

Has the Percentage of Christians in America Hit an All-Time Low?

The decline of the Christian faith in the United States continues to accelerate, and the latest numbers that we just got are absolutely staggering. Most European countries are already considered to be “post-Christian” nations, and the U.S. appears to be headed down the exact same path. But when America was originally founded, it is estimated that 98% of the colonists were Christians. The Christian faith played a critical role in the development of our form of government, and throughout history, every generation of Americans was overwhelmingly Christian. But now things are changing in a major way. According to a brand-new survey that was just released by the Pew Research Center, only 65% of Americans now consider themselves to be “Christians,” and that represents the lowest level ever recorded:

The religious landscape of the United States continues to change at a rapid clip. In Pew Research Center telephone surveys conducted in 2018 and 2019, 65% of American adults describe themselves as Christians when asked about their religion, down 12 percentage points over the past decade. Meanwhile, the religiously unaffiliated share of the population, consisting of people who describe their religious identity as atheist, agnostic or “nothing in particular,” now stands at 26%, up from 17% in 2009.

When it comes to religion, a 12% drop in a single decade is not just a decline.

In reality, it is a mass exodus.

As a Christian, this alarms me greatly. Year after year, we

have seen a steady decline in the percentage of Americans who consider themselves to be Christians, and this has been helping to fuel the rapid growth of the “nones”:

Meanwhile, all subsets of the religiously unaffiliated population—a group also known as religious “nones”—have seen their numbers swell. Self-described atheists now account for 4% of U.S. adults, up modestly but significantly from 2% in 2009; agnostics make up 5% of U.S. adults, up from 3% a decade ago; and 17% of Americans now describe their religion as “nothing in particular,” up from 12% in 2009. Members of non-Christian religions also have grown modestly as a share of the adult population.

The Pew Research survey also showed that there is a tremendous generation gap when it comes to religious affiliation.

Older Americans still overwhelmingly identify with the Christian faith, but at this point less than half of all Millennials consider themselves to be Christians:

Furthermore, the data shows a wide gap between older Americans (Baby Boomers and members of the Silent Generation) and Millennials in their levels of religious affiliation and attendance. More than 8 in 10 members of the Silent Generation (those born between 1928 and 1945) describe themselves as Christians (84%), as do three-quarters of Baby Boomers (76%). In stark contrast, only half of Millennials (49%) describe themselves as Christians; 4 in 10 are religious “nones” and 1 in 10 Millennials identify with non-Christian faiths.

The Millennials are the first generation in American history in which Christians are a minority.

Just think about that. We have never seen a religious shift of this magnitude, and it has tremendous implications for the

future of our society.

The percentage of our young adults who are “nones” has nearly quadrupled since 1986. That is a mind-blowing statistic, and it is one of the clearest indications that the left has been winning the culture war.

As a result of this mass exodus from the Christian faith, churches are closing down in droves all across the country.

In fact, it has been estimated that somewhere between 6,000 and 10,000 churches are shut down in the United States every single year, and that means that over 100 churches will die this week alone.

As a result, we have a whole lot of empty church buildings on our hands, and many of them are being converted into hotels, bars and indoor playgrounds:

A large number of abandoned churches have become wineries or breweries or bars. Others have been converted into hotels, bed-and-breakfasts and Airbnbs. A few have been transformed into entertainment venues, such as an indoor playground for children, a laser-tag arena or a skate park.

But just because the Christian faith is declining in America does not mean that it has to stay that way. Throughout U.S. history, the greatest spiritual awakenings have often erupted when things seemed the bleakest. The message of Jesus is timeless, and we have an opportunity to show an entire generation of young people what it really means to be a Christian.

Just because they aren't going to church does not mean that Americans have lost their spiritual hunger. Sadly, these days they are just searching out other outlets to satisfy it.

Today, the fastest-growing religion in America is Wicca. It has been estimated that there are now more than a million

witches in the United States, and one of their most important holidays is coming up. The ancients called it "Samhain," but today we refer to it as "Halloween."

Of the 65% of Americans who still consider themselves to be "Christians," many of them never really go to church or practice their faith at all. Church attendance in the U.S. has been plummeting for years, and the influence that faith has on our political process has also been waning.

At one time, it was exceedingly difficult to run for public office in this country if you did not consider yourself to be a Christian. But today, being a Bible-believing Christian is considered to be a huge political liability in much of the nation.

The faith that was once the foundation of our republic is now mocked, ridiculed and laughed at on television and in our movies. It has been pushed out of our government, out of our schools and out of the mainstream entertainment industry.

We wanted a godless society, and so that is what we got.

But if we ever do intend to "make America great again," we need to get back to what made it great in the first place.
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