Protestant Churchgoer Views on Church Security

Representative Survey of American Protestant Churchgoers
Methodology

● The online survey of 1,002 American Protestant churchgoers was conducted September 20-27, 2019 using a national pre-recruited panel

● Respondents were screened to include those who identified as Protestant/non-denominational and attend religious services at least once a month

● Quotas and slight weights were used to balance gender, age, region, ethnicity, and education to more accurately reflect the population

● The completed sample is 1,002 surveys

● The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error from the panel does not exceed ±3.2%

● Margins of error are higher in sub-groups
Survey Responses
73% say they feel more safe when seeing a uniformed policeman or security guard at church.

Q45: “If you saw a uniformed policeman or security guard working at church, how would that make you feel?”
Significant Differences

Gender
Age
Ethnicity
Region
Education Level
Denomination
Worship Service Attendance
Evangelical Beliefs
Church Size
## Significant Statistical Differences

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

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<tr>
<th>Gender</th>
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<th>Ethnicity</th>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Education</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>18-34</td>
<td>White</td>
<td>Northeast</td>
<td>High School graduate or less</td>
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<tr>
<td>Female</td>
<td>35-49</td>
<td>African American</td>
<td>Midwest</td>
<td>Some college</td>
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<td>50-64</td>
<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>South</td>
<td>Bachelor’s Degree</td>
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<td>65+</td>
<td>Other Ethnicities</td>
<td>West</td>
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Note: Region is defined by US Census locations
Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among denomination, worship service attendance, evangelical beliefs, and church size.

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<td>Baptist</td>
<td>4 or more times a month</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Less than 50</td>
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<td>Christian/Churches of Christ</td>
<td>Less than 4 times a month</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>50 to 99</td>
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<td>Lutheran</td>
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<td>100 to 249</td>
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“If you saw a uniformed policeman or security guard working at church, how would that make you feel?”

- Females are more likely to select “More safe” than Males (75% v. 69%)
- Those age 18-34 (12%) are more likely to select “Less safe” than those age 65+ (5%)
- Other Ethnicities (16%) are more likely to select “Less safe” than Whites (6%)
- Those in the South (77%) are more likely to select “More safe” than those in the Northeast (63%) and West (66%)
- Baptists (78%) are more likely to select “More safe” than Lutherans (64%) and Non-denominational (69%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select “More safe” than those without evangelical beliefs (77% v. 67%)
- Those who attend a church of 500 or more people (86%) are more likely to select “More safe” than those who attend a church of less than 50 people (62%), 50 to 99 (70%), and 100 to 249 (72%)
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