

The 18th Annual "Texas Conference for Women"

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AUSTIN, TX - The 18th Annual "Texas Conference for Women" was held on Thursday, November 2nd at the Austin Convention Center. The conference provides networking, team building, coaching, inspiration and skill building for thousands of Texas women each year. This year's remarkable speakers have committed their lives in lifting their voices on behalf of women in every industry. Over 7500 women attended this year's conference.

Headlined luncheon Keynote speakers Anita Hill, Sheryl Sandberg and Viola Davis.

Anita Hill, is a Professor of Social Policy, law

and women's studies at Brandeis University in Waltham, MA. She's a leader in both civil rights and women's rights and movements. **Sheryl Sandberg**, is the COO at Facebook. Sandberg responsibilities is to oversee the firm's business operations. Prior to joining Facebook, she was VP of Global online sales and operations at Google. Author of "Lean In". **Viola Davis**, award-winning stage, television and film actor. Davis is the first black actress to win a Tony, Oscar and Emmy Award in addition to being the most Academy Award nominated black actress in history.



PHOTOS: In the upper left photo is Anita Hill. In the upper right is a photo of Viola Davis. Pictured bottom is Adam Grant and Sheryl Sandberg. Photo credits/Melissa Fontenette-Mitchell.

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Survey: White Christians are Now a Minority of US Population

by: Rachel Zoll
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The share of Americans who identify as White and Christian has dropped below 50 percent, a transformation fueled by immigration and by growing numbers of people who reject organized religion altogether, according to a new survey released Wednesday.

Christians overall remain a large majority in the U.S., at nearly 70 percent of Americans. However, White Christians, once predominant in the country's religious life, now comprise only 43 percent of the population, according to the Public Religion Research Insti-

tute, or PRRI, a polling organization based in Washington. Four decades ago, about eight in 10 Americans were White Christians.

The change has occurred across the spectrum of Christian traditions in the U.S., including sharp drops in membership in predominantly White mainline Protestant denominations such as Presbyterians and Lutherans; an increasing Latino presence in the Roman Catholic Church as some non-Hispanic White Catholics leave; and shrinking ranks of White evangelicals, who until recently had been

viewed as immune to decline.

The trends identified in the survey are fueling anxiety about the place of Christians in society, especially among evangelicals, alarmed by support for gay marriage and by the increasing share of Americans — about one-quarter — who don't identify with a faith group. President Donald Trump, who repeatedly promised to protect the religious liberty of Christians, drew 80 percent of votes by White evangelicals, a constituency that remains among his strongest supporters.

About 17 percent of Americans now identify as White evangelical, compared to 23 percent a decade ago, according to the survey. Membership in the conservative Southern Baptist Convention, the largest U.S. Protestant group, dropped to 15.2 million last year, its lowest number since 1990, according to an analysis by Chuck Kelley, president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Previous surveys had found that the Protestant

majority that shaped the nation's history had dropped below 50 percent sometime around 2008. The PRRI poll released Wednesday included a more in-depth focus on race and religion. Jones said growth among Latino Christians, and stability in the numbers of African-American Christians, had partly obscured the decline among White Christians.

The survey also found that more than a third of all Republicans say they are White evangelicals, and nearly three-quarter identify as White Christians.

Among American Catholics, 55 percent now identify as White, compared to 87 percent 25 years ago, amid the growing presence of Latino Catholics, according to the report. Over the last decade, the share of White Catholics in the U.S. population dropped from 16 percent to 11 percent. Over the same period, White mainline Protestants declined from 18 percent to 13 percent of all Americans.

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