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****Ratings Report for ABC News' Special Coverage of the Announcement of Pope Leo XIV**

ABC NEWS IS NO. 1 NETWORK ACROSS BROADCAST AND CABLE TO COVER THE PAPAL CONCLAVE ANNOUNCEMENT OF POPE LEO XIV — LED BY 'WORLD NEWS TONIGHT' ANCHOR DAVID MUIR FROM THE VATICAN

ABC News Outdelivers All of Cable News — and Outdelivers CBS and NBC Across the Board by Double Digits



ABC News*

ABC News' Special coverage for the Papal Conclave Announcement of Pope Leo XIV (12:08-2:00 p.m. EDT) led by "World News Tonight" anchor and managing editor David Muir from the Vatican ranked No. 1 in Total Viewers (3.457 million), Adults 25-54 (615,000) and Adults 18-49 (504,000), based on Live+Same Day Data from Nielsen Media Research. The ABC News special featured reporting and analysis from ABC News Live "Prime" and "World News Tonight" Sunday anchor Linsey Davis, chief international correspondent James Longman, senior national correspondent Terry Moran, foreign correspondent Maggie Rulli, reporters Ines de La Cuetara and Patrick Revell, WABC-TV Eyewitness News anchor Joe Torres, WLS-TV Eyewitness News reporter Liz Nagy, and contributors Father Jim Martin, Father John Wauck and Helen Alvaré.

- **ABC News outdelivered its closest competitor, Fox News** (12:00-2:00 p.m. EDT), **by +5% in Total Viewers** (3.457 million vs. 3.295 million), **by +5% in Adults 25-54** (615,000 vs. 583,000) **and by +11% in Adults 18-49** (504,000 vs. 454,000).
- **ABC News outperformed its second-place network competition, CBS** (12:08-2:16 p.m. EDT), **by double digits in all key target demos: Total Viewers** (+14% - 3.457 million vs. 3.020 million), **Adults 25-54** (+18% - 615,000 vs. 522,000) **and Adults 18-49** (+29% - 504,000 vs. 392,000).

- **ABC News led NBC (12:09-3:00 p.m. EDT) by double digits across the board: Total Viewers (+84% - 3.457 million vs. 1.876 million), Adults 25-54 (+42% - 615,000 vs. 434,000) and Adults 18-49 (+54% - 504,000 vs. 328,000).**

Source: The Nielsen Company, NTI Total Viewers, Adults 25-54, and Adults 18-49, Live+Same Day Program Ratings for 5/8/25 or as dated. Beginning 8/31/20, national ratings also include Out of Home (OOH) viewing.

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