

**2019 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL (ATP)
WAVE 46 MARCH
FINAL TOPLINE
MARCH 18-APRIL 1, 2019
TOTAL N=6,364**

NOTE: SOME QUESTIONS ARE FILTERED BASED ON RESPONDENTS' RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION AND/OR THE FREQUENCY WITH WHICH THEY ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES. RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION AND ATTENDANCE AT RELIGIOUS SERVICES ON A PREVIOUS WAVE OF THE ATP, CONDUCTED AUG. 8-OCT. 31, 2018.

PRECEDING QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

HEARDANY How much, if anything, have you heard about recent reports of sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops?

Mar 18-
Apr 1
2019

58	A lot
34	A little
8	Nothing at all
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

HEARDANY How much, if anything, have you heard about recent reports of sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops?

ASK IF HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT BY CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND BISHOPS:

ABUSE1 Do you think the recent reports of sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops **[RANDOMIZE]**...

BASED ON TOTAL

Mar 18-
Apr 1
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92	NET Heard a lot/a little (in HEARDANY) about recent reports of sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops
12	Reflect things that happened in the past and mostly don't happen anymore
79	Reflect ongoing problems that are still happening
1	No answer
8	Heard nothing at all (in HEARDANY) about recent reports of sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops
1	No answer (in HEARDANY)

ASK ALL:

HEARDANYOTH

How much, if anything, have you heard about recent reports of sexual abuse and misconduct by religious leaders OUTSIDE of the Catholic Church?

Mar 18–

Apr 1

2019

21	A lot
51	A little
28	Nothing at all
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

ABUSE3

Generally speaking, do you think sexual abuse and misconduct is... **[RANDOMIZE** "More common among Catholic priests and bishops than it is among leaders in other religious traditions" **AND** "Less common among Catholic priests and bishops than it is among leaders in other religious traditions"; **SHOW** "Equally as common among Catholic priests and bishops as it is among leaders in other religious traditions" **LAST]**

Mar 18–

Apr 1

2019

48	More common among Catholic priests and bishops than it is among leaders in other religious traditions
3	Less common among Catholic priests and bishops than it is among leaders in other religious traditions
47	Equally as common among Catholic priests and bishops as it is among leaders in other religious traditions
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

ABUSE4

Generally speaking, do you think sexual abuse of children is... **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS (i.e., MORE COMMON/LESS COMMON) IN SAME ORDER AS ABUSE3, WITH "EQUALLY COMMON" DISPLAYED LAST; INCLUDE PARENTHETICAL WITH 1st OPTION ONLY]**

Mar 18–

Apr 1

2019

34	More common among clergy and other religious leaders than it is among other adults who work with children [show at end of first option only: (such as teachers, coaches or camp counselors)]
6	Less common among clergy and other religious leaders than it is among other adults who work with children [show at end of first option only: (such as teachers, coaches or camp counselors)]
57	Equally as common among clergy and other religious leaders as it is among other adults who work with children
3	No answer

ASK IF CATHOLIC AND HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT BY CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND BISHOPS:

ABUSE5 For each of the following, how would you rate the job they have done responding to the recent reports of sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops?

BASED ON ALL CATHOLICS [N=1,116]:

	NET Heard a lot/a little (in HEARDANY) about recent reports of sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No answer</u>	Heard nothing at all about recent reports of sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops/ no answer (in HEARDANY)
a. Pope Francis Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	95	18	37	25	13	2	5
b. Catholic bishops in the U.S. Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	95	6	30	33	22	2	5
c. YOUR bishop Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	95	12	38	25	14	7	5

ASK IF CATHOLIC AND HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT BY CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND BISHOPS:

DONEANY Which of the following, if any, have you personally done as a result of the recent reports of sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops?
[RANDOMIZE]

BASED ON ALL CATHOLICS [N=1,116]:

	NET Heard a lot/a little (in HEARDANY) about recent reports of sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops	Yes, have done this	No, have not done this	No answer	Heard nothing at all about recent reports of sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops/no answer (in HEARDANY)
a. Gone to Mass less often Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	95	27	64	3	5
NO ITEM b					
c. Reduced the amount of money you donate to your parish or your diocese Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	95	26	65	4	5
d. Expressed support or encouragement to the priests at your parish Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	95	18	73	3	5

ASK IF CATHOLIC AND HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT BY CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND BISHOPS:

TALKCATH How much, if at all, have you talked with family, friends or acquaintances about the recent reports of sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops?

BASED ON ALL CATHOLICS [N=1,116]:

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95	NET Heard a lot/a little (in HEARDANY) about recent reports of sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops
10	A lot
37	Some
27	Not much
20	Not at all
1	No answer
5	Heard nothing at all about recent reports of sexual abuse and misconduct by Catholic priests and bishops/no answer (in HEARDANY)

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN [N=3,097]:

CLERGY_HARASS In the past few months, have the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship spoken out about sexual harassment, assault or abuse?

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29	Yes, have done this
68	No, have not done this
3	No answer

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VICTIM AND FALSEACCUSE**ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN:**

CLERGY_HARASS In the past few months, have the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship spoken out about sexual harassment, assault or abuse?

ASK IF CLERGY/RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE SPOKEN OUT ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE:

VICTIM Did the clergy at your congregation or place of worship speak out in support of victims of sexual harassment, assault or abuse? **[Show on same screen as FALSEACCUSE]**

BASED ON THOSE WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN [N=3,097]:

Mar 18-
Apr 1
2019

29 NET Yes, clergy have spoken out about sexual harassment, assault or abuse (in CLERGY_HARASS)
24 Yes, clergy did speak out in support of victims
4 No, clergy did not speak out in support of victims
1 No answer
68 No, clergy have not spoken out about sexual harassment, assault or abuse (in CLERGY_HARASS)
3 No answer (in CLERGY_HARASS)

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ASK IF CLERGY/RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE SPOKEN OUT ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE:

FALSEACCUSE Did the clergy at your congregation or place of worship speak out to caution against false accusations of sexual harassment, assault or abuse? **[Show on same screen as VICTIM]**

BASED ON THOSE WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN [N=3,097]:

Mar 18-
Apr 1
2019

29 NET Yes, clergy have spoken out about sexual harassment, assault or abuse (in CLERGY_HARASS)
12 Yes, clergy did speak out to caution against false accusations
16 No, clergy did not speak out to caution against false accusations
1 No answer
68 No, clergy have not spoken out about sexual harassment, assault or abuse (in CLERGY_HARASS)
3 No answer (in CLERGY_HARASS)

ASK IF AFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION OR ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN:

ACCUSED Thinking about the congregation or place of worship you attend most regularly, have any clergy or other religious leaders there been accused of any of the following in the past five years? **[RANDOMIZE]**

BASED ON TOTAL

	Yes, was accused <u>of this</u>	No, was not accused of <u>this</u>	<u>No answer</u>	NET Not affiliated with a religion or seldom or never attends religious services
a. Sexual abuse of a child Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	4	62	3	31
b. Sexual abuse of an adult Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	3	63	3	31
c. An extramarital affair Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	6	61	3	31
ASK IF CATHOLIC [N=1,116]:				
d. Sexual activity between priests Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019		Yes, was accused <u>of this</u>	No, was not accused <u>of this</u>	<u>No answer</u>
		4	90	6
e. Verbal sexual harassment Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	Yes, was accused <u>of this</u>	No, was not accused of <u>this</u>	<u>No answer</u>	NET Not affiliated with a religion or seldom or never attends religious services
	4	63	3	31