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Global Views on Religion

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OVERALL ATTITUDES TO RELIGION

A majority respect religious people but are divided on religion’s impact on the world and its importance for a “moral life”.

Religion does more harm in the world than good



My religion defines me as a person



I am completely comfortable being around people who have different religious beliefs than me



I lose respect for people when I find out that they are not religious



Religious people are better citizens

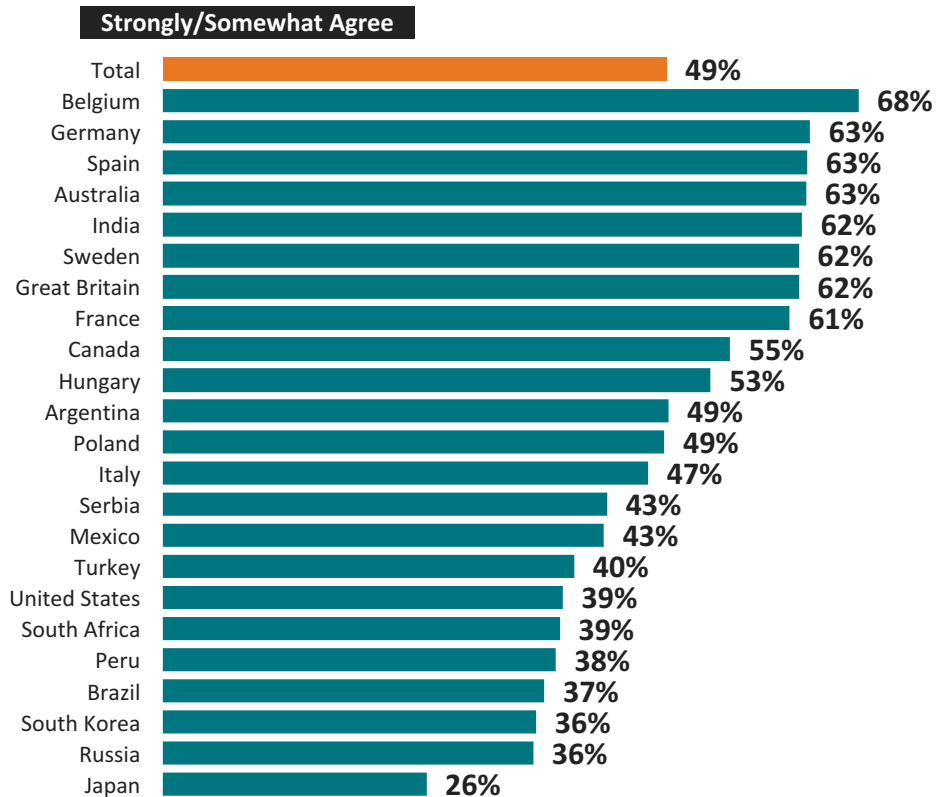


Religious practices are an important factor in the moral life of my country’s citizens



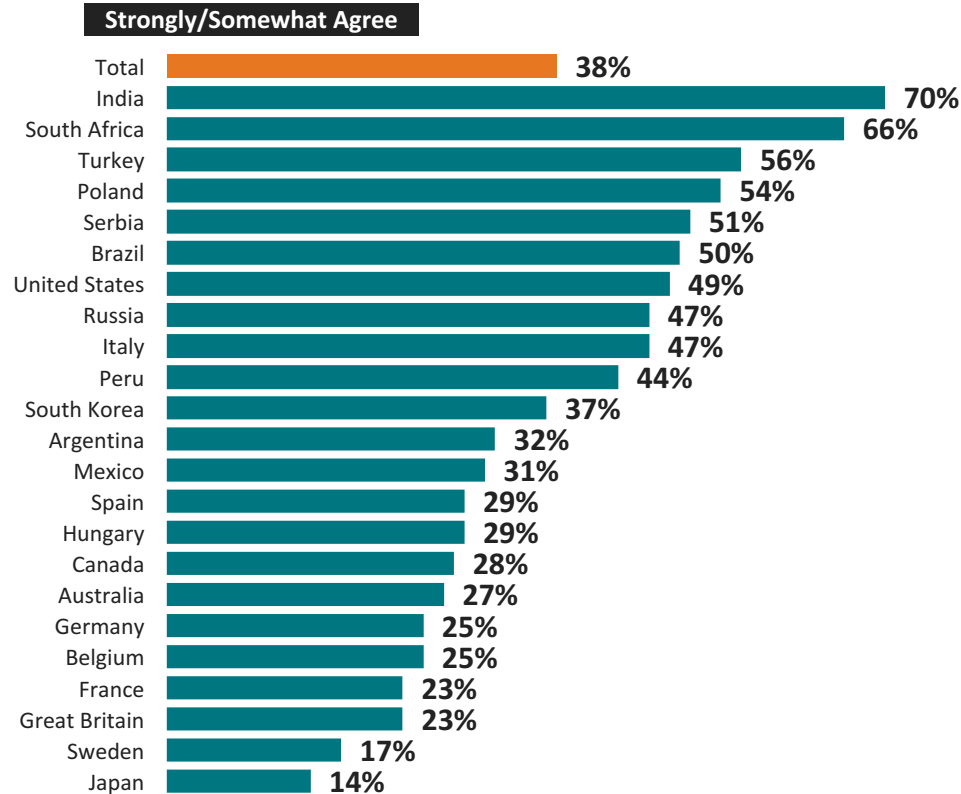
Half of people around the world think that religion does more harm than good – but views vary greatly between some countries.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
Religion does more harm in the world than good?



Two in five people around the world say their religion defines them as a person – this is most true for Indians and South Africans.

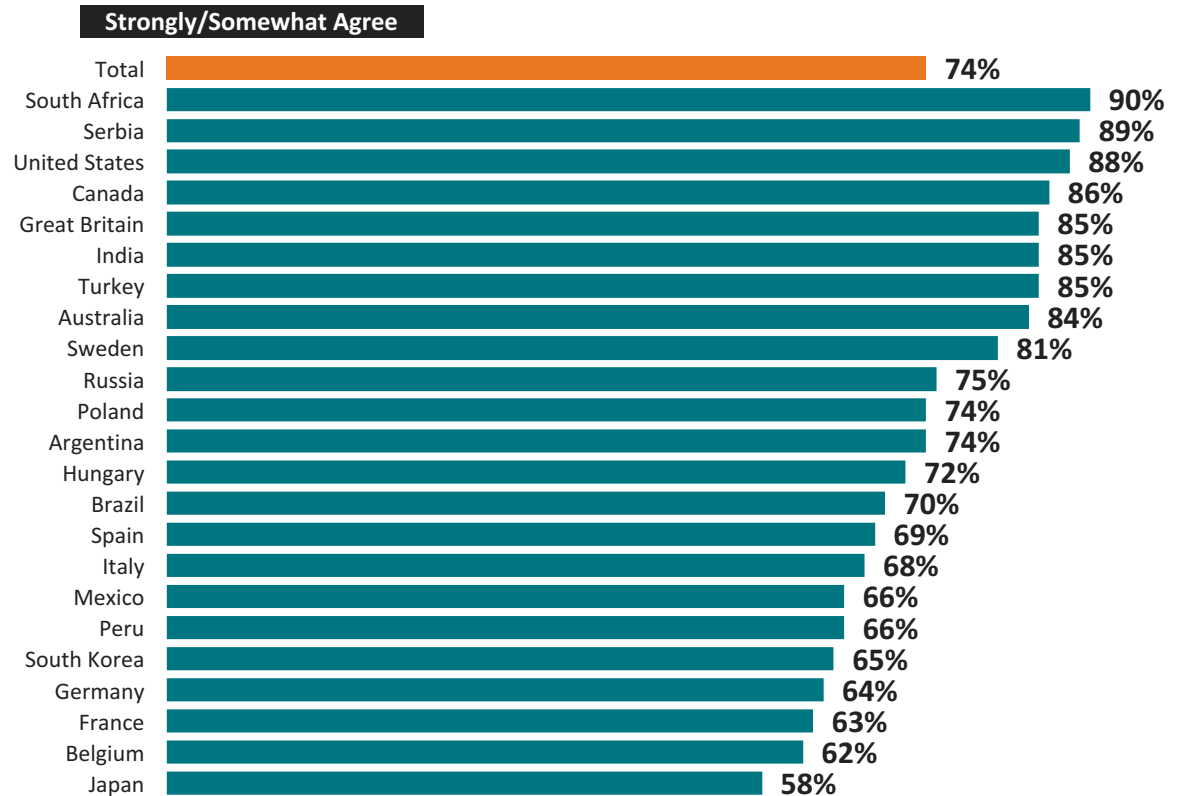
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
“My religion defines me as a person.”



The majority in all countries feel “completely comfortable” being around people of different religions.

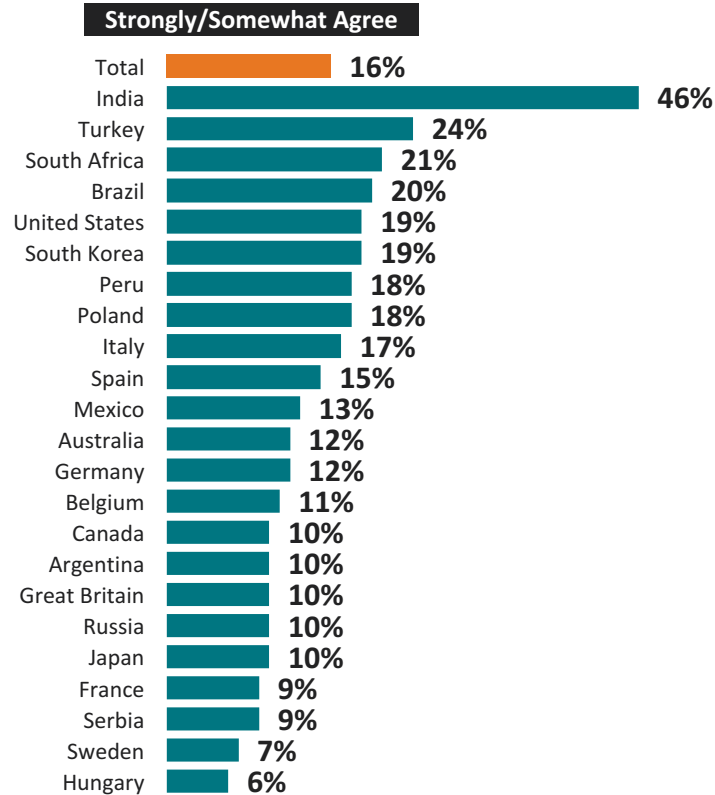
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I am completely comfortable being around people who have different religious beliefs than me.



Most countries are tolerant of people without religious beliefs – although more Indians report this as an issue compared to others.

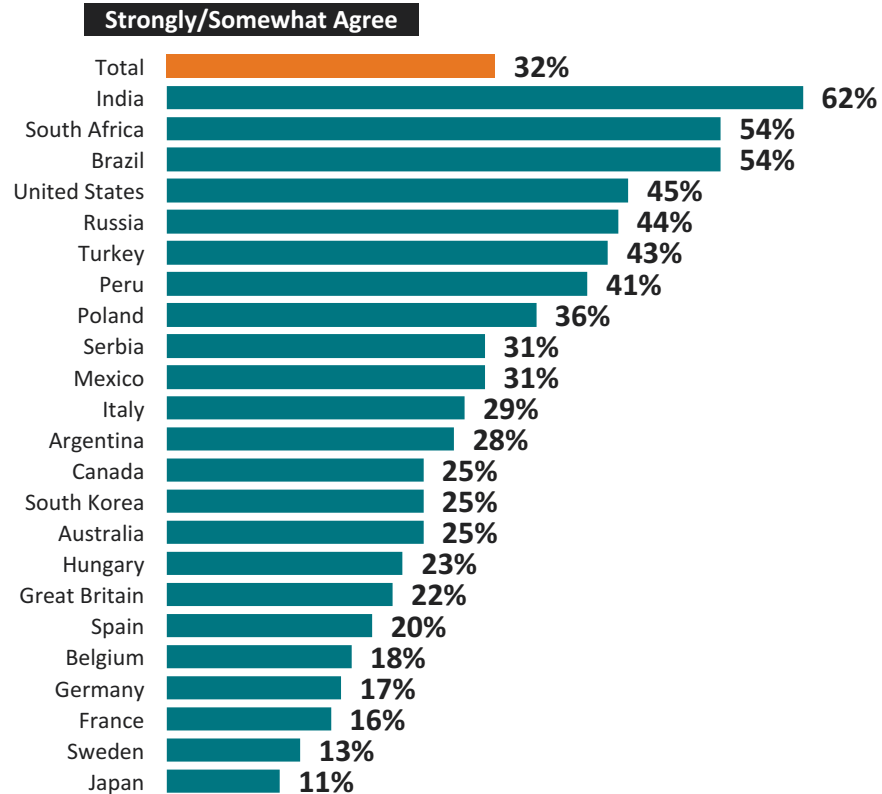
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Only one third of countries think that religious people make “better” citizens – but this varies greatly between some countries, including India and Japan...

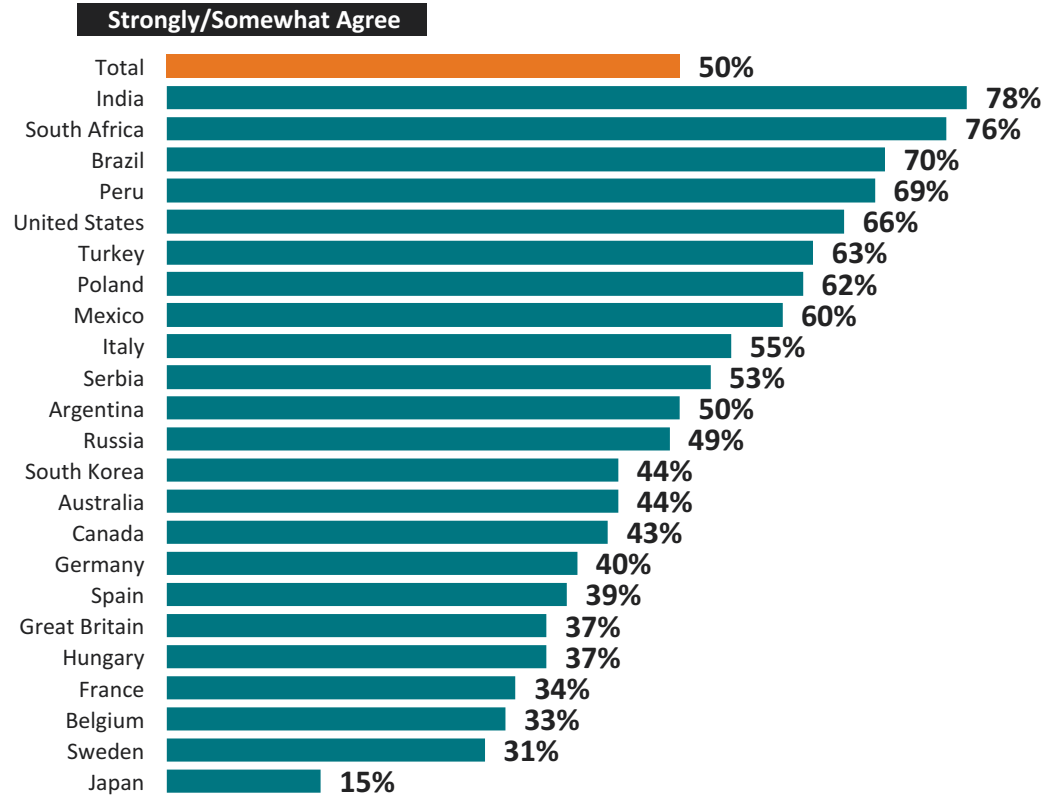
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Religious people are better citizens.



... but on average, countries are more split on whether or not religious practices are important to a “moral life”.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
Religious practices are an important factor in the moral life of my country’s citizens.



Methodology

- These are the findings of the Global @dvisor Immigration tracker 2011-2017. In total 17,401 interviews were conducted between 24 June and 8 July 2017 among adults aged 18-64 in the US and Canada, and adults aged 16-64 in all other countries.
- The survey was conducted in 23 countries around the world via the Ipsos Online Panel system. The countries reporting herein are across Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United States, Serbia and Peru.
- Between 500 and 1000+ individuals participated on a country by country basis via the Ipsos Online Panel. The sample was 1000+ in Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Spain and the United States of America. In all other countries the sample was 500+. The precision of Ipsos online polls is calculated using a credibility interval with a poll of 1,000 accurate to +/- 3.5 percentage points and of 500 accurate to +/- 5.0 percentage points. For more information on Ipsos' use of credibility intervals, please visit the Ipsos website.
- In countries where internet penetration is approximately 60% or higher the data output generally reflects the overall population. Of the 25 countries surveyed online, 17 yield results that are balanced to reflect the general population: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Poland, South Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Great Britain and the United States. The 5 remaining countries surveyed – Brazil (58%), India (19%), Mexico (44%), South Africa (49%) and Turkey (51%) - have lower levels of internet connectivity and reflect online populations that tend to be more urban and have higher education/income than the general population.
- Where results do not sum to 100, this may be due to computer rounding, multiple responses or the exclusion of don't knows or not stated responses.
- Data are weighted to match the profile of the population.



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