The Faith Factor



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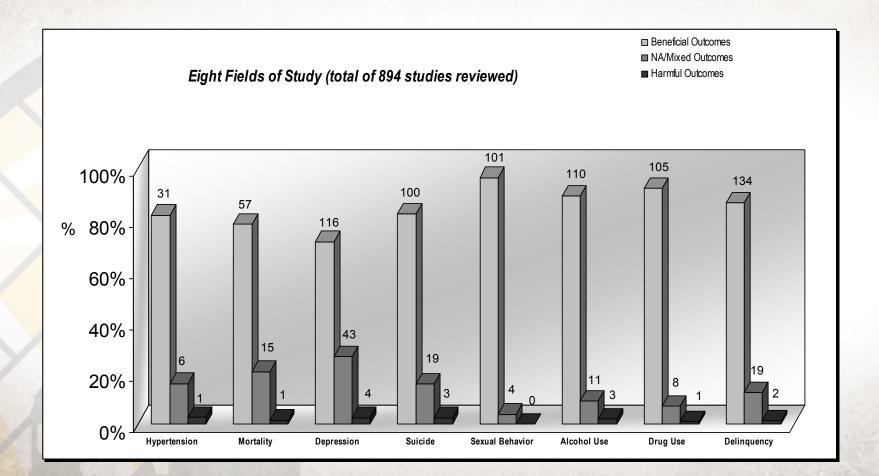
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Religion & Health Outcomes

- Hypertension
- Mortality
- Depression
- Suicide
- Promiscuous sexual behavior
- Drug & alcohol use
- Crime & Delinquency



Figure 1.Research Examining the Relationship between Religion & Health Outcomes



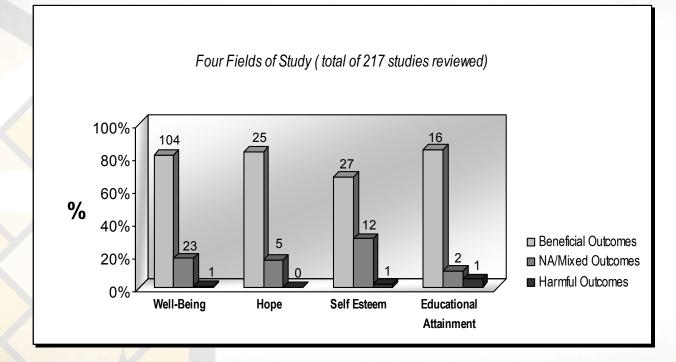
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Religion & Prosocial Outcomes

- Well-Being
- Hope/Purpose/Meaning in Life
- Self-Esteem
- Educational Attainment



Figure 2b. Research Examining the Relationship between Religion & Prosocial Outcomes



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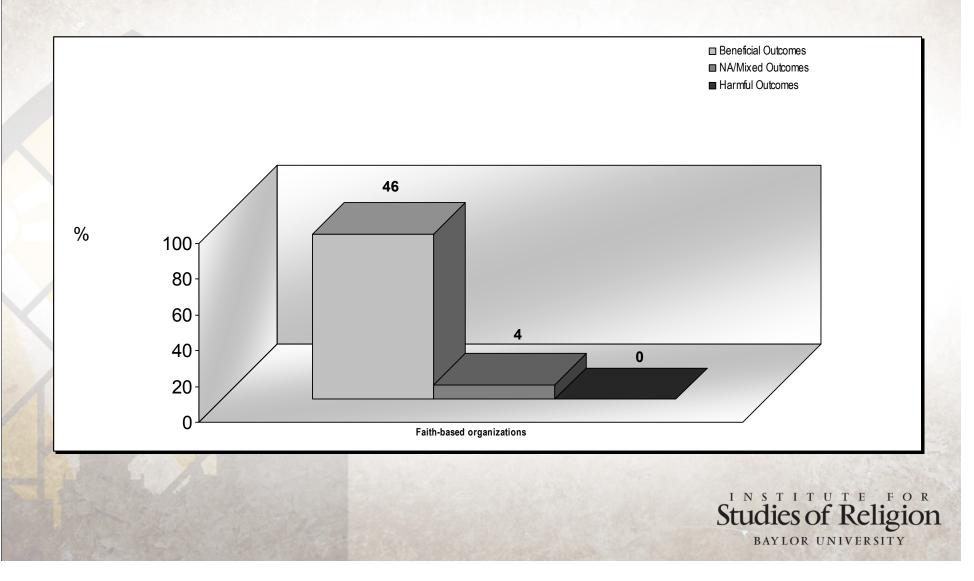
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- This review provides overwhelming evidence that higher levels of religious involvement and practices make for an important protective factor that buffers or insulates individuals from deleterious outcomes.
- This review of studies on
 religion documents that
 religious commitment or
 practices make for an
 important factor promoting
 an array of pro-social
 behaviors and thus
 enhancing various
 beneficial outcomes.

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Figure 3. Research Examining the Effectiveness of FBOs





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