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AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD THE POPE FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

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1,058 adults

Margin of error: +/- 3.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

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Q8. Do you think that global warming is happening, or do you think global warming is not happening?

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Yes, global warming is happening	65	67	69	76
No, global warming is not happening	16	18	16	15
Not sure	19	14	15	9
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	1	-
<i>N=</i>	1,058	224	1,030	229

Q9. How worried, if at all, are you about global warming?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Extremely/very worried NET	23	19	26	29
Extremely worried	8	5	9	8
Very worried	14	14	17	21
Moderately worried	34	43	37	40
Not too/not at all worried NET	38	34	34	28
Not too worried	22	20	20	20
Not worried at all	17	15	15	8
Not sure	4	3	3	3
SKIP/REFUSED	1	-	-	-
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If global warming is happening in Q8

Q10. Do you think global warming is...

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Caused entirely by human activities	12	12	11	5
Caused mostly by human activities	39	26	41	43
Caused about equally by human activities and natural changes in the environment	35	48	38	46
Caused mostly by natural changes in the environment	7	8	6	2
Caused entirely by natural changes in the environment	3	3	2	2
Not sure	3	2	2	2
SKIP/REFUSED	*	-	*	-
<i>N=</i>	722	159	737	167

Q11. In your opinion, do you think global warming is...

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

a. An environmental issue

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Yes	82	79	82	87
No	12	15	9	7
Not sure	5	4	5	5
SKIP/REFUSED	1	2	4	1
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b. A moral issue

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Yes	36	30	39	43
No	49	54	43	42
Not sure	12	13	12	10
SKIP/REFUSED	4	4	7	5
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c. A religious issue

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Yes	9	3	9	8
No	79	86	74	77
Not sure	8	7	8	9
SKIP/REFUSED	4	4	8	7
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d. A social justice (fairness) issue

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Yes	25	24	25	25
No	57	57	51	53
Not sure	13	15	16	17
SKIP/REFUSED	4	4	8	6
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e. A political issue

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Yes	55	55	56	50
No	32	33	31	36
Not sure	10	10	8	8
SKIP/REFUSED	3	2	5	6
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f. A scientific issue

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Yes	72	69	76	80
No	17	18	12	9
Not sure	8	10	6	6
SKIP/REFUSED	3	3	6	6
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g. A poverty issue

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Yes	14	13	17	16
No	71	74	64	69
Not sure	10	9	12	8
SKIP/REFUSED	4	4	7	7
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Q12. [HALF SAMPLE] Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Pope Francis? If you don't know enough about this person to have an opinion, you can say that too.

[HALF SAMPLE] Do you have an unfavorable or favorable opinion of Pope Francis? If you don't know enough about this person to have an opinion, you can say that too.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Very/somewhat favorable NET	44	59	39	62
Very favorable	23	41	21	44
Somewhat favorable	21	18	18	18
Very/somewhat unfavorable NET	13	15	12	6
Very unfavorable	7	8	4	4
Somewhat unfavorable	6	7	7	2
Don't know enough to say	42	26	49	33
SKIP/REFUSED	*	-	*	-
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>	<i>224</i>	<i>1,030</i>	<i>229</i>

Q13. How closely did you follow news about Pope Francis visiting the United States in September?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015
Extremely/very closely NET	14	32
Extremely closely	4	11
Very closely	10	20
Somewhat closely	29	31
Not too closely/not closely at all NET	57	36
Not too closely	25	22
Not closely at all	31	14
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>	<i>224</i>

Q14. Pope Francis recently released an encyclical (a letter sent to all Catholic Bishops worldwide) which said that addressing global warming is a high priority for the Catholic Church. Before you read about it in this question, were you aware of this papal encyclical about global warming?

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Yes	36	47	31	40

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No	56	46	60	53
Not sure	8	7	8	7
SKIP/REFUSED	*	-	*	-
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Q15. Do you think it's appropriate or not appropriate for the pope to take a public position on the issue of global warming?

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
It is appropriate	55	67	55	64
It is not appropriate	22	22	21	18
Not sure	22	11	23	18
SKIP/REFUSED	*	-	*	*
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If heard about the encyclical in Q14

Q16. If you attended religious services in the past three months, did the service leader or other speaker talk about the pope's encyclical on global warming, or was it not talked about?

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Yes, the service leader talked about it	6	13	11	23
No, it was not talked about	46	49	39	40
I did not attend religious services in the past three months	47	37	51	38
SKIP/REFUSED	1	*	*	-
N=	407	107	322	86

Q17. Do you approve, or disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Pope Francis is handling...

a. Abortion

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015
Approve	22	41
Disapprove	19	16
Neither approve nor disapprove	26	25
Not sure	32	17
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1
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b. Church doctrine on gays and lesbians

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015
Approve	22	31
Disapprove	18	16
Neither approve nor disapprove	28	32
Not sure	32	21
SKIP/REFUSED	*	*
N=	1,058	224

c. Immigration

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015
Approve	24	37
Disapprove	14	16
Neither approve nor disapprove	26	23
Not sure	36	24
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1
N=	1,058	224

d. Poverty

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015
Approve	38	56
Disapprove	9	7
Neither approve nor disapprove	22	19
Not sure	30	17
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1
N=	1,058	224

e. The death penalty

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015
Approve	21	29
Disapprove	14	17
Neither approve nor disapprove	26	25
Not sure	38	27
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1
N=	1,058	224

Q18. When did you last attend any religious services?

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	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015
Within the past week	30	34
Within the past month	10	15
Within the past three months	10	13
Before that	33	30
Not sure	16	8
SKIP/REFUSED	1	-
N=	1,058	224

Q19. Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Yes, born-again/evangelical	33	13	34	12
No, not born-again/evangelical	65	84	64	88
DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED	2	3	2	*
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Q20. What is your religious preference?

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Protestant	21	-	40	-
Catholic	21	100	25	100
Mormon	1	-	1	-
Jewish	2	-	2	-
Muslim	1	-	1	-
Other religion	27	-	3	-
Don't belong to any religious denomination	27	-	28	-
DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED	*	-	1	-
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if other religion or DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED in Q20

Q21. Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Yes, a Christian	89	-	32	-
No, not a Christian	11	-	60	-
DON'T KNOW/SKIP/REFUSED	*	-	8	-
N=	272		51	

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AGE

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
18-24	12	6	12	13
25-34	18	10	18	12
35-44	16	17	15	18
45-54	17	22	19	21
55-64	17	26	17	19
65-74	12	11	13	13
75+	7	7	6	4
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GENDER

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Male	48	52	48	48
Female	52	48	52	52
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RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
White	65	64	65	64
Black or African American	12	2	12	2
Hispanic	15	27	16	28
Other	8	7	8	6
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MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Married	48	63	52	56
Widowed	6	6	5	6
Divorced	12	8	12	9
Separated	3	4	3	3
Never married	25	14	24	22
Living with partner	7	4	5	3
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INCOME

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	AP-NORC 10/15-18/2015	Catholics 10/15-18/2015	AP-NORC 7/17-19/2015	Catholics 7/17-19/2015
Under \$10,000	7	5	7	4
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	12	13	12	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	13	12	14	17
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10	7	11	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	11	12	8	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	15	12	16	16
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	12	9	13	7
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	13	18	11	18
\$150,000 or more	7	12	8	12

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Study Methodology

This survey was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and with funding from NORC at the University of Chicago. Data were collected using AmeriSpeak®, which is a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. The survey was part of an omnibus that included questions about several other topics not included in this report, such as climate change. During the initial recruitment phase of the panel, randomly selected U.S. households are sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame and are then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face-to-face).

Interviews for this survey were conducted between October 15 and October 18, 2015, with adults age 18 and over from the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak®, and 1,058 completed the survey—753 via the web and 305 via telephone. The final stage completion rate is 31.0 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 36.6 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 99.4 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 11.3 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 3.7 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data has been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any non-coverage or under- and oversampling resulting from the study-specific sample design. Poststratification variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, and household phone status. The weighted data, which reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over, were used for all analyses.

All analyses were conducted using STATA (version 14), which allows for adjustment of standard errors for complex sample designs. All differences reported between subgroups of the U.S. population are at the 95 percent level of statistical significance, meaning that there is only a 5 percent (or lower) probability that the observed differences could be attributed to chance variation in sampling.

A comprehensive listing of all study questions, complete with tabulations of top-level results for each question, is available on The AP-NORC Center website: www.apnorc.org.

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