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This report examines whether people think it is necessary to believe in God in order to be a moral person. The results are based on surveys in 40 countries taken by the Pew Research Center in Spring 2011, Spring 2013, and Winter 2013-2014.

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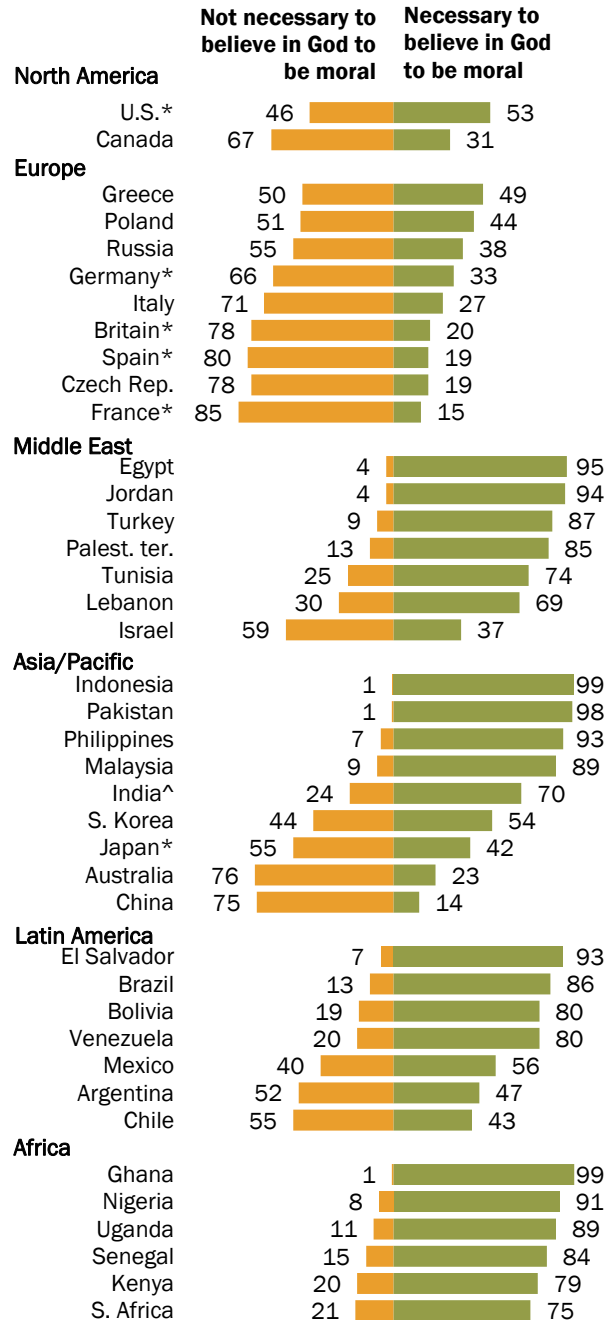
Many people around the world think it is necessary to believe in God to be a moral person, according to surveys in 40 countries by the Pew Research Center. However, this view is more common in poorer countries than in wealthier ones.

In 22 of the 40 countries surveyed, clear majorities say it is necessary to believe in God to be moral and have good values. This position is highly prevalent, if not universal, in Africa and the Middle East. At least three-quarters in all six countries surveyed in Africa say that faith in God is essential to morality. In the Middle East, roughly seven-in-ten or more agree in Egypt, Jordan, Turkey, the Palestinian territories, Tunisia and Lebanon. Across the two regions, only in Israel does a majority think it is *not* necessary to believe in God to be an upright person.

Many people in Asia and Latin America also link faith and morality. For example, Indonesians, Pakistanis, Filipinos and Malaysians almost unanimously think that belief in God is central to having good values. People in El Salvador, Brazil, Bolivia and Venezuela overwhelmingly agree. However, most Chinese take the opposite position – that it is not necessary to be a believer to be a moral person. And in Latin America, the

## Belief in God Essential to Morality?

% Who believe it is...



\*Data from 2011. ^Data from Winter 2013.

Source: Spring 2013 Global Attitudes Survey, Q26.

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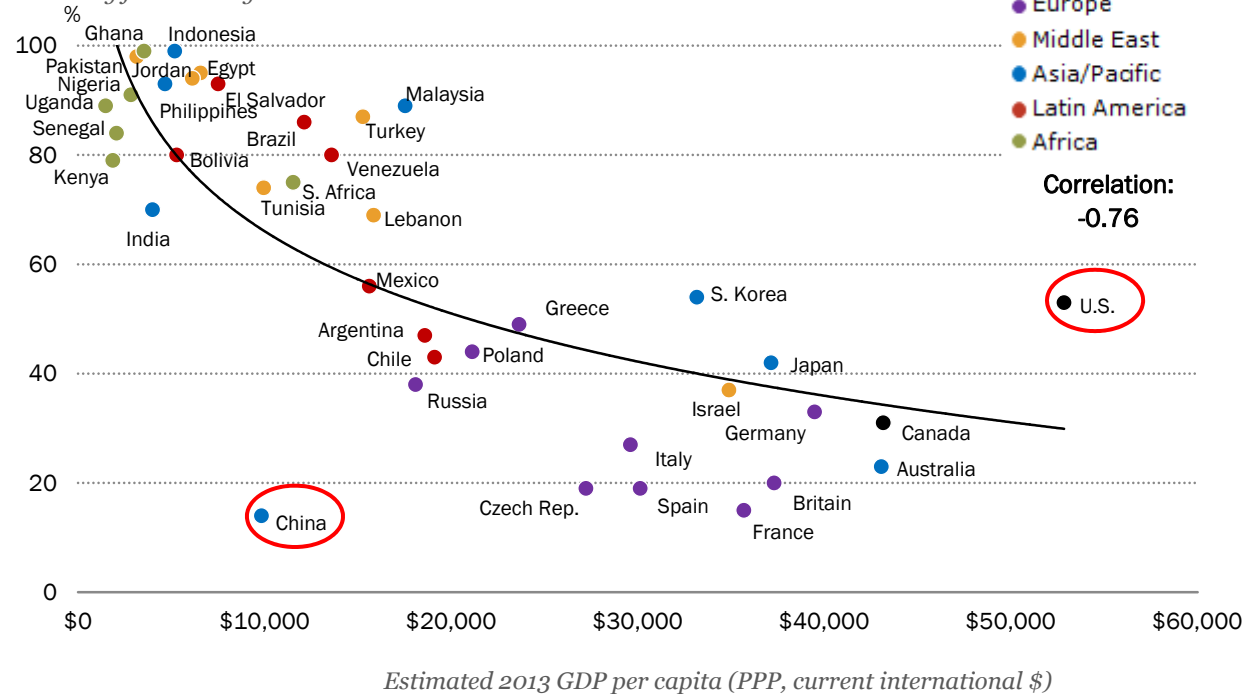
Chileans and Argentines are divided.

In North America and Europe, more people agree that it is possible to be non-religious and still be an upright person. At least half in nearly every country surveyed take this view, including roughly eight-in-ten or more in France, Spain, the Czech Republic and Britain. In these two regions, Americans are unique – 53% say belief in God is necessary to be moral.

These are among the main findings of Pew Research Center surveys conducted among 40,080 people in 40 countries between 2011 and 2013 (see “Survey Methods” for more details). The survey also finds that publics in richer nations tend to place less emphasis on the need to believe in God to have good values than people in poorer countries do. Two countries, however, stand out as clear exceptions to this pattern: the U.S. and China. Americans are much more likely than their economic counterparts to say belief in God is essential to morality, while the Chinese are much less likely to do so.

## Wealth and Attitudes Toward Morality

Percent who think belief in God is necessary for morality



U.S., Britain, France, Germany, Spain, and Japan % data from 2011. India % data from Winter 2013.

Source: Spring 2013 Global Attitudes Survey, Q26. Data for GDP per capita (PPP) from IMF World Economic Outlook, October 2013. PPP stands for purchasing power parity, which means that the international dollar has the same purchasing power over GDP as the U.S. dollar has in the United States.

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There are also significant divides within some countries based on age and education, particularly in Europe and North America. In general, individuals age 50 or older and those without a college education are more likely to link morality to religion. For example, in Greece, 62% of older adults say it is necessary to believe in God to be a moral person, while just 29% of 18- to 29-year-olds agree. In the U.S., a majority of individuals without a college degree (59%) say faith is essential to be an upright person, while fewer than four-in-ten college graduates say the same (37%).

## Views on Faith and Morality Vary by Age...

*% Saying belief in God is necessary to be moral*

	<b>18-29</b>	<b>30-49</b>	<b>50+</b>	<b>Oldest- youngest diff</b>
	%	%	%	
Greece	29	44	62	+33
S. Korea	38	51	64	+26
Canada	18	24	41	+23
Japan*	29	33	51	+22
Chile	33	43	52	+19
Argentina	37	48	55	+18
Lebanon	61	69	77	+16
Italy	18	20	34	+16
Germany*	27	28	40	+13
U.S.*	46	50	58	+12
Spain*	13	18	23	+10
Russia	34	34	44	+10

## ... and Education

*% Saying belief in God is necessary to be moral*

	<b>College degree</b>	<b>No college degree</b>	<b>Diff</b>
	%	%	
U.S.*	37	59	+22
Israel	23	42	+19
Canada	17	36	+19
Italy	13	29	+16
Greece	36	51	+15
Germany*	20	35	+15
Spain*	11	22	+11
Czech Rep.	11	21	+10
France*	10	19	+9

\*Data from 2011.

Only statistically significant differences shown.

Source: Spring 2013 Global Attitudes Survey, Q26.

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## Survey Methods

Results for the surveys are based on telephone and face-to-face interviews conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, see below.

The descriptions below show the margin of sampling error based on all interviews conducted in that country. For results based on the full sample in a given country, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling and other random effects is plus or minus the margin of error. In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

Country: **Argentina**  
 Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by locality size  
 Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
 Languages: Spanish  
 Fieldwork dates: March 6 – March 26, 2013  
 Sample size: 819  
 Margin of Error:  $\pm 4.7$  percentage points  
 Representative: Adult population (excluding dispersed rural population, or 8.8% of the population)

Country: **Australia**  
 Sample design: Random Digit Dial (RDD) probability sample of landline and cell phone households  
 Mode: Telephone adults 18 plus  
 Languages: English  
 Fieldwork dates: March 4 – March 18, 2013  
 Sample size: 800  
 Margin of Error:  $\pm 4.4$  percentage points  
 Representative: Telephone households (roughly 98% of all Australian households)

Country: **Bolivia**  
Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by department and urbanity  
Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
Languages: Spanish  
Fieldwork dates: March 12 – April 18, 2013  
Sample size: 800  
Margin of Error:  $\pm 4.5$  percentage points  
Representative: Adult population (excluding dispersed rural population, or 10% of the population)

Country: **Brazil**  
Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Brazil's five regions and size of municipality  
Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
Languages: Portuguese  
Fieldwork dates: March 4 – April 21, 2013  
Sample size: 960  
Margin of Error:  $\pm 4.1$  percentage points  
Representative: Adult population

Country: **Britain**  
Sample design: Random Digit Dial (RDD) probability sample representative of all telephone households (roughly 99% of all British households)  
Mode: Telephone adults 18 plus  
Languages: English  
Fieldwork dates: March 22 – April 13, 2011  
Sample size: 1,000  
Margin of Error:  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points  
Representative: Telephone households (including cell phone only households)

Country: **Canada**  
 Sample design: Random Digit Dial (RDD) probability sample of landline and cell phone-only households  
 Mode: Telephone adults 18 plus  
 Languages: English, French  
 Fieldwork dates: March 5 – March 18, 2013  
 Sample size: 701  
 Margin of Error: ±3.7 percentage points  
 Representative: Telephone households (excluding residents of Yukon, Nunavut, and Northwest Territories; sample represents roughly 98% of all Canadian households)

Country: **Chile**  
 Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by region and urbanity  
 Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
 Languages: Spanish  
 Fieldwork dates: March 4 – March 19, 2013  
 Sample size: 800  
 Margin of Error: ±5.2 percentage points  
 Representative: Adult population (excluding Chiloe and other islands, or 3% of the population)

Country: **China**  
 Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by China's three regional-economic zones and urbanity. Twelve cities, 12 towns and 12 villages were sampled covering central, east, and west China.  
 Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
 Languages: Chinese (Mandarin, Hebei, Shandong, Yunnan, Chongqing, Guangdong, Hubei, Henan, Hunan, Jiangsu, Ganda, Sichuan, Shaanxi, Anhui, Shanghai, Jilin, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, and Beijing dialects)  
 Fieldwork dates: March 4 – April 6, 2013  
 Sample size: 3,226  
 Margin of Error: ±3.5 percentage points  
 Representative: Adult population (excluding Tibet, Xinjiang, Hong Kong and Macau, or roughly 2% of the population). Disproportionately urban. The data were weighted to reflect the actual urbanity distribution in China.  
 Note: The results cited are from Horizonkey's self-sponsored survey.



Country: **Czech Republic**  
Sample design: Random Digit Dial (RDD) probability sample of adults who own a cell phone  
Mode: Telephone adults 18 plus  
Languages: Czech  
Fieldwork dates: March 4 – March 14, 2013  
Sample size: 700  
Margin of Error:  $\pm 3.7$  percentage points  
Representative: Adults who own a cell phone (roughly 91% of adults age 18 and older)

Country: **Egypt**  
Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by governorates and urbanity  
Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
Languages: Arabic  
Fieldwork dates: March 3 – March 23, 2013  
Sample size: 1,000  
Margin of Error:  $\pm 4.3$  percentage points  
Representative: Adult population (excluding Frontier governorates, or about 2% of the population)

Country: **El Salvador**  
Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by department and urbanity  
Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
Languages: Spanish  
Fieldwork dates: April 18 – May 1, 2013  
Sample size: 792  
Margin of Error:  $\pm 5.3$  percentage points  
Representative: Adult population

Country: **France**  
 Sample design: Random Digit Dial (RDD) sample representative of all telephone households (roughly 99% of all French households) with quotas for gender, age and occupation and proportional to region size and urban/rural population  
 Mode: Telephone adults 18 plus  
 Languages: French  
 Fieldwork dates: March 21 – April 5, 2011  
 Sample size: 1,004  
 Margin of Error: ±3.5 percentage points  
 Representative: Telephone households (including cell phone only households)

Country: **Germany**  
 Sample design: Random Last Two Digit Dial (RL(2)D) probability sample representative of roughly 95% of the German population proportional to population size  
 Mode: Telephone adults 18 plus  
 Languages: German  
 Fieldwork dates: March 21 – April 11, 2011  
 Sample size: 1,001  
 Margin of Error: ±4.5 percentage points  
 Representative: Telephone households (excluding cell phone only households — between 5% and 10%)

Country: **Ghana**  
 Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by region and settlement size  
 Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
 Languages: Akan (Twi), English, Dagbani, Ewe  
 Fieldwork dates: March 20 – April 3, 2013  
 Sample size: 799  
 Margin of Error: ±4.7 percentage points  
 Representative: Adult population

Country: **Greece**  
 Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by region and urbanity  
 Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
 Languages: Greek  
 Fieldwork dates: March 4 – March 27, 2013  
 Sample size: 1,000  
 Margin of Error:  $\pm 3.7$  percentage points  
 Representative: Adult population (excluding the islands in the Aegean and Ionian Seas, or roughly 6% of the population)

Country: **Indonesia**  
 Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by province and urbanity  
 Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
 Languages: Bahasa Indonesian  
 Fieldwork dates: March 9 – March 27, 2013  
 Sample size: 1,000  
 Margin of Error:  $\pm 4.0$  percentage points  
 Representative: Adult population (excluding Papua and remote areas or provinces with small populations, or 12% of the population)

Country: **India**  
 Sample design: Area-probability design. The primary sampling units were urban settlements and rural districts covering 15 of the 17 most populous states (Kerala and Assam were excluded) and the Union Territory of Delhi  
 Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
 Languages: Hindi, Tamil, Bengali, Telugu, Odia, Marathi, Kannada, and Gujarati  
 Fieldwork dates: December 7, 2013 – January 12, 2014  
 Sample size: 2,464  
 Margin of Error:  $\pm 3.8$  percentage points  
 Representative: Proportional allocation of 1,876 interviews by region and urbanity, plus an urban over-sample of 588 interviews. The full sample was weighted to reflect the national urban-rural distribution in India. Sample covers roughly 91% of the Indian population

Country:	<b>Israel</b>
Sample design:	Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Israel's six districts, urbanity, and socioeconomic status, with an oversample of Arabs
Mode:	Face-to-face adults 18 plus
Languages:	Hebrew, Arabic
Fieldwork dates:	March 29 – April 12, 2013
Sample size:	922 (504 Jews, 406 Arabs, 12 others)
Margin of Error:	±4.6 percentage points
Representative:	Adult population
Country:	<b>Italy</b>
Sample design:	Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by four regions and urbanity
Mode:	Face-to-face adults 18 plus
Languages:	Italian
Fieldwork dates:	March 4 – March 19, 2013
Sample size:	1,105
Margin of Error:	±4.1 percentage points
Representative:	Adult population
Country:	<b>Japan</b>
Sample design:	Random Digit Dial (RDD) probability sample representative of all landline telephone households stratified by region and population size (excluding 5.4% of the population living in areas most affected by the March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami)
Mode:	Telephone adults 18 plus
Languages:	Japanese
Fieldwork dates:	April 8 - April 27, May 13 – May 24, 2011
Sample size:	700
Margin of Error:	±4.5 percentage points
Representative:	Telephone households (excluding cell phone only households – less than 5%, households with no telephones – about 5%, and the population living in areas most affected by the March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami – 5.4%)

**Country:** **Jordan**  
**Sample design:** Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Jordan's 12 governorates and urbanity  
**Mode:** Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
**Languages:** Arabic  
**Fieldwork dates:** March 4 – March 23, 2013  
**Sample size:** 1,000  
**Margin of Error:** ±4.5 percentage points  
**Representative:** Adult population

**Country:** **Kenya**  
**Sample design:** Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by province and settlement size  
**Mode:** Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
**Languages:** Kiswahili, English  
**Fieldwork dates:** March 13 – March 30, 2013  
**Sample size:** 798  
**Margin of Error:** ±4.3 percentage points  
**Representative:** Adult population

**Country:** **Lebanon**  
**Sample design:** Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Lebanon's seven regions and urbanity  
**Mode:** Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
**Languages:** Arabic  
**Fieldwork dates:** March 4 – March 22, 2013  
**Sample size:** 1,000  
**Margin of Error:** ±4.0 percentage points  
**Representative:** Adult population (excluding a small area in Beirut controlled by a militia group and a few villages in the south of Lebanon, which border Israel and are inaccessible to outsiders, or about 2% of the population)

**Country:** **Malaysia**  
**Sample design:** Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by state and urbanity  
**Mode:** Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
**Languages:** Malay, Mandarin Chinese, English  
**Fieldwork dates:** March 4 – April 3, 2013  
**Sample size:** 822  
**Margin of Error:** ±4.3 percentage points  
**Representative:** Adult population (excluding difficult to access areas in Sabah and Sarawak, or about 7% of the population)

**Country:** **Mexico**  
**Sample design:** Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by region and urbanity  
**Mode:** Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
**Languages:** Spanish  
**Fieldwork dates:** March 4 – March 17, 2013  
**Sample size:** 1,000  
**Margin of Error:** ±4.1 percentage points  
**Representative:** Adult population

**Country:** **Nigeria**  
**Sample design:** Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by region and urbanity  
**Mode:** Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
**Languages:** English, Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo  
**Fieldwork dates:** March 6 – April 4, 2013  
**Sample size:** 1,031  
**Margin of Error:** ±4.0 percentage points  
**Representative:** Adult population (excluding Borno, Yobe and some areas in Taraba, or about 5% of the population)

Country: **Pakistan**  
 Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by province and urbanity  
 Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
 Languages: Urdu, Pashto, Punjabi, Saraiki, Sindhi  
 Fieldwork dates: March 11 – March 31, 2013  
 Sample size: 1,201  
 Margin of Error:  $\pm 4.3$  percentage points  
 Representative: Adult population (excluding the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir for security reasons as well as areas of instability in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa [formerly the North-West Frontier Province] and Baluchistan, or roughly 18% of the population). Disproportionately urban. The data were weighted to reflect the actual urbanity distribution in Pakistan.

Country: **Palestinian territories**  
 Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by region and urban/rural/refugee camp population  
 Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
 Languages: Arabic  
 Fieldwork dates: March 29 – April 7, 2013  
 Sample size: 810  
 Margin of Error:  $\pm 4.4$  percentage points  
 Representative: Adult population (excluding Bedouins who regularly change residence and some communities near Israeli settlements where military restrictions make access difficult, or roughly 5% of the population)

Country: **Philippines**  
 Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by region and urbanity  
 Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
 Languages: Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilonggo, Ilocano, Bicolano  
 Fieldwork dates: March 10 – April 3, 2013  
 Sample size: 804  
 Margin of Error:  $\pm 4.5$  percentage points  
 Representative: Adult population

Country:	<b>Poland</b>
Sample design:	Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Poland's 16 provinces and urbanity
Mode:	Face-to-face adults 18 plus
Languages:	Polish
Fieldwork dates:	March 2 – March 24, 2013
Sample size:	800
Margin of Error:	±3.9 percentage points
Representative:	Adult population
Country:	<b>Russia</b>
Sample design:	Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by Russia's eight regions plus Moscow and St. Petersburg and urbanity
Mode:	Face-to-face adults 18 plus
Languages:	Russian
Fieldwork dates:	March 5 – March 21, 2013
Sample size:	996
Margin of Error:	±3.6 percentage points
Representative:	Adult population (excluding High North regions, the Chechen Republic, and the Ingush Republic, or about 3% of the population)
Country:	<b>Senegal</b>
Sample design:	Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by region and urbanity
Mode:	Face-to-face adults 18 plus
Languages:	Wolof, French
Fieldwork dates:	March 6 – March 30, 2013
Sample size:	800
Margin of Error:	±4.1 percentage points
Representative:	Adult population



Country: **South Africa**  
 Sample design: Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by metropolitan area, province and urbanity  
 Mode: Face-to-face adults 18 plus  
 Languages: English, Zulu, Xhosa, South Sotho, Afrikaans  
 Fieldwork dates: March 18 – April 12, 2013  
 Sample size: 815  
 Margin of Error:  $\pm 4.1$  percentage points  
 Representative: Adult population

Country: **South Korea**  
 Sample design: Random Digit Dial (RDD) probability sample of adults who own a cell phone  
 Mode: Telephone adults 18 plus  
 Languages: Korean  
 Fieldwork dates: March 4 – March 18, 2013  
 Sample size: 809  
 Margin of Error:  $\pm 3.7$  percentage points  
 Representative: Adults who own a cell phone (roughly 96% of adults age 18 and older)

Country: **Spain**  
 Sample design: Random Digit Dial (RDD) probability sample representative of telephone households (about 99% of Spanish households) stratified by region and proportional to population size  
 Mode: Telephone adults 18 plus  
 Languages: Spanish/Castilian  
 Fieldwork dates: March 22 – April 5, 2011  
 Sample size: 1,000  
 Margin of Error:  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points  
 Representative: Telephone households (including cell phone only households)

Country:	<b>Tunisia</b>
Sample design:	Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by governorate and urbanity
Mode:	Face-to-face adults 18 plus
Languages:	Tunisian Arabic
Fieldwork dates:	March 4 – March 19, 2013
Sample size:	1,000
Margin of Error:	±4.0 percentage points
Representative:	Adult population
Country:	<b>Turkey</b>
Sample design:	Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by the 26 regions (based on geographical location and level of development (NUTS 2)) and urbanity
Mode:	Face-to-face adults 18 plus
Languages:	Turkish
Fieldwork dates:	March 5 – March 24, 2013
Sample size:	1,000
Margin of Error:	±7.7 percentage points
Representative:	Adult population
Country:	<b>Uganda</b>
Sample design:	Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by region and urbanity
Mode:	Face-to-face adults 18 plus
Languages:	Luganda, English, Runyankole/Rukiga, Luo, Runyoro/Rutoro, Ateso, Lugbara
Fieldwork dates:	March 15 – March 29, 2013
Sample size:	800
Margin of Error:	±4.3 percentage points
Representative:	Adult population

Country:	<b>United States</b>
Sample design:	Random Digit Dial (RDD) probability sample representative of all telephone households in the continental U.S. stratified by county
Mode:	Telephone adults 18 plus
Languages:	English
Fieldwork dates:	March 25 – April 14, 2011
Sample size:	1,001
Margin of Error:	±4.0 percentage points
Representative:	Telephone households in continental U.S. (including cell phone only households)
Country:	<b>Venezuela</b>
Sample design:	Multi-stage cluster sample stratified by region and parish size
Mode:	Face-to-face adults 18 plus
Languages:	Spanish
Fieldwork dates:	March 15 – April 27, 2013
Sample size:	1,000
Margin of Error:	±3.5 percentage points
Representative:	Adult population (excluding remote areas, or about 4% of population)

# Topline Results

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Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, see Survey Methods section.
- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.
- Since 2007, the Global Attitudes Project has used an automated process to generate topline. As a result, numbers may differ slightly from those published prior to 2007.
- Spring, 2011 survey in Pakistan was fielded before the death of Osama bin Laden (April 10 – April 26), while the Late Spring, 2011 survey was conducted afterwards (May 8 – May 15).
- For some countries, trends for certain years are omitted due to differences in sample design or population coverage. Omitted trends often reflect less representative samples than more recent surveys in the same countries. Trends that are omitted include:
  - Bolivia prior to 2013
  - India prior to 2013
  - Senegal prior to 2013
  - Venezuela prior to 2013
  - Brazil prior to 2010
  - Nigeria prior to 2010
  - South Africa in 2007
  - Indonesia prior to 2005
- Not all questions included in the Spring 2011, Spring 2013 and Winter 2013-2014 surveys are presented in this topline. Omitted questions have either been previously released or will be released in future reports.

		Q26 Which one of these comes closest to your opinion? Number 1 – It is not necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values OR Number 2 – It is necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values			
		Number 1 – It is not necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values	Number 2 – It is necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2011	46	53	2	100
	Spring, 2007	41	57	2	100
	Summer, 2002	40	58	2	100
Canada	Spring, 2013	67	31	2	100
	Spring, 2007	67	30	3	100
	Summer, 2002	68	30	2	100
Britain	Spring, 2011	78	20	2	100
	Spring, 2007	75	22	3	100
	Summer, 2002	73	25	2	100
France	Spring, 2011	85	15	0	100
	Spring, 2007	83	17	0	100
	Summer, 2002	86	13	1	100
Germany	Spring, 2011	66	33	1	100
	Spring, 2007	60	39	2	100
	Summer, 2002	66	33	1	100
Italy	Spring, 2013	71	27	2	100
	Spring, 2007	71	24	5	100
	Summer, 2002	70	27	3	100
Spain	Spring, 2011	80	19	1	100
	Spring, 2007	71	25	4	100
Greece	Spring, 2013	50	49	1	100
Poland	Spring, 2013	51	44	5	100
	Spring, 2011	61	36	3	100
	Spring, 2007	69	29	2	100
	Summer, 2002	60	38	2	100
Czech Republic	Spring, 2013	78	19	2	100
	Spring, 2007	85	14	1	100
	Summer, 2002	85	13	1	100
Russia	Spring, 2013	55	38	7	100
	Spring, 2011	55	39	6	100
	Spring, 2007	68	26	6	100
	Summer, 2002	72	26	2	100
Turkey	Spring, 2013	9	87	4	100
	Spring, 2011	9	86	5	100
	Spring, 2007	12	84	4	100
	Summer, 2002	15	84	1	100
Egypt	Spring, 2013	4	95	1	100
	Spring, 2011	3	95	2	100
	Spring, 2007	0	99	1	100
Jordan	Spring, 2013	4	94	2	100
	Spring, 2011	3	97	0	100
	Spring, 2007	0	97	3	100
Lebanon	Spring, 2013	30	69	1	100
	Spring, 2011	30	69	1	100
	Spring, 2007	33	66	1	100

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Palest. ter.	Spring, 2013	13	85	2	100
	Spring, 2011	6	92	2	100
	Spring, 2007	9	84	7	100
Tunisia	Spring, 2013	25	74	1	100
Israel	Spring, 2013	59	37	4	100
	Spring, 2011	57	39	4	100
	Spring, 2007	55	43	3	100
Australia	Spring, 2013	76	23	1	100
China	Spring, 2013	75	14	11	100
	Spring, 2011	70	17	13	100
	Spring, 2007	72	17	10	100
Indonesia	Spring, 2013	1	99	0	100
	Spring, 2011	2	97	1	100
	Spring, 2007	1	98	0	100
Japan	Spring, 2011	55	42	3	100
	Spring, 2007	53	33	14	100
	Summer, 2002	66	29	5	100
Malaysia	Spring, 2013	9	89	3	100
	Spring, 2007	12	86	2	100
Pakistan	Spring, 2013	1	98	2	100
	Late Spring, 2011	3	94	3	100
	Spring, 2011	7	90	3	100
	Spring, 2007	9	88	3	100
	Summer, 2002	7	89	5	100
Philippines	Spring, 2013	7	93	0	100
	Summer, 2002	8	92	0	100
South Korea	Spring, 2013	44	54	2	100
	Spring, 2007	37	56	8	100
	Summer, 2002	40	56	4	100
Argentina	Spring, 2013	52	47	1	100
	Spring, 2007	52	45	3	100
	Summer, 2002	47	52	1	100
Bolivia	Spring, 2013	19	80	1	100
Brazil	Spring, 2013	13	86	0	100
	Spring, 2011	14	86	0	100
Chile	Spring, 2013	55	43	2	100
	Spring, 2007	48	51	2	100
El Salvador	Spring, 2013	7	93	0	100
Mexico	Spring, 2013	40	56	4	100
	Spring, 2011	44	55	1	100
	Spring, 2007	44	53	3	100
	Summer, 2002	38	61	1	100
Venezuela	Spring, 2013	20	80	0	100
Ghana	Spring, 2013	1	99	0	100
	Spring, 2007	24	73	3	100
	Summer, 2002	18	81	2	100

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Kenya	Spring, 2013	20	79	0	100
	Spring, 2011	7	92	1	100
	Spring, 2007	18	81	1	100
	Summer, 2002	8	92	0	100
Nigeria	Spring, 2013	8	91	0	100
Senegal	Spring, 2013	15	84	1	100
South Africa	Spring, 2013	21	75	4	100
	Summer, 2002	18	81	1	100
Uganda	Spring, 2013	11	89	1	100
	Spring, 2007	13	87	1	100
	Summer, 2002	16	84	0	100

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India	Winter, 2013-2014	24	70	6	100