

AMERICA BY THE NUMBERS

# What We Believe...



**16%** believe in a **CRITICAL GOD** who does not really interact with the world but is unhappy with its current state and will exact divine justice

**21%** of people in the Eastern U.S. hold this view, while just **14%** of Westerners do



**24%** believe in a **DISTANT GOD** who does not interact with the world and is not angry. God is more of a cosmic force that set the laws of nature in motion

**37%** of those with household incomes over \$100,000 a year take this view. **42%** of Jews view God this way



**31%** believe in an **AUTHORITARIAN GOD** who is deeply involved in daily life and world events. God is angry at sin and can punish the unfaithful or ungodly

**53%** of African Americans share this view, as do **56%** of people who strongly believe that God is a "he"



**23%** believe in a **BENEVOLENT GOD** who is deeply involved in daily life and world events but is mainly a positive force reluctant to punish

People younger than 30 are the least likely to hold this conception of God—just **13%** in the cohort do