

statistically independent effect of religious tradition once other factors were controlled. Other significant predictors of the belief there is scientific consensus about human evolution include age, education, science knowledge and political ideology. See [our related report](#) for details.

There are disagreements over whether there is scientific consensus about the creation of the universe

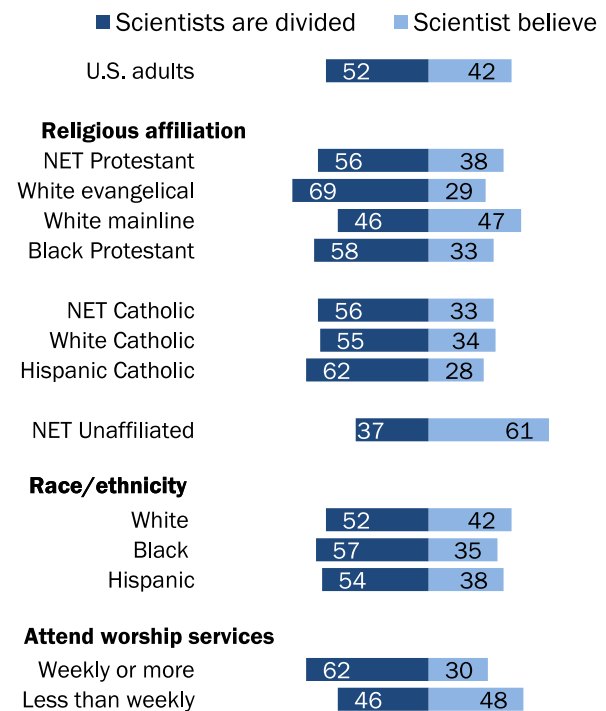
In regards to perceived scientific consensus about the creation of the universe, 42% of U.S. adults say scientists generally agree the universe was created in a single, violent event, often called the “Big Bang,” while 52% say scientists are divided in their views about how the universe was created.

A 61% majority of religiously unaffiliated adults say scientists generally believe the universe was created in a single, violent event. By contrast, 69% of white evangelical Protestants and 62% of Hispanic Catholics hold the view that scientists are divided about the creation of the universe. White mainline Protestants are more evenly split on their perceptions of scientists’ views about the creation of the universe (47% say scientists generally agree and 46% say scientists are divided).

Those who attend church services regularly are more inclined to say scientists are divided about this issue. Three-in-ten (30%) of those who regularly attend church services say scientists generally agree that the universe was created in a single, violent event, while 62% say scientists are divided. Among those who attend church services less often, 48% say scientists generally agree about the creation of the universe.

Views Vary on Scientific Consensus About Creation of Universe

% of U.S. adults who say scientists generally believe the universe was created in a single, violent event/that scientists are divided in their views about how the universe was created



Source: Survey conducted Aug. 15-25, 2014. Q32. Those saying both/neither, don't know are not shown. Whites and blacks include only non-Hispanics; Hispanics are of any race.

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