

YouGov / ITV Survey Results

Sample Size: 1636 Catholic Adults

Fieldwork: 31st August - 2nd September 2010

	Total
Weighed Sample	1636
Unweighted Sample	1636
	%

Do you think a woman who is less than 20 weeks pregnant and wishes to have an abortion should.

Always be allowed to have an abortion	30
Be allowed an abortion on grounds of rape, incest, severe disability to the child or as an indirect consequence of life-saving treatment for the mother	44
Be allowed an abortion ONLY as an indirect consequence of life-saving treatment for the mother	11
Never be allowed an abortion	6
Don't know	7

Which of these views about contraception comes closest to your own?

It should be used more often, to avoid unwanted pregnancies and/or to avoid Aids and other sexually transmitted diseases	71
It is entirely up to couples to decide if and when to use contraception	23
Artificial contraception is wrong, and shouldn't be used	4
Don't know	1

Which of these comes closest to your views about consenting adults having homosexual relations

Good for them: we should celebrate loving relationships, whether gay or straight	41
I'm in favour of equal rights, but in general I think straight relationships are better than gay relationships	19
I don't like homosexuality, but accept that what consenting adults do in private is their business, not mine	28
Homosexual acts are morally wrong	11
Don't know	1

Do you think Catholic priests should be allowed to marry, or should they stay celibate?

Be allowed to marry	65
Should stay celibate	27
Don't know	8

And which ONE, if any, of the following statements comes closest to your view?

The Vatican is being unjustifiably criticised over the abuse scandal	18
The Vatican tried to cover-up the abuses and has rightly been criticised	65
Neither of these	11
Don't know	7

To what extent do you think the reputation of the Catholic Church has been permanently damaged by the abuse scandals?

A lot	47
A little	40
TOTAL A LOT/LITTLE	87
Not a lot	8
Not at all	3
TOTAL NOT A LOT/LITTLE	11
Don't know	2

Do you think the Pope should or should not continue in his position?

He should continue in his position	72
He should not	14
Don't know	14

The government is expected to contribute at least £12 million to the cost of the Pope's visit to the UK. Do you think this is an appropriate or inappropriate use of taxpayers' money?

Appropriate	47
Not appropriate	44
Don't know	9