

Mail: Religion and Spirituality

Sibling 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.

BRIEF VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS

Ranges reference data set/codebook order, not necessarily alphabetical

DL001RER-DL002RER:	How Religious/Spiritual are You?
DL003RER-DL004RER:	How Important is Your Religion/Spirituality?
DL005RER-DL012RER:	Specific Religion/Spirituality Items
DL013RER-DL016RER:	Seeking Comfort Items
DL017RER-DL018RER:	Bible Items

NOTE: See Cor813 in Appendix A for variable creation details

dl001rer: How religious are you?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail

Source variables: q1rs_a

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	65	86	151
1	NOT AT ALL	131	89	220
2	NOT VERY	278	189	467
3	SOMEWHAT	716	734	1450
4	VERY	595	850	1445
5	EXTREMELY	83	161	244

dl002rer: How spiritual are you?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: qlrs_b

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	73	100	173
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	1	1
1	NOT AT ALL	88	32	120
2	NOT VERY	223	101	324
3	SOMEWHAT	741	677	1418
4	VERY	615	950	1565
5	EXTREMELY	128	248	376

dl003rer: How important is religion in your life?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: qlrs_c

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	71	90	161
1	NOT AT ALL	130	81	211
2	NOT VERY	267	192	459
3	SOMEWHAT	521	458	979
4	VERY	601	815	1416
5	EXTREMELY	278	473	751

dl004rer: How important is spirituality in your life?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: qlrs_d

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	77	108	185
1	NOT AT ALL	91	31	122
2	NOT VERY	231	104	335
3	SOMEWHAT	587	504	1091
4	VERY	632	850	1482
5	EXTREMELY	250	512	762

dl005rer: How important was it, or would it have been if you had children, to send your children for religious or spiritual instruction?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: qlrs_e

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	74	91	165
1	NOT AT ALL	95	91	186
2	NOT VERY	227	142	369
3	SOMEWHAT	449	400	849
4	VERY	786	919	1705
5	EXTREMELY	237	466	703

dl006rer: How closely do you identify with being a member of a religious group?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_f

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	69	94	163
1	NOT AT ALL	257	238	495
2	NOT VERY	330	273	603
3	SOMEWHAT	438	464	902
4	VERY	555	668	1223
5	EXTREMELY	219	372	591

dl007rer: How important is it for you to be with other people who are the same religion as you?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_g

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	69	89	158
1	NOT AT ALL	553	522	1075
2	NOT VERY	580	602	1182
3	SOMEWHAT	423	506	929
4	VERY	189	273	462
5	EXTREMELY	54	117	171

dl008rer: How important do you think it is for people of your religion to marry other people who are the same religion?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: qlrs_h

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	69	89	158
1	NOT AT ALL	541	538	1079
2	NOT VERY	491	528	1019
3	SOMEWHAT	467	579	1046
4	VERY	240	285	525
5	EXTREMELY	60	90	150

dl009rer: How strongly do you believe that one should stick to a particular faith?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: qlrs_i

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	76	95	171
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	1	1
1	NOT AT ALL	444	520	964
2	NOT VERY	427	508	935
3	SOMEWHAT	482	506	988
4	VERY	338	362	700
5	EXTREMELY	101	117	218

dl010rer: How important was religion in your home when you were growing up?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_j

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	72	87	159
1	NOT AT ALL	59	71	130
2	NOT VERY	216	189	405
3	SOMEWHAT	514	565	1079
4	VERY	795	801	1596
5	EXTREMELY	212	396	608

dl011rer: When you have important decisions to make in your life, how much do you rely on your religious or spiritual beliefs?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_k

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	69	88	157
1	NOT AT ALL	203	98	301
2	NOT VERY	306	155	461
3	SOMEWHAT	605	585	1190
4	VERY	506	728	1234
5	EXTREMELY	179	455	634

dl012rer: How much would your spiritual or religious beliefs influence your medical decisions if you were to become gravely ill?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1rs_1

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	68	90	158
1	NOT AT ALL	341	252	593
2	NOT VERY	298	218	516
3	SOMEWHAT	462	507	969
4	VERY	499	608	1107
5	EXTREMELY	200	434	634

dl013rer: When you have problems or difficulties in your family, work, or personal life, how often do you seek comfort through praying?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q2rs_a

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	70	84	154
1	NEVER	220	86	306
2	RARELY	282	111	393
3	SOMETIMES	616	482	1098
4	OFTEN	680	1346	2026

dl014rer: When you have problems or difficulties in your family, work, or personal life, how often do you seek comfort through meditating?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q2rs_b

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	75	109	184
1	NEVER	446	390	836
2	RARELY	452	455	907
3	SOMETIMES	638	704	1342
4	OFTEN	257	451	708

dl015rer: 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: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q2rs_c

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	71	100	171
1	NEVER	433	334	767
2	RARELY	450	372	822
3	SOMETIMES	524	639	1163
4	OFTEN	390	664	1054

dl016rer: 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: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q2rs_d

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	72	103	175
1	NEVER	679	606	1285
2	RARELY	601	680	1281
3	SOMETIMES	418	515	933
4	OFTEN	98	205	303

dl017rer: 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: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q3rs_a

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	73	97	170
1	STRONGLY AGREE	349	429	778
2	AGREE	350	434	784
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	604	613	1217
4	DISAGREE	252	272	524
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	240	264	504

dl018rer: To what extent to you agree that the Bible is the answer to all important human problems?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail

Source variables: q3rs_b

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	73	99	172
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	1	1
1	STRONGLY AGREE	283	351	634
2	AGREE	335	416	751
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	664	760	1424
4	DISAGREE	298	268	566
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	215	214	429

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