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Sample Size: 1636 Catholic Adults
Fieldwork: 31st August - 2nd September 2010

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%

What 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%