

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: Catholic News Agency/Marist Poll of 1,169 National Adults

This survey of 1,169 adults was conducted February 25th through March 1st, 2015 by The Marist Poll sponsored and funded in partnership with the Catholic News Agency. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed in English by telephone using live interviewers. Landline telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from ASDE Survey Sampler, Inc. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Respondents in the household were selected by asking for the youngest male. To increase coverage, this landline sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. The two samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2010 Census results for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within ± 2.9 percentage points. The error margin was not adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.