

The results for the North Carolina Catholicism Project (NCCP) survey are presented below. The following data are **not** weighted; they represent the entire sample of respondents. For a more detailed analysis of the data, please see the summary report.

The NCCP is being conducted by Christopher Born as research for a doctoral dissertation through *The Catholic University of America* (Washington, DC). For any comments or questions concerning the survey or overall project, please contact Christopher Born via email 2010NCCP@gmail.com.

1.) What is your gender?

- Male **37.4%**
- Female **62.6%**

2.) How would you describe your race?

- White **97.1%**
- Black/African-American **0.7%**
- Hispanic **0.5%**
- Asian **0.6%**
- Mixed **0.5%**
- Other race (If other: _____)

3.) What year were you born?

Mean: 1945.4; Median: 1943

<i>Age Cohort-group</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>
G.I. Generation (1901-24)	58	3.0
Silent Generation (1925-42)	834	43.4
Baby Boomers (1943-60)	760	39.6
<i>Wave 1 (1943-51)</i>	545	28.4%
<i>Wave 2 (1952-60)</i>	215	11.2%
13 th Generation/Gen X (1961-81)	251	13.1
Millennial Generation (1982+)	19	1.0

4.) Were you born in the United States or another country?

- United States **95.8%**
- Other country (if other country: _____) **4.2%**

5.) Are you a citizen of the United States or another country?

- United States **99.3%**
- Other country (if other country: _____) **0.7%**

6.) What is the highest grade that you completed in school?

- Less than High School **1.2%**
- High School/Trade School Graduate **15.3%**
- Some College **23.1%**
- College Graduate **32.7%**
- Post Graduate **27.7%**

7.) What is your *current* marital status?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Married | 77.6% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living with a partner | 1.0% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married | 4.3% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced/Separated | 6.6% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed | 10.4% |

8.) Last week were you working full time, part time, going to school, retired, or something else?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Working full time (35 hours a week or more) | 23.0% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working part-time | 6.1% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On leave | 0.2% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed | 1.8% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired | 57.0% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-retired (Retired and working part-time) | 5.1% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In school | 0.5% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homemaker (not employed outside the home) | 5.4% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (if other: _____) | 1.0% |

9.) Are you a “native” to North Carolina or a “transplant” from another state/country?

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> “Native” to North Carolina | 5.4% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> “Transplant” or moved to North Carolina | 93.4% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (if other: _____) | 1.2% |

10.) If you moved to North Carolina, where did you move from?

11.) If you moved to North Carolina, approximately how many years ago was your move?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Within the past year | 4.7% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 years ago | 10.4% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 years ago | 15.7% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5-6 years ago | 11.2% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7-10 years ago | 14.3% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10-15 years ago | 17.4% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More than 15 years ago | 26.3% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable – I am “native to North Carolina” | |

12.) With which religion do you identify?

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic | 99.2% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protestant | 0.3% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodox (Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, etc.) | 0.1% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish | - |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim | - |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other religion | 0.1% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No specific religion | 0.3% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No religion (atheist/agnostic) | 0.1% |

13.) If Catholic, when did you become Catholic? As a...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> An infant (Baptized as an infant) | 85.9% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child (ages 1-12) | 2.1% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teenager (ages 13-17) | 0.6% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult (ages 18 or older) | 11.5% |

14.) If you converted to Catholicism as an adult, what was your religion before becoming Catholic?

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protestant | 86.3% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodox (Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, etc.) | 1.8% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish | 1.8% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim | - |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other religion | 2.7% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No religion | 7.5% |

15.) If you are married, please indicate the religious affiliation of your spouse.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic | 79.2% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protestant | 13.2% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodox (Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, etc.) | 0.2% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish | 0.6% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim | 0.1% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other religion | 0.9% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No specific religion | 4.9% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No religion (atheist/agnostic) | 0.9% |

16.) How important is religion in your life?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Very important | 80.2% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat important | 18.0% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not too important | 1.2% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all important | 0.3% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know/No opinion | 0.3% |

17.) Would you say your religion provides some, quite a bit, or a great deal of guidance in your day-to-day life?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Great deal of guidance | 51.4% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quite a bit of guidance | 35.9% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some guidance | 12.2% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No guidance | 0.4% |

18.) Aside from weddings and funerals, about how often do you attend Mass?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Never | 0.6% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than once a year | 0.6% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Once or twice a year | 0.7% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Several times a year | 2.5% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month | 1.5% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 times a month | 8.4% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly | 75.2% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Several times a week | 10.6% |

19.) How often do you attend Mass on Holy Days of Obligation?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Never | 2.7% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely | 12.0% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes | 25.3% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regularly | 59.5% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | 0.4% |

20.) How long have you been attending Mass at your current parish?

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|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than one year | 6.9% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 years | 12.9% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 years | 23.3% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years | 21.5% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10+ years | 34.7% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor to this church | 0.6% |

21.) How did you find out about your current parish? Please check all that apply.

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|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending parish since youth | Checked: 2.4% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Through a friend | Checked: 15.2% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Through family | Checked: 7.4% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone book | Checked: 9.7% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diocesan website | Checked: 2.2% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish is in the neighborhood | Checked: 55.5% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | Checked: 16.9% |

22.) What is/are the reason(s) why you attend your current parish? Please check all that apply.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending parish since youth | Checked: 3.9% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I like the priest(s) | Checked: 41.9% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Closest one to home | Checked: 66.7% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends attend same parish | Checked: 22.0% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family attends same parish | Checked: 7.3% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Like the way the liturgy is performed | Checked: 36.6% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other reasons: _____ | Checked: 23.5% |

23.) People miss Sunday Mass for a number of reasons. Please check all the reasons you have for not attending weekly Mass.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Too busy | Checked: 8.0% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish is too far away | Checked: 1.9% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational activities conflict (golf, soccer, etc.) | Checked: 7.5% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't like the priest | Checked: 2.4% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't like the liturgy service/Don't like the way liturgy is performed | Checked: 1.9% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No friends at the parish | Checked: 1.3% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Need a break from church/religion | Checked: 2.7% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish does not meet my needs | Checked: 2.3% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other reasons: _____ | Checked: 48.1% |

24.) About how long is your drive to your current parish (in minutes) for Sunday Mass?

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|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 10 minutes | 23.9% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10-15 minutes | 41.6% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15-25 minutes | 27.0% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-35 minutes | 6.0% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35-45 minutes | 1.2% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45 minutes to an hour | 0.3% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More than an hour | 0.1% |

25.) How many of your local friends are members of your current parish?

- None **27.8%**
- About one quarter **48.0%**
- About half **13.8%**
- About three quarters **7.0%**
- All or nearly all **3.5%**

26.) Is your current number of parish friends less, more, or the same as in your previous parish?

- Less **39.0%**
- About the same **37.6%**
- More **23.4%**

27.) How many of your local friends are Catholic?

- None **15.6%**
- About one quarter **49.6%**
- About half **20.6%**
- About three quarters **10.1%**
- All or nearly all **4.1%**

** This question (#28) applies to those who moved to North Carolina in the last five years. **

28.) Since moving to North Carolina, have you *increased* or *decreased* the following behaviors, or have they *remained the same*?"

(In percent)	Increased substantially	Increased slightly	Remained the same	Decreased slightly	Decreased significantly
Attendance at Sunday Mass	15.0	6.8	70.5	4.1	3.6
Participation in parish-sponsored activities	16.6	19.3	36.4	12.0	15.7
Monetary contributions to the parish	20.7	27.3	38.1	8.9	5.1
Bible reading outside of Mass	11.6	16.0	61.8	5.4	5.4
Prayer outside of Mass	19.8	19.0	57.0	2.7	1.5
Small faith community	10.6	13.1	55.2	8.7	12.3

29.) Outside of attending religious services, how often have you read the Bible in the past year?

- Never **34.8%**
- Once or twice **22.6%**
- Several times in the past year **18.6%**
- Once a month **2.9%**
- 2-3 times a month **5.3%**
- Weekly **6.2%**
- Several times a week or more often **9.6%**

30.) Outside of religious services, how often have you prayed in the last year?

- Never **0.5%**
- Once or twice **1.6%**
- Several times in the past year **4.9%**
- Once a month **1.2%**
- 2-3 times a month **3.5%**
- Weekly **10.8%**
- Several times a week or more often **77.6%**

31.) How often have you received the sacrament of reconciliation (Confession) in the last year?

- Never **48.5%**
- Once or twice **36.5%**
- Several times in the past year **10.7%**
- Once a month **1.4%**
- 2-3 times a month **0.6%**
- Weekly **2.1%**
- Several times a week or more often **0.2%**

32.) How often have you prayed the rosary in the last year?

- Never **37.6%**
- Once or twice **17.1%**
- Several times in the past year **16.9%**
- Once a month **3.3%**
- 2-3 times a month **4.5%**
- Weekly **5.1%**
- Several times a week or more often **15.4%**

33.) How often have you participated in the following religious activities over the last year?

(In percent)	Never	Occasionally	Once a month or more	Once a week or more	Once a day or more
Adult religious education programs, such as Bible study or faith sharing	72.0	16.6	6.0	5.2	0.2
Eucharistic Adoration	59.8	29.6	5.0	8.0	0.5
Choir practice or other musical programs	92.8	2.1	0.7	4.4	0.1
Parish-sponsored counseling programs	94.9	4.3	0.6	-	0.3
Volunteer in the community through parish programs	56.3	22.8	12.5	7.9	0.5
Volunteer in the community, but <i>not</i> through the church or parish programs	37.6	30.3	15.7	15.7	0.7
Parish upkeep and maintenance	81.3	12.6	2.9	2.6	0.7
Parish-sponsored prayer meetings	77.8	18.1	2.3	1.3	0.4
Committee or administrative work at your parish	77.3	11.1	7.9	2.9	0.8
Small faith or discipleship group	80.7	10.4	5.7	2.9	0.3

34.) Do you feel like a religious minority living in North Carolina? In other words, do you feel that the number of Catholics is far less than the number of people belonging to other religions?

- Yes **54.0%**
- No **34.1%**
- Not sure/No opinion **11.9%**

35.) Living as a Catholic in the South, have you ever felt like an outsider or treated differently because of your faith?

- Yes **23.9%**
- No **69.0%**
- Not sure/No opinion **7.0%**

36.) Have you ever felt like an outsider or treated differently in your own parish?

- Yes **10.7%**
- No **84.6%**
- Not sure/No opinion **4.7%**

37.) In your experience, have you felt that Catholicism in the South is different than Catholicism as you formerly experienced the faith?

- Yes **33.3%**
In what manner or fashion: _____
- No **54.3%**
- Not sure/No opinion **12.4%**

38.) Over the last 3 years, have you *increased* or *decreased* the following behaviors, or have they *remained the same*?"

(In percent)	Increased substantially	Increased slightly	Remained the same	Decreased slightly	Decreased significantly	N/A
Attendance at Sunday Mass	9.9	5.5	78.6	2.4	2.8	0.7
Participation in parish-sponsored activities	7.5	17.3	46.9	8.5	9.1	10/6
Monetary contributions to the parish	16.6	35.4	35.6	7.4	4.0	1.0
Bible reading outside of Mass	6.9	13.0	46.8	3.4	3.5	26.4
Prayer outside of Mass	17.8	20.9	53.6	1.3	1.4	5.0
Small faith community	3.9	5.8	36.9	3.3	5.5	44.6

39.) Have you ever invited any of the following to come to your parish Mass with you?

(In percent)	Yes	No
... family?	82.5	<input type="checkbox"/>
... friends?	55.3	<input type="checkbox"/>
... neighbors?	26.3	<input type="checkbox"/>
... your co-workers? (if applicable)	12.3	<input type="checkbox"/>
... strangers?	7.2	<input type="checkbox"/>

40.) Have any of the following invited you to their church (Catholic or non-Catholic)?

(In percent)	Yes	No
... family?	43.7	<input type="checkbox"/>
... friends?	44.8	<input type="checkbox"/>
... neighbors?	24.6	<input type="checkbox"/>
... your co-workers? (if applicable)	12.1	<input type="checkbox"/>
... strangers?	12.1	<input type="checkbox"/>

41.) Which one statement comes CLOSEST to your personal beliefs about the Bible?

- It means exactly what it says. It should be taken literally. **13.2%**
- It is perfectly true, but should not be taken literally. **44.8%**
- The Bible contains some human error. **18.1%**
- The Bible is an ancient book of history and legends **11.4%**
- I don't know **12.5%**

42.) Which one statement comes CLOSEST to your personal beliefs about God?

- I have no doubts that God exists. **83.5%**
- I believe in God, but with some doubts. **14.0%**
- I sometimes believe in God. **0.1%**
- I believe in a higher power or cosmic force. **2.4%**
- I don't believe in anything beyond the physical world. **0.1%**
- I have no opinion. **-**

43.) Which one statement comes CLOSEST to your personal beliefs about Jesus?

- Jesus is the son of God. **95.6%**
- Jesus was one of many messengers or prophets of God. **3.3%**
- Jesus was an extraordinary person, but was not a messenger of God. **0.6%**
- Jesus probably existed, but he was not special. **0.1%**
- Jesus is a fictional character. **-**
- I have no opinion. **0.4%**

44.) Which one of the following statements comes CLOSEST to your views on life after death?

- I am sure there is life after death. **68.9%**
- I believe in life after death but have some doubts. **27.6%**
- I think there is no life after death, but I am not certain. **2.9%**
- I am sure there is no life after death. **0.5%**

45.) Which of the following statements BEST fits your view of salvation?

- Belief in Jesus Christ as the *only* way to salvation. **45.0%**
- Belief in Jesus Christ as *one* way to salvation, but there are other ways as well. **52.7%**
- Belief in Jesus Christ is *not* relevant to salvation. **2.3%**

46.) Which of the following statements BEST reflects your belief about the Eucharist/Holy Communion?

- Jesus Christ is really present in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. **85.7%**
- Bread and wine are symbols of Jesus, but Jesus is not really present. **14.3%**

47.) Please mark whether you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the priesthood.

(In percent)	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Don't know or No opinion	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
It would be a good thing if priests who have married were allowed to return to active ministry.	45.9	27.4	8.1	7.4	11.2
It would be a good thing if married men were allowed to be ordained as priests.	45.8	26.1	7.0	7.5	13.5
It would be a good thing if celibate women were allowed to be ordained as priests.	25.4	19.3	15.8	10.3	29.3
It would be a good thing if married women were allowed to be ordained as priests.	25.1	15.6	14.8	10.0	34.4

48.) How much do you agree with the following statements?

(In percent)	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
I am proud to be a Catholic.	87.4	8.5	3.1	0.7	0.3
I think of myself as a practicing Catholic.	85.7	10.4	1.9	1.0	1.0
Sacraments are essential to my faith.	77.8	15.9	4.7	0.8	0.9
I can be a good Catholic without going to Mass every Sunday.	17.3	28.2	10/1	19.1	25.2
In deciding what is morally acceptable, I look to Catholic Church teachings and statements made by the Pope and Bishops to form my conscience.	30.6	43.3	13.9	9.0	3.2
The Pope is infallible on all matters of religious faith.	35.0	29.4	13.1	14.3	8.2
The Catholic Church is the one true Church.	46.6	18.8	17.9	8.5	8.3
It's important to obey Church teachings even if I don't understand them.	24.6	35.7	15.1	17.3	7.3
My parish is an important part of my life.	44.1	33.9	15.7	4.2	2.1
I give more than my fair share of money to the church.	18.2	33.3	33.8	10.1	4.5

49.) Which of the following statements best reflects your view on evolution?

- 15.7%** Humans and other living things [...] evolved due to natural processes such as natural selection.
- 62.1%** A supreme being guided the evolution of living things for the purpose of creating humans and other life in the form it exists today.
- 10.6%** The world was brought about in six, 24-hour days as is recounted in Genesis in the Bible.
- 11.6%** Other/Don't know.

Indicate your belief about the following...

50.) Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

- I have never doubted this. **78.5%**
- I have had doubts about this in the past, but I have none now. **5.6%**
- I have a few doubts about this from time to time. **13.1%**
- I frequently doubt this. **1.9%**
- I do not believe this. **1.0%**

51.) Mary, the Mother of God, was immaculately conceived without original sin.

- I have never doubted this. **76.5%**
- I have had doubts about this in the past, but I have none now. **6.8%**
- I have a few doubts about this from time to time. **12.9%**
- I frequently doubt this. **2.1%**
- I do not believe this. **1.7%**

52.) Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to heaven.

- I have never doubted this. **85.9%**
- I have had doubts about this in the past, but I have none now. **4.0%**
- I have a few doubts about this from time to time. **8.3%**
- I frequently doubt this. **1.3%**
- I do not believe this. **0.5%**

53.) Christ will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead.

- I have never doubted this. **75.4%**
- I have had doubts about this in the past, but I have none now. **5.2%**
- I have a few doubts about this from time to time. **15.5%**
- I frequently doubt this. **2.4%**
- I do not believe this. **1.4%**

54.) The Pope and the Bishops of the Church have by divine institution succeeded Saint Peter and the apostles of Jesus as pastors of the Church.

- I have never doubted this. **59.4%**
- I have had doubts about this in the past, but I have none now. **5.3%**
- I have a few doubts about this from time to time. **26.4%**
- I frequently doubt this. **5.2%**
- I do not believe this. **3.7%**

55.) In your opinion, is this following behavior always morally wrong, wrong except under certain circumstances, or is it entirely up to the individual?

(In percent)	Always morally wrong	Wrong except under certain conditions	Entirely up to the individual	Don't know
Use of condoms or birth control pills to prevent pregnancy.	14.1	19.0	63.0	3.8
Premarital sex.	45.4	10.1	40.0	4.5
Termination of a pregnancy by having an abortion.	55.5	29.7	13.6	1.2
Engaging in homosexual acts.	59.3	3.2	27.0	10.5

56.) In politics, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, Libertarian or independent?

- Strong Republican **29.7%**
- Weak Republican **17.6%**
- Strict Independent **19.1%**
- Weak Democrat **9.1%**
- Strong Democrat **16.2%**
- Libertarian **2.2%**
- Other **6.2%**

57.) To what extent do you agree or disagree that the *federal government* should...

(In percent)	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Don't know or No opinion	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
...abolish the death penalty.	26.4	22.4	10.1	21.4	19.8
...fund faith-based organizations.	12.0	22.7	18.9	18.8	27.6
...allow the display of religious symbols in public spaces.	52.1	29.6	7.7	6.5	4.2
...allow prayer in public schools.	61.5	23.6	4.1	6.0	4.9
...provide vouchers to parents to help pay for their children to attend private or religious schools.	42.8	26.3	9.1	10.2	11.5