

## **GALLUP NEWS SERVICE**

### **SUPREME COURT NOMINATION**

**Results are based on telephone interviews with a random sample of -- 1,019 -- national adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, conducted March 18-19, 2016.**

**For results based on the total sample of National Adults, the margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.**

**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 of national adults includes a minimum quota of 60% cell phone respondents and 40% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and 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 to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both, cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2015 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2015 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.**

**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.**

Now turning to the U.S. Supreme Court,

1. As you may know, Merrick Garland is a federal judge who has been nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Garland serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

	<u>Yes, vote in favor</u>	<u>No, not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b><i>Merrick Garland</i></b>			
2016 Mar 18-19	52	29	19
<b><i>Elena Kagan</i></b>			
2010 Jul 27-Aug 1	46	36	18
2010 Jul 8-11	44	34	22
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.

2. *(Asked of those who do not want the senate to vote in favor of Garland)* Is that mostly because -- [ROTATED: you think the next president, rather than President Obama, should make the nomination, (or mostly because) you have specific concerns about Merrick Garland]?

**BASED ON -- 313 -- WHO SAY SENATE SHOULD NOT VOTE TO CONFIRM; ±7 PCT PTS**

	<u>Next president should nominate</u>	<u>Concerns about Garland</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Mar 18-19	67	20	13

3. How much have you heard or read about Merrick Garland's qualifications and past record -- a great deal, a fair amount, very little, or nothing at all?

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Very little</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2016 Mar 18-19	7	34	31	28	1