's cricket team
  - j. To have Indian ancestry
- 1 Very important
  - 2 Somewhat important
  - 3 Not very important [OR]
  - 4 Not at all important
  - 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
  - 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q70 Please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following statement: Indian people are not perfect, but Indian culture is superior to others.

- 1 Completely agree
- 2 Mostly agree
- 3 Mostly disagree
- 4 Completely disagree
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**NO Q71****ASK ALL**

Q72 Do you generally **[INSERT]**?

- a. wear a religious pendant, such as an amulet, cross, image or symbol of God
- b. wear a bindi **[ASK IF FEMALE (QGEN=2)]**
- c. wear a skullcap **[ASK IF MUSLIM (QRELSYS=2) AND MALE (QGEN=1)]**
- d. wear a turban **[ASK IF SIKH (QRELSYS=4) AND MALE (QGEN=1)]**
- e. wear a janeu **[ASK IF NOT CHRISTIAN AND NOT MUSLIM (QRELSYS≠2,3) AND MALE (QGEN=1)]**
- f. wear a tilak **[ASK IF NOT CHRISTIAN AND NOT MUSLIM (QRELSYS≠2,3) AND MALE (QGEN=1)]**
- g. wear a kara **[ASK IF SIKH (QRELSYS=4)]**
- h. carry a kirpan **[ASK IF SIKH (QRELSYS=4) AND MALE (QGEN=1)]**
- i. keep your hair long **[ASK IF SIKH (QRELSYS=4)]**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF FEMALE (QGEN=2)**

Q73a Outside your home, do you keep the practice of covering your head?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF FEMALE (QGEN=2) AND IF MUSLIM (QRELSING=2)**

Q73abrec Outside your home, do you keep the practice of covering your head? **[IF YES]** Do you wear a ...? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1,2,3]**

- 1 Yes covers head, Hijab
- 2 Yes covers head, Niqab
- 3 Yes covers head, Burka
- 4 Yes covers head, something else **(DO NOT READ)**
- 5 Yes covers head, DK/Refused **(DO NOT READ)**
- 6 No, does not cover head
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

QAGErec How old are you?

- 1 18-25
- 2 26-34
- 3 35-44
- 4 45-59
- 5 60+
- 998 Don't know
- 999 Refused

*Note: Respondents were asked their exact age. Responses have been recoded into age bands.*

**ASK ALL**

QFERTrec How many children have you had? Please count all children born at any time in your life. **[IF RESPONDENT ASKS WHETHER ADOPTED CHILDREN OR STEPCHILDREN SHOULD BE INCLUDED, SAY: "No, we're asking you only to count all children born at any time in your life."]**

- 1 No children
- 2 One child
- 3 Two children
- 4 Three or more children
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

QCHGENabrec How many are daughters?

- 0 No children
- 1 No daughters among children
- 2 At least one daughter
- 96 Do not know number of daughters **(DO NOT READ)**
- 97 Refused number of daughters **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98 Don't know number of children **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused number of children **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

QHH1 How many people, including yourself, live in your household? **[INTERVIEWER: Household members include people who think of this household as their primary place of residence, including those who are temporarily away on business, vacation, in a hospital or away at school. This includes infants, children and adults.]**

**[INTERVIEWER: RECORD NUMBER]**

- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD (QHH1 > 1 OR QHH1=98,99)**

QHH2 How many, including yourself, are adults, age 18 and older?

**[INTERVIEWER: RECORD NUMBER]**

- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

QMARRIEDrec Are you currently ...?

- 1 Married or living with a partner
- 2 Divorced, separated, partner no longer alive
- 3 Unmarried
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER (QMARRIEDrec=1)**

QSPRELrec What is your [spouse/partner]'s religion, if any? Are they Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, some other religion or no religion?

- 1 Spouse's religion same as respondent
- 2 Spouse's religion different from respondent
- 999 Don't know/Refused for own religion and/or spouse's religion

**ASK IF SPOUSE RAISED IN DIFFERENT RELIGION (QSPRELrec=2)**

QCHSPRELrec Was your [spouse/partner] raised [QSPREL]? [If NO] What religion was your spouse/partner raised as, if any? Were they Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, some other religion or no religion?

- 1 Yes, spouse's childhood religion same as their current religion
- 2 No, spouse was raised in a different religion than their current religion
- 999 Don't know/Refused spouse's current religion and/or spouse's childhood religion

*Note: The small number of respondents who initially said their spouse/partner was raised in a different religion than their current religion, but then listed the same childhood religion and current religion, were recoded as "Yes, spouse's childhood religion same as their current religion".*

**ASK ALL**

QHHCH Are you the parent or legal guardian of any children under the age of 18 who currently live in your household?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF HAS CHILDREN IN HOME (QHHCH=1)**

QCHILDrec In what religion, if any, are you raising your child/children? Are they being raised Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, some other religion or no religion?

- 1 Raising child/children in same religion as respondent
- 2 Raising child/children in different religion than respondent
- 999 Don't know/Refused own current religion or in which religion raising child

**ASK IF HAS CHILDREN IN HOME (QHHCH=1)**

Q74 Does your child/do your children ever [INSERT]?

- a. [INSERT IF RAISING AS HINDU, BUDDHIST OR JAIN (QCHILD=1,5,6) "go to the temple"; INSERT IF RAISING AS MUSLIM (QCHILD=2) "go to the mosque"; INSERT IF RAISING AS SIKH (QCHILD=4) "go to the gurdwara"; INSERT FOR ALL OTHERS (QCHILD=3,7,8,9,98,99) "attend religious services"]
  - b. Pray
  - c. Read scripture
  - d. Receive religious instruction outside the home
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 3 Not applicable/Children too young (**DO NOT READ**)
  - 98 Don't know (**DO NOT READ**)
  - 99 Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

**ASK IF SIKH (QRELSYS=4)**

Q75 How important is it for you that children in your family keep their hair long?

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important [OR]
- 4 Not at all important
- 98 Don't know (**DO NOT READ**)
- 99 Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

**ASK ALL**

Q76 Do you currently live in a joint family?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know (**DO NOT READ**)
- 99 Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

**ASK ALL**

Q77arec Did you vote in the last national election? [IF YES] Which party did you vote for in the last national election?

- 1 Voted, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- 2 Voted, Congress Party/Indian National Congress (INC)
- 24 Voted, Other party
- 994 Voted, Don't know (**DO NOT READ**)
- 995 Voted, Refused (**DO NOT READ**)
- 996 Did not vote
- 997 Was not eligible to vote in last national election (**DO NOT READ**)
- 998 Don't know (**DO NOT READ**)
- 999 Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

*Note: Political parties besides INC and BJP have been recoded into response option 24 because of the overlap of many of these parties with specific states. See questionnaire to see full list of response options.*

**ASK ALL**

QEDU What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree received?  
**[INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ RESPONSE OPTIONS. IF THE RESPONDENT INDICATES "STILL IN SCHOOL" OR STATES THEY HAVE STARTED BUT NOT COMPLETED A LEVEL OF EDUCATION, ASK: "What is the HIGHEST level of education COMPLETED?" AND RECORD RESPONSE.]**

- 1 Illiterate
- 2 Literate but no formal schooling
- 3 Primary education (primary certificate)
- 4 Upper primary (upper primary certificate)
- 5 High school; Industrial training institute (matriculation certificate or ITI certificate)
- 6 Senior secondary / Intermediate (senior secondary school leaving certificate)
- 7 Technical education training
- 8 Nursing, general nursing and midwifery (GNM); Junior teachers training (diploma)
- 9 Bachelor (university 1st) / MBBS, LLB
- 10 Master (university 2nd) / Post-graduate diploma
- 11 Doctor (tertiary 2nd)
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

QINCINDrec Here is a list of monthly household incomes. Which of these does your household typically fall into counting all wages, salaries, pensions and other incomes that come in? Just tell me which group your household falls into, before taxes and other deductions.

- 1 Rs. 10,000 and below
- 2 Rs. 10,001 and above
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

QINT Do you use the internet?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

QMOBILE Do you use a mobile phone?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**



**ASK IF USES A MOBILE PHONE (QMOBILE=1)**

Q78 Can it connect to the internet?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF USES A MOBILE PHONE (QMOBILE=1)**

Q79 Is it a smartphone?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**NO Q80**

**ASK ALL**

Q81 Do you use social media applications, such as Facebook or WhatsApp?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF USES SOCIAL MEDIA APPS (Q81=1)**

Q82 Do you ever use these apps to share information about **[INSERT]**?

- a. religion
- b. politics and current events
- c. music and movies
- d. sports

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

QPOV Have there been times during the last year when you did not have enough money **[INSERT]**?

- a. to buy food your family needed
- b. to pay for medical and health care your family needed
- c. to pay rent or housing costs

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q83 In your home, do you have a ...?

- 1 Pit latrine
- 2 Flush toilet [OR]
- 3 Neither of these
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**NO Q84**

**ASK ALL**

QPTYrec      Regardless of which party you voted for in the last national election, which political party, if any, do you feel closest to?

- 1      Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- 2      Congress Party / Indian National Congress (INC)
- 24     Other party
- 25     Do not feel close to any party
- 98     Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99     Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

*Note: Political parties besides INC and BJP have been recoded into response option 24 because of the overlap of many of these parties with specific states. See questionnaire to see full list of response options.*

**ASK ALL**

QPTY2      Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of **[INSERT AND RANDOMIZE]**?

- a.      the BJP
- b.      Congress

- 1      Very favorable
- 2      Somewhat favorable
- 3      Somewhat unfavorable
- 4      Very unfavorable
- 98     Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99     Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q85      Were you raised in a ...?

- 1      City
- 2      Small town [OR]
- 3      Village
- 4      Other **(DO NOT READ)**
- 98     Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99     Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q85arec      In what state or union territory were you raised?

- 1      Same as current state/union territory
- 2      Different from current state/union territory
- 98     Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99     Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q86a      Do you have relatives who live in other countries that you have communicated with or visited in the past 12 months? **[INTERVIEWER: "relatives" COULD INCLUDE A SPOUSE, PARENT, SIBLING OR CHILDREN.]**

- 1      Yes
- 2      No
- 98     Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99     Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF HAVE RELATIVES ABROAD (Q86a=1)**

Q86b In what countries do these relatives live? **[DO NOT READ RESPONSE OPTIONS. SELECT ALL THAT APPLY. As respondents could select more than one option, this variable is coded as multiple variables in the dataset. They are listed here as one question for convenience. For example, the variable for those who say their relatives live in the UAE is Q86b\_1.]**

- 1 United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- 2 United States of America (USA)
- 3 Saudi Arabia
- 4 Pakistan
- 5 Oman
- 6 Kuwait
- 7 United Kingdom (UK, England, Great Britain)
- 8 Qatar
- 9 Canada
- 10 Nepal
- 11 Australia
- 12 Bahrain
- 13 Singapore
- 14 Italy
- 15 Malaysia
- 16 Bangladesh
- 17 Sri Lanka
- 18 Bhutan
- 19 China
- 20 Burma (Myanmar)
- 21 Mauritius
- 97 Somewhere else
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK ALL**

Q87 Have you ever traveled outside of India?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know **(DO NOT READ)**
- 99 Refused **(DO NOT READ)**

**ASK IF THE RESPONDENT IS MALE (QGEN =1)**

QIV7 **[RECORD BY OBSERVATION]** Did the respondent have a beard?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No