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46 Male  
 54 Female  
**[109]**

***Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.***

S2. Does anyone in your household work for a radio station, a television station, a newspaper, an online news source, an advertising agency, or a market research company?

No .....	100	<b>CONTINUE</b>	<b>[110]</b>
Yes.....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>	
Not sure .....	-		

S3. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school .....	1		<b>[111]</b>
Some high school .....	2		
High school graduate.....	39		
Some college, no degree.....	18		
Vocational training/2-year college.....	10		
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	17		
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3		
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree .....	8		
Doctoral/law degree.....	2		

S4. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians) .....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>	<b>[112]</b>
Catholic .....	100	<b>CONTINUE</b>	
Jewish .....	-		
Muslim .....	-		
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>	
Other .....	-		
None.....	-		

S6. For statistical purposes only, and to ensure a representative sample, please indicate which age group you belong to.

18-24 .....	7		<b>[119-120]</b>
25-29 .....	10		
30-34 .....	7		
35-39 .....	8		
40-44 .....	10		
45-49 .....	9		
50-54 .....	7		
55-59 .....	13		
60-64 .....	9		
65-69 .....	8		
70-74 .....	7		
75 and over.....	5		

S7. For statistical purposes only, and to ensure that we have a representative sample, are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "NO," ASK:)** And what is your race?

White .....	59	<b>[121/122]</b>
African American or black.....	3	
Hispanic.....	34	
Asian .....	3	
Other .....	1	

S8. Regardless of how you may be registered, how would you describe your overall point of view in terms of the political parties? Would you say that you are...?

Mostly Democratic.....	26	<b>[123]</b>
Leaning Democratic.....	18	
Completely independent.....	23	
Leaning Republican.....	15	
Mostly Republican .....	18	
<b>Total Democratic</b>	<b>44</b>	
<b>Total Republican</b>	<b>33</b>	

S9. What is your marital status?

Married.....	59	<b>[124]</b>
Widowed.....	4	
Separated .....	2	
Divorced.....	8	
Single/never been married.....	21	
Unmarried and living with a partner .....	6	

S10. For each of the following please mark down whether this applies to you or not?

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does Not Apply</u>	
Have children under the age of 18 that you are responsible for raising currently living in your household.....	27	73	<b>[125]</b>
Have children over the age of 18 that you were responsible for raising.....	34	66	<b>[126]</b>

**Now thinking about something else...**

1a. How much of a role would you say that the Catholic religion plays in your life?

The single most important thing.....	7	<b>[127]</b>
Very important .....	40	
Somewhat important.....	37	
Not that important.....	16	

1b. Would you say that Pope Francis...?

Has made you feel closer and more connected to the Catholic Church .....	44	<b>[128]</b>
Has made you feel more distant and less connected to the Catholic Church.....	5	
Has not impacted how you feel about the Catholic Church either way.....	51	

2a. As you know, Pope Francis is scheduled to travel to the United States. If you had a chance to meet with him, what is the one message that you would send to him? [226-233] \*

He knows what he is doing, he is doing a good/great/awesome job, keep up the good work, I appreciate all you do for us, you are great	9%
Peace, promote peace, spread peace, ask for world peace, continue to work for peace, pray for peace	7
Pray for us, continue to pray, speak up for us, for the poor, the needy, for the world	5
Thank you for being who you are, for your love, care, openness for/with the people	4
Thank you	3
Keep up the good work, keep on doing what you are doing	3
Continue modernizing the church, making it more appealing, more inclusive, more accepting	3
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Not interested, other negative comments	4
Nothing, none, no message	9
All others	12
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Don't know; no response	15%

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

2b. In general, would you say that Pope Francis and his teachings match up with your beliefs and what it means to be a good Catholic. \*

All of the time .....	17	<b>[136]</b>
Most of the time .....	60	
Only somewhat of the time .....	17	
Rarely .....	6	

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2c. When it comes to your social and cultural values, is the Catholic Church...? \*\*

Totally in step with your social and cultural values .....	15	<b>[137]</b>
Somewhat in step with your social and cultural values .....	43	
Somewhat out of step with your social and cultural values ....	33	
Totally out of step with your social and cultural values .....	9	
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<b>Total In Step</b>	<b>58</b>	
<b>Total Out Of Step</b>	<b>42</b>	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

3a. Pope Francis has emphasized certain teachings of the Catholic Church such as the environment and looking out for the poor and is talking less about certain teachings such as sex and reproductive rights. Which of the following comes closer to your point of view:

This is a good thing because Pope Francis is emphasizing teachings that are more in line with general cultural shifts of society today and shows that the Catholic Church is responsive .....	86	<b>[138]</b>
This is a bad thing because Pope Francis is talking less about teachings that are moving away from the traditional focus of the Catholic Church and weakening the institution .....	14	

3b. Do you consider Pope Francis to be...?

An influential religious figure .....	52	<b>[139]</b>
An influential political figure .....	4	
Both an influential religious and a political figure .....	44	

4. Here are a number of positions that Pope Francis has taken recently. For each one please mark down whether you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose Pope Francis taking this position.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY FAVOR*

	<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	
Calling on the Catholic Church to allow for greater acceptance of those who have divorced and remarried ** .....	66	29	4	1	<b>[142]</b>
Calling on the Catholic Church to have a greater focus on income inequality and looking out for the poor ** .....	59	34	5	2	<b>[143]</b>
Calling on people to do more to address climate change and improve the environment * .....	46	42	8	4	<b>[140]</b>
Calling on the Catholic Church to allow for greater acceptance of gays and lesbians * .....	46	35	11	8	<b>[141]</b>

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\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

5. Below are a number of statements. For each one, please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with that statement.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY AGREE*

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	
Divorced Catholics should be allowed to take communion and remarry in the Catholic Church ** .....	59	33	5	3	<b>[149]</b>
The Catholic Church is a force for good in the world ** .....	49	45	5	1	<b>[147]</b>
The Catholic Church has not done enough to crack down on sex abuse scandals and hold alleged offenders accountable * .....	40	42	15	3	<b>[144]</b>
Same-sex couples should be allowed to marry in the Catholic Church * .....	31	25	20	24	<b>[146]</b>
The Catholic Church is more interested in preserving institutional power than serving the poor * .....	14	38	33	15	<b>[145]</b>
There was a time in my life when I strongly considered leaving the Catholic faith ** .....	13	25	17	45	<b>[148]</b>

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\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

6. Below are a number of different life circumstances or situations. For each one, please select a number from +5 to -5, where a +5 means that you would be very comfortable with this situation, a 0 means that you would have mixed feelings about this situation, and a -5 means that you would be very uncomfortable with this situation.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY COMFORTABLE (RATING "+5 TO +4")

	<i>Mean</i>	Very Comfortable						Very Uncomfortable					
		+5	+4	+3	+2	+1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	
Teaching my son or daughter about contraception **	2.5	40	8	14	6	4	18	1	2	1	2	4	[158-159]
Attending a Catholic Church where the ordained priest is a woman *	2.0	36	8	8	5	5	23	1	1	3	2	8	[150-151]
Attending a Catholic Church where the ordained priest is gay or lesbian *	0.7	25	7	8	3	4	24	2	2	4	3	18	[152-153]
Attending a Catholic Church where the ordained priest is not celibate **	0.9	23	7	6	5	5	32	2	3	2	2	13	[156-157]
Having a son or daughter marry someone of the same sex *	0.4	22	6	5	5	3	28	3	3	4	2	19	[154-155]
Supporting my child's decision to terminate a pregnancy **	-0.7	13	3	6	4	2	34	1	2	4	4	27	[160-161]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

**Moving along...**

7. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be...?

Very liberal.....	8	[162]
Somewhat liberal.....	20	
Moderate.....	41	
Somewhat conservative.....	23	
Very conservative.....	8	
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>31</b>	

8a. Thinking about the Catholic Church's general approach to issues, do you consider the Catholic Church to be...? \*

Very liberal.....	3	[163]
Somewhat liberal.....	11	
Moderate.....	27	
Somewhat conservative.....	29	
Very conservative.....	30	
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>59</b>	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

8b. Thinking about Pope Francis's general approach to issues, do you consider Pope Francis to be...? \*\*

Very liberal.....	7	[164]
Somewhat liberal.....	25	
Moderate.....	47	
Somewhat conservative.....	16	
Very conservative.....	5	
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>32</b>	
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>21</b>	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

9. When it comes to allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into same-sex marriages do you...?

Strongly favor .....	34	<b>[165]</b>
Somewhat favor.....	29	
Somewhat oppose.....	17	
Strongly oppose.....	20	
<b>Total Favor</b>	<b>63</b>	
<b>Total Oppose</b>	<b>37</b>	

10. Which comes closest to your view on abortion--abortion should always be legal, should be legal most of the time, should be made illegal except in cases of rape, incest and to save the mother's life, or abortion should be made illegal without any exceptions?

Abortion should always be legal .....	22	<b>[166]</b>
Abortion should be legal most of the time.....	24	
Abortion should be made illegal except in cases of rape, incest and to save the mother's life .....	42	
Abortion should be made illegal without any exceptions.....	12	
<b>Total Legal</b>	<b>46</b>	
<b>Total Illegal</b>	<b>54</b>	

**Changing subjects...**

11. Do you consider yourself to be a good Catholic or not?

Yes .....	71	<b>[168]</b>
No.....	29	

12. For each of the following please mark down whether someone who takes the following action or holds this belief can still be a good Catholic or not. \*

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY YES*

	Yes, Can Still Be A Good Catholic	No, Cannot Still Be A Good Catholic	
Is using contraception such as the birth-control pill or condoms to prevent an unwanted pregnancy .....	94	6	<b>[173]</b>
Is divorced.....	94	6	<b>[172]</b>
Supports women as priests.....	88	12	<b>[175]</b>
Engages in pre-marital sex .....	88	12	<b>[176]</b>
Supports same-sex marriage .....	76	24	<b>[169]</b>
Terminates a pregnancy through an abortion .....	73	27	<b>[174]</b>
Is married to someone of the same-sex.....	72	28	<b>[171]</b>
Is pro-choice on abortion .....	71	29	<b>[170]</b>
Supports policies that close our border and deports undocumented immigrants who are currently in the country .....	71	29	<b>[178]</b>
Places personal wealth and financial gain over the well-being of others.....	37	63	<b>[177]</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

**Moving along...**

13. Here are several things you might learn about a candidate running for president. Please indicate your reaction to each one. Please indicate how you would feel toward a candidate for president if each of the following applied to him or her. \*\*

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE CANDIDATE HAVING THIS ATTRIBUTE*

	You Are Enthusiastic About The Candidate Having This <u>Attribute</u>	You Are Comfortable With It	You Have Some Reservations About It	You Are Very Uncomfortable With It	It Makes No Difference To You	
Shares Pope Francis' views that society must do more to help the poor.....	35	42	12	3	8	<b>[214]</b>
Used contraceptives such as condoms or birth-control pills to prevent a pregnancy .....	23	47	9	3	18	<b>[208]</b>
Supports same-sex marriage.....	21	33	16	21	9	<b>[179]</b>
Is Catholic.....	20	48	5	1	26	<b>[211]</b>
Supports women becoming priests in the Catholic Church .....	19	37	19	14	11	<b>[210]</b>
Is pro-choice on abortion .....	14	32	24	20	10	<b>[209]</b>
Has been divorced.....	4	49	14	4	29	<b>[180]</b>
Is not Catholic.....	3	48	14	3	32	<b>[212]</b>
Does not believe in God.....	3	12	22	49	14	<b>[213]</b>

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

14. Below are a number of statements about the upcoming 2016 presidential election. For each one, please indicate whether you personally strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with that statement. \*\*

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY AGREE*

	<b>Total Agree</b>	<b>Total Disagree</b>	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
Pope Francis' teachings are in line with how I vote.....	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>	10	50	29	11	<b>[217]</b>
My religious beliefs play a role in how I vote .....	<b>47</b>	<b>53</b>	10	37	32	21	<b>[216]</b>
Pope Francis' visit will have a major impact on the 2016 presidential election.....	<b>46</b>	<b>54</b>	8	38	40	14	<b>[218]</b>
A Catholic president would be first beholden to the Vatican then to the people of the United States .....	<b>33</b>	<b>67</b>	7	26	31	36	<b>[215]</b>

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

**FACTUALS: The remaining questions are for statistical purposes only.**

F1ab. Do you personally know or work with someone who is gay or lesbian? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "YES," ASK:)** Is that person yourself, a member of your family, a close friend, a co-worker, or an acquaintance?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>74</b>	
Self.....	4	<b>[219/220]</b>
Family member .....	26	>
Close friend.....	26	
Co-worker .....	28	
Acquaintance .....	33	
<b>No</b>	<b>21</b>	
Not sure	5	

F2. How often do you attend services at a Catholic Church?

Never.....	16	<b>[221]</b>
Once a year.....	13	
A few times a year.....	30	
Once a month.....	5	
About twice a month.....	9	
Once a week or more often .....	27	

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY HAVE CHILDREN IN Q.S10)**

F3. And which of the following best describes your children and their connection to the Catholic Church?

All children are being raised or are practicing Catholics .....	61	<b>[222]</b>
No, no children are being raised or are NOT practicing Catholics.....	21	
Some children are being raised Catholic or are practicing Catholics and some are not.....	18	

F4. Which of the following categories best represents your total household income last year?

Less than \$30,000.....	14	<b>[223]</b>
\$30,000 to \$49,999.....	20	
\$50,000 to \$74,999.....	22	
\$75,000 to \$99,999.....	14	
\$100,000 to \$124,999.....	8	
\$125,000 to \$149,999.....	6	
More than \$150,000 .....	7	
Prefer not to say .....	9	