

The evangelicals (in the US)

- Evangelicals are Protestants who believe in the necessity of being born again.
- Call for a literal interpretation of the Bible (i.e. God created the Earth in six days, on the seventh day He rested), or for *intelligent design*: “God or another active intelligence intervened at various points over the course of an otherwise uninterrupted natural evolutionary history to produce the complexity and diversity of life observed on Earth“ (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evangelicalism_in_the_United_States#Evolution, 27.3.2020)
- the (political) left complains the evangelicals had too much influence → conservatives, political/religious right
- help certain politicians (conservative, right-wing) in elections
- GOP (Grand Old Party → Republicans) presidents (the two Bushs, Trump) appointed many conservative judges in the national (US Supreme Court) and federal judicial system; of course they are in favour of traditional Christian belief regarding abortion, same-sex marriage, education, and many other aspects)
(Check out Pink’s song *Dear Mr. President* – it is full of criticism on many aspects of daily life)
- Round about a quarter of the American population is of evangelical belief. In terms of social status this proportion is too big to comprise only one single social group. Over 60% of all blacks, 44% of Hispanics and 38% of non-Hispanic whites sympathize with these traditional branches of religion (<https://news.gallup.com/opinion/polling-matters/235208/things-know-evangelicals-america.aspx>, 27.3.2020)
- Popular persons of political life: Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, George W. Bush, Sarah Palin, Mike Pence
- Evangelicals’ vision: see *future prospects and challenges* <https://www.nae.net/evangelicals-and-politics/>, 27.3.2020
Keep in mind that is what you can find on www.nae.net. You can also check out the homepages of www.theevangelicalchurch.org, or www.efca.org.
- For further interest on religious diversity in the USA see <https://www.pewforum.org/religious-landscape-study/>, 27.3.2020