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Asia Zone

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► MENA

399-1 **Palestinians Demand Abbas's Resignation** (Click for Details)

([Palestine](#)) Palestinians view Palestinian Authority as a burden on the Palestinian people. Popularity of president Abbas and Fatah has also declined and two thirds demand the president's resignation; indeed a majority supports a return to armed intifada. (PSR)
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399-2 **Back-to-school spending increases for 63% of school parents in Saudi Arabia** (Click for Details)

([Saudi Arabia](#)) Just under two-thirds of school parents in Saudi Arabia claim their back-to-school spending has increased by 5-10% in 2015 compared to the previous year. (YouGov Siraj)

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► CENTRAL ASIA

399-3 **IRI Kyrgyzstan Poll: Majority Intend to Vote in Elections despite Concern over Corruption and Unemployment** (Click for Details)

([Kyrgyzstan](#)) A new IRI poll conducted in Kyrgyzstan found pervasive corruption and economic concerns, but also showed high interest among Kyrgyz in participating in parliamentary elections on October 4. (IRI)

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► SOUTHEAST ASIA

399-4 **Philippines: BusinessWorld-SWS September 2015 Pre-Election Survey: Poe (26%), Binay (24%) and Roxas (20%) lead Presidential race** (Click for Details)

([Philippines](#)) The national scores in the Presidential race show Senator Grace Poe, Vice-President Jejomar Binay, and Interior and Local Government Secretary Mar Roxas ahead, according to the Business World-SWS September 2015 Pre-Election Survey. (SWS)

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► NORTHEAST ASIA

399-5 **ANZ-Roy Morgan Hong Kong Consumer Confidence Falls in September** (Click for Details)

([Hong Kong](#)) ANZ-Roy Morgan Hong Kong Consumer Confidence fell to 134.0 (down 4.2pts from a record high of 138.2 in August) in September. The fall in ANZ-Roy Morgan Hong Kong Consumer Confidence in September was driven mainly by less confidence about family financial situations over the past year and in the next year. ([Roy Morgan](#))

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Africa Zone

▶ WEST AFRICA; EAST AFRICA; CENTRAL AFRICA;
SOUTHERN AFRICA

▶ SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

399-6 **A majority of Zambians express confidence in the effectiveness of national elections** ([Click for Details](#))

([Zambia](#)) The percentage of Zambian citizens who believe in the effectiveness of national elections in effecting change has nearly doubled in a space of 10 years. The most recent Afrobarometer survey has revealed that between 2005 and 2014, the percentage of Zambians who expressed confidence in the effectiveness of national elections to bring about change increased from 30% in 2005 to 59% in 2014.

([Afrobarometer](#))

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399-7 **Burkinabé affirm overwhelming support for democracy, reject military rule** ([Click for Details](#))

([Burkina Faso](#)) The overwhelming majority of Burkina Faso's citizens prefer democracy over all other forms of government and affirm that elections are the best method for choosing leaders, new Afrobarometer survey findings show. ([Afrobarometer](#))

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399-8 **Eroded? Institutional trust suffers as perceived corruption increases** ([Click for Details](#))

([Uganda](#)) Increasing public perceptions of institutional corruption in Uganda appear to be eroding public trust in state institutions, the latest Afrobarometer survey suggests.

([Afrobarometer](#))

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Euro Americas Zone

▶ EAST EUROPE, WEST EUROPE; NORTH AMERICA; LATIN AMERICA
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▶ EAST EUROPE

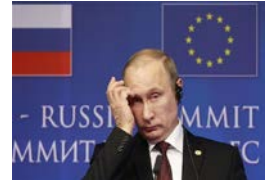
399-9 **Sanctions Against Russia: Holding The Line?** (Click for Details)

(Russia) Russians feel negative consequences of Western sanctions; however they are not ready to make concessions in order to have the sanctions lifted. (VCIOM)

September 17, 2015

2.5 Foreign Affairs & Security » Regional Conflicts/ Issues

2.12 Foreign Affairs and Security >> Bi/Tri-lateral Relations



399-10 **Social Well-Being Of Russians: Figures Going Down** (Click for Details)

(Russia) All social well-being indices show a downward trend. The most negative evaluations refer to economic situation; the most positive assessments concern the general vector of country's development.

(VCIOM)

September 15, 2015

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

399-11 **IRI Serbia Poll: 98% See Corruption as Serious Problem; Concerned About Economy & Employment; Majority Say Economic Prosperity More Important Than Democracy** (Click for Details)

(Serbia) Serbs are very concerned about the overall direction of their country, particularly with regard to corruption, the economy and job security, according to a new poll released by IRI. The poll also reveals that, if given a choice, the vast majority of Serbs say that economic prosperity is more important than democracy.

(IRI)

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3.3 Economy » Employment Issues

▶ WEST EUROPE

399-12 **UK: Corbyn seen as more honest than most politicians but Cameron leads on other PM attributes** (Click for Details)

(UK) Jeremy Corbyn seen by public as more honest than most politicians but lags behind David Cameron on other Prime Ministerial attributes. (Ipsos Mori)

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399-13 **UK: You are not alone: most people believe that aliens exist** (Multi-country survey) (Click for Details)

More than one in two people in the UK, Germany and the US believe there is intelligent life out there in the universe. The next time the subject comes up at the dinner table and you hear sniggers when someone admits they believe in aliens, it is worth remembering that it is not a fringe belief to think there is intelligent life out there – it is the mainstream viewpoint across the western world. (YouGov)



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[4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)

399-14 **German Consumer Optimism Declines** (Click for Details)

(Germany) Consumer optimism has fallen somewhat in September as well. The consumer climate has declined. Following a value of 9.9 points in September 2015, the overall indicator is forecasting 9.6 points for October. The three individual indicators, economic and income expectations as well as willingness to buy, are declining. (GfK)

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► NORTH AMERICA

399-15 **The More Americans Know Congress, the Worse They Rate It** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans hold the U.S. Congress in very low esteem, with 49% rating the way Congress is handling its job as poor or bad and 15% rating it as excellent or good. But ratings of Congress are even worse among those who know the most about America's legislative body. Among those who answer four or five questions correctly about how Congress works and who runs it, 66% rate Congress as poor or bad, and 7% rate it as excellent or good. (Gallup USA)

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399-16 **Urban Communities Lead U.S. in Economic Optimism** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans' views on the U.S. economy heading into the upcoming presidential election have a lot to do with where they live. Small-town and rural America are decidedly dour about the direction of the nation's economy, while large urban and dense suburban places tilt positive or, at worst, just slightly negative. (Gallup USA)



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399-17 **Majority in U.S. Maintain Need for Third Major Party** (Click for Details)

(USA) A majority of Americans, 60%, say a third major political party is needed because the Republican and Democratic parties "do such a poor job" of representing the American people. This matches the high set in 2013. Since 2007, a majority of Americans have generally called for a third party, with the exception of the last two presidential election years. (Gallup USA)

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399-18 **Trust in Federal Gov't on Domestic Matters Edges to New Low** (Click for Details)

(USA) Americans' trust in the federal government's ability to handle domestic problems has fallen further to 38%, a new low. Americans are a bit more likely to trust the government to handle international problems, but at 45%, this is scarcely better than last year's 43% record low. (Gallup USA)

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1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings

1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust

399-19 **Republicans Favored on Issues despite Worse Image** (Click for Details)

(USA) Less than half of Americans (43%) view the Democratic Party favorably, but the party's image is still better than that of the Republican Party (38%). Neither party has been able to gain favorable opinions from a majority of the public since June 2013, in the early months of President Barack Obama's second term. (Gallup USA)

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399-20 **U.S. Economic Confidence Index Ticks Up to -12** (Click for Details)

(USA) Gallup's U.S. Economic Confidence Index averaged -12 for the week ending Sept. 20. This is a slight improvement from the previous week and is up from the recent low point of -17 in late August. (Gallup USA)

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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection

399-21 **Investors See Taxes as Biggest Drag on Investment Climate** (Click for Details)

(USA) U.S. investors see the current level of taxes as having the most negative effect on the U.S. investment climate out of nine economic factors they were asked about in the third quarter. Forty-six percent say taxes are hurting the investment climate a lot. Unemployment and the threat of cyber-attacks closely follow taxes, while investors see the value of the dollar, interest rates and home prices as far less harmful. (Gallup USA)

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3.8 Economy » Enterprise/ Investments

3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions

399-22 **Half in U.S. Continue to Say Gov't Is an Immediate Threat** (Click for Details)

(USA) Almost half of Americans, 49%, say the federal government poses "an immediate threat to the rights and freedoms of ordinary citizens," similar to what was found in previous surveys conducted over the last five years. When this question was first asked in 2003, less than a third of Americans held this attitude. (Gallup USA)

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399-23 **5 Important Things to Know About U.S. Catholics** (Click for Details)

(USA) Pope Francis' first trip to the United States provides a good opportunity to review the state of Catholicism in the U.S. What follows are five important points about Catholics, based on Gallup data that in some cases go back as far as the 1940s. (Gallup USA)

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4.1 Society » Religion

399-24 **Six in 10 Americans Would Say "Yes" to Muslim President** (Click for Details)

(USA) Where does the American public stand on the idea of voting for a Muslim for president? This issue is back in the news as a result of Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson's statement on NBC's Meet the Press Sunday that, "I would not advocate that we put a Muslim in charge of this nation. I absolutely would not agree with that." (Gallup USA)

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1.3 Domestic Politics » Governance

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399-25 **Canada: Election 2015: The Politics of Healthcare** (Click for Details)

(Canada) A new survey of Canadian experiences with the health care system finds significant divides when it comes to access to primary care. Divides that, in turn, are tied to opinion of the system, and of health care as a voting issue in this federal election campaign. (Angus Reid)

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4.11 Society » Health

► LATIN AMERICA

399-26 **Security Issues May Hurt Development in Latin America** (Multi-country survey) (Click for Details)

Meeting the targets of the United Nations' new Sustainable Development Goal of "promoting peaceful and inclusive societies" will be difficult in many parts of the world, but particularly so in Latin America and the Caribbean. For the sixth consecutive year, Gallup's Law and Order Index shows that residents of Latin America and the Caribbean in 2014 were the least likely in the world to feel secure in their communities.

(Gallup USA)

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Topic of the week:

5 Important Things to Know About US Catholics

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5 Important Things to Know About U.S. Catholics

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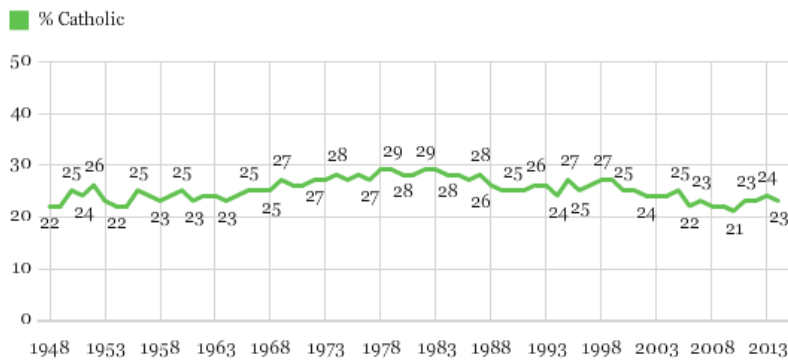
PRINCETON, N.J. -- Pope Francis' first trip to the United States provides a good opportunity to review the state of Catholicism in the U.S. What follows are five important points about Catholics, based on Gallup data that in some cases go back as far as the 1940s.



1. Catholics Are 23% of U.S. Adult Population

Catholics constituted 23% of the U.S. adult population in 2014, and this percentage has remained fairly steady over the 66 years Gallup has been asking Americans about their religious identification.

Catholics as % of U.S. Adult Population



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Since 1948, 25% of Americans, on average, have been Catholic. The percentage was slightly higher than average in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and was slightly lower in the 2000s.

SHARE OF U.S. ADULTS WHO ARE CATHOLIC

23%

SOURCE: GALLUP POLL, 2014

One remarkable aspect of this relatively stable trend is that during the same period, the percentage of Americans who have no formal religious identity has increased from roughly 1% to about 20% today. The rise in those with no religion has been accompanied by a decline in the percentages of Protestants and other non-Catholic Christians, the ranks of which have fallen from as high as 70% of the population, down to about 50% today. Catholics have been able to hold their own -- percentage-wise -- even as the unaffiliated percentage has risen significantly.

These results are based on Gallup's traditional "stand-alone" polls dating back to 1948. Religious identification is also measured as part of Gallup Daily tracking, and interviews with more than 170,000 individuals in 2014 showed a similar 23.9% of national adults interviewed identified as Catholic.

2. Almost a Third of U.S. Catholics Are Hispanic

One of the explanations for the stable representation of Catholics in the adult population over time is the increasing percentage of Hispanics in the U.S. population, coupled with the fact that the majority of Hispanics identify as Catholic. In Gallup's 2014 tracking data, 32% of Catholics identified as Hispanic, more than double the representation of Hispanics in the U.S. adult population. Sixty-one percent of Catholics are white, while 3% are black -- much lower than the black representation among Protestants.

Racial and Ethnic Distribution Among Catholics, Protestants and National Adults

	Catholics	Protestants	All national adults
	%	%	%
Non-Hispanic whites	61	70	67
Non-Hispanic blacks	3	17	11
Hispanics	32	8	14

Gallup Daily tracking, January-December 2014

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3. Catholics No Longer Attend Church Services More Frequently Than Protestants

Catholics' church attendance no longer exceeds Protestants' church attendance. In May 2015, 44% of Catholics said they had attended church within the previous seven days, compared with 45% of Protestants.

Gallup's historical data show that Catholics' lower recent church attendance is dramatically different from that of the 1950s-1960s. Surveys from the 1950s, for example, showed that more than seven in 10 Catholics reported having attended church in the previous seven days, compared with figures in the 40% range for Protestants. Since then, church attendance among Protestants has remained stable, while it has dropped significantly among Catholics. Catholics lost their church attendance advantage over Protestants in the 1990s.

4. Catholics' Politics Match U.S. Average

While in Washington, Pope Francis will meet with Democratic President Barack Obama and will make a speech before a joint session of the Republican-controlled Congress. This bipartisanship fits nicely with the party identification of Catholics in the U.S., which is remarkably similar to what is found in the overall population. In 2014, 40% of both Catholics and non-Catholics identified as or leaned Republican, while 43% of both groups identified as or leaned Democratic.

Party Identification Among U.S. Catholics and Non-Catholics

	Catholics	Non-Catholics
	%	%
Republicans/Leaners	40	40
Independents/No lean	14	13
Democrats/Leaners	43	43

Gallup Daily tracking, January-December 2014

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This is a different situation from that of other religious groups, whose partisan identification tends to skew in one direction or the other. For example, 47% of Protestants and 71% of Mormons identify as or lean toward the Republican Party, well above the overall 40% of the population who are Republican. On the other hand, 61% of Jews identify with or lean toward the Democratic Party. All of this explains why Catholics have been a key swing group in recent presidential elections, much more so than other religious groups. The tendency for Catholics to mirror the overall population from a partisan perspective is a shift from the past, when Catholics tended to skew significantly more Democratic in their partisan and voting behavior.

5. Catholics Most Overrepresented in the East, Most Underrepresented in the South

Catholics are overrepresented compared with non-Catholics in the East, are underrepresented in the South and are distributed about equally compared with non-Catholics in the Midwest and West regions of the country.

Geographic Distribution of U.S. Catholics and Non-Catholics

	Catholics	Non-Catholics
	%	%
East	30	19
Midwest	21	21
South	25	37
West	24	23

Gallup Daily tracking, January-December 2014

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The pope will be visiting the District of Columbia, New York and Pennsylvania during his trip to the U.S. New York state has the highest percentage of Catholics of these three geographic entities, at 36%, followed by Pennsylvania at 28% and then the District of Columbia, below average at 20%.

More broadly, Rhode Island's 45% Catholic is the highest percentage in the nation, while Mississippi's 8% is the lowest.

Source: http://www.gallup.com/poll/185816/important-things-know-catholics.aspx?utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_content=morelink&utm_campaign=syndication

Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2015)

A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 5 year period January 2007 – January 2015

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \approx 6,805 polls during the period 2007-2015
- 2- Subjects of Interest (*we have made a list of 125 subjects, further grouped into 9 broad categories, namely: **Governance**, **Globalization** (inclusive of global economic issues) **Global Conflicts** (conflict zones), **Global leaders** (USA and Emerging powers), **Global Environment**, **Family**, **Religion**, and **other miscellaneous***)
- 3- Number of **countries** covered by one or more surveys: \approx 178 during the period 2007-2015
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \approx 358 during the period 2007-2015

