

Catholics and contraception coverage

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I must say I am a little surprised at some of the more moderate/progressive Catholics in the media ([Mark Shields](#) [1], [Cokie Roberts](#) [2], [E.J. Dionne](#) [3]) who have questioned the Obama administration's ruling that some Catholic employers must provide coverage for contraception for their employees.

I also note that none of them works for a Catholic organization.

Of course, even if they did, the \$50 a month for birth control probably wouldn't be a financial hardship for them. But for the Catholic schoolteacher or Catholic Charities social worker, it might be.

Those schoolteachers and social workers probably are among the majority of Catholics who said they believe employers--including religiously affiliated colleges and hospitals--should be required to provide health care plans that cover birth control at no cost, according to [a new survey](#) [4] released Tuesday by the Public Religion Research Institute.

And Catholics are even **more supportive** of required contraceptive coverage than Americans as a whole, according to the survey. Read the whole survey [here](#) [4].

Perhaps Shields, Roberts or Dionne might want to interview a few of those Catholics.

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[1] http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/politics/jan-june12/shieldsbrooks_02-03.html

[2] <http://www.npr.org/2012/01/30/146075546/politics-in-the-news>

[3] <http://www.rrstar.com/insight/x782337154/E-J-Dionne-Jr-Obama-s-breach-of-faith-over-contraceptive-ruling>

[4] <http://publicreligion.org/research/2012/02/january-tracking-poll-2012/>