

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING POLL ASKED MANY QUESTIONS ON MANY DIFFERENT ISSUES; WHAT APPEARS HERE ARE EXCERPTS DEALING WITH ABORTION.

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WHITE EVANGELICALS, THE ISSUES AND THE 2008 ELECTION
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WHO ARE THE WHITE EVANGELICALS?

White evangelicals comprise about 22% of the population. 57% are female, and 57% are over age 45. Most are married. Half live in the South (50%), and another quarter resides in the Midwest (24%).

87% of them are registered to vote. White evangelical voters have similar demographic characteristics to all adult evangelicals.

WHO ARE WHITE EVANGELICALS?

Women 57%
Men 43

Age
18-29 17%
30-44 26
45-64 38
65 and over 19

Married 67%

Northeast 14%
Midwest 24
South 50
West 12

High school or less 49%
Some college 32
College grad or more 19

Registered to vote 87%

In this poll, respondents were asked if they ever think of themselves as "evangelical or born again Christians." This analysis is limited to whites who consider themselves as evangelical Christians. African-Americans who call themselves

evangelical tend to have very different political views from white evangelicals.

RELIGION IN EVANGELICALS' LIVES

White evangelicals are overwhelmingly Protestant; 85% report that as their religion, and 6% say they are Catholic.

q15 Which ONE issue would you most like to hear the candidates for president discuss during the 2008 presidential campaign?

** REGISTERED VOTERS **

	Total %	White Evangelicals %
War in Iraq	26	20
Health Care	25	23
Economy / Jobs	11	7
Immigration	6	8
Education	3	2
Environment	2	0
Social Security	2	3
Defense / Military	2	3
Terrorism (general)	2	2
Abortion	1	2
Same-sex marriage	0	0
Other	12	17
DK/NA	8	13

q51 Is it possible you would ever vote for a candidate who does not share your views on social issues like abortion or same-sex marriage, or are these social issues so important that you could not vote for a candidate who disagrees with you?

	Total	White Evangelicals
Yes, would vote	50	29
No, would not vote	41	60
Depends (Vol.)	6	8
Don't know/No answer	3	3

q54 How important will social issues such as abortion and same sex marriage be in your vote for president next year -- extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important?

	Total	White Evangelicals
Extremely important	22	42
Very important	23	32
Somewhat important	32	16
Not too important	22	8
DK/NA	1	2

q69 If you had to choose, which do you think should be the main issue for evangelical Christians to get involved in today: is it 1. trying to end poverty and hunger among the poor; OR 2. trying to stop abortions from taking place in the U.S., OR 3. trying to stop the genocide and violence in places like Darfur ?

**** WHITE EVANGELICALS ****

%

End poverty and world hunger	33
Try to stop abortions in the U.S.	22
Darfur genocide	17
All (vol.)	15
Combination (vol.)	5
DK/NA	8

HOW IMPORTANT IS ... IN YOUR VOTE FOR PRESIDENT?

(Among registered voters)

	Social to taxes	Iraq	Global Warming	Pledge not raise
<u>White Evangelicals</u>				
Extremely	42%	28%	12%	16
Very	32	44	31	29
Somewhat	16	25	30	34
Not too	8	2	27	19
<u>All Voters</u>				
Extremely	22%	37%	23%	18
Very	23	42	32	25
Somewhat	32	17	28	33
Not too	22	3	16	23

Over four in 10 white evangelicals think abortion should only be permitted to save the life of the mother or not all. That position is held by just 20% of all adult Americans.

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	1282	
Registered Voters	1143	1059
Total White Evangelicals	312	285
White Evangelical Voters	283	248
Republican Primary Voters	372	319