Cultural Research Center @ Arizona Christian Univ. National sample: SIDX, ch attdrs; N=2000
Pre-election survey among SIDX, att church   Online version, field Aug 24 – Sept 8, 2024
GB/ACU/TAG/ BRI project 12001   Shell w weighted data, no demogs, for TAG

These are the "frequencies" not of the public at-large; you requested the responses of people who call themselves Christians and attend church at least once a month. The survey included responses from 2,000 such adults.

1. To start with, in what state do you currently live?

2. Do you consider yourself to be a Christian, or not?

3. On average, how often, if ever, do you attend a worship service at a Christian church or watch its services online?

4. What is your current age?

   Q2, Q3 AND Q4 ARE QUALIFIERS – MUST BE A SELF-IDENTIFIED CHRISTIAN, ATTEND CHURCH AT LEAST MONTHLY, AND BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD TO RESPOND

5. What is your gender?

6. What is your primary racial or ethnic background?

7. Overall, how would you describe your views on political and social issues?

   1. Consistently progressive or liberal…………………… 5%
   2. More often progressive or liberal than anything else   6
   3. Consistently moderate…………………………………… 17
   4. More often moderate than anything else   14
   5. Consistently conservative………………………….. 28
   6. More often conservative than anything else   24
   7. You don't pay much attention to such issues………… 5

8. How much attention do you, personally, pay to news about government and politics?

   1. A lot…………… 34%
   2. Quite a bit   32
   3. Some …………… 25
   4. Not too much   7
   5. None at all………   2
   6. It varies; not sure   1

9. Regardless of how you are registered, which party or group do you lean toward politically?

    1. Democrats………………. 14%
    2. Republicans……………… 63
    3. Independents (no party) 19
    4. Libertarians……………… 1
    5. Socialists 1
    6. Some other party………… 1
    7. Don't lean toward any
       political party or coalition 1
    8. Don't know……………… 1

10. Overall, how often, if ever, do you vote in <u>primary</u> or <u>off-year</u> elections?

    1. Never; you are not registered to vote………………… 1%
    2. Never; you are registered to vote, but you never vote 2
    3. Rarely…………………………………………………… 4
    4. Sometimes 14
    5. Usually………………………………………………….. 18
    6. Every election 57
    7. It depends; whenever you feel voting in
       that election is important or convenient……………… 4

11. Overall, how often, if ever, do you vote in <u>general</u> elections?

    1. Never; you are not registered to vote………………… 1%
    2. Never; you are registered to vote, but you never vote 2
    3. Rarely…………………………………………………… 3
    4. Sometimes 14
    5. Usually………………………………………………….. 17
    6. Every election 61
    7. It depends; whenever you feel voting in
       that election is important or convenient……………… 3

12. Some people voted in recent elections, but millions of Americans did not. Did you, personally, happen to vote in either of these elections?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1. 2016 Presidential general election (Trump vs. Clinton)	76%	22%
2. 2020 Presidential general election (Trump vs. Biden)	88%	11%

13. Realistically, how likely are you to vote in the November 2024 election?

  1. Will definitely vote……76%
  2. Will probably vote 9
  3. 50-50 chance…………. 9
  4. Will probably not vote 2
  5. Will definitely not vote.. 4
  6. Not sure   *

14. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following people?

| | --- Favorable --- | | | - Unfavorable -- | | Don't |
Person	Very	Somewhat	In-Between	Somewhat	Very	Know
1. Donald Trump……………….	51%	18%	5%	7%	18%	1%
2. Kamala Harris………………..	18%	10%	6%	9%	55%	2%
3. Timothy Walz………………..	11%	11%	18%	11%	28%	22%
4. J.D. Vance……………………	25%	21%	17%	10%	12%	16%
5. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. ...……	19%	29%	23%	9%	10%	10%
6. Barack Obama………………..	21%	16%	14%	13%	35%	2%
7. Joe Biden……………………	11%	9%	8%	14%	56%	2%

15. If the 2024 election were held today and the candidates for President were Donald Trump, the Republican; Kamala Harris, the Democrat; and several other candidates (listed below), who would you vote for?

  1. Would not vote………………………….. 1%
  2. Don't know if you would vote…………… 1%
  3. Would vote, but not for president……….. *
  4. Donald Trump (Republican)……………. 69%
  5. Kamala Harris (Democrat)………………. 22%
  6. Cornel West (independent)……………… 1%
  7. Jill Stein (Green)…………………………. *
  8. Chase Oliver (Libertarian)……………… 1%
  9. Other candidate………………………….. 1%
  10. Don't know who you would vote for……. 4%

16. There are many issues facing Americans today. Which of the issues listed, if any, are so important to you that they will determine who you will vote for in the November presidential election? (ALLOW AS MANY ISSUES AS DESIRED TO BE ENTERED.)

1. Abortion………………………………… 41%
2. Crime, law and order……………………… 59%
3. Economy (in general)……………………… 64%
4. Federal deficit/debt……………………… 33%
5. Gun ownership and laws………………… 39%
6. Immigration, border control……………... 60%
7. Inflation, cost of living………………... 67%
8. Justice, court system……………………. 29%
9. Moral decline…………………………… 23%
10. Political corruption……………………… 37%
11. Poor leadership,
    government mismanagement……………. 42%
12. Poverty, homelessness…………………… 43%
13. Public school education………………… 29%
14. Quality of life…………………………… 40%
15. Racial conflict and discrimination……….. 22%
16. Terrorism, national security……………… 38%
17. Unemployment, jobs……………………... 38%
18. Unity, overcoming national division…….. 20%
19. None of these…………………………….. 1%
20. Issues will not determine who you vote for. 1%

17. Who do you believe would do a better job addressing the issues listed below: Donald Trump or Kamala Harris?

Issue	Trump	Harris	Equal	Neither	Don't know
1. Abortion………………………………………	54%	27%	9%	6%	4%
2. Reducing crime, restoring law and order……….	68	21	6	4	2
3. Strengthening the economy……………………..	73	19	4	2	2
4. Managing immigration…………………………..	73	16	6	2	3
5. Reducing political corruption……………………	58	22	9	9	3
6. Improving quality of government performance….	65	20	8	4	3
7. Improving citizens' quality of life………………	64	22	8	3	3
8. Upgrading national security………………………	73	16	6	3	2

18. How much influence have these had on who you will vote for in November?

Source of influence	#1, top influence	A lot	Some	A little	None
		How much influence this source has had on you:			
1. Social media apps…………………………	3%	20%	27%	17%	33%
2. Television news or commentary………..	5	26	30	18	21
3. Radio news or commentary……………	1	20	30	24	26
4. Your church or pastor…………………	4	18	26	20	33
5. Friends or family…………………………	5	27	28	18	21
6. Your everyday experiences…………….	24	39	24	8	5
7. Your religious faith……………………..	15	30	25	13	17

Q19 ASKED OF RESPONDENTS PLANNING TO NOT VOTE FOR PRESIDENT IN NOVEMBER.

19. You mentioned that you might not vote for a presidential candidate. How well does each of the reasons listed below explain why you would choose to <u>not</u> vote for any candidate for president?

	Major	Significant	Minor	Not a reason
	How significant is this reason for your choice?			
1. You dislike all of the major candidates	18%	22%	32%	29%
2. None of them reflect your most important views	15	37	20	29
3. The election will be rigged	26	26	15	32
4. Your one vote will not make a difference	21	22	24	33
5. The candidate you favor cannot win	14	19	16	51
6. You do not know enough about the candidates to choose	10	24	24	40
7. You're not interested in politics and elections	21	25	22	33
8. The election has become too controversial	15	31	23	32

20. Regardless of who you plan to vote for, <u>who do you think will win</u> the election for the presidency?

1. Kamala Harris   23%
2. Donald Trump   68%
3. Some other candidate   1%
4. Do not know   8%

21. How much of a difference in your life, personally, do you think the outcome of the November 2024 election will make?

    1.   A big difference   57%
    2.   Some difference   29%
    3.   Only a little difference   9%
    4.   No difference at all   2%
    5.   Don't know   3%

22. Do you think the federal government today has too much power, about the right amount of power, or too little power?

    1.   Too much power   61%
    2.   About the right amount of power   30%
    3.   Too little power   9%

23. Changing tracks, do these statements accurately describe you or not?

Description	Yes	No
1. Gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, or transgender……………………………..	8%	
2. Believe that identifying moral truth is up to each individual; there are no moral absolutes that apply to everyone, all the time……............	56%	
3. Prefer socialism to capitalism………………………..………………	29%	
4. Often feel anxious, depressed, or unsafe……………………………..	32%	
5. A frequent user of social media………………………..……….	69%	
6. Often feel alone, left out, or isolated…………………………………	29%	
7. Support allowing women to choose to have an abortion under any circumstances…………………………………..42%	42%	

The next few questions are about the church that you attend most often for weekend worship services.

24. Which, if any, of the following has your church done in the past two years?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
1. Registered new voters	26%	60%	15%
2. Provided written information about the Bible's stand on specific issues	48	44	8
3. Encouraged people to vote, without recommending specific candidates	56	36	8
4. Provided voter's guides	24	64	11
5. Provided sermons or teaching about the Bible's stand on specific issues	61	32	7
6. Invited/hosted candidates to speak at the church	26	65	9
7. Recommended voting for specific candidates	24	68	9

25. Would you prefer that your church be more involved or less involved in the 2024 election than it has been in other recent elections?

1. Prefer church to be more involved	25%
2. Prefer church to be less involved	27%
3. Prefer church to maintain same level of involvement	42%
4. Don't know	6%

26. Suppose your church registered voters, provided information about issues and candidates, encouraged people to vote (without endorsing anyone), and taught what the Bible says about current social issues. In your opinion, would your church be helping your community, harming the community, or would it not make any difference?

1. Helping your community	59%
2. Harming your community	11%
3. Would not make any difference	20%
4. Not sure	10%

27. Let's say your church registered voters, provided information about issues and candidates, encouraged congregants to vote (without endorsing anyone), and taught what the Bible says about current social issues. By doing so, do you think your church would be carrying out its biblical responsibility or doing activities that are not a biblical responsibility?

1. Carrying out its biblical responsibility	51%
2. Doing activities that are not a biblical responsibility	33%
3. Not sure	16%

28. As far as you know, has your church provided any sermons in the main worship services on what the Bible teaches about the topics listed below during the past year? If not, would you like or not like the biblical view about that topic to be taught in a sermon at your church?

In past year, did your church provide teaching on what the Bible says about:	Yes, taught on this topic	No, not taught, would like it to be	No, not taught, don't want such teaching
1. Abortion……………………………………….	49%	21%	29%
2. Same-sex marriage…………………………….	42	18	39
3. Immigration, border security…………………..	25	31	42
4. Israel-Palestine conflict………………………..	33	28	38
5. Religious freedom……………………………..	67	18	13
6. Role and authority of government…………….	34	28	37
7. Basic morals, such as lying, stealing, cheating…..	83	9	8
8. Crime, law and order, and law enforcement…..	45	25	30
9. Transgenderism……………………………….	27	23	49
10. AI, artificial intelligence……………………….	18	29	50
11. Addressing poverty……………………………..	63	21	16
12. Sin and its consequences……………………….	83	9	7

29. What type of Christian church do you attend most often?

1. Evangelical denomination (including most Baptist churches, except American Baptist) — 25%
2. Pentecostal or Charismatic — 9
3. Mainline Protestant (i.e., American Baptist, Episcopal, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church in the USA, United Church of Christ, United Methodist) — 19
4. Traditionally-black or African-American denominations — 4
5. Independent or non-denominational Protestant/Christian — 18
6. Roman Catholic — 15
7. some other Christian tradition (e.g., Orthodox, Seventh Day Adventist, etc.) — 1
8. Mormon/Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints — 3
9. no particular Christian tradition — 5
10. not sure — 1

30. Not including times when you are at a church service or class, how often, if ever, do you do each of the following? 1. Every day   2. At least once a week   3. At least once a month   4. Less than once a month   5. Never

Action	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less	Never
1. read or study the Bible…………...................................	33%	34%	16%	13%	4%
2. take time to thank, praise, or worship God.............................	73	19	5	2	1
3. acknowledge your sins and ask for God's forgiveness……….	63	23	10	4	1
4. commit yourself to knowing and doing God's will for your life……………………………….	65	22	8	3	1
5. pray to God…………………………………………….	78	15	4	2	1

31. Which one of these statements best describes what you believe will happen to you after you die?

1. You will go to Heaven because you have worked hard to be a good enough person to earn that reward……………………… 12%
2. You will go to Heaven only because you have confessed your sins and have accepted Jesus Christ as your savior…………….. 56%
3. You will go to Heaven because God loves all people and will not let you perish………………………………………… 14%
4. You will probably go to Hell……………………………………. 2%
5. You will go to a place of purification before you can enter Heaven…. 9%
6. There is no life after death, physically or spiritually; you simply cease to exist…………………………………………… 3%
7. You will return to earth as a different life form or different person….. 6%

32. Which of these descriptions comes closest to what you believe about the Bible?

    1.   A widely read and influential text that has
       religious content but is not divinely inspired………….   4%
    2.   The actual, true word of God that should
       be taken literally, word for word……………………… 39%
    3.   Just one of the many books with religious teaching;
       it is neither more nor less reliable than the sacred
       literature of other religious traditions………………….   7%
    4.   The inspired word of God that has no errors,
       although some verses are meant to be
       symbolic rather than literal……………………………31%
    5.   The inspired word of God but with
       some factual or historical errors………………………. 13%
    6.   A collection of fables, myths and stories
       used to control and manipulate people………………..   3%
    7.   Don't know……………………………………………   4%

Finally, the last questions are for classification purposes.

33. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

34. When you were growing up, were you ever homeschooled for religious reasons?

35. Are you currently married?

36. How would you describe the place where you live?

37. Do you currently have any children under the age of 13 living in your home?

38. Which of the following broad categories best describes your household's total annual income, before taxes are taken out?

That is the end of the survey. Thank you for your help.