

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 175 SURVEY 2025
JULY 8 – August 3, 2025
TOTAL N=9,916**

Note: All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Percentages less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (*). Rows/columns may not total 100% due to rounding. The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel.

"No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say they don't know how to answer. In cases where **"Not sure"** was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the **"No answer"** category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.

American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). American Trends Panel surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the methodology.

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	9,916	+/- 1.3 percentage points

OTHER QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

**PPLFAV_a
ASK ALL:**

Pope Leo XIV (Leo the 14th) was recently selected to lead the Catholic church.

Is your overall opinion of Pope Leo XIV...

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62	NET Favorable
17	Very favorable
45	Mostly favorable
8	NET Unfavorable
6	Mostly unfavorable
2	Very unfavorable
27	Never heard of this person
3	No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON**ASK ALL:**

PPLFAV_a Is your overall opinion of Pope Francis ...

	NET	<i>Very</i>	<i>Mostly</i>	NET	<i>Mostly</i>	<i>Very</i>	Never	No
	Favorable	<i><u>fav.</u></i>	<i><u>fav.</u></i>	Unfavorable	<i><u>unfav.</u></i>	<i><u>unfav.</u></i>	heard	answer
							of this	
							person	
Feb 3-9, 2025	53	9	44	32	21	12	13	2
Feb 13-25, 2024	57	11	46	29	19	10	11	3
Sep 20-26, 2021	60	15	46	28	18	10	8	3
Mar 1-7, 2021	63	14	49	28	18	10	7	2
Feb 4-15, 2020	64	16	48	27	17	9	7	2

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON**ASK ALL:**

Q. 51 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."]**

	NET	<i>Very</i>	<i>Mostly</i>	NET	<i>Mostly</i>	<i>Very</i>	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Favorable	<i><u>fav.</u></i>	<i><u>fav.</u></i>	Unfavorable	<i><u>unfav.</u></i>	<i><u>unfav.</u></i>	Never	Can't
							heard	rate/
							of this	Ref.
							person	
Pope Francis								
Jan 8-13, 2020	59	17	42	26	15	11	4	11
Sep 18-24, 2018	51	13	38	27	15	11	3	19
Jan 10-15, 2018	62	26	37	18	11	7	3	16
Jan 4-9, 2017	70	30	40	19	13	7	2	9
Oct 1-4, 2015	68	35	33	12	7	5	5	15
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	64	29	35	10	5	4	8	19
Feb 18-22, 2015	70	29	40	15	10	5	5	11
Feb 14-23, 2014	66	30	36	11	7	4	7	16
Sep 4-8, 2013	58	21	37	12	7	4	10	20
Mar 28-31, 2013	57	22	35	14	9	6	6	22
Pope Benedict XVI								
Feb 14-17, 2013	49	14	34	27	16	12	4	20
Apr 2008	61	22	39	17	9	8	4	18
Mar 2008	52	18	34	18	12	6	7	23
Aug 2007	50	14	36	18	12	6	8	24
Jul 2005	44	10	34	11	7	4	4	41
Pope John Paul II								
Jun 1996	76	28	48	13	9	4	1	10
May 1990	79	31	48	11	7	4	1	9
May 1987	76	28	48	14	10	4	1	9

POPE_KNOW**ASK IF ANSWERED PPLFAV_a (PPLFAV_a<5):**

How much would you say you know about Pope Leo XIV?

SUMMARY TABLE BASED ON TOTAL:

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3	A lot
52	A little
14	Nothing at all
*	No answer
30	NOT ASKED ("Never heard of" Pope Leo or "No answer" in PPLFAV_a)

POPE_SIM**ASK IF KNOW AT LEAST A LITTLE (POPE_KNOW<3):**

Do you think Pope Leo's leadership of the Catholic Church will be...

SUMMARY TABLE BASED ON TOTAL:

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22	Pretty similar to Pope Francis
10	Pretty different from Pope Francis
24	Not sure
*	No answer
45	NOT ASKED (Know "Nothing at all" about Pope Leo, "No answer" or "NOT ASKED" in POPE_KNOW)

POPE_EVAL**ASK IF SAID SIMILAR OR DIFFERENT IN POPE_SIM (POPE_SIM=1,2):**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Do you think it would be a good or bad thing if Pope Leo's leadership of the Catholic Church is [PN: IF POPE_SIM=1 INSERT "similar to"; IF POPE_SIM=2 INSERT "different from"] Pope Francis' leadership?

SUMMARY TABLE BASED ON TOTAL:

Jul 8-Aug 3, <u>2025</u>	
22	Pretty similar to Pope Francis
19	Good thing
2	Bad thing
*	No answer
10	Pretty different from Pope Francis
8	Good thing
1	Bad thing
*	No answer
69	NOT ASKED ("Not sure" if Leo will be similar to or different than Francis, "No answer" or "NOT ASKED" in POPE_SIM)

POPE_EXCITE**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

As you may know, Pope Leo is the first pope who was born in the U.S. How excited are you to have a pope who was born in the U.S.?

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5	Extremely excited
11	Very excited
31	Somewhat excited
20	Not too excited
29	Not at all excited
3	No answer