PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL WAVE 61 FEBRUARY 2020 FEBRUARY 4 – 15, 2020¹

ASK ALL:

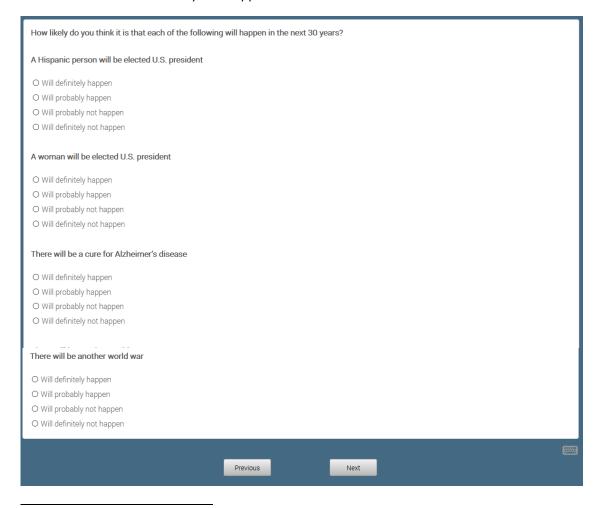
HAPPEN2 How likely do you think it is that each of the following will happen in the next 30 years?

[RANDOMIZE]

[NO ITEMS a, b, d, g, h]

- c. There will be a cure for Alzheimer's disease
- e. A woman will be elected U.S. president
- f. A Hispanic person will be elected U.S. president
- i. There will be another world war

- 1 Will definitely happen
- Will probably happen
- 3 Will probably not happen
- 4 Will definitely not happen



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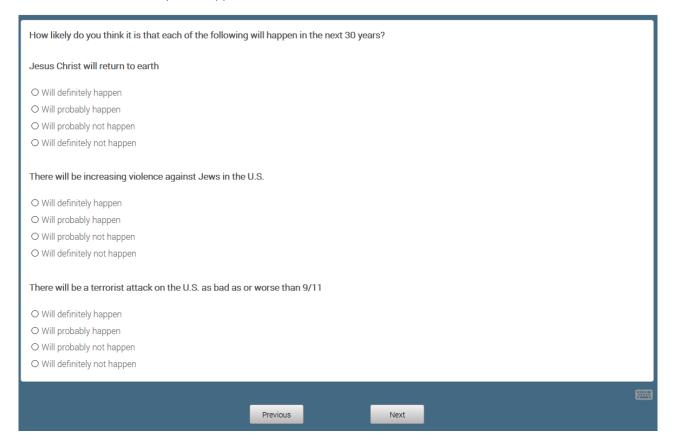
[RANDOMIZE]

[NO ITEMS b-g, i]

- a. There will be a terrorist attack on the U.S. as bad as or worse than 9/11
- h. There will be increasing violence against Jews in the U.S.
- j. Jesus Christ will return to earth

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

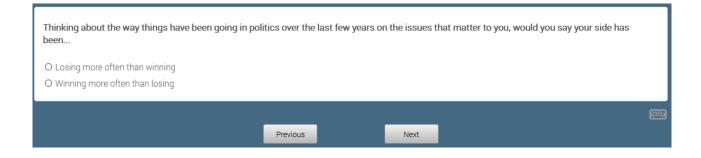
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- 3 Will probably not happen
- 4 Will definitely not happen



ASK ALL:

WINLOSE Thinking about the way things have been going in politics over the last few years on the issues that matter to you, would you say your side has been... [RANDOMIZE]

- 1 Winning more often than losing
- 2 Losing more often than winning



PRES1 In general, how important is it to you to have a president of the United States who... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- a. Shares your religious beliefs
- b. Has strong religious beliefs, even if they are different from your own
- c. Personally lives a moral and ethical life
- d. Stands up for people with your religious beliefs

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important
- 4 Not at all important

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CAND Here is a list of some political figures. How religious do you think each person is? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- a. Bernie Sanders
- b. Donald Trump
- c. Elizabeth Warren
- d. Joe Biden
- e. Pete Buttigieg
- f. Mike Pence

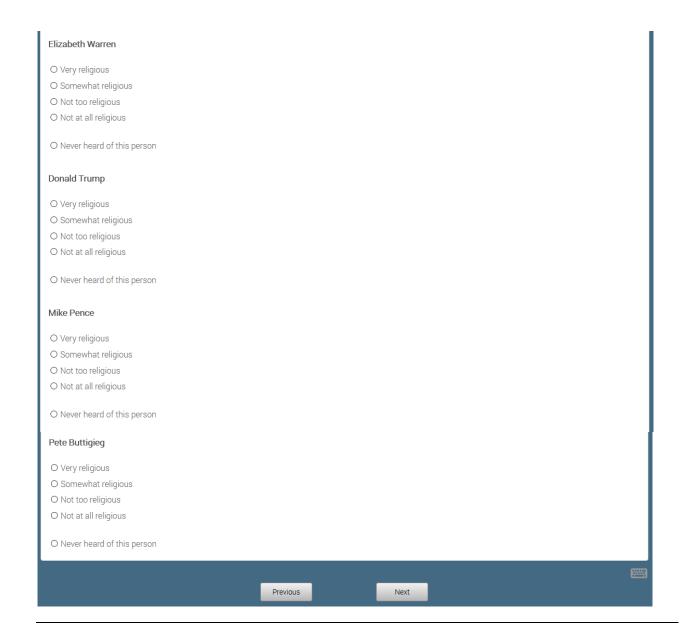
RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Very religious
- 2 Somewhat religious
- 3 Not too religious
- 4 Not at all religious

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8 Never heard of this person



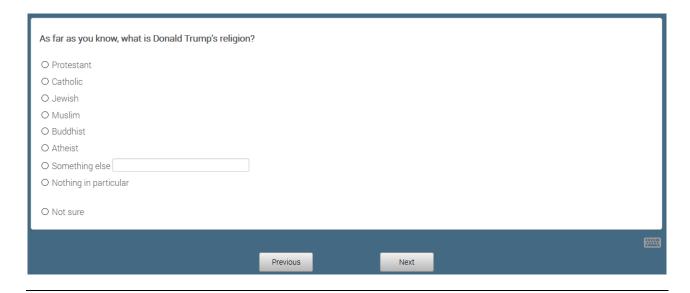


TRUMPRELIG As far as you know, what is Donald Trump's religion?

- 1 Protestant
- 2 Catholic
- 3 Jewish
- 4 Muslim
- 5 Buddhist
- 6 Atheist
- 7 Something else [text box]
- 8 Nothing in particular

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9 Not sure

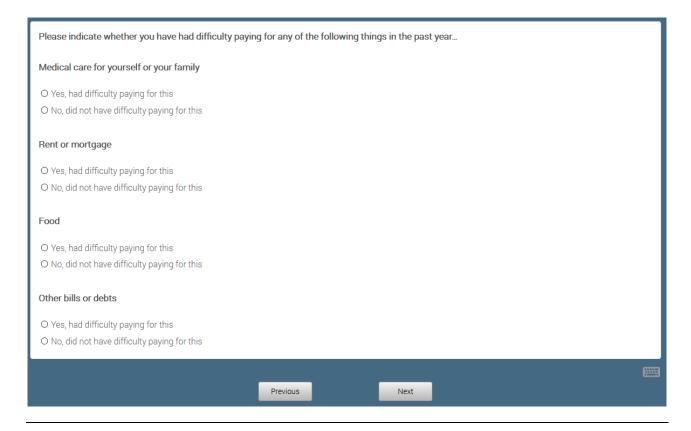


INC2 Please indicate whether you have had difficulty paying for any of the following things in the past year...

[RANDOMIZE a, b, c; d ALWAYS LAST]

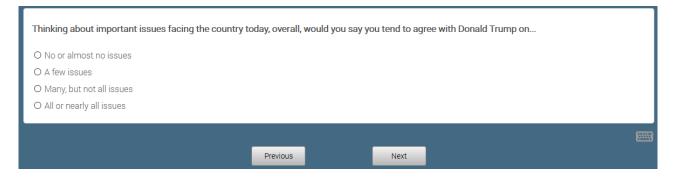
- a. Medical care for yourself or your family
- b. Rent or mortgage
- c. Food
- d. Other bills or debts

- 1 Yes, had difficulty paying for this
- 2 No, did not have difficulty paying for this



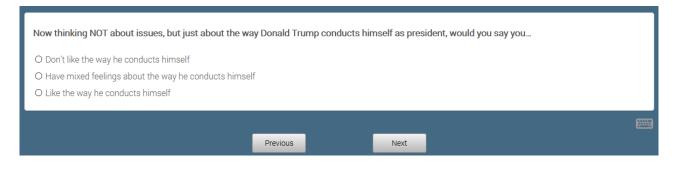
TRUMPISSUE1 Thinking about important issues facing the country today, overall, would you say you tend to agree with Donald Trump on... [RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS 1-4 AND 4-1]

- 1 All or nearly all issues
- 2 Many, but not all issues
- 3 A few issues
- 4 No or almost no issues



TRUMPISSUE2 Now thinking NOT about issues, but just about the way Donald Trump conducts himself as president, would you say you... [RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS 1-3 AND 3-1]

- 1 Like the way he conducts himself
- 2 Have mixed feelings about the way he conducts himself
- 3 Don't like the way he conducts himself



ASK ALL:

TRUMPDESC How well does each of the following describe Donald Trump? [RANDOMIZE]

- a. Fights for what I believe in
- b. Morally upstanding
- c. Even-tempered
- d. Honest
- e. Self-centered
- f. Prejudiced
- g. Intelligent

- 1 Very well
- 2 Fairly well
- 3 Not too well
- 4 Not at all well

How well does each of the following describe Donald Trump?	
Fights for what I believe in	
O Very well	
O Fairly well	
O Not too well	
O Not at all well	
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O Fairly well	
O Not too well	
O Not at all well	
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Intelligent	
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O Not too well	
O Not at all well	
Even-tempered	
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TRUMPHELP

Do you think the Trump administration has helped or hurt the interests of each of the following groups, or hasn't it made much of a difference? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- a. Evangelical Christians
- b. Muslims
- c. Jews
- d. Catholics
- e. People who are not religious

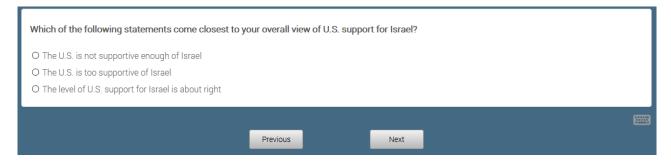
- 1 Trump administration has HELPED this group
- 2 Trump administration has HURT this group
- 3 Has not made much difference

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ISUPP Which of the following statements come closest to your overall view of U.S. support for Israel?

[RANDOMIZE 1 & 2, 3 ALWAYS LAST]

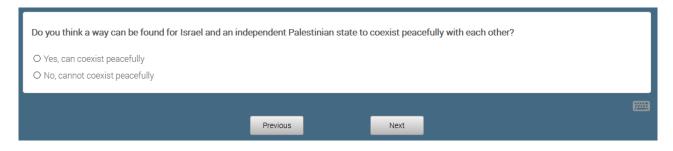
- The U.S. is too supportive of Israel
- The U.S. is not supportive enough of Israel
- The level of U.S. support for Israel is about right [anchor]



ASK ALL:

COEX Do you think a way can be found for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully with each other?

- 1 Yes, can coexist peacefully
- 2 No, cannot coexist peacefully



ASK ALL:

RELIGMINORITY

Do you think of yourself as part of a minority group because of your religious beliefs?

- 1 Yes, consider myself part of a minority group because of my religious beliefs
- No, do not consider myself part of a minority group because of my religious beliefs



RELIGCONFLICT How much conflict, if any, is there between your own religious beliefs and mainstream American culture?

- 1 A great deal of conflict
- 2 Some conflict
- 3 Not much conflict
- 4 No conflict at all



ASK ALL:

PPLFAV Is your overall opinion of... [RANDOMIZE]

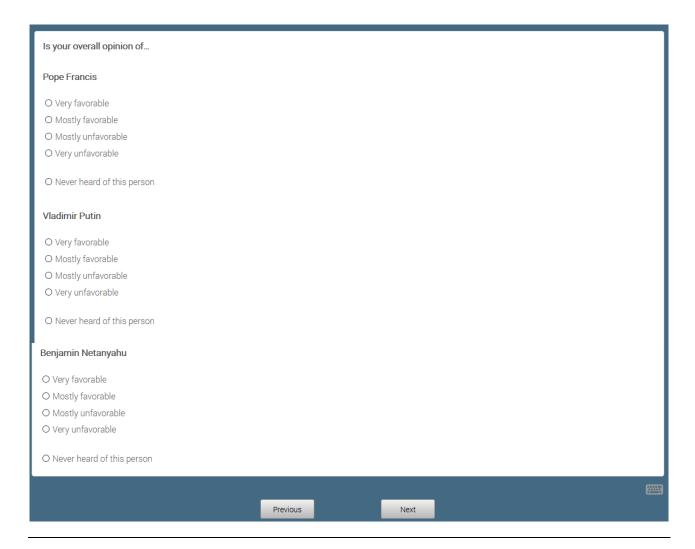
- a. Pope Francis
- b. Vladimir Putin
- c. Benjamin Netanyahu

RESPONSE OPTIONS

- 1 Very favorable
- 2 Mostly favorable
- 3 Mostly unfavorable
- 4 Very unfavorable

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8 Never heard of this person



CHR_INFL1 Do you think Christianity's influence on American life is...

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 & 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]

- 1 Increasing
- 2 Decreasing
- 3 Not changing very much [anchor]

Do you think Christianity's influence on American life is	S		
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ASK IF CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE IS DECLINING (CHR_INFL1=2):

CHR_INFL2 All in all, do you think Christianity's declining influence is... [RANDOMIZE]

- 1 A permanent change
- 2 A temporary change that may reverse itself in the future

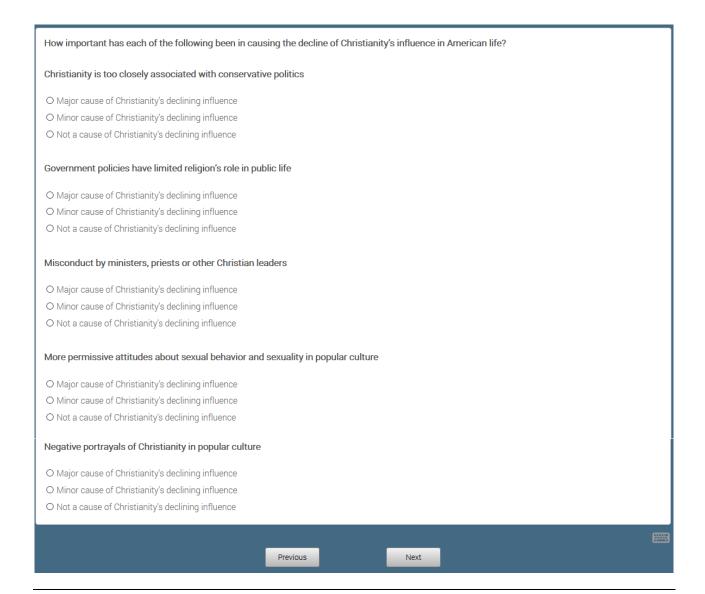


ASK IF CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE IS DECREASING (CHR_INFL1=2):

CHR_INFL3 How important has each of the following been in causing the decline of Christianity's influence in American life? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- a. Negative portrayals of Christianity in popular culture
- b. Government policies have limited religion's role in public life
- c. Misconduct by ministers, priests or other Christian leaders
- d. More permissive attitudes about sexual behavior and sexuality in popular culture
- e. Christianity is too closely associated with conservative politics

- 1 Major cause of Christianity's declining influence
- 2 Minor cause of Christianity's declining influence
- 3 Not a cause of Christianity's declining influence

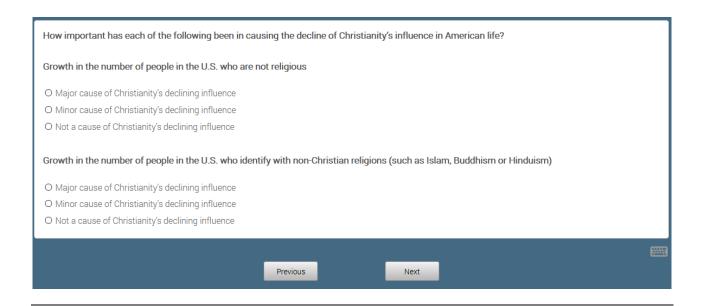


ASK IF CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE IS DECREASING (CHR INFL1=2):

CHR_INFL4 How important has each of the following been in causing the decline of Christianity's influence in American life? **[SHOW IN ORDER]**

- a. Growth in the number of people in the U.S. who are not religious
- b. Growth in the number of people in the U.S. who identify with non-Christian religions (such as Islam, Buddhism or Hinduism)

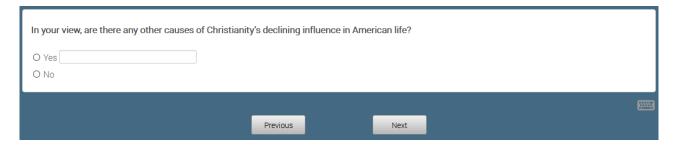
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ASK IF CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE IS DECREASING (CHR_INFL1=2):

CHR_DECOE In your view, are there any other causes of Christianity's declining influence in American life?

- 1 Yes [text box]
- 2 No



ASK IF CHRISTIANITY'S INFLUENCE IS INCREASING (CHR_INFL1=1):

CHR_INFL5 How important has each of the following been in causing the growth of Christianity's influence in American life? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- a. Christians are building strong communities that watch out for people
- b. Church leaders are doing a better job responding to scandals and misconduct
- c. Christianity's influence had declined so much that it was bound to increase eventually
- d. Christians pushing back against secular trends in society
- e. God intervening to ensure that Christianity prospers
- f. The Trump administration giving Christians more influence
- g. Positive portrayals of Christianity in popular culture

- 1 Major cause of Christianity's growing influence
- 2 Minor cause of Christianity's growing influence
- 3 Not a cause of Christianity's growing influence

How important has each of the following been in causing the growth of Christianity's influence in American life?
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O Major cause of Christianity's growing influence
O Minor cause of Christianity's growing influence
O Not a cause of Christianity's growing influence
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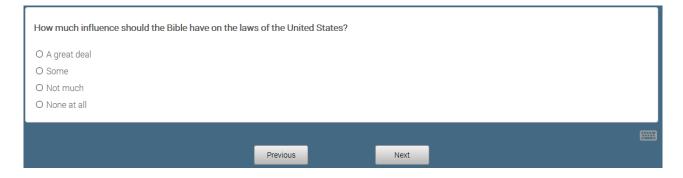
- 1 Yes [text box]
- 2 No



ASK ALL:

BIBLE_INFL1 How much influence should the Bible have on the laws of the United States?

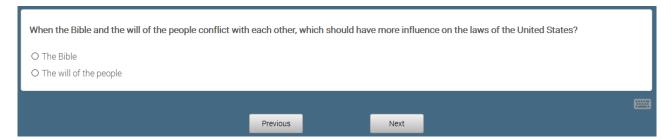
- 1 A great deal
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much
- 4 None at all



ASK IF BIBLE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SOME INFLUENCE (BIBLE_INFL1=1,2):

BIBLE_INFL2 When the Bible and the will of the people conflict with each other, which should have more influence on the laws of the United States?

- 1 The Bible
- 2 The will of the people



RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ELECT_TRUMP AND ELECT_OBAMA

ASK ALL:

ELECT_TRUMP Which comes closest to your own views about God's role in the 2016 election, even if none are exactly right?

- 1 God chose Trump to become president because God approves of Trump's policies
- 2 Trump's election must be part of God's overall plan, but doesn't necessarily mean God approves of Trump's policies
- 3 God does not get involved in U.S. presidential elections
- 4 I do not believe in God

ASK ALL:

ELECT OBAMA

Which comes closest to your own views about God's role in the 2008 and 2012 elections, even if none are exactly right?

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