

Faith Among Black Americans Codebook

Version 2.0

About the survey

Pew Research Center surveyed a total of 8,660 Black adults using a combination of four high-quality, probability-based samples: the Center's American Trends Panel, the Center's ABS survey, NORC's AmeriSpeaks Panel, and Ipsos's Knowledge Panel. The study also featured multiple response modes: online, a paper version and live telephone. The combined analytic sample supports reliable analysis even of hard-to-reach segments within the Black American population. An additional 4,574 interviews were conducted with adults who are not Black to facilitate comparison with the full, U.S. adult population.

Responses were collected from Nov. 19, 2019, to June 3, 2020, but most respondents completed the survey between Jan. 21, 2020, and Feb. 10, 2020. All self-identified Black or African American adults were eligible, including those who identify as Black and another race, or Black and Hispanic. The survey is weighted to be representative of the U.S. Black adult population by sex, ethnicity, partisan affiliation, education and other categories. The survey was conducted in English and Spanish. After accounting for the reduction in precision from weighting, the margin of sampling error on the 8,660 completed interviews with Black adults is plus or minus 1.5 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. Full methodological details about the survey are included with the Pew Research Center report "[Faith Among Black Americans.](#)"

This codebook describes variables appearing in either of two datasets. "black faith black respondents.sav" includes only Black American respondents. It was used as the basis for all of the survey's estimates of the characteristics and attitudes of Black Americans reported in "Faith Among Black Americans." "black faith all respondents.sav" includes both the Black American respondents who participated in the survey as well as the 4,574 survey respondents who are not Black; "black faith all respondents.sav" was used as the basis for most of the "general public" comparisons reported in "Faith Among Black Americans." Data users who wish to analyze the characteristics of the Black American population can either use "black faith black respondents.sav" or use "black faith all respondents.sav" and filter out respondents of other races (based on the BLACK variable). Data users who wish to analyze the responses of the general public (including both Black and non-Black respondents) should use "black faith all respondents.sav". Some questions were asked only of Black respondents, and variables that appear only in the "black faith black respondents.sav" dataset are marked with an asterisk (*). The specific wording and order for the survey's questions, including some questions that are not themselves included in these

datasets but that were used to create variables that are included in these datasets, [is available online](#).

Many questions in the survey are filtered based on responses to previous questions. In a handful of cases, respondents were found to qualify for a filtered question only after their open-ended responses to an earlier question were reviewed manually. In these cases, the respondents are reported as “undesigned” (code 88) on the question they should have been asked, to distinguish between these respondents who were not given an opportunity to answer the question and other respondents who were asked the question and chose not to answer (which are generally coded as 99).

Variables

CREATED VARIABLE:

CASEID Unique respondent identification number. The same respondent might have a different CASEID in each dataset.

CREATED VARIABLE:

***WEIGHT** Weight variable used in in the “Faith Among Black Americans” report. The weight is trimmed at the 95th percentile for all respondents. See methodology for full details on how the weights were calculated.

CREATED VARIABLE:

MAINWEIGHT Weight variable used in in the “Faith Among Black Americans” report. For Black respondents this weight will produce estimates identical to the WEIGHT variable in the “Black Faith Black Respondents” dataset. The weight is trimmed at the 95th percentile for all respondents. See methodology for full details on how the weights were calculated.

CREATED VARIABLE:

ALTWEIGHT Weight variable used in in the “Black Catholics in America” report. For Black respondents this weight will produce estimates identical to the WEIGHT variable in the “Black Faith Black Respondents” dataset. The weights for non-Black respondents was trimmed at the 99.8th percentile instead of the 95th percentile. This was done to improve the quality of comparisons between respondents who identified as White or Hispanic. See methodology for full details on how the weights were calculated.

CREATED VARIABLE:

BLACK Did the respondent identify as Black or African American? Includes single-race Black adults and multiracial Black adults who identify as Hispanic or Latino (but does not consider responses from AFROHISP).

- 0 Did not identify as Black
- 1 Identified as Black

CREATED VARIABLE:

SAMPLE Sample source.

- 1 Knowledge Panel
- 2 American Trends Panel
- 3 AmeriSpeaks
- 4 ABS

CREATED VARIABLE:

LANGUAGE Language that the respondent took the survey in.

- 1 English
- 2 Spanish

CREATED VARIABLE:

REGION Which of the four Census Bureau regions of the U.S. the respondent lives in.

- 1 Northeast
- 2 Midwest
- 3 South
- 4 West
- 99 Not answered

CREATED VARIABLE:

DIVISION Which of the nine Census Bureau subregional divisions of the U.S. the respondent lives in.

- 1 New England
- 2 Middle Atlantic
- 3 East North Central
- 4 West North Central
- 5 South Atlantic
- 6 East South Central
- 7 West South Central
- 8 Mountain
- 9 Pacific
- 99 Not answered

CREATED VARIABLE:

METRO Does the respondent live in county that is part of a Core-Based Statistical Area as defined by the Census.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

SATISFPERSMOD Overall, how would you rate the way things are going in your life today?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Only fair
- 4 Poor
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

LOCALRATING Overall, how would you rate your community as a place to live?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Only fair
- 4 Poor
- 99 Not answered

CREATED VARIABLE:

VOLSUM Did you spend any time volunteering in the past year? Combines responses to two questions on volunteering (VOL1_CPS and VOL2_CPS).

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

SEX Are you male or female?

- 1 Male
- 2 Female
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

AGECAT What is your age? Recoded into ranges.

- 1 18-29
- 2 30-49
- 3 50-64
- 4 65+
- 99 Not answered

CREATED VARIABLE:

GENERATIONS Generational cohort. Based on AGE.

- 1 Greatest Generation (born before 1928)
- 2 Silent Generation (born 1928-1945)
- 3 Baby Boomers (born 1946-1964)
- 4 Generation X (born 1965-1980)
- 5 Millennials (born 1981-1996)
- 6 Generation Z (born 1997 or later)
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

EDUCCAT2 What is the highest degree or level of school that you have completed? Response options are combined.

- 1 Less than high school
- 2 High school diploma
- 3 Some college credit, but no degree
- 4 Associate's degree (for example: AA, AS)
- 5 Bachelor's degree (for example: BA, BS)
- 6 Post graduate degree
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

RELIGMOD What is your present religion, if any?

- 1 Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, Nondenominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Churches of Christ, etc.)
- 2 Roman Catholic
- 3 Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or LDS)
- 4 Jehovah's Witness
- 5 Jewish
- 6 Muslim
- 7 Buddhist
- 8 Hindu
- 9 Atheist
- 10 Agnostic
- 11 Something else, specify: _____
- 12 Nothing in particular
- 99 Not answered

CREATED VARIABLE. FOR PROTESTANTS ONLY:

*DENOMGRP What Protestant religious tradition does the respondent's denomination fall into.
Combines responses for QA10-QA11k.

- 1 Historically Black Protestant denominations
- 100 Other Black denominations
- 200 Vague or ambiguous denominational affiliation
- 300 Nondenominational
- 400 Evangelical denomination
- 500 Mainline denomination

CREATED VARIABLE. FOR PROTESTANTS ONLY:

*PROTFAM What Protestant denominational family does the respondent's denomination fall into.
Combines responses for QA10-QA11k.

- 1 Baptist
- 2 Pentecostal
- 3 Methodist
- 4 Restorationist (e.g., Churches of Christ, Disciples of Christ)
- 5 Presbyterian
- 6 Holiness
- 7 Episcopalian or Anglican
- 9 Nondenominational or independent church
- 18 Ambiguous or non-specific family
- 19 Other family: not reported due to sample size

ASK IF NOT MUSLIM IN RELIGMOD AND BLACK (RELIGMOD ≠ 6 AND BLACK=1):

*RELCONSIDERd Aside from religion, do you consider yourself to be Muslim in any way (for example, ethnically, culturally or because of your family's background)?

- 1 Yes, consider myself Muslim
- 2 No, do not consider myself Muslim
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF CONSIDER SELF MUSLIM ASIDE FROM RELIGION (RELCONSIDERd=1):

*RELCONSIDER In what way do you consider yourself Muslim? Response types coded based on open-ended answers.

- 1 Beliefs
- 2 Practices
- 3 Beliefs and practices
- 4 Family/upbringing
- 5 All religions are one
- 7 Other answers
- 8 Unclear
- 9 No reason given

CREATED VARIABLE:

RACETHN Respondent's race or ethnicity. Combines all responses from RACEMOD and HISP.

- 1 Single race White, non-Hispanic
- 2 Single race Black, non-Hispanic
- 3 Hispanic
- 4 Other, non-Hispanic
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

*AFROHISP Do you consider yourself Afro-Latino or Afro-Hispanic, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

LOCALACTIVITY Here are some ways people can participate in what is happening in their local area. Please indicate if you have done any of the following in the past year.

- c. Organized or participated in rallies or protests
- f. Contacted elected officials, either offline or online
- g. Attended public hearings, neighborhood meetings, or town or city council meetings

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Yes, in the past year
- 2 No, not in the past year
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

QB1mod When you make major life decisions, how much do you rely on each of the following?

- b. Advice from professionals
- c. Prayer and personal religious reflection
- d. Advice from religious leaders
- e. Your own research

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 A lot
- 2 A little
- 3 Not at all
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

GENDRESP1 Who do you think should be mostly responsible for providing for the family financially in households where there's a mother and a father?

- 1 Mother
- 2 Father
- 3 Both equally
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

GENDRESP2 Who do you think should be mostly responsible for taking care of the children in households where there's a mother and a father?

- 1 Mother
- 2 Father
- 3 Both equally
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

IMMBURDN Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

- 1 Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents
- 2 Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health care
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

DISCRIM Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

- 1 Racial discrimination is the main reason why many Black people can't get ahead these days
- 2 Black people who can't get ahead in this country are mostly responsible for their own condition
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

ACCEPTLG Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

- 1 Homosexuality should be accepted by society
- 2 Homosexuality should be discouraged by society
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

NECCGOD Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

- 1 It IS NOT necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values
- 2 It IS necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

CRIM Thinking about the criminal justice system in our country, would you say that the criminal justice system ...

- 1 Does not need any changes
- 2 Needs minor changes
- 3 Needs major changes
- 4 Needs to be completely rebuilt
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

ABORTLGL Do you think abortion should be ...

- 1 Legal in all cases
- 2 Legal in most cases
- 3 Illegal in most cases
- 4 Illegal in all cases
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

IDIMPORTMOD How important is **[INSERT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING, BASED ON RESPONDENT'S RACE: being Black/being White/being Asian/your racial background]** to how you think about yourself?

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

ASK ALL:

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

- 1 More than once a week
- 2 Once a week
- 3 Once or twice a month
- 4 A few times a year
- 5 Seldom
- 6 Never
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

RELIMP How important is religion in your life?

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

ASK ALL:

PRAY Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

- 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
- 7 Never
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

LITERAL Which comes closest to your own views, even if none is exactly right?

- 1 The **[INSERT BASED ON RELIGMOD; 1,2,3,4,9,10,12,99="Bible"/5="Torah"/6="Quran"/7,8,11="holy scripture"]** is the word of God and should be taken literally, word for word
- 2 The **[Bible/Torah/Quran/holy scripture]** is the word of God, but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word
- 3 The **[Bible/Torah/Quran/holy scripture]** is a book written by people and is not the word of God
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

PERSDO1 How often, if at all, do you personally do each of the following?

- a. Meditate
- b. Read scripture outside of religious services
- c. Burn candles, incense or sage for spiritual or religious reasons
- d. Pray at an altar or shrine in your home
- e. Consult a diviner or reader

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 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
- 7 Never
- 99 Not answered

CREATED VARIABLE:

TYPEGODSUM What do you believe about God? Combination of GODBIBLEMOD, HGHPWRMOD and MISSINGGODMOD. Asked of all respondents.

- 1 I believe in God as described in the **[INSERT BASED ON RELIGMOD;**
1,2,3,4,9,10,12,99="Bible"/ 5="Torah"/6="Quran"/7,8,11="holy scripture"]
- 2 I DO NOT believe in God as described in the **[Bible/Torah/Quran/holy scripture]**,
but I do believe there is some other higher power or spiritual force in the universe
- 3 Believe in God – No answer to follow-up of Biblical God or higher power
- 4 I do not believe there is ANY higher power or spiritual force in the universe
- 9 Don't believe in God – No answer to follow-up of Biblical God or higher power
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD OR HIGHER POWER (TYPEGODSUM<4):

GODBELIEFSMOD Which of the following, if any, do you believe about God/the higher power or spiritual force in the universe? Do you believe that God ...

- b. Has the power to direct or change everything that goes on in the world
- d. Will judge all people on what they have done

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD OR HIGHER POWER (TYPEGODSUM<4):

GODRESPONDMOD Does God ever talk directly with you, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF BELIEVES IN GOD OR HIGHER POWER (TYPEGODSUM<4):

GODDTRNMNMOD Do you think God directly determines what happens in your life ...

- 1 All of the time
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Just some of the time
- 4 Hardly ever
- 5 Never
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

PERSBLV Please indicate whether you personally believe each of the following.

- a. Prayer can heal physical illness and injury
- b. Prayers to ancestors can protect you from bad things happening
- c. Evil spirits can cause problems in a person's life
- d. In reincarnation (people will be reborn again and again in this world)
- e. People of faith have a religious duty to try to convert nonbelievers

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Yes, believe this
- 2 No, don't believe this
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

PERSDO2 How often, if at all, do you personally do each of the following?

- a. Participate in prayer groups, scripture study groups or religious education programs
- b. Listen to or watch sermons online, on television or on the radio

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 More than once a week
- 2 Once a week
- 3 Once or twice a month
- 4 A few times a year
- 5 Seldom
- 6 Never
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:CLERGYSSM Do you think religious leaders **[IF AFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION INSERT (RELIGMOD #9,10,12,99):** of your faith] should perform marriage ceremonies for same-sex couples?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

ESSENT How important is each of the following to what being **[INSERT BASED ON RELIGMOD; 1,2,3,4="Christian"/ 5="Jewish"/6="Muslim"/7,8,11,99="faithful to your religious tradition"/9,10,12=a moral person"]** means to you?

- a. Believing in God
- b. Attending religious services regularly
- c. Opposing abortion
- d. Opposing racism or racial discrimination
- e. Opposing sexism or discrimination against women
- f. Avoiding sex before marriage

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Essential
- 2 Important, but NOT essential
- 3 Not important
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

ESSENTCHURCH How important is it for churches and other houses of worship to do each of the following?

- a. Offer moral guidance
- b. Offer spiritual comfort
- c. Teach practical job and life skills
- d. Help the needy with bills, housing and food
- e. Offer a sense of community or fellowship
- f. Offer a sense of racial affirmation or pride
- g. Offer sermons that address political topics, such as immigration and race relations

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Essential
- 2 Important, but NOT essential
- 3 Not important
- 4 Should not be done by houses of worship
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

CHURCHLOOK Imagine now that you were looking for a new congregation or house of worship. How important, if at all, would each of the following be in your choice?

- a. The congregation is welcoming
- b. The sermons are inspiring
- c. The congregation belongs to your denomination
- d. The senior religious leaders share your race or ethnicity
- e. Most of the other people attending share your race or ethnicity

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

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

ASK ALL:

WOMLEAD Do you think women should be allowed to serve as the senior religious leader of a congregation?

- 1 Yes, women should be allowed to do this
- 2 No, women should NOT be allowed to do this
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF ATTEND AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR (ATTEND <5):

LEADER Do you personally play any formal or informal leadership role in your religious congregation?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF PLAYS LEADERSHIP ROLE (LEADER=1):

LEADERoe_1-3 What role is that? Response types coded based on open-ended answers. First three responses coded.

- 1 Leader in children, youth, young adult or college ministry
- 2 Worship leader, member of choir, praise team, etc.
- 3 Teacher or other religious education (Sunday school, VBS, Bible study)
- 4 Pastoral leader (pastor, elder, preacher)
- 5 Leader in women's ministry
- 6 Leader in men's ministry
- 7 Usher, greeter, welcoming committee, etc.
- 8 Administrative oversight (board of directors, trustees, vestry)
- 9 Worship ceremony assistant (altar guild, eucharistic minister, funeral ministry)
- 11 Pastoral assistant (deacon, mothers' board, minister)
- 12 Community outreach (nurse, sick and shut in, missionary)
- 13 Technical assistant (A/V, social media, website)
- 14 Leader in relationships ministry (marriage, couples, singles)
- 15 Membership relations/small group/new members/discipleship
- 16 Prayer leader, prayer, intercession
- 17 Pastor's personal staff (pastor's aid, armorbearer, pastor relations)
- 18 Church maintenance (groundskeeper, maintenance, kitchen committee)
- 19 Administrative (clerk, secretary, general administration)
- 20 Other or unclear formal leader ('multiple roles,' 'staff,' 'serve on committees')
- 21 First lady, pastor's wife
- 50 General volunteer ('volunteer,' 'helper,' 'lay servant')
- 51 Mentor (church mother, advisor, 'guidance')
- 52 Engaged member (church member, 'participant,' group member)
- 90 Other informal leader
- 94 Other/not interpretable
- 95 Coder not sure
- 96 Former leader or leader in training
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF ATTEND AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR (ATTEND <5):

LENGTH1 On average, how long is the religious service you typically attend at your church or house of worship?

- 1 Less than one hour
- 2 About one hour
- 3 One and a half hours
- 4 About two hours
- 5 About two and a half hours
- 6 More than two and a half hours
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF ATTEND AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR (ATTEND <5):

DIST1 Thinking of the house of worship you attend most frequently, how long does it typically take you to get there?

- 1 15 minutes or less
- 2 Between 16 and 30 minutes
- 3 Between 31 and 60 minutes
- 4 Longer than 60 minutes
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF ATTEND AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR (ATTEND <5):

CONGSIZE Thinking only about the religious service you attend most often (not the total of all the services offered at your house of worship), about how many people are in attendance?

- 1 50 or fewer
- 2 51-250
- 3 251-1,000
- 4 More than 1,000
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF ATTEND AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR (ATTEND <5):

ATTEND1 Still thinking about the religious service you attend most often, how often does it include each of the following?

- a. Adults jumping, shouting or dancing spontaneously during the service
- b. People speaking or praying in tongues
- c. People calling out "amen" or other expressions of approval
- d. Music or musical instruments
- e. A gospel choir

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 All the time
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF ATTEND AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR (ATTEND <5):

SERPOOR During the past year, have you heard a sermon, lecture or group discussion at your church or house of worship that dealt with any of the following?

- a. Abortion
- b. Immigration
- c. Criminal justice reform
- d. Discrimination against women or sexism
- e. Race relations or racial inequality
- f. Voting, protesting or other forms of political engagement

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Yes, heard this at my house of worship
- 2 No, did not hear this at my house of worship
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF ATTEND AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR (ATTEND <5):

LEADRACE Thinking about the place where you attend religious services most often, what is the race or ethnicity of the senior religious leaders?

- 1 All or most are Black or African American
- 2 All or most are White
- 3 All or most are Asian or Asian American
- 4 All or most are Hispanic or Latino
- 5 All or most are some other race or ethnicity
- 6 No one racial group makes up a majority
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF ATTEND AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR (ATTEND <5):

CONGRACE Typically when you attend religious services, what is the race or ethnicity of most of the other people attending?

- 1 All or most are Black or African American
- 2 All or most are White
- 3 All or most are Asian or Asian American
- 4 All or most are Hispanic or Latino
- 5 All or most are some other race or ethnicity
- 6 No one racial group makes up a majority
- 99 Not answered

CREATED VARIABLE:

CONGTYPE Racial makeup of congregation. Used in the "Faith Among Black Americans" report to identify "Black churches" and "Black congregations." Combines LEADRACE and CONGRACE.

- 1 Black congregation
- 2 White or other race congregation
- 3 Mixed race congregation
- 4 Attends less than a few times a year
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF BLACK (BLACK=1):

*COMMINF1 Thinking about the influence of predominantly Black churches in Black communities today, do you think they have ...

- 1 Too much influence
- 2 Too little influence
- 3 About the right amount of influence
- 88 Undesignated
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF BLACK (BLACK=1):

*COMMINF2 Compared with 50 years ago, do you think predominantly Black churches have ...

- 1 More influence today
- 2 Less influence today
- 3 About as much influence today as 50 years ago
- 88 Undesignated
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

BLKEQL1 How much do you think each of the following groups or organizations have done to help Black people move toward equality in the U.S.?

- a. Civil rights organizations
- b. The federal government
- c. Predominantly Black churches
- d. Predominantly White churches
- e. Predominantly Black Muslim organizations, such as the Nation of Islam

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much
- 4 Nothing at all
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

BLKEQL2 Which of the following groups or organizations do you think has done the MOST to help Black people move toward equality in the U.S.?

- 1 Civil rights organizations
- 2 The federal government
- 3 Predominantly Black churches
- 4 Predominantly White churches
- 5 Predominantly Black Muslim organizations, such as the Nation of Islam
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF BLACK (BLACK=1):

*CONGCHAR Which statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right?
 Congregations that historically have been mostly Black should try to ...

- 1 Preserve their traditional racial character
- 2 Become more racially and ethnically diverse
- 88 Undesignated
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

DISCRIM2 In the past 12 months, has anyone ...

- a. *Called you racist names or insulted you* because of your race at a church, mosque or in another religious setting? This could be one you attend regularly or one you were visiting.
- b. Done this in a nonreligious setting?

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Yes, has happened to me
- 2 No, has not happened to me
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

DISCRIM3 In the past 12 months, has anyone ...

- a. *Snubbed you or left you out of activities* because of your race at a church, mosque or in another religious setting? This could be one you attend regularly or one you were visiting.
- b. Done this in a nonreligious setting?

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Yes, has happened to me
- 2 No, has not happened to me
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

DISCRIM4 In the past 12 months, has anyone ...

- a. *Acted as if they were suspicious of you* because of your race at a church, mosque or in another religious setting? This could be one you attend regularly or one you were visiting.
- b. Done this in a nonreligious setting?

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Yes, has happened to me
- 2 No, has not happened to me
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

DISCRIM5 In the past 12 months, has anyone ...

- a. *Acted as if they are better than you* because of your race at a church, mosque or in another religious setting? This could be one you attend regularly or one you were visiting.
- b. Done this in a nonreligious setting?

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Yes, has happened to me
- 2 No, has not happened to me
- 99 Not answered

**ASK IF ANY HAVE HAPPENED IN RELIGIOUS SETTING (DISCRIM2a=1 OR DISCRIM3a=1
DISCRIM4a=1 DISCRIM5a=1):**

DISCRIM6 Thinking about any of these experiences that you've had *in a religious setting*, were they ...

- 1 At your OWN church or house of worship
- 2 In another religious setting (such as a church you were visiting)
- 3 Both
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

DISCRIM7 Thinking more broadly, have you EVER personally experienced discrimination or been treated unfairly because of your race or ethnicity in a church, mosque or in another religious setting?

- 1 Yes, has happened to me in a religious setting
- 2 No, has not ever happened to me in a religious setting
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF ATTEND AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR (ATTEND<5):

EMPH1 How much, if at all, does your congregation emphasize that MEN should do each of the following?

- a. Be involved parents
- b. Support their families financially
- c. Be role models in **[INSERT BASED ON BLACK:1="Black communities"/0="the community"]**
- d. Be involved in the congregation

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much
- 4 Not at all
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF ATTEND AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR (ATTEND<5):

EMPH2 How much, if at all, does your congregation emphasize that WOMEN should do each of the following?

- a. Be involved parents
- b. Support their families financially
- c. Be role models in **[INSERT BASED ON BLACK:1="Black communities"/0="the community"]**
- d. Be involved in the congregation

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much
- 4 Not at all
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

CHRELIGMOD Thinking about when you were a child, in what religion were you raised, if any?

- 1 Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, nondenominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Churches of Christ, etc.)
- 2 Roman Catholic
- 3 Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or LDS)
- 4 Jehovah's Witness
- 5 Jewish
- 6 Muslim
- 7 Buddhist
- 8 Hindu
- 9 Atheist
- 10 Agnostic
- 11 Something else, specify: _____
- 12 Nothing in particular
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL

CHRRACE Thinking about the place where you most often attended religious services as a child, what was the race or ethnicity of most of the other people attending?

- 1 All or most were Black or African American
- 2 All or most were White
- 3 All or most were Asian or Asian American
- 4 All or most were Hispanic or Latino
- 5 All or most were some other race or ethnicity **[specify]**
- 6 No one racial group made up a majority
- 7 Did not attend religious services as a child
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

MARITAL Which of these best describes you?

- 1 Married
- 2 Living with a partner
- 3 Divorced
- 4 Separated
- 5 Widowed
- 6 Never been married
- 99 Not answered

CREATED VARIABLE IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER:

SPRACETHN Spouse's/partner's race or ethnicity. Combines all responses from SPRACEMOD and SPHISP.

- 1 Single race White, non-Hispanic
- 2 Single race Black, non-Hispanic
- 3 Hispanic
- 4 Other, non-Hispanic
- 99 Not answered

CREATED VARIABLE IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER:

SPBLACK Did the spouse/partner identify as Black or African American? Includes single race Black adults and multiracial Black adults who identify as Hispanic or Latino.

- 0 Did not identify as Black
- 1 Identified as Black

ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER. NOT ASKED OF ABS RESPONDENTS:

SPRELIG What is your spouse's or partner's religion, if any?

- 1 Protestant (for example, Baptist, Methodist, nondenominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Churches of Christ, etc.)
- 2 Roman Catholic
- 3 Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or LDS)
- 4 Jehovah's Witness
- 5 Jewish
- 6 Muslim
- 7 Buddhist
- 8 Hindu
- 9 Atheist
- 10 Agnostic
- 11 Something else [TEXT BOX]
- 12 Nothing in particular
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

INCOME Last year what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?

- 1 Less than \$10,000
- 2 \$10,000 to less than \$20,000
- 3 \$20,000 to less than \$30,000
- 4 \$30,000 to less than \$40,000
- 5 \$40,000 to less than \$50,000
- 6 \$50,000 to less than \$75,000
- 7 \$75,000 to less than \$100,000
- 8 \$100,000 to less than \$150,000
- 9 \$150,000 or more
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

SERV1 Have you ever turned to a church or other religious congregation for help with bills, housing or food?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

OWNRENT3CAT Which of the following describes the house, apartment or mobile home where you live?

- 1 Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household
- 2 Rented
- 3 Occupied without payment of rent
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

BIRTHREGION In what country were you born? Country responses collapsed into regions.

- 0 U.S.
- 1 Caribbean
- 2 Americas (excluding U.S./Caribbean)
- 3 Asia-Pacific
- 4 Europe
- 5 MENA (Middle East/North Africa)
- 6 Sub-Saharan Africa
- 10 Other/Unclear – Outside U.S.
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF BORN IN U.S. (BIRTHREGION=0):

FATHERREGION In what country was your father born? Country responses collapsed into regions.

- 0 U.S.
- 1 Caribbean
- 2 Americas (excluding U.S./Caribbean)
- 3 Asia-Pacific
- 4 Europe
- 5 MENA (Middle East/North Africa)
- 6 Sub-Saharan Africa
- 10 Other/Unclear – Outside U.S.
- 88 Undesignated
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF BORN IN U.S. (BIRTHREGION=0):

MOTHERREGION In what country was your mother born? Country responses collapsed into regions.

- 0 U.S.
- 1 Caribbean
- 2 Americas (excluding U.S./Caribbean)
- 3 Asia-Pacific
- 4 Europe
- 5 MENA (Middle East/North Africa)
- 6 Sub-Saharan Africa
- 10 Other/Unclear – Outside U.S.
- 88 Undesignated
- 99 Not answered

CREATED VARIABLE:

PARTYSUM_FINAL In politics today, which party do you identify with or lean toward? Combines PARTY and PARTYLN.

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 99 Not answered/no lean

ASK ALL:

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as ...

- 1 Very conservative
- 2 Conservative
- 3 Moderate
- 4 Liberal
- 5 Very liberal
- 99 Not answered

CREATED VARIABLE:

CITIZEN Are you a citizen of the United States, or not? Assumes everyone with BIRTHREGION=US is a citizen. Used CITIZEN response for everyone else.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 Not answered

ASK IF U.S. CITIZEN (CITIZEN=1):

REG Which of these statements best describes you?

- 1 You are ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address
- 2 You are PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed
- 3 You are NOT registered to vote at your current address
- 88 Undesignated
- 99 Not answered

ASK ALL:

ACS_WEB At your house, apartment or mobile home, do you or any member of this household have access to the internet?

- 1 Yes, by paying a cellphone company or internet service provider
- 2 Yes, without paying a cellphone company or internet service provider
- 3 No access to the internet at my house, apartment, or mobile home
- 99 Not answered