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ONE THIRD of Americans don't believe in evolution

- A study by the PEW Research Center showed that 33 per cent of Americans believe that humans have existed in their present form since the beginning of time
- More black evangelical protestants than white evangelical protestants believe in evolution
- The number of Republicans who believe in evolution has gone down since 2009, and the number of Democrats who believe in evolution has gone up

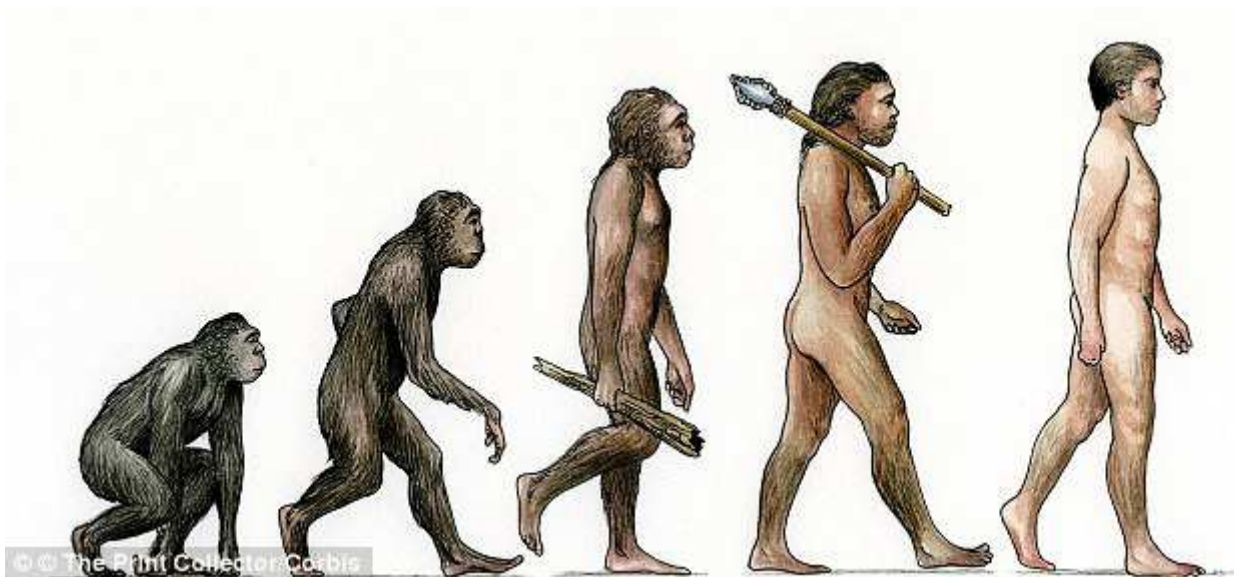
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A new study shows that about one third of American's don't believe in Evolution and believe that humans have existed in their present form since the beginning of time.

[The Pew Research Center](#) found that 60 percent of Americans believe that 'humans and other things have evolved over time' but that 33 percent think they were the only human form to ever set foot on the Earth.

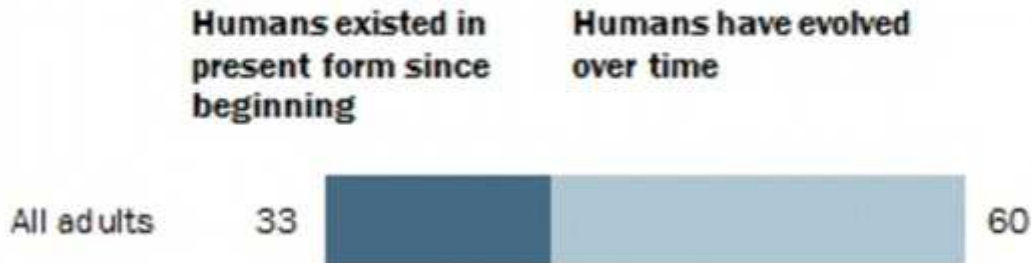
The study was conducted March 21-April 8, 2013, with a representative sample of 1,983 adults, ages 18 and older. The survey was conducted on landlines and cellphones in all 50 U.S. states and Washington D.C. The margin of error was only three percentage points.



Creationism versus Evolution: Research has found a widening gap between Republicans and Democrats when it comes to how man came to be

Public Views About Human Evolution

% of U.S. adults saying that humans and other living things have existed in their present form since the beginning of time, or humans and other living things have evolved over time



Source: Pew Research Center survey March 21-April 8, 2013. Q54. Those saying "don't know" are not shown.

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One third of Americans still believe in Creationism versus Evolution

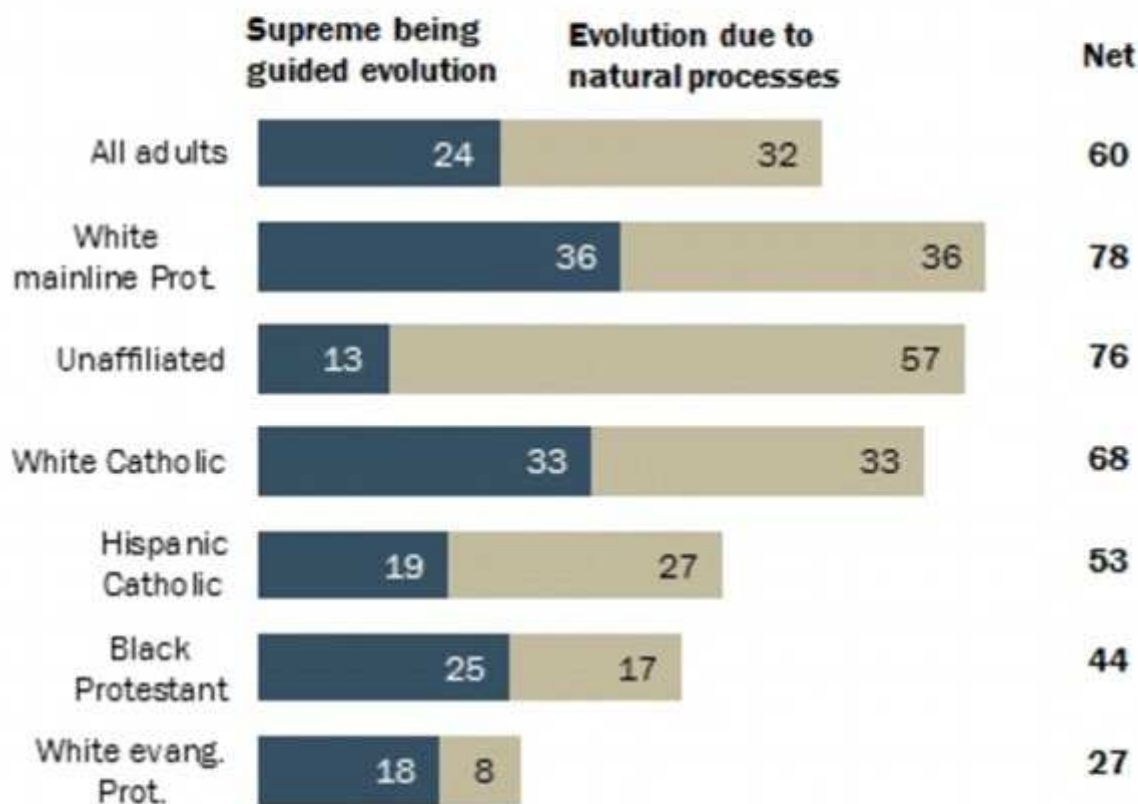
Surprisingly enough, of the group of people who believe in evolution, 32 percent believe that evolution was due to natural selection, and roughly 24 per cent believe that, 'a supreme being guided the evolution of living things for the purpose of creating humans and other life in the form it exists today.'

78 per cent of Mainline Protestants believe that humans and other animals evolved over time reported the [Huffington Post](#).

According to PEW, the belief in creationism versus evolution is closely linked to religious background and race. two-thirds of white evangelical Protestants don't believe in evolution whereas half of black evangelical Protestants do.

Processes of Human Evolution, by Religion

% of U.S. adults saying that humans and other living things have evolved over time and that ...



Source: Pew Research Center survey March 21-April 8, 2013. Q54-55. "Net" includes those saying "don't know" on Q55. Those saying humans and other living things have existed in their present form since the beginning of time or "don't know" on Q54 are not shown. Whites and blacks are those who are non-Hispanic. Hispanics include those of any race.

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When those people polled were divided by their religious affiliation the results showed that majority of white evangelicals believe that a supreme being guided evolution

There was also a disparity between believing in evolution versus creationism when examining political parties.

Currently, 43 per cent of Republicans believe in evolution and 67 per cent of Democrats believe in human evolution. In 2009, a greater number of republicans, 54 per cent, believed in evolution, and 64 per cent of democrats believed in evolution.

The study also investigated the differences between demographic groups and also the differences in language.

They worded the evolution question in two different ways. One way they phrased it as 'humans and other living things' and the other way they phrased it as 'animals and other living things.'

They found that exchanging animals for humans made very little difference in people's beliefs about evolution.

However, the study found that men were more likely than women to believe that humans/ animals and other living things evolved.

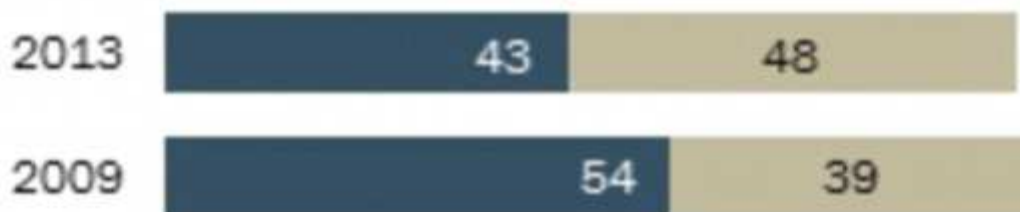
They also found those who had completed a for of higher education believed in evolution more than people who hadn't.

Growing Partisan Differences in Beliefs About Evolution

% of U.S. adults in each group saying that humans and other living things have existed in their present form since the beginning of time, or humans and other living things have evolved over time

- Evolved over time
- Existed in present form since beginning

Republicans



Democrats



Independents



Source: Pew Research Center survey March 21-April 8, 2013. Q54, Q56. Those saying "don't know" are not shown.

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The number of Republicans who believe in human evolution has declined nine percent since 2009

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To Creationists -- You mock the evolutionary theory as being impossible but it is supported by masses of evidence and not one single contradiction has ever been found during the 150 yrs of testing by the tens of thousands of scientists investigating the matter. The "Buy-bull", on the other hand, does not have even one piece of supporting evidence and is just a fictional tale written by men who knew absolutely nothing about their world. The evolution of humans from an ancestor that they shared with other apes has been proved by some work published in 1999 and this has been tested by many laboratories since. This work used the same genetic techniques as are employed in paternity cases and the conclusion is 100% certain. So -- we have yet another rock-solid proof that the "Buy-bull" is wrong. Just for information, humans are one of the five species of ape now living - all our other relatives have become extinct.

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Yes, that might well be, but there's a creationist commenting on this very story who speaks "as a scientist with degrees in Physics and a Doctorate in Medicine." Two weeks ago we had a "Cambridge trained scientist [who has] carefully looked at the evidence." We also have Nigelsquare, who never gives us the name of any of the intellectual titans he cites without telling us about their qualifications. And we all know that no creationist would ever lie. So we should probably not bother with scientific papers, evidence or checking facts and just believe them.

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