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Pope Francis, world's most talked about person

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The Francis Chronicles

Huffington Post reports that Pope Francis is making the world sit up and take notice with his bold statements and radical shift in tone, and people can't stop talking about him. In fact, he's the most talked-about person of 2013, according to a recent survey by Global Language Monitor.

GLM's Word of the Year rankings are based upon actual word usage throughout the English-speaking world, which now numbers more than 1.83 billion people. To qualify for these lists, the words, names, and phrases must be found globally, have a minimum of 25,000 citations, and the requisite "depth" and "breadth" of usage. Number two: Edward Snowden. Number three: Kate Middleton.

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