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# **CNN | ORC POLL**

**Interviews with 1,026 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on February 10-13, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 937 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points).**

**The sample includes 773 interviews among landline respondents and 253 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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Approve	44%
Disapprove	50%
No opinion	6%

32. Regardless of how you feel about that policy, do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Using artificial means of birth control is wrong?"

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All Americans    Catholics

Agree	17%	22%
Disagree	81%	77%
No opinion	2%	1%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

<u>ALL AMERICANS</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1996 Jul 10-11	15	81	4
1995 Sep 27-28	16	80	4
1994 Aug 31-Sep 1	21	74	5
1987 Aug	15	80	5
<u>CATHOLICS</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1995 Sep 27-28	19	79	2
1994 Aug 31-Sep 1	24	70	6
1992 June 3-4	19	79	2

*QUESTION WORDING: Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Using artificial means of birth control is wrong?"*

BASED ON 228 CATHOLICS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 6.5 PERCENTAGE PTS.

34. Do you think Catholics should always obey official Church teachings on such moral issues as birth control and abortion, or do you think it is possible for Catholics to make up their own minds on these issues?

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Should always obey	11%
Make up own minds	88%
No opinion	1%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

<u>CATHOLICS</u>	Always obey	Make up own minds	No opinion
1999 Jan. 20-21	17	80	3
1995 Sept. 27-28	15	79	2
1994 Dec. 7-8	24	73	3
1994 Aug 31-Sept 1	17	80	4
1992 June 3-4	14	70	7

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Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Approve	44%	40%	47%	37%	60%
Disapprove	50%	55%	46%	58%	32%
No opinion	6%	5%	7%	5%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	44%	50%	45%	43%	33%	48%	39%
Disapprove	50%	39%	51%	53%	63%	44%	57%
No opinion	6%	11%	4%	4%	4%	8%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	44%	48%	40%	43%	45%
Disapprove	50%	47%	52%	53%	47%
No opinion	6%	5%	8%	4%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	44%	70%	44%	12%	74%	49%	21%
Disapprove	50%	26%	47%	85%	20%	43%	75%
No opinion	6%	4%	9%	3%	6%	8%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	44%	53%	42%	40%	43%	55%	41%	34%
Disapprove	50%	41%	53%	56%	47%	42%	52%	59%
No opinion	6%	6%	6%	4%	10%	3%	6%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Approve	44%	15%	43%	71%
Disapprove	50%	82%	51%	20%
No opinion	6%	2%	6%	9%
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	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Agree	17%	22%	13%	13%	25%
Disagree	81%	77%	85%	86%	72%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Agree	17%	19%	11%	16%	23%	16%	18%
Disagree	81%	79%	88%	84%	73%	83%	80%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	*	4%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Agree	17%	23%	9%	23%	12%
Disagree	81%	75%	90%	75%	87%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

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Agree	17%	19%	14%	20%	12%	17%	20%
Disagree	81%	78%	85%	79%	88%	81%	78%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	*	1%	2%
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Disagree	81%	77%	82%	81%	85%	83%	82%	77%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	3%	*	1%	1%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

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