

## How the Survey was Conducted

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### **Nature of the Sample: The Knights of Columbus-Marist Poll of 1,606 National Adults**

The Knights of Columbus-Marist poll surveyed 1,606 adults from May 10 through May 14, 2012. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed by telephone with live interviewers. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within  $\pm 2.5$  percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

## Nature of the Sample: Adults

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Nature of the Sample - National Adults		National Adults
		Col %
National Adults		100%
Registered Voters		81%
Catholics		27%
Practicing Catholics		14%
Party Identification	Democrat	36%
	Republican	30%
	Independent	34%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	27%
	Moderate	33%
	Conservative-Very conservative	40%
Race	White	70%
	African American	11%
	Latino	14%
	Other	4%
Gender	Men	49%
	Women	51%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	50%
	\$50,000 or more	50%
Age	Under 45	44%
	45 or older	56%
Education	Not college graduate	65%
	College graduate	35%
Marital Status	Married	51%
	Not married	49%

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Registered Voters: N=1302 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points. Catholics: N=428 MOE +/- 5.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

		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
		Row %	Row %
National Adults		74%	26%
Registered Voters		74%	26%
Catholics		72%	28%
Practicing Catholics		77%	23%
Party Identification	Democrat	64%	36%
	Republican	86%	14%
	Independent	74%	26%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	60%	40%
	Moderate	72%	28%
	Conservative-Very conservative	84%	16%
Gender	Men	71%	29%
	Women	77%	23%
Race	White	75%	25%
	African American	71%	29%
	Latino	73%	27%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	77%	23%
	\$50,000 or more	70%	30%
Age	Under 45	74%	26%
	45 or older	75%	25%
Education	Not college graduate	77%	23%
	College graduate	69%	31%
Marital Status	Married	77%	23%
	Not married	72%	28%

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National Adults

I'm going to read several types of services medical professionals, hospitals, or insurance companies may not want to provide because it goes against their religious beliefs. For each one, please let me know if you think medical professionals, hospitals, or insurance companies should or should not be allowed to opt out of providing the service for religious reasons: **Abortions**

		Should not be able to opt out		
		Should be able to opt out	out	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		58%	38%	4%
Registered Voters		58%	38%	4%
Catholics		63%	33%	4%
Practicing Catholics		69%	28%	4%
Party Identification	Democrat	48%	48%	4%
	Republican	73%	25%	3%
	Independent	57%	38%	5%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	43%	54%	3%
	Moderate	54%	40%	6%
	Conservative-Very conservative	72%	26%	3%
Gender	Men	61%	35%	4%
	Women	56%	40%	4%
Race	White	60%	36%	4%
	African American	46%	50%	4%
	Latino	60%	37%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	55%	40%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	59%	37%	3%
Age	Under 45	58%	40%	3%
	45 or older	60%	35%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	58%	38%	4%
	College graduate	59%	38%	3%
Marital Status	Married	60%	35%	5%
	Not married	57%	40%	3%

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		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		51%	44%	4%
Registered Voters		51%	44%	5%
Catholics		53%	44%	3%
Practicing Catholics		61%	34%	4%
Party Identification	Democrat	37%	59%	4%
	Republican	71%	25%	4%
	Independent	49%	47%	4%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	35%	62%	3%
	Moderate	44%	50%	5%
	Conservative-Very conservative	67%	29%	4%
Gender	Men	52%	44%	5%
	Women	51%	45%	4%
Race	White	53%	42%	5%
	African American	40%	57%	3%
	Latino	51%	46%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	50%	45%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	51%	45%	4%
Age	Under 45	49%	48%	3%
	45 or older	54%	41%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	53%	43%	4%
	College graduate	49%	48%	4%
Marital Status	Married	54%	40%	6%
	Not married	49%	48%	3%

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		Should be able to opt out	out	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		52%	41%	6%
Registered Voters		52%	41%	6%
Catholics		58%	37%	6%
Practicing Catholics		65%	28%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	42%	53%	6%
	Republican	70%	25%	6%
	Independent	51%	43%	6%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	39%	56%	5%
	Moderate	48%	45%	7%
	Conservative-Very conservative	65%	29%	6%
Gender	Men	55%	40%	6%
	Women	50%	43%	7%
Race	White	55%	39%	7%
	African American	42%	50%	8%
	Latino	51%	45%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	51%	41%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	54%	43%	3%
Age	Under 45	51%	45%	4%
	45 or older	54%	37%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	53%	40%	7%
	College graduate	52%	44%	4%
Marital Status	Married	56%	38%	6%
	Not married	49%	44%	7%

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		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		55%	41%	5%
Registered Voters		55%	40%	5%
Catholics		56%	42%	2%
Practicing Catholics		57%	40%	3%
Party Identification	Democrat	48%	47%	5%
	Republican	67%	29%	3%
	Independent	55%	41%	4%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	42%	56%	2%
	Moderate	50%	44%	6%
	Conservative-Very conservative	66%	28%	5%
Gender	Men	57%	38%	5%
	Women	52%	43%	5%
Race	White	55%	40%	5%
	African American	51%	46%	4%
	Latino	53%	45%	2%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	52%	42%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	56%	41%	3%
Age	Under 45	55%	42%	3%
	45 or older	55%	40%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	55%	41%	4%
	College graduate	54%	41%	5%
Marital Status	Married	56%	40%	4%
	Not married	53%	41%	5%

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		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		51%	46%	3%
Registered Voters		51%	47%	3%
Catholics		57%	41%	1%
Practicing Catholics		61%	38%	1%
Party Identification	Democrat	39%	59%	2%
	Republican	67%	30%	2%
	Independent	49%	48%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	35%	63%	2%
	Moderate	41%	54%	5%
	Conservative-Very conservative	69%	29%	2%
Gender	Men	54%	43%	4%
	Women	48%	50%	2%
Race	White	51%	47%	3%
	African American	43%	54%	3%
	Latino	57%	41%	2%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	51%	46%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	50%	49%	1%
Age	Under 45	49%	48%	3%
	45 or older	52%	45%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	54%	43%	3%
	College graduate	44%	54%	3%
Marital Status	Married	51%	46%	3%
	Not married	50%	46%	3%

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		National Adults		
		Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, do you believe that, in general, each one of the following issues is morally acceptable or morally wrong:		
		<b>Using contraceptives to prevent pregnancy</b>		
		Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Not a moral issue
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		88%	11%	0%
Registered Voters		88%	11%	0%
Catholics		83%	17%	0%
Practicing Catholics		77%	23%	0%
Party Identification	Democrat	94%	5%	1%
	Republican	82%	18%	0%
	Independent	87%	13%	0%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	94%	6%	0%
	Moderate	91%	9%	0%
	Conservative-Very conservative	82%	17%	0%
Gender	Men	87%	12%	0%
	Women	89%	10%	1%
Race	White	89%	11%	0%
	African American	91%	9%	0%
	Latino	86%	14%	0%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	88%	11%	1%
	\$50,000 or more	91%	9%	0%
Age	Under 45	88%	12%	0%
	45 or older	88%	11%	0%
Education	Not college graduate	88%	12%	0%
	College graduate	89%	10%	0%
Marital Status	Married	88%	11%	0%
	Not married	89%	11%	0%

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		National Adults				
		Have you heard a great deal, a good amount, not very much, or nothing at all about a proposed federal rule that requires employers, including religiously affiliated hospitals and colleges, to cover contraceptives in their employee health care benefits?				
		A great deal	A good amount	Not very much	Nothing at all	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		28%	22%	21%	28%	1%
Registered Voters		31%	23%	21%	24%	1%
Catholics		31%	21%	19%	27%	2%
Practicing Catholics		38%	23%	20%	17%	2%
Party Identification	Democrat	27%	22%	22%	28%	1%
	Republican	40%	23%	17%	19%	0%
	Independent	28%	26%	23%	23%	1%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	23%	24%	20%	33%	1%
	Moderate	28%	19%	24%	28%	1%
	Conservative-Very conservative	33%	23%	20%	23%	1%
Gender	Men	29%	24%	19%	27%	1%
	Women	28%	20%	24%	28%	1%
Race	White	30%	24%	20%	25%	0%
	African American	23%	10%	30%	37%	0%
	Latino	19%	18%	26%	35%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	20%	20%	24%	35%	1%
	\$50,000 or more	36%	25%	18%	20%	0%
Age	Under 45	20%	19%	22%	37%	1%
	45 or older	33%	24%	21%	21%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	23%	18%	23%	35%	1%
	College graduate	37%	30%	19%	14%	0%
Marital Status	Married	35%	24%	20%	20%	1%
	Not married	21%	20%	23%	36%	1%

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		National Adults		
		In the last few years, do you think the laws in the United States have made it easier or harder for people to live according to their religious beliefs?		
		Easier	Harder	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		31%	52%	17%
Registered Voters		31%	52%	17%
Catholics		41%	45%	14%
Practicing Catholics		34%	52%	14%
Party Identification	Democrat	43%	39%	18%
	Republican	18%	69%	13%
	Independent	31%	51%	18%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	44%	37%	19%
	Moderate	34%	46%	20%
	Conservative-Very conservative	20%	67%	13%
Gender	Men	28%	52%	20%
	Women	33%	52%	15%
Race	White	27%	54%	19%
	African American	34%	54%	11%
	Latino	44%	46%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	27%	58%	15%
	\$50,000 or more	35%	48%	17%
Age	Under 45	34%	48%	17%
	45 or older	27%	56%	17%
Education	Not college graduate	29%	55%	16%
	College graduate	34%	48%	18%
Marital Status	Married	28%	54%	18%
	Not married	33%	50%	17%

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Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, do you believe that, in general, each one of the following issues is morally acceptable or morally wrong:

**Requiring doctors and other health care professionals to perform legal abortions against their religious beliefs**

		Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Not a moral issue
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		27%	72%	1%
Registered Voters		28%	71%	1%
Catholics		25%	75%	1%
Practicing Catholics		22%	77%	0%
Party Identification	Democrat	42%	57%	1%
	Republican	14%	86%	0%
	Independent	25%	73%	1%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	45%	54%	1%
	Moderate	31%	68%	1%
	Conservative-Very conservative	13%	87%	0%
Gender	Men	25%	74%	1%
	Women	29%	70%	1%
Race	White	26%	74%	1%
	African American	39%	61%	0%
	Latino	31%	69%	0%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	25%	74%	0%
	\$50,000 or more	31%	69%	1%
Age	Under 45	31%	69%	1%
	45 or older	24%	75%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	25%	74%	1%
	College graduate	30%	69%	1%
Marital Status	Married	24%	75%	1%
	Not married	30%	69%	1%

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		National Adults		
		Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, do you believe that, in general, each one of the following issues is morally acceptable or morally wrong:		
		<b>Abortion</b>		
		Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Not a moral issue
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		40%	58%	2%
Registered Voters		42%	56%	2%
Catholics		35%	63%	1%
Practicing Catholics		25%	75%	0%
Party Identification	Democrat	56%	43%	2%
	Republican	23%	75%	1%
	Independent	44%	53%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	64%	34%	2%
	Moderate	47%	50%	3%
	Conservative-Very conservative	20%	79%	1%
Gender	Men	39%	59%	2%
	Women	41%	57%	2%
Race	White	40%	58%	2%
	African American	39%	57%	4%
	Latino	40%	60%	0%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	32%	66%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	50%	49%	2%
Age	Under 45	38%	61%	1%
	45 or older	41%	57%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	34%	64%	2%
	College graduate	50%	48%	2%
Marital Status	Married	39%	59%	2%
	Not married	41%	57%	2%

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National Adults				
Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, do you believe that, in general, each one of the following issues is morally acceptable or morally wrong:				
Same-sex marriage				
		Morally acceptable	Morally wrong	Not a moral issue
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		45%	52%	2%
Registered Voters		46%	52%	2%
Catholics		53%	46%	2%
Practicing Catholics		45%	54%	1%
Party Identification	Democrat	62%	36%	2%
	Republican	25%	74%	1%
	Independent	47%	49%	4%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	73%	25%	2%
	Moderate	53%	44%	3%
	Conservative-Very conservative	21%	77%	2%
Gender	Men	42%	56%	2%
	Women	48%	49%	2%
Race	White	44%	54%	2%
	African American	42%	56%	2%
	Latino	55%	43%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	40%	57%	3%
	\$50,000 or more	53%	45%	1%
Age	Under 45	54%	44%	2%
	45 or older	39%	59%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	43%	55%	2%
	College graduate	51%	48%	2%
Marital Status	Married	41%	57%	2%
	Not married	50%	48%	2%

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		National Adults		
		Do you think it is proper for religious leaders to speak out on religious freedom?		
		Yes	No	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		88%	10%	2%
Registered Voters		88%	10%	2%
Catholics		87%	11%	2%
Practicing Catholics		91%	7%	2%
Party Identification	Democrat	84%	14%	2%
	Republican	95%	3%	1%
	Independent	86%	12%	1%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	84%	15%	1%
	Moderate	88%	10%	2%
	Conservative-Very conservative	90%	8%	2%
Gender	Men	88%	11%	1%
	Women	88%	10%	2%
Race	White	89%	10%	2%
	African American	86%	13%	1%
	Latino	85%	12%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	86%	12%	1%
	\$50,000 or more	90%	9%	1%
Age	Under 45	87%	11%	2%
	45 or older	89%	10%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	87%	11%	2%
	College graduate	90%	9%	1%
Marital Status	Married	89%	10%	1%
	Not married	88%	11%	2%

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