

Mail: Religion and Spirituality

Graduate Mail: Religion and Spirituality Module

OVERVIEW

The Religion and Spirituality Module is new to the 2004 mail survey. Supplementing items asked on the telephone about specific aspects of religion (preference, service attendance, etc.), these items aim to address religion and spirituality in a more general sense, including attitudes toward religion, spirituality, and the Bible. Also asked are items about the importance of religion in one's life and the use of religion or spirituality to find comfort or guidance in difficult times..

See also the telephone administered Religion Module.

BRIEF VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS

Ranges reference dataset/codebook order, not necessarily alphabetical

IL001RER-IL002RER:	How Religious/Spiritual are You?
IL003RER-IL004RER:	How Important is Your Religion/Spirituality?
IL005RER-IL012RER:	Specific Religion/Spirituality Items
IL013RER-IL016RER:	Seeking Comfort Items
IL017RER-IL018RER:	Bible Items

NOTE: See Cor813 in Appendix A for variable creation details

il001rer: How religious are you?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_a

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	93	97	190
1	NOT AT ALL	221	138	359
2	NOT VERY	445	276	721
3	SOMEWHAT	1292	1307	2599
4	VERY	963	1586	2549
5	EXTREMELY	132	296	428

il002rer: How spiritual are you?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_b

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	99	113	212
1	NOT AT ALL	139	62	201
2	NOT VERY	376	164	540
3	SOMEWHAT	1290	1195	2485
4	VERY	1064	1712	2776
5	EXTREMELY	178	454	632

il003rer: How important is religion in your life?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_c

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	98	93	191
1	NOT AT ALL	213	132	345
2	NOT VERY	431	276	707
3	SOMEWHAT	909	858	1767
4	VERY	1046	1389	2435
5	EXTREMELY	449	952	1401

il004rer: How important is spirituality in your life?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_d

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	114	127	241
1	NOT AT ALL	148	58	206
2	NOT VERY	383	165	548
3	SOMEWHAT	1017	902	1919
4	VERY	1069	1475	2544
5	EXTREMELY	415	973	1388

il005rer: How important was it, or would it have been if you had children, to send your children for religious or spiritual instruction?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_e

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	99	102	201
1	NOT AT ALL	212	148	360
2	NOT VERY	382	227	609
3	SOMEWHAT	775	685	1460
4	VERY	1292	1556	2848
5	EXTREMELY	386	982	1368

il006rer: How closely do you identify with being a member of a religious group?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_f

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	96	105	201
-1	DON'T KNOW	1	0	1
1	NOT AT ALL	451	360	811
2	NOT VERY	547	453	1000
3	SOMEWHAT	782	845	1627
4	VERY	927	1224	2151
5	EXTREMELY	342	713	1055

il007rer: How important is it for you to be with other people who are the same religion as you?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_g

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	95	97	192
1	NOT AT ALL	956	961	1917
2	NOT VERY	1035	1020	2055
3	SOMEWHAT	687	966	1653
4	VERY	286	458	744
5	EXTREMELY	87	198	285

il008rer: How important do you think it is for people of your religion to marry other people who are the same religion?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_h

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	96	103	199
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	1	1
1	NOT AT ALL	911	918	1829
2	NOT VERY	800	871	1671
3	SOMEWHAT	821	1076	1897
4	VERY	409	539	948
5	EXTREMELY	109	192	301

il009rer: How strongly do you believe that one should stick to a particular faith?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_i

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	103	116	219
1	NOT AT ALL	702	828	1530
2	NOT VERY	762	871	1633
3	SOMEWHAT	824	1003	1827
4	VERY	577	636	1213
5	EXTREMELY	178	246	424

il010rer: How important was religion in your home when you were growing up?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_j

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	97	93	190
1	NOT AT ALL	106	129	235
2	NOT VERY	399	415	814
3	SOMEWHAT	998	920	1918
4	VERY	1178	1427	2605
5	EXTREMELY	368	716	1084

il011rer: When you have important decisions to make in your life, how much do you rely on your religious or spiritual beliefs?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_k

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	95	95	190
1	NOT AT ALL	346	155	501
2	NOT VERY	535	249	784
3	SOMEWHAT	970	973	1943
4	VERY	914	1349	2263
5	EXTREMELY	286	879	1165

il012rer: How much would your spiritual or religious beliefs influence your medical decisions if you were to become gravely ill?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_1

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	97	101	198
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	1	1
1	NOT AT ALL	597	452	1049
2	NOT VERY	492	299	791
3	SOMEWHAT	769	895	1664
4	VERY	843	1188	2031
5	EXTREMELY	348	764	1112

il013rer: When you have problems or difficulties in your family, work, or personal life, how often do you seek comfort through praying?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q2rs_a

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	106	99	205
1	NEVER	343	139	482
2	RARELY	482	179	661
3	SOMETIMES	1038	793	1831
4	OFTEN	1177	2490	3667

il014rer: When you have problems or difficulties in your family, work, or personal life, how often do you seek comfort through meditating?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q2rs_b

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	118	140	258
1	NEVER	642	607	1249
2	RARELY	830	763	1593
3	SOMETIMES	1123	1314	2437
4	OFTEN	433	876	1309

il015rer: When you have problems or difficulties in your family, work, or personal life, how often do you seek comfort through attending a religious or spiritual service?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q2rs_c

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	109	111	220
1	NEVER	700	491	1191
2	RARELY	764	645	1409
3	SOMETIMES	939	1147	2086
4	OFTEN	634	1306	1940

il016rer: When you have problems or difficulties in your family, work, or personal life, how often do you seek comfort through talking to a religious or spiritual advisor?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q2rs_d

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	112	115	227
1	NEVER	1104	958	2062
2	RARELY	1114	1242	2356
3	SOMETIMES	636	1020	1656
4	OFTEN	180	365	545

il017rer: To what extent do you agree that the Bible is God's word and everything happened or will happen exactly as it says?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q3rs_a

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	114	120	234
1	STRONGLY AGREE	578	791	1369
2	AGREE	687	802	1489
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	1009	1202	2211
4	DISAGREE	376	400	776
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	382	385	767

il018rer: To what extent to you agree that the Bible is the answer to all important human problems?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: mail
Source variables: q3rs_b

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	112	119	231
1	STRONGLY AGREE	441	676	1117
2	AGREE	593	782	1375
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	1153	1365	2518
4	DISAGREE	478	439	917
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	369	319	688

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