

Revealing Statistics: America in Decline

SUBTITLE: PRESENT COSTS OF THE WAR AGAINST GOD

AN ONGOING EXTENSIVE ONLINE COLLECTION (20+ SECTIONS BELOW) OF STATISTICS. PRESS F 1 1 TO VIEW IN FULL SCREEN IN MOST BROWSERS.

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Preface: As this page helps to show, an undeclared "war" is being waged against God which has and is costing America (and the world) mightily in souls, lives and money. While these statistics mainly help to quantify the earthly expenses of such, those who war against the Almighty will also realize a cost that is far, far worse and eternal, as souls that reject the Lord Jesus Christ demonstrate they love darkness over light, sin over Him, and cannot be allowed into Heaven. Rather, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Ps. 9:17) While 81% of Americans in a recent poll said this nation is on the wrong track (*New York Times/CBS News poll April 2008*), few realize that what is most critical is our relationship and obedience to almighty GOD, which is the right track.

Statistics which help reveal the spiritual, moral, physical, and economic condition of America

The LORD does not need statistics, for "the eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (Prv. 15:3), and all of our works are recorded by Him, from the first to the last. But followers of Christ are to love righteousness and hate evil, as He does (Heb. 1:9), (and which I come short in) and repent of our failures do to so, and love of God includes warning the wicked (Ezek. 33:8; Jn. 7:7; Eph. 5:11), and seeking to turn many to righteousness (Dan. 12:3). And as every soul and nation shall answer for their faith and deeds (2Chr. 26:11; Mt. 25:31-46; 2Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-15) — and as Hell is real — it is my prayer that this study may help awaken this nation to "seek the LORD while He may be found," that as Christians we may be holy ourselves and may intercede for this nation as well as for others, that as many as possible may turn in their hearts from sin to the risen LORD Jesus, and find [salvation](#) through faith in Him who died for us and rose again. To God be the glory!

"If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (2Chr. 7:14).

Please read first:

Notes on this compilation

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All statistics, unless otherwise noted, are for the United States and should allow for at least a small degree of error (i think pollsters usually allow for up to 5% error margin). You might want to do your own research, such as through an online search engine like Google for more information. While the URLs of sources are usually provided, mostly are not live, or deep linked, due to their or my concerns. Links were valid when listed, though some may be "dead" at a later time. See special note [here](#) on Barna.org links.

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Commentary

This collection is commented on from a Christian perspective, helping to reveal the spiritual condition of America, and the cost of spurning the right ways of the Lord to follow our own lusts. Overall, it indicates how the "mighty are fallen," and warns of where America is surely heading, with the intent that we "search and try our ways and turn again to the Lord" (Lam. 3:40). And again, it is my prayer than all souls will give their sins and their life to the LORD Jesus, the Son of the living God, who gave Himself for our sins and rose again. **For more on that most important decision, click [HERE](#)**

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General Spiritual Statistics

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For clarification within Barna surveys, the term "Christian" is applied to those whom Barna (in italics) says

"...consider themselves to be Christian but either do not have a 'personal commitment to Jesus Christ' or do not believe that they will experience eternal favor with God based solely on His grace and mercy."

"'Born again' Christians are those who say they 'have made a personal commitment to Christ that is important in their life today and also say that when they die they know they will go to Heaven solely because they have confessed their sins and accepted Jesus Christ as their savior.' 'Evangelicals' are a subset of born again Christians in Barna surveys.

In addition to meeting the born again criteria, [Evangelicals](#) also meet seven other conditions. Those include saying the Bible is totally accurate in all that it teaches; their faith is very important in their life

today; believing they have a personal responsibility to share their religious beliefs about Christ with non-Christians; believing that Satan exists; believing that eternal salvation is possible only through grace, not works; believing that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth; and describing God as the all-knowing, all-powerful, perfect deity who created the universe and still rules it today. Being classified as an **Evangelical** has no relationship to church attendance or the denominational affiliation of the church they attend. Respondents were not asked to describe themselves as “**Evangelical**.” See Barn’s criteria [here](#)

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U.S. Teens Spiritual Statistics

- **34%** of U.S. teens are defined as “born again” (**1999**).¹ <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=37> See also <http://www.josh.org/notes/file/Internet13-Religion.pdf>
- Only **4%** of U.S. teens are defined as real “Evangelicals” (**1999**).¹
- **82%** say they are **Christian** (**1999**).¹
- **26%** said they are “absolutely committed to the **Christian** faith.”¹
- **83%** of teens believe that **moral truth** depends on the **circumstances**.¹
- Only **4%** of teens in general and **9%** of born again teens actually believe in moral absolutes (**2001**).¹
- **65%** say that the **devil**, or Satan, is not a living being but is a symbol of evil. (**2000**).¹ [See **Rev. 20:10**.]
- **30%** of teens believe that all **religions** are really praying to the **same God**.¹ [There are “god’s many”, but only One True God and Lord. (**Acts 14:15**; (**1 Cor. 8:5**; **Titus 2:13**).]
- **61%** agree **Heaven** is gained by personal merit. (**2000**).¹ [A false gospel. Only on Christ’s merit and expense, can we be saved, not on ours or a churches: **Eph. 1:8-10**]
- **53%** (blasphemously) say that **Jesus** committed sins while He was on earth.¹
- Just **22%** of those ages **25** to **29** attended church in the last week.¹
- Only **9%** of “born again” teens believe there **moral absolutes**.¹
- Only **57%** of teens live in the same home with both of their natural **parents**. (**1999**).¹
- **65%** of teenagers believe music **piracy** is not a **moral issue**. (**2004**)¹
- **80%** of teenagers have engaged in some type of **music piracy** in the past six months.¹
- **39%** do not believe that the **Bible** is the Word of God.¹
- **63%** do not believe that **Jesus is the Son of God**.¹
- **51%** deny **Jesus resurrection**.¹
- Over **60%** do not believe **Christianity** can be proven to be true.¹
- **68%** believe that all **religions** teach EQUALLY valid **truths**.¹
- Only **4%** believe that the **Bible** is true in every **circumstance**.¹
- Less than **50%** of teen “Christians” assent that **salvation** is by grace alone though faith in Christ alone. . ©The Gallup Organization
www.gallup.com/poll/tb/religValue/20030819.asp?Version=p
- There is a **58%** decline in **church attendance** between the ages **18** to age **29**.
www.barna.org/cgi-bin/PagePressRelease.asp?PressReleaseID=149&Reference=B
- Less than **5%** of the nation’s churches have **youth groups** that attract **100** or more teenagers. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=103>
- **Sunday school** participation has declined from **35%** of all teenagers in **1997** to **30%** of teens in the current [2010] study; **small group attendance** was down from **30% to 21%**; the proportion of teens who reported **donating** any of their own **money** to church has decreased from **35% to 26%** over the last dozen years; and even the typically ubiquitous practice of **prayer** has dropped from **81% to 71%** among **teens** since 1997. Only **45%** of **born again Christian teenagers** said they had explained their beliefs to someone else with different faith views in the last year [2009], down from **63%** in **1997**. “How Teenagers’ Faith Practices are Changing”, <http://www.barna.org/teens-next-gen-articles/403-how-teenagers-faith-practices-are-changing>
- Teens who are **not** raised in a **family** which holds to **absolute Biblical truths** are **600%** more likely to attempt suicide. **Barna Research** <https://give.ccci.org/give?Action=ViewDetail&Desig=2737811&SeqNo=33&pp=Browse+Fund+Appeals>
- **300%** of the above are more **likely** to **experiment with drugs**.¹
<http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=37>
- **75%** of America’s **youth** (**73%**) have engaged in at least one type of **psychic** or **witchcraft**-related activity, beyond mere **horoscope** usage or media exposure (such as Harry Potter movies i assume).² <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/164>
- More than **75%** of teens have played a game featuring **sorcery** or **witchcraft**

elements, **30%** of teens have had their **palm read**, **27%** had their **fortune told**, **14%** were physically present when someone else used **psychic powers**, **10%** participated in a **séance**, **9%** visited a **medium** or spiritual guide, with the same figuring going for consulting a **psychic**, and **1** out of **12** had tried to cast a **spell** or mix a **magic** potion.^{^2}

- Only **26%** of **Evangelical** teens had experimented had engaged in **witchcraft** or **psychic** activities, nearly three times less than the norm. **69%** of non-Evangelical born again teens and **66%** of youth group attenders reported having experimented with or engaged in witchcraft or psychic activities. Denominationally, the figures were Baptists **60%**, non-mainline Protestants **62%**, Catholics **77%**, and mainline Protestants **81%**.^{^2} [see Rev. **18:2**].^{^2}
- The most common types of witchcraft behaviors were using a **Ouija board** and reading a book about witchcraft or **Wicca**, each of which had been done by more than **33%** of teenagers. More than **25%** of teens have played a game featuring **sorcery** or **witchcraft** elements. **10%** of teens had participated in a **séance** and **1** out of **12** had tried to cast a spell or mix a magic potion.^{^2}
- More than two million (**10%**) teens say they have **communicated** with a **dead** person. Nearly two million youth claim they have **psychic powers**.^{^2}
- Only **28%** of churched teenagers recall receiving any teaching at their church in the last year that helped to shape their views on the **supernatural world!**^{^2}
- More than **66%** of **Protestant** young adults **exit the church** between the ages of **18** and **22**. *LifeWay Research, a branch of the Southern Baptist Convention.*
- **70%** of people **23 to 30** years old, are nowhere to be found in church on a regular basis for at least a year between the ages of **18 and 22**. They become church **dropouts**, though **1/3 return** by the time they are **30** (which means **53%** of churched teens will still be in church by age **30**), and another **30%** begin attending church again once a month or less. *2007 study from LifeWay Research; http://liveabove.com/documents/research/Part%201%20Church%20Dropouts_How%20Many%20Leave%20Church%20and%20Why.pdf*

An **Assemblies of God** study showed a **loss of 66%** of their students within one year of high school graduation.” <http://www.onenewsnow.com/Journal/stories.aspx?id=75927>

Conclusion: this young generation largely has been, and is being, brought up in a way they should not go. A much smaller **percentage** of teens in born again churches are **saved** and going to **Heaven** than is often **presumed**.

- ¹ <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=37>. See also <http://www.josh.org/notes/file/Internet13-Religion.pdf>
- ² <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrow&BarnaUpdateID=216>

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General national spiritual and moral stats (demographics; general beliefs)

According to the Pew Forum survey,

(<http://pewforum.org/newassets/images/reports/multiplefaiths/multiplefaiths.pdf>), which was conducted Aug. **11-27-09** among 4,013 adults:

- **72%** of **Americans** stated they attend **religious services** at least a few times a year, **38%** at least once a week and **34%** who attend once or twice a month or a few times a year. **27%** said they seldom or never attend religious services. [^]
- **35%** of Americans answered that they regularly (**9%**) or occasionally (**26%**) attend religious services at more than one place, with **24%** of the public overall expressing that they sometimes attend religious services of a faith different from their own. [^]
- Of those who attend religious services yearly or more, **37%** said they always attend services at the same place, while **35%** said they regularly or occasionally attend religious services at different places, aside from when they are traveling and going to special events. [^]
- Among those who attend religious services at least once a week, **39%** said they attend at multiple places and **28%** go to services outside their own faith. [^]
- **49%** of the public reported that they have had a religious or mystical experience, defined as a "moment of sudden religious insight or awakening." [^]
- **55%** of conservatives and **50%** of liberal stated they had such experiences, versus **43%** of moderates. [^]
- Of the **78%** who identified themselves as Christian, **34%** described themselves as born again, while **40%** did not. [^]
- **83%** percent of Americans identified themselves as **Christians** (Catholics or

Protestants), but only 49% of these individuals described themselves as absolutely committed to Christianity. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrowPreview&BarnaUpdateID=271>

- According to a Barna research report issued October 11, 2010, The 10 most unchurched cities – where around four out of ten adults have not been to a religious worship service in the last six months – are San Francisco (44%); Portland Maine (43%); Portland Ore. (42%); Albany NY (42%); Boston (40%); Sacramento (40%); and Seattle (40%); Spokane (39%);, New York (38%); Phoenix (38%); Tucson (37%).
- The cities (measured in the Barna research as media markets) with the highest proportion of residents who describe themselves as Christian are typically in the South, including: Shreveport (98%), Birmingham (96%), Charlotte (96%), Nashville (95%), Greenville, SC / Asheville, NC (94%), New Orleans (94%), Indianapolis (93%), Lexington (93%), Roanoke-Lynchburg (93%), Little Rock (92%), and Memphis (92%).
- 73% of the populations of Charlotte and Shreveport held scripture in high regard, versus only 27% of the residents of Providence, Rhode Island (the most Catholic state) and San Francisco (the most homosexual large city).
- 64% of Birmingham and 54% of Charlotte said they strongly agreed that a person has a responsibility to share their beliefs with others, versus only 14% of residents of Providence R.I. and 17% of Bostonians agreed. <http://www.barna.org/faith-spirituality/435-diversity-of-faith-in-various-us-cities>

States with highest ratio of religious adherents:

- 1 Utah 74.7%
- 2 North Dakota 73.2%
- 3 District Of Columbia 73.2%
- 4 South Dakota 67.8%

4 States with lowest ratio adherents

- 48 Alaska 34.3%
- 49 Nevada 34.3%
- 50 Washington 33.0%
- 51 Oregon 31.3% <http://ext.nazarene.org/rcms/stateswithhighestratioadherents.html> Association of Religion Data Archives www.TheARDA.com
- State ranking according to survey response as to religion being an important part of peoples daily lives. (highest to lowest): * Mississippi: 85% * Alabama: 82% * South Carolina: 80% * Tennessee: 79% * Louisiana: 78% * Arkansas: 78% * Georgia: 76% * North Carolina: 76% * Oklahoma: 75% * Kentucky: 74% * Texas: 74% * West Virginia: 71% * Kansas: 70% * Utah: 69% * Missouri: 68% * Virginia: 68% * South Dakota: 68% * North Dakota: 68% * Indiana: 68% * Nebraska: 67% * New Mexico: 66% * Pennsylvania: 65% * Florida: 65% * Maryland: 65% * Ohio: 65% * Iowa: 64% * Minnesota: 64% * Illinois: 64% * Michigan: 64% * Delaware: 61% * Wisconsin: 61% * District of Columbia: 61% * Idaho: 61% * Arizona: 61% * New Jersey: 60% * Wyoming: 58% * Colorado: 57% * Hawaii: 57% * California: 57% * Montana: 56% * New York: 56% * Connecticut: 55% * Nevada: 54% * Rhode Island: 53% * Oregon: 53% * Washington: 52% * Alaska: 51% * Massachusetts: 48% * Maine: 48% * New Hampshire: 46% * Vermont: 42%. Overall nationwide mean of 65%

<http://www.gallup.com/poll/114022/State-States-Importance-Religion.aspx>

- 49% of adults identify themselves as attenders of Protestant churches, while 23% say they attend the Catholic segment. © The Barna Group, Ltd. 2007, <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrowPreview&BarnaUpdateID=271>
- The Eastern United States is the only region of the country where Protestants account for less than half (44.1%) of the population. Catholics are the best represented religious tradition in this region; claiming 35.1% of the population. ^{5.5} [Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006](http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/33304.pdf) . Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006 . <http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/33304.pdf>
- The West has the highest percentages of religiously unaffiliated people (17.6%) and people in other religious traditions (10.3%) of any U.S. Region. [Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion](http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/33304.pdf)[^]
- The highest percentages of residents who describe themselves as Christian are typically in the South, including: Shreveport LA (98%), Birmingham (96%), Charlotte (96%), Nashville (95%), Greenville, SC / Asheville, NC (94%), New Orleans (94%), Indianapolis (93%), Lexington (93%), Roanoke-Lynchburg (93%), Little Rock (92%), and Memphis (92%). <http://www.barna.org/faith-spirituality/435->

- **73%** of the populations of **Charlotte** and **Shreveport** held scripture in high regard, versus only **27%** of the residents of **Providence**, Rhode Island [the most Catholic state] and **San Francisco** [the most homosexual large city]. ^
- The lowest **percentages** of self-identified **Christians** inhabited the following markets: San Francisco (**68%**), Portland, Oregon (**71%**), Portland, Maine (**72%**), Seattle (**73%**), Sacramento (**73%**), New York (**73%**), San Diego (**75%**), Los Angeles (**75%**), Boston (**76%**), Phoenix (**78%**), Miami (**78%**), Las Vegas (**78%**), and Denver (**78%**). Even in these cities, however, roughly three out of every four residents align with Christianity. ^
- The highest percentage of souls who tended toward being atheist or agnostic were in Portland, Maine (**19%**), Seattle (**19%**), Portland, Oregon (**16%**), Sacramento (**16%**), and Spokane (**16%**)
- Commitment to evangelism (agree strongly that a person has a responsibility to share their beliefs with others) saw the greatest percentage of endorsement by residents of Birmingham (**64%**) and Charlotte (**54%**), in contrast to residents of Providence (**14%**) and Boston (**17%**).
- The **World Christian Database** as of **2007** estimated the **growth rate of Christianity worldwide** at **1.32%** (**2.1 billion**). High birth rates and conversions were cited as the main reason.
- Major Religion percentages **worldwide** - Christians: **33.32%** (**Catholics 16.99%**; **Protestants 5.78%**; **Orthodox 3.53%**; **Anglicans, etc. 5.77%**) Muslims: **21.01%**, Hindus: **13.26%**, Buddhists: **5.84%**. *CIA World Factbook*.
- **Christians** made of **34.5 percent** (**558 million**, up from **204,980,0** in **1800**) of the **world's population** in **1900**, and will be **33.3 percent** (approx. **2.1 billion**) in **2008**. *Statistical Table on Global Mission" International Bulletin of Missionary Research*. <http://www.gordonconwell.edu/ockenga/globalchristianity/resources.php>
- In **2006**, there was an estimated **2.2 billion Christians** and **1.3 billion Muslims** worldwide, both figures including many nominal adherents. <http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/trendsandstatistics/654/03-2007?pg=all>
- From **1978 to 2004**, there was a rapid increase in the number of **Catholics** in **worldwide** by more than **45 percent** from almost **757 million** to **1.098 billion**. *Annuario Statisticum Ecclesiae of 2004*
- In the US, **2002**, **Protestants** ranked highest in **percentage** of total surveyed population at **52%** (Baptist being the largest single denomination), followed by **Catholics** at **24%**, then **Mormons** at **2%**, **Orthodox Catholic** bodies at **1%**. (**20001**). http://www.adherents.com/rel_USA.html.
- **Catholics** showed a **16%** gain in membership (**2000**) while **Mormons** boasted **19%**. The only other major Christian body that increased was the **Southern Baptists** at nearly **5 percent**. ^{3.5} http://www.glenmary.org/grc/RCMS_2000/Catholic_findings.htm
- **71%** of U.S. **Catholic** population growth since **1960** is due to **Hispanics** (**2001**) U.S. Census Bureau.
- **39%** U.S. **Catholics** are **Hispanic**. *USCCB Committee on Hispanic Affairs. Hispanic Ministry at the Turn of the New Millennium, 1999*
- **72.6%** of all U.S. **Hispanics** are **Catholic** (**2002**) *Stewart Lawrence of Puentes, Inc.* <http://www.usccb.org/hispanicaffairs/demo.shtml>
- According to a **2006** Baylor University Religion Survey:
- **33.6 percent** of Americans, roughly 100 million people, are Evangelical Protestants by affiliation.
- **62.9 percent** of Americans not affiliated with a religious tradition believe in God or some higher power.
- **31.4 percent** believe in an Authoritarian God (primarily Southerners), who is very judgmental and engaged (though they may also see Him as very loving).
- **25 percent** believe in a Benevolent God, (primarily Midwesterners) who is not judgmental but engaged.
- **23 percent** believe in a Distant God (primarily West Coasters), who is completely removed.
- **16 percent** believe in a Critical God (primarily Easterners), who is judgmental but not engaged. <http://www.baylor.edu/pr/news.php?action=story&story=41678>
- More than **60%** of adult Americans claim to belong to a **church or synagogue**. The same number believe religion "can **answer** all or most of today' questions, although well under half of Americans **attend church** regularly." Copyright © 2004 -- The Gallup Organization <http://www.gallup.com/content/login.aspx?ci=1804>
- Only **20.4 percent** of the population attended church each **weekend**. May 6, 1998 article by C. Kirk Hadaway and P.L. Marler *Did You Really Go To Church This Week: Behind the Poll Data, In The Christian Century*, <http://www.religion-online.org/showarticle.asp?title=237>.
- **44%** of Americans say they **go to church** at least once **a week**.

http://www.religioustolerance.org/rel_rate.htm

- Almost half (49.2%) of Americans say they attend church at least once a month. 2006 Baylor Religion Survey. Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006 . <http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/33304.pdf>
- The number of Americans who do not attend church has increased 92% since 1991 <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=163>
- 33 percent of adults are classified as unchurched – people who have not attended a religious service of any type (not necessarily a church) during the past six months. ³<http://www.barna.org>; http://www.christianpost.com/article/20070320/26418_Study%3A_U.S._Unchurched_Population_Nears_100_Million.htm
- Only 19 percent of political conservatives were likely to be unchurched versus 47 percent political liberals. ³
- Those least likely to be unchurched are residents in the South (26 percent) compared with residents in the West (42 percent) and Northeast (39 percent). ³
- Ethnically, only 24 percent of African Americans were likely to be unchurched, versus 32% of white and 63% of Asians. ³
- Religiously, 1 percent of Evangelical Christians, 16 percent of “non-Evangelical born-again Christians” [as if there is such a thing] and 24 percent of the “Christian” population as a whole (25% of Catholics, 20% of Protestants) were unchurched, while 61 percent of adults who are associated with a faith outside Christianity had not attended any kind of religious service over the past 6 months. ³
- 85-90% of Americans routinely respond “yes” when asked “Do you, personally, believe in God?” ³
- Nearly three fourths of Americans (71.5%) say they pray at least once a week. ³
- Approx. 6 in 10 Christians say that it's "often" or "always" true that "the busyness of life gets in the way of developing my relationship with God." Christians most likely to agree were from North America, Africa and Europe. By country, Christians in South Africa, Nigeria, Canada, Singapore, Ireland, Philippines, the United States, and the United Kingdom, are more distracted from God, respectively, than those in other countries. *Obstacles to Growth Survey.* <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20070730/survey-christians-worldwide-too-busy-for-god.htm>
- Nearly 60% of Americans say they hold their current religious beliefs because of their parents. *U.S. News & World Report, April 4, 1994, pp. 48-59*
- 28% of American adults have left the faith of their childhood, not including those who switched from one Protestant denomination to another. 10% of all these were Catholics [losses mostly replaced with immigrants] Jehovah's Witnesses [so-called] had the highest losses, with a turnover rate of about two-thirds. *Beacon Journal wire services.* <http://www.ohio.com/news/nation/15973167.html>
- People who said "None" when asked their religious identity now represent 15% of Americans (19% men, 12% women) — up from 8% in 1990. While in terms of Belonging (self-identification) 1 in 6 Americans are presently of No Religion, in terms of Belief and Behavior the ratio is around 1 in 4. *2008 American Religious Identification Survey (ARIS);* http://commons.trincoll.edu/aris/files/2011/08/ARIS_Report_2008.pdf http://commons.trincoll.edu/aris/files/2011/08/NONES_08.pdf
- 22% of 18-29 year old are Nones; only 32% of "current" Nones report they were None at age 12. [^]
- Regarding belief in the divine, most Nones are neither atheists nor theists but rather agnostics and deists (59%) and perhaps best described as skeptics. 24% believe in a non-personal God; 27% believe in a personal God; 36% are agnostic (19% hard agnostics; 17% soft agnostics); 7% are atheist. Only 15% of Nones with a college degree are theists while 11% are atheists [being "wise in their own eyes," they become fools]. [^]
- Those who claim to have no religious affiliation (called “Nones”) have grown in every state since 1990. [^]
- The west and northeast coasts dominate the no religion category. VT comes in 1st with 34%. CA ranks 14th with 18%. Mississippi has the least who identify themselves as having no religion with 5%. Ethnically, Asians are the highest at 29%. [^]
- 24% of current Nones (and 35% of 1st generation or "new" Nones) identified themselves being Catholic at age 12, 11% identified themselves as "Christian," 7% as Baptist, and 3% as Protestant. [^]
- 41% of those raised as Nones joined a religion after age 12, while 88% of those raised religious retained their faith. In relation percentages of the total

population, this means that since they were 12 years of age, 4% of Americans switched from None to religious while 11% of Americans switched from religious to None, a 7% imbalance toward the Nones. 66% of current Nones are first-generation Nones. ^

- Non-Christian religions have grown in all but 6 states since 1990. ^
- In 2006 persons aged 18-30 were three times more likely to have no religious affiliation than are persons aged 65 or older (5.4%). ^{5.5} *Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006 . Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006 . <http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/33304.pdf>*
- From 2007 to 2012 the percentage of religiously “unaffiliated” U.S. adults has increased from just over 15% to almost 20% making them almost as numerous as Catholics at 22 percent. The unaffiliated include atheists and agnostics who make up 6% of the U.S. public, as well as 14% (nearly 33 million people) who state they have no particular religious affiliation.
http://www.pewforum.org/uploadedFiles/Topics/Religious_Affiliation/Unaffiliated/NonesOnTheRise-full.pdf
- 32% of adults under 30 have no religious affiliation, the highest percentages ever in Pew Research Center polling, compared with 9% who are 65 and older. The percentage of Americans who were raised without an affiliation has risen from about 3% in the early 1970s to about 8% in the past decade. ^
- The decline is primarily concentrated among white evangelical and mainline Protestants. 19% of U.S. adults who identify themselves as white, born-again or evangelical Protestants declined from 21% in 2007 to 19% in 2012. 15% of adults describe themselves as white Protestants but say they are not born-again or evangelical Christians, down from 18% in 2007. ^
- Just 50% of those who say they seldom or never attend religious services still retain a religious affiliation – a 10-point drop in five years. 68% of them say they believe in God. 58% say they often feel a deep connection with nature and the earth, while 37% classify themselves as “spiritual” but not “religious”, and 21% say they pray every day. In addition, most religiously unaffiliated Americans think that churches and other religious institutions benefit society by strengthening community bonds and aiding the poor. ^
- The number of Americans who currently say religion is very important in their lives (58%) is little changed since 2007 (61%) and is far higher than in Britain (17%), France (13%), Germany (21%) or Spain (22%). ^
- The religiously unaffiliated Americans are about twice as likely to describe themselves as political liberals than as conservatives, and 72% support legal abortion and same-sex marriage. 39% of religiously unaffiliated registered voters are Democrats, and 24% lean toward the Democratic Party In the 2008 presidential election, the unaffiliated voted as heavily for Barack Obama as white evangelical Protestants did for John McCain. ^
- By contrast, Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters are only slightly more likely to be religiously unaffiliated today than they were in 2007 (11% vs. 9%). ^
- 65% of Evangelicals as well as all religious persons had no children at home (Catholics: 61%). Mormons, Hindi's and Muslim had the highest percentages. ^{7.5} *The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, 2008. <http://religions.pewforum.org/comparisons#>*
- Between 80-85% of churches in the US are in numeric decline. Between 1990 and 2000 there was a net gain of 4600 churches in the US; however, to simply maintain the pace with population growth a gain of 38,800 was needed.
<http://www.missionaloutreachnetwork.com/profiles/blogs/some-startling-statistics-on>
- 70 percent of 23-30 year olds stopped attending church regularly for at least a year between ages 18-22. 35% of these dropouts eventually returned and say they are attending church twice a month, and another 30% begin attending church again once a month or less *2007 study from LifeWay Research; http://liveabove.com/documents/research/Part%201%20Church%20Dropouts_How%20Many%20Leave%20Church%20and%20Why.pdf*
- When LifeWay asked church dropouts why they stopped attending church, 97% cited some change in life situation (work schedule, not being close to a church, etc.) or having no time for church. 20% had intended to stop attending once they graduated, and 27% wanted a break from church (respondents could choose more than one reason). 50% off returnees do so due to influence of family or friends. ^
- The number of American adults who identify themselves with Christianity has dropped from 86% in 1990 to 77% in 2001. *ARIS Study: American Religious Identification Survey was conducted in February to April 2001. http://www.gc.cuny.edu/faculty/research_studies/aris.pdf*
- A 2001 study reported Christianity in America suffered a loss of 9.7 percentage points in 11 years — about 0.9 percentage points per year. If this trend

continues, then **non-Christians** will outnumber the Christians in the U.S. by about the year **2042**. *Diana Eck, A New Religious America: How a 'Christian Country' Has Become the World's Most Religiously Diverse Nation, 2001, based on American Religious Identification Survey 2001; <http://www.letusreason.org/Current30.htm>*

- A **2008** study reported Americans who identify themselves as **Christian** dropped from **86.2%** to **76.0%** — about **10 percentage points** in **18 years** (about 0.6 percentage points per year). The percentage of **American** adults who identify themselves with a specific religion dropped from **89.5%** to **79.9%**, and identification as **Protestant** dropped from **60.0** to **50.9%**, with **Catholics** declining from **26.2%** to **25.1%**. *ARIS Study; <http://www.americanreligionsurvey-aris.org/>*
- Americans who do not identify with any religion now represent **15%** of the **USA** - **22%** of all adults ages **18 to 29**; **19%** of U.S. men and **12%** of women. While **1 out of 6** identify themselves as Nones, the ration is higher based upon belief and behavior. **61%** of “Nones” believe in evolution. However, less than **10%** of Nones identify themselves as atheists or hold atheistic beliefs, with **51%** still professing a belief in God or a higher power.
- Only **32%** report they were Nones at age **12**, and the largest single group (**35%**) of Nones were former **Catholics**. The highest concentrations of Nones are in **New England** and the **West**. Politically, **8%** of Republicans are Nones, versus **21%** of the nation's independents and **16%** of Democrats. **Latinos** have **tripled** their proportion among **Nones**. *Kosmin and Ariela Keysar, Program on Public Values, Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. http://www.americanreligionsurvey-aris.org/reports/NONES_08.pdf*
- **Fifteen** percent of respondents said they had **no religion**, an increase from **14.2** percent in **2001** and **8.2** percent in **1990**, according to the American Religious Identification Survey. The numbers of Americans with no religion rose in every state, with northern **New England** surpassing the **Pacific Northwest** as the **least religious** region, with **Vermont** reporting the highest share of those claiming no religion, at **34** percent. *2008 American Religious Identification Survey. The Program on Public Values at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20090309/survey-non-religious-americans-on-the-rise-in-every-state/>*
- Respondents who called themselves "**non-denominational Christian**" grew from **0.1** percent in **1990** to **3.5** percent last year [2008]. [^] **Evangelical** or born-again Americans make up **34** percent of all American adults and **45** percent of all **Christians** and **Catholics**, the study found. Researchers found that **18** percent of **Catholics** consider themselves **born-again** or **Evangelical**, and nearly **39** percent of mainline **Protestants** prefer those labels. The percentage of **Americans** who identified themselves as **Muslim** grew to **0.6** percent of the population. [^]
- **Canadian church attendance** has plunged to just above **20 percent** (from a reported **60%** in **1946**). *Fall 2002 Issue American Outlook Magazine, Hudson Institute, by John G. Stackhouse, Jr. http://www.americanoutlook.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=article_detail&id=2020*
- The fastest growing religion **percentage** wise between 1990 and 2001 was **Wicca**. Going from **8,000** in **1990** to **134,000** in **2001**. **Doubling** about every **30 months**. (*American Religious Identification Survey, done by The Graduate Center of the City University of New York*).
- From the year **2000** to the year **2010**, the fastest growing religion in the US was **Islam** at **66.7%**, with the number of Muslims living inside the United States increasing from **1 million** to **2.6 million**. *Census data compiled by the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies http://www.rcms2010.org/press_release/ACP%2020120501.pdf*
- **39 percent** of all adult **Muslims** living in America (**2007**) were immigrants that had arrived in the United States since **1990**. *Pew Research Center, 2007 <http://endotheamericandream.com/archives/the-fastest-growing-religion-in-america-is-islam>*
- Between **2000** and **2010**, the number of **Orthodox** Christian congregations has increased by **13 percent** for **Eastern Orthodox** churches and **35 percent** for **Oriental Orthodox** churches. Nearly **half** of Orthodox Adherents are in CA, NY, IL, MA, and PA.
- **Atheists** and **agnostics** comprise **9%** of adults nationwide (**2007**); **6%** of souls over **61**, **9%** of those ages **42-60**, **14%** of those **23-41**, and **19%** of those **18-22**. Indications from the past indicate that these beliefs stay fairly constant through life. *<http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrowPreview&BarnaUpdateID=272>*
- Of the **17 religious bodies** in America with **1 million** or more adherents in **2000**, only six showed an **increase in numbers** while **10** showed a **decline** in numbers. Muslims were not counted in **1990**. *Glenmary Research Centers. ^{3.5}http://www.glenmary.org/grc/RCMS_2000/Catholic_findings.htm*
- Among the **gainers**, four religious bodies showed double-digit increases-- between **16 percent** for **Catholics** and **19 percent** for Latter-Day Saints (**Mormons**). The only other Christian body showing a gain was the **Southern Baptist** Convention at nearly **5 percent**. ^{^3.5}
- It can be noted that, except for **Catholics** (which grew by immigration), all those

bodies **gaining** members between 1990 and 2000 generally are considered “**Conservative Protestants**,” while most of those showing a **decrease** in number of adherents generally are considered “**Moderate**” or “**Liberal**” Protestants.^{▲3.5}

- In every state where **Catholics** grew by the year 2000, the **percent Catholic growth** from 1990 to 2000 was substantially greater than the general population growth [including a **45 percent** increase in Arkansas and **111 percent** increase in Nevada.]^{▲3.5}
- [2002] Statistics compiled by the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Hispanic Affairs reported that **71 percent** of the U.S. **Catholic population** growth since 1960 was due to **Hispanics**. The statistics are taken from U.S. Census reports and recent surveys of Hispanics. http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1141/is_15_36/ai_59607715/pg_3/
- The **Catholic population** of the United States had fallen by nearly 400,000 in 2007, and suffered a slight membership loss in 2009 but increased **1.49 percent** in 2010. <http://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=5753>
<http://www.nccusa.org/news/100204yearbook2010.html>
- The Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.) - ranked 24th largest - increased **1.76 percent**, and the Assemblies of God (9th) grew **1.27 percent**. The “Latter-day Saints” [cult] (ranked 4th largest) grew **1.71 percent**, the Jehovah's Witnesses [cult] (23rd) said they were up **2 percent** <http://www.nccusa.org/news/100204yearbook2010.html>
- **54%** of “millennial generation” Catholics (born in 1982 or later) are Hispanics, while **39%** are non-Hispanic whites. On the other hand, **76%** of “pre-Vatican II generation” Catholics (born 1943 or earlier) are non-Hispanic whites, while **15%** are Hispanics. Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University, September, 2010 <http://www.osv.com/tabid/7621/itemid/6850/Opens-More-evidence-of-the-browning-of-US-Cat.aspx>
- **Catholicism** has experienced “the greatest **net loss**” in numbers of any major religious group. Those who have left Catholicism outnumber those who have joined the church by an almost four-to-one margin. **Ex-Catholics**, if one considered them a denomination, would be the second-largest in the country behind Catholics, who list 68.1 million members. “*The 'had it' Catholics,*” *National Catholic Reporter*, Oct. 11, 2001, based on reports from the 2008 Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life survey and the National Council of Churches' 2010 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches.
- Latinos comprised **32 percent** of all U.S. **Catholics** in 2008, versus to **20 percent** in 1990. However, Catholic identification has slipped from **66 percent** in 1990 to **60 percent** in 2008. There has also been a significant rise in the number of Latinos who do not adhere to a religion. The longer a Latino has lived in the United States, the less likely he or she is to be Catholic. *Study of Secularism in Society and Culture at Trinity College*, <http://theamericano.com/2010/03/18/new-report-on-u-s-latino-religious-identification/>
- Almost **20%** for all Latino American Catholics have left the Roman Catholic church, with **23 percent** of second-generation Latino Americans doing so. *Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion* [▲]
- Just a **third** of persons in **Evangelical** Protestant congregations and denominations (**32.6%**) actually refer to themselves as “**Evangelical**.” *Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion* [▲]
- Only **15 percent** of the population use the actual term “**Evangelical**” to describe their religious identity and barely two in **100** Americans say it is the best description. ^{5.5}*Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006* .
Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006 .
<http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/33304.pdf>
- Only **8%** of US adults **doctrinally** qualify as “**Evangelicals**” (2004) [see criteria under first section].⁴ <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/111-survey-explores-who-qualifies-as-an-evangelical?q=evangelical>
- **38%** of US adults classify as **born again**, but not **Evangelical**. (2004).[▲]
- **49%** of **evangelical** adults fit the **charismatic** definition, with **7%** of **Southern Baptist** churches and **6%** of **mainline churches** being **charismatic**, according to their Senior Pastors, **9%** of whom are female (same as non-charismatic). **36%** of all U.S. **Catholics**, and **22%** of all **charismatics** in the U.S. identify as **Catholic**.
Barna research, 2008 <http://www.barna.org/congregations-articles/52-is-american-christianity-turning-charismatic>
- **51%** of all born again Christians are **charismatic**, with **46%** of all adults who attend a **Protestant** church identifying with that. **16%** of the country's **white Protestant** congregations are **Pentecostal**, compared to **65%** of the **Protestant** churches dominated by **African-Americans**. *Barna research, 2008*
- Professor Alvin Reid (Professor of Evangelism and Student Ministry at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary) shows that at least **41%** of Americans are **hard-core unchurched** (have **no clear understanding of the gospel**, and have had **little or no contact** with a **Bible teaching church**), which is larger than the **30%** figure of nominal Christians, or the **29%** figure of actively

participating Christians. Alvin Reid, "Radically Unchurched: Who they are and how to reach them," (*Grand Rapids, Kregel Academic, 2002*), (p 21) <http://www.xenos.org/books/satan/churchdecline.htm>

- According to **Southern Baptist** data, only one in nine adults who were baptized described themselves as previously unchurched, meaning almost **90 percent** of baptized adults previously had a connection with a church. [^] p. 23, citing research from the Home Mission Board.
- Out of the **350,000** churches in the U. S., less than **1%** is estimated to be growing via conversion growth." [^] p. 23
- Membership over the past decade in Protestant churches dropped **9.5%**, while the U.S. population grew **11%**." [^] p. 24
- Transfers, switchovers, or returners accounted for all but **8%** of those who had been in churches fewer than **5 years**. Wicker, *The Fall of the Evangelical Nation: The Surprising Crisis Inside the Church*, (NY: Harper One, 2008)
- In the **18-34** age group, Southern Baptist baptisms fell **40%** from **100,000** in **1980** to **60,000** in **2005**." Wicker, [^] p. 63
- **78 percent** of those surveyed overall, and **89 percent** among adults **18-29** said they would be willing to listen to someone who wanted to talk about their Christian beliefs. Mark Kelly, *LifeWay Research: Unchurched Americans Turned Off by Church, Open to Christians*, NASHVILLE; <http://www.xenos.org/books/satan/churchdecline.htm>
- At latest count, there were **1,210 Protestant** churches in the United States with a **weekly attendance** of **2,000** people or more. The four states with the greatest concentrations of **megachurches** were **California (14 percent)**, **Texas (13 percent)**, **Florida (7 percent)**, and **Georgia (6 percent)**.
<http://www.hirr.hartsem.edu/megachurch/megachurches.html>
- **600,000** active and retired, civilian and military, **clergy** serve in various denominations in the United States. *The Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches* <http://www.electronicchurch.org> http://hirr.hartsem.edu/research/fastfacts/fast_facts.html
- The average mainline **pastor** spent **50.8** hours a week at **work**. *God's Potters: Pastoral Leadership and the Shaping of Congregations*, by Jackson Carroll, (W.B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2006). http://hirr.hartsem.edu/research/fastfacts/fast_facts.html
- **67%** of **Americans** currently (**2010**) say that religion is **losing** its **influence** on American life, up from **59 percent** who said the same in July **2006**. **53 percent** see this it as a bad thing, versus **10 percent** who disagree. *Pew forum survey, July 21-Aug. 5, 2010* <http://pewforum.org/Politics-and-Elections/Growing-Number-of-Americans-Say-Obama-is-a-Muslim.aspx>
- **80%** of adults classified as "**born again**" have been **married**.
<http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=170>
- **43%** of Americans surveyed percent said houses of worship should express their views on day-to-day social and political questions, but **70 percent** said churches should not come out in favor of candidates during political elections, versus **24 percent** who support such endorsements. A narrow majority (**52 percent**) held that houses of worship should keep out of political matters. *Pew forum survey, July 21-Aug. 5, 2010* <http://pewforum.org/Politics-and-Elections/Growing-Number-of-Americans-Say-Obama-is-a-Muslim.aspx>
- Homosexuals are far more likely to align with the Democratic Party (**53%** of gays are registered Democrats) than the Republican Party (**18%** of gays are registered Republicans). *Spiritual Profile of Homosexual Adults* <http://www.barna.org/culture-articles/282-spiritual-profile-of-homosexual-adults-provides-surprising-insights>
- According to the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life's monumental "U.S. Religious Landscape Survey" that was issued in June, **21%** of self-proclaimed **atheists believe** in either a personal God or an impersonal force. **10%** percent of atheists **pray** at least weekly and **12%** believe in heaven.
- **Paranormal beliefs** are most **prevalent** in **eastern states**, with the highest **percentages** of agreement on **eight** of the **10** belief questions. **Southerners** are the **least receptive** to the paranormal, with the lowest **percentages** on six of the **10** items. ^{5.5}*Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006* . *Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006* . <http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/33304.pdf>
- Hartford Seminary reported the number of **Muslim places of worship** grew by **42 percent** in America between **1990 and 2000**, compared with the **12 percent** average increase for **Evangelical** churches
- A **2011** statistical study of mosques in the United States shows that the number of Islamic houses of worship has increased **74 percent** since **2000**. The US Mosque Survey 2011 counted a total of **2,106** mosques; as compared to the year **2000** when **1,209** mosques were counted.
- Nearly **50 percent** of mosques are in **six states**: New York (**257**), California (**246**), Texas (**166**), Florida (**118**), Illinois (**109**), and New Jersey (**109**). The states with the largest number of mosques include that group plus Pennsylvania (**99**), Michigan (**77**), Georgia (**69**), and Virginia (**62**), which means that more than **62 percent** of **mosques** are in just **10 states**.

- Some Muslims expected to outnumber Protestants in the U.S by 2050 (includes so-called “Nation of Islam” Muslims). *Secrets of Islam: US News and World Report*
- Adherents to Buddhism has increased 170% from 1990 to 2001. (*Science and Spirit, September/October 2002. Discipleship Journal, March/April 2003, pg. 14*).
- 62 percent majority of voters thinks the United States is on the decline. 76 percent of Republicans and 64 percent of independents and 43% of Democrats the country is in decline, while 41 percent of the latter think the country is on the rise. 89 percent of Republicans, 78 percent of independents, and 53 percent of Democrats agree that the government is too powerful. Also, 56 percent of voters think the country is currently moving away from capitalism to socialism, while 34% disagree. Only 18 percent of voters think it would be a good thing for the country to move away from capitalism and toward socialism, with 69% seeing it negatively. However, only 59 percent of those living in lower-income households, 57 percent of young people, as well as 49 percent of Democrats see moving toward socialism as a bad thing. (*Dana Blanton, “Fox News Poll: 62 Percent Think U.S. Is on the Decline,” July 30, 2010*)
- A 2007 survey of 74 pediatric hematologists and oncologists from 13 elite hospitals showed 31 percent were raised Protestant, 25.7 percent Catholic, 25.7 Jewish, and 10.8 percent other. 25.7 percent reported that religion was very important in their family when they were growing up, and 48.6 percent said it was or somewhat important. 47.3 percent described themselves as very or moderately spiritual; 37.8 percent described themselves as slightly spiritual; 13.5 percent described themselves as not at all spiritual.
- Presently, 24.3 percent of the physicians said they were Jewish, 20.3 percent said they had no current religious affiliation, 17 percent were Protestant, 17 percent were Catholic, and almost 15 percent identified with another religion. Over 50% said their religious or spiritual beliefs had some degree of influence on their interactions with families, patients, and colleagues, versus almost 40 percent who believed they did not. *Brandeis University (2007, November 15); SUNY in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology*
- 91% of all households own at least one Bible. 1998 Barna Research: 1998 <http://webminister.com/growth01/plan0031.htm>
- 38% said they read the Bible during a typical week, not including when they are at church. Barna Research: 1998 <http://webminister.com/growth01/plan0031.htm>
- The Bible is the best-selling book every year. “The Good Book Business; Why publishers love the Bible,” *The New Yorker magazine, Nov. 8, 2010*
Bible sales for the month of Nov. 2010 were:
 - 1 New International Version; 2 King James Version; 3 New King James Version; 4 English Standard Version; 5 New Living Translation; 6 Holman Christian Standard Bible; 7 New American Standard Bible update; 8 New International Version Readers Version; 9 The Message; 10 Reina Valera 1960 (Spanish) [though a Bible bought is not necessarily a Bible read] *Christian booksellers association, based on Unit Sales. http://www.cbaonline.org/nm/documents/BSLs/Bible_Translations.pdf*
- In 1998 the King James Version was more likely to be the Bible read during the week than is the NIV by a 5:1 ratio. Barna Research: 1998 <http://webminister.com/growth01/plan0031.htm>
- 48% of all shoppers who set out to buy a Bible leave the bookstore without buying one. Often because they are overwhelmed by hundreds of study, devotional and specialty Bibles. *Zondervan Publishing study, USA Today, February 21, 2000 <http://youthtools.ibelieve.com/content.asp?SID=12&CID=247>*
- 59% of Americans "say they read the Bible at least on occasion [down from 73% in the 1980's]. The most likely readers are women, nonwhites, older people, Republicans, and political conservatives." 16% say they read the Bible every day, 41% of Americans say they rarely or never read the Bible. *Gallup Poll 2000*
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- 80% of Americans polled said the Bible was the most influential book in history. *Barna Research 1998. Printed in USA Today, May 27, 1998*
- And est. 168,000 new Bibles are sold, given away, or otherwise distributed in the United States per day through Wycliffe International, the Society of Gideons, and the International Bible Society.
- The annual State of the Bible 2012 survey, conducted by Barna Group found that:
 - 47% of American adults believe the Bible has too little influence in society today
 - 55% read the Bible to be closer to God, down 9% (from 64%) in 2011
 - 79% believe they are knowledgeable about the Bible but 54% were unable to correctly identify the first five books of the Bible

- 46% believe the Bible, the Koran and the Book of Mormon are different expressions of the same spiritual truths, 46% disagree
- On average, 85% of U.S. households own a Bible; the average amount of Bibles per household is 4.3
- 36% of Americans read the Bible less than once a year or never while 33% read the Bible once a week or more
- Americans' beliefs about the Bible are highly varied by age. Only 34% of those age 18-27 vs. 62% age 66 and older believe the Bible contains everything a person needs to know about living a meaningful life.

<http://uncover.americanbible.org/state-bible>

- **BIBLE STATISTICS** (most based upon the KJV: some figures may have minor variation according to manuscript sources and or translation, or due to whether superscriptions were counted):

- Number of books in the Bible: 66 (see summations of each book and notes on the apocrypha [here](#))
- Old Testament: 602,585;
- New Testament: 180,552 = 783,037 total.
- Chapters: 1,189; Verses: 31,102; Words: 788,258 (KJV-English) Letters: 3,566,480; Commands: 6,468; Number of questions: 3,294;
- Predictions: over 8,000; Number of promises given in the Bible: 1,260 ; Number of characters: 2,930 in 1,551 places. Longest name: Mahershalalhashbaz (Isaiah 8:1)
- Shortest verse in the O.T.: 1Chron. 1:25
- Longest verse in the O.T. Esther 8:9 (78 words)
- Shortest verse in original Greek of the N. T. 1Thes. 5:16
- Shortest verse in English: John 11:35
- Middle books: Micah and Nahum
- Middle verses: Psalm 103:1+2
- Number of languages: 3 (Hebrew, Greek, Chadic)
- Number of languages the Bible has been translated into: over 1,200 languages.
- Number of human writers: est. 40, from 10 different countries
- Number of still existing New Testament manuscripts: 24,000 (5,300 Greek manuscripts of the , 10,000 Latin Vulgates, and 9,300 other early versions).

<http://www.biblebelievers.com/believers-org/kjv-stats.html>

<http://muthbible.org/resources/bible/biblestatistics.php>

<http://www.learnbible.net/remark.html>

- The number of Number of Arabic Words in the Quran is 77,439 (reported by Al-Fadl bin Shadhan as said by 'Ata bin Yasar). [77,473 in English] Other sources provided somewhat different numbers.
- 48% think that the United States has had special protection from God for most of its history. <http://people-press.org/reports/print.php3?PageID=386>
- 67% of adult Americans "used at least one of three forms of religious media - radio, television or books." "Overall more than half of the nation's adults said they had tuned in to a Christian radio program of some type during the past month." In addition, 43% of adults polled "said they had watched some Christian programming on television during the past month." *Barna Research Group of Ventura, California.* <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=116>).
- \$8.8 billion worth of goods and services that churches are giving overseas to developing ("Third World") countries. This figures out to be nearly 40 percent of the foreign aid provided by the United States to the same region. U.S. foreign aid to those same countries is \$23.5 billion. *Carol Adelman of the Hudson Institute, from Notre Dame University study.* <http://www.onenewsnow.com/Church/Default.aspx?id=118566>
- On average, weekly churchgoers donate 3.8% of their income to charity, compared to 0.8% for those who never go. *Independent Sector (charitable clearing house):* Atheists won't save Europe by Don Feder; <http://www.frontpagemagazine.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=27937>
- Giving of one's time and effort is greater among those with religious faith, and the degree of it. <http://www.gallup.com/poll/111013/Worldwide-Highly-Religious-More-Likely-Help-Others.aspx>
- Church members gave 2.56 percent of their income in 2004, down from 3.11 percent in 1968. Only 15% was for ministry outside the church. *id=40634Empty Tomb Inc.*<http://www.washingtontimes.com/national/20061012-105326-4799r.htm> October 13, 2006
- Over 50 percent of the members of any given Christian congregation donate

little or nothing toward their church's upkeep and ministries. Terry Mattingly. Syndicated column from Scripps Howard News Service, January 24, 2001. <http://www.generousgiving.org/stats#> (web source provides many more stats on giving)

- Of every dollar given to a U.S. Protestant church, the average amount that goes to overseas missions is two cents. In 1920 the church gave 10 percent of the total offering to missions, compared to today's 2 percent. In addition, individual Christians do not even tithe, giving less per capita than Christians gave during the Great Depression. Gene Edward Veith. *World Magazine*, October 22, 2005. [^](#)
- Americans have given less and less of their disposable income to religious charity since the 1960s and now spend more on church buildings and staff and less on helping the needy, according to a study by Empty Tomb. Larry Witham. *The Washington Times*, November 19, 2002. [^](#)
- Giving as a percentage of income was higher at the depth of the Great Depression in the 1930s (3.3 percent of per capita income in 1933) than after a half-century of unprecedented prosperity (2.5 percent in 2004) John Ronsvalle and Sylvia Ronsvalle, *The State of Church Giving through 2004: Will We Will?* 16th ed. (Champaign, Ill.: Empty Tomb, 2006).. [^](#)
- The proportion of adults who tithe dropped by 62 percent in the past year. (2) Just 6 percent of born-again households tithed to their churches in 2002. (3) Tithing, when it occurs, is generally among Protestants: 5 percent of adults who attend Protestant churches tithed last year, compared to less than one-tenth of 1 percent among Catholics. (4) Among the groups most likely to tithe are people over 55, college graduates, Evangelicals, Republicans, conservatives, and residents of the South—but there was no segment among which at least 10 percent tithed. George Barna. News release by Barna Research Group, May 19, 2003. [^](#)
- Including religious households, American households overall gave 3.5% of their income to charity, with approx. 33% going to religious institutions. Utah was the state with the highest average per-capita charitable contributions, followed by Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas. Professor Arthur Brooks, 2005. <http://www.america.gov/st/washfile-english/2005/February/200502181639511C.JsamohT5.593508e-02.html>
- Individual giving to churches fell another 6 percent in 2000, as it has done for the past several years. 32 percent of Christians claim to tithe, while only 12 percent actually did in 2000. George Barna. News release by Barna Research Group, June 5, 2001. [^](#)
- 67 percent of religious Canadians who "believe that Jesus Christ was crucified, died and was buried, but was resurrected to eternal life," well over half ignore the Lord's command that His followers should give joyfully to the needy and to the building of the Kingdom. Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches John H. Redekop. *Mennonite Brethren Herald* 36, no. 3 (February 7, 1997).
- Those who attend services frequently were 56% more likely to have an optimistic life outlook than those who don't and were 27% less likely to be depressed. Those who attended weekly were less likely to be characterized by cynical hostility, compared with those who did not report any religious service attendance. *Journal of Religion and Health*, November, 2011
- 3 © The Barna Group, Ltd. 2007, . <http://www.barna.org>; http://www.christianpost.com/article/20070320/26418_Study%3A_U.S._Unchurched_Population_Nears_100_Million.htm
- 3.5 Glenmary Research Center s http://www.glenmary.org/grc/RCMS_2000/Catholic_findings.htm
- 4 <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=2>
- 5.5 Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006 . <http://www.baylor.edu/isreligion/index.php?>

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3 TOC

Faith Beliefs + Effects (more specifics; includes liberalism, atheism and Islam

According to the Pew Forum survey, (<http://pewforum.org/newassets/images/reports/multiplefaiths/multiplefaiths.pdf>), which was conducted Aug. 11-27-09 among 4,013 adults:

- 24% of the public overall and 22% of Christians say they believe in reincarnation -- that people will be reborn in this world again and again. 25% of the public overall, and 23% of Christians [so-called] indicated they believe in astrology. [^](#)
- Nearly 30% of Americans reported that they have felt in touch with someone who had died, (33% of women versus 26% of men). Almost 20% say they have seen or been in the presence of ghosts, while 15% have consulted a fortuneteller or a psychic. [^](#)
- 65% of American adults expressed belief in or reported of having experience with at least one of 8 different manifestations of occultic supernatural

phenomena: 1. reincarnation; 2. spiritual energy located in physical things; 3. yoga as spiritual practice; 4. the "evil eye;" 5. astrology; 6; having been in touch with the dead; 7. having consulting a psychic; 8. having experiencing a ghostly encounter. This includes 23% of the general population who reported having only one of these beliefs or experiences, while 43% of the people surveyed answered two or more of these items affirmatively. ^

- 36 percent of Democrats said they have been in touch with someone who is dead, versus 21 percent of Republicans. 11 percent of Republicans reported they have seen a ghost, versus 21 percent of Democrats. 9 percent of Republicans said they have consulted a fortuneteller, versus 22 percent of Democrats. 17 percent of Republicans say they believe in reincarnation, versus 30 percent of Democrats. 14 percent of Republicans reported they believe in astrology, versus 31 percent of Democrats. 15 percent of Republicans said they saw yoga as a spiritual practice, versus 31 percent of Democrats. 17 percent of Republicans reported they believe in spiritual energy, versus 30 percent of Democrats. ^
- A 2012 Gallup poll found that highly religious individuals have the highest level of well being, even after numerous demographic and geographic variables were controlled. highly religious people scored the highest wellbeing index score of 69.2, while moderately religious people scored a 63.7 and nonreligious people scored a 65.3. The series' previous studies have reported that highly religious people overall have better emotional health and physical health.
<http://www.christianpost.com/news/very-religious-people-have-highest-level-of-wellbeing-gallup-survey-finds-69700/>
- 59% of Americans polled said religion is very important in their lives (75% in 1952). By categories: 52% of men, 66% of women, Whites 66%, Blacks 82%, Hispanics 66%. 68% percent of self-identified conservatives, 56% of moderates, and 49 percent of liberals said religion was very important to them. *Gallup survey*
1999. Copyright ©2004 The Gallup Organization <http://www.mfc.org/contents/article.asp?id=139> See also Steve Crabtree, "Black Churches: Has Their Role Changed?" *Gallup Tuesday Briefing: Religion & Values*, May 14, 2002.
- 60% of all adults consider living with someone of the opposite gender without being married [sometimes called co-habitation, but which morally is "living in sin"], a morally acceptable behavior." ^ <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=2>
- 30% of all adults consider having a sexual relationship with someone of the same gender a morally acceptable behavior." (2004). ^ 4
- 38% of adults consider it morally acceptable to look at pictures of nudity or explicit sexual behavior ^ 4
- 45% of adults consider having a abortion morally acceptable ^4
- 36% think it is OK to use profanity. ^ 4
- 34% think people are born gay [though there is no real proof of that, even if there a genetic factor, we all are born with a sinful nature, and we cannot validate practicing what God states is sin, as He also provides grace to overcome our proclivity to sin: Gn. 4:7]. ^ 4
- 69% of those who attend church 'nearly weekly' [2003] say premarital sex is morally acceptable (*Gallup Poll*) Copyright © 2004 -- The Gallup Organization. www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/2003-07-23-zelizer_x.htm
- 45% of [so-called] "born again" Americans says gambling is a "morally acceptable behavior." <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=152>
- More than 30% of [so-called] "born again" adults say that "co-habitation, gay sex, sexual fantasies, breaking the speed limit or watching sexually-explicit movies are morally acceptable behaviors." *Barna Research 2001*. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=103>
- In 2001, 33% of [so-called] "born again" adults support the legalization of same-gender sexual relations. *Barna Research 2001*. ^
- 48 percent of Americans agreed homosexual behavior is a sin, 45 percent said disagreed *LifeWay Research study, released Wednesday, 2008 LifeWay Research study*. <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20080606/survey-americans-divided-on-homosexuality-as-sin.htm>
- In 2009, 57% of Americans opposed homosexual marriage [which is contrary to the word of God, and seldom monogamous], versus 40% in favor of doing so. (75% self-identified liberals versus 19% of conservatives; and 59% of 18-29 year olds, versus 32% of those 65 years and older) *May 7-10 2009 USA Today/Gallup poll*; <http://www.gallup.com/poll/118378/Majority-Americans-Continue-Oppose-Gay-Marriage.aspx>
- 51% of Americans in 2012 say they now favor allowing homosexual couples to legally marry, with 43% opposed. In addition, 56% of Americans favor allowing gay [with the average male homosexual suffering a greatly increased incidence of infectious diseases, including cancers, and premature death, whatever is

“gay” about sin is superficial and temporary and not worth the cost.*] and lesbian couples to **adopt** children, versus to **36%** who are **have more moral sense than that**. <http://publicreligion.org/research/2011/05/majority-of-americans-say-they-support-same-sex-marriage-adoption-by-gay-and-lesbian-couples/> *<http://factsaboutyouth.com/posts/male-homosexual-behavior/> <http://www.narth.com/docs/healthrisks.html>

- **13 percent** of Americans do not believe at all in the concept of **sin**. But, a majority of Americans (**87%**), however, do believe in this concept and they include **adultery (81%)**, **racism (74%)**, use of **hard drugs (65%)**, failing to say anything if they're given **too much change** by a cashier (**63%**), having an **abortion (56%)**, **cheating** on their taxes (**52%**) and **homosexual activity (52%)** as sin. "Sin" was defined in the research as "something that is almost always considered wrong, particularly from a **religious or moral perspective**." Ellison Research, March **11, 2008** <http://ellisonresearch.com/releases/20080311.htm> <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20080312/study-behaviors-americans-consider-sinful.htm>
- Other behaviors with significant **moral objections** included reading or watching **pornography (50 percent)**; **swearing (46 percent)**; **sex before marriage (45 percent)**; **harming the environment as a consumer (41 percent)**; smoking **marijuana (41 percent)**; getting **drunk (41 percent)**; and not taking proper care of your body (**35 percent**) . ^ Ellison Research, March **11, 2008**
- **94 percent** of **political conservatives**, and **94 percent** of Americans who **regularly attend religious worship** services believe there is such a thing as sin, versus only **77 percent** of **political liberals** and **80 percent** among those who do not attend services. ^ Ellison Research, March **11, 2008**
- **90 percent** of **Evangelicals** believe **getting drunk is sinful behavior**, compared to **35 percent** of all **other** Americans. **92 percent** of **Evangelicals** believe **sex before marriage is sinful**, versus **39 percent** of all **other** Americans. ^ Ellison Research, March **11, 2008**
- **87%** of Americans say the **universe** was originally **created by God**. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=2> (2000)
- **29%** of Americans strongly endorse that they should share their **faith**. <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/137-religious-beliefs-remain-constant-but-subgroups-are-quite-different>
- **Evangelism: 23%** of church – going born again persons said they **shared their faith in Jesus Christ** with a non-Christian during the past year. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=147>
- The number of **female senior pastors** in **Protestant** churches doubled from **5%** in the early **1990s** to **19%** in **1999**. **58%** are affiliated with a “mainline” church. <http://www.barna.org/leadership-articles/304-number-of-female-senior-pastors-in-protestant-churches-doubles-in-past-decade>
- Only **66%** – down from **71** a year ago (**2006**) – of Americans perceive **God** to be "the all-powerful, all-knowing, perfect **creator** of the universe who still rules the world today." the lowest **percentage** in more than twenty years of similar **Barna surveys** . <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/137-religious-beliefs-remain-constant-but-subgroups-are-quite-different>
- **Assemblies of God** attenders in **2005(?)** at **96%** had the highest affirmation of the above fact. <http://www.vny.com/cf/News/upidetail.cfm?QID=198421>.
- **47% percent** of respondents replied that they believed in a **special, recent creation of man by God** . Gallup Poll November **28, 1991** reported in <http://www.icr.org/pubs/btg-b/btg-038b.htm>.
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- **80%** say the **Bible** specifically says that **God** helps those who help themselves [it doesn't]. **Barna Research 1998**. Printed in **USA Today**, May **27, 1998** <http://webminister.com/growth01/plan0031.htm>
- **27%** say they believe that the **Bible** represents the **actual word of God** in all instances. In **1963** the comparable figure was **65%**. Copyright © **2004** Gallup Organization, who conducted for the **American Bible Society** in October **2000**.
- **45%** of Americans say they believe the **Bible** to be accurate in all all the principles it teaches. <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/137-religious-beliefs-remain-constant-but-subgroups-are-quite-different>
- **44%** of Americans wrongly believe that **believe** Jesus Christ committed **sins** during His time on earth (**48% disagree**).<http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/137-religious-beliefs-remain-constant-but-subgroups-are-quite-different>
- **83%** said they had **prayed** in the last **week**. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrowPreview&BarnaUpdateID=271>
- **83%** of Americans on **2011** believe **Jesus Christ** actually walked the Earth roughly **2,000 years ago**, and **78%** believe Him to be the **son of God** who came to Earth to **die** for our **sins**, and **74%** believe Christ was resurrected from the dead, while **14%** disagree. Another **11%** are not sure. **Rasmussen reports** http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/lifestyle/holidays/april_2011/78_believe_jesus_christ_was_the_son_of_god
- Only **25%** of of American adults had volunteered free **time** to help a **church** or some other type of non-profit (**23%**) in the last week. <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/137-religious-beliefs-remain-constant-but-subgroups-are-quite-different>
- **39%** say all religions teach equally **valid truths**. **Barna Research**
- **48%** of adult Americans believe **God** is a **Spirit** or power that can take on a

human form. (USA Today, October 24, 2003, pg. A1)

- 61% of Americans have a positive image of capitalism, and of 95% of small business, versus 36% seeing socialism positively, while 33% have a negative image of capitalism, and 58% of socialism. 53% of Democrats have a positive image of socialism, compared to 17% of Republicans. 61% of liberals say their image of socialism is positive, compared to 39% of moderates and 20% of conservatives. <http://www.gallup.com/poll/125645/socialism-viewed-positively-americans.aspx> February 4, 2010
- 27% of people identified as Christians and 23% of non-Christians have been divorced. *Statistics Concerning the State of America.* <http://freedomministries.com/outlinestats.htm>
- 34% of “born again” adults have been divorced after their conversion. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=170>
- 87% of Americans polled said that “their religious faith is very important in their life today.” ^{4.5} <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=160>
- Only 50% of Christians say they are absolutely “absolutely committed” to the Christian faith. ^{4.5}
- 77% of Americans are associated with the Christian faith. 12% claim to be atheist or agnostic, with the remaining 11% being aligned with some other faith group. ^{4.5}
- Though upwards to 38% of Americans are classified as “born again,” a more precise analysis shows only 7% [8% now] of the adult U.S. population being “Evangelical” [John 3:3:-7: see descriptions above in first section]. This is down from 12% in 1992 [The two must be synonymous to be Biblical.] ^{4.5}
- 60% of adults contend that Satan does not exist but is merely a “symbol of evil.” ^{4.5}
- 40% of Americans [sadly] do not believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ^{4.5}
- 55% of all adults say that a good person can earn a place in Heaven [which eliminates them as being born again Christians.] ^{4.5}
- 60% of adults believe that Satan is not a living being but is only a “symbol of evil.” ^{4.5}
- 99% of those in the camp of Evangelicals said they were happy, with 91% saying they were satisfied with their present life Only 8% said they were “lonely,” “in serious debt” (9%) or “stressed out” (16%). ⁵ <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/80-peoples-faith-flavor-influences-how-they-see-themselves?tmpl=component&print=1&layout=default&page=>
- 94% of the above described themselves as “absolutely committed to Christianity. 96% of Evangelicals say they possess “traditional or family-oriented values,” and 64% say they are “mostly conservative on political and social issues.” Only 8% said they were lonely, “in serious debt” (9%), or “stressed out” (16%). ⁵
- 57% of those who are affiliate themselves with a non-Christian group say they are “deeply spiritual.” 87% of such non-Christian religious [in America] claim to be happy with their life. 56% said they were concerned about the future and 68% about the moral condition of the U.S. ⁵
- 92% of Americans says they believe in God; 85% in Heaven and 82% in miracles. ⁵
- A Gallup 2001 survey reported that More than 9 in 10 Americans still say “yes” when asked the basic question “Do you believe in God?” Affirmation can be as low as 91% if other options are offered. Belief in God drops to less than 90% among younger Americans, liberals, those living in the East, those with postgraduate educations, and political independents. However, belief in God is nearly universal among Republicans and conservatives and, to a slightly lesser degree, in the South. <http://www.gallup.com/poll/147887/americans-continue-believe-god.aspx>
- 79% of Americans agreed with the statement “every person has a soul that will live forever, either in God’s presence or absence.” ⁶ <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=150>
- 24% admitted that they have “no idea” what will happen after they die. ⁶ (Those who felt their eternal future is undefined were most likely to be Hispanics, singles, men, atheists and agnostics, residents of the West, and 18 and 19-year-olds). ⁶
- Only one-half of 1% expect to go to Hell upon their death. ⁶
- Of those who expect to go to Heaven, 43% believe they will go to Heaven because they have “confessed their sins and accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior.” 15% felt they will get to Heaven because “they have tried to obey the 10 Commandments” while 15% hope to go because “they are basically a good person”. 6% believed their entrance to Heaven would be based upon the fact

that "God loves all people and will not let them perish." ^{^6}

- **34%** (and increasing) believe that it is possible to communicate with the dead. ^{^6}
- The most common paranormal experience in the United States is having a dream that later came true. More than **40 percent (43%)** of Americans claim to have had this experience. *Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006*
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- Political conservatives were almost three times as likely as political liberals to identify God as their most important relationship (**33%** vs. **12%**, respectively).
Barna, 2008 <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/44-americans-identify-their-most-important-relationships>
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- Liberals are approx. twice as likely than conservatives to have received treatment for a mental health problem at some point in their lives. *Based on data from GSS 1972-2008 Cumulative Datafile <http://sda.berkeley.edu/cgi-bin/hsda?harcsda+gss08>;*
<http://anepigone.blogspot.com/2011/11/conservatives-are-mentally-healthier.html>
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- **53%** of homosexuals are registered Democrats while only **18%** are registered Republicans. *Spiritual Profile of Homosexual Adults <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/282-spiritual-profile-of-homosexual-adults-provides-surprising-insights>*
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- **58** percent of Republicans rated their mental health as "excellent," versus **43** percent of political independents and just **38** percent of Democrats.
<http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=30722>

- Among 5 groups, American atheists and agnostics were the segment most likely to describe themselves as being politically liberal (32%) and were the group least likely to describe themselves as being conservative (4%)
http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/66-american-faith-is-diverse-as-shown-among-five-faith-based-segments?tmpl=component&print=1&layout=default&page=
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- The population of Massachusetts ranks as the most liberal, with Boston and Cambridge being the most liberal large cities (100,000 or more), followed by California. *http://www.epodunk.com/top10/liberal/index.html*
- Those who identify themselves as being conservative on social and political matters lower divorce rates (28%) than those liberal on social and political matters (37%). *http://www.barna.org/family-kids-articles/42-new-marriage-and-divorce-statistics-released*
- 30% of Roman Catholic priests described themselves as Liberal, 28% as Conservative, and 37% as Moderate in their Religious ideology. *Los Angeles Times (extensive) nationwide survey (2002). Arthur Jones, 2002 National Catholic Reporter. Gale Group. http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1141/is_2_39/ai_94129129/pg_2*
- A poll of conservative and progressive religious activists showed 48 percent of conservatives activists believe the Bible to be the literal word of God, versus only 3 percent of “progressives”, otherwise known as liberals. This contrast was also seen in other issues, with 95 percent of conservatives opposing legalization of abortion, and 82 percent opposing both same-sex marriage and civil unions, while 80 percent of liberals support some form of legal abortions (54 percent in most cases), with 59 percent support same-sex marriage. The study also found that Evangelical Protestants composed 54 percent of conservatives, Roman Catholics 35 percent, and mainline Protestants 9 percent, while liberal activists were made up of 44 percent mainline Protestants, 17 percent Roman Catholics, 10 percent Evangelical Protestants, and interfaith bodies and groups (12 percent). *2009 Religious Activist Surveys conducted by the Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron in partnership with Public Religion Research. http://www.christianpost.com/article/20090916/u-s-religious-activists-have-widely-divergent-views/index.html*
- A (disputed) study showed that 50% of American college faculty identified themselves as Democrats and only 11% as Republicans (with 33% being Independent, and 5% identifying themselves with another party). 72% described themselves as “to the left of center,” including 18% who were strongly left. Only 15% described themselves as right of center, including only 3% who were “strongly right.” North American Academic Study Survey (NAASS) of students, faculty and administrators at colleges and universities in the United States and Canada 1999. *The Berkeley Electronic Press http://montages.blogspot.com/2005/04/conservatives-underrepresented-in.html http://www.bepress.com/forum/vol3/iss1/art2 http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/17963/liberal_bias_in_our_schools.html*
- Extensive surveys by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, conducted in 2006 and 2007 of 14,000 college freshmen and seniors at fifty colleges nationwide, indicated that college education results in little advance in knowledge of American history and institutions, which is already poor among non-college graduates, but an often significant increase in favoring liberal ideology was seen over those who were not college graduates. In addition, those with the highest degrees were the most liberal. *Intercollegiate Studies Institute, “The Shaping of the American Mind.” http://www.americancivilliteracy.org/2010/major_findings_finding1.html*
- Analysis of Federal Election Commission data regarding the 2010 midterm elections showed that college professors and administrators donated heavily and overwhelmingly in support of Democrats over Republicans. This included 77 percent of total donations from employees of Harvard university and 86 percent of all donations from employees of University of California’s network of colleges going to Democrats, with pro abortion Sen. Barbara Boxer being the top recipient of academic donations, while no donations from Princeton went to a Republican. *Analysis of Federal Election Commission conducted by the Center for Responsive Politics, reported by Capitol News Company, 9/22/10*
- Of 100 colleges and universities graded on their general education requirements by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA), 42 institutions received a D or F for requiring two or fewer core subjects, while 25 of them received an F for requiring one or no subjects. Only 5 institutions received an A for requiring six general education subjects. Average tuition and fees at the 11 schools that require no subjects was \$37,700; average tuition at the five schools that require six subjects is \$5,400. Walter E. Williams , professor of economics at George Mason University.

http://townhall.com/columnists/WalterEWilliams/2009/08/26/what_will_they_learn <http://whatwilltheylearn.com/criteria>

- In a 1996 poll of 1,037 reporters at 61 newspapers, 61 percent identified themselves as Democrats, 15 percent as Republicans. The respondents also identified themselves as liberals 4 times more frequently than as conservatives. American Society of Newspaper Editors 1996 survey of 1,037 reporters at 61 newspapers of all sizes nationwide. <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=32928>
- In a 2001 Kaiser Family Foundation poll, media professionals were nearly 7 times likelier to call themselves Democrats rather than Republicans, with the ratio of self-identified liberals to conservatives being 4.2 to 1. Kaiser Family Foundation 1996 poll of 301 "media professionals," 300 "policymakers," and 1,206 members of the general public.
- In a 2007 Pew Research Center study of journalists and news executives, the ratio was 4 liberals for each conservative. Pew Research Center's 2007 survey of 222 journalists and news executives at national outlets.
- All told, White House correspondents during the late '80s and early '90s voted for Democrats at 7 times the rate at which they voted for Republicans. U.S. News & World Report writer Kenneth Walsh's 1995 study of 28 White House correspondents. 1996 Freedom Forum survey of 139 Washington bureau chiefs and congressional correspondents.
- On the subject of welfare and related issues, liberal experts were quoted in the news 75 percent of the time, conservatives 22 percent. On consumer issues, the liberal-conservative ratio was 63 percent to 22 percent. On environmental issues, the ratio was 79 percent to 18 percent. And regarding nuclear energy, the ratio was 77 percent to 20 percent. Robert Lichter, Stanley Rothman, and Linda Lichter, *The Media Elite: America's New Power Brokers* (New York: Hastings House, 1990).
- In 2011, 38% of voters believed that when most reporters write or talk about Pres. Obama, they are trying to help him pass his agenda (down from 48% a year ago). 26% feel that most reporters are politically biased, 46% think the average reporter is more liberal than they are, while 26% say they are merely interested in reporting the news in an unbiased manner. http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/current_events/media/61_are_still_angry_at_the_media

Atheists

- Atheists and agnostics comprise 9% of adults nationwide (2007); 6% of souls over 61, 9% of those ages 42-60, 14% of those 23-41, and 19% of those 18-22. Indications from the past indicate that these beliefs stay fairly constant through life. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrowPreview&BarnaUpdateID=272>
- In 2008, 70% of Americans believed in a personal God, roughly 12% of Americans are atheist (no God) or agnostic (unknowable or unsure), and another 12% are deistic (a higher power but no personal God). The American Religious Identification Survey (ARIS) 2008. http://www.americanreligionsurvey.org/reports/ARIS_Report_2008.pdf
- Protestants constitute 51% of the total US adult population, with Catholics being 24%, and Jewish, Mormon, Atheist and Agnostic all being 2%. Total Unaffiliated: 16%. Orthodox, "Jehovah's witnesses" (so-called) and Buddhist were at 1%, while "Other Christian, Hindus and Other World Religion were 0.5%. All figures rounded off. <http://religions.pewforum.org/pdf/report-religious-landscape-study-full.pdf>
- 42% of American atheists and agnostics (who make up approx. 8% of the American adult population) claimed to be stressed out, and 14% said they were lonely. 68% were concerned about the moral condition of the country, versus 98% of evangelicals, and 4% describe themselves as being conservative, versus 64% of evangelicals, but 71% of the former said they have traditional or family-oriented values., with 96% of the latter group concurring. <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/80-peoples-faith-flavor-influences-how-they-see-themselves>
- Evangelicals averaged 6% participation in each of eight behaviors, (exposure to pornography, using profanity in public, gambling, gossiping, engaging in sexual intercourse with someone to whom they were not married, retaliating against someone, getting drunk, and lying.) <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/16-teensnext-gen/25-young-adults-and-liberals-struggle-with-morality> Note : unlike other pollsters, Bara evangelicals, being a movement, are not identified by religious denomination or self-identification, but according to responses to basic criteria: See <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/111-survey-explores-who-qualifies-as-an-evangelical?tmpl=component&print=1&layout=default&page=> and http://www.peacebyjesus.com/RC-Stats_vs._Evang.html
- Skeptics (atheist or agnostic) averaged five times the level (29%) of evangelicals. Common acts among skeptics included exposure to pornography (50%), gossip (34%) and drunkenness (33%) <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/16-teensnext-gen/25-young-adults-and-liberals-struggle-with-morality>
- While only representing 10% of the population, the segment of the prison population which self-identifies as non-religious is approximately twice as large as found in the general population." http://www.adherents.com/misc/adh_prison.html
- Among 5 groups, American atheists and agnostics were the segment most likely to describe themselves as being politically liberal (32%) and were the group least likely to describe themselves as being conservative (4%) <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/66-american-faith-is-diverse-as-shown-among-five-faith-based-segments?tmpl=component&print=1&layout=default&page=>

- 70% of self-proclaimed **atheists** and **agnostics** affirmed **abortion** should be legal in all or most circumstances, while 60% approve of clergy performing **gay marriages**, and 90% approve of **cohabitation**. ^
- More than **three out of four** of self-proclaimed **atheists** and **agnostics** embrace **pornography** as a **moral** behavior; and 66% deem **drunkenness** and using **profanity** to be morally **acceptable** acts. ^
- 75% of the above say that **all moral truth** is **relative** to the person and circumstances; only 10% believe in **absolute moral truth**. ^
- Self-proclaimed American **atheists** and **agnostics** were the group that is **least concerned** (41%) about the **moral condition** of the nation. ^
- 30% of **atheists** and **agnostics** grew up regularly **attending** Christian **churches**. Just 10% believe that the **Bible** is totally **accurate** in all that it teaches; only 25% say their religious **faith** is very **important** in their life; and 15% **reject belief** in the **existence** of **Satan**; 13% do **not believe** in the reality of the **Holy Spirit**, and 20% reject that **Jesus** led a **sinless** life. ^
- A major survey by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life found that only 14% of **atheists** and 10% of **agnostics** believe that **homosexuality** is a way of life that should be **discouraged** by society, versus 51% of of **Protestant churches** (64% of **Evangelical**) and 30% of **Catholics**.
<http://religions.pewforum.org/pdf/report2religious-landscape-study-key-findings.pdf>
- Just 13% of **atheists** and 14% of **agnostics** believe **abortion** should be **illegal** in most cases, versus 49% of **Protestant churches** (61% of **Evangelical**) and 45% of **Catholics**. ^
- Only 19% of **atheists** said their **values** are **threatened** by **Hollywood**, versus 53% of those in **evangelical churches**, 46% of **Protestant churches** and 43% of **Catholics**. ^
- **Atheists** and **agnostics** religious skeptics were also much less **likely** to be driven to have a clear sense of purpose in **life** (55%, compared to 77% of all American adults) or to want just **one marriage partner** for life (58% versus an 80% U.S. average). They were also **less interested** in making a **difference** in the world (45%, versus 56% nationally) and in having **close friendships**,
<http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/18-congregations/29-survey-reveals-the-life-christians-desire> (2008) and the **least likely** to look forward to spending time with **friends** <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/145-americans-just-want-a-good-night-of-sleep?tmpl=component&print=1&layout=default&page=>
- 56% **atheists** and **agnostics** believe that “**radical Christianity**” is just as **threatening** in America as is **radical Islam**. <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/12-faithspirituality/102-atheists-and-agnostics-take-aim-at-christians?tmpl=component&print=1&layout=default&page=>
- 22% of those who self-identified as having No Religion in 2001 were living together with a partner outside marriage (fornication), versus 6% or less of those in Catholic or Protestant denominations. *ARIS 2001, p. 27*
http://www.gc.cuny.edu/faculty/research_briefs/aris.pdf However, the 2008 Pew study shows the first category as 10%:
<http://religions.pewforum.org/pdf/report-religious-landscape-study-full.pdf>
- 51% of **atheists** and 42% of adults who associate with a faith other than Christianity had co-habited. http://atheismexposed.tripod.com/atheists_divorce.htm
- Based upon the percentage of single adults from the The American Religious Identification Survey (ARIS) 2001, **atheists** are 58.7 percent more likely to get divorced than **Pentecostals** and **Baptists**, the two born-again Christian groups with the highest rate of divorce, and more than twice as likely to get divorced than **Christians** in general. *Stated in “The Irrational Atheist,” by Vox Day, (Dallas, TX: BenBella Books, Inc., 2008)*. <http://www.scribd.com/doc/7682654/The-Irrational-Atheist-by-Vox-Day> based upon (ARIS) 2001 http://www.gc.cuny.edu/faculty/research_briefs/aris.pdf
- The percent currently **divorced** or **separated** varies from a low of 6% (**Jehovah’s Witnesses**) to a high of 14% (**Pentecostals**), with **Catholics** and **No Religion** being 9%. ^
- At 19%, the **No Religion** group showed the **lowest incidence** of **marriage** of all twenty-two groups. In sharp contrast, those identifying with the **Assemblies of God** or **Evangelical/Born Again Christians** showed the highest proportions married, 73% and 74% respectively. ^
- In the U.S. population as a whole, 48 percent of adults are male, as are 47 percent Catholic adults. By comparison, **males** account or 56 percent of the no-religion group, 70 percent of **Atheists**, and 75 percent of **Agnostics**. ^ Also, the Pew Research Landscape study finds 70% of **atheists** and 64% of **agnostics** are male, and 30% and 34% respectively, are female. <http://religions.pewforum.org/pdf/report-religious-landscape-study-full.pdf>
- While **Pentecostals**, **Baptists**, and **Mainline Christians** are 56%-58% female, those who profess **no religion** or self-identified as **atheists** or **agnostics** have a ratio of 60 males to 40 females. (ARIS) 2001 http://www.gc.cuny.edu/faculty/research_briefs/aris.pdf

- **37 percent** of all Americans, and **55 percent** of **atheists** are under age **35**. Only **20 percent** of the latter are **50 and over**. http://www.gc.cuny.edu/faculty/research_briefs/aris.pdf ^
- As regards voter **registration (2001)**, those with **No Religion** were **43% Independent**, **30% Democrat**, and **17% Republican**. Those identifying as **Evangelical/Born Again** were **58% Republican**, **20% Independent** and **12% Democrat**. ^
- Self-proclaimed American **atheists** and **agnostics** were the group **most likely** to define themselves as "mostly **liberal**" on current issues in **2002**. They were also **least likely** to **donate** any money to a religious center or non-profit organization. Among those who did donate **funds** to non-profits, **atheists** and **agnostics** gave away the **least amount of money** during the year. **5** <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/66-american-faith-is-diverse-as-shown-among-five-faith-based-segments?tmpl=component&print=1&layout=default&page=>
- **78%** of **atheists** and **agnostics** were registered to vote, versus **89%** of active-faith **Americans**. **20%** of the former **volunteer** to help a **non-church-related non-profit**, and **41%** of said they personally **helped** or served a **homeless** or **poor** person versus **30%** and **61%**, respectively, of **active-faith** Americans. <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/12-faithspirituality/102-atheists-and-agnostics-take-aim-at-christians?tmpl=component&print=1&layout=default&page=>
- The typical **no-faith** American donated **\$200** in **2006**, versus **\$1500** contributed by the prototypical **active-faith** adult. Even when church-based giving is subtracted from the equation, **active-faith** adults donated **twice** as many **dollars** last year as did **atheists** and **agnostics**, and only **7%** of active-faith adults failed to contribute any personal funds in **2006**, versus **22%** among the **no-faith** adults. ^
- **12%** of **atheists** and **agnostics** were focused on living a **comfortable**, balanced **lifestyle**, versus **4%** of **Christians** in general. to be **10%** of the former class were focused on acquiring wealth, versus **2%** of the latter. ^
- **25%** of **atheists** and **agnostics** said the phrase "**deeply spiritual**" accurately describes them, while **67%** described themselves as being "**at peace**," a state **90%** of **Christians** affirmed. ^
- About **40%** of **skeptics** were registered as **Democrats**, **40%** as **independents** and just **20%** as **Republicans**. **76%** of **atheists** and **agnostics** gave their vote to Sen. **Obama**, while only **23%** backed Sen. **McCain**. That is a step up from the level of support Democrats have previously received from skeptics. In **2004**, **64%** of **atheists** and **agnostics** **voted** for Democratic challenger John **Kerry**. <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/18-how-people-of-faith-voted-in-the-2008-presidential-race?tmpl=component&print=1&layout=default&page=>
- On average, weekly **churchgoers** donate **3.8%** of their **income** to charity, compared to **0.8%** for those who **never go**. *Independent Sector (charitable clearing house): Atheists won't save Europe by Don Feder; http://www.frontpagemagazine.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=27937*
- **Religious citizens** who make **\$49,000** gave away about **3.5 times** as much money as **secular citizens** with the same income. They also volunteered twice as often, are **57 percent** more likely to help homeless persons, and two-thirds more likely to **give blood** at their workplace. *Arthur C. Brooks' Who Really Cares. http://www.christianitytoday.com/bc/2008/001/8.11.html*
- On questions about **Christianity** in **2010**, which included various questions about the **Bible**, **Mormons** (7.9 out of 12 right on average) and **white evangelical Protestants** (7.3 correct on average) showed the highest levels of knowledge. **Jews** (7.9 out of 11) and **atheists/agnostics** (7.4) had the best grades on questions about other world religions, including **Islam**, **Buddhism**, **Hinduism** and **Judaism**. **White mainline Protestants** scored **5.8** and **4.9** respectively, and **white Catholics** scored **5.9** and **5.1**. *The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, "U.S. Religious Knowledge Survey," Spet. 28. 2010*
- **Islam**
- From the year **2000** to the year **2010**, the fastest growing religion in the US was **Islam** at **66.7%**, with the number of Muslims living inside the United States increasing from **1 million** to **2.6 million**. *Census data compiled by the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies http://www.rcms2010.org/press_release/ACP%2020120501.pdf*
- **39 percent** of all adult **Muslims** living in America (**2007**) were immigrants that had arrived in the United States since **1990**. *Pew Research Center, 2007 http://endoftheamericandream.com/archives/the-fastest-growing-religion-in-america-is-islam*
- Currently, only **15 percent** of Americans overall consider America's **moral values** to be "excellent" or "good;" **41 percent** say the moral climate is "only fair;" and **44 percent** consider the moral state to be "poor." *(Gallup Poll 6-12, 2008)*
- **44%** of Americans say that **Islam** is more likely to encourage violence than other religions, up from **25%** in the March **2002** poll." *The Pew Research Center and The Pew Forum, July 24, 2003, www.people-press.org).*
- **93%** of **Muslims**, **80%** of **Jews**, **59%** of **Catholics**, and **56%** of **Protestants** in the

U.S. see **Muslim Americans** as being **loyal** to their **country**.

http://www.abudhabigallupcenter.com/File/148778/MAR_Report_ADGC_Bilingual_072011_sa_LR_web.pdf

- **89%** of **Muslim Americans** say there is **never a justification** for individuals or small groups **attacking civilians**, with **79%** of **Mormon Americans**, **75%** of **Jewish Americans**, and **71%** of **Protestant** and **Catholic Americans** **concurring**. [^]
- **81%** of **Muslims** and **78%** of **Jews** support a future in which an independent **Palestinian state** would coexist alongside of Israel. [^]
- Favorable views of **Muslim-Americans** rose from **45%** in March **1991** to **59%** in December **2001**. *Pew Research Center for the People & the Press*
- Approx. **1 in 3 Muslim students** in the **U.K** believe **killing** in the **name of religion** is **justified**, and back the idea of a **worldwide Islamic caliphate** based on **sharia law**. **40** per cent support introduction of **sharia** into British law for Muslims. *Centre for Social Cohesion*, <http://www.socialcohesion.co.uk>
- Of **100 mosques** surveyed, **51 percent** had **texts** on-site rated as severely **advocating violence**; **30 percent** had texts rated as moderately **advocating violence**; and **19 percent** had **no violent texts** at all. *Survey compiled by Mordechai Kedar and David Yerushalmi and published by the Middle East Quarterly*. <http://www.meforum.org/2931/american-mosques>
- **42 percent** of **Americans** (approx. **60%** of **Republicans** and **25%** of **Democrats**) said they have an **unfavorable** view of **Muslim countries**, compared to **25%** ten years ago. *CNN/ORC International poll, August 30th, 2011*
- A survey by LifeWay Research of 1,000 **Protestant pastors** found **45 percent** strongly **agreed** with the statement “I believe **Islam** is a **dangerous** religion,” while **21 percent** agree somewhat. Dec. 14 2009 <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20091214/-islam-is-a-dangerous-religion-most-american-pastors-say/index.html>
^{4.5} <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=160>
⁵ <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/66-american-faith-is-diverse-as-shown-among-five-faith-based-segments?tmpl=component&print=1&layout=default&page>
⁶ <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=150>

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Differences among Denominations

For a more recent, fuller, and better organized comparison of mainly **Catholics** and **Evangelicals**, see **HERE**

- **Protestants** remain the largest religious segment of America, claiming **56%** of the adult population. **Catholics** represent about **22%**, atheists and agnostics are about **7%**, and **Mormons** are just under **2%**. *Barna Research 2001*
⁸ <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=93> See also <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=15>
- Of all specific religious denominations world wide, the largest Evangelical Christian denomination is the Assemblies of God (#**7** overall), followed by the Southern Baptists (#**12**). http://www.adherents.com/adh_rb.html#Evangelische
- The **largest** U.S. religious denomination (2001) using (or abusing) the name **Christian** is the Roman **Catholic** system, followed by the **Baptists** (2), **Methodists** (3), **Lutheran** (4), **Presbyterian** (5), **Pentecostal/Charismatic** (6), **Episcopalian/Anglican** (7) **Mormons** (8) **Churches of Christ** (9) **Congregational/UCC** (10) **Watchtower Society** (11) **Assemblies of God** (12)
http://www.adherents.com/rel_USA.html
- [2009] Since the **1950's mainline churches** have **declined** from more than **80,000** churches to about **72,000** today, with only about **15%** of all American adults associating with a mainline church. **35%** of **mainline** attenders are **60-plus**. **31%** of mainline adults believe they have a personal responsibility to discuss their faith with people who have different beliefs. **Volunteerism** in these churches is down by an **21%** since **1998**. **49%** describe themselves as “absolutely committed to Christianity.” **51%** are willing to try a new church. **67%** are open to pursuing faith in environments or structures that are different from those of a typical church. **72%** say they are more likely to develop own religious beliefs than to adopt those taught by their church. **86%** sense that God is motivating people to stay connected to Him through different means and experiences than in the past. *Barna Research, December 7, 2009* <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/17-leadership/323-report-examines-the-state-of-mainline-protestant-churches?q=adults+identify+themselves+attenders+protestant+churches>
- The percentage of mainline Senior female Pastors in mainline churches has risen dramatically, from **15%** to **21%** in the last **10** years (**9%** is the Natl. average). *Barna Research, December 7, 2009* [^]
- Only **8%** of Senior Pastors say they have the gift of evangelism, just **12%** the spiritual gift of leadership; but **66%** say they have the gift of teaching or preaching. *Barna Research 2001*. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=103>

- 47% of mainline churches were described by their pastor as Wesleyan/Arminian, while 29% of mainline congregations were in the Calvinist/Reformed category. (Mainline churches include American Baptist Churches, Evangelical Lutheran Churches in America, the Episcopal Church, the United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church USA, and United Church of Christ.) Among non-mainline churches, 35% were Reformed, with 30% of the non-mainline pastors identifying as Wesleyan/Arminian. 31% of pastors who lead churches within traditionally charismatic or Pentecostal denominations were described as Reformed, while 27% identified as Wesleyan/Arminian. 17% of pastors in the Calvinist/Reformed category described themselves as "theologically liberal," versus 13% among Wesleyan/Arminian leaders. <http://www.barna.org/faith-spirituality/447-reformed-movement-in-american-churches>
- 49% of evangelical adults fit the charismatic definition, with 7% of Southern Baptist churches and 6% of mainline churches being charismatic, according to their Senior Pastors, 9% of whom are female (same as non-charismatic). 36% of all U.S. Catholics, and 22% of all charismatics in the U.S. identify as Catholic. Barna research, 2008 <http://www.barna.org/congregations-articles/52-is-american-christianity-turning-charismatic> 51% of all born again Christians are charismatic, with 46% of all adults who attend a Protestant church identifying with that. 16% of the country's white Protestant congregations are Pentecostal, compared to 65% of the Protestant churches dominated by African-Americans. Barna research, 2008
- According to the Pew Forum survey, (<http://pewforum.org/newassets/images/reports/multiplefaiths/multiplefaiths.pdf>), which was conducted Aug. 11-27-09 among 4,013 adults:
 - 33% Protestants attend services outside their own denomination, with 40% of black Protestants, 24% of white Evangelicals and 22% of white mainline Protestants attending other Protestant denominations. 18 percent of Protestants overall indicated that they attend non-Protestant services, with 19% of black Protestants, 13% of white Evangelicals, and 14% of mainline Protestants occasionally attending Catholic Mass. ^
 - 20% of Catholics answered that they attended services of at least one faith outside Catholicism, with 18% of Catholics overall and 16% of white Catholics saying they attend Protestant services. 5% report attending services at Jewish synagogues. ^
 - 24% of the public overall and 22% of Christians say they believe in reincarnation -- that people will be reborn in this world again and again. And 25% of the public overall, and 23% of Christians believe in astrology. ^
 - Only 10% white Evangelicals reported they believed in reincarnation, compared with 24% among mainline Protestants, 25% among both white Catholics and those unaffiliated with any religion, and 29% among black Protestants. Similarly, 13% of white Evangelicals believe in astrology, compared with roughly 25% or more among other religious faiths. ^
 - Evangelical and mainline Protestants who reported they attend church weekly showed far lower levels of belief in reincarnation, yoga, the existence of spiritual energy in physical things and astrology, as compared with those who attend religious services less often. In contrast, the frequency of church attendance by Catholics showed had far less effect in deterring these kinds of beliefs, although those who attended church less faithfully did express higher percentages of faith in astrology. ^
 - Beliefs reincarnation, yoga, the existence of spiritual energy in physical things and astrology are more common among Democrats and independents than Republicans, and are more widely held by liberals and moderates than conservatives, especially as concerns belief in yoga as a spiritual practice, with 39% of liberals expressing this belief (39%), in contrast to only 15% of conservatives. Conservatives and Republicans also report fewer experiences than liberals or Democrats communicating with the dead, seeing ghosts and consulting fortunetellers or psychics. ^
 - The least likely to say they have felt in contact with a dead person were Evangelical Protestants at 20%, versus 37% of black Protestants, 35% of white Catholics, along with 31% of the unaffiliated and 29% of white mainline Protestants. ^
 - 65% of American adults expressed belief in or reported of having experience with at least one of 8 different manifestations of supernatural phenomena: 1. reincarnation; 2. spiritual energy located in physical things; 3. yoga as spiritual practice; 4. the "evil eye;" 5. astrology; 6. having been in touch with the dead; 7.

having consulted a psychic; 8. having experiencing a ghostly encounter. This includes 23% of the general population who reported having only one of these beliefs or experiences, while 43% of the people surveyed answered two or more of these items affirmatively. ^

- 50% of black Protestants , 48% of the religiously unaffiliated, 47% of Catholics answered yes to two or more of these items, as do 43% of white mainline Protestants, while 53% of white Evangelicals answered no to all eight questions. ^
- 49% of the public reported that they have had a religious or mystical experience, defined as a "moment of sudden religious insight or awakening." ^
- Differences among Protestants are revealing. 70% of white Evangelicals and 71% of black Protestants stated they have had religious or mystical experiences, versus 40% of mainline Protestants and 37% of Catholics. ^
- Of the 78% who identified themselves as Christian, 34% described themselves as born again, while 40% did not. ^
- Among churches polled, the highest percentages of "born again believers" were found in the Assemblies of God (81%), then other Pentecostal/Foursquare churches (80%), non-denominational Protestant churches (76%), and Baptist churches (67%). ⁷<http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/53>
- Catholics*, at 25%, represented the the lowest number of born again believers among the 12 largest denominational groupings in America. ^7 (Only 1% of Catholics fit Barna's definition of Evangelical. ^7)
- 27% of adults who say they are Evangelicals are not even born again, based upon their beliefs. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrowPreview&BarnaUpdateID=263>
- Among 7,441 Protestant pastors. Asked if they believed that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God: 87% of Methodists said no. 95% of Episcopalians said no. 82% of Presbyterians said no. 67% of American Baptists said no. [All these are known liberal churches] *Pulpit Helps, December 1987*
- 81% of Pentecostal/Foursquare believers strongly agree that the Bible is totally accurate in all that it teaches, followed by 77% of Assemblies of God believers, and ending with 26% of Catholics and 22% of Episcopalians. ⁷<http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/53>
- 73% (highest) of Pentecostal/Foursquare believers strongly affirm that Christ was sinless on earth, with Catholics, Lutherans and Methodists being tied at 33%, and the lowest being among Episcopalians with just 28% ^7
- 64% of those in Assemblies of God churches (versus only 9% of Catholics) strongly DISAGREE that if a person is generally good, or does enough good things for others they will earn a place in Heaven [salvation on the basis of merit]. (See Romans 3-5, Eph. 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5, etc.). ^7
- Among 12 groups 56% of Assemblies of God Christians strongly DISAGREE that Satan is just a symbol of evil [rather than a real being], versus 17% of Catholics. ^7
- 67% of those in Christian non-denominational churches 66% of those in Pentecostal/Foursquare churches said they were absolutely committed to Christianity, with Methodists (47%), Episcopalians (46%) and Catholics (43%) showing the lowest. ^7
- On questions about Christianity in 2010, which included various questions about the Bible, Mormons (7.9 out of 12 right on average) and white evangelical Protestants (7.3 correct on average) showed the highest levels of knowledge. Jews (7.9 out of 11) and atheists/agnostics (7.4) had the best grades on questions about other world religions, including Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and Judaism. White mainline Protestants scored 5.8 and 4.9 respectively, and white Catholics scored 5.9 and 5.1. *The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, "U.S. Religious Knowledge Survey," Spet. 28. 2010* <http://pewforum.org/Other-Beliefs-and-Practices/U-S-Religious-Knowledge-Survey.aspx>
- In addition to the above, two-thirds of people surveyed (67%) incorrectly indicated that they believe that public school teachers are not permitted to read from the Bible as an example of literature. ^
- Bible Reading: the highest was 75%, by those going to a Pentecostal/Foursquare church who reported they had read the Bible during the past week (besides at church), while the lowest was among Catholics at 23%. (2001) ⁸ <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/54>
- Volunteer church work (during past 7 days): Assemblies of God were highest at 30%, with the lowest going to Catholics at 12%. ^8

- **Prayer:** 97% of those who attend a **Pentecostal church**, and **88%** of **Catholics** said they had **prayed** in the past week, with the lowest being those who attended an **Adventist church** (79%). ^{^8}
- **Donating Money** (during the last month): **Church of Christ** churches were the highest at **29%**, with **Catholics** being the lowest at **12%**.^{^8}
- American **Evangelicals** gave four times as much, per person, to churches as did all other church donors in **2001**. **88 percent** of **Evangelicals** and **73 percent** of all **Protestants** donated to churches. *John Ronsvalle and Sylvia Ronsvalle, The State of Church Giving through 2004: Will We Will? 16th ed. (Champaign, Ill.: Empty Tomb, 2006), 12.* <http://www.generousgiving.org/stats#>
- Among **Evangelicals**, almost **90 cents** of every donated dollar goes to their churches. The proportion drops, however, as people's spiritual intensity and commitment to Christ decline. *George Barna, quoted in Survey Finds Americans More Generous Last Year, press release by World Vision, July 22, 2002.* <http://www.generousgiving.org/stats#>
- **Evangelism:** **23%** of **church-going born again** persons said they **shared their faith in Jesus Christ** with a non-Christian during the past year. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=147>
- The highest percentage of those who strongly agree they have a personal responsibility to share their faith was found among believers in Pentecostal/Foursquare churches (**73%**). **Catholics** (**17%**) and **Episcopalians** (**12%**) were the lowest. [Independent Fundamental Baptists, who usually are the most committed in this, were grouped with other baptists]. ⁷ <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/53>
- By denomination, **61%** of the those associated with an **Assemblies of God** church said they had shared their faith at least once during the past year, as did **61%** of those who attend a **Pentecostal/Foursquare** church, and ending **14%** among **Episcopalians** and just **10% among Roman Catholics**.⁸ <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/54>
- **Weekly Church** attendance: **Evangelicals** showed the highest participation of approx **60 percent** (**30%** more than once a week). **Catholics** were at **45 percent** (**9%** more than once a week), and **Jews** **15 percent**. *Gallup poll. between 2002 and 2005.* <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20060418/weekly-attendance-highest-among-Evangelical-churches.htm>
- **71%** of **Mormons**, **69%** of those associated with **Assembly of God** churches, and **66%** of other **Pentecostal** churches and **61%** of those in **non-denominational** Protestant churches were the most likely to have attended in the past week. **Catholics** registered at **48%**, while at **30%**, those going to an **Episcopal church** were **least likely** to attend a church service in the past week. ^{^8}
- See [HERE](#) for **church attendance** (based on adults who attended a church service in the past week) by Denomination (**Assemblies of God: 69%**; **Catholic: 48.5%** **Episcopal/Anglican: 30%**)
Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey (2008) of regular churchgoers found that,
 - **25%** of **Evangelical** Christians read the **Bible** on a daily basis along with **20%** of other **Protestants**. Just **7%** of **Catholics** do the same. At the other extreme, **44%** of **Catholics** rarely or never read the **Bible** along with only **7%** of **Evangelical Christians** and **13%** of other **Protestants**.
 - **91%** of **Evangelical** Christians and **63%** of other **Protestants** and **25%** of **Catholics** consider themselves to be **born again**,
 - **44%** of **Evangelical** Christians reflect at least daily on the **meaning of Scripture** in their lives. **36%** of other **Protestants** and **22%** of **Catholics** do the same.
 - **52%** of **Evangelical** Christians have had a meaningful **discussion about their faith** with a **non-Christian** during the past month. **28%** of other **Protestants** and **18%** of **Catholics** also have held such a discussion.
 - **68%** of **Evangelical** Christians attend a **regular Bible Study** or participate in some other small-group activity. **47%** of other **Protestants** take part in small groups related to their faith, along with **24%** of **Catholics**. http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/lifestyle/general_lifestyle/december_2008/catholics_protestants_practice_faith_in_different_ways
- **39 percent** of **Catholics** affirmed not attending church is a sin, versus **23 percent** of **Protestants**. Ellison Research, March 11, 2008 <http://ellisonresearch.com/releases/20080311.htm> <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20080312/study-behaviors-americans-consider-sinful.htm>
- **Weekly attendance** among **Protestants** has been fairly steady over the past six decades, averaging **42%** in **1955** versus **45%** in the middle of the current decade. However, attendance among **Roman Catholics** dropped from **75%** to

45% over the same period. Gallup poll published April 10, 2009, <http://www.gallup.com/poll/117382/Church-Going-Among-Catholics-Slides-Tie-Protestants.aspx>

- Among those who converted to a Christian denomination, 42% of Roman Catholic converts, 43% of Episcopalian converts, 44% of those to Lutheranism, 48% of those to Methodism, 50% of those to the Presbyterian church, 60% of Baptist converts, 60% of Non-denominational converts, and 73% of converts to Pentecostal churches reported they attend services weekly. <http://pewforum.org/docs/?DocID=482>
- Sunday school: at 35%, of those in Pentecostal church attended a Sunday school class at a church during past 7 days, followed by Baptists (any type) at 30%, while Roman Catholics were last at 6%. ⁸ <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/54>
- Catholics and Mainline Protestants tend towards more belief in a more Distant God. Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006 . Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006 . <http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/33304.pdf>
- Evangelical Protestants and Black Protestants tend towards belief in a more Authoritarian God. [^] Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion
- Jews tend towards belief in a Distant God and over 8% of Jews in the sample report being atheists. [^] Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion
- Thirty percent of Protestants listed God as their most important connection (relationship) versus 9% of Catholics. Barna, 2008 <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/44-americans-identify-their-most-important-relationships>
- Political conservatives were almost three times as likely as political liberals to identify God as their most important relationship (33% vs. 12%, respectively). [^]
- 50 percent of Protestants affirmed gambling was a sin, versus 15 percent of Catholics; that getting drunk was a sin: 63 percent of Protestants, 28 percent of Catholics; gossip: 70 percent to 45 percent: homosexual activity or sex: 72 percent to 42 percent. Ellison Research, March 11, 2008 <http://ellisonresearch.com/releases/20080311.htm> <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20080312/study-behaviors-americans-consider-sinful.htm>
- 39 percent of Roman Catholics and 79 percent of born-again, Evangelical or fundamentalist Americans affirm that homosexual behavior is sinful. LifeWay Research study, released Wednesday, 2008 LifeWay Research study. <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20080606/survey-americans-divided-on-homosexuality-as-sin.htm>
- 79 percent of American Jews, 58 percent of Catholics and 56 percent of mainline Protestants favor acceptance of homosexuality, versus 39 percent of members of historically black churches, 27 percent of Muslims and 26 percent of the Evangelical Protestants. U.S. ^{7.5} U.S. Religious landscape survey; Copyright © 2008 The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. <http://religions.pewforum.org/comparisons#>
- 83% of those in Mainline Churches, 79% of Catholics, 72% of Orthodox, and 57% in Evangelical Churches affirmed "Many religions can lead to eternal life." ^{^7.5}
- Evangelical Churches (79%) had the highest percentage of souls who affirmed religion was very important in One's Life, with Unaffiliated (includes Atheists and Agnostics) being the lowest (16%). ^{^7.5}
- Evangelical Churches (17%), had the lowest percentage of souls aged 18-29, versus Unaffiliated (31%), Muslims (29%), Historically Black Churches (24%), Mormons (24%) and Other Faiths (24%). Mainline Churches had the greater percentage (23%) of souls 65 and older. ^{^7.5}
- 82% of Mainline Churches, 77% of Catholics and 53% of Evangelical Churches affirmed, "There is MORE than one true way to interpret the teachings of my religion." ^{^7.5}
- Orthodox (29%), Mainline Churches (28%), and Catholics (27%) led Christian Churches in affirming that the Scriptures were written by men and were not the word of God, versus Historically Black Churches (9%), and Evangelical Churches (7%) who rightly affirm its full inspiration of God. ^{^7.5}
- The majority (64%) of Evangelical and Historically Black Churches (46%) affirmed "Homosexuality is a way of life that should be discouraged by society", while the majority (58%) of Catholics, and Mainline Churches (56%) favored its acceptance by society, as did Other Faiths (84%) Buddhists (82%) and Jews (79%). ^{^7.5}
- 94 percent of political conservatives, and 94 percent of Americans who regularly attend religious worship services believe there is such a thing as sin, versus only 77 percent of political liberals and 80 percent among those who do not attend services. Ellison Research, March 11, 2008 <http://ellisonresearch.com/releases/20080311.htm> <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20080312/study-behaviors-americans-consider-sinful.htm>

- **40%** Roman Catholics vs. **41%** Non-R.C. see abortion as "morally acceptable"; Sexual relations between unmarried couples (fornication): **67%** vs. **57%**; Baby out of wedlock: **61%** vs. **52%**; Homosexual relations: **54%** vs. **45%**; Gambling: **72%** vs. **59%** <http://www.gallup.com/poll/117154/Catholics-Similar-Mainstream-Abortion-Stem-Cells.aspx>
- **Committed Roman Catholics** (church attendance weekly or almost) versus Non-R.C.: Abortion: **24%** R.C. vs. **19%** Non-R.C.; Sexual relations between unmarried couples: **53%** vs. **30%**; Baby out of wedlock: **48%** vs. **29%**; Homosexual relations: **44%** vs. **21%**; Gambling: **67%** vs. **40%**; Divorce: **63** vs. **46%** <http://www.gallup.com/poll/117154/Catholics-Similar-Mainstream-Abortion-Stem-Cells.aspx>
- **50%** of **Evangelicals** considered themselves Republican or leaned toward that party, **34%** Democratic or leaned thereto; **9%** Independents. ^{7.5} <http://religions.pewforum.org/comparisons#>
- **48%** of **Catholics** considered themselves **Democrats** or leaned toward that party, **33%** **Republican** or leaned thereto; **10%** **Independent**. ^{7.5}
- **65%** of **Jews** and **63%** of **Muslims** considered themselves **Democrats** or leaned toward that party, **23%** **11%**, respectively, **Republican** or leaned thereto ^{7.5}
- **88%** of **Evangelicals** voted for Sen. McCain in **2008**, compared to just **11%** for Sen. Obama. **40%** of **Evangelicals** said it was because of the candidate's position on moral issues. Only **9%** of other voters listed that as their driving reason. Other significant reasons for **Evangelical** voters included their candidate's political experience (**23%**) and his character (**15%**). <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrow&BarnaUpdateID=321>
- Based upon **exit polling**, **74 percent** of **Evangelicals** voted for **McCain** in **2008**, with **25 percent** for **Obama**. (Another measure put the percentage of evangelicals at **23 percent**, with 73 percent voting for McCain, 26 percent for Obama.) <http://pewforum.org/docs/?DocID=367>
- **Catholics** overall supported **Obama** over **McCain** by a nine-point margin (**54%** vs. **45%**) <http://pewforum.org/docs/?DocID=367>
- **52%** of **white Catholics** who were **regular Mass-attenders** voted for **McCain**, **47%** for **Obama**, while **non-practicing Catholics** went **61%** to **37%** for the latter. Just **17%** of **Evangelicals** who attended church once a week supported **Obama**, while **37%** of **white evangelicals** who attended services **less frequently** supported him. <http://pewforum.org/Politics-and-Elections/How-Church-Attendance-Affects-Religious-Voting-Patterns.aspx>
- Only **20%** of **observant white evangelicals** voted for **Obama**, based upon 2008 Pew research exit polls, with **40%** of **observant white Catholics** joining them, along with **94%** of **black Protestants overall**. <http://pewresearch.org/pubs/1697/exit-poll-election-support-among-religious-groups>
- Overall, **43%** of people who attended **religious services once a week** or more supported **Obama**. <http://pewforum.org/docs/?DocID=367>
- **39%** U.S. **Catholics** are **Hispanic**, with **67%** of **Latinos** voting for **Obama** over **McCain**. USCCB Committee on Hispanic Affairs. *Hispanic Ministry at the Turn of the New Millennium*, 1999 [^]
- After 100 days in office, **66%** of **Catholics**, including a majority of white, non-Hispanic Catholics (**55%**), said they approved of **Obama's** job performance as president. Catholics are much more supportive of the president than are white **evangelical Protestants**, **33%** of whom approved <http://people-press.org/report/509/obama-at-100-days>
- As of April 9, 2011, **80 percent** of **Muslim Americans** approved of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president, with **65 percent** of **Jewish Americans**; **60 percent** of **atheists**, agnostics and those of no religion; **50 percent** of **Catholics**; **37 percent** of **Protestants** and **25 percent** of **Mormons** concurring. Obama's approval overall at that time was at **45 percent**. In 2008, only **7 percent** of Muslim Americans said they approved of the job President Bush was doing, versus **37%** of **Protestant** and **26%** of **Catholics**. http://www.abudhabigallupcenter.com/File/148778/MAR_Report_ADGC_Bilingual_072011_sa_LR_web.pdf, p. 19
- **37%** of **Catholics** were registered as **Democrats** in 2007, **27%** **Republican**, and **31%** as **Independents**. *Aggregated Pew Research Surveys, 2007*. <http://pewforum.org/docs/?DocID=295#ideology>
- **77 percent** of **Black Protestants** said they vote Democratic, whether they attended weekly services or not. **2008** *The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life*. <http://www.newsweek.com/id/142538>
- **Protestants** make up approx. **50%** of all voters, while **Catholics** make up **19.9%** By group: Baptists at **12.9%**, Methodist **8.2%**, Lutheran **3.9%**, Presbyterian **2.5%**, Jewish **2.3%**, Episcopalian **1.7%** Mormons **1.4%**. http://www.adherents.com/rel_USA.html
- Mississippi (**33%**), Alabama, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Kentucky have the **5** highest percentages of S. Baptist, while Rhode Island (**52%**), Massachusetts,

Connecticut, New Jersey, New York have the **5** highest percentages of **Catholics**. http://www.adherents.com/re_USA.html

- The population of **Massachusetts** ranks as the most **liberal**, with **Boston** and **Cambridge** being the most liberal large cities (**100,000** or more), followed by California. <http://www.epodunk.com/top10/liberal/index.html>
- The **16** most **Catholic** states contain **24** of the most **liberal** cities. Excluding (Maryland **26**th), predominately Roman **Catholic** states contain all but one (Seattle WA) of the **30** most liberal cities. Of states in which S. Baptists are the single largest denomination none (of the **30** cities) were found (*the term "liberal" being defined according to individual contributions to PACs, election returns and the number of homosexual households*: <http://www.epodunk.com/top10/liberal/index.html>
http://www.glenmary.org/grc/RCMS_2000/Catholic_findings.htm , http://www.adherents.com/re_USA.html.
- **10%** of **Evangelical Protestants** reside in the NE, **23%** in the Midwest, **50%** in the South, and **17%** in the West. **Catholics: 29%** NE, **24%** Midwest, **24%** in the South, **23%** in the West. "*Muslim Americans: Middle Class and Mostly Mainstream*," Pew Research Center, **2007**. <http://religions.pewforum.org/comparisons#>
- The highest percentages of residents who describe themselves as **Christian** are typically in the **South**, including: Shreveport (**98%**), Birmingham (**96%**), Charlotte (**96%**), Nashville (**95%**), Greenville, SC / Asheville, NC (**94%**), New Orleans (**94%**), Indianapolis (**93%**), Lexington (**93%**), Roanoke-Lynchburg (**93%**), Little Rock (**92%**), and Memphis (**92%**). <http://www.barna.org/faith-spirituality/435-diversity-of-faith-in-various-us-cities>
- The lowest percentages of self-identified **Christians** inhabited the following markets: San Francisco (68%), Portland, Oregon (71%), Portland, Maine (72%), Seattle (73%), Sacramento (73%), New York (73%), San Diego (75%), Los Angeles (75%), Boston (76%), Phoenix (78%), Miami (78%), Las Vegas (78%), and Denver (78%). Even in these cities, however, roughly three out of every four residents align with Christianity. ^
- The highest percentage of souls who tended toward being **atheist** or **agnostic** were in Portland, Maine (19%), Seattle (19%), Portland, Oregon (16%), Sacramento (16%), and Spokane (16%) ^
- Commitment to **evangelism** (agree strongly that a person has a responsibility to share their beliefs with others) saw the greatest percentage of **endorsement** by residents of **Birmingham (64%)** and **Charlotte (54%)**, in contrast to residents of Providence (14%) and Boston (17%). ^
- The percentage of percentage of adults **Protestants** who have been married and divorced at least once was **34%** versus **28%** for **Catholics**, (the survey not determining if the divorce occurred before or after conversions) while evangelicals were at **26%**. **Atheists** were at **30%** (only **65%** were **ever married**, vs. **38%** for **born-again Christians**) while the **divorce** rate for those aligned with a non-Christian faith was at **38%**. <http://www.barna.org/family-kids-articles/42-new-marriage-and-divorce-statistics-released>
- Apart from religious identification, the population segments with the **lowest divorce rate** after marriage were **Asians (20%** divorce rate) **upscale adults (22%)** and those who identify themselves as being **conservative** on social and political matters (**28%**) versus (**37%**) for those liberal on social and political matters. The largest disparity (**17%**) relative to divorce was between high and low income levels (**22%** to **39%**) ^
- **31%** of **Catholics** made less than **\$30,000** per year, while **19%** made **\$100,000** or more (National average: **31%** and **18%** respectively) . The figures for **Evangelical Protestants** were **34%** and **13%**. **Hindus** and **Jews** had the highest income levels. [*Contrary to "prosperity preachers, the gospel does not promise (or exclude) material prosperity, but promises spiritual blessing, while enabling contentment, joy and victory in whatever condition, and that needs will be met as we trust and obey Christ. I need to always and better walk in it.*] <http://pewforum.org/Income-Distribution-Within-US-Religious-Groups.aspx>
- (See [HERE](#) for Table of casual Religio-Political relations. And [HERE](#) for Correlation between faith, ideology, politics, environment, money.)
- **Thirty percent** of **Protestants** listed God as their **most important connection** (relationship) versus **9%** of **Catholics**. <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/44-americans-identify-their-most-important-relationships>
- Political **conservatives** were almost three times as likely as political **liberals** to identify **God** as their most important relationship (**33% vs. 12%**, respectively). Barna, 2008 ^
- A survey comparing **97** different facets of the lives of **Americans Catholics** to national **Americans norms** showed that Catholics were much the same as people aligned with other faith groups - except as regards **religious** or **moral**

components. The typical Catholic person was **38%** less likely than the average American to read the Bible; **67%** less likely to attend a **Sunday school** class; **20%** less likely to share their **faith** in **Christ** with someone who had different beliefs, donated about **17%** less **money** to churches, and were **36%** less likely to have an "**active faith**," defined as reading the Bible, **praying** and **attending a church service** during the prior week. Catholics were also significantly less likely to believe that the Bible is totally **accurate** in all of the principles it teaches. **44%** of Catholics claimed to be "**absolutely committed**" to their faith, compared to **54%** of the entire adult population. However, Catholics were **16%** more likely to attend a church **service** and **8%** more likely to have **prayed** to God during the prior week than the **average American**.

Morally, Catholics reported that they were **less** prone to say mean things about people behind their back, and were **more** likely to engage in **recycling**, while being approx. **50%** more likely to view Internet **pornography**, and were more prone to use **profanity**, to **gamble**, and to buy **lottery** tickets. *Barna Research, 2007, "Catholics Have Become Mainstream America" <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/12-faithspirituality/100>*

- Catholics broke with their **Church's teachings** more than most other groups, with just six out of **10 Catholics** affirming that God is "a person with whom people can have a relationship", and three in **10** describing God as an "impersonal force." **7.5** *The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life.*
- Only **33%** of Catholics strongly affirmed that Christ was sinless on earth. **7** *<http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/53>*
- **88%** of Catholics believe that they can practice artificial means of birth control and still be considered good Catholics. *New York Times/CBS News poll, Apr. 21-23, 1994, subsample of 446 Catholics, MOE ± 5%.*
- More than **eight in ten** adult Catholics say that **Marriage**, **Baptism**, the **Eucharist**, and Confirmation are either "somewhat" or "very" meaningful to them. Only **66 percent** of adult Catholics said the sacrament of Reconciliation is "somewhat" or "very" meaningful to them. *CARA at Georgetown University, 2007*
- **45 percent** of adult Catholics said they never participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (**Confession**), 30 percent say they go to **Confession** less than once a year, **26%** go once a year or more often. Only **2 percent** of Catholics do so once a month or more often. *CARA at Georgetown University, 2007*
- **52%** of adult Catholics said they pray the rosary. **8%** did so at least once a week (**4 percent** say they do so every day), while **48 percent** said they never did. *CARA at Georgetown University, 2007*
- Responding to the questions on the Roman Catholic Eucharist, "Which of the following comes closest to what you believe takes place at Mass: (1) The bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Christ, or (2) The bread and wine are symbolic reminders of Christ? **63%** of Roman Catholics overall, and **51%** of **weekly attenders**, and **70%** of all Catholics in the age group **18 to 44** " affirmed the Roman Catholic Eucharist is a "**symbolic reminder**" of Jesus [*it is, of His death*], indicating they do not believe it is Jesus actual body and blood [*as Rome erroneously teaches*]. *New York Times/CBS News poll, Apr. 21-23, 1994, subsample of 446 Catholics, MOE ± 5% http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1252/is_n2_v122/ai_16233123/pg_8/*
- A **1992** Catholic-funded Gallup Poll found only **30%** of American Catholics affirmed: "When receiving Holy Communion, you are really and truly receiving the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ, under the appearance of bread and wine. *Poll of 519 American Catholics, 18 years or older, conducted from December 10, 1991, to January 19, 1992, <http://www.highbeam.com/doc/1G1-79305248.html>*
- However, a Catholic polling service reported that **57 percent** of adult Catholics (and **91%** of adult weekly Mass attenders), said their belief about the **Eucharist** is reflected best by the statement "Jesus Christ is **really present** in the bread and wine of the **Eucharist**," [*a statement which Lutherans could assent to*] versus to **43 percent** who said their belief is best reflected in the statement, "Bread and wine are **symbols** of Jesus, but Jesus is **not really present**." *Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University, 2007, commissioned by the Department of Communications of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)*
- In a survey by the Pew Forum, **55%** of Catholics affirmed that their church teaches that the **bread** and **wine** in their liturgy of the Lord's supper **become Christ's body and blood**, [*an erroneous doctrine*] while (**41%**) said that the church teaches that the bread and wine are **symbols**. *<http://pewforum.org/Other-Beliefs-and-Practices/U-S-Religious-Knowledge-Survey.aspx>*
- Also, a study by the Roper Center and commissioned by Catholic World Report reported that **82%** of Catholics percent agreed with the statement that "the bread and wine used at Mass are actually transformed into the body and blood

of Christ," and 57 percent attend Mass every week. *Catholic World Report; 1997 survey of 1,000 Catholic Americans by Roper Center for Public Opinion Research at the University of Connecticut.*

- 26 percent of Catholics polled strongly agree with the Church's unequivocal position on abortion and 39 percent of the Catholic Americans also "strongly disagree" with the statement that "abortion is never justified", while another 20% "mildly disagree."
- Only 20 percent strongly agreed with the Church teaching that only men may be ordained. [^]Roper Center for Public Opinion
- 33 percent go to confession less than once a year. [^]Roper Center for Public Opinion
- Only 30 percent said they read the Bible more than once a month. [^]Roper Center for Public Opinion
- 46 percent of Catholics who say they attend mass weekly accept Church teaching on abortion; 43 percent accept the all-male priesthood; and 30 percent see contraception as morally wrong. [^]Roper Center for Public Opinion
- 73 percent of Catholics rejected Catholic teaching artificial methods of birth control. [^]Roper Center for Public Opinion
- 31% of faithful Catholics (those who attend church weekly) say abortion should be legal either in "many" or in "all" cases. Copyright © 2004 -- The Gallup Organization Gallup Survey for Catholics Speak Out: 802 Catholics, May 1992, MOE ± 4%
- Catholic women have an abortion rate 29 percent higher than Protestants. Alan Guttmacher Institute http://www.catholicleague.org/research/Catholic_women_and_abortion.htm
- 66% of Catholics supported women's ordination to the priesthood, and 73% approved of the way John Paul II leads the church. *Surveying the Religious Landscape: Trends in U.S. Beliefs* by George Gallup, Jr. and D. Michael Lindsay (Morehouse Publishing, 1999). Copyright © 2004 -- The Gallup Organization www.gallup.com
- 80% of Catholics believe it is possible to disagree with the pope on official positions on morality and still be a good Catholic. *Time/CNN nationwide poll of 1,000 adults, conducted by Yankelovich Partners, Sept. 27-28, 1995; subsample of 500 Catholics, MOE ± 4.5%*
- 77 % of Catholics polled "believe a person can be a good Catholic without going to Mass every Sunday, 65 percent believe good Catholics can divorce and remarry, and 53 percent believe Catholics can have abortions and remain in good standing. 1999 poll by the National Catholic Reporter. <http://www.catholictradition.org/v2-bombs14b.htm>
- 59% of all Catholic women of childbearing age practice contraception—a rate of usage statistically equivalent to that of the general population (60%). Calvin Goldscheider and William D. Mosher, "Patterns of Contraceptive Use in the United States:"
- A survey of 3,000 U.S. diocesan priests, found that 62% of the clergy believed that priests should have the choice of marriage or celibacy; 31% might marry if the church would allow it. *Study conducted by Jesuit Sociologist Joseph Fichter of Harvard, reported in Roman Catholics: A Theologian Defects, TIME magazine, Friday, Dec. 30, 1966*
- Approx. 50% of Catholic priests do not agree with Human Vitae (RC teaching on birth control). *Catholic Parish Priests and Birth Control: A Comparative Study of Opinion in Colombia, the United States, and the Netherlands*, by Gail A. Shea, Thomas K. Burch, Gustavo Perez, Miriam Ordonez, Joseph Van Kemanade, Jan Hutjes and Andre E. Hellegers © 1971 Population Council.
- 30% of Roman Catholic priests described themselves as Liberal, 28% as Conservative, and 37% as Moderate in their Religious ideology. [^]8.5 Los Angeles Times (extensive) nationwide survey (2002). Arthur Jones, 2002 National Catholic Reporter. Gale Group. http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1141/is_2_39/ai_94129129/pg_2
- 53 percent responded that they thought it always was a sin for unmarried people to have sexual relations, : 32 percent that is often was, and 9 percent seldom/never. [^]8.5
- 71 percent responded that it always was wrong for a woman to get an abortion, 19 percent that it often was, and 4 percent seldom/never. [^]8.5
- 28 percent judged that is always was sin for married couples to use artificial birth control, 25 percent often, 40 percent never. [^]8.5
- 49 percent affirmed that it was always a sin to engage in homosexual behavior, often, 25 percent; and never, 19 percent. [^]8.5
- To take one's own life if suffering from a debilitating disease: always, 59 percent; often, 18 percent; never, 17 percent. [^]8.5
- 15 percent of the current clergy listed themselves as "gay or on the homosexual side." Among younger priests 23 percent did so. [^]8.5
- 44 percent of the priests said "definitely" a homosexual subculture'--defined as a `definite group of persons that has its own friendships, social gatherings and vocabulary'--exists in their diocese or religious order. [^]8.5
- 54% of Hispanic Catholics describe themselves as charismatic Christians. 51% of Hispanic Evangelicals are converts, and 43% are former Catholics. 82%

of Hispanics cite the desire for a **more direct, personal experience with God** as the main reason for adopting a new faith. Among those who have become evangelicals, **90%** say it was a **spiritual search** for a more direct, personal **experience with God** was the main reason that drove their conversion. **Negative views** of Catholicism do not appear to be a major reason for their conversion.

<http://pewhispanic.org/reports/report.php?ReportID=75>

- **Latino Evangelicals** are **50%** more likely than those who are **Catholics** to identify with the **Republican Party**, and are significantly more **conservative** than **Catholics** on social issues, foreign policy issues and even in their attitudes toward the plight of the poor. <http://pewforum.org/surveys/hispanic/>
- In **France** (**76%** Catholic) only **12 percent** say they go to church on Sunday (**5 percent** in Paris); in **Ireland** (**90%** Catholic) less than **50 percent** attend Mass even once a month, and in **Italy** (**97 %** Catholic) church attendance has fallen to **30 percent**. In larger cities as Milan, the ratio is only **15 percent**. *Georgetown University's Center for the Study of Global Christianity. Charles M. Sennott, Globe Staff, May 2, 2005 ©Copyright 2005 The New York Times Company. <http://newsgroups.derkeiler.com/Archive/Soc/soc.culture.vietnamese/2008-06/msg00878.html> *Famiglia Cristiana, Catholic weekly magazine.**
- **10 percent** of **Protestants**, **21 percent** of Roman **Catholics**, and **52 percent** of **Jews** do NOT believe in God. *Harris Interactive Poll, Copyright © 2003 CompuServe Interactive Services, Inc. All rights reserved. <http://www.simpletoremember.com/vitals/JewsDontBelieve.htm>*
- **16 percent** of Jewish souls said they go to synagogue once a month or more. *Harris Interactive Poll, © 2003 CompuServe Interactive Services, Inc. All rights reserved. <http://www.simpletoremember.com/vitals/JewsDontBelieve.htm>*
- Only **8%** of born again adults give a **10th** of their income to their church. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=52> <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=14>
- **7** <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/5-barna-update/53>
- **7.5** Copyright © **2008** The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. <http://religions.pewforum.org/comparisons#>
- **8** Barna Research **2001** <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=52> See also <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=15>
- **8.5** Los Angeles Times (extensive) nationwide survey (**2002**). Arthur Jones, **2002** National Catholic Reporter. Gale Group. http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1141/is_2_39/ai_94129129/pg_2_7

Sec.
5 TOC

LIVING IN SIN, MARRIAGE *versus* DIVORCE, and CHILDREN

- In times past and up to the present, almost all persons who were married did so by age **45**. In every generation for which records exist, going back to the mid-**1800s**, more than **90%** of women have married eventually By **1960**, **94 percent** of women then alive had been married at least once by age **45**.⁹ *The State of our unions 2004; <http://marriage.rutgers.edu/Publications/SOOU/TEXTSOOU2004.htm>*
- Since **1960**, there has been an **850 percent** increase in the number of cohabiting couples who live with children.⁹
- Only **51%** of people between the ages **18-34** agree with the statement "those who want children should get married." (**2002**).⁹
- While in **1960** only nine **percent** of all children lived in single-parent families, a figure that had changed little over the course of the **20th** century, by **2003** the **percentage** had jumped to **27 percent**.⁹
- **64%** of boys and **55%** of girls "agreed" or "mostly agreed" with the [sinful] statement that "it is usually a good idea for a couple to live together before getting married in order to find out whether they really get along."⁹
- From **1960 to 1990(?)**, the **percentage** of babies born to unwed mothers has increased more than sixfold.⁹
- Between **1960 AND 2006**, the number of **unmarried** couples [otherwise known as **fornicators**, living in **sin**] in **America** (couples who are sexual partners, not married to each other, and sharing a household), increased by over **1200 percent**. *National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia, "The State of Our Unions: The Social Health of Marriage in America," 2007 <http://www.virginia.edu/marriageproject/pdfs/SOOU2007.pdf>*
- The number of **unmarried** couples living together grew **72 percent** between **1990** and **2000**, reflecting a significant change in lifestyle. *US Census Bureau. Wetzstein, Cheryl, "Unmarried-couple households increase," The Washington Times, March 13, 2003), www.washtimes.com/national/20030313-37131544.htm. <http://www.josh.org/notes/file/Internet9-Cohabiting.pdf>*
- As of the year **2000**, it was estimated that about a **quarter** of **unmarried** women age **25 to 39** were living [**in sin**] with a partner, while an additional quarter have

lived with a partner at some time in the past. Over **50%** all first marriages are now preceded by living together, compared to virtually none **50 years ago**. Larry Bumpass and Hsien-Hen Lu, "Trends in Cohabitation and Implications for Children's Family Contexts in the U. S.," *Population Studies* 54 (2000): 29-41 es after 1980," *Demographic Research* 8-8 (2003): 245-259

- [2009] While nearly **66%** of children in the United States are born to **mothers under 30**, **53%** of births to women under **30** occur **outside marriage**, and only **59 percent** of all American women are **married** when they have children. (*Child Trends*, a Washington research group that analyzed government data, reported by http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/18/us/for-women-under-30-most-births-occur-outside-marriage.html?_r=1&pagewanted=print)
- As for **2007**, over **40 percent** of households of **cohabiting** couple now contain **children**. *National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia*, "The State of Our Unions: The Social Health of Marriage in America," 2007 <http://www.virginia.edu/marriageproject/pdfs/SOOU2007.pdf>
- A record **four-in-ten births (41%)** were to **unmarried women** in **2008**. *Pew Research Center*, May 6, 2010, <http://pewsocialtrends.org/assets/pdf/754-new-demography-of-motherhood.pdf>
- **70% percent** of the children in unmarried-couple households are the children of only one partner. Larry Bumpass, J. A. Sweet and A. Cherlin, "The Role of Cohabitation in Declining Rates of Marriage," *Demography* 53 (1991):913-27.⁹
- An estimated **40%** of all children today are expected to spend some time in a cohabiting household during their growing up years. Larry Bumpass and Hsien-Hen Lu, "Trends in Cohabitation and Implications for Children's Family Contexts in the U.S.," *Population Studies* 54 (2000) 29-41
- Between **1960** and **1990**, there was a **41%** decline in marriage. Larry L. Bumpass, "What's Happening to the Family? Interactions Between Demographic and Institutional Change," presidential address to the Population Association of America, *Demography*, Vol. 27, No. 4 (November 1990), pp. 483-498, and Janice S. Crouse, "Strengthening American Families: What Works and What Doesn't Work," *World Congress of Families II*, Geneva, November 1999, Figure 9; <http://www.josh.org/notes/file/Internet8-Divorce.pdf>.
- **68%** of American children live with two parents. This is down from **77% in 1980**. **24%** of children live with only their mother, **4%** live with only their father, and **4%** live with neither of their parents. *Statistics Concerning the State of America* <http://freedomministries.com/outlinestats.html>
- In **Britain**, the number of **births to single mothers** and unmarried **cohabiting** couples is set to exceed **50%** across the country in the next **five years**. April, 2010, data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS)
- In **1960** **72%** of adults were **married** (and **85%** were ever married), compared to only **52%** in **2008** (and **73%** had ever married). Part of the difference is the higher **divorce** rate in modern times. 2010, *Pew Research Center*; <http://theosophical.wordpress.com/2011/01/13/americans%E2%80%99-changing-views-of-marriage-and-family/#more-2540>
- Even with the decline in marriage, **Americans** have one of the **highest** marriage rates of developed nations. In **2006** the U.S. experienced **7.4** marriages **p/1000** people. Compare this to **France** and **Italy** with only **4.2** marriages **p/1000** people in **2005**.
- **39%** of Americans think marriage is becoming obsolete, up from **28%** in **1978**. [^]
- **67%** of **Republicans** are **married**, and **57%** are **married** with **children**. Compare this to **45%/38%** for **Democrats**. **Democrats** are also almost twice as likely to **cohabit** [live in sin] (**9% vs. 4%**). [^]
- **44%** of Americans admit that they have **cohabited** at some point in their lives (**men = 46%; women = 41%**). Those aged **30-49** were most likely to have cohabited (**57%**). **44%** of **18-29** year olds have as well, followed by **42%** of **50-64** year olds, and **18%** of **65+**. By race, blacks are most likely to have cohabited (**47%**), followed by white (**44%**) and Hispanic (**39%** – which includes any non-white and non-black person). [^]
- **63%** of **cohabiters** had children before moving in together, and **25%** of married couples had **children** before getting married.
- Only **34%** of **adults** age **18-29** think **cohabiting** parents is **bad** for society, compared to **58%** of the **oldest** adults. [^]
- **68%** of adults believed premarital sex was wrong in 1968, compared to only **32%** who said the same in 2009. [^]
- **Children** born out of wedlock has increased from **5%** in **1960** to **28%** in **1990** to **41%** in **2008**. **72%** of **black** women giving birth were unmarried in **2008**, compared to **53%** of **Hispanics** and **29%** of **whites**. [^]
- **5%** of divorced parents have **sole-custody** of the **children** (the number of women who have sole custody is double that of men), **35%** share custody, and **18%** have no custody at all. [^]
- Women constitute **77%** of the total number of **unmarried** parents living with **children**. [^]
- **52%** of **black** children, **27%** of **Hispanic** children, and **18%** of **white** children are being raised in **single-parent** homes. **19%** of **black** adults are living in households with a **child** but **no spouse**. [^]

- **83%** of **unmarried** adults who **want** to get married also **want** to have **kids**. **31%** who **do not** want to get **married** **want** to have **kids** anyway (**30%** do not want kids and **38%** aren't sure). [^]
- In 1980 only 10% of women age 40-44 were childless. By 2008 that number increased to 18% (white women most likely to be childless). [^]
- **204,000** children lived with **same-sex couples** in 2008. [^]
- Only **28%** of adults age **18-29** think **same-sex** couples raising children is bad for society, compared to **58%** of the oldest adults.
- By gender, **50%** of **men** and **35%** of **women** agree that this is **bad** for society. Those with a **college degree** are **less likely** to think it is **bad** for society (**36%**) than those without college degrees (**44-46%**). [^]
- Only **7%** of couples who attend **church services** once a month will divorce within the first **5** years of marriage. The rate for those who go to church once a year or less is **2 ½** times higher. *U.S. government's National Survey of Family Growth, Atheists won't save Europe by don feder* <http://www.frontpagemagazine.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=27937>
- The overwhelming majority of married men (**94 percent**) say that they are happier being married than being single. ⁹ *The State of our unions 2004;* <http://marriage.rutgers.edu/Publications/SOOU/TEXTSOOU2004.htm>
- **73% percent** say that their sexual life is better since getting married, and **68%** say that marriage has helped them become more financially stable. ^{^ 9}
- A **1992** study of retirement data concluded that "individuals who are **not continuously married** have significantly **lower wealth** than those who remain married throughout their lives." Compared to those continuously married, those who never married have a reduction in wealth of **75%** and those who **divorced** and didn't remarry have a **reduction of 73%**. *Janet Wilmoth and Gregor Koso, "Does Marital History Matter? Marital Status and Wealth Outcomes Among Preretirement Adults," Journal of Marriage and the Family 64 (2002):254-68. National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia, "The State of Our Unions: The Social Health of Marriage in America," 2007* <http://www.virginia.edu/marriageproject/pdfs/SOOU2007.pdf>
- About **35 percent** of marriages end in divorce [**2008**]. <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/divorce.htm>
- **85%** of one-parent families in **1999** were mother-child families. ¹⁰ *T.D. Eddins;* <http://www.geocities.com/tdeddins/CHAPTER01.htm>
- Nearly **60 percent** of all children born in **1986** may be expected to spend almost a year, or longer, in a one-parent family before reaching age **18**. ^{^ 10}
- Until the early **1980s**, most of employed women (outside the home) were those with no children under age **18**. Today, married women whose youngest child is between **6** and **17** years of age constitute the largest sector of female employment. **64%** are also employed whose youngest child is under age **6**. ^{^ 10}
- Estimates are that approx. **66%** of the people who divorce will eventually remarry. ^{^ 10}
- The divorce of parents also reduces the likelihood that a child will attain a college education. The college attendance rate is about **60 percent** lower among children of divorced parents compared with children of intact families. *Janet B. Hardy et al., "Self-Sufficiency at Ages 27-33 Years: Factors Present Between Birth and 18 Years that Predict Educational Attainment Among Children Born to Inner-City Families," Pediatrics, Vol. 99 (1997), pp. 80-87.* <http://www.hispeace.org/html/artic27.htm>
- Almost **50 percent** of households with children undergoing divorce move into poverty following the divorce. *Julia Heath, "Determinants of Spells of Poverty Following Divorce," Review of Social Economy, Vol. 49 (1992), pp. 305-315.* <http://www.hispeace.org/html/artic27.htm>
- In **2002**, **72.9** million children under age **18** lived in the United States and represented **25 percent** of the population, down from a peak of **36 percent** at the end of the baby boom in **1964**. Children are projected to be **24 percent** of the population in **2020**. <http://www.childstats.gov/ac2004/pdf/pop.pdf>.
- In **1998**, **26%** of America's children, lived in single - parent, "maintained by mother" households; **6%** in "maintained by father" households." *U.S. Census Bureau; US Statistical Abstract, Table 76,*
- In **1998**, only **68%** of American children live with "two parent family groups" (down from **77%** in **1980**). U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, (estimated) <http://www.prcdc.org/summaries/children/children.html>
- Only **57%** of teens live in the same home with both of their natural parents. (**1999**) <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=37>
- Between **1960** and **1990**, the **percentage** of children living apart from their biological fathers more than doubled, from **17 percent** to **36 percent**. <http://mensightmagazine.com/Articles/Popenoe/nofathers.htm>
- Children who are raised without their fathers account for **63 percent** of youth suicides, **71 percent** of pregnant teenagers, **90 percent** of homeless and

runaway children, **85 percent** of behavioral disorders exhibited by children, and **71 percent** of high school dropouts, in the United States. House Concurrent Resolution **147**; [2001?]. <https://fatherhood.safeserver.com/legislative.htm>.

- A child born to a single mother is twice as likely to drop out of high school, twice as likely to have a child before age twenty, and one and a half times as likely to be out of school and out of work in his/her late teens and early twenties. U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Population Reports, (estimated) Executive Summary: Status of Children in America* <http://www.prcdc.org/summaries/children/children.html>
- The general health problems of children from broken homes increase by **20 to 30%**, even when adjusting for demographic factors (economic status, etc.). *Studies cited in "Twice as strong," The Christian American, March/April 1996, p. 28* <http://www.leaderu.com/marco/marriage/gaymarriage5.html#ref221>
- Nearly one in six adolescents ages **12 to 19** were overweight in the United States in **1999-2002**, more than triple the rate in **1976-1980**. <http://www.childtrendsdatbank.org/indicators/15OverweightChildrenYouth.cfm>
- **70%** of children in state reform institutions grew up in single-parent or no-parent homes. "Be glad for the undoing of no-faults," *Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph, February 15, 1996, p. B-5*. <http://www.leaderu.com/marco/marriage/gaymarriage5.html#ref224>
- **9** THE STATE of OUR UNIONS **2004** marriage.rutgers.edu/Publications/SOOU/TEXTSOOU2004.htm
- **10** T.D. Eddins; <http://www.geocities.com/tdeddins/CHAPTER01.htm>

Sec.
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Pornography, Adultery, Fornication, Sodomy - Practices

(extra martial, premartial, and homo - sexual relations)

For mature eyes only

In addition to giving Biblical names to some sinful practices in this section, I left out some of the stats which quantified the sexual immorality in schools, as they (sadly) read more like an advertisement for brothels rather than places of education.

"I am much afraid that schools will prove to the great gates of Hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not increasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt. — Martin Luther

- The porn industry rakes in an estimated **\$10 billion to \$14 billion** annually in the **United States**. The **\$4 billion** that Americans spend on video pornography alone is more than the annual revenue of the **NFL, the NBA or Major League Baseball**. *Dillon Fishman Arizona Daily Wildcat* http://wildcat.arizona.edu/papers/98/133/03_1.html
- It is estimated that Americans now spend somewhere around **\$10 billion** a year on adult entertainment, which is as much as they spend attending professional sporting events, buying music or going out to the movies. It is estimated that Americans now spend somewhere around **\$10 billion** a year on adult entertainment, which is as much as they spend attending professional sporting events, buying music or going out to the movies. *CBS News*. <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2003/11/21/60minutes/main585049.shtml>
- The U.S. Customs Service estimates that there are more than **100,000** websites offering child pornography - which is illegal, worldwide. *Red Herring Magazine, 1/18/02*; <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- **25 million** Americans visit cybersex sites between **1-10** hours per week *MSNBC Survey 2000*; <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- Pakistan shows the highest number of one online searches for pornographic material. <http://stuartschneiderman.blogspot.com/2011/05/islam-and-pornography.html>
- The combined circulation of Playboy and Penthouse exceeds that of Time and Newsweek. <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- Nearly **900** theaters show X-rated films and more than **15,000** adult bookstores and video stores offer pornographic material, outnumbering McDonald's restaurants in the U.S. by a margin of at least **3 to 1**. <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- **60%** of all web-site visits are sexual in nature. *MSNBC /Stanford/Duquesne study, Washington Times Jan. 26, 2000*; <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- Between **2/2001 to 7/2001** there was an increase of **345%** in child pornography sites. *N2H2, 8/01*; <http://www.afo.net/statistics.htm>
- **6%** of men and **11.2%** of women say they have had same-gender relations. <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/statistical-abstract.html> **60%** of all adults consider living with someone of the opposite gender without being married [sometimes called co-habitation, but which morally is "living in sin"], a morally acceptable behavior."⁴ <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=2>

- **30%** of all adults consider having a sexual relationship with someone of the **same gender** a morally acceptable behavior.” (2004). ^ 4
- **38%** of adults consider it morally acceptable to look at pornographic pictures. ^ 4
- **36%** think it is OK to use **profanity**. ^ 4
- **34%** say people are born gay (though there is no real proof of that, but as we all are born with a sinful nature, we cannot validate acting that what God states is sin, whatever proclivity that is, normal or aberrant, as He also provides grace to overcome our proclivity to sin,). ^ 4
- From **1970** to **1996** the number of "never married" persons increased from **21** million to **46** million in **1996**. ^ 4
- Those who live in **sin** before marriage have a **50%** higher **divorce rate** than those who do not. In addition, **40%** of cohabitators break up before marrying. ^ 4
- The number of **unmarried** couples living together grew **72 percent** between **1990** and **2000**, reflecting a significant change in lifestyle. *US Census Bureau. Wetzstein, Cheryl, "Unmarried-couple households increase," The Washington Times, March 13, 2003, www.washtimes.com/national/20030313-37131544.htm. http://www.josh.org/notes/file/Internet9-Cohabiting.pdf*
- In **Britain**, the number of **births to single mothers** and unmarried **cohabiting** couples is set to exceed **50%** across the country in the next **five years**. *April, 2010, data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS)*
- Since **1960** there has been an almost **800%** increase to **4.3** million in the number of unmarried couples in the U.S. Living in sin. *Angela Bayer of the Population Resource Center in May 2001; http://www.childstats.gov/ac2000/pop1.htm*
- [2009] While nearly **66%** of children in the United States are born to mothers under **30**, **53%** of births to women under **30** occur outside marriage, and only **59** percent of all American women are married when they have children. *(Child Trends, a Washington research group that analyzed government data, reported by http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/18/us/for-women-under-30-most-births-occur-outside-marriage.html?_r=1&pagewanted=print)*
- **28 percent** of all U.S. women with **two or more children** have children by **more than one man**. *Population Association of America. (ANI)*
- Nearly **40** percent of babies born in the United States in **2007** were delivered by **unwed mothers**, signifying a more than **25** percent jump from five years before. *National Center for Health Statistics*
- Approx. **40%** of "single parent households" consist of two persons sexually cohabiting [**living in sin**]. *The State of our Unions. http://moralissues.hp.infoseek.co.jp/mi/SOOU2004.pdf.*
- In 2006, 12.9 million families in the US were headed by a single parent, 80% of which were headed by a female. *http://www.census.gov/apsd/techdoc/cps/cpsmar06.pdf*
- **Detroit** ranks **No.1** in **unmarried births** among the nation's **50 largest cities** (Annie E. Casey Foundation). A survey conducted by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago found that the **traditional nuclear family** — a married couple with children — accounted for **only 26 percent** of **households** in **1998**, down from **45 percent** in **1972**. - *http://www.dadi.org/dn_bleak.htm*
- Of all **single mothers** in America, only **6.5 percent** of them are **widows**, **37.8** percent are **divorced**, and **41.3 percent** gave birth **out of wedlock**. *(Ann Coulter: Guilty: Liberal "Victims" and Their Assault on America; http://rightwingnews.com/mt331/2009/04/ann_coulter_on_single_mothers.php)*
- About **25%** (est.) of unmarried women between **25-39** are living in sin, with about **50%** having previously done so. *U. S. Bureau of the Census. 1998. Marital Status and Living Arrangements: March, 1997*
- Over **50%** of all first marriages begin with living in sin. [**"cohabitation"**, compared with approx. **10%** overall in **1965**.] *Larry Bumpass and Hsien-Hen Lu. 1998. "Trends in Cohabitation and Implications for Children's Family Contexts." Unpublished manuscript, Madison, WI: Center for Demography, University of Wisconsin.*
- **Cohabitation** in the United States has increased by more than **1,500 percent** in the past **half century**. *N.Y. Times, "The Downside of Cohabiting Before Marriage, April 14, 2012*
- The most likely to **cohabit** (live in sin) are people aged **20** to **24**. *http://www.josh.org/notes/file/Internet9-Cohabiting.pdf*
- "**Four times** as much **infidelity** is reported among **cohabiting** men than among **married** men. Moreover, **1%** of married woman reports having had an affair in the past year, compared to **8%** of cohabiting women." (Warren, Dr. Neil Clark, "The Cohabitation Epidemic," *Focus on the Family*, June/July 2003, pg. 10-11) *http://www.josh.org/notes/file/Internet9-Cohabiting.pdf*
- From **1976** to the **1990's** reported **child abuse** in the U.S. has risen from **670,000** to nearly **3** million. *FBI statistics; http://www.newsherald.com/archive/religion/bl112198.htm*
- By 1996, **70 percent** of **inmates** in state juvenile detention centers serving **long-term sentences** were **raised by single mothers**. **72%** of **juvenile murderers** and **60%** of **rapists** come from **single-mother homes**. **70%** of **teenage births**, **dropouts**, **suicides**, **runaways**, **juvenile delinquents**, and **child murderers** involve children **raised by single mothers**.

- From 1993 to 2005, the number of **married women victimized** by their husbands ranged from **0.9 to 3.2 per 1000**. Domestic violence was **about 40 times more likely** among **divorced or separated women**, ranging from **37.7 to 118.5 per 1000**. **Never married women** were more than **twice as likely** to be victims of **domestic violence as married women**." (*Ann Coulter: Guilty: Liberal "Victims" and Their Assault on America*; http://rightwingnews.com/mt331/2009/04/ann_coulter_on_single_mothers.php)
 - A survey published in the book "Sex in America" found that **90 percent of wives** and **75 percent of husbands** claimed **never** to have committed **adultery**. *Michael Foust, www.lifeway.com*
 - The most comprehensive recent study of Americans' sexual practices, the **1994** National Health and Social Life Survey, found that **75 percent of married men** and **90 percent of married women** had been **sexually faithful** to their spouse.
http://www.history.pomona.edu/vis/05h21/readings/frc_Q&A.html
 - In **1900** only about **6%** of **19-** year- old white unmarried women had engaged in premarital **fornication**. *pbs.org*.
<http://www.qchronicle.com/media/paper294/news/2004/01/29/Lifestyles/PreMarital.Sex.Sparks.Controversy-590821.shtml>
 - **34%** of **teenagers** have at least **one pregnancy** before they turn **20**; **80 percent** of teenage pregnancies are **unintended**. The main rise in the **teen pregnancy** rate is among girls **younger than 15**. Close to **25 percent** of **teen mothers** have a **second child** within **two years** of the **first birth**. <http://www.teenhelp.com/teen-pregnancy/teen-pregnancy-statistics.html>
 - By age **17**, **50%** (conservative number) of teenagers have committed **fornication** (premarital sexual relations). *Alan Guttmacher Institute: AGI, Sex and America's Teenagers, New York: AGI, 1994, pp. 19-20.*
 - **40%** of today's fourteen-year-old girls will become **pregnant** by the time they are **19**. <http://www.hi-ho.ne.jp/taku77/papers/vc/vc5.htm>
 - The primary reason for adolescents remaining (a virgin) is that it is against their **religious/moral values**. *Moore, K.A., Driscoll, A.K., & Lindberg, L.D. (1998). A Statistical Portrait of Adolescent Sex, Contraception, and Childbearing. Washington, DC: The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.*
 - Since **1960** there has been over a **400%** increase in illegitimate births. *The Wall Street Journal, Monday, March 15, 1993 Quantifying America's Decline by William J. Bennett*
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/augustine/arch/usadecline.html>
 - Rampant **fornication**: Only about **6 percent of American men**, and **4 percent of British men** reported being **virgins**. Among **women**, the figures were **5 percent for Americans** and **3 percent for Britons** [and no unrepentant fornicator shall enter the kingdom of God but shall their part in the like of Fire: (1Cor. 6:9; Rv. 21:8)]. *1992 National Health and Social Life Survey, conducted by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago*
 - **62%** of the 62 million **women** aged **15–44** are currently using a **contraceptive** method (**30%** the **pill**, **27%** male or female tubal **sterilization**) *Mosher WD et al., Use of contraception and use of family planning services in the United States: 1982–2002, Advance Data from Vital and Health Statistics, No. 350. 2004.*
 - **Single mothers**—unwed or divorced—are estimated to **cost** the US taxpayer **\$112 billion** every year, or more than **\$1 trillion** each decade." http://www.marriagedebate.com/pdf/ec_div.pdf
 - It is also estimated that the **50.5 million** surgical **abortions** since **1970** have **cost** the U.S. **\$35 trillion** dollars in lost Gross Domestic Product [among other costs]. <http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/archive/ldn/2008/oct/08102109>
 - In the United States alone, **13 million women** use **hormonal contraception**. *Guttmacher Institute . Facts on Contraceptive Use in the United States, June 2010*
 - The typical **U.S. woman** wants only **2 children**. To achieve this goal, she must use **contraceptives** for roughly **3 decades**. *The Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI), Fulfilling the Promise: Public Policy and U.S. Family Planning Clinics, New York: AGI, 2000.*
- Sodomy**
- **1.51%** in **1994** of the total U.S. population identified themselves as **gay, lesbian** or **bisexual**, or **4.3** total million Americans. *The Social Organization of Sex: Sexual Practices in the United States (1994).* <http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=IF04A01>
 - In **2007**, Researchers reported that a little over roughly **15%** of young females today self-identify as lesbian or bisexual, compared with about **5%** of young males who identify as **gay** or **bisexual**. *Ritch Savin-Williams and Geoffrey L. Ream, "Prevalence and stability of sexual orientation components during adolescence and young adulthood," Archives of Sexual Behavior, volume 36, pp. 385 - 394, 2007*
 - **30%** of all adults consider having a sexual relationship with someone of the same gender a morally acceptable behavior. *www.Barna.org. Beliefs: General Religious (2004)*
 - In **1979**, **73%** of **homosexuals** admitted to committing **pedophilia** with boys. *In The Gay Report by Jay and Young,*
 - While accounting for approx. two **percent** of the population, [male?] **homosexuals** constitute about a third of **child molesters**. *K. Freund and R.I. Watson, "The Proportions of Heterosexual and Homosexual Pedophiles Among Sex Offenders Against Children: An Exploratory Study," Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy 18 (Spring 1992): 3443, cited in "The Problem of Pedophilia," op. cit. Also,*

K. Freund and R.I. Watson, "Pedophilia and Heterosexuality vs. Homosexuality," *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy* 10 (Fall 1984): 197, cited in NARTH Fact Sheet.

- **30 percent** of Canadian **pedophiles** studied admitted to having engaged in homosexual acts as adults, and **91 percent** of the molesters of non-familial boys admitted to no lifetime sexual contact other than homosexual. W. L. Marshall, et al., "Early onset and deviant sexuality in child molesters," *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 6 (1991): 323-336, cited in "Pedophilia: The Part of Homosexuality They Don't Want You to See," *Colorado for Family Values Report*, Vol. 14, March 1994.
- **50%** of homosexual males have the **Human Papilloma Virus**. *The Ins and Outs of Gay Sex: A Medical Handbook for Men*
- **43 percent** of white male **homosexuals** estimate they have committed **sodomy** with **500** or more different partners, and **28 percent** report more than **1,000** partners. Authors Bell and Weinberg; <http://www.leaderu.com/issues/fabric/chap11.html>; <http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=Is01B1>
- A study of the sexual profiles of **2,583 older homosexuals** published in *Journal of Sex Research*, Paul Van de Ven et al., found that only **2.7 percent** committed **sodomy** with only **one partner**. The response given by **21.6 percent** of the respondents was of having a **hundred-one to five hundred** sodomite partners throughout their lifetime. Paul Van de Ven et al., "A Comparative Demographic and Sexual Profile of Older Homosexually Active Men," *Journal of Sex Research* 34 (1997): 354. <http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=Is01B1>
- In his study of male homosexuality. "Western Sexuality: Practice and Precept in Past and Present Times," M. Pollak found that "few homosexual relationships last longer than **two years**, with many men **reporting hundreds of lifetime partners**. M. Pollak, "Male Homosexuality," in *Western Sexuality: Practice and Precept in Past and Present Times*, edited by P. Aries and A. Bejin, pp. 40-61, cited by Joseph Nicolosi in *Reparative Therapy of Male Homosexuality*; <http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=Is01B1>
- Authors David P. McWhirter and Andrew M. Mattison reported in their book, "The Male Couple" that in a study of a 156 males in homosexual relationships lasting from **1 to 37 years**, only **7 couples** had a totally **exclusive sexual relationship**, and these men all have been together for **less than five years**, and concluding that all couples with a relationship lasting more than five years typically have incorporated some provision for sexual activity outside their relationships. David P. McWhirter and Andrew M. Mattison, *The Male Couple: How Relationships Develop* (Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, 1984), pp. 252, 3; <http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=Is01B1>
- **86 percent** of offenders against males described themselves as homosexual or bisexual" (W. D. Erickson, M.D., et al., in *Archives of Sexual Behavior* 17:1, 1988).
- **60 percent** of U.S. **adoption** agencies accept applications from homosexual men and women, and **40 percent** already have made such placements. **19 percent** of the agencies contacted say they **deliberately** seek homosexuals as adoptive parents or advertise as "gay friendly." Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute; http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=35331 [small sample size; survey funded by pro homosexual group.]
- "**40 percent** of the children adopted [2004, in **Massachusetts**] have gone to gay and lesbian families," according to Massachusetts Democratic state Sen. Therese Murphy. *WorldNetDaily* on July 1; http://www.massnews.com/2004_editions/07_july/070804_kids_given_to_gay_parents.htm
- The number of **gays and lesbians adopting children** has nearly **tripled** in the last decade. According to the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law, approx **6,477 homosexual couples** had adopted children in **2000**, which rose to about **21,740 in 2009**. About **32,571 adopted children** were living with **same-sex couples in 2009**, up from **8,310 in 2000**. The highest number of homosexuals adopted children from Massachusetts, California, New York and Texas. [considering its size, MA is shamefully far higher in per capita homosexual adoptions]. Foster care provides for paid healthcare and college, and allowing gay couples to adopt from opens it up to more people. However, the bulk of parenting among gay people is by people who had children at a young age with a different sexual partner before choosing to go with homosexuality. According to the Adoption Institute, at least **60%** of U.S. adoption agencies surveyed accept applications from **non-heterosexual parents**. Nearly **40%** of agencies have knowingly placed children with **gay families**. <http://www.christianpost.com/news/gay-adoptions-in-us-triple-over-decade-study-shows-59070/>
- In their 20s, **58 percent** of the children of **lesbians** called themselves gay, and **33 percent** of the children of **homosexual men** called themselves **gay**, versus 5 to 10 percent of the children of straight parents. In addition, **89 percent** of communities who welcome homosexual show higher rates of homosexual behavior. *Kansas State University family studies professor Walter Schumm, "Study: Gay Parents More Likely*

to Have Gay Kids," AOL news, Oct. 17, 2010

- **Children** raised by **homosexual** parents are more likely to become sexually **promiscuous** and are more likely to become homosexual themselves. Riggs SC. Coparent or Second-Parent Adoption by Same-Sex Parents. (letter) *Pediatrics* 2002; 109: 1193-4. http://www.lifesite.net/features/marriage_defence/SSM_MD_evidence.pdf
- A major Dutch study of **homosexual** men in "**committed**" relationships found that only **7** out of **156** had been sexually faithful, or **4.5 percent**. The study cited above found that even homosexual men in "steady partnerships" had an average of **6** "casual" sodomite partners per year. Michael Foust, www.lifeway.com http://www.history.pomona.edu/vis/05h21/readings/frc_Q&A.html
- In this study, **43%** of white male homosexuals were guilty of having **sodomite** relations with **500** or more partners, **28%** admitted to **1000** or more partners in a lifetime, and of these people, **79%** said that half of those partners were total strangers. Bell, A. and Weinberg, M. *Homosexualities: a Study of Diversity Among Men and Women*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1978. <http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=IS01B1>
- Male **homosexual** relationships in **Holland** last an average of **1.5** years, with gay men reporting an average of eight partners a year outside of their "committed" relationships. Xiridou M, et al. *The contribution of steady and casual partnerships to the incidence of HIV infection among homosexual men in Amsterdam*. *AIDS*. 2003; 17: 1029-38.)
- A famous study of (conducted by two **homosexuals**, one a psychologist and the other a psychiatrist), found that of the **156** couples studied, only **seven** had maintained **sexual fidelity**. McWhirter, D.P., & Mattison, A.M., "The male couple: How relationships develop" (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1984). http://socialjusticereview.org/articles/after_vows.php
- Homosexual men **fornicate** with someone other than their primary partner in **66%** of relationships within the first year, rising to **90%** of relationships after five years. Harry J., *Gay Couples*. New York: (Praeger, 1984) http://www.lifesitenews.com/features/marriage_defence/SSM_MD_evidence.pdf
- A **1997** study of **2,583** older homosexual men found the "modal range for number of sexual partners was **101-500**. **10** to **15%** said they had had more than **1,000** sexual partners. *The Journal of Sex Research*. Timothy J. Dailey, author, *Dark Obsession*. <http://www.lifeway.com>
- A study of homosexual men shows that more than **75%** of homosexual men admitted to having sex with more than **100** different males in their lifetime: approximately **15%** claimed to have had **100-249** sex partners, **17%** claimed **250-499**, **15%** claimed **500-999** and **28%** claimed more than **1,000** lifetime sexual partners. Bell AP, Weinberg MS. *Homosexualities*. New York 1978.
- **61 percent** of homosexuals in Chicago's Shoreland area had more than **30** sexual partners. 2008 Baptist Press. <http://www.bpnews.net/bpnews.asp?ID=19649>
- **Lesbian** women were more than **4** times as likely to have had more than **50** lifetime male partners than heterosexual women. Fethers K et al. *Sexually transmitted infections and risk behaviours in women who have sex with women*. *Sexually Transmitted Infections* 2000; 76: 345-9.
- Approx. **66%** of same-sex "marriages" in Massachusetts have involved lesbians. 2008 Baptist Press. <http://www.bpnews.net/bpnews.asp?ID=19649>
- The **2003-2004** Gay/Lesbian Consumer Online Census surveyed the lifestyles of **7,862** homosexuals. Of those involved in a "current relationship," only **15 percent** describe their current relationship as having lasted twelve years or longer, with five **percent** lasting more than twenty years. <http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=IS04C02>
- At least **66%** of homosexuals are guilty of regularly engaging in sodomy. Corey, L. and Holmes, K. "Sexual Transmission of Hepatitis A in Homosexual Men." *New England J. Med.*, 1980, pp. 435-38.
- The States with the highest concentrations of homosexual households were
 - **1.** Vermont
 - **2.** California (San Francisco; Guerneville; W. Hollywood; Palm Springs; Oakland; Long Beach)
 - **3.** Washington (Seattle-Bellevue-Everett)
 - **4.** Massachusetts (Provincetown; N. Hampton; Roxbury)
 - **5.** Oregon
 - **6.** New Mexico (Albuquerque)
 - **7.** Nevada
 - **8.** New York (New York, NY; Chelsea)
 - **9.** Maine
 - **10.** New Jersey (Jersey city)
- U.S. Census **2000**
- **4.** <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=2>

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD or STI);

Physical effects of sin

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- **1960** there were **2** known Sexually Transmitted Diseases (**syphilis and gonorrhea**); today there are more than **25**. http://www.kidscouncil.org/cgi-bin/display.pl?article_id=18&action=newsArticle
- The CDC estimates that there are 19 million new sexually transmitted disease infections every year in the United States, costing the health care system about \$16 billion annually. U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Reuters, “U.S. herpes rates remain high – CDC”, March 9, 2010
- **25%** of college students [or more] have been are infected with an **STD**. [Go ask alicecolumbia.edu](http://www.columbia.edu)
- About **16 percent** of **Americans** between the ages of **14 and 49** are infected with **genital herpes**, an **incurable infection**, **21 percent** of **women** (48 percent of blacks, approx. 12 percent of whites), and **11.5 percent** of **men**. The CDC estimates that over **80 percent** of people with genital herpes are unaware that they are infected. U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Reuters, “U.S. herpes rates remain high – CDC”, March 9, 2010
- It has been estimated by others that up to **25%** of Americans [**33%** of all women] have genital herpes, yet up to **90%** of those with herpes are unaware they have it. Fleming DT et al. (1997). Herpes simplex virus type **2** in the United States, **1976–1994**. *New England Journal of Medicine*, **337**, **1105–1111**. ¹¹ http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn_statistics.cfm
- More than **1** out of **4** teenage girls are infected with common sexually transmitted diseases, with the most common sexually transmitted disease being the human papillomavirus (HPV). U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- HPV tends to stay wherever it first enters the body, and now 60 to 70% of all tonsil cancers in the U.S. are HPV-related. Study: Rise in some cancers linked to oral sex Jan 29, 2011
- **65** million or more Americans have an **STD**. American Social Health Association. (1998). ¹¹ http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn_statistics.cfm
- More than **50%** all people are likely to acquire an STD at some point in their lifetime. Koutsky L. (1997). Epidemiology of genital human papillomavirus infection. *American Journal of Medicine*, **102(5A)**, **3-8**. ^{11^} (Another study says **1** in **4**: National Academy Press, Washington, DC, December **1996** http://www.ppct.org/facts/research/std_usa.shtml
- It is estimated that approx. **20%** of all Americans are now infected with an STD. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Tracking The Hidden Epidemics:Trends in STDs in the United States*, **2000** (Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, **2000**). <http://www.siecus.org/pubs/fact/fact0008.html> <http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/od/news/RevBrochure1pdfmag.htm>
- An estimated **10%** of adolescent girls and **5%** of women of reproductive age are infected with the STD Chlamydia. <http://www.daybreakinc.org/health/std/common.asp> <http://www.thebody.org/cdc/stdoverview.html> <http://www.pelvicpain.com/facts.html>
- **80%** of women and **50%** of men show no signs of having (incurable) chlamydia, after being infected. <http://www.pcc-courieronline.com/042105/news/sex.html>
- **80%** of people who have a sexually transmitted disease experience no noticeable symptoms. Moscicki, B., et al, "The Use and Limitations of Endocervical Gram Stains...", *American*

- In a national survey of US physicians, less than **33 percent** routinely screened patients for STDs. *American Journal of Public Health*, 92, 1784-1788.
- Approximately **75%** of women at some time in their lives (usually soon after the onset of sexual activity), become infected with HPV, (a group of more than **100** viruses, two types of which, HPV **16** and HPV **18**, are said to cause more than **90%** of all cervical cancers). © 2001-2005 GlaxoSmithKline - All Rights Reserved ; <http://www.gsk.com/ControllerServlet?appld=4&pagel=402&newsid=251> Updated May 19, 2004
- **50 to 75%** of sexually active men and women acquire genital HPV infection at some point in their lives. *Kaiser Family Foundation* <http://www.kff.org/content/2003/3345>
- A teenage woman has a **1%** risk of acquiring HIV, a **30%** risk of getting genital herpes and a **50%** chance of contracting gonorrhea through single act of unprotected fornication with an infected partner. *The Alan Guttmacher Institute*. 1994 http://www.agi-usa.org/pubs/fb_teen_sex.html#14a
- **25% 1 in 4** teens who have committed fornication acquire an STD. *The Alan Guttmacher Institute*. 1994
- **1** out of every **75** men and **1** out of **700** women in the United States were HIV positive in **2001**. *St Lawrence JS et al. (2002) World Health Organization*. <http://www.redribbon.com/what-is-hiv-aids.htm>
- Over **50%** of adults aged **18 to 44** have never been tested for an STD, other than for HIV / AIDS. ¹¹http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn_statistics.cfm
- One out of **20** people in the United States will get infected with hepatitis B (HBV) some time during their lives. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Hepatitis B Frequently Asked Questions. Updated April 1, 2005. Retrieved April 22, 2005 from <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hepatitis/b/faqb.htm>
- Hepatitis B is **100** times more infectious than HIV. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Hepatitis B Prevention for Men Who Have Sex With Men. *Online Fact Sheet*. Updated April 1, 2005. Retrieved April 22, 2005 from http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hepatitis/msm/hbv_msm_fact.htm.
- Approximately **half** of HBV infections are transmitted sexually. ¹²*HBV is linked to chronic liver disease, including cirrhosis and liver cancer. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Tracking the hidden epidemics, 2000: Trends in the United States. Retrieved April 22, 2005 from* <http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/od/news/RevBrochure1pdfHepatitisB.htm>.
- ¹¹http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn_statistics.cfm

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The Deleterious Physical Effects of the Sin of Sodomy

"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination" (Lv. 18:22).

"And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly [perverse and unnatural], and receiving in themselves [in their own bodies] that recompense [punishment] of their error which was meet [fitting]" (Rm 1:27).

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Note: I do not post these this without compassion, but legalizing or in any way promoting a practice that typically results in a greatly increased incidence of infectious diseases and premature death (and is primarily responsible for the deaths of 16 million souls worldwide and over a half a million in the U.S.), and can send one not only to any early grave but eternal punishment, is not loving. But it is compassionate to seek to turn souls from destruction to new life in the gracious LORD Jesus! All of us have the "disease" of sin, and have yielded to it to varying degrees, and thus there is death and Hell, and so all must look to the Lord Jesus who died for us and rose, conquering death, so that those who love light over darkness and come to Him with a repentance heart, trusting Him to save them from their sins, can be saved. Thanks be to God.

In addition to below, [The Negative Health Effects of Homosexuality](#) provides more information on the physical effects of perverting the created order of God, and yielding to the sinful desires of fallen man rather than to the risen Lord Jesus. God has given us good laws and good things and which are to our benefit when we obey Him, while breaking His good and thus misusing His good things is ultimately done to our own hurt, and that of others.

- Statistics for the end of 2009 indicate that around 33.3 million people are living with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, [chiefly caused by the sins of sodomy and heterosexual promiscuity]. Each year around 2.6 million more people become infected with HIV and 1.8 million die of AIDS. *UNAIDS (2010) 'UNAIDS report on the global AIDS epidemic*
- **Worldwide**, nearly 25 million people have died from AIDS since the beginning of the AIDS epidemic approximately 30 years ago. *UNAIDS, World Health Organization, 2009 AIDS epidemic Update*
- During the same period, approximately 30 years ago, an estimated 1,077,972 people have been diagnosed with AIDS in America, and an estimated 597,499 [over a half a million] people with AIDS in the U.S. have died. *avert.org/usa-statistics.htm*
- The CDC estimates that by the end of 2007 there were 470,902 people living with an AIDS diagnosis in the United States, approximately 20,000 more than 2006. [^]
- Almost two-thirds of adults and adolescents living with AIDS in 2007 were infected with HIV through male-to-male sexual relations (the sin of sodomy). Slightly over 75% of adults and adolescents living with an AIDS diagnosis are male. [^]
- The CDC estimates that at the end of 2007, there were 599,819 people living with a diagnosis of HIV infection in the 37 states and five U.S. dependent areas. However, the total number of people living with an HIV infection in the U.S. is thought to be around 1.1 million. One in every five people living with HIV has not even had their infection diagnosed, let alone reported. [^]
- The number of deaths of persons with an AIDS diagnosis has stabilized in recent years at around 17,000-18,000 per year. (Deaths of persons with an AIDS diagnosis may be due to any cause). [^]
- 19 percent of gay and bisexual men in 21 major U.S. cities are infected with HIV, and 44 percent of them do not know it, according to a CDC Press Release, reporting results from the 2008 National HIV Behavioral Surveillance System. 59 percent of black men, 46 percent of Hispanic men and 26 percent of white men were unaware of their infection. Among 18 to 29-year-old men, 63 percent did not know they were infected with HIV, compared with 37 percent of men aged 30 and older. *http://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/newsroom/ngmHAAD2010PressRelease.html*
- **August 2011: Transgender** communities in the United States (US) are among the groups at highest risk for HIV infection. Findings from a meta-analysis of 29 published studies showed that 27.7% of transgender women tested positive for HIV infection (4 studies), but when testing was not part of the study, only 11.8% of transgender women self-reported having HIV (18 studies). In one study, 73% of the transgender women who tested HIV-positive were unaware of their status. Newly identified HIV infection was 2.6% among transgender persons compared with 0.9% for males and 0.3% for females. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 8-11-2011 http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/transgender/pdf/transgender.pdf*
- Approximately 90% of MtF and FtM people newly diagnosed with HIV infection were black or Hispanic. 50% of transgender women had documentation in their medical records of substance use, commercial sex work, homelessness, incarceration, and/or sexual abuse as compared with 31% of other people who were not transgender. [^]
- 2011: Men who have sexual relations with other men, including gay and bisexual men, have an HIV infection rate 60 times higher than that of the general population. They have an infection rate 800 times higher than first-time blood donors and 8,000 times higher than the rate of repeat blood donors. *National Journal, based upon FDA reports. http://www.nationaljournal.com/healthcare/u-s-to-take-another-look-at-gay-blood-donation-ban-20110726*
- While only constituting an estimated 4 percent of the U.S. male population aged 13 and older, Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) account for 53 percent of all new HIV infections in the U.S., (more than 44 times that of other men) as well as 48 percent of people living with HIV. *(Contd. below)*
- MSM is the only risk group in the U.S. in which new HIV infections are increasing. While new HIV infections have declined among both heterosexuals

and **injection drug users**, infections among MSM have been steadily increasing since the early **1990s**. Nearly **18,000** people with **AIDS** still die each year in the U.S. *CDC: HIV and AIDS in America: A Snapshot,*

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/newsroom/docs/HIVandAIDSinAmericaSnapshotFINAL70710508COMP.pdf>

- **March 10, 2010:** The rate of **new HIV diagnoses** among men who had **homosexual** relations (MSM) is more than **44 times** that of other men and more than **40 times** that of women. The rate of primary and secondary syphilis among MSM is more than **46 times** that of other men and more than **71 times** that of women, the analysis says. *CDC press release,*
<http://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/Newsroom/msmpressrelease.html>
- The sin of male-to-male **sodomy** contact accounted for **53% (28,700)** of estimated **new** HIV infections in **2006**. CDC's historical trend analysis indicates that HIV incidence has been increasing steadily among gay and bisexual men since the early **1990s**. These more accurate figures are the result of new technology developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) can be used to distinguish recent from long-standing HIV infections.
<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/factsheets/incidence.htm>
<http://www.cdc.gov/NCHHSTP/newsroom/docs/FastFacts-MSM-FINAL508COMP.pdf>
- Although only a **small percentage** of American men report having sex with other men, at the end of **2006**, men who had **homosexual** relations accounted for **64 percent** of all men in the United States living with **HIV**. *CDC. 2008. HIV prevalence estimates—United States, 2006. MMWR 57(39):1073–1076. HI Hall et al. 2008. Estimation of HIV incidence in the United States. JAMA 300(5):520–529.*
- In **2008**, **63 percent** of **syphilis** cases were among men who have sex with men. *U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Reuters, "Sex infections still growing in U.S., says CDC", Nov 16 2009*
- Approx. **60%** of men infected with **HIV** contracted it thru the practices of sodomy (men lying with men as with women), **25%** through illegal drug injections, **15%** through **heterosexual** contact. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): HIV Prevention Strategic Plan Through 2005. January 2001. http://www.niaid.nih.gov/factsheets/aidsstat.htm*
- **54%** of HIV infections among males, aged **13–29**, were caused by **homosexual contact** in **2006**. **34%** of HIV infections were caused by **heterosexual contact** in the same demographic. **77%** of HIV positive **homosexual** men between the ages of **15** and **29** do not know that they are infected.
http://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/sexualbehaviors/pdf/hiv_factsheet_ymsm.pdf
<http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2009/jun/09061813.html>
- Men who had **homosexual** relations (MSM) accounted for approximately **42%** of all new **AIDS** diagnoses in **2003** in the U.S. and **57%** of new AIDS diagnoses among men that same year. *Twenty-Five Years of HIV/AIDS --- United States, 1981—2006 www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5521a1.htm http://www.knowhivaids.org/facts_stats.html See also http://www.statehealthfacts.org/comparebar.jsp?ind=507&cat=11&sub=118&yr=1&typ=2&sort=820*
- In **2004**, **4.9** million people were diagnosed as being **HIV positive**, the most ever reported in a year. That brings the number of worldwide HIV-infected individuals alive today to approximately **39 million**.
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/rxforsurvival/series/diseases/hiv_aids.html
- **HIV-positive men who have sex with men are up to 90 times more likely than the general population to develop anal cancer."** *Study by University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA) CARE clinic who had anal cytology screenings (similar to a pap smear) between February 2002 and December 2004. The UCLA authors of the study are: Ross D. Cranston, Steven.D. Hart, Jeffrey A. Gornbein, Sharon L. Hirschowitz, Galen Cortina, and Ardis.A. Moe. This rate is understood by some as being due to E.Coli from stools entering into lesions and suppressing the immune system, which some contend sperm does as well.*
<http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2007/mar/07032205.html>
- Homosexuals account for **60% of all syphilis cases**, and **17%** of all hospital admissions (other than for STDs) in the United States *"Changes in Sexual Behavior and Incidence of Gonorrhea." Lancet, April 25, 1987.*
- Because **semen** contains virtually every **germ** carried in the blood stream, ingesting it is fairly equivalent to ingesting raw **human blood**. *Corey, L. and Holmes, K. "Sexual Transmission of Hepatitis A in Homosexual Men." New England J. Med., 1980, pp. 435-38.*
- **Sperm** readily penetrates the anal wall (which is only one cell thick) and gains direct access to the blood stream. This causes massive **immunological damage** to the body's T- and B-cell defensive systems. *Manlight, G. et. al. "Chronic Immune Stimulation By Sperm Alloantigens." J. American Med. Assn., 1984, 251(2), pp. 237-438.*
- A **1982** study showed **78%** of **homosexuals** were affected by STDs. *Rueda, E. "The Homosexual Network." Old Greenwich, Conn., The Devin Adair Company, 1982, p. 53.*
- **Homosexual men** accounted for **42 percent** of new HIV cases in **2000** and **60 percent** of all cases among all men. *The Centers for Disease Control. Michael Foust. www.lifeway.com*
- Between **2003** to **2008** men who fornicated with men in France had an infection rate that was **200** times higher than in the heterosexual population. *The Lancet*

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- Among all new cases heterosexuals accounted for **33 percent**, and injection drug users **25 percent**. *The Centers for Disease Control*
- The number of people infected with **AIDS** in the US is doubling approximately every **5 years**. <http://www.redribbon.com/what-is-hiv-aids.htm>
- **Globally 15,000** people acquire **AIDs** every day, **40,000** each year in the US. www.thebody.com/amfar/pdfs/microbicides.pdf.
- As of the end of **2001**, an estimated **40 million** people worldwide - **37.1 million** adults (**50%** being women) and **3.0 million** children younger than **15 years** - were living with **HIV/AIDS**. More than **70 percent** of these people (**28.5 million**) live in Sub-Saharan Africa; another **14 percent** (**5.6 million**) live in South and Southeast Asia. *UNAIDS. Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic, 2002: "The Barcelona Report"* http://www.wrongdiagnosis.com/artic/hiv_aids_statistics_niaid_fact_sheet_niaid.htm
- Over **25 million** people around the world have died of **AIDS**-related diseases. <http://www.avert.org/aroundworld.htm>
- Since the disease was first recognized in the early 1980s, more than **487,000** gay and bisexual men in the **United States** have been diagnosed with **AIDS**, and more than **274,000** have died. *CDC. 2009. HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, 2007 19:15.* <http://www3.niaid.nih.gov/topics/HIVAIDS/>
- It is estimated that about **500,000** (half a million) Americans have died because of **AIDS**, and nearly **1 million** people in the United States are presently living with **HIV/AIDS**. *Twenty-Five Years of HIV/AIDS --- United States, 1981--2006* www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5521a1.htm. http://www.knowhivaids.org/facts_stats.html; Kaiser Family Foundation (2004?)
- **Death rate extrapolations** for USA for HIV/AIDS: **15,244** per year, **1,270** per month, **293** per week, **41** per day . http://www.wrongdiagnosis.com/h/hiv_aids/deaths.htm
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate that **850,000** to **950,000** U.S. residents are living with **HIV infection**, one-quarter of whom are unaware of their infection *Fleming, P.L. et al. HIV Prevalence in the United States;* http://www.wrongdiagnosis.com/artic/hiv_aids_statistics_niaid_fact_sheet_niaid.htm; http://www.msm.edu/EXPORT/HIV_fact.htm
- **AIDS** is now the number **1** cause of death among **adults 24-44** years old in Baltimore, San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York. <http://www.redribbon.net/what-is-hiv-aids.htm> http://www.msm.edu/EXPORT/HIV_fact.htm
- Among Middle and Low-income countries **AIDS** was the number **5** and number **3** cause of **death**, respectively, in **2007**: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs310.pdf>
- **AIDS/HIV** was the **4th leading cause of death** for **Black men** and **3rd** for **Black women**, ages **25-44**, in **2006**, ranking higher than for their respective counterparts in any other racial/ethnic group. The number of Black Americans living with AIDS increased by **24%** between **2003** and **2007**, compared to an **18%** increase among whites.
- Blacks account for more new **HIV infections**, people estimated to be living with HIV disease, and HIV-related deaths than any other racial/ethnic group in the U.S. Although **Black Americans** represent only **12%** of the U.S. Population, they account for **45%** of new HIV infections (Figure 1) and **46%** of people living with HIV disease in **2006**. Blacks also account for almost half of new **AIDS** diagnoses (**49%**) in **2007**. *Kaiser Family Foundation, Fact Sheet: September 2009* <http://www.kff.org/hivaids/upload/6089-07.pdf>
- In **2001**, **HIV/AIDS** was among the top three causes of death for African American men aged **25-54** years and among the top **4** causes of death for African American women aged **20-54** years. *CDC, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP)*
- **AIDS** is a leading cause of death among African-American men ages **25-44**, and African American women ages **25-34** years (**2003**). *CDC, NCHS, National Vital Statistics Report, November 7, 2003* <http://www.cdc.gov/omh/Highlights/2005/HDec105.htm>
- Average life years lost from **HIV/AIDS**: **35.7** years; **37.9** for HIV in North Carolina. *Years of Potential Life Lost in North Carolina, NCMJ March/April 2002, Volume 63, Number 2;* http://www.wrongdiagnosis.com/h/hiv_aids/deaths.htm
- A Canadian revealed that **homosexuals** can expect a **reduction in life expectancy** of **8 to 20** years. *R.S. Hogg, S.A. Streatheed, K.J. Craib, M.V. O'Shaughnessy, J.S. Montaner, and M.T. Schechter, "Modelling the impact of HIV disease on mortality in gay and bisexual men," International Journal of Epidemiology, Vol. 26, 657-661, 1997.* <http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=IS01B1> <http://www.narth.com/docs/correctionletter3.html>
- The **life expectancy** for a **gay male** in the **United States** is estimated to be lower than the normal life expectancy for a man living in Vietnam, Swaziland, Tanzania, and Somalia. <http://www.arthurhu.com/index/gay.htm#lifeexpect>
- it is not unusual for a member of the gay community to have "buried **10, 20,**

- and as many as 50 friends with AIDS." (Ray Billar and Susan Rice, "Experiencing Multiple Loss of Persons with AIDS: Grief and Bereavement Issues," *Health and Social Work*, 15:4 (November 1990): 285.
- **Worldwide**, approximately **1 in every 100 adults** aged **15 to 49** is HIV-infected. In Sub-Saharan Africa, about **9 percent** of all adults in this age group are HIV-infected. In **12 African countries**, the prevalence of HIV infection among adults aged **15 to 49 exceeds 10 percent**. UNAIDS. *Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic, 2002: "The Barcelona Report."*
http://www.aegis.com/factsheets/niaid/2000/niaid2000_fact_sheet_aidsstat.html
 - In **2001**, approximately **6,000 young people** aged **15 to 24** became **infected with HIV every day** - that is, about five every minute. UNAIDS. *Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic, 2002: "The Barcelona Report."* http://www.wrongdiagnosis.com/artic/hiv_aids_statistics_niaid_fact_sheet_niaid.htm
 - Federal budget funding for **AIDS treatment** and care in **America** in **2009** totaled **24.8 billion**. Medicare spending on **HIV** totaled **\$4.5 billion** in **2008**, with **four in ten people** who were living with **HIV** and who were receiving care being covered by **Medicaid**. Kaiser Family Foundation (2009, February) "Medicaid and HIV/AIDS Fact sheet". The numbers of people living with HIV grows by around **56,000 every year**. Hall, H.I. et al (2008, 6th August) 'Estimation of HIV incidence in the United States' *JAMA* 300(5) <ref><ref><http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/18677024>
 - In **1998** the annual **cost of treating advanced AIDS** in a hospital was estimated to be **\$100,000 per year**. Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council; http://www.phc4.org/reports/issue_briefs/docs/pharmcom.pdf
 - The **lifetime cost of treating an AIDS patient** in the United States was **\$102,000** in **1992**. *The New York Times* | July 23, 1992; Dr. Fred J. Hellinger, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, an arm of the Public Health Service.
 - The **monthly medical cost** now [Nov 2006] for people with **HIV** from **diagnosis until death** is averages to be **\$2,100**. The **lifetime** (now **24.2 years avg.**) **HIV care cost** per person in **optimal HIV care** is now **\$618,900 per person**. 06 Nov 2006 NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center Schackman, Freedberg, MGH; Gebo Moore Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard Medical School, and BU School of Public Health). <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/55870.php> http://porkbusters.org/2007/02/prevent_baby_aids_or_learn_how.php
 - The **average cost of HIV treatment** is **\$14,000 to \$20,000 a year**, according Michael Kolbe, MD, (Professor of medicine and Director of Comprehensive AIDS Program and Adult HIV Services). In the **US** more than **1.2 million people** [CDC] are living **with HIV**, with approx. **37 percent** being **50 years old** or older. According Yale Medical School experts, this number is expected to **grow to 50 percent** by **2017**. <http://globalaging.blogspot.com/2012/01/cost-of-hiv.html>
 - As a result of present day [2007] **HAART chemotherapy** for **HIV infection**, a person diagnosed as HIV-infected in the **United States** can expect to live an **average of 24 years** but this comes at a **cost**. Over that period, drug costs can be as high as **\$600,000** with an **annual cost** of care of more than **\$25,000**. <http://pathmicro.med.sc.edu/lecture/hiv-cost2007.htm>
 - About **1.2 million** people are living with **HIV** in the US but about **20% (240,000)** **do not know they are infected**. Each year, about **50,000** people **get infected** with HIV in the US. CDC, Dec. 2011 <http://www.cdc.gov/VitalSigns/HIVtesting/index.html>
 - **75% of patients** with **HIV** in the **United States**, **do not** have their disease **under control**, while it is estimated that over **2 million people** are in danger of **spreading the disease**.
 - **43 percent** of white male **homosexuals** estimate they have had **sex with 500 or more different partners**, and **28 percent** report more than **1,000 partners**. Authors Bell and Weinberg <http://www.leaderu.com/issues/fabric/chap11.html> **86 percent** of offenders against males described themselves as **homosexual or bisexual**" (W. D. Erickson, M.D., et al., in *Archives of Sexual Behavior* 17:1, 1988).
 - **32%** of homosexuals in the Chicago area have suffered abuse by their partner. Department of Psychology, University of Illinois at Chicago; Department of Psychology, Howard Brown Health Center, Chicago, Illinois, USA. <http://www.springerlink.com/content/r6q02560022h4276/?=eec72>
 - **42%** of gay men; **43%** of lesbians; **49%** of bisexual men and women planned or actually and deliberately engaged in self-harm, and showed high levels of psychiatric morbidity. Homosexual men and bisexual men were more likely than heterosexual men to be diagnosed with at least one of five mental health disorders and **20%** of gay-bisexual men had two or more disorders. **24%** of the lesbian-bisexual women had two or more mental disorders in the previous year. *The British Journal Of Psychiatry*. 2004; 185: 479-485. *Journal Of Consulting And Clinical Psychology*, (Vol. 71, No. 1, 53-61). <http://www.narth.com/docs/britjournal.html>
 - The prevalence of **bacterial vaginosis (BV)** among **lesbians** has been reported to be **18 to 36%** (Berger et al., 1995; Edwards and Thin, 1990; Marrazzo et al., 1996a, b), higher than the **16%** prevalence seen in **10,397** pregnant women evaluated in the Vaginal Infections in Pregnancy study (Hillier et al., 1995). A study of **101 lesbians**, none of whom had had sexual relations with men during the preceding year, found **BV prevalence** to be **29%**. A study conducted in a London genitourinary medicine clinic compared **241** lesbians and **241** matched heterosexual controls and found higher rates of BV in lesbians. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK45095/>

- BV is more common in lesbian and bisexual women than in other women, and the condition frequently persists after treatment. <http://www.annals.org/content/149/1/1-30.full.pdf>
- **Lesbians** appear to be at **greater risk** for **alcohol** abuse than are **heterosexual women** (Cassidy and Hughes, 1997; Eliason, 1996; Haas, 1994; O'Hanlan, 1995; Rosser, 1993)
- **Lesbian teens** are nearly **five times** more likely to attempt **suicide** than **heterosexual** girls, according to a **2003** survey presented at a national conference of public health experts in Vancouver Monday. B.C.-based McCreary Centre Society survey found **38 per cent** of **lesbian** girls and **30.4 per cent** of **bisexual** girls said they had attempted **suicide** in the previous year, compared with **8.2 per cent** of **heterosexual** girls. *McCreary Centre Society*

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ABORTION

- After reaching **25 percent** from a high of over 1.6 million in the year **1990**, the number of **abortions** performed annually in the U.S. has leveled off at about **1.2 million infants** murdered by abortion a year, based on data from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI). The CDC ordinarily develops its annual report on the basis of data received from 52 central health agencies (50 states plus New York City and District of Columbia). AGI obtains its numbers from direct surveys of abortionists conducted every few years. <http://www.christianliferesources.com/?5511>
- As of **2012**, it is estimated there has been over **54 million** (54,559,615) babies murdered by abortion since the Supreme Court handed down its **1973** Roe vs. Wade decision. [^]
- Approximately **22%** of all U.S. pregnancies ended in abortion (excluding miscarriages). Jones RK and Kooistra, K., Abortion incidence and access to services in the United States, *2008*, Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health, *2011*, **43(1):41-50**.
- Women who have never married and are not cohabiting account for **45%** of all abortions. Jones RK, Finer LB and Singh S, Characteristics of U.S. Abortion Patients, *2008*, New York: Guttmacher Institute, *2010*.
- **57%** of all women having abortions between **15-44** are in their **20's**. **36%** of non-Hispanic women are abortions were **white**, **30%** are non-Hispanic **black**, and **25%** are **hispanic**. [^]
- **37%** of women killing babies by abortion were **Protestant**, (include those who identified as "Christian" but who did not specify a denomination) while **28%** were **Catholic**, and **20%** identified themselves as **born-again, evangelical, charismatic** or **fundamentalist** (in **2000**, some **13%** of abortion patients aged **18 and older** identified as born-again or evangelical before the question was reworded slightly for the **2008** survey), while **27%** gave **no religious affiliation**, increasing from **22%** in **2000**. <https://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/US-Abortion-Patients.pdf>
- Protestants, were underrepresented among those committing abortion (In proportion to the total number of Protestants nationwide), and the relative abortion rate for this group was lower than the rate for all women. [^]
- **Catholics** have **abortions** at a rate **29%** higher than Protestants, even after standardizing for age and excluding nonwhites and **Hispanics**. ¹²Stanley K. Henshaw and Katheryn Kost, *Family Planning Perspectives*, vol. 28, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1996), based on an AGI survey of 9,985 women obtaining abortions in 1994-95.
- **1** out of **6** women (**1996**) who had an **abortion** were identified as "Evangelical Christians." ¹²
- **55%** of adults are against legalized **abortion** in all or most circumstances, while **42%** support it. *Barna research 2001* <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=103>
- **37%**. of Americans say abortion is morally acceptable. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=2>
- **7** out of **10** U.S. women are sexually active but do not want to become **pregnant**. (AGI **2000**). ¹²Alan Guttmacher Institute, <http://www.agi-usa.org>
- The typical U.S. woman wants only **2 children**. To achieve this goal, she must use **contraceptives** for roughly **3 decades**. *The Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI), Fulfilling the Promise: Public Policy and U.S. Family Planning Clinics*, New York: AGI, 2000. http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/fb_contr_use.html
- At current rates, an estimated **43 percent** of American women will have at least one **abortion** by the age of **45**. ¹²*Facts in Brief: Induced Abortion, 2000*. <http://juneauchoice.com/whohasabortions.htm> From 1973 through 2005, **40 percent** Sarah Kliff of *Newsweek*, based upon data from Guttmacher Institute
- **40%** of women ages **15** to **44** have had at least one **abortion**. ^{^ 12}

complications in later pregnancies, with over **2** miscarriages for every live birth. **12.5%** of first trimester **abortions** required stitching for cervical lacerations. Wilke, *Handbook on Abortion*, (Cincinnati, Hayes Publishing Co., 1979). Lacerations occurred in **22 percent** of aborted women. "Abortion in Hawaii", *Family Planning Perspectives* (Winter 1973) **5(1):Table 8**.

- Cervical damage from previously induced **abortions** increases the risk of miscarriage, premature birth, and complications of labor during later **pregnancies** by **300 - 500 percent**. Hogue, "Impact of Abortion on Subsequent Fecundity", *Clinics in Obstetrics and Gynaecology* (March 1986), vol. **13**, no. **1**. (premature birth is the **#1** cause of infant mortality and mental retardation). http://www.abortionfacts.com/reardon/after_effects_of_abortion.asp, from David C. Reardon pamphlet. See also <http://www.letusreason.org/Curren12.htm> and <http://www.family.org/cforum/fosi/bioethics/facts/a0027728.cfm>
- **Abortion** increases the rate of **suicide** upwards to **600%**. Shelton JD, Schoenbucher AK. *Death after legally induced abortion. A comprehensive approach for determination of abortion-related deaths based on record linkage. Public Health Rep.* 1978; **93(4):375-8**. http://www.messengers2.com/articles/science/abortion_effects.htm
- **Women** who had an abortion are **2.6** times more likely than delivering women to be hospitalized for psychiatric treatment in the first **90** days following abortion or delivery. *Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ)* David Reardon, Ph.D. http://www.afterabortion.org/news/inpatient_CMAJ.html
- **Women** who elected to murder their babies by **abortion** ("elective terminations") had **6.5** the risk of **suicide**, and **14** times the risk of being a homicide victim. 1997, *Scandinavian medical journal, Acta Obstet Gynecol Scand* 1997;**76:651-657** <http://togetherforlife.ca/stats/stats2.htm>
- Almost **80%** of teen mothers end up on welfare. Overall monetary cost to tax payers: **\$120 billion+**. <http://www.theodora.com/teddy/newyork/teenage.html> Calculations based on the *National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (1979-1985)* in Congressional Budget Office. (1990, September). *Sources of Support for Adolescent Mothers*. Washington, DC:
- **12** Alan Guttmacher Institute, 120 Wall Street, 21st Floor, New York, N.Y. 10005; <http://www.agi-usa.org/>

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Drinking

- About **50% US adults** report a family history of **alcoholism** or problem drinking. Grant B, Harford TC, Dawson DA, et al. *Prevalence of DSM-IV alcohol abuse and dependence, United States 1992. Alcohol Health & Research World* 18(3). 1994. <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/alcohol/factsheet.htm>
- **16,189** people are killed in drunk driving automobile accidents each year. That's one death caused by drunk driving every **32** minutes. *Statistics Concerning the State of America* <http://freedomministries.com/outlinestats.html>
- Nearly **115,000** people **die** prematurely of **alcohol** abuse each year, said the NIAAA. <http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- Over **18%** of **Americans** experience alcohol dependence or alcohol abuse some during their lives. *US. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Home and Garden Bulletin No. 232. Nutrition and Your Health. Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 1995.* <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/alcohol/factsheet.htm>
- **One in three British men** and **one in five women** drink double the amount considered safe at least **once a week**. *Alcohol Concern organization*
- **50%** of high school students had at least one drink of alcohol during the **30 days** prior to a CDC survey: **32%** had **5** or more drinks of alcohol on at least one occasion during the **30** days preceding same survey <http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r2k0609b.htm>
- In **1998**, **39 percent** of **boys** reported being **drunk** in the previous **30 days**, versus **26.6 percent** of **girls**. In **2008**, **29.2%** of **boys** reported being **drunk** during the **30-day** period, while **girls** remained almost the same at **26.2 percent**. *Partnership for a Drug-Free America, 2009 Partnership Attitude Tracking Study (PATS)*
- About **8%** of **8th**, **23%** of **10th**, and **32%** of **12th** graders report having been drunk during the past month. *Johnston LD, O'Malley PM, and Bachman JG. Data tables from the 2000 Monitoring the Future Survey. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan News and Information Services [On-line]: www.monitoringthefuture.org; accessed January 18, 2001.* <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/alcohol/factsheet.htm>
- By high school graduation, **80 percent** of students have tried alcohol. <http://www.restoredcog.org/youth/articles/0312-pia.html>
- In **1999**, about **14%** of **8th**, **26%** of **10th**, and **30%** of **12th** graders reported binge drinking (**5** or more consecutive drinks for males, **4** for females) during the past **2 weeks**. <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/alcohol/factsheet.htm>
- **2005**: **One in four** high school students and adults (**21 percent** of **men** and **10 percent** of **women**; **16 percent** of **whites** and **10 percent** of **blacks**) ages **18 to 34** engaged in **binge drinking** in the past month [September]. Almost **one in three** adults and **two in three** high school students who drink alcohol also **binge drink**. Binge drinking varies widely from state to state, ranging from **6.8 percent** of adults who drink alcohol in **Tennessee** to **23.9 percent** in **Wisconsin**. *U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), reported by Reuters, October 05, 2010*
- **27%** of British **15-year-olds** had been drunk **20** times or more, compared to **12%** of young Germans, **6%** of Netherlands youth and only **3%** of young French. *Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR).*

- In a survey of 26,086 elementary age students in 22 states. 26% of 12 graders used illicit drugs in the past month, 23% of 10th graders, and 13% of 8th graders. *Statistics Concerning the State of America* <http://freedomministries.com/outlinestats.html>
- 79% of college students living in a fraternity or sorority house report binge drinking. Grant BF and Dawson DA, National Longitudinal Alcohol Epidemiologic Survey. *Journal of Substance Abuse* 9:103-110, 1997
- Since 1993, colleges have seen a 125 percent increase in binge drinking by women. <http://www.restoredcog.org/youth/articles/0312-pia.html>
- "Binge drinking" (5 or more drinks in a row) increased 17 percent among all adults between 1993 and 2001, 56 percent among 18- to 20-year-olds. Adults age 21 to 25 went on drinking binges an average of 18 times. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* www.cdc.gov
- Among those living in a fraternity or sorority house, the rate of binge drinking is still higher (79%). Wechsler H, Lee J, Kuo M, and Lee H. *College binge drinking in the 1990s: A continuing problem: Results of the Harvard School of Public Health 1999 College Alcohol Study. Journal of American College Health* 48:199-210, 2000. <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/alcohol/factsheet.htm>
- On a typical campus, per capita students spending for alcohol--\$446 per student--far exceeds the per capita budget of the college library. (Eigen, 1991 in the 1998 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse).
- 47% of college students now drink primarily to get drunk. Grant BF and Dawson DA, National Longitudinal Alcohol Epidemiologic Survey. *Journal of Substance Abuse* 9:103-110, 1997
- 44% of college students reported binge drinking in 1999. Wechsler H, Lee J, Kuo M, and Lee H. *College binge drinking in the 1990s: A continuing problem: Results of the Harvard School of Public Health 1999 College Alcohol Study. Journal of American College Health* 48:199-210, 2000 <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/alcohol/factsheet.htm>
- College students spend over \$5.5 billion a year on alcoholic beverages (mostly beer)--more than they spend on all other drinks [soda, tea, milk, juice and coffee] and books combined. Sidney Ribeau, President Bowling Green State University <http://www.collegevalues.org/diaries.cfm?id=476&a=1>. See also www.hsph.harvard.edu/cas/rpt1998/CAS1998rpt2.html [which is also a illustration of how to do a survey.]
- According to a U.S. Surgeon General, nationally college students drink almost four billion cans of beer and enough wine and hard-alcohol to make their annual consumption of alcoholic beverages an unthinkable 34 gallons per person. Sidney Ribeau, President, Bowling Green State University. <http://www.collegevalues.org/diaries.cfm?id=476&a=1>
- More undergraduates will die from alcohol related causes than will obtain MA's or PHD's combined. Eigen, L. February 1991. *Alcohol Practices, Policies and Potentials of American Colleges and Universities. An OSAP White Paper. Rockville, MD: Office for Substance Abuse Prevention.* <http://media.shs.net/prevline/pdfs/phd858.pdf>
- Alcohol on college campuses is a factor in 40 percent of all academic problems and 28 percent of all dropouts. Anderson, D. 1994. *Breaking the Tradition on College Campuses: Reducing Drug and Alcohol Misuse. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University.* <http://media.shs.net/prevline/pdfs/phd858.pdf>
- Alcohol is a key factor in 33 percent of suicides, 50 percent of homicides, 62 percent of assaults, 68 percent of manslaughters, 50 percent of head injuries, and 41 percent of traffic fatalities. It also plays a large role in domestic abuse and injury, child abuse and neglect, and workplace injuries. *Prevention Enhancement Protocols System. August 1999. Preventing Problems Related to Alcohol Availability: Environmental Approaches, Parent and Community Guide. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.* <http://media.shs.net/prevline/pdfs/phd858.pdf>
- Each year approximately 16,000 Americans are killed in alcohol-related crashes. Los Angeles Police Dept. http://www.lapdonline.org/bldg_safer_comms/prevention/other/drunk_driving_98.htm
- Alcohol is a factor in nearly half of all traffic fatalities. Los Angeles Police Dept. http://www.lapdonline.org/bldg_safer_comms/prevention/other/drunk_driving_98.htm
- Every other minute, another person is seriously injured in an alcohol related crash. Los Angeles Police Dept. http://www.lapdonline.org/bldg_safer_comms/prevention/other/drunk_driving_98.htm
- Highway crashes currently account for more than 40,000 deaths annually in the United States [50,000 incl. non-occupants: www.nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov]. Jim Hall Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, The Advisory Council on Traffic Safety, Chattanooga, Tennessee July 27, 2000 <http://www.nts.gov/speeches/former/hall/jhc000727.htm>

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Drugs, and Mental Health

- Less than 1% of all Americans had used illegal drugs before 1960. *The Honorable Judge Robert Ulrich Chief Justice, Missouri Court Of Appeals, Western District;* <http://www.shalomjerusalem.com/heritage/heritage19.html>
- More than 19 percent of those ages 20 to 29 said they have tried cocaine, crack or another street drug, excluding marijuana, compared with 27 percent for those in their 30s, 26 percent for those in their 40s and 9.6 percent for those in their 50s. *National Center for Health Statistics, a branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2008?)*
- In 2002, 10% of 12th grade students reported using illicit drugs other than

marijuana in the past month, the highest percentage in more than **10** years.
<http://www.childtrendsdatabank.org/indicators/58IllicitDrugUse.cfm>

- **2005** saw a **212%** increase in **prescription drug abuse** by **US teens**. *Columbia University's National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse* <http://www.ahrp.org/infomail/05/09/27a.php>
- In **2009**, **20** percent of **teens** said they could get prescription drugs within an hour, with their own homes and friends being the most common sources. About **25** percent stated they could find marijuana within an hour. *The National Center on Addiction, reported on CNN health.*
- In **2009**, **20%** of **U.S. High School Students** said they had used a **prescription drug** without a doctor's prescription. Also, **72%** percent of high school students ever used **alcohol**, about **37 percent** ever used **marijuana**, **6.4 percent** ever used **cocaine**, **4.1 percent** ever used **methamphetamine**, and **6.7 percent** ever used **ecstasy**. <http://www.cdc.gov/media/pressrel/2010/r100603.htm>
- In **2003**, more than **20%** of **students** in the **12th** grade reported using marijuana in the past **30** days. <http://www.childtrendsdatabank.org/indicators/46MarijuanaUse.cfm>
- Almost **47%** of high school **students** report life-time use of marijuana. <http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r2k0609b.htm> [1999]
- **27%** used marijuana during the **30** days preceding a CDC survey. ¹³
<http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r2k0609b.htm> [1999]
- **4%** used cocaine during the **30** days preceding the same survey. ^{^ 13}
- **15%** used inhalants during their lifetime. ^{^ 13}
- **9%** used methamphetamines during their lifetime. ^{^ 13}
- Inner-city youth with a "strong religious orientation" **54%** less likely to use drugs than their peers. Harvard University study: *Atheists won't save Europe* by Don Feder <http://www.frontpagemagazine.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=27937>
- From **1960** to **1980** the teen suicide rate has risen more than **200%** (**1** suicide every **17** minutes). *National Center for Health Statistics. Quantifying America's Decline* by William J. Bennett; <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/augustine/arch/usadecline.html>
- Youth suicide rates skyrocketed **400 percent** since **1950**. *Lost Boys, Why Our Sons Turn Violent and How We Can Save Them*, James Garbarino, Ph.D. <http://www.yellodyno.com/>
- For every two victims of **homicide** in the U.S. there are three deaths from **suicide** [all ages]. <http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu/Faculty/Lynch/sadd/statistics.html>
- Males ages **15** to **19** are five times as likely to commit **suicide** as women. <http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu/Faculty/Lynch/sadd/statistics.html>
- **8%** of high school students attempted **suicide** during the **12** months preceding a **1999** survey. CDC survey. *Centers for Disease Control*; <http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r2k0609b.htm>
- Depression among American youth increased from **400%** since **1950**. <http://www.yellodyno.com/html/childabusestatistics.html>
- From **1958** to **1990** the suicide rate for **15-** to **19-year-olds** in the US increased **267 percent**. *United States 1985, National Institute of Mental Health, Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration, Public Health Service, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, p. 150; Statistical Abstract of the United States, Bureau of the Census, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, (1988) p. 82, (1990) p. 86, (1993) p. 99.* <http://www.cchr.org/morals/return.htm>
- **Emergency room visits** involving **non-medical use of prescription drugs** were up **111%** during **2004--2008** and increased **29 percent** during **2007--2008**. There were **two million visits** to the **Emergency room** in 2008 for misuse and abuse of all drugs. *CDC and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) June 20, 2010*
- An estimated 20 percent of people in the United States have used prescription drugs, such as narcotic painkillers, sedatives and tranquilizers and stimulants, for nonmedical reasons. *National Institute on Drug Abuse* <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/prescriptiondrugabuse.html>
- According to the research company IMS Health about 42 million sleeping pill prescriptions were filled in 2005, up nearly 60 percent since *New York Times, February 7, 2006*
- Over **100,000** people die every year from taking **prescription drugs**. *Lyle Hurd, http://americanwellnessnetwork.com/American_Wellness_Network.html*
- As of **2005**, nearly **60 percent** of drug poisoning deaths in the U.S. involved legal and illegal narcotics (up from **50 percent** in **1999**). *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.* <http://www.phillyburbs.com/pb-dyn/news/111-03092008-1500573.html>
- Use of narcotic drugs rose by almost **75%** among women **45--64** years of age between **1988--1994** and **1999--2002**. *National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES).* <http://www.mindfully.org/Health/2007/Prescription-Related-Fatalities5feb07.htm>
- Spending for drugs rose **40 percent** from **1998** to **2000** [and continues]. http://www.mercola.com/2001/may/19/prescription_drugs.htm
- The average number of prescriptions per elderly person grew **45 percent** from **1992** to **2000**. From **1992** to **2010**, the average number of prescriptions per senior is projected to grow by **96 percent**. <http://www.familiesusa.org/assets/pdfs/drugod852b.pdf>

- The number **1** and number **3** prescription sales drugs for the year **2000** were for treating ulcers. Number **2** and **5** were for cholesterol lowering medication, while numbers **4**, **7** and **8** were for the treatment of depression.

<http://www.therubins.com/geninfo/eldpresc.htm>

- ¹³<http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r2k0609b.htm> [**1999**]

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GENERAL HEALTH

- **3** out of **4** Americans have a **diagnosable chronic condition**. Recent statistics show that **cancer** effects **33 percent of adults**, **15 million** Americans suffer from **asthma**, **65 percent** of Americans are currently **overweight** or **obese**. The Centers for Disease Control says that one out of every three children born in **2000** will become **diabetic**. *April 1999 study in Effective Clinical Practice.*
- According to the National Center for Health Statistics, the **average weight for an adult female** in the United States is **162.9** pounds. **189.8** pounds for the average male.
- Because of their poor diets and excess weight, people now in their **50s and 60s** suffer from more health problems than their parents did at the same age. *The Week Magazine, 5/4/07* <http://www.veegle.com>.
- The leading (listed) causes of **death** in **2004** in the U.S. were: **Heart disease: 654,092; Cancer: 550,270; Stroke (cerebrovascular diseases): 150,147; Chronic lower respiratory diseases: 123,884; Accidents (unintentional injuries): 108,694; Diabetes: 72,815; Alzheimer's disease: 65,829; Influenza/Pneumonia: 61,472; Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, and nephrosis: 42,762; Septicemia: 33,464.**
http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/lcod.htm
- Actual Causes of Death in the United States (**2000**) were seen as, Tobacco (**435 000** deaths; **18.1%** of total US deaths), poor Diet and Physical Inactivity (**400 000** deaths; **16.6%**), Alcohol Consumption (**85 000** deaths; **3.5%**). Other actual causes of death were Microbial Agents (**75 000**), toxic agents (**55 000**), Motor Vehicle crashes (**43 000**), incidents involving Firearms (**29 000**), Sexual Behaviors (**20 000**), and illicit use of Drugs (**17 000**). *http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/291/10/1238. American Medical Association*
- In the summer of **1900**, the major causes of death were **1.** Pneumonia and influenza; **2.** TB; **3.** Diarrhea; **4.** Heart disease; **5.** Stroke.
http://www.bitoffun.com/Funfacts.htm
- People who daily watched **4 hours** or more of **Television** were **80 percent** more likely to **die** from **heart disease**, and **46 percent** more likely to die from **any cause** than those who watched less than two hours of TV per day. The risk of **dying** from **heart disease** by increased by **18 percent**, and the overall risk of death by **11 percent** with each additional hour spent in front of the TV. *(Reported by cnn.com/2010/HEALTH/01/11, from study, released January 11, 2010, by D. W. Dunstan, E. L.M. Barr, G. N. Healy, J. Salmon, J. E. Shaw, B. Balkau, D. J. Magliano, A. J. Cameron, P. Z. Zimmet, and N. Owen http://circ.ahajournals.org/cgi/reprint/CIRCULATIONAHA.109.894584v1;Television Viewing Time and Mortality. The Australian Diabetes, Obesity and Lifestyle Study (AusDiab*
- It is estimated that about **500,000** (a half million) Americans have died because of AIDS, and nearly **1** million people in the United States are presently living with HIV/AIDS. *Twenty-Five Years of HIV/AIDS --- United States, 1981--2006*
www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5521a1.htm. http://www.knowhivaids.org/facts_stats.html;
- In **2003-2004**, **17.1%** of children and adolescents **2-19** years of age (over **12** and a half million) were overweight, and **32.2%** of adults (over **66** million) were obese. Almost **5%** of adults were extremely obese.
http://www.cdc.gov/women/pubs/overwght.htm
- Americans are the most overweight people on the planet, with Mexicans, Australians, Greeks, New Zealanders and Britons being not too far behind. *U.S. Census Bureau.*
- **10** new **chemicals** per day are being manufactured globally that end up in **drinking water systems**. *Dr. Robert Lawrence of the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. Dr. Vicki Blazer, a fisheries biologist at the United States Geological Survey*
- High concentrations of **intersex fish** found in the Potomac, and other rivers in the mid-Atlantic are being blamed on **endocrine disruptors**, with **birth control pills** being one of the suspected sources . *http://www.indiancountrytoday.com/internal?st=print&id=83635132&path=/opinion*
- American's production of solid waste increased from **3.7** pounds in **1980** to **4.4** pounds in **2006**. *http://www.census.gov/prod/www/statistical-abstract.html*
- Gallup reports (2008) that 66% of American workers said they have one or more chronic diseases or recurring conditions, and over 20 percent reported they were not able to perform their usual activities on one or more days last month. 25 percent of American workers are obese or overweight, and 40 percent are overweight. April 29, 2008 http://media.gallup.com/healthways/pdf/Gallup-Healthways_Well-

- Based on a study of brain scans of **94** people in their **70s**, obese people were found to have **8** percent less brain tissue than normal-weight individuals. Their brains look **16** years older than the brains of lean individuals. This is expected to put the heavier subjects at greater risk of developing Alzheimer's disease and other degenerative brain diseases. Study by UCLA and the University of Pittsburgh, released **2009**, funded by National Institute on Aging, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, National Center for Research Resources, and the American Heart Association.
- In California about two-thirds of men (**63.4%**) and almost half of women (**45.2%**) are overweight or obese. Vainio H, Kaaks R, Bianchini. "Weight control and physical activity in cancer prevention: international evaluation of the evidence." *European Journal of Cancer Prevention*, **2002**; Supplement **2**: S94-S100. **13.5** <http://news.ucanr.org/mediakits/Nutrition/nutritionfactsheet.shtml#sources>
- Childhood obesity has more than tripled for children aged **6-11** years. **1999-2002** National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, *Prevalence of Overweight and Obesity Among Adults: United States, 1999-2002*. www.cdc.gov. **13.5**
- Fifty percent of overweight children/teens remain overweight as adults. Childhood Overweight, *A Fact Sheet for Professionals*, University of California, Berkeley, Cooperative Extension, Department of Nutritional Sciences, January **2000**. **13.5**
- Children who are ever breast-fed are **15%-25%** less likely to become overweight, and those who are breast-fed for **6** months or more are **20%-40%** less likely. *Preventing Obesity and Chronic Diseases Through Good Nutrition and Physical Activity*, Revised August **2003**. National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, www.cdc.gov/nccdphp **13.5**
- Household income spent on away-from-home foods rose from **25 percent** of total food spending in **1970** to nearly one-half in **1999**. *Preventing Childhood Obesity: Health in the Balance*. **2005**. Institute of Medicine. www.iom.edu **13.5**
- Sweets, desserts, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages account for nearly **25 percent** of all calories consumed by Americans. Salty snacks and fruit-flavored drinks add another five percent. Sodas alone contribute **7.1 percent** of total calories eaten. Healthy fruits and vegetables make up only **10 percent** of caloric intake in the U.S. diet. Gladys Block, professor of epidemiology and public health nutrition at UC Berkeley, June **2004**, *Journal of Food Chemistry and Analysis*. **13.5**
- According to the United States Department of Agriculture, healthier diets could prevent at least **\$71** billion per year in medical costs, lost productivity, and lost lives. Frazao E. "High Costs of Poor Eating Patterns in the United States." In *America's Eating Habits: Changes and Consequences*. Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Washington, DC: USDA, **1999**. *Agriculture Information Bulletin No. 750*, pp **5-32** **13.5**
- Over **750,000** people in the United States die every year from conventional medicine mistakes. *Death by Medicine*, by Drs. Gary Null, Carolyn Dean, Martin Feldman, Debora Rasio and Dorothy Smith, **2003**. <http://www.newstarget.com/009278.html>
- **13.5** <http://news.ucanr.org/mediakits/Nutrition/nutritionfactsheet.shtml#sources>

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CRIME + PUNISHMENT

- From **1960 to 1990** violent crime rose **560%**. F.B.I. *Quantifying America's Decline* by William J. Bennett <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/augustine/arch/usadecline.html>
- **99%** of Americans will be victims of theft at least once in their lives. **80%** of Americans can expect to be victims of violent crime at least once in their lives. *Statistics Concerning the State of America* <http://freedomministries.com/outlinestats.html>
- **1 out of every 32** adults in America were under parole or probation or in jail or prison in **2003**. U.S. Department of Justice: Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Statistics <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/correct.htm> [If souls are not sufficiently controlled from within, by God and conscience, he/she will ultimately have to be controlled from without. True churches work to bring about the former, reducing the need for the State to exercise its prerogative to do the latter. (God controlled or gun controlled.) But woe to the country when the Church or the Government is not controlled by virtue, but punishes good while promoting/protecting evil.]
- About **1 in every 143** U.S. residents were actually in state or federal prison or a local jail, at the end of **2001**. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/press/p02pr.htm>
- **One in every 136** U.S. Residents (almost **2.2** million people) was behind bars by last summer. That **2.6 percent** increase from mid-**2004** to mid-**2005** translates into a weekly rise of **1,085** inmates. Bureau of Justice Statistics; Elizabeth White *The Associated Press*
- Since **1995** the number of female prisoners (**6.8 percent** of all prison inmates) in federal or state prison has grown **42 percent**, while the number of male prisoners has increased **27 percent**. U.S. Department of Justice. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/press/p02pr.htm>
- The **2002** prisoner increase was equal to an additional **700** more inmates every week during the year. U.S. Department of Justice. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/press/p02pr.htm>
- Each year, more than **600,000** inmates in the U.S. are released from prison.

Within three years, two-thirds of them will be rearrested for new crimes involving new victims. *BreakPoint*®, June 30, 2006, Prison Fellowship Ministries.

- Since 1990, the U.S. prison population has almost doubled. More African-American men are in jail (10.4% of the African-American population) than in college. [much due to the “victim/entitlement mentality” the devil has sought to seduce us with since the Garden of Eden (Ga. 3)] Justice Department, reported by Information Please® Database, © 2007 Pearson Education
- 25% of the total world prison population are in America, which has the highest reported percentage of it's citizens behind bars. Alan Elsner, *Gates of Injustice* [This is best understood as excluding communist countries, such as China and North Korea, which not only redefine freedom, but probably also prison.]
- As of 2008, the number of incarcerated adults in the United States has reached an all time time, with over 1 in 100 adults (incl. 1 in 9 black men ages 20 to 34) being in jail or prison, costing state governments almost \$50 billion a year and the federal government \$5 billion more. Approx 91 percent of incarcerated adults are under state or local jurisdiction. the average per prisoner operating cost in 2005 was \$23,876. An estimated 1 in every 15 dollars from state general funds was spent on corrections in fiscal year 2007. *Pew's Center on the States study*, <http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/uploadedFiles/One%20in%20100.pdf>
- Justice spending per capita in 2001 was about double the spending in 1982, 60 percent of which being in law enforcement, and local police and sheriff's department employees accounting for 80 percent of all law enforcement personnel nationwide. ¹⁴ *Bureau of Justice Statistics* <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/press/jeeus01pr.htm>.
- Overall, there were about 81 justice system employees per 10,000 population in 2001, with New York State being the highest (94 full-time equivalent justice employees per 10,000). ¹⁴ <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/press/jeeus01pr.htm>.
- In 1999 the national average for justice expenditures was \$442 per capita. http://justice.uaa.alaska.edu/forum/18/4winter2002/e_expend.html
- Per capita justice expenditures in 2001 were \$586 — about \$254 per person for police protection, just over \$130 per person for judicial and legal services and approximately \$200 per person for correctional services both in the community and in confinement facilities. Local, state and federal governments spent a record \$167 billion on direct expenditures for police protection, judicial and legal services and corrections activities. ¹⁴ U.S. Dept. of Justice. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/press/jeeus01pr.htm>.
- The nation has tripled its prison population since 1980; opening the equivalent of 3 or more new 500 bed prisons every week. ¹⁴
- The rate of incarceration has risen from 313 per 100,000 in 1985 to 476 of every 100,000 in 1997. U.S. ¹⁴
- The current prison population of over 2 million constitutes a growth of over 850% in the past 30 years. ¹⁴
- The cost of running the U.S. prison system is now more than \$57 billion per year, with violent offenders costing 50 percent more than others. Alan Elsner, *Gates of Injustice*.
- The three states with the lowest ratio of imprisoned to civilian population are, as of 2004, Maine (148 per 100,000), Minnesota (171 per 100,000), and Rhode Island (175 per 100,000). The three states with the highest ratio are Louisiana (816 per 100,000), Texas (694 per 100,000), and Mississippi (669 per 100,000). http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_prison_population#_note-0
- A survey showed that among the nearly 300,000 prisoners released, 67.5% were rearrested within 3 years, and 51.8% were back in prison. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_prison_population#_note-9
- Between 1990 and 2000 the number of State correctional facilities increased by 351. States also added over 528,000 beds, an 81% increase. ¹⁴ *Bureau of Justice Statistics; Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics, 2003 (table 6.1.2004).*
- On December 31, 2000, State prisons were operating between full capacity and 15% above capacity, while Federal prisons were operating at 31% above capacity. ¹⁴
- Hepatitis C: Often lethal liver disease; spread by blood exchange, infects approximately 41% of the inmates just in California prisons alone; compared to less than 2% of the population at large. ¹⁴ ...
- Nearly 600,000 inmates are released each year; many of them riddled with disease. ¹⁴ ...
- Hepatitis C: Often lethal liver disease; spread by blood exchange, infects approximately 41% of the inmates just in California prisons alone; compared to

less than **2%** of the population at large. ^{^ 14} ..

- Texas built **84** of the **351** new State prisons built since **1990** in the United States. ^{^ 14} ..
- In Canada, there was a **340 percent** greater incidence of violent crime over its **1965** figure, with similar rises in robbery, assault, rape and murder statistics. <http://www.cchr.org/morals/return.htm>
- In Canada, the rate of violent crime doubled in the '60s, increased by **30 percent** in the '70s and rose another **46 percent** in the '80s. "Juristat," Service Bulletin for the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, October **1990**.
- Motor vehicle crashes remain the number one cause of death among youth (in the US) ages **15** to **20**. (**2000**). <http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu/Faculty/Lynch/sadd/statistics.html>
- Forty **percent** of teenage girls age **14** to **17** report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend. Children Now / Kaiser Permanente Poll, December **1995** <http://www.stopdv.org/Content/CAFVIC/GetInformed/Statistics/default.htm>
- An average of **28 percent** of high school and college students experience dating violence at some point. Brustin, S., Legal Response to Teen Dating Violence, Family Law Quarterly, vol. **29**, no. **2,331** (Summer **1995**) (citing Levy, In Love & In Danger: a teen's guide to breaking free of an abusive relationship, **1993**)
- **33%** of teenagers report knowing a friend or peer who has been hit, punched, kicked, slapped, choked or physically hurt by their partner. Liz Claiborne Inc. study on teen dating abuse conducted by Teenage Research Unlimited, February **2005**.
- Nearly **80 percent** of girls who have been physically abused in their intimate relationships continue to date their abuser. City of New York, Teen Relationship Abuse Fact Sheet, March **1998**
- Fifty-seven **percent** of homeless families identified domestic violence as a primary cause of homelessness. The United States Conference of Mayors, A Status Report on Hunger and Homelessness in America's Cities: **1999**, December **1999**, p94.
- Boys who witness domestic violence in their own home are **33%** more likely to become batterers. Straus, M.A., Gelles, R.J. & Steinmetz, S. Behind Closed Doors. Doubleday, Anchor, **1980**.
- Forty to sixty **percent** of men who abuse women also abuse children. American Psychol. Ass'n, Violence and the Family: Report of the American Psychological Association Presidential Task Force on Violence and the Family (**1996**), p. **80** Many more stats on **domestic violence** here: <http://www.stopdv.org/Content/CAFVIC/GetInformed/Statistics/default.htm>
- Homicide is the **2nd** leading cause of death among **15** to **24-year-olds** overall. <http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu/Faculty/Lynch/sadd/statistics.html>
- Between the mid **80's** to the mid **90's** the youth homicide rate increased by **168 percent**. Lost Boys, Why Our Sons Turn Violent and How We Can Save Them, James Garbarino, Ph.D. http://www.yellodyno.com/html/violent_kids_stats.html
- Suicide is the **3rd** leading cause of death among youths ages **15** to **20**. <http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu/Faculty/Lynch/sadd/statistics.html>
- **70%** of juveniles in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes. **36%** of children live without their biological fathers. Statistics Concerning the State of America <http://freedomministries.com/outlinestats.html>
- From **1960** to **1990** child abuse has risen from **670,000** in **1976** to nearly **3** million in the **1990s**. The FBI; U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Family members were most likely to murder a young child (**20%**). <http://www.criminaldefenselawyer.com/nationalandRegionalStatisticsonCrime.cfm>
- **1987** to **1996** saw an increase of more than **50 percent** in juvenile arrest for murder, possession of weapons, robbery, and aggravated assault. FBI: U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (**1997**). **1996** Uniform Crime Report. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice. http://www.yellodyno.com/html/violent_kids_stats.html
- **33%** of students were in a physical fight in **2001**. <http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu/Faculty/Lynch/sadd/statistics.html>
- Juvenile homicide rate in the U.S. is higher than in any other industrialized country. Fox, J.A. (**1996**). Trends in Juvenile Violence. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice. http://www.yellodyno.com/html/violent_kids_stats.html
- The average American worker admits to misusing 2.09 hours per 8-hour workday (not including lunch and scheduled break-time) of their employers time (personal Internet use making up 44.7% of the stolen time), costing employers an estimated \$759 billion per year. 33.2% of respondents blamed lack of work as their primary reason for doing so, while 23.4% said they were underpaid. Survey by America Online and Salary.com http://www.salary.com/careers/layoutscripts/crel_display.asp?tab=cre&cat=nocat&ser=Ser374&part=Par555
- **47%** of the world's PC users get their software illegally. Business Software Alliance (BSA) September 7, 2011 <http://www.bsa.org/country/News%20and%20Events/News%20Archives/en/2011/en-09072011-ipsos.aspx>
- In Australia, the number of serious assaults has risen **391 percent** between **1973-74** and **1991-92**, and the robbery rate increased **190 percent**.³⁴ In New Zealand, the total number of violent offenses increased **615 percent** between **1960** and **1990**, from **2,937** to **20,987**.³⁵ The crime rate in Greece has

increased **1,268 percent** between **1980** and **1990**. In Sweden, the per-capita crime has gone up fivefold since **1950,37** and in Germany the number of arrests for robberies has increased **60 percent** between **1972** and **1985**. Assault and theft rose **71 percent**. "Number of offences reported per **100,000** population for selected countries, **1972-1985**," *The Size of the Crime Problem in Australia*. www.christian-parenting.learninginfo.org/chap06.htm

- British kids were also involved more frequently in fights (**44%** in the U.K. to **28%** in Germany), with violent offenses among British under **18s** rising **37%** in the three years to **2006**. *Time magazine, March, 2008*
- A **345%** increase in child pornography sites was found between **2/2001-7/2001** (*N2H2, 8/01*) <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- The U.S. Customs Service estimates that there are more than **100,000** websites offering child pornography - which is illegal, worldwide. *Red Herring Magazine, 1/18/02*; <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- **25** million Americans visit cybersex sites between **1-10** hours per week *MSNBC Survey 2000*; <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- The combined circulation of Playboy and Penthouse exceeds that of Time and Newsweek. <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- In **2006**, China (27.40 mil.), S. Korea (25.73 mil.), Japan (19.98 mil.) and the United States (13.33 mil.) had the 4 largest amounts of revenue from **pornography**. *Top ten reviews*
- In 2005-2006, the **pornography** industry was larger than the revenues of the top technology companies combined: Microsoft, Google, Amazon, eBay, Yahoo!, Apple, Netflix and EarthLink. US porn revenue exceeded the combined revenues of ABC, CBS, and NBC. *Top ten reviews*
- **77 percent** of persons who molested boys said they were regular users of hard-core **pornography**. **87 percent** of those who molested girls boys said they were regular users of hard-core pornography. *W. Marshall, Report on the Use of Pornography by Sexual Offenders, Report to the Federal Department of Justice, Ottawa, Canada. 1983.* <http://www.family.org/pastor/resources/sos/a0006443.cfm>
- **86 percent** of convicted rapists said they were regular users of pornography. *W. Marshall, Report on the Use of Pornography by Sexual Offenders* ^
- A **1979** study in Phoenix, Arizona, showed that neighborhoods with a pornography business realized **40 percent** more property crime and **500 percent** more sexual offenses than similar neighborhoods without a pornography outlet. *U.S. Department of Justice, "Child Pornography, Obscenity and Organized Crime," February 1988.* <http://www.family.org/pastor/resources/sos/a0006443.cfm>
- Nearly **900** theaters show X-rated films and more than **15,000** adult bookstores and video stores offer **pornographic** material, outnumbering McDonald's restaurants in the U.S. by a margin of at least **3** to **1**. <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- **60%** of all web-site visits are **sexual** in nature. *MSNBC /Stanford/Duquesne study, Washington Times Jan. 26, 2000.*
- **61%** of adults view gambling as a morally acceptable behavior. *Barna Research.* <http://www.barna.org>
- A survey of Massachusetts high school students found that **1** in **20** had already been arrested for a gambling-related offense; **10%** experienced family problems due to gambling; and **8 percent** had gotten in trouble at work or school because of gambling. *Howard J. Shaffer, "The Emergence of Youthful Addiction: The Prevalence of Underage Lottery Use and the Impact of Gambling," Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling, January 13, 1994, p. 12* <http://www.av1611.org/kjv/refuel.html>
- All told, Americans legally wagered **\$550** billion on [sinful] legal gambling in **1995** an astonishing **3,200 percent** increase in gambling since **1974**. **14.5** <http://www.ncalg.org/library/working%20on%20these/factsheet.htm>
- In **1995**, more money was spent on casino gambling than was spent on movie tickets, theater, opera and concerts combined. In **1993**, Americans made more trips to casinos than they did to Major League baseball games, NFL football games, symphony concerts and Broadway shows combined. ^ **14.5**
- Every state except two (Hawaii and Utah) allows some form of legal gambling. ^ **14.5**
- In less than ten years after casinos were legalized in Atlantic City, the crime rate increased **258 percent!** ^ **14.5**
- In Gulfport and Biloxi, Mississippi, the site of **11** out of **13** casinos in that state, crime increased in every category in **1994**, with murder, rape, robbery and car theft at least doubling. ^ **14.5**
- Since casinos came to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, domestic violence has increased **69 percent**, and it is estimated that **37 percent** of all pathological

- gamblers have abused their children. [^] [14.5](#)
- Pathological gamblers are responsible for an estimated **\$1.3 billion** worth of insurance- related fraud per year. [^] [14.5](#)
- The amount of money wagered annually in the United States is estimated to be **\$0.5 trillion**. Feigelman W, Wallisch LS, Lesieur HR. Problem gamblers, problem substance users and dual-problem individuals: an epidemiological study. *Am J Public Health* **1998;88:467-70**. <http://www.aafp.org/afp/20000201/741.html>
- Americans spend approximately **\$31.5 billion** annually on state lottery games. *Gambling impact and behavior study: final report to the National Gambling Impact Study Commission*. Chicago: National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago, **1999**. <http://www.aafp.org/afp/20000201/741.html>
- Americans spend approximately **\$31.5 billion** annually on state lottery games. University of Chicago, **1999** [^]
- Thirty to **50 percent** of money collected by casinos annually comes from about **4 percent** of the population. <http://dianedew.com/gambling.htm>
- Gamblers legally bet over **\$586 billion** annually. [**1996**] <http://dianedew.com/gambling.htm>
- Getting killed by lightning is **seven times more likely than winning a million dollars** in a state lottery. (Harper's, July **1983**) <http://dianedew.com/gambling.htm>
- **Insurance-related crime** among gamblers is estimated at over **\$1.3 billion a year**. <http://www.ncalg.org/library/working%20on%20these/factsheet.htm>
- **Crime rates in casino communities** are **84%** higher than the national average. (*U.S. News & World Report*, **1/15/96**) <http://dianedew.com/gambling.htm>
- *See more financial figures under [Finances](#)*
- **14** Bureau of Justice Statistics
- **14.5** <http://www.ncalg.org/library/working%20on%20these/factsheet.htm>

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- **3 million crimes** per year are committed on or near **school** property. <http://www.hi-ho.ne.jp/taku77/papers/vc/vc5.htm>
- **6,000** American **students** were kicked out of school in the **1996-97** school year for packing **weapons**.- John Hendren, "Internet Provides Bomb Blueprints," *www.ap.org*, April **26, 1999** (*Kids Killing Kids*) http://www.yellodyno.com/html/violent_kids_stats.html
- **2,500** High School **students** drop out of school every day. *U.S. News + World Report*, **4-24-06**
- More than a **25%** of low-income **first-generation** college **students leave** after their **first year**, and **89 percent fail to graduate** within **six years**. *Time Magazine, What We Can Learn from First-Generation College Students*, April 11, 2012
- One million U.S. students took **guns** to school in **1998**. *Parents Resource Institute for Drug Addiction*. http://www.yellodyno.com/html/violent_kids_stats.html
- **20%** of high school **students** reported carrying some type of **weapons** to school each day. *Centers for Disease Control*. <http://www.cdc.gov>
- **68%** of prison **inmates** do not have a High School **diploma**. *U.S. News + World Report*, **4-24-06**
- Almost **33%** of school **teachers** seriously considered leaving their jobs because of student **misbehavior**. *Research firm Public Agenda*. <http://publicagenda.org/>
- Nearly **80 percent** of school teachers said there are serious **troublemakers** in their schools who should have been kicked out of regular classrooms. *Research firm Public Agenda as reported by www.theolympian.com*
- **College professors** who train **teachers** give a low priority to skills like keeping **order** and training **politeness**. *Research firm Public Agenda*
- **36%** of high school **students** reported having been involved in a physical **fight** in the last year. <http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r2k0609b.htm>
- **21%** of high school **students** said they avoided using places like school **rest rooms** because of the threat of harm. *U.S. Department of Education*
- **2,500** educators (three for every school day) from **2001** through **2005** were punished for **sexual misconduct**, **80 percent** of those being to students. *Associated Press investigation* <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,303780,00.html>
- From 1955 to 1991 the U.S. **pupil/teacher ratio** dropped **40 percent**, the average salary of teachers rose **50 percent** (in real terms) and the annual **expense per pupil**, soared **350 percent** (inflation adjusted) *John Taylor Gatto, Eyeless in Gaza, Intellectual Espionage*, p. 3 <http://www.johntaylorgatto.com/chapters/3c.htm>
- **Seventeen** of the nation's **50 largest cities** had high school **graduation** rates lower than **50 percent**, with the lowest graduation rates reported in Detroit, Indianapolis and Cleveland. Approx. **70 percent** of U.S. students graduate on time with a regular diploma, but about **1.2 million** students drop out annually.

America's Promise Alliance, based upon U.S. Department of Education data from 2003-2004.
<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,344190,00.html>

- In **1940**, teachers listed the following concerns (in order of magnitude) that interfered with a child's education: (a) **talking** out of turn; (b) **chewing** gum; (c) making **noise**; (d) **running** in the halls; (e) getting out of **line**; (f) wearing improper **clothing** and; (g) not putting **paper** in the wastebasket. Today, teachers rank the following concerns (in order of magnitude) which interfere with a child's education: (a) **drug** abuse; (b) alcohol abuse; (c) teen **pregnancy**; (d) **suicide**; (e) **rape**; (f) **robbery** and: (g) **assault**. William Kilpatrick; "Why Johnny Can't Tell Right from Wrong, pg. 64. (Simon & Schuster, 1992).
- A **2009** survey of almost **30,000** high school students nationwide found that **30%** admitted to stealing from a store within the past year (**19** percent who attend religious schools). **23%** said they stole from a parent or relative. More than **83%** stated they lied to a parent about something significant. **42** confessed that they sometimes lied to save money (up from **395** in **2006**). **64** percent had cheated on a test in the past year (up from **60** percent two years earlier) and **38** percent had cheated more than once. More than **36%** had used the Internet to plagiarize. **26%** also confessed to lying on at least one survey question. However, **93%** agreed, "I am satisfied with my own ethics and character," and **77%** affirmed, "When it comes to doing what is right, I am better than most people I know." Josephson Institute <http://charactercounts.org/programs/reportcard/>
- **50%** of all **home schooling** parents are born again **Christians**. Barna Research 2001. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=103>
- **22** percent of adult Americans are functionally illiterate (they cannot read the front page of a newspaper). The U.S. Department of Education National Adult Literacy Survey (NALS);Kirsch I, et al. Adult Literacy in America: A First Look at the Findings of the National Adult Literacy Survey. Washington, DC. National Center for Education Statistics, US Dept of Education, 1993.
- Approximately **50** percent of Americans have **reading** and **computational skills** that are inadequate for them to fully function in our modern society. ^ http://www.rm.f.harvard.edu/risklibrary/articles/i_health-literacy-incP.asp
- **47** percent of Americans could not understand **written directions** to take medicine on an empty stomach, and **60** percent did not understand the standard consent form. Williams MV, et al. Inadequate functional health literacy among patients at two public hospitals. Journal of the American Medical Association. 1995; 274:1677-82.
- Only **31** percent of fourth graders read at or above grade level. <http://www.childrensdefense.org/pressreleases/040713.asp>
- Seven out of ten fourth graders cannot read or do math at grade level. <http://www.childrensdefense.org/pressreleases/040713.asp>
- According to the 2000 NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) assessments, only **32** percent of **4th graders** are **proficient** in reading, while just **26** percent are proficient in **mathematics**, **29** percent in **science**, and **18** percent in **history**. By the **12th grade** proficiency rates **decline** in most subjects. Over half of all poor students fail to reach the basic level on NAEP assessments in most subjects. U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/sitemap.asp>.
- Between **1963** and **1980** national **SAT** composite **scores** fell **90** points. College Board Annual SAT Score Reports. 1963-1980.
- Since 1972 to 1994, the percentage of U.S. students scoring above **600** on **SAT** tests declined **37** percent, and the percentage of those who scored **750** tests fell **50** percent. John Taylor Gatto, Eyeless in Gaza, Intellectual Espionage, p. 3 <http://www.johntaylorgatto.com/chapters/3c.htm>
- The high school class of **2006** recorded the sharpest drop in **SAT scores** in **31** years. Associated Press.
- Nearly **60** percent of high-school seniors lack even a basic knowledge of **U.S. History**. 1992 National Adult Literacy Survey tests
- The national graduation rate is **68** percent, with nearly one-third of all public high school students failing to graduate (**2001**). <http://www.urban.org/publications/410934.htm>
- The **1992** National Adult **Literacy** Survey tests show that only about **56%** of the **blacks** and **83%** of the whites over sixteen are **literate**. [55] Scores on **1994** NAEP reading tests indicate that **42%** of the **4th** graders can't **read**; **72%** of the **8th** graders can't read **8th** grade assignments; and **66%** of the nation's high school **seniors** can't read **9th** grade textbooks in any core subject. USDE. 1994. NAEP Reading: A First Look. p. 18.
- In a nationwide study conducted by Dr. Brian D. Ray of the National **Home Education** Research Institute, **Homeschoolers** were found to have scored **34-39** percentile points **higher** than the norm on standardized achievement tests. <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20090811/study-homeschoolers-scoring-well-above-public-school-peers/index.html>
- The average ACT (American College Testing) score of **homeschooled students**

in **2009** was **higher** than the national average.

<http://www.christianpost.com/article/20090827/avg-act-score-of-homeschoolers-beats-nat-l-avg/index.html>

- In **1940**, fewer than **5 percent** of Americans had a **college degree**. Starting with the GI Bill in **1944**, governments at all levels promoted college. From **1947 to 1980**, enrollments jumped from 2.3 million to 12.1 million. In the 1940s, private colleges and universities accounted for about half. By the **1980s**, state schools - offering heavily subsidized tuitions - represented nearly four-fifths. At last count, roughly **40 percent** of Americans had some **sort of college degree**: about 30 percent a bachelor's degree from a four-year institution; the rest associate degrees from community colleges.
http://www.realclearmarkets.com/articles/2012/05/29/lets_drop_the_college-for-everyone_crusade_99690.html
- Since **1961**, the time students spend reading, writing and otherwise studying has fallen from **24 hours** a week to about **15**. http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/is-college-too-easy-as-study-time-falls-debate-rises/2012/05/21/gIQA7uUgU_print.html
- After **two years** of college, 45 percent of college students hadn't significantly improved their critical thinking and writing skills; after **four years**, the proportion was still **36 percent**. The study was based on a test taken by 2,400 students at 24 schools. "Academically Adrift," by sociologists Richard Arum and Josipa Roksa;
http://www.realclearmarkets.com/articles/2012/05/29/lets_drop_the_college-for-everyone_crusade_99690.html
- Over **50 percent** of students at **four-year schools** and more than **75 percent** at two-year **colleges** lacked the skills to perform complex literacy tasks (unable to interpret a table about exercise and blood pressure, comprehend arguments of newspaper editorials, compare credit card offers with different interest rates and annual fees, or summarize results of a survey about parental involvement in school). *American Institutes for Research Ben Feller, Associated Press | January 20, 2006*
- **States** appropriated almost **\$6.2 billion** for four-year **colleges** and universities between **2003** and **2008** to help **pay** for the **education** of students who did **not return** for their second year, while the federal government spent **\$1.5 billion** and states spent **\$1.4 billion** on grants for such students. "Finishing the First Lap: The Cost of First-Year Student Attrition in America's Four-Year Colleges and Universities." reported by AP, "Report: College dropouts cost taxpayers billions," October 11, 2010
- More than **25%** of low-income first-generation college students leave after their first year, and **89 percent fail to graduate** within six years. *Time Magazine, What We Can Learn from First-Generation College Students, April 11, 2012*
- Almost **80%** of **seniors** at **55** of our **best colleges** and universities earned a **D** or **F** grade on a high-school level American history test a **1999** survey showed.
USDE 1992 National Adult Literacy Survey tests <http://www.philanthropyroundtable.org/magazines/2000-11/cohen.html>
- The National Center for Education Statistics reports that only **31%** of **college graduates** can **read** and **understand** a complex book. *Walter E. Williams, professor of economics at George Mason University.* <http://www.ibdeditorials.com/IBDArticles.aspx?id=336612797889002>
- Nearly half (**47 percent**) of college **freshmen** enrolled in **2005** had earned an average grade of **A** in high school, compared to **2-in-10 (20 percent)** in **1970**. The majority (**79 percent**) of freshmen in **1970** had an important personal objective of "developing a meaningful philosophy of life." By **2005**, the majority of freshmen (**75 percent**) said their primary objective was "being very well off financially." *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2007, (Table 274).*
<http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/miscellaneous/007871.html>
- **Enrollment has increased 70.6 percent** since **1990**, from **135,000** to **230,000**, at the **102** **Evangelical schools** belonging to the **Council of Christian Colleges and Universities**. *Higher Education Research Institute at the UCLA; USA Today Dec. 14, 2005*
- During the same period, enrollments at public colleges increased by **12.8 percent**, and at private colleges the increase was **28 percent**. *USA Today Dec. 14, 2005*
Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist Press <http://www.bpnews.net/bpnews.asp?ID=22361>
- **62%** more students are going to **college** than did in the **1960s**". *Bill Fitzsimmons, dean of admissions at Harvard.*
- Nearly **40 percent** (approx. 11.5 million) of the nation's 18 to 24 year olds were enrolled in two- or four-year **colleges** as of October 2008. *U.S. Census figures released by the Pew Research Center, Nov. 2009*
- The **District of Columbia** leads the nation in the proportion of college **grads**.
<http://www.epodunk.com/top10/collegeDiploma/index.html>
- Tuitions and fees have risen more than 440 percent in 30 years.
http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/george-will-subprime-college-educations/2012/06/08/gJQA4fGIOV_print.html
- On a typical campus, per capita students spending for **alcohol--\$446** per student--far **exceeds** the per **capita budget** of the college **library**. (Eigen, **1991** in the **1998** National Household Survey on Drug Abuse).
- College students spend over **\$5.5 billion** a year on alcoholic beverages (mostly **beer**)--more than they spend on all other drinks [**soda, tea, milk, juice and coffee**] and **books** combined. *Sidney Ribeau, President Bowling Green State University*
<http://www.collegevalues.org/diaries.cfm?id=476&a=1>. See also www.hsph.harvard.edu/cas/rpt1998/CAS1998rpt2.html

[which is also a illustration of how to do a survey.]

- A (disputed) study showed that **50%** of American college faculty identified themselves as Democrats and only **11%** as Republicans (with **33%** being Independent, and **5%** identifying themselves with another party). **72%** described themselves as "to the left of center," including **18%** who were strongly left. Only **15%** described themselves as right of center, including only **3%** who were "strongly right." *North American Academic Study Survey (NAASS) of students, faculty and administrators at colleges and universities in the United States and Canada 1999. The Berkeley Electronic Press <http://montages.blogspot.com/2005/04/conservatives-underrepresented-in.html> <http://www.bepress.com/forum/vol3/iss1/art2> http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/17963/liberal_bias_in_our_schools.html*
- Extensive surveys by the **Intercollegiate Studies Institute**, conducted in 2006 and 2007 of 14,000 **college freshmen and seniors** at fifty colleges nationwide, indicated that college education results in little advance in **knowledge of American history and institutions**, which is already poor among non-college graduates, but an often significant **increase in favoring liberal ideology** was seen over those who were not college graduates. In addition, those with the highest degrees were the most **liberal**. *Intercollegiate Studies Institute, "The Shaping of the American Mind." http://www.americancivilliteracy.org/2010/major_findings_finding1.html*
- A poll of conservative and progressive religious activists showed **48 percent** of conservatives activists believe the Bible to be the literal word of God, versus only **3 percent** of "progressives", otherwise known as liberals. This contrast was also seen in other issues, with **95 percent** of conservatives opposing legalization of **abortion**, and **82 percent** opposing both same-sex marriage and civil unions, while **80 percent** of **liberals** support some form of legal **abortions** (**54 percent** in most cases), with **59 percent** support **same-sex marriage**. *The study also found that Evangelical Protestants composed 54 percent of conservatives, Roman Catholics 35 percent, and mainline Protestants 9 percent, while liberal activists were made up of 44 percent mainline Protestants, 17 percent Roman Catholics, 10 percent Evangelical Protestants, and interfaith bodies and groups (12 percent).* *2009 Religious Activist Surveys conducted by the Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron in partnership with Public Religion Research. <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20090916/u-s-religious-activists-have-widely-divergent-views/index.html>*
- Analysis of Federal Election Commission data regarding the **2010** midterm elections showed that **college** professors and administrators **donated** heavily and overwhelmingly is support of **Democrats** over **Republicans**. This included **77 percent** of total donations from employees of **Harvard** university and **86 percent** of all donations from employees of **University of California's network of colleges going to Democrats**, with **pro abortion Sen. Barbara Boxer** being the top recipient of academic donations, while no donations from **Princeton** went to a **Republican**. *Analysis of Federal Election Commission conducted by the Center for Responsive Politics, reported by Capitol News Company, 9/22/10*
- Of **100 colleges and universities** graded on their **general education requirements** by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA), **42** institutions received a **D or F** for requiring two or fewer core subjects, while **25** of them received an **F** for requiring one or no subjects. Only **5** institutions received an **A** for requiring six general education subjects. Average tuition and fees at the **11** schools that require no subjects was **\$37,700**; average tuition at the five schools that require six subjects is **\$5,400**. *Walter E. Williams, professor of economics at George Mason University. http://townhall.com/columnists/WalterEWilliams/2009/08/26/what_will_they_learn <http://whatwilltheylearn.com/criteria>*
A survey of **6,000** academic **psychologists** resulted in **10%** reporting they had **falsified** research data; **67 per cent** selectively reported studies that "worked"; **35%** said they had doubts about the integrity of their own research. *Leslie John, George Loewentstein, and Drazen Prelec in Psychological Science, December 2011*
- Only **9.6 percent** of high school graduates are **poor**, compared to **22.2 percent** of those without a diploma. *Copyright © 2002 National Center for Policy Analysis; <http://www.ncpa.org/pub/ba/ba428/>*
- Of those people who complete some **college**, only **6.6 percent** fall below the **poverty** line. This drops to **3.3 percent** of those with a bachelor's degree or higher. *Copyright © 2002 National Center for Policy Analysis; See more at <http://www.ncpa.org/pub/ba/ba428/>*
- Children that go to Sunday School will receive approx. **78** hours of **religious teaching** a year. The same will receive approx. **1,260** hours of school and about the same of **television**. *Statistics Concerning the State of America <http://freedomministries.com/outlinestats>.*
- The first practical **television** system began operating in the **1940s**. **Television** reached **9 percent** of homes in **1950** and almost **90 percent** in **1960**. *United States (History)," Microsoft® Encarta® Online Encyclopedia 2004 <http://encarta.msn.com> © 1997-2004 Microsoft Corporation.*
- According to a Nielsen **Television** Index, pre-schoolers sit in front of the **tube** an average of **54.1** hours each week (**64%** of their waking hours). *<http://www.nisbett.com/leavening/creeping/cc06.htm> <http://www.ridgenet.org/szaflik/tvrating.htm>*

- **ADHD** (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), which is linked to viewing children **TV** shows, now affects from **4** to **12 percent** of U.S. Children. <http://msnbc.msn.com/id/5933775/>
 - **63%** of the **Hollywood Elite** say the industry glorifies **violence**. *U.S. News And World Report* May **9, 1994**: **39-44** <http://www.ridgenet.org/szaflik/tvrating.htm>; <http://www.nisbett.com/leavening/creeping/cc06.htm>
 - See and do: over **1,000** studies testify to a casual connection between **violence** in **media** and aggressive behavior in **children**. *Violence As Entertainment, Crime Prevention Resource, Fort Worth, TX* <http://www.yellodyno.com/html/childabusestatistics.html>
 - In **1998**, **67 percent** of primetime shows contained **sexual content**, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. This went up to, **77 percent** by **2005**. In that year **70 percent** of the top **20** most-watched shows by teens included some kind of sexual content, and **45 percent** included sexual behavior. Per hour, the number of sexual scenes in top teen shows was **6.7** (primetime showed **5.9** sex scenes an hour). *Susan J. Douglas, printed in "In These Times magazine" (January 22, 2008)*.
 - **Teens** devote an average of **7** out of **17** waking hours a day to input from **radio**, **TV**, the **Internet**, etc. *Barna Research*; http://enrichmentjournal.ag.org/200001/012_second_coming.cfm
 - **8- to 18-Year-Olds** spend **7 ½ hours** per day consuming **media**. But because they multi-task their media, their consumption is actually closer to **11 hours** per **day**. **71%** of kids aged **8-18** have a **TV** in their **room**. **50%** have a video game console and/or access to cable. **1 out of 3** have their own **computer**. *Kaiser Family Foundation, 2010, from 1999, 2004, and 2009 data*; <http://www.kff.org/entmedia/upload/8010.pdf>
 - The average **American** home now contains **3.8 TVs**, **2.8 DVD/VCR** players, at least **one DVR**, **2 computers**, **2.3** video game consoles.
 - A Nielsen co. study found that the typical **teenager** spends **three hours and 20 minutes** per day and **104 hours and 24 minutes** per month watching **television**, an increase of **6%** over the past five years. They also spend an average of **11 hours and 32 minutes** **online** per month, much of which is watching video. (*Nielsen Co study entitled "What Teens Want", 06-2009*)
 - Dr. Victor B. Cline of the University of Utah has estimated that between **kindergarten** and age **14** a child witnesses the **violent death** of over **13,000** human beings on the **TV** screen." <http://www.nisbett.com/leavening/creeping/cc06.htm>
 - Nearly **90%** of American **teens** ages **12 - 17** have **Internet** access, along with approx. **66%** of adults. *Pew Internet and American life project*.
 - **Adolescents** and adults now spend, on average, more than **64 days** a year watching **television**, **41 days** listening to the **radio** and a little over a week using the **Internet**. <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/statistical-abstract.html>
 - Among adults, **97 million** **Internet** users sought news online in **2005**, **92 million** purchased a product and **91 million** made a travel reservation. About **16 million** used a social or professional networking site and **13 million** created a blog. *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2007 (Table 1139)* <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/miscellaneous/007871.html>.
 - Visits to the top **1200 religious sites** in the U.S. accounted for only **0.18%** of all Internet visits for the week ending March **10, 2007**. In perspective, for **every one religious website visit**, there are over **60 visits** to **adult sites**. Vermont ranks as the state with residents least likely to visit religious sites. *Time Magazine. "Looking for God Online," Friday, Mar. 16, 2007*
- Media outlets-Moral-Political**
- Of the over **\$200,000** **Google employees** gave to federal candidates in **2004**, "**98%** went to **Democrats**, the biggest share among top tech donors." *2/2005 USA TODAY campaign finance analysis*
 - Barack **Obama** and **Democrats** received **88 percent** of **2008 contributions** by **TV senior executives**, on-air personalities, producers, reporters, editors, writers and other self-identifying employees of ABC, CBS and NBC, who contributed more than **\$1 million** to **Democratic** candidates and campaign committees in **2008**. President **Obama** received **710** such contributions worth a total of **\$461,898**, for an average contribution of **\$651** from the network employees. Republican presidential nominee Sen. John McCain received only **39** contributions totaling **\$26,926**, for an average donation of **\$709**. *Mark Tapscott published 08/27/10, "Obama, Democrats got 88 percent of 2008 contributions by TV network execs, writers, reporters," based on analysis by The Washington Examiner of data compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics.*
 - Between **90** and **97 percent** of **news media professionals** have consistently affirmed themselves to be **pro-choice** on the matter of **abortion**. More than half of the respondents agreed that abortion should be legal under any and all circumstances, including the late-term procedure commonly known as Partial Birth Abortion. *Robert Lichter and Stanley Rothman's 1981 survey of 240 journalists at top media outlets; Los Angeles Times 1985 survey of 2,700 journalists at 621 American newspapers; Robert Lichter and Stanley Rothman's*

1986 study of the media's attitudes and their influence on society, as published in the National Federation for Decency's Journal; Indiana University journalism professors David Weaver and G. Cleveland Wilhoit's **1992** survey of **1,410** newspaper, magazine, television, and radio journalists; Stanley Rothman and Amy Black's **1995** study of the media elite. <http://www.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=32928>

- Only between **6 and 8 percent** of news media professionals attended religious services regularly, a tiny fraction of the corresponding rate for the public at large. [^] Ibid. Annenberg Public Policy Center and Annenberg Foundation Trust's **2005** survey of **673** journalists from newspapers, television, magazines, radio, and Internet; Pew Research Center's **2008** survey of **222** journalists and news executives
- More than **50%** of the above respondents said that adultery could be acceptable under certain circumstances; only **15 percent** said it was always wrong. [^] Ibid Robert Lichter and Stanley Rothman's 1981+86 surveys.
- Between **67 and 76 percent** were opposed to prayer being permitted in public schools. [^]Ibid Los Angeles Times 1985 survey; Journalist and Financial Reporting's 1988 poll of 151 business reporters from 30 major publications
- In **1980**, twice as many news media professionals cast their ballots for Democrat Jimmy Carter rather than Republican Ronald Reagan. [^] Ibid; California State University survey of reporters from the **50** largest U.S. Newspapers.
- In **1984**, **58 percent** supported Democrat Walter Mondale, whom Reagan defeated in the biggest landslide in presidential election history. [^] Ibid; Los Angeles Times **1985** survey of **2,700** journalists at **621** American newspapers,
- In **1988**, White House correspondents from various major newspapers, television networks, magazines, and news services supported Democrat Michael Dukakis over Republican George H.W. Bush by a ratio of **12-to-1**. [^] Ibid; U.S. News & World Report writer Kenneth Walsh's **1995** study of **28** White House correspondents
- A **2008** Investors Business Daily study put the campaign donation ratio at **11.5-to-1**, in favor of Democrats. In terms of total dollars given, the ratio was **15-to-1**. Ibid; MSNBC investigative reporter Bill Dedman's study of the campaign contributions of 144 journalists.
- In a **1988** survey of business reporters, **54 percent** of respondents identified themselves as Democrats, **9 percent** as Republicans. [^] Ibid; Journalist and Financial Reporting's 1988 poll of 151 business reporters
- In a **1996** poll of **1,037** reporters at **61** newspapers, **61 percent** identified themselves as Democrats, **15 percent** as Republicans. The respondents also identified themselves as liberals **4 times** more frequently than as conservatives. American Society of Newspaper editors 1996 survey of 1,037 reporters at 61 newspapers of all sizes nationwide. <http://archive.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=32928>
- In a **2001** Kaiser Family Foundation poll, media professionals were nearly **7 times** likelier to call themselves Democrats rather than Republicans, with the ratio of self-identified liberals to conservatives being **4.2 to 1**. Kaiser Family Foundation 1996 poll of 301 "media professionals," 300 "policymakers," and 1,206 members of the general public.
- In a **2007** Pew Research Center study of journalists and news executives, the ratio was **4 liberals** for each conservative. Pew Research Center's **2007** survey of **222** journalists and news executives at national outlets.
- All told, White House correspondents during the late '80s and early '90s voted for Democrats at **7 times** the rate at which they voted for Republicans. U.S. News & World Report writer Kenneth Walsh's **1995** study of **28** White House correspondents. **1996** Freedom Forum survey of **139** Washington bureau chiefs and congressional correspondents
- On the subject of welfare and related issues, liberal experts were quoted in the news **75 percent** of the time, conservatives **22 percent**. On consumer issues, the liberal-conservative ratio was **63 percent** to **22 percent**. On environmental issues, the ratio was **79 percent** to **18 percent**. And regarding nuclear energy, the ratio was **77 percent** to **20 percent**. Robert Lichter, Stanley Rothman, and Linda Lichter, The Media Elite: America's New Power Brokers (New York: Hastings House, **1990**).
- In **2011**, **38%** of voters believed that when most reporters write or talk about Pres. Obama, they are trying to help him pass his agenda (down from **48%** a year ago). **26%** feel that most reporters are politically biased, **46%** think the average reporter is more liberal than they are, while **26%** say they are merely interested in reporting the news in an unbiased manner. http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/current_events/media/61_are_still_angry_at_the_media
- More stats on media TV content: <http://www.parentstv.org/PTC/outsidestudies/main.asp>
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NATIONAL TAXES, SPENDING AND DEBT

- By June **2009** the **U.S. national debt** was over **11** trillion dollars, and growing at **\$3.82** billion per day. each citizen's share of this debt was **\$37,231.31**.
http://www.brillig.com/debt_clock/
- As of Aug. **08 2011**, the national debt was at **\$14.5 trillion**, but with **\$211 trillion** in unfunded liabilities. *<http://www.christianpost.com/news/whats-the-real-national-debt-2110000000000-53525/>*
- As of **Sept 6, 2012**, the national debt was over **\$16 trillion**, The estimated population of the United States is **313,455,377**, so each citizen's share of this debt is **\$51,091.16**. The National Debt has continued to increase an average of **\$3.88 billion per day** since **September 28, 2007** *http://brillig.com/debt_clock/*
- After accounting for the U.S. government's **public debt**, federal employee **pensions** and other **retirement** benefits, current and expected obligations for **Social Security** and **Medicare**, the National Center for Policy Analysis said the U.S. federal government faces unfunded liabilities totaling **\$84 trillion**.
<http://www.ncpa.org/pdfs/st338.pdf>; http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2012/08/fiscal_failure.html
- Using the Congressional Budget Office's realistic long-term budget forecast, Laurence Kotlikoff (an economist at Boston University), estimates the full national debt is **\$222 trillion** (\$700,000 per person; \$1.9 million per household).
- According to former U.S. Comptroller, David Walker, the U.S. **national debt** is growing at a rate of **\$10 million** (\$10,000,000.00) per minute.
<http://keepingamericagreat.org/10-million-a-minute-tour/>
- If current trends continue, the U.S. will become **operationally bankrupt** in **2037** and will be **actually bankrupt** in **2047**. *<http://www.redstate.com/2012/09/04/our-irresponsible-and-unpatriotic-16-trillion-national-debt/>*
- The **National Debt** rose **\$4.899 trillion** during the two terms of the **Bush** presidency. It was **\$10.626 trillion** on President **Bush's** last day in office. It has now gone up **\$4.939 trillion** [**5.5 trillion — 50%** — as of Sept. 2012] since President **Obama** took office. The **National Debt** also now exceeds **100% of the nation's Gross Domestic Product**, the total value of goods and services. The **Debt** has now **increased** more during President **Obama's** three years and two months in office than it did during **8 years** of the **George W. Bush** presidency.
Mark Knoller, 2012 CBS Interactive Inc, March 19, 2012; http://www.cbsnews.com/2102-503544_162-57400369.html
- If Mr. **Obama** wins **re-election**, and his budget projections prove accurate, the **National Debt** will top **\$20 trillion in 2016**, the final year of his second term. That would mean the **Debt increased by 87 percent**, or **\$9.34 trillion**, during his two terms. ^
- Based on to the historical tables published by the Presidents Office of Management and Budget, the three fiscal years of **2010, 2011, and 2012** are three of the only four fiscal years since the Japanese surrendered on Sept. 2, **1945**, that the federal government has spent **more than 24 percent of GDP**. The fourth fiscal year since the end of World War II in which the federal government spent more than 24 percent of GDP was **2009**. That fiscal year started when **George W. Bush** was president and ended when **Obama** was president.
<http://cnsnews.com/news/article/obama-i-ve-been-president-federal-spending-has-risen-lowest-pace-nearly-60-years;cf>; http://www.cbsnews.com/2300-250_162-10008800-5.html?tag=page
- According to the U.S. Treasury, foreign governments and investors now hold some **\$2.23 Trillion** - or about **44%** of all publicly held U.S. Debt (**2007**), the first being Japan (**\$586 billion**), then China (**\$400 billion**), and then Britain (**\$244 billion**). Saudi Arabia and other oil-exporting countries account for **\$123 billion**.
*U.S. Treasury. Copyright **2007** The Associated Press. http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2007-12-03-debt_N.htm*
- As of **1994**, the Federal Reserve estimated that of the approximately **\$365 billion** of American currency in circulation, **60 percent** was held somewhere outside the country. *L. Reichard White <http://www.usagold.com/gildedopinion/bigfloat.html>*
- In **1954** [during the beginning of the "cold war"] defense spending was **70 percent** of federal spending while "human resources" was **19 percent**. In **2003**, defense was **19 percent** with human resources accounting for **66 percent**. *The Next Economy By Robert J. Samuelson Wednesday, December **29, 2004**; Page A19. © **2004** The Washington Post Company. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A32610-2004Dec28.html>*
- In the post-war era, **federal spending** as a percentage of the U.S. economy has

hovered around **20 percent**, give or take a couple of percentage points. Under **Obama**, it has hit highs not seen since the end of **World War II**.

<http://www.cato.org/publications/policy-analysis/how-much-ivory-does-tower-need-what-we-spend-get-higher-education>

- The **10% of households** with the **highest incomes** pay over **50%** of all **federal taxes**. They pay more than **70%** of **federal income taxes**, according to the Congressional Budget Office. *Associated Press*;
<http://www.usatoday.com/money/perfi/taxes/story/2011-09-20/buffett-tax-millionaires/50480226/1>
- In **2009**, **taxpayers** who made **\$1 million** or more paid on average **24.4%** of their income in **federal income taxes**, according to the IRS. Those making **\$100,000** to \$125,000 paid on average **9.9%** in federal income taxes, while those making **\$50,000** to \$60,000 paid an average of **6.3%**. ^
- In **2011 households** making more than **\$1 million** will pay an average **29.1%** of their income in federal **taxes**, including income taxes, payroll taxes and other taxes, according to the Tax Policy Center, a Washington think tank. **Households** making between **\$50,000** and **\$75,000** will pay an average of **15%** of their income in federal **taxes**, while those households making between **\$40,000** and \$50,000 would pay an average of **12.5%** of their income in federal **taxes**, and those households making between **\$20,000** and \$30,000 would pay **5.7%**. Individuals who make most of their money in wages pay taxes at a higher rate, while those who get most of their income from investments pay at lower rates. ^
- Only **50.5 percent** of **Americans** pay **federal income tax**.
<http://www.businessinsider.com/facts-about-the-majority-of-americans-2012-3#the-majority-of-americans-are-over-30-america-has-the-42nd-highest-median-age-in-the-world-1>
- In **2011 income** fell for the top **5 percent** of households **1.2 percent** to **\$180,810**. The bottom fifth of households — those making **\$20,000** or less — saw incomes decline **4 percent**. Since **2000**, the **median income** for America's **middle class** has fallen from **\$72,956** to **\$69,487**. The "Middle class" makes up about **51 percent** of U.S. adults, down from **61 percent** in **1971**. **44 percent** of the Middle class **blame** the **Bush** administration and **34 percent** fault the **Obama** administration. **52 percent** say President Barack **Obama's** policies in a second term would **help** the middle class, versus **42 percent** who say that electing **Republican** challenger Mitt **Romney** would **help** them. <http://pewsocialtrends.org>;
<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/08/22/middle-class-share-america-income-shrinking/>
- **Government outlays** intended to hold down the price of a **college degree** have ballooned, in inflation-adjusted dollars, from **\$29.6 billion** in **1985** to **\$139.7 billion** in **2010**: an increase of **372 percent** since Ronald Reagan's day.
- total **federal aid** intended to hold down the price of a **college degree** have soared by more than **\$100 billion** in the space of a single **decade** -- from **\$64 billion** in **2000** to **\$169 billion** in **2010**. *Jeff Jacoby, The Boston Globe*
- *April 29, 2012* <http://www.jeffjacoby.com/11618/the-government-college-money-pit>
- **Health and Human Services** made up the single largest part of the **2012** budget. <http://www.federalbudget.com/>; <http://www.cbpp.org/cms/index.cfm?fa=view&id=1258> [*disdaining the Word of God and supplanting it with the perverse morality and social engineering of Secular Humanism (or with other false religions) has cost America and the world incredibly in monetary realms. Most wars are begun as a result of man's lust for power and which would not be if men yielded to Christ, and obedience to Biblical morals would also eliminate such things as STD's as well as the results of other "hurtful lusts" (1Tim., 6:9), which costs souls now and will do so in the hereafter. Only when one volitionally receives the Lord Jesus and His salvation will one find the spiritual life that alone can truly change the heart, and enable one to follow Christ. And which salvation and sanctification works to the benefit of a country, in temporal terms as well as spiritual. "Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD" (Ps. 144:15).]*]
- **Medicaid** is now the largest government health care program, costing federal and state governments **\$259 billion** in FY **2002**--surpassing the cost of Medicare, which was **\$257 billion**, for the first time ever. *Honorable Thomas A. Scully before the Subcommittee on Health* <http://www.heritage.org/research/features/issues/2004/medicaid.cfm#FF>
- U.S. **health care** spending is expected to increase at similar levels for the next decade reaching **\$4.2 TRILLION** in **2016**, or **20 percent** of GDP. *Poisal, J.A., et al, Health Spending Projections Through 2016: Modest Changes Obscure Part D's Impact. Health Affairs (21 February 2007): W242-253.*
- In **1960**, **52 percent** of federal **spending** went for **defense**, **26 percent** for "payments for individuals." By **2008**, **61 percent** consisted of "payments for individuals," **21 percent** for **defense**. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/06/21/AR2009062101792.html?hpid=opinionsbox1>
- Starting in **1964**, the U.S. has spent an estimated **\$16 trillion** trying to help the less well-off. <http://www.investors.com/NewsAndAnalysis/Article/579547/201107261841/Govt-Racks-Up-Another-Failure.htm>
- **45 percent** of the **1.6 million veterans** from the **Iraq** and **Afghanistan** wars are now seeking **compensation** for injuries they claim are service-related. That is more than **twice** the estimated **21 percent** who filed such claims after the **Gulf War** in the early **1990s**. Almost **one-third** have been granted **disability**. The new

veterans are also claiming **eight to nine ailments** on average. **Vietnam** veterans currently receiving compensation average less than **four**, while World War II and Korea veterans average **two**. More than **95 percent** of troops wounded in **Iraq** and **Afghanistan** have **survived**. *Associated Press, 5-27-12; <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/2888585/posts>*

- **Official unemployment** under President **Obama** has averaged a record 8.8%. Under George W. Bush the jobless rate averaged 5.3% and was at 6.8% in the month his party lost the **2008** election. Job seekers now are only one-third as likely to find a job compared with before Mr. Obama was elected. *<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10000872396390444873204577537232812750926.html#printMode>*
- The **unemployment figure** was **8.1%** as of **9-7, 2012**, based on people who have actively **applied** for a job in the past four weeks. **40.7%** (**5.2 million**) of the people counted as **unemployed** have been out of work for **27 weeks** or more ("long-term" unemployed). **Fewer** Americans are at **work** today than in **April 2000**, even though the population since then has grown by **31 million**. *Mortimer Zuckerman, Those Jobless Numbers Are Even Worse Than They Look September 7, 2012; <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10000872396390444873204577537232812750926.html#printMode>*
- The average American family's net worth has dropped **40%** over the past **five** years. ^
- The **unemployment rate** is closer to **19%** if the **eight million** who are no longer **looking** for employment are **included**. *Mortimer Zuckerman, Unemployment Is Still the Biggest Election Issue, July 23, 2012; <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10000872396390444873204577537232812750926.html#printMode>*
- **49.1** percent of the **US** population that lives in a household where at least **one** member received some type of **government benefit** in the first quarter of **2011**, up from **30%** in the early **1980s** and **44.4%** as recently as the third quarter of **2008**. As of early **2011**, **15%** of people lived in a household that received **food stamps**, **26%** had someone enrolled in **Medicaid** and **2%** had a member receiving **unemployment** benefits. The Census data show that **16%** of the population lives in a household where at least **one** member receives **Social Security** and **15%** receive or live with someone who gets **Medicare**. There is likely a lot of overlap. *<http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2012/05/26/number-of-the-week-half-of-u-s-lives-in-household-getting-benefits/>*
- When the **food stamp** program was first expanded nationally in the **1970s**, just **1 in 50** Americans participated. The **2002** Farm Bill expanded eligibility to **noncitizens**, made it easier to enroll, increased benefits for families with more children, and adjusted benefits for inflation. The **2008** Farm Bill further eased eligibility requirements, and included **higher** minimum benefits. Spending after changes in eligibility grew by **\$185 billion** between **2002** and **2008**. The **2009** stimulus bill scrapped limits on **SNAP** benefits to adults without children and raised the maximum benefit by **13.6 percent** through **2014**. About **20%** of the **\$198 billion** growth in between **2009** and **2011** can be attributed to the new eligibility standards, and thus they will not go away once the economy recovers. *Veronique de Rugy, "The great Bush-Obama food stamp expansion," The Washington Examiner, June 28, 2012 <http://washingtonexaminer.com/the-great-bush-obama-food-stamp-expansion/article/2500895>* ^
- An estimated **45 million** Americans received **food stamps** in **2011**, at a cost of **\$78 billion**. That is more than a **200%** increase in money from just five years ago when **26 million** people received benefits at a cost of **\$33 billion**. Some **70 percent** of the nearly **\$1 trillion** Farm Bill recently passed by the Senate will be spent on food stamps, representing **\$770 billion** over **10** years. ^
- **15%** of the population now receive **food stamps**, compared with the **7.9%** participation from **1970-2000**, and has been rising at a rate of **400,000** per month over the **past four years [2012]**. *http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10000872396390444273704577635681206305056.html?mod=WSJ_hpp_sections_opinion#printMode*
- During February **2010**, **1 in 8** Americans were enrolled for **food stamps**. Since reaching **31.78 million** in December **2008**, enrollment in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) has set a record each month. USDA estimates enrollment for fiscal year **2010**, which ends Sept 30, is expected to average **40.5 million** people, at a cost of up to **\$59 billion**. Average enrollment for fiscal **2011** is predicted to be **43.3 million** people. *Reuters, "Food-stamp tally nears 40 million, sets record," May 7, 2010*
- The Congressional Budget Office said Thursday that **45 million** people in **2011** received SNAP benefits, a **70%** increase from **2007**. The CBO projected that **one in seven** U.S. residents **received food stamps** last year. *<http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2012/04/19/food-stamp-rolls-to-grow-through-2014-cbo-says/?mod=e2tw>*
- The USDA dedicated **\$5 million** in **2011** to "**improve access** to and **increase participation** in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program." **Oregon** was the winner of the **\$5 million** performance **bonus** for being the best at ensuring that people eligible for food benefits receive them and a second recognition for

its swift processing of applications. <http://www.judicialwatch.org/blog/2011/04/usda-spends-5-mil-to-recruit-food-stamp-recipients/> <http://cms.oregon.egov.com/DHS/news/2011news/2011-0928.pdf?ga=t>

- The number of **businesses** approved to **accept food stamps** grew by a **third** from **2005 to 2010**, U.S. Department of Agriculture records show, as vendors from **convenience** and **dollar discount stores** to **gas stations** and **pharmacies** increasingly joined the growing **entitlement** program. "Restaurants want a piece of food stamp pie," *USA TODAY, Money*, 9/7/2011
- **One in five Americans** (**60.8 million**) depend [at least in part or full?] on **government** for their daily **housing**, **food** and health care. On average, those on government assistance receive more than **four times** as much taxpayers' **money** per year (approx. **\$26,150**)- as they would have in **1962**, adjusting for inflation. The Heritage Foundation **Index of Dependence** shows a **12-fold increase** from the period of during the **Kennedy administration**. The rate of dependency increased **31 percent** over the past eight years. *Heritage Foundation, "The 2009 Index of Dependence on Government," March 4, 2010* <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2010/03/the%202009%20index%20of%20dependence%20on%20government>
- **2012**. Around **5.3 percent** of the population between the ages of **25 and 64** is currently collecting **federal disability payments**, a jump from **4.5 percent** since the economy slid into a recession. **Mental-illness** claims, in particular, are surging. During the recent economic boom, only **33 percent** of applicants were claiming **mental illness**, but that figure has jumped to **43 percent**, says Rutledge, citing preliminary results from his latest research. *NY. Post., Jobless disability claims soar to record \$200B as of January, February 19, 2012,*
- In just the first **four months** of **2012**, **539,000** joined the disability rolls and more than **725,000** put in applications. As a result, by **April** there were a total of **10.8 million** people on **disability**, [SSI and SSDI?] according to Social Security Administration data, a **53%** increase from a decade ago, after accounting for all those who've left the program (about **700,000** drop out each year, mainly because they reached retirement age or died). <http://news.investors.com/article/608418/201204200802/ssdi-disability-rolls-skyrocket-under-obama.htm?p=full> Also see <http://www.akdart.com/poverty.html>
- A record **5.4 million** workers and their dependents have signed up to collect **federal disability** checks since President Obama took office, according to the latest official government data, as discouraged workers increasingly give up looking for jobs and take advantage of the federal program. From June **2009**, the number of new enrollees to Social Security's disability insurance [SSDI, financed with Social Security taxes paid] program is twice the job growth figure. ^
- **SSDI** now accounts for more than **16%** of **Social Security's** budget and more than **15%** of Medicare's (SSDI enrollees can qualify for **Medicare** after **two years**.) ^
- The amount of money the federal government hands out in **direct payments** increased **32%** during first three years of Mr. Obama's Presidency. <http://patriotupdate.com/17823/food-stamps-up-45-federal-handouts-up-32>
- **49%** of people live in homes where at least **one person gets a federal benefit** (Social Security, food stamps, unemployment insurance, worker's compensation, or subsidized housing) up **44%** from the year before Obama took office. ^
- More than **11 million** Americans are collecting **federal disability checks**. Half of these beneficiaries have signed on since President Obama took office more than three years ago. http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10000872396390444273704577635681206305056.html?mod=WSJ_hpp_sections_opinion#printMode
- **Federal welfare spending** has grown by **32 percent** over the past **four years** [2012], partly due to President Obama's stimulus spending and swelled by a growing number of Americans whose recession-depleted incomes now qualify them for public assistance, according to numbers released in Oct. **2012**. The biggest item on the list is **Medicaid**, the federal-state health care program for the poor, which made up **40 percent** of all low-income assistance in **2011**. The next big program is **food stamps** at **\$75 billion** in **2011**, or **10 percent** of **welfare spending**. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/oct/18/welfare-spending-jumps-32-percent-four-years/?page=all#pagebreak>
- In **1988**, there were **4.46 million SSI** [Supplemental Security Income, financed through general revenues from taxes, meaning benefits are not based on your prior work history] recipients, **6 million** in **1993** and in **2011** there were **8 million**. <http://www.cato.org/pubs/pas/pa-224.html>; <http://www.socialsecurity-disability.org/disability-benefits>
- Despite nearly **\$15 trillion** in total welfare spending since Lyndon Johnson declared **war** on **poverty** in **1964**, the poverty **rate** is perilously close to where it

was more than 40 years ago. <http://www.cato.org/pubs/pas/PA694.pdf>

- Since President **Obama** took office [in January **2009**], federal welfare spending has increased by **41 percent**, more than \$193 billion per year, a **42 percent** increase over welfare spending in **2008**. And over the next decade, welfare spending is projected to cost taxpayers **\$10.3 trillion**. [^]
- In **2011** the **federal** government spent roughly **\$668.2 billion** on **126** separate and often overlapping **anti-poverty programs**. These include 33 housing programs run by four different cabinet departments, and **21** different programs providing food or food-purchasing assistance, along with 8 different health care programs, and six cabinet departments and five independent agencies oversee 27 cash or general assistance programs. All together, seven different cabinet agencies and six independent agencies administer at least one **anti-poverty program**. [^]
- At least **106 million** (almost **1 out of 3** of all ages) Americans receive **welfare benefits** from one or more **welfare** programs (excluding Social Security, Medicare, pensions etc.), with **Medicaid** and **food stamps** having the highest percentages. [^]
- Medicaid is the single largest welfare program at **\$228 billion** in **2011**. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (**food stamps**) was the second most expensive welfare program at nearly **\$72 billion**. [^]
- In fiscal year **2008**, anti-poverty spending was **\$475 billion**. In fiscal year **2009**, when **Obama** took office, it had risen to **\$590 billion**. Income limits for eligibility have **risen twice as fast** as **inflation** since **2007** and are now roughly **10 percent higher** than they were when **Obama** took office, representing an **increase** of more than **\$193 billion** since his presidency began. [^]
- **State and local governments** provide additional funding for several of these programs and also operate a number of programs on their own, adding another **\$284 billion** per year. If one includes **state** and **local welfare** spending, government at all levels will spend more than **\$952 billion** this year to fight poverty, just short of the trillion dollar mark. To put this in perspective, the **defense budget** for **2012**, including spending for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, totals **\$685 billion**. [^]
- From the end of **1989** through **1996**, the number of children receiving **SSI** benefits more than **tripled** from 265,000 to about **955,000**. (Adults are considered disabled if they are unable to engage in substantial gainful activity by reason of a medically determinable physical or mental impairment expected to result in death or last at least 12 months. 42 U.S.C. § 1382c(a)(3)(A).) *United States Government Accountability Office, Statement of Daniel Bertoni, Director Education, Workforce, and Income Security, October 27, 2011* (http://waysandmeans.house.gov/UploadedFiles/Daniel_Bertoni_Testimony_1127.pdf)
- SSA data show the number of **child applicants** with **mental impairments** increased **60 percent** between fiscal year **2000** and fiscal year **2010**, while the total number of **SSI** child beneficiaries with mental impairments on the rolls **grew 52 percent** from 543,000 to 827,000. In fiscal year **2010**, about **62 percent** of all **SSI child applicants** had a **mental** impairment as a primary diagnosis, and about **67 percent** of those applicants were medically **approved** for benefits. [^]
- The number of children found to be medically eligible for SSI due to **speech and language delay** nearly **tripled** between fiscal years **2000** to **2010**. [^]
- As of **December 2010**, the **average monthly child benefit was \$597**. All but five **states** and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands **supplement federal SSI benefits** with additional payments. [^]
- **ADD/ADHD** represent the single largest primary diagnostic group, and the number of children found to be medically eligible because of **ADD/ADHD** **increased by more than 100 percent**, even though the **majority** of ADD/ADHD applications over the years have been medically **denied**. [^]
- **79 percent** of 434,000 SSI recipients under **age 18** with **mental impairments** who had reached their scheduled CDR [Continuing Disability Reviews] date (every 3 years) had **exceeded** the scheduled **date** by **at least a year**. [^]
- The **top 10** States with the **highest** percentage of **non-poor** residents of each state signed up for **government assistance** were Vermont, Mississippi, Maine, New York, Massachusetts, Alaska, Rhode Island, Hawaii, Connecticut, Arkansas. <http://www.cato-at-liberty.org/the-moocher-index/>
- In **48** states, the cost of center-based **child care** for a **four-year-old** is **greater** than tuition at a **four-year public college**. <http://www.childrensdefense.org/pressreleases/040713.asp>
- Cost to raise a child until age **18** is approximately **\$177,250** to **\$350,210**. *Parents 2000*
- The tax revenues that would have been from the **26.9** million children that have

been legally aborted in America by **1991** is an estimated **\$135 billion**. *The Cost of Abortion*, Lawrence F. Roberge <http://www.pregnantpause.org/abort/gap.htm>

- Approx **44 million** Americans live below the poverty line. <http://beforeitsnews.com/gold-and-precious-metals/2012/08/50-of-americans-at-or-below-poverty-line-2444776.html>

Undocumented immigrants constitute about **4%** of the total U.S. population.

About **75%** of the nation's unauthorized immigrants are Latino, **59%** from

Mexico. <http://pewhispanic.org/reports/report.php?ReportID=107>

PERSONAL + HOUSEHOLD INCOME, GIVING, SPENDING AND DEBT

- United States, Per Capita Income in year **200** dollars: **1990 = 24, 198; 2005 = 34,07**. US Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/prod/2006pubs/07statab/income.pdf>
- Disposable Personal Income Per Capita in **1990 = 30,509; 2005 = 30,509**. US Census Bureau
- Median household income (**2006**) **46,000**. US Census Bureau. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Median_household_income
- In the year **2000** households with income of at least **\$100,000** were the fastest-growing income division in the U.S. In inflation-adjusted figures (to **1999** dollars), one out of eight American households were in this group last year (**12** in **1990**). US Census Bureau; http://money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/moneymag_archive/2000/12/01/292749/index.htm
- There were **3.5** million U.S. millionaires in **2001**, more than a half million of them (**572,000**) in California and about **3,000** in Vermont. *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2007, (Table 700)* <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/miscellaneous/007871.html>
- Americans own approximately **40** percent of the world's wealth, with **2.5** percent of the world's population. *Ron Blue, How Much Is Enough?, excerpt from a speech delivered at the annual Generous Giving Conference, Phoenix, Ariz., March 1-3, 2001.* <http://www.generousgiving.org/stats#> (Web source provides many more stats)
- At the turn of the **21st** century, the United States was home to **276** billionaires, over **2,500** households with a net worth exceeding **\$100 million**, **350,000** individuals with a net worth of **\$10 million**, and **5** million millionaires. *Ellen Remmer, What's a Donor to Do? The State of Donor Resources in America Today (Boston: The Philanthropic Initiative, 2000)* [^]
- Incomes have gone up nine to **10** times in the last **20** years while giving has gone down about **50** percent. *Ron Blue, How Much Is Enough?, excerpt from a speech delivered at the annual Generous Giving Conference, Phoenix, Ariz., March 1-3, 2001.* [^]
- The two groups in the United States that give the highest percentages of their income are the poor (those making less than **\$20,000** per year) and the rich (those making more than **\$100,000** per year). Middle-class Americans (those making between **\$40,000** and **\$100,000** per year) are the smallest percentage givers. *Tim Stafford, The Anatomy of a Giver: American Christians Are the Nation's Most Generous Givers, but We Aren't Exactly Sacrificing, Christianity Today, May 19, 1997.* [^]
- In **2006**, Americans gave **1.66%** of their aggregate income to charity, with donations totaling US\$**182** billion. This rate of giving is more than double that of Canadians, who gave **0.76%** of aggregate income (CA\$**8.4** billion in total) to charity in **2006**. http://www.fraserinstitute.org/commerce.web/product_files/Generosity_Index_2008.pdf
- In **2009**, the most charitable states according to the **percentage of income** was **1. Utah; 2. Oklahoma; 3. District of Columbia; 4. Wyoming; 5. Georgia; 6. Alabama; 7. South Carolina; 8. Maryland; 9. North Carolina; 10. New York.** http://www.fraserinstitute.org/commerce.web/product_files/Generosity-Index-2009.pdf See full list and ranking of states according to other various aspects [here](#).
- One study showed that the **70** percent of American households which make charitable contributions overall gave **3.5%** of their income, approx. **33%** to religious institutions. Utah was the state with the highest average per-capita charitable contributions, followed by Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas. *Professor Arthur Brooks, 2005.* <http://www.america.gov/st/washfile-english/2005/February/200502181639511C.JsamohT5.593508e-02.html>
- Nearly **80 percent** of children in long-term poverty live in some type of broken family or with a never-married parent. ¹⁵ *National Center for Policy Analysis;* <http://www.ncpa.org/pub/ba/ba428/>
- On average, a child raised by a never-married mother is **9** times more likely to live in poverty than a child raised by two parents in an intact marriage. ^{^ 15}
- Only **9.6 percent** of high school graduates are poor, compared to **22.2 percent** of those without a diploma. ^{^ 15}
- Of those people who complete some college, only **6.6 percent** fall below the

poverty line. This drops to **3.3 percent** of those with a bachelor's degree or higher. ^{^ 15}

- Of the **35 million** living in American poverty, **43%** live in their own homes, with only **6%** of poor households being overcrowded; two-thirds have more than two rooms per person. The typical poor American has more living space than the average individual living in Paris, London, Vienna, Athens and other cities throughout Europe. **83%** have air conditioning, **97%** own a color TV, **78%** a DVD or VCR, **62 percent** have cable or satellite TV reception. **65%** their own washing machine, **73%** their own car, **30%** own more than one car. "How Poor Are America's Poor? Examining the 'Plague' of Poverty in America" (8/27/2007), from several government sources, (http://townhall.com/columnists/walterewilliams/2010/06/30/where_best_to_be_poor) and "Understanding Poverty in America", by Robert E. Rector and Kirk A. Johnson, Ph.D., 2004, <http://www.heritage.org/Research/Welfare/BG1713es.cfm>. and U.S. Census Bureau; Executive Summary #1713: [This is not to slight those who have much less, nor does it reveal the whole story, but it shows a disparity between those who, like myself, fit into the category of financial poverty in America, and that of poverty in other areas of the world.]
- More than half (**50.3 percent**) of U.S. households — nearly **57 million** — owned stocks and mutual funds in **2005**, representing **91 million** individual investors. Equity owners had a median age of **51**, a median household income of **\$65,000** and **\$125,000** in median household financial assets. *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2007, (Tables 1194, 1195)*. <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/miscellaneous/007871.html>
- The average American household has **13 payment cards**, including credit cards, debit cards and store cards. *Family Life Facts*, <http://www.flc.org/hfl/fff01.htm>
- Over **40%** of U.S. families **spend** more than they **earn**. *Federal Reserve*.
- Together Americans owe **\$1.713 trillion**, nearly three times the value of the nation's circulating currency. *Harper's Magazine*, November **2002**. <http://www.employmentproject.com/nmj/nmj0211.htm>
- The **percentage** of household **debt** in relation to household **assets** (what you owe versus what you're worth) has also never been so high. *The Federal Reserve*, reported by *CNN/Money*, October **3, 2003**
- **80%** of Americans **owe** more than they **own**. **2004** by Rod Rogers, http://www.leaderskillsinc.com/resource_articles/stew_doc_news.htm
- Consumer borrowing has risen almost **50 percent** in the past five years to a record **\$6.3 billion**. *U.S. News & World Report*, February **14, 2001**; <http://www.bibleuniverse.com/finance/finance.asp>
- Household debt -- everything from home mortgages to credit cards -- now totals about **\$10 trillion**, or roughly **115 percent** of personal disposable income. In **1945**, debt was about **20 percent** of disposable income. *The Next Economy* By Robert J. Samuelson Wednesday, December **29, 2004**; Page **A19**. © **2004** The Washington Post Company. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A32610-2004Dec28.html>
- About **10 percent** of **credit card** holders had total card balances in excess of **\$10,000**. Liz Pulliam Weston, *The Truth about Credit Card Debt: Conventional Wisdom is That We're All Hooked and Struggling. The Reality Is, in fact, Quite Different and Less Frightening*, *MSN Money*, May **8, 2006**. <http://www.generousgiving.org/stats#>
- Nearly two of every three **undergraduate students** are going into debt to go to college, owing an average of more than **\$19,000**, most often to the government. Devlin Barrett, **2 of 3** *College Grads Go into Debt*, *The Associated Press*, May **30, 2006**. [^]
- **50%** of all **income** goes to pay consumer and mortgage **debt**. Rod Rogers, http://www.leaderskillsinc.com/resource_articles/stew_doc_news.htm
- There were **278 million** debit cards in U.S. hands in **2004**, with **22.2 billion** transactions amounting to more than **\$1 trillion**. *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2007, (Table 1168)*. <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/miscellaneous/007871.html>
- **45%** of people are dependent on relatives. Rod Rogers, http://www.leaderskillsinc.com/resource_articles/stew_doc_news.htm
- The average American Credit card debt is **\$8,562 (2002)**. [Does not include other forms of debt.] <http://www.fool.com/cc/secrets/secrets.htm> (orig. <http://www.cardweb.com> ?)
- Total finance charges Americans paid in **2001**: **\$50 billion**. <http://www.fool.com/cc/secrets/secrets.htm>
- **75%** of credit card companies revenues come from finance charges. <http://loan.yahoo.com/c/cards6.html>
- **55%** of households owed nothing on credit cards (**2002**). Liz Pulliam Weston <http://moneycentral.msn.com/content/Banking/creditcardsmarts/P74808.asp>
- **29%** of households owe **\$1,000** or more on their cards. **1%** owe **\$21,400** or more. Bill Whitt at the VIP Forum, a Washington D.C. research firm. Reported by Liz Pulliam Weston, <http://moneycentral.msn.com/content/Banking/creditcardsmarts/P74808.asp>
- Average American undergraduate student credit card debt rose from **\$1,879** to **\$2,748** in two years (**2000**). *Nellie Mae Student Loan Applications*. http://www.debtsmart.com/cgi-pl/redir.cgi?statistic_37&http://www.nfcc.org
- The average American college undergrad has **\$1,843** in credit card debt (**2001**).

Nellie Mae, a student loan provider. http://www.debtsmart.com/cgi-pl/redirect.cgi?statistic_55&http://Bankrate.com

- More than half of families with credit cards (**56 percent**) “almost always” pay off the balance, **20 percent** “sometimes” pay off the balance and another **24 percent** “hardly ever” pay off the balance. *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2007*, (Table 1170). <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/miscellaneous/007871.html>
- Bankruptcies set another record in **2003**, with **1.6 million** personal filings. *American Bankruptcy Institute*. <http://www.abiworld.org/stats/newstatsfront.html>
<http://www.ericdigests.org/>

SEXUAL SINS

- Every incident of **child sexual abuse** costs the victim and society **\$99,000**. Miller, Cohen & Wiersema, **1996**. <http://www.yellodyno.com/html/childabusestatistics.html>
- **Teen pregnancy** costs the United States at least **\$7 billion** annually. National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. (**1997**). *Whatever Happened to Childhood? The Problem of Teen Pregnancy in the United States*. Washington, DC: Author. <http://www.theodora.com/teddy/newyork/teenage.html>
- Overall monetary cost to tax payers for **teen mothers: \$120 billion+**. *Based on the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (1979-1985) in Congressional Budget Office. (1990, September). Sources of Support for Adolescent Mothers*. Washington, DC
- With **19 million** sexually transmitted diseases in the United States — almost half occur among the **14-to-25** age group — the cost to the health care system is **\$15 billion** a year. Dr. Kevin Fenton of the CDC.
- **Divorce** and **out-of-wedlock childbearing** costs U.S. taxpayers more than **\$112 billion** a year, according to a study commissioned by groups advocating government action to bolster marriage. *Georgia State University economist Georgia State University economist Ben Scafidi's, Institute for American Values, the Institute for Marriage and Public Policy, Families Northwest of Redmond, Wash., and the Georgia Family Council.* <http://www.federalnewsradio.com/?nid=80&sid=1386915>
- The overall cost treating **AIDS** in the United States was **\$16 billion** in **2002**.
<http://usinfo.state.gov/gi/Archive/2003/Dec/01-19252.html>
- The monthly medical cost for people receiving optimal care for HIV, from diagnosis until death, averages to be **\$2,100**. The lifetime (now **24.2** years avg.) HIV care cost per such persons is now **\$618,900** per person. **06 Nov 2006** *NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center Schackman, Freedberg, MGH, Gebo Moore Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard Medical School, and BU School of Public Health* <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/55870.php>
http://porkbusters.org/2007/02/prevent_baby_aids_or_learn_how.php
- Federal budget funding for AIDS treatment and care in America in **2009** totaled **24.8 billion**. Medicare spending on HIV totaled **\$4.5 billion** in **2008**, with four in ten people who were living with HIV and who were receiving care being covered by Medicaid. *Kaiser Family Foundation (2009, February) "Medicaid and HIV/AIDS Fact sheet"*.
- In **2002**, the federal and state Governments Spent **\$12** on Safe Sex and Contraceptives for Every **\$1** Spent on Abstinence. *Melissa G. Pardue, Robert E. Rector, and Shannan Martin Backgrounder #1718*
- The porn industry rakes in an estimated **\$10 billion** to **\$14 billion** annually in the United States. The **\$4 billion** that Americans spend on video pornography alone is more than the annual revenue of the NFL, the NBA or Major League Baseball. *Dillon Fishman Arizona Daily Wildcat* http://wildcat.arizona.edu/papers/98/133/03_1.html
- It is estimated that Americans now spend somewhere around **\$10 billion** a year on adult entertainment, which is as much as they spend attending professional sporting events, buying music or going out to the movies. It is estimated that Americans now spend somewhere around **\$10 billion** a year on adult entertainment, which is as much as they spend attending professional sporting events, buying music or going out to the movies. CBS News.
<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2003/11/21/60minutes/main585049.shtml>
- Americans spent as much on drugs in **2004** as they did for gasoline. Industry consultants estimated **\$250 billion** in sales (the majority for prescription drugs), which translates into an **\$850** pharmaceutical fill-up for every American. Jeff Donn ASSOCIATED PRESS, April **16, 2005**. <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/health/20050416-0936-america themedicated.html>
- Between **2/2001** to **7/2001** there was an increase of **345%** in child pornography sites (N2H2, **8/01**) <http://www.afo.net/statistics.htm>

CRIME, DRUGS and ALCOHOL and other MORAL ISSUES

- With **1 out of every 100** adults in jail in the U.S., it **costs** state governments almost **\$50 billion** a year and the federal government **\$5 billion** more. The average **per prisoner operating cost** in **2005** was **\$23,876**. An estimated **1** in every **15** dollars from state general funds was spent on corrections in fiscal year **2007**. *Pew's Center on the States study*, <http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/uploadedFiles/One%20in%20100.pdf>
- The United States invests **\$70 billion** on decreasing interpersonal violence or and self-inflicted violence. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*.
<http://www.infoniac.com/science/violencecosts.html>

- The District of Columbia led the nation in **2002** in per capita Government Expenditures (State and Local Government) against crime (total justice system): **2,162**. <http://www.census.gov/prod/2006pubs/07statab/law.pdf>
- In **2003** the United States spent a record **\$185** billion for police protection, corrections, and judicial and legal activities. Expenditures for operating the Nation's justice system increased from almost **\$36** billion in **1982** to over **\$185** billion in **2003**, an increase of **418%**. ^{14.5} <http://www.ncalg.org/library/working%20on%20these/factsheet.htm> Bureau of Justice Statistics, <http://www.wrongfuldeathinstitute.com/links/prison/prisonstats.htm>
- From **1977** to **2003** total State and local expenditure for all justice functions increased **567%**: Police protection – **545%**; Corrections – **1,173%**; Judicial and legal – **1,974%**. ^{14.5^}
- Other government functions increased during the same period: Education – **505%**; Hospitals and health care – **572%**; Interest on debt – **577%**; Public welfare – **766%**. (*Justice Expenditure and Employment Extracts, compiled from the U.S. Census Bureau's Annual Government Finance Survey and Annual Survey of Public Employment*). ^{14.5^}
- Between **1982** and **2003**, per capita expenditure, including Federal, State, and local governments across justice functions, increased from **\$158** to **\$638**, over **300%**.
- During the same time period: Corrections expenditures increased **423%**, from **\$40** to **\$209** per resident. ^{14.5^}
- Judicial and legal expenditures increased **321%**, from **\$34** to **\$143**. ^{14.5^}
- Police protection expenditures increased **241%**, from **\$84** to **\$286** per resident. Since **1982** total direct expenditures increased **418%**, from nearly **\$36** billion to over **\$185** billion. The average annual increase between **1982** and **2003** was nearly **8%**. ^{14.5^}
- Of children born in the years **1967-69**, some **22.1** percent were dependent on Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) before reaching age **18**. This broke down as **15.7** percent for white children, **72.3** percent for black children. Projections for children born in **1980** gave rates of **22.2** percent and **82.9** percent respectively. Between **1970** and **1991**, the value of AFDC benefits decreased by **41%**. In **1990**, the poverty rate among single-parent with children under **18** was **44%**. The American Spectator (vol. **62**, no. **1**, winter **1993**, pp. **17-30**) ^{14.5^}
- A new prison cell costs **\$100,000** to build and **\$200,000** over **25** years to pay interest on the construction debt; and in excess of **\$22,000** per year/per cell to operate. ^{14.5^}
- The New York City Police Department has a **\$3.3** billion annual budget, larger than all but **19** of the world's armies. jeftrajus <http://www.handymanclub.com/Community/Forums.aspx?g=posts&t=5587&page=27>
- Insurance-related crime among gamblers is estimated at over **\$1.3** billion a year! <http://www.ncalg.org/library/working%20on%20these/factsheet.htm>
- The average American worker admits to misusing **2.09** hours per **8-hour** workday (not including lunch and scheduled break-time) of their employers time (personal Internet use making up **44.7%** of the stolen time), costing employers an estimated **\$759** billion per year. **33.2%** of respondents blamed lack of work as their primary reason for doing so, while **23.4%** said they were underpaid. Survey by America Online and Salary.com http://www.salary.com/careers/layoutscripts/crel_display.asp?tab=cre&cat=nocat&ser=Ser374&part=Par555
- "Americans spend over **\$90** billion dollars on alcohol each year." Source: UsNoDrugs.com <http://www.usnodrugs.com/alcohol-statistics.htm>
- Economic costs to society for Alcohol and Drug Abuse in the United States are estimated at **\$185** billion annually for **1998**. National Institute on Drug Abuse and National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. *The Economic Costs of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in the United States*, **1995**. <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/alcohol/factsheet.htm> **1998**.
- Economic costs of alcohol-related crashes are estimated to be **\$45** billion yearly. Los Angeles Police Dept. http://www.lapdonline.org/bldg_safer_comms/prevention/other/drunk_driving_98.htm
- An additional **\$70.5** billion is lost in quality of life due to these crashes. Los Angeles Police Dept. http://www.lapdonline.org/bldg_safer_comms/prevention/other/drunk_driving_98.htm
- Federal, state, and local alcohol taxes combined raise approximately **\$13.1** billion dollars a year, but alcohol use extracts over **\$100** billion a year in social costs such as lost productivity and health costs. Morton M. Kondracke, "Don't Legalize Drugs," *The New Republic*, June **27**, **1988**; Robert E. Peterson, "Stop Legalization of Illegal Drugs," *Drug Awareness Information Newsletter*, July **1988**. Schaffer Library of drug policy. <http://www.druglibrary.org/schaffer/debate/myths/myths5.htm>
- In **1995**, **\$60.3** billion, or nearly one in five dollars the federal government spends on all health care entitlements, will be spent to treat illness and

conditions attributable to tobacco, alcohol and other drugs." *Columbia's Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse*

- It is estimated that legalizations of recreational drugs would cost American society between **\$140 billion** and **\$210 billion** a year in lost productivity and job-related accidents. *Morton M. Kondracke, citation above.*
<http://www.druglibrary.org/schaffer/debate/myths/myths5.htm>
- Excessive drinking costs Americans over **\$175 billion** each year: The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.
<http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- Businesses lose an estimated **\$100 billion** a year due to substance abuse. U.S. Department of Labor. <http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- Teen-aged drinking costs Americans an estimated **\$58 billion** annually. *Office of Juvenile Justice and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. 1999 Great Falls Tribune*
<http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- Alcohol is the number one drug of choice among America's youth, costing an average of **\$577.91** per year for every household in the United States. *Karolyn Nunnallee, national president of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD). www.madd.org/stats 1999 Great Falls Tribune*
<http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- College students spend over **\$5.5 billion** a year on alcoholic beverages (mostly beer)--more than they spend on all other drinks [soda, tea, milk, juice and coffee] and books combined. *Sidney Ribeau, President Bowling Green State University*
<http://www.collegevalues.org/diaries.cfm?id=476&a=1>. See also www.hsph.harvard.edu/cas/rpt1998/CAS1998rpt2.html.
- Medical expenses attributable to alcohol abuse are an estimated **\$22.6 billion** this year. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.
<http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- Almost **1 in 5 dollars** (**60.3 billion**) of the total US federal government health care spending entitlements, will be spent in **1995** to treat afflictions and conditions attributable to tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. *Columbia's Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse. 1999 Great Falls Tribune*
<http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- Americans spent as much on drugs last year [**2004**] as they did for gasoline. The **\$250 billion** in sales estimated by industry consultants means an **\$850** pharmaceutical fill-up for every American. The vast majority was for prescription drugs." *Jeff Donn Associated Press, April 16, 2005.* <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/health/20050416-0936-america-themedicated.html>
- Americans spent a total of **\$151 billion** on outpatient prescriptions in **2002**. *Time magazine, July 13, 2005.* http://time.blogs.com/daily_rx/2005/07/what_americans_.html
- Americans spend slightly less than **\$70 billion** annually to buy illegal drugs. *December 2000; Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), by Abt Associates Inc., of Cambridge, Mass.*
http://www.smythnews.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=SCN%2FMGArticle%2FSCN_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1031780461826
- **70 percent** of America's public child welfare system spending is for substance abuse-related sins. *Columbia University's National Center on Addition and Substance Abuse. 1999 Great Falls Tribune*
<http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- An estimated **80%** of prison inmates are alcoholics or drug abusers. *Columbia's Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse.* *1999 Great Falls Tribune*
<http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- Alcohol-related car wrecks cost the US an estimated **\$45 billion** a year, or **\$1.90** per ounce of alcohol consumed. *Mothers Against Drunk Drivers www.madd.org/stats*
- **30 to 50%** of hospital admissions are alcohol-related. *Dr. Dan Nauts, medical director of the Addiction Medicine Center at Benefis Healthcare.*
<http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>

EDUCATION

- On a **typical campus**, per **capita** students spending for alcohol--**\$446** per student--far **exceeds** the per capita **budget** of the college **library**. (*Eigen, 1991 in the 1998 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse*).
- College students spend over **\$5.5 billion** a year on alcoholic beverages (mostly beer)--more than they spend on all other drinks [soda, tea, milk, juice and coffee] and **books combined**. *Sidney Ribeau, President Bowling Green State University*
<http://www.collegevalues.org/diaries.cfm?id=476&a=1>. See also www.hsph.harvard.edu/cas/rpt1998/CAS1998rpt2.html [which is also a illustration of how to do a survey.]
- Government outlays intended to hold down the price of a college degree have risen, in inflation-adjusted dollars, from **\$29.6 billion** in **1985** to **\$139.7 billion** in **2010**, an increase of **372 percent** since Ronald Reagan's day. *Jeff Jacoby, Boston Globe, Apr 29, 2012 base on CATO study.* <http://www.cato.org/pubs/pas/pa686.pdf>
- Outstanding **student loan debt** in the United States appears to have surpassed **\$1 trillion** by late **2011** "Student-Loan Debt Tops \$1 Trillion," *Wall Street Journal, Economy, March 22, 2012,*
- Over **300,000** Americans from nearly **6,000** different schools **defaulted** on their loans in **2009**. <http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/attachments/091211FY09CDRBriefingAttach2.pdf>
- As many as **27%** of all **student loan** borrowers are more than **30 days** past due as of **March 2012**. <http://www.businessinsider.com/blackboard/federal-reserve-bank-of-new-york>

- The balance of federal **student loans** has grown by more than **60 percent** in the last **5 years (2012)**. Payments are being made on only **38 percent** of the balance of federal student loans, down from **46 percent five years ago**. Almost **1 in 10** borrowers who started repayment in **2009** defaulted within **2 years**, approximately twice the rate in **2005**. *N.Y. Times, "A Generation Hobbled by the Soaring Cost of College," May 12, 2012*
- **Forty percent** of U.S. households headed by someone younger than age **35** (and **1 out of 5** households overall) owed **student debt** in **2010** – double the percentage from **20 years ago**. *Pew Research Center analysis, 9-26-2012; <http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2012/09/26/a-record-one-in-five-households-now-owe-student-loan-debt/>*
- Students can be "forgiven" **100%** their remaining **student loan debt** if they work for the government or non-profit (but not if involved in religious activity) orgs for **10 years**, if they faithfully make all their payments (**120** continuous payments) during that time. (*Federal Register / Vol. 73, 2008, Section 685.219; <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-24922.pdf>*)
- Average American undergraduate student credit card debt rose from **\$1,879** to **\$2,748** in two years (**2000**). *Nellie Mae Student Loan Applications. http://www.debtsmart.com/cgi-pl/redir.cgi?statistic_37&http://www.nfcc.org*
- The average American college undergrad has **\$1,843** in credit card debt (**2001**). *Nellie Mae, a student loan provider. http://www.debtsmart.com/cgi-pl/redir.cgi?statistic_55&http://Bankrate.com*

CONSUMER HEALTH CARE

- Expenditures in the United States on health care surpassed **\$2.3 trillion** in **2008**, and the U.S. health care spending was about **\$7,681 per resident** and accounted for **16.2% of the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)**; this is among the highest of all industrialized countries. *http://www.kaiseredu.org/topics_im.asp?imID=1&parentID=61&id=358*
- Health care spending is **4.3** times the amount spent on national defense. *California Health Care Foundation. Health Care Costs 101 -- 2005. 02 March 2005. <http://www.nhc.org/facts/cost.shtml>*
- America spent about **\$1.7 trillion (15.3 percent)** of its Gross Domestic Product on health care in **2003**, as it continued to rise at the fastest rate in US history. *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Office of the Actuary, National Health Statistics Group; and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of the Census. <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/statistics/nhe/projections-2003/t2.asp>.*
- More than **50 percent** of Americans spend over **\$75 billion** on dietary supplements and natural health approaches. *Lyle Hurd, http://americanwellnessnetwork.com/American_Wellness_Network.html*
Americans drank about **10** times as much as bottled water per person in **2004 (23 gallons)** than in **1980**. They also consumed more than twice as much high fructose corn syrup per person as in **1980**. *Richard Clement/Reuters; <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/miscellaneous/007871.html>*

CULINARY INDULGENCE

- Americans spend close to **\$117 billion** on obesity related health care, with another **\$33 billion** spent annually in attempts to control or lose weight. Mazur F. Health cost control: prevention. *Legislative Update. http://user.adelphia.net/frankmazur/prevention_10_3.htm; Accessed August 26, 2004. http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa3977/is_200410/ai_n9461223*
- Nearly half the costs of obesity are paid out of tax-supported health insurance. *Magee M. The cost of obesity in America. Health Politics. Available at http://www.health-politics.com/programinfo.asp?p=prog_474; accessed July 14, 2004. http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa3977/is_200410/ai_n9461223*
- Total amount spent annually on potato chips: **\$4.5 billion**. *Cato book for Congress. <http://www.cato.org/pubs/handbook/hb105-18.html>*
- Americans spent approx. **167 million** in caviar in **2004**. *Fred Conte, University of California at Davis.*
- The annual healthcare costs of obesity could be as high as **147 billion dollars** for **2008**. The medical costs for an obese person are **42 per cent** higher than for a person of normal weight. *RTI International, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is published in the 27 July issue of the health policy journal Health Affairs. <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/printerfriendlynews.php?newsid=158948>*
- In **2007**, it is estimated that Americans will spend over **\$40 billion** on their pets. *American Pet Products Manufacturers Associate, Inc., Industry Statistics and Trends, 2007.*
- America Throw away approx. **27%** of it's food every year. *<http://www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?articleid=860>*

VEHICLES

- One billion dollars worth of stolen cars are taken out of the United States annually. *International Crime Control Strategy - June 1998 <http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/iccs/iccsii.html>*
- Maine, Vermont, Idaho, and Wisconsin were the **5** least expensive states for auto insurance in **2005**, while New York state, Louisiana, Rhode Island Maryland and Washington DC made up the **5** highest. *http://www.insurance.com/Article.aspx/MostLeast_Expensive_States_for_Auto_Insurance_in_2005/artid/343; http://www.insurance.com/Article.aspx/The_Most_Expensive_States_for_Auto_Insurance/artid/147*

- Car ownership costs of selected cities around the country are as follows: Detroit - **\$12,210**, Philadelphia - **\$11,081**, Los Angeles - **\$10,604**, Hartford, CT - **\$9,972**, West Palm Beach - **\$9,170**, Buffalo - **\$8,813**, Grand Forks, ND - **\$7,726**, Bismarck, ND - **\$7,705**, Sioux Falls, SD - **\$7,629**, *Runzheimer International, a consulting firm;* http://money.cnn.com/2006/09/01/autos/costliest_car_ownership_cities/index.htm?cnn=yes

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- At General Motors, the cost of health care for employees now exceeds the cost of steel.
- Health premiums were up **13.9 percent** in **2003** over **2002**. In **2004**, health benefits cost a single employee an average of **\$3,383**, and a family of four **\$9,068**. *The Bureau of Labor Statistics*
- “Each automobile manufactured in the U.S. today contains **\$700** worth of steel and around **\$1,700** worth of health care costs.” *Mike Milken at HRO World Conference 2004.*
- Health care cost General Motors **\$5.3 billion** in **2005**—**31 percent** of which was for prescription drugs. *Corbett B., Ward's Auto World 2003 Jul 1;* <http://xnet.kp.org/permanentejournal/SUM07/health-care-reform.html>
- In **48** states, the cost of center-based child care for a four-year-old is greater than tuition at a four-year public college. <http://www.childrensdefense.org/pressreleases/040713.asp>
- This nations approx. **1 million** (annually) high school dropouts are estimated to cost the economy **260 billion** over the course of the students lives. *U.S. News + World Report, 4-24-06 [Bible church “dropouts” cost more, while the social engineering “values” most schools teach cost both the students and this nation more than money.]*
- In the United States, **32%** of peoples income is spent on housing (including utilities, furnishings, services, repairs, etc.) *Center for Business and Economic Research;* http://cber.cba.ua.edu/rbriefs/ab_jul97.html
- American citizens donated **\$260 billion** to charities of all kinds in **2005**, the latest year for which figures are available. *The Giving USA Foundation.*
- The amount budgeted by the US government for non-military foreign aid in **2006** (**\$17.29 billion**) to the entire world was less than American citizens spend celebrating Mother's Day and Father's And the amount spent on winter holidays is greater than all charitable giving combined. *National Retail Federation.* <http://www.godweb.org/holidayspending.htm>
- The average consumer will spend **\$30** on Christmas cards and postage this year. *National Retail Federation.*
- Americans are expected to spend **\$8 billion** on Christmas decorations. *Unity Marketing, 2005* <http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=18650>
- Eight in **10** dog owners buy their pet holiday gifts. Six in **10** cat owners do. **2005**, *American Pet Products Manufacturers Association.*
- Americans spent approx **\$457 Billion / \$800** per person on Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. A typical American child receives **70** new toys a year, most of them at Christmas, and .
- **\$14 Billion / \$116** per person Valentine's Day
- **\$13.8 Billion / \$115** per person for Mother's Day
- **\$12.6 Billion / \$110** per person for Easter
- **\$9 Billion / \$100** per person for Father's Day
- **\$5 billion / \$60** per person for Halloween. *National Retail Federation* <http://www.godweb.org/holidayspending.htm>
- **\$36.3 billion** was spent by Americans on pet food and supplies, veterinary visits, medicines, live animals and services (which include massage therapy, spa treatments, couture clothing and gourmet food). **2005**, *American Pet Products Manufacturers Association.*
- Pets outnumber people in the United States by about **60 million**. **2005**, *American Pet Products Manufacturers Association.* <http://www.cnn.com/2006/US/03/10/modern.pets/index.html>
- **14** *Bureau of Justice Statistics*
- **15** *Copyright © 2002 National Center for Policy Analysis;* <http://www.ncpa.org/pub/ba/ba428/>

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Population and Resources

- According to the *U.S. Bureau of the Census*, the resident **population of the United States**, projected to **06/01/12** was approx **313,644,000**
- COMPONENT SETTINGS FOR MAY 2012
- One birth every 8 seconds
- One death every 13 seconds
- One international migrant (net) every 46 seconds
- Net gain of one person every 14 seconds
- On July **1, 1906** the U.S. population was listed at **85,450,000**.

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/popclockus.html>

- The total **U.S. population** crossed the **100 million** mark around **1915**, the **200 million** mark in **1967**, and the **300 million** mark in **2006** (on Tuesday, October **17**). http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_the_United_States
- It took America **52 years** to grow from **100 million** in **1915** to **200 million** in **1967**, but only **39 years** to reach **300 million**. There will be **400 million** Americans in **2043**, climbing to **420 million** by midcentury. *US Census Bureau estimates.*
- The U.S. **population** more than tripled during the **20th century** - a growth rate of about **1.3 percent** a year - from about **76 million** in **1900** to **281 million** in **2000**. U.S. population growth is now the highest among developed countries. California and Texas currently the most populous states.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_the_United_States

- The share of births to foreign-born mothers grew from **15%** of U.S. births in **1990** to at least **60%** through **2004**. Births to foreign-born women in **2004** accounted for the majority of Hispanic (**61%**) and Asian (**83%**) births. According to Pew Research Center population projections, **82%** of the nation's population growth through **2050** will be accounted for by immigrants who arrived in the U.S. after **2005** and [mostly through] their descendants, assuming current trends continue. Of the **142 million** people added to the population from **2005** to **2050**, according to the projections, **50 million** will be the children or grandchildren of new immigrants. *Pew Research Center, May 6, 2010, <http://pewsocialtrends.org/assets/pdf/754-new-demography-of-motherhood.pdf>*
- **45%** of American children under the age of **5** are minorities, with Hispanics accounting for almost half (**1.4 million**). <http://www.prb.org/Articles/2006/IntheNewsUSPopulationIsNowOneThirdMinority.aspx?p=1U.S.>
- **48.6%** of children born in the U.S. between July **2008** and July **2009** were “non-white minorities”, while Hispanics accounted for almost **55%** of U.S. population growth, with two thirds coming from births, versus immigration. *USA TODAY, June 10, 2010, based on U.S. Census data.*
- Since the liberalization of immigration policy in 1965, the number of first-generation immigrants living in the United States has quadrupled, from **9.6 million** in **1970** to about **38 million** in **2007**. *"Immigration Worldwide: Policies, Practices, and Trends". Uma A. Segal, Doreen Elliott, Nazneen S. Mayadas (2010). Oxford University Press.*
- As of 19 June 2010, the United States has **4.53%** of the world's population. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_the_United_States, June 19, 2010
- The Census Bureau projects a U.S. population of **439 million** in **2050**, which is a **46% increase** from **2007**. *"Projected Population by Single Year of Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin for the United States: July 1, 2000 to July 1, 2050". U.S. Census Bureau.* <http://www.census.gov/population/www/projections/downloadablefiles.html>. Retrieved 2009-12-08
- The nation's median age inched upward to **36.8** from **36.7** in **2008**. Utah had the lowest median age of **28.8**, with **9.8%** of the population being **5 and under**. *USA TODAY, June 10, 2010, based on U.S. Census data.*
- In **1957**, a baby was born every **7 seconds**. [http://encarta.msn.com/encyclopedia_1741500823_30/United_States_\(History\).html](http://encarta.msn.com/encyclopedia_1741500823_30/United_States_(History).html)
- Every **7 seconds** someone in America turns **50**. *Gary Onks - SoldOnSeniors, Inc.*
- People over age **66** will be **19.4 percent** of Americans by **2043**, up from **11.8 percent** now. *Carolyn Kaster/ap./file*
- The United States has both the highest birthrate (**2.11**) and the highest church attendance in the industrialized world. *Atheists won't save Europe by don feder* <http://www.frontpagemagazine.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=27937>
- Of the **10** nations with the lowest birthrates, nine are in Europe (the **10th** is Japan), with only **1.5** children born for every woman in the EU (which also has the lowest church attendance in the world). *Atheists won't save Europe by don feder* <http://www.frontpagemagazine.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=27937>
- World War I saw **15 million** deaths, World War II approx **62 million** people, Korean War **2.5 million** military and civilian deaths. <http://en.wikipedia.org>
- Vietnam war: **58,226** American deaths, with approx. approximately **5.4 million** total dead (including some by post war effects). <http://answers.google.com>
- Up to **1986**[?] the deaths from that century's battles in all international and domestic wars, revolutions, and violent conflicts was estimated at **35,654,000**. *The Wall Street Journal, July 7, 1986; 38 million – .*
- Islam and Hinduism grows at the rate of **1.93%** and **1.49%** per annum, respectively, while Christianity grows at **1.31 %** per annum. The difference in the rate of growth is explained by biological growth in Asia and Africa. Christianity actually grows three times the rate of Islam by conversion growth. *Barrett, Johnson, and Crossing, p. 29*
- It is estimated that atheistic communism (Marxism-Leninism and its variants) is

responsible for the murder of up to approx. **94 million** people in the last century (through assassination, extrajudicial executions, torture, indiscriminate mass killings, and genocide, democide and famine caused by negligence or indifference, or it's war against capitalism. *The Black Book of Communism*,

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Book_of_Communism; (**110 million** – *Death By Government*, R.J. Rummel).

- Active-duty strength for the U.S. armed forces in **2005** included **493,000** in the Army, **354,000** in the Air Force, **363,000** in the Navy and **180,000** Marines. The nearly **1.4 million** men and women in uniform compares to **3 million-plus** members in **1970**.
- There were **14,000** terrorist attacks globally in **2006**. **47%** of those took place in Iraq. Two-thirds of fatalities from these attacks worldwide occurred in Iraq. *Time Magazine*, **5/14/07**; <http://www.veegle.com>.
- **HIV/AIDS** [which is virtually **100%** preventable by obeying God's command for celibacy until marriage between man and women and monogamy afterward], is the **4th-Leading Cause of Death** in the World (over **25 million** dead since **1981**), after Ischaemic heart disease, Cerebrovascular disease, and Lower respiratory infections . <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0779147.html>; UNAIDS/WHO.
- **AIDS**, at over **58,000** dead per year (**2003**) is the leading cause of death by Infectious Diseases in the USA [with over a half million American dead from it], followed far behind by Botulism at **132** persons. <http://www.disastercenter.com/cdc/disease.htm>
- **AIDS** is a leading cause of death among African-American men ages **25-446** in the USA, and African American women ages **25-34** years (**2003**). *CDC, NCHS, National Vital Statistics Report, November 7, 2003* <http://www.cdc.gov/omh/Highlights/2005/HDec105.htm>
- New York State (**155, 755**) led the nation in HIV/AIDs cases in **2002**, followed by California **128,064**, Florida **90,233**, Texas **59,772**, New Jersey **45,237**, Illinois **28,426**, Pennsylvania **28,136**. <http://www.kff.org/hiv/aids/loader.cfm?url=/commonspot/security/getfile.cfm&PageID=32947>
- Including non-occupants, almost (**48k+**) **50,000** people die in roadway crashes in America (**1999**). <http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/departments/nrd-30/NCSA/Content/Assess2K.html>
- Nearly **115,000** people die prematurely of alcohol abuse each year, said the NIAAA. <http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- More than **33%** of **Americans** would desire "everything possible" done to save their lives if they had a lethal disease, up from just over **20%** in **1990**. *Pew Research Center for the People and the Press*.

IMMIGRATION

- The nation's population will rise to **438 million** in **2050**, from **296 million** in **2005**, and fully **82%** of the growth during this period will be due to immigrants arriving from **2005** to **2050** and their descendants. **67 million** will be the immigrants themselves, **47 million** will be their children and **3 million** will be their grandchildren. (**19%**) will be foreign born in **2050**, well above the **2005** level of **12%**, and also surpassing the historic peaks for immigrants as a share of the U.S. population—**14.8%** in **1890** and **14.7%** in **1910**. <http://pewresearch.org/pubs/729/united-states-population-projections>
- [2012] By **2050**, the nation's racial and ethnic mix will look quite different than it does now. **Non-Hispanic whites**, who made up **67%** of the population in **2005**, will be **47%** in **2050**. **Hispanics** will rise from **14%** of the population in **2005** to **29%** in **2050**. **Blacks** were **13%** of the population in **2005** and will be roughly the same proportion in **2050**. **Asians**, who were **5%** of the population in **2005**, will be **9%** in **2050**. ^
- The average number of births per woman has declined markedly since the late **1950s** [with approx. **1 out of 3 pregnancies** ending in the murder to the unborn], from more than **3.5** then to about **2** now. ^
- [2002] Since **1970** over **90%** of U.S. population growth has occurred from recent immigrants and their children born here. *Dirk Chase Eldredge*
¹⁶<http://www.insightmag.com/news/2002/03/11/Symposium/Yes-Immigration.Will.Double.The.Population.Of.The.United.States.Within.The.Next-185221.shtml>.
- Since **1970** licensed drivers in the United States have increased by **64 percent**.^{^ 15}
- From **1960** to the **1990's** immigration into the U.S. has increased from **300,000** to over **1 million** annually. ^ ¹⁵
- According to U.S. Census Bureau's estimation for **2005**, **45%** of American children under the age of **5** are minorities. In **2006**, the nation's minority population reached **100.7 million**. A year before, the minority population totaled **98.3 million**. Hispanics accounted for almost half (**1.4 million**) of the national population growth of **2.9 million** between July **1, 2005**, and July **1, 2006**. In thirty-five of the country's fifty largest cities, white people are or soon will be in the

minority. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demography_of_the_United_States

- From **1990** to **1998** U.S. immigration increased **41%** (**32%** of total U.S. population growth). ^{^ 15}
- Immigrants who become U.S. citizens typically pay more in taxes they receive in benefits such as education and public assistance (**\$70.3** billion as compared with **\$42.9** billion) - though initially using more state and local services - than do native-born Americans. <http://www.immigrationforum.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=277> and www.ericdigests.org/
- Undocumented immigrants constitute about **1%** of the total U.S. population and **13%** of the foreign-born population. <http://www.ericdigests.org/>
- Undocumented immigrants pay taxes of **\$7** billion annually because their paychecks are subject to income tax and Social Security deductions. <http://www.ericdigests.org/>
- During the **1980's**, **75%** of all immigrants settled in **6** states: California, New York, Texas, Florida, New Jersey, and Illinois. Approx. **90%** live in cities. In **1990**, **93%** lived in cities. <http://www.ericdigests.org/>
- There were more than **2.3** million immigrant youth in U.S. schools and colleges-- about **5%** of all students. <http://www.ericdigests.org/>

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Miscellaneous

- **75 out of every 100** people killed for religious hatred are **Christian**. *Aid to the Church in Need, Religious Freedom in the World – Report 2010; Conference Persecution of Christians*
- From **2000** to **2005**, the number of manufacturing jobs declined nearly **18 percent**. Virtually every job category registered decreases except pharmaceuticals. Employment in textile mills fell by **42 percent**. The job projected to grow the fastest by **2014** is home health aide. <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/miscellaneous/007871.html>
- ST. LOUIS, MO. (May **22, 2008**) – Results from the **2008** GMAC Insurance National Drivers Test released today found that **16.4 percent** of drivers on the road – amounting to roughly **33** million licensed Americans – would not pass a written drivers test exam if taken today. <http://www.gmacinsurance.com/SafeDriving/2008/PressRelease.asp>
- After English (**30%** of web visitors) the most-requested languages on the world wide web are Chinese **13%**, Japanese **8.5%**, Spanish **6.3%**, German **6.3%** and French **4%** (from Internet World Stats, updated November **30, 2005**). <http://www.internetworldstats.com>
- By continent, **34%** of the world's Internet users are based in Asia, **29%** in Europe, and **23%** in North America ([2] updated November **21, 2005**). <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet>
- U.S. passenger and cargo airline operations required **19.4** billion gallons of jet fuel during the **12-month** period ended November **2006**. <http://www.airlines.org/economics/energy/fuel+QA.htm>
- Total fuel consumption of all motor vehicles in the US for the year **2000** was **225,821,241**. *United States Department of Transportation* <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ohim/hs00/pdf/vm1m.pdf>
- The grain required to fill a **25-gallon** SUV gas tank with ethanol could feed one person for a year. *Time magazine, March, 2008*.
- Since **2004**, ExxonMobil has posted about **\$100** billion dollars in cumulative profits. *The Week Magazine, 5/11/07*; <http://www.veegle.com>.
- The world has an estimated **40 to 45** years left of crude oil . http://plaza.ufl.edu/joec/republican_arguments_essay.htm
- One uranium nuclear fuel pellet the size of the tip of your little finger is equivalent to the energy provided by **1,780** pounds of coal; or **149** gallons of oil. http://plaza.ufl.edu/joec/republican_arguments_essay.htm
- Estimates show that there are only **60 to 70** years left of uranium left on the planet; it is a nonrenewable source of energy.” Fik, Dr. Timothy J., *The Geography of Economic Development*). http://plaza.ufl.edu/joec/republican_arguments_essay.htm
- Of Australians who go to church, **21** per cent read their Bible daily, **14** per cent open it a few times a week; **18** per cent hardly ever read it, and **6** per cent once a week. **17** per cent said they never read the Bible on their own as a private devotional activity. The most diligent Bible readers are Pentecostals, with **72** per cent saying they read the holy book daily or a few times a week, followed by Baptists (**62** per cent), Anglicans (**46** per cent), Lutherans (**41** per cent) and Uniting (**43** per cent). The lowest denomination in Bible reading were **Catholics**, with **59** per cent confessing they rarely consult their Bibles. *2006 National Church Life Survey of 500,000 people who attended church from 22 denominations*. <http://www.smh.com.au/news/national/confession-fewer-know-their-bible/2008/09/09/1220857547474.html> Gallup Poll in

the United Kingdom (Daily Telegraph [03/06/96](http://www.christianvoice.org.uk/sin1.html)): <http://www.christianvoice.org.uk/sin1.html>:

A survey of more than 4,000 people across Britain by the National Center for Social Research found that the number of people describing themselves as Christian has dropped from **66 percent** in **1983** to **50 percent** in **2009**. Only 23 percent of respondents described themselves as Anglican today versus 40 percent of the population 25 years ago. Non-Christian faiths have increased from two per cent to seven per cent during that time. However, 79 percent still believe religious faith provides comfort in times of trouble.

<http://www.christianpost.com/article/20091219/research-reveals-sharp-decline-in-faith-in-britain/index.html>

- In **Britain**, the Daily Telegraph commissioned Gallop to carry out a survey of attitudes in **1996** and compare them to those surveyed in **1968**. They overall found much **gloom** among the British people. (Daily Telegraph 03/06/96):
- On the subject of **health**, **68%** thought this was improving in **1968** against **16%** who believed it was worsening. Today the majority is reversed, with **34%** believing that health is improving as against **51%** who say it is worsening.
- Standards of **behaviour** were thought to be worsening in **1968** by **62%**, as against **14%** who suggested they were improving. The margin has widened, with **92%** saying "worsening" and a mere **1%** for "improving."
- Standards of **honesty** were thought to be worsening by **50%** and improving by **12%** in **1968**, but this generation is even more melancholy, the gap widening to **74%** versus only **3%**, a majority of **71%** for the proposition that standards of honesty are getting worse.
- Standards of knowledge and levels of **intelligence** were thought in **1968** to be improving, by majorities of **78%** to **5%** and **66%** to **7%** respectively. Today, the picture is reversed; knowledge and intelligence are believed to be declining, by majorities of **47%** to **28%** and **33%** to **26%** respectively.
- Gallop only found **7%** in **1996** who thought **happiness** was improving, but **53%** who said it was getting worse.
- "**Peace of Mind**" was thought to be worsening for **48%** of the **1968** respondents and improving for **14%**. A generation later, a staggering **76%** of those questioned believed that their fellows enjoy less peace of mind of mind than before, with just **3%** saying they have more.
- In **1900** the police in England and Wales recorded fewer than three **crimes** for every **1000** people. By the **1980s** it was fifty for every thousand.
- Of those married in **1947**, **10 percent** have **divorced**, while of those who **marry** in the **1990s**, **10 percent** will **divorce** within the first five years, nearly **25** per cent by **10** years and **41** per cent by **50** years;
- In **1947** over **85** per cent of men and women were marrying for the first time, but in the **1990s** just **71 percent** are marrying for the first time;
- in **1947** the most common age for women to **marry** was **21** (HM the Queen was **21**) and for men it was **23** (HRH the Duke of Edinburgh was **25**). (ONS News Release **14/7/97**) In the **1990s** couples are marrying when they are older. In **1994**, the average age of a bachelor at marriage was **28.5**. Spinsters married at **26.5**. (Times **25/7/97**) <http://www.christianvoice.org.uk/sin1.html>
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Special compilation: 1960-62 to 1980 and beyond.

The trend toward spiritual and moral degradation had already begun before long before this period, with secular humanism being introduced into schools as the State religion around 1930, through John Dewey (see more [Here](#)) And also [here](#) for quotes by Founders. Up until about that time, the McGuffey's Reader and the New England Primer were America's principal school text books. "McGuffey's Reader, the mainstay of public education from 1836 to 1920, primarily consisted of prayers to God, Scriptural references, and religious instruction to abstain from sin." Before 1962, prayers were prayed and the Bible regularly read in public schools. The next major step was in 1962, when official prayer, and the next year, official devotional reading of the Word of God, was expelled from public schools in America. Rather than the Bible, with it's transcendent moral absolutes, being the general ultimate authority, a form of Christ-less humanism gradually has supplanted it, with the secularized seduced State becoming the supreme moral authority on right and wrong. Though for a while a momentum of righteousness has enabled some just laws to be implemented, overall America has increasingly cast off the Biblical anchor of righteousness and thus has drifted into the waters of an ever morphing morality that gives liberty to unholy lusts. Such hedonistic philosophy wars against the teaching of the immutable Law of God, which alone supremely enjoins and enables true love for God and one another, and holy liberty with it's necessary limits. And as souls are less God controlled then they must be more government (gun) controlled. And as the people and government itself becomes corrupt, unnecessary suffering results. In contrast to the positive promise, "Happy *is that* people, that is in such a case: *yea, happy is that* people, whose God *is* the LORD" (Psa 144:15), is the negative reality, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God." (Ps. 9:17). "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel [*applicable to all*], every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn *yourselves* from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin" (Ezek 18:30).

- Between 1960 and 1990, there was a 41% decline in marriage. Larry L. Bumpass, "What's Happening to the Family? Interactions Between Demographic and Institutional Change,"
- Divorce is up 350%. in which children under 18 are involved. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, and Statistical Abstract of the United States.
- Since 1960 there has been over a 400% increase in illegitimate births. *The Wall Street Journal*, Monday, March 15, 1993 *Quantifying America's Decline* by William J. Bennett <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/augustine/arch/usadecline.html>
- Between 1960 and 1990, the percentage of children living apart from their biological fathers more than doubled, from 17 percent to 36 percent. <http://mensightmagazine.com/Articles/Popenoe/nofathers.htm>
- In 1965, 93% of all American births were to women with marriage licenses, by 1970, 11% of births were to unmarried mothers, by 1990, that number had risen to 28%. and as of 2011, 41% of all births are to unmarried women. For mothers under 30, the percentage is 53%. Kay S. Hymowitz, "The single-mom catastrophe," *Los Angeles Times*

Op-Ed, June 3, 2012

- While in **1960** only **9 percent** of all children lived in single-parent families (a figure that had changed little over the course of the **20th century**), by **2003** the **percentage** had jumped to **27 percent**.⁹ *The State of our unions 2004 marriage.*
<http://marriage.rutgers.edu/publications/soou/textsoou2004.htm>
- Between **1960 AND 2002**, the number of unmarried couples in America – couples who are sexual partners, not married to each other, and sharing a household [otherwise known as **fornicators**, living in **sin**] – increased by over **1100 percent**. ^{^9}
- **Cohabitation** in the United States has increased by more than **1,500 percent** in the past **half century**. *N.Y. Times, "The Downside of Cohabiting Before Marriage, April 14, 2012*
- Child abuse up **2,300%**. *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Child Maltreatment: Reports from the States to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System.*
- Fornication (whore mongering) increased over **500 percent** (2003).
http://www.christianaction.org.za/media_egroups/uca_2003-04-30.htm
- Births to unmarried girls from **15-19** years of age is up **500%** *U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Historical Statistics of the United States* <http://www.angelfire.com/music2/fullcircle/>
- In **1965**, **93%** of all American births were to women with marriage licenses, by **1970**, **11%** of births were to unmarried mothers, by **1990**, that number had risen to **28%**. and as of **2011**, **41%** of all births are to unmarried women. For mothers under **30**, the percentage is **53%**. *Kay S. Hymowitz, "The single-mom catastrophe," Los Angeles Times*
Op-Ed, June 3, 2012
- Since **1960** the **percentage** of babies born to unwed mothers (any age) has increased more than sixfold.⁹ *The State of our unions 2004 marriage.*
<http://marriage.rutgers.edu/publications/soou/textsoou2004.htm> .
- Nearly **40** percent of babies born in the United States in **2007** were delivered by unwed mothers, signifying a more than **25** percent jump from five years before. *National Center for Health Statistics*
- **1960** there were **2** known Sexually Transmitted Diseases (syphilis and gonorrhea); today there are more than **25**. *Family Research Council: The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Epidemic: www.ccv.org/downloads/pdf/HPV-Epidemic.pdf*
- Gonorrhoea (a Sexually Transmitted Disease) went up over **200 percent**;
http://www.christianaction.org.za/media_egroups/uca_2003-04-30.htm
- Illegal drug usage is up **6,000%** since **1960**. The **percent** of youth who have used illegal drugs has gone from **5** to **75%**. *National Institute on Drug Abuse.*
- Less than **1%** of all Americans had used illegal drugs before **1960**. *The Honorable Judge Robert Ulrich Chief Justice, Missouri Court Of Appeals, Western District;*
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 - From **1960** to **1980** the suicide rate among teens has risen more than **200%** (**1** suicide every **17** minutes). *National Center for Health Statistics. Quantifying America's Decline by William J. Bennett; http://www.columbia.edu/cu/augustine/arch/usadecline.html*
 - From **1960** to **1990** violent crime rose **560%**. *F.B.I. Quantifying America's Decline by William J. Bennett http://www.columbia.edu/cu/augustine/arch/usadecline.html*
 - Criminal Arrests of Teens from age **14-17** per **100,000** is up **150%**. *U.S. Department Bureau of the Census, Historical Statistics of the United States.*

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APPLICATION

The story has often been told that the way to boil a frog is not to place the poor creature in a pot of boiling water, but in a pot of mild temperature and then incrementally raise the temperature, till before he realizes it he is cooked! May these statistics help us to see how slowly yet surely this country, which has and is greatly blessed of God, has fallen from grace into destructive degradation. Not suddenly, for had most any one of these statistics been realized some years ago they would have shocked God – fearing souls into action, but incrementally the foundations have been are being destroyed, awaiting the day when sufficient stress causes the whole structure to fall. Having increasingly "put off" the Lord Jesus Christ to make "provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Romans 13:14), we are presently reaping the corruption thereof, which this study helps to

quantify .

Whose fault is this? While the lost are guilty of rejecting the truth of the gospel and it's morality which they do know (obedience to which brings more light), the more accountable are those who know the Lord but who have not preached of sin, righteousness and judgment (Jn. 16:8), but rather have made their home in this world rather than being grieved at it's – and our own – sins.

The true Christian response to iniquity is not ambivalence, nor a reaction out of of self righteousness, rather it is one of both grief because it offends God, and a passion to turn many to righteousness for His sake, and for theirs.

Psa 119:53 Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

Psa 119:158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.

Ezek. 9:4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

Dan 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Acts 26:20 that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Jude 20-23 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

We ought to have the zeal of a Nehemiah for holiness in the congregation, except instead of smiting certain of them with our fists (see 13:21-25), we are to do so work conversion and holiness "By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left" (2 Cor 6:7).

The work of a Christian is not to bring back some some sort of a Mayberry RFD society, as many (of the few activists) seem the more motivated to do, but to see Christ reign in every heart, to see God's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

"For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet" (Cor 15:25).

This must start in one's own heart through the Gospel, which is "the power of God unto salvation" (Rm. 1:16). God is glorified when men repent (cf. Rev. 16:9), therefore the commission of Christ to His followers in this lost world is to "turn to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me" (Acts 26:18). "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mk. 16:16). "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Mt. 28:19, 20). Praise the Lord!

We who have believed are (and will) to do this as yielded vessels to God, through the power of the Holy Ghost. By Him let us work to convict souls of their utter inability to either merit God and His Heaven nor escape their just and eternal punishment in Hell, and point them directly to the only Begotten Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is He Whom the Father sent from Heaven "to be the propitiation [*perfect and final sacrifice*] for our sins," and "the Savior of the world" (1Jn. 4:10, 14). This is a decision every human soul who can make such a decision must make if they will be saved: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved " (Acts 4:12).

This work of salvation and sanctification is neither the work nor the ability of the institutionalized church: we have seen (such as in R. Catholic areas) what little power dead religion has to truly effect such, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Tim 3:5). Rather, the commission of Christ is only to those who have been truly "born of the Spirit" and so follow Him, through effectual faith in and surrender to "the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).

Let us therefore, as many as be truly graciously born of God's Holy Spirit (Jn. 3:3-7), obey His word to "put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (Eph. 6:11). Let us resist the devil thereby, and exalt the Lord Jesus Christ in our hearts and lives! "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And

others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen!

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**“O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good; for His mercy for ever”
(Ps. 107:1)**

*Brief summary R. Catholicism:

The following summary can be well substantiated, and is not given not of any personal animosity towards Catholicism but as one who was a devout R. Catholic, and who sought to serve the Lord there after becoming born again, i write as one who has seen both sides, and initially and increasingly realized the tremendous contrast between Rome and Biblical regeneration (becoming born again). And having a heart for sound doctrine and a burden for souls, i wrote the following to help explain the Catholicism behind the statistics this is linked to, and to illustrate the basic difference between the gospel of such a system and that of Holy Scripture, with the prayer that souls will choose the latter to their salvation and to the glory of God. Amen!

Unlike typical cults or cultic systems, which like Rome, operate out of sola ecclesia (the church being the supreme transcendent doctrinal authority on earth, versus the Scripture as [seen therein](#)) the Roman religious system no longer enforces strict doctrinal conformity to all it's teachings, but typical of all such systems, she effectively makes her leadership the supreme authority — not Divinely established Scripture — and fosters implicit trust/dependence upon something less than Christ alone, that of the Roman Catholic system. Even the most nominal Catholics typically therefore believe in a Jesus that will save them partly upon their own merit and the power of Rome, which autocratically declares itself to be the one true church, to whom all are to submit. Her autocratic CaesarioPapacy and vast hierarchical system was patterned to a strong degree after the Romans Empire in which the Roman church found itself — and too often used its carnal means (which early Protestants needed to unlearn) — and lacks the necessary Biblical warrant to justify it. While Peter's brethren – type leadership among the apostles and the church is manifested, he is not seen ruling over the other apostles or church as an elevated supreme demi – god after the historical manner of Rome, while popes lack the apostolic attestation (2Cor. 6:1-10; 12:12; Rm. 15:19) needed for their claims. Nowhere do we see even one command given to the church universal to submit to Peter as it's singular supreme Head in Rome, nor one example of him reigning as Rome examples. Not once does humble Peter refer to himself as the supreme head of the church, but as “an apostle” and “an elder” (1Pet. 1:1; 5:1). And very critically, while the Holy Spirit in Scripture clearly gives us instructions for ordaining Bishop/Elders ([not priests](#)) as overseers of the church (1Tim. 3:1-7), nowhere is their seen a provision for ordaining successors to Peter or popes. (Acts 1 replaced Judas and that by lot, avoiding the politics seen in Rome, in order to maintain the original 12, but when the apostle James was killed in Acts 12:2, no mention is made for a replacement).

- All told Rome's interpretation of her foundational text, Matthew 16:13-19, is unsubstantiated by the rest of Scripture which only affirms the Lord Jesus is the Rock (“petra”) or “stone” (“lithos,” and which denotes a large rock in Mk. 16:4) upon which the church is built (petra: Rm. 9:33; 1Cor. 10:4; 1Pet. 2:8; cf. Lk. 6:48; 1Cor. 3:11; lithos: Mat. 21:42; Mk.12:10-11; Lk. 20:17-18; Act. 4:11; Rm. 9:33; Eph. 2:20; cf. Dt. 32:4, Is. 28:16) including by Peter himself. (1Pt. 2:4-8), while her own catechism (seeking to have it both ways) affirms “On the rock of this faith confessed by St Peter, Christ build his Church,” (pt. 1, sec. 2, cp. 2, para. 424).

In addition, assurance of her claims to be the one true Church essentially relies upon circular reasoning — namely, infallibly defining that her supreme magisterium is infallible whenever it speaks according to her infallibly defined scope and subject-based formula, and thus according to her interpretation only her interpretations of Tradition, Scripture and history can be correct in any conflict. Rome seeks to validate her presumed preeminence via a supposed historical linkage back to the apostles, as do the Orthodox which reject papal infallibility and many other things.

(http://www.ocf.org/OrthodoxPage/reading/ortho_cath.html) Yet the church began in dissent from those who also presumed a level of assured veracity beyond what Scripture provided, based upon historical decent, and as inheritors of Divine promises of God's guidance, etc. (Lv. 10:11; Dt. 4:31; 17:8-13; Is. 41:10, Ps. 89:33,34; cf. Mt. 23:2; Rm. 9:4). But the spiritual authenticity of the, or a, true church does not rest upon any real or supposed formal decent from the apostles, any more than the authenticity of a true Jew rests upon

physical linkage back to Abraham (Rm. 2:28, 29). Rather in both cases, authenticity is based upon Abrahamic type faith in the apostolic gospel, which knows nothing of salvation by proxy and faith in the power of Rome, but faith out of a poor and contrite heart which justifies the destitute sinner with imputed righteousness the moment they repent and cast all their faith upon the risen Lord Jesus to save them by His sinless shed blood, (Acts 10:43) with kind of a faith that confesses the Lord Jesus in baptism (assuming ability and opportunity) and following Him, to the glory of God.

- In contrast, the average Catholic hears no convicting preaching that brings him to realize that he is a damned and destitute needy sinner who has nothing to offer God that he may gain Heaven nor escape Hell, and who thus look directly to the mercy of God in Christ, trusting in Him and His sinless shed blood and righteousness for salvation. (Rm. 3:10-25) Instead, the main, modern conveyance of Rome is that souls, no matter how nominal a practitioner they be, will be taken care if they die in Her hands. Though she makes many authoritative pronouncements which give her a form of Godliness, actual punishments for deviation are seldom enforced, and support for unholy liberalism and anti - Biblical practices (abortion, homosexuality, etc.) typically reign more where she reigns, and among Catholics as compared with Evangelical Christian faith (but which is not without fault either). In the end, Catholics, from abortion and homosexual – promoting politicians to casino owners to pious widows, are daily sent off to Heaven in Catholic funerals by way of purgatory. The latter is not Biblically established but is a concept which the Roman system provides to attain entrance to heaven based upon an incorrect theology, but which supports gaining “indulgences” through gifts and performances given by the Catholics on earth. The extreme form of this was the sale of indulgences in the Middle Ages, which helped finance the building of the extravagant Papal Basilica of saint (all believers are called saints in the NT) Peter in the Vatican.

The overall effect of such confidence in a system has been generations and a present populace of Catholic souls who are largely Biblically ignorant, and manifest little interest in Scripture, or for heart-felt Biblical worship or evangelism, and are usually either indifferent or antagonistic toward those who preach Jesus and His gospel of grace (Gal. 4:29). This is also much the case with any “institutionalized” church (Anglican, etc.), which becomes more form than substance In contrast, when Catholics or such like become truly born again (many do, thank God), the opposite becomes manifest, but they must leave such spiritually dead systems of bondage and blindness if they will continue in God's Word (versus the traditions of men).

It is the Peter who said, “To him [the Lord Jesus] give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.” (Acts 10:43) This can only happen when a soul is convicted of his sins, and realizes his utter inability to either gain Heaven nor escape Hell on any of his own merits or that of a church, and so as said, he casts all his faith upon the Risen Lord Jesus to save Him by His blood, (Acts 10:34-47; Rm. 3:9ff). This decision is shown in baptism (by immersion) in identification with the Lord Jesus, and then in following Him in fellowship with a Bible believing/preaching church. If we rest in the Biblical Jesus as our Savior, we will overall follow Him as our Lord. May all lost souls who read this, by the grace of God, make that decision and know the “grace of God in truth” (Col. 1:6). To the glory of God. Amen. “The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him.” (Nahum 1:7).

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