

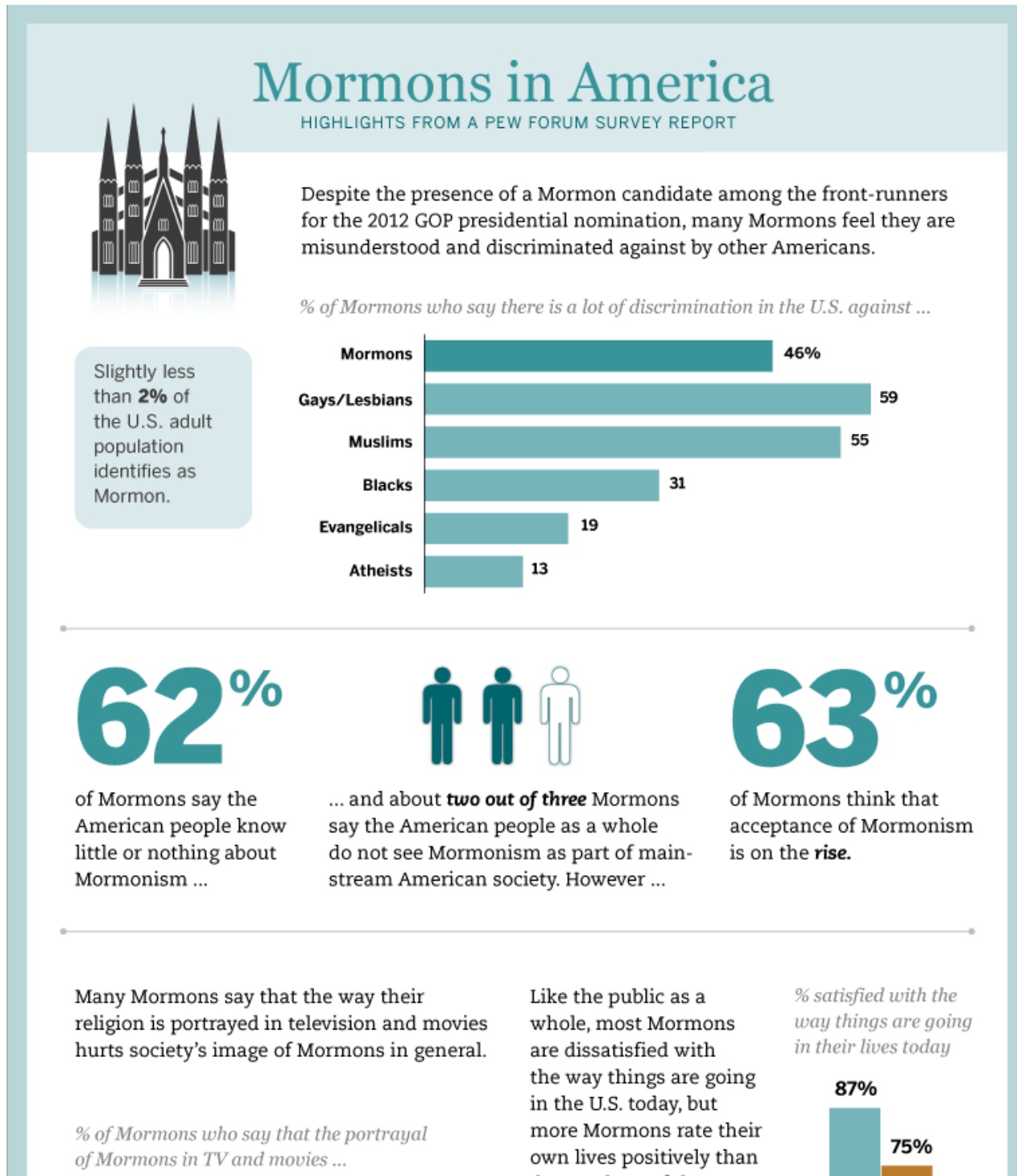
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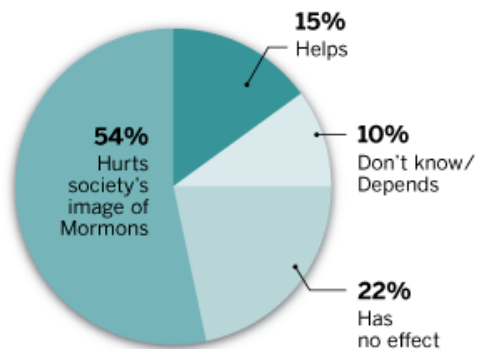
# Mormons in America

*Certain in Their Beliefs, Uncertain of Their Place in Society*

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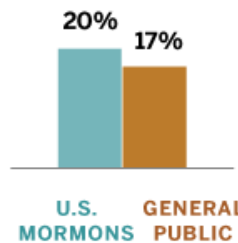
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do members of the general public.

% satisfied with the way things are going in the U.S.



Despite the feeling that Mormons are largely not accepted as part of mainstream American society ...

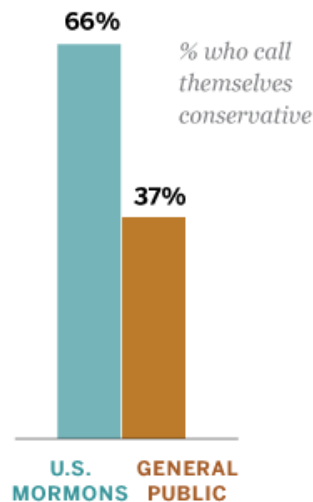
... **56%**

of Mormons say that the country is ready to elect a Mormon president.

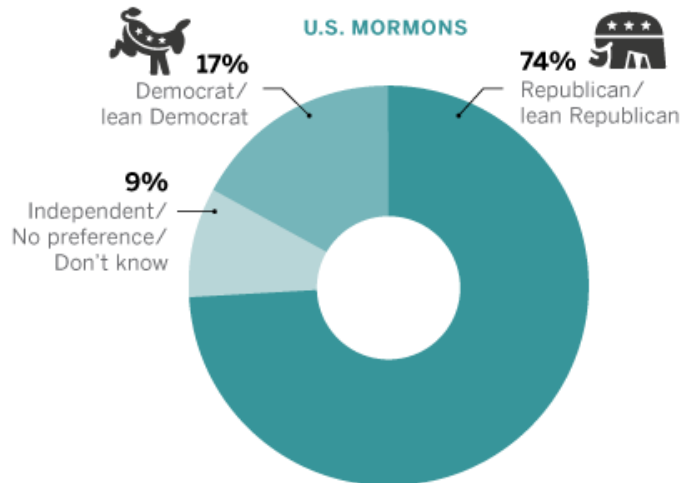


## Politics

Politically, Mormons are quite conservative compared with the general public ...



... and by a large margin Mormon voters support the Republican Party.



While most Mormons view Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney favorably and half have a favorable view of Jon Huntsman ...

... they are considerably less supportive of Democratic Sen. Harry Reid, who is also a Mormon.

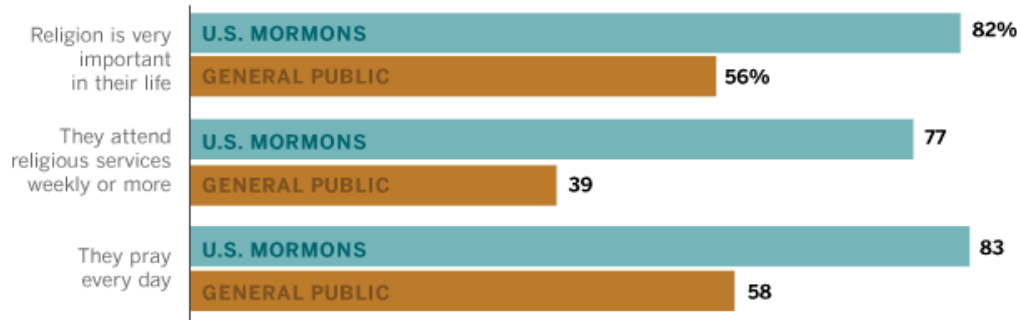


% of Mormons who rate these Mormon politicians favorably

## Religious Beliefs and Practices

The survey confirms that Mormons are highly religious compared with the general public.

% who say that ...



Additionally, **79% of Mormons** say they donate one-tenth of their earnings to the church ...

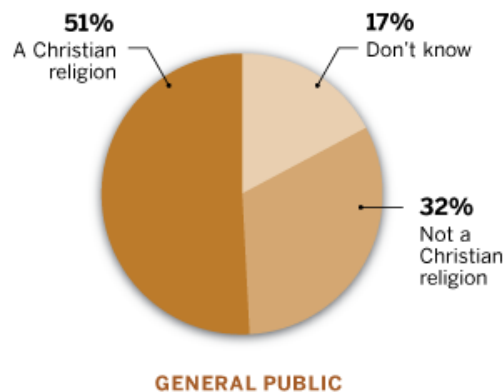
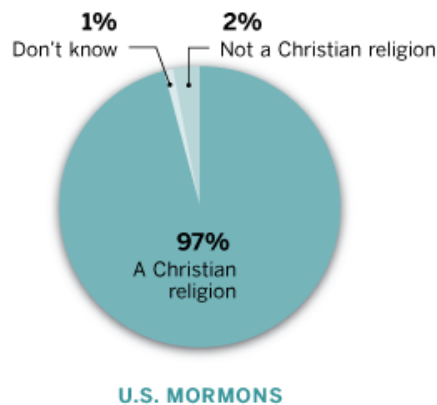
... and **43%** of Mormon men and **11%** of Mormon women say they have served as full-time missionaries.



Mormons are nearly unanimous in describing Mormonism as a Christian religion. By contrast, many non-Mormons do not see Mormonism as a Christian faith.

About a **third** of U.S. adults say the Mormon faith is not a Christian religion, and an additional **17%** are unsure whether Mormonism is Christian.

% who say that Mormonism is ...



Mormons share many of the beliefs and practices of other Christian traditions.



For example, **98% of Mormons** believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

But there are a number of tenets that are central to the teachings of the LDS Church and widely held by Mormons that are **distinct from** other Christian traditions.

Here are several other beliefs and practices that many Mormons see as important to their faith:

% of Mormons who say that each of the following is essential to being

% of Mormons who say they believe that

70% of Mormons who say they believe that ...

**91%** 

The Book of Mormon was written by ancient prophets

**94** 

The president of the LDS Church is a prophet of God

**94** 

God the Father and Jesus Christ are separate, physical beings

**95** 

Families can be bound together eternally in Mormon temple ceremonies

of the following is essential to being a good Mormon

**73%** 

Working to help the poor

**51** 

Regular family home evenings

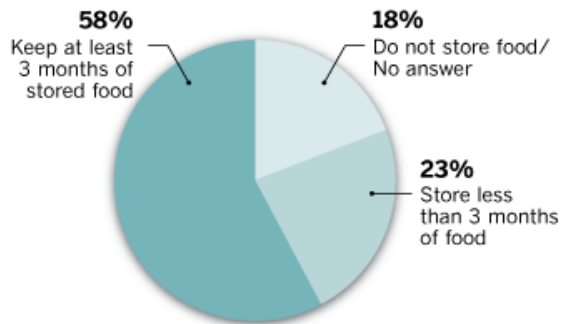
**49** 

Not drinking coffee and tea

**32** 

Not watching R-rated movies

Mormons are also known for maintaining an emergency supply of food ...



... and placing a high value on family life.



Fully **81%** of Mormons say that being a good parent is one of the most important things in life, compared with

**50%** of the general public ...

... and **73%** of Mormons cite having a successful marriage as one of the most important things in life, while **34%** of the general public expresses this view.



*These are among the key findings of a nationwide survey conducted Oct. 25-Nov. 16, 2011, among a representative sample of 1,019 Mormon adults 18 years old and older; 694 interviews were conducted on landlines and 325 were conducted on cell phones. General public comparisons come from a number of Pew Research Center surveys. See full report for details.*

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