

# Religion and American Politics:

## More Secular, More Evangelical...or Both?

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# Religious Groups and Voter Coalitions, 2004

	<i>Kerry</i>	<i>Bush</i>
<b>Democratic Groups</b>		
Unaffiliated	18.5	6.5
Less Observant Black Protestants	6.0	0.5
Observant Black Protestants	7.6	1.5
Less Observant Other Faiths	12.5	6.1
<b>Swing Groups</b>		
Observant Other Faiths	9.6	9.8
Less Observant White Mainline Protestants	13.8	14.3
Less Observant White Catholics	11.1	11.9
<b>Republican Groups</b>		
Observant White Mainline Protestants	4.0	5.0
Observant White Catholics	7.3	11.2
Less Observant White Evangelical Protestants	4.4	10.4
Observant White Evangelical Protestants	5.2	22.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

# Size of Religious Groups, 1944-2004

Religious Groups	Change 1944-2004	2004	1944
<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>9.8</b>	14.4	4.6
<b>Less Observant Black Protestants</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	4.0	4.7
Observant Black Protestants	<b>2.2</b>	5.7	3.5
<b>Less Observant Other Faiths</b>	<b>3.3</b>	9.4	6.1
Observant Other Faiths	<b>8.1</b>	9.7	1.6
<b>Less Observant White Catholic</b>	<b>1.5</b>	8.0	6.5
Observant White Catholic	<b>-3.3</b>	7.7	11.0
<b>Less Observant White Mainline Protestants</b>	<b>-19.9</b>	11.4	31.3
<i>Observant White Mainline Protestants</i>	<b>-6.6</b>	6.5	13.1
<b>Less Observant White Evangelical Protestants</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	9.3	11.4
<i>Observant White Evangelical Protestants</i>	<b>8.0</b>	14.1	6.1
<b>Total</b>		<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<i>% Observant (at least weekly worship attendance)</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>43.3</i>	<i>42.4</i>

# Religious Groups and Two-Party Presidential Vote, 1944-2004

Religious Groups	Dem	Rep	2004		1944	
	Change 1944-2004	Change 1944-2004	Dem	Rep	Dem	Rep
<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>-12.9</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>41.0</b>
<b>Less Observant Black Protestants</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>-11.3</b>	<b>86.3</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>
Observant Black Protestants	<b>21.4</b>	<b>-21.4</b>	<b>81.0</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>59.6</b>	<b>40.4</b>
<b>Less Observant Other Faiths</b>	<b>-16.5</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>
Observant Other Faiths	<b>-21.3</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>64.3</b>	<b>35.7</b>
<b>Less Observant White Catholic</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>37.1</b>
Observant White Catholic	<b>-31.4</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>62.7</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>31.3</b>
<b>Less Observant White Mainline Protestants</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>-7.8</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>58.3</b>
Observant White Mainline Protestants	<b>7.6</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>63.2</b>
<b>Less Observant White Evangelical Protestants</b>	<b>-12.5</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>44.3</b>
Observant White Evangelical Protestants	<b>-34.1</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>83.0</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>48.9</b>
<b>ALL</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>47.8</b>

# Religious Groups and Presidential Voter Coalitions, 1944-2004

Religious Groups	Dem	Rep	2004		1944	
	Change 1944-2004	Change 1944-2004	Dem	Rep	Dem	Rep
<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>13.7</b>	3.4	<b>18.2</b>	6.8	<b>4.5</b>	3.4
<b>Less Observant Black Protestants</b>	<b>1.4</b>	-0.7	<b>5.5</b>	0.8	<b>4.1</b>	1.5
Observant Black Protestants	<b>5.0</b>	-0.4	<b>8.0</b>	1.8	<b>3.0</b>	2.2
<b>Less Observant Other Faiths</b>	<b>0.9</b>	1.7	<b>10.6</b>	5.2	<b>9.7</b>	3.5
Observant Other Faiths	<b>6.2</b>	9.0	<b>8.0</b>	10.1	<b>1.8</b>	1.1
<b>Less Observant White Catholic</b>	<b>1.6</b>	1.5	<b>9.7</b>	6.7	<b>8.1</b>	5.2
Observant White Catholic	<b>-7.1</b>	4.7	<b>7.5</b>	12.0	<b>14.6</b>	7.3
<b>Less Observant White Mainline Protestants</b>	<b>-12.6</b>	-26.2	<b>12.8</b>	12.5	<b>25.4</b>	38.7
Observant White Mainline Protestants	<b>-3.5</b>	-11.4	<b>7.3</b>	8.8	<b>10.8</b>	20.2
<b>Less Observant White Evangelical Protestants</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	-1.4	<b>6.7</b>	8.5	<b>11.5</b>	9.9
Observant White Evangelical Protestants	<b>-0.9</b>	20.0	<b>5.7</b>	26.8	<b>6.6</b>	6.8
<b>Total</b>			<b>100.0</b>	100.0	<b>100.0</b>	100.0