

National Monthly Meetings

Everyone is invited! Join us for our National Student Leader and Member Meetings. Every 2nd Thursday of the month at 3 pm PST

At NSLM meetings, you will meet fellow secular students, enjoy an interesting speaker, hear about upcoming events, scholarships, and more. You can also share what is happening with your chapter.

January 14	Building Secular Community on Campus
February 11	Humanists for Justice Advocating for a Secular Future
March 11	Good Without God Secular Spring Break Training
April 8	One Life, One World Secular Environmental Activism
May 13	Church-State Separation Political Organizing & Advocacy Training

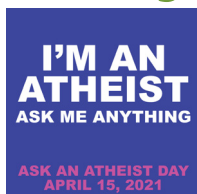
Register today at bit.ly/SSANSLM



Ask An Atheist Day

While we probably won't be able to have Ask An Atheist Day tables on campus this spring, everyone can host a virtual AAday on social media on April 15, 2021.

All the details: bit.ly/AskAnAtheist



Secular Spring Break

Take action to help your community and have fun for spring break.

We will have information on how to support COVID-19 Relief Work, Disaster Relief/Preparation, and advocate for scientific environmental policy.



Secular Week Of Action

The National Day of Prayer - set aside in federal law for "people of faith to pray for the nation" - takes place on the first Thursday in May. Rather than observing a day of thoughts and prayers, the secular community focuses its efforts on a full week (May 1-9) of action and inclusion to make positive changes in our communities. Join secular groups all over the country and organize a service project or educational event. More info to come!

Chapter Checklist

- ☐ RSVP for Monthly NSLM bit.ly/SSANSLM
- ☐ Register your Chapter bit.ly/SSA21REG
- ☐ Order Tabling Supplies bit.ly/SSATABLE
- ☐ Order New Member Buttons bit.ly/SSAinduct
- ☐ Order New Leader Pins bit.ly/SSAinduct
- ☐ Download Ask an Atheist Day graphics and order your nametag bit.ly/AskAnAtheist
- ☐ Check out community service opportunities on campus or in your community for Secular Spring Break and Secular Week of Action
- ☐ Let your graduating member know to order their free SSA honor cord bit.ly/SSAcord
- ☐ Register for SSAcon bit.ly/SSA21CON
- ☐ Be sure to register your chapter on campus by the end of Spring semester, so you can start Fall semester off with a bang!

SSA Ambassadors

Ready to take the next step towards secular advocacy on your campus?

Become an ambassador and represent your campus at national meetings and take action on your campus. More info at bit.ly/SSAambassador

Graduating?

Congratulations! We want to send you off in a little style. Request your honor cord at bit.ly/SSAcord

As a member of the SSA, you are always part of the SSA family - even after you graduate!

Quick Links

New Members & Ambassadors	bit.ly/SSAkickoff
SSA Club Members	bit.ly/SSAclub
SSA Chapter Leadership	bit.ly/SSAleader
Facebook	SecularStudents
Twitter	@SecularStudents
Instagram	SecularStudents
Tik Tok	SecularStudents
Discord	SecularStudents

New SSA T-Shirts

The new SSA t-shirt for this semester will be unveiled at the National Member Meeting on January 14.

We place a group order to keep the cost affordable: \$12, includes shipping.

Do you have a great design for a t-shirt? Let us know - we could make it next.

Dates To Know

Jan 14	Thur	National Member Meeting Secular Community on Campus
Jan 18	Mon	Martin Luther King Jr. Day National Day of Service
Jan 20	Wed	Inauguration Day
February		Black History Month Begin SSA Leadership Transitions
Feb 4	Thur	Rosa Parks Day
Feb 11	Thur	National Member Meeting Advocating for a Secular Future
Feb 12	Fri	Darwin Day
Feb 14	Sun	Chapter Registration Deadline bit.ly/SSA21REG
March		Women's History Month Order your new leadership/officer pins
Mar 8	Mon	International Women's Day
Mar 11	Thur	National Member Meeting Good Without God
March		Secular Spring Break
Mar 14	Sun	Daylight Saving Time Starts
Mar 20	Sat	March Equinox
Mar 31	Wed	Cesar Chavez Day National Day of Service
April		Sexual Assault Awareness Graduating? Order an SSA honor cord bit.ly/SSAcord
Apr 8	Thur	National Member Meeting Secular Environmental Activism
Apr 15	Thur	Ask An Atheist Day
Apr 22	Thur	Earth Day
May		Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Make sure your chapter is a registered student organization on your campus so you are ready for the Fall.
May 1-9		Secular Week of Action
May 6	Thur	National Day of Reason
May 13	Thur	National Member Meeting Political Organizing & Advocacy
May 15-16		SSAcon Virtual Conference
May 16		Scholarship Application Opens
May 22	Sat	Harvey Milk Day
June		LGBTQ+ Pride Month
Jun 5	Sat	World Environment Day
Jun 19	Sat	Juneteenth
Jun 20	Sun	June Solstice
August		Order SSA Tabling Supplies
Aug 26	Thur	Women's Equality Day

Stay tuned for monthly speakers, action alerts, and other events throughout the semester.

The Decline of Religion Continues

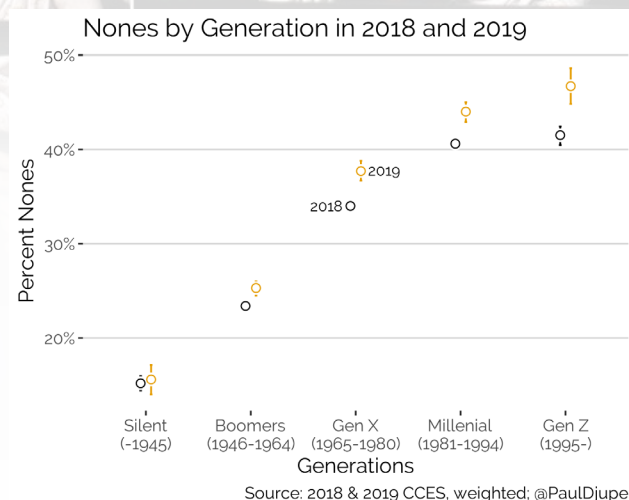
Nones gain 3 percent in one year, with the largest gain among Gen Z – topping out now at 46.7 percent.

The most momentous change in American religion over the last 25 years has been the growth of the religious nones from 5 percent in 1994 to 34 percent in 2019. Perhaps the dominant explanation for that rise has been the contentious and extreme politics of the Religious Right, which gained prominence in 1994 through the Republican takeover of Congress for the first time in 40 years.

While the growth of the nones has been steady across this time period, recently we observed what seemed like a plateau in 2018 and suggested, tentatively, that the decline of American religion may be slowing. In particular, the youngest adult generation ("Z") was not irreligious at a higher rate than Millennials.

Let's get right to it. The figure (right) shows the percent of each generation in 2018 and 2019 who identify as a religious none, which is a composite measure of those picking atheist, agnostic, or 'nothing in particular.' It is clear to see that the plateau in 2018 was temporary and that the growth of the nones has resumed. In just the past year, each generation from the Boomers on down has gained 2-5 percent nones, with **the largest gain among Gen Z – they top out now at 46.7 percent.** This shift mirrors the gains across this year as the nones went from 31.3 to 34.3 percent.

October 7, 2020 article in Religion in Public by Paul A. Djupe and Ryan P. Burge



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MOVE FORWARD**
SSA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE MAY 15-16, 2021