

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
SEPTEMBER 2018 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
SEPTEMBER 18-24, 2018  
N=1,754**

**OTHER QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**NO QUESTIONS 3-6, 9-10, 14-27, 29-32, 34-43, 47-49, 52-57, 60-63, 67-72, 80-82, 85-92, 94-95**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.84 Is your overall opinion of Pope Francis 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
Sep 18-24, 2018	51	13	38	27	11	15	3	19
Jan 10-15, 2018	62	26	37	18	7	11	3	16
Jan 4-9, 2017	70	30	40	19	7	13	2	9
Oct 1-4, 2015	68	35	33	12	5	7	5	15
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	64	29	35	10	4	5	8	19
Feb 18-22, 2015	70	29	40	15	5	10	5	11
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

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=336]:**

Q.100 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 about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY: Is the pope doing an excellent, good, only fair, or a poor job [REPEAT ITEM]?**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref<sup>1</sup></u>
a. Spreading the Catholic faith					
Sep 18-24, 2018	21	34	29	8	8
Jan 10-15, 2018	31	39	20	5	4
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	41	43	8	2	6
Feb 14-23, 2014	34	47	12	2	5
b. Addressing the sex abuse scandal in the Catholic Church					
Sep 18-24, 2018	13	18	27	36	6
Jan 10-15, 2018	13	33	27	19	8
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	19	36	22	12	11
Feb 14-23, 2014	18	36	24	15	8
c. Standing up for traditional moral values					
Sep 18-24, 2018	20	35	27	9	9
Jan 10-15, 2018	27	43	21	5	4
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	33	47	10	2	7
Feb 14-23, 2014	29	51	14	2	4
d. Appointing new bishops and cardinals					
Sep 18-24, 2018	9	34	32	7	17
Jan 10-15, 2018	18	41	20	4	17

<sup>1</sup> For the September 2018 and January 2018 surveys the “don’t know/refused” category includes some respondents who were backcoded into the Catholic category during data cleaning, and therefore did not receive the questions intended only for Catholics.