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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 6-9, 2012 with a random sample of -1,017—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

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

For results based on the sample of -923—registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2011 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in 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.

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Supreme Court is handling its job?

| | <u>Approve</u> | <u>Disapprove</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2012 Sep 6-9 | 49 | 40 | 11 |
| 2012 Jul 9-12 | 46 | 45 | 9 |
| 2011 Sep 8-11 | 46 | 40 | 14 |
| 2010 Sep 13-16 | 51 | 39 | 10 |
| 2009 Aug 31-Sep 2 | 61 | 28 | 11 |
| 2009 Jun 14-17 | 59 | 30 | 11 |
| 2008 Sep 8-11 | 50 | 39 | 11 |
| 2008 Jun 9-12 | 48 | 38 | 14 |
| 2007 Sep 14-16 | 51 | 39 | 10 |
| 2007 May 10-13 | 51 | 36 | 13 |
| 2006 Sep 7-10 | 60 | 32 | 8 |
| 2005 Sep 12-15 | 56 | 36 | 8 |
| 2005 Jun 24-26 | 42 | 48 | 10 |
| 2004 Sep 13-15 | 51 | 39 | 10 |
| 2003 Sep 8-10 | 52 | 38 | 10 |
| 2003 Jul 7-9 | 59 | 33 | 8 |
| 2002 Sep 5-8 | 60 | 29 | 11 |
| 2001 Sep 7-10 | 58 | 28 | 14 |
| 2001 Jun 11-17 | 62 | 25 | 13 |
| 2001 Jan 10-14 | 59 | 34 | 7 |
| 2000 Aug 29-Sep 5 | 62 | 29 | 9 |

17. In general, do you think the current Supreme Court is too liberal, too conservative, or just about right?

| | Too <u>liberal</u> | Too <u>conservative</u> | About <u>right</u> | No <u>opinion</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 2012 Sep 6-9 | 27 | 23 | 44 | 7 |
| 2011 Sep 8-11 | 31 | 20 | 42 | 7 |
| 2010 Jul 27-Aug 1 | 32 | 19 | 43 | 6 |
| 2009 Aug 31-Sep 2 | 28 | 19 | 50 | 3 |
| 2008 Sep 8-11 | 21 | 30 | 43 | 6 |
| 2007 Sep 14-16 | 21 | 32 | 43 | 5 |
| 2006 Sep 7-10 | 21 | 31 | 43 | 6 |
| 2005 Sep 12-15 | 25 | 25 | 45 | 5 |
| 2004 Sep 13-15 | 28 | 27 | 40 | 5 |
| 2003 Sep 8-10 | 31 | 25 | 39 | 5 |
| 2001 Sep 7-10 | 22 | 25 | 46 | 7 |
| 1995 Jul 7-9 | 31 | 20 | 41 | 8 |
| 1993 Jun 18-21 ^ | 22 | 24 | 45 | 9 |

^ Asked of a half sample.

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: *In its recent rulings, do you think the Supreme Court has been too liberal, too conservative, or just about right?*

| | Too <u>liberal</u> | Too <u>conservative</u> | About <u>right</u> | No <u>opinion</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 2003 Jul 7-9 | 31 | 15 | 48 | 6 |
| 2000 Aug 29-Sep 5 | 27 | 16 | 49 | 8 |
| 1991 July 11-14 | 20 | 25 | 39 | 16 |