

Lifeway Poll: 77% of Christian Voters Think Predatory Lending is a Sin

From the [Christian Post](#): "More than three-quarters of Christians in states where there is little to no regulation of payday lending believe that predatory lending is a "sin," according to a LifeWay Research survey...According to LifeWay's research, as many as 77 percent of self-identified Christians believe "it is a sin to loan someone money in a way that the lender gains by harming the borrower financially."

Ninety-four percent of Christians agree "lenders should only extend loans at reasonable interest rates based on ability to repay." Meanwhile, 86 percent of Christians believe there should be laws and regulations preventing predatory lenders from being able to loan money to borrowers with "excessive" interest rates.

"To enrich oneself by increasing the burden on the poor is shameful," Barrett Duke, vice president for public policy of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, said in a statement shared with The Christian Post.

Link to Lifeway [Poll](#) of Christian Voters

Polling Shows 82% of likely GOP Caucus-Attendees in Iowa Oppose High Interest Rate Loans

Opposition to payday loans is especially strong among religious conservatives, 87% say they oppose payday loans in Iowa after they hear the average APR, with 68% saying they are strongly opposed.

"People of faith in Iowa, especially evangelical conservatives are strongly against payday loans when they hear the ridiculous interest rates this industry is charging. The Bible very clearly states usury is wrong. This is truly a bi-partisan issue and all Iowans from every walk of life and political belief want to see something done with an industry that has been taking advantage of members of our community often at one of their most vulnerable times." Said Greg Baker, Executive Director of The Family Leader Ambassador Network.

The polling is available [here](#).