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### SURVEYS Merry Whatever!

**J**oy to the world—the pollsters have come. A survey of holiday surveys: **31%** of Americans say they find the greeting “Happy Holidays!” to be offensive (FedSmith.com). Not too many people like “Chrismukkuh,” either—even with Chanukah’s beginning on the same day as Christmas this year, **67%** of interfaith families say they’ll keep their celebrations separate (Interfaithfamily.com).

Whatever you celebrate, you can be pretty sure that there will be gifts. **62%** of singles say they most want a hot date (Engage.com). Anything’s better than an electric ice shaver. It was named by **48%** as the year’s most useless gift (Choice magazine). But could it be more useless than the “12 Days of Christmas” song selections? To buy ‘em all, you’d need **\$18,348**—though you can snag the partridge in a pear



**BAD WRAP:** No ice shavers

tree for a mere **\$104.99** (PNC Bank). Who’s the hardest person to shop for? **53%** say their bosses (Korn/Ferry International). But a nice present might be needed. **40%** of HR managers say they’ve had to deal with a drunken employee who told off the boss at the office holiday party (Portman Group).

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