

Table 3: Multinational Comparison of Religious Affiliation, Attitudes, and Beliefs

Country	Japan	Rep. of Korea	Singapore	France	Germany	Sweden	U.K.	Canada	U.S.A.
% belonging to a religious denomination	44.4	63.2	80.3	57.5	60.4	75.8	83.1	68.6	78.5
% identifying as atheist or agnostic	13.1	1.6	4.7	20.5	24.2	31.2	14.4	15.3	12.6
% attending religious services at least once per month	9.8	39.1	44.1	11	18.9	7.9	23.5	34.2	49
% active in a religious organization	4.4	17.5	--	4.4	13	6.9	19.2	27.9	37.9
% that meditate or pray	40.5	46.6	69.6	41.1	47	46.7	49.9	76.7	84
% believing in life after death	50.8	52.2	74	44.9	29.5	46	58.2	72.7	81.2
% believing in the soul	70.9	72.7	91.5	55.3	77.2	68.8	69.9	91.2	95.6
% that think often of life's meaning and purpose	24.3	39.6	--	44.3	28.7	31.2	38.1	47	36.4
% finding comfort and strength in religion	31.5	67.1	76.7	34.7	41.5	31.1	37.5	63.1	79.5
% considering religion important	19.5	47	71	40.9	33.9	29.4	40.7	59.1	71.6
% confident in religious organizations	8.8	48.9	--	47.2	37.6	56	45.7	59.7	66.3
% believing that religious leaders should not influence people's vote	75.3	55.3	--	86.2	72.8	80.7	69.3	77.6	60.5

Notes: These data are drawn from the Association of Religion Data Archives (<http://www.thearda.com/internationalData>) accessed March 13, 2012. For each case I used the most recent data available.