Snapshots

Axis of What?

**Question:**
Do you think of evil as... the name we give to bad acts that people commit, or the force that leads people to commit bad acts?

- 50% Force that leads people to commit bad acts
- 40% Name we give to bad acts people commit
- 10% Don't know


**Question:**
How many people do you think have the capacity for evil—that is, the potential to do evil things? Would you say... everyone, most people, only some people, or very few people?

- 31% Everyone
- 29% Most people
- 20% Only some people
- 18% Very few people
- 2% Don't know


**Question:**
Which of the following do you think contributes most to the evil that people do... genetic or biological tendencies, poor upbringing from parents, ignorance or lack of education, or the work of the Devil or Satan?

- 33% Poor upbringing
- 29% Ignorance or lack of education
- 19% Work of the Devil or Satan
- 9% Genetic or biological tendencies


**Question:**
Which one of the following do you think is the most effective way to fight evil in the world today? Is it through... law enforcement, religious or moral training, or education?

- 53% Religious or moral training
- 36% Education
- 7% Law enforcement
- 4% Don't know


**Question:**
There are clear guidelines about what's good or evil that apply to everyone regardless of their situation. Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree?

- 47% Completely agree
- 35% Mostly agree
- 11% Mostly disagree
- 7% Don't know

**Source:** Princeton Survey Research Associates/Pew Research Center, September 28-October 10, 1999.

**Question:**
On a scale of 1-7 where would you place your image of the world and human nature between the two contrasting images? If you think that... the world is basically filled with evil and sin, you would place yourself at 1. If you think... there is much goodness in the world which hints at God’s goodness, you would place yourself at 7. If you think things are somewhere between these two you would place yourself at 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6....

- 15% World is evil (1-3)
- 58% Much goodness in world (5-7)

**Source:** National Opinion Research Center-General Social Survey, February 1-June 25, 2000.