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Nina,

I'm beginning to think that party loyalty has a lot to do with the party affiliation of friends and relatives. I talk to people whose opinions on issues sound much more Democratic than Republican, but will vote Republican anyway. I think the same process has a lot to do with a person's religious beliefs. It is hard openly question your religion when you think it will adversely affect your relationship with your family, friends, and community.

Steve