

Who Gives to Charitable Causes

Jews

76% give to charity
compared with 63% of all Americans

Top 3 motivations

To help the needy (58%)
To make the world a better place (58%, tied)
To give back to society (57%)

More likely than people of other faiths to support: Basic needs, environmental causes, health, international aid, community improvement

Roman Catholics

68% give to charity

Top 3 motivations

To help the needy (61%)
To give back to society (60%)
To live up to family's values (57%)

More likely than people of other faiths to support: Faith groups that provide services to all

Mainline Protestants

67% give to charity

Top 3 motivations

To achieve change and impact (58%)
To make the world a better place (51%)
To give back to society (50%)

More likely than people of other faiths to support: Social-change advocacy

Evangelical Protestants

64% give to charity

Top 3 motivations

To achieve change and impact (57%)
To help the needy (56%)
To give back to society (55%)

More likely than people of other faiths to support: Basic needs

Black Protestants

61% give to charity

Top 3 motivations

To make the world a better place (78%)
To achieve change and impact (75%)
To help the needy (73%)

More likely than people of other faiths to support: Social-change advocacy, community improvement

No Faith Affiliation

46% give to charity

Top 3 motivations

To achieve change and impact (55%)
To help the needy (51%)
To make the world a better place (44%)

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