

Saint Leo University Polling Institute
Pope Francis Visits America
Conducted September 27 – 29, 2015
Basic Results

q1 Prior to completing this survey, how aware were you that Pope Francis was visiting the United States in September?	Overall in percents
Very aware	67.8
Somewhat aware	21.4
Somewhat unaware	3.6
Not at all aware	5.3
Unsure	1.9
Total	100.0

q2 How interested were you in the pope's visit and his messages while he was here?	Overall in percents
Very interested	38.0
Somewhat interested	40.2
Somewhat uninterested	11.4
Not at all interested	9.2
Unsure	1.2
Total	100.0

q3 Thinking about all the pope's messages while he visited the U.S., how much do you recall reading, listening to, or watching during his visit?	Overall in percents
A great deal	29.8
Some	41.4
Very little	19.6
None	8.7
Unsure	.4
Total	100.0

q4 Using your best guess, on how many occasions would you say you tuned into or read coverage of the pope's visit?	Overall in percents
0	7.2
1	9.6
2	15.0
3	18.6
4	10.8
5	15.6
6	6.8
7	2.3
8	2.0
9	.5
10	6.5
12	1.4
14	.1
15	.9
16	.1
20	.9
22	.2
24	.1
25	.2
30	.1
35	.1
40	.1
50	.4
75	.1
90	.1
Total	100.0

q5 Did you or did someone you know get to see the pope while he visited the U.S.?	Overall in percents
Yes I did	5.3
Yes someone I know	12.4
Yes I did along with someone I know	1.5
No	74.0
Unsure	6.8

Total

100.0

q6 Which of the following sources of information helped you follow the pope's visit. Please indicate all that apply:

	Overall	Catholics
Television coverage	79.7	89.3
Online news websites	46.2	49.6
Social media such as Facebook	35.6	38.5
Conversations with family, friends, co-workers	25.4	31.7
Print media (newspapers, magazines)	23.7	34.5
Radio coverage	18.3	22.6
Radio talk shows	12.2	14.7
Places of worship such as church, mosque, synagogue	8.4	16.7
Other	3.7	1.2

q7 Pope Francis has also visited Cuba and its people for four days on his way to the United States. Do you support or oppose Pope Francis' decision to visit Cuba?	Overall in percents
Strongly support	39.0
Somewhat support	29.4
Somewhat oppose	5.9
Strongly oppose	3.2
Don't know / not sure	22.5
Total	100.0

q8 Would you say your opinion of Pope Francis is...	Overall in percents
Strongly favorable	39.6
Somewhat favorable	36.2
Somewhat unfavorable	6.2
Not at all favorable	5.2
Haven't heard of Pope Francis	2.6
Don't know unsure	10.2
Total	100.0

Based on all you know or have heard, please rate Pope Francis on a number of characteristics. Please use a scale of one to 10 where one is very good and 10 is very poor. (Those answering “Don’t Know” were removed from the calculation of responses in the series from questions 9-38.)

q9 Compassion	Overall in percents
1	46.4
2	13.6
3	8.1
4	4.6
5	6.8
6	3.5
7	3.2
8	4.1
9	2.1
10	4.0
NA	3.7
Total	100.0

q10 His passion	Overall in percents
1	44.9
2	13.9
3	8.8
4	4.0
5	6.3
6	3.9
7	3.2
8	3.8
9	2.8
10	4.3
NA	4.2
Total	100.0

q11 On being a force for good in the world today	Overall in percents
1	39.9
2	13.9
3	9.1

4	4.2
5	8.2
6	3.8
7	4.5
8	4.0
9	2.2
10	6.3
NA	3.9
Total	100.0

q12 His humility and ability to relate to common people	Overall in percents
1	43.7
2	12.4
3	8.1
4	5.2
5	7.3
6	3.5
7	4.1
8	3.5
9	3.2
10	5.3
NA	3.6
Total	100.0

q13 His record of enhancing the image of the Catholic Church	Overall in percents
1	36.8
2	13.2
3	10.3
4	3.7
5	9.7
6	4.4
7	3.5
8	4.6
9	2.6
10	5.6

NA	5.6
Total	100.0

MESSAGES

Pope Francis conveyed a number of messages during his visit and just prior to his visit. For each message, please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree.

q14 The U.S. is blessed with many gifts	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	59.2
Somewhat Agree	34.1
Somewhat Disagree	5.2
Strongly Disagree	1.6
Total	100.0

q15 The U.S. is one of the worlds liveliest and most successful democracies	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	53.3
Somewhat Agree	33.5
Somewhat Disagree	10.0
Strongly Disagree	3.2
Total	100.0

q16 Family life is precious and should be supported	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	75.7
Somewhat Agree	18.9
Somewhat Disagree	4.2
Strongly Disagree	1.3
Total	100.0

q17 The U.S. could do more for the vulnerable	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	48.7
Somewhat Agree	33.6
Somewhat Disagree	12.2
Strongly Disagree	5.5
Total	100.0

q18 The U.S. has a positive history of religious diversity	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	40.6
Somewhat Agree	41.3
Somewhat Disagree	13.1
Strongly Disagree	5.0
Total	100.0

q19 Wealthy nations should open their borders to migrants fleeing hunger and violence	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	31.0
Somewhat Agree	33.3
Somewhat Disagree	21.4
Strongly Disagree	14.2
Total	100.0

q20 Arms trading must be halted	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	44.0
Somewhat Agree	33.3
Somewhat Disagree	15.2
Strongly Disagree	7.4
Total	100.0

q21 The death penalty should be abolished everywhere	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	20.0
Somewhat Agree	21.9
Somewhat Disagree	30.1
Strongly Disagree	28.0
Total	100.0

q22 Business and technology can serve humankind	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	54.1
Somewhat Agree	36.0
Somewhat Disagree	6.3
Strongly Disagree	5.1
Total	100.0

q23 The U.S. has a remarkable and impressive record of absorbing waves of immigrants	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	38.2
Somewhat Agree	43.1
Somewhat Disagree	13.6
Strongly Disagree	5.1
Total	100.0

q24 Young people from all backgrounds need hope and opportunity	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	67.5
Somewhat Agree	27.2
Somewhat Disagree	4.2
Strongly Disagree	1.1
Total	100.0

q25 Protecting the environment is the responsibility of all Christians	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	47.0
Somewhat Agree	31.9
Somewhat Disagree	13.1
Strongly Disagree	8.0
Total	100.0

q26 The pope's recognition that the process for married Catholics to obtain annulments of their marriages should be simpler and less expensive	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	41.8
Somewhat Agree	36.8
Somewhat Disagree	14.0
Strongly Disagree	7.4
Total	100.0

q27 The U.S. needs to do more to address global climate	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	45.4
Somewhat Agree	30.4
Somewhat Disagree	14.3
Strongly Disagree	9.9
Total	100.0

q28 The pope's decision to allow Roman Catholic priests to absolve women who have had abortions after they seek forgiveness	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	49.3
Somewhat Agree	31.2
Somewhat Disagree	12.0
Strongly Disagree	7.5
Total	100.0

IMPACT

The following are a number of statements regarding the impact of Pope Francis in a number of areas. For each, please indicate if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree.

q29 Pope Francis, from Argentina himself, seems to have energized Latinos with new enthusiasm for the Catholic Church	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	42.1
Somewhat Agree	46.6
Somewhat Disagree	7.9
Strongly Disagree	3.4
Total	100.0

q30 Pope Francis, in this recent visit or previously, has changed my own mind or belief in one or more areas	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	20.9
Somewhat Agree	31.9
Somewhat Disagree	24.8
Strongly Disagree	22.4
Total	100.0

q31 I have actually made a change or taken some action as a result of messages from Pope Francis	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	17.4
Somewhat Agree	22.3
Somewhat Disagree	29.3
Strongly Disagree	31.0
Total	100.0

q32 By embracing gay and divorced Catholics, Pope Francis is growing the Catholic Church	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	40.6
Somewhat Agree	34.0
Somewhat Disagree	12.2
Strongly Disagree	13.3
Total	100.0

q33 By having meeting with the homeless, mentally ill, prisoners and immigrants during his U.S. visit, Pope Francis has helped focus America on its most vulnerable	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	40.9
Somewhat Agree	41.1
Somewhat Disagree	11.7
Strongly Disagree	6.3
Total	100.0

q34 I have a new or better understanding of Jesuit teachings/history within the Catholic Church as a result of Pope Francis – the first Jesuit pope	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	23.1
Somewhat Agree	31.1
Somewhat Disagree	23.3
Strongly Disagree	22.5
Total	100.0

q35 The pope's visit has energized or re-energized my own personal religious faith	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	22.7
Somewhat Agree	29.0
Somewhat Disagree	20.9
Strongly Disagree	27.4
Total	100.0

q36 As a result of the pope's visit I'm interested in reading more about him and his philosophy	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	25.4
Somewhat Agree	36.4
Somewhat Disagree	19.0
Strongly Disagree	19.1
Total	100.0

q37 Pope Francis is too liberal for me	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	19.6
Somewhat Agree	17.7
Somewhat Disagree	25.4
Strongly Disagree	37.3
Total	100.0

q38 Pope Francis is too conservative for me	Overall in percents
Strongly Agree	9.8
Somewhat Agree	16.6
Somewhat Disagree	30.5
Strongly Disagree	43.2
Total	100.0

q39 Which of the following best represents your own personal view on abortions? Would you say ...	Overall in percents
I'm pro-life and opposed to all abortions	22.0
I'm opposed to all abortions except for rape incest	32.6
I'm pro-choice and support a woman's right to an abortion	37.2
Unsure	8.2
Total	100.0

q40 Given Pope Francis' stand in favor of ending abortions, would you say he has ...	Overall in percents
Helped open you to considering opposing abortions	5.1
Not changed your own pro-choice position	86.0
Unsure	8.9
Total	100.0

Demographics Questions

q41 Please tell me which religion you belong to or follow	Overall in percents
Catholic	26.2
Protestant Baptist	18.3

Christian nondenominational	28.3
Greek Orthodox	0.2
Jewish	1.8
Buddhist	0.5
Muslim	0.3
Latter-day Saints/Mormon	1.2
Other	4.0
No preference no religious affiliation	17.3
Don't know/not sure	1.8
Total	100.0

q42 For Catholics – As a result of the pope's visit, I plan to increase my own Catholic church service attendance	Overall in percents
Yes	51.5
No	30.9
Unsure	17.6
Total	100.0

q43 For Catholics, as a result of the pope's visit, I plan to initiate or increase donations to Catholic causes	Overall in percents
Yes	39.3
No	35.9
Unsure	24.8
Total	100.0

For all respondents

q44 Please indicate your gender	Overall in percents
Male	51.5

Female	48.5
Total	100.0

q45 How old are you?	Overall in percents
18 - 25	21.8
26 - 35	23.2
36 - 45	17.1
46- 55	16.0
56- 65	13.0
65 or older	8.8
Total	100.0

q46 Would you describe your political views as ...	Overall in percents
Very conservative	14.2
Somewhat conservative	18.4
Moderate	31.3
Valid Somewhat liberal	13.9
Very liberal	11.3
Don't know not sure	10.8
Total	100.0

q47 Are you Hispanic or Latino?	Overall in percents
Yes	16.6
No	83.1
Don't know/unsure	0.3
Total	100.0

q48 Which one of these groups would you say best represents your race?	Overall in percents
White	75.8
Black or African-American	15.3
Asian	6.0

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1.1
American Indian or Alaska Native	1.1
Other	0.7
Total	100.0

q49 My attendance at my place of religious worship such as a church, mosque, or synagogue is best described as ...	Overall in percents
Almost daily	6.6
Almost weekly	28.5
At least monthly	11.6
Fewer than 12 times annually	15.1
Rarely or never	34.5
Unsure	3.6
Total	100.0

q50 What is the highest level of education you have completed?	Overall in percents
Did not graduate from high school	12.1
High school/GED	16.2
Associate degree	6.4
Some college or technical school	27.8
College or technical school graduate	28.9
Postgraduate or professional degree	8.0
Prefer not to disclose	.6
Total	100.0

q51 What is your total household income before taxes?	Overall in percents
Less than \$9,999	8.8

\$10,000 to less than \$40,000	33.4
\$40,000 to less than 75,000	31.2
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	12.6
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	6.8
\$150,000 to less than \$200,000	1.4
\$200,000 or more	1.6
Prefer not to disclose	4.2
Total	100.0