

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
FEBRUARY 2014 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
February 14-23, 2014  
N=1,821**

**QUESTIONS 1-17 RELEASED PREVIOUSLY OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.18 Next, is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [NAME] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?]** **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
a. Pope Francis								
Feb 14-23, 2014	66	30	36	11	4	7	7	16
Sep 4-8, 2013	58	21	37	12	4	7	10	20
Mar 28-31, 2013	57	22	35	14	6	9	6	22
Feb 14-17, 2013 ( <b>Benedict XVI</b> )	49	14	34	27	12	16	4	20
April, 2008 ( <b>Benedict XVI</b> )	61	22	39	17	8	9	4	18
March, 2008 ( <b>Benedict XVI</b> )	52	18	34	18	6	12	7	23
August, 2007 ( <b>Benedict XVI</b> )	50	14	36	18	6	12	8	24
July, 2005 ( <b>Benedict XVI</b> )	44	10	34	11	4	7	4	41
June, 1996 ( <b>John Paul II</b> )	76	28	48	13	4	9	1	10
May, 1990 ( <b>John Paul II</b> )	79	31	48	11	4	7	1	9
May, 1987 ( <b>John Paul II</b> )	76	28	48	14	4	10	1	9

**QUESTIONS 18b-99 RELEASED PREVIOUSLY OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

On another subject,

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

**[INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS "nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc." BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: And would you say that's atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]**

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36	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
20	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
1	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
2	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
1	Buddhist
1	Hindu
3	Atheist (do not believe in God)
4	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
2	Something else
14	Nothing in particular
12	Christian (VOL.)
*	Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.)
1	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

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Total

11	More than once a week
22	Once a week
16	Once or twice a month
21	A few times a year
16	Seldom
13	Never
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2):**

Q.100 Over the past twelve months, would you say you have been **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** **[RANDOMIZE: more often than in recent years, less often; AND less often than in recent years, more often]**, or has this not changed very much? And over the past twelve months, have you been **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]** **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS PREVIOUSLY: "more often than in recent years, less often" OR "less often than in recent years, more often"]**, or has this not changed very much?

**BASED ON CATHOLICS ONLY [N=351]:**

	<u>More often than in recent years</u>	<u>Less often than in recent years</u>	<u>Hasn't changed very much</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Do not do this</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Going to confession Feb 14-23, 2014	5	22	65	6	1
b. Praying Feb 14-23, 2014	40	8	51	0	1
c. Reading the Bible or other religious materials Feb 14-23, 2014	21	14	61	3	2
d. Volunteering in your church or community Feb 14-23, 2014	13	23	59	4	1

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2):**

Q.101 Over the past twelve months, would you say that you have become **[RANDOMIZE: more excited about your Catholic faith, less excited about your Catholic faith]**, or has this not changed very much?

**BASED ON CATHOLICS ONLY [N=351]:**

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26	More excited about Catholic faith
11	Less excited about Catholic faith
63	Hasn't changed very much
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**READ ALL:**

As you may know, Pope Francis was selected to lead the Catholic Church last March and has been Pope for nearly one year now...

**ASK ALL:**

Q.102 Do you think Pope Francis represents a major change in direction for the Catholic Church, or don't you think so? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT SAYS "DON'T KNOW" OR THAT THEY HAVE NO OPINION, RECORD AS "9" AND DO NOT PROBE FURTHER]**

**ASK IF "MAJOR CHANGE" (Q102=1):**

Q.102b And do you see this as **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**?

**BASED ON TOTAL [N=1,821]:**

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59	Yes, represents a major change in direction
55	Mainly a change for the better [OR]
3	Mainly a change for the worse
*	Neither <b>(VOL.)</b>
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
21	No, don't think so
20	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2):**

Q.103 How would you rate the job the pope is doing in **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? Is he doing an excellent, good, only fair, or a poor job? How would you rate the job the pope is doing in **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY: Is he doing an excellent, good, only fair, or a poor job?]**

**BASED ON CATHOLICS ONLY [N=351]:**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
a. Spreading the Catholic faith Feb 14-23, 2014	34	47	12	2	5
b. Addressing the sex abuse scandal in the Catholic Church Feb 14-23, 2014	18	36	24	15	8
c. Addressing the priest shortage Feb 14-23, 2014	14	36	28	7	16
d. Reforming the Vatican bureaucracy Feb 14-23, 2014	20	42	20	4	14
e. Standing up for traditional moral values Feb 14-23, 2014	29	51	14	2	4
f. Addressing the needs and concerns of the poor Feb 14-23, 2014	39	38	14	4	5

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2):**

Q.104 Do you think the Catholic Church should or should not **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? And do you think the Catholic Church should or should not **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**?

**BASED ON CATHOLICS ONLY [N=351]:**

	<u>Should</u>	<u>Should not</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Allow priests to get married			
Feb 14-23, 2014	72	26	3
Mar 13-17, 2013	64	30	6
b. Allow women to become priests			
Feb 14-23, 2014	68	28	4
Mar 13-17, 2013	59	35	6
c. Allow Catholics to use birth control			
Feb 14-23, 2014	77	17	6
Mar 13-17, 2013	76	18	7
d. Recognize the marriages of gay and lesbian couples			
Feb 14-23, 2014	50	43	7

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2):**

Q.105 Regardless of what you'd like to see, how likely do you think each of the following is to happen in the next 35 or 40 years, that is by the year 2050 **[PRONOUNCED: "twenty-fifty"]**. (First,) How likely do you think it is that **[INSERT IN SAME ORDER AS Q.104]**? Do you think this will definitely happen, will probably happen, will probably NOT happen, or will definitely not happen, in about the next 35 or 40 years? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY: Do you think this will definitely happen, will probably happen, will probably NOT happen, or will definitely not happen, in the next 35 or 40 years?]**

**BASED ON CATHOLICS ONLY [N=351]:**

	-----Will happen -----			----- Will not happen -----			<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Def-initely</u>	<u>Probably</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Def-initely</u>	<u>Probably</u>	
a. The Catholic Church will allow priests to marry							
Feb 14-23, 2014	51	8	43	47	13	35	2
Mar 13-17, 2013 <sup>1</sup>	39	7	32	57	18	39	4
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>							
May, 1999 <sup>2</sup>	43	6	36	54	22	33	3
b. The Catholic Church will ordain women as priests							
Feb 14-23, 2014	42	6	36	56	16	40	3
Mar 13-17, 2013	37	6	31	60	17	44	3
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>							
May, 1999	45	6	39	54	15	39	1
c. The Catholic Church will change its position on family planning to allow birth control							
Feb 14-23, 2014	56	10	46	40	8	32	4
Mar 13-17, 2013	53	8	46	44	10	34	3
d. The Catholic Church will recognize the marriages of gay and lesbian couples							
Feb 14-23, 2014	36	6	30	63	23	39	1

<sup>1</sup> In March 2013, question asked whether this would happen in "the next 40 years."

<sup>2</sup> In May 1999 survey began, "Now I'm going to read you a list of things that may or may not happen in the next 50 years. Please tell me how likely you think it is that each will happen."