

# Revealing Statistics: America in Decline

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## Present Costs of the War against God

As this page helps to show, an undeclared war is being waged against God which has and is costing America mightily in souls, lives and money. While these statistics mainly help to quantify the earthly expenses of such, those who war against the Almighty will also realize a cost that is far, far worse and eternal, as souls that reject the Lord Jesus Christ demonstrate they love darkness over light, sin over Him, and cannot be allowed into Heaven. Rather "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Ps. 9:17) While 81% of Americans in a recent poll said this nation is on the wrong track (*New York Times/CBS News poll April 2008*), few realize that what is most critical is our relationship and obedience to almighty GOD.

*Statistics which help reveal the spiritual, moral, physical, and economic condition of America*

The LORD does not need statistics, for "the eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good" (Prv. 15:3), and all of our works are recorded by Him, from the first to the last. But we should love righteousnesses and hate evil, and those who do should warn the wicked (Ezek. 33:8; Jn. 7:7; Eph. 5:11), and seek to turn many to righteousness (Dan. 12:3). And as every soul and nation shall answer for their faith and deeds (2Chr. 26:11; Mt, 25:31-46; 2Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-15) — and because Hell is real — it is my prayer that this study may help awaken us to "seek the LORD while He may be found," that we may be holy ourselves and may intercede for this nation as well as for others, that as many as possible may turn from sin to the risen LORD Jesus, and find [salvation](#) through faith in Him who died for us and rose again. To God be the glory!

"If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (2Chr. 7:14).

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### Notes on this compilation

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## Commentary

This collection is commented on from a Christian perspective, helping to reveal the spiritual condition of America, and the cost of spurning the right ways of the Lord to follow our own lusts. Overall, it indicates how the "mighty are fallen," and warns of where America is surely heading, with the intent that we "search and try our ways and turn again to the Lord" (Lam. 3:40). And again, it is my prayer than all souls will give their sins and their life to the LORD Jesus, the Son of the living God, who gave Himself for our sins and rose again. **For more on that most important decision, click [HERE](#)**

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### General Church and spiritual Statistics

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For clarification within Barna surveys, the term "Christian" is applied to those whom Barna (in italics) says

*"..consider themselves to be Christian but either do not have a 'personal commitment to Jesus Christ' or do not believe that they will experience eternal favor with God based solely on His grace and mercy."*

*"'Born again' Christians are those who say they 'have made a personal commitment to Christ that is important in their life today and also say that when they die they know they will go to Heaven solely because they have confessed their sins and accepted Jesus Christ as their savior.'*

*'Evangelicals' are a subset of born again Christians in Barna surveys. In addition to meeting the born again criteria, evangelicals also meet seven other conditions. Those include saying the Bible is totally accurate in all that it teaches; their faith is very important in their life today; believing they have a personal responsibility to share their religious beliefs about Christ with non-Christians; believing that Satan exists; believing that eternal salvation is possible only through grace, not works; believing that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth; and describing God as the all-knowing, all-powerful, perfect deity who created the universe and still rules it today. Being classified as an evangelical has no relationship to church attendance or the denominational affiliation of the church they attend. Respondents were not asked to describe themselves as "evangelical."* <http://www.barna.org/barna-update/article/13-culture/49-born-again-voters-no-longer-favor-republican-candidates>

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**U.S. Teens Spiritual Statistics**

- **34%** of U.S. teens are defined as "born again" (1999).<sup>1</sup> <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=37> See also <http://www.josh.org/notes/file/Internet13-Religion.pdf>
- Only **4%** of U.S. teens are defined as real "evangelicals" (1999).<sup>^1</sup>
- **82%** say they are Christian (1999).<sup>^1</sup>
- **26%** said they are "absolutely committed to the Christian faith."<sup>^1</sup>
- **83%** of teens believe that moral truth depends on the circumstances.<sup>^1</sup>
- Only **4%** of teens in general and **9%** of born again teens actually believe in moral absolutes (2001).<sup>^1</sup>
- **65%** say that the devil, or Satan, is not a living being but is a symbol of evil. (2000).<sup>^1</sup> [See Rev. 20:10.]
- **30%** of teens believe that all religions are really praying to the same God.<sup>^1</sup> [There are "god's many", but only One True God and Lord. (Acts 14:15; (1 Cor. 8:5; Titus 2:13).]
- **61%** agree Heaven is gained by personal merit. (2000).<sup>^1</sup> [A false gospel. Only on Christ's merit and expense, can we be saved, not on ours or a churches: Eph. 1:8-10]
- **53%** (blasphemously) say that Jesus committed sins while He was on earth.<sup>^1</sup>
- Just **22%** of those ages **25 to 29** attended church in the last week.<sup>^1</sup>
- Only **9%** of "born again" teens believe there moral absolutes."<sup>^1</sup>
- Only **57%** of teens live in the same home with both of their natural parents. (1999).<sup>^1</sup>
- **65%** of teenagers believe music piracy is not a moral issue. (2004)<sup>^1</sup>
- **80%** of teenagers have engaged in some type of music piracy in the past six months.<sup>^1</sup>

- **39%** do not believe that the Bible is the Word of God. <sup>^1</sup>
- **63%** do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>^1</sup>
- **51%** deny Jesus resurrection. <sup>^1</sup>
- Over **60%** do not believe Christianity can be proven to be true <sup>^1</sup>
- **68%** believe that all religions teach EQUALLY valid truths. <sup>^1</sup>
- Only **4%** believe that the Bible is true in every circumstance. <sup>^1</sup>
- Less than **50%** of teen "Christians" assent that salvation is by grace alone though faith in Christ alone. . ©The Gallup Organization  
[www.gallup.com/poll/tb/religValue/20030819.asp?Version=p](http://www.gallup.com/poll/tb/religValue/20030819.asp?Version=p)
- There is a **58%** decline in church attendance between the ages **18** to age **29**. [www.barna.org/cgi-bin/PagePressRelease.asp?PressReleaseID=149&Reference=B](http://www.barna.org/cgi-bin/PagePressRelease.asp?PressReleaseID=149&Reference=B))
- Less than **5%** of the nation's churches have youth groups that attract **100** or more teenagers. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=103>
- Teens who are not raised in a family which holds to absolute Biblical truths are **600%** more likely to attempt suicide. *Barna Research* <https://give.ccci.org/give?Action=ViewDetail&Desig=2737811&SeqNo=33&pp=Browse+Fund+Appeals>
- **300%** of the above are more likely to experiment with drugs. <sup>^</sup>  
<http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=37>
- **75%** of America's youth (**73%**) have engaged in at least one type of psychic or witchcraft-related activity, beyond mere horoscope usage or media exposure (such as Harry Potter movies i assume).  
<sup>^2</sup><http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrow&BarnaUpdateID=216>
- More than **75%** of teens have played a game featuring sorcery or witchcraft elements, **30%** of teens have had their palm read, **27%** had their fortune told, **14%** were physically present when someone else used psychic powers, **10%** participated in a séance, **9%** visited a medium or spiritual guide, with the same figuring going for consulting a psychic, and **1** out of **12** had tried to cast a spell or mix a magic potion. <sup>^2</sup>
- Only **26%** of evangelical teens had experimented had engaged in witchcraft or psychic activities, nearly three times less than the norm. **69%** of non-evangelical born again teens and **66%** of youth group attenders reported having experimented with or engaged in witchcraft or psychic activities. Denominationally, the figures were Baptists **60%**, non-mainline Protestants **62%**, Catholics **77%**, and mainline Protestants **81%**. <sup>^2</sup> [see Rev. **18:2**].
- The most common types of witchcraft behaviors were using a Ouija board and reading a book about witchcraft or Wicca, each of which had been done by more than **33%** of teenagers. More than **25%** of teens have played a game featuring sorcery or witchcraft elements. **10%** of teens had participated in a séance and **1** out of **12** had tried to cast a spell or mix a magic potion. <sup>^2</sup>
- More than two million (**10%**) teens say they have communicated with a dead person. Nearly two million youth claim they have psychic powers. <sup>^2</sup>
- Only **28%** of churched teenagers recall receiving any teaching at their church in the last year that helped to shape their views on the supernatural world! <sup>^2</sup>
- More than **66%** of Protestant young adults exit the church between the ages of **18** and **22**. *LifeWay Research, a branch of the Southern Baptist Convention.*
- An Assemblies of God study showed a loss of **66%** of their students within one year of high school graduation." <http://www.onenewsnow.com/Journal/stories.aspx?id=75927>

Conclusion: this young generation largely has been, and is being, brought up in a way they should not go. A much smaller percentage of teens in born again churches are saved and going to Heaven than is often presumed.

<sup>1</sup><http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=37>. See also <http://www.josh.org/notes/file/Internet13-Religion.pdf>

<sup>2</sup><http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrow&BarnaUpdateID=216>

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**General national spiritual stats.**

According to the Pew Forum survey,

(<http://pewforum.org/newassets/images/reports/multiplefaiths/multiplefaiths.pdf>), which was conducted Aug. **11-27-09** among **4,013** adults:

- **72%** of Americans stated they attend religious services at least a few times a year, **38%** at least once a week and **34%** who attend once or twice a month or a few times a year. **27%** said they seldom or never attend religious services.
- **35%** of Americans answered that they regularly (**9%**) or occasionally (**26%**) attend religious services at more than one place, with **24%** of the public overall expressing that they sometimes attend religious services of a faith different from their own.
- Of those who attend religious services yearly or more, **37%** said they always attend services at the same place, while **35%** said they regularly or occasionally attend religious services at different places, aside from when they are traveling and going to special events.
- Among those who attend religious services at least once a week, **39%** said they attend at multiple places and **28%** go to services outside their own faith.
- **49%** of the public reported that they have had a religious or mystical experience, defined as a "moment of sudden religious insight or awakening."
- **55%** of conservatives and **50%** of liberal stated they had such experiences, versus **43%** of moderates.
- Of the **78%** who identified themselves as Christian, **34%** described themselves as born again, while **40%** did not.
- **83%** percent of Americans identified themselves as Christians (Catholics or Protestants), but only **49%** of these individuals described themselves as absolutely committed to Christianity. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrowPreview&BarnaUpdateID=271>
- States with highest ratio of religious adherents
  - **1 Utah 74.7%**
  - **2 North Dakota 73.2%**
  - **3 District Of Columbia 73.2%**
  - **4 South Dakota 67.8%**
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  - **4 States with lowest ratio adherents**
    - **48 Alaska 34.3%**
    - **49 Nevada 34.3%**
    - **50 Washington 33.0%**
    - **51 Oregon 31.3%** <http://ext.nazarene.org/rcms/stateswithhighestratioadherents.html> Association of Religion Data Archives [www.TheARDA.com](http://www.TheARDA.com)
- State ranking according to survey response as to religion being an important part of peoples daily lives. (highest to lowest): \* Mississippi: **85%** \* Alabama: **82%** \* South Carolina: **80%** \* Tennessee: **79%** \* Louisiana: **78%** \* Arkansas: **78%** \* Georgia: **76%** \* North Carolina: **76%** \* Oklahoma: **75%** \* Kentucky: **74%** \* Texas: **74%** \* West Virginia: **71%** \* Kansas: **70%** \* Utah: **69%** \* Missouri: **68%** \* Virginia: **68%** \* South Dakota: **68%** \* North Dakota: **68%** \* Indiana: **68%** \* Nebraska: **67%** \* New Mexico: **66%** \* Pennsylvania: **65%** \* Florida: **65%** \* Maryland: **65%** \* Ohio: **65%** \* Iowa: **64%** \* Minnesota: **64%** \* Illinois: **64%** \* Michigan: **64%** \* Delaware: **61%** \* Wisconsin: **61%** \* District of Columbia: **61%**

\* Idaho: **61%** \* Arizona: **61%** \* New Jersey: **60%** \* Wyoming: **58%** \* Colorado: **57%** \* Hawaii: **57%** \* California: **57%** \* Montana: **56%** \* New York: **56%** \* Connecticut: **55%** \* Nevada: **54%** \* Rhode Island: **53%** \* Oregon: **53%** \* Washington: **52%** \* Alaska: **51%** \* Massachusetts: **48%** \* Maine: **48%** \* New Hampshire: **46%** \* Vermont: **42%**. Overall nationwide mean of **65%**

<http://www.gallup.com/poll/114022/State-States-Importance-Religion.aspx>

- **49%** of adults identify themselves as attenders of Protestant churches, while **23%** say they attend the Catholic segment. © The Barna Group, Ltd. 2007, <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrowPreview&BarnaUpdateID=271>
- The Eastern United States is the only region of the country where Protestants account for less than half (**44.1%**) of the population. Catholics are the best represented religious tradition in this region; claiming **35.1%** of the population. <sup>5.5</sup>Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006 . <http://www.baylor.edu/isreligion/index.php?id=40634>
- The West has the highest percentages of religiously unaffiliated people (**17.6%**) and people in other religious traditions (**10.3%**) of any U.S. Region. *Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion*<sup>^</sup>
- The World Christian Database as of **2007** estimated the growth rate of Christianity worldwide at **1.32%** (**2.1 billion**). High birth rates and conversions were cited as the main reason.
- Major Religion percentages worldwide - Christians: **33.32%** (Catholics **16.99%**; Protestants **5.78%**; Orthodox **3.53%**; Anglicans, etc. **5.77%**) Muslims: **21.01%**, Hindus: **13.26%**, Buddhists: **5.84%**. *CIA World Factbook*.
- In **2006**, there was an estimated **2.2 billion** Christians and **1.3 billion** Muslims, both figures including many nominal adherents. <http://www.lausanneworldpulse.com/trendsandstatistics/654/03-2007?pg=all>
- From **1978** to **2004**, there was a rapid increase in the number of Catholics in worldwide by more than **45 percent** from almost **757 million** to **1.098 billion**. *Annuario Statisticum Ecclesiae of 2004*
- In the US, **2002**, Protestants ranked highest in percentage of total surveyed population at **52%** (Baptist being the largest single denomination), followed by Catholics at **24%**, then Mormons at **2%**, Orthodox Catholic bodies at **1%**. (**20001**). [http://www.adherents.com/re\\_USA.html](http://www.adherents.com/re_USA.html).
- Catholics showed a **16%** gain in membership (**2000**) while Mormons boasted **19%**. The only other major Christian body that increased was the Southern Baptists at nearly **5 percent**. <sup>3.5</sup>[http://www.glenmary.org/grc/RCMS\\_2000/Catholic\\_findings.htm](http://www.glenmary.org/grc/RCMS_2000/Catholic_findings.htm)
- **71%** of U.S. Catholic population growth since **1960** is due to Hispanics (**2001**) U.S. Census Bureau.
- **39%** U.S. Catholics are Hispanic. *USCCB Committee on Hispanic Affairs. Hispanic Ministry at the Turn of the New Millennium, 1999*
- **72.6%** of all U.S. Hispanics are Catholic (**2002**) *Stewart Lawrence of Puentes, Inc.* <http://www.usccb.org/hispanicaffairs/demo.shtml>
- Christians made of **34.5 percent** (**558 million**, up from **204,980,0** in **1800**) of the world's population in **1900**, and will be **33.3 percent** (approx. **2.1 billion**) in **2008**. *Statistical Table on Global Mission" International Bulletin of Missionary Research.* <http://www.gordonconwell.edu/ockenga/globalchristianity/resources.php>
- More than **60%** of adult Americans claim to belong to a church or synagogue. The same number believe religion "can answer all or most of today' questions, although well under half of Americans attend church regularly." Copyright © **2004** -- *The Gallup Organization* <http://www.gallup.com/content/login.aspx?ci=1804>
- Only **20.4 percent** of the population attended church each weekend. *May 6, 1998 article by C. Kirk Hadaway and P.L. Marler Did You Really Go To Church This Week: Behind the Poll Data, in The Christian Century, http://www.religion-online.org/showarticle.asp?title=237.*
- **44%** of Americans say they go to church at least once a week. [http://www.religioustolerance.org/re\\_l\\_rate.htm](http://www.religioustolerance.org/re_l_rate.htm)
- Almost half (**49.2%**) of Americans say they attend church at least once a month. **2006** *Baylor Religion Survey.* <http://www.baylor.edu/isreligion/index.php?id=40634>

- The number of Americans who do not attend church has increased **92%** since **1991** <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=163>
- **33** percent of adults are classified as unchurched – people who have not attended a religious service of any type (not necessarily a church) during the past six months. <sup>3</sup><http://www.barna.org>; [http://www.christianpost.com/article/20070320/26418\\_Study%3A\\_U.S.\\_Unchurched\\_Population\\_Nears\\_100\\_Million.htm](http://www.christianpost.com/article/20070320/26418_Study%3A_U.S._Unchurched_Population_Nears_100_Million.htm)
- Only **19** percent of political conservatives were likely to be unchurched versus **47** percent political liberals.
- Those least likely to be unchurched are residents in the South (**26** percent) compared with residents in the West (**42** percent) and Northeast (**39** percent).<sup>^3</sup>
- Ethnically, only **24** percent of African Americans were likely to be unchurched, versus **32%** of white and **63%** of Asians. <sup>^3</sup>
- Religiously, **1** percent of evangelical Christians, **16** percent of “non-evangelical born-again Christians” [as if there is such a thing) and **24** percent of the “Christian” population as a whole (**25%** of Catholics, **20%** of Protestants) were unchurched, while. **61** percent of adults who are associated with a faith outside Christianity had not attended any kind of religious service over the past **6** months. <sup>^3</sup>
- Approx. **6** in **10** Christians say that it's "often" or "always" true that "the busyness of life gets in the way of developing my relationship with God." Christians most likely to agree were from North America, Africa and Europe. By country, Christians in South Africa, Nigeria, Canada, Singapore, Ireland, Philippines, the United States, and the United Kingdom, are more distracted from God, respectively, than those in other countries. *Obstacles to Growth Survey.* <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20070730/survey-christians-worldwide-too-busy-for-god.htm>
- Nearly **60%** of Americans say they hold their current religious beliefs because of their parents. *U.S. News & World Report, April 4, 1994, pp. 48-59*
- Canadian church attendance has plunged to just above **20** percent (from a reported **60%** in **1946**). *Fall 2002 Issue American Outlook Magazine, Hudson Institute, by John G. Stackhouse, Jr.* [http://www.americanoutlook.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=article\\_detail&id=2020](http://www.americanoutlook.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=article_detail&id=2020)
- Of the **17** religious bodies in America with **1** million or more adherents in **2000**, only six showed an increase in numbers while **10** showed a decline in numbers. Muslims were not counted in **1990**. *Glenmary Research Centers.* <sup>3.5</sup>[http://www.glenmary.org/grc/RCMS\\_2000/Catholic\\_findings.htm](http://www.glenmary.org/grc/RCMS_2000/Catholic_findings.htm)
- Among the gainers, four religious bodies showed double-digit increases--between **16** percent for Catholics and **19** percent for Latter-Day Saints (Mormons). The only other Christian body showing a gain was the Southern Baptist Convention at nearly **5** percent.<sup>^3.5</sup>
- It can be noted that, except for Catholics (which grew by immigration), all those bodies gaining members between **1990** and **2000** generally are considered “Conservative Protestants,” while most of those showing a decrease in number of adherents generally are considered “Moderate” or “Liberal” Protestants.<sup>^3.5</sup>
- In every state, the percent Catholic growth from **1990** to **2000** was very substantially greater than the general population growth [including a **45** percent increase in Arkansas and **111** percent increase in Nevada.] <sup>^3.5</sup>
- Just a third of persons in Evangelical Protestant congregations and denominations (**32.6%**) refer to themselves as “Evangelical.” <sup>5.5</sup>*Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006 .* <http://www.baylor.edu/isreligion/index.php?id=40634>
- Only **15** percent of the population use the term “Evangelical” to describe their religious identity and barely two in **100** Americans say it is the best description. *Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion* <sup>^</sup>
- Only **7%** of US adults qualify as “evangelicals” (**2004**) [see criteria under first section].<sup>4</sup> <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=2>

- **38%** of US adults classify as born again, but not evangelical. (2004).<sup>4</sup>
- **11%** of the US population identify with a faith other than Christianity (2004).<sup>4</sup>
- At latest count, there were **1,210** Protestant churches in the United States with a weekly attendance of **2,000** people or more. The four states with the greatest concentrations of megachurches were California (**14** percent), Texas (**13** percent), Florida (**7** percent), and Georgia (**6** percent).  
*http://www.hirr.hartsem.edu/megachurch/megachurches.html*
- **600,000** active and retired, civilian and military, clergy serve in various denominations in the United States. *The Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches*  
*http://www.electronicchurch.org http://hirr.hartsem.edu/research/fastfacts/fast\_facts.html*
- The average mainline pastor spent **50.8** hours a week at work. *God's Potters: Pastoral Leadership and the Shaping of Congregations*, by Jackson Carroll, (W.B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2006).  
*http://hirr.hartsem.edu/research/fastfacts/fast\_facts.html*
- **28%** of American adults have left the faith of their childhood, not including those who switched from one Protestant denomination to another. **10%** of all these were Catholics [losses mostly replaced with immigrants] Jehovah's Witnesses [so-called] had the highest losses, with a turnover rate of about two-thirds. *Beacon Journal wire services. http://www.ohio.com/news/nation/15973167.html*
- Persons aged **18-30** are three times more likely to have no religious affiliation than are persons aged **65** or older (**5.4%**).<sup>5,5</sup> *Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006 . http://www.baylor.edu/isreligion/index.php?id=40634*
- **80%** of adults classified as “born again” have been married.  
*http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=170*
- **65%** of Evangelicals as well as all religious persons had no children at home (Catholics: **61%**). Mormons, Hindi's and Muslim had the highest percentages.<sup>7,5</sup>  
*2008 The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. http://religions.pewforum.org/comparisons#*
- The number of American adults who identify themselves with Christianity has dropped from **86%** in **1990** to **77%** in **2001**. *ARIS Study American Religious Identification Survey was conducted in February to April 2001.*
- Christianity in America suffered a loss of **9.7** percentage points in **11** years (about **0.9** percentage points per year). *Diana Eck, A New Religious America: How a 'Christian Country' Has Become the World's Most Religiously Diverse Nation, 2001). http://www.letusreason.org/Current30.htm*
- Americans who do not identify with any religion now represent **15%** of the USA - **22%** of all adults ages **18** to **29**; **19%** of U.S. men and **12%** of women. While **1** out of **6** identify themselves as Nones, the ration is higher based upon belief and behavior. **61%** of “Nones” believe in evolution. However, less than **10%** of Nones identify themselves as atheists or hold atheistic beliefs, with **51%** still professing a belief in God or a higher power. Only **32%** report they were Nones at at age **12**, and the largest single group (**35%**) of Nones were former Catholics. The highest concentrations of Nones are in New England and the West. Politically, **8%** of Republicans are Nones, versus **21%** of the nation's independents and **16%** of Democrats. Latinos have tripled their proportion among Nones. *Kosmin and Ariela Keysar, Program on Public Values, Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. http://www.americanreligionsurvey-aris.org/reports/NONES\_08.pdf*
- Fifteen percent of respondents said they had no religion, an increase from **14.2** percent in **2001** and **8.2** percent in **1990**, according to the American Religious Identification Survey. The numbers of Americans with no religion rose in every state, with northern New England surpassing the Pacific Northwest as the least religious region, with Vermont reporting the highest share of those claiming no religion, at **34** percent. Respondents who called themselves "non-denominational Christian" grew from **0.1** percent in **1990** to **3.5** percent last year [**2008**]. Evangelical or born-again Americans make up **34** percent of all American adults and **45** percent of all Christians and Catholics, the study found. Researchers found that **18** percent of Catholics consider themselves born-again or evangelical, and nearly **39** percent of mainline Protestants prefer those labels. The percentage of Americans who identified themselves as

Muslim grew to **0.6** percent of the population. *American Religious Identification Survey. The Program on Public Values at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.* <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,506849,00.html>

- The fastest growing religion percentage wise is Wicca. Going from **8,000** in **1990** to **134,000** in **2001**. Doubling about every **30** months. (*American Religious Identification Survey, done by The Graduate Center of the City University of New York*).
- Atheists and agnostics comprise **9%** of adults nationwide (**2007**); **6%** of souls over **61**, **9%** of those ages **42-60**, **14%** of those **23-41**, and **19%** of those **18-22**. Indications from the past indicate that these beliefs stay fairly constant through life. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrowPreview&BarnaUpdateID=272>
- According to the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life's monumental "U.S. Religious Landscape Survey" that was issued in June, **21%** of self-proclaimed atheists believe in either a personal God or an impersonal force. **10%** percent of atheists pray at least weekly and **12%** believe in heaven.
- Paranormal beliefs are most prevalent in eastern states, with the highest percentages of agreement on eight of the **10** belief questions. Southerners are the least receptive to the paranormal, with the lowest percentages on six of the **10** items. <sup>5.5</sup>*Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006* . <http://www.baylor.edu/isreligion/index.php?id=40634>
- Hartford Seminary report the number of Muslim places of worship grew by **42** percent in America between **1990** and **2000**, compared with the **12** percent average increase for evangelical churches
- The the number of Islamic mosques in America has increased **25%** since **1994**. *Council on American-Islamic Relations*
- By **2050**, Muslims are expected to outnumber Protestants in the U.S (includes so-called "[Nation of Islam](#)" Muslims). *Secrets of Islam: US News and World Report*
- Adherents to Buddhism has increased **170%** from **1990** to **2001**. (*Science and Spirit, September/October 2002. Discipleship Journal, March/April 2003, pg. 14*).
- A 2007 survey of 74 pediatric hematologists and oncologists from 13 elite hospitals showed 31 percent were raised Protestant, 25.7 percent Catholic, 25.7 Jewish, and 10.8 percent other. 25.7 percent reported that religion was very important in their family when they were growing up, and 48.6 percent said it was or somewhat important. 47.3 percent described themselves as very or moderately spiritual; 37.8 percent described themselves as slightly spiritual; 13.5 percent described themselves as not at all spiritual.
- Presently, 24.3 percent of the physicians said they were Jewish, 20.3 percent said they had no current religious affiliation, 17 percent were Protestant, 17 percent were Catholic, and almost 15 percent identified with another religion. Over 50% said their religious or spiritual beliefs had some degree of influence on their interactions with families, patients, and colleagues, versus almost 40 percent who believed they did not. *Brandeis University (2007, November 15); SUNY in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology*
- **85-90%** of Americans routinely respond "yes" when asked "Do you, personally, believe in God?" <sup>^3</sup>
- Nearly three fourths of Americans (**71.5%**) say they pray at least once a week. <sup>^3</sup>
- **91%** of all households own at least one Bible. *1998 Barna Research: 1998* <http://webminister.com/growth01/plan0031.htm>
- **38%** said they read the Bible during a typical week, not including when they are at church. *Barna Research: 1998* <http://webminister.com/growth01/plan0031.htm>
- The King James Version is more likely to be the Bible read during the week than is the NIV by a **5:1** ratio. *Barna Research: 1998* <http://webminister.com/growth01/plan0031.htm>
- **48%** of all shoppers who set out to buy a Bible leave the bookstore without buying one. Often because they are overwhelmed by hundreds of study, devotional and specialty Bibles. *Zondervan Publishing study, USA Today, February 21, 2000* <http://youthtools.ibelieve.com/content.asp?SID=12&CID=247>

- **59%** of Americans "say they read the Bible at least on occasion [down from **73%** in the **1980's**]. The most likely readers are women, nonwhites, older people, Republicans, and political conservatives." **16%** say they read the Bible every day, **41%** of Americans say they rarely or never read the Bible. *Gallup Poll 2000 Copyright © 2004 -- The Gallup Organization <http://www.gallup.com/content/login.aspx?ci=2416>*
- **80%** of Americans polled said the Bible was the most influential book in history. *Barna Research 1998. Printed in USA Today, May 27, 1998*
- And est. **168,000** new Bibles are sold, given away, or otherwise distributed in the United States per day through Wycliffe International, the Society of Gideons, and the International Bible Society.
- **BIBLE STATISTICS** (some figures may have minor variation according to manuscript sources and or translation):
- Number of books in the Bible: **66**
- Chapters: **1,189**
- Verses: **31,101**
- Words: **788,258** (KJV-English)
- Old Testament: **602,585**; New Testament: **180,552 = 783,037**
- Letters: **3,566,480**
- Number of promises given in the Bible: **1,260**
- Commands: **6,468**
- Predictions: over **8,000**
- Est. Fulfilled prophecy: **3,268** verses
- Unfulfilled prophecy: **3,140**
- Number of questions: **3,294**
- Number of existing manuscripts: **5,300** Greek manuscripts of the New Testament, **10,000** Latin Vulgates, and **9,300** other early versions = more than **24,000** manuscript copies of portions of the New Testament.
- The number of Number of Arabic Words in the Quran is **77,439** (reported by Al-Fadl bin Shadhan as said by 'Ata bin Yasar). [**77,473** in English] Other sources provided somewhat different numbers.
- **48%** think that the United States has had special protection from God for most of its history. *<http://people-press.org/reports/print.php3?PageID=386>*
- **67%** of adult Americans "used at least one of three forms of religious media - radio, television or books." "Overall more than half of the nation's adults said they had tuned in to a Christian radio program of some type during the past month." In addition, **43%** of adults polled "said they had watched some Christian programming on television during the past month." *Barna Research Group of Ventura, California. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=116>*.
- **\$8.8** billion worth of goods and services that churches are giving overseas to developing ("Third World") countries. This figures out to be nearly **40** percent of the foreign aid provided by the United States to the same region. U.S. foreign aid to those same countries is **\$23.5** billion. *Carol Adelman of the Hudson Institute, from Notre Dame University study. <http://www.onenewsnow.com/Church/Default.aspx?id=118566>*
- On average, weekly churchgoers donate **3.8%** of their income to charity, compared to **0.8%** for those who never go. *Independent Sector (charitable clearing house): Atheists won't save Europe by Don Feder; <http://www.frontpagemagazine.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=27937>*
- Giving of one's time and effort is greater among those with religious faith, and the degree of it. *<http://www.gallup.com/poll/111013/Worldwide-Highly-Religious-More-Likely-Help-Others.aspx>*
- Church members gave **2.56** percent of their income in **2004**, down from **3.11** percent in **1968**. Only **15%** was for ministry outside the church. *id=40634Empty Tomb Inc.<http://www.washingtontimes.com/national/20061012-105326-4799r.htm> October 13, 2006*

- Over **50** percent of the members of any given Christian congregation donate little or nothing toward their church's upkeep and ministries. *Terry Mattingly. Syndicated column from Scripps Howard News Service, January 24, 2001. <http://www.generousgiving.org/stats#> (web source provides many more stats on giving)*
- Of every dollar given to a U.S. Protestant church, the average amount that goes to overseas missions is two cents. In **1920** the church gave **10** percent of the total offering to missions, compared to today's **2** percent. In addition, individual Christians do not even tithe, giving less per capita than Christians gave during the Great Depression. *Gene Edward Veith. World Magazine, October 22, 2005. ^*
- Americans have given less and less of their disposable income to religious charity since the **1960s** and now spend more on church buildings and staff and less on helping the needy, according to a study by Empty Tomb. *Larry Witham. The Washington Times, November 19, 2002 ^*
- Giving as a percentage of income was higher at the depth of the Great Depression in the **1930s (3.3** percent of per capita income in **1933)** than after a half-century of unprecedented prosperity (**2.5** percent in **2004**) *John Ronswalle and Sylvia Ronswalle, The State of Church Giving through 2004: Will We Will? 16th ed. (Champaign, Ill.: Empty Tomb, 2006).. ^*
- The proportion of adults who tithe dropped by **62** percent in the past year. **(2)** Just **6** percent of born-again households tithed to their churches in **2002**. **(3)** Tithing, when it occurs, is generally among Protestants: **5** percent of adults who attend Protestant churches tithed last year, compared to less than one-tenth of **1** percent among Catholics. **(4)** Among the groups most likely to tithe are people over **55**, college graduates, evangelicals, Republicans, conservatives, and residents of the South—but there was no segment among which at least **10** percent tithed. *George Barna. News release by Barna Research Group, May 19, 2003. ^*
- Individual giving to churches fell another **6** percent in **2000**, as it has done for the past several years. **32** percent of Christians claim to tithe, while only **12** percent actually did in **2000**. *George Barna. News release by Barna Research Group, June 5, 2001. ^*
- **67** percent of religious Canadians who "believe that Jesus Christ was crucified, died and was buried, but was resurrected to eternal life," well over half ignore the Lord's command that His followers should give joyfully to the needy and to the building of the Kingdom. *Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches John H. Redekop. Mennonite Brethren Herald 36, no. 3 (February 7, 1997). ^*
- Including religious, American households overall gave **3.5%** of their income. Only approx. **33%** to religious institutions. Utah was the state with the highest average per-capita charitable contributions, followed by Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas. *Professor Arthur Brooks, 2005. <http://www.america.gov/st/washfile-english/2005/February/200502181639511CJsamohT5.593508e-02.html>*
  - **3**© The Barna Group, Ltd. 2007,. <http://www.barna.org>; [http://www.christianpost.com/article/20070320/26418\\_Study%3A\\_U.S.\\_Unchurched\\_Population\\_Nears\\_100\\_Million.htm](http://www.christianpost.com/article/20070320/26418_Study%3A_U.S._Unchurched_Population_Nears_100_Million.htm)
  - **3.5**Glenmary Research Center s [http://www.glenmary.org/grc/RCMS\\_2000/Catholic\\_findings.htm](http://www.glenmary.org/grc/RCMS_2000/Catholic_findings.htm)
  - **4**<http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=2>
  - **5.5**Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006 . <http://www.baylor.edu/isreligion/index.php?>

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**Faith Beliefs**

According to the Pew Forum survey,

(<http://pewforum.org/newassets/images/reports/multiplefaiths/multiplefaiths.pdf>), which was conducted Aug. **11-27-09** among **4,013** adults:

- **24%** of the public overall and **22%** of Christians say they believe in reincarnation -- that people will be reborn in this world again and again. **25%** of the public overall, and **23%** of Christians [*so-called*] indicated they believe in astrology.

- Nearly **30%** of Americans reported that they have felt in touch with someone who had died, (**33%** of women versus **26%** of men). Almost **20%** say they have seen or been in the presence of ghosts, while **15%** have consulted a fortuneteller or a psychic.
- **65%** of American adults expressed belief in or reported of having experience with at least one of **8** different manifestations of occultic supernatural phenomena: **1.** reincarnation; **2.** spiritual energy located in physical things; **3.** yoga as spiritual practice; **4.** the "evil eye;" **5.** astrology; **6.** having been in touch with the dead; **7.** having consulting a psychic; **8.** having experiencing a ghostly encounter. This includes **23%** of the general population who reported having only one of these beliefs or experiences, while **43%** of the people surveyed answered two or more of these items affirmatively.
- 36 percent of Democrats said they have been in touch with someone who is dead, versus 21 percent of Republicans. 11 percent of Republicans reported they have seen a ghost, versus 21 percent of Democrats. 9 percent of Republicans said they have consulted a fortuneteller, versus 22 percent of Democrats. 17 percent of Republicans say they believe in reincarnation, versus 30 percent of Democrats. 14 percent of Republicans reported they believe in astrology, versus 31 percent of Democrats. 15 percent of Republicans said they saw yoga as a spiritual practice, versus 31 percent of Democrats. 17 percent of Republicans reported they believe in spiritual energy, versus 30 percent of Democrats.
- **59%** of Americans polled said religion is very important in their lives (**75%** in **1952**). By categories: **52%** of men, **66%** of women, Whites **66%**, Blacks **82%**, Hispanics **66%**. **68%** percent of self-identified conservatives, **56%** of moderates, and **49** percent of liberals said religion was very important to them.  
*Gallup survey 1999. Copyright ©2004 The Gallup Organization <http://www.mfc.org/contents/article.asp?id=139> See also Steve Crabtree, "Black Churches: Has Their Role Changed?" Gallup Tuesday Briefing; Religion & Values, May 14, 2002,*
- **60%** of all adults consider living with someone of the opposite gender without being married [sometimes called co-habitation, but which morally is "living in sin"], a morally acceptable behavior."<sup>4</sup> <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=2>
- **30%** of all adults consider having a sexual relationship with someone of the same gender a morally acceptable behavior." (2004). ^ 4
- **38%** of adults consider it morally acceptable to look at pictures of nudity or explicit sexual behavior ^ 4
- **45%** of adults consider having a abortion morally acceptable ^4
- **36%** think it is OK to use profanity. ^ 4
- **34%** think people are born gay [though there is no real proof of that, even if there a genetic factor, we all are born with a sinful nature, and we cannot validate practicing what God states is sin, as He also provides grace to overcome our proclivity to sin: Gn. 4:7]. ^ 4
- **69%** of those who attend church 'nearly weekly' [2003] say premarital sex is morally acceptable (Gallup Poll) Copyright © 2004 -- The Gallup Organization. [www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/2003-07-23-zelizer\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/2003-07-23-zelizer_x.htm)
- **45%** of [so-called] "born again" Americans says gambling is a "morally acceptable behavior." <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=152>
- More than **30%** of so-called "born again" adults say that "co-habitation, gay sex, sexual fantasies, breaking the speed limit or watching sexually-explicit movies are morally acceptable behaviors." Barna Research 2001. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=103>
- In **2001**, **33%** of [so-called] "born again" adults support the legalization of same-gender sexual relations. Barna Research 2001.^
- **48** percent of Americans agreed homosexual behavior is a sin, **45** percent said disagreed LifeWay Research study, released Wednesday. 2008 LifeWay Research study.

- **57%** of Americans oppose Gay Marriage, versus **40%** in favor of doing so. (**75%** self-identified liberals versus **19%** of conservatives; and **59%** of **18-29** year olds, versus **32%** of those **65** years and older) May **7-10 2009** USA Today/Gallup poll. <http://www.gallup.com/poll/118378/Majority-Americans-Continue-Oppose-Gay-Marriage.aspx>
- **13** percent of Americans do not believe at all in the concept of sin. But, a majority of Americans (**87%**), however, do believe in this concept and they include adultery (**81%**), racism (**74%**), use of hard drugs (**65%**), failing to say anything if they're given too much change by a cashier (**63%**), having an abortion (**56%**), cheating on their taxes (**52%**) and homosexual activity (**52%**) as sin. "Sin" was defined in the research as "something that is almost always considered wrong, particularly from a religious or moral perspective." Ellison Research, March 11, 2008 <http://ellisonresearch.com/releases/20080311.htm>  
<http://www.christianpost.com/article/20080312/study-behaviors-americans-consider-sinful.htm>
- Other behaviors with significant moral objections included reading or watching pornography (**50** percent); swearing (**46** percent); sex before marriage (**45** percent); harming the environment as a consumer (**41** percent); smoking marijuana (**41** percent); getting drunk (**41** percent); and not taking proper care of your body (**35** percent) . ^Ellison Research, March 11, 2008
- **94** percent of political conservatives, and **94** percent of Americans who regularly attend religious worship services believe there is such a thing as sin, versus only **77** percent of political liberals and **80** percent among those who do not attend services. ^Ellison Research, March 11, 2008
- **90** percent of evangelicals believe getting drunk is sinful behavior, compared to **35** percent of all other Americans. **92** percent of evangelicals believe sex before marriage is sinful, versus **39** percent of all other Americans. ^Ellison Research, March 11, 2008
- Some **71** percent of [those classified as] conservatives say you have an obligation to care for a seriously injured spouse or parent versus less than half (**46** percent) of liberals. Peter Schweizer, "Makers and Takers," Doubleday, June 3, 2008. [http://www.ncpa.org/sub/dpd/index.php?Article\\_ID=16895](http://www.ncpa.org/sub/dpd/index.php?Article_ID=16895)
- Liberals are two times more likely to say it is okay to cheat the government out of welfare money you don't deserve. Peter Schweizer, "Makers and Takers," Doubleday, June 3, 2008. [http://www.ncpa.org/sub/dpd/index.php?Article\\_ID=16895](http://www.ncpa.org/sub/dpd/index.php?Article_ID=16895)
- **27%** of people identified as Christians and **23%** of non-Christians have been divorced. Statistics Concerning the State of America. <http://freedomministries.com/outlinestats.htm>
- **34%** of "born again" adults have been divorced after their conversion. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=170>
- **87%** of Americans polled said that "their religious faith is very important in their life today." <sup>4.5</sup><http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=160>
- Only **50%** of Christians say they are absolutely "absolutely committed" to the Christian faith. ^4.5
- **77%** of Americans are associated with the Christian faith. **12%** claim to be atheist or agnostic, with the remaining **11%** being aligned with some other faith group. ^4.5
- Though upwards to **38%** of Americans are classified as "born again," a more precise analysis shows only **7%** of the adult U.S. population being "evangelical" [John 3:3:-7: see descriptions above in first section]. This is down from **12%** in **1992** [The two must be synonymous to be Biblical.] ^4.5
- **99%** of those in the camp of evangelicals said they were happy, with **91%** saying they were satisfied with their present life Only **8%** said they were "lonely," "in serious debt" (**9%**) or "stressed out" (**16%**).

- **94%** of the above described themselves as "absolutely committed to Christianity. **96%** of evangelicals say they possess "traditional or family-oriented values," and **64%** say they are "mostly conservative on political and social issues." Only **8%** said they were lonely, "in serious debt" (**9%**), or "stressed out" (**16%**). <sup>^5</sup>
- **57%** of those who affiliate themselves with a non-Christian group say they are "deeply spiritual." **87%** of such non-Christian religious [in America] claim to be happy with their life. **56%** said they were concerned about the future and **68%** about the moral condition of the U.S. <sup>^5</sup>
- **92%** of Americans says they believe in God; **85%** in Heaven and **82%** in miracles. <sup>^5</sup>
- **42%** of atheists and agnostics (who make up **9 %** of the American adult population) claimed to be stressed out , **14%** said they were lonely, and **68%** concerned about the future. **4%** describe themselves as being conservative, **2%** as being politically liberal, and **71%** as having traditional or family-oriented values. **60%** were concerned about America's moral state. <sup>^5</sup>
- Currently, only **15** percent of Americans overall consider moral values to be "excellent" or "good;" **41** percent say the moral climate is "only fair;" and **44** percent consider the moral state to be "poor." (*Gallup Poll 6-12, 2008*)
- Approx. **1 in 3** Muslim students in the U.K believe killing in the name of religion is justified, and back the idea of a worldwide Islamic caliphate based on sharia law. **40 per cent** support introduction of sharia into British law for Muslims Centre for Social Cohesion, <http://www.socialcohesion.co.uk>
- A survey by LifeWay Research of 1,000 Protestant pastors found 45 percent strongly agreed with the statement "I believe Islam is a dangerous religion," while 21 percent agree somewhat. Dec. 14 2009 <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20091214/islam-is-a-dangerous-religion-most-american-pastors-say/index.html>
- Religious citizens who make **\$49,000** gave away about **3.5** times as much money as secular citizens with the same income. They also volunteered twice as often, are **57** percent more likely to help homeless persons, and two-thirds more likely to give blood at their workplace. Arthur C. Brooks' *Who Really Cares*. <http://www.christianitytoday.com/bc/2008/001/8.11.html>
- Atheists and agnostics are more likely to be into new technology than active faith persons (**64%** versus **52%**), and on acquiring wealth (**10%** versus **2%**), and less likely to be "active in the community" (**41%** versus **68%**), or to personally help or serve a homeless or poor person (**41%** versus **61%**), and much less likely to donate to charitable causes (**\$200.00** versus **\$1500.00** in **2006**). Barna Research; <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrowPreview&BarnaUpdateID=272>
- **87%** of Americans say the universe was originally created by God. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=2> (2000)
- **29%** of Americans strongly endorse that they should share their faith. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrowPreview&BarnaUpdateID=271>
- Evangelism: **23%** of church – going born again persons said they shared their faith in Jesus Christ with a non-Christian during the past year. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=147>
- Only **66%** – down from **71** a year ago (**2006**) – of Americans perceive God to be "the all-powerful, all-knowing, perfect creator of the universe who still rules the world today." the lowest percentage in more than twenty years of similar Barna surveys. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrowPreview&BarnaUpdateID=271>
- (Assemblies of God attenders in **2005(?)** at **96%** had the highest affirmation of the above fact: <http://www.vny.com/cf/News/upidetail.cfm?QID=198421>).
- **47%** percent of respondents replied that they believed in a special, recent creation of man by God. *Gallup Poll November 28, 1991* reported in <http://www.icr.org/pubs/btg-b/btg->

- **80%** say the Bible specifically says that God helps those who help themselves [it doesn't]. *Barna Research 1998. Printed in USA Today, May 27, 1998*  
<http://webminister.com/growth01/plan0031.htm>
- **27%** say they believe that the Bible represents the actual word of God in all instances. In **1963** the comparable figure was **65%**. *Copyright © 2004 Gallup Organization, who conducted for the American Bible Society in October 2000.*
- **45%** of Americans say they believe the Bible to be accurate in all all the principles it teaches. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrowPreview&BarnaUpdateID=271>
- **60%** of adults contend that Satan does not exist but is merely a “symbol of evil.”<sup>4.5</sup>
- **40%** of Americans [sadly] do not believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.<sup>4.5</sup>
- **55%** of all adults say that a good person can earn a place in Heaven [which eliminates them as being born again Christians.].<sup>4.5</sup>
- **60%** of adults believe that Satan is not a living being but is only a “symbol of evil.”<sup>4.5</sup>
- **66%** of Americans indicate they believe Jesus Christ committed sins during His time on earth (only **33%** strongly disagree). <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrowPreview&BarnaUpdateID=271>.
- **(83%)** said they had prayed in the last week. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrowPreview&BarnaUpdateID=271>
- Only **22%** of of American adults had volunteered free time to help a church or some other type of non-profit (**23%**) in the last week.
- **39%** say all religions teach equally valid truths. *Barna Research*
- **79%** of Americans agreed with the statement “every person has a soul that will live forever, either in God’s presence or absence.”<sup>6</sup> <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=150>
- **24%** admitted that they have “no idea” what will happen after they die. ^ (Those who felt their eternal future is undefined were most likely to be Hispanics, singles, men, atheists and agnostics, residents of the West, and **18-** and **19-**year-olds). <sup>6</sup>
- Only one-half of **1%** expect to go to Hell upon their death.<sup>6</sup>
- Of those who expect to go to Heaven, **43%** believe they will go to Heaven because they have “confessed their sins and accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior.” **15%** felt they will get to Heaven because “they have tried to obey the **10** Commandments” while **15%** hope to go because “they are basically a good person”. **6%** believed their entrance to Heaven would be based upon the fact that “God loves all people and will not let them perish.”<sup>6</sup>
- **34%** (and increasing) believe that it is possible to communicate with the dead<sup>6</sup>
- The most common paranormal experience in the United States is having a dream that later came true. More than **40** percent (**43%**) of Americans claim to have had this experience. *Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century – September 2006 .* <http://www.baylor.edu/isreligion/index.php?id=40634>
- **48%** of adult Americans believe God is a Spirit or power that can take on a human form. (*USA Today, October 24, 2003, pg. A1*)
- **44%** of Americans say that Islam is more likely to encourage violence than other religions, up from **25%** in the March **2002** poll.” *The Pew Research Center and The Pew Forum, July 24, 2003, www.people-press.org).*

- Favorable views of Muslim-Americans rose from **45%** in March **1991** to **59%** in December **2001**. *Pew Research Center for the People & the Press*
- [4](http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=160)<http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=160>
- [5](http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=119)<http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=119>
- [6](http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=150)<http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=150>

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**Differences among Denominations**

According to the Pew Forum survey,

(<http://pewforum.org/newassets/images/reports/multiplefaiths/multiplefaiths.pdf>), which was conducted Aug. **11-27-09** among **4,013** adults:

- **33%** Protestants attend services outside their own denomination, with **40%** of black Protestants, **24%** of white evangelicals and **22%** of white mainline Protestants attending other Protestant denominations. **18** percent of Protestants overall indicated that they attend non-Protestant services, with **19%** of black Protestants, **13%** of white Evangelicals, and **14%** of mainline Protestants occasionally attending Catholic Mass.
- **20%** of Catholics answered that they attended services of at least one faith outside Catholicism, with **18%** of Catholics overall and **16%** of white Catholics saying they attend Protestant services. **5%** report attending services at Jewish synagogues
- **24%** of the public overall and **22%** of Christians say they believe in reincarnation -- that people will be reborn in this world again and again. And **25%** of the public overall, and **23%** of Christians believe in astrology.
- Only **10%** white evangelicals reported they believed in reincarnation, compared with **24%** among mainline Protestants, **25%** among both white Catholics and those unaffiliated with any religion, and **29%** among black Protestants. Similarly, **13%** of white evangelicals believe in astrology, compared with roughly 25% or more among other religious faiths.
- Evangelical and mainline Protestants who reported they attend church weekly showed far lower levels of belief in reincarnation, yoga, the existence of spiritual energy in physical things and astrology, as compared with those who attend religious services less often. In contrast, the frequency of church attendance by Catholics showed had far less effect in deterring these kinds of beliefs, although those who attended church less faithfully did express higher percentages of faith in astrology.
- Beliefs reincarnation, yoga, the existence of spiritual energy in physical things and astrology are more common among Democrats and independents than Republicans, and are more widely held by liberals and moderates than conservatives, especially as concerns belief in yoga as a spiritual practice, with **39%** of liberals expressing this belief (**39%**), in contrast to only **15%** of conservatives. Conservatives and Republicans also report fewer experiences than liberals or Democrats communicating with the dead, seeing ghosts and consulting fortunetellers or psychics.
- The least likely to say they have felt in contact with a dead person were Evangelical Protestants at **20%**, versus **37%** of black Protestants, **35%** of white Catholics, along with **31%** of the unaffiliated and **29%** of white mainline Protestants.
- **65%** of American adults expressed belief in or reported of having experience with at least one of **8** different manifestations of supernatural phenomena: **1.** reincarnation; **2.** spiritual energy located in physical things; **3.** yoga as spiritual practice; **4.** the "evil eye;" **5.** astrology; **6.** having been in touch with the dead; **7.** having consulted a psychic; **8.** having experiencing a ghostly encounter. This includes **23%** of the general population who reported having only one of these beliefs or experiences, while **43%** of the people surveyed answered two

or more of these items affirmatively.

- **50%** of black Protestants , **48%** of the religiously unaffiliated, **47%** of Catholics answered yes to two or more of these items, as do **43%** of white mainline Protestants, while **53%** of white evangelicals answered no to all eight questions.
- **49%** of the public reported that they have had a religious or mystical experience, defined as a "moment of sudden religious insight or awakening."
- Differences among Protestants are revealing. **70%** of white evangelicals and **71%** of black Protestants stated they have had religious or mystical experiences, versus **40%** of mainline Protestants and **37%** of Catholics.
- Of the **78%** who identified themselves as Christian, **34%** described themselves as born again, while **40%** did not.
- Of all specific religious denominations world wide, the largest evangelical Christian denomination is the Assemblies of God (**#7** overall), followed by the Southern Baptists (**#12**). [http://www.adherents.com/adh\\_rb.html#Evangelische](http://www.adherents.com/adh_rb.html#Evangelische)
- The largest religious denomination using the name Christian is the Roman Catholic system, followed by the Eastern Orthodox Church (**#3** overall), the Anglican Communion (**#5**), the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (**#6**). The Watchtower Society (so-called Jehovah's Witnesses) was **#11**. [http://www.adherents.com/adh\\_rb.html#Evangelische](http://www.adherents.com/adh_rb.html#Evangelische)
- Among churches polled, the highest percentages of "born again believers" were found in the Assemblies of God (**81%**), then other Pentecostal/Foursquare churches (**80%**), non-denominational Protestant churches (**76%**), and Baptist churches (**67%**). <sup>7</sup><http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=92>
- Catholics\*, at **25%**, represented the the lowest number of born again believers among the **12** largest denominational groupings in America. <sup>7</sup>
- (Only **1%** of Catholics fit Barna's definition (see first section) of evangelical. <sup>7</sup>)
- **27%** of adults who say they are evangelicals are not even born again, based upon their beliefs. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrowPreview&BarnaUpdateID=263>
- Among **7,441** Protestant pastors. Asked if they believed that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God: **87%** of Methodists said no. **95%** of Episcopalians said no. **82%** of Presbyterians said NO. **67%** of American Baptists said no. *Pulpit Helps, December 1987*
- Protestants remain the largest religious segment of America, claiming **56%** of the adult population. Catholics represent about **22%**, atheists and agnostics are about **7%**, and Mormons are just under **2%**. *Barna Research 2001*  
<sup>8</sup><http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=93> See also <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=15>
- Bible Reading: the highest was **75%**, by those going to a Pentecostal/Foursquare church who reported they had read the Bible during the past week (besides at church), while the lowest was among Catholics at **23%**.<sup>8</sup>
- Volunteer church work (during past **7** days): Assemblies of God were highest at **30%**, with the lowest going to Catholics at **12%**.<sup>8</sup>
- Donating Money (during the last month): Church of Christ churches were the highest at **29%**, with Catholics being the lowest at **12%**.<sup>8</sup>
- American evangelicals gave four times as much, per person, to churches as did all other church donors in **2001**. **88** percent of evangelicals and **73** percent of all Protestants donated to churches. *John Ronswalle and Sylvia Ronswalle, The State of Church Giving through 2004: Will We Will? 16th ed. (Champaign, Ill.: Empty Tomb, 2006), 12.*

<http://www.generousgiving.org/stats#>

- Among evangelicals, almost **90** cents of every donated dollar goes to their churches. The proportion drops, however, as people's spiritual intensity and commitment to Christ decline. *George Barna, quoted in Survey Finds Americans More Generous Last Year, press release by World Vision, July 22, 2002.* <http://www.generousgiving.org/stats#>
- By denomination, **61%** of the those associated with an Assemblies of God church said they had shared their faith at least once during the past year, followed by **61%** of those who attend a Pentecostal/Foursquare church, and ending **14%** among Episcopalians and just **10%** among Roman Catholics.<sup>^8</sup>
- **39** percent of Catholics affirmed not attending church is a sin, versus **23** percent of Protestants. *Ellison Research, March 11, 2008* <http://ellisonresearch.com/releases/20080311.htm>  
<http://www.christianpost.com/article/20080312/study-behaviors-americans-consider-sinful.htm>
- Weekly Church attendance: Evangelicals showed the highest participation of approx **60** percent (**30%** more than once a week). Catholics were at **45** percent (**9%** more than once a week), and Jews **15** percent. *Gallup poll. between 2002 and 2005.* <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20060418/weekly-attendance-highest-among-evangelical-churches.htm>
- See [HERE](#) for church attendance (based on adults who attended a church service in the past week) by Denomination (Assemblies of God: **69%**; Catholic: **48.5%** Episcopal/Anglican: **30%**)
- Weekly attendance among Protestants has been fairly steady over the past six decades, averaging **42%** in **1955** versus **45%** in the middle of the current decade. However, attendance among Roman Catholics dropped from **75%** to **45%** over the same period. *Gallup poll published April 10, 2009,* <http://www.gallup.com/poll/117382/Church-Going-Among-Catholics-Slides-Tie-Protestants.aspx>
- Evangelism: **23%** of church-going born again persons said they shared their faith in Jesus Christ with a non-Christian during the past year. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=147>
- The highest percentage of those who strongly agree they have a personal responsibility to share their faith was found among believers in Pentecostal/Foursquare churches (**73%**) [*Independent Fundamental Baptists, who usually are the most committed in this, were grouped with other baptists.*] <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=147>
- Only **8%** of Senior Pastors say they have the gift of evangelism, just **12%** the spiritual gift of leadership; but **66%** say they have the gift of teaching or preaching. *Barna Research 2001.* <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=103>
- **81%** of Pentecostal/Foursquare believers strongly agree that the Bible is totally accurate in all that it teaches , followed by **77%** of Assemblies of God believers, and ending with **26%** of Catholics and **22%** of Episcopalians. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=92>
- **73%** (highest) of Pentecostal/Foursquare believers strongly affirm that Christ was sinless on earth, with Catholics, Lutherans and Methodists being tied at **33%**, and the lowest being among Episcopalians with just **28%**<sup>7</sup><http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=92>
- **64%** of those in Assemblies of God churches (versus only **9%** of Catholics) strongly DISAGREE that if a person is generally good, or does enough good things for others they will earn a place in Heaven [salvation on the basis of merit]. ^ (See Romans **3-5**, Eph. **2:8, 9**; Titus **3:5**, etc.). <sup>^7</sup>
- **56%** of Assemblies of God (versus **17%** Catholics) Christians strongly DISAGREE that Satan is just a symbol of evil [rather than a real being]. <sup>^7</sup>
- Catholics and Mainline Protestants tend towards more belief in a more Distant God. *Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion - American Piety in the 21 Century - September 2006* . <http://www.baylor.edu/isreligion/index.php?id=40634>
- Evangelical Protestants and Black Protestants tend towards belief in a more Authoritarian God. <sup>^</sup>*Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion*

- Jews tend towards belief in a Distant God and over **8%** of Jews in the sample report being atheists. <sup>^</sup>*Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion*
- **50** percent of Protestants affirmed gambling was a sin, versus **15** percent of Catholics; that getting drunk was a sin: **63** percent of Protestants, **28** percent of Catholics; gossip: **70** percent to **45** percent: homosexual activity or sex: **72** percent to **42** percent. *Ellison Research, March 11, 2008* <http://ellisonresearch.com/releases/20080311.htm>  
<http://www.christianpost.com/article/20080312/study-behaviors-americans-consider-sinful.htm>
- **39** percent of Roman Catholics and **79** percent of born-again, evangelical or fundamentalist Americans affirm that homosexual behavior is sinful. *LifeWay Research study, released Wednesday, 2008* *LifeWay Research study.*  
<http://www.christianpost.com/article/20080606/survey-americans-divided-on-homosexuality-as-sin.htm>
- **79** percent of American Jews, **58** percent of Catholics and **56** percent of mainline Protestants favor acceptance of homosexuality, versus **39** percent of members of historically black churches, **27** percent of Muslims and **26** percent of the evangelical Protestants. U.S. <sup>7.5</sup>*U.S. Religious landscape survey; Copyright © 2008 The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life.* <http://religions.pewforum.org/comparisons#>
- **83%** of those in Mainline Churches, **79%** of Catholics, **72%** of Orthodox, and **57%** in Evangelical Churches affirmed "Many religions can lead to eternal life."  
<sup>^7.5</sup>
- Evangelical Churches (**79%**) had the highest percentage of souls who affirmed religion was very important in One's Life, with Unaffiliated (includes Atheists and Agnostics) being the lowest (**16%**). <sup>^7.5</sup>
- Evangelical Churches (**17%**), had the lowest percentage of souls aged **18-29**, versus Unaffiliated (**31%**), Muslims (**29%**), Historically Black Churches (**24%**), Mormons (**24%**) and Other Faiths (**24%**). Mainline Churches had the greater percentage (**23%**) of souls **65** and older. <sup>^7.5</sup>
- **82%** of Mainline Churches, **77%** of Catholics and **53%** of Evangelical Churches affirmed, "There is MORE than one true way to interpret the teachings of my religion." <sup>^7.5</sup>
- Orthodox (**29%**), Mainline Churches (**28%**), and Catholics (**27%**) led Christian Churches in affirming that the Scriptures were written by men and were not the word of God, versus Historically Black Churches (**9%**), and Evangelical Churches (**7%**) who rightly affirm its full inspiration of God. <sup>^7.5</sup>
- The majority (**64%**) of Evangelical and Historically Black Churches (**46%**) affirmed "Homosexuality is a way of life that should be discouraged by society", while the majority (**58%**) of Catholics, and Mainline Churches (**56%**) favored its acceptance by society, as did Other Faiths (**84%**) Buddhists (**82%**) and Jews (**79%**). <sup>^7.5</sup>
- Seventy percent of the people, **23** to **30** years old, are nowhere to be found in church on a regular basis for at least a year between the ages of **18** and **22**. They become church dropouts. *2007 study from LifeWay Research*
- **94** percent of political conservatives, and **94** percent of Americans who regularly attend religious worship services believe there is such a thing as sin, versus only **77** percent of political liberals and **80** percent among those who do not attend services. *Ellison Research, March 11, 2008* <http://ellisonresearch.com/releases/20080311.htm>  
<http://www.christianpost.com/article/20080312/study-behaviors-americans-consider-sinful.htm>
- **40%** Roman Catholics vs. **41%** Non-R.C. see abortion as "morally acceptable"; Sex between unmarried couples: **67%** vs. **57%**; Baby out of wedlock: **61%** vs. **52%**; Homosexual relations: **54%** vs. **45%**; Gambling: **72%** vs. **59%**
- Committed Roman Catholics (church attendance weekly or almost) versus Non-R.C.:
- Abortion: **24%** R.C. vs. **19%** Non-R.C.; Sex between unmarried couples: **53%** vs. **30%**; Baby out of wedlock: **48%** vs. **29%**; Homosexual relations: **44%** vs.

**21%; Gambling: 67% vs. 40%; Divorce: 63 vs. 46%**  
<http://www.gallup.com/poll/117154/Catholics-Similar-Mainstream-Abortion-Stem-Cells.aspx>

- **50%** of Evangelicals considered themselves Republican or leaned toward that party, **34%** Democratic or leaned thereto; **9%** Independents.  
<sup>7.5</sup><http://religions.pewforum.org/comparisons#>
- **48%** of Catholics considered themselves Democrats or leaned toward that party, **33%** Republican or leaned thereto; **10%** Independent. <sup>^7.5</sup>
- **65%** of Jews and **63%** of Muslims considered themselves Democrats or leaned toward that party, **23%** **11%**, respectively, Republican or leaned thereto <sup>^7.5</sup>
- **88%** of Evangelicals voted for Sen. McCain in **2008**, compared to just **11%** for Sen. Obama. **40%** of evangelicals said it was because of the candidate's position on moral issues. Only **9%** of other voters listed that as their driving reason. Other significant reasons for evangelical voters included their candidate's political experience (**23%**) and his character (**15%**).  
<http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdateNarrow&BarnaUpdateID=321>
- **37%** of Catholics were registered as Democrats, **27%** Republican, and **31%** as Independents. *Aggregated Pew Research Surveys, 2007.* <http://pewforum.org/docs/?DocID=295#ideology>
- **77** percent of Black Protestants said they vote Democratic, whether they attended weekly services or not. *2008 The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life.*  
<http://www.newsweek.com/id/142538>
- Protestants make up approx. **50%** of all voters, while Catholics make up **19.9%**. By group: Baptists at **12.9%**, Methodist **8.2%**, Lutheran **3.9%**, Presbyterian **2.5%**, Jewish **2.3%**, Episcopalian **1.7%** Mormons **1.4%**.  
[http://www.adherents.com/rel\\_USA.html](http://www.adherents.com/rel_USA.html)
- Mississippi (**33%**), Alabama, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Kentucky have the **5** highest percentages of S. Baptist, while Rhode Island (**52%**), Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York have the **5** highest percentages of Catholics. [http://www.adherents.com/rel\\_USA.html](http://www.adherents.com/rel_USA.html)
- The population of Massachusetts ranks as the most liberal, with Boston and Cambridge being the most liberal large cities (**100,000** or more), followed by California. <http://www.epodunk.com/top10/liberal/index.html>
- The **16** most Catholic states contain **24** of the most liberal cities. Excluding (Maryland **26th**), predominately Roman Catholic states contain all but one (Seattle WA) of the **30** most liberal cities. Of states in which S. Baptists are the single largest denomination none (of the **30** cities) were found (*the term "liberal: being defined according to individual contributions to PACs, election returns and the number of homosexual households:* <http://www.epodunk.com/top10/liberal/index.html>  
[http://www.glenmary.org/grc/RCMS\\_2000/Catholic\\_findings.htm](http://www.glenmary.org/grc/RCMS_2000/Catholic_findings.htm) , [http://www.adherents.com/rel\\_USA.html](http://www.adherents.com/rel_USA.html)).
- **10%** of Evangelical Protestants reside in the NE, **23%** in the Midwest, **50%** in the South, and **17%** in the West. Catholics: **29%** NE, **24%** Midwest, **24%** in the South, **23%** in the West. "*Muslim Americans: Middle Class and Mostly Mainstream,*" Pew Research Center, *2007.* <http://religions.pewforum.org/comparisons#>
- (See [HERE](#) for Table of casual Religio-Political relations. And [HERE](#) for Correlation between faith, ideology, politics, environment, money.)
- Catholics broke with their Church's teachings more than most other groups, with just six out of **10** Catholics affirming that God is "a person with whom people can have a relationship", and three in **10** describing God as an "impersonal force." <sup>7.5</sup>*The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life.*
- Only **33%** of Catholics strongly affirmed that Christ was sinless on earth.  
<sup>7</sup><http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=92>
- **88%** of Catholics believe that they can practice artificial means of birth control

and still be considered good Catholics. *New York Times/CBS News poll, Apr. 21-23, 1994, subsample of 446 Catholics, MOE ± 5%.*

- **70 %** of all Catholics in the age group **18 to 44** believe the Eucharist is a "symbolic reminder" of Jesus [*it is, of His death*], indicating they do not believe it is Jesus actual body and blood [*as Rome erroneously teaches*]. *New York Times/CBS News poll, Apr. 21-23, 1994, subsample of 446 Catholics, MOE ± 5%*
- Only **30%** of Catholics said believe they are really and truly receiving the body, blood, soul and divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread and wine. *1992 Gallup poll*
- Age **65** and over, **51%** of Catholics said they believe in the above doctrine. *New York Times and CBS poll of Catholics. <http://www.catholicapologetics.com/ba3.htm>*
- **26** percent of Catholics polled strongly agree with the Church's unequivocal position on abortion. *Catholic World Report; Roper Center for Public Opinion Research at the University of Connecticut.*
- Only **20** percent strongly agreed with the Church teaching that only men may be ordained. <sup>^</sup>*Roper Center for Public Opinion*
- **33** percent go to confession less than once a year. <sup>^</sup>*Roper Center for Public Opinion*
- Only **30** percent said they read the Bible more than once a month. <sup>^</sup>*Roper Center for Public Opinion*
- **46** percent of Catholics who say they attend mass weekly accept Church teaching on abortion; **43** percent accept the all-male priesthood; and **30** percent see contraception as morally wrong. <sup>^</sup>*Roper Center for Public Opinion*
- **73** percent of Catholics rejected Catholic teaching artificial methods of birth control. <sup>^</sup>*Roper Center for Public Opinion*
- **31%** of faithful Catholics (those who attend church weekly) say abortion should be legal either in "many" or in "all" cases. *Copyright © 2004 -- The Gallup Organization Gallup Survey for Catholics Speak Out: 802 Catholics, May 1992, MOE ± 4%*
- Catholic women have an abortion rate **29** percent higher than Protestants. *Alan Guttmacher Institute [http://www.catholicleague.org/research/catholic\\_women\\_and\\_abortion.htm](http://www.catholicleague.org/research/catholic_women_and_abortion.htm)*
- **66%** of Catholics supported women's ordination to the priesthood, and **73%** approved of the way John Paul II leads the church. *Surveying the Religious Landscape: Trends in U.S. Beliefs by George Gallup, Jr. and D. Michael Lindsay (Morehouse Publishing, 1999). Copyright © 2004 -- The Gallup Organization [www.gallup.com](http://www.gallup.com)*
- **80%** of Catholics believe it is possible to disagree with the pope on official positions on morality and still be a good Catholic. *Time/CNN nationwide poll of 1,000 adults, conducted by Yankelovich Partners, Sept. 27-28, 1995; subsample of 500 Catholics, MOE ± 4.5%*
- **77 %** of Catholics polled "believe a person can be a good Catholic without going to Mass every Sunday, **65** percent believe good Catholics can divorce and remarry, and **53** percent believe Catholics can have abortions and remain in good standing. *1999 poll by the National Catholic Reporter. <http://www.catholictradition.org/v2-bombs14b.htm>*
- **59%** of all Catholic women of childbearing age practice contraception—a rate of usage statistically equivalent to that of the general population (**60%**). *Calvin Goldscheider and William D. Mosher, "Patterns of Contraceptive Use in the United States:*
- Approx. **50%** of Catholic priests do not agree with Human Vitae (RC teaching on birth control). *Catholic Parish Priests and Birth Control: A Comparative Study of Opinion in Colombia, the United States, and the Netherlands, by Gail A. Shea, Thomas K. Burch, Gustavo Perez, Miriam Ordonez, Joseph Van Kemanade, Jan Hutjes and Andre E. Hellegers © 1971 Population Council.*
- **30%** of Roman Catholic priests described themselves as Liberal, **28%** as Conservative, and **37%** as Moderate in their Religious ideology. <sup>^8.5</sup>*Los Angeles Times (extensive) nationwide survey (2002). Arthur Jones, 2002 National Catholic Reporter. Gale Group. [http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\\_m1141/is\\_2\\_39/ai\\_94129129/pg\\_2](http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1141/is_2_39/ai_94129129/pg_2)*
- **53** percent responded that they thought it always was a sin for unmarried people to have sexual relations, : **32** percent that is often was, and **9** percent

seldom/never. <sup>^8.5</sup>

- **71** percent responded that it always was wrong for a woman to get an abortion, **19** percent that it often was, and **4** percent seldom/never. <sup>^8.5</sup>
- **28** percent judged that it always was sin for married couples to use artificial birth control, **25** percent often, **40** percent never. <sup>^8.5</sup>
- **49** percent affirmed that it was always a sin to engage in homosexual behavior, often, **25** percent; and never, **19** percent. <sup>^8.5</sup>
- To take one's own life if suffering from a debilitating disease: always, **59** percent; often, **18** percent; never, **17** percent. <sup>^8.5</sup>
- **15** percent of the current clergy listed themselves as "gay or on the homosexual side." Among younger priests **23** percent did so. <sup>^8.5</sup>
- **44** percent of the priests said "definitely" a homosexual subculture'--defined as a `definite group of persons that has its own friendships, social gatherings and vocabulary'--exists in their diocese or religious order. <sup>^8.5</sup>
- Only **30** percent of Catholic (**97%** claim to be so) in Italy attend church. In larger cities as Milan, the ratio is only **15** percent, according to church officials. *Famiglia Cristiana, Catholic weekly magazine.*
- In Catholic France (**76%** claim to be so) only **12** percent say they go to church on Sunday (Vatican officials say only **5** percent in cities such as Paris). *Georgetown University's Center for the Study of Global Christianity. Charles M. Sennott, Globe Staff, May 2, 2005*  
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[http://www.boston.com/news/world/articles/2005/05/02/catholic\\_church\\_withers\\_in\\_europe?mode=PF](http://www.boston.com/news/world/articles/2005/05/02/catholic_church_withers_in_europe?mode=PF)
- In Catholic Ireland (**90%**) less than **50** percent attend Mass even once a month, (down from **91%** **30** years ago) estimates a recent church study. <sup>^</sup>
- **10** percent of Protestants, **21** percent of Roman Catholics, and **52** percent of Jews do NOT believe in God. Harris Interactive Poll, Copyright © 2003 CompuServe Interactive Services, Inc. All rights reserved. <http://www.simpletoremember.com/vitals/JewsDontBelieve.htm>
- **16** percent of Jewish souls said they go to synagogue once a month or more. *Harris Interactive Poll, © 2003 CompuServe Interactive Services, Inc. All rights reserved.*  
<http://www.simpletoremember.com/vitals/JewsDontBelieve.htm>
- Only **8%** of born again adults give a **10th** of their income to their church.  
<http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=52> <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=14>
- [7http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=92](http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=92)
- **7.5**Copyright © 2008 The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. <http://religions.pewforum.org/comparisons#>
- **8**Barna Research 2001 <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=93> See also <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=15>
- **8.5**Los Angeles Times (extensive) nationwide survey (2002). Arthur Jones, 2002 National Catholic Reporter. Gale Group. [http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\\_m1141/is\\_2\\_39/ai\\_94129129/pg\\_2\\_7](http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1141/is_2_39/ai_94129129/pg_2_7)

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**MARRIAGE versus DIVORCE**

- Only **7%** of couples who attend services once a month will divorce within the first **5** years of marriage. The rate for those who go to church once a year or less is **2 ½** times higher. *U.S. government's National Survey of Family Growth, Atheists won't save Europe by don feder* <http://www.frontpagemagazine.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=27937>
- The overwhelming majority of married men (**94** percent)say that they are happier being married than being single. <sup>9</sup>*The State of our unions 2004;*  
<http://marriage.rutgers.edu/Publications/SOOU/TEXTSOOU2004.htm>
- **73%** percent say that their sexual life is better since getting married, and **68%** say that marriage has helped them become more financially stable. <sup>^9</sup>
- In times past and up to the present, almost all persons who were married did so by age **45**. In every generation for which records exist, going back to the

mid-**1800s**, more than **90%** of women have married eventually By **1960**, **94** percent of women then alive had been married at least once by age **45**.<sup>9</sup>

- Between **1960** AND **2002**, the number of unmarried couples [otherwise known as fornicators, living in sin] in America (couples who are sexual partners, not married to each other, and sharing a household, increased by over **1100** percent.<sup>9</sup>
- Since **1960**, there has been an **850** percent increase in the number of cohabiting couples who live with children.<sup>9</sup>
- Only **51%** of people between the ages **18-34** agree with the statement “those who want children should get married.” (**2002**).<sup>9</sup>
- While in **1960** only nine percent of all children lived in single-parent families, a figure that had changed little over the course of the **20th** century, by **2003** the percentage had jumped to **27** percent.<sup>9</sup>
- **64%** of boys and **55%** of girls "agreed" or "mostly agreed" with the [sinful] statement that "it is usually a good idea for a couple to live together before getting married in order to find out whether they really get along."<sup>9</sup>
- Since **1960**, the percentage of babies born to unwed mothers has increased more than sixfold.<sup>9</sup>
- **70%** percent of the children in unmarried-couple households are the children of only one partner. Larry Bumpass, J. A. Sweet and A. Cherlin, “The Role of Cohabitation in Declining Rates of Marriage,” *Demography* **53** (**1991**):**913-27**.<sup>9</sup>
- An estimated **40%** of all children today are expected to spend some time in a cohabiting household during their growing up years. *Larry Bumpass and Hsien-Hen Lu, “Trends in Cohabitation and Implications for Children’s Family Contexts in the U.S.,” Population Studies* **54** (**2000**) **29-41**
- Between **1960** and **1990**, there was a **41%** decline in marriage. *Larry L. Bumpass, “What’s Happening to the Family? Interactions Between Demographic and Institutional Change,” presidential address to the Population Association of America, Demography, Vol. 27, No. 4 (November 1990), pp. 483-498, and Janice S. Crouse, “Strengthening American Families: What Works and What Doesn’t Work,” World Congress of Families II, Geneva, November 1999, Figure 9; <http://www.josh.org/notes/file/Internet8-Divorce.pdf>.*
- About **50** percent of marriages end in divorce. <sup>10</sup>T.D. Eddins; <http://www.geocities.com/tdeddins/CHAPTER01.htm>
- **85%** of one-parent families in **1999** were mother-child families.<sup>10</sup>
- Nearly **60** percent of all children born in **1986** may be expected to spend almost a year, or longer, in a one-parent family before reaching age **18**.<sup>10</sup>
- Until the early **1980s**, most of employed women (outside the home) were those with no children under age **18**. Today, married women whose youngest child is between **6** and **17** years of age constitute the largest sector of female employment. **64%** are also employed whose youngest child is under age **6**.<sup>10</sup>
- Estimates are that approx. **66%** of the people who divorce will eventually remarry.<sup>10</sup>
- The divorce of parents also reduces the likelihood that a child will attain a college education. The college attendance rate is about **60** percent lower among children of divorced parents compared with children of intact families. *Janet B. Hardy et al., “Self-Sufficiency at Ages 27-33 Years: Factors Present Between Birth and 18 Years that Predict Educational Attainment Among Children Born to Inner-City Families,” Pediatrics, Vol. 99 (1997), pp. 80-87. <http://www.hispeace.org/html/artic27.htm>*
- Almost **50** percent of households with children undergoing divorce move into poverty following the divorce. *Julia Heath, “Determinants of Spells of Poverty Following Divorce,” Review of Social Economy, Vol. 49 (1992), pp. 305-315. <http://www.hispeace.org/html/artic27.htm>*
- In **2002**, **72.9** million children under age **18** lived in the United States and

represented **25** percent of the population, down from a peak of **36** percent at the end of the baby boom in **1964**. Children are projected to be **24** percent of the population in **2020**. <http://www.childstats.gov/ac2004/pdf/pop.pdf>.

- In **1998**, **26%** of America's children, lived in single - parent, "maintained by mother" households; **6%** in "maintained by father" households." U.S. Census Bureau; *US Statistical Abstract, Table 76*,
- In **1998**, only **68%** of American children live with "two parent family groups" (down from **77%** in **1980**). U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, (estimated) <http://www.prcdc.org/summaries/children/children.html>
- Only **57%** of teens live in the same home with both of their natural parents. (**1999**) <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=37>
- Between **1960** and **1990**, the percentage of children living apart from their biological fathers more than doubled, from **17** percent to **36** percent. <http://mensightmagazine.com/Articles/Popenoe/nofathers.htm>
- Children who are raised without their fathers account for **63** percent of youth suicides, **71** percent of pregnant teenagers, **90** percent of homeless and runaway children, **85** percent of behavioral disorders exhibited by children, and **71** percent of high school dropouts, in the United States. House Concurrent Resolution **147**; [2001?]. <https://fatherhood.safeserver.com/legislative.htm>.
- A child born to a single mother is twice as likely to drop out of high school, twice as likely to have a child before age twenty, and one and a half times as likely to be out of school and out of work in his/her late teens and early twenties. U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, (estimated) Executive Summary: Status of Children in America <http://www.prcdc.org/summaries/children/children.html>
- The general health problems of children from broken homes increase by **20** to **30%**, even when adjusting for demographic factors (economic status, etc.). *Studies cited in "Twice as strong," The Christian American, March/April 1996, p. 28* <http://www.leaderu.com/marco/marriage/gaymarriage5.html#ref221>
- Nearly one in six adolescents ages **12** to **19** were overweight in the United States in **1999-2002**, more than triple the rate in **1976-1980**. <http://www.childtrends.databank.org/indicators/15OverweightChildrenYouth.cfm>
- **70%** of children in state reform institutions grew up in single-parent or no-parent homes. "Be glad for the undoing of no-faults," *Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph, February 15, 1996, p. B-5*. <http://www.leaderu.com/marco/marriage/gaymarriage5.html#ref224>
- <sup>9</sup>THE STATE of OUR UNIONS 2004 [marriage.rutgers.edu/Publications/SOOU/TEXTSOOU2004.htm](http://marriage.rutgers.edu/Publications/SOOU/TEXTSOOU2004.htm)
- <sup>10</sup>.T.D. Eddins; <http://www.geocities.com/tdeddins/CHAPTER01.htm>

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**Pornography, Adultery, Fornication, Sodomy - Practices  
(extra marital, pre martial, and homo - sexual relations)**

- In addition to giving Biblical names to some sinful practices in this section, i left out some of the stats which quantified the sexual immorality in schools, as they (sadly) read more like an advertisement for brothels rather than places of education.
- "I am much afraid that schools will prove to the great gates of Hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are are not increasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt. — Martin Luther
- The porn industry rakes in an estimated **\$10** billion to **\$14** billion annually in the United States. The **\$4** billion that Americans spend on video pornography alone is more than the annual revenue of the NFL, the NBA or Major League Baseball. *Dillon Fishman Arizona Daily Wildcat* [http://wildcat.arizona.edu/papers/98/133/03\\_1.html](http://wildcat.arizona.edu/papers/98/133/03_1.html)
- It is estimated that Americans now spend somewhere around **\$10** billion a year

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- The U.S. Customs Service estimates that there are more than **100,000** websites offering child pornography - which is illegal, worldwide. *Red Herring Magazine*, 1/18/02; <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- **25 million** Americans visit cybersex sites between **1-10** hours per week *MSNBC Survey 2000*; <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- The combined circulation of Playboy and Penthouse exceeds that of Time and Newsweek. <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- Nearly **900** theaters show X-rated films and more than **15,000** adult bookstores and video stores offer pornographic material, outnumbering McDonald's restaurants in the U.S. by a margin of at least **3 to 1**. <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- **60%** of all web-site visits are sexual in nature. *MSNBC /Stanford/Duquesne study, Washington Times Jan. 26, 2000*; <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- Between **2/2001** to **7/2001** there was an increase of **345%** in child pornography sites. *N2H2, 8/01*; <http://www.afo.net/statistics.htm>
- **60%** of all adults consider living with someone of the opposite gender without being married [sometimes called co-habitation, but which morally is "living in sin"], a morally acceptable behavior."<sup>4</sup> <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=2>
- **30%** of all adults consider having a sexual relationship with someone of the same gender a morally acceptable behavior." (2004). ^ 4
- **38%** of adults consider it morally acceptable to look at pictures of nudity or explicit sexual behavior ^ 4
- **36%** think it is OK to use profanity. ^ 4
- **34%** say people are born gay (though there is no real proof of that, but as we all are born with a sinful nature, we cannot validate practicing what God states is sin, as He also provides grace to overcome our proclivity to sin,). ^ 4
- From **1970** to **1996** the number of "never married" persons increased from **21** million to **46** million in **1996**. ^ 4
- Those who live in sin before marriage have a **50%** higher divorce rate than those who do not. In addition, **40%** of cohabitators break up before marrying.^ 4
- **45%** of adults consider having a abortion morally acceptable ^4
- Approx. **60** percent of Americans say abortions should never be allowed or only in the rarest of circumstances, such as rape and incest, that constitution less than two percent of all abortions nationwide. *Marist College Institute of Public Opinion survey October 2008*, <http://www.lifenews.com/nat4446.html>
- **6%** of men and **11.2%** of women say they have had same-sex relations. <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/statistical-abstract.html>
- The number of unmarried couples living together grew **72** percent between **1990** and **2000**, reflecting a significant change in lifestyle. *US Census Bureau.Wetzstein, Cheryl, "Unmarried-couple households increase," The Washington Times, March 13, 2003*, [www.washtimes.com/national/20030313-37131544.htm](http://www.washtimes.com/national/20030313-37131544.htm)). <http://www.josh.org/notes/file/Internet9-Cohabiting.pdf>
- Since **1960** there has been an almost **800%** increase to **4.3** million in the number of unmmarried couples people cohabiting. *Angela Bayer of the Population Resource Center in May 2001*; <http://www.childstats.gov/ac2000/pop1.htm>
- Nearly **40** percent of babies born in the United States in **2007** were delivered by unwed mothers, signifying a more than **25** percent jump from five years before. *National Center for Health Statistics*

- Approx. **40%** of "single parent households" consist of two persons sexually cohabiting [living in sin]. *The State of our Unions*. <http://moralissues.hp.infoseek.co.jp/mi/SOOU2004.pdf>.
- About **25%** (est.) of unmarried women between **25-39** are living in sin, with about **50%** having previously done so. *U. S. Bureau of the Census. 1998. Marital Status and Living Arrangements: March, 1997*
- Over **50%** of all first marriages are begin with living in sin. ["cohabitation," compared with approx. **10%** overall in **1965**.] *Larry Bumpass and Hsien-Hen Lu. 1998. "Trends in Cohabitation and Implications for Children's Family Contexts." Unpublished manuscript, Madison, WI: Center for Demography; .University of Wisconsin.*
- The most likely to cohabit are people aged **20 to 24**. <http://www.josh.org/notes/file/Internet9-Cohabiting.pdf>
- "Four times as much infidelity is reported among cohabiting men and among married men. Moreover, **1%** of married woman reports having had an affair in the past year, compared to **8%** of cohabiting women." (Warren, Dr. Neil Clark, "The Cohabitation Epidemic," *Focus on the Family*, June/July **2003**, pg. **10-11**) <http://www.josh.org/notes/file/Internet9-Cohabiting.pdf>
- From **1976** to the **1990's** reported child abuse in the U.S. has risen from **670,000** to nearly **3 million**. *FBI statistics; <http://www.newsherald.com/archive/religion/bl112198.htm>*
- A survey published in the book *Sex in America* found that **90** percent of wives and **75** percent of husbands claimed never to have committed adultery. *Michael Foust, www.lifeway.com*
- The most comprehensive recent study of Americans' sexual practices, the **1994** National Health and Social Life Survey, found that **75** percent of married men and **90** percent of married women had been sexually faithful to their spouse. [http://www.history.pomona.edu/vis/05h21/readings/frc\\_Q&A.html](http://www.history.pomona.edu/vis/05h21/readings/frc_Q&A.html)
- In **1900** only about **6%** of **19-** year- old white unmarried women had engaged in premarital fornication. *pbs.org. <http://www.qchronicle.com/media/paper294/news/2004/01/29/Lifestyles/PreMarital.Sex.Sparks.Controversy-590821.shtml>*
- Since **1960** there has been over a **400%** increase in illegitimate births. *The Wall Street Journal, Monday, March 15, 1993 Quantifying America's Decline by William J. Bennett <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/augustine/arch/usadecline.html>*
- By age **17**, **50%** (conservative number) of teenagers have committed fornication (premarital sexual relations). *Alan Guttmacher Institute: AGI, Sex and America's Teenagers, New York: AGI, 1994, pp. 19-20.*
- **80%** of teens have committed fornication by the time the leave their teens. *Singh S and Darroch JE, Trends in sexual activity among adolescent American women: 1982- 1995, Family Planning Perspectives, 1999, 31(5): 211- 219; special tabulations by The Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI) of data from the 1995 National Survey of Family Growth; and Sonenstein FL et al., Involving Males in Preventing Teen Pregnancy: A Guide for Program Planners, Washington, DC: The Urban Institute, 1997, p. 12; [http://www.agi-usa.org/pubs/fb\\_teen\\_sex.html](http://www.agi-usa.org/pubs/fb_teen_sex.html)*
- **40%** of today's fourteen-year-old girls will become pregnant by the time they are **19**. <http://www.hi-ho.ne.jp/taku77/papers/vc/vc5.htm>
- The primary reason for adolescents remaining (a virgin) is that it is against their religious/moral values. *Moore, K.A., Driscoll, A.K., & Lindberg, L.D. (1998). A Statistical Portrait of Adolescent Sex, Contraception, and Childbearing. Washington, DC: The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.*
- Approx. **80%** of college students are guilty of having committed fornication. *CDC and Zogby International for The Foundation for Academic Standards & Tradition.*
- **80** percent of college students are given to fornication, **60** percent in non-committed relations. *Substituting Sex For Love <http://www.humanlife.org/publications/OutsideBox10.pdf>*
- Among college students who live away from home, (at least) **56** percent were guilty of practicing fornication while attending college. <http://www.hon.ch/News/HSN/514693.html>  
[http://www.colleges.com/Umagazine/articles/health/HN\\_000406sexabstinence.html](http://www.colleges.com/Umagazine/articles/health/HN_000406sexabstinence.html).
- **1.5 - 2%** of the US total population are estimated to be homosexual. <http://www.straight-talk.net/gay/facts.shtml> (**1 - 3%** - *The Centers for Disease Control*).
- **1.51%** [and increasing] of the total U.S. population identified themselves as

gay, lesbian or bisexual, or **4.3** total million Americans. *The Social Organization of Sex: Sexual Practices in the United States (1994)*. <http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=IF04A01>

- **30%** of all adults consider having a sexual relationship with someone of the same gender a morally acceptable behavior. *www.Barna.org. Beliefs: General Religious (2004)*
- In **1979**, **73%** of homosexuals admitted to having sex with boys. *In The Gay Report by Jay and Young,*
- While accounting for approx. two percent of the [male?] population, homosexuals constitute about a third of child molesters. *K. Freund and R.I. Watson, "The Proportions of Heterosexual and Homosexual Pedophiles Among Sex Offenders Against Children: An Exploratory Study," Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy 18 (Spring 1992): 3443, cited in "The Problem of Pedophilia," op. cit. Also, K. Freund and R.I. Watson, "Pedophilia and Heterosexuality vs. Homosexuality," Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy 10 (Fall 1984): 197, cited in NARTH Fact Sheet.*
- **30** percent of Canadian pedophiles studied admitted to having engaged in homosexual acts as adults, and **91** percent of the molesters of non-familial boys admitted to no lifetime sexual contact other than homosexual. *W. L. Marshall, et al., "Early onset and deviant sexuality in child molesters," Journal of Interpersonal Violence 6 (1991): 323-336, cited in "Pedophilia: The Part of Homosexuality They Don't Want You to See," Colorado for Family Values Report, Vol. 14, March 1994.*
- **50%** of homosexual males have the Human Papilloma Virus. *The Ins and Outs of Gay Sex: A Medical Handbook for Men*
- **43** percent of white male homosexuals estimate they have had sex with **500** or more different partners, and **28** percent report more than **1,000** partners. *Authors Bell and Weinberg <http://www.leaderu.com/issues/fabric/chap11.html>*
- **86** percent of offenders against males described themselves as homosexual or bisexual" (*W. D. Erickson, M.D., et al., in Archives of Sexual Behavior 17:1, 1988*).
- **60** percent of U.S. adoption agencies accept applications from homosexual men and women, and **40** percent already have made such placements. **19** percent of the agencies contacted say they deliberately seek homosexuals as adoptive parents or advertise as "gay friendly." *Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute; [http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=35331](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=35331) [small sample size; survey funded by pro homosexual group.]*
- "**40** percent of the children adopted [recently in Massachusetts] have gone to gay and lesbian families," according to *Massachusetts Democratic state Sen. Therese Murphy. WorldNetDaily on July 1; [http://www.massnews.com/2004\\_editions/07\\_july/070804\\_kids\\_given\\_to\\_gay\\_parents.htm](http://www.massnews.com/2004_editions/07_july/070804_kids_given_to_gay_parents.htm)*
- Children raised in same-sex parents are more likely to become sexually promiscuous and are more likely to become homosexual themselves. *Riggs SC. Coparent or Second-Parent Adoption by Same-Sex Parents. (letter) Pediatrics 2002; 109: 1193-4. [http://www.lifesite.net/features/marriage\\_defence/SSM\\_MD\\_evidence.pdf](http://www.lifesite.net/features/marriage_defence/SSM_MD_evidence.pdf)*
- A major Dutch study of homosexual men in "committed" relationships found that only **7** out of **156** had been sexually faithful, or **4.5** percent. The study cited above found that even homosexual men in "steady partnerships" had an average of **6** "casual" sodomite partners per year. *Michael Foust, [www.lifeway.com](http://www.history.pomona.edu/vis/05h21/readings/frc_Q&A.html)*
- In this study, **43%** of white male homosexuals were guilty of having sodomite relations with **500** or more partners, **28%** admitted to **1000** or more partners in a lifetime, and of these people, **79%** said that half of those partners were total strangers. *Bell, A. and Weinberg, M. Homosexualities: a Study of Diversity Among Men and Women. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1978. <http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=IS01B1>*
- Male homosexual relationships in Holland last an average of **1.5** years, with gay men reporting an average of eight partners a year outside of their "committed" relationships. *Xiridou M, et al. The contribution of steady and casual partnerships to the incidence of HIV infection among homosexual men in Amsterdam. AIDS. 2003; 17: 1029-38.)*
- Gay men have sex with someone other than their primary partner in **66%** of relationships within the first year, rising to **90%** of relationships after five years. *Harry J. Gay Couples. New York. 1984*
- A **1997** study of **2,583** older homosexual men found the "modal range for number of sexual partners was **101-500**. **10** to **15%** said they had had more

than **1,000** sexual partners. *The Journal of Sex Research*. Timothy J. Dailey, author, *Dark Obsession*. <http://www.lifeway.com>

- A study of homosexual men shows that more than **75%** of homosexual men admitted to having sex with more than **100** different males in their lifetime: approximately **15%** claimed to have had **100-249** sex partners, **17%** claimed **250-499**, **15%** claimed **500-999** and **28%** claimed more than **1,000** lifetime sexual partners. *Bell AP, Weinberg MS. Homosexualities. New York 1978.*
- **61** percent of homosexuals in Chicago's Shoreland area had more than **30** sexual partners. 2008 Baptist Press. <http://www.bpnews.net/bpnews.asp?ID=19649>
- Lesbian women were more than **4** times as likely to have had more than **50** lifetime male partners than heterosexual women. *Fethers K et al. Sexually transmitted infections and risk behaviours in women who have sex with women. Sexually Transmitted Infections 2000; 76: 345-9.*
- Approx. **66%** of same-sex "marriages" in Massachusetts have involved lesbians. 2008 Baptist Press. <http://www.bpnews.net/bpnews.asp?ID=19649>
- The **2003-2004** Gay/Lesbian Consumer Online Census surveyed the lifestyles of **7,862** homosexuals. Of those involved in a "current relationship," only **15** percent describe their current relationship as having lasted twelve years or longer, with five percent lasting more than twenty years. <http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=IS04C02>
- At least **66%** of homosexuals are guilty of regularly engaging in sodomy. *Corey, L. and Holmes, K. "Sexual Transmission of Hepatitis A in Homosexual Men." New England J. Med., 1980, pp. 435-38.*
- The States with the highest concentrations of homosexual households were
  - **1.** Vermont
  - **2.** California (San Francisco; Guerneville; W. Hollywood; Palm Springs; Oakland; Long Beach)
  - **3.** Washington (Seattle-Bellevue-Everett)
  - **4.** Massachusetts (Provincetown; N. Hampton; Roxbury)
  - **5.** Oregon
  - **6.** New Mexico (Albuquerque)
  - **7.** Nevada
  - **8.** New York (New York, NY; Chelsea)
  - **9.** Maine
  - **10.** New Jersey (Jersey city)
- **U.S. Census 2000**
- <sup>4</sup><http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=2>

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**Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD or STI);  
Physical effects of sin**

**“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God” (1Cor. 6:9, 10).**

**“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” (Rev. 21:8).**

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- For more information on this subject, you might try <http://www.scvlcc.org/topic.asp?id=19&category=STDs> , or <http://www.medinstitute.org/medical/index.htm>
- **25%** of college students [or more] have been are infected with an STD. [www.goaskalice.columbia.edu/1615.html](http://www.goaskalice.columbia.edu/1615.html)
- More than **1** out of **4** teenage girls is infected with common sexually transmitted diseases, with the most common sexually transmitted disease being HPV. *U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*
- **65** million or more Americans have an STD. American Social Health Association. (1998). <sup>11</sup>[http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn\\_statistics.cfm](http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn_statistics.cfm)
- More than **50%** all people are likely to acquire an STD at some point in their lifetime. *Koutsky L. (1997). Epidemiology of genital human papillomavirus infection. American Journal of Medicine, 102(5A), 3-8.* <sup>11^</sup> (Another study says **1** in **4**: *National Academy Press, Washington, DC, December 1996* [http://www.ppct.org/facts/research/std\\_usa.shtml](http://www.ppct.org/facts/research/std_usa.shtml)
- It is estimated that approx. **20%** of all Americans are now infected with an STD. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Tracking The Hidden Epidemics:Trends in STDs in the United States, 2000 (Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2000).* <http://www.siecus.org/pubs/fact/fact0008.html> <http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/od/news/RevBrochure1pdfmag.htm>
- An estimated **10%** of adolescent girls and **5%** of women of reproductive age are infected with the STD Chlamydia. <http://www.daybreakinc.org/health/std/common.asp> <http://www.thebody.org/cdc/stdoverview.html> <http://www.pelvicpain.com/facts.html>
- **80%** of women and **50%** of men show no signs of having (incurable) chlamydia, after being infected. <http://www.pcc-courieronline.com/042105/news/sex.html>
- **80%** of people who have a sexually transmitted disease experience no noticeable symptoms. *Moscicki, B., et al, "The Use and Limitations of Endocervical Gram Stains...", American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, 157:1, July, 1987.*
- In a national survey of US physicians, less than one-third routinely screened patients for STDs. *American Journal of Public Health, 92, 1784-1788.*
- **1960** there were **2** known Sexually Transmitted Diseases (syphilis and gonorrhea); today there are more than **25**. [http://www.kidscouncil.org/cgi-bin/display.pl?article\\_id=18&action=newsArticle](http://www.kidscouncil.org/cgi-bin/display.pl?article_id=18&action=newsArticle)
- It is estimated that up to **25%** of Americans [**33%** of all women] have genital herpes , an incurable (but “manageable”) infection, yet up to **90%** of those with herpes are unaware they have it. *Fleming DT et al. (1997). Herpes simplex virus type 2 in the United States, 1976—1994. New England Journal of Medicine, 337, 1105—1111.*

<sup>11</sup>[http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn\\_statistics.cfm](http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn_statistics.cfm)

- Approximately **75%** of women at some time in their lives (usually soon after the onset of sexual activity), become infected with HPV, (a group of more than **100** viruses, two types of which, HPV **16** and HPV **18**, are said to cause more than **90%** of all cervical cancers). © 2001-2005 GlaxoSmithKline - All Rights Reserved ; <http://www.gsk.com/ControllerServlet?appld=4&pageld=402&newsid=251> Updated May 19, 2004
- **50 to 75%** of sexually active men and women acquire genital HPV infection at some point in their lives. Kaiser Family Foundation <http://www.kff.org/content/2003/3345>
- A teenage woman has a **1%** risk of acquiring HIV, a **30%** risk of getting genital herpes and a **50%** chance of contracting gonorrhea through single act of unprotected fornication with an infected partner. The Alan Guttmacher Institute. 1994 [http://www.agi-usa.org/pubs/fb\\_teen\\_sex.html#14a](http://www.agi-usa.org/pubs/fb_teen_sex.html#14a)
- **25% 1 in 4** teens who have committed fornication acquire an STD. The Alan Guttmacher Institute. 1994 [http://www.agi-usa.org/pubs/fb\\_teen\\_sex.html#14a](http://www.agi-usa.org/pubs/fb_teen_sex.html#14a)
- **1** out of every **75** men and **1** out of **700** women in the United States were HIV positive in **2001**. St Lawrence JS et al. (2002) World Health Organization. <http://www.redribbon.com/what-is-hiv-aids.htm>
- Over **50%** of adults aged **18 to 44** have never been tested for an STD, other than for HIV / AIDS. <sup>11</sup>[http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn\\_statistics.cfm](http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn_statistics.cfm)
- One out of **20** people in the United States will get infected with hepatitis B (HBV) some time during their lives. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Hepatitis B Frequently Asked Questions. Updated April 1, 2005. Retrieved April 22, 2005 from <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hepatitis/b/faqb.htm>
- Hepatitis B is **100** times more infectious than HIV. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Hepatitis B Prevention for Men Who Have Sex With Men. Online Fact Sheet. Updated April 1, 2005. Retrieved April 22, 2005 from [http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hepatitis/msm/hbv\\_msm\\_fact.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hepatitis/msm/hbv_msm_fact.htm).
- Approximately half of HBV infections are transmitted sexually. <sup>12</sup>HBV is linked to chronic liver disease, including cirrhosis and liver cancer. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Tracking the hidden epidemics, 2000: Trends in the United States. Retrieved April 22, 2005 from <http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/od/news/RevBrochure1pdfHepatitisB.htm>.
- <sup>11</sup>[http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn\\_statistics.cfm](http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn_statistics.cfm)

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**The Deleterious Physical Effects of the Sin of Sodomy**

"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination" (Lv. 18:22).

"And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly [perverse and unnatural], and receiving in themselves [in their own bodies] that recompense [punishment] of their error which was meet [fitting]" (Rm 1:27).

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- Gay and bisexual men account for half of new HIV infections in the U.S. and have AIDS at a rate more than 50 times greater than other groups. Male-to-male sexual contact accounted for 53% (28,700) of estimated new HIV infections in 2006. CDC's historical trend analysis indicates that HIV incidence has been increasing steadily among gay and bisexual men since the early 1990s. These more accurate figures are the result of new technology developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) can be

used to distinguish recent from long-standing HIV infections.

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/factsheets/incidence.htm>

<http://www.cdc.gov/NCHHSTP/newsroom/docs/FastFacts-MSM-FINAL508COMP.pdf>

- Approx. 60% of men infected with HIV contracted it thru the practices of sodomy (men lying with men as with women), 25% through illegal drug injections, 15% through heterosexual contact. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): HIV Prevention Strategic Plan Through 2005. January 2001.* <http://www.niaid.nih.gov/factsheets/aidsstat.htm>
- 54% of HIV infections among males, aged 13-29, were caused by homosexual contact in 2006. 34% of HIV infections were caused by heterosexual contact in the same demographic. 77% of HIV positive homosexual men between the ages of 15 and 29 do not know that they are infected. [http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/sexualbehaviors/pdf/hiv\\_factsheet\\_ymsm.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/sexualbehaviors/pdf/hiv_factsheet_ymsm.pdf)  
<http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2009/jun/09061813.html>
- Men who have sex with men (MSM) account for approximately 42% of all new AIDS diagnoses in 2003 in the U.S. and 57% of new AIDS diagnoses among men that same year. *Twenty-Five Years of HIV/AIDS --- United States, 1981—2006* [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5521a1.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5521a1.htm) [http://www.knowhivaids.org/facts\\_stats.html](http://www.knowhivaids.org/facts_stats.html) See also <http://www.statehealthfacts.org/comparebar.jsp?ind=507&cat=11&sub=118&yr=1&typ=2&sort=820>
- In 2004, 4.9 million people were diagnosed as being HIV positive, the most ever reported in a year. That brings the number of worldwide HIV-infected individuals alive today to approximately 39 million. [http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/rxforsurvival/series/diseases/hiv\\_aids.html](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/rxforsurvival/series/diseases/hiv_aids.html)
- HIV-positive men who have sex with men are up to 90 times more likely than the general population to develop anal cancer." *Study by University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA) CARE clinic who had anal cytology screenings (similar to a pap smear) between February 2002 and December 2004. The UCLA authors of the study are: Ross D. Cranston, Steven D. Hart, Jeffrey A. Gornbein, Sharon L. Hirschowitz, Galen Cortina, and Ardis A. Moe. This rate is understood by some as being due to E.Coli from stools entering into lesions and suppressing the immune system, which some contend sperm does as well.* <http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2007/mar/07032205.html>
- Homosexuals account for 60% of all syphilis cases, and 17% of all hospital admissions (other than for STDs) in the United States "*Changes in Sexual Behavior and Incidence of Gonorrhea.*" *Lancet, April 25, 1987.*
- Because semen contains virtually every germ carried in the blood stream, ingesting it is fairly equivalent to ingesting raw human blood. *Corey, L. and Holmes, K. "Sexual Transmission of Hepatitis A in Homosexual Men." New England J. Med., 1980, pp. 435-38.*
- Sperm readily penetrates the anal wall (which is only one cell thick) and gains direct access to the blood stream. This causes massive immunological damage to the body's T- and B-cell defensive systems. *Manlight, G. et. al. "Chronic Immune Stimulation By Sperm Alloantigens." J. American Med. Assn., 1984, 251(2), pp. 237-438.*
- A 1982 study showed 78% of homosexuals were affected by STDs. *Rueda, E. "The Homosexual Network." Old Greenwich, Conn., The Devin Adair Company, 1982, p. 53.*
- Homosexual men accounted for 42 percent of new HIV cases in 2000 and 60 percent of all cases among all men. *The Centers for Disease Control. Michael Foust. www.lifeway.com*
- Among all new cases heterosexuals accounted for 33 percent, and injection drug users 25 percent. *The Centers for Disease Control*
- The number of people infected with AIDS in the US is doubling approximately every 5 years. <http://www.redribbon.com/what-is-hiv-aids.htm>
- Globally 15,000 people acquire AIDs every day, 40,000 each year in the US. [www.thebody.com/amfar/pdfs/microbicides.pdf](http://www.thebody.com/amfar/pdfs/microbicides.pdf).
- As of the end of 2001, an estimated 40 million people worldwide - 37.1 million adults (50% being women) and 3.0 million children younger than 15 years - were living with HIV/AIDS. More than 70 percent of these people (28.5 million) live in Sub-Saharan Africa; another 14 percent (5.6 million) live in South and Southeast Asia. *UNAIDS. Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic, 2002: "The Barcelona Report"* [http://www.wrongdiagnosis.com/artic/hiv\\_aids\\_statistics\\_niaid\\_fact\\_sheet\\_niaid.htm](http://www.wrongdiagnosis.com/artic/hiv_aids_statistics_niaid_fact_sheet_niaid.htm)
- Over 25 million people around the world have died of AIDS-related diseases. <http://www.avert.org/aroundworld.htm>

- It is estimated that about 500,000 (a half million) Americans have died because of AIDS, and nearly 1 million people in the United States are presently living with HIV/AIDS. *Twenty-Five Years of HIV/AIDS --- United States, 1981--2006* [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5521a1.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5521a1.htm). [http://www.knowhivaids.org/facts\\_stats.html](http://www.knowhivaids.org/facts_stats.html); Kaiser Family Foundation (2004?)
- Death rate extrapolations for USA for HIV/AIDS: 15,244 per year, 1,270 per month, 293 per week, 41 per day . [http://www.wrongdiagnosis.com/h/hiv\\_aids/deaths.htm](http://www.wrongdiagnosis.com/h/hiv_aids/deaths.htm)
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate that 850,000 to 950,000 U.S. residents are living with HIV infection, one-quarter of whom are unaware of their infection *Fleming, P.L. et al. HIV Prevalence in the United States*; [http://www.wrongdiagnosis.com/artic/hiv\\_aids\\_statistics\\_niaid\\_fact\\_sheet\\_niaid.htm](http://www.wrongdiagnosis.com/artic/hiv_aids_statistics_niaid_fact_sheet_niaid.htm); [http://www.msm.edu/EXPORT/HIV\\_fact.htm](http://www.msm.edu/EXPORT/HIV_fact.htm)
- AIDS is now the number 1 cause of death among adults 24-44 years old in Baltimore, San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York. <http://www.redribbon.net/what-is-hiv-aids.htm> [http://www.msm.edu/EXPORT/HIV\\_fact.htm](http://www.msm.edu/EXPORT/HIV_fact.htm)
- AIDS is the leading cause of death among African Americans aged 24 to 44, while HIV is the third leading cause of death among Latinos and fifth leading cause among whites in the same age group. Kaiser Family Foundation <http://www.kff.org/content/2003/3345>
- In 2001, HIV/AIDS was among the top three causes of death for African American men aged 25-54 years and among the top 4 causes of death for African American women aged 20-54 years. *CDC, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP)*
- AIDS is a leading cause of death among African-American men ages 25-44, and African American women ages 25-34 years (2003). *CDC, NCHS, National Vital Statistics Report, November 7, 2003* <http://www.cdc.gov/omh/Highlights/2005/HDec105.htm>
- Average life years lost from HIV/AIDS: 35.7 years (SEER); 37.9 for HIV in North Carolina. *Years of Potential Life Lost in North Carolina, NCMJ March/April 2002, Volume 63, Number 2*; [http://www.wrongdiagnosis.com/h/hiv\\_aids/deaths.htm](http://www.wrongdiagnosis.com/h/hiv_aids/deaths.htm)
- A Canadian revealed that homosexuals can expect a reduction in life expectancy of 8 to 20 years. *R.S. Hogg, S.A. Streatthdee, K.J. Craib, M.V. O'Shaughnessy, J.S. Montaner, and M.T. Schechter, "Modelling the impact of HIV disease on mortality in gay and bisexual men," International Journal of Epidemiology, Vol. 26, 657-661, 1997.* <http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=IS01B1> <http://www.narth.com/docs/correctionletter3.html>
- The life expectancy for a gay male in the United States is estimated to be lower than the normal life expectancy for a man living in Vietnam, Swaziland, Tanzania, and Somalia. <http://www.arthurhu.com/index/gay.htm#lifeexpect>
- Worldwide, approximately one in every 100 adults aged 15 to 49 is HIV-infected. In Sub-Saharan Africa, about 9 percent of all adults in this age group are HIV-infected. In 12 African countries, the prevalence of HIV infection among adults aged 15 to 49 exceeds 10 percent. *UNAIDS. Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic, 2002: "The Barcelona Report."* [http://www.aegis.com/factsheets/niaid/2000/niaid2000\\_fact\\_sheet\\_aidsstat.html](http://www.aegis.com/factsheets/niaid/2000/niaid2000_fact_sheet_aidsstat.html)
- In 2001, approximately 6,000 young people aged 15 to 24 became infected with HIV every day - that is, about five every minute. *UNAIDS. Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic, 2002: "The Barcelona Report."* [http://www.wrongdiagnosis.com/artic/hiv\\_aids\\_statistics\\_niaid\\_fact\\_sheet\\_niaid.htm](http://www.wrongdiagnosis.com/artic/hiv_aids_statistics_niaid_fact_sheet_niaid.htm)
- Excluding HIV, more than \$8 billion is spent each year to diagnose and treat STDs and their complications. Institute of Medicine. (1997). *The hidden epidemic-Confronting sexually transmitted disease* (edited by Thomas R. Eng and William T. Butler). Washington, DC: National Academy Press. 11 [http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn\\_statistics.cfm](http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn_statistics.cfm)
- In 1998 the annual cost of of treating advanced AIDS in a hospital was estimated to be \$100,000 per year. *Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council*; [http://www.phc4.org/reports/issue\\_briefs/docs/pharmcom.pdf](http://www.phc4.org/reports/issue_briefs/docs/pharmcom.pdf)
- The lifetime cost of treating an AIDS patient in the United States was \$102,000. in 1992. *The New York Times | July 23, 1992; Dr. Fred J. Hellinger, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, an arm of the Public Health Service.*

- The monthly medical cost now (Nov 2006) for people with HIV from diagnosis until death averages to be \$2,100. The lifetime (now 24.2 years avg.) HIV care cost per person in optimal HIV care is now \$618,900 per person. 06 Nov 2006 NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center Schackman, Freedberg, MGH, Gebo Moore Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard Medical School, and BU School of Public Health). <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/55870.php> [http://porkbusters.org/2007/02/prevent\\_baby\\_aids\\_or\\_learn\\_how.php](http://porkbusters.org/2007/02/prevent_baby_aids_or_learn_how.php)
- 43 percent of white male homosexuals estimate they have had sex with 500 or more different partners, and 28 percent report more than 1,000 partners. Authors Bell and Weinberg <http://www.leaderu.com/issues/fabric/chap11.html> 86 percent of offenders against males described themselves as homosexual or bisexual" (W. D. Erickson, M.D., et al., in Archives of Sexual Behavior 17:1, 1988).
- 32% of homosexuals in the Chicago area have suffered abuse by their partner. Department of Psychology, University of Illinois at Chicago; Department of Psychology, Howard Brown Health Center, Chicago, Illinois, USA. <http://www.springerlink.com/content/r6q02560022h4276/?=eec72>
- 42% of gay men; 43% of lesbians; 49% of bisexual men and women planned or actual deliberate self-harm [suicide] and high levels of psychiatric morbidity. The British Journal Of Psychiatry. 2004; 185: 479-485. Journal Of Consulting And Clinical Psychology, (Vol. 71, No. 1, 53-61). <http://www.narth.com/docs/britjournal.html>
- Lesbian teens are nearly five times more likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual girls, according to a 2003 survey presented at a national conference of public health experts in Vancouver Monday. B.C.-based McCreary Centre Society survey found 38 per cent of lesbian girls and 30.4 per cent of bisexual girls said they had attempted suicide in the previous year, compared with 8.2 per cent of heterosexual girls. McCreary Centre Society <http://www2.canada.com/components/print.aspx?id=b433f217-3947-49c3-b045-9c03ce3de848&k=1>
- [Legalizing or in any wise promoting a practice that is primarily responsible for the deaths of 16 MILLION souls is not "loving," but it is to seek to turn them from such destruction to new life in Christ.]

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## ABORTION

- Since abortion was legalized by the U.S. Supreme Court in Roe vs. Wade, more than **49** million babies are estimated to have been killed. This amounts to over one eighth the population of the entire United States. <http://www.nrlc.org/ABORTION/facts/abortionstats.html> <http://www.operationsaveamerica.org/news/news/2006-01.htm>
- **55%** of adults are against legalized abortion in all or most circumstances, while **42%** support it. Barna research 2001 <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=103>
- **37%** of Americans say abortion is morally acceptable. <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=Topic&TopicID=2>
- **7** out of **10** U.S. women are sexually active but do not want to become pregnant. (AGI 2000). 12 Alan Guttmacher Institute, <http://www.agi-usa.org>
- At current rates, an estimated **43** percent of American women will have at least one abortion by the age of **45**. <sup>12</sup>Facts in Brief: Induced Abortion, 2000. <http://juneauchoice.com/whohasabortions.htm>
- **40%** of women ages **15** to **44** have had at least one abortion. <sup>12</sup>
- The U.S. has the highest rate of teen pregnancies and births among western industrialized nations. [http://www.coolnurse.com/teen\\_pregnancy\\_rates.htm](http://www.coolnurse.com/teen_pregnancy_rates.htm)
- Approximately **4** in **10** young women in the U.S. become pregnant at least once before turning **20** years old. 12 Facts in Brief: Teen Sex and Pregnancy, 1996.
- **4** out of **10** teen pregnancies end in murder by abortion. <sup>12</sup> (1999)
- The United States has one of the highest abortion rates among developed countries -- **26** abortions in **1992** for every **1,000** women aged **15** - **44**. Facts in Brief, 12 September, 1995; <http://www.californiaprolife.org/abortion/aborstats.html>
- Almost **1** out of every **3** of all pregnancies in the U.S. end in murder by abortion (**1.4** million abortions each year).

[http://tennesseerighttolife.org/human\\_life\\_issues/human\\_life\\_issues\\_abortion\\_lies\\_and\\_myths.htm](http://tennesseerighttolife.org/human_life_issues/human_life_issues_abortion_lies_and_myths.htm)

- At current rates, an estimated **43** percent of American women will have at least one abortion by the age of **45**. <sup>12</sup>
- Since abortion was legalized by our Supreme Court in *Roe vs. Wade*, more than **30** million babies have been killed. This now amounts to one eighth the population of the entire United States. *Statistics Concerning the State of America* <http://freedomministries.com/outlinestats.html>
- Approx. **80%** of all abortions are among never-married women. *Centers for Disease Control WWW.CDC.org*
- Only **8%** of women having abortions have never used a method of birth control; <sup>12</sup> *Facts in Brief: Induced Abortion, in the U.S. (9 August 2002)*. [http://www.agi-usa.org/pubs/fb\\_induced\\_abortion.html](http://www.agi-usa.org/pubs/fb_induced_abortion.html)
- Only about **1** percent (**13,000** abortions) each year are attributed to rape and incest- <sup>12^</sup> *Approx. 2% in "Why Do Women Have Abortions?" A. Torres & J.D. Forrest, Family Planning Perspectives, Jul/Aug 1988*
- **58%** of women committing murder by abortion say they used birth control during the month of conception. <sup>12</sup> <http://www.noelforlife.org/resources/readfacts.asp?number=45&topic=&display=>
- **50%** of such say that abortion is their only means of "birth control." <sup>12</sup>
- **40 %** of women who had abortions in the U.S. had no other children; <sup>12</sup>
- **45 %** of women who had abortions in the U.S. had at least one previous abortion; <sup>12</sup>
- **52%** of U.S. women having abortions are younger than **25** years old. <sup>12</sup>
- Over **93%** of abortions are performed for social reasons. *"Why Do Women Have Abortions?" A. Torres & J.D. Forrest, Family Planning Perspectives, Jul/Aug 1988*
- **1%** of abortions are performed due to life or health threat to the mother: *"Why Do Women Have Abortions?" A. Torres & J.D. Forrest, Family Planning Perspectives, Jul/Aug 1988*
- Women who have had abortions face a **58** percent greater risk of dying during a later pregnancy. *Reardon, Aborted Women-Silent No More, (Chicago: Loyola University Press, 1987)*.
- The likelihood of having breast cancer is [up to] **150%** greater for women who had an abortion before the age of **18**. Having an abortion before the age of **30** increases the risk **110%**. Before the age of **45 = 50%**. *Study by Dr. Janet Daling in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, November 2, 1994, (pp. 1584-1592)*. [http://www.abortionfacts.com/breast\\_cancer\\_connection/studies.asp](http://www.abortionfacts.com/breast_cancer_connection/studies.asp) See also <http://www.leaderu.com/ftissues/ft9705/opinion/brind.html> <http://www.pregnantpause.org/safe/abckahl.htm>
- Abortions increase the risk of low birth weight in future pregnancies by a factor of three, and of premature birth by a factor of two, based upon a study of **45,000** single-child live births from **1959** to **1966**. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health (JECH)*. <http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,1695927,00.html>
- Breast cancer risk increased **140%** following a abortion. (*British Journal of Cancer 1981; 43:72-6* )
- Black women of age **50** and above who had at least **1** induced abortion have an increased breast cancer risk of **370%**. *Study by Howard University study December, 1993 issue Journal of the National Medical Association*. [http://www.abortionfacts.com/breast\\_cancer\\_connection/studies.asp](http://www.abortionfacts.com/breast_cancer_connection/studies.asp)
- **4%** of abortions are performed due to health of the baby: *"Why Do Women Have Abortions?" A. Torres & J.D. Forrest, Family Planning Perspectives, Jul/Aug 1988*
- After **1** or more abortions, **48%** of women experienced abortion-related complications in later pregnancies, with over **2** miscarriages for every live birth. **12.5%** of first trimester abortions required stitching for cervical lacerations. *Wilke, Handbook on Abortion, (Cincinnati, Hayes Publishing Co., 1979)*. Lacerations occurred in **22** percent of aborted women. *"Abortion in Hawaii", Family Planning Perspectives (Winter 1973) 5(1):Table 8*.
- Cervical damage from previously induced abortions increases the risk of miscarriage, premature birth, and complications of labor during later pregnancies by **300 - 500** percent. *Hogue, "Impact of Abortion on Subsequent Fecundity", Clinics in*

Obstetrics and Gynaecology (March 1986), vol.13, no.1. (premature birth is the #1 cause of infant mortality and mental retardation). [http://www.abortionfacts.com/reardon/after\\_effects\\_of\\_abortion.asp](http://www.abortionfacts.com/reardon/after_effects_of_abortion.asp) , from David C. Reardon pamphlet. See also <http://www.letusreason.org/Curren12.htm> and <http://www.family.org/cforum/fosi/bioethics/facts/a0027728.cfm>

- Abortion increases the rate of suicide upwards to **600%**. Shelton JD, Schoenbucher AK. *Death after legally induced abortion. A comprehensive approach for determination of abortion-related deaths based on record linkage. Public Health Rep. 1978; 93(4):375-8.* [http://www.messengers2.com/articles/science/abortion\\_effects.htm](http://www.messengers2.com/articles/science/abortion_effects.htm)
- Women who had an abortion are **2.6** times more likely than delivering women to be hospitalized for psychiatric treatment in the first **90** days following abortion or delivery. *Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ) David Reardon, Ph.D.* [http://www.afterabortion.org/news/inpatient\\_CMAJ.html](http://www.afterabortion.org/news/inpatient_CMAJ.html)
- Women who elected to murder their babies by abortion ("elective terminations") had **6.5** the risk of suicide, and **14** times the risk of being a homicide victim. 1997, *Scandinavian medical journal, Acta Obstet Gynecol Scand 1997;76:651-657* <http://togetherforlife.ca/stats/stats2.htm>
- **1** out of **6** women who had an abortion were identified as "evangelical Christians." **12**
- Catholics have abortions at a rate **29%** higher than Protestants, even after standardizing for age and excluding nonwhites and Hispanics <sup>12</sup> Stanley K. Henshaw and Katheryn Kost , *Family Planning Perspectives*, vol. 28, no. 4 (July/Aug. 1996), based on an AGI survey of 9,985 women obtaining abortions in 1994-95.
- **68%** of American children live with two parents. This is down from **77%** in **1980**. **24%** of children live with only their mother, **4%** live with only their father, and **4%** live with neither of their parents. *Statistics Concerning the State of America* <http://freedomministries.com/outlinestats.html>
- Almost **80%** of teen mothers end up on welfare. Overall monetary cost to tax payers: **\$120 billion+**. <http://www.theodora.com/teddy/newyork/teenage.html> Calculations based on the *National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (1979-1985)* in Congressional Budget Office. (1990, September). *Sources of Support for Adolescent Mothers*. Washington, DC:
- <sup>12</sup>Alan Guttmacher Institute, 120 Wall Street, 21st Floor, New York, N.Y. 10005; <http://www.agi-usa.org/>

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- About **50%** US adults report a family history of alcoholism or problem drinking. Grant B, Harford TC, Dawson DA, et al. *Prevalence of DSM-IV alcohol abuse and dependence, United States 1992. Alcohol Health & Research World 18(3). 1994.* <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/alcohol/factsheet.htm>
- **16,189** people are killed in drunk driving automobile accidents each year. That's one death caused by drunk driving every **32** minutes. *Statistics Concerning the State of America* <http://freedomministries.com/outlinestats.html>
- Nearly **115,000** people die prematurely of alcohol abuse each year, said the NIAAA. <http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- Over **18%** of Americans experience alcohol dependence or alcohol abuse some during their lives. *US. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Home and Garden Bulletin No. 232. Nutrition and Your Health. Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 1995.* <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/alcohol/factsheet.htm>
- One in three British men and one in five women drink double the amount considered safe at least once a week. *Alcohol Concern organization*
- **50%** of high school students had at least one drink of alcohol during the **30** days prior to a CDC survey: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r2k0609b.htm>
- **32%** had **5** or more drinks of alcohol on at least one occasion during the **30** days preceding same survey. <http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r2k0609b.htm>
- About **8%** of **8th**, **23%** of **10th**, and **32%** of **12th** graders report having been drunk during the past month. Johnston LD, O'Malley PM, and Bachman JG. *Data tables from the 2000 Monitoring the Future Survey. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan News and Information Services [On-line]: www.monitoringthefuture.org; accessed January 18, 2001.* <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/alcohol/factsheet.htm>
- By high school graduation, **80** percent of students have tried alcohol. <http://www.restoredcog.org/youth/articles/0312-pia.html>
- In **1999**, about **14%** of **8th**, **26%** of **10th**, and **30%** of **12th** graders reported

binge drinking (**5** or more consecutive drinks for males, **4** for females) during the past **2** weeks. <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/alcohol/factsheet.htm>

- **27%** of British **15**-year-olds had been drunk **20** times or more, compared to **12%** of young Germans, **6%** of Netherlands youth and only **3%** of young French. *Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR).*
- In a survey of **26,086** elementary age students in **22** states. **26%** of **12** graders used illicit drugs in the past month, **23%** of **10th** graders, and **13%** of **8th** graders. *Statistics Concerning the State of America* <http://freedomministries.com/outlinestats.html>
- **79%** of college students living in a fraternity or sorority house report binge drinking. Grant BF and Dawson DA, National Longitudinal Alcohol Epidemiologic Survey. *Journal of Substance Abuse* **9:103-110, 1997**
- Since **1993**, colleges have seen a **125** percent increase in binge drinking by women. <http://www.restoredcog.org/youth/articles/0312-pia.html>
- "Binge drinking" (**5** or more drinks in a row) increased **17** percent among all adults between **1993** and **2001**, **56** percent among **18-** to **20**-year-olds. Adults age **21** to **25** went on drinking binges an average of **18** times. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- Among those living in a fraternity or sorority house, the rate of binge drinking is still higher (**79%**). Wechsler H, Lee J, Kuo M, and Lee H. *College binge drinking in the 1990s: A continuing problem: Results of the Harvard School of Public Health 1999 College Alcohol Study. Journal of American College Health* **48:199-210, 2000.** <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/alcohol/factsheet.htm>
- On a typical campus, per capita students spending for alcohol--**\$446** per student--far exceeds the per capita budget of the college library. (*Eigen, 1991 in the 1998 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse*).
- **47%** of college students now drink primarily to get drunk. Grant BF and Dawson DA, *National Longitudinal Alcohol Epidemiologic Survey. Journal of Substance Abuse* **9:103-110, 1997**
- **44%** of college students reported binge drinking in **1999** . Wechsler H, Lee J, Kuo M, and Lee H. *College binge drinking in the 1990s: A continuing problem: Results of the Harvard School of Public Health 1999 College Alcohol Study. Journal of American College Health* **48:199-210, 2000** <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/alcohol/factsheet.htm>
- College students spend over **\$5.5** billion a year on alcoholic beverages (mostly beer)--more than they spend on all other drinks [soda, tea, milk, juice and coffee] and books combined. Sidney Ribeau, *President Bowling Green State University* <http://www.collegevalues.org/diaries.cfm?id=476&a=1>. See also [www.hsph.harvard.edu/cas/rpt1998/CAS1998rpt2.html](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/cas/rpt1998/CAS1998rpt2.html) [which is also a illustration of how to do a survey.]
- According to a U.S. Surgeon General, nationally college students drink almost four billion cans of beer and enough wine and hard-alcohol to make their annual consumption of alcoholic beverages an unthinkable **34** gallons per person. Sidney Ribeau, *President, Bowling Green State University.* <http://www.collegevalues.org/diaries.cfm?id=476&a=1>
- More undergraduates will die from alcohol related causes than will obtain MA's or PHD's combined. Eigen, L. February **1991**. *Alcohol Practices, Policies and Potentials of American Colleges and Universities. An OSAP White Paper.* Rockville, MD: Office for Substance Abuse Prevention. <http://media.shs.net/prevline/pdfs/phd858.pdf>
- Alcohol on college campuses is a factor in **40** percent of all academic problems and **28** percent of all dropouts. Anderson, D. **1994**. *Breaking the Tradition on College Campuses: Reducing Drug and Alcohol Misuse.* Fairfax, VA: George Mason University. <http://media.shs.net/prevline/pdfs/phd858.pdf>
- Alcohol is a key factor in **33** percent of suicides, **50** percent of homicides, **62** percent of assaults, **68** percent of manslaughters, **50** percent of head injuries, and **41** percent of traffic fatalities. It also plays a large role in domestic abuse and injury, child abuse and neglect, and workplace injuries. *Prevention Enhancement Protocols System. August 1999. Preventing Problems Related to Alcohol Availability: Environmental Approaches, Parent and Community Guide.* Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. <http://media.shs.net/prevline/pdfs/phd858.pdf>
- Each year approximately **16,000** Americans are killed in alcohol-related crashes. *Los Angeles Police Dept.*

[http://www.lapdonline.org/bldg\\_safer\\_comms/prevention/other/drunk\\_driving\\_98.htm](http://www.lapdonline.org/bldg_safer_comms/prevention/other/drunk_driving_98.htm)

- Alcohol is a factor in nearly half of all traffic fatalities. *Los Angelus Police Dept.* [http://www.lapdonline.org/bldg\\_safer\\_comms/prevention/other/drunk\\_driving\\_98.htm](http://www.lapdonline.org/bldg_safer_comms/prevention/other/drunk_driving_98.htm)
- Every other minute, another person is seriously injured in an alcohol related crash. *Los Angelus Police Dept.* [http://www.lapdonline.org/bldg\\_safer\\_comms/prevention/other/drunk\\_driving\\_98.htm](http://www.lapdonline.org/bldg_safer_comms/prevention/other/drunk_driving_98.htm)
- Highway crashes currently account for more than **40,000** deaths annually in the United States [**50,000** incl. non-occupants: [www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov)]. *Jim Hall Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, The Advisory Council on Traffic Safety, Chattanooga, Tennessee July 27, 2000* <http://www.nts.gov/speeches/former/hall/jhc000727.htm>

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**Drugs, and Mental Health**

- Less than **1%** of all Americans had used illegal drugs before **1960**. *The Honorable Judge Robert Ulrich Chief Justice, Missouri Court Of Appeals, Western District;* <http://www.shalomjerusalem.com/heritage/heritage19.html>
- In **2002**, **10%** of **12th** grade students reported using illicit drugs other than marijuana in the past month, the highest percentage in more than **10** years. <http://www.childtrendsdatabank.org/indicators/58IllicitDrugUse.cfm>
- **2005** saw a **212%** increase in prescription drug abuse by US teens. *Columbia University's National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse* <http://www.ahrp.org/infomail/05/09/27a.php>
- In **2009**, **20** percent of teens said they could get prescription drugs within an hour, with their own homes and friends being the most common sources. About **25** percent stated they could find marijuana within an hour. *The National Center on Addiction, reported on CNN health.*
- In **2003**, more than **20%** of students in the **12th** grade reported using marijuana in the past **30** days. <http://www.childtrendsdatabank.org/indicators/46MarijuanaUse.cfm>
- Almost **47%** of high school students report life-time use of marijuana. <http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r2k0609b.htm> [1999]
- **27%** used marijuana during the **30** days preceding a CDC survey. <sup>13</sup><http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r2k0609b.htm> [1999]
- **4%** used cocaine during the **30** days preceding the same survey. ^ <sup>13</sup>
- **15%** used inhalants during their lifetime. ^ <sup>13</sup>
- **9%** used methamphetamines during their lifetime. ^ <sup>13</sup>
- Inner-city youth with a "strong religious orientation" **54%** less likely to use drugs than their peers. *Harvard University study: Atheists won't save Europe by Don Feder* <http://www.frontpagemagazine.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=27937>
- From **1960** to **1980** the teen suicide rate has risen more than **200%** (**1** suicide every **17** minutes). *National Center for Health Statistics. Quantifying America's Decline by William J. Bennett;* <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/augustine/arch/usadecline.html>
- Youth suicide rates skyrocketed **400** percent since **1950**. *Lost Boys, Why Our Sons Turn Violent and How We Can Save Them, James Garbarino, Ph.D.* <http://www.yellodyno.com/>
- For every two victims of homicide in the U.S. there are three deaths from suicide [all ages]. <http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu/Faculty/Lynch/sadd/statistics.html>
- Males ages **15** to **19** are five times as likely to commit suicide as women. <http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu/Faculty/Lynch/sadd/statistics.html>
- **8%** of high school students attempted suicide during the **12** months preceding a **1999** survey. **CDC** survey. *Centers for Disease Control;* <http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r2k0609b.htm>
- Depression among American youth increased from **400%** since **1950**. <http://www.yellodyno.com/html/childabusestatistics.html>
- From **1958** to **1990** the suicide rate for **15-** to **19-year-olds** in the US increased **267** percent. *United States 1985, National Institute of Mental Health, Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration, Public Health Service, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, p. 150; Statistical Abstract of the United States, Bureau of the Census, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, (1988) p. 82, (1990) p. 86, (1993) p. 99.* <http://www.cchr.org/morals/return.htm>

- As of **2005**, nearly **60** percent of drug poisoning deaths in the U.S. involved legal and illegal narcotics (up from **50** percent in **1999**). *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <http://www.phillyburbs.com/pb-dyn/news/111-03092008-1500573.html>*
- Use of narcotic drugs rose by almost **75%** among women **45–64** years of age between **1988–1994** and **1999–2002**. *National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES). <http://www.mindfully.org/Health/2007/Prescription-Related-Fatalities5feb07.htm>*
- Spending for drugs rose **40** percent from **1998** to **2000** [and continues]. *[http://www.mercola.com/2001/may/19/prescription\\_drugs.htm](http://www.mercola.com/2001/may/19/prescription_drugs.htm)*
- The average number of prescriptions per elderly person grew **45** percent from **1992** to **2000**. From **1992** to **2010**, the average number of prescriptions per senior is projected to grow by **96** percent. *<http://www.familiesusa.org/assets/pdfs/drugod852b.pdf>*
- The number **1** and number **3** prescription sales drugs for the year **2000** were for treating ulcers. Number **2** and **5** were for cholesterol lowering medication, while numbers **4**, **7** and **8** were for the treatment of depression. *<http://www.therubins.com/geninfo/eldpresc.htm>*
- <sup>13</sup>*<http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r2k0609b.htm> [1999]*

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**GENERAL HEALTH**

- **3** out of **4** Americans have a diagnosable chronic condition. Recent statistics show that cancer effects **33** percent of adults, **15** million Americans suffer from asthma, **65** percent of Americans are currently overweight or obese. The Centers for Disease Control says that one out of every three children born in **2000** will become diabetic. *April 1999 study in Effective Clinical Practice.*
- Because of their poor diets and excess weight, people now in their **50s** and **60s** suffer from more health problems than their parents did at the same age. *The Week Magazine, 5/4/07 <http://www.veegle.com>.*
- The leading (listed) causes of death **92004**) in the U.S. are: Heart disease: **654,092**; Cancer: **550,270**; Stroke (cerebrovascular diseases): **150,147**; Chronic lower respiratory diseases: **123,884**; Accidents (unintentional injuries): **108,694**; Diabetes: **72,815**; Alzheimer's disease: **65,829**; Influenza/Pneumonia: **61,472**; Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, and nephrosis: **42,762**; Septicemia: **33,464**. *<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/lcod.htm>*
- Actual Causes of Death in the United States (**2000**) were seen as, Tobacco (**435 000** deaths; **18.1%** of total US deaths), poor Diet and Physical Inactivity (**400 000** deaths; **16.6%**), Alcohol Consumption (**85 000** deaths; **3.5%**). Other actual causes of death were Microbial Agents (**75 000**), toxic agents (**55 000**), Motor Vehicle crashes (**43 000**), incidents involving Firearms (**29 000**), Sexual Behaviors (**20 000**), and illicit use of Drugs (**17 000**). *<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/291/10/1238>. American Medical Association*
- In the summer of **1900**, the major causes of death were **1**. Pneumonia and influenza; **2**. TB; **3**. Diarrhea; **4**. Heart disease; **5**. Stroke. *<http://www.bitoffun.com/Funfacts.htm>*
- People who daily watched four hours or more of Television were 80 percent more likely to die from heart disease, and 46 percent more likely to die from any cause than those who watched less than two hours of TV per day. The risk of dying from heart disease by increased by 18 percent, and the overall risk of death by 11 percent with each additional hour spent in front of the TV. *(Reported by [cnn.com/2010/HEALTH/01/11](http://cnn.com/2010/HEALTH/01/11), from study, released January 11, 2010, by D. W. Dunstan, E. L.M. Barr, G. N. Healy, J. Salmon, J. E. Shaw, B. Balkau, D. J. Magliano, A. J. Cameron, P. Z. Zimmet, and N. Owen <http://circ.ahajournals.org/cgi/reprint/CIRCULATIONAHA.109.894584v1>)*
- Television Viewing Time and Mortality. The Australian Diabetes, Obesity and Lifestyle Study (AusDiab)
- It is estimated that about **500,000** (a half million) Americans have died because of AIDS, and nearly **1** million people in the United States are

presently living with HIV/AIDS. *Twenty-Five Years of HIV/AIDS --- United States, 1981--2006* [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5521a1.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5521a1.htm). [http://www.knowhiv aids.org/facts\\_stats.html](http://www.knowhiv aids.org/facts_stats.html);

- In **2003-2004**, **17.1%** of children and adolescents **2-19** years of age (over **12** and a half million) were overweight, and **32.2%** of adults (over **66** million) were obese. Almost **5%** of adults were extremely obese. <http://www.cdc.gov/women/pubs/overwght.htm>
- Americans are the most overweight people on the planet, with Mexicans, Australians, Greeks, New Zealanders and Britons being not too far behind. *U.S. Census Bureau.*
- American's production of solid waste increased from **3.7** pounds in **1980** to **4.4** pounds in **2006**. <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/statistical-abstract.html>
- Gallup reports (2008) that 66% of American workers said they have one or more chronic diseases or recurring conditions, and over 20 percent reported they were not able to perform their usual activities on one or more days last month. 25 percent of American workers are obese or overweight, and 40 percent are overweight. April 29, 2008 [http://media.gallup.com/healthways/pdf/Gallup-Healthways\\_Well-Being\\_Index\\_Press\\_Release\\_4-28-08\\_final.pdf](http://media.gallup.com/healthways/pdf/Gallup-Healthways_Well-Being_Index_Press_Release_4-28-08_final.pdf)
- Based on a study of brain scans of **94** people in their **70s**, obese people were found to have **8** percent less brain tissue than normal-weight individuals. Their brains look **16** years older than the brains of lean individuals. This is expected to put the heavier subjects at greater risk of developing Alzheimer's disease and other degenerative brain diseases. *Study by UCLA and the University of Pittsburgh, released 2009, funded by National Institute on Aging, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, National Center for Research Resources, and the American Heart Association.*
- In California about two-thirds of men (**63.4%**) and almost half of women (**45.2%**) are overweight or obese. *Vainio H, Kaaks R, Bianchini. "Weight control and physical activity in cancer prevention: international evaluation of the evidence." European Journal of Cancer Prevention, 2002; Supplement 2: S94-S100. 13.5*<http://news.ucanr.org/mediakits/Nutrition/nutritionfactsheet.shtml#sources>
- Childhood obesity has more than tripled for children aged **6-11** years. *1999-2002 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, Prevalence of Overweight and Obesity Among Adults: United States, 1999-2002. www.cdc.gov. ^ 13.5*
- Fifty percent of overweight children/teens remain overweight as adults. *Childhood Overweight, A Fact Sheet for Professionals, University of California, Berkeley, Cooperative Extension, Department of Nutritional Sciences, January 2000. ^ 13.5*
- Children who are ever breast-fed are **15%-25%** less likely to become overweight, and those who are breast-fed for **6** months or more are **20%-40%** less likely. *Preventing Obesity and Chronic Diseases Through Good Nutrition and Physical Activity, Revised August 2003. National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, www.cdc.gov/nccdphp ^ 13.5*
- Household income spent on away-from-home foods rose from **25** percent of total food spending in **1970** to nearly one-half in **1999**. *Preventing Childhood Obesity: Health in the Balance. 2005. Institute of Medicine. www.iom.edu ^ 13.5*
- Sweets, desserts, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages account for nearly **25** percent of all calories consumed by Americans. Salty snacks and fruit-flavored drinks add another five percent. Sodas alone contribute **7.1** percent of total calories eaten. Healthy fruits and vegetables make up only **10** percent of caloric intake in the U.S. diet. *Gladys Block, professor of epidemiology and public health nutrition at UC Berkeley, June 2004, Journal of Food Chemistry and Analysis. ^ 13.5*
- According to the United States Department of Agriculture, healthier diets could prevent at least **\$71** billion per year in medical costs, lost productivity, and lost lives. *Frazao E. "High Costs of Poor Eating Patterns in the United States." In America's Eating Habits: Changes and Consequences. Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Washington, DC: USDA, 1999. Agriculture Information Bulletin No. 750, pp 5-32 ^ 13.5*
- Over **750,000** people in the United States die every year from conventional medicine mistakes. *Death by Medicine, by Drs. Gary Null, Carolyn Dean, Martin Feldman, Debora Rasio and Dorothy Smith, 2003. http://www.newstarget.com/009278.html*

- From **1960 to 1990** violent crime rose **560%**. F.B.I. *Quantifying America's Decline* by William J. Bennett <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/augustine/arch/usadecline.html>
- **99%** of Americans will be victims of theft at least once in their lives. **80%** of Americans can expect to be victims of violent crime at least once in their lives. *Statistics Concerning the State of America* <http://freedomministries.com/outlinestats.html>
- **1** out of every **32** adults in America were under parole or probation or in jail or prison in **2003**. U.S. Department of Justice- Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Statistics <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/correct.htm> [If souls are not sufficiently controlled from within, by God and conscience, he/she will ultimately have to be controlled from without. True churches work to bring about the former, reducing the need for the State to exercise its prerogative to do the latter. (God controlled or gun controlled.) But woe to the country when the Church or the Government is not controlled by virtue, but punishes good while promoting/protecting evil.]
- About **1** in every **143** U.S. residents were actually in state or federal prison or a local jail, at the end of **2001**. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/press/p02pr.htm>
- One in every **136** U.S. Residents (almost **2.2** million people) was behind bars by last summer. That **2.6** percent increase from mid-**2004** to mid-**2005** translates into a weekly rise of **1,085** inmates. Bureau of Justice Statistics; Elizabeth White The Associated Press
- Since **1995** the number of female prisoners (**6.8** percent of all prison inmates) in federal or state prison has grown **42** percent, while the number of male prisoners has increased **27** percent. U.S. Department of Justice. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/press/p02pr.htm>
- The **2002** prisoner increase was equal to an additional **700** more inmates every week during the year. U.S. Department of Justice. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/press/p02pr.htm>
- Each year, more than **600,000** inmates in the U.S. are released from prison. Within three years, two-thirds of them will be rearrested for new crimes involving new victims. BreakPoint®, June 30, 2006, Prison Fellowship Ministries.
- **25%** of the total world prison population are in America, which has the highest reported percentage of it's citizens behind bars. Alan Elsner, *Gates of Injustice* [This is best understood as excluding communist countries, such as China and North Korea, which not only redefine freedom, but probably also prison.]
- As of **2008**, the number of incarcerated adults in the United States has reached an all time time, with over **1** in **100** adults (incl. **1** in **9** black men ages **20** to **34**) being in jail or prison, costing state governments almost **\$50** billion a year and the federal government **\$5** billion more. Approx **91** percent of incarcerated adults are under state or local jurisdiction. the average per prisoner operating cost in **2005** was **\$23,876**. An estimated **1** in every **15** dollars from state general funds was spent on corrections in fiscal year **2007**. Pew's Center on the States study, <http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/uploadedFiles/One%20in%20100.pdf>
- Justice spending per capita in **2001** was about double the spending in **1982**, **60** percent of which being in law enforcement, and local police and sheriff's department employees accounting for **80** percent of all law enforcement personnel nationwide. <sup>14</sup>Bureau of Justice Statistics <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/press/jeeus01pr.htm>.
- Overall, there were about **81** justice system employees per **10,000** population in **2001**, with New York State being the highest (**94** full-time equivalent justice employees per **10,000**). <sup>14</sup> <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/press/jeeus01pr.htm>.
- In **1999** the national average for justice expenditures was **\$442** per capita. [http://justice.uaa.alaska.edu/forum/18/4winter2002/e\\_expend.html](http://justice.uaa.alaska.edu/forum/18/4winter2002/e_expend.html)
- Per capita justice expenditures in **2001** were **\$586** — about **\$254** per person for police protection, just over **\$130** per person for judicial and legal services and approximately **\$200** per person for correctional services both in the community and in confinement facilities. Local, state and federal governments spent a record **\$167** billion on direct expenditures for police protection, judicial

and legal services and corrections activities. <sup>14</sup> U.S. Dept. of Justice.  
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/press/jeeus01pr.htm>.

- The nation has tripled its prison population since **1980**; opening the equivalent of **3** or more new **500** bed prisons every week. <sup>14</sup>
- The rate of incarceration has risen from **313** per **100,000** in **1985** to **476** of every **100,000** in **1997**. U.S. <sup>14</sup>
- The current prison population of over **2** million constitutes a growth of over **850%** in the past **30** years. <sup>14</sup>
- The cost of running the U.S. prison system is now more than **\$57** billion per year, with violent offenders costing **50** percent more than others. *Alan Elsner, Gates of Injustice.*
- The three states with the lowest ratio of imprisoned to civilian population are, as of **2004**, Maine (**148** per **100,000**), Minnesota (**171** per **100,000**), and Rhode Island (**175** per **100,000**). The three states with the highest ratio are Louisiana (**816** per **100,000**), Texas (**694** per **100,000**), and Mississippi (**669** per **100,000**). [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_prison\\_population#\\_note-0](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_prison_population#_note-0)
- A survey showed that among the nearly **300,000** prisoners released, **67.5%** were rearrested within **3** years, and **51.8%** were back in prison. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_prison\\_population#\\_note-9](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_prison_population#_note-9)
- Between **1990** and **2000** the number of State correctional facilities increased by **351**. States also added over **528,000** beds, an **81%** increase. <sup>14</sup> *Bureau of Justice Statistics; Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics, 2003 (table 6.1.2004).*
- On December **31, 2000**, State prisons were operating between full capacity and **15%** above capacity, while Federal prisons were operating at **31%** above capacity. <sup>14</sup>
- Hepatitis C: Often lethal liver disease; spread by blood exchange, infects approximately **41%** of the inmates just in California prisons alone; compared to less than **2%** of the population at large. <sup>14</sup> ...
- Nearly **600,000** inmates are released each year; many of them riddled with disease. <sup>14</sup> ...
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- Texas built **84** of the **351** new State prisons built since **1990** in the United States. <sup>14</sup> ..
- In Canada, there was a **340** percent greater incidence of violent crime over its **1965** figure, with similar rises in robbery, assault, rape and murder statistics. <http://www.cchr.org/morals/return.htm>
- In Canada, the rate of violent crime doubled in the '60s, increased by **30** percent in the '70s and rose another **46** percent in the '80s. "*Juristat*," *Service Bulletin for the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, October 1990.*
- Motor vehicle crashes remain the number one cause of death among youth (in the US) ages **15** to **20**. (**2000**). <http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu/Faculty/Lynch/sadd/statistics.html>
- Forty percent of teenage girls age **14** to **17** report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend. *Children Now / Kaiser Permanente Poll, December 1995* <http://www.stopdv.org/Content/CAFVIC/GetInformed/Statistics/default.htm>
- An average of **28** percent of high school and college students experience dating violence at some point. *Brustin, S., Legal Response to Teen Dating Violence, Family Law Quarterly, vol. 29, no.2,331 (Summer 1995) (citing Levy, In Love & In Danger: a teen's guide to breaking free of an abusive relationship, 1993)*
- **33%** of teenagers report knowing a friend or peer who has been hit, punched,

kicked, slapped, choked or physically hurt by their partner. *Liz Claiborne Inc. study on teen dating abuse conducted by Teenage Research Unlimited, February 2005.*

- Nearly **80** percent of girls who have been physically abused in their intimate relationships continue to date their abuser. *City of New York, Teen Relationship Abuse Fact Sheet, March 1998*
- Fifty-seven percent of homeless families identified domestic violence as a primary cause of homelessness. *The United States Conference of Mayors, A Status Report on Hunger and Homelessness in America's Cities: 1999, December 1999, p94.*
- Boys who witness domestic violence in their own home are **33%** more likely to become batterers. *Straus, M.A., Gelles, R.J. & Steinmetz, S. Behind Closed Doors. Doubleday, Anchor, 1980.*
- Forty to sixty percent of men who abuse women also abuse children. *American Psychol. Ass'n, Violence and the Family: Report of the American Psychological Association Presidential Task Force on Violence and the Family (1996), p. 80* Many more stats on domestic violence here: <http://www.stopdv.org/Content/CAFVIC/GetInformed/Statistics/default.htm>
- Homicide is the **2nd** leading cause of death among **15 to 24-year-olds** overall. <http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu/Faculty/Lynch/sadd/statistics.html>
- Between the mid **80's** to the mid **90's** the youth homicide rate increased by **168 percent**. *Lost Boys, Why Our Sons Turn Violent and How We Can Save Them, James Garbarino, Ph.D. http://www.yellodyno.com/html/violent\_kids\_stats.html*
- Suicide is the **3rd** leading cause of death among youths ages **15 to 20**. <http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu/Faculty/Lynch/sadd/statistics.html>
- **70%** of juveniles in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes. **36%** of children live without their biological fathers. *Statistics Concerning the State of America http://freedomministries.com/outlinestats.html*
- From **1960 to 1990** child abuse has risen from **670,000** in **1976** to nearly **3 million** in the **1990s**. *The FBI; U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation*
- Family members were most likely to murder a young child (**20%**). <http://www.criminaldefenselawyer.com/nationalandRegionalStatisticsonCrime.cfm>
- **1987 to 1996** saw an increase of more than **50** percent in juvenile arrest for murder, possession of weapons, robbery, and aggravated assault. *FBI: U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (1997). 1996 Uniform Crime Report. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice. http://www.yellodyno.com/html/violent\_kids\_stats.html*
- **33%** of students were in a physical fight in **2001**. <http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu/Faculty/Lynch/sadd/statistics.html>
- Juvenile homicide rate in the U.S. is higher than in any other industrialized country. *Fox, J.A. (1996). Trends in Juvenile Violence. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice. http://www.yellodyno.com/html/violent\_kids\_stats.html*
- In Australia, the number of serious assaults has risen **391** percent between **1973-74** and **1991-92**, and the robbery rate increased **190** percent.**34** In New Zealand, the total number of violent offenses increased **615** percent between **1960** and **1990**, from **2,937** to **20,987.35** The crime rate in Greece has increased **1,268** percent between **1980** and **1990**. In Sweden, the per-capita crime has gone up fivefold since **1950,37** and in Germany the number of arrests for robberies has increased **60** percent between **1972** and **1985**. Assault and theft rose **71** percent. "Number of offences reported per **100,000** population for selected countries, **1972-1985**," *The Size of the Crime Problem in Australia. www.christian-parenting.learninginfo.org/chap06.htm*
- British kids were also involved more frequently in fights (**44%** in the U.K. to **28%** in Germany), with violent offenses among British under **18s** rising **37%** in the three years to **2006**. *Time magazine, March, 2008*
- A **345%** increase in child pornography sites was found between **2/2001-7/2001 (N2H2, 8/01)** <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- The U.S. Customs Service estimates that there are more than **100,000** websites offering child pornography - which is illegal, worldwide. *Red Herring Magazine, 1/18/02; http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/*
- **25** million Americans visit cybersex sites between **1-10** hours per week *MSNBC Survey 2000; http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/*
- The combined circulation of Playboy and Penthouse exceeds that of Time and

Newsweek. <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>

- **77** percent of those who molested boys said they were regular users of hard-core pornography. **87** percent of those who molested girls boys said they were regular users of hard-core pornography. *W. Marshall, Report on the Use of Pornography by Sexual Offenders, Report to the Federal Department of Justice, Ottawa, Canada. 1983.* <http://www.family.org/pastor/resources/sos/a0006443.cfm>
- **86** percent of convicted rapists said they were regular users of pornography. *W. Marshall, Report on the Use of Pornography by Sexual Offenders* ^
- A **1979** study in Phoenix, Arizona, showed that neighborhoods with a pornography business realized **40** percent more property crime and **500** percent more sexual offenses than similar neighborhoods without a pornography outlet. *U.S. Department of Justice, "Child Pornography, Obscenity and Organized Crime," February 1988.* <http://www.family.org/pastor/resources/sos/a0006443.cfm>
- Nearly **900** theaters show X-rated films and more than **15,000** adult bookstores and video stores offer pornographic material, outnumbering McDonald's restaurants in the U.S. by a margin of at least **3** to **1**. <http://www.spcc-storrs.org/blog/archives/general/>
- **60%** of all web-site visits are sexual in nature. *MSNBC /Stanford/Duquesne study, Washington Times Jan. 26, 2000.*
- **61%** of adults view gambling as a morally acceptable behavior. *Barna Research.* <http://www.barna.org>
- A survey of Massachusetts high school students found that **1** in **20** had already been arrested for a gambling-related offense; **10%** experienced family problems due to gambling; and **8** percent had gotten in trouble at work or school because of gambling. *Howard J. Shaffer, "The Emergence of Youthful Addiction: The Prevalence of Underage Lottery Use and the Impact of Gambling," Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling, January 13, 1994, p. 12)* <http://www.av1611.org/kjv/refuel.html>
- All told, Americans legally wagered **\$550** billion on [sinful] legal gambling in **1995** an astonishing **3,200** percent increase in gambling since **1974**.<sup>14.5</sup><http://www.ncalg.org/library/working%20on%20these/factsheet.htm>
- In **1995**, more money was spent on casino gambling than was spent on movie tickets, theater, opera and concerts combined. In **1993**, Americans made more trips to casinos than they did to Major League baseball games, NFL football games, symphony concerts and Broadway shows combined.^ 14.5
- Every state except two (Hawaii and Utah) allows some form of legal gambling.  
^ 14.5
- In less than ten years after casinos were legalized in Atlantic City, the crime rate increased **258** percent! ^ 14.5
- In Gulfport and Biloxi, Mississippi, the site of **11** out of **13** casinos in that state, crime increased in every category in **1994**, with murder, rape, robbery and car theft at least doubling. ^ 14.5
- Since casinos came to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, domestic violence has increased **69** percent, and it is estimated that **37** percent of all pathological gamblers have abused their children. ^ 14.5
- Pathological gamblers are responsible for an estimated **\$1.3** billion worth of insurance- related fraud per year. ^ 14.5
- The amount of money wagered annually in the United States is estimated to be **\$0.5** trillion. *Feigelman W, Wallisch LS, Lesieur HR. Problem gamblers, problem substance users and dual-problem individuals: an epidemiological study. Am J Public Health 1998;88:467-70.* <http://www.aafp.org/afp/20000201/741.html>
- Americans spend approximately **\$31.5** billion annually on state lottery games. *Gambling impact and behavior study: final report to the National Gambling Impact Study Commission. Chicago: National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago, 1999.* <http://www.aafp.org/afp/20000201/741.html>
- Americans spend approximately **\$31.5** billion annually on state lottery games. *University of Chicago, 1999* ^

- Thirty to **50** percent of money collected by casinos annually comes from about **4** percent of the population. <http://dianedew.com/gambling.htm>
- Gamblers legally bet over **\$586** billion annually. [**1996**] <http://dianedew.com/gambling.htm>
- Getting killed by lightning is seven times more likely than winning a million dollars in a state lottery. (Harper's, July 1983) <http://dianedew.com/gambling.htm>
- Crime rates in casino communities are **84%** higher than the national average. (U.S. News & World Report, 1/15/96) <http://dianedew.com/gambling.htm>
- **See more financial figures under Finances**
- **14** Bureau of Justice Statistics
- **14.5** <http://www.ncalg.org/library/working%20on%20these/factsheet.htm>

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**Education and Media**

- **3** million crimes per year are committed on or near school property. <http://www.hiho.ne.jp/taku77/papers/vc/vc5.htm>
- **6,000** American students were kicked out of school in the **1996-97** school year for packing weapons.- John Hendren, "Internet Provides Bomb Blueprints," [www.ap.org](http://www.ap.org), April 26, 1999 (Kids Killing Kids) [http://www.yellodyno.com/html/violent\\_kids\\_stats.html](http://www.yellodyno.com/html/violent_kids_stats.html)
- **2,500** High School students drop out of school every day. U.S. News + World Report, 4-24-06
- One million U.S. students took guns to school in **1998**. Parents Resource Institute for Drug Addiction. [http://www.yellodyno.com/html/violent\\_kids\\_stats.html](http://www.yellodyno.com/html/violent_kids_stats.html)
- **20%** of high school students reported carrying some type of weapons to school each day. Centers for Disease Control. <http://www.cdc.gov>
- **68%** of prison inmates do not have a High School diploma. U.S. News + World Report, 4-24-06
- Almost **33%** of school teachers seriously considered leaving their jobs because of student misbehavior. Research firm Public Agenda. <http://publicagenda.org/>
- Nearly **80** percent of school teachers said there are serious troublemakers in their schools who should have been kicked out of regular classrooms. Research firm Public Agenda as reported by [www.theolympian.com](http://www.theolympian.com)
- College professors who train teachers give a low priority to skills like keeping order and training politeness. Research firm Public Agenda
- **36%** of high school students reported having been involved in a physical fight in the last year. <http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r2k0609b.htm>
- **21%** of high school students said they avoided using places like school rest rooms because of the threat of harm. U.S. Department of Education
- **2,500** educators (three for every school day) from **2001** through **2005** were punished for sexual misconduct, **80** percent of those being to students. Associated Press investigation <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,303780,00.html>
- Seventeen of the nation's **50** largest cities had high school graduation rates lower than **50** percent, with the lowest graduation rates reported in Detroit, Indianapolis and Cleveland. Approx. **70** percent of U.S. students graduate on time with a regular diploma, but about **1.2** million students drop out annually. America's Promise Alliance, based upon U.S. Department of Education data from **2003-2004**. <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,344190,00.html>
- In **1940**, teachers listed the following concerns (in order of magnitude) that interfered with a child's education: (a) talking out of turn; (b) chewing gum; (c) making noise; (d) running in the halls; (e) getting out of line; (f) wearing improper clothing and; (g) not putting paper in the wastebasket. Today, teachers rank the following concerns (in order of magnitude) which interfere with a child's education: (a) drug abuse; (b) alcohol abuse; (c) teen pregnancy; (d) suicide; (e) rape; (f) robbery and; (g) assault. William Kilpatrick; "Why Johnny Can't Tell Right from Wrong, pg. 64. (Simon & Schuster, 1992).[www.rchristopherministries.org](http://www.rchristopherministries.org)
- A **2009** survey of almost **30,000** high school students nationwide found that

**30%** admitted to stealing from a store within the past year (**19** percent who attend religious schools). **23%** said they stole from a parent or relative. More than **83%** stated they lied to a parent about something significant. **42** confessed that they sometimes lied to save money (up from **395** in **2006**). **64** percent had cheated on a test in the past year (up from **60** percent two years earlier) and **38** percent had cheated more than once. More than **36%** had used the Internet to plagiarize. **26%** also confessed to lying on at least one survey question. However, **93%** agreed, "I am satisfied with my own ethics and character," and **77%** affirmed, "When it comes to doing what is right, I am better than most people I know." *Josephson Institute* <http://charactercounts.org/programs/reportcard/>

- **50%** of all home schooling parents are born again Christians. *Barna Research 2001.* <http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=103>
- **22** percent of adult Americans are functionally illiterate (they cannot read the front page of a newspaper). *The U.S. Department of Education National Adult Literacy Survey (NALS); Kirsch I, et al. Adult Literacy in America: A First Look at the Findings of the National Adult Literacy Survey. Washington, DC. National Center for Education Statistics, US Dept of Education, 1993.*
- Approximately **50** percent of Americans have reading and computational skills that are inadequate for them to fully function in our modern society. <sup>^</sup> [http://www.rmfi.harvard.edu/risklibrary/articles/i\\_health-literacy-incP.asp](http://www.rmfi.harvard.edu/risklibrary/articles/i_health-literacy-incP.asp)
- **47** percent of Americans could not understand written directions to take medicine on an empty stomach, and **60** percent did not understand the standard consent form. *Williams MV, et al. Inadequate functional health literacy among patients at two public hospitals. Journal of the American Medical Association. 1995; 274:1677-82.*
- Only **31** percent of fourth graders read at or above grade level. <http://www.childrensdefense.org/pressreleases/040713.asp>
- Seven out of ten fourth graders cannot read or do math at grade level. <http://www.childrensdefense.org/pressreleases/040713.asp>
- Between **1963** and **1980** national SAT composite scores fell **90** points. *College Board Annual SAT Score Reports. 1963-1980.*
- The high school class of **2006** recorded the sharpest drop in SAT scores in **31** years. *Associated Press.*
- Nearly **60** percent of high-school seniors lack even a basic knowledge of U.S. History. *1992 National Adult Literacy Survey tests*
- The national graduation rate is **68** percent, with nearly one-third of all public high school students failing to graduate (**2001**). <http://www.urban.org/publications/410934.htm>
- The **1992** National Adult Literacy Survey tests show that only about **56%** of the blacks and **83%** of the whites over sixteen are literate. [**55**] Scores on **1994** NAEP reading tests indicate that **42%** of the **4th** graders can't read; **72%** of the **8th** graders can't read **8th** grade assignments; and **66%** of the nation's high school seniors can't read **9th** grade textbooks in any core subject. *USDE. 1994. NAEP Reading: A First Look. p. 18.*
- Over **50** percent of students at four-year schools and more than **75** percent at two-year colleges lacked the skills to perform complex literacy tasks (unable to interpret a table about exercise and blood pressure, comprehend arguments of newspaper editorials, compare credit card offers with different interest rates and annual fees, or summarize results of a survey about parental involvement in school). *American Institutes for Research Ben Feller, Associated Press | January 20, 2006*
- Almost **80%** of seniors at **55** of our best colleges and universities earned a D or F grade on a high-school level American history test a **1999** survey showed. *USDE 1992 National Adult Literacy Survey tests* <http://www.philanthropyroundtable.org/magazines/2000-11/cohen.html>
- The National Center for Education Statistics reports that only **31%** of college graduates can read and understand a complex book. *Walter E. Williams, professor of economics at George Mason University.* <http://www.ibdeditorials.com/IBDArticles.aspx?id=336612797889002>
- Nearly half (**47** percent) of college freshmen enrolled in **2005** had earned an average grade of A in high school, compared to **2-in-10** (**20** percent) in **1970**.

The majority (**79 percent**) of freshmen in **1970** had an important personal objective of “developing a meaningful philosophy of life.” By **2005**, the majority of freshmen (**75 percent**) said their primary objective was “being very well off financially.” *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2007*. (Table 274). <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/miscellaneous/007871.html>

- In a nationwide study conducted by Dr. Brian D. Ray of the National Home Education Research Institute, Homeschoolers were found to have scored **34-39** percentile points higher than the norm on standardized achievement tests. <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20090811/study-homeschoolers-scoring-well-above-public-school-peers/index.html>
- The average ACT (American College Testing) score of homeschooled students in **2009** was higher than the national average. <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20090827/avg-act-score-of-homeschoolers-beats-nat-l-avg/index.html>
- Enrollment has increased **70.6 percent** since **1990**, from **135,000** to **230,000**, at the **102** evangelical schools belonging to the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities. *Higher Education Research Institute at the UCLA; USA Today Dec. 14, 2005* .
- During the same period, enrollments at public colleges increased by **12.8 percent**, and at private colleges the increase was **28 percent**. *USA Today Dec. 14, 2005 Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist Press* <http://www.bpnews.net/bpnews.asp?ID=22361>
- **62%** more students are going to college than did in the **1960s**". *Bill Fitzsimmons, dean of admissions at Harvard.*
- Nearly **40 percent** (approx. 11.5 million) of the nation's 18 to 24 year olds were enrolled in two- or four-year colleges as of October 2008. *U.S. Census figures released by the Pew Research Center, Nov. 2009*
- The District of Columbia leads the nation in the proportion of college grads. <http://www.epodunk.com/top10/collegeDiploma/index.html>
- A (disputed) study showed that **50%** of American college faculty identified themselves as Democrats and only **11%** as Republicans (with **33%** being Independent, and **5%** identifying themselves with another party). **72%** described themselves as "to the left of center," including **18%** who were strongly left. Only **15%** described themselves as right of center, including only **3%** who were "strongly right." *North American Academic Study Survey (NAASS) of students, faculty and administrators at colleges and universities in the United States and Canada 1999. The Berkeley Electronic Press* <http://montages.blogspot.com/2005/04/conservatives-underrepresented-in.html>  
<http://www.bepress.com/forum/vol3/iss1/art2>  
[http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/17963/liberal\\_bias\\_in\\_our\\_schools.html](http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/17963/liberal_bias_in_our_schools.html)
- A poll of conservative and progressive religious activists showed **48 percent** of conservatives activists believe the Bible to be the literal word of God, versus only **3 percent** of “progressives”, otherwise known as liberals. This contrast was also seen in other issues, with **95 percent** of conservatives opposing legalization of abortion, and **82 percent** opposing both same-sex marriage and civil unions, while **80 percent** of liberals support some form of legal abortions (**54 percent** in most cases), with **59 percent** support same-sex marriage. The study also found that evangelical Protestants composed **54 percent** of conservatives, Roman Catholics **35 percent**, and mainline Protestants **9 percent**, while liberal activists were made up of **44 percent** mainline Protestants, **17 percent** Roman Catholics, **10 percent** evangelical Protestants, and interfaith bodies and groups (**12 percent**). *2009 Religious Activist Surveys conducted by the Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron in partnership with Public Religion Research.* <http://www.christianpost.com/article/20090916/u-s-religious-activists-have-widely-divergent-views/index.html>
- Of **100** colleges and universities graded on their general education requirements by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA), **42** institutions received a D or F for requiring two or fewer subjects, while **25** of them received an F for requiring one or no subjects. Only **5** institutions received an A for requiring six general education subjects. Average tuition and fees at the **11** schools that require no subjects was **\$37,700**; average tuition at the five schools that require six subjects is **\$5,400**. *Walter E. Williams , professor of economics at George Mason University.* <http://www.ibdeditorials.com/IBDArticles.aspx?id=336612797889002>  
<http://whatwilltheylearn.com/criteria>

- Only **9.6** percent of high school graduates are poor, compared to **22.2** percent of those without a diploma. Copyright © 2002 National Center for Policy Analysis; <http://www.ncpa.org/pub/ba/ba428/>
- Of those people who complete some college, only **6.6** percent fall below the poverty line. This drops to **3.3** percent of those with a bachelor's degree or higher. Copyright © 2002 National Center for Policy Analysis; See more at <http://www.ncpa.org/pub/ba/ba428/>
- Children that go to Sunday School will receive approx. **78** hours of religious teaching a year. The same will receive approx. **1,260** hours of school and about the same of television. *Statistics Concerning the State of America* <http://freedomministries.com/outlinestats>.
- The first practical television system began operating in the **1940s**. Television reached **9** percent of homes in **1950** and almost **90** percent in **1960**. *United States (History),* Microsoft® Encarta® Online Encyclopedia 2004 <http://encarta.msn.com> © 1997-2004 Microsoft Corporation.
- According to a Nielsen Television Index, pre-schoolers sit in front of the tube an average of **54.1** hours each week (**64%** of their waking hours). <http://www.nisbett.com/leavening/creeping/cc06.htm> <http://www.ridgenet.org/szaflik/tvrating.htm>
- ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), which is linked to viewing children TV shows, now affects from **4** to **12** percent of U.S. Children. <http://msnbc.msn.com/id/5933775/>
- **63%** of the Hollywood Elite say the industry glorifies violence. *U.S. News And World Report* May 9, 1994: 39-44 <http://www.ridgenet.org/szaflik/tvrating.htm>; <http://www.nisbett.com/leavening/creeping/cc06.htm>
- See and do: over **1,000** studies testify to a casual connection between violence in media and aggressive behavior in children. *Violence As Entertainment, Crime Prevention Resource, Fort Worth, TX* <http://www.yellodyno.com/html/childabusestatistics.html>
- In **1998**, **67** percent of primetime shows contained sexual content, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. This went up to, **77** percent by **2005**. In that year **70** percent of the top **20** most-watched shows by teens included some kind of sexual content, and **45** percent included sexual behavior. Per hour, the number of sex scenes in top teen shows was **6.7** (primetime showed **5.9** sex scenes an hour). *Susan J. Douglas, printed in "In These Times magazine" (January 22, 2008)*.
- Teens devote an average of **7** out of **17** waking hours a day to input from radio, TV, the Internet, etc. *Barna Research*; [http://enrichmentjournal.ag.org/200001/012\\_second\\_coming.cfm](http://enrichmentjournal.ag.org/200001/012_second_coming.cfm)
- A Nielsen co. study found that the typical teenager spends three hours and **20** minutes per day and **104** hours and **24** minutes per month watching television, an increase of **6%** over the past five years. They also spend an average of **11** hours and **32** minutes online per month, much of which is watching video, (*Nielsen Co study entitled "What Teens Want", 06-2009*)
- Dr. Victor B. Cline of the University of Utah has estimated that between kindergarten and age **14** a child witnesses the violent death of over **13,000** human beings on the TV screen." <http://www.nisbett.com/leavening/creeping/cc06.htm>
- Nearly **90%** of American teens ages **12 - 17** have Internet access, along with approx. **66%** of adults. *Pew Internet and American life project*.
- Adolescents and adults now spend, on average, more than **64** days a year watching television, **41** days listening to the radio and a little over a week using the Internet. <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/statistical-abstract.html>
- Among adults, **97** million Internet users sought news online in **2005**, **92** million purchased a product and **91** million made a travel reservation. About **16** million used a social or professional networking site and **13** million created a blog. *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2007 (Table 1139)* <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/miscellaneous/007871.html>.
- Visits to the top **1200** religious sites in the U.S. accounted for only **0.18%** of all Internet visits for the week ending March **10, 2007**. In perspective, for every one religious website visit, there are over **60** visits to adult sites. Vermont ranks

as the state with residents least likely to visit religious sites. *Time Magazine*. "Looking for God Online," Friday, Mar. 16, 2007

- Of the over **\$200,000** Google employees gave to federal candidates in **2004**, "**98%** went to Democrats, the biggest share among top tech donors." 2/2005 USA TODAY campaign finance analysis
- Between **90** and **97** percent of news media professionals have consistently affirmed themselves to be pro-choice on the matter of abortion. More than half of the respondents agreed that abortion should be legal under any and all circumstances. Robert Lichter and Stanley Rothman's **1981** survey of **240** journalists at top media outlets; Los Angeles Times **1985** survey of **2,700** journalists at **621** American newspapers; Robert Lichter and Stanley Rothman's **1986** study of the media's attitudes and their influence on society, as published in the National Federation for Decency's Journal; Indiana University journalism professors David Weaver and G. Cleveland Wilhoit's **1992** survey of **1,410** newspaper, magazine, television, and radio journalists; Stanley Rothman and Amy Black's **1995** study of the media elite. <http://www.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=32928>
- Only between **6** and **8** percent of news media professionals attended religious services regularly, a tiny fraction of the corresponding rate for the public at large. Ibid. Annenberg Public Policy Center and Annenberg Foundation Trust's **2005** survey of **673** journalists from newspapers, television, magazines, radio, and Internet; Pew Research Center's **2008** survey of **222** journalists and news executives
- In a **2007** Pew Research Center study of journalists and news executives, the ratio was **4** liberals for each conservative. Pew Research Center's **2007** survey of **222** journalists and news executives at national outlets.
- In **1980**, twice as many news media professionals cast their ballots for Democrat Jimmy Carter rather than Republican Ronald Reagan. California State University survey of reporters from the **50** largest U.S. Newspapers.
- In **1984**, **58** percent supported Democrat Walter Mondale, whom Reagan defeated in the biggest landslide in presidential election history. Los Angeles Times **1985** survey of **2,700** journalists at **621** American newspapers,
- In **1988**, White House correspondents from various major newspapers, television networks, magazines, and news services supported Democrat Michael Dukakis over Republican George H.W. Bush by a ratio of **12-to-1**. U.S. News & World Report writer Kenneth Walsh's **1995** study of **28** White House correspondents
- All told, White House correspondents during the late '80s and early '90s voted for Democrats at **7** times the rate at which they voted for Republicans. U.S. News & World Report writer Kenneth Walsh's **1995** study of **28** White House correspondents. **1996** Freedom Forum survey of **139** Washington bureau chiefs and congressional correspondents
- On the subject of welfare and related issues, liberal experts were quoted in the news **75** percent of the time, conservatives **22** percent. On consumer issues, the liberal-conservative ratio was **63** percent to **22** percent. On environmental issues, the ratio was **79** percent to **18** percent. And regarding nuclear energy, the ratio was **77** percent to **20** percent. Robert Lichter, Stanley Rothman, and Linda Lichter, *The Media Elite: America's New Power Brokers* (New York: Hastings House, 1990).  
More stats on media TV content: <http://www.parentstv.org/PTC/outsidestudies/main.asp>
- **For commentary relating to the Bible, Education and Present Conditions, read [HERE](#)**

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(some are repetitions of data from other categories, and most figure are approximate.)

## **NATIONAL TAXES, SPENDING AND DEBT**

- Based upon adjusted gross income (AGI), the top-earning **25** percent of taxpayers (AGI over **\$66,532**) earned **68.7** percent of the nation's income, but they paid **86.6** percent of all federal individual income taxes. The top **1** percent of taxpayers in **2007** (AGI over **\$410,096**) paid **40.4** percent of all federal individual income taxes (up from **36.9** percent in **2004**) and earned **22.8** percent of adjusted gross income (up from **19** percent in **2004**). In addition,

those in the highest reported income bracket accounted for nearly **12** percent of the adjusted gross income earned and approximately **20** percent of the nation's federal individual income taxes. This results in the top **1** percent of tax returns having paid more in federal individual income taxes than the bottom **95** percent of tax returns. <http://www.taxfoundation.org/publications/show/250.html> compiled from Internal Revenue Service charts, <http://www.irs.gov/taxstats/indtaxstats/article/0,,id=133521,00.html>

- In June **2009** the national debt was over **11** trillion dollars, and growing at **\$3.82** billion per day. each citizen's share of this debt is now **\$37,231.31**. [http://www.brillig.com/debt\\_clock/](http://www.brillig.com/debt_clock/)
- According to the U.S. Treasury, foreign governments and investors now hold some **\$2.23** Trillion - or about **44%** of all publicly held U.S. Debt (**2007**), the first being Japan (**\$586** billion), then China (**\$400** billion), and then Britain (**\$244** billion). Saudi Arabia and other oil-exporting countries account for **\$123** billion. U.S. Treasury. Copyright **2007** The Associated Press. [http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2007-12-03-debt\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2007-12-03-debt_N.htm)
- As of **1994**, the Federal Reserve estimated that of the approximately **\$365** billion of American currency in circulation, **60** percent was held somewhere outside the country. L. Reichard White <http://www.usagold.com/gildedopinion/bigfloat.html>
- In **1954** [during the beginning of the "cold war"] defense spending was **70** percent of federal spending while "human resources" was **19** percent. In **2003**, defense was **19** percent with human resources accounting for **66** percent. *The Next Economy* By Robert J. Samuelson Wednesday, December 29, 2004; Page A19. © **2004** The Washington Post Company. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A32610-2004Dec28.html>
- Apart from total cost of defense, Health and Human Services (approx. **700B**) makes up the single largest part of the **2006** budget. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/fy2006/index.html> [while both areas are a priority, and the most important thing is souls and lives – not money, and disdaining the Word of God and supplanting it with the perverse morality and social engineering of Secular Humanism (or with other false religions) has cost America and the world incredibly in monetary realms. Most wars are begun as a result of man's lust for power and which would not be if men yielded to Christ, and obedience to Biblical morals would also eliminate such things as STD's as well as the results of other "hurtful lusts" (1Tim., 6:9), which costs souls now and will do so in the hereafter. Only when one volitionally receives the Lord Jesus and His salvation will one find the spiritual life that alone can truly change the heart, and enable one to follow Christ, and know His peace. And which salvation and sanctification works to the benefit of a country, in temporal terms as well as spiritual. "Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD" (Ps. 144:15).]
- Medicaid is now the largest government health care program, costing federal and state governments **\$259** billion in FY **2002**--surpassing the cost of Medicare, which was **\$257** billion, for the first time ever. Honorable Thomas A. Scully before the Subcommittee on Health <http://www.heritage.org/research/features/issues2004/medicaid.cfm#FF>
- U.S. health care spending is expected to increase at similar levels for the next decade reaching **\$4.2 TRILLION** in **2016**, or **20** percent of GDP. Poisal, J.A., et al, Health Spending Projections Through 2016: Modest Changes Obscure Part D's Impact. Health Affairs (**21** February **2007**): W242-253.
- In **48** states, the cost of center-based child care for a four-year-old is greater than tuition at a four-year public college. <http://www.childrensdefense.org/pressreleases/040713.asp>

## CONSUMER HEALTH CARE

- Health care spending is **4.3** times the amount spent on national defense. California Health Care Foundation. Health Care Costs **101** -- **2005**. **02** March **2005**. <http://www.nchc.org/facts/cost.shtml>
- America spent about **\$1.7** trillion (**15.3** percent of its Gross Domestic Product) on health care in **2003**, as it continued to rise at the fastest rate in US history. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Office of the Actuary, National Health Statistics Group; and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of the Census. <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/statistics/nhe/projections-2003/t2.asp>.
- More than **50** percent of Americans spend over **\$75** billion on dietary supplements and natural health approaches. Lyle Hurd, [http://americanwellnessnetwork.com/American\\_Wellness\\_Network.html](http://americanwellnessnetwork.com/American_Wellness_Network.html)

- Americans drank about **10** times as much as bottled water per person in **2004** (**23** gallons) than in **1980**. They also consumed more than twice as much high fructose corn syrup per person as in **1980**. Richard Clement/Reuters; <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/miscellaneous/007871.html>

## SEXUAL SINS

- Every incident of child sexual abuse costs the victim and society **\$99,000**. Miller, Cohen & Wiersema, **1996**. <http://www.yellodyno.com/html/childabusestatistics.html>
- Teen pregnancy costs the United States at least **\$7** billion annually. National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. (1997). Whatever Happened to Childhood? The Problem of Teen Pregnancy in the United States. Washington, DC: Author. <http://www.theodora.com/teddy/newyork/teenage.html>
- Overall monetary cost to tax payers for teen mothers: **\$120** billion+. Based on the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (1979-1985) in Congressional Budget Office. (1990, September). Sources of Support for Adolescent Mothers. Washington, DC
- With **19** million sexually transmitted diseases in the United States — almost half occur among the **14-to-25** age group — the cost to the health care system is **\$15** billion a year. Dr. Kevin Fenton of the CDC.
- Divorce and out-of-wedlock childbearing costs U.S. taxpayers more than **\$112** billion a year, according to a study commissioned by groups advocating government action to bolster marriage. Georgia State University economist Georgia State University economist Ben Scafidi's, Institute for American Values, the Institute for Marriage and Public Policy, Families Northwest of Redmond, Wash., and the Georgia Family Council. <http://www.federalnewsradio.com/?nid=80&sid=1386915>
- The overall cost treating AIDS in the United States was **\$16** billion in **2002**. <http://usinfo.state.gov/gi/Archive/2003/Dec/01-19252.html>
- The monthly medical cost for people with HIV from diagnosis until death averages to be **\$2,100**. The lifetime (now **24.2** years avg.) HIV care cost per such persons is now **\$618,900** per person. 06 Nov 2006 NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center Schackman, Freedberg, MGH, Gebo Moore Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard Medical School, and BU School of Public Health) <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/55870.php>  
[http://porkbusters.org/2007/02/prevent\\_baby\\_aids\\_or\\_learn\\_how.php](http://porkbusters.org/2007/02/prevent_baby_aids_or_learn_how.php)
- Excluding HIV, more than **\$8** billion is spent each year to diagnose and treat STDs and their complications. Institute of Medicine. (1997). The hidden epidemic—Confronting sexually transmitted disease (edited by Thomas R. Eng and William T. Butler). Washington, DC: National Academy Press. [http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn\\_statistics.cfm](http://www.ashastd.org/learn/learn_statistics.cfm)
- In **2002**, the federal and state Governments Spent **\$12** on Safe Sex and Contraceptives for Every **\$1** Spent on Abstinence. Melissa G. Pardue, Robert E. Rector, and Shannan Martin Backgrounder #1718
- The porn industry rakes in an estimated **\$10** billion to **\$14** billion annually in the United States. The **\$4** billion that Americans spend on video pornography alone is more than the annual revenue of the NFL, the NBA or Major League Baseball. Dillon Fishman Arizona Daily Wildcat [http://wildcat.arizona.edu/papers/98/133/03\\_1.html](http://wildcat.arizona.edu/papers/98/133/03_1.html)
- It is estimated that Americans now spend somewhere around **\$10** billion a year on adult entertainment, which is as much as they spend attending professional sporting events, buying music or going out to the movies. It is estimated that Americans now spend somewhere around **\$10** billion a year on adult entertainment, which is as much as they spend attending professional sporting events, buying music or going out to the movies. CBS News. <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2003/11/21/60minutes/main585049.shtml>
- Americans spent as much on drugs in **2004** as they did for gasoline. Industry consultants estimated **\$250** billion in sales (the majority for prescription drugs), which translates into an **\$850** pharmaceutical fill-up for every American. Jeff Donn ASSOCIATED PRESS, April 16, 2005. <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/health/20050416-0936-america-themedicated.html>
- Between **2/2001** to **7/2001** there was an increase of **345%** in child pornography sites (N2H2, **8/01**) <http://www.afo.net/statistics.htm>

## CRIME, DRUGS and ALCOHOL and other MORAL ISSUES

- With **1** out of every **100** adults in jail in the U.S., it costs state governments

almost **\$50** billion a year and the federal government **\$5** billion more. The average per prisoner operating cost in **2005** was **\$23,876**. An estimated **1** in every **15** dollars from state general funds was spent on corrections in fiscal year **2007**. *Pew's Center on the States study, <http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/uploadedFiles/One%20in%20100.pdf>*

- The United States invests **\$70** billion on decreasing interpersonal violence or and self-inflicted violence. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <http://www.infoniac.com/science/violencecosts.html>*
- The District of Columbia led the nation in **2002** in per capita Government Expenditures (State and Local Government) against crime (total justice system): **2,162**. *<http://www.census.gov/prod/2006pubs/07statab/law.pdf>*
- In **2003** the United States spent a record **\$185** billion for police protection, corrections, and judicial and legal activities. Expenditures for operating the Nation's justice system increased from almost **\$36** billion in **1982** to over **\$185** billion in **2003**, an increase of **418%**. <sup>14.5</sup> *<http://www.ncalg.org/library/working%20on%20these/factsheet.htm> Bureau of Justice Statistics, <http://www.wrongfuldeathinstitute.com/links/prison/prisonstats.htm>*
- From **1977** to **2003** total State and local expenditure for all justice functions increased **567%**: Police protection – **545%**; Corrections – **1,173%**; Judicial and legal – **1,974%**. <sup>14.5^</sup>
- Other government functions increased during the same period: Education – **505%**; Hospitals and health care – **572%**; Interest on debt – **577%**; Public welfare – **766%**. (*Justice Expenditure and Employment Extracts, compiled from the U.S. Census Bureau's Annual Government Finance Survey and Annual Survey of Public Employment*). <sup>14.5^</sup>
- Between **1982** and **2003**, per capita expenditure, including Federal, State, and local governments across justice functions, increased from **\$158** to **\$638**, over **300%**.
- During the same time period: Corrections expenditures increased **423%**, from **\$40** to **\$209** per resident. <sup>14.5^</sup>
- Judicial and legal expenditures increased **321%**, from **\$34** to **\$143**. <sup>14.5^</sup>
- Police protection expenditures increased **241%**, from **\$84** to **\$286** per resident. Since **1982** total direct expenditures increased **418%**, from nearly **\$36** billion to over **\$185** billion. The average annual increase between **1982** and **2003** was nearly **8%**. <sup>14.5^</sup>
- Of children born in the years **1967-69**, some **22.1** percent were dependent on Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) before reaching age **18**. This broke down as **15.7** percent for white children, **72.3** percent for black children. Projections for children born in **1980** gave rates of **22.2** percent and **82.9** percent respectively. Between **1970** and **1991**, the value of AFDC benefits decreased by **41%**. In **1990**, the poverty rate among single-parent with children under **18** was **44%**. *The American Spectator* (vol. **62**, no. **1**, winter **1993**, pp. **17-30**) <sup>14.5^</sup>
- A new prison cell costs **\$100,000** to build and **\$200,000** over **25** years to pay interest on the construction debt; and in excess of **\$22,000** per year/per cell to operate. <sup>14.5^</sup>
- The New York City Police Department has a **\$3.3** billion annual budget, larger than all but **19** of the world's armies. *jettrajus <http://www.handymanclub.com/Community/Forums.aspx?g=posts&t=5587&page=27>*
- Insurance-related crime among gamblers is estimated at over **\$1.3** billion a year! *<http://www.ncalg.org/library/working%20on%20these/factsheet.htm>*
- The average American worker admits to misusing **2.09** hours per **8-hour** workday (not including lunch and scheduled break-time) of their employers time (personal Internet use making up **44.7%** of the stolen time), costing employers an estimated **\$759** billion per year. **33.2%** of respondents blamed

lack of work as their primary reason for doing so, while **23.4%** said they were underpaid.

Survey by America Online and Salary.com

[http://www.salary.com/careers/layoutscripts/cre\\_display.asp?tab=cre&cat=nocat&ser=Ser374&part=Par555](http://www.salary.com/careers/layoutscripts/cre_display.asp?tab=cre&cat=nocat&ser=Ser374&part=Par555)

- "Americans spend over **\$90** billion dollars on alcohol each year." Source: *UsNoDrugs.com* <http://www.usnodrugs.com/alcohol-statistics.htm>
- Economic costs to society for Alcohol and Drug Abuse in the United States are estimated at **\$185** billion annually for **1998**. *National Institute on Drug Abuse and National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The Economic Costs of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in the United States, 1995.* <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/alcohol/factsheet.htm> **1998**.
- Economic costs of alcohol-related crashes are estimated to be **\$45** billion yearly. *Los Angeles Police Dept.* [http://www.lapdonline.org/bldg\\_safer\\_comms/prevention/other/drunck\\_driving\\_98.htm](http://www.lapdonline.org/bldg_safer_comms/prevention/other/drunck_driving_98.htm)
- An additional **\$70.5** billion is lost in quality of life due to these crashes. *Los Angeles Police Dept.* [http://www.lapdonline.org/bldg\\_safer\\_comms/prevention/other/drunck\\_driving\\_98.htm](http://www.lapdonline.org/bldg_safer_comms/prevention/other/drunck_driving_98.htm)
- Federal, state, and local alcohol taxes combined raise approximately **\$13.1** billion dollars a year, but alcohol use extracts over **\$ 100** billion a year in social costs such as lost productivity and health costs. *Morton M. Kondracke, "Don't Legalize Drugs," The New Republic, June 27, 1988; Robert E. Peterson, "Stop Legalization of Illegal Drugs," Drug Awareness Information Newsletter, July 1988]. Schaffer Library of drug policy.* <http://www.druglibrary.org/schaffer/debate/myths/myths5.htm>
- In **1995**, **\$60.3** billion, or nearly one in five dollars the federal government spends on all health care entitlements, will be spent to treat illness and conditions attributable to tobacco, alcohol and other drugs." *Columbia's Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse*
- It is estimated that legalizations of recreational drugs would cost American society between **\$140** billion and **\$210** billion a year in lost productivity and job-related accidents. *Morton M. Kondracke, citation above;* <http://www.druglibrary.org/schaffer/debate/myths/myths5.htm>
- Excessive drinking costs Americans over **\$175** billion each year: The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. <http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- Businesses lose an estimated **\$100** billion a year due to substance abuse. *U.S. Department of Labor.* <http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- Teen-aged drinking costs Americans an estimated **\$58** billion annually. *Office of Juvenile Justice and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. 1999 Great Falls Tribune* <http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- Alcohol is the number one drug of choice among America's youth, costing an average of **\$577.91** per year for every household in the United States. *Karolyn Nunnallee, national president of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD).* [www.madd.org/stats](http://www.madd.org/stats) **1999 Great Falls Tribune** <http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- College students spend over **\$5.5** billion a year on alcoholic beverages (mostly beer)--more than they spend on all other drinks [soda, tea, milk, juice and coffee] and books combined. *Sidney Ribeau, President Bowling Green State University* <http://www.collegevalues.org/diaries.cfm?id=476&a=1>. See also [www.hsph.harvard.edu/cas/rpt1998/CAS1998rpt2.html](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/cas/rpt1998/CAS1998rpt2.html).
- Medical expenses attributable to alcohol abuse are an estimated **\$22.6** billion this year. *National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.* <http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- Almost **1 in 5** dollars (**60.3** billion) of the total US federal government health care spending entitlements, will be spent in **1995** to treat afflictions and conditions attributable to tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. *Columbia's Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse. 1999 Great Falls Tribune* <http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- Americans spent as much on drugs last year [**2004**] as they did for gasoline. The **\$250** billion in sales estimated by industry consultants means an **\$850** pharmaceutical fill-up for every American. The vast majority was for prescription drugs." *Jeff Donn Associated Press, April 16, 2005.* <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/health/20050416-0936-america-themedicated.html>
- Americans spent a total of **\$151** billion on outpatient prescriptions in **2002**. *Time magazine, July 13, 2005.* [http://time.blogs.com/daily\\_rx/2005/07/what\\_americans\\_.html](http://time.blogs.com/daily_rx/2005/07/what_americans_.html)

- Over **100,000** people die every year from taking prescription drugs. *Lyle Hurd, [http://americanwellnessnetwork.com/American\\_Wellness\\_Network.html](http://americanwellnessnetwork.com/American_Wellness_Network.html)*
- Americans spend slightly less than **\$70** billion annually to buy illegal drugs. *December 2000; Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), by Abt Associates Inc., of Cambridge, Mass. [http://www.smythnews.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=SCN%2FMGArticle%2FSCN\\_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1031780461826](http://www.smythnews.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=SCN%2FMGArticle%2FSCN_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1031780461826)*
- **70** percent of America's public child welfare system spending is for substance abuse-related sins. *Columbia University's National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse. 1999 Great Falls Tribune <http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>*
- An estimated **80%** of prison inmates are alcoholics or drug abusers. *Columbia's Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse. 1999 Great Falls Tribune <http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>*
- Alcohol-related car wrecks cost the US an estimated **\$45** billion a year, or **\$1.90** per ounce of alcohol consumed. *Mothers Against Drunk Drivers [www.madd.org/stats](http://www.madd.org/stats)*
- **30 to 50%** of hospital admissions are alcohol-related. *Dr. Dan Nauts, medical director of the Addiction Medicine Center at Benefis Healthcare. <http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>*

### PERSONAL + HOUSEHOLD INCOME, GIVING, SPENDING AND DEBT

- United States, Per Capita Income in year **200** dollars: **1990 = 24, 198; 2005 = 34,07**. *US Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/prod/2006pubs/07statab/income.pdf>*
- Disposable Personal Income Per Capita in **1990 = 30,509; 2005 = 30,509**. *US Census Bureau*
- Median household income (**2006**) **46,000**. *US Census Bureau. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Median\\_household\\_income](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Median_household_income)*
- In the year **2000** households with income of at least **\$100,000** were the fastest-growing income division in the U.S. In inflation-adjusted figures (to **1999** dollars), one out of eight American households were in this group last year (**12** in **1990**). *U.S. Census Bureau; [http://money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/moneymag\\_archive/2000/12/01/292749/index.htm](http://money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/moneymag_archive/2000/12/01/292749/index.htm)*
- There were **3.5** million U.S. millionaires in **2001**, more than a half million of them (**572,000**) in California and about **3,000** in Vermont. *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2007, (Table 700) <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/miscellaneous/007871.html>*
- Americans own approximately **40** percent of the world's wealth, with **2.5** percent of the world's population. *Ron Blue, How Much Is Enough?, excerpt from a speech delivered at the annual Generous Giving Conference, Phoenix, Ariz., March 1-3, 2001. <http://www.generousgiving.org/stats#> (Web source provides many more stats)*
- At the turn of the **21st** century, the United States was home to **276** billionaires, over **2,500** households with a net worth exceeding **\$100** million, **350,000** individuals with a net worth of **\$10** million, and **5** million millionaires. *Ellen Remmer, What's a Donor to Do? The State of Donor Resources in America Today (Boston: The Philanthropic Initiative, 2000) [^](#)*
- Incomes have gone up nine to **10** times in the last **20** years while giving has gone down about **50** percent. *Ron Blue, How Much Is Enough?, excerpt from a speech delivered at the annual Generous Giving Conference, Phoenix, Ariz., March 1-3, 2001. [^](#)*
- The two groups in the United States that give the highest percentages of their income are the poor (those making less than **\$20,000** per year) and the rich (those making more than **\$100,000** per year). Middle-class Americans (those making between **\$40,000** and **\$100,000** per year) are the smallest percentage givers. *Tim Stafford, The Anatomy of a Giver: American Christians Are the Nation's Most Generous Givers, but We Aren't Exactly Sacrificing, Christianity Today, May 19, 1997. [^](#)*
- In **2006**, Americans gave **1.66%** of their aggregate income to charity, with donations totaling **US\$182** billion. This rate of giving is more than double that of Canadians, who gave **0.76%** of aggregate income (**CA\$8.4** billion in total) to charity in **2006**. *[http://www.fraserinstitute.org/commerce.web/product\\_files/Generosity\\_Index\\_2008.pdf](http://www.fraserinstitute.org/commerce.web/product_files/Generosity_Index_2008.pdf)*
- One study showed that the **70** percent of American households which make charitable contributions overall gave **3.5%** of their income, approx. **33%** to religious institutions. Utah was the state with the highest average per-capita charitable contributions, followed by Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas. *Professor Arthur Brooks, 2005. <http://www.america.gov/st/washfile->*

- Nearly **80** percent of children in long-term poverty live in some type of broken family or with a never-married parent. <sup>15</sup>National Center for Policy Analysis; <http://www.ncpa.org/pub/ba/ba428/>
- On average, a child raised by a never-married mother is **9** times more likely to live in poverty than a child raised by two parents in an intact marriage. <sup>15</sup>
- Only **9.6** percent of high school graduates are poor, compared to **22.2** percent of those without a diploma. <sup>15</sup>
- Of those people who complete some college, only **6.6** percent fall below the poverty line. This drops to **3.3** percent of those with a bachelor's degree or higher. <sup>15</sup>
- Of the **35** million living in American poverty, **46%** live in their own homes, **76%** have air conditioning, **97%** own a color TV, **78%** a DVD or VCR, **65%** their own washing machine, **73%** their own car, **30%** own more than one car. U.S. Census Bureau; Executive Summary #1713: Understanding Poverty in America by Robert E. Rector and Kirk A. Johnson, Ph.D. <http://www.heritage.org/Research/Welfare/BG1713es.cfm>. [This is not to slight those who have much less, nor does it reveal the whole story, but it shows a disparity between those who, like myself, fit into the category of financial poverty in America, and that of poverty in other areas of the world.]
- More than half (**50.3** percent) of U.S. households — nearly **57** million — owned stocks and mutual funds in **2005**, representing **91** million individual investors. Equity owners had a median age of **51**, a median household income of **\$65,000** and **\$125,000** in median household financial assets. *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2007*, (Tables 1194, 1195). <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/miscellaneous/007871.html>
- The average American household has **13** payment cards, including credit cards, debit cards and store cards. *Family Life Facts*, <http://www.flc.org/hfl/flf01.htm>
- Over **40%** of U.S. families spend more than they earn. *Federal Reserve*.
- Together Americans owe **\$1.713** trillion, nearly three times the value of the nation's circulating currency. *Harper's Magazine*, November 2002. <http://www.employmentproject.com/nmj/nmj0211.htm>
- The percentage of household debt in relation to household assets (what you owe versus what you're worth) has also never been so high. *The Federal Reserve*, reported by CNN/Money, October 3, 2003
- **80%** of Americans owe more than they own. 2004 by Rod Rogers, [http://www.leaderskillsinc.com/resource\\_articles/stew\\_doc\\_news.htm](http://www.leaderskillsinc.com/resource_articles/stew_doc_news.htm)
- Consumer borrowing has risen almost **50** percent in the past five years to a record **\$6.3** billion. *U.S. News & World Report*, February 14, 2001; <http://www.bibleuniverse.com/finance/finance.asp>
- Household debt -- everything from home mortgages to credit cards -- now totals about **\$10** trillion, or roughly **115** percent of personal disposable income. In **1945**, debt was about **20** percent of disposable income. *The Next Economy* By Robert J. Samuelson Wednesday, December 29, 2004; Page A19. © 2004 The Washington Post Company. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A32610-2004Dec28.html>
- About **10** percent of credit card holders had total card balances in excess of **\$10,000**. Liz Pulliam Weston, *The Truth about Credit Card Debt: Conventional Wisdom is That We're All Hooked and Struggling. The Reality Is, in fact, Quite Different and Less Frightening*, MSN Money, May 8, 2006. <http://www.generousgiving.org/stats#>
- Nearly two of every three undergraduate students are going into debt to go to college, owing an average of more than **\$19,000**, most often to the government. Devlin Barrett, 2 of 3 College Grads Go into Debt, *The Associated Press*, May 30, 2006. <sup>△</sup>
- **50%** of all income goes to pay consumer and mortgage debt. Rod Rogers, [http://www.leaderskillsinc.com/resource\\_articles/stew\\_doc\\_news.htm](http://www.leaderskillsinc.com/resource_articles/stew_doc_news.htm)
- There were **278** million debit cards in U.S. hands in **2004**, with **22.2** billion transactions amounting to more than **\$1** trillion. *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2007*, (Table 1168). <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/miscellaneous/007871.html>

- **45%** of people are dependent on relatives. *Rod Rogers, [http://www.leaderskillsinc.com/resource\\_articles/stew\\_doc\\_news.htm](http://www.leaderskillsinc.com/resource_articles/stew_doc_news.htm)*
- The average American Credit card debt is **\$8,562 (2002)**. [Does not include other forms of debt.] *<http://www.fool.com/ccs/secrets/secrets.htm> (orig. <http://www.cardweb.com> ?)*
- Total finance charges Americans paid in **2001: \$50** billion. *<http://www.fool.com/ccs/secrets/secrets.htm>*
- **75%** of credit card companies revenues come from finance charges. *<http://loan.yahoo.com/c/cards6.html>*
- **55%** of households owed nothing on credit cards (**2002**). *Liz Pulliam Weston <http://moneycentral.msn.com/content/Banking/creditcardsmarts/P74808.asp>*
- **29%** of households owe **\$1,000** or more on their cards. **1%** owe **\$21,400** or more. Bill Whitt at the VIP Forum, a Washington D.C. research firm. *Reported by Liz Pulliam Weston, <http://moneycentral.msn.com/content/Banking/creditcardsmarts/P74808.asp>*
- Average American undergraduate student credit card debt rose from **\$1,879** to **\$2,748** in two years (**2000**). *Nellie Mae Student Loan Applications. [http://www.debtsmart.com/cgi-pl/redirect?statistic\\_37&http://www.nfcc.org](http://www.debtsmart.com/cgi-pl/redirect?statistic_37&http://www.nfcc.org)*
- The average American college undergrad has **\$1,843** in credit card debt (**2001**). *Nellie Mae, a student loan provider. [http://www.debtsmart.com/cgi-pl/redirect?statistic\\_55&http://Bankrate.com](http://www.debtsmart.com/cgi-pl/redirect?statistic_55&http://Bankrate.com)*
- More than half of families with credit cards (**56** percent) “almost always” pay off the balance, **20** percent “sometimes” pay off the balance and another **24** percent “hardly ever” pay off the balance. *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2007, (Table 1170). <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/miscellaneous/007871.html>*
- Bankruptcies set another record in **2003**, with **1.6** million personal filings. *American Bankruptcy Institute. <http://www.abiworld.org/stats/newstatsfront.html>*

## TAXES

- Every baby born today “owes” the United States federal government approximately **\$70,000**. *Statistics Concerning the State of America <http://freedomministries.com/outlinestats.html>*
- Cost of a hospital delivery is approximately **\$10,000**. *PPFA 2002*
- Cost to raise a child until age **18** is approximately **\$177,250** to **\$350,210**. *Parents 2000*
- The tax revenues that would have been from the **26.9** million children that have been legally aborted in America by **1991** is an estimated **\$135** billion. *The Cost of Abortion, Lawrence F. Roberge <http://www.pregnantpause.org/abort/gap.htm>*
- **37** million Americans were living under the poverty line last year [**2005**]- about **12.6** percent of the population. *US Census Bureau; [www.finfacts.com/irelandbusinessnews/publish/article\\_10007085.shtml](http://www.finfacts.com/irelandbusinessnews/publish/article_10007085.shtml)*
- Immigrants who become U.S. citizens typically pay more in taxes they receive in benefits such as education and public assistance (**\$70.3** billion as compared with **\$42.9** billion) - though initially using more state and local services - than do native-born Americans. *<http://www.immigrationforum.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=277> and [www.ericdigests.org/](http://www.ericdigests.org/)*
- Undocumented immigrants constitute about **1%** of the total U.S. population and **13%** of the foreign-born population. *<http://www.ericdigests.org/>*

## CULINARY INDULGENCE

- Americans spend close to **\$117** billion on obesity related health care, with another **\$33** billion spent annually in attempts to control or lose weight. Mazur F. Health cost control: prevention. *Legislative Update. [http://user.adelphia.net/frankmazur/prevention\\_10\\_3.htm](http://user.adelphia.net/frankmazur/prevention_10_3.htm); Accessed August 26, 2004. [http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\\_qa3977/is\\_200410/ai\\_n9461223](http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa3977/is_200410/ai_n9461223)*
- Nearly half the costs of obesity are paid out of tax-supported health insurance. *Magee M. The cost of obesity in America. Health Politics. Available at [http://www.health-politics.com/programjinfo.asp?p=prog\\_474](http://www.health-politics.com/programjinfo.asp?p=prog_474); accessed July 14, 2004. [http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\\_qa3977/is\\_200410/ai\\_n9461223](http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa3977/is_200410/ai_n9461223)*
- Total amount spent annually on potato chips: **\$4.5** billion. *Cato book for Congress.*

<http://www.cato.org/pubs/handbook/hb105-18.html>

- Americans spent approx. **167** million in caviar in **2004**. Fred Conte, Univeristy of California at Davis.
- In **2007**, it is estimated that Americans will spend over **\$40** billion on their pets. *American Pet Products Manufacturers Associate, Inc., Industry Statistics and Trends, 2007.*
- America Throw away approx. **27%** of it's food every year. <http://www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?articleid=860>

## VEHICLES

- One billion dollars worth of stolen cars are taken out of the United States annually. *International Crime Control Strategy - June 1998* <http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/iccs/iccsii.html>
- Maine, Vermont, Idaho, and Wisconsin were the **5** least expensive states for auto insurance in **2005**, while New York state, Louisiana, Rhode Island Maryland and Washington DC made up the **5** highest. [http://www.insurance.com/Article.aspx/MostLeast\\_Expensive\\_States\\_for\\_Auto\\_Insurance\\_in\\_2005/artid/343](http://www.insurance.com/Article.aspx/MostLeast_Expensive_States_for_Auto_Insurance_in_2005/artid/343)  
[;http://www.insurance.com/Article.aspx/The\\_Most\\_Expensive\\_States\\_for\\_Auto\\_Insurance/artid/147](http://www.insurance.com/Article.aspx/The_Most_Expensive_States_for_Auto_Insurance/artid/147)
- Car ownership costs of selected cities around the country are as follows: Detroit - **\$12,210**, Philadelphia - **\$11,081**, Los Angeles - **\$10,604**, Hartford, CT - **\$9,972**, West Palm Beach - **\$9,170**, Buffalo - **\$8,813**, Grand Forks, ND - **\$7,726**, Bismarck, ND - **\$7,705**, Sioux Falls, SD - **\$7,629**, *Runzheimer International, a consulting firm; http://money.cnn.com/2006/09/01/autos/costliest\_car\_ownership\_cities/index.htm?cnn=yes*

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- At General Motors, the cost of health care for employees now exceeds the cost of steel.
- Health premiums were up **13.9** percent in **2003** over **2002**. In **2004**, health benefits cost a single employee an average of **\$3,383**, and a family of four **\$9,068**. *The Bureau of Labor Statistics*
- "Each automobile manufactured in the U.S. today contains **\$700** worth of steel and around **\$1,700** worth of health care costs." *Mike Milken at HRO World Conference 2004.*
- Health care cost General Motors **\$5.3** billion in **2005**—**31** percent of which was for prescription drugs. *Corbett B., Ward's Auto World 2003 Jul 1; http://xnet.kp.org/permanentejournal/SUM07/health-care-reform.html*
- In **48** states, the cost of center-based child care for a four-year-old is greater than tuition at a four-year public college. <http://www.childrendefense.org/pressreleases/040713.asp>
- This nations approx. **1** million (annually) high school dropouts are estimated to cost the economy **260** billion over the course of the students lives. *U.S. News + World Report, 4-24-06 [Bible church "dropouts" cost more, while the social engineering "values" most schools teach cost both the students and this nation more than money.]*
- In the United States, **32%** of peoples income is spent on housing (including ultitlies, furnishings, services, repairs, etc.) *Center for Business and Economic Research; http://cber.cba.ua.edu/rbriefs/ab\_jul97.html*
- American citizens donated **\$260** billion to charities of all kinds in **2005**, the latest year for which figures are available. *The Giving USA Foundation.*
- The amount budgeted by the US government for non-military foreign aid in **2006** ( **\$17.29** billion) to the entire world was less than American citizens spend celebrating Mother's Day and Father's And the amount spent on winter holidays is greater than all charitable giving combined. *National Retail Federation. http://www.godweb.org/holidayspending.htm*
- The average consumer will spend **\$30** on Christmas cards and postage this year. *National Retail Federation.*
- Americans are expected to spend **\$8** billion on Christmas decorations. *Unity Marketing, 2005 http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=18650*
- Eight in **10** dog owners buy their pet holiday gifts. Six in **10** cat owners do. *2005, American Pet Products Manufacturers Association.*

- Americans spent approx **\$457 Billion / \$800** per person on Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. A typical American child receives **70** new toys a year, most of them at Christmas, and .
- **\$14 Billion / \$116** per person Valentine's Day
- **\$13.8 Billion / \$115** per person for Mother's Day
- **\$12.6 Billion / \$110** per person for Easter
- **\$9 Billion / \$100** per person for Father's Day
- **\$5 billion / \$60** per person for Halloween. *National Retail Federation*  
<http://www.godweb.org/holidayspending.htm>
- **\$36.3 billion** was spent by Americans on pet food and supplies, veterinary visits, medicines, live animals and services (which include massage therapy, spa treatments, couture clothing and gourmet food). *2005, American Pet Products Manufacturers Association.*
- Pets outnumber people in the United States by about **60 million**. *2005, American Pet Products Manufacturers Association.* <http://www.cnn.com/2006/US/03/10/modern.pets/index.html>
- **14** *Bureau of Justice Statistics*
- **15** *Copyright © 2002 National Center for Policy Analysis;*  
<http://www.ncpa.org/pub/ba/ba428/>

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- According to the *International Programs Center, U.S. Bureau of the Census*, the total population of the World, projected to **10/08/06** at **21:54** GMT (EST+5) is **6,549,155,343**. <http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/popclockworld.html>
- According to the *U.S. Bureau of the Census*, the resident population of the United States, projected to **10/08/06** at **21:54** GMT (EST+5) is **299,934,174**
- **COMPONENT SETTINGS FOR OCTOBER 2006**
- One birth every..... **7** seconds
- One death every..... **13** seconds
- One international migrant (net) every..... **31** seconds
- Net gain of one person every..... **11** seconds
- On **July 1, 1906** the U.S. population was listed at **85,450,000**.  
<http://www.census.gov/population/www/popclockus.html>
- U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimate (7-9-07): **302,292,739**.
- The total U.S. population crossed the **100** million mark around **1915**, the **200** million mark in **1967**, and the **300** million mark in **2006** (on Tuesday, October **17**). [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_the_United_States)
- It took America **52** years to grow from **100** million in **1915** to **200** million in **1967**, but only **39** years to reach **300** million. There will be **400** million Americans in **2043**, climbing to **420** million by midcentury. *US Census Bureau estimates.*
- The U.S. population more than tripled during the **20th** century - a growth rate of about **1.3** percent a year - from about **76** million in **1900** to **281** million in **2000**. U.S. population growth is now the highest among developed countries. California and Texas currently the most populous states.  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_the_United_States)
- **45%** of American children under the age of **5** are minorities, with Hispanics accounting for almost half (**1.4** million).  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_the_United_States)
- In **1957**, a baby was born every **7** seconds.  
[http://encarta.msn.com/encyclopedia\\_1741500823\\_30/United\\_States\\_\(History\).html](http://encarta.msn.com/encyclopedia_1741500823_30/United_States_(History).html)
- Every **7** seconds someone in America turns **50**. *Gary Onks - SoldOnSeniors, Inc.*
- People over age **66** will be **19.4** percent of Americans by **2043**, up from **11.8**

percent now. *Carolyn Kaster/ap./file*

- The United States has both the highest birthrate (**2.11**) and the highest church attendance in the industrialized world. *Atheists won't save Europe by don feder*  
<http://www.frontpagemagazine.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=27937>
- Of the **10** nations with the lowest birthrates, nine are in Europe (the **10th.** is Japan), with only **1.5** children born for every woman in the EU (which also has the lowest church attendance in the world). *Atheists won't save Europe by don feder*  
<http://www.frontpagemagazine.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=27937>
- World War I saw **15** million deaths, World War II approx **62** million people, Korean War **2.5** million military and civilian deaths. <http://en.wikipedia.org>
- Vietnam war: **58,226** American deaths, with approx. approximately **5.4** million total dead (including some by post war effects). <http://answers.google.com>
- Up to **1986**[?] the deaths from that century's battles in all international and domestic wars, revolutions, and violent conflicts was estimated at **35,654,000**.  
*The Wall Street Journal, July 7, 1986; 38 million –* <http://www.hawaii.edu/powerkills/com.art.htm>.
- Islam and Hinduism grows at the rate of **1.93%** and **1.49%** per annum, respectively, while Christianity grows at **1.31 %** per annum. The difference in the rate of growth is explained by biological growth in Asia and Africa. Christianity actually grows three times the rate of Islam by conversion growth.  
*Barrett, Johnson, and Crossing, p. 29*
- It is estimated that atheistic communism (Marxism-Leninism and its variants) is responsible for the murder of up to approx. **94** million people in the last century (through assassination, extrajudicial executions, torture, indiscriminate mass killings, and genocide, democide and famine caused by negligence or indifference, or it's war against capitalism. *The Black Book of Communism,*  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black\\_Book\\_of\\_Communism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Book_of_Communism); (**110 million – Death By Government, R.J. Rummel**).
- Active-duty strength for the U.S. armed forces in **2005** included **493,000** in the Army, **354,000** in the Air Force, **363,000** in the Navy and **180,000** Marines. The nearly **1.4** million men and women in uniform compares to **3** million-plus members in **1970**.
- There were **14,000** terrorist attacks globally in **2006**. **47%** of those took place in Iraq. Two-thirds of fatalities from these attacks worldwide occurred in Iraq.  
*Time Magazine, 5/14/07; http://www.veegle.com.*
- HIV/AIDS [*which is virtually 100% preventable by obeying God's command for celibacy until marriage between man and women and monogamy afterwards*], is the **4th-Leading Cause of Death** in the World (over **25** million dead since **1981**), after Ischaemic heart disease, Cerebrovascular disease, and Lower respiratory infections . <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0779147.html>; UNAIDS/WHO.
- AIDS, at over **58,000** dead per year (**2003**) is the leading cause of death by Infectious Diseases in the USA [with over a half million American dead from it], followed far behind by Botulism at **132** persons. <http://www.disastercenter.com/cdc/disease.htm>
- AIDS is a leading cause of death among African-American men ages **25-446** in the USA, and African American women ages **25-34** years (**2003**). *CDC, NCHS, National Vital Statistics Report, November 7, 2003* <http://www.cdc.gov/omh/Highlights/2005/HDec105.htm>
- New York State ( **155, 755**) led the nation in HIV/AIDs cases in **2002**, followed by California **128,064**, Florida **90,233**, Texas **59,772**, New Jersey **45,237**, Illinois **28,426**, Pennsylvania **28,136**. <http://www.kff.org/hiv/aids/loader.cfm?url=/commonspot/security/getfile.cfm&PageID=32947>
- Including non-occupants, almost (**48k+**) **50,000** people die in roadway crashes in America (**1999**). <http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/departments/nrd-30/NCSA/Content/Assess2K.html>
- Nearly **115,000** people die prematurely of alcohol abuse each year, said the NIAAA. <http://www.gannett.com/go/difference/greatfalls/pages/part11/mess.html>
- More than **33%** of Americans would desire "everything possible" done to save

their lives if they had a lethal disease, up from just over **20%** in **1990**. *Pew Research Center for the People and the Press.*

## IMMIGRATION

- Since **1970** over **90%** of U.S. population growth has occurred from recent immigrants and their children born here. *Dirk Chase Eldredge*  
<sup>16</sup><http://www.insightmag.com/news/2002/03/11/Symposium/Yes-Immigration.Will.Double.The.Population.Of.The.United.States.Within.The.Next-185221.shtml>.
- Since **1970** licensed drivers in the United States have increased by **64** percent. <sup>^ 15</sup>
- From **1960** to the **1990's** immigration into the U.S. has increased from **300,000** to over **1** million annually. <sup>^ 15</sup>
- According to U.S. Census Bureau's estimation for **2005**, **45%** of American children under the age of **5** are minorities. In **2006**, the nation's minority population reached **100.7** million. A year before, the minority population totaled **98.3** million. Hispanics accounted for almost half (**1.4** million) of the national population growth of **2.9** million between July **1, 2005**, and July **1, 2006**. In thirty-five of the country's fifty largest cities, white people are or soon will be in the minority. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demography\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demography_of_the_United_States)
- From **1990** to **1998** U.S. immigration increased **41%** (**32%** of total U.S. population growth). <sup>^ 15</sup>
- Immigrants who become U.S. citizens typically pay more in taxes they receive in benefits such as education and public assistance (**\$70.3** billion as compared with **\$42.9** billion) - though initially using more state and local services - than do native-born Americans. <http://www.immigrationforum.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=277> and [www.ericdigests.org/](http://www.ericdigests.org/)
- Undocumented immigrants constitute about **1%** of the total U.S. population and **13%** of the foreign-born population. <http://www.ericdigests.org/>
- Undocumented immigrants pay taxes of **\$7** billion annually because their paychecks are subject to income tax and Social Security deductions. <http://www.ericdigests.org/>
- During the **1980's**, **75%** of all immigrants settled in **6** states: California, New York, Texas, Florida, New Jersey, and Illinois. Approx. **90%** live in cities. In **1990**, **93%** lived in cities. <http://www.ericdigests.org/>
- There were more than **2.3** million immigrant youth in U.S. schools and colleges--about **5%** of all students. <http://www.ericdigests.org/>

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- From **2000** to **2005**, the number of manufacturing jobs declined nearly **18** percent. Virtually every job category registered decreases except pharmaceuticals. Employment in textile mills fell by **42** percent. The job projected to grow the fastest by **2014** is home health aide. <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/miscellaneous/007871.html>
- ST. LOUIS, MO. (May **22, 2008**) – Results from the **2008** GMAC Insurance National Drivers Test released today found that **16.4** percent of drivers on the road – amounting to roughly **33** million licensed Americans – would not pass a written drivers test exam if taken today. <http://www.gmacinsurance.com/SafeDriving/2008/PressRelease.asp>
- After English (**30%** of web visitors) the most-requested languages on the world wide web are Chinese **13%**, Japanese **8.5%**, Spanish **6.3%**, German **6.3%** and French **4%** (from Internet World Stats, updated November **30, 2005**). <http://www.internetworldstats.com>
- By continent, **34%** of the world's Internet users are based in Asia, **29%** in Europe, and **23%** in North America ([2] updated November **21, 2005**).

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet>

- U.S. passenger and cargo airline operations required **19.4** billion gallons of jet fuel during the **12-month** period ended November **2006**.  
<http://www.airlines.org/economics/energy/fuel+QA.htm>
- Total fuel consumption of all motor vehicles in the US for the year **2000** was **225,821,241**. United States Department of Transportation <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ohim/hs00/pdf/vm1m.pdf>
- The grain required to fill a **25-gallon** SUV gas tank with ethanol could feed one person for a year. *Time magazine*, March, **2008**.
- Since **2004**, ExxonMobil has posted about **\$100** billion dollars in cumulative profits. *The Week Magazine*, 5/11/07; <http://www.veegle.com>.
- The world has an estimated **40** to **45** years left of crude oil .  
[http://plaza.ufl.edu/joec/republican\\_arguments\\_essay.htm](http://plaza.ufl.edu/joec/republican_arguments_essay.htm)
- One uranium nuclear fuel pellet the size of the tip of your little finger is equivalent to the energy provided by **1,780** pounds of coal; or **149** gallons of oil. [http://plaza.ufl.edu/joec/republican\\_arguments\\_essay.htm](http://plaza.ufl.edu/joec/republican_arguments_essay.htm)
- Estimates show that there are only **60** to **70** years left of uranium left on the planet; it is a nonrenewable source of energy." Fik, Dr. Timothy J., *The Geography of Economic Development*). [http://plaza.ufl.edu/joec/republican\\_arguments\\_essay.htm](http://plaza.ufl.edu/joec/republican_arguments_essay.htm)
- Of Australians who go to church, **21** per cent read their Bible daily, **14** per cent open it a few times a week; **18** per cent hardly ever read it, and **6** per cent once a week. **17** per cent said they never read the Bible on their own as a private devotional activity. The most diligent Bible readers are Pentecostals, with **72** per cent saying they read the holy book daily or a few times a week, followed by Baptists (**62** per cent), , Anglicans (**46** per cent), Lutherans (**41** per cent) and Uniting (**43** per cent). The lowest denomination in Bible reading were Catholics, with **59** per cent confessing they rarely consult their Bibles. **2006**  
*National Church Life Survey of 500,000 people who attended church from 22 denominations.*  
<http://www.smh.com.au/news/national/confession-fewer-know-their-bible/2008/09/09/1220857547474.html> Gallup Poll in the United Kingdom (*Daily Telegraph* 03/06/96): <http://www.christianvoice.org.uk/sin1.html>:

A survey of more than 4,000 people across Britain by the National Center for Social Research found that the number of people describing themselves as Christian has dropped from 66 percent in 1983 to 50 percent today (2009). Only 23 percent of respondents described themselves as Anglican today versus 40 percent of the population 25 years ago. Non-Christian faiths have increased from two per cent to seven per cent during that time. However, 79 percent still believe religious faith provides comfort in times of trouble.

<http://www.christianpost.com/article/20091219/research-reveals-sharp-decline-in-faith-in-britain/index.html>

- In Britain, the *Daily Telegraph* commissioned Gallop to carry out a survey of attitudes in 1996 and compare them to those surveyed in 1968. They overall found much gloom among the British people. (*Daily Telegraph* 03/06/96):
- On the subject of health, **68%** thought this was improving in **1968** against **16%** who believed it was worsening. Today the majority is reversed, with **34%** believing that health is improving as against **51%** who say it is worsening.
- Standards of behaviour were thought to be worsening in **1968** by **62%**, as against **14%** who suggested they were improving. The margin has widened, with **92%** saying "worsening" and a mere **1%** for "improving."
- Standards of honesty were thought to be worsening by **50%** and improving by **12%** in **1968**, but this generation is even more melancholy, the gap widening to **74%** versus only **3%**, a majority of **71%** for the proposition that standards of honesty are getting worse.
- Standards of knowledge and levels of intelligence were thought in **1968** to be improving, by majorities of **78%** to **5%** and **66%** to **7%** respectively. Today, the picture is reversed; knowledge and intelligence are believed to be declining, by majorities of **47%** to **28%** and **33%** to **26%** respectively.
- Gallop only found **7%** in **1996** who thought happiness was improving, but **53%**

who said it was getting worse.

- "Peace of Mind" was thought to be worsening for **48%** of the **1968** respondents and improving for **14%**. A generation later, a staggering **76%** of those questioned believed that their fellows enjoy less peace of mind than before, with just **3%** saying they have more.
- In **1900** the police in England and Wales recorded fewer than three crimes for every **1000** people. By the **1980s** it was fifty for every thousand.
- Of those married in **1947**, **10** percent have divorced, while of those who marry in the **1990s**, **10** percent will divorce within the first five years, nearly **25** per cent by **10** years and **41** per cent by **50** years;
- In **1947** over **85** per cent of men and women were marrying for the first time, but in the **1990s** just **71** percent are marrying for the first time;
- in **1947** the most common age for women to marry was **21** (HM the Queen was **21**) and for men it was **23** (HRH the Duke of Edinburgh was **25**). (ONS News Release **14/7/97**) In the **1990s** couples are marrying when they are older. In **1994**, the average age of a bachelor at marriage was **28.5**. Spinsters married at **26.5**. (Times **25/7/97**) <http://www.christianvoice.org.uk/sin1.html>
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**Special compilation: 1960-62 to 1980 and beyond.**

The trend toward spiritual and moral degradation had already begun before long before this period, with secular humanism being introduced into schools as the State religion around **1930**, through John Dewey (see more **Here**) Up until about that time, the McGuffey's Reader and the New England Primer were America's principal school text books. "McGuffey's Reader, the mainstay of public education from **1836** to **1920**, primarily consisted of prayers to God, Scriptural references, and religious instruction to abstain from sin." Before **1962**, prayers were prayed and the Bible regularly read in public schools. Congress approved the first publishing of Bibles in the U.S. in **1782**, "a neat edition of the Holy Scriptures for the use of schools." (<http://www.stopschoollevies.org/defense.htm>). The next major step was in **1962**, when official prayer, and the next year, official devotional reading of the Word of God, was expelled from public schools in America. Rather than the Bible, with it's transcendent moral absolutes, being the general ultimate authority, a form of Christ-less humanism gradually has supplanted it, with the secularly seduced State becoming the final authority of right and wrong. Though for a while a momentum of righteousness did enable some just laws to be implemented, overall America has increasingly cast off the Biblical anchor of righteousness and thus has drifted into the waters of an ever morphing morality that gives liberty to unholy lusts. Such hedonistic philosophy wars against the teaching of the immutable Law of God, which alone supremely enjoins and enables true love for God and one another, and holy liberty with it's necessary limits. And as souls are less God controlled then they must be more government (gun) controlled. And as the people and government itself becomes corrupt, unnecessary suffering results. In contrast to the positive promise, "Happy *is that* people, that is in such a case: *yea, happy is that* people, whose God *is the LORD*" (Psa **144:15**), is the negative reality, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God." (Ps. **9:17**). "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel [*applicable to all*], every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn *yourselves* from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin" (Ezek **18:30**).

- Between **1960** and **1990**, there was a **41%** decline in marriage. Larry L. Bumpass, "What's Happening to the Family? Interactions Between Demographic and Institutional Change,"
- Divorce is up **350%** in which children under **18** are involved. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, and Statistical Abstract of the United States.
- • Since **1960** there has been over a **400%** increase in illegitimate births. *The Wall Street Journal*, Monday, March 15, 1993 Quantifying America's Decline by William J. Bennett <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/augustine/arch/usadecline.html>
- Between **1960** and **1990**, the percentage of children living apart from their biological fathers more than doubled, from **17** percent to **36** percent. <http://mensightmagazine.com/Articles/Popenoe/nofathers.htm>
- While in **1960** only **9** percent of all children lived in single-parent families (a figure that had changed little over the course of the **20th** century), by **2003** the percentage had jumped to **27** percent.<sup>9</sup> *The State of our unions 2004 marriage.* <http://marriage.rutgers.edu/publications/soou/textsoou2004.htm> .
- Between **1960** AND **2002**, the number of unmarried couples in America – couples who are sexual partners, not married to each other, and sharing a household [otherwise known as fornicators, living in sin] – increased by over **1100** percent. <sup>^9</sup>
- Child abuse up **2,300%**. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Child Maltreatment: Reports from the States to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System.

- Premarital sexual activity for girls increased over **500** percent;  
*http://www.christianaction.org.za/media\_egroups/uca\_2003-04-30.htm*
- Births to unmarried girls from **15-19** years of age is up **500%** U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Historical Statistics of the United States* *http://www.angelfire.com/music2/fullcircle/*
- Since **1960** the percentage of babies born to unwed mothers (any age) has increased more than sixfold.<sup>9</sup>*The State of our unions 2004 marriage.*  
*http://marriage.rutgers.edu/publications/soou/textsoou2004.htm .*
- Nearly **40** percent of babies born in the United States in **2007** were delivered by unwed mothers, signifying a more than **25** percent jump from five years before. *National Center for Health Statistics*
- **1960** there were **2** known Sexually Transmitted Diseases (syphilis and gonorrhea); today there are more than **25**. *Family Research Council: The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Epidemic: www.ccv.org/downloads/pdf/HPV-Epidemic.pdf*
- Gonorrhoea (a Sexually Transmitted Disease) went up over **200** percent;  
*http://www.christianaction.org.za/media\_egroups/uca\_2003-04-30.htm*
- Illegal drug usage is up **6,000%** since **1960**. The percent of youth who have used illegal drugs has gone from **5** to **75%**. *National Institute on Drug Abuse.*
- Less than **1%** of all Americans had used illegal drugs before **1960**. *The Honorable Judge Robert Ulrich Chief Justice, Missouri Court Of Appeals, Western District;*  
*http://www.shalomjerusalem.com/heritage/heritage19.html*
- Between **1960** and the early **1980s**.smoking among **8th-grade** girls increased **50** percent over this period, and the percentage of black **8th-** and **10th-graders** who smoked doubled. *U.S. Health and Human Srevices; http://mchb.hrsa.gov/mchirc/\_pubs/chusa\_99.pdf.*
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- From **1960** to **1980** the suicide rate among teens has risen more than **200%** (**1** suicide every **17** minutes). *National Center for Health Statistics. Quantifying America's Decline by William J. Bennett; http://www.columbia.edu/cu/augustine/arch/usadecline.html*
- From **1960** to **1990** violent crime rose **560%**. F.B.I. *Quantifying America's Decline by William J. Bennett http://www.columbia.edu/cu/augustine/arch/usadecline.html*
- Criminal Arrests of Teens from age **14-17** per **100,000** is up **150%**. *U.S. Department Bureau of the Census, Historical Statistics of the United States.*

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The story has often been told that the way to boil a frog is not to place the poor creature in a pot of boiling water, but in a pot of mild temperature and then incrementally raise the temperature, till before he realizes it he is cooked! May these statistics help us to see how slowly yet surely this country, which has and is greatly blessed of God, has fallen from grace into destructive degradation. Not suddenly, for had most any one of these statistics been realized some years ago they would have shocked God – fearing souls into action, but incrementally the foundations have been are being destroyed, awaiting the day when sufficient stress causes the whole structure to fall. Having increasingly "put off" the Lord Jesus Christ to make "provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Romans **13:14**), we are presently reaping the corruption thereof, which this study helps to quantify .

Whose fault is this? While the lost are guilty of rejecting the truth of the gospel and it's morality which they do know (obedience to which brings more light), the more accountable are those who know the Lord but who have not preached of sin, righteousness and judgment (Jn. **16:8**), but rather have made their home in this world rather than being grieved at it's – and our own – sins.

The true Christian response to iniquity is not ambivalence, nor a reaction out of of self righteousness, rather it is one of both grief because it offends God, and a passion to turn many to righteousness for His sake, and for theirs.

Psa **119:53** Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

Psa **119:158** I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.

Ezek. **9:4** And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all

the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

Dan **12:3** And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Acts **26:20** that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Jude **20-23** But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

We ought to have the zeal of a Nehemiah for holiness in the congregation, except instead of smiting certain of them with our fists (see **13:21-25**), we are to do so work conversion and holiness "By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left" (**2 Cor 6:7** ).

The work of a Christian is not to bring back some some sort of a Mayberry RFD society, as many (of the few activists) seem the more motivated to do, but to see Christ reign in every heart, to see God's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. "For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet" ( **Cor 15:25**).

This must start in one's own heart through the Gospel, which is "the power of God unto salvation" (Rm. **1:16**). God is glorified when men repent (cf. Rev. **16:9**), therefore the commission of Christ to His followers in this lost world is to "turn to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me" (Acts **26:18**). "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mk. **16:16**). "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Mt. **28:19, 20**). Praise the Lord!

We who have believed are (and will) to do this as yielded vessels to God, through the power of the Holy Ghost. By Him let us work to convict souls of their utter inability to either merit God and His Heaven nor escape their just and eternal punishment in Hell, and point them directly to the only Begotten Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is He Whom the Father sent from Heaven "to be the propitiation [*perfect and final sacrifice*] for our sins," and "the Savior of the world" (**1Jn. 4:10, 14**). This is a decision every human soul who can make such a decision must make if they will be saved: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved " (Acts **4:12**).

This work of salvation and sanctification is neither the work nor the ability of the institutionalized church: we have seen (such as in R. Catholic areas) what little power dead religion has to truly effect such, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (**2 Tim 3:5**). Rather, the commission of Christ is only to those who have been truly "born of the Spirit" and so follow Him, through effectual faith in and surrender to "the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus **2:13**).

Let us therefore, as many as be truly graciously born of God's Holy Spirit (Jn. **3:3-7**), obey His word to "put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (Eph. **6:11**). Let us resist the devil thereby, and exalt the Lord Jesus Christ in our hearts and lives!

"Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen!

Also, see the the commentary relating to the Bible, Education and the present Conditions **HERE**.

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\*Brief summary R. Catholicism:

The following summary can be well substantiated, and is not given not of any personal animosity towards Catholicism but as one who was a devout R. Catholic, and who sought to serve the Lord there after becoming born again, i write as one who has seen both sides, and initially and increasingly realized the tremendous contrast between Rome and Biblical regeneration (becoming born again). And having a heart for sound doctrine and a burden for souls, i wrote the following to help explain the Catholicism behind the statistics this is linked to, and to illustrate the basic difference between the gospel of such a system and that of Holy Scripture, with the prayer that souls will choose the latter to their salvation and to the glory of God. Amen!

Unlike typical cults or cultic systems, the Roman religious system does not require strict doctrinal conformity to all it's teachings, but typical of all such systems, she fosters implicit trust/dependence upon something less than Christ alone, that of the Roman Catholic System. Catholics typically therefore believe in a Jesus that will save them partly upon their own merit and that of the Catholic institution, which autocratically declares itself to be the one true church, to whom all are to submit. Her autocratic Caesario-Papacy and vast hierarchical system is much patterned after the Romans Empire in which the church found itself, and lacks the necessary Biblical warrant to justify it. While Peter's brethren – type leadership among the apostles is manifested, he is not seen ruling over the other apostles or church as an elevated supreme demi – god after the manner of Rome. Nowhere do we see even one command given to the church universal to submit to Peter as it's supreme Head, nor one example of him doing so as Rome examples. Not once does Peter refer to himself as the supreme head of the church, but as “an apostle” and “an elder” (1Pet. 1:1; 5:1). And very critically, while the Holy Spirit in Scripture clearly gives us instructions for ordaining Bishop/Elders (not priests) as overseers of the church (1Tim. 3:1-7), nowhere is their seen a provision for ordaining successors to a popes. All told Rome's interpretation of her foundational text, Matthew 16:13-19, is unsubstantiated by the rest of Scripture. And without the papacy, all of Rome's pretensions to supreme power, and all Her spurious doctrines – which depend upon a presumed apostolic power to effectively add to the Bible – fall.

In addition to resting her case for the papacy essentially upon circular reasoning – namely, that according to her interpretation of Mt. 16:13-19) only her interpretations can be correct in any conflict – Rome also seeks to validate her presumed preeminence via a supposed historical linkage back to the apostles. Yet the authenticity of the, or a, true church does not rest upon any real or supposed historical linkage back to the apostles, any more than the authenticity of a true Jew rests upon physical linkage back to Abraham, as Rm. 2:28, 29 declares. Rather in both cases, authenticity is based upon Abrahamic type faith in the apostolic gospel, which knows nothing of salvation by proxy, or justification that depends on Romish rituals, but which justifies the destitute sinner with imputed righteousness the moment they repent and cast all their faith upon the risen Lord Jesus (and thus follow Him: Acts 10:34-47). Praise ye the Lord!

- In contrast, the average Catholic hears no convicting preaching that brings him to realize that he is a guilty and needy sinner who has nothing to offer God that he may gain Heaven nor escape Hell, and thus look directly to God in Christ for mercy, trusting in Him and His sinless shed blood and righteousness for salvation. Instead, the main, modern conveyance of Rome is that souls, not matter how nominal a practitioner they be, will be taken care if they die in Her hands. Though she makes many authoritative pronouncements which give her a form of Godliness, actual punishments for deviation are seldom enforced, and unholy liberalism and anti - Biblical practices (abortion, homosexuality, etc.) typically reign more where she reigns, as compared with areas where the evangelical Christian faith is believed. At the end, Catholics, from abortion and homosexual – promoting politicians to saloon owners to pious widows, are daily sent off to Heaven in Catholic funerals by way of purgatory. The latter is a Biblically non-existent place which the Roman system provides as a way out of through gifts and performances given by the Catholics on earth. The extreme form of this was the sale of indulgences in the Middle Ages, which helped finance the building of the extravagant Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican.
- The overall effect of such faith in a system has been generations and a present populace of Catholic souls who are largely Biblically ignorant, and have little to no zeal for God's word, heart-felt Biblical worship or evangelism, and are usually either indifferent or antagonistic toward those who preach Jesus and His gospel of grace (Gal. 4:29). This is also much the case with any “institutionalized” church (Anglican, etc.), which becomes more form than

substance In contrast, when Catholics or such like become truly born again (many do, thank God), the opposite becomes manifest, but they must leave such spiritually dead systems of bondage and blindness if they will continue in God's Word (versus the traditions of men), and know true and holy spiritual liberty. Praise ye the Lord!

- It is the the Lord Jesus Himself who said, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” And that “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” (Jn. **3:3; 4:24**). This can only happen when a soul is convicted of his sins, and realizes his utter inability to either gain Heaven nor escape Hell on any of his own merits or that of a church, and casts all his faith upon the Risen Lord Jesus for salvation, turning from sin to Him (cf. Acts **10:34-47**). This decision is shown in baptism (by immersion) in identification with the Lord Jesus, and then in following Him in fellowship with a Bible believing/preaching church. If we rest in the Biblical Jesus as our Savior, we will overall follow Him as our Lord. May all lost souls who read this, by the grace of God, make that decision and know the “grace of God in truth” (Col. **1:6**). To the glory of God. Amen!

“The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him.” (Nahum **1:7**).

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