# **The Faith Factor**



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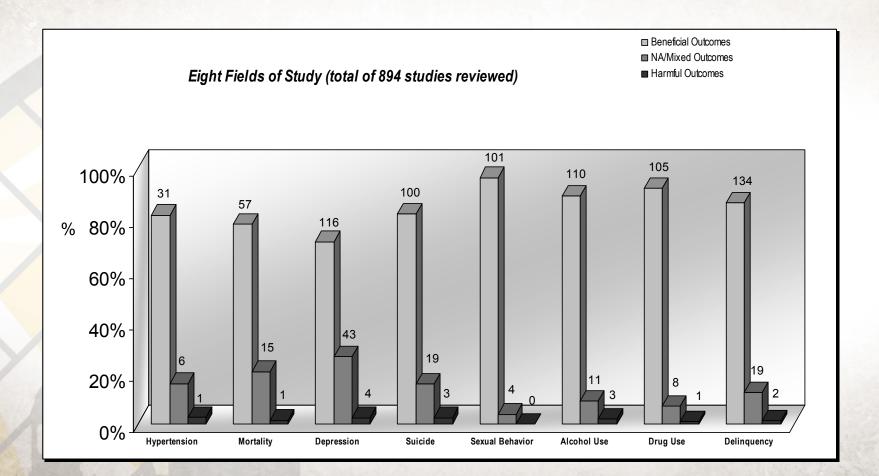
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## **Religion & Health Outcomes**

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



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



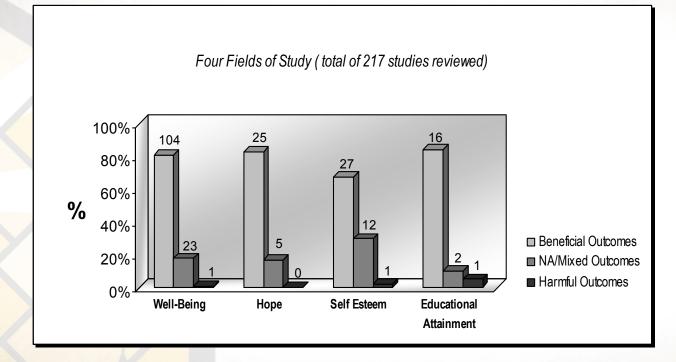
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## **Religion & Prosocial Outcomes**

- 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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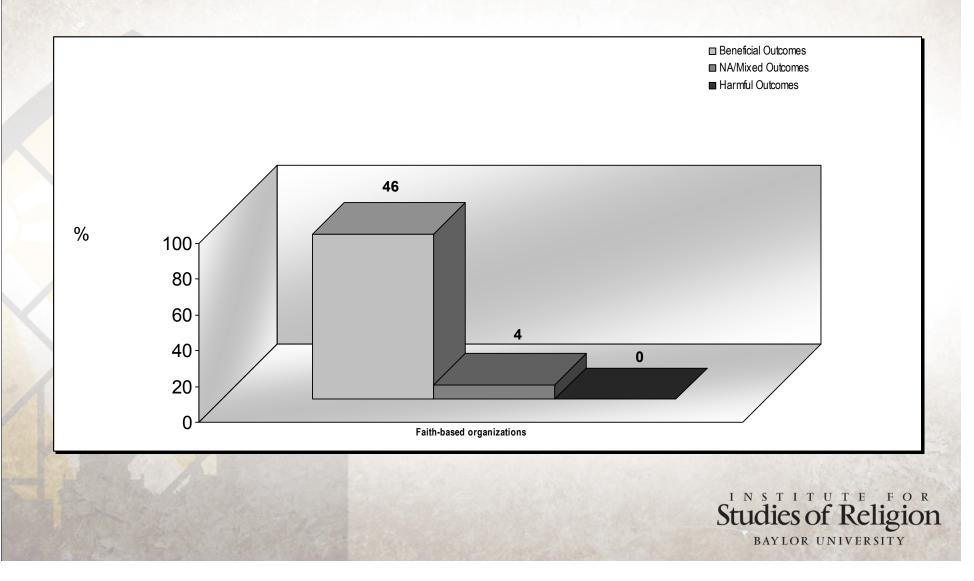
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- This review provides overwhelming evidence that higher levels of religious involvement and practices make for an important protective factor that buffers or insulates individuals from deleterious outcomes.
- This review of studies on
  religion documents 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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