Evangelicals, the Gospel, and Jewish People

Representative Survey of 2,002 Americans With Evangelical Beliefs

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Methodology

LifeWay Research conducted the study September 20th – 28th 2017. The study was sponsored by Chosen People Ministries and author, Joel C Rosenberg. The survey was conducted using the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population. Initially, participants are chosen scientifically by a random selection of telephone numbers and residential addresses. Persons in selected households are then invited by telephone or by mail to participate in the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®. For those who agree to participate, but do not already have Internet access, GfK provides at no cost a laptop and ISP connection.

Sample stratification and weights were used for gender by age, ethnicity, region, education, and household income to reflect the most recent US Census data. The completed sample is 2,002 surveys. The sample provides 95 percent confidence that the sampling error does not exceed plus or minus 2.7 percent. Margins of error are higher in sub-groups.
Evangelical Beliefs

- Respondents were screened to only include adults with Evangelical Beliefs
- Evangelical Beliefs are defined using the NAE LifeWay Research Evangelical Beliefs Research Definition based on respondent beliefs
- Respondents are asked their level of agreement with four separate statements using a four-point, forced choice scale (strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, strongly disagree). Those who strongly agree with all four statements are categorized as having Evangelical Beliefs
  - The Bible is the highest authority for what I believe
  - It is very important for me personally to encourage non-Christians to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior
  - Jesus Christ’s death on the cross is the only sacrifice that could remove the penalty of my sin
  - Only those who trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior receive God’s free gift of eternal salvation
Survey Responses
71% strongly agree that sharing the Gospel with Jewish people is important

**Q33:** “Sharing the Gospel with Jewish people is important." n=1967
55% agree that the Bible teaches that one day most or all Jewish people, alive at that time, will believe in Jesus.

Q34: “The Bible teaches that one day most or all Jewish people, alive at that time, will believe in Jesus.” n=1963
47% agree that Jesus will return when the Jewish people accept Jesus

Q35: “Jewish people continue to be significant for the history of redemption as Jesus will return when the Jewish people accept Jesus.” n=1956
46% do not have Jewish, Muslim, or Palestinian friends

- 30% have Jewish friends
- 17% have Muslim friends
- 6% have Palestinian friends
- 46% have None of these friends
- 19% are Not sure

Q40: “Currently, do you have any…” n=1988
35% of those with Jewish friends have prayed for the salvation of their Jewish friends in the last week.

Among those with Evangelical Beliefs who have Jewish friends:

- Yes: 35%
- No: 60%
- Not sure: 5%

Q41: “In the last week have you prayed for the salvation of your Jewish friend(s)?” Asked of those indicating they have Jewish friends in Q40. n=591
60% have not shared the Gospel with any of their Jewish friends in the last year

Among those with Evangelical Beliefs who have Jewish friends

Q42: "In the last year have you shared the Gospel with any of your Jewish friends?" Asked of those indicating they have Jewish friends in Q40. n=588
Jewish Parents or Grandparents

- When applied to the entire population, this response provides an estimate of 870,771 adult Americans who have Evangelical Beliefs and self-report that they have at least one Jewish parent or grandparent.

Q46: "Are one or more of your parents or grandparents Jewish?" n=1989

The sample provides 95% confidence that the estimated number of adult Americans with Evangelical Beliefs who self-report that they have at least one Jewish parent or grandparent is between 612,117 and 1,129,424.
Significant Differences

Gender  
Region  
Age  
Ethnicity  
Education Level
# Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among gender, region, age, ethnicity, and education.

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Note: Region is defined by US Census locations
“Sharing the Gospel with Jewish people is important.”

- Males (89%) are more likely to Agree than Females (84%)
- Those in the Northeast (92%) and West (92%) are more likely to Agree than those in the Midwest (83%) and South (85%)
- Those age 65+ (91%) are more likely to Agree than those 18-34 (82%) and 35-49 (84%)
- Other Ethnicities are the most likely ethnic group to Agree (97%)
- Those who are high school graduates or less are the least likely education group to Agree (83%)
“The Bible teaches that one day most or all Jewish people, alive at that time, will believe in Jesus.”

- Those in the Midwest are least likely to Agree (48%)
- Those age 50-64 (59%) and 65+ (62%) are more likely to Agree than those 18-34 (47%) and 35-49 (47%)
- Hispanics (61%) are more likely to Agree than White, Non-Hispanics (52%)
- Those with Bachelor’s Degrees are the least likely to Agree (42%)
“Jewish people continue to be significant for the history of redemption as Jesus will return when the Jewish people accept Jesus.”

- Males (51%) are more likely to Agree than Females (43%)
- Those age 50-64 (51%) are more likely to Agree than those 18-34 (44%) and 35-49 (44%)
- White, Non-Hispanics are the least likely ethnic group to Agree (42%)
- Those who are high school graduates or less (48%) or with a Graduate Degree (54%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor’s Degree (40%)
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