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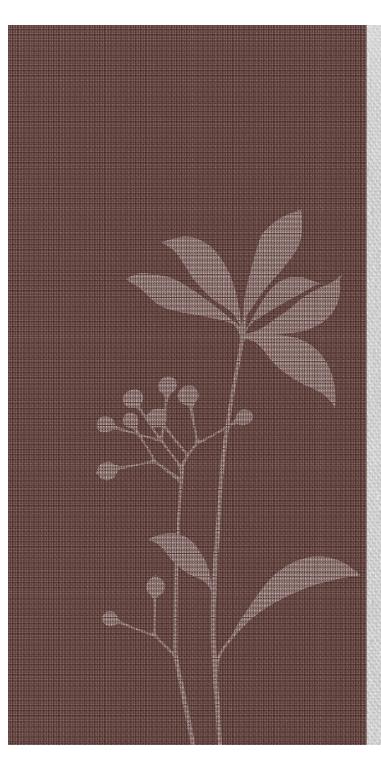
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Introduction

The health decisions made during pregnancy can have lifelong consequences for a woman and her child. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], 2013a)



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Unintended Pregnancies

Women with unintended pregnancies were more likely to use alcohol

(Cheng et al., 2009; Kitsantas, Gaffney, & Wu, 2015), illicit drugs

(Dott et al., 2010; Than et al., 2005),

or tobacco

(Chisolm et al, 2014; Dott et al., 2010; Terplan et al., 2014),

and less likely to take vitamins (Dott et al., 2010)

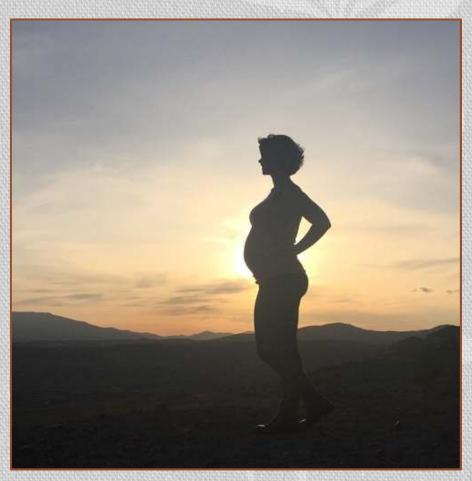
than women with intended pregnancies.



http://www.freetobacco.info/world-tobacco-news/smokingduring-pregnancy-ups-sids-risk/

Religiosity

Increased religiosity has been associated with decreased likelihood of smoking (Burdette, Weeks, Hill, & Eberstein, 2012) decreased alcohol use and marijuana use (Page, Ellison, & Lee, 2009), and greater likelihood of better maternal nutrition (Burdette et al., 2012) during pregnancy



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Pregnant Women at Pregnancy Resource Centers



Fifty-one percent of all pregnancies in the United States were unintended in 2008. (Finer & Zolna, 2014)

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Some women with unintended pregnancy seek services at Pregnancy Resource Centers, community centers offering Christian faith-based support to pregnant women.



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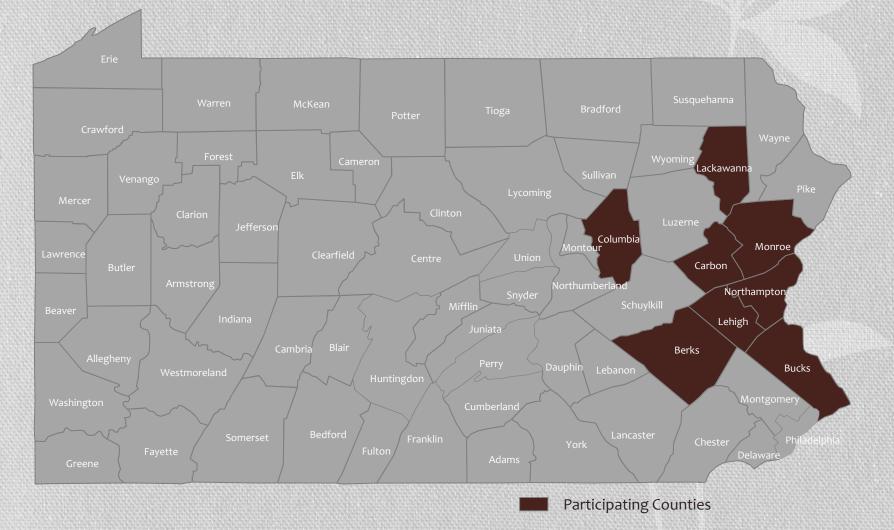
The purpose of this study was to explore the relationship between religiosity and health-promoting behaviors of pregnant women at Pregnancy Resource Centers.

Specific Aims

The aims of this descriptive correlational study were to:

- 1) Describe the health-promoting behaviors of pregnant women at Pregnancy Resource Centers.
- 2) Explore the relationship between each of the following sets of variables (religiosity, demographics, pregnancy-related, or services obtained at the Pregnancy Resource Center) and health-promoting behaviors of pregnant women at Pregnancy Resource Centers
- 3) Determine the percentage of variance that religiosity explains in the health-promoting behaviors, above and beyond what the other variables explain, in pregnant women at Pregnancy Resource Centers.

Setting of the study: Eastern Pennsylvania

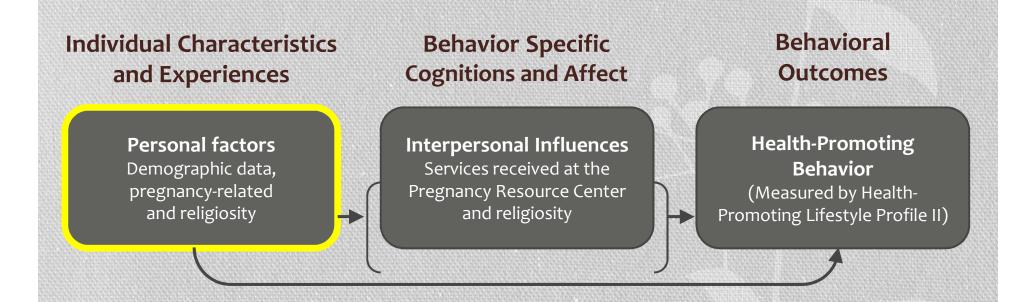


Sample

- 86 Pregnant women at Pregnancy Resource Centers
 - Known pregnant at least 2 months
 - 18 years of age or over
 - Able to read and write English



Methodology: Pender's Revised Health-Promotion Model



(Pender, Murdaugh, & Parsons, 2002)

Methodology: Instruments Pregnancy intention - PRAMS (CDC, 2009)

"In this current pregnancy, how do you feel about being pregnant?"

The responses included:

- Intended Pregnancies
 - "I wanted to be pregnant sooner" (intended or wanted pregnancy)
 - "I wanted to be pregnant now" (intended or wanted pregnancy)
- Unintended Pregnancies
 - "I wanted to be pregnant later" (mistimed pregnancy)
 - "I did not want to be pregnant now or at any time in the future" (unwanted pregnancy)
 - "I am unsure how I feel" [unsure about intendedness]
 - "I did not want to be pregnant, but now I'm glad I am" [initially unintended]

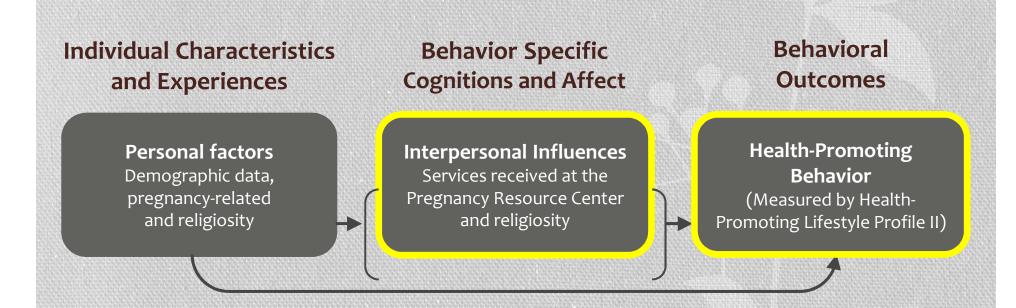
Methodology: Instruments Religiosity

- Duke University Religion Index (Koenig & Büssing, 2010)
 - Organized religiosity, nonorganized religiosity, intrinsic religiosity
 - Duke University Religion Index has high test-retest reliability (intra-class correlation = 0.91), high internal consistency (Cronbach's alpha's = 0.78–0.91), high convergent validity with other measures of religiosity (r's = 0.71–0.86) (Koenig & Büssing, 2010, p.78).

Methodology: Instruments Religiosity

- Religious Surrender and Attendance Satisfaction Scale (Cyphers & Clements, 2015)
 - Religious commitment and satisfaction with religious commitment
 - Religious Commitment component of the scale strong internal consistency (α = .85) and was strongly associated with intrinsic religiosity (r = .65, p =<.005). The Satisfaction items from the RSASS were found to be moderately internally consistent [α = .68] (Cyphers & Clements, 2015)
- Religious Affiliation

Methodology: Pender's Revised Health-Promotion Model



(Pender, Murdaugh, & Parsons, 2002)

Methodology: Instruments

Health-Promoting Behaviors

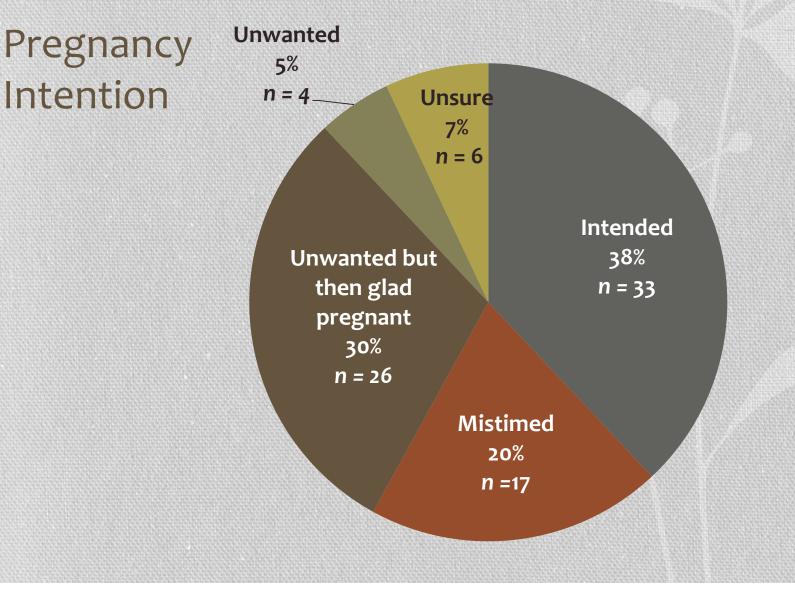
- Health-Promoting Lifestyle Profile II (Walker & Hill-Polerecky, 1996)
 - Health responsibility
 - Interpersonal relations
 - Spiritual growth
 - Physical activity
 - Nutrition
 - Stress management

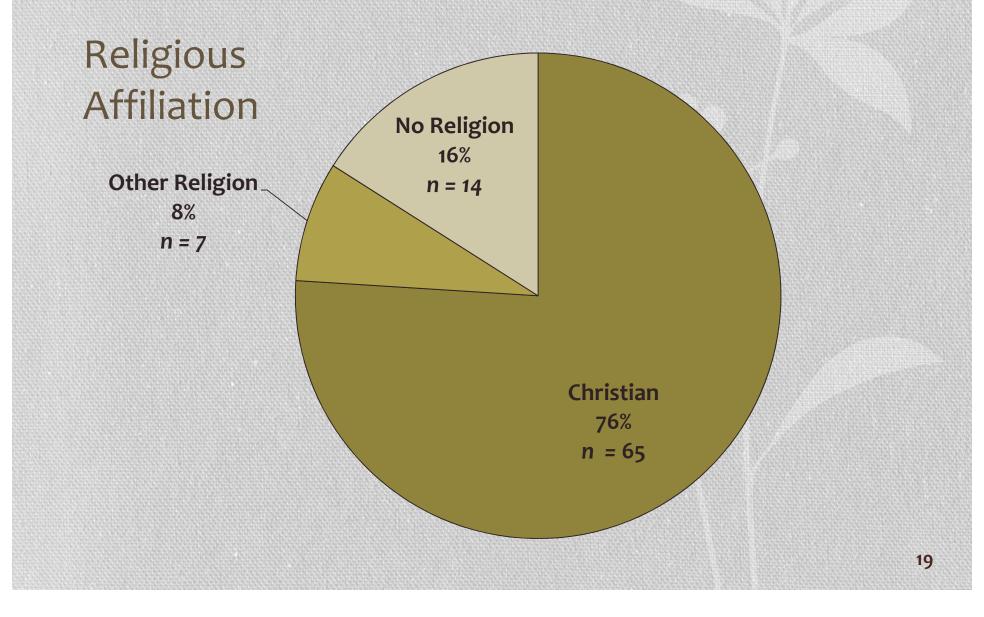
Health Promoting Lifestyle Profile II - Reliability of the total scale's internal consistency- alpha coefficient of .94; alpha coefficients for the subscales ranged from .79 to .87, and the 3-week test-retest stability coefficient for the total scale was .89. (Walker, & Hill-Polerecky, 1996)

Data Collection

- Participants completed survey at the Pregnancy Resource Centers
- Pilot Study
 - 10 participants
 - Determined paper surveys would be used by volunteers at the centers
- Consecutive sampling over 10 months
- Data were analyzed using descriptive statistics, univariate analyses, and multiple linear regressions.

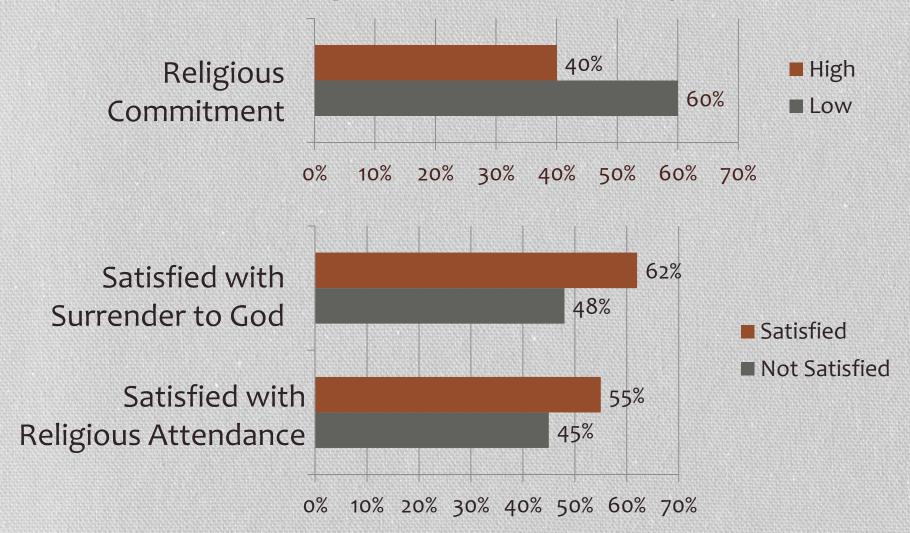
83% (n= 71) White
17% (n= 15) Hispanic
65% (n= 56) Not married
73% (n = 63) Income < \$14,999
81% (n = 70) 12th grade/GED or higher





Descriptive Statistics for Religiosity Variables

Characteristic	n	<u>%</u>
Duke University Religion Index		
DUREL Subscale 1 – Organized Religiosity		
How often do you attend church or other religious r	neetings?	
Less than 1 time per week	63	73
Once a week or more	23	27
DUREL Subscale 2 – Non-organized Religiosity		
How often do you spend time in private religious ac	ctivities?	
Less than daily	62	72
Daily or more than once a day	24	28
DUREL Subscale 3 - Intrinsic Religiosity		
Definitely or tends not true of me, unsure	39	45
Definitely or tends to be true	47	55

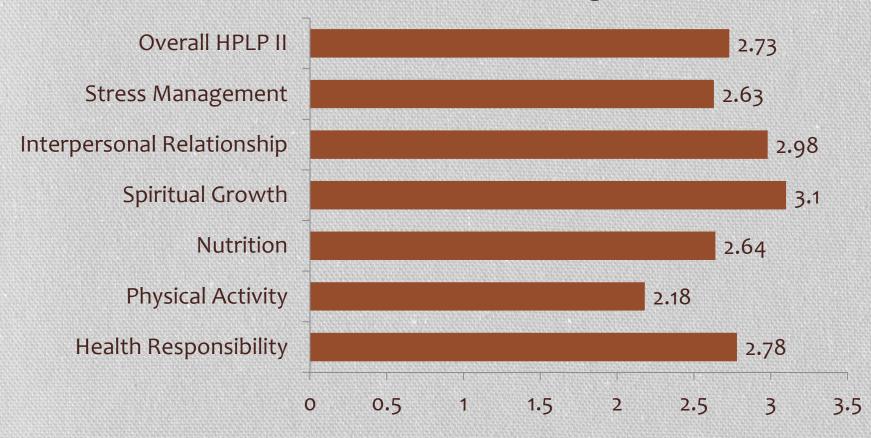


Services Received at the Pregnancy Resource Centers

No services -10% (n = 9) Attended classes -65% (n = 56) Support services -57% (n = 49) Medical Services -30% (n = 34) Bible study -10% (n = 9)

Results Specific Aim # 1

Mean Scores of Health-Promoting Behaviors

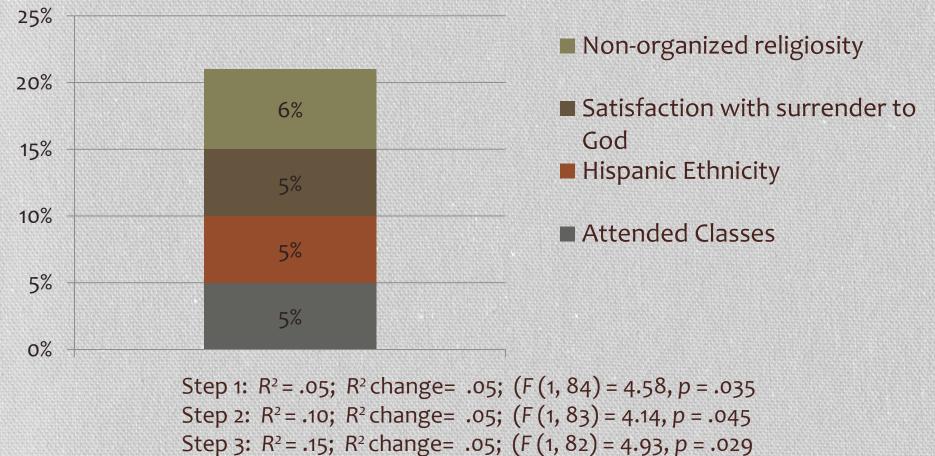


Results Specific Aim # 2

Category	Significant Variable	Overall HPLP II
Demographic	Hispanic/Not Hispanic (t (84) = 2.13*)	Not Hispanic = lower HPLP II
Pregnancy Intention	Unsure/Other Intentions (t (84) = 2.32*)	Unsure = lower HPLP II
Services Obtained	Attended classes (t (84) = -2.14*)	Yes = higher HPLP II
Religiosity	Intrinsic Religiosity (IR) (t (84) = 1.49*)	High IR = higher HPLP II
	Religious Commitment(RC) (t (84) = 2.10*)	High RC = higher HPLP II
* p < .05	Satisfaction with Surrender to God (t (84) = 2.51*)	Satisfied = higher HPLP II

Results Specific Aim # 3

Percentage of Variance in Health-Promoting Accounted for in Multiple Linear Regression Model with all Religiosity Variables Entered



Step 4: $R^2 = .21$; R^2 change = .06; (F(1, 81) = 5.89, p = .017)

Results Specific Aim # 3: Individual Religiosity Models

Additional Variance in Health-Promoting Behaviors – Religiosity Variables



• Organized religiosity – $(R^2 = .14; R^2 \text{ change} = .04 (F(1, 82) = 4.186, p = .044)$

- Non-organized religiosity $(R^2 = .15; R^2 \text{ change} = .05 (F(1, 82) = 4.85, p = .030)$
- Intrinsic religiosity $(R^2 = .14; R^2 \text{ change} = .04 (F(1, 82) = 4.14, p = .045))$
- Satisfaction with surrender to God ($R^2 = .15$; R^2 change = .05 (F (1, 82) = 4.93, p = .029²⁶)

Discussion

Hispanic ethnicity
= less frequent health-promoting behaviors

Attended classes at the Pregnancy Resource Centers = more frequent health-promoting behaviors

Discussion

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Higher levels of religiosity – explained additional variance in health-promoting behaviors

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Recommendations

 Public and private organizations, including Pregnancy Resource Centers, should consider ethnicity, programming, and religious characteristics of their clients as they provide care for a diverse population of pregnant women.



Limitations

- Selection bias
 - Recruitment
 - Refusal Rate

Social desirability responding

Homogeneous population

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All Religiosity

Independent Variables	В	SE	β	t	р
Block 1 <u>Step 1</u> Constant Attending Classes	2.59 .21	.08 .10	.23	32.08 2.14	.000 .035*
<u>Step 2</u> Constant Attending Classes Hispanic Ethnicity	2.65 .20 24	.08 .10 .12	.21 21	31.54 2.04 -2.04	.000 .044* .045*
Block 2 <u>Step 3</u> Constant Attending Classes Hispanic Ethnicity RSASS Satisfaction with	2.55 .19 21 .21	.10 .10 .12 .10	.20 19 .23	27.51 1.96 - 1.80 2.22	.000 .053 .075 .029*
Surrender to God <u>Step 4</u> Constant Attending Classes Hispanic Ethnicity RSASS Satisfaction with Surrender to God DUREL Subscale 2	2.49 .18 23 .22 .24	.10 .10 .11 .09 .10	.19 20 .25 .24	26.40 1.95 - 2.03 2.44 2.43	.000 .055 .045* .017* .017*

Multiple Linear Regression with Organized Religiosity Variable.

Independent Variables	В	SE	β	t	р
Block 1 <u>Step 1</u>					
Constant	2.59	.08		32.08	.000
Attending Classes	.21	.10	.23	2.14	.035*
<u>Step 2</u>					
Constant	2.65	.08		31.54	.000
Attending Classes	.20	.10	.21	2.04	.044*
Hispanic Ethnicity	24	.12	.21	- 2.04	.045*
Block 2					
<u>Step 3</u>					
Constant	2.59	.09		29.87	.000
Attending Classes	.21	.10	.22	2.17	.033*
Hispanic Ethnicity	28	.12	.25	- 2.87	.020*
DUREL Subscale 1	.22	.11	.21	2.05	.044*

Note: Organized religiosity is measured by DUREL subscale 1 Step 1: $R^2 = .05$; Adjusted $R^2 = .04$; R^2 change = .05 (F(1, 84) = 4.58, p = .035Step 2: $R^2 = .10$; Adjusted $R^2 = .08$; R^2 change = .05 (F(1, 83) = 4.14, p = .045Step 3: $R^2 = .14$; Adjusted $R^2 = .11$; R^2 change = .04 (F(1, 82) = 4.186, p = .044*p < .05

Multiple Linear Regression with Non-Organized Religiosity Variable

Independent Variables	В	SE	β	t	Р
Block 1					
Step 1					
Constant	2.59	.08		32.08	.000
Attending Classes	.21	.10	.23	2.14	.035*
<u>Step 2</u> Constant Attending Classes Hispanic Ethnicity	2.65 .20 24	.08 .10 .12	.21 21	31.54 2.04 - 2.04	.000 .044* .045*
Block 2 <u>Step 3</u> Constant Attending Classes Hispanic Ethnicity DUREL Subscale 2	2.59 .20 26 .23	.09 .10 .12 .10	.21 23 .23	30.21 2.03 - 2.26 2.20	.000 .045* .027* .030*

Note: Non-organized religiosity is measured by DUREL subscale 2 Step 1: $R^2 = .05$; Adjusted $R^2 = .04$; R^2 change = .05 (F(1, 84) = 4.58, p = .035Step 2: $R^2 = .10$; Adjusted $R^2 = .08$; R^2 change = .05 (F(1, 83) = 4.14, p = .045Step 3: $R^2 = .15$; Adjusted $R^2 = .12$; R^2 change = .05 (F(1, 82) = 4.85, p = .030*p < .05

Multiple Linear Regression with Intrinsic Religiosity Variable.

Independent Variables	В	SE	β	t	p	
Block 1 <u>Step 1</u>	2.50	0.9		22.09	000	
Constant Attending Classes	2.59 .21	.08 .10	.23	32.08 2.14	.000 .035*	
<u>Step 2</u> Constant Attending Classes Hispanic Ethnicity	2.65 .20 24	.08 .10 .12	.21 21	31.54 2.04 - 2.04	.000 .044* .045*	
Block 2 <u>Step 3</u> Constant Attending Classes Hispanic Ethnicity	2.55 .20 24	.10 .10 .12	.21 21	26.46 2.04 - 2.04	.000 .044* .044*	
DUREL Subscale 3	.19	.10	.21	2.04	.045*	

Note: Intrinsic religiosity is measured by DUREL subscale 3 Step 1: $R^2 = .05$; Adjusted $R^2 = .04$; R^2 change = .05 (F(1, 84) = 4.58, p = .035Step 2: $R^2 = .10$; Adjusted $R^2 = .08$; R^2 change = .05 (F(1, 83) = 4.14, p = .045Step 3: $R^2 = .14$; Adjusted $R^2 = .11$; R^2 change = .04 (F(1, 82) = 4.14, p = .045*p < .05

Multiple Linear Regression Satisfaction With Surrender to God.

Independent Variables	В	SE	β	t	р
Block 1					
<u>Step 1</u>	• •				
Constant	2.59	.08	22	32.08	.000
Attending Classes	.21	.10	.23	2.14	.035*
Stop 2					
<u>Step 2</u> Constant	2.65	.08		31.54	.000
Attending Classes	.20	.10	.21	2.04	.044*
Hispanic Ethnicity	24	.10	21	- 2.04	.045*
Inspanie Lumerty	24	.12	21	- 2.04	.043
Block 2					
Step 3					
Constant	2.55	.09		27.51	.000
Attending Classes	.19	.10	.20	1.96	.053
Hispanic Ethnicity	21	.12	19	- 1.80	.075
RSASS					
Satisfaction with	.21	.09	.23	2.22	.029*
Surrender to God					
Note: Satisfaction with	Religious (Commitmen	t is measure	d in RSASS	
Step 1: $R^2 = .05$; Adjuste					.035
Step 2: $R^2 = .10$; Adjuste					
Step 3: $R^2 = .15$; Adjuste					

**p* < .05