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NEW YORK — President Bush (search) prays, he consults scripture; he even plans services on Air Force One when he isn't able to attend church on the ground.

So says a new documentary that points out that yes, Bush is a religious man, and many of his core supporters find that one of his most endearing traits.

"I think what they like about this man — and what seems to scare other people — is his faith," said David W. Balsiger, producer of "George W. Bush: Faith in the White House." (search) "For a large segment of the voting population — probably 60 million — faith plays a very large role," Balsiger continued. "They want to know that the man will make some decision through prayer, through spiritual counsel."

Polls seem to support that assertion. The Pew Forum on Religion and the People (search) polls have repeatedly found that a majority of Americans like their political leaders to talk about their faith, a statistic that the Republican Party has seized upon in the last year.