Angus Reid Institute Questionnaire

Today’s survey asks people for their views on a number of different topics -- including life today, social values, and about personal beliefs and spirituality.

01. To what extent do you think about these questions?

[Rows]
What is the purpose of life?
What happens after death?
How can I experience happiness?
Why is there suffering in the world?

[Columns]
Often
Sometimes
No longer
Never Have

02. Do you believe:

[Rows]
That God or a higher power exists
In life after death
In heaven
In hell
In angels
That Jesus was the Divine Son of God
You have experienced God’s presence
You yourself have spiritual needs
In astrology
Some people have psychic powers enabling them to predict events
You personally have experienced an event before it happened (precognition)
We can have contact with the spirit world
That you yourself will be reincarnated
That we can communicate with the dead
Miraculous healing sometimes occurs
That you have been protected from harm by a guardian angel
God or a higher power cares about you personally

[Columns]
Yes, I Definitely do believe
Yes, I think so
No, I don't think so
No, I definitely do not believe

03. Do you happen to know:

(If you know the answer please write it in the space provided)
Who denied Jesus three times?
The name of the sacred book of Islam?
The first book in the Old Testament?

Yes __________________
No

04. Do you see yourself as:

Spiritual but not religious
Religious and spiritual
Religious but not spiritual
Neither religious nor spiritual

05. Some people say Canadians variously embrace religion, reject religion, or are somewhere in between the two extremes.

Where would you be tend to locate **yourself**?

I am inclined to embrace religion
I am inclined to reject religion
I am somewhere in between

b. Where do you think Canadians as a whole would locate themselves?

Inclined to embrace religion
Inclined to reject religion
Somewhere in between

06. About how often do you:

[Rows]
Attend religious services
Watch religious TV programs
Watch worship services online
Practice other spiritual activities online
Feel strengthened by your faith

Read the Bible, Quran, or other sacred text
Pray privately/individually
Feel you experience God’s presence
Say table grace/give thanks for food
Sit and think/reflect on things
Read your horoscope
See someone discussing faith online
Discuss something about faith online
Discuss your faith with family or friends

[Columns]
Daily
Several times a week
About once a week
2-3 times a month
About once a month
Less than once a month
Hardly ever
Never

07. How sure are you that you have found the answer to the meaning of life?

Very certain
Quite certain
Rather uncertain
I don’t think there is an answer to such a question

08. Have you attended a religious wedding in the past year?

Yes
No

09. Have you attended a religious funeral in the past year?

Yes
No

10. When you die, do you want to have:

A religious funeral
A non-religious service of celebration
11. How often does your spouse or partner attend religious services?

More often than I do
Less often than I do
Same (regardless of if or how often you go)
I am not currently married or in a relationship

12. [IF YOU ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES ONCE A MONTH OR MORE ASK a, b and c]:

a. In recent years has your religious group/congregation been:

Growing
Declining
Staying about the same

b. Approximately how many people are actively involved in your religious group/congregation:

Under 50 people
51 – 150
151 – 350
351 – 500
501 – 750
751 – 1000
1001 – 2000
Over 2000 people
I’m not sure

c. What is the MAIN THING your religious involvement adds to your life?

Personal enrichment
The people
God & spirituality
Other (please indicate) _____________________

13. In the last month, have you:

[Rows]
Donated money to a charity
Volunteered time to an organization
Helped a stranger who needed help

[Columns]
Yes
No

14a. Which one of the following best describes your religion?

[Rows]
Roman Catholic
United Church
Anglican
Lutheran
Presbyterian
Baptist
Pentecostal
Other evangelical Christian
Other Christian
Muslim
Hindu
Jewish
Sikh
Buddhist
No religious identity
Other (please specify)

14b. Which one of the following best describes your mother’s religion?

[Rows]
Roman Catholic
United Church
Anglican
Lutheran
Presbyterian
Baptist
Pentecostal
Other evangelical Christian
Other Christian
Muslim
Hindu
Jewish
Sikh
Buddhist
No religious identity
Other (please specify)
Not applicable

14c. Which one of the following best describes your father's religion?

[Rows]
Roman Catholic
United Church
Anglican
Lutheran
Presbyterian
Baptist
Pentecostal
Other evangelical Christian
Other Christian
Muslim
Hindu
Jewish
Sikh
Buddhist
No religious identity
Other (please specify)
Not applicable

[Exclude those who said they are not in a relationship in Q11]

14d. Which one of the following best describes your spouse's or partner's religion?

[Rows]
Roman Catholic
United Church
Anglican
Lutheran
Presbyterian
Baptist
Pentecostal
Other evangelical Christian
Other Christian
Muslim
Hindu
Jewish
Sikh
Buddhist
No religious identity
Other (please specify)
Not applicable
15. Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with these statements.

[Rows]

My parents felt that they were “supposed to go to church”
In my mind, people who attend religious services should not go because they feel they have to but because they find it to be worthwhile
I sometimes feel guilty for not being more involved in religion
What’s right or wrong is a matter of personal opinion
The Ten Commandments still apply today
Generally speaking, I feel a bit uncomfortable around people who are religiously devout
Generally speaking, I feel a bit uncomfortable around people who have no use for religion
It is not necessary to believe in God in order to be moral & have good values
It is not necessary to “go to church” in order to be moral & have good values
I prefer to live life without God or congregation
I think the growth in atheism is a good thing for life in Canada
It’s important to live in the here and now, because this is the only existence we will ever have
I have a high level of confidence in religious leaders
I think Pope Francis is having a positive impact on the world
It’s important for parents to teach their children religious beliefs
Christianity is more likely than other religions to encourage violence
Islam is more likely than other religions to encourage violence
I think the decline in religious involvement has been a bad thing for Canada
I think that religion’s overall impact on the world is positive
I’d be open to more involvement with religious groups if I found it worthwhile

[Columns]
Strongly agree
Agree
Disagree
Strongly disagree

16. How positive, neutral, or negative do you tend to feel toward the following groups?

[Rows]
Roman Catholics
Protestants
Muslims
Hindus
Sikhs
Jews
Buddhists
Mormons
Evangelical Christians
Atheists

[Colums]
Very Positive
Somewhat Positive
Neutral
Somewhat Negative
Very Negative

17. When all’s said and done, to what extent do you see your life as determined by:

[Rows]
Your own efforts
Your health
Other people
Luck
God
Chance

[Columns]
A great deal
Quite a bit
Some
Little or none

We’d like to turn now to your broader SOCIAL ATTITUDES and VALUES.

18. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with these statements:

[Rows]
War is justified when other ways of settling international disputes fail
We need to worry about our own country and let the rest of the world take care of itself
There are some circumstances in which a doctor would be justified in ending a patient’s life
Women in this country now encounter very little discrimination
People who are poor have a right to an income adequate to live on

[Columns]
Strongly agree
Agree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
19. Sometimes people are willing to accept behaviour, even if they don’t necessarily approve of that behaviour. What is your personal response to the following?

[Rows]
People having sex when they are under 18
Unmarried adults having children
Same-sex couples marrying
Same-sex couples adopting children
A woman being able to obtain a legal abortion if her own health is seriously endangered by the pregnancy
A woman being able to obtain a legal abortion for any reason

[Columns]
Approve & accept
Disapprove but accept
Disapprove & do not accept

20. HOW IMPORTANT are the following to you?

[Rows]
A comfortable life
Spirituality
Family life
Self-reliance
Honesty
Forgiveness
Concern for others
Intellectual inquiry
Religion
Success in what you do

[Columns]
Very important
Somewhat important
Not very important
Not important at all
21. How much ENJOYMENT do you receive from these areas of life?

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21b. How much ENJOYMENT do you receive from these areas of life (if not applicable to you please choose that option)?

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Little or none

22b. How often do these problems bother you (if not applicable to you please choose that option)?

[Rows]
Concerns about your children
Your marriage/relationship

[Columns]
A great deal
Quite a bit
Some
Little or none
Not Applicable

23. Generally speaking, how would you describe your marriage or relationship?

Very happy
Pretty happy
Not too happy
Not applicable

24. Taking all things together, would you say you are:

Very happy
Pretty happy
Not too happy
Not happy at all

25. Were you born in Canada? (if no please specify the country you were born in)

Yes
No, specify.