Protestant Churchgoers Views on Working on Sunday

A 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.
Definitions

- **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.
41% say their job does not require them to work on Sunday mornings

Q46: "How often does your job require you to work on Sunday mornings?"

- Every week: 5%
- Twice a month or more: 6%
- Once a month: 4%
- A few times a year: 5%
- Once a year or less: 2%
- Never: 41%
- I do not have a job: 36%
64% of those with a job say their job does not require them to work on Sunday mornings.

Q46: “How often does your job require you to work on Sunday mornings?” n=618
Significant Differences

Gender
Age
Ethnicity
Region
Education Level
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Church Size
# Significant Differences

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

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<td>Male</td>
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<td>White</td>
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<td>High School graduate or less</td>
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<td>Midwest</td>
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Note: Region is defined by US Census locations
Significant Statistical Differences

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“How often does your job require you to work on Sunday mornings?” (Percentages among those who have a job)

- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select “At least once a month” (42%), while those age 65+ are least likely (6%)
- African Americans (32%) and Hispanics (31%) are more likely to select “At least once a month” than Whites (20%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (28%) or with some college (29%) are more likely to select “At least once a month” than those with a Bachelor’s Degree (17%) or a Graduate Degree (16%)
- Christian/Churches of Christ are the most likely to select “At least once a month” (48%)
- Those who attend a worship service less than 4 times a month are more likely to select “At least once a month” than those who attend 4 or more times a month (34% v. 18%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are less likely to select “At least once a month” than those without evangelical beliefs (20% v. 29%)
- Those who attend a church of less than 50 people (28%), 50 to 99 (33%), or 100 to 249 (25%) are more likely to select “At least once a month” than those who attend a church of less than 500 or more people (12%)