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How Religion Impacts American Attitudes on Climate and Environmental Policy | PRRI

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A study by the Public Religion Research Institute assesses how different religious perspectives affect attitudes about the climate crisis in the US. According to PRRI's analysis:

Three-fourths of Hispanic Catholics and religiously unaffiliated Americans (76%) believe climate change is caused by human activity, as do the majority of other non-Christians (70%), Jewish Americans (67%), Hispanic Protestants (61%), Black Protestants (59%), other Protestants of color (59%), white Catholics (56%), white mainline/non-evangelical Protestants (54%), and about half of Latter-day Saints (48%). However, just three in ten white evangelical Protestants (31%) believe that climate change is caused by humans.

White evangelical Protestants (49%) and Latter-day

Saints (44%) are the most likely to believe that climate change is caused by natural patterns in the environment, compared with one-third of white mainline/non-evangelical Protestants (33%) and white Catholics (33%), 31% of other Protestants of color, 28% of Jewish Americans, 27% of Hispanic Protestants, 25% of Black Protestants, 20% of other non-Christians, and 18% of both Hispanic Catholics and religiously unaffiliated Americans.

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