

Jews and The Passion

Final Results

Telephone survey of 409 adult residents of Alabama, conducted March 1-4, 2004, by USA Polling Group; margin of error is +/-5% at the 95% confidence level.

1. There has been a lot of publicity recently about Mel Gibson's new movie, The Passion of the Christ. Have you seen the movie?

Yes	8%
No	92

Those who haven't seen it are asked q2.

2. How likely is it that you will see the movie?

Very likely	54%
Somewhat likely	19
Not very likely	10
Not likely at all	15
DK/NA	2

3. Based upon what you've seen, read, or heard, do you think The Passion of the Christ encourages anti-Semitic feelings toward the Jewish people?

Yes	4%
No	71
DK/NA	25

4. Which of the following do you think bears the greatest responsibility for the death of Jesus Christ? (read responses)

The Jewish people	7%
The Romans	10
All humankind	64
No one	5
DK/NA	14

5. Recently, Mel Gibson's father claimed in an interview that the Jewish holocaust in World War II was greatly exaggerated and that most of it was fiction. Do you agree or disagree with his claim?

Agree	3%
Disagree	76
DK/NA	21

6. What is your religious preference? (do not read responses)

Protestant	82%
Catholic	6
Jewish	--
Other «»	6
None	6
DK/NA	--

Jews are not asked questions 7 thru 12:

7. Generally speaking, is your opinion of the Jewish religion very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

Very favorable	28%
Somewhat favorable	30
Neutral (volunteered)	9
Somewhat unfavorable	8
Very unfavorable	3
DK/NA	22

8. How would you feel if a close relative of yours converted to Judaism? Would that make you . . . (read responses)

Very uneasy	12%
Somewhat uneasy	18
Not uneasy at all	61
DK/NA	9

9. How much would you say you know about the teachings and doctrines of the Jewish religion?

A lot	7%
Some	32
A little	37
Nothing at all	23
DK/NA	1

10. Please tell me the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statement:

Christians and Jews believe in different Gods. Do you . . .

Strongly agree	3%
Agree	13
Disagree	41
Strongly disagree	23
Neither/DK/NA	20

11. Do you consider yourself to be a "born again" Christian?

Yes	78%
No	19
DK/NA	3

12. Which comes closest to describing your feelings about the Christian Bible?

It is the actual word of God and should be taken literally, word for word.

It is the inspired word of God, but not everything in it should be taken literally.

It is a collection of religious stories written by men.

Actual word of God	49%
Inspired word of God	34
Book of stories by men	11
DK/NA	6

13. Would you tell me if you are. . . (read responses)

White	73%
African American	23
or Some other group	2
Refused	2

14. Respondent's sex:

Male	45%
Female	55