

LDC Interest Groups - National

Q1 Welcome! Thank you for agreeing to take our survey about religion and public affairs. Again, the survey should take between 15-25 minutes and your responses will be held in the strictest of confidence. Going forward, please select the choices that best fit your experience or belief. We are most grateful for you sharing your time and experiences with us. Sincerely, Dr. Andrew R. Lewis, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio Dr. Paul A. Djupe, Denison University, Granville, Ohio

Q2 Please enter the 5 digit ID number supplied on your invitation letter. Thank you. (This means we do not have to send followup reminders).

Q3 In what year was your organization founded? (if it was dormant for a time, please indicate the most recent founding). Move the slider bar to the appropriate year.

_____ Note, you must click in the slider area to register a response (1)

Q4 What are the characteristics of your organization? Please check as many as apply to your organization.

- Is registered to lobby government (1)
- Is affiliated with a denomination/religious tradition (2)
- Is open to membership from the general public (4)
- Is a policy think tank (5)
- Is a coalition of groups (6)
- Is a political action committee with 527 tax status (9)
- Has an affiliated political action committee (10)
- Has state-level groups or chapters (11)
- Has an in-house lobbyist (12)
- Has an in-house lawyer (13)
- Communicates the organization's views to government officials -- it lobbies. (14)

Answer If What are the characteristics of your organization? Please... Is affiliated with a denomination/religious tradition Is Selected

Q9 With what denomination/religious body is your organization affiliated? (please spell it out rather than use an abbreviation)

Answer If What are the characteristics of your organization? Please... Has an affiliated political action committee Is Selected

Q10 What year did your organization establish the political action committee?

_____ Note, you must click in the slider area to register a response (1)

Answer If What are the characteristics of your organization? Please... Is registered to lobby government Is Not Selected

Q11 Do you expect your organization will choose to become registered to lobby in the future?

- Very Likely (1)
- Likely (2)
- Somewhat Likely (3)
- Undecided (4)
- Somewhat Unlikely (5)
- Unlikely (6)
- Very Unlikely (9)

Answer If What are the characteristics of your organization? Please... Is registered to lobby government Is Not Selected

Q12 Has your organization been registered to lobby in the past?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Answer If What are the characteristics of your organization? Please... Is registered to lobby government Is Selected

Q13 Do you think your organization will continue registering to lobby for the foreseeable future?

- Very Likely (1)
- Likely (3)
- Somewhat Likely (4)
- Undecided (5)
- Somewhat Unlikely (6)
- Unlikely (7)
- Very Unlikely (8)

Answer If What are the characteristics of your organization? Please... Has state-level groups or chapters Is Selected

Q14 In how many states does your organization have an affiliate that also works on influencing public policy? (Note: you have to click in the slider space to register an answer)

_____ Number of state-level affiliates (1)

Answer If What are the characteristics of your organization? Please... Has an in-house lobbyist Is Selected

Q15 How many of your staff members are registered to lobby?

_____ Note: please click in the slider space to register an answer. (1)

Answer If What are the characteristics of your organization? Please... Has an in-house lawyer Is Selected

Q16 How many staff members are lawyers?

_____ Note: please click in the slider space to register an answer. (1)

Q17 From what sources do your organization's funds come? Please roughly estimate the percentage from each source (with the total equal to 100%)

- _____ Individual member dues (1)
- _____ Individual (large) donations (2)
- _____ Affiliated church donations (3)
- _____ Denominational donations / grants (4)
- _____ Foundation / Organization grants (5)
- _____ Government assistance, contracts, grants (6)
- _____ Sale of products / merchandise / information (7)
- _____ Other (8)

Q18 Has your organization done any of the following activities in the past two years? Please read the list carefully and check as many as apply to your organization's activities.

- Make financial contributions to electoral campaigns (1)
- Testify at congressional hearings (2)
- Testify at agency hearings (3)
- Direct personal contact with members of Congress or their staff (4)
- Direct personal contact with members of the executive branch or their staff (5)
- File suit or engage in litigation (6)
- Contribute personnel to political campaigns (7)
- Talk with people from the media (8)
- Run advertisements in the media about your positions on policy issues (9)
- Run advertisements in the media to attract members (10)
- Commission or conduct your own public policy research (11)
- Poll the general public on policy issues of concern to you (12)
- Poll your members on policy issues (13)
- Enter into coalitions with other organizations to advance your policy goals (14)
- Present research results or technical information to policymakers (15)
- Pray with your organizational leadership (16)
- Hold press conferences to announce research results or policy positions (17)
- Inspire letter writing or email campaigns to public officials (18)
- Send letters to members to inform them of organizational activities (19)
- Engage in direct mail fundraising for your organization (20)
- Urge influential members, other than staff, to lobby public officials directly (21)
- Protest or demonstrate (22)
- Make public endorsements of candidates (23)
- Publicize voting records of lawmakers and/or distribute voter information guides (24)
- Serve on governmental advisory commissions or boards (25)
- Coordinate sermon topics among clergy (26)
- Participate in voter registration drives (27)
- Offer prayer at public meetings or ceremonies (28)
- Offer prayer at government meetings or hearings (29)
- Interview candidates for public office (30)
- Write letters to the editor or op-ed pieces (31)
- Provide training or encouragement for your members to engage their own religious body in prayer (32)
- Hold public worship services about public policy issues (33)
- File amicus curiae ("friend of the court") briefs with the Supreme Court (34)
- Contact your supporters with specific calls for prayer about policy issues or policy decisions (35)
- Organize prayer events for a specific policy issue (36)

Answer If Has your organization done any of the following activitie... Contact your supporters with specific calls for prayer about policy issues or policy decisions Is Selected

Q19 How well do the following statements apply to the role of prayer in your advocacy efforts?

	Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Somewhat Agree (3)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (4)	Somewhat Disagree (5)	Disagree (6)	Strongly Disagree (7)
Calls for prayer on a policy issue encourage members to be more engaged in your organization (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Calls for prayer on a policy issue encourage non-members to be more engaged in your organization (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q20 What organizations do you tend to work with on a regular basis? This "work" might involve information sharing, consultation, resource pooling, and coalition participation, among other possibilities. Please list the top 5 organizations in rough order in which you work with them -- Partner 1 would be the group you work with the most, Partner 5 the least.

- Partner 1 (1)
- Partner 2 (2)
- Partner 3 (3)
- Partner 4 (4)
- Partner 5 (5)

Q21 Now, please tell us up to 5 organizations whose organizational *purpose and structure* are most similar to yours. They may or may not be coalition partners you just listed. If they are partner organizations you may simply list the box number you entered the group's name in above (for example, if the group is in the "Partner 3" box above, you can just list "3" here). Then please answer the question about competition for each group listed.

		Do you feel competition from this group over members and resources?		
	Group name (1)	No Competition is Felt (1)	Competition is Sometimes Felt (2)	Competition is Continuously Felt (3)
Organization 1 (1)		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organization 2 (2)		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organization 3 (3)		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organization 4 (4)		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organization 5 (5)		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q22 Please think about the last 5 years or so. For what issue did you get the best response in terms of the following? Please briefly list the issue of concern in each box.

Fundraising/Marshaling resources (1)

Mobilizing constituents to participate in our lobbying campaign (2)

Q23 We are interested in your top issue priorities on which you were most active in the past year. Please provide a short description of those below (a word or two about what they concerned) and then we'll ask you a few questions about them on the next page.

Top/most active issue priority (1)

2nd most active priority (2)

3rd most active priority (3)

4th most active priority (4)

Q24 Are there more issues you were active on? If yes, how many more than 4? (your response will not generate any extra questions)

- No more (1)
- 1 (2)
- 2 (3)
- 3 (4)
- 4 (5)
- 5+ (6)

Q26 We'd like to ask you a few more questions about your work just on your top issue priority. To help you recall, your top issue priority was "{\$q://QID3/ChoiceTextEntryValue/1}."

Q27 Which of the following statements best describes activity on this issue.

- My organization was solely active on this issue. (1)
- A few organizations were active on this issue. (2)
- Many organizations were active on this issue. (3)

Answer If We would now like to ask you about the issue priorities I... My organization worked in a coalition on this issue. - . Top Priority Is Selected

Q29 Regarding the coalition your organization worked in on this issue, did you... (check as many as apply)

- Share information about the issue (1)
- Coordinate advocacy strategies (2)
- Share resources (beyond time) (3)
- Coordinate messaging (4)
- Send joint press releases (5)
- Actively participate in the coalition (6)
- Expend resources on coalition work (7)
- Expend no resources on coalition work (8)

likely to come together for future advocacy efforts (6)							
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Answer If Which of the following statements best describes activity... My organization was solely active on this issue. Is Not Selected

Q31 What are the top 3 organizations that come to mind that were also working on this issue? Please list up to 3 groups that can be considered allies (they generally want what you want) and up to 3 opponents below. [You can abbreviate "association" and "organization", but please type out the rest of the name]

	. Allies (1)	. Was this ally a coalition partner?		. Opponents (1)	To your knowledge, has your organization *ever* worked with this current opponent?	
		Yes (1)	No (2)		Yes (1)	No (2)
Group 1 (1)		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Group 2 (2)		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Group 3 (3)		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q32 What institutions or groups did your advocacy work on this issue target? Please check all that apply.

- Congress (1)
- Executive branch (2)
- Courts (3)
- The public (4)
- Other (please list below) (5) _____
- Corporations (6)

Q33 Toward which target (institution or group) did you do MOST OF YOUR WORK on this issue in the past year? (please choose one)

- Congress (1)
- Executive branch (2)
- Courts (3)
- The public (4)
- Other (5)
- Corporations (6)

Answer If In targeting the courts regarding this issue, in which of... File an amicus curiae "friend of the court" brief encouraging the Court to hear the case (certiorari stage) Is Selected Or In targeting the courts regarding this issue, in which of... File an amicus curiae "friend of the court" brief after the Court had decided to hear the case (merits stage) Is Selected

Q37 In the process of filing the amicus brief, did you file it alone?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Answer If In the process of filing the amicus brief, did you file i... No Is Selected

Q38 When filing with a coalition of groups, were you primarily in charge of writing the brief?

	Yes (1)	No (2)
Were you primarily in charge of writing the brief? (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did you solicit coalition partners? (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q40 For your organization, are any of the following *barriers* to filing an amicus "friend of the court" brief? Please check as many as apply.

- Cost (1)
- Access to a lawyer (2)
- Time (3)
- Legal expertise (4)
- Membership support (5)
- Unlikely to influence the court (6)
- Other groups are better suited (7)

Q41 Which of the following statements best characterizes your organization's efforts to lobby the courts?

- Lobbying the courts is the most important activity engaged in by my organization (1)
- Lobbying the courts is one of several important activities my organization engages in (2)
- Lobbying the courts is a minor but nonetheless important activity among all of the activities my organization engages in (3)
- Lobbying the courts is only an incidental part of activities engaged in by my organization (4)

Q43 In the past five years, in which U.S. Supreme Court case are you *most* pleased with the decision/outcome?

Q44 Were you involved in U.S. Supreme Court advocacy in this case?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't Know (3)

Q45 In targeting the U.S. Supreme Court in this case, in which of the following activities did you engage?

- File an amicus curiae "friend of the court" brief after the court had decided to hear the case (merits stage) (1)
- File an amicus curiae "friend of the court" brief encouraging the court to hear the case (certiorari stage) (2)
- Try to build a coalition (3)
- Participate in a coalition (4)
- Back the case as a litigant (5)
- Engage in public dialogue (6)
- Encourage members of Congress to become actively involved (7)
- Encourage executive branch officials to become actively involved (8)
- Encourage your members to contact government officials (9)
- Hire a lawyer to prepare your arguments (10)

Q46 In the past five years, in which U.S. Supreme Court case are you *least* pleased with the decision/outcome?

Q47 Were you involved in U.S. Supreme Court advocacy in this case?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't Know (3)

Q48 In targeting the U.S. Supreme Court in this case, in which of the following activities did you engage?

- File an amicus curiae "friend of the court" brief after the court had decided to hear the case (merits stage) (1)
- File an amicus curiae "friend of the court" brief encouraging the court to hear the case (certiorari stage) (2)
- Try to build a coalition (3)
- Participate in a coalition (4)
- Back a court case as a litigant (5)
- Engage in public dialogue (6)
- Encourage members of Congress to become actively involved (7)
- Encourage executive branch officials to become actively involved (8)
- Encourage your members to contact government officials (9)
- Hire a lawyer to prepare your arguments (10)

Q53 In your advocacy work with legislators on this issue, did you do any of the following? Check as many as apply.

- Targeted legislators that shared your religious beliefs (1)
- Advocated your policy position using overt religious arguments (2)
- Hid your religious beliefs to encourage support from a legislator (3)
- Shared policy expertise (4)
- Wrote a bill/ amendment for legislators (5)

Q54 Please list up to 5 members of Congress with whom your organization regularly works.

Member 1 (1)

Member 2 (2)

Member 3 (3)

Member 4 (4)

Member 5 (5)

Q55 Which of the following statements best characterizes your organization's efforts to lobby the executive branch?

- Lobbying the executive branch is the most important activity engaged in by my organization (1)
- Lobbying the executive branch is one of several important activities my organization engages in (2)
- Lobbying the executive branch is a minor but nonetheless important activity among all of the activities my organization engages in (3)
- Lobbying the executive branch is only an incidental part of activities engaged in by my organization (4)
- Don't know (5)

Q56 Where were the targets of your lobbying efforts located? Check as many as apply.

- The White House (1)
- Executive Office of the President (2)
- Other White House offices (3)
- Cabinet-level Departments (4)
- Executive Agencies (5)

Q57 What did your advocacy work in the executive branch on this issue include? Check all that apply.

- Testify before a panel (1)
- Meet with individual officials (2)
- Attend/host a fundraiser (3)
- Attend/host a working group with agency officials (4)
- Attend/host a prayer group with agency officials (5)
- Submit public comment on a rule (6)

Q58 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about lobbying your executive branch targets?

	Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Somewhat Agree (3)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (4)	Somewhat Disagree (5)	Disagree (6)	Strongly Disagree (7)
Allies were lobbying these same targets as well. (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opponents were lobbying these same targets as well. (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q59 In your advocacy work with executive branch officials on this issue, did you do any of the following?

- Targeted officials that shared your religious beliefs (1)
- Advocated your policy position using overt religious arguments (2)
- Hid your religious beliefs to encourage support from a official (3)
- Shared policy expertise (4)
- Wrote a rule for officials (5)
- Targeted officials that tend to disagree with your position. (6)
- Targeted officials "on the fence" regarding your position. (7)
- Targeted officials that tend to support your position. (8)

Q60 Please list up to 5 officials in the executive branch with whom your organization regularly works.

- Official 1 (1)
- Official 2 (2)
- Official 3 (3)
- Official 4 (4)
- Official 5 (5)

<p>We need an immigration policy consistent with the principle that we love the stranger as ourselves. (6)</p>	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<p>We need an immigration policy consistent with Matthew 25:40, in which God honors what we do to "the least of these my brothers." (7)</p>	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Q62 Out of the statements listed above, which do you believe would be *most effective* in appealing to typical Democrats and which to typical Republicans? Please drag one of the statements into each box.

Most effective to typical Democrats	Most effective to typical Republicans
<p>_____ We need an immigration policy that is tough, fair, and practical. (1)</p>	<p>_____ We need an immigration policy that is tough, fair, and practical. (1)</p>
<p>_____ We need we need an immigration policy that respects the God-given dignity of every person. (2)</p>	<p>_____ We need we need an immigration policy that respects the God-given dignity of every person. (2)</p>
<p>_____ We need an immigration policy that respects the rule of law. (3)</p>	<p>_____ We need an immigration policy that respects the rule of law. (3)</p>
<p>_____ We need an immigration policy that protects the unity of the family. (4)</p>	<p>_____ We need an immigration policy that protects the unity of the family. (4)</p>
<p>_____ We need an immigration policy that we believe is consistent with biblical values. (5)</p>	<p>_____ We need an immigration policy that we believe is consistent with biblical values. (5)</p>

_____ We need an immigration policy consistent with the principle that we love the stranger as ourselves. (6)

_____ We need an immigration policy consistent following Matthew 25:40, in which God honors what we do to "the least of these my brothers."
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(7)

Q63 In this final section, we'd like to ask you about some of your own personal beliefs and characteristics. Thank you for continuing.

Q64 What best describes your role at the organization?

- Administrative Professional (1)
- Research Analyst (2)
- Legislative Aid/Lobbyist (3)
- Lawyer (4)
- Executive Director/President (5)
- Media Relations (6)
- Other (7)

Q65 With which of the following religious labels do you most closely identify?

- Protestant (1)
- Catholic (2)
- Other Christian (3)
- Orthodox Christian (4)
- Jewish (5)
- Muslim (6)
- Mormon (LDS) (7)
- Other non-Christian (8)
- Atheist/Agnostic/ Humanist (9)
- Nothing, none (10)

Q66 Do you identify yourself as a "born again" or "evangelical" Christian?

- Strongly agree (1)
- Agree (2)
- Somewhat Agree (3)
- Neither Agree nor Disagree (4)
- Somewhat Disagree (5)
- Disagree (6)
- Strongly Disagree (7)

Q67 Not everyone has time to or is able to attend a house of worship. How often would you say you typically attend a house of worship, not counting funerals or weddings?

- Once a week or more (1)
- Several times a month (2)
- About once a month (3)
- Several times a year (4)
- Rarely -- holidays (5)
- Never (6)

Q68 Which of the following views of the Bible do you most closely share?

- The Bible is God's word and is meant to be taken literally, word for word. (1)
- The Bible is God's word and all it says is true, but not all of it is meant to be taken literally, word for word. (2)
- The Bible is God's word and is authoritative for Christian faith and practice, but it is not intended as a book of science or history. (3)
- The Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, and moral precepts recorded by men. (4)

America. (17) Government must promote religion to sustain morality. (18)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Political activism is bad for churches. (19) Churches should focus on transforming the social order. (20)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If enough people were brought to religion, social ills would resolve themselves. (21)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q70 Thank you so very much for sharing your precious time and experiences with us. If you provide an email address, we will happily send you a summary of the results. Your email address will only be used for that purpose and will otherwise be held in strict confidence. If you do not wish to share your email address, then just click the "next" box and that will complete the survey.

Email address (1)