

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
JANUARY 2018 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
JANUARY 10-15, 2018  
N=1,503**

**QUESTIONS 1-2, 5-8, 11a, 12-16, 28, 30 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS 3-4, 9-10, 11b, 17-27, 28b, 29, 30c, 31-38**

**QUESTIONS 11c-e HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.39 Next, is your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME; 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								
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-June 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
Sept. 4-8, 2013	58	21	37	12	4	7	10	20
March 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 39b-39c, 40-44 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTION A1**

**READ ALL:**

As you may know, Pope Francis has been pope for nearly five years now...

**ASK ALL:**

Q.A2 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" (Q.A2=1):**

Q.A3 And do you see this as **[READ AND RANDOMIZE: mainly a change for the better [OR] mainly a change for the worse]**?

Jan. 10-15 <u>2018</u>		May 5-June 7 <u>2015</u>	Feb. 14-23 <u>2014</u>
54	Yes, represents a major change in direction	56	59
45	Mainly a change for the better [OR]	48	55
7	Mainly a change for the worse	5	3
1	Neither <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	*
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	1
23	No, don't think so	18	21
23	Don't know/refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	26	20

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=316]:**

Q.A4 Just in your own view, what is the single most significant thing Pope Francis has done as pope?  
**[OPEN-END. RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS  
 "DON'T KNOW." IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD IN ORDER OF MENTION]**

**NOTE: RESULTS DO NOT SUM TO 100% BECAUSE MULTIPLE RESPONSES WERE PERMITTED.**

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<b>25</b>	<b>NET General positive actions as pope</b>
9	Setting a good Christian example/being humble/a "pope for the people"
6	Traveling to many countries/global outreach
3	Promoting peace
3	Uniting everyone/more accepting of other religions
3	Other positive actions/"done good things"
1	Other mentions of how he is, not what he's done
<b>20</b>	<b>Addressing social/political issues</b>
8	Focus on helping poor/addressing poverty, social injustice
7	More accepting toward gays and lesbians, homosexuality
2	Addressing care for environment, global climate change
2	Standing up for children/addressing sex abuse scandal
2	More welcoming toward divorce and remarriage
1	Addressing immigration and refugee issues
<b>20</b>	<b>Addressing church issues</b>
9	Opening up the Church/being more accepting/becoming more modern
5	Uniting Catholic community/encouraging communication and dialogue
1	Spreading the faith
1	Reforming Vatican/addressing bureaucracy and hierarchy
2	Other changes in Church tradition (e.g. changing prayers)
2	Other religious (e.g. miracles, canonization, inspiring more belief and believers)
<b>4</b>	<b>Negative or neutral actions</b>
1	Becoming too involved in politics or in things that don't concern the Church
1	Becoming too liberal/alienating conservative Catholics
<1	Being narrow-minded in views/derogatory toward those who don't share his views
<1	Opposing traditional Catholic moral values
2	Other neutral or negative actions
<b>3</b>	<b>Unclear</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>He hasn't done anything/still waiting for him to do something</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Don't know/refused<sup>1</sup></b>

**QUESTIONS 45, 49-50, 53-56 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS A5, 45j-m, 46-48, 51-52**

<sup>1</sup> For all questions filtered on Catholics, the "don't know/refused" category includes one respondent who was backcoded into the Catholic category during data cleaning, and therefore did not receive any of the questions intended only for Catholics.

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

Now we have a few questions about Pope Francis.

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=316]:**

Q.J22 As I read some phrases, please tell me whether you think each one describes Pope Francis. First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM;RANDOMIZE, BUT ALWAYS ASK ITEM a or b FIRST]**. Does this describe Pope Francis, or not? Next, **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**. **[REPEAT IF NECESSARY: Does this describe Pope Francis, or not?]**

		Yes, describes <u>Pope Francis</u>	No, does not describe Pope <u>Francis</u>	(VOL.) Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
a. Humble				
	Jan. 10-15, 2018	91	6	3
	May 5-June 7, 2015	91	4	6
b. Compassionate				
	Jan. 10-15, 2018	94	4	2
	May 5-June 7, 2015	94	1	5

**NO ITEM c**

d. Too liberal				
	Jan. 10-15, 2018	34	59	7
	May 5-June 7, 2015	19	70	10
e. Naïve				
	Jan. 10-15, 2018	24	67	9
	May 5-June 7, 2015	15	76	9

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=316]:**

Q.J29 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>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Spreading the Catholic faith						
	Jan. 10-15, 2018	31	39	20	5	4
	May 5-June 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						
	Jan. 10-15, 2018	13	33	27	19	8
	May 5-June 7, 2015	19	36	22	12	11
	Feb. 14-23, 2014	18	36	24	15	8

**NO ITEM c-d**

**Q.J29 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
e. Standing up for traditional moral values					
Jan. 10-15, 2018	27	43	21	5	4
May 5-June 7, 2015	33	47	10	2	7
Feb. 14-23, 2014	29	51	14	2	4

**NO ITEM f-i**

j. Addressing environmental issues					
Jan. 10-15, 2018	19	36	25	8	12
May 5-June 7, 2015	18	35	25	4	18
k. Appointing new bishops and cardinals					
Jan. 10-15, 2018	18	41	20	4	17

**RANDOMIZE Q.A6-Q.A6b BLOCK AND Q.A7-Q.A7b BLOCK****ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=316]:**

Q.A6 How much, if anything, do you think Pope Francis has done to make the Catholic Church more accepting of homosexuality [READ]?

Jan. 10-15

2018

33	A lot
41	A little [OR]
16	Nothing at all
0	He's made the Church less accepting <b>(VOL.)</b>
10	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=316]:**

Q.A6 How much, if anything, do you think Pope Francis has done to make the Catholic Church more accepting of homosexuality **[READ]**?

**ASK IF A LOT OR A LITTLE IN Q.A6 (Q.A6=1,2):**

Q.A6a And would you personally like to see Pope Francis do MORE to make the Catholic Church accepting of homosexuality, do LESS, or has he done about the right amount?

**ASK IF NOTHING AT ALL OR LESS ACCEPTING IN Q.A6 (Q.A6=3,4):**

Q.A6b And would you personally like to see Pope Francis do MORE to make the Catholic Church accepting of homosexuality, or not?

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33	A lot
12	Would like to see him do more
2	Would like to see him do less
17	He has done about the right amount
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
41	A little [OR]
21	Would like to see him do more
5	Would like to see him do less
13	He has done about the right amount
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
16	NET Nothing at all/He's made the Church less accepting <b>(VOL.)</b>
5	Yes, would like to see him do more
10	No, would not like to see him do more
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
10	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**RANDOMIZE Q.A6-Q.A6b BLOCK AND Q.A7-Q.A7b BLOCK****ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=316]:**

Q.A7 How much, if anything, do you think Pope Francis has done to make the Catholic Church more accepting of divorce and remarriage **[READ]**?

Jan. 10-15

2018

26	A lot
43	A little [OR]
17	Nothing at all
0	He's made the Church less accepting <b>(VOL.)</b>
14	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=316]:**

Q.A7 How much, if anything, do you think Pope Francis has done to make the Catholic Church more accepting of divorce and remarriage **[READ]**?

**ASK IF A LOT OR A LITTLE IN Q.A7 (Q.A7=1,2):**

Q.A7a And would you personally like to see Pope Francis do MORE to make the Catholic Church accepting of divorce and remarriage, do LESS, or has he done about the right amount?

**ASK IF NOTHING AT ALL OR LESS ACCEPTING IN Q.A7 (Q.A7=3,4):**

Q.A7b And would you personally like to see Pope Francis do MORE to make the Catholic Church accepting of divorce and remarriage, or not?

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26	A lot
10	Would like to see him do more
<1	Would like to see him do less
15	He has done about the right amount
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
43	A little [OR]
20	Would like to see him do more
3	Would like to see him do less
19	He has done about the right amount
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
17	NET Nothing at all/He's made the Church less accepting <b>(VOL.)</b>
7	Yes, would like to see him do more
8	No, would not like to see him do more
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
14	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=316]:**

Q.A8 How much do the priests at your parish support Pope Francis? Would you say they are very supportive, somewhat supportive, not too supportive or not at all supportive of Pope Francis?

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55	Very supportive
23	Somewhat supportive
2	Not too supportive
<1	Not at all supportive
6	Do not attend church <b>(VOL.)</b>
13	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**QUESTIONS 72-73, 80-82, 90 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS 57-71, 74-79, 83-89**