Percent of Trump and

Biden supporters who prayed for their candidate to win the 2020 election

37.77

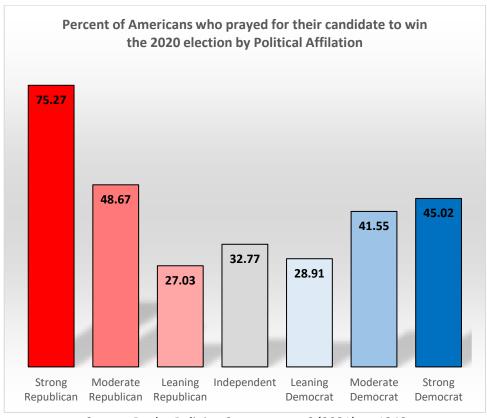
Biden

Supporters

52.62

Trump

Supporters



Figures 1 & 2: Who prayed for their candidate to win in 2020?

Source: Baylor Religion Survey, wave 6 (2021), n=1248

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battles.

Trump supporters were more likely to pray for their candidate to win the 2020 election than Biden supporters. Overall, Republicans were much more likely to pray for their candidate than Democrats. But nearly half of "strong Democrats" prayed for Biden to win. This suggests that strong affiliation with a political party, on the right and on the left, leads Americans to be more likely to ask for God's assistance in their political

Length of Typical American Prayer

Half Hour +

4%

Does Not Pray
22%

Seconds
16%

Couple
Minutes
31%

Figure 3: Over three-quarters of all Americans pray regularly

Over one-fifth (22%) of Americans say they "never pray." The other four-fifths of Americans differ in how long they typically pray. Nearly half (47%) typically pray for only a couple of minutes or less. And only a few (4%) report that their typical prayer is a lengthy endeavor, usually lasting over 30 minutes.

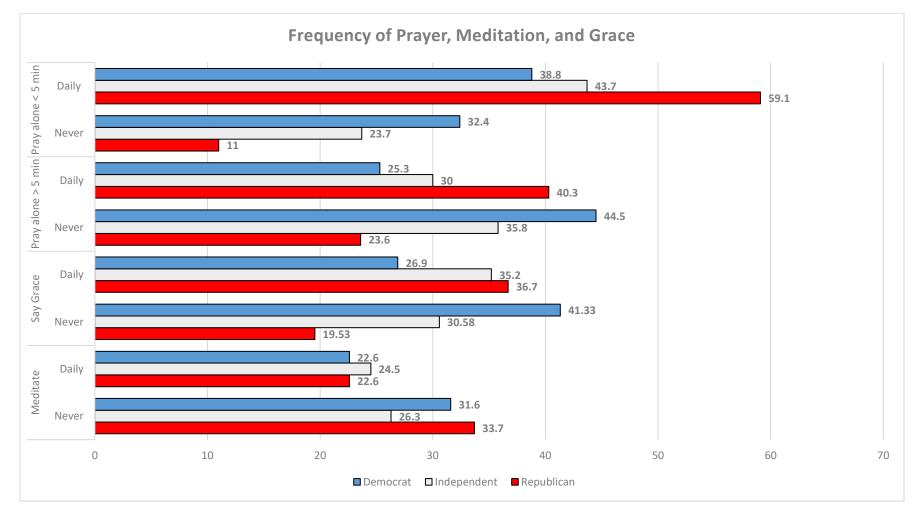


Figure 4: Republicans are more likely to pray and say grace regularly

Republicans are much more likely to pray alone daily than Democrats or Independents. Conversely, Democrats are most likely to NEVER pray or say grace. Interestingly, there is little to no difference in the likelihood that a Democrat, Republican, or Independent meditates daily.

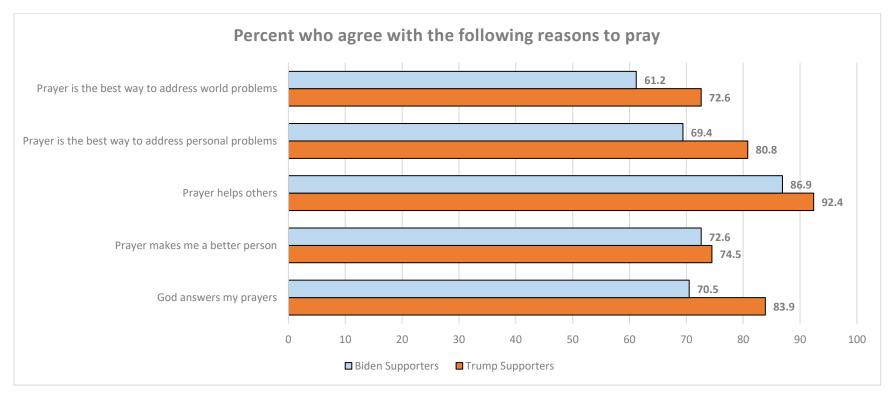


Figure 5: Trump supporters more likely to believe God answers prayers

Trump supporters are somewhat more likely to believe that a) God answers their prayers, b) prayer is the best way to address personal problems, and c) prayer is the best way to address world problems. In this way, Trump supporters who pray are more likely to think God actively changes worldly affairs than Biden supporters who pray.

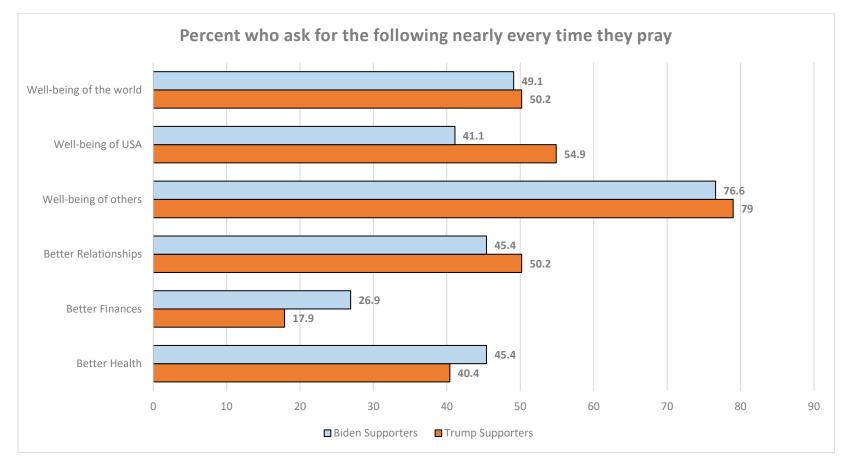


Figure 6: Biden supporters more likely to ask God for health and better finances

Trump and Biden supporters who pray are equally likely to pray for the well-being of the world and the well-being of others. Trump supporters (55%) are more likely to pray for the United States than Biden supporters (41%). And Biden supporters (27%) are more likely to pray for better finances than Trump supporters (18%).

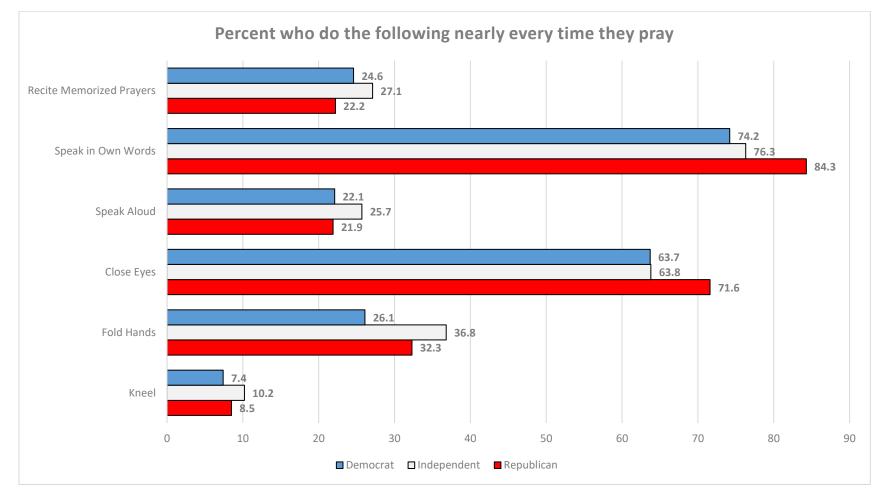


Figure 7: Republicans and Democrats pray the same way (mostly)

The style of prayer does not differ greatly between Democrats and Republicans who pray. A majority of Americans close their eyes when in prayer and speak in their own words (albeit not aloud). Republicans and Independents are slightly more likely to fold their hands in prayer.