



# Supreme Court Survey

## Agenda of Key Findings

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### Methodology

PSB conducted online interviews from August 13-15, 2018 among n=1,000 U.S. likely voters. The margin of error for this study is +/- 3.10% at the 95% confidence level and larger for subgroups. Some percentages may add to more or less than 100% due to rounding. Where applicable, tracked findings reflect prior PSB Supreme Court studies:

Crosstab	Tracked Study	Audience
Mar 2017 (LV)	PSB / C-SPAN Supreme Court Survey March 2017	n=1,032 American likely voters
July 2015 (LV)	PSB U.S. Supreme Court Survey July 2015	n=1,201 American adults (displaying likely voters)
Nov 2014 (V)	PSB National Post-Election Survey November 2014	n=409 voters in the 2014 general election
June 2014 (LV)	PSB Supreme Court Survey June 2014	n=921 likely voters
Apr 2013 (LV)	PSB Supreme Court Survey April 2013	n=770 likely voters
Jan 2013 (LV)	PSB Supreme Court Survey January 2013	n=706 likely voters
Mar 2012 (A)	PSB/C-SPAN Supreme Court Survey March 2012	n=1,000 U.S. adults
Dec 2011 (LV)	PSB Supreme Court Survey December 2011	n=749 likely voters
June 2010 (V)	PSB/C-SPAN Supreme Court Survey June 2010	n=1,512 voters in the 2008 general election
Sept 2009 (V)	PSB/C-SPAN Supreme Court Survey September 2009	n=801 voters in the 2008 general election
July 2009 (V)	PSB/C-SPAN Supreme Court Survey July 2009*	n=1,002 voters in the 2008 general election

### Definition of Crosstabs

Crosstab		Definition	% total
(%) U.S. Likely Voters		All American adults interviewed: age 18+ and say they will “definitely” or “probably” vote in the next election for federal, state, or local offices	100
Gender	M	Male	47
	F	Female	53
Age	<35	Age 18-34	27
	35-49	Age 35-49	29
	50-64	Age 50-64	28
	65+	Age 65+	16
Party	D	Regardless of registration, considers self a Democrat	32
	R	Regardless of registration, considers self a Republican	29
	I	Regardless of registration, considers self an independent or something else	39
Ideology	Lib	Consider themselves liberal	24
	Mod	Consider themselves moderate	42
	Con	Consider themselves conservative	33
SCOTUS Informed		Those who can (open end) correctly name a U.S. Supreme Court Justice <u>AND</u> say they follow news or stories about the U.S. Supreme Court “very often” or “somewhat often”	38
TV in Court	Agr	Agree that “The U.S. Supreme Court should allow television coverage of its oral arguments”	64
	Dis	Disagree that “The U.S. Supreme Court should allow television coverage of its oral arguments”	23

## Key Findings

1. Generally speaking, how often do you follow news stories about the U.S. Supreme Court?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Very often	<b>29</b>	35	24	25	33	26	34	31	29	27	37	26	27	51	30	33
Somewhat often	<b>39</b>	39	39	45	35	36	40	38	37	41	39	40	37	49	41	37
Just a little	<b>26</b>	22	29	24	23	32	21	24	27	26	19	28	27	0	24	23
Not at all	<b>6</b>	4	8	5	8	6	5	7	7	5	5	5	9	0	5	7

Aug 2018 (%)		Tracked Findings		
		Mar 2017 (LV)	July 2015 (LV)	Mar 2012 (A)
Very often	<b>29</b>	22	22	20
Somewhat often	<b>39</b>	43	46	46
Just a little	<b>26</b>	30	28	30
Not at all	<b>6</b>	6	4	4

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2. Where do you typically get information about the U.S. Supreme Court? Please select all that apply. **(MULTIPLE RESPONSES PERMITTED)**

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Television	<b>74</b>	75	73	65	69	81	86	75	78	69	68	75	77	77	75	74
Online media	<b>44</b>	46	41	62	43	32	34	42	36	50	53	43	36	52	48	38
Newspapers	<b>37</b>	43	32	35	33	37	50	38	34	39	38	40	34	49	38	41
Website	<b>35</b>	24	27	31	36	27	23	34	28	41	38	36	31	45	39	32
Social media	<b>31</b>	30	32	58	33	16	9	33	24	35	43	28	25	31	36	23
Radio	<b>24</b>	27	22	33	26	19	17	22	23	28	23	25	24	29	26	24
Magazines	<b>9</b>	12	7	8	10	9	10	12	7	9	13	8	9	14	11	8
Blogs	<b>8</b>	8	7	19	6	1	2	7	4	10	10	8	6	8	9	7
Books	<b>4</b>	6	2	7	5	1	4	4	3	5	6	4	2	6	5	4
Schools	<b>3</b>	4	2	9	3	0	0	4	2	4	3	4	2	3	5	2
Other	<b>2</b>	1	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2

Aug 2018 (%)		Tracked Findings		
		Mar 2017 (LV)	July 2015 (LV)	June 2010 (V)
Television	<b>74</b>	70	73	75
Online media	<b>44</b>	35	37	39
Newspapers	<b>37</b>	37	35	53
Website	<b>35</b>	24	27	31
Social media	<b>31</b>	27	25	13
Radio	<b>24</b>	19	24	27
Magazines	<b>9</b>	8	7	15
Blogs	<b>8</b>	5	7	7
Books	<b>4</b>	3	3	6
Schools	<b>3</b>	4	1	4
Other	<b>2</b>	2	3	1

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3. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement?

**Decisions made by the U.S. Supreme Court have an impact on my everyday life as a citizen.**

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>91</b>	91	91	92	90	90	91	92	90	91	92	91	90	96	93	89
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>9</b>	9	9	8	10	10	9	8	10	9	8	9	10	4	7	11
Strongly agree	<b>46</b>	49	43	51	50	39	44	50	43	45	56	42	44	57	51	44
Somewhat agree	<b>45</b>	42	48	42	40	51	47	42	47	45	35	49	46	39	43	45
Somewhat disagree	<b>7</b>	7	8	5	8	8	9	6	9	7	6	8	8	4	6	9
Strongly disagree	<b>2</b>	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	2

Aug 2018 (%)		Tracked Findings		
		Mar 2017 (LV)	July 2015 (LV)	Sept 2009 (V)
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>91</b>	90	87	88
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>9</b>	10	13	12
Strongly agree	<b>46</b>	47	41	39
Somewhat agree	<b>45</b>	43	46	49
Somewhat disagree	<b>7</b>	8	10	10
Strongly disagree	<b>2</b>	2	3	2

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4. Generally speaking, what is your opinion of the overall effectiveness of the U.S. Supreme Court? Would you say the U.S. Supreme Court does a/an...?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Excellent Job	<b>9</b>	13	6	8	8	10	13	8	16	5	5	10	12	10	9	10
Good Job	<b>44</b>	44	44	33	45	45	58	42	50	42	39	44	48	50	42	49
Fair Job	<b>38</b>	34	41	43	39	37	27	41	30	41	45	39	30	32	37	35
Poor Job	<b>9</b>	8	10	15	8	7	3	10	4	12	12	7	9	9	11	6

Aug 2018 (%)		Tracked Findings				
		Mar 2017 (LV)	July 2015 (LV)	June 2014 (LV)	Jan 2013 (LV)	Mar 2012 (A)
Excellent Job	<b>9</b>	11	9	8	5	8
Good Job	<b>44</b>	43	46	46	52	52
Fair Job	<b>38</b>	37	29	34	31	31
Poor Job	<b>9</b>	9	16	12	12	9

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## 5. Can you name any current Justices on the U.S. Supreme Court? (OPEN END – CODED) (MULTIPLE RESPONSES PERMITTED)

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Yes (any current Justice)	48	54	42	43	43	53	54	48	45	49	57	47	41	100	46	56
OPEN-END: Ruth Bader Ginsburg	25	26	24	24	24	26	27	28	18	28	36	25	17	54	23	30
OPEN-END: John Roberts	14	18	11	12	11	17	19	9	18	15	10	14	17	30	13	20
OPEN-END: Clarence Thomas	14	17	11	15	14	12	14	12	14	15	17	11	15	31	13	21
OPEN-END: Sonia Sotomayor	8	8	7	9	9	6	5	9	5	9	14	7	4	17	6	13
OPEN-END: Neil Gorsuch	6	8	5	7	5	6	7	3	10	6	6	4	10	15	5	10
OPEN-END: Elena Kagan	4	4	4	5	4	3	5	3	4	5	6	3	4	10	3	9
OPEN-END: Samuel Alito	3	4	3	5	4	2	1	3	3	4	6	3	2	9	3	5
OPEN-END: Stephen Breyer	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	3	5	2	1	5	1	5
No / incorrect response	52	46	58	57	57	47	46	52	55	51	43	53	59	-	54	44
OPEN-END: Anthony Kennedy	4	6	3	3	5	5	6	3	4	6	4	4	6	7	4	6
OPEN-END: Brett Kavanaugh	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	1
OPEN-END: Antonin Scalia	1	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	1

Aug 2018 (%)		Tracked Findings		
		Mar 2017 (LV)	July 2015 (LV)	July 2009 (V)
Yes (any current Justice)	48	43	47	46
OPEN-END: Ruth Bader Ginsburg	25	16	11	7
OPEN-END: John Roberts	14	12	11	11
OPEN-END: Clarence Thomas	14	10	10	14
OPEN-END: Sonia Sotomayor	8	3	8	n/a
OPEN-END: Neil Gorsuch	6	n/a	n/a	n/a
OPEN-END: Elena Kagan	4	1	1	n/a
OPEN-END: Samuel Alito	3	1	1	2
OPEN-END: Stephen Breyer	2	0	0	1
No / incorrect response	52	57	53	54
OPEN-END: Anthony Kennedy	4	1	3	1
OPEN-END: Antonin Scalia	1	n/a	8	6
OPEN-END: Brett Kavanaugh	1	n/a	n/a	n/a

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6. Generally speaking, would you say you hear too much or too little about the workings of the U.S. Supreme Court?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Hear too little about the workings of the U.S. Supreme Court	<b>44</b>	40	47	48	39	47	42	42	42	47	48	44	40	45	48	38
About the right amount	<b>53</b>	56	51	48	59	50	58	54	56	51	50	53	57	52	49	60
Hear too much about the workings of the U.S. Supreme Court	<b>3</b>	4	2	5	2	3	1	4	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	2

Aug 2018 (%)		Tracked Findings		
		Mar 2017 (LV)	July 2015 (LV)	June 2010 (V)
Hear too little about the workings of the U.S. Supreme Court	<b>44</b>	43	42	62
About the right amount	<b>53</b>	53	49	35
Hear too much about the workings of the U.S. Supreme Court	<b>3</b>	4	9	3



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7. The U.S. Supreme Court currently does not allow television coverage of oral arguments. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement?

**The U.S. Supreme Court should allow television coverage of its oral arguments.**

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>64</b>	66	62	74	65	58	55	70	59	62	68	66	57	63	100	0
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>23</b>	23	23	16	20	27	34	18	25	25	20	22	28	27	0	100
Strongly agree	29	33	25	37	31	24	19	33	23	29	36	29	22	30	45	0
Somewhat agree	35	33	37	37	34	34	36	37	36	33	32	37	35	33	55	0
Somewhat disagree	14	11	16	12	12	14	21	12	13	16	15	12	15	15	0	60
Strongly disagree	9	11	7	4	8	13	13	6	12	10	5	9	12	12	0	40
No opinion / Don't know	13	11	15	10	15	15	11	12	15	12	11	12	16	10	0	0

AMONG THE 87% WHO AGREE OR DISAGREE (EXCLUDES THE 13% WHO SAY "NO OPINION / DON'T KNOW")																
U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>74</b>	74	73	82	76	68	62	80	70	71	77	75	67	70	100	0
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>26</b>	26	27	18	24	32	38	20	30	29	23	25	33	30	0	100
Strongly agree	33	37	29	41	36	28	21	38	27	33	41	33	26	33	45	0
Somewhat agree	40	37	44	41	40	40	40	42	43	38	36	42	41	37	55	0
Somewhat disagree	16	12	19	13	14	16	24	14	15	18	17	14	18	17	0	60
Strongly disagree	10	12	8	4	9	15	15	7	14	11	6	10	14	13	0	40

Aug 2018 (%)*		Tracked Findings										
		Mar 2017 (LV)	July 2015 (LV)	Nov 2014 (V)	June 2014 (LV)	Apr 2013 (LV)	Jan 2013 (LV)	Mar 2012 (A)	Dec 2011 (LV)	June 2010 (V)	Sept 2009 (V)	July 2009 (V)
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>74</b>	76	77	61	69	73	68	74	64	63	65	61
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>26</b>	24	23	39	31	28	32	26	36	37	35	38
Strongly agree	33	32	35	24	27	31	28	36	33	24	30	27
Somewhat agree	40	44	42	37	42	42	40	38	31	39	35	34
Somewhat disagree	16	17	17	28	19	18	21	18	23	24	22	19
Strongly disagree	10	7	6	11	12	10	11	8	13	13	13	19

\*For comparative purposes, August 2018 excludes those who say "No opinion / Don't know"

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8. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement?

**If the U.S. Supreme Court does not allow televised coverage of its oral arguments, it should allow same-day release of audio recordings of its oral arguments.**

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>71</b>	74	69	84	69	64	66	75	67	71	77	74	63	71	92	37
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>15</b>	16	14	11	15	17	22	11	18	16	12	14	19	17	5	50
Strongly agree	32	36	28	41	33	26	25	38	25	33	41	32	25	35	47	6
Somewhat agree	39	38	41	42	36	39	41	38	42	38	36	42	38	37	45	31
Somewhat disagree	9	9	10	7	8	9	14	7	10	10	8	8	12	11	3	30
Strongly disagree	6	8	4	4	6	7	7	4	8	6	3	7	7	6	1	20
No opinion / Don't know	14	10	17	6	16	19	13	13	15	13	12	12	17	11	4	14

AMONG THE 86% WHO AGREE OR DISAGREE (EXCLUDES THE 14% WHO SAY "NO OPINION / DON'T KNOW")																
U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>83</b>	82	83	88	82	79	75	87	79	82	87	84	77	81	95	43
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>17</b>	18	17	12	18	21	25	13	21	18	13	16	23	19	5	57
Strongly agree	37	40	34	43	39	32	28	44	29	38	46	36	30	40	48	7
Somewhat agree	45	42	49	44	43	48	47	44	49	44	40	48	46	42	46	36
Somewhat disagree	10	10	12	7	10	11	16	8	12	11	9	9	15	13	3	34
Strongly disagree	7	9	5	4	7	9	8	5	9	7	3	8	9	7	1	23

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9. Some people believe that the Constitution is a living document, which should evolve to recognize new rights and changing circumstances. Other people believe that the Constitution should be interpreted according to its original words and meaning. Which comes closer to your view?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
The Constitution is a living document which should evolve to recognize “new rights” and changing circumstances	<b>48</b>	48	48	60	45	43	43	66	26	49	80	50	22	55	53	41
The Constitution should be interpreted according to its original words and meaning	<b>42</b>	43	41	32	41	49	50	23	64	42	15	38	68	42	39	52
No opinion / Don’t know	<b>10</b>	8	11	9	13	8	7	11	9	9	4	12	11	3	8	7

AMONG THE 90% WHO AGREE OR DISAGREE (EXCLUDES THE 10% WHO SAY “NO OPINION / DON’T KNOW”)																
U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
The Constitution is a living document which should evolve to recognize “new rights” and changing circumstances	<b>53</b>	53	54	65	52	47	46	74	29	54	84	57	24	57	58	44
The Constitution should be interpreted according to its original words and meaning	<b>47</b>	47	46	35	48	53	54	26	71	46	16	43	76	43	42	56

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10. Do you think that recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions demonstrate that the U.S. Supreme Court acts in a serious and constitutionally sound manner, OR do recent decisions demonstrate that the Supreme Court Justices split into parties, similar to Republicans and Democrats in Congress?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Supreme Court Justices are split on political grounds like Congress	<b>56</b>	60	53	52	51	63	62	56	54	59	68	49	57	69	58	55
U.S. Supreme Court acts in a serious and constitutionally sound manner	<b>28</b>	28	27	31	30	23	26	25	32	26	21	30	29	27	27	35
No opinion / Don't know	<b>16</b>	12	20	17	19	14	11	19	13	15	11	21	13	4	15	10

### AMONG THE 84% WHO AGREE OR DISAGREE (EXCLUDES THE 16% WHO SAY "NO OPINION / DON'T KNOW")

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Supreme Court Justices are split on political grounds like Congress	<b>67</b>	68	66	63	63	73	70	69	63	69	76	62	66	72	68	61
U.S. Supreme Court acts in a serious and constitutionally sound manner	<b>33</b>	32	34	37	37	27	30	31	37	31	24	38	34	28	32	39

Aug 2018 (%)		Tracked Findings			
		Mar 2017 (LV)	July 2015 (LV)*	Mar 2012 (A)*	Dec 2011 (LV)*
Supreme Court Justices are split on political grounds like Congress	<b>67</b>	62	66	66	61
U.S. Supreme Court acts in a serious and constitutionally sound manner	<b>33</b>	38	34	33	39

\*Prior wording from July 2015, March 2012, and December 2011 varied slightly (see below)

December 2011: Do you think televising the health care reform law oral arguments will be more likely to prove the Court is acting in a serious and constitutionally sound manner or will televising these oral arguments be more likely to prove the Justices are split on largely political grounds pretty much like Republicans and Democrats in Congress? [61% "Split into parties, like Congress" / 39% "Serious and constitutionally sound"]

March 2012: Do you think the health care reform oral arguments will demonstrate that the Supreme Court acts in a serious and constitutionally sound manner, or will oral arguments demonstrate the Justices are split into parties, similar to Republicans and Democrats in Congress? [66% "Justices are split on political grounds" / 33% "Supreme Court acts in a serious and constitutionally sound manner"]

July 2015: Do you think that recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions concerning same sex marriage demonstrate that the U.S. Supreme Court acts in a serious and constitutionally sound manner, OR do recent decisions demonstrate that the Supreme Court Justices split into parties, similar to Republicans and Democrats in Congress? [34% "Acts in a serious and constitutionally sound manner" / 66% "Split on political grounds like Congress"]

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11. **AMONG THOSE WHO VOTED IN 2016:** Thinking about the last election, how important was the issue of U.S. Supreme Court appointments when considering your vote for President?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>IMPORTANT</b>	<b>82</b>	82	82	88	82	77	83	84	83	80	89	78	83	90	85	77
<b>NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>18</b>	18	18	12	18	23	17	16	17	20	11	22	17	10	15	23
Extremely important	<b>33</b>	36	30	36	33	29	33	39	32	28	45	23	37	45	36	30
Very important	<b>28</b>	26	30	28	30	28	26	28	28	29	28	28	27	27	29	28
Somewhat important	<b>21</b>	20	22	24	19	19	24	17	24	23	17	26	18	18	20	19
Not very important	<b>8</b>	8	7	5	8	9	7	6	6	10	5	10	6	5	7	9
Not at all important	<b>10</b>	10	11	6	10	15	9	10	11	11	5	12	12	6	8	14

Aug 2018 (%)		Tracked Findings	
		Mar 2017 (LV)	
<b>IMPORTANT</b>	<b>82</b>	82	
<b>NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>18</b>	18	
Extremely important	<b>33</b>	34	
Very important	<b>28</b>	25	
Somewhat important	<b>21</b>	23	
Not very important	<b>8</b>	13	
Not at all important	<b>10</b>	5	

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12. Last year, U.S. Senate rules were changed to allow U.S. Supreme Court nominees to be confirmed by a simple majority (51 of 100 senators), instead of 60 out of 100 as had been true in the past.

Requiring the support of 60 senators meant a President typically needed support from senators from both political parties to confirm their nominee.

Do you agree or disagree with the change to simple majority voting for confirming U.S. Supreme Court nominees?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>43</b>	48	38	40	43	42	47	33	64	34	27	36	62	43	45	44
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>42</b>	41	43	45	39	43	41	52	19	50	62	47	22	50	44	43
Strongly agree	14	17	12	15	13	14	17	12	23	10	10	10	23	16	15	17
Somewhat agree	28	30	26	25	30	29	31	21	41	25	18	26	39	27	30	27
Somewhat disagree	16	13	20	19	14	17	14	15	14	19	16	18	15	12	17	15
Strongly disagree	26	29	23	26	25	26	27	38	6	31	47	29	7	38	26	28
No opinion / Don't know	15	11	19	15	18	14	12	14	16	15	10	17	16	7	12	13

AMONG THE 85% WHO AGREE OR DISAGREE (EXCLUDES THE 15% WHO SAY "NO OPINION / DON'T KNOW")																
U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>51</b>	54	47	47	52	49	53	39	77	40	30	43	74	46	51	51
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>49</b>	46	53	53	48	51	47	61	23	60	70	57	26	54	49	49
Strongly agree	16	19	15	18	16	16	19	14	28	12	11	12	27	17	17	20
Somewhat agree	33	34	32	29	37	34	35	25	49	30	20	31	46	29	34	31
Somewhat disagree	19	15	25	22	17	20	16	18	17	23	18	22	18	13	19	17
Strongly disagree	31	33	28	31	30	31	31	45	7	37	53	35	8	41	29	32

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13. How closely have you been following the news in recent weeks concerning President Trump's nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL FOLLOWING</b>	<b>69</b>	73	65	67	69	66	77	72	66	68	80	65	66	92	73	68
<b>TOTAL NOT FOLLOWING</b>	<b>31</b>	27	35	33	31	34	23	28	34	32	20	35	34	8	27	32
A lot	<b>30</b>	37	23	31	31	25	33	33	30	26	41	23	30	55	33	30
Some	<b>39</b>	37	41	36	38	41	43	39	35	42	39	41	36	38	40	38
Just a little	<b>21</b>	19	23	23	18	24	18	16	27	20	11	25	23	7	19	23
Nothing at all	<b>10</b>	8	12	10	13	10	6	11	8	11	9	10	11	1	8	9

Aug 2018 (%)		Tracked Findings	
		Mar 2017 (LV)	
<b>TOTAL FOLLOWING</b>	<b>69</b>	71	
<b>TOTAL NOT FOLLOWING</b>	<b>31</b>	29	
A lot	<b>30</b>	27	
Some	<b>39</b>	44	
Just a little	<b>21</b>	20	
Nothing at all	<b>10</b>	9	

14. **AMONG THOSE WHO SAY THEY ARE FOLLOWING THE NOMINATION “A LOT”, “SOME”, OR “JUST A LITTLE”:** Would you say you are following this nomination more closely, less closely, or about the same as recent past nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
More closely	<b>41</b>	43	38	53	42	30	36	50	34	38	60	34	33	49	46	30
Less closely	<b>13</b>	9	16	16	12	13	9	12	9	16	7	17	13	7	13	17
About the same	<b>47</b>	48	45	31	46	57	55	38	56	46	33	49	55	44	41	53

Aug 2018 (%)		Tracked Findings	
		Mar 2017 (LV)	
More closely	<b>41</b>	43	
Less closely	<b>13</b>	13	
About the same	<b>47</b>	43	



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15. Can you identify the individual recently named by President Trump to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court? **(OPEN END)**

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Yes (correctly say Kavanaugh)	35	37	34	28	35	39	42	33	39	35	41	33	34	67	34	43
Yes (incorrect answer)	5	5	3	3	3	5	7	5	4	4	4	6	3	9	5	3
No	60	58	62	69	62	55	51	62	57	61	55	62	62	25	60	54

Aug 2018 (%)		Tracked Findings		
		Mar 2017 (LV)*	June 2010 (V)*	July 2009 (V)*
Yes (correctly say nominee*)	35	28	19	43
Yes (incorrect answer)	5	2	81	57
No	60	70		

\*Tracked findings reflect nominations of Gorsuch (2017), Kagan (2010), and Sotomayor (2009)

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16. Brett Kavanaugh is President Trump's nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>39</b>	44	35	30	37	44	52	12	72	37	11	33	68	44	39	47
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>35</b>	33	36	40	35	31	28	60	5	35	71	34	9	47	37	32
Strongly support	21	25	18	12	17	25	35	3	47	16	3	13	44	31	20	28
Somewhat support	18	19	18	17	20	19	16	9	25	21	8	20	24	14	18	19
Somewhat oppose	14	12	15	15	14	14	11	17	4	18	17	18	6	14	14	15
Strongly oppose	21	21	21	25	22	17	17	43	1	17	53	16	3	33	23	17
No opinion / Don't know	26	23	29	30	28	25	20	28	23	28	18	33	23	9	24	21

Aug 2018 (%)		Tracked Findings	
		Mar 2017 (LV)*	June 2010 (V)*
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>39</b>	43	38
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>35</b>	31	30
Strongly support	21	20	8
Somewhat support	18	23	30
Somewhat oppose	14	16	14
Strongly oppose	21	15	16
Don't know	26	26	33

\*Tracked findings reflect nominations of Gorsuch (2017) and Kagan (2010)

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## 17. Currently, U.S. Supreme Court Justices serve lifetime appointments.

Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that U.S. Supreme Court Justices should serve lifetime appointments?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>40</b>	44	37	41	41	36	44	32	51	39	32	37	49	47	39	44
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>46</b>	46	45	43	43	50	47	52	38	46	52	49	37	44	49	43
Strongly agree	17	23	12	16	19	14	22	14	25	14	15	13	24	26	17	23
Somewhat agree	23	21	25	25	22	22	21	18	26	24	18	24	25	21	23	21
Somewhat disagree	25	24	26	23	23	28	27	26	21	27	27	29	20	24	27	25
Strongly disagree	20	22	19	19	20	22	20	26	17	19	26	20	17	20	22	18
No opinion / Don't know	14	10	18	17	15	14	10	17	11	15	15	14	14	8	12	13

AMONG THE 86% WHO AGREE OR DISAGREE (EXCLUDES THE 14% WHO SAY "NO OPINION / DON'T KNOW")																
U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>47</b>	49	45	49	49	42	48	38	57	46	38	43	57	52	44	51
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>53</b>	51	55	51	51	58	52	62	43	54	62	57	43	48	56	49
Strongly agree	20	26	15	19	23	16	24	17	28	16	18	15	28	29	19	26
Somewhat agree	27	23	30	30	26	26	23	21	29	28	21	28	29	23	26	24
Somewhat disagree	29	27	32	27	27	33	30	31	24	32	32	34	23	26	31	29
Strongly disagree	23	24	23	23	24	26	22	31	19	22	31	23	20	22	25	21

Aug 2018 (%)*		Tracked Findings			
		Mar 2017 (LV)	July 2015 (LV)	June 2010 (V)	Sept 2009 (V)
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>47</b>	48	40	48	45
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>53</b>	52	60	52	56
Strongly agree	20	16	13	16	14
Somewhat agree	27	32	27	32	31
Somewhat disagree	29	30	34	28	36
Strongly disagree	23	22	26	24	20

\*For comparative purposes, August 2018 excludes those who say "No opinion / Don't know"

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18. Would you support or oppose restrictions on length of service by U.S. Supreme Court Justices, for example, setting a retirement age or capping total years of service?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>63</b>	64	63	64	57	67	67	64	62	64	62	64	62	64	71	54
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>22</b>	26	18	21	25	20	23	20	25	22	24	20	24	27	18	33
Strongly support	28	31	26	28	27	30	28	30	29	26	29	28	27	31	34	18
Somewhat support	35	33	37	36	31	38	39	34	33	38	33	36	35	33	36	36
Somewhat oppose	12	13	11	9	14	11	12	11	13	11	15	9	12	14	9	16
Strongly oppose	11	14	8	12	11	9	11	9	12	11	8	11	12	13	8	17
No opinion / Don't know	14	9	19	15	18	13	10	16	13	14	14	15	14	9	12	12

AMONG THE 86% WHO AGREE OR DISAGREE (EXCLUDES THE 14% WHO SAY "NO OPINION / DON'T KNOW")																
U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>74</b>	71	78	75	70	77	74	76	71	74	72	76	72	70	80	62
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>26</b>	29	22	25	30	23	26	24	29	26	28	24	28	30	20	38
Strongly support	33	34	32	33	33	34	31	36	33	30	34	33	31	34	38	21
Somewhat support	41	37	46	42	38	44	43	40	38	44	38	43	41	36	40	41
Somewhat oppose	14	14	14	11	17	13	13	13	15	13	17	11	14	15	10	18
Strongly oppose	13	16	10	14	13	10	12	11	14	13	9	13	14	14	9	20

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19. Some say that instead of lifetime appointments, it would be better if U.S. Supreme Court Justices served an 18-year term with possible reappointment by the President (subject to Senate confirmation). Which of the following comes closest to your view on U.S. Supreme Court Justices' terms?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL PREFER 18-YEAR APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>63</b>	64	62	67	57	65	64	66	60	63	65	65	58	60	69	57
<b>TOTAL PREFER LIFETIME APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>22</b>	26	18	17	23	22	28	16	24	25	21	20	25	32	18	36
Strongly prefer 18-year appointment	<b>23</b>	24	22	25	22	25	20	28	23	19	25	23	22	23	28	19
Somewhat prefer 18-year appointment	<b>40</b>	40	40	42	36	40	44	38	37	44	41	42	37	38	41	38
Somewhat prefer lifetime appointment	<b>14</b>	15	12	10	15	16	15	9	15	16	14	11	17	19	11	21
Strongly prefer lifetime appointment	<b>8</b>	11	6	7	8	7	13	7	9	9	8	9	9	13	7	15
No opinion / Don't know	<b>15</b>	10	19	16	20	13	9	18	15	12	13	15	16	8	13	7

AMONG THE 85% WHO AGREE OR DISAGREE (EXCLUDES THE 15% WHO SAY "NO OPINION / DON'T KNOW")																
U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL PREFER 18-YEAR APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>74</b>	71	78	80	71	75	70	80	71	72	76	76	70	65	79	61
<b>TOTAL PREFER LIFETIME APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>26</b>	29	23	20	29	25	30	20	29	28	24	24	30	35	21	39
Strongly prefer 18-year appointment	<b>27</b>	27	28	30	28	29	22	34	27	22	29	27	27	25	32	20
Somewhat prefer 18-year appointment	<b>47</b>	44	50	50	45	46	48	46	44	50	48	49	45	41	47	41
Somewhat prefer lifetime appointment	<b>16</b>	17	15	12	19	18	16	11	18	18	16	13	20	21	13	23
Strongly prefer lifetime appointment	<b>9</b>	12	8	8	10	8	14	9	11	10	9	11	11	14	8	16

Aug 2018 (%)*		Tracked Findings		
		Mar 2017 (LV)*	July 2015 (LV)	Sept 2009 (V)
<b>TOTAL PREFER 18-YEAR APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>74</b>	77	79	78
<b>TOTAL PREFER LIFETIME APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>26</b>	23	20	23
Strongly prefer 18 year appointment	<b>27</b>	33	31	31
Somewhat prefer 18 year appointment	<b>47</b>	44	48	47
Somewhat prefer lifetime appointment	<b>16</b>	15	14	12
Strongly prefer lifetime appointment	<b>9</b>	8	6	11

\*For comparative purposes, August 2018 and March 2017 exclude those who say "No opinion / Don't know"

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20. All but one of the Justices comes from the Northeast. How important is a diverse U.S. Supreme Court as it relates to geography, for example, having Justices who come from the middle, southern, or western parts of the country?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>	<b>63</b>	59	67	68	70	53	60	73	59	59	71	61	61	60	67	58
<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>29</b>	34	23	24	21	38	36	17	30	35	23	32	28	36	27	34
Very important	31	29	32	34	35	23	30	32	34	28	36	25	32	31	33	24
Somewhat important	33	30	35	34	35	29	31	41	25	32	34	35	29	29	34	34
Just a little important	16	20	12	18	13	17	17	9	18	19	10	19	17	16	14	19
Not at all important	13	14	12	6	8	21	19	8	12	16	14	13	12	20	13	14
No opinion / Don't know	8	6	10	8	9	10	4	10	11	5	6	7	11	4	6	8

AMONG THE 92% WHO AGREE OR DISAGREE (EXCLUDES THE 8% WHO SAY "NO OPINION / DON'T KNOW")																
U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>	<b>68</b>	63	74	74	77	58	63	81	66	63	76	66	69	63	71	63
<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>32</b>	37	26	26	23	42	38	19	34	37	24	34	31	38	29	37
Very important	34	31	36	37	38	25	31	36	38	30	38	27	36	32	35	26
Somewhat important	36	32	39	37	38	32	32	46	28	34	36	38	33	30	36	37
Just a little important	17	22	13	20	14	19	18	10	20	20	11	20	19	17	15	21
Not at all important	14	15	13	7	9	23	20	9	13	17	15	14	13	21	14	15

Aug 2018 (%)*		Tracked Findings	
		Mar 2017 (LV)	
<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>	<b>68</b>	82	
<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>32</b>	17	
Very important	34	44	
Somewhat important	36	38	
Just a little important	17	14	
Not at all important	14	3	

\*For comparative purposes, August 2018 excludes those who say "No opinion / Don't know"

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21. How important is a diverse U.S. Supreme Court as it relates to gender or ethnicity, for example, having Justices who are women, or African-American, Hispanic, or Asian?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>	<b>70</b>	68	72	76	73	62	70	84	57	69	92	73	50	69	74	65
<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>23</b>	26	20	15	20	31	24	10	33	25	6	20	39	28	20	32
Very important	47	46	48	62	47	40	37	63	32	46	70	50	25	47	52	44
Somewhat important	23	23	23	14	26	22	33	21	25	23	22	23	24	22	22	20
Just a little important	11	13	10	7	8	17	13	6	16	11	3	10	19	13	11	11
Not at all important	12	14	10	8	12	14	11	3	18	13	3	10	20	16	9	20
No opinion / Don't know	7	6	9	9	7	6	7	6	10	6	3	7	11	2	7	4

AMONG THE 93% WHO AGREE OR DISAGREE (EXCLUDES THE 7% WHO SAY "NO OPINION / DON'T KNOW")																
U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>	<b>75</b>	72	78	84	78	67	74	89	63	73	94	78	56	71	79	67
<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>25</b>	28	22	16	22	33	26	11	37	27	6	22	44	29	21	33
Very important	51	49	52	68	51	43	39	67	36	49	71	54	28	48	55	45
Somewhat important	25	24	25	15	28	24	35	22	28	24	22	25	27	23	23	21
Just a little important	12	14	11	8	9	18	14	6	18	12	3	11	21	13	12	11
Not at all important	13	15	11	9	13	15	12	3	20	14	3	11	22	16	10	21

Aug 2018 (%)*		Tracked Findings	
		Mar 2017 (LV)	
<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>	<b>75</b>	80	
<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>25</b>	20	
Very important	51	51	
Somewhat important	25	29	
Just a little important	12	10	
Not at all important	13	10	

\*For comparative purposes, August 2018 excludes those who say "No opinion / Don't know"

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22. All current U.S. Supreme Court Justices attended law school at Harvard or Yale. How important is a diverse U.S. Supreme Court as it relates to Justices attending colleges other than Ivy League universities?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>	<b>57</b>	57	57	63	57	48	58	58	57	55	62	62	45	60	62	54
<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>30</b>	33	27	27	27	37	28	28	29	32	27	25	39	35	26	40
Very important	<b>29</b>	28	30	42	30	22	16	30	29	28	37	28	24	32	34	26
Somewhat important	<b>28</b>	29	27	21	27	26	43	28	28	27	25	34	21	28	28	27
Just a little important	<b>16</b>	15	17	12	13	23	17	15	18	15	14	12	24	17	14	21
Not at all important	<b>14</b>	18	10	15	14	13	12	13	11	17	13	13	15	18	13	19
No opinion / Don't know	<b>13</b>	10	16	10	15	15	13	14	14	13	11	13	16	5	12	7

AMONG THE 87% WHO AGREE OR DISAGREE (EXCLUDES THE 13% WHO SAY "NO OPINION / DON'T KNOW")																
U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>	<b>66</b>	63	68	70	68	56	67	67	66	63	70	71	54	63	70	57
<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>34</b>	37	32	30	32	44	33	33	34	37	30	29	46	37	30	43
Very important	<b>33</b>	31	36	47	36	26	19	35	34	32	42	32	29	34	39	28
Somewhat important	<b>32</b>	32	32	23	32	31	50	33	33	31	28	39	25	29	32	29
Just a little important	<b>18</b>	17	20	13	15	27	20	17	21	17	16	14	29	18	16	22
Not at all important	<b>16</b>	20	12	17	17	15	14	15	13	20	15	15	18	19	15	20



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23. All current U.S. Supreme Court Justices are either Catholic or Jewish by background. How important is a diverse U.S. Supreme Court as it relates to religion (for example, having Justices who are Protestant, Muslim, Hindu, or atheist)?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>	<b>48</b>	46	49	59	48	42	41	57	41	45	61	48	38	48	54	34
<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>42</b>	44	39	31	41	49	46	32	46	47	29	41	51	44	36	59
Very important	<b>24</b>	22	25	34	22	20	17	33	15	23	34	24	17	23	28	15
Somewhat important	<b>24</b>	24	24	24	25	21	24	24	26	22	27	24	21	26	26	19
Just a little important	<b>19</b>	22	17	14	20	20	23	17	16	22	17	20	20	18	16	25
Not at all important	<b>23</b>	22	23	17	20	29	24	15	30	24	12	21	31	27	20	35
No opinion / Don't know	<b>11</b>	10	11	10	11	10	13	11	13	9	10	11	11	7	10	6

AMONG THE 89% WHO AGREE OR DISAGREE (EXCLUDES THE 11% WHO SAY "NO OPINION / DON'T KNOW")																
U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL IMPORTANT</b>	<b>53</b>	51	56	66	54	46	47	64	47	49	68	54	43	52	60	37
<b>TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>47</b>	49	44	34	46	54	53	36	53	51	32	46	57	48	40	63
Very important	<b>27</b>	24	28	38	25	22	20	37	17	25	38	27	19	25	31	16
Somewhat important	<b>27</b>	27	27	27	28	23	28	27	30	24	30	27	24	28	29	20
Just a little important	<b>21</b>	24	19	16	22	22	26	19	18	24	19	22	22	20	18	27
Not at all important	<b>26</b>	24	26	19	22	32	28	17	34	26	13	24	35	29	22	38

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24. U.S. Supreme Court Justices look to past rulings (“legal precedent”) when considering present-day cases involving similar circumstances. The concept of “legal precedent” generally binds the courts when deciding present-day cases, though legal precedents can be overturned based on the court's interpretation of the Constitution and other laws.

Do you agree or disagree with the U.S. Supreme Court's ability to overturn a legal precedent set in past rulings?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>60</b>	68	54	58	61	60	64	56	70	56	59	56	66	70	62	64
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>18</b>	16	19	18	16	18	20	21	14	18	19	20	14	18	18	21
Strongly agree	20	26	15	22	19	20	19	19	21	20	24	15	25	27	20	24
Somewhat agree	40	42	39	36	42	40	45	37	49	36	35	42	42	43	42	40
Somewhat disagree	13	11	15	14	11	13	16	14	11	14	11	16	10	13	13	15
Strongly disagree	5	5	4	4	5	5	4	7	3	4	8	4	4	6	5	6
No opinion / Don't know	22	16	27	23	23	22	16	22	16	26	22	23	20	11	20	15

AMONG THE 78% WHO AGREE OR DISAGREE (EXCLUDES THE 22% WHO SAY “NO OPINION / DON'T KNOW”)																
U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>77</b>	81	74	76	79	77	76	73	83	76	76	74	83	80	78	75
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>23</b>	19	26	24	21	23	24	27	17	24	24	26	18	20	23	25
Strongly agree	26	31	21	29	25	26	23	25	25	27	31	20	31	31	25	28
Somewhat agree	51	50	53	47	55	51	54	48	58	49	45	55	53	49	53	47
Somewhat disagree	17	13	21	18	14	17	19	18	13	19	14	21	13	15	16	18
Strongly disagree	6	6	5	5	6	6	5	9	4	5	10	5	5	7	6	7

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## 25. Can you name any cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court? (CODED OPEN ENDS – MULTIPLE RESPONSES PERMITTED)

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Yes	47	50	45	39	44	52	59	45	50	47	53	45	47	76	44	54
OPEN-END: Roe v. Wade (Abortion)	36	37	35	27	33	40	49	34	36	37	41	35	34	53	34	40
OPEN-END: Brown v. Board of Education	5	5	6	8	5	3	5	4	5	6	6	6	3	12	5	7
OPEN-END: Marriage Equality (ex., Obergefell, Loving, Masterpiece Cakeshop)	3	2	4	3	2	3	2	3	4	1	3	2	3	4	3	3
OPEN-END: Marbury v. Madison	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	2
OPEN-END: Muslim/immigration travel ban (Trump v. Hawaii)	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2
OPEN-END: Citizens United v. FEC	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	2
OPEN-END: District of Columbia v. Heller (Gun rights)	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	2	1	1
OPEN-END: Dred Scott v. Sanford	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
OPEN-END: Janus v. AFSCME (Labor union dues)	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	2
OPEN-END: Miranda v. Arizona	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	1
OPEN-END: Plessy v. Ferguson	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	0	1	3	2	1	2	3	1	3
OPEN-END: Other	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	1
No	50	48	52	58	55	46	38	52	48	50	46	51	52	21	53	43
Incorrect answer	3	3	3	3	1	3	4	2	2	3	2	4	2	4	3	4

Aug 2018 (%)		Tracked Findings			
		July 2015 (LV)	June 2010 (V)	Sept 2009 (V)	July 2009 (V)
Yes	47	60	33	49	56
No	50	40	67	51	45
Incorrect answer	3				

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26. Do you think it is likely or unlikely that the new/next U.S. Supreme Court will overturn Roe v. Wade, the Court's landmark decision on abortion?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL LIKELY</b>	<b>35</b>	36	35	43	34	29	36	43	32	32	47	31	31	42	39	34
<b>TOTAL UNLIKELY</b>	<b>44</b>	47	42	36	45	49	47	37	48	47	37	44	50	48	43	49
Strongly likely	9	8	10	14	10	7	4	12	8	8	16	7	7	12	12	6
Somewhat likely	26	28	25	29	24	22	31	30	24	24	32	24	24	30	27	28
Somewhat unlikely	27	29	25	21	25	30	32	25	29	27	23	27	30	28	28	26
Strongly unlikely	17	18	17	15	20	19	15	12	20	20	14	17	20	20	15	23
No opinion / Don't know	20	17	23	20	21	22	17	21	20	21	15	25	18	10	19	17

AMONG THE 80% WHO AGREE OR DISAGREE (EXCLUDES THE 20% WHO SAY "NO OPINION / DON'T KNOW")																
U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL LIKELY</b>	<b>44</b>	43	45	54	43	37	43	54	40	41	56	41	38	47	48	41
<b>TOTAL UNLIKELY</b>	<b>56</b>	57	55	46	57	63	57	46	60	59	44	59	62	53	52	59
Strongly likely	11	10	13	18	13	9	5	15	10	10	19	9	9	13	15	7
Somewhat likely	33	34	32	37	30	28	37	38	30	30	38	32	30	33	33	34
Somewhat unlikely	34	35	32	27	32	38	39	31	36	34	27	36	37	31	34	31
Strongly unlikely	22	22	22	19	25	24	18	15	25	25	17	23	25	22	18	28

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## 27. Do you think the U.S. Supreme Court should overturn the Roe v. Wade decision?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>28</b>	30	26	30	26	26	28	15	45	25	12	22	46	27	29	26
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>52</b>	52	51	47	49	55	57	67	31	54	78	53	30	65	52	55
Strongly support overturning Roe v. Wade	13	13	12	14	12	14	10	4	23	12	3	7	26	14	13	10
Somewhat support overturning Roe v. Wade	15	16	14	16	14	12	18	11	22	13	9	15	20	13	16	17
Somewhat oppose overturning Roe v. Wade	12	13	11	9	12	12	14	9	14	12	7	13	14	11	11	14
Strongly oppose overturning Roe v. Wade	40	39	41	38	37	43	43	59	17	41	72	41	16	54	41	41
No opinion / Don't know	21	19	23	22	26	18	15	17	24	21	9	25	24	8	19	19

AMONG THE 79% WHO AGREE OR DISAGREE (EXCLUDES THE 21% WHO SAY “NO OPINION / DON’T KNOW”)																
U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>35</b>	37	34	39	35	32	33	18	59	32	13	29	61	29	36	32
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>65</b>	63	66	61	65	68	67	82	41	68	87	71	39	71	64	68
Strongly support overturning Roe v. Wade	16	16	16	18	16	17	12	5	30	15	3	9	34	15	16	12
Somewhat support overturning Roe v. Wade	19	20	18	21	19	15	21	13	29	16	10	20	26	14	20	21
Somewhat oppose overturning Roe v. Wade	15	16	14	12	16	15	16	11	18	15	8	17	18	12	14	17
Strongly oppose overturning Roe v. Wade	50	48	53	49	49	53	51	72	22	52	80	55	21	59	51	51

## Demographics

28. Did you vote in the 2016 election for President, Congress, and other national and local elected offices?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Yes	<b>89</b>	92	85	72	92	96	98	91	93	84	86	89	89	95	88	88
No	<b>11</b>	8	13	26	8	4	2	8	7	16	12	10	10	5	11	12
Don't know	<b>1</b>	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0

29. What is your gender?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Male	<b>47</b>	100	-	46	43	49	52	42	49	49	45	45	50	56	49	46
Female	<b>53</b>	-	100	54	57	51	48	58	51	51	55	55	50	44	51	54

30. AGE (CODED)

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
18-24	<b>11</b>	8	13	41	-	-	-	13	5	13	15	9	9	8	13	7
25-34	<b>16</b>	18	14	59	-	-	-	17	12	18	22	16	10	16	18	12
35-49	<b>29</b>	26	31	-	100	-	-	32	31	25	32	30	26	27	30	25
50-64	<b>28</b>	29	27	-	-	100	-	27	28	29	22	29	32	29	25	33
65 and over	<b>16</b>	18	14	-	-	-	100	11	22	15	10	15	22	20	14	24

31. Regardless of how you might be registered to vote, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Democrat	<b>32</b>	29	35	36	35	31	22	100	-	-	67	30	10	33	35	25
Republican	<b>29</b>	30	28	19	31	29	41	-	100	-	2	18	63	27	27	32
Independent	<b>36</b>	38	35	43	31	35	36	-	-	93	29	49	25	36	35	41
Other	<b>3</b>	3	2	2	2	5	2	-	-	7	2	3	2	3	3	2

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### 32. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself...?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Liberal	<b>24</b>	23	25	33	26	18	15	49	2	19	100	-	-	31	25	21
Moderate	<b>42</b>	40	44	40	44	43	40	40	26	56	-	100	-	39	44	40
Conservative	<b>33</b>	35	31	24	29	38	45	10	72	22	-	-	100	29	29	39
Other	<b>1</b>	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	-	-	-	1	2	0

### 33. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
No high school diploma	<b>2</b>	2	3	3	4	2	0	4	2	2	4	2	2	0	3	2
High school graduate	<b>20</b>	18	23	22	18	22	19	20	22	20	15	22	23	12	21	18
Some college or 2-year college graduate	<b>37</b>	34	40	35	35	39	41	35	39	37	34	39	37	31	38	36
4-year college graduate	<b>29</b>	33	25	31	31	25	28	31	25	30	37	26	26	38	27	30
Post-graduate degree	<b>11</b>	13	10	9	12	12	12	11	12	11	11	11	12	18	10	14

### 34. REGION (CODED BASED ON STATE)

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
NORTHEAST	<b>18</b>	19	17	15	20	18	19	20	18	16	22	16	18	22	16	19
MIDWEST	<b>24</b>	25	23	23	25	24	25	24	23	25	25	23	25	24	24	25
SOUTH	<b>38</b>	37	39	40	38	37	36	36	43	36	33	39	40	34	38	38
WEST	<b>20</b>	19	21	21	17	21	21	20	15	23	21	22	17	20	21	18

### 35. Would you describe the area where your neighborhood is located as urban, suburban or rural?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Urban	<b>28</b>	29	26	35	24	26	23	36	19	26	38	28	19	26	30	23
Suburban	<b>50</b>	51	49	51	52	44	56	45	51	53	46	50	52	54	49	54
Rural	<b>23</b>	20	25	14	24	30	21	19	30	21	16	22	28	20	21	23

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36. Which of the following best describes your ethnicity or racial background?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
White, Caucasian, European-American, European	73	76	70	58	71	81	88	58	86	75	65	72	80	77	71	78
Black, African-American, Caribbean-American, African	12	13	12	14	15	10	5	23	3	10	16	12	8	9	12	9
Hispanic, Latino	10	6	14	17	10	6	5	15	8	8	10	11	9	7	11	8
Asian, Asian-American	3	3	3	6	1	1	0	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	2
Native American, American Indian	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Other	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	3	5	1	1	2	2	2

37. **AMONG THOSE WHO SAY THEY ARE WHITE, BLACK, OR OTHER:**

Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic of Latino descent?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Yes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	1
No	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	98	99	99	98	99	100	98	99	99

38. **RACE (CODED BASED ON RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS)**

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
WHITE, NON-HISPANIC	72	76	69	58	70	80	87	57	85	75	64	71	80	76	70	77
BLACK, NON-HISPANIC	12	12	12	14	15	10	5	23	3	10	16	12	8	9	12	9
HISPANIC, ANY RACE	11	7	15	18	11	7	6	16	9	8	12	12	9	9	12	9
OTHER	5	5	5	10	4	3	2	4	4	7	8	5	3	6	6	5



## Screens

39. Are you 18 years old or older and an American citizen?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Yes	<b>100</b>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
No	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

\*By definition, all had to say they are 18 years old or older and an American citizen

40. Are you or is an immediate family member employed by...  
(MULTIPLE RESPONSES PERMITTED)

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Advertising, marketing, or public relations agency	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
A bank or credit union	<b>2</b>	3	2	4	2	2	2	1	4	3	3	3	2	3	3	0
A media outlet, such as a newspaper, blog, or TV station	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Realtor, real estate broker or sales agent	<b>1</b>	1	2	3	0	2	1	0	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1
A market research, polling, or political consulting company	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
A retail store or outlet	<b>5</b>	5	6	11	3	3	1	6	4	5	6	4	6	4	6	4
None of the above	<b>92</b>	93	91	84	95	94	96	92	90	92	91	93	91	93	91	95

\*By definition, excluded “Advertising, marketing, or public relations agency”, “A media outlet, such as a newspaper, blog, or TV station,” or “A market research, polling, or political consulting company”

41. How likely are you to vote in the November 2018 election for federal, state, local, and other offices? Will you...?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Ideology			SCOTUS Informed	TV in Court	
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	Lib	Mod	Con		Agr	Dis
Definitely vote	<b>78</b>	80	76	71	76	83	87	85	81	71	84	73	80	91	78	80
Probably vote	<b>22</b>	20	24	29	24	17	13	15	19	29	16	27	20	9	22	20
Might or might not vote	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Probably not vote	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Definitely not vote	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

\*By definition, all had to say they would “definitely vote” or “probably vote”