

Why Are Americans Rejecting God?

“When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel.” (Judges 2:10)

The above passages came to mind about a month ago, when I read a Gallop Poll on religion. The headline read, **“Belief in God in U.S. Dips to 81%, a New Low”**. To get the full impact of the survey one must realize the steady trend away from believing in the All Mighty and why this is occurring. Here are some numbers from the survey.

2022	81%	Believe in God
2017	87%	Believe in God
1944 to 2011	90%	Believe in God

There are other numbers which I found interesting. Women’s belief in God was higher than men (83/80%). People of color 88% believe in God, non-Hispanic white people 79% believe in God. People without a college degree was higher than college graduates (98/78%); married more than non-married (88/78%). While these all suggest some difference in groups it still does not explain a 6% drop in just 5 years. Then I looked at the following table.

Believe in God by Ages

18–29-year-old	68%
30–49-year-old	81%
-50-64-year-old	88%
65 and above	87%

Obviously, the declining numbers of those who believe in God is generational. The younger one is the more likely they reject religion in general. One final number, 17% are declared atheist in our total population. However, the survey did not break this number down by age, but I dare say the younger generation makes us a good part of that atheistic group.

Why? Why would the younger generation be more likely to reject God, a Creator, and the Bible? Let us think of the institutions in our country and how they have been used to undermine religion.

Groups such as the ACLU, the American Humanist Society, and other atheistic organizations have successfully used the court system to advance their agenda. School prayer, posting of the Ten Commandments in classrooms, nativity scenes, using the Bible as a book of literature, and other things often connected to religion have been declared an infringement on the separation of church and thereby forbidden in public schools or on public land. These changes did not come by the ballot box but through law suits. Once a law or principle is established it becomes ingrained in our society. The recent overturning of Roe V. Wade is an example of this. How many people are now upset that abortions are illegal? Wait a moment, the overturning of Roe v. Wade did not actually make abortions illegal (although I wish they were) it simply put that decision back to the states and their legislators. Yet many people are upset this "right" has been taken away.

Our mass media is largely run by people who are anti-religion. Many of the entertainment producers, directors, and writers are pro-homosexual, pro-abortion, and non-religious (which usually means biased against religion.) These are the real power brokers in Hollywood and they have used their influence to push their agenda. More and more we are seeing homosexual characters on the small and big screen. Our children watching a same sex kiss in Disney's Buz Light Year or that Marvel's Loki and other Marvel characters will be in future movies. Our younger people are also being told there are no absolutes, especially regarding right or wrong. Situation ethics is often promoted in movies and on television. Religion is almost always portrayed in a negative, unloving, unthinking, hypocritical light. More

recently social media has become a concern as those promoting Biblical values find themselves being censored due to being mean.

Religion is partly to blame for the decline in those believing in God. How many churches today no longer concern themselves with man's salvation but man's social needs? Many today accept homosexuality and reject the Bible on this subject; as many justify immorality and accept the results of situation ethics (don't tell me what the Bible says, you can't judge me, and this is right for me); people are finding religion to be outdated and irrelevant.

Yes, we have a generation who do not know God and it is not by accident but by design. Parents need to be involved in teaching their children. Monitor their school studies and stand up to the woke curriculum. Be willing to turn off the TV and the music when unfit messages are being viewed. Make sure your children know there is a God and His word is what matters.
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