The fourth edition of the Religious Freedom Index illuminates Americans’ perspectives on core principles of religious freedom and provides timely insights into pressing social and cultural questions. In 2022, the Index score remained at 68—it’s highest score—and reveals that Americans are unified around a fundamental commitment to build a society that is inclusive of all people’s religious identities.

### 2022 Key Findings

**Americans embrace diversity of faith:**
Support for the right to choose and practice the religion of your choice has never been higher.

**Rediscovering human dignity and civil rights:**
Broad unfamiliarity with Constitutional protections opens the door for civic education.

**Finding consensus in protecting minorities:**
Americans are most protective of religious minorities, with a unified majority expressing the need to make room for lesser-known religious groups.

### Index Results

The Index questions group six statistical dimensions of religious freedom scaled 0 to 100, where 0 indicates complete opposition to principles of religious freedom and 100 indicates robust support.

The average of these dimensions creates the composite Index score, which maintained its all-time high of 68 in 2022.
Americans embrace diversity of faith:

Americans support pluralism.
The percentage of Americans who completely support the freedom to choose a religion, to worship without fear of persecution and to practice a religion in daily life without facing discrimination increased by over 10 points since 2020.

Over 90% of survey respondents completely or mostly support these freedoms.

Rediscovering human dignity and civil rights:

Americans’ knowledge of their First Amendment rights shows room for improvement.

85% correctly identified freedom of speech as protected by the First Amendment.

Only 47% correctly identified freedom of religion as protected by the First Amendment.

Finding consensus in protecting minorities:

Americans are most protective of religious minorities, with a unified majority expressing the need to make room for lesser-known religious groups.

89% support protecting Native American sacred sites on federal land.

Strong support for these protections (57%) dwarfs strong opposition (3%) by a ratio of nearly 20 to 1.