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## Latest Poll: Bad News for Congress; Good News for “Organized Religion”

The Gallup News Service [polled 1,000 adults in June](#), asking them to express how much confidence they have in 16 American institutions. Those institutions ranged from “small business” to Congress, and from organized labor to “the church, or organized religion.”

“Small business” won in a walk, with nearly two-thirds of those polled giving that institution a grade of “a great deal” or “quite a lot” of confidence.

Congress, on the other hand, followed the trend apparent for years, with just eight percent of those polled giving it their top approval.

For “organized religion,” or the institutional church in the United States, the broadest measure gives it a rating of 32, up slightly from a year ago.

There was a little surprise for “the presidency.” Last year confidence in that office fell by 15 percentage points from the year before, falling from 38 percent to 23 under Biden. This year, confidence is up every so slightly, to 26 percent.

But the good news for “organized religion,” defined as a religion with an organized belief system established through an official doctrine, is that, for a huge national cohort, it rated a “great deal” of confidence.

Specifically, among those making \$50,000 a year or less — some 37 percent of Americans, presumably the younger cohort just getting started with their lives — one in five gave the church a “great deal” of confidence.

As *The New American* has reported, the Great American Revival continues to grow even as it is largely ignored by the major news media. Some say it started in Hammond, Louisiana, last fall, triggering revivals at Asbury College in Kentucky this spring and then spreading to 37 other college campuses.

There was also this month’s Harvest Crusade, where thousands were baptized at Pirate’s Cove in California, the site of the Jesus Revolution in the ‘60s and early ‘70s.

Then there’s the growth of the Pentecostal church as expressed by one of its prime drivers, Mario Murillo. Writing in his latest book, [“It’s Our Turn Now,”](#) he said:

As glorious as our tent crusades are, they are only a small part of a great and widespread phenomenon brewing nationwide....

It’s our turn now because the misery caused by the Left and Wokeness will ignite the largest influx of conversions to Christ we have seen in our lifetime. The billions of dollars spent to



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erase the Christian faith will prove to be an utter waste.

We are entering a season where Christian influence in America will greatly increase.

It's not too much of a stretch to translate the ongoing great revival into cultural improvement in the general population. Indeed, Gallup's poll results are beginning to reflect that much-needed improvement.

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