

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

No service

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

[Columns]
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?

[Rows]

Your friends
Your family life generally
Your house or apartment
Your leisure activities

[Columns]

A great deal
Quite a bit
Some
Little or none

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

Your marriage/relationship
Your child/children
Your job
Your pet(s)

[Columns]

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

22. How often do these problems bother you?

[Skip where not applicable]

[Rows]

Loneliness
Lack of money
Your health
Never seem to have enough time
Getting older
Feeling you should be getting more out of life

[Columns]

A great deal
Quite a bit
Some
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.