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MEXICO CITY - A recent survey conducted by the World Values Survey, which took place in 81 countries shows that Mexico, like several other countries, is growing in number of people who stop practicing religion. The survey aimed at revealing changes in conduct of many societies focuses on analyzing various fundamental values such as politics, religion, economics, sexual behavior, gender roles, family values, community identity and civic participation.

According to this survey, the Mexican society is becoming a less faith-oriented society as statistics show that the number of people practicing religion declines by every survey. Today, 68 percent of Mexicans believe that religion is important in life, an almost 10 percent decrease of what it was a decade ago. 71 to 78 percent of people between ages of 30 to 60 believe that religion is important, and for adolescents religion is less attractive as only 59 percent believe that it plays a fundamental role in life. The survey also shows that rates vary among people with different incomes. While 70 percent of people with low income practice religion only 61 percent of people with high income do the same. The survey also reveals that 76 percent of all females practice religion while only 61 percent of males do the same. Mexico has the largest population of religion practitioners in Latin America and it's placed third after El Salvador(87 percent) and Puerto Rico(76 percent) for percentage of believers over the country's total population, source La Cronica de Hoy exposed.