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Interviews with 1,021 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on March 15-17, 2013. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample includes 716 interviews among landline respondents and 305 interviews among cell phone respondents.

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, MARCH 19 AT 3:30 AM

BASED ON 190 RESPONDENTS WHO DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS CATHOLICS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 7% PTS.

36. Do you approve or disapprove of the selection of Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, now known as Pope Francis, as the next pope?

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Approve	88%
Disapprove	4%
No opinion	8%

FOR COMPARISON

ABC NEWS/WASHINGTON POST TREND

"Do you approve or disapprove of the selection of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now known as Pope Benedict the 16th, as the next pope?"

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
April 21-24, 2005	60	19	21

37. On difficult moral questions, which are you more likely to follow -- the teachings of the Pope, or your conscience.

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Pope's teachings	23%
Conscience	72%
Both (vol.)	5%
No opinion	*

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Pope's teachings</u>	<u>Conscience</u>	<u>Both (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Oct 10-12	14	83	3	--
1993 Aug 3-5	16	79	5	*
1987 Jul 10-13	14	77	7	2

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38. Do you believe the Pope is infallible when he teaches formally on matters of faith, such as the divinity of Christ?

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Yes, infallible	59%
No, not infallible	35%
No opinion	5%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TREND

	<u>Yes, is</u>	<u>No, is not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Oct 10-12	45	50	5

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Yes, is</u>	<u>No, is not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1995 Sep 27-28	50	36	14
1994 Dec 7-8	45	44	11

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39. Do you think Pope Francis should or should not do each of the following? (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Should</u>	<u>Should not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Allow Catholics to use birth control	76%	22%	2%
Allow priests to marry	64%	36%	*
Allow women to become priests	59%	41%	*
Allow Catholics to divorce and re-marry without getting an annulment	52%	46%	2%
Make church doctrine on abortion less strict	44%	55%	1%
Develop new policies toward sexual abuse committed by priests that are stricter than the policies of previous Popes	90%	8%	2%

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April 1-2, 2005	<u>Yes, should</u>	<u>No, should not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Allow Catholics to use birth control	78	21	1
Allow priests to marry	63	36	1
Allow women to become priests	55	44	1
Allow Catholics to divorce and re-marry without getting an annulment	49	48	3
Make church doctrine on abortion less strict	37	59	4

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40. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision by the former Pope, Benedict the Sixteenth, to resign from the papacy?

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Approve	86%
Disapprove	11%
No opinion	2%

41. Suppose for a moment that the former Pope makes public comments on important matters concerning the Catholic Church that disagree with the positions taken by the new Pope. If that happened, do you think official Church policy should be determined by the opinions of the new Pope, Francis, or the opinions of the former Pope, Benedict?

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New Pope	92%
Former Pope	6%
Neither (vol.)	1%
No opinion	2%

METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,021 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. A total of 190 respondents identified themselves as Catholics and were asked the questions included in this release. All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, and telephone usage. Among the entire sample, 33% described themselves as Democrats, 25% described themselves as Republicans, and 43% described themselves as Independents or members of another party.