

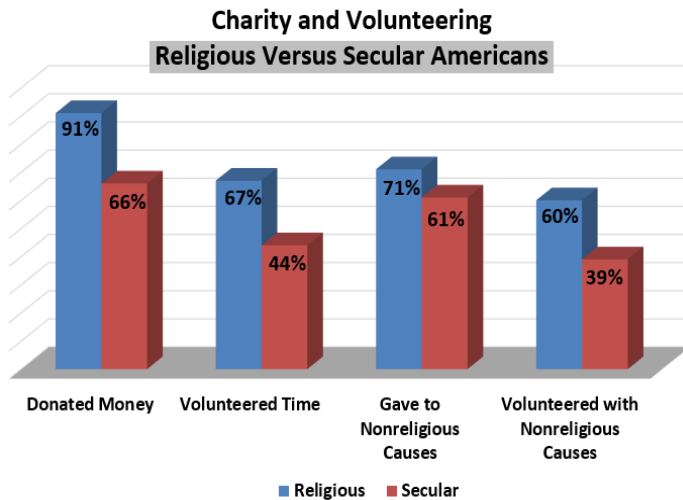
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Effects of Religious Practice on Charity



Source: Arthur C. Brooks, "Religious Faith and Charitable Giving," *Policy Review* 121 (2003): 39.

* "Religious" people reported attending religious services weekly or more; "Secular" people reported attending religious services less than a few times per year.

Religious practice is linked to greater generosity in charitable giving and volunteering. In extensive research documenting the relationship between religion and philanthropy, Arthur Brooks of the American Enterprise Institute found that religious people were 25 percent more likely than their secular counterparts to donate money and 23 percent more likely to volunteer time. Even when it came to nonreligious causes, religious people were more generous.

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