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FEBRUARY 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
February 13-18, 2013
N=1,504

QUESTIONS 1-54 RELEASED PREVIOUSLY OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

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?]

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	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
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21	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
*	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
1	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
1	Buddhist
1	Hindu
3	Atheist (do not believe in God)
3	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
1	Something else (SPECIFY: _____)
15	Nothing in particular
12	Christian (VOL.)
*	Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.)
3	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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17	More than once a week
22	Once a week
11	Once or twice a month
19	A few times a year
16	Seldom
12	Never
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=304]:

Q.61 How much, if anything have you heard about Pope Benedict announcing that he would step down as head of the Catholic Church? Have you heard a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

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60	A lot
30	A little
10	Nothing at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=304]:

Q.62 Do you think the next pope should [RANDOMIZE]?

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46	Move the Church in new directions [OR SHOULD HE]
51	Maintain the traditional positions of the Church
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF POPE SHOULD MOVE CHURCH IN NEW DIRECTIONS (Q62=1) [N=144]:

Q.63 And, just in your view, what new directions would you like to see the Catholic Church move in? [RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY – DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD IN ORDER OF MENTION]

NOTE: Responses sum to more than 100% because multiple responses were accepted

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19	Become more modern
15	Get tougher with abusers/end sex abuse
14	Allow priests to marry
14	Become more accepting/open (general)
9	Become more accepting of homosexuality/same-sex marriage
9	Allow women to serve as priests
7	Become more accepting of contraception/birth control
6	Become less strict/less conservative/more liberal (general)
5	Get better/improve/change (general)
4	More focus on religion/bring people to Church
4	Gender equality/women's rights (general)
4	Less focus on money
3	More focus on social justice/helping people
2	Stay out of sexual issues/private lives
2	Become less strict about heterosexual marriage (divorce, interfaith marriage)
2	Better communication/less secretive
1	Become less strict about abortion
1	Become more traditional/conservative
10	Other
1	Unclear
7	Don't know/No answer

ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=304]:

Q.64 In your own view, do you think it would be good or bad if the next pope [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about if he [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Would this be good or bad?]

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Bad</u>	<u>(VOL.) Would not matter</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Allows priests to get married Feb 13-18, 2013	58	35	2	6
b. Is from a developing region, like South America, Asia, or Africa Feb 13-18, 2013	60	14	20	6

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PEW.1a-e RELEASED PREVIOUSLY

NO PEW.2-3

ASK ALL:

PEW.4 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 Benedict the sixteenth								
Feb 14-17, 2013	49	14	34	27	12	16	4	20
Apr 23-30, 2008	61	22	39	17	8	9	4	18
March, 2008	52	18	34	18	6	12	7	23
August, 2007	50	14	36	18	6	12	8	24
July, 2005	44	10	34	11	4	7	4	41
June, 1996 (<i>John Paul II</i>)	76	28	48	13	4	9	1	10
May, 1990 (<i>John Paul II</i>)	79	31	48	11	4	7	1	9
May, 1987 (<i>John Paul II</i>)	76	28	48	14	4	10	1	9

NO QUE PEW.4c

QUESTIONS PEW.4b-f RELEASED PREVIOUSLY OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK IF FOLLOWED POPE AT LEAST NOT TOO CLOSELY (PEW.1d=1-3) [N=750]:

PEW.5 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?

Feb 14-17 <u>2013</u>		April <u>2008</u> ¹	March <u>2008</u>	Aug <u>2007</u>
8	Excellent	14	9	6
30	Good	37	30	32
34	Only fair	21	29	35
10	Poor	8	11	11
18	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	20	21	16

ASK IF FOLLOWED POPE AT LEAST NOT TOO CLOSELY (PEW.1d=1-3) [N=750]:

PEW.6 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?

Feb 14-17 <u>2013</u>		Apr 1-5 <u>2010</u> ²	April <u>2008</u>
4	Excellent	3	9
16	Good	9	30
30	Only fair	27	28
39	Poor	44	20
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	17	13

¹ In April, 2008 and earlier, question was asked of those who had heard at least "a little" about the pope.

² In April, 2010 and earlier, question was asked of those who had heard at least "a little" about the pope.