


**PLS 203**  
**Religion & Politics in the U.S.**  
**Wald & Calhoun-Brown**  
**Ch. 2: Religion in the Am. Context**

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Ken and Allison write that:

- A. **Formal religion** comes from above in organizations, clergy, & liturgy.
- B. **Informal religion** comes from below as individuals understand and work out their own faith.
- C. Both
- D. Neither

Which of the “faces” of religion refers to **denominations**?

- A. Creed
- B. Institution
- C. Social/cultural group
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

The vast majority of Americans self-identify with a **religious label** of some kind, but a smaller proportion actually join a **religious institution**.

- A. True
- B. False

**Nondenominational or independent** religious denominations are:

- A. Few in number in the U.S.
- B. Declining in number in the U.S.
- C. Both
- D. Neither

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a:

- A. Evangelical Protestant
- B. Mainline Protestant
- C. Catholic
- D. Jew
- E. Secular

How many **Baptist denominations** are there in the U.S.?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. More than 40

Which of the following is **larger in size** in the U.S.?

- A. Evangelical Protestant
- B. Mainline Protestant
- C. Catholic

Which of the following is the largest **religious denomination** in the U.S.?

- A. Evangelical Protestant
- B. Mainline Protestant
- C. Catholic

Which of the following two U.S. *religious groups* is larger?

- A. Seculars
- B. Black Protestants
- C. They are about equally large

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Protestants (*evangelical, mainline, and black*) constitute roughly what percent of the U.S. population:

- A. Over 90%
- B. Almost 60%
- C. Under 50%

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No single *religious denomination* comes close to claiming a majority of the U.S. population.

- A. True
- B. False

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Which Protestant group stresses the *social gospel of altruism and justice*?

- A. Evangelical
- B. Mainline
- C. Black
- D. Evangelical & black
- E. Mainline & black

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Which Protestant group stresses *personal salvation and sharing their creed*?

- A. Evangelical
- B. Mainline
- C. Black
- D. Mainline & black
- E. Evangelical & black

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Which Protestant group stresses *the inerrancy of the Bible*?

- A. Evangelical
- B. Mainline
- C. Black
- D. Evangelical & black
- E. Mainline & black

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Which religious group is most consistently *Democratic & liberal*?

- A. Jewish
- B. Secular
- C. Black Protestant
- D. All about equally

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Which religious group is most consistently *Republican & conservative*?

- A. Evangelical Protestants
- B. Mainline Protestants
- C. Both about equally

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Which religious group is most *politically centrist*?

- A. Evangelical Protestant
- B. Mainline Protestant
- C. Black Protestant
- D. Catholic

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