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QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

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AMERICANS OF ALL FAITHS LIKE POPE FRANCIS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS; AGREEMENT WITH POPE ON CLIMATE CHANGE TOPS 2-1

By wide margins, American Catholics, Protestants and those professing no faith have a positive opinion of Pope Francis, with 21 percent of all adults saying “very favorable,” 44 percent saying “favorable,” 12 percent saying “unfavorable” and 4 percent saying “very unfavorable,” according to a Quinnipiac University National poll released today.

Among Catholics, 40 percent are “very favorable” and 50 percent are “favorable,” the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. Protestants go 16 percent “very favorable” and 43 percent “favorable.” Those with no religion are 15 percent “very favorable” and 45 percent “favorable.”

All American adults agree 61 – 26 percent with Pope Francis’ call to do more to address climate change. Agreement is 67 – 23 percent among Catholics, 51 – 36 percent among Protestants and 74 – 16 percent among those with no religion.

“The Pope is revered and admired by people of faith as well as those with no religion. And it’s not just on a spiritual level. Americans agree with his stance that climate change is a global concern,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

From September 17 – 21, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,832 adults nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 2.3 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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104. (Adults) Is your opinion of Pope Francis very favorable, favorable, unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

	ADULTS.....									
	Tot	Men	Wom	RELIGION.....			AGE IN YRS.....			
Prot				Cath	None	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Very favorable	21%	19%	23%	16%	40%	15%	13%	20%	25%	28%
Favorable	44	43	46	43	50	45	43	45	47	45
Unfavorable	12	14	10	14	5	12	11	11	14	10
Very unfavorable	4	5	3	6	1	4	3	5	5	5
DK/NA	19	19	18	21	4	23	31	19	9	12

	ADULT CATHOLICS.....				
	Tot	Men	Wom	ATTEND SRVCS	
Weekly				Less	
Very favorable	40%	33%	45%	54%	35%
Favorable	50	53	47	39	53
Unfavorable	5	4	5	4	5
Very unfavorable	1	2	1	2	1
DK/NA	4	8	2	1	6

105. (Adults) Do you agree or disagree with the message from Pope Francis calling on the world to do more to address climate change?

	ADULTS.....									
	Tot	Men	Wom	RELIGION.....			AGE IN YRS.....			
Prot				Cath	None	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Agree	61%	60%	62%	51%	67%	74%	69%	66%	57%	52%
Disagree	26	30	23	36	23	16	18	22	35	33
DK/NA	12	10	15	13	9	10	13	12	8	14

	ADULT CATHOLICS.....				
	Tot	Men	Wom	ATTEND SRVCS	
Weekly				Less	
Agree	67%	66%	69%	64%	68%
Disagree	23	26	21	24	23
DK/NA	9	7	11	12	8