Aligned with views of new House Speaker Mike Johnson, 60% of Americans believe Biblical creation myth or that God guided evolution

Over the past decade, [newly-appointed House Speaker Mike] Johnson has worked and advocated for a religious theme park in Kentucky, one centered around a re-creation of the ark described in the Bible. The theme park elevates the idea that the world was created in its present form by God several thousand years ago; that there was no evolution involved in the emergence of different life forms, including humans.

Polling released [October 30] by Suffolk University for USA Today indicates that this comports with the views of nearly 4 in 10 Americans — more than say either that human evolution was steered by God or that humans evolved without any divine intervention.

As you might expect — particularly given the beginning of this article — Republicans are much more likely to say humanity was the result of divine creation than are Democrats. A majority of Republicans say divine creation created humans; just under half of Democrats say that there was no divine role.

Younger Americans are less likely to adopt the strictly creationist view of human existence; older Americans are more likely to. People with master’s degrees or other advanced degrees are more likely to believe in evolution, as are people who most trust NPR and PBS as news sources. Those without college degrees and who watch Fox News are more likely to be creationists.

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