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## More Americans are ditching religion, Pew study says

 aol.com

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Americans have been believing in God less and less in recent months, and new research is shedding light on why that may be.

According to a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center as part of a broader Religious Landscape Study, 78 percent of people who do not identify with any religious group were raised in a faith system and then left as adults.

## School district boots Jesus Christ, prayer and a hymn

 by Todd Starnes, foxnews.com

September 8, 2016



*Photo by: AP*

Jesus Christ is no longer welcome at a school district in Tipton, Missouri. And neither are prayers or a religious hymn.

The Tipton R-VI School District decided to cleanse itself of anything remotely affiliated with Christianity after they were bullied by the Freedom From Religion Foundation. They even pulled down a giant portrait of our Lord that was displayed in the grade school's library.

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## Princeton begins to remove 'man' from official school material

foxnews.com

August 19, 2016

Princeton has become no man's land.

The famed Ivy League institution rolled out a series of gender-neutral terms aimed at removing the word "man" and other male-leaning language from official school material.

As first reported Thursday by the conservative campus news outfit The College Fix, Princeton's Human Resources and Office of Communications issued a four-page memo filled with examples of gender-neutral terminology that must now be used in official school documents, such as:

- The word "actress" should be replaced by "actor."
- A "cameraman" must now be called a "camera operator."
- There will be no more references to a "cleaning lady," but instead an "office cleaner."
- New students are no longer "freshmen" but rather "first-year students."
- A "mailman" no longer delivers letters or packages, because that's the work now of a "mail carrier," "letter carrier" or "postal worker."
- Nothing is to ever be done for the betterment of "mankind" but instead for "humanity," "human kind" or simply "people."
- A "waiter" or "waitress" will no longer dish out grub, as that's now the work of a "server."
- An "average man" is now an "average person" or "ordinary person."

## Public University Now Requires 'Diversity and Inclusion' Pledge From Applicants

by Carly Hoilman, theblaze.com

July 11, 2016 11:53 AM

The University of Cincinnati recently announced a new policy for faculty and staff applicants as part of an effort to promote "diversity and inclusion," the College Fix reported.

"As of July 1, the University of Cincinnati will request a Diversity and Inclusion statement of all applicants for faculty and staff positions," a statement published on the school's website last month reads. "Faculty and administrative/professional applicants will be asked to submit a personal statement summarizing his or her contributions (or potential contributions) to diversity, inclusion and leadership."

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## Bible makes list of books most challenged at libraries, public schools

foxnews.com

April 12

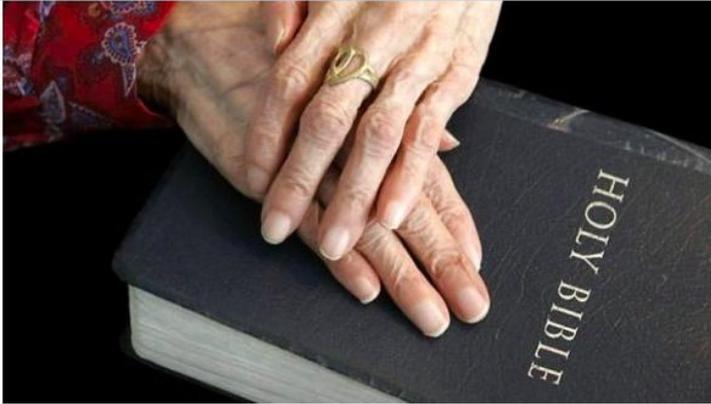


Photo by: AP

NEW YORK – On the latest list of books most objected to at public schools and libraries, one title has been targeted nationwide, at times for the sex and violence it contains, but mostly for the legal issues it raises.

The Bible.

## The Satanic Temple Is Asking Schools for Permission to Hold 'Satan Clubs' After Class

time.com



The Washington Post/Getty Images Lucien Greaves, is spokesman for The Satanic Temple, a group of political activists who identify themselves as a religious sect, are seeking to establish After-School Satan clubs as a counterpart to fundamentalist Christian Good News Clubs, which they see as the Religious Right's attempt to infiltrate public education and erode the separation of church and state.

Photo by: The Washington Post/Getty Images

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## New documentary explores men who want to live their lives as dogs

by Heather Dockray, mashable.com



There's been infinite think pieces about furry culture, but few journalists have actually explored the phenomenon known as "puppy play."

## Atheists Outnumber Christians in England, Say Survey

by Tara John, time.com

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Anthony Devlin—PA Wire/PA Photos A atheist advertising campaign on British buses and on the London Underground with the slogan: 'There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life.' in Kensington Gardens, London, Jan. 6, 2008.  
*Photo by: Anthony Devlin—PA Wire/PA Photos*

The number of people with no religion nearly doubled between 2011 and 2014

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## Beliefs on homosexuality get Christian student kicked out of college

 worldmag.com

Former Missouri State University student Andrew Cash is suing the college for kicking him out based on his opposition to same-sex relationships.

Cash, who began his master's in counseling in 2007, was expelled from the program in 2014 for expressing his views on counseling homosexual couples on relationship issues.

## Fired for preaching: Georgia dumps doctor over church sermons

 by Todd Starnes, foxnews.com

April 20



Courtesy First Liberty

Bi-vocational pastors be warned – what you say from the pulpit on Sunday could get you fired from your public sector job on Monday.

Dr. Eric Walsh, a renowned public health expert who also serves as a lay minister, has filed a federal lawsuit against the Georgia Department of Public Health alleging he was terminated for delivering sermons on issues ranging from homosexuality to evolution.

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TODD'S AMERICAN DISPATCH

## City: You can't sell blueberries unless you affirm gay marriage



By **Todd Starnes** • Published May 31, 2017 • Fox News



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## People of faith are being driven from public life

Stephen Daisley



'They will hate you because of who I am,' Jesus says in the Gospels. He forgot to add: 'And the ones who don't have a clue will point and laugh.' It's a lesson Carol Monaghan has learned abruptly.

Stephen Daisley

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## Porn has become 'greatest threat' to Christ's cause in modern world, Christian author warns

 by Andre Mitchell, [christiantoday.com](http://christiantoday.com)

April 9

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The Internet has made life in the modern world so much more convenient: information can be accessed in just one click, and communication between people miles apart from each other is easier than ever.

With these conveniences, however, the Internet has brought with it a menace - pornography - which a Christian evangelist is branding the "greatest" threat to the cause of Christ in the modern world.

A landmark study released by the research company Barna Group this week, aptly titled "The Porn Phenomenon," highlighted the pervasiveness and the seemingly growing acceptance of pornography among modern Americans. The study surveyed a total of 3,771 Americans from different ages on their views about porn.

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## ACTIONS THAT ARE ALWAYS OR USUALLY WRONG

*% among U.S. adults 25+*

#	ADULTS 25 AND OLDER	% USUALLY + ALWAYS WRONG
1	taking something that belongs to someone else	95%
2	having a romantic relationship with someone other than a spouse	88%
3	saying something that isn't true	87%
4	overeating	58%
5	wanting something that belongs to someone else	57%
6	thinking negatively about someone with a different point of view	55%
7	viewing pornographic images	54%
8	not recycling	45%
9	reading erotic or pornographic content (no pictures)	45%
10	significant consumption of electricity or water	40%
11	watching sexually explicit scenes on TV or in a movie	37%

*% among Teens & Young Adults 13 to 24*

#	TEENS 13-17 AND YOUNG ADULTS 18-24	% USUALLY + ALWAYS WRONG
1	taking something that belongs to someone else	88%
2	having a romantic relationship with someone other than a spouse	75%
3	saying something that isn't true	71%
4	not recycling	56%
5	thinking negatively about someone with a different point of view	55%
6	overeating	48%
7	significant consumption of electricity or water	38%
8	wanting something that belongs to someone else	32%
9	viewing pornographic images	32%
10	reading erotic or pornographic content (no pictures)	27%
11	watching sexually explicit scenes on TV or in a movie	24%

In a survey among U.S. teens and young adults, 813 participants between the ages of 13 and 24 were recruited and surveyed through a national consumer panel. +/- 3.4%

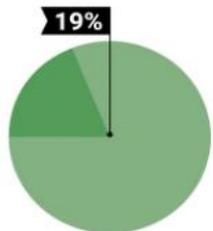
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## POSTMODERNISM

(% among practicing Christians who strongly agree)

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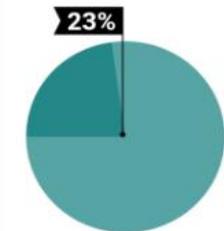
No one can know for certain what meaning and purpose there is to life



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 45+: 32%    45-: 13%



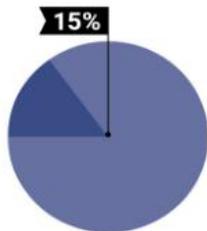
What is morally right or wrong depends on what an individual believes



🎓: 31%    🎓: 21%  
 HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS 45+: 37%  
 COLLEGE GRADUATE 45-: 16%



If your beliefs offend someone or hurt their feelings, it is wrong



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 HISPANIC: 17%    HISPANIC: 8%  
 WHITE: 13%



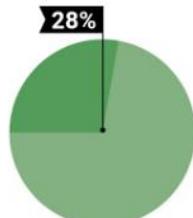
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## NEW SPIRITUALITY

(% among practicing Christians who strongly agree)

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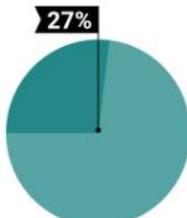
All people pray to the same god or spirit, no matter what name they use for that spiritual being



45+: 33%    45-: 26%



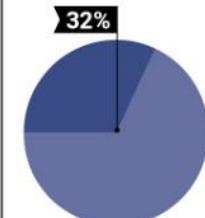
Meaning and purpose come from becoming one with all that is



BLACK: 35%    BLACK: 38%  
 HISPANIC: 34%    HISPANIC: 22%  
 WHITE: 25%



If you do good, you will receive good. If you do bad, you will receive bad



BLACK: 52%    BLACK: 50%  
 HISPANIC: 42%    HISPANIC: 24%  
 WHITE: 27%



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## Study: Only 4 Percent of Millennials Hold a “Biblical Worldview”

What does that mean for future generations?

By **LIBERTY MCARTOR** Published on March 31, 2017 • 7 Comments

Four percent of millennials [hold a biblical worldview](#), according to a recent study.

The American Culture and Faith Institute (ACFI) [published results of a survey](#) earlier this month. The survey measured the core beliefs of millennials compared to older generations.

The study shows that millennials hold more liberal views of things like socialism and same-sex marriage than older generations. But there’s another big difference. Millennials are much less likely to become conservative in the future.

While it’s normal for younger generations to hold liberal views, they drift to the right over time. Not so for millennials.

“Millennials are so far to the left-of-center” that “even a typical amount of repositioning” will leave them very liberal, says George Barna. It’s unlikely that even 10 percent will ever hold a biblical worldview, he says. Barna is the Executive Director of the ACFI and is cited in the study.



Liberty McArtor

*It's unlikely that even 10% of millennials will ever hold a biblical worldview.*

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“We found very few teens from any religious background who are able to articulate well their religious beliefs and explain how those beliefs connect to the rest of their lives.”

- Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton,  
*Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives  
of American Teenagers*

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“86% of Christian teens “somewhat or strongly agreed” with the following statement: *“The Bible is 100% accurate—historically, factually, theologically—and therefore completely trustworthy about what it says about Jesus.”*”

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On the very next statement, 36% of the same Christian teens “somewhat or strongly agreed” with this statement: *“The Bible, though generally accurate, contains some widely acknowledged errors and can’t be completely trusting in everything it says about Jesus.”*

- Mike Nappa, *The Jesus Survey*

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## To Sanctify

OT - *קִדַּשׁ*. *Qadash* – to consecrate, sanctify, prepare, dedicate, be hallowed, be holy.

NT - *αγιαζό* *Hagiadzo* - to hallow, to separate from things profane and dedicate to God, to purify.

## Sanctification

“...a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives.”

- Wayne Grudem, Bible Doctrine, Essential Teaching of the Christian Faith, 326.

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Exod. 13:2; 30:29; 31:13; Lev. 11:44;  
21:8; 22:9; Ps. 91:1; Jer. 1:52; Luke  
16:13; John 15:1-4; 17:17, 19; Acts  
20:32; 26:18; Rom. 6:2, 6, 11, 12; 8:28-  
30; 12:1; 1 Cor. 6:9, 11; 2 Cor. 1:22;  
5:17; 7:1; Gal. 5:16, 19-21; Eph. 1:3, 4;  
2:10; 4:24; 5:25-27;

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Phil. 1:6; 2:13; Col. 2:11; 3:1, 5; 1  
Thess. 4:3; 5:23; 2 Thess. 2:13; Titus  
2:21; Heb. 2:11; 9:14; 10:10, 14; 13:21;  
1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Pet. 1:2-4; Heb. 12:1; 14;  
1 John 1:3; 3:2, 3, 9.

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greatly to God!!**



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## Romans 6:15:23 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to

## Romans 6:15:23 (ESV)

you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,

<sup>18</sup> and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms, because of your

## Romans 6:15:23 (ESV)

presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. <sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> But what fruit were you

## Romans 6:15:23 (ESV)

which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ

## Romans 6:4-9 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a

## Romans 6:4-9 (ESV)

death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have

## Romans 6:4-9 (ESV)

died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.



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