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**APRIL 2008 POPE BENEDICT SURVEY [OMNIBUS]**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**April 23-30, 2008**  
**N=1000**

**ASK ALL:**

P.1 Now I'd like your views on some people. As I read some names, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each person. (First, **INSERT NAME**) would you say your overall opinion of... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **(NEXT NAME)? [IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion of [NAME] is 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 Benedict the sixteenth	61	22	39	17	8	9	4	18=100
March, 2008 (Pre-visit)	52	18	34	18	6	12	7	23=100
August, 2007	50	14	36	18	6	12	8	24=100
July, 2005	44	10	34	11	4	7	4	41=100
June, 1996 ( <i>John Paul II</i> )	76	28	48	13	4	9	1	10=100
May, 1990 ( <i>John Paul II</i> )	79	31	48	11	4	7	1	9=100
May, 1987 ( <i>John Paul II</i> )	76	28	48	14	4	10	1	9=100
b. Oprah Winfrey	68	26	42	21	9	12	1	10=100
October 12-14, 2007 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	66			26			1	6=99
January 5-7, 2007 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	74			17			*	8=99
November 10-12, 2003 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	73			20			1	6=100
March 26-29, 1992 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	78			14			2	6=100
c. Al Gore	53	22	31	36	16	20	1	10=100
December, 2002	44	12	32	46	21	25	1	9=100
July, 2001	54	16	38	39	18	21	*	7=100
January, 2001	57	22	35	39	19	20	*	4=100
May, 2000	50	13	37	38	15	23	1	11=100
March, 1999	47	12	35	43	17	26	2	8=100
December, 1998	58	18	40	33	11	22	1	8=100
Early October, 1998 ( <i>RVs</i> )	53	16	37	38	13	25	1	8=100
Early September, 1998	57	13	44	35	13	22	1	7=100
Late August, 1998	55	11	44	37	14	23	1	7=100
March, 1998	59	17	42	30	11	19	2	9=100
November, 1997	55	12	43	38	12	26	1	6=100
September, 1997	46	11	35	43	15	28	1	10=100
August, 1997	54	15	39	37	15	22	1	8=100
April, 1997	57	12	45	36	12	24	1	6=100
January, 1997	65	18	47	29	8	21	1	5=100
July, 1994	67	18	49	26	7	19	2	5=100
August, 1992	66	22	44	20	5	15	2	12=100
July, 1992 <sup>1</sup>	47	15	32	19	5	14	6	28=100
September, 1987	29	6	23	14	3	11	23	34=100

<sup>1</sup> July 1992 trend based on 461 respondents asked on July 9, 1992 only.

**Q.P1 CONTINUED...**

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL)	(VOL)
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never	Can't
d.	Robert Gates	34	7	27	21	6	15	27	18=100
	December, 2006	34	7	27	18	12	6	24	24=100

**ASK ALL:**

P.2 In 2005, Pope Benedict the sixteenth became head of the Roman Catholic Church. How much have you heard about Pope Benedict...a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

		(Pre-visit)	
		March	Aug
		<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
29	A lot	18	19
55	A little	57	62
15	Nothing at all	24	18
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100

**IF HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE (P.2=1,2), ASK [N=866]:**

P.3 From what you know, how good a job is the pope doing in promoting good relations between the Catholic Church and other major religions? Is he doing an excellent, good, only fair, or a poor job of promoting good relations with other major religions?

		(Pre-visit)	
		March	Aug
		<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
14	Excellent	9	6
37	Good	30	32
21	Only fair	29	35
8	Poor	11	11
<u>20</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>21</u>	<u>16</u>
100		100	100

**IF HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE (P.2=1,2), ASK [N=866]:**

P.4 And how would you describe Pope Benedict the sixteenth...is he very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal or very liberal?

		(Pre-visit)	
		March	Aug
		<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
15	Very conservative	16	20
32	Conservative	29	36
18	Moderate	21	17
5	Liberal	5	4
2	Very liberal	2	1
<u>28</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	<u>27</u>	<u>22</u>
100		100	100

**IF HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE (P.2=1,2), ASK [N=866]:**

P.5 In your view, how good a job has the pope done in addressing the sex abuse scandal in the Catholic Church? Has he done an excellent, good, only fair, or a poor job?

9	Excellent
30	Good
28	Only fair
20	Poor
<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	