

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
FINAL TOPLINE  
May 5-June 7, 2015  
N=5,122**

**QUESTIONS A1 AND A2 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.A3 Next, is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; 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 Francis								
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	64	29	35	10	4	5	8	19
Feb 18-22, 2015	70	29	40	15	5	10	5	11
Feb 14-23, 2014	66	30	36	11	4	7	7	16
Sep 4-8, 2013	58	21	37	12	4	7	10	20
Mar 28-31, 2013	57	22	35	14	6	9	6	22
Feb 14-17, 2013 <b>(Benedict XVI)</b>	49	14	34	27	12	16	4	20
April, 2008 <b>(Benedict XVI)</b>	61	22	39	17	8	9	4	18
March, 2008 <b>(Benedict XVI)</b>	52	18	34	18	6	12	7	23
August, 2007 <b>(Benedict XVI)</b>	50	14	36	18	6	12	8	24
July, 2005 <b>(Benedict XVI)</b>	44	10	34	11	4	7	4	41
June, 1996 <b>(John Paul II)</b>	76	28	48	13	4	9	1	10
May, 1990 <b>(John Paul II)</b>	79	31	48	11	4	7	1	9
May, 1987 <b>(John Paul II)</b>	76	28	48	14	4	10	1	9

**QUESTIONS A3b AND A3c HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.A15 Do you think Pope Francis represents a major change in direction for the Catholic Church, or don't you think so?**[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT SAYS "DON'T KNOW" OR THAT THEY HAVE NO OPINION, RECORD AS "9" AND DO NOT PROBE FURTHER]**

**ASK IF "MAJOR CHANGE" (Q.A15=1):**

Q.A16 And do you see this as **[READ AND RANDOMIZE: mainly a change for the better [OR] mainly a change for the worse]**?

May 5-Jun 7 2015		Feb 14-23 2014
56	Yes, represents a major change in direction	59
48	Mainly a change for the better [OR]	55
5	Mainly a change for the worse	3
1	Neither <b>(VOL.)</b>	*
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1
18	No, don't think so	21
26	Don't know/refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	20

**QUESTIONS B12a-B12e AND B15a-B15c HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

On another subject,

Q.D27 From what you've read and heard, is there solid evidence that the average temperature on earth has been getting warmer over the past few decades, or not?

**ASK IF EARTH IS GETTING WARMER (Q.D27=1):**

Q.D28a Do you believe that the earth is getting warmer [**READ AND RANDOMIZE:** mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels [OR] mostly because of natural patterns in the earth's environment]?

-----Yes, solid evidence-----

	Total	Mostly b/c of human activity such as burning fossil fuels	Mostly b/c of natural patterns in the earth's environment	(VOL.) DK/Ref	No	(VOL.) Mixed/ some evidence	(VOL.) Don't know/ Refused
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	68	45	18	5	25	2	5
Aug 15-25, 2014	72	46	22	3	25	1	2
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	61	40	18	3	35	1	3
Oct 9-13, 2013	67	44	18	4	26	2	5
Mar 13-17, 2013	69	42	23	4	27	1	4
Oct 4-7, 2012	67	42	19	6	26	1	6
Nov 9-14, 2011	63	38	18	6	28	1	8
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	58	36	18	5	34	2	5
Oct 13-18, 2010	59	34	18	6	32	1	8
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	57	36	16	6	33	2	8
April, 2008	71	47	18	6	21	3	5
January, 2007	77	47	20	10	16	1	6
August, 2006	77	47	20	10	17	1	5
July, 2006	79	50	23	6	17	1	3
June, 2006	70	41	21	8	20	1	9

**ASK IF EARTH IS NOT GETTING WARMER (Q.D27=2):**

Q.D28b Do you think that we just don't know enough yet about whether the Earth is getting warmer or do you think it's just not happening?

May 5-Jun 7 <u>2015</u>		Aug 15-25, <u>2014</u>	Feb 27-Mar 16 <u>2014</u>	Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u> <sup>1</sup>
25	NET No solid evidence	25	35	26
11	Just don't know enough yet	11	17	12
12	Just not happening	13	17	13
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1	1
75	Solid evidence/Some evidence (VOL.) /Don't know (VOL.)	75	65	74

<sup>1</sup> Prior to October 2013, follow-up question was not asked of those who said there was no solid evidence.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.D30 In your view, is global warming a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not a problem?

	<u>Very serious</u>	Somewhat <u>serious</u>	<u>Not too serious</u>	<u>Not a problem</u>	(VOL.) Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	46	23	13	16	2
Mar 13-17, 2013	33	32	13	20	2
Oct 4-7, 2012	39	25	14	19	3
Nov 9-14, 2011	38	27	16	17	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	32	31	16	18	3
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	35	30	15	17	3
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	47	26	11	13	2
April, 2008	44	29	13	11	3
January, 2007	45	32	12	8	3
July, 2006	43	36	11	9	1
June, 2006	41	33	13	11	2

**QUESTIONS F2-J9 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****BASED ON CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=1,016]:**

Q.J22 As I read some phrases, please tell me whether you think each one describes Pope Francis. First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM;RANDOMIZE, BUT ALWAYS ASK ITEM a,b, or c FIRST]**. Does this describe Pope Francis, or not? Next, **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**. **[REPEAT IF NECESSARY: Does this describe Pope Francis, or not?]**

	Yes, describes <u>Pope Francis</u>	No, does not describe Pope <u>Francis</u>	(VOL.) Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
May 5-Jun 7, 2015			
a. Humble	91	4	6
b. Compassionate	94	1	5
c. Open-minded	89	5	6
d. Too liberal	19	70	10
e. Naïve	15	76	9
f. Out of touch	11	80	8

**BASED ON CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=1,016]**

Q.J29 How would you rate the job the pope is doing in **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? Is he doing an excellent, good, only fair, or a poor job? How would you rate the job the pope is doing in **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? Is he doing an excellent, good, only fair, or a poor job? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY: Is the pope doing an excellent, good, only fair, or a poor job [REPEAT ITEM]?**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Spreading the Catholic faith					
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	41	43	8	2	6
Feb 14-23, 2014	34	47	12	2	5
b. Addressing the sex abuse scandal in the Catholic Church					
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	19	36	22	12	11
Feb 14-23, 2014	18	36	24	15	8
<b>NO ITEM c.</b>					
d. Reforming the Vatican bureaucracy					
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	25	38	18	4	15
Feb 14-23, 2014	20	42	20	4	14
e. Standing up for traditional moral values					
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	33	47	10	2	7
Feb 14-23, 2014	29	51	14	2	4
f. Addressing the needs and concerns of the poor					
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	42	37	11	3	6
Feb 14-23, 2014	39	38	14	4	5
g. Addressing the needs and concerns of families					
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	35	44	13	1	7
h. Addressing the needs and concerns of women					
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	22	43	20	4	11
i. Promoting good relations between the Catholic church and other major religions					
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	34	44	13	2	7
j. Addressing environmental issues					
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	18	35	25	4	18

**QUESTIONS J31-U3 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**