Mormons in America

Certain in Their Beliefs, Uncertain of Their Place in Society

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Mormons in America HIGHLIGHTS FROM A PEW FORUM SURVEY REPORT Despite the presence of a Mormon candidate among the front-runners for the 2012 GOP presidential nomination, many Mormons feel they are misunderstood and discriminated against by other Americans. % of Mormons who say there is a lot of discrimination in the U.S. against ... Mormons Slightly less than 2% of Gays/Lesbians the U.S. adult Muslims population identifies as Blacks Mormon. Evangelicals Atheists of Mormons say the ... and about two out of three Mormons of Mormons think that say the American people as a whole American people know acceptance of Mormonism little or nothing about do not see Mormonism as part of mainis on the rise. Mormonism ... stream American society. However ... % satisfied with the Many Mormons say that the way their Like the public as a way things are going religion is portrayed in television and movies whole, most Mormons are dissatisfied with in their lives today hurts society's image of Mormons in general. the way things are going 87% in the U.S. today, but more Mormons rate their

own lives positively than

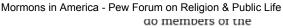
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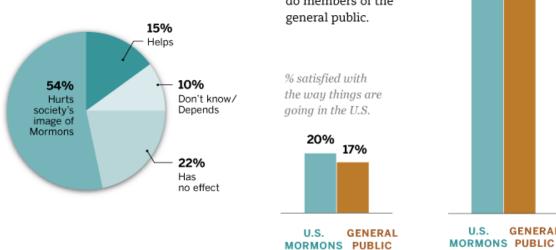
of Mormons in TV and movies ...

% of Mormons who say that the portrayal

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75%





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



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

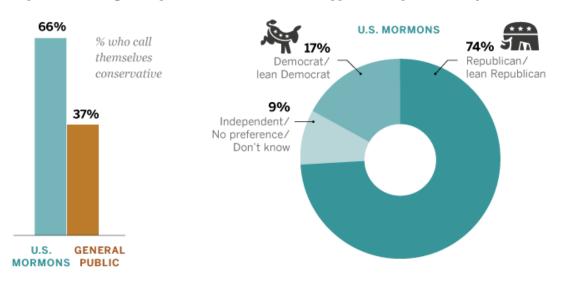


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Politics

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.







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% 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.

About a third of U.S. adults say the

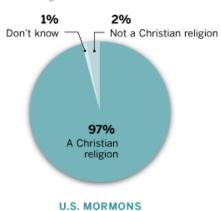
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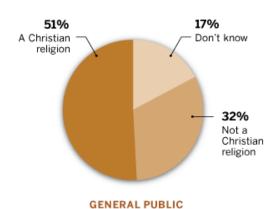


Mormons are nearly unanimous in describing Mormonism as a Christian religion. By contrast, many non-Mormons do not see Mormonism as a Christian faith.

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% 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

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The Book of Mormon was written by ancient prophets

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The president of the LDS Church is a prophet of God

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God the Father and Jesus Christ are separate, physical beings

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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



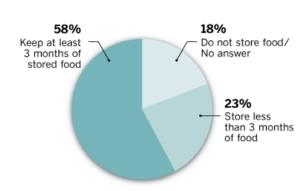
Not drinking coffee and tea

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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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