



Papal Visit – Poll for The Tablet

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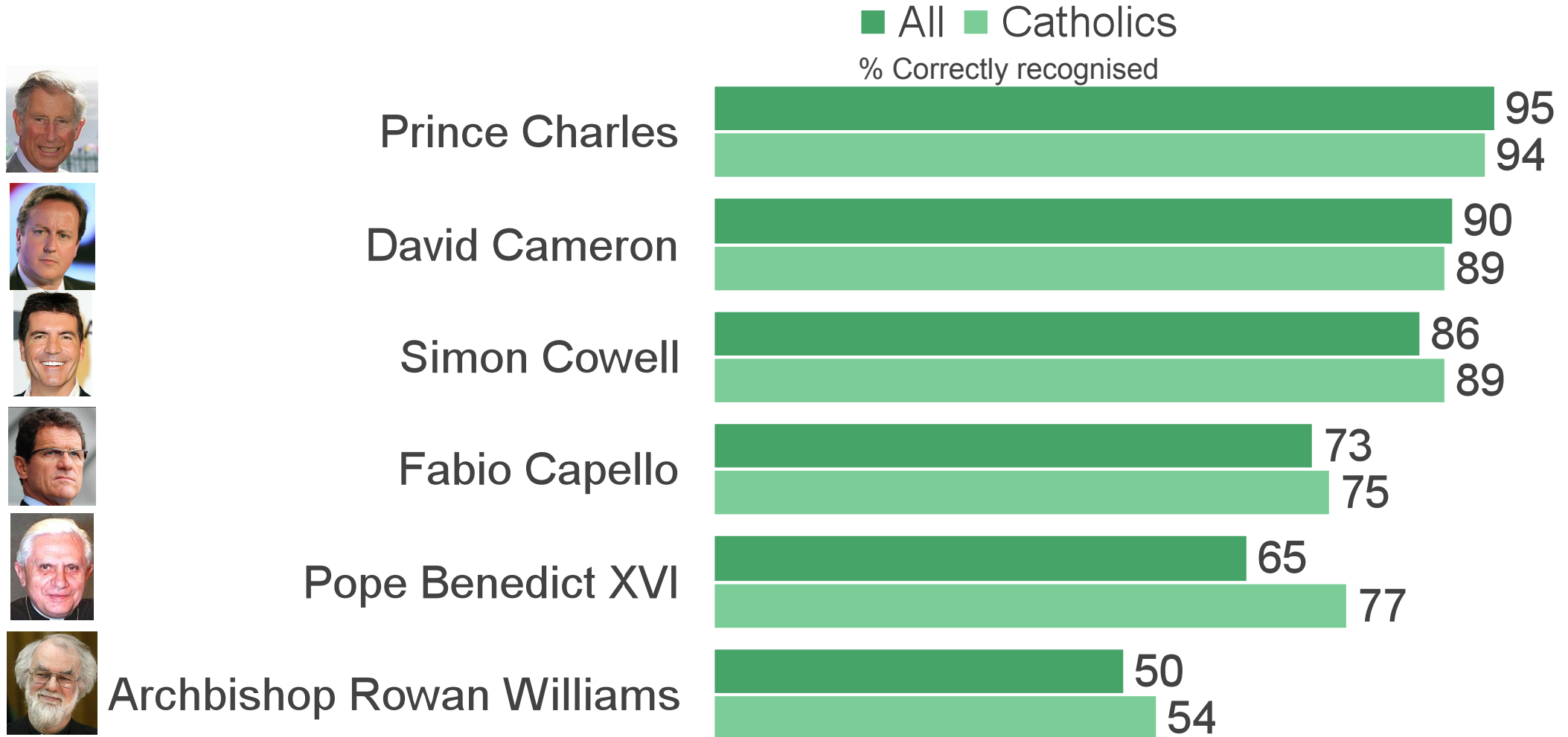
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Two thirds recognise the Pope (without his Papal apparel)

Q. Please tell me the name of the person on each of the following cards?



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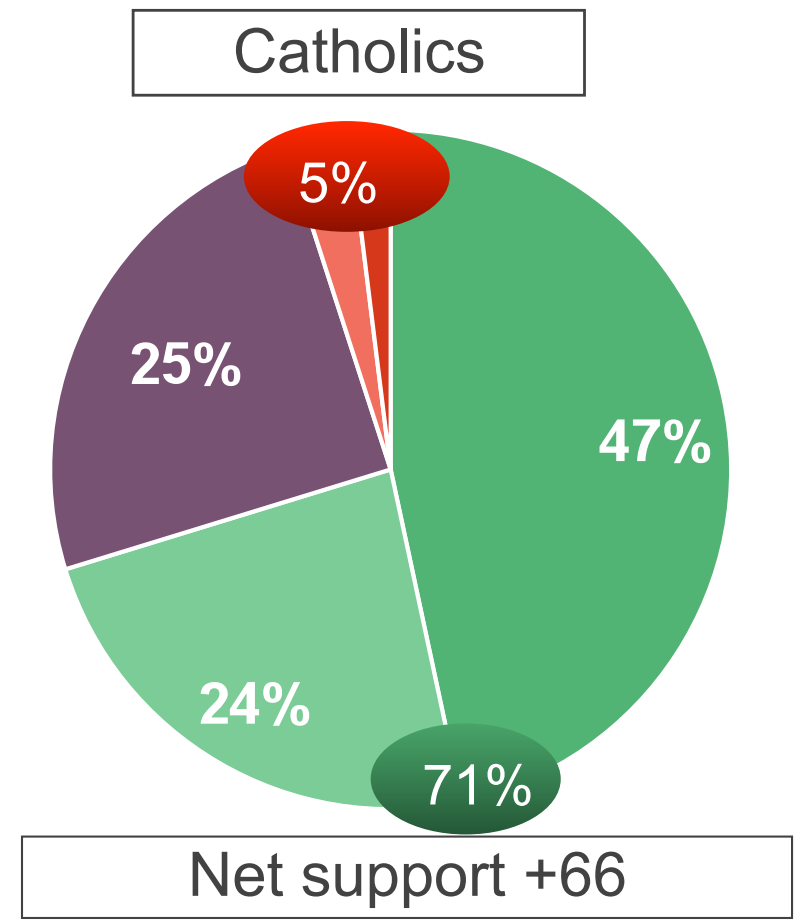
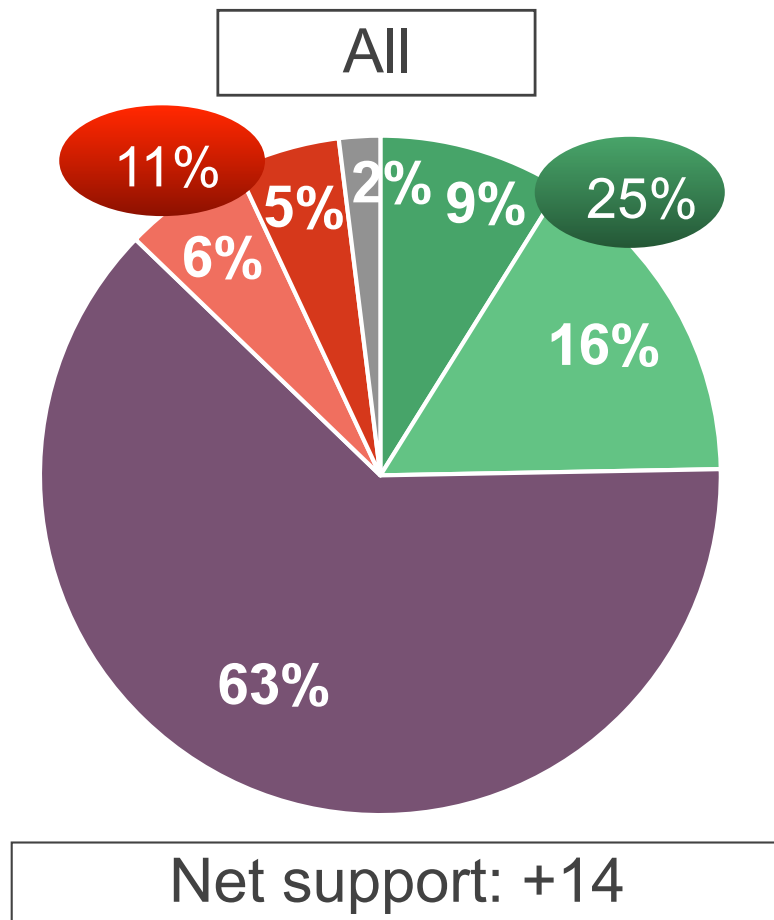
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Source: Ipsos MORI/The Tablet

Two thirds neither support nor oppose the Papal visit

Q. As you may know, the Pope is coming to Britain on an official visit in September. To what extent do you support or oppose the visit of the Pope to Britain?

■ Strongly support ■ Tend to support ■ Neither/nor ■ Tend to oppose ■ Strongly oppose ■ Don't know



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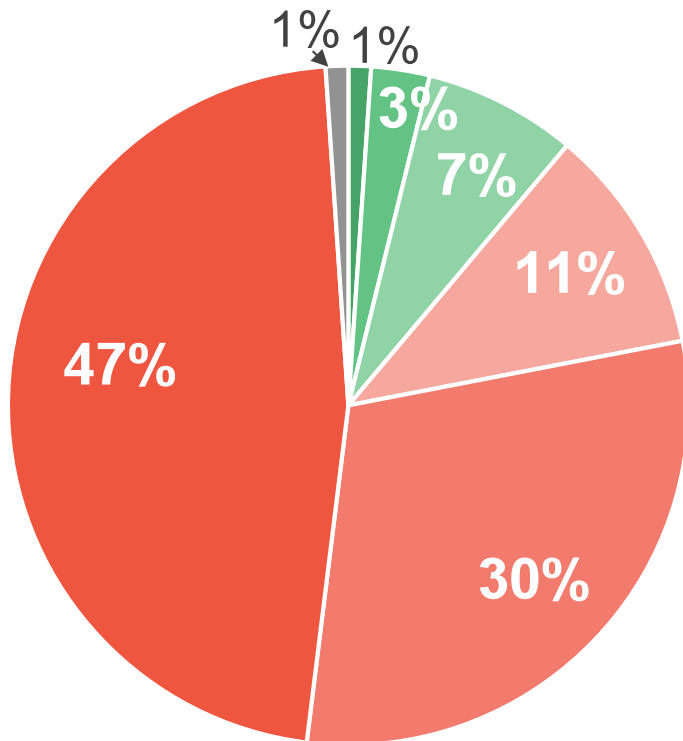
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One in ten say they are likely to attend a Papal public event

Q. How likely, or unlikely, would you say you are to attend any of the public events at which the Pope will be present during his visit to Britain?

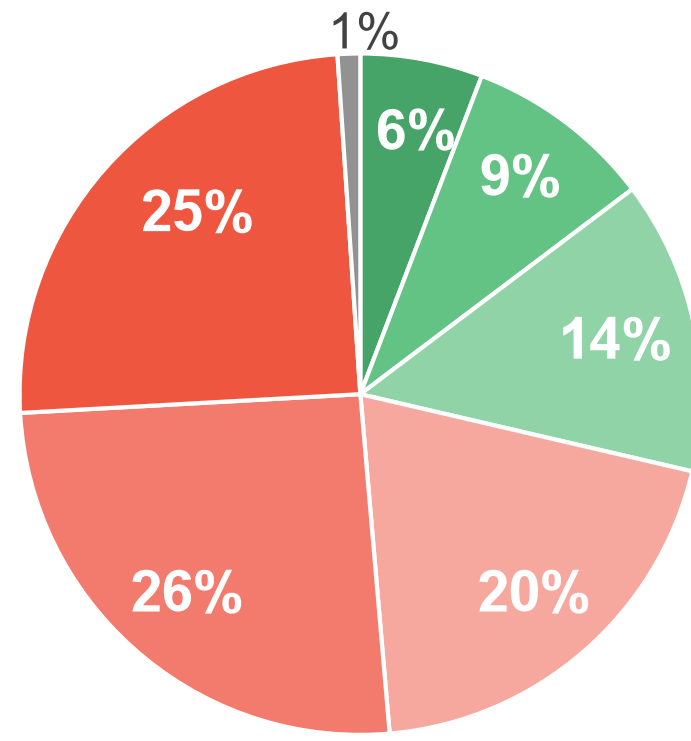
■ Certain to
 ■ Very likely
 ■ Fairly likely
 ■ Fairly unlikely
 ■ Very unlikely
 ■ Certain not to
 ■ Don't know

All



Net likely: -31

Catholics



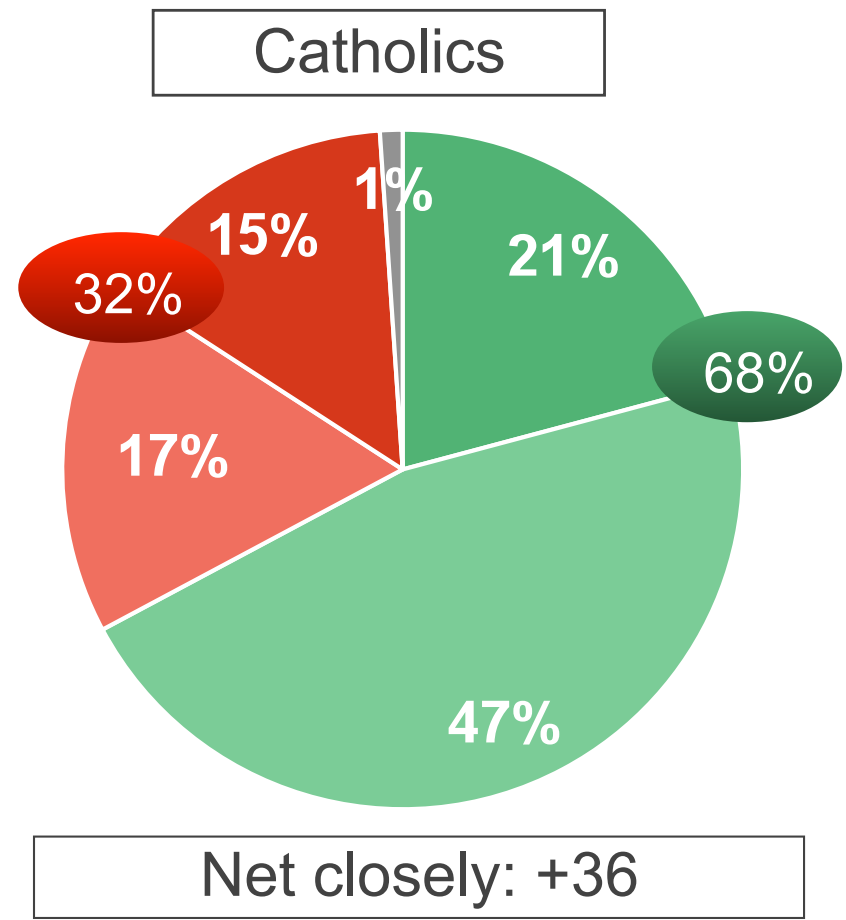
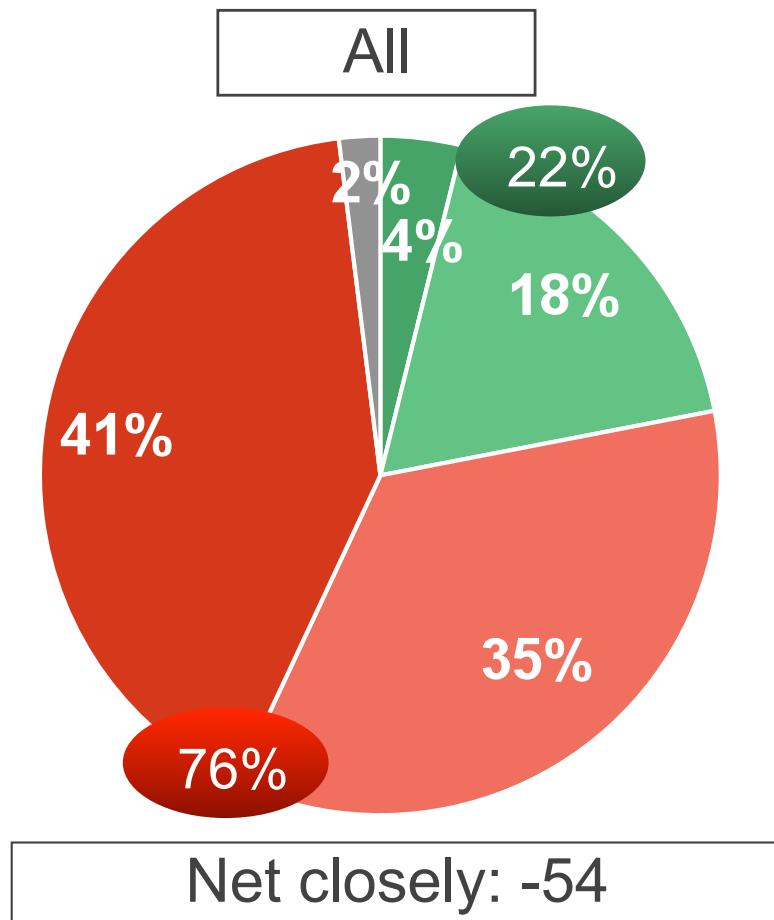
Net likely: -23

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Two in three Catholics will follow the Papal visit closely, as will one in five of the general public

Q. How closely, if at all, would you say you will follow the Pope's visit to Britain through newspapers, magazines, newsletters, television, radio or the internet?

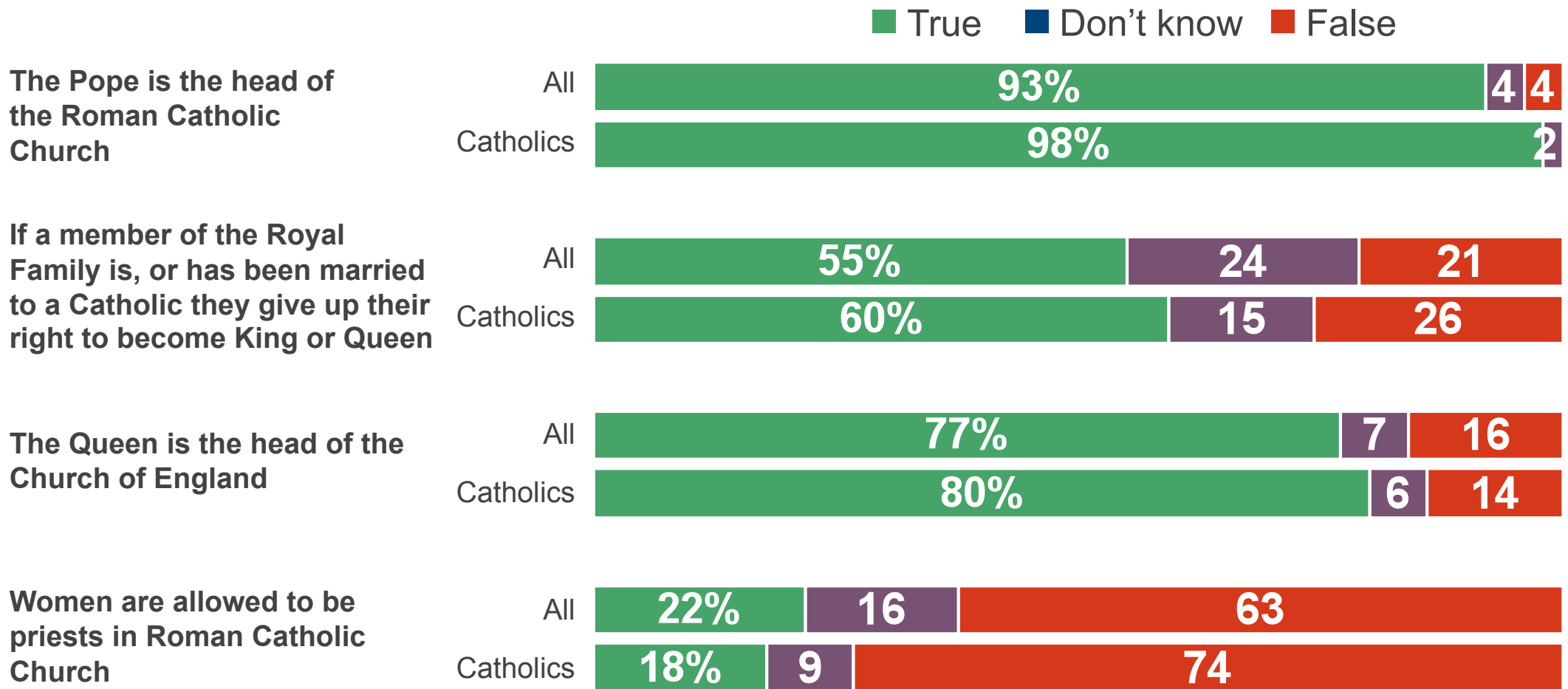
■ Very closely
 ■ Fairly closely
 ■ Not very closely
 ■ Not at all closely
 ■ Don't know



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More know the Pope is the head of the Roman Catholic Church than know the Queen is head of C of E

Q. Please tell me if you think that each of the following statements are true or false.



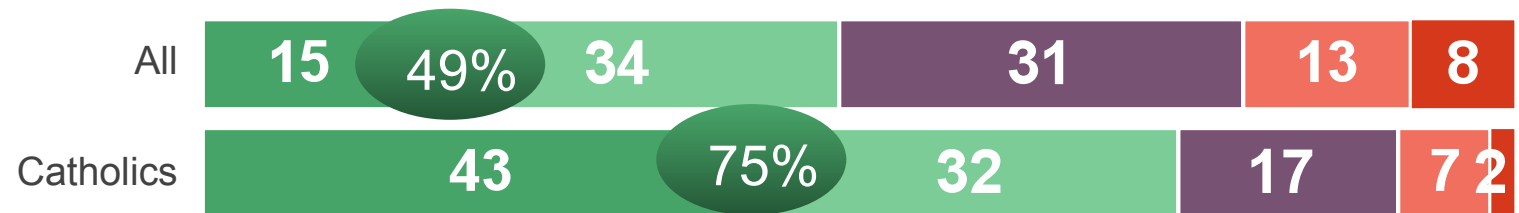
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Strong support for Britain retaining its Christian culture

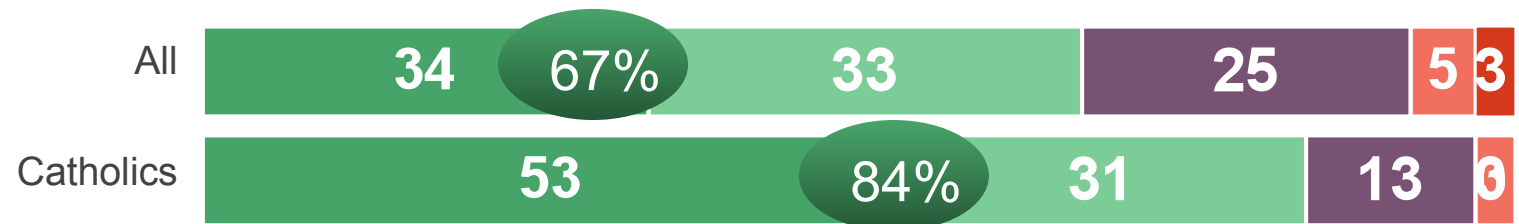
Q. Please tell me if you think that each of the following statements are true or false.

■ Strongly agree
 ■ Tend to agree
 ■ Neither/nor/DK
 ■ Tend to disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree

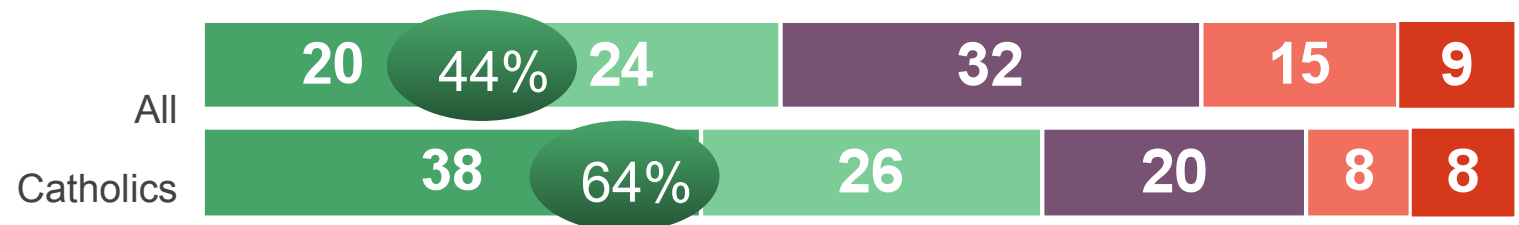
It is a good thing that the Roman Catholic Church has strong moral views



British society should retain its Christian culture



It is wrong that members of the Royal Family who are, or have been married to a catholic give up their right to become King or Queen



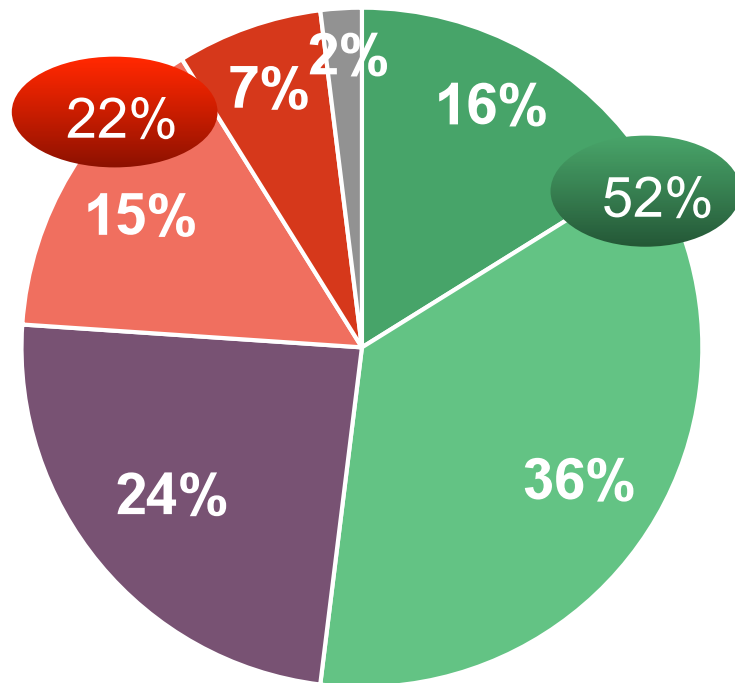
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'Religion' is seen to be a greater force for good than the Roman Catholic Church

Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

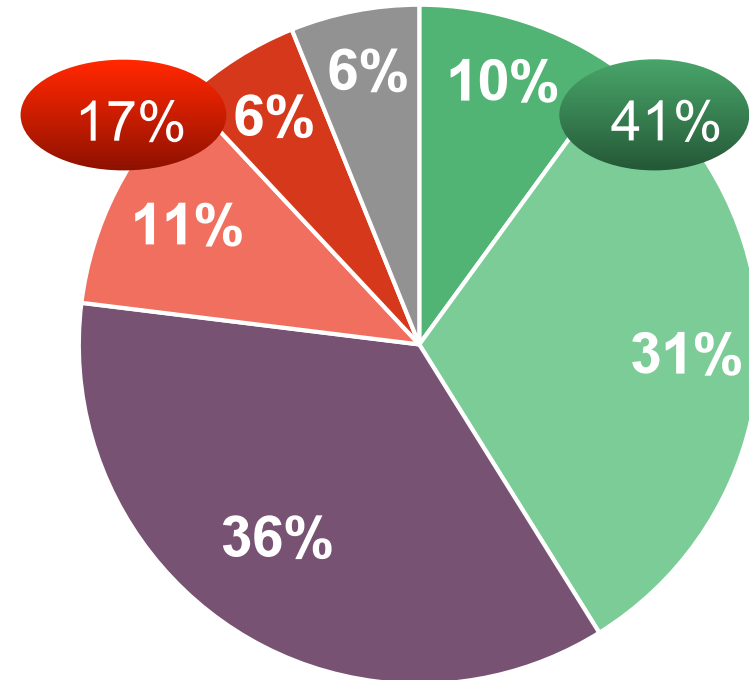
■ Strongly agree
 ■ Tend to agree
 ■ Neither/nor
 ■ Tend to disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree

Religion is, on balance, a force for good



Net agree: +30

The Roman Catholic Church, is on balance a force for good



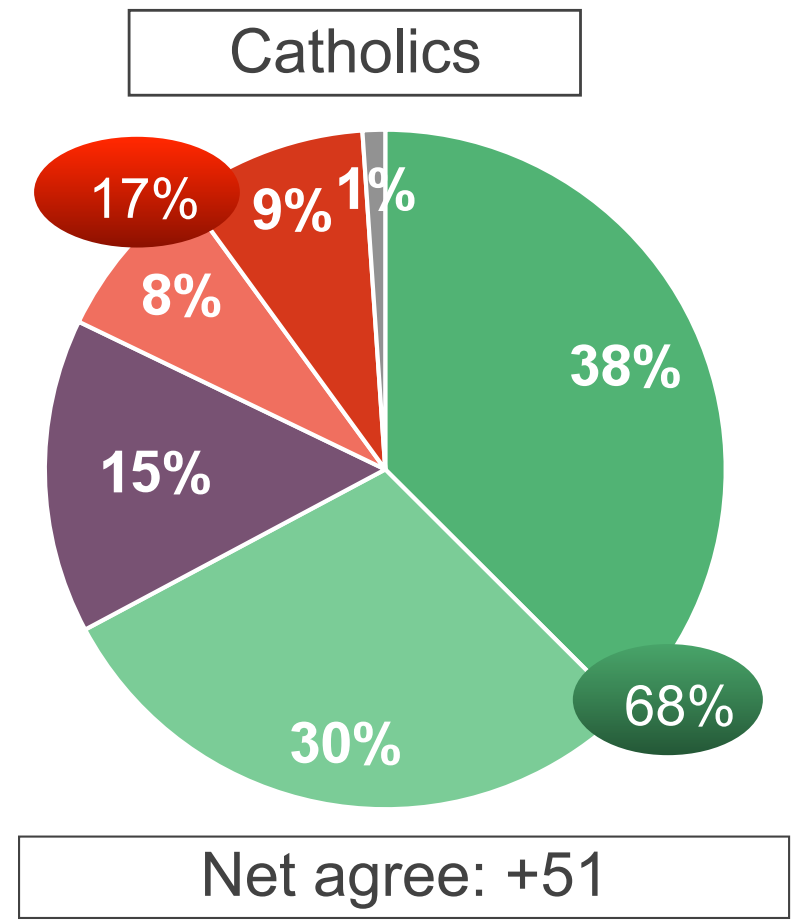
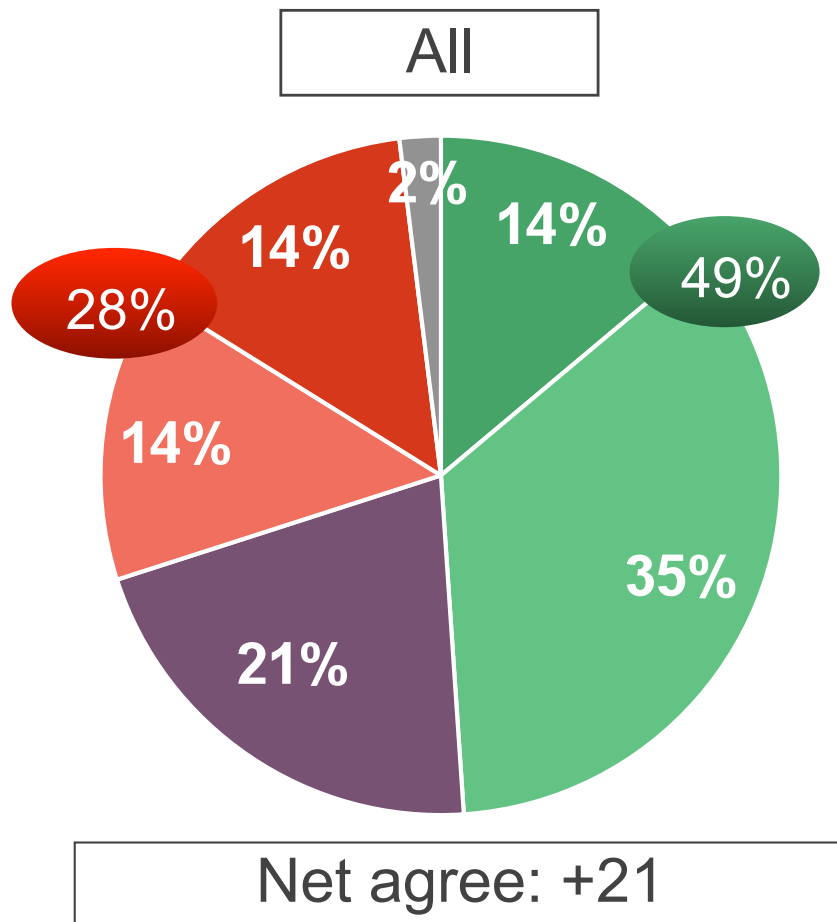
Net agree: +24

Base: Split sample, 487 and 509 British adults 15+ , interviewed face-to-face, 20-26 August 2010

Half think religious organisations should be allowed to run some schools

Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
“Religious organisations should be allowed to run some schools”

■ Strongly agree
 ■ Tend to agree
 ■ Neither/nor
 ■ Tend to disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree



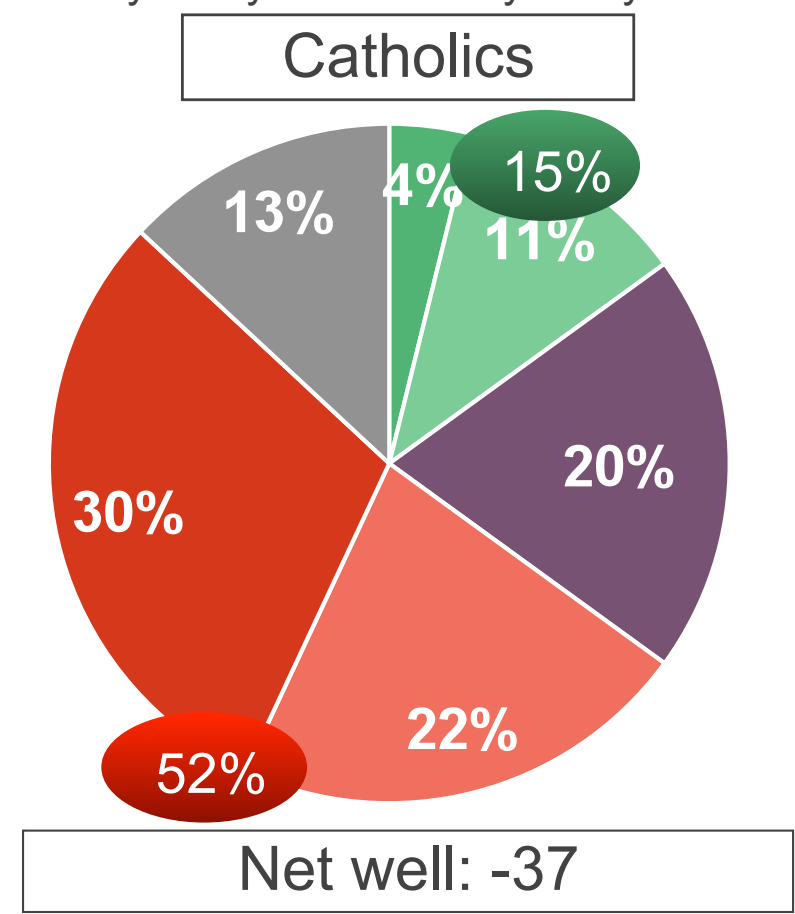
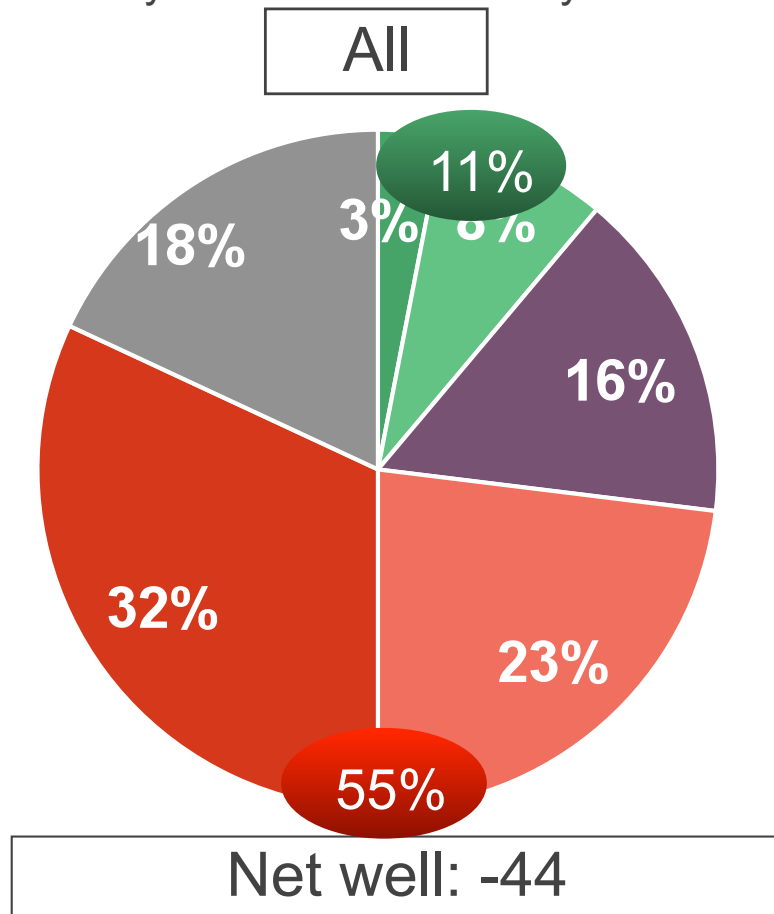
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More than half think Catholic Church has handled sex abuse allegations badly

Q. As you may have seen or heard in the news, the Roman Catholic Church has recently come under scrutiny over a number of allegations about priests sexually abusing children in a number of countries around the world.

How well or badly do you think the Roman Catholic Church has responded to these allegations?

■ Very well
 ■ Fairly well
 ■ Neither/nor
 ■ Fairly badly
 ■ Very badly



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