

Mott Poll Questions



Teens & Religion

The following questions were answered by parents with teens age 13-18 years old.

Q1. How much do you agree with the following statements about teens and religion?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Disagree
a. Having a relationship with God or a higher power helps teens feel a sense of safety and security.			
b. Participating in religious services helps teens connect with their family history and traditions.			
c. Teens can believe in God or a higher power without being involved in organized religion.			
d. Having a relationship with God or a higher power has a positive impact on a teen's overall health and well-being.			

Q2. Does your [x]-year-old teen do the following?

	Yes	No
a. Attend religious services on a regular basis		
b. Attend religious services occasionally (e.g., at holidays)		

Q3. Overall, how would you describe your [x]-year-old teen's participation in religious service and activities?

1. At the level I like
2. Less than I like
3. More than I like

[If Q2a = no]

Q4. How much do you agree with the following?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Disagree
a. A family's faith/religion can place a burden on teens			

[If Q2a = yes]

Q5. How much do you agree with the following?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Disagree
a. Parents who don't have their children attend religious services are not providing a good moral foundation.			
b. I am bothered by families that attend religious services only at the holidays.			
c. Our family's faith/religion places a burden on my teen.			

Q6. At what age should children be allowed to make their own decisions about whether to attend religious services?

1. Age 5
2. Age 6
3. Age 7
4. Age 8
5. Age 9
6. Age 10
7. Age 11
8. Age 12
9. Age 13
10. Age 14
11. Age 15
12. Age 16
13. Age 17
14. Age 18
15. Over 18

Q7. The month of December includes several religious holidays. Which of the following best describes your family's approach this time of year?

1. Attend religious services
2. Mention religious aspect of holiday during home celebrations
3. Celebrate holidays in a non-religious way
4. Do not celebrate or recognize any December religious holidays

Q8. If your [x]-year-old teen did not want to attend holiday services, which of the following would you most likely do?

1. Insist that teen attend
2. Negotiate or "bargain" to get teen to attend
3. Discuss why it's important to you but allow teen to choose
4. Support teen's decision

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