

Mormons in America

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The Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion and Public Life released a first-of-its-kind study on Mormons in America. The study surveyed more than 1,000 self-identified Mormons to provide a look into the life and beliefs of Latter-day Saints. Here's a look at some of the findings.

62% of Mormons say the American people know little or nothing about Mormonism ...

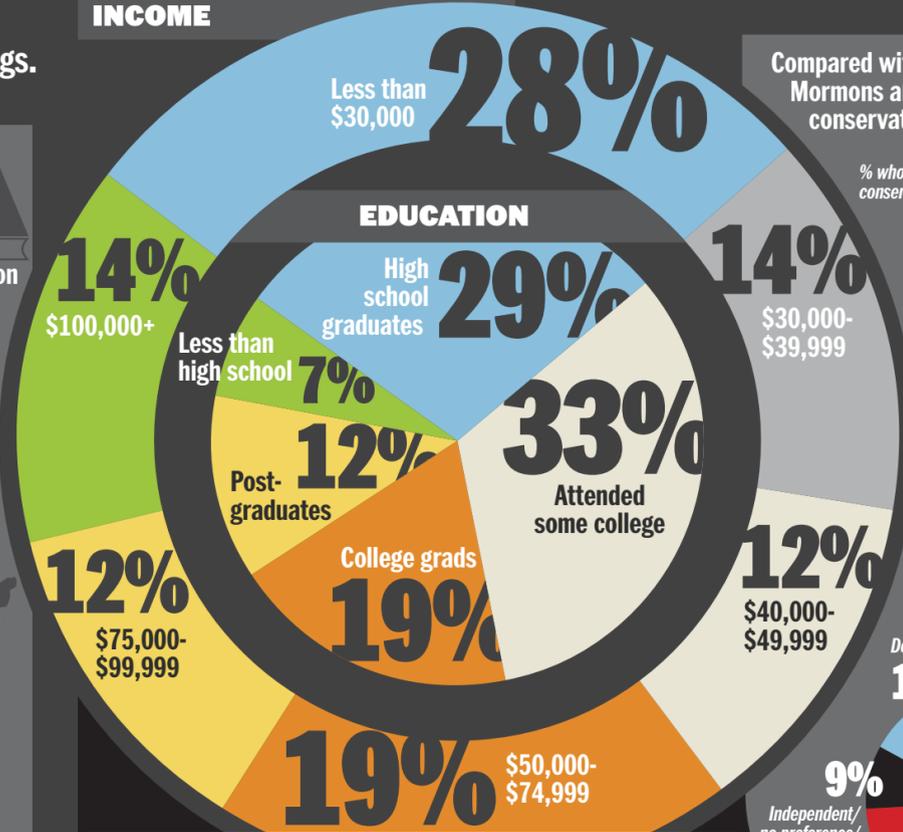
... and about 2 out of 3 Mormons say the American people as a whole do not see Mormonism as part of mainstream American society. However ...

63% of Mormons think that acceptance of Mormonism is on the rise.

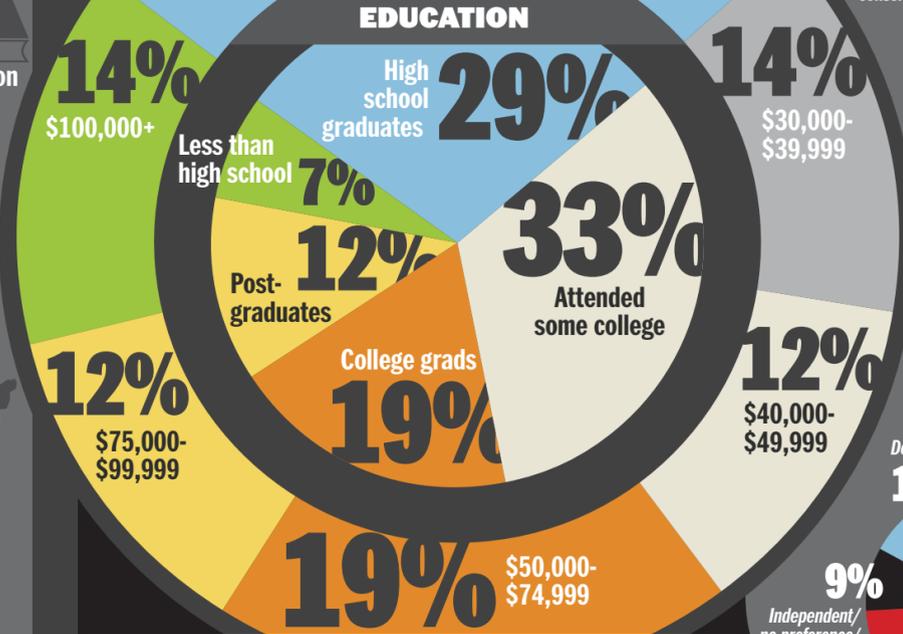
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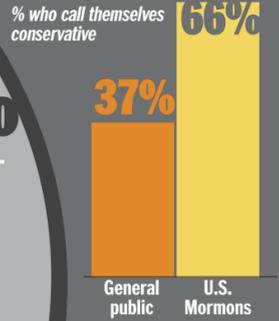
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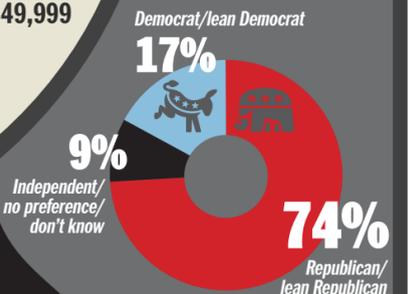
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Compared with the general public, Mormons are quite politically conservative.



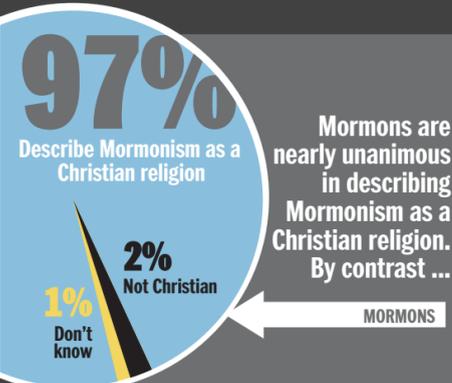
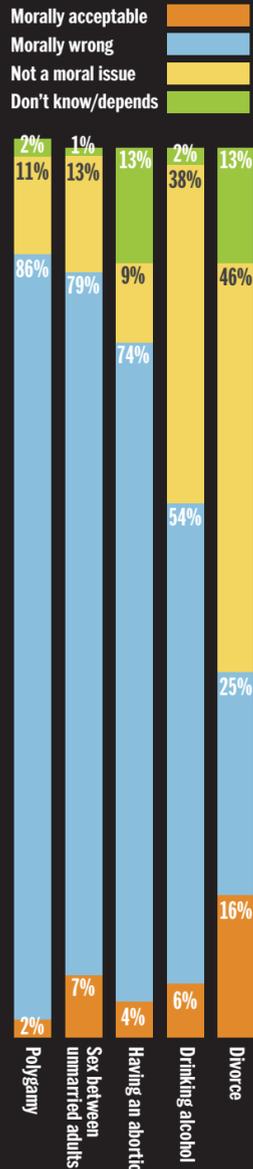
... and most Mormon voters support the Republican Party.



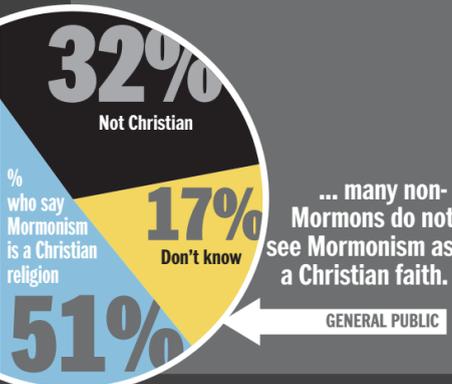
While still dissatisfied with the way things are going in the U.S. today, Mormons say they are more satisfied than the general public.



Mormons in America tend to hold conservative views on many social issues – including opposition to polygamy.

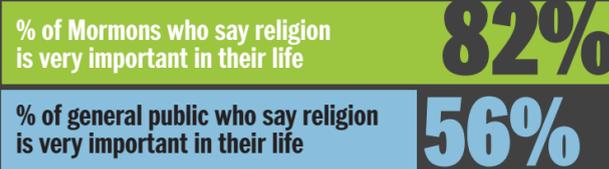


Mormons are nearly unanimous in describing Mormonism as a Christian religion. By contrast ...



... many non-Mormons do not see Mormonism as a Christian faith.

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



Here are several things Mormons said were essential for being a good Mormon.



74% Were raised in the church

26% Are converts

65% Have a current temple recommend

Percent who served a mission
43% of men
11% of women

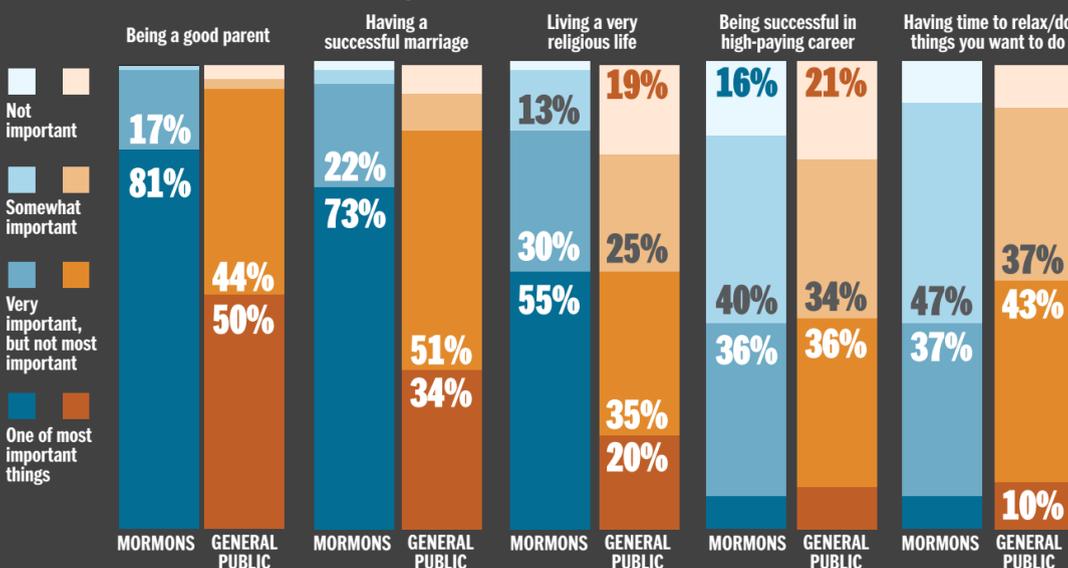
82% keep a supply of food in storage

58% keep at least a three-month supply of food in storage

Despite 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.

An emphasis on family differentiates Mormons from the rest of the U.S. Here's what Mormons said was most important to them.



SOURCE: Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life 2011 National Survey of Mormons, Oct. 25-Nov. 16, 2011 - 1,019 respondents. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.