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VALUES AND BELIEFS**

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 8-11, 2014 with a random sample of **-1,028—**adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of **-518—**national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-510—**national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 50% cell phone respondents and 50% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2013 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2013 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

Q.36/37 SPLIT SAMPLED

36. *(Asked of a half sample)* Which of the following statements comes closest to describing your views about the Bible -- the Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word, the Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, or the Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by man]?

BASED ON --518-- NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Inspired</u>	<u>Fables</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 May 8-11 ^	28	47	21	4
2011 May 5-8	30	49	17	3
2008 Dec 4-7	27	50	21	3
2008 May 8-11	30	46	22	3
2007 Dec 6-9	28	51	18	4
2007 May 10-13	32	45	21	2
2006 May 8-11	28	49	19	3
2005 May 2-5	32	47	18	3
2004 Nov 7-10	34	48	15	3
2002 Dec 9-10	30	52	15	3
2001 Feb 19-21	27	49	20	4
1998 Jun 22-23	33	47	17	3
1993 Jun 18-21	35	48	14	3
1991 Nov 21-23	32	49	16	3
1984 Nov	40	41	12	7
1984 Sep	37	46	12	5
1983 May	37	43	11	9
1981 Dec 11-14	37	42	11	--
1980 Jul 29-Aug 2	40	45	10	6
1978 Apr 18-May 1	38	45	13	6
1976 Aug 24-27	38	45	13	5

^ Asked of a half sample.

37. *(Asked of a half sample)* Which of the following statements comes closest to describing your views about the Bible -- the Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word, the Bible is the actual word of God, but multiple interpretations are possible, the Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, or the Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by man]?

BASED ON --510-- NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B

	<u>Actual, literal word</u>	<u>Actual, multiple interpretations</u>	<u>Inspired word, not taken literally</u>	<u>Book of fables and legends</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 May 8-11 ^	22	28	28	18	4