

Ask Alabama Spring 2005: Religion in the Schools

How would you feel about opening each public school day with a prayer?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly encourage	374	62.0	62.0	62.0
Encourage	142	23.5	23.5	85.6
Discourage	44	7.3	7.3	92.9
Strongly discourage	24	4.0	4.0	96.8
Undecided	19	3.2	3.2	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

How would you feel about opening each day in public school with a brief period of time devoted to silent prayer or meditation?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly encourage	344	57.0	57.0	57.0
Encourage	209	34.7	34.7	91.7
Discourage	28	4.6	4.6	96.4
Strongly discourage	8	1.3	1.3	97.7
Undecided	14	2.3	2.3	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

How would you feel about opening public school athletic events with a prayer?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly encourage	348	57.7	57.7	57.7
Encourage	177	29.4	29.4	87.1
Discourage	40	6.6	6.6	93.7
Strongly discourage	19	3.2	3.2	96.8
Undecided	19	3.2	3.2	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

How do you think that Alabama public schools should teach students about the origins of humans?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Only teach evolution	45	7.5	7.5	7.5
Teach evolution as well as religious explanations	376	62.4	62.4	69.8
Only teach religious explanations	70	11.6	11.6	81.4
None of the above	69	11.4	11.4	92.9
Undecided	43	7.1	7.1	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

To what extent would you support a State law that would allow public school teachers to present religious theories about the origin of humans?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Strongly support	193	32.0	32.0	32.0
Support	205	34.0	34.0	66.0
Oppose	95	15.8	15.8	81.8
Strongly oppose	57	9.5	9.5	91.2
Undecided	53	8.8	8.8	100.0
Total	603	100.0	100.0	

Do you consider yourself to be very religious, somewhat religious, or not at all religious?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Very religious	279	46.3	46.6	46.6
Somewhat religious	296	49.1	49.4	96.0
Not at all religious	17	2.8	2.8	98.8
No answer	7	1.2	1.2	100.0
Total	599	99.3	100.0	
Missing System	4	.7		
Total	603	100.0		

Are you the parent or guardian of school-aged children in K-12?

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Yes	195	32.3	32.4	32.4
No	401	66.5	66.7	99.2
No answer	5	.8	.8	100.0
Total	601	99.7	100.0	
Missing System	2	.3		
Total	603	100.0		