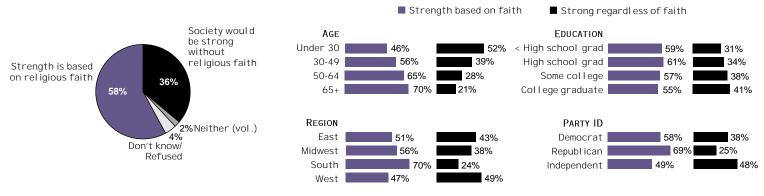
# **Faith in Our Nation**

## **Question**:

[...I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. As I read each pair, tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own views even if neither is exactly right]...The strength of American society is based on the religious faith of its people, [or] Our society would be strong even if most Americans did not have a religious faith.



Source: Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates/Pew Research Center/Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, February 25-March 10, 2002.

# Question:

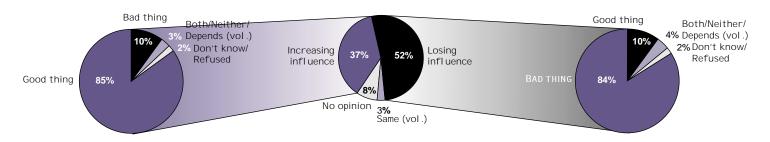
...[D]o you think [the increase in influence] is a good thing or bad thing?

# **Question**:

At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life or losing its influence?

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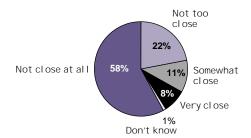
...[D] o you think [the loss of influence] is a good thing or bad thing?



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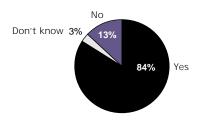
How close [does] the following statement come to your own view about religion in America today—very close, somewhat close, not too close, or not close at all?... Our society would do well even if many Americans were to abandon their religious faith.



Source: Survey by Public Agenda Foundation/Pew Charitable Trusts, November 4-25, 2000.

#### **Question**:

All in all, do you think a person can be a good American if he or she does not have religious faith?

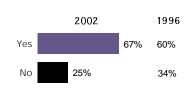


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# **God and Country**

#### Question:

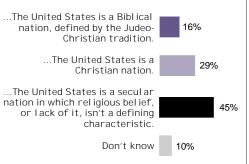
Do you consider the United States a Christian nation, or not?



Source: Surveys by Princeton Survey Research Associates/Pew Research Center, May 31-June 9, 1996 and Princeton Survey Research Associates/Pew Research Center/Pew Forum on Re ligion, February 25-March 10, 2002.

# **Question**:

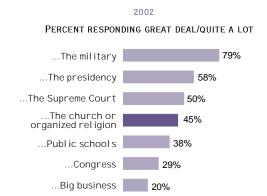
Which one of the following three statements comes closer to your view?...



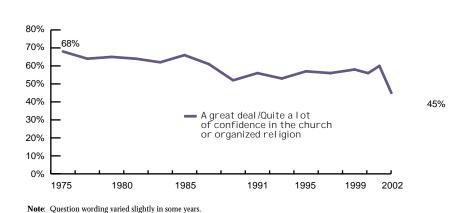
Source: Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates/ Newsweek, June 27-28, 2002

## **Questions**:

...I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much confidence you yourself have in each one—a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little...



May 30-June 2, 1975	689
January 7-10, 1977	64
April 6-9, 1979	65
November 20-23, 1981	64
August 5-8, 1983	62
May 17-20, 1985	66
July 10-13, 1987	61
September 7-10, 1989	52
October 10-13, 1991	56
March 22-24, 1993	53
April 21-24, 1995	57
July 25-27, 1997	56
June 25-27, 1999	58
June 22-25, 2000	56
June 8-10, 2001	60
June 21-23, 2002	45

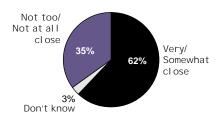


Source: Surveys by the Gallup Organization and Gallup/CNN/USA Today, latest that of June 21-23, 2002.

# How High a Wall?

#### Question:

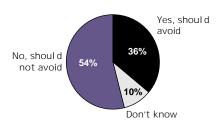
How close [does the following statement] come to your own views about religion in America today—one of the most important reasons our political system is successful is the principle of separation of church and state?



Source: Survey by Public Agenda Foundation/Pew Charitable Trusts, November 4-25, 2000.

#### Question:

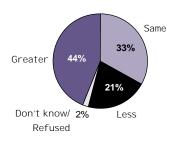
Thinking about the issue of separation of church and state in this country today, in general, do you think the government should avoid promoting religion in any way, or not?



Source: Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates/ Newsweek, June 27-28, 2002

#### **Question:**

Would you rather see religious and spiritual values have greater influence in politics and public life than they do now, less influence, or about the same influence as they do now?



Source: Survey by Washington Post/Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University, August 2-September 1, 2002.