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PEW FORUM ON RELIGION & PUBLIC LIFE
FEBRUARY 2012 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
February 8-12, 2012
N=1501

Q.1-Q.6a, Q.32-Q.37, Q.43-Q.48, Q.55-Q.57, Q.60-Q.65, Q.71-Q.72 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
Q.6b-e, Q.7-Q.8, Q.11, Q.13-Q.16, Q.19-Q.21 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED
NO QUESTIONS 9-10, 12, 17-18, 22-31, 38-39, 49-54, 58-59, 68-70

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.40 Do you personally believe that **[INSERT ITEM AND RANDOMIZE]** is morally acceptable, morally wrong, or is it not a moral issue. **[IF NECESSARY: And is [INSERT ITEM] morally acceptable, morally wrong, or is it not a moral issue?]**

		<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Not a moral issue</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends on the situation</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Using contraceptives Feb 8-12, 2012	42	8	43	2	6
b.	Getting a divorce Feb 8-12, 2012	23	21	48	6	3
	Aug 11-17, 2009 ¹	20	29	40	6	4
c.	Having an abortion Feb 8-12, 2012	13	48	25	9	5
	Aug 11-17, 2009	10	52	25	8	4
	Feb, 2006	12	52	23	11	2

ASK ALL:

Q.41 How much, if anything, have you heard about a federal court ruling that California's ban on gay marriage is unconstitutional? **[READ]**

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33	A lot
45	A little
20	Nothing at all
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.42 Does this federal court decision make you **[READ IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]?**

BASED ON TOTAL:		BASED ON HEARD		
A LOT/LITTLE:		A LOT/LITTLE:		
Feb 8-12		Feb 8-12		
<u>2012</u>		<u>2012</u>		
12		13		Very happy
19		20		Pleased
27		31		Disappointed
13		13		Angry
17		15		None of these (VOL.)
12		7		Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
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¹ In August, 2009 the item read: "divorce."

ASK ALL:

Q.66 How much, if anything, have you heard about a proposed federal requirement that religiously-affiliated hospitals and colleges, along with nearly all other employers, cover contraceptives in their employee health care benefits, even if the use of contraceptives conflicts with the religious position of these institutions? Have you heard a lot, a little, or nothing at all about this?²

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33	A lot
29	A little
38	Nothing at all
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q.66=1,2)

Q.67 Should religiously-affiliated institutions that object to the use of contraceptives be given an exemption from this rule, or should they be required to cover contraceptives like other employers?

BASED ON TOTAL:		BASED ON HEARD A LOT/LITTLE:		
Feb 8-12		Feb 8-12		
<u>2012</u>		<u>2012</u>		
30		48		Should be given an exemption
27		44		Should be required to cover
2		3		Other (VOL.)
3		5		Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
38		--		<i>Heard nothing/DK/Ref</i>
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² On the first two nights of interviewing, February 8-9, 2012, the question read: "A new federal rule will require religiously-affiliated hospitals and colleges, along with nearly all other employers, to cover contraceptives in their employee health care benefits, even if the use of contraceptives conflicts with the religious position of these institutions. How much, if anything, have you heard about this new rule?"

ASK ALL:

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular? **[INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS "nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc." BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: And would you say that's atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]**

ASK IF SOMETHING ELSE, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR OR DK/REF (RELIG=11,99):

CHR Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not? **[IF R NAMED A NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN PREVIOUS QUESTION (e.g. Native American, Wiccan, Pagan, etc.), DO NOT READ (ENTER "NO" CODE 2)]**

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38	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
23	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2	Jewish (Judaism)
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
1	Muslim (Islam)
1	Buddhist
1	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
1	Hindu
4	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
3	Atheist (do not believe in God)
1	Something else (SPECIFY)
16	Nothing in particular
8	Christian (VOL.)
*	Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.)
1	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

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12	More than once a week
24	One a week
16	Once or twice a month
18	A few times a year
16	Seldom
14	Never
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) AND CHURCH ATTENDER (ATTEND=1-4) [N=272]:

Q.75 As best you can recall, was the new federal rule requiring contraceptive coverage in health care benefits brought up by your priest or another official at your church over the past few weeks, or not?

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24	Yes, issue was brought up
64	No, was not
4	Didn't attend recently (VOL.)
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)