Mormons and Catholics: Finding Common Ground

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Outline

• Attitudes toward Mormons and Catholics
• Social and political attitudes
• What shapes attitudes toward Mormons:
  – Social contact
  – Factual knowledge
Warmth Toward Catholics

![Bar chart showing warmth toward different religious groups.](chart.png)
Where Mormons and Catholics Differ
Mormons and Catholics Differ on Abortion
Mormons and Catholics Differ on Gay Marriage

- Catholics
- Frequent-attending Catholics
- Mormons

None  Civil unions  Gay marriage
Mormons and Catholics Differ on Women’s Ordination

Women should be clergy

- Catholics
- Frequent-attending Catholics
- Mormons
Mormons and Catholics Differ on Government Help for the Needy

![Bar graph showing the percentage of Catholics and Mormons who believe the government should take a bigger role in care for the needy.

- Catholics: 60%
- Frequent-attending Catholics: 50%
- Mormons: 20%

Graph title: Mormons and Catholics Differ on Government Help for the Needy

Graph description: The bar graph compares the percentage of Catholics and Mormons who believe the government should take a bigger role in care for the needy. Catholics are shown in blue, frequent-attending Catholics in red, and Mormons in green. The graph indicates that 60% of Catholics believe the government should take a bigger role, compared to 50% of frequent-attending Catholics and 20% of Mormons.]
Where Mormons and Catholics Are Similar
Mormons and Catholics Are Similar on Global Warming
Mormons and Catholics Are Similar on Religion in the Public Square

Religion should be kept out of public debates

- Catholics
- Frequent-attending Catholics
- Mormons
Mormons and Catholics Are Similar on Immigration

Increase immigration

- Catholics
- Frequent-attending Catholics
- Mormons
Recap

• Mormons and Catholics *Differ* on
  – Abortion
  – Gay marriage
  – Women’s ordination
  – Care for the needy

• Mormons and Catholics *Share Common Ground* on
  – Global warming
  – Religion in the public square
  – Immigration

• But the common ground is on the *left*, not the *right*
Mormons: To Know Them Is To Love Them (?)

Warmth Toward Mormons

- Do not know a Mormon
- Acquaintance
- Close friend, family member

- Everyone else
- Catholics
For Catholics, Even a Little Information About Mormons Goes A Long Way

Warmth Toward Mormons

Knowledge of Mormonism

- Everyone else
- Catholics
End.