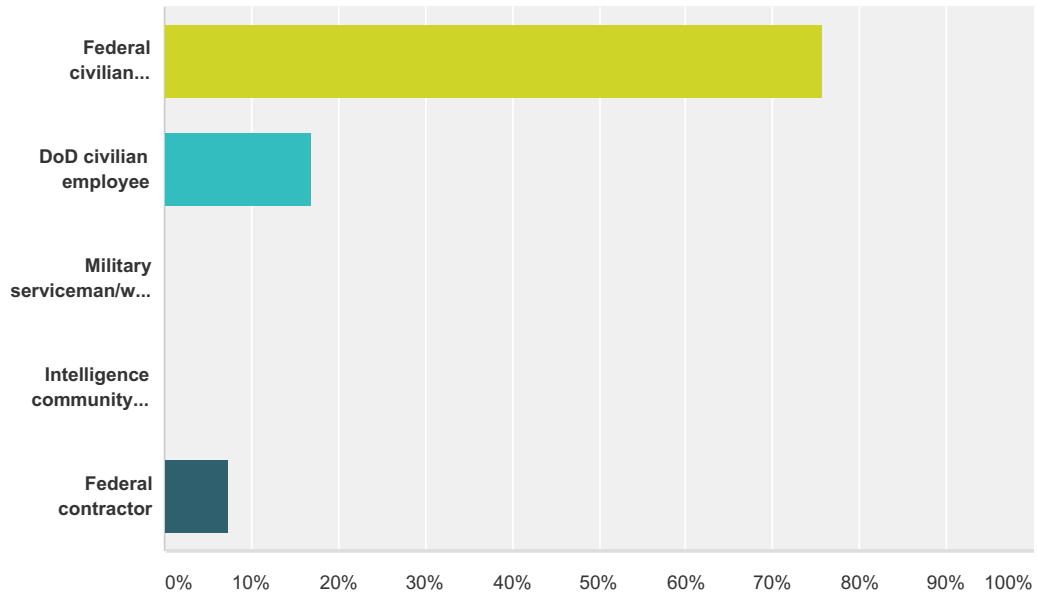


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Q1 Are you a:

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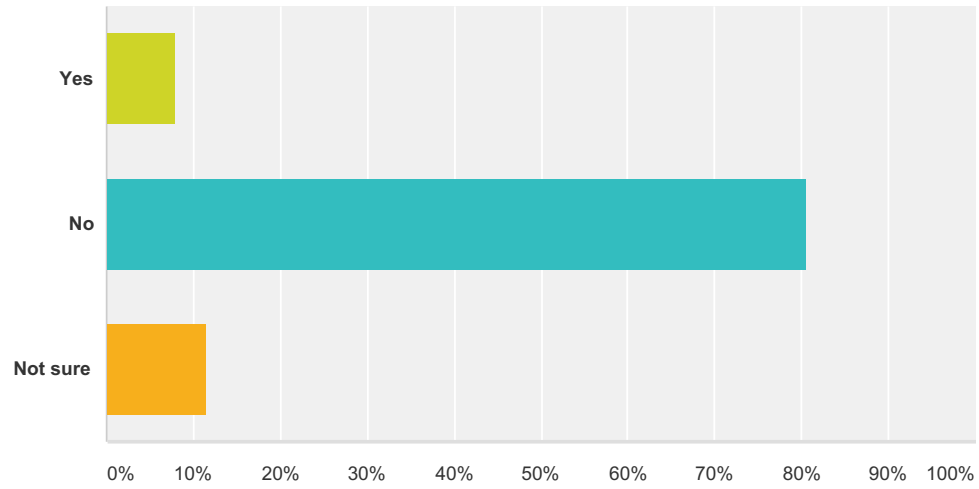
Answer Choices	Responses
Federal civilian employee	75.76% 125
DoD civilian employee	16.97% 28
Military serviceman/woman	0.00% 0
Intelligence community employee	0.00% 0
Federal contractor	7.27% 12
Total	165

#	Other (please specify)	Date
	There are no responses.	

Q2 Was your commute during Pope Francis' trip longer than usual?

Answered: 165 Skipped: 0

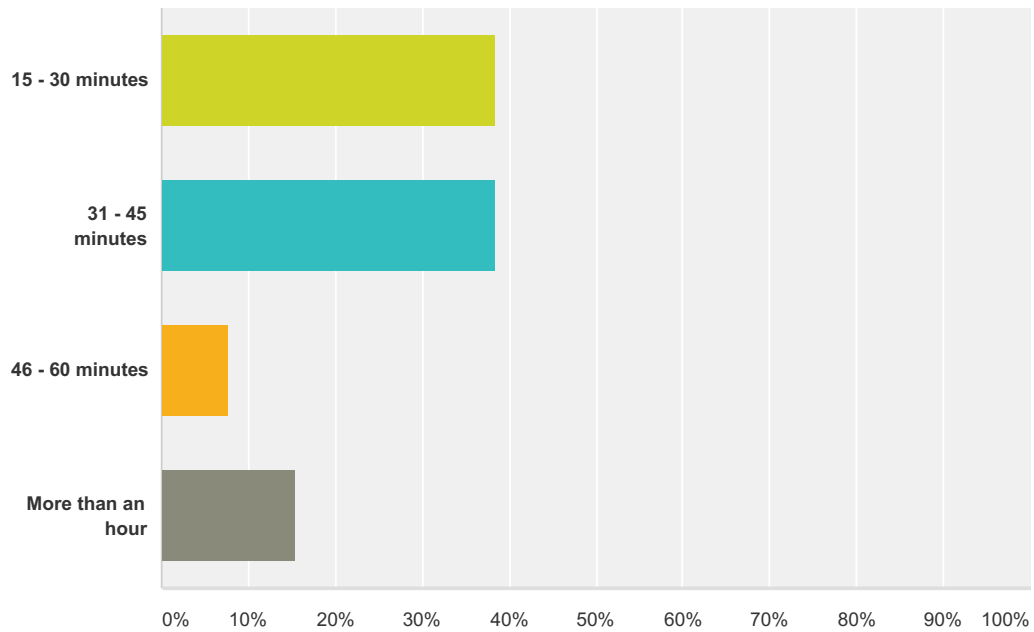
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes	7.88%	13
No	80.61%	133
Not sure	11.52%	19
Total		165

Q3 If yes, how much longer was your commute?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 152



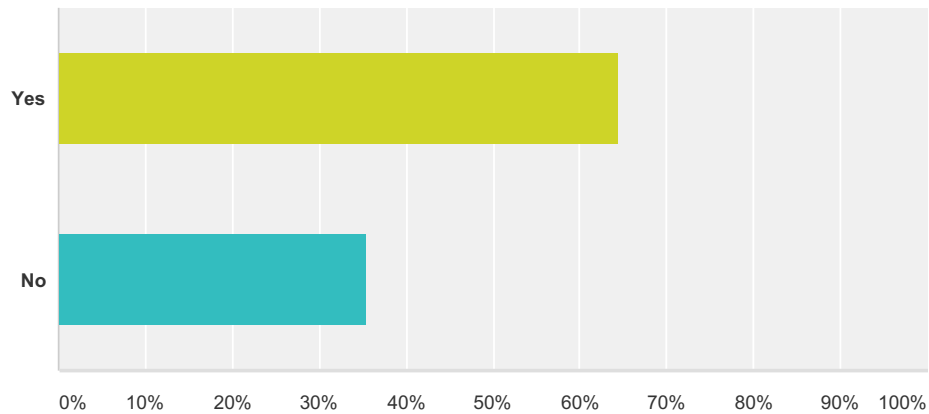
Answer Choices	Responses	Count
15 - 30 minutes	38.46%	5

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31 - 45 minutes	38.46%	5
46 - 60 minutes	7.69%	1
More than an hour	15.38%	2
Total		13

Q4 Did you use your typical form of transportation?

Answered: 161 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	64.60% 104
No	35.40% 57
Total	161

Q5 If you answered no, please explain

Answered: 47 Skipped: 118

#	Responses	Date
1	ESP on PRTC only went to Metro in Springfield. Trip was longer and more expensive	9/29/2015 12:04 PM
2	teleworked the entire week - no commuting	9/29/2015 9:32 AM
3	used the metro instead of my car	9/29/2015 9:12 AM
4	Teleworked	9/29/2015 8:50 AM
5	teleworked	9/29/2015 8:17 AM
6	I teleworked, as did mos tof our agency.	9/29/2015 8:13 AM
7	Teleworked on Wednesday and Thursday	9/29/2015 8:10 AM
8	I chose to heed OPM advice and teleworked all three days.	9/29/2015 8:00 AM
9	I teleworked on those three days.	9/29/2015 7:53 AM
10	telework	9/29/2015 7:41 AM
11	I telecommuted the whole week.	9/29/2015 7:33 AM

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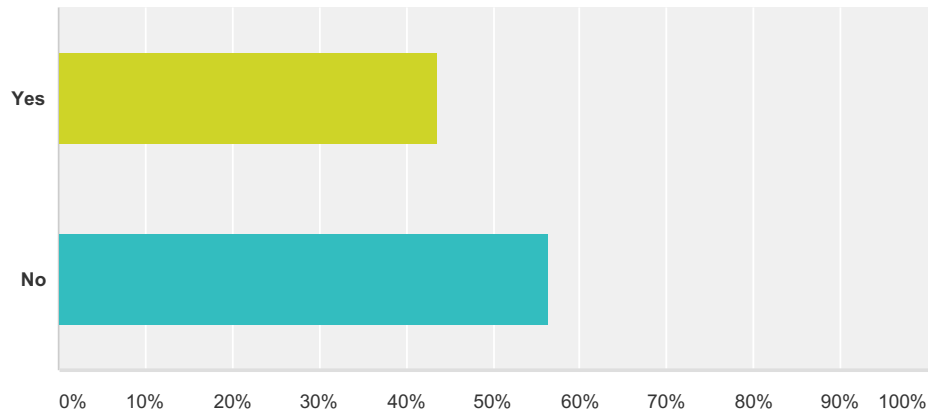
12	I teleworked	9/29/2015 7:18 AM
13	Teleworked on Weds-Thurs (did not ride normal vanpool).	9/29/2015 7:03 AM
14	Teleworked	9/29/2015 6:50 AM
15	Took annual leave	9/29/2015 6:22 AM
16	telework instead of commute	9/28/2015 8:04 PM
17	Teleworked	9/28/2015 3:40 PM
18	telework	9/28/2015 2:42 PM
19	Drove in instead of taking the bus. My bus was not going into the city due to the pope's visit.	9/28/2015 2:23 PM
20	I telework 5 days a week there fore no commute	9/28/2015 2:00 PM
21	Rather than taking the metro I took the VRE. It was surprisingly uncrowded. I attribute it to OPM directing organizations to promote as much telework as possible.	9/28/2015 1:34 PM
22	teleworked every day, per OPM guidance	9/28/2015 12:43 PM
23	I worked from home during the Pope's visit to DC; Tuesday to Thursday.	9/28/2015 11:25 AM
24	telework	9/28/2015 10:09 AM
25	Telework instead of commuting by bus.	9/28/2015 10:01 AM
26	teleworked	9/28/2015 9:52 AM
27	Teleworked	9/28/2015 8:18 AM
28	teleworked	9/28/2015 8:17 AM
29	worked from home	9/28/2015 7:37 AM
30	teleworked	9/28/2015 7:32 AM
31	I didn't come to DC: I teleworked.	9/28/2015 7:20 AM
32	I had to take annual leave because my agency frowns on telework.	9/28/2015 2:30 AM
33	I teleworked. In response to your comments about no issues re the Pope's visit, have you considered that most federal government employees were working at home or took annual leave, so that left the commute to those to came to DC much easier?	9/27/2015 3:48 PM
34	Teleworked	9/27/2015 12:40 AM
35	I was out on sick leave	9/26/2015 8:23 AM
36	Teleworked all week.	9/26/2015 8:15 AM
37	telework	9/25/2015 4:41 PM
38	I teleworked	9/25/2015 4:06 PM
39	no commute - teleworked	9/25/2015 3:21 PM
40	Worked from home.	9/25/2015 3:14 PM
41	I teleworked.	9/25/2015 2:55 PM
42	I travel using the PRTC bus from Prince William County, VA. All busy were operating on ESP and only took passengers to the Metro. So, my normal commuting method was not available.	9/25/2015 2:27 PM
43	teleworked	9/25/2015 2:18 PM
44	I did not commute	9/25/2015 2:07 PM
45	Our entire office teleworked.	9/25/2015 1:55 PM
46	teleworked on Weds. and Thurs. to avoid the commute	9/25/2015 1:46 PM
47	Telecommute from home	9/25/2015 1:37 PM

Q6 Did you telework during the pope's

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visit?

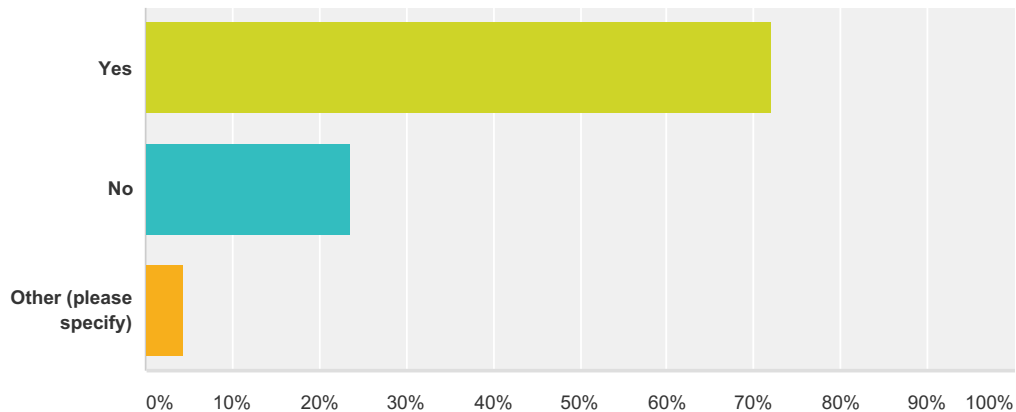
Answered: 151 Skipped: 14



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	43.71% 66
No	56.29% 85
Total	151

Q7 If you answered yes, was teleworking something you'd planned to do?

Answered: 68 Skipped: 97



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	72.06% 49
No	23.53% 16
Other (please specify)	4.41% 3
Total	68

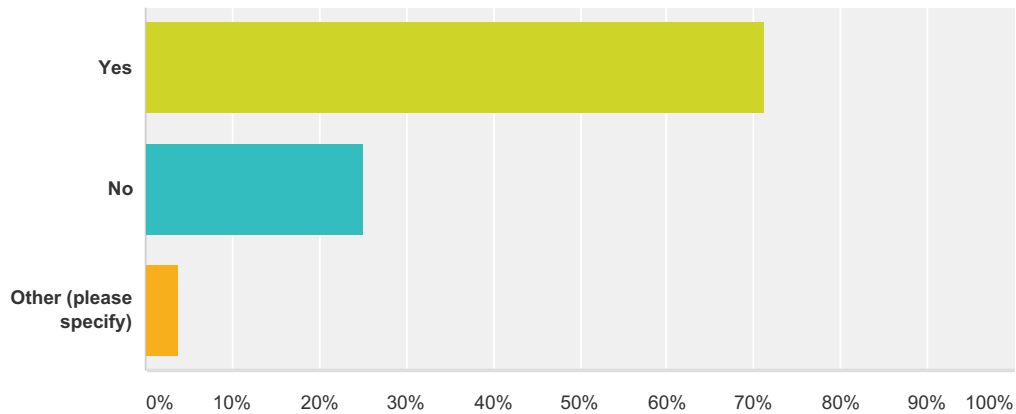
#	Other (please specify)	Date
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1	I teleworked only 1 day, as my office is 1 block from the parade route	9/29/2015 8:30 AM
2	Planned to telework Tuesday and Thursday and to commute into work on Wednesday. Commute on Wednesday was very slow.	9/28/2015 9:14 AM
3	I teleworked 3 days instead of the usual 2, and switched the days of the week	9/25/2015 4:07 PM

Q8 If you answered no, was that your plan prior to the pope's arrival?

Answered: 80 Skipped: 85



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	71.25% 57
No	25.00% 20
Other (please specify)	3.75% 3
Total	80

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I wanted to telework or take leave but I just started a new job. I had no choice but physically go to work.	9/29/2015 10:06 AM
2	was waiting for OPM TO SHUT DOWN THE GOV'T	9/28/2015 12:40 PM
3	To come to work.	9/25/2015 2:29 PM

Q9 Please tell us what factored in to your decision to telework/not telework

Answered: 110 Skipped: 55

#	Responses	Date
1	Telework is at best an alternative. There is no assurance of computer connection to the Pentagon from home.	9/29/2015 12:06 PM
2	It was the first week of the pay period and I had just switched agencies. I had to go to the office.	9/29/2015 10:06 AM
3	My job is not one that can easily telework	9/29/2015 9:47 AM
4	traffic- extended travel time	9/29/2015 9:33 AM
5	Telework is not an option	9/29/2015 9:29 AM

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6	I work for ICE and we have no telecommuting policies.	9/29/2015 9:16 AM
7	my agency does not allow telework	9/29/2015 9:13 AM
8	I felt the Pope's visit would have no impact on my travel.	9/29/2015 8:59 AM
9	Building was closed one day and would have had to take leave otherwise.	9/29/2015 8:51 AM
10	My child's day care is co-located with my workplace	9/29/2015 8:32 AM
11	Close to parade route - teleworked 1 day to avoid the crowds.	9/29/2015 8:31 AM
12	I am a contractor, not a federal employee. Telework was not an option for me.	9/29/2015 8:25 AM
13	OPM recommendation	9/29/2015 8:18 AM
14	was not impacted	9/29/2015 8:15 AM
15	Our Administrator told us to do so if we have telework agreements. I would have done so anyway because those were my normal telework days.	9/29/2015 8:14 AM
16	Metro can't handle normal days, I knew to stay away when huge crowds were expeted	9/29/2015 8:10 AM
17	My presence in the office was not critical so I was allowed to work at home to do my part to keep the traffic manageable.	9/29/2015 8:01 AM
18	My agency allowed the telework for employees with an agreement in place.	9/29/2015 7:54 AM
19	traffic, security issues	9/29/2015 7:41 AM
20	I am a federal employee but I don't work inside the Washington DC Beltway	9/29/2015 7:39 AM
21	I live 53 miles from my worksite. I already telework 3 days per week for health reasons.	9/29/2015 7:35 AM
22	Since I was authorized to telework, I teleworked.	9/29/2015 7:19 AM
23	I choose not to telework. Its not something I do regularly	9/29/2015 7:10 AM
24	teleworking should be banned it legitimizes wasting time	9/29/2015 7:06 AM
25	I do ad hoc telework, so I am capable and ready. Advise was to telework, so I did.	9/29/2015 7:04 AM
26	Concern about traffic and train delays.	9/29/2015 7:04 AM
27	It was offered.	9/29/2015 6:51 AM
28	Business as usual	9/29/2015 6:28 AM
29	manager decision	9/28/2015 8:04 PM
30	Not allowed to telework, job requires physical presence	9/28/2015 3:52 PM
31	Metrorail overcrowding concerns made me telework.	9/28/2015 3:19 PM
32	Not authorized to telework	9/28/2015 2:36 PM
33	My agency does not telework	9/28/2015 2:24 PM
34	Metro was available; I always use Metro to commute to work. I never drive.	9/28/2015 2:01 PM
35	I telework 5 days a week	9/28/2015 2:00 PM
36	OPM directed organizations to telework as much as was feasible.	9/28/2015 1:35 PM
37	I could still get into work and I had two contracts that needed signing. Had to be here at work.	9/28/2015 1:21 PM
38	Thurs - regular telework day. Tues/Weds - teleworked per OPM guidance	9/28/2015 12:44 PM
39	WAS NOT AUTHORIZED WAS ELIGIBLE BUT NOT ALLOWED.	9/28/2015 12:41 PM
40	The potential of delays on Metro (rail and bus) and the (now almost daily) problems with Metro rail (all 6 lines).	9/28/2015 11:27 AM
41	Since we work at hospital we are not allowed to telework even though it is being mandated by OPM to telework. We were not given an option not has it be recommended to us.	9/28/2015 11:19 AM
42	Not allowed.	9/28/2015 10:43 AM
43	Telework was offered and I took it.	9/28/2015 10:10 AM

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44	I opted to telework because even though I did not think I would have any issues I figured the more people who were not on the roads the better.	9/28/2015 10:02 AM
45	Concern over extra large crowds on an unreliable Metrorail system that implodes almost daily	9/28/2015 9:26 AM
46	Reports from OPM and meeting on Wednesday.	9/28/2015 9:14 AM
47	Didn't see a need. Also internet is spotty at home.	9/28/2015 8:58 AM
48	I do not work in DC and felt that my commute would not be affected by road closures. I was correct. My commute was much lighter than normal on I-495.	9/28/2015 8:49 AM
49	Pope's visit coupled with other entertainment events that may have caused problems on the metro system	9/28/2015 8:27 AM
50	Required to be on-site	9/28/2015 8:19 AM
51	Cannot telework	9/28/2015 8:18 AM
52	potential commuter delays	9/28/2015 8:17 AM
53	have to be physically present	9/28/2015 8:13 AM
54	I had meetings that required my presence two of the four days, so I came into town on those two days and worked remotely on the other two.	9/28/2015 8:12 AM
55	convenience!! and the boss said it was okay.	9/28/2015 7:38 AM
56	traffic	9/28/2015 7:33 AM
57	Not available to me.	9/28/2015 7:30 AM
58	Not available	9/28/2015 7:29 AM
59	My commute is already long, 1.5 hrs, and I didn't want it to become longer than that and unpredictable.	9/28/2015 7:21 AM
60	Potential impact on area traffic around the I495	9/28/2015 7:16 AM
61	was not permitted to telework	9/28/2015 6:28 AM
62	I assumed as normally happens with foul weather, the situation was being exaggerated which it clearly was.	9/27/2015 5:17 PM
63	I didn't want to have unexpected delays because of all the people commuting to DC	9/27/2015 3:49 PM
64	Would rather take a day off.	9/26/2015 10:03 PM
65	I should have but it was the end of year. I have to do work not that my boss thought what i do is value.	9/26/2015 8:35 PM
66	didn't want to get stuck in traffic.	9/26/2015 7:24 PM
67	i cant	9/26/2015 6:55 PM
68	Not allowed.	9/26/2015 1:23 PM
69	NOT LIVING IN DC	9/26/2015 12:41 PM
70	Command decision for all employees to report as usual	9/26/2015 11:14 AM
71	no choice	9/26/2015 9:48 AM
72	not allowed	9/26/2015 9:20 AM
73	i don't normally telework.	9/26/2015 8:49 AM
74	No portable work	9/26/2015 8:23 AM
75	Management support. Ability to do so. Peers/stakeholders were also teleworking. Desire to avoid congested commutes.	9/26/2015 8:17 AM
76	I was given the option to come into work late. I took the Metro in from Rockville.	9/26/2015 1:17 AM
77	Obligated to attend meetings.	9/25/2015 8:58 PM
78	Telework not an option.	9/25/2015 6:53 PM
79	Critical phase in experiment and no, it can't be done at home.	9/25/2015 6:42 PM
80	Telework is painful	9/25/2015 4:50 PM
81	was allowed	9/25/2015 4:42 PM

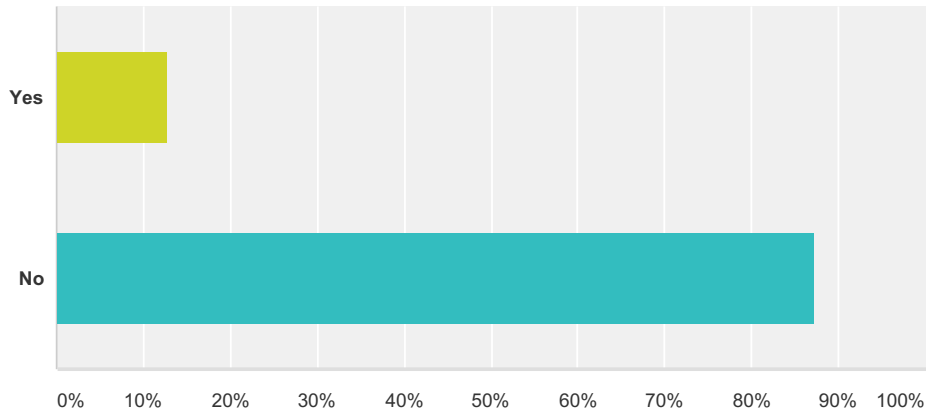
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82	OPM's advice; also I'd rather telework than commute any day	9/25/2015 4:07 PM
83	My job won't allow to telework.	9/25/2015 3:41 PM
84	Attendance at meetings does not allow for teleworking.	9/25/2015 3:26 PM
85	OPM guidance	9/25/2015 3:22 PM
86	Didn't want to be in the crowds on the metro or on the roads. Also, agency encouraged it.	9/25/2015 2:56 PM
87	To use my 2 days of telework per week.	9/25/2015 2:54 PM
88	I go in early so i didnt think traffic would affect me and I would be leaving during times when we wasnt traveling	9/25/2015 2:42 PM
89	The time of year. This is fiscal year in close and I work in budget. So teleworking was not an option.	9/25/2015 2:30 PM
90	From past experience, I knew the commute would be better with most people opting to telework during a big event.	9/25/2015 2:30 PM
91	wanted to avoid the traffice	9/25/2015 2:18 PM
92	Ineligible	9/25/2015 2:17 PM
93	Normal telework day fell during the Pope's visit.	9/25/2015 2:15 PM
94	I don't participate in telework program.	9/25/2015 2:12 PM
95	potential gridlock	9/25/2015 2:07 PM
96	delays due to crowds/traffic, unreliability of metro	9/25/2015 1:57 PM
97	road closures did not seem to impact my commuting route.	9/25/2015 1:57 PM
98	I was out of the office on Monday for work and I couldn't take multiple days out of the office in one week.	9/25/2015 1:56 PM
99	Metro capacity	9/25/2015 1:55 PM
100	I use the VRE and VRE planned to have normal service.	9/25/2015 1:54 PM
101	Management allowed it	9/25/2015 1:51 PM
102	normally, telework is permitted, but not actively urged, by my bosses. This time around, they wanted us to work at home.	9/25/2015 1:47 PM
103	agency supported the decision to telework	9/25/2015 1:40 PM
104	OPM decisions on events that are "predicted" to happen never seem to come to fruition ie.. snow days, etc...	9/25/2015 1:37 PM
105	Management permission	9/25/2015 1:37 PM
106	traffic	9/25/2015 1:36 PM
107	Based on communications of anticipated traffic, I knew it would not affect my MARC train commute.	9/25/2015 1:33 PM
108	Check traffic in morning No tie ups	9/25/2015 1:30 PM
109	No need. In VA outside the beltway.	9/25/2015 1:18 PM
110	na	9/25/2015 1:16 PM

Q10 Did you use other flexible workplace options?

Answered: 142 Skipped: 23

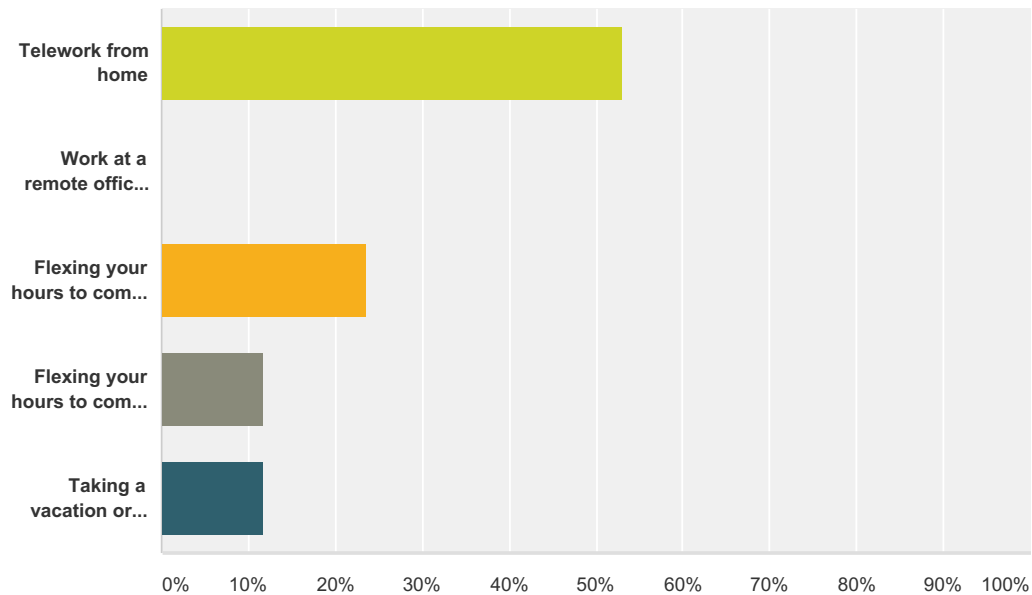
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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes	12.68%	18
No	87.32%	124
Total		142

Q11 If you answered yes, which flexible workplace options did you use?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 148



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Telework from home	52.94%	9
Work at a remote office outside of D.C.	0.00%	0
Flexing your hours to come in to the office earlier	23.53%	4
Flexing your hours to come in to the office later	11.76%	2
Taking a vacation or sick day	11.76%	2

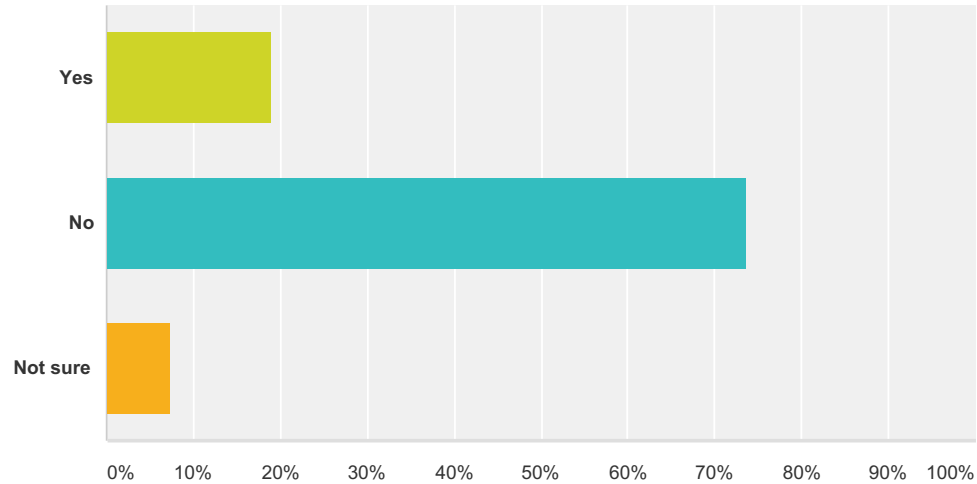
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Total	17
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#	Other (please specify)	Date
	There are no responses.	

Q12 In hindsight do you think OPM should have closed the government for the pope's visit?

Answered: 137 Skipped: 28



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes	18.98%	26
No	73.72%	101
Not sure	7.30%	10
Total		137

Q13 Any other comments about how you handled your commute during the pope's visit?

Answered: 48 Skipped: 117

#	Responses	Date
1	came in early and stayed late	9/29/2015 10:59 AM
2	The roads were great with everyone else teleworking or taking leave. B-)	9/29/2015 10:07 AM
3	The commute was terrific. So much easier than a normal working day.	9/29/2015 9:47 AM
4	it seem to workout well, although I did telecommute (worked) the agency suggested as an option that we take vacation days. I think that was unfair to put pressure to take the hit out of our own pocket (on top of everything else that feds have been hit with).	9/29/2015 9:35 AM
5	No.	9/29/2015 9:00 AM

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6	Metro to work on Tues and Thurs was great! I came early, left a little early and it was LESS crowded than my normal commute.	9/29/2015 8:32 AM
7	The commute without all the Feds on the road was fantastic. Recommend that if closing the gov't is not an option for similar events, that telework is STRONGLY encouraged and supported so that the people who HAVE to go to work can get there in a reasonable amount of time.	9/29/2015 8:29 AM
8	I think it was handled wisely, by my agency (GSA). Not sure how other agencies handled. it.	9/29/2015 8:15 AM
9	I live in Virginia and did not travel into DC.	9/29/2015 7:55 AM
10	Loved working at home, but our office needs better technology for phone/videoconferencing.	9/29/2015 7:36 AM
11	No	9/29/2015 7:19 AM
12	typical overhyped DC BS	9/29/2015 7:07 AM
13	Sure it was easy for those who did commute because so many of us didn't!	9/29/2015 7:04 AM
14	None I work outside the beltway.	9/29/2015 6:28 AM
15	My productivity increased and I worked additional hours due to extra telework days	9/28/2015 8:05 PM
16	OPM should require all government agencies to have staff telework 50% of the time where appropriate.	9/28/2015 3:19 PM
17	seems like everyone followed OPM and stayed home!	9/28/2015 12:44 PM
18	My decision to telework was the best one during the Pope's visit to DC. As I suspected, there were delays on Metro rail on the two lines I use daily to get to the work and there was no Metro bus service on the route I take to my office.	9/28/2015 11:31 AM
19	He should never have visited during September when Congress should be passing a budget. He wasted America's valuable time and money.	9/28/2015 10:21 AM
20	We should invite the Pope back every Tuesday and every Thursday. The commute was a dream, compared to non-Pope-visit days.	9/28/2015 9:21 AM
21	It was stressful. I left home (Reston/Herndon) at 7:00 a.m. for a 9:00 a.m. meeting (Union Station), and barely made it on time.	9/28/2015 9:15 AM
22	Metro worked well fewer people made the commute much easier	9/28/2015 8:58 AM
23	Metro ran fine, so no complaints	9/28/2015 8:28 AM
24	left 45 minutes earlier in the am	9/28/2015 8:14 AM
25	The government needs to stop allowing telework and start REQUIRING it. It is clear from the traffic patterns that we are able to work effectively without being downtown.	9/28/2015 8:13 AM
26	don't get what the big deal is about the pope.	9/28/2015 7:38 AM
27	If OPM didn't advise feds to telework, then it could have been terrible. The reason everything was fine it's because most feds did not come to DC.	9/28/2015 7:23 AM
28	I think OPM handled this situation just fine.	9/27/2015 3:49 PM
29	N/A	9/26/2015 12:44 PM
30	VRE and Metro did as expected	9/26/2015 11:14 AM
31	because most federal employees took advantage of telework, it made my commute easier	9/26/2015 9:21 AM
32	These results will be seriously skewed by the Stadium/Armory Metro delays. I suspect THAT was the reason for my commute delay.	9/26/2015 8:50 AM
33	Metro ran very smooth because my trains were pretty empty.	9/26/2015 1:18 AM
34	Federal supervisors performed badly in not promoting Telework or other flexible options.	9/25/2015 8:59 PM
35	Left for work 15" earlier. Noted less traffic on route BUT Yom Kippur was on Wednesday so many school districts were closed to students anyway.	9/25/2015 6:44 PM
36	Our biggest problem is wmeta and the constant breakdowns and slow tracking.	9/25/2015 4:50 PM
37	The commute was AWESOME! The roads were clear, wish the Pope visited more often if I can commute that easily!	9/25/2015 3:27 PM
38	Best commute ever...	9/25/2015 2:30 PM
39	I live in Houston, there was no impact.	9/25/2015 2:25 PM

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40	When Pope addresses US Government (WH and Congress), presumably Federal workers should be expected to listen to such addresses. Hence the need for (partial) closure of government during the hours of the two speeches.	9/25/2015 2:19 PM
41	if everyone teleworked more often this proves traffic would be diminished	9/25/2015 2:19 PM
42	Commute was light during the visit.	9/25/2015 2:16 PM
43	Yes, I got more done teleworking.	9/25/2015 1:56 PM
44	NA	9/25/2015 1:51 PM
45	No, telework worked just great.	9/25/2015 1:37 PM
46	Many people seemed to have teleworked, which greatly benefited me by reducing traffic.	9/25/2015 1:34 PM
47	News media made it seem as though the whole region would be impacted, when it was really only DC and close-in locations.	9/25/2015 1:19 PM
48	na	9/25/2015 1:17 PM