

## ***The State of Religion & Young People 2020: Relational Authority***

**The inner and outer lives of Gen Z are complex.**

**The world today is complicated.**

**The way young people form bonds and make meaning is changing.**

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Our data show that checking “affiliated” or “unaffiliated” on a survey doesn’t tell the whole story on young people’s religious identities. It doesn’t tell us all we need to know about the things young people long for and belong to.

The largest data set of its kind, *The State of Religion & Young People 2020: Relational Authority* collects data from over 10,000 surveys and over 150 interviews with young people ages 13–25. With special features on politics, careers, and virtual environments—as well as a comprehensive look at the changing social, religious, and culture landscape in the United States—provides not only data but actionable insights and fresh frameworks to help you act on these findings.

In fact, when it comes to the religious lives of young people, behaviors tell us more than checked boxes. Relationships reveal more than affiliations. And the most effective relationships practice Relational Authority.

▶ **10,516 Surveys**

▶ **165 Interviews**

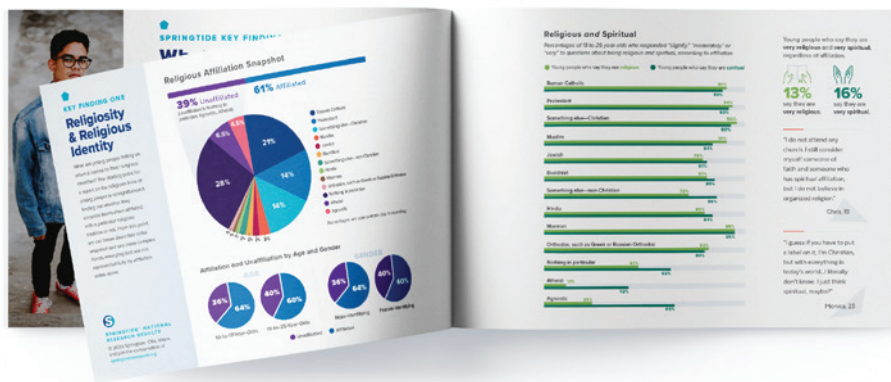
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# WHAT YOU'LL FIND:

**A big-picture look** at shifts in the social, religious, and cultural landscape, including the events of 2020 that have formed and informed the ways young people make meaning, form bonds, and construct their identities

**Resources** linked and listed throughout the report to help make sense of the data and extend the insights through podcasts episodes, web series, blog posts, and more



**Key Findings** that explore the complexity, richness, and diversity of young people's religious lives through graphs, charts, and commentary

**A framework** to help caring adults forge bonds, build trust, and have an impact in the lives of young people amid these shifting forces and increasing complexities



**Tide-Turning Tips**, part of Springtide's commitment to delivering actionable data that you can implement in your ministry, work, advocacy, and care for young people right away

**Special features** on how young people feel about:

- online work, worship, and school...
- politics and political engagement...
- careers, vocations, and work as a place for meaning and community...