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Judeo-Christian Values and Capitalism

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Introduction

- Trust in religion as an institution has been declining over the years and become less relevant in people's everyday lives.
- Many individuals currently view capitalism as the best form of economic system.

Methods

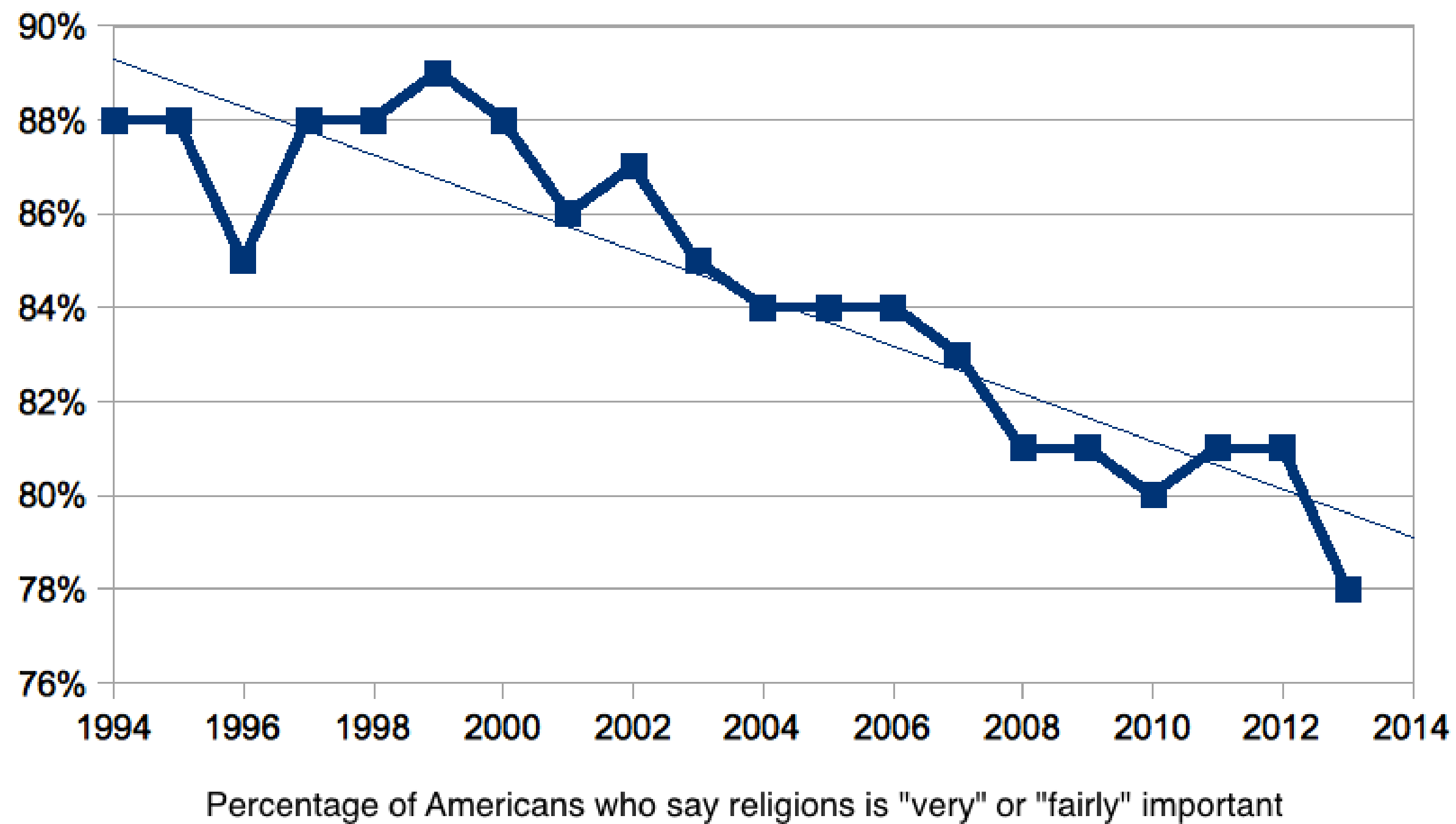
- The study looked at many primary sources, like Klein's Shock Doctrine, on capitalism and examined how many of the key points of capitalism contradict Judeo-Christian values.
- The research is split into two sections and evaluated based on how capitalism affects one institutionally and individually.



Results

- It was found it is impossible to live in a capitalist society and follow the ten commandments.
- Greed and deception is built into capitalism in the roots.
- Capitalism is the primary concern in people's everyday lives over religion.

Decline of Religion's Importance in Life



Graph by Corner of Church & State, an RNS blog
Source: Gallup

Discussion

- People need to decide whether they are alright with defying Judeo-Christian values because in a capitalist society to follow the core values the former is sublimated into the other.
- Diachronically religion has transformed and has new values because capitalism is the dominant concern in people's everyday lives.

Conclusion

- Further research that can be done is to conduct a study with subjects instead of a literature review. One idea is for people to go to churches and synagogues and discuss with the people in charge what types of values they are promoting.
- Even if one is not religious, capitalism is still a constant force in one's everyday life.