

# USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

## MAY WAVE 1

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 24-25, 2010 with a random sample of –1,049—adults, aged 18+, living in the continental U.S., selected using a random-digit dial sampling technique.**

**For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.**

**For results based on the sample of 946 registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.**

**Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones (for respondents with a landline telephone) and cellular phones (for respondents who are cell phone only). Each sample includes a minimum quota of 150 cell phone only respondents and 850 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.**

**Samples are weighted on the basis of gender, age, race, education, region and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2009 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in continental U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.**

**In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.**

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12. As you may know, Solicitor General Elena Kagan is the person nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Kagan serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

	<u>Yes, vote in favor</u>	<u>No, not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b><i>Elena Kagan</i></b>			
2010 May 24-25	46	32	22
<b><i>Sonia Sotomayor</i></b>			
2009 Jul 17-19 †	55	36	9
2009 Jul 10-12 †	53	33	13
2009 May 29-31 †	54	28	19
<b><i>Samuel Alito</i></b>			
2006 Jan 20-22 †	54	30	16
2006 Jan 6-8 †	49	30	21
2005 Dec 9-11 †	49	29	22
2005 Nov 7-10 †	50	25	25
<b><i>Harriet Miers</i></b>			
2005 Oct 21-23 ‡	42	43	15
2005 Oct 13-16 ^‡	44	36	20
<b><i>John Roberts</i></b>			
2005 Sep 16-18 •	60	26	14
2005 Sep 8-11 •	58	27	15
2005 Aug 28-30 †	52	26	22
2005 Aug 5-7 †	51	28	21
2005 Jul 22-24 †	59	22	19
<b><i>Ruth Bader Ginsburg</i></b>			
1993 Jun 18-21 §	53	14	33
<b><i>Clarence Thomas</i></b>			
1991 Oct 14 †	58	30	12
1991 Oct 10-13 †	53	30	17
1991 Sep 13-15 †	54	25	21
1991 Aug 8-11 †	56	23	21
1991 Jul 11-14 †	52	17	31
<b><i>Robert Bork</i></b>			
1987 Sep 1-13 ■ ♠	38	35	26
1987 Aug 24-Sep 2■	31	25	44

^ Asked of a half sample

† WORDING: As you may know, [Sonia Sotomayor / Samuel Alito / John Roberts / Clarence Thomas] is the federal judge nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of [Sotomayor/ Alito/ Roberts / Thomas] serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

‡ WORDING: As you may know, Harriet Miers is the person nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Miers serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

• WORDING: As you may know, John Roberts is a federal judge who has been nominated to serve as chief justice on the Supreme Court..Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Roberts serving as chief justice on the Supreme Court, or not?

§ WORDING: Ruth Bader Ginsburg is a federal judge who has been nominated by President Clinton to serve on the United States Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Ginsburg serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

■ WORDING: Robert Bork is a federal judge who has been nominated by President Reagan to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Bork serving on the U.S. Supreme Court, or not?

♠ Gallup for Times Mirror.