

RealClear Opinion Research

Sponsor: EWTN

Sample: N=1,757 Catholic Likely Voters

Interviewing Period: June 15-23, 2022

Mode: Online (English and Spanish)

Credibility Interval: 95% Credibility Level of +/- 2.58 Percentage Points

INTRODUCTION: Thank you for taking this important survey about current events. It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Please be assured that all your answers will be kept confidential.

1. Would you like to take this survey in English or Spanish?/¿Le gustaría completar esta encuesta en Inglés o en Español?

English..... 95%
Spanish 5%

2. Gender

Male..... 46%
Female 54%

3. What is your age?

18-24 7%
25-34 18%
35-44 16%
45-54 14%
55-64 20%
65+ 25%

4. In what state do you live?

[See Region Code on last page]

5. How do you describe yourself? Please select all that apply.

White, Non-Hispanic..... 63%
Hispanic..... 31%
Black, Non-Hispanic 3%
Asian, Non-Hispanic..... 2%
Other <1%

[IF HISPANIC, ASK Q6]

6. With which group do you most closely identify? (n=273)

Mexican, Mexican-American, or Chicano 65%
Puerto Rican..... 14%
Cuban, or Cuban American 10%
Other (please specify) 12%

[IF AGE 18-24, ASK Q7]

7. With regard to school, are you **currently enrolled** at any of the following? (n=165)

High school.....	5%
Trade/Vocational school.....	2%
2-year or junior college or community college.....	13%
4-year college or university.....	42%
Graduate school.....	10%
Business school or professional school.....	11%
Not enrolled in college/university, but taking at least one course.....	6%
Not currently enrolled in any of these.....	10%

[IF AGES 25+, ASK Q8]

8. What is the highest level of education you've completed? (n=1,590)

Some high school or less.....	2%
High school or equivalent.....	28%
Some college, but no degree.....	18%
Associate's degree/Trade school degree.....	12%
Bachelor's degree.....	27%
Graduate degree.....	12%
Doctorate degree.....	2%

[IF COLLEGE GRADUATE+, ASK Q9]

9. Was your undergraduate degree from a secular college or university, or did your college or university have a religious affiliation? (n=725)

Secular.....	61%
Religious.....	34%
Don't know.....	4%

[IF RELIGIOUS, ASK Q10]

10. Was it a Catholic institution? (n=199)

Yes.....	86%
No.....	10%
Don't know.....	4%

11. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Employed full-time.....	42%
Employed part-time.....	12%
Self-employed.....	6%
Not employed.....	24%
Not employed/Homemaker.....	13%
Student.....	2%

[IF EMPLOYED FULL-TIME, ASK Q12]

12. Do you have more than one paying job? (n=766)

Yes 23%
No 77%

13. Which of the following best describes your marital status?

Married 50%
Living with partner/significant other 10%
Single, never married 22%
Separated or divorced 12%
Widowed 6%

14. How many children, if any, do you have under the age of 18 living at home?

0 69%
1 16%
2 10%
3 3%
4 or more 1%

[IF CHILDREN UNDER 18 IS 1+, ASK Q15]

15. Do you have children in any of the following education environments? Please select all that apply. (n=625)

Traditional public school 43%
Public charter school 9%
Religious or parochial school 17%
Non-religious private school 3%
Home schooling 6%
I do not have school aged children 22%

16. Which one of these bests describes your religious preference or spiritual outlook?

Catholic 100%

17. We understand that plenty of people are not registered to vote, but we are wondering if you are registered to vote?

Yes 100%

18. How likely is it that you will vote in the midterm elections for Congress in November 2022?

Definitely will be voting 83%
Probably will be voting 17%

19. When it comes to politics, with which party do you consider yourself to be affiliated?

Democratic 42%
 Republican 38%
 Independent/Unaffiliated 20%

20. When it comes to most political issues, do you think of yourself as a...?

Net: Liberal/Lean 34%
Net: Conservative/Lean 40%

Liberal..... 22%
 Moderate, leaning liberal 12%
 Moderate 26%
 Moderate, leaning conservative 12%
 Conservative 28%

21. If the November 2022 elections for Congress were held today, would you vote for the Republican or Democrat candidate running in your district?

[ROTATE CHOICES]

Republican 44%
 Democrat..... 43%
 Don't know/Not sure 13%

22. Do you consider yourself to be politically engaged or politically active?

Yes 56%
 No..... 44%

23. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are ...

Generally headed in the right direction..... 24%
 Off on the wrong track 59%
 Not sure what direction the country is headed in 17%

How important are the following things to you when considering your vote for Congress this year?

[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON “NET: IMPORTANT;” EACH ITEM WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION]

24. Your community

Net: Important..... 85%
Net: Not Important..... 15%

Very important 48%
 Somewhat important 38%
 Not very important 10%
 Not at all important 5%

25. Your political party
- Net: Important..... 78%**
Net: Not Important..... 22%
- Very important 44%
 Somewhat important 34%
 Not very important 14%
 Not at all important 9%
26. Your economic status
- Net: Important..... 78%**
Net: Not Important..... 22%
- Very important 45%
 Somewhat important 33%
 Not very important 13%
 Not at all important 9%
27. Your Catholic faith
- Net: Important..... 68%**
Net: Not Important..... 32%
- Very important 37%
 Somewhat important 31%
 Not very important 21%
 Not at all important 11%
28. Your age
- Net: Important..... 63%**
Net: Not Important..... 37%
- Very important 28%
 Somewhat important 35%
 Not very important 23%
 Not at all important 14%
29. Your family's background
- Net: Important..... 61%**
Net: Not Important..... 39%
- Very important 31%
 Somewhat important 30%
 Not very important 24%
 Not at all important 15%

30. Your gender

Net: Important..... **57%**
Net: Not Important **43%**

Very important 32%
 Somewhat important 25%
 Not very important 23%
 Not at all important 20%

31. Your race and ethnicity

Net: Important..... **56%**
Net: Not Important..... **44%**

Very important 29%
 Somewhat important 27%
 Not very important 24%
 Not at all important 20%

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following groups and individuals?

[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON “NET: FAVORABLE;” EACH ITEM WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION]

32. The Supreme Court of the United States

Net: Favorable **56%**
Net: Unfavorable..... **36%**

Very favorable 17%
 Somewhat favorable..... 39%
 Somewhat unfavorable..... 25%
 Very unfavorable 12%
 Don't know/No opinion 8%
 Never heard of..... <1%

33. Donald Trump

Net: Favorable **49%**
Net: Unfavorable..... **49%**

Very favorable 27%
 Somewhat favorable..... 22%
 Somewhat unfavorable..... 9%
 Very unfavorable 40%
 Don't know/No opinion 2%
 Never heard of..... <1%

34. Democrats in Congress

Net: Favorable **47%**
Net: Unfavorable..... **49%**

Very favorable 18%
 Somewhat favorable..... 29%
 Somewhat unfavorable..... 16%
 Very unfavorable 33%
 Don't know/No opinion 4%
 Never heard of..... <1%

35. Republicans in Congress

Net: Favorable **47%**
Net: Unfavorable..... **49%**

Very favorable 18%
 Somewhat favorable..... 29%
 Somewhat unfavorable..... 20%
 Very unfavorable 29%
 Don't know/No opinion 4%
 Never heard of..... <1%

36. Joe Biden

Net: Favorable **45%**
Net: Unfavorable..... **53%**

Very favorable 21%
 Somewhat favorable..... 24%
 Somewhat unfavorable..... 13%
 Very unfavorable 41%
 Don't know/No opinion 1%
 Never heard of..... <1%

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of:

[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: APPROVE;" EACH ITEM WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION]

37. Democrats in Congress

Net: Approve **48%**
Net: Disapprove..... **52%**

Strongly approve 19%
 Somewhat approve 30%
 Somewhat disapprove 22%
 Strongly disapprove..... 29%

38. Republicans in Congress

Net: Approve **48%**
Net: Disapprove **52%**

Strongly approve 15%
 Somewhat approve 33%
 Somewhat disapprove 28%
 Strongly disapprove 24%

39. Joe Biden as president

Net: Approve **47%**
Net: Disapprove **53%**

Strongly approve 21%
 Somewhat approve 26%
 Somewhat disapprove 14%
 Strongly disapprove 39%

40. Recent news reports noted that the price of consumer goods increased 8.6% in May 2022 compared to the same month in 2021.

Some say that President Biden and the policies of his administration are mostly to blame for this inflation.

Other people say that this inflation is mostly a result of the economic effects of Russia's war in Ukraine and global slowdown from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Which position is closer to your own view?

Mostly Biden and his administration are to blame 36%
 Mostly result of war in Ukraine and global slowdown 33%
 Both equally 25%
 Don't know 5%

41. How much confidence do you have in the Biden administration to significantly reduce inflation in the next year?

Net: A great deal/some **41%**
Net: Not much/none at all **57%**

A great deal 16%
 Some 25%
 Not much 21%
 None at all 36%
 Don't know 2%

Are you more or less likely to support political candidates who hold the following positions:

[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON “NET: MORE LIKELY;” EACH ITEM WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION]

42. Support the religious freedom of people of faith

Net: More likely **82%**
Net: Less likely **10%**

Much more likely 48%
 Somewhat more likely 35%
 Somewhat less likely 7%
 Much less likely 4%
 Don't know 7%

43. Supports increasing border security

Net: More likely **74%**
Net: Less likely **20%**

Much more likely 40%
 Somewhat more likely 33%
 Somewhat less likely 11%
 Much less likely 9%
 Don't know 7%

44. Supports the death penalty

Net: More likely **50%**
Net: Less likely **36%**

Much more likely 19%
 Somewhat more likely 31%
 Somewhat less likely 18%
 Much less likely 17%
 Don't know 15%

45. Supports expanding legal immigration to the United States

Net: More likely **49%**
Net: Less likely **43%**

Much more likely 20%
 Somewhat more likely 29%
 Somewhat less likely 16%
 Much less likely 27%
 Don't know 8%

46. Supports mandating that Catholic organizations provide insurance coverage for contraception to their employees.

Net: More likely **46%**
Net: Less likely **37%**

Much more likely 19%
 Somewhat more likely 27%
 Somewhat less likely 15%
 Much less likely 22%
 Don't know 17%

47. Supports taxpayer funding of abortion in the United States

Net: More likely **35%**
Net: Less likely **53%**

Much more likely 15%
 Somewhat more likely 21%
 Somewhat less likely 17%
 Much less likely 37%
 Don't know 11%

48. Supports mandating that Catholic organizations provide insurance coverage for abortion-inducing drugs to their employees.

Net: More likely **33%**
Net: Less likely **48%**

Much more likely 13%
 Somewhat more likely 20%
 Somewhat less likely 14%
 Much less likely 33%
 Don't know 19%

49. Supports abortion at any time during a pregnancy.

Net: More likely **32%**
Net: Less likely **60%**

Much more likely 15%
 Somewhat more likely 18%
 Somewhat less likely 17%
 Much less likely 43%
 Don't know 8%

50. If the U.S. Supreme Court were to overturn Roe v Wade, a 1973 decision that created a constitutional right to abortion, which of the following do you believe would be the result?

[ROTATE CHOICES]

Abortion would immediately become illegal everywhere in the United States 24%
 Federal and state legislators would determine how to regulate abortion 62%
 Don't know 14%

51. If the U.S. Supreme Court were to revisit the Roe v Wade decision, do you believe it should:

[ROTATE CHOICES]

Uphold the decision 47%
 Reverse the decision, thus allowing each state
 to determine its own policy on abortion 42%
 Don't know..... 12%

52. To the best of your knowledge, what is President Joe Biden's religious affiliation?

[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON KNOWLEDGE; LIST WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION]

Catholic 61%
 Protestant 4%
 Fundamentalist/Evangelical Christian 2%
 No religious preference 2%
 Atheist 2%
 Jewish <1%
 Muslim <1%
 LDS/Mormon <1%
 Another religion <1%
 Secular humanist..... <1%
 Agnostic..... <1%
 Don't know..... 27%

53. Are you familiar with President Biden's position on the use of federal funds for abortion?

Yes, I am familiar..... 39%
 No, I am not familiar 37%
 I am not sure 23%

54. Which position do you think more closely reflects President Biden's position on the use of federal funds for abortion through programs such as Medicaid?

[ROTATE CHOICES]

President Biden supports federal funds
to be used to fund abortions 55%
 President Biden opposes the use of federal funds
from being used to fund abortions 15%
 Not sure..... 30%

55. In 2019, the federal government created a “conscience rule” for health care workers that gives them the freedom to opt-out of providing care or services, such as abortion, sex reassignment therapy, physician-assisted suicide, or other services that might violate their conscience on moral or religious grounds.

This rule is currently being debated by the Department of Health and Human Services and may be discontinued.

Which position is closest to your own view?

[ROTATE CHOICES]

Health care workers **should** be obligated to engage in procedures that they object to based on moral or religious grounds..... 30%

Health care workers **should not** be obligated to engage in procedures that they object to based on moral or religious grounds..... 58%

Don't know..... 12%

Now, we will ask a series of questions about education. Do you favor or oppose:

56. Parents of K-12 students having more information about the curriculum and what children are being taught in school?

Net: Favor..... **90%**
Net: Oppose **8%**

Strongly favor 63%
 Somewhat favor 27%
 Somewhat oppose..... 6%
 Strongly oppose 2%
 Don't know..... 2%

57. Parents of K-12 students helping determine curriculum and what is being taught in schools?

Net: Favor..... **65%**
Net: Oppose **31%**

Strongly favor 34%
 Somewhat favor 31%
 Somewhat oppose..... 20%
 Strongly oppose 11%
 Don't know..... 4%

As you may know, there is an ongoing conversation about gender identity that stretches across religious, government, and educational institutions. The following questions are reflective of some of these debates.

Do you favor or oppose:

[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: FAVOR;" EACH ITEM WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION]

58. Teachers and administrators recognizing a student's gender identity in school rather than their biological sex at birth?

Net: Favor..... **47%**

Net: Oppose **42%**

Strongly favor 20%

Somewhat favor 26%

Somewhat oppose..... 16%

Strongly oppose 26%

Don't know..... 11%

59. Biological boys using the girls' school bathroom, locker room, and shower if they identify as female?

Net: Favor..... **23%**

Net: Oppose **67%**

Strongly favor 9%

Somewhat favor 15%

Somewhat oppose..... 17%

Strongly oppose 50%

Don't know..... 10%

60. Biological boys who identify as girls competing against biological girls on school sports teams?

Net: Favor..... **22%**

Net: Oppose **67%**

Strongly favor 8%

Somewhat favor 14%

Somewhat oppose..... 16%

Strongly oppose 51%

Don't know..... 10%

61. K-12 school administrators hiding a student's gender identity or a new name from that student's parents?

Net: Favor..... **20%**

Net: Oppose **68%**

Strongly favor 8%

Somewhat favor 12%

Somewhat oppose..... 18%

Strongly oppose 50%

Don't know..... 12%

[IF HAS CHILDREN >18 AT HOME, ASK Q62]

62. Has policy in your child/children's school related to gender identity made you consider alternative education such as homeschool or private school for your child/children, or not? (n=554)
- No 57%
- Yes, there is **too much** emphasis on gender identity in my child/children's school 33%
- Yes, there is **not enough** emphasis on gender identity in my child/children's school 10%
63. Which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion on abortion?
- Abortion should be available to a woman at any time she wants one during her entire pregnancy 18%
- Abortion should be allowed only during the first six months of a pregnancy 8%
- Abortion should be allowed only during the first three months of a pregnancy 24%
- Abortion should be allowed only in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the woman 32%
- Abortion should be allowed only to save the life of the woman 9%
- Abortion should never be permitted under any circumstance 9%
64. Do you believe that parental consent should be required for girls under the age of 18 to get an abortion?
- Yes 68%
- No 23%
- Don't know 9%
65. Do you believe that supporting abortion conflicts with Catholic teaching?
- Yes 65%
- No 25%
- Don't know 10%
66. Transgender ideology is commonly defined as everyone can determine their own gender and that everyone else (individuals, laws, and institutions) should be required to treat them as their chosen gender as opposed to their biological sex. For example, girls' sports teams should be required to accept biological boys who identify as girls.
- Do you believe that supporting "transgender ideology" conflicts with Catholic teaching?
- Yes 56%
- No 28%
- Don't know 16%
67. Do you believe that:
- Gender is created by God 63%
- People can determine their own gender 25%
- Don't know 12%

68. Do you believe in Hell?
 Yes 77%
 No 11%
 Don't know 12%

69. Do you believe in Purgatory?
 Yes 65%
 No 16%
 Don't know 19%

How concerned, if at all, are you about the following actions:

[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: CONCERNED;" EACH ITEM WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION]

70. Vandalization and attacks on Churches
Net: Concerned 84%
Net: Not concerned 12%
 Very concerned 61%
 Somewhat concerned 23%
 Not very concerned 8%
 Not at all concerned 4%
 Don't know enough information at this time 3%

71. Vandalization and attacks on pro-life clinics
Net: Concerned 81%
Net: Not concerned 14%
 Very concerned 56%
 Somewhat concerned 25%
 Not very concerned 9%
 Not at all concerned 5%
 Don't know enough information at this time 5%

72. Vandalization and tearing down statues of famous Catholics
Net: Concerned 75%
Net: Not concerned 18%
 Very concerned 51%
 Somewhat concerned 25%
 Not very concerned 12%
 Not at all concerned 6%
 Don't know enough information at this time 7%

73. Overall anti-Christian sentiment

Net: Concerned..... 72%
Net: Not concerned 20%

Very concerned 44%
 Somewhat concerned..... 28%
 Not very concerned 14%
 Not at all concerned 6%
 Don't know enough information at this time 8%

74. Protests and demonstrations outside the homes of Supreme Court Justices.

Net: Concerned..... 71%
Net: Not concerned 23%

Very concerned 43%
 Somewhat concerned..... 28%
 Not very concerned 15%
 Not at all concerned 8%
 Don't know enough information at this time 6%

75. Which of the following comes closest to your own view?

I accept all the Church's teachings and that is reflected in how I live my life 20%
 I generally accept most of the Church's teachings and try to live my life accordingly 35%
 I consider myself a Catholic, but do not accept some of the key teachings of the Church 27%
 I am a Catholic by upbringing, but it has only a minor influence on my life 15%
 I consider myself a former Catholic 3%

76. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often did you attend Mass?

Net: Weekly Plus 40%
Net: Monthly to Yearly 40%
Net: Less than Yearly/Never 20%

Daily 2%
 More than once a week 5%
 Once a week 33%
 Once or twice a month 14%
 A few times a year 24%
 Once a year 2%
 Less than once a year 14%
 Never 6%

77. How often, if at all, do you pray?

Net: Weekly Plus	82%
Net: Monthly to Yearly	14%
Net: Less than Yearly/Never	4%
Daily	57%
More than once a week	17%
Once a week	8%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	6%
Once a year	1%
Less than once a year	2%
Never	2%

[IF PRAYER FREQUENCY IS ONCE A WEEK+, ASK Q78]

78. Do you set aside, or make a point of scheduling time for prayer? (n=1,368)

Yes	58%
No	42%

79. How often, if at all, do you pray the Rosary?

Net: Weekly Plus	26%
Net: Monthly to Yearly	30%
Net: Less than Yearly/Never	45%
Daily	12%
More than once a week	7%
Once a week	7%
Once or twice a month	9%
A few times a year	16%
Once a year	5%
Less than once a year	18%
Never	27%

80. How often, if at all, do you go to confession?

Net: Monthly to Yearly	37%
Net: Less than Yearly/Never	63%
At least once a month	10%
A few times a year	18%
Once a year	9%
Less than once a year	28%
Never	35%

81. Do you believe in the Real Presence of the Eucharist?

Yes, the transformed bread and wine are the Body and Blood of Christ and not symbols	50%
No, the bread and wine are symbols of the Body and Blood of Christ	38%
Don't know	12%

82. Which of the following best describes the area in which you live?

Suburban	55%
Urban.....	27%
Rural.....	12%
Small town.....	6%

83. How much, if at all, have your personal finances been affected by rising prices and inflation?

A great deal	50%
Some	39%
Not much	9%
None at all	1%
Don't know.....	1%

[IF EMPLOYED, ASK Q84]

84. What kind of work do you do? (n=1,082)

Professional: Examples would be lawyer, doctor, teacher, nurse, accountant.....	27%
Manager, executive, or official: Examples would be store manager, business exec ..	21%
Business owner	8%
Clerical/Office/Sales: Examples would be secretary, receptionist, sales clerk	21%
Service work: Examples would be waiter/waitress, hairstylist, police or fireman, janitor, nurses' aid.....	13%
Skilled trades: Examples would be: electrician, plumber, carpenter	5%
Semi-skilled: Examples would be assembly line worker, truck driver, bus driver	5%

85. How would you describe your financial situation right now?

Comfortable -- I have no financial concerns at all....	20%
Getting by -- I'm able to pay my bills and save a little	44%
Stressed -- I am one or two unexpected bills away from having a problem	18%
Struggling -- Every month is a struggle to find the money to pay my bills	11%
Crisis -- I don't know how I am going to pay my bills this month or next.....	6%
Prefer not to say	2%

86. The next question is about the total income of YOUR HOUSEHOLD for the PAST 12 MONTHS. Please include your income PLUS the income of all members living in your household (including cohabiting partners and armed forces members living at home). Please count income BEFORE TAXES and from all sources (such as wages, salaries, tips, net income from a business, interest, dividends, child support, alimony, and Social Security, public assistance, pensions, or retirement benefits).

Less than \$25,000	13%
\$25,000-\$49,999	23%
\$50,000-\$74,999	26%
\$75,000-\$99,999	15%
\$100,000-\$124,999	8%
\$125,000-\$149,999	5%
\$150,000-\$174,999	3%
\$175,000-\$199,999	3%
\$200,000 or more	3%

87. Region

Northeast	24%
South	33%
Midwest	21%
West	22%

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Methodology

The survey, which was conducted online, carries a 95 percent credibility level of +/-2.58 percentage points for the national sample of Catholic likely voters. The survey was conducted in English and in Spanish, and respondents were given the choice of language for completing the survey. The survey was fielded to a population of N=3,023 Catholics, n=1,757 of whom were likely voters in the 2022 midterm elections, and the results for this study reflect the population of Catholic likely voters. US Census, 2021 Current Population Survey, Centers for Disease Control data on mental health, and the Public Religion Research Institute's 2020 "Census of American Religion" were used to calculate weights for age, race and ethnicity, gender, educational attainment, geographic distribution, and partisanship of all US Catholics. In addition to these data sources, The Pew Research Center's 2020 Validated Voter Study was used to calculate weights for past political behavior among likely voters. Additionally, non-coverage bias factors associated with online behaviors were used to adjust the sample, including tablet ownership, trust in neighbors, and participation in civic activities and mental health status. Among the population of likely Catholic voters, respondents had a mean weight of 1.71, a median weight of .79 and a standard deviation of 2.21.