

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll of 2,729 National Adults

This survey of 2,729 adults was conducted December 12th through December 19th, 2016 by The Marist Poll, sponsored and funded in partnership with The Knights of Columbus. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the contiguous United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed in English or Spanish by telephone using live interviewers. Landline telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from ASDE Survey Sampler, Inc. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Respondents in the household were randomly selected by first asking for the youngest male. This landline sample was combined with respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. After the interviews were completed, the two samples were combined and balanced to reflect the 2013 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within ± 1.9 percentage points. There are 643 Catholic Americans and 341 Catholic Americans who practice their faith. The results for these subsets are statistically significant within ± 3.9 percentage points and ± 5.3 percentage points, respectively. The error margin was not adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

		National Adults			
		Thinking about specific policy issues, do you think it is an immediate priority, important but not an immediate priority, or not a priority to do each of the following: Appoint Supreme Court Justices that will interpret the Constitution as it was originally written?			
		Immediate priority	Important, but not an immediate priority	Not a priority	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		56%	24%	17%	4%
Catholics	Catholic	54%	25%	17%	4%
	Not Catholic	56%	24%	17%	3%
Catholics	Practicing Catholics	61%	21%	13%	5%
	Non-practicing Catholics	46%	29%	22%	3%
Region	Northeast	47%	28%	20%	5%
	Midwest	56%	22%	17%	4%
	South	62%	21%	14%	2%
	West	52%	27%	18%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	58%	26%	11%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	53%	23%	22%	2%
Race	White	59%	22%	16%	3%
	African American	48%	30%	18%	4%
	Latino	49%	30%	16%	5%
Catholic Latinos		52%	26%	14%	8%
Catholic Latinos	Practicing	59%	23%	6%	11%
	Non-Practicing	47%	28%	22%	3%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	48%	28%	19%	5%
	Gen X (35-50)	55%	24%	19%	2%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	61%	22%	14%	3%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	65%	19%	12%	4%
Catholic Millennials		47%	27%	21%	5%
Catholic Millennials	Practicing	52%	23%	17%	8%
	Non-Practicing	43%	30%	25%	3%
Age	18 to 29	48%	28%	20%	4%
	30 to 44	51%	28%	18%	3%
	45 to 59	61%	21%	15%	3%
	60 or older	62%	21%	14%	4%
Age	Under 45	49%	28%	19%	4%
	45 or older	61%	21%	14%	3%
Gender	Men	58%	21%	18%	3%
	Women	53%	27%	16%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	59%	21%	16%	4%
	Cell phone	53%	26%	17%	4%
State	Red	64%	20%	13%	3%
	Blue	49%	28%	20%	4%
	Purple	54%	24%	17%	4%
National Registered Voters		58%	22%	17%	3%
Party Identification	Democrat	42%	28%	26%	4%
	Republican	80%	13%	6%	1%
	Independent	53%	24%	19%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	39%	25%	32%	4%
	Moderate	47%	29%	21%	3%
	Conservative-Very conservative	79%	15%	5%	1%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	38%	28%	30%	4%
	Donald Trump	80%	14%	4%	1%

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Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults			
		Do you think the U.S. Supreme Court should base its rulings on what the U.S. Constitution meant as it was originally written, or should justices base their decisions on what they think the U.S. Constitution means now?			
		What it means as originally written	What it means now	Somewhere in between	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		52%	40%	3%	5%
Catholics	Catholic	46%	46%	3%	4%
	Not Catholic	54%	38%	3%	5%
Catholics	Practicing Catholics	53%	39%	2%	6%
	Non-practicing Catholics	38%	55%	5%	2%
Region	Northeast	41%	48%	5%	5%
	Midwest	55%	38%	3%	5%
	South	58%	35%	2%	4%
	West	47%	44%	4%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	56%	35%	3%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	48%	45%	3%	3%
Race	White	55%	37%	3%	4%
	African American	42%	48%	4%	6%
	Latino	46%	46%	3%	5%
Catholic Latinos		40%	50%	3%	7%
Catholic Latinos	Practicing	44%	42%	4%	10%
	Non-Practicing	34%	59%	3%	4%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	42%	49%	5%	5%
	Gen X (35-50)	51%	43%	2%	3%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	59%	35%	3%	4%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	62%	26%	3%	9%
Catholic Millennials		35%	60%	3%	2%
Catholic Millennials	Practicing	43%	52%	2%	3%
	Non-Practicing	28%	68%	4%	0%
Age	18 to 29	40%	50%	5%	5%
	30 to 44	48%	45%	3%	4%
	45 to 59	56%	38%	3%	4%
	60 or older	61%	30%	3%	6%
Age	Under 45	45%	47%	4%	4%
	45 or older	58%	34%	3%	5%
Gender	Men	55%	38%	3%	4%
	Women	49%	43%	4%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	57%	35%	3%	5%
	Cell phone	49%	43%	3%	5%
State	Red	62%	33%	2%	4%
	Blue	43%	46%	5%	6%
	Purple	53%	40%	2%	5%
National Registered Voters		52%	40%	3%	4%
Party Identification	Democrat	31%	59%	4%	6%
	Republican	78%	18%	1%	2%
	Independent	50%	42%	4%	4%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	26%	67%	3%	4%
	Moderate	41%	49%	6%	4%
	Conservative-Very conservative	79%	17%	1%	3%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	28%	64%	4%	5%
	Donald Trump	79%	15%	3%	3%

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		National Adults			
		Thinking about specific policy issues, do you think it is an immediate priority, important but not an immediate priority, or not a priority to do each of the following: Protect religious freedom?			
		Immediate priority	Important, but not an immediate priority	Not a priority	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		57%	32%	10%	1%
Catholics	Catholic	56%	34%	9%	1%
	Not Catholic	57%	31%	10%	1%
Catholics	Practicing Catholics	60%	32%	7%	1%
	Non-practicing Catholics	52%	37%	10%	0%
Region	Northeast	59%	30%	10%	1%
	Midwest	55%	35%	8%	1%
	South	62%	28%	9%	1%
	West	50%	35%	13%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	61%	30%	7%	1%
	\$50,000 or more	52%	34%	12%	1%
Race	White	56%	32%	11%	1%
	African American	59%	31%	8%	1%
	Latino	59%	34%	6%	1%
Catholic Latinos		61%	33%	5%	1%
Catholic Latinos	Practicing	61%	34%	5%	1%
	Non-Practicing	61%	33%	6%	0%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	55%	35%	9%	1%
	Gen X (35-50)	55%	33%	12%	0%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	56%	32%	10%	2%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	68%	23%	7%	2%
Catholic Millennials		57%	35%	8%	0%
Catholic Millennials	Practicing	61%	34%	6%	0%
	Non-Practicing	53%	38%	9%	0%
Age	18 to 29	54%	35%	10%	1%
	30 to 44	54%	34%	11%	1%
	45 to 59	56%	33%	11%	1%
	60 or older	63%	26%	8%	2%
Age	Under 45	54%	35%	10%	1%
	45 or older	60%	29%	9%	2%
Gender	Men	53%	34%	12%	1%
	Women	61%	30%	8%	2%
Interview Type	Landline	61%	28%	10%	2%
	Cell phone	55%	34%	10%	1%
State	Red	63%	28%	8%	1%
	Blue	54%	33%	12%	1%
	Purple	54%	35%	9%	1%
National Registered Voters		57%	32%	10%	1%
Party Identification	Democrat	55%	32%	12%	1%
	Republican	66%	27%	6%	1%
	Independent	51%	36%	11%	1%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	49%	36%	15%	0%
	Moderate	48%	41%	10%	1%
	Conservative-Very conservative	69%	24%	6%	1%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	50%	35%	14%	1%
	Donald Trump	65%	27%	7%	1%

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Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults		
		Which statement comes closer to your view:		
		Freedom of religion should be protected even if it goes against government laws	Government laws should be observed without exception even if it restricts freedom of religion	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		65%	25%	10%
Catholics	Catholic	65%	25%	10%
	Not Catholic	66%	25%	10%
Catholics	Practicing Catholics	71%	21%	8%
	Non-practicing Catholics	57%	30%	13%
Region	Northeast	67%	24%	9%
	Midwest	66%	23%	11%
	South	67%	24%	9%
	West	60%	29%	12%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	69%	21%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	61%	29%	10%
Race	White	65%	25%	10%
	African American	71%	20%	8%
	Latino	65%	27%	8%
Catholic Latinos		64%	29%	8%
Catholic Latinos	Practicing	71%	25%	5%
	Non-Practicing	57%	33%	10%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	62%	29%	9%
	Gen X (35-50)	62%	29%	9%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	69%	20%	11%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	72%	18%	10%
Catholic Millennials		63%	28%	10%
Catholic Millennials	Practicing	75%	19%	6%
	Non-Practicing	53%	34%	13%
Age	18 to 29	65%	27%	8%
	30 to 44	61%	29%	10%
	45 to 59	65%	25%	11%
	60 or older	70%	19%	11%
Age	Under 45	63%	28%	9%
	45 or older	67%	22%	11%
Gender	Men	64%	26%	9%
	Women	66%	23%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	68%	23%	10%
	Cell phone	64%	26%	10%
State	Red	70%	20%	9%
	Blue	63%	28%	9%
	Purple	62%	26%	11%
National Registered Voters		65%	25%	10%
Party Identification	Democrat	60%	31%	9%
	Republican	74%	18%	8%
	Independent	63%	27%	10%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	52%	37%	11%
	Moderate	62%	28%	9%
	Conservative-Very conservative	77%	17%	6%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	57%	32%	11%
	Donald Trump	73%	20%	7%

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		National Adults					
		Which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion on abortion:					
		One, abortion should be available to a woman any time she wants one during her entire pregnancy	Two, abortion should be allowed only during the first six months of a pregnancy	Three, abortion should be allowed only during the first three months of a pregnancy	Four, abortion should be allowed only in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother	Five, abortion should be allowed only to save the life of the mother	Six, abortion should never be permitted under any circumstance
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		16%	11%	22%	30%	12%	10%
Catholics	Catholic	12%	9%	21%	31%	13%	14%
	Not Catholic	17%	11%	22%	30%	11%	9%
Catholics	Practicing Catholics	10%	5%	16%	31%	17%	20%
	Non-practicing Catholics	15%	13%	27%	29%	8%	7%
Position on Abortion	Pro-life	3%	1%	9%	45%	22%	20%
	Pro-choice	26%	20%	33%	16%	3%	2%
Region	Northeast	20%	13%	28%	21%	9%	9%
	Midwest	15%	9%	20%	34%	11%	11%
	South	12%	9%	20%	34%	14%	12%
	West	18%	13%	21%	27%	11%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	12%	7%	20%	34%	13%	14%
	\$50,000 or more	19%	15%	24%	26%	11%	6%
Race	White	16%	12%	22%	28%	12%	9%
	African American	14%	7%	23%	36%	11%	9%
	Latino	14%	7%	22%	31%	9%	17%
Catholic Latinos		12%	7%	19%	36%	9%	16%
Catholic Latinos	Practicing	11%	2%	14%	41%	9%	23%
	Non-Practicing	13%	12%	25%	32%	10%	9%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	18%	12%	23%	29%	8%	9%
	Gen X (35-50)	14%	13%	20%	30%	11%	12%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	15%	9%	23%	30%	13%	10%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 69)	12%	6%	19%	31%	19%	12%
Catholic Millennials		14%	7%	24%	35%	6%	14%
Catholic Millennials	Practicing	11%	3%	19%	37%	12%	19%
	Non-Practicing	17%	11%	29%	32%	1%	10%
Age	18 to 29	19%	14%	23%	27%	7%	11%
	30 to 44	16%	11%	22%	32%	10%	9%
	45 to 59	15%	11%	22%	30%	12%	11%
	60 or older	13%	8%	21%	31%	17%	11%
Age	Under 45	17%	13%	22%	30%	9%	10%
	45 or older	14%	9%	21%	30%	15%	11%
Gender	Men	18%	12%	19%	30%	12%	9%
	Women	13%	10%	25%	30%	11%	11%
Interview Type	Landline	14%	12%	21%	29%	14%	10%
	Cell phone	16%	10%	22%	31%	10%	10%
State	Red	10%	8%	18%	34%	15%	14%
	Blue	20%	14%	25%	25%	9%	8%
	Purple	16%	10%	22%	31%	12%	9%
National Registered Voters		16%	11%	22%	29%	12%	9%
Party Identification	Democrat	26%	16%	24%	21%	7%	6%
	Republican	5%	4%	18%	36%	21%	15%
	Independent	15%	13%	26%	30%	9%	7%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	35%	20%	25%	14%	3%	3%
	Moderate	13%	15%	29%	30%	7%	6%
	Conservative-Very conservative	6%	3%	16%	37%	22%	15%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	27%	18%	25%	20%	5%	5%
	Donald Trump	5%	4%	19%	38%	19%	15%

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		Adults who Want Restrictions on Abortion		
		Would you like the U.S. Supreme Court to rule to allow these restrictions, or not?		
		Yes, rule to allow	No	Vol: Keep laws the same
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Adults who Want Restrictions on Abortion		74%	25%	1%
Catholics	Catholic	73%	26%	1%
	Not Catholic	74%	25%	1%
Catholics	Practicing Catholics	77%	22%	1%
	Non-practicing Catholics	68%	31%	1%
Position on Abortion	Pro-life	80%	19%	1%
	Pro-choice	65%	33%	2%
Region	Northeast	71%	28%	1%
	Midwest	72%	26%	2%
	South	79%	20%	1%
	West	68%	30%	2%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	76%	23%	1%
	\$50,000 or more	73%	26%	1%
Race	White	73%	25%	2%
	African American	78%	22%	0%
	Latino	75%	24%	0%
Generation	Millennials (18-34)	76%	23%	1%
	Gen X (35-50)	72%	28%	0%
	Baby Boomers (51-69)	73%	25%	2%
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	30 to 44	73%	27%	0%
	45 to 59	75%	24%	1%
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Age	Under 45	74%	25%	1%
	45 or older	73%	25%	2%
Gender	Men	74%	24%	2%
	Women	73%	26%	1%
Interview Type	Landline	75%	24%	2%
	Cell phone	73%	26%	1%
State	Red	77%	23%	0%
	Blue	69%	29%	1%
	Purple	75%	23%	2%
National Registered Voters		72%	26%	1%
Party Identification	Democrat	68%	30%	2%
	Republican	79%	20%	1%
	Independent	69%	30%	1%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	62%	36%	2%
	Moderate	68%	31%	1%
	Conservative-Very conservative	78%	21%	1%
Support in 2016 Election	Hillary Clinton	65%	32%	3%
	Donald Trump	79%	20%	1%

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