

*TallahasseeVoices*¹ 2005 Religion Survey Results

Religion Survey

- This survey mirrors a national survey entitled “Where do you stand on Faith” conducted in August 2005 by *Newsweek*
- The national survey had 1,004 respondents, compared to our local survey which had 909 respondents.
- This survey compares nationwide responses to Leon County responses.

Strength of Convictions

- US residents are twice as likely as Leon County residents to describe themselves as Evangelical Protestants
- Leon County residents are more likely than US residents to practice religion differently than they practiced it when they were growing up
- US residents are more likely than Leon County residents to describe their religious practices as very traditional
- More US residents say that spirituality is very important in their daily lives than Leon County residents
- US residents are more likely to believe that God created the Universe than Leon County residents

The Power of Prayer

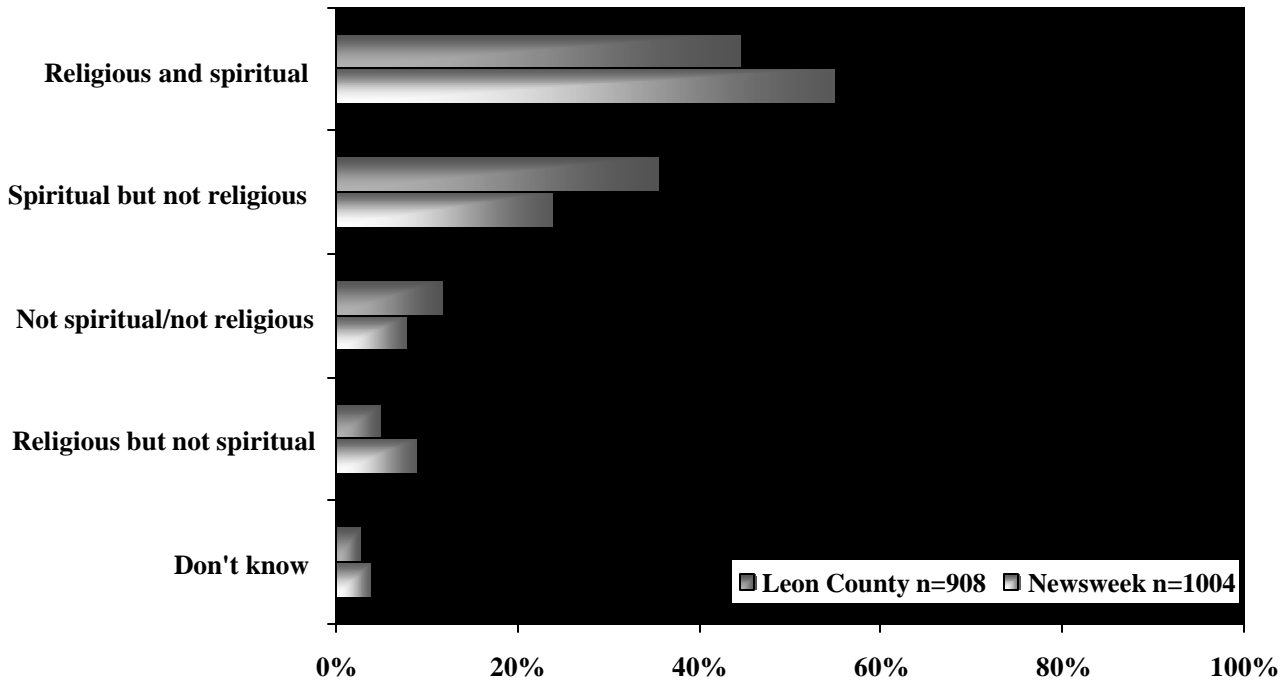
- US residents feel the strongest connection to God when praying alone or at home compared to Leon County residents who feel the strongest connection when in nature
- Both Leon County residents and US residents agree that seeking God’s guidance is the most important purpose of pray
- US residents are 25% more likely to pray everyday than Leon County residents
- US residents are more likely than Leon County residents to engage in some religious related activity

Differences in Beliefs

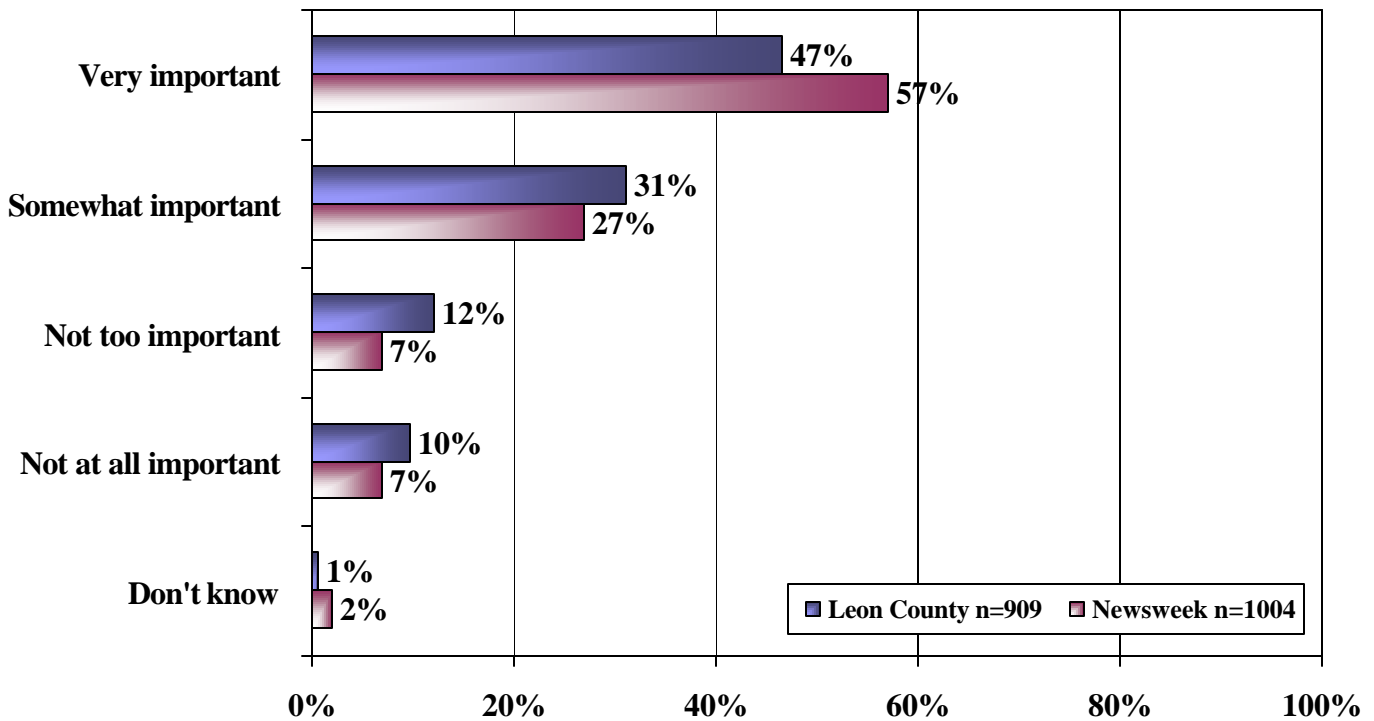
- Twice as many US residents than Leon County residents have spouses that have the same religion as themselves
- Twice as many Leon County residents than US residents say they practice religion to better themselves and live a moral life
- US residents are more likely to believe that the soul goes to heaven or hell than Leon County residents

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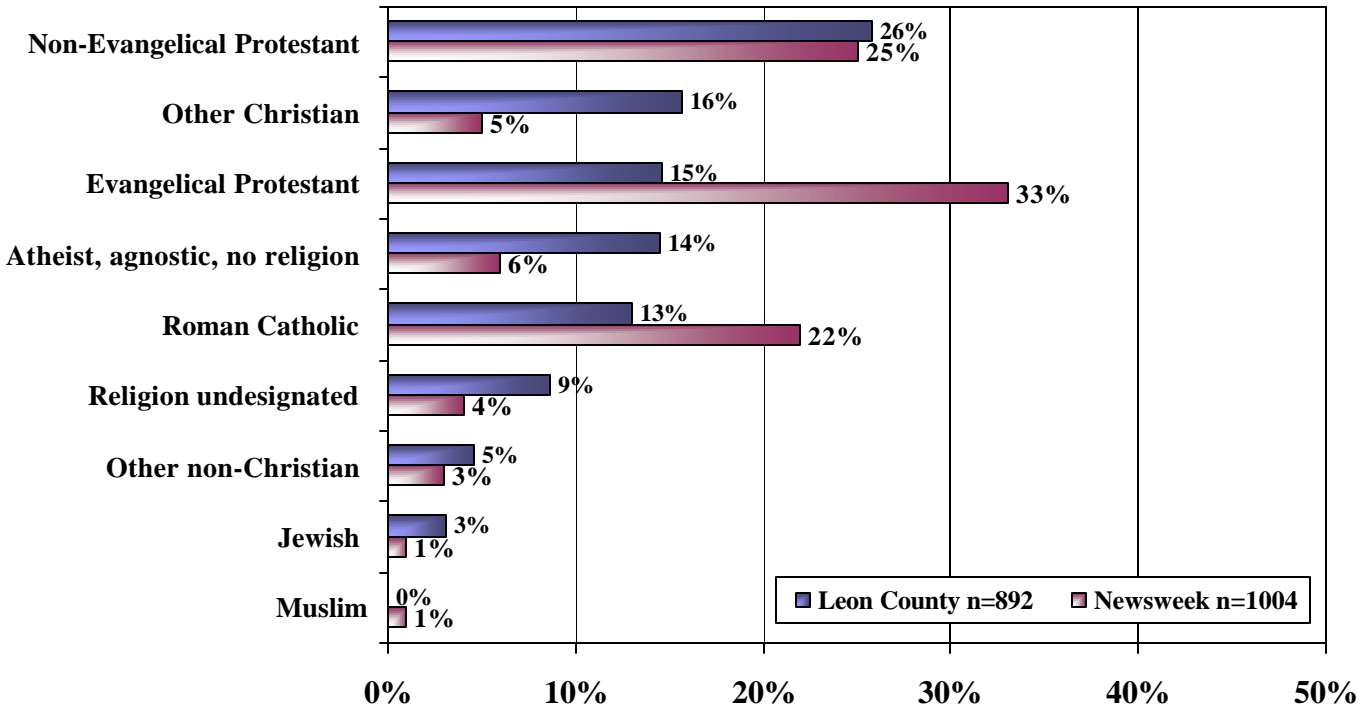
Which of the following describes you?



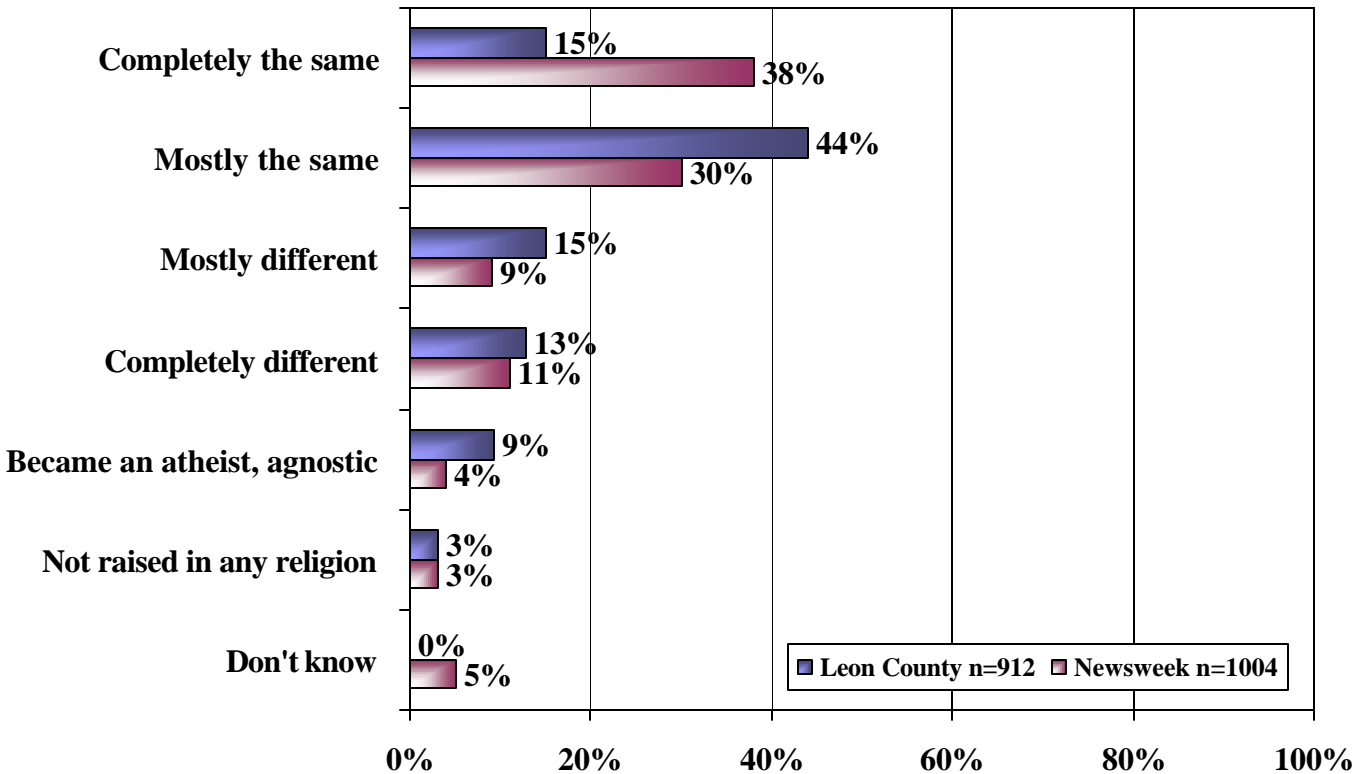
How important is spirituality in your daily life?



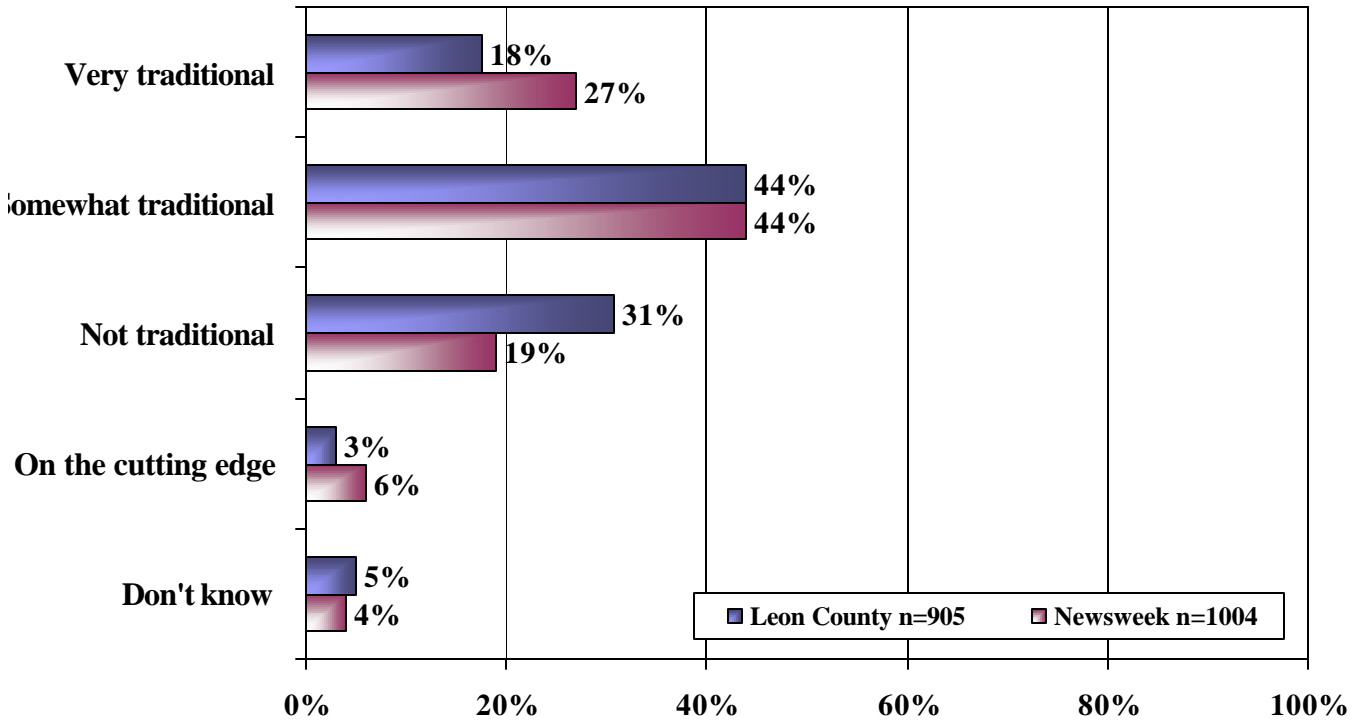
What is your current religion?



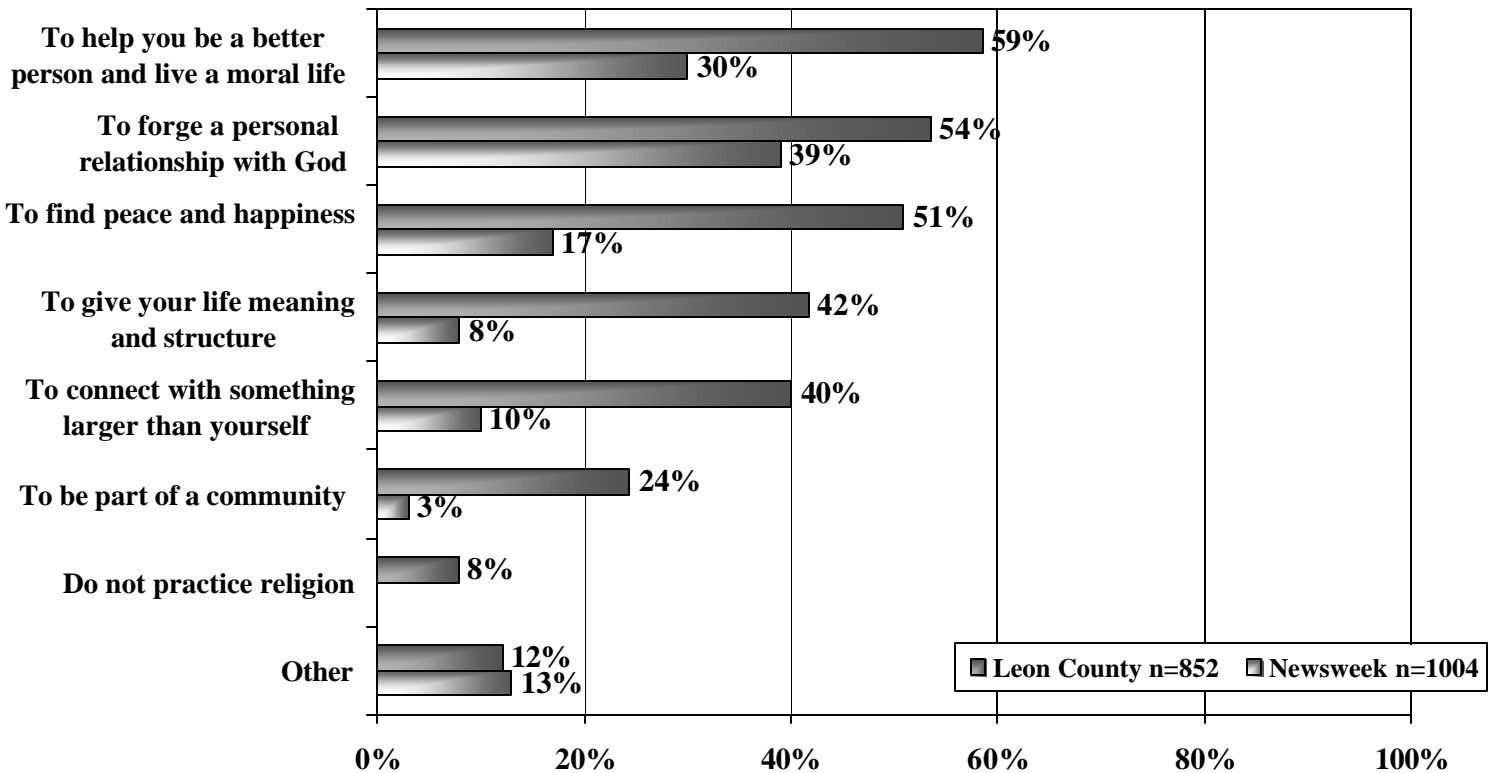
Compare what you practice today with what you practiced growing up. Is your current religion the same?

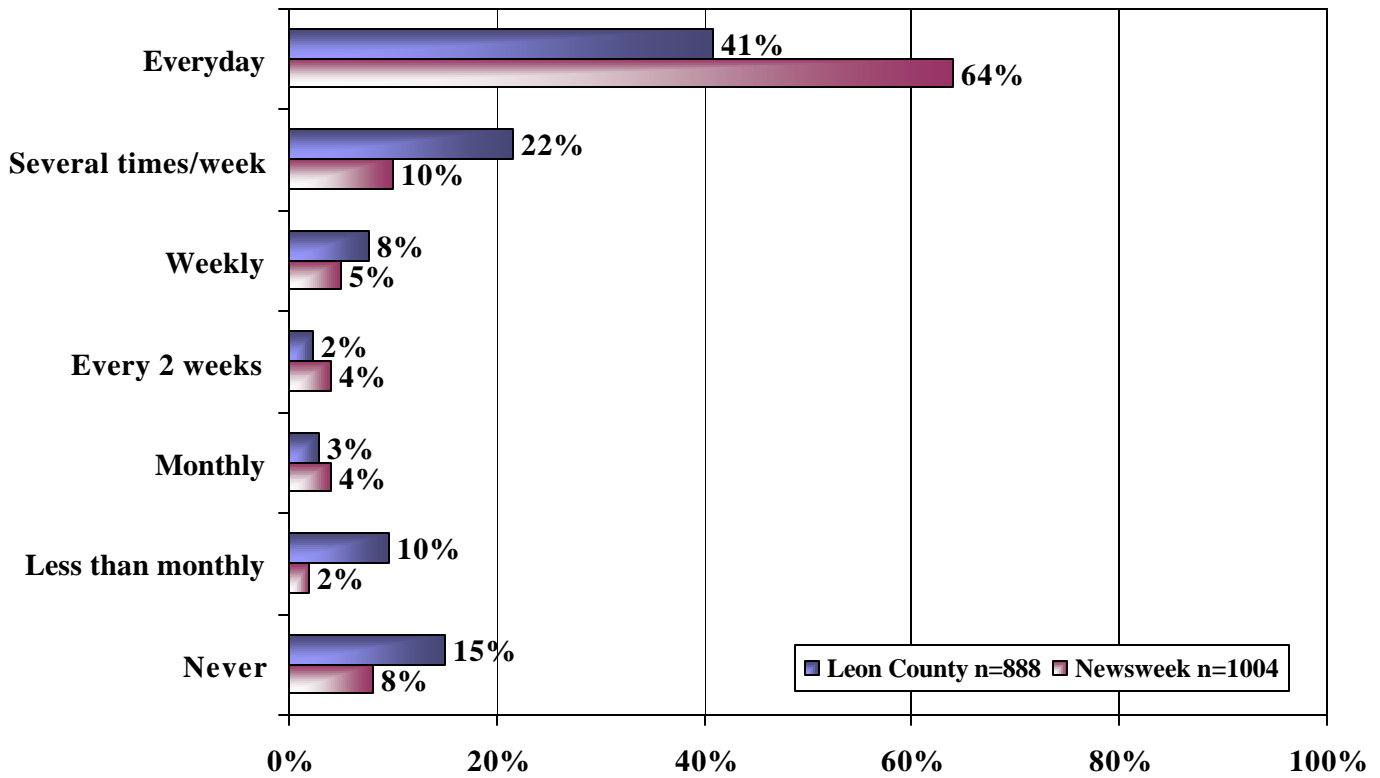


How traditional are your religious practices?

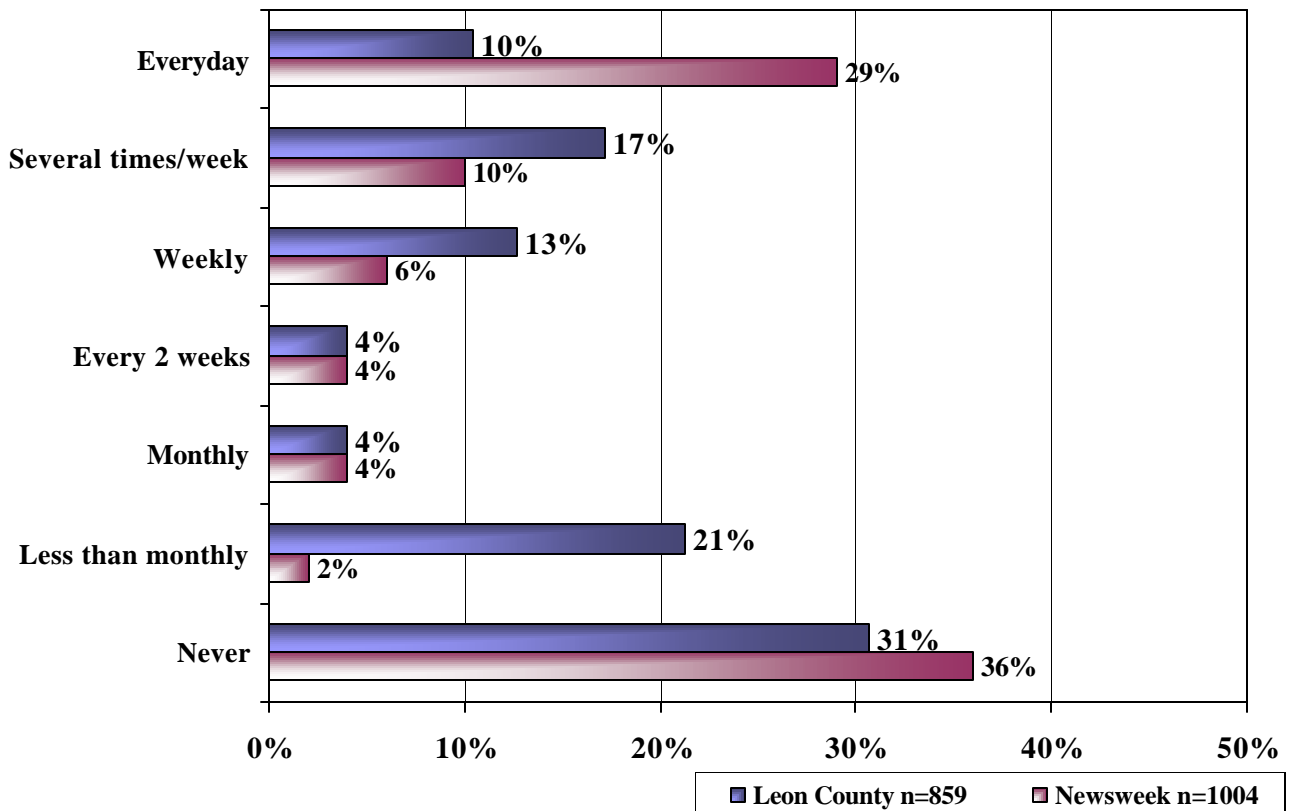


Why do you practice religion?

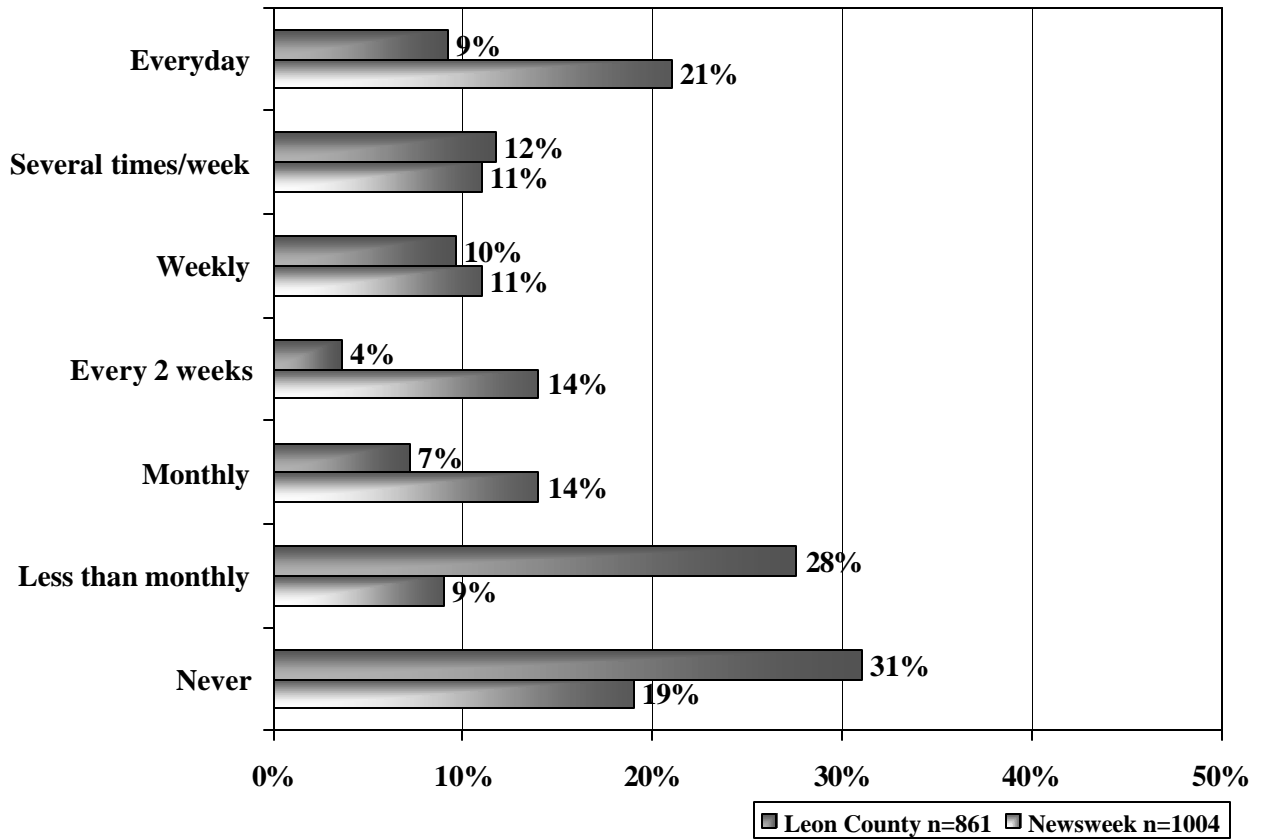




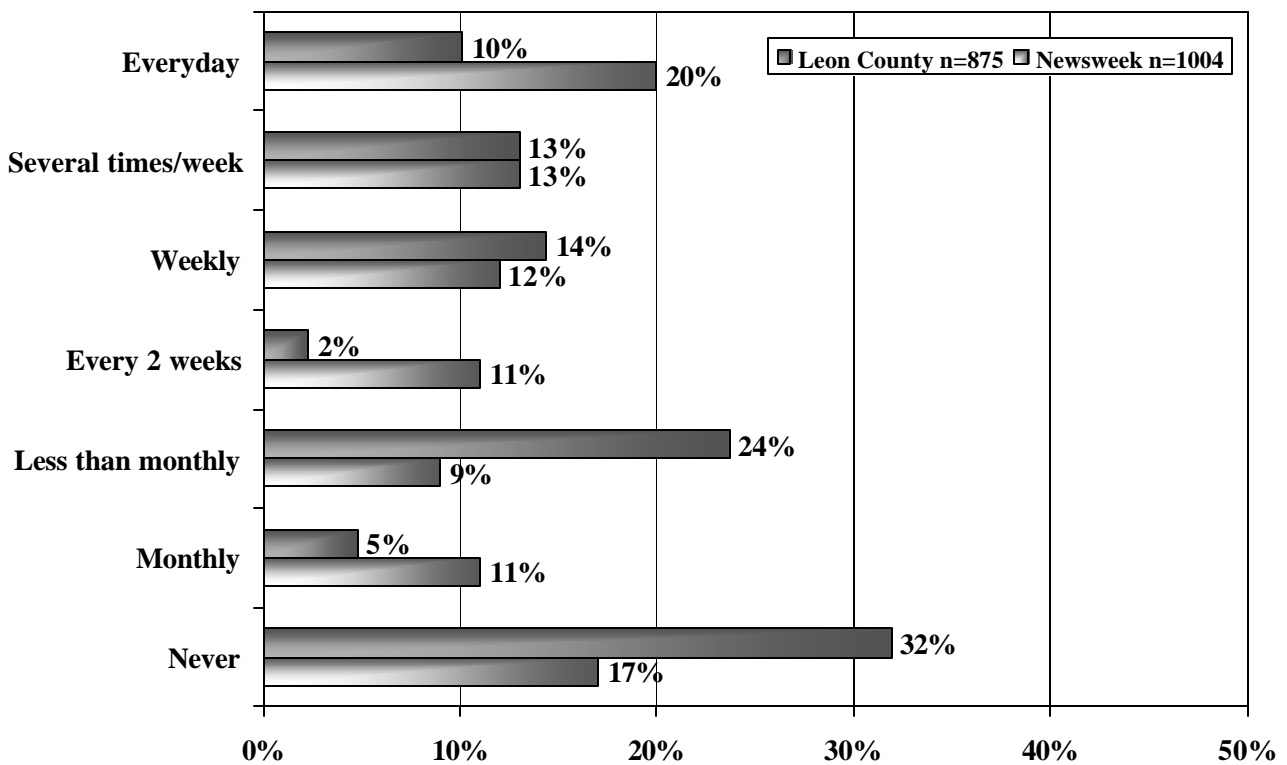
How often do you pray?
How often do you meditate?



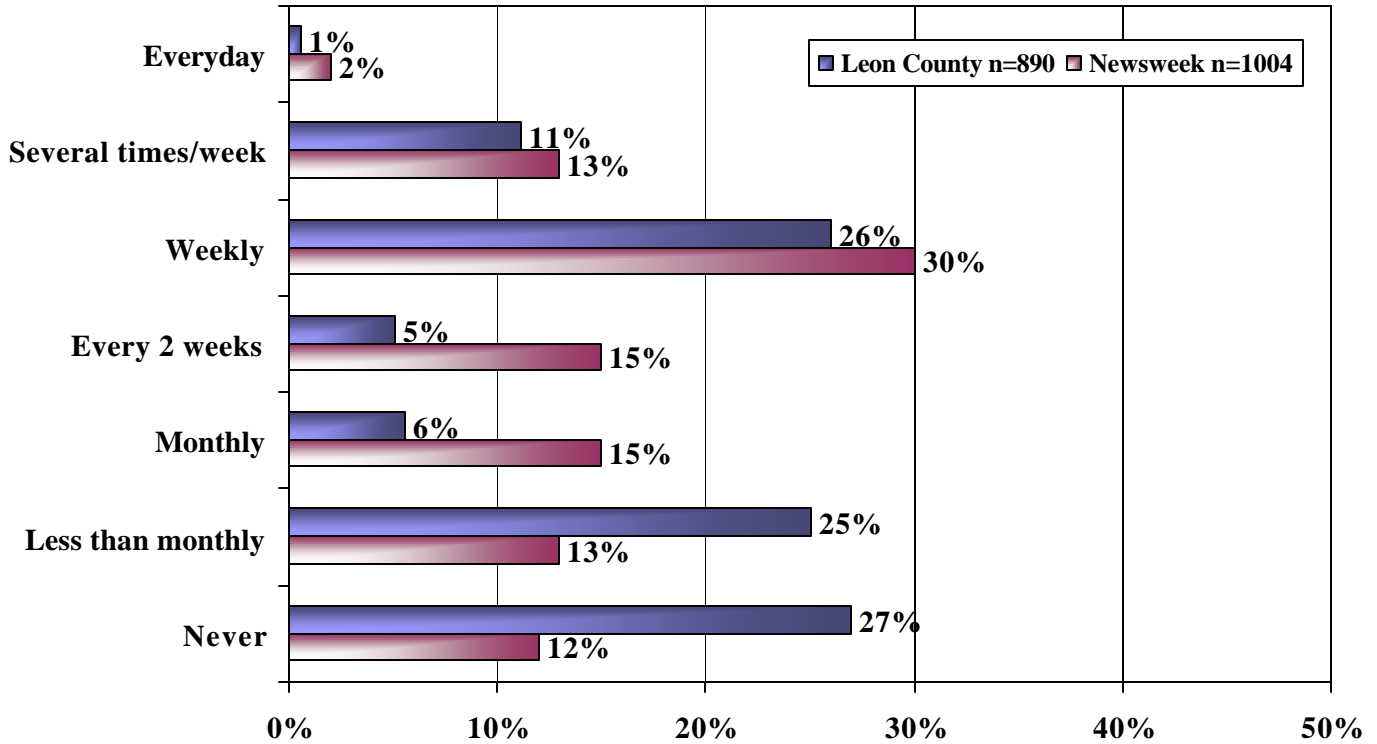
How often do you participate in a spiritual activity not connected with church?



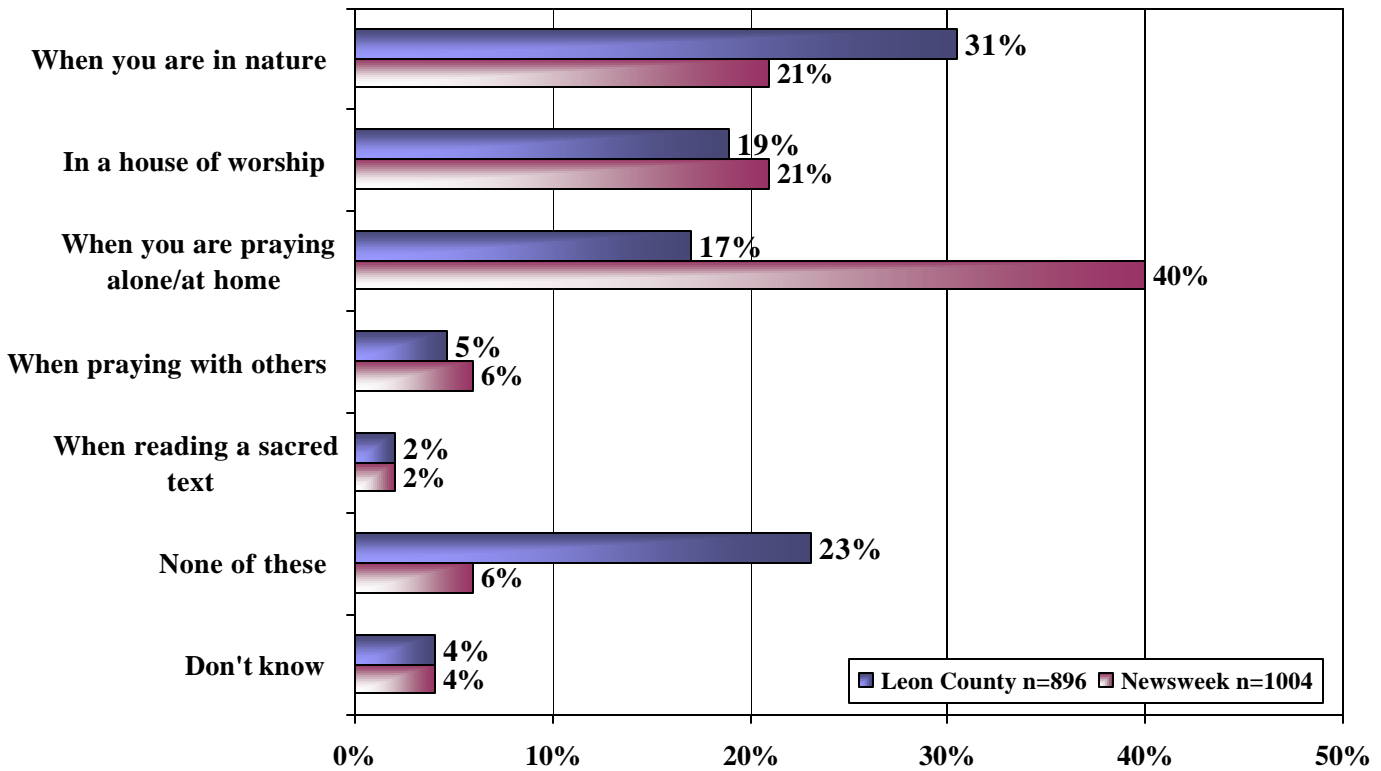
How often do you read the Bible, Qur'an, etc?



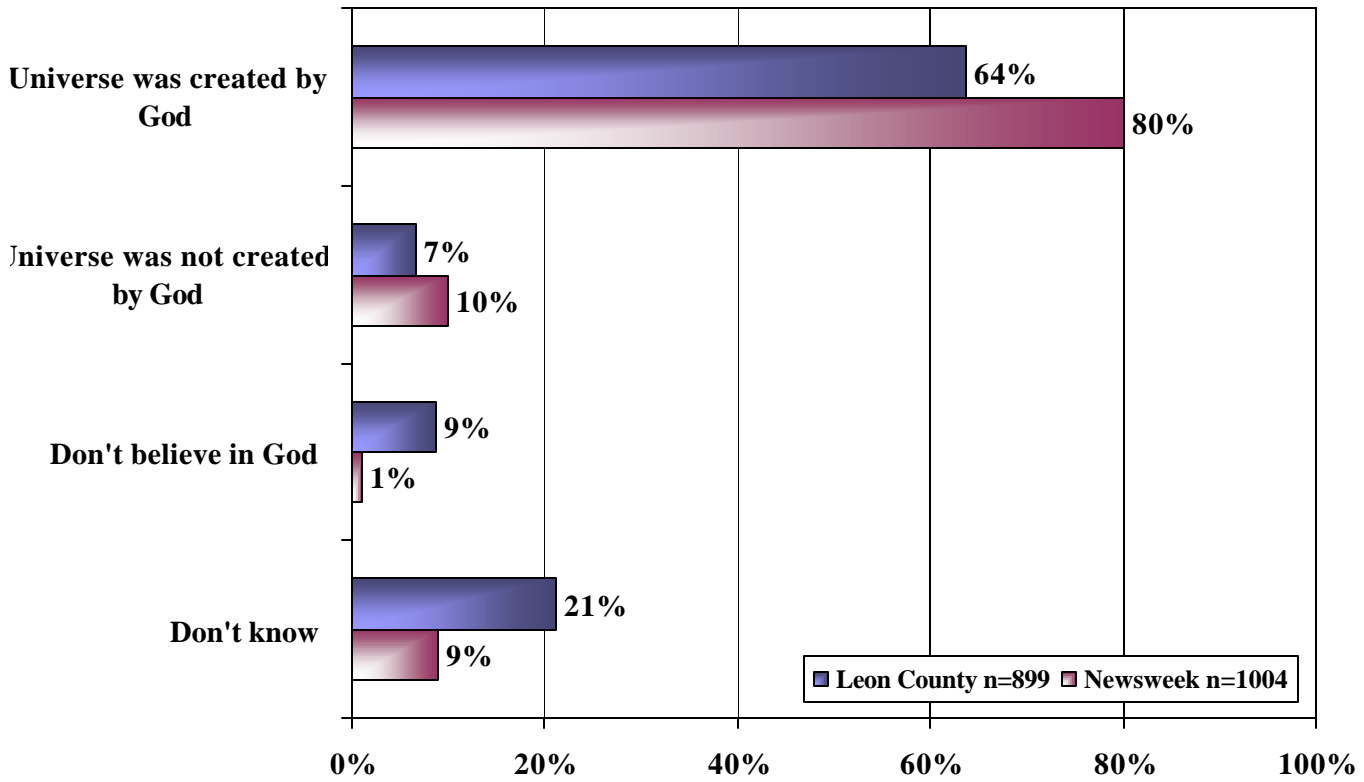
How often do you attend church or services?



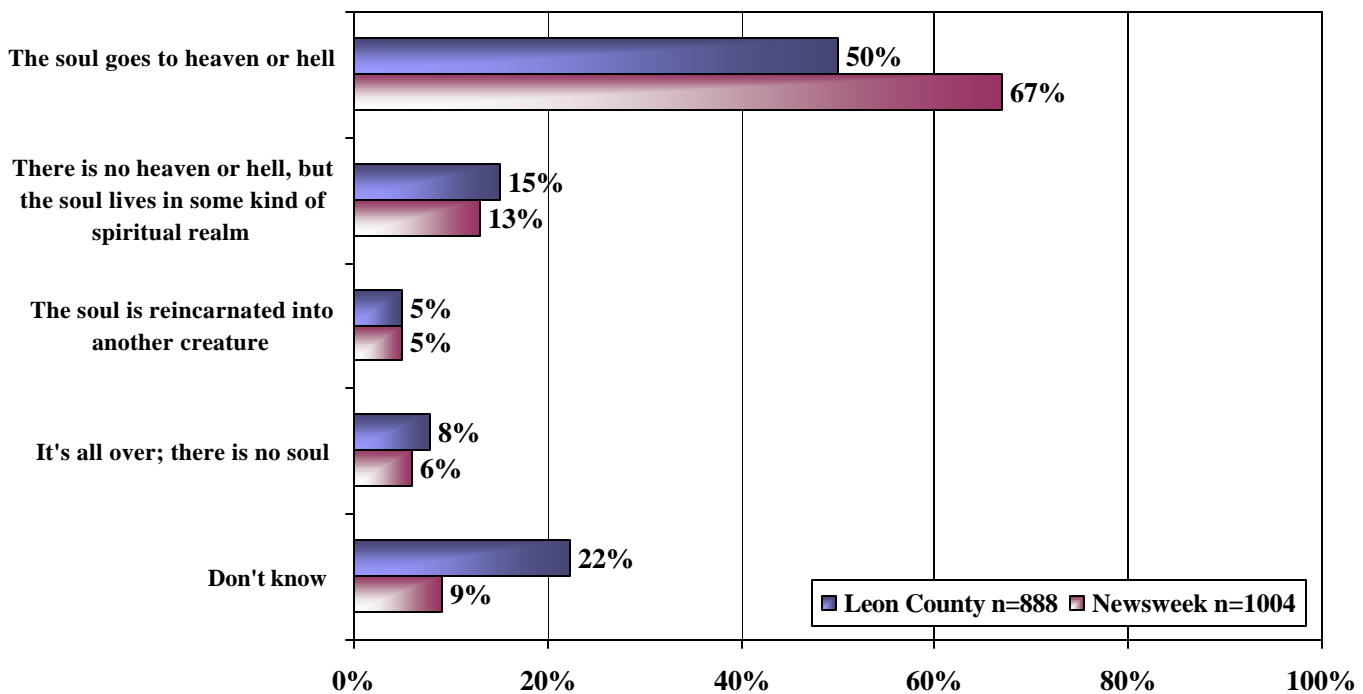
When do you feel the strongest connection to God?

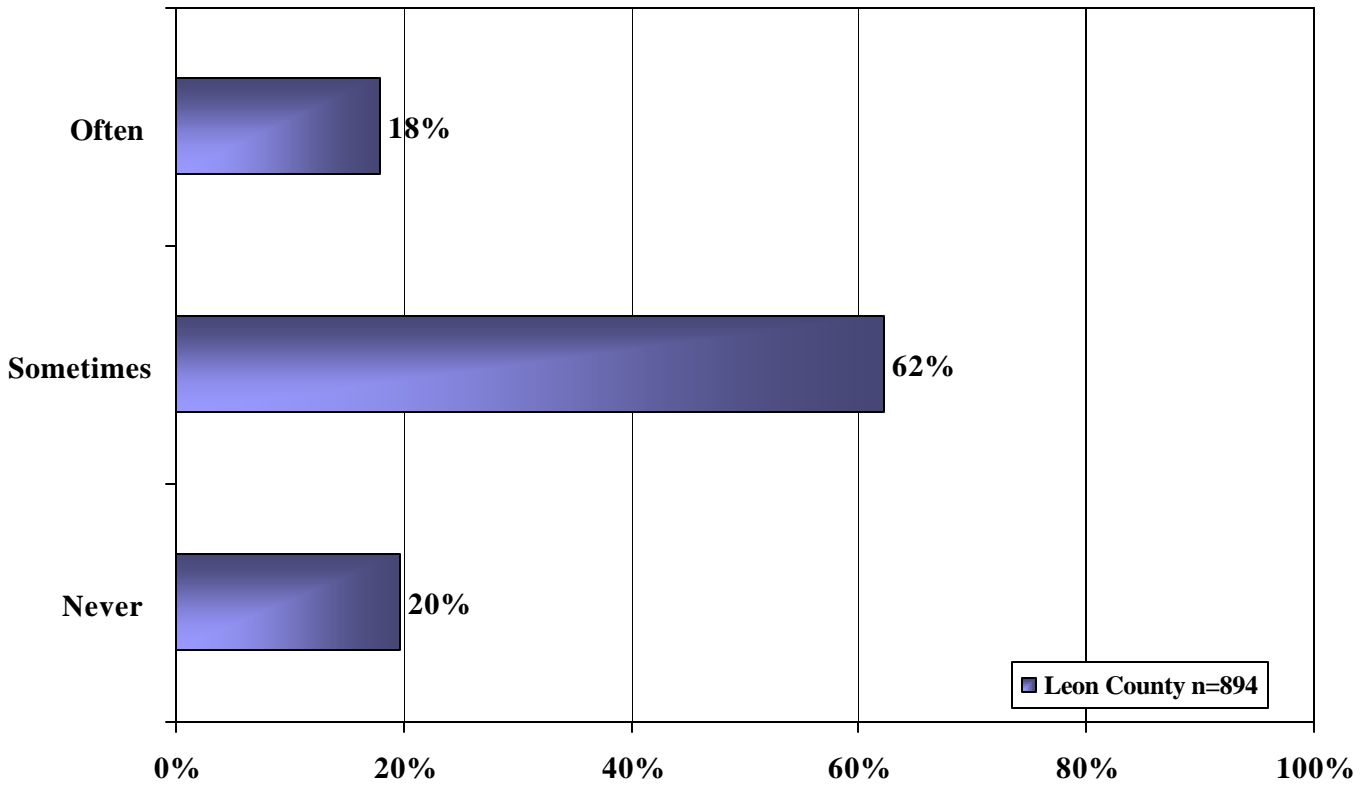


Do you believe that God created the universe?

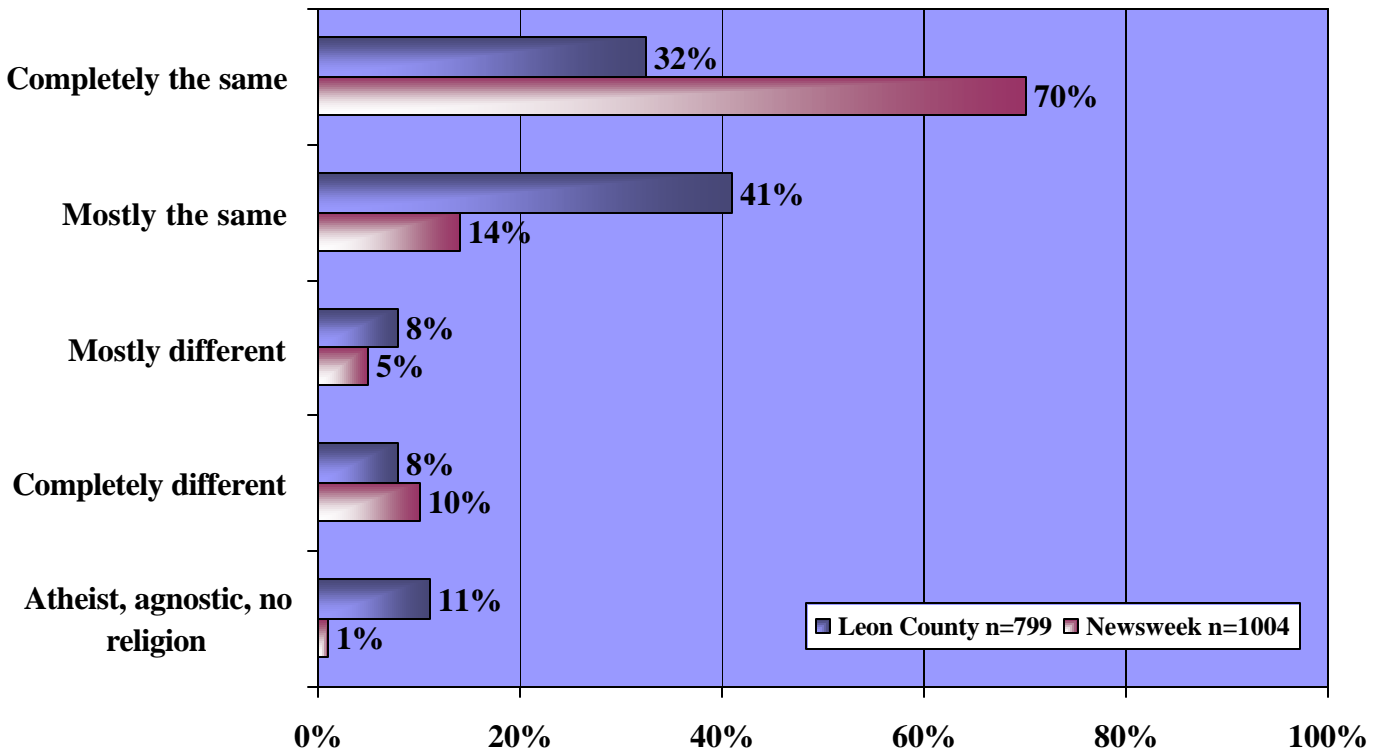


What happens when we die?

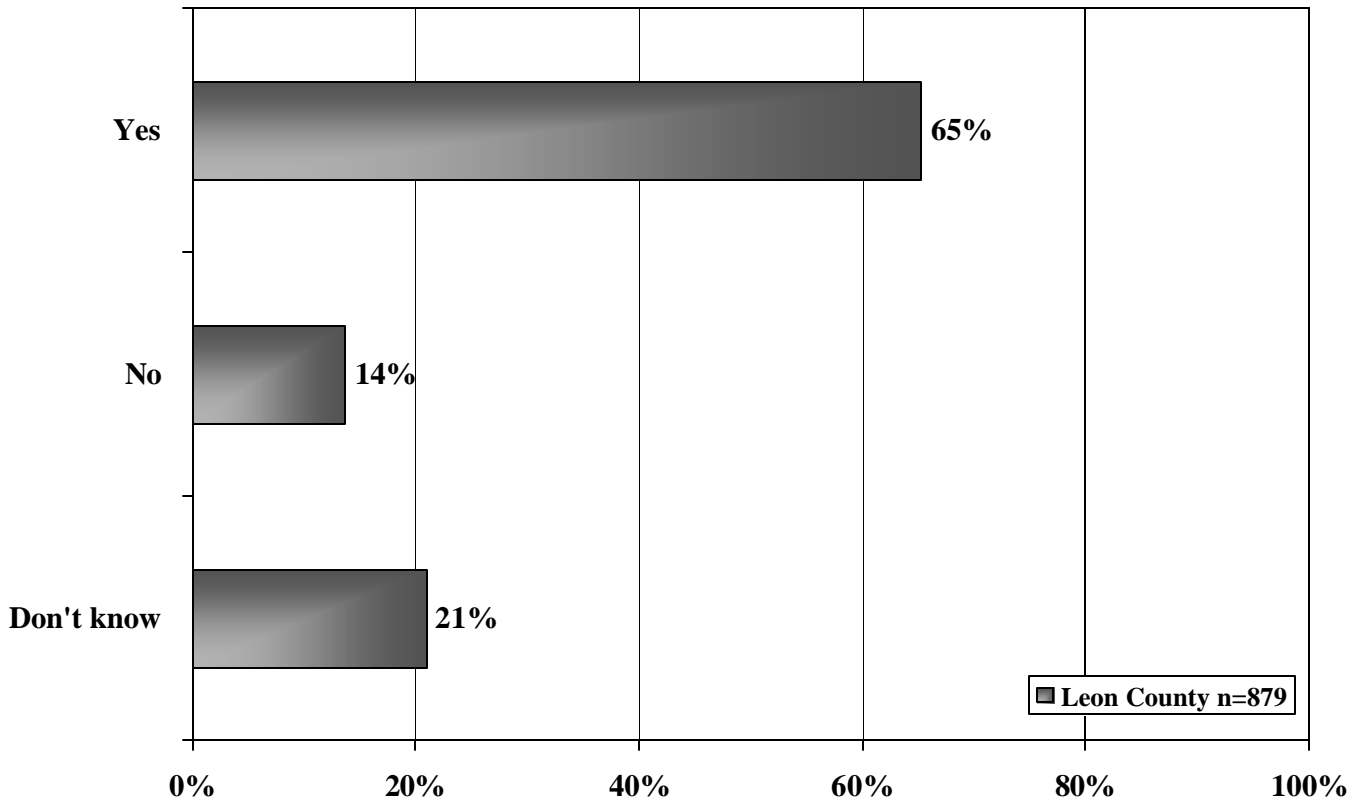




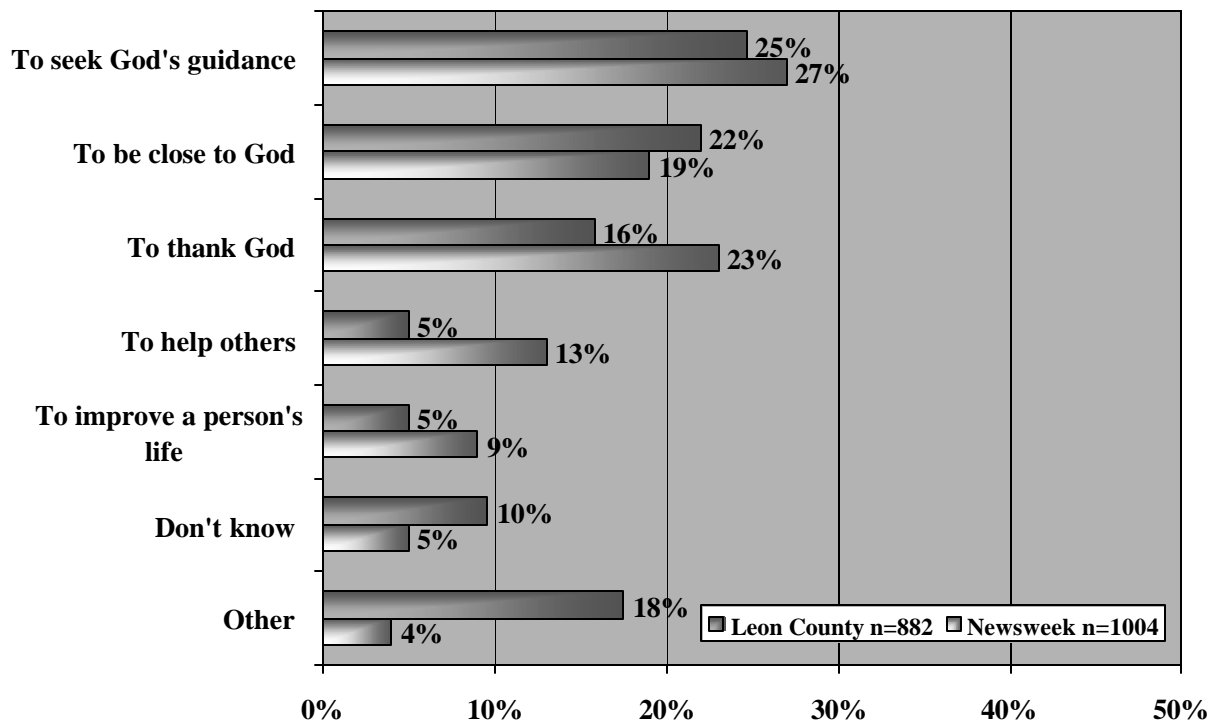
How often do you explore the spiritual ideas of other faiths? Is your spouse's/partner's religion the same as yours?



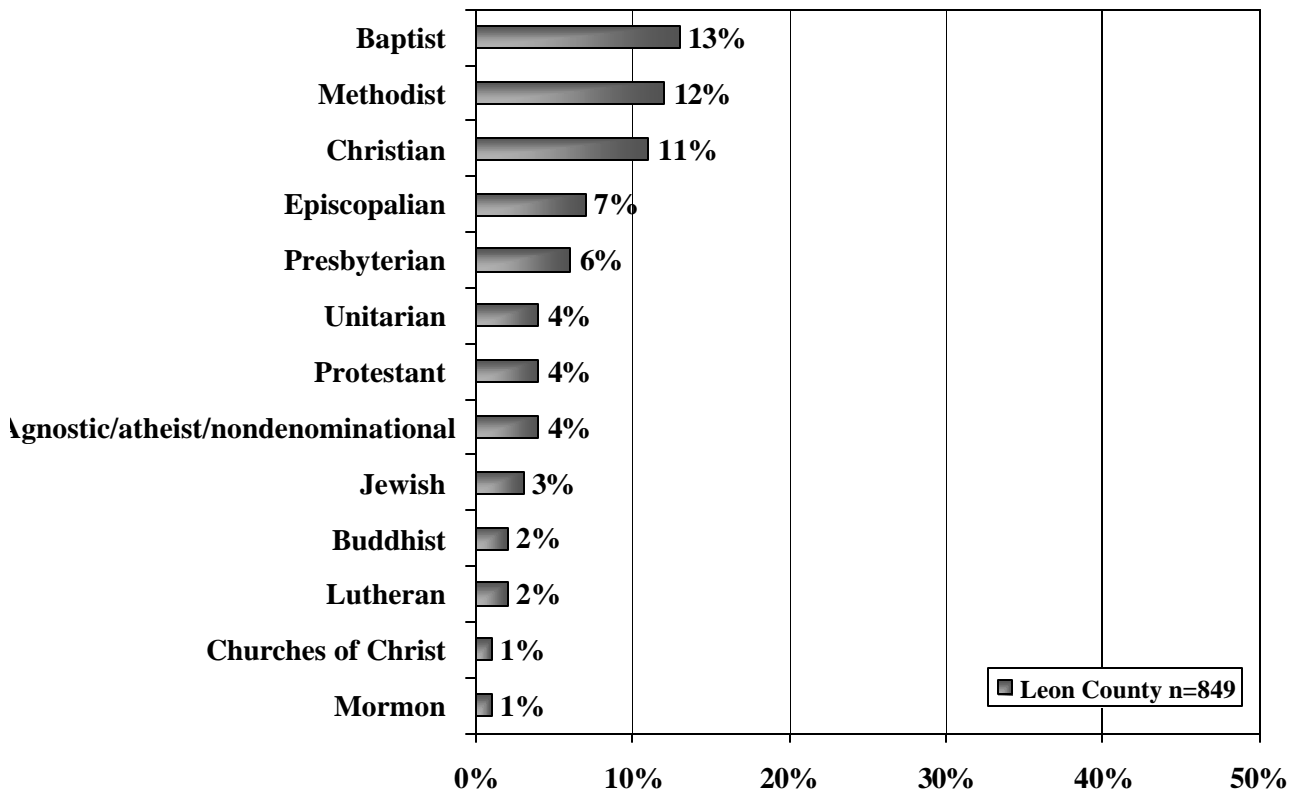
Can a good person who doesn't share your religious beliefs attain salvation or go to heaven?



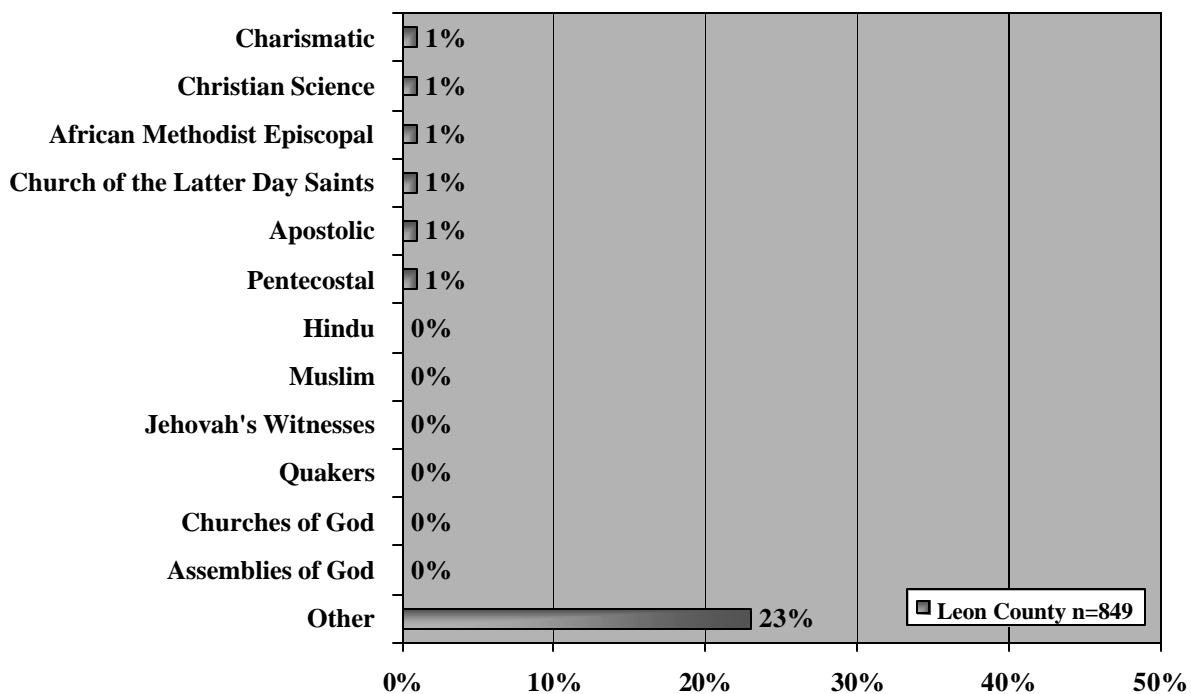
Which is the most important purpose of prayer?



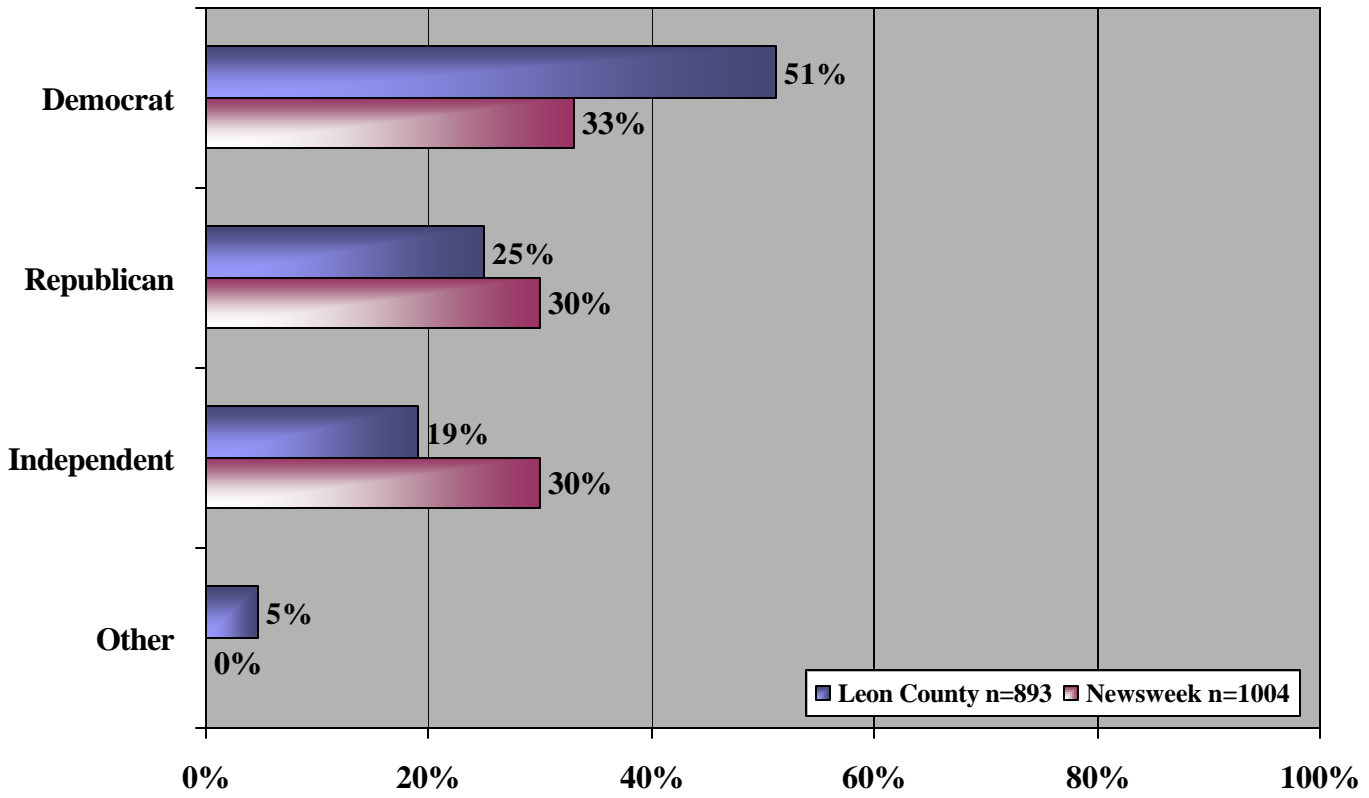
Which of the following best describes your religion/denomination?
Top Responses



Which of the following best describes your religion/denomination?
Other Responses



Political Party Affiliation*



*Do you think of yourself primarily as: