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****Ratings Report for ABC News' Special Coverage of Pope Francis' Funeral**

ABC NEWS' COVERAGE OF POPE FRANCIS' FUNERAL, LED BY DAVID MUIR FROM THE VATICAN, IS NO. 1 ON ALL BROADCAST AND CABLE ACROSS THE BOARD

ABC News More Than Doubled the Closest Competitor, NBC, by +104% in Total Viewers, +147% in Adults 25-54 and +172% in Adults 18-49 During Analysis of the Funeral



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ABC News' **"Celebrating Francis: The People's Pope"** (4:08 – 5:59 a.m.) **ranked as the No. 1 network for Pope Francis' funeral coverage in Total Viewers (999,000), Adults 25-54 (228,000) and Adults 18-49 (166,000)**, based on Live+Same Day Data from Nielsen Media Research. **"World News Tonight"** anchor **David Muir** led comprehensive coverage from the Vatican, joined by **"20/20"** co-anchor **Deborah Roberts**, chief international correspondent **James Longman**, senior national correspondent **Terry Moran**, foreign correspondent **Maggie Rulli**, reporter **Ines de La Cuetara**, WABC-TV Eyewitness News anchor **Mike Marza**, KABC-TV Eyewitness News anchor **David Ono**, and contributors **Father Jim Martin**, **Father John Wauck** and **Helen Alvaré**.

- ABC News' **"Celebrating Francis: The People's Pope"** **outdelivered the No. 2 network, NBC's "The Funeral of Pope Francis"** (613,000, 116,000 and 86,000, respectively, from 3:55-5:59 a.m.), in Total Viewers (+63%), Adults 25-54 (+97%) and Adults 18-49 (+93%).
- **ABC News' post funeral analysis (1.679 million, 341,000 and 267,000, respectively, from 6:00-7:10 a.m.) more than doubled its closest competitor, NBC (825,000, 138,000 and 98,000, respectively, 6:00-6:57 a.m.), across the board: Total Viewers (+104%), Adults 25-54(+147%) and Adults 18-49 (+172%).**

The coverage comes a decade after viewers witnessed ABC News' first-ever, historic town hall with Pope Francis, conducted by Muir. Muir and the team will be at the Vatican next week to cover the conclave.

Source: The Nielsen Company, NTI Total Viewers, Adults 25-54, and Adults 18-49, Live+Same Day Program Ratings for 4/26/25 or as dated. Beginning 8/31/20, national ratings also include Out of Home (OOH) viewing.

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