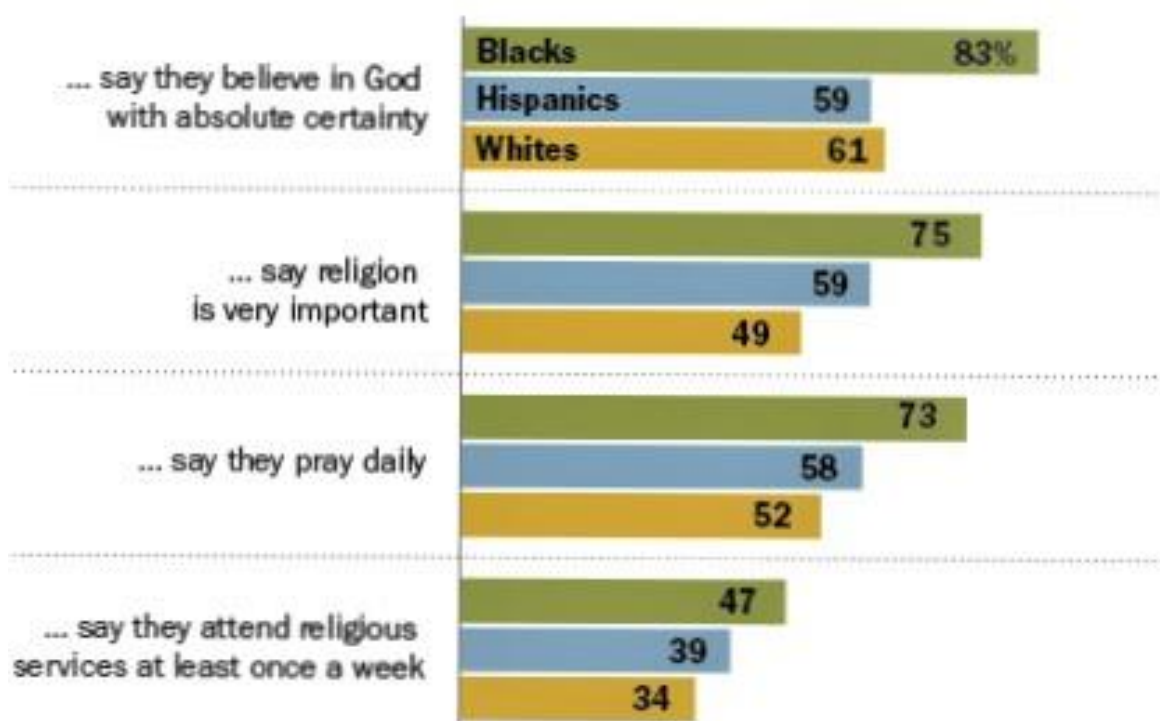


IT TAKES A VILLAGE

The Faith Community As
A Catalyst For Recovery

By many measures, African Americans are more religious than whites and Latinos

% of ___ who ...



Note: Whites and blacks include only non-Hispanics. Hispanics can be of any race.
Source: 2014 U.S. Religious Landscape Study, conducted June 4-Sept. 30, 2014

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"It takes a village to raise a child" is an Igbo and Yoruba proverb that exists in many different African languages. It means that the entire community of people must interact with children for those children to experience and grow in a safe and healthy environment. It reflects the emphasis African cultures place on family and community.

This proverb is so widely used in Africa that there are equivalent statements in most African languages, including "One knee does not bring up a child" in Sukuma and "One hand does not nurse a child" in Swahili

ORIGIN

“Prevention requires addressing the root cause of the problem.” It requires that we ask the question, “What is happening in our culture that allows sexual violence to be tolerated?”

Rev. Marie Marshall Fortune (Sexual Violence: The Unmentionable Sin 1983)

An aerial photograph of a sandy beach with waves crashing on the shore. The sand is a warm, golden-brown color, and the water is a deep blue. The waves are white and foamy as they break on the beach. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

What society does to its
children, so will its
children do to society.

Marcus Tullius Cicero

We tend to blame the victim or blame God instead of holding the offender responsible for their actions. Until we begin to address these attitudes and practices in our society, we will not see a significant decrease in the incidence of sexual violence.

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