

Fieldwork: 14th - 15th March 2013

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Weighted Sample	1918	426	599	169	169	566	475	441	932	986	232	489	656	541	1093	825	246	623	410	472	167	
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Thinking about the CHURCH OF ENGLAND

	Nov 22-23 2012	Mar 14-15 2013																				
Do you think the Church of England is right or wrong to oppose gay marriage?																						
Right to oppose gay marriage	38	39	51	30	22	72	61	33	26	44	34	23	26	39	57	37	41	40	39	44	36	33
Wrong to oppose gay marriage	48	48	35	57	67	19	28	52	61	45	50	67	57	47	31	51	43	49	45	45	51	51
Don't know	13	14	14	13	11	9	11	15	13	11	16	10	17	14	12	12	16	12	16	11	13	16
Do you think the Church of England should or should not allow women to become bishops?																						
Should allow women bishops	78	80	78	84	88	69	78	81	87	76	83	69	79	83	81	81	77	75	80	81	80	79
Should not allow women bishops	10	11	14	9	8	18	12	12	6	13	8	12	11	8	13	10	12	10	10	10	12	12
Don't know	11	10	7	7	4	13	10	7	6	11	9	19	10	9	6	9	11	15	10	9	8	9
Do you think the new Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby is right or wrong to say that sex outside marriage is wrong?																						
Right to oppose sex outside marriage	17	17	20	16	18	30	20	18	14	18	17	20	16	14	21	18	16	22	17	19	16	13
Wrong to oppose sex outside marriage	69	69	68	72	71	57	68	68	74	71	68	65	68	75	65	71	68	62	69	70	71	73
Don't know	13	13	13	12	11	13	12	14	12	11	16	15	15	11	14	11	16	16	14	11	13	13
Church of England Bishops have recently criticised the government for limiting the increase in benefits to 1% for the next three years, below the current rate of inflation. Do you think the bishops are right or wrong to criticise the cap on benefits?																						
Right to criticise the 1% cap on benefits	39	39	18	60	45	26	20	56	48	41	37	32	39	40	41	38	40	44	34	38	42	43
Wrong to criticise the 1% cap on benefits	44	44	72	25	37	68	69	30	36	45	42	34	40	46	48	48	38	34	47	44	44	43
Don't know	17	17	10	15	18	6	11	14	16	14	21	33	21	14	11	13	23	21	19	18	14	15

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Wrong to oppose gay marriage	48	48	32	32	30	48	53
Don't know	13	14	14	11	18	7	14
Do you think the Church of England should or should not allow women to become bishops?							
Should allow women bishops	78	80	69	77	77	63	82
Should not allow women bishops	10	11	15	16	17	23	8
Don't know	11	10	16	7	5	15	10
Do you think the new Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby is right or wrong to say that sex outside marriage is wrong?							
Right to oppose sex outside marriage		17	25	30	49	36	11
Wrong to oppose sex outside marriage		69	54	56	37	50	76
Don't know		13	21	14	13	14	13
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Right to criticise the 1% cap on benefits		39	56	36	51	46	37
Wrong to criticise the 1% cap on benefits		44	27	51	35	30	45
Don't know		17	16	13	14	24	18

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More generally, do you think it is right or wrong for Bishops and senior clergyman to comment on political issues and government policies?

Right - the church has an useful and important role to play in public discussion of government policies and should be free to speak its mind	44	32	55	54	39	33	55	54	46	41	35	37	48	47	44	42	53	40	41	45	44
Wrong - it is not appropriate for unelected bishops to speak on political issues, they should remain neutral and not comment on politics and government policies	43	61	32	37	55	60	32	34	43	43	36	42	43	47	46	40	30	48	43	42	48
Don't know	13	7	14	9	6	6	13	12	11	16	28	21	9	6	10	18	17	12	16	13	8

Thinking about the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Do you think the Roman Catholic church should or should not allow priests to get married?

Should allow priests to get married	78	74	80	85	87	78	80	82	76	80	70	70	80	86	79	76	78	78	77	77	79
Should not allow priests to get married	7	10	7	5	4	5	6	6	8	7	10	8	8	5	8	7	7	6	7	10	8
Don't know	15	16	13	10	9	17	14	12	16	14	20	22	12	10	13	17	15	16	17	13	13

In the last decade the Catholic church has faced a series of scandals about historical child abuse by priests. Since these stories emerged, how well or badly do you think the Catholic church have dealt with the issue and taken action to prevent it happening again?

Very well	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	
Fairly well	7	6	11	6	7	7	11	5	8	6	15	8	5	5	9	5	6	4	8	9	11
TOTAL WELL	7	7	12	7	7	7	12	5	8	7	15	9	6	5	9	6	7	4	8	10	12
Fairly badly	32	36	29	36	33	34	29	36	30	35	29	33	31	36	34	30	39	36	29	31	20
Very badly	47	48	46	47	55	49	47	49	52	42	33	40	53	51	48	45	41	46	43	48	62
TOTAL BADLY	79	84	75	83	88	83	76	85	82	77	62	73	84	87	82	75	80	82	72	79	82
Don't know	13	9	13	11	5	10	12	10	10	17	24	18	10	8	9	19	12	13	20	11	6

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Wrong - it is not appropriate for unelected bishops to speak on political issues, they should remain neutral and not comment on politics and government policies	43	21	35	27	33	48
Don't know	13	20	6	9	20	14

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Don't know	15	9	12	10	9	17

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Very well	0	2	1	0	4	0
Fairly well	7	25	10	17	12	4
TOTAL WELL	7	27	11	17	16	4
Fairly badly	32	37	37	45	22	31
Very badly	47	25	38	27	50	51
TOTAL BADLY	79	62	75	72	72	82
Don't know	13	11	13	11	13	14

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Right	48	52	52	57	45	49	50	53	49	47	42	45	47	54	51	43	46	47	47	47	55
Wrong	5	5	4	6	6	6	5	4	6	4	8	5	4	5	4	6	1	6	4	7	4
Don't know	47	43	44	37	50	45	46	42	45	49	50	50	49	41	44	51	53	47	48	46	41

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Wrong	5	4	5	9	14	4
Don't know	47	20	41	35	50	51