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FINAL TOPLINE
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ASK ALL:

P.1 Now I'd like your views on some people. As I read some names, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each person. (First, **INSERT NAME**) would you say your overall opinion of... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **(NEXT NAME)**? **[IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion of [NAME] is 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 Benedict the sixteenth	52	18	34	18	6	12	7	23=100
August, 2007	50	14	36	18	6	12	8	24=100
July, 2005	44	10	34	11	4	7	4	41=100
June, 1996 (<i>John Paul II</i>)	76	28	48	13	4	9	1	10=100
May, 1990 (<i>John Paul II</i>)	79	31	48	11	4	7	1	9=100
May, 1987 (<i>John Paul II</i>)	76	28	48	14	4	10	1	9=100
b. David Petraeus	27	10	17	18	5	13	40	15=100
c. Condoleezza Rice	56	21	35	29	10	19	7	8=100
December, 2006	57	19	38	30	13	17	6	7=100
April, 2006	59	26	33	27	10	17	6	8=100
Late October, 2005	60	23	37	25	9	16	6	9=100
Late March, 2005	57	22	35	28	11	17	5	10=100
d. Bill Gates	69	23	46	15	5	10	3	13=100
May, 2000	64	19	45	15	5	10	6	15=100
March, 1998	55	15	40	18	5	13	10	17=100
ABC/WP: January, 1998	49	--	--	16	--	--	--	35=100

ASK ALL:

P.2 In 2005, Pope Benedict the sixteenth became head of the Roman Catholic Church. How much have you heard about Pope Benedict...a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

	Aug 2007
18 A lot	19
57 A little	62
24 Nothing at all	18
<u>1</u> Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>1</u>
100	100

IF HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE (P.2=1,2), ASK [N=794]:

P.3 From what you know, how good a job is the pope doing in promoting good relations between the Catholic Church and other major religions? Is he doing an excellent, good, only fair, or a poor job of promoting good relations with other major religions?

		Aug <u>2007</u>
9	Excellent	6
30	Good	32
29	Only fair	35
11	Poor	11
<u>21</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>16</u>
100		100

IF HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE (P.2=1,2), ASK [N=794]:

P.4 And how would you describe Pope Benedict the sixteenth...is he very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal or very liberal?

		Aug <u>2007</u>
16	Very conservative	20
29	Conservative	36
21	Moderate	17
5	Liberal	4
2	Very liberal	1
<u>27</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	<u>22</u>
100		100