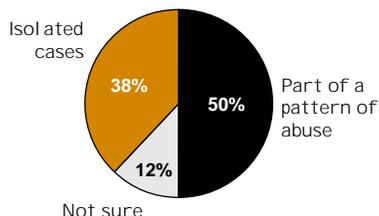


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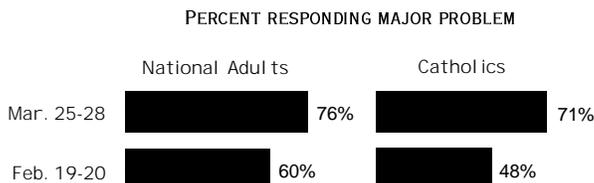
In your opinion, are the recent cases in which priests have been accused of sexually abusing children isolated cases or are they part of a pattern of abuse?



Source: Survey by Harris/Time/CNN, March 13-14, 2002.

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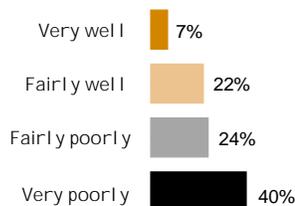
In your opinion, how much of a problem is the issue of sexual abuse of children by Catholic priests—would you say it's a major problem that demands immediate attention, a less immediate problem or not much of a problem at all?



Source: Surveys by ABC News, February 19-20, 2002, and ABC News/Washington Post/Beliefnet, March 25-28, 2002.

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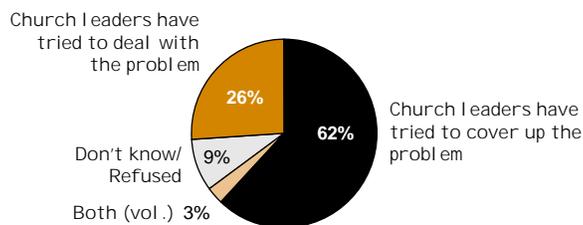
...[B]ased on what you have heard or read, how well would you say the leaders of the Catholic Church have handled alleged incidents of priests sexually abusing children—very well, fairly well, fairly poorly, or very poorly?



Source: Survey by Harris/Time/CNN, March 13-14, 2002.

### Question:

Based on what you have heard, how would you evaluate the Catholic Church's handling of these cases of alleged sexual abuse by priests? ...Have church leaders mostly tried to cover up the problem, or have [they] mostly tried to deal with the problem?

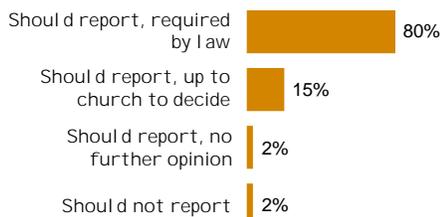


Note: Asked of those who had heard about recent trials involving Catholic priests accused of child sexual abuse (85%).

Source: Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates/Pew Research Center, February 25-March 10, 2002.

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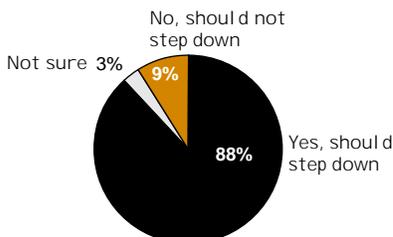
If a priest is accused of sexually abusing a child, do you think church officials should or should not report that information to the police? [If yes] Should the church be required by law to do that, or should it be up to the church to decide?



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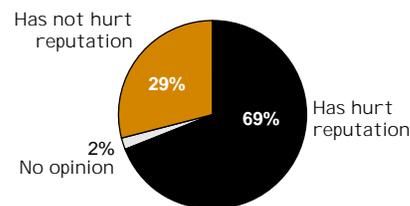
If it turns out that some Catholic bishops knew that priests had been sexually abusing children and relocated them to other churches, rather than reporting them to the authorities, do you think those bishops should step down from their positions or don't you think so?



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### Question:

Has the issue of sexual abuse of children by priests hurt the overall reputation of the Catholic Church in your eyes, or not?

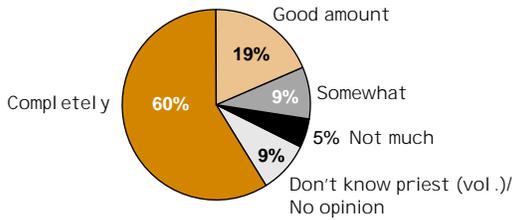


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# Congregation in Distress

## Question:

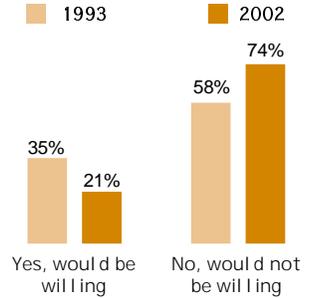
How much do you trust your own parish priest around children—do you trust him completely, a good amount, somewhat, or not much?



**Note:** Asked of Catholics.  
**Source:** Survey by ABC News/ *Washington Post*/Beliefnet, March 25-28, 2002.

## Question:

If a priest was known to have sexually abused young people but had undergone rehabilitation, would you be willing to accept him as your parish priest, or not?

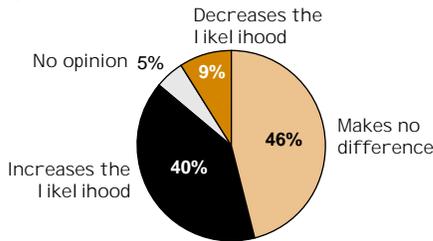


A 1993 sex abuse scandal culminated in the filing of 187 lawsuits involving dozens of priests and the resignation in disgrace of the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, NM.

**Note:** Asked of Catholics.  
**Source:** Surveys by Gallup/CNN/ *USA Today*, latest that of March 22-24, 2002.

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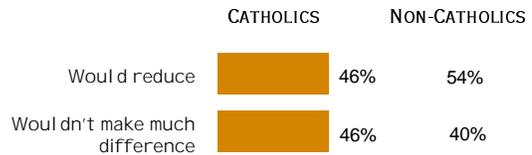
Do you think the requirement that priests remain celibate increases the likelihood that they may sexually abuse young people, makes no difference, or decreases the likelihood that they may sexually abuse young people?



**Note:** Asked of Catholics.  
**Source:** Survey by Gallup/CNN/ *USA Today*, March 22-24, 2002.

## Question:

If the Catholic Church were to change its policy and allow priests to marry, do you think it would reduce the problem of priests sexually abusing children and young people, or that it wouldn't make much difference in reducing this problem?

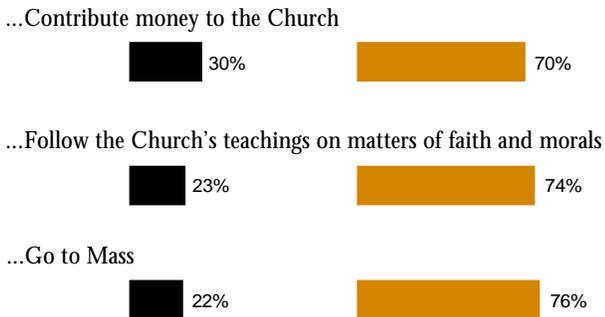


**Source:** Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates/ *Newsweek*, March 21-22, 2002.

## Question:

Does the issue of sexual abuse of young people by priests make you less likely to... or not?

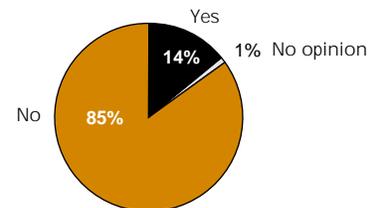
■ YES, LESS LIKELY      ■ NO, NOT LESS LIKELY



**Note:** Asked of Catholics.  
**Source:** Survey by Gallup/CNN/ *USA Today*, March 22-24, 2002.

## Question:

Has the issue of sexual abuse by priests caused you to rethink or re-examine your own personal faith, or not?



**Note:** Asked of Catholics.  
**Source:** Survey by ABC News/ *Washington Post*/Beliefnet, March 25-28, 2002.