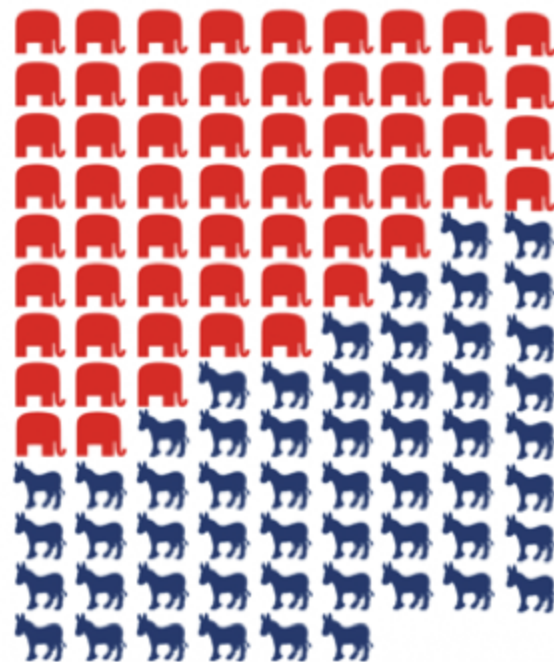


ELECTION STRESS IN AMERICA



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59% OF REPUBLICANS | 55% OF DEMOCRATS

Republicans and Democrats are
EQUALLY LIKELY* as one another to
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THE
CHRISTIAN
IN TODAY'S
SOCIETY

SALT AND LIGHT IN AMERICA
GENDER ATTRACTION + IDENTITY



not just policy but people

Being people of salt and light

Not avoiding issues, nor belittling people,
but engaging in the conversations of society as people of salt and light,
with values of salt and light

SALT & LIGHT

IN

GENDER IDENTITY
& ATTRACTION



When it comes to
gender identity and gender attraction in the US,
what does salt and light look like?

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What does the Bible say about gender attraction and identity?

How do we navigate those views in the world we live in?

How can we be a loving people who hold to biblical views on gender?

How do we equip our kids?

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working out our judgmentalism

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having the right discussions with the right people at the right time

keeping relationship with those who need it

listening to stories

staying clear about our beliefs

eliminating our personal "ick" factor

EQUIPPING OUR KIDS

1 Peter 2:9-12

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

teach your children
about God's design
for purity, about
gender identity and
attraction

help them
understand their
identity as salt & light
missionaries

help them
understand their
Christian identity as
aliens in this world

help them
understand their
rights as students

be involved in your
school district

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I need more of Jesus in my life

Father, help me to be a person of salt and light to those you've embedded me with

Lord, forgive me for being judgmental and harsh and shoving salt into people's wounds

God, help us to step into being salt and light in our public school

God, help me gain clarity on my beliefs regarding gender identity and attraction

Jesus, I'm struggling with an aspect of my personal life of sexual purity

Holy Spirit, grant us clarity in raising our children as salt and light in this world

I need physical or emotional healing in my life