

RELIGION POLL PROVES REVEALING

A recent survey released by the Pew Research Center showed fewer Americans today say that President Obama is a Christian than was true four years ago when he was a presidential candidate. Indeed, 55 percent said he was a Christian in October 2008, but only 49 percent say he is today. On the other hand, the more people get to know Mitt Romney, the more they identify him as a Mormon; since November 2011, the percentage who say Romney is a Mormon has gone from 48 to 60.

Among those who know that Romney is a Mormon, the least comfortable with his religion were the atheists/agnostics. Indeed, less than half of them said they are comfortable with Romney's religion.

The American people do not like to have agendas imposed on them. For example, 65 percent said that "liberals have gone too far trying to keep religion out of schools, government."

What is it about President Obama that the more people get to know him, the less likely they are to believe he's a Christian? What is it about non-believers that make them uncomfortable with Mormonism, or, for that matter, any religion? Why do two-thirds of Americans believe liberals want to censor religious speech?

Obama has a perception problem that only he can change. As for non-believers and liberals, they need to work on nurturing the virtue of tolerance.