Mail: Religion and Spirituality

Sibling Mail: Religion and Spirituality Module

OVERVIEW

This module replicates the Religion and Spirituality section of the 2005 mail survey, with a few additions and some minor downsizing. Since, unlike during the 2005 round of data collection, information on religious preferences and the frequency with which participants attend religious services was not collected during the in-person CAPI interview, such questions have been moved to the mail survey. Furthermore, a question about the frequency with which participants rely on people in their religious communities for "practical support" has been added. Beyond these focuses, the module addresses attitudes toward religion, spirituality, and the Bible, the importance of religion in participants' lives, and the use of religion or spirituality to find comfort or guidance in difficult times.

BRIEF VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS

Variable ranges reference dataset/codebook order and are not necessarily alphabetical.

PL001RE:	Current Religious Preference
PL002REC-PL004REC:	Frequency of Attendance at Religious Services
PL100RER:	Frequency of Reliance on Members of Religious Community for "Practical Support"
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PL006RER-PL012RER:	Salience of Religion/Spirituality in Daily Life
PL013RER-PL016RER:	Seeking Comfort Through Religion/Spirituality
PL017RER-PL018RER:	Stance on the Bible

pl001re: What is your current religious preference?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig1, y_relig1a, c_y_relig1, c_y_relig1a

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	150	108	258
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	0	1	1

-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
-1	DON’T KNOW	1	0	1
0	No Religion, None	135	87	222
1	Roman Catholic	443	525	968
6	Eastern Orthodox	0	1	1
7	Jewish	14	9	23
12	Yoga	0	1	1
13	Church Of Religious Science	0	2	2
14	Metaphysicist	0	2	2
17	Bahai	1	0	1
18	Protestant (No Denomination Given, Born Again, Born Again Christian, Christian, No Preference, Nothing Particular)	16	20	36
19	Protestant, Non-Denominational (R Must Have Used The Words ’Non-Denominational’ For Religious Preference)	6	6	12
20	Community Church, No Denomination	1	0	1
21	Evangelical	9	11	20
22	Evangelical Free	6	4	10
23	Covenant	2	1	3
28	Evangelical Covenant	1	0	1
32	Christian	35	26	61
34	Moravian	3	4	7
37	First Assembly Of God	1	3	4
38	Presbyterian	26	35	61
39	Lutheran, Evangelical Lutheran, Congregational Lutheran, Reformed Lutheran, Synod Lutheran	327	395	722
40	United Church Of Christ, Congregational Evangelical And Reformed	24	53	77
41	Episcopalian, Anglican	16	18	34
42	Reformed, Dutch, Swiss, And Christian Reformed, First Reformed, Church Of America	9	8	17

43	United Methodist, Methodist, Evangelical United Brethren, Free Methodist, Primitive Methodist, Nazarene Free Methodist	92	118	210
44	Baptist, Southern Baptist, Free Will Baptist, Primitive Baptist	18	25	43
46	Disciples Of Christ	0	1	1
48	Church Of God, Church Of Christ, Church Of God And Christ	1	5	6
49	Plymouth Brethren	1	0	1
50	Brethren	1	0	1
51	Salvation Army	0	1	1
52	Seventh Day Adventist	1	1	2
59	Bible Christian	4	1	5
60	Bible Church, Bible Chapel	4	2	6
62	Calvary Bible Church	0	1	1
65	Christian Missionary Alliance	2	1	3
68	Pentecostal, Assembly Of God	2	5	7
69	Christian Scientist	2	1	3
70	Mormon, Latter Day Saints	5	0	5
71	Jehovah’s Witnesses	3	11	14
72	Unity	1	5	6
73	Spiritualistic	0	1	1
74	Quaker	0	1	1
75	Unitarian	2	8	10
80	Taoist	1	0	1
83	Zen Buddhist	2	3	5
85	Pantheist	2	2	4
87	Nazarene	3	0	3
90	Congregational	1	1	2
91	Interdenominational	0	1	1
93	Agnostic	10	5	15

94	Atheist	5	1	6
96	Other religions, not established religion or changing religion with no clue of what they are changing to	2	4	6
100	Independently Faithful, Personal Religion	18	20	38
101	Christian Non-Denominational with no mention of Protestantism	6	8	14
102	Non-Denominational (No Further Specification)	6	10	16
103	Universal/All Religions OK/No Preference	1	0	1
105	New Thought (Christian-Based)	0	2	2
106	Paganism	1	1	2

Note: Code "18" was only assigned if the participant reported a Protestant religious preference without specifying a particular denomination (or if the denomination reported did not fall into any of the existing Protestant denominational categories); code "19" was assigned if the participant specified a preference for "non-denominational" Protestantism. Code "100" was only assigned if the participant reported faith or spirituality independent of organized religion (e.g. "I just believe in God" or "reading the Bible" or "personal belief system"); it does not signify the same thing as "no religion." Similarly, code "103" was assigned if the participant reported an openness to all religions.
Note: All positive values except (0 1 7 18 19 21 22 32 38-44 71 75 93 100 101 102) have been coded as 96 ("other") on the public release.

pl002rec: Raw numeric component for frequency of attendance at religious services in the past year.

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig2_a, y_rgnw2_ar, y_rgnw21_ar, inProxySAQ, y_rgnw21_a

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	175	146	321
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
-1	DON'T KNOW	1	1	2
0	NO SERVICES ATTENDED	280	236	516
1		195	312	507
2 - 6		232	236	468
7 - 44		201	229	430
45 - 58		205	228	433
59 - 500		134	178	312

Note: If the participant's answer included fractions or decimals, it has been rounded up to the nearest integer.
Note: The data for this variable was derived from responses to the following mail survey question: "About how often, if at all, have you attended religious services during the past year?"

pl003red: Time units corresponding to the numeric component for frequency of attendance at religious services in the past year.

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig2_b, y_rgnw2_br, y_rgnw21_br, inProxySAQ, y_rgnw21_b

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	3	4	7
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE (PL002REC <= 0)	456	384	840
1	DAY	8	4	12
2	WEEK	173	279	452
3	MONTH	21	30	51
4	YEAR	762	866	1628

Note: See PL002REC for the numeric component of frequency of attendance at religious services in the past year. PL003RED is only applicable if the participant provided a positive and nonzero numeric value for church attendance at PL002REC. If they did not, PL003RED has been assigned a value of "-2" and coded as inappropriate.
Note: If no time unit was specified in the response, it was assumed that the frequency given was per year and PL003RED was assigned a value of "4" and coded as "times per year."
Note: The data for this variable was derived from responses to the following mail survey question: "About how often, if at all, have you attended religious services during the past year?"

pl004rec: Frequency of attendance at religious services converted to total times in the past year.

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig2_a, y_relig2_b, y_rgnw2_ar, y_rgnw2_br, y_rgnw21_ar, y_rgnw21_br, inProxySAQ, y_rgnw21_a, y_rgnw21_b

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	178	150	328
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
-1	DON'T KNOW	1	1	2
0	Never, Or Less Than Once A Year	280	236	516
1	1-2 Times Per Year	106	127	233
2	3-5 Times Per Year	94	71	165
3	6-9 Times Per Year	35	45	80
4	Approximately Once A Month (10-18 Times Per Year)	52	74	126
5	Approximately Twice A Month (19-29 Times Per Year)	57	64	121
6	Approximately Three Times A Month (30-44 Times Per Year)	100	106	206
7	Approximately Once A Week (45-78 Times Per Year)	428	589	1017
8	Approximately Twice A Week (79-128 Times Per Year)	50	57	107
9	Approximately Three Times A Week (129-175 Times Per Year)	14	15	29
10	4-6 Times Per Week (176-320 Times Per Year)	13	19	32
11	Approximately Once A Day Or More (321-730 Times Per Year)	15	12	27

Note: This variable was constructed from PL002REC and PL003RED. A code of "don't know," "refused," or "not ascertained" at PL002REC leads to the same code here. A code of "inappropriate" at PL003RED does not, however, always imply a missing value code for PL004REC. This is because PL003RED could have been coded as "inappropriate" due to PL002REC having a value of "0," which is a meaningful value in terms of total attendance over the course of the past year.
Note: The data for this variable was derived from responses to the following mail survey question: "About how often, if at all, have you attended religious services during the past year?"

pl100rer: How often do you turn to people in your religious community for practical support, such as financial assistance, food preparation, or transportation?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig4

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	82	72	154
-27	NOT ASKED OF PROXY	6	7	13
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	1	2	3
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
1	NEVER	1025	1133	2158
2	RARELY	199	214	413
3	SOMETIMES	94	113	207
4	OFTEN	16	25	41

pl003rer: How important is religion in your life?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig3_1

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	72	61	133
-27	NOT ASKED OF PROXY	6	7	13
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
-1	DON’T KNOW	1	0	1
1	NOT AT ALL	131	86	217
2	NOT VERY	154	133	287
3	SOMEWHAT	320	276	596
4	VERY	424	478	902
5	EXTREMELY	315	525	840

pl004rer: How important is spirituality in your life?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig3_2

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	76	68	144
-27	NOT ASKED OF PROXY	6	7	13
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
-1	DON’T KNOW	1	0	1
1	NOT AT ALL	78	26	104
2	NOT VERY	118	48	166
3	SOMEWHAT	319	235	554
4	VERY	448	517	965
5	EXTREMELY	377	665	1042

pl006rer: How closely do you identify with being a member of a religious group?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig3_3

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	76	72	148
-27	NOT ASKED OF PROXY	6	7	13
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	0	1	1
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
-1	DON’T KNOW	1	0	1
1	NOT AT ALL	245	240	485
2	NOT VERY	242	182	424
3	SOMEWHAT	266	259	525
4	VERY	322	413	735
5	EXTREMELY	265	392	657

pl007rer: How important is it for you to be with other people who are the same religion as you?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig3_4

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	71	62	133
-27	NOT ASKED OF PROXY	6	7	13
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	1	2	3
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
-1	DON’T KNOW	1	0	1
1	NOT AT ALL	505	529	1034
2	NOT VERY	341	316	657
3	SOMEWHAT	278	358	636
4	VERY	144	173	317
5	EXTREMELY	76	119	195

pl008rer: How important do you think it is for people of your religion to marry other people who are the same religion?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig3_5

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	75	68	143
-27	NOT ASKED OF PROXY	6	7	13
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	2	1	3
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
-1	DON’T KNOW	1	0	1
1	NOT AT ALL	527	584	1111
2	NOT VERY	295	269	564
3	SOMEWHAT	297	361	658
4	VERY	162	195	357
5	EXTREMELY	58	81	139

pl009rer: How strongly do you believe that one should stick to a particular faith?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig3_6

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	75	69	144
-27	NOT ASKED OF PROXY	6	7	13
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	1	1	2
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
-1	DON’T KNOW	1	2	3
1	NOT AT ALL	447	570	1017
2	NOT VERY	259	266	525
3	SOMEWHAT	298	332	630
4	VERY	228	203	431
5	EXTREMELY	108	116	224

pl010rer: How important was religion in your home when you were growing up?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig3_7

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	72	66	138
-27	NOT ASKED OF PROXY	6	7	13
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	1	0	1
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
-1	DON’T KNOW	1	0	1
1	NOT AT ALL	59	51	110
2	NOT VERY	120	115	235
3	SOMEWHAT	347	369	716
4	VERY	520	505	1025
5	EXTREMELY	297	453	750

pl011rer: When you have important decisions to make in your life, how much do you rely on your religious or spiritual beliefs?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig3_8

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	72	64	136
-27	NOT ASKED OF PROXY	6	7	13
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	1	0	1
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
-1	DON’T KNOW	1	0	1
1	NOT AT ALL	200	101	301
2	NOT VERY	185	142	327
3	SOMEWHAT	404	369	773
4	VERY	353	439	792
5	EXTREMELY	201	444	645

pl012rer: How much would your spiritual or religious beliefs influence your medical decisions if you were to become gravely ill?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig3_9

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	73	62	135
-27	NOT ASKED OF PROXY	6	7	13
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	1	1	2
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
-1	DON’T KNOW	1	0	1
1	NOT AT ALL	276	196	472
2	NOT VERY	175	135	310
3	SOMEWHAT	310	321	631
4	VERY	335	435	770
5	EXTREMELY	246	409	655

pl013rer: When you have problems or difficulties in your family, work, or personal life, how often do you seek comfort through praying?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig5_1

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	74	60	134
-27	NOT ASKED OF PROXY	6	7	13
-1	DON’T KNOW	1	0	1
1	NEVER	228	80	308
2	RARELY	195	108	303
3	SOMETIMES	396	345	741
4	OFTEN	523	967	1490

pl014rer: When you have problems or difficulties in your family, work, or personal life, how often do you seek comfort through meditating?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig5_2

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	78	74	152
-27	NOT ASKED OF PROXY	6	7	13
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	1	2	3
-1	DON’T KNOW	1	0	1
1	NEVER	444	357	801
2	RARELY	286	320	606
3	SOMETIMES	402	502	904
4	OFTEN	205	305	510

pl015rer: 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 Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig5_3

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	76	69	145
-27	NOT ASKED OF PROXY	6	7	13
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	0	2	2
-1	DON’T KNOW	1	0	1
1	NEVER	436	352	788
2	RARELY	261	251	512
3	SOMETIMES	365	420	785
4	OFTEN	278	466	744

pl016rer: 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 Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig5_4

Frequencies

Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	75	68	143
-27	NOT ASKED OF PROXY	6	7	13
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	0	2	2
-1	DON’T KNOW	1	0	1
1	NEVER	633	628	1261
2	RARELY	413	443	856
3	SOMETIMES	225	330	555
4	OFTEN	70	89	159

pl017rer: 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 Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig6_1

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	76	68	144
-27	NOT ASKED OF PROXY	6	7	13
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	0	1	1
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
1	STRONGLY AGREE	245	316	561
2	AGREE	282	287	569
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	418	462	880
4	DISAGREE	171	168	339
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	225	257	482

pl018rer: To what extent to you agree that the Bible is the answer to all important human problems?

Data source: Sibling Participant or Proxy Collected in: 2011 Mode: Mail
Source variables: y_relig6_2

		Frequencies		
Value	**Label**	**Male**	**Female**	**Total**
.	System missing - NR	3014	2774	5788
-29	LEFT BLANK ON SAQ	73	70	143
-27	NOT ASKED OF PROXY	6	7	13
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	0	2	2
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
1	STRONGLY AGREE	220	264	484
2	AGREE	290	310	600
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	457	564	1021
4	DISAGREE	180	155	335
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	197	194	391

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