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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 3-15, 2024, with a random sample of –1,007— adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 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 80% cell phone respondents and 20% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next 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 and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2020 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. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

3. 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>
2024 Sep 3-15	44	51	5
2024 Jul 1-21	43	52	5
2023 Sep 1-23	41	58	2
2023 Jul 3-27	40	56	4
2022 Sep 1-16	40	58	3
2022 Jul 5-26	43	55	2
2021 Sep 1-17	40	53	6
2021 Jul 6-21	49	44	7
2020 Aug 31-Sep 13	53	43	4
2020 Jul 1-23	58	38	4
2019 Sep 3-15	54	42	4
2018 Sep 4-12	51	40	8
2018 Jul 1-11	53	41	7
2017 Sep 6-10	49	40	10
2016 Sep 7-11	45	47	8
2016 Jul 13-17	42	52	6
2015 Sep 9-13	45	50	5
2015 Jul 8-12	49	46	5
2014 Sep 4-7	44	48	8
2014 Jul 7-10	47	46	7
2013 Sep 5-8	46	45	9
2013 Jul 10-14	43	46	11
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

11. As you know, our federal government is made up of three branches: an Executive branch, headed by the President; a Judicial branch, headed by the U.S. Supreme Court; and a Legislative branch, made up of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. First, let me ask you how much trust and confidence you have at this time in the Executive branch headed by the President, the Judicial branch headed by the US Supreme Court, and the Legislative branch, consisting of the US Senate and House of Representatives-- a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

B. The Judicial branch, headed by the U.S. Supreme Court

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Not very much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<i>Great deal/Fair amount</i>
2024 Sep 3-15	12	36	30	21	1	48
2023 Sep 1-23	9	40	32	19	--	49
2022 Sep 1-16	7	40	31	22	--	47
2021 Sep 1-17	10	44	32	14	1	54
2020 Aug 31-Sep 13	17	50	26	8	--	67
2019 Sep 3-15	16	53	25	6	*	69
2018 Sep 4-12	18	50	22	9	1	68
2017 Sep 6-10	16	52	24	7	1	68
2016 Sep 7-11	12	49	28	9	1	61
2015 Sep 9-13	11	42	31	16	*	53
2014 Sep 4-7	10	51	30	9	1	61
2013 Sep 5-8	13	49	28	9	1	62
2012 Sep 6-9	14	53	27	4	2	67
2011 Sep 8-11	12	51	28	8	1	63
2010 Sep 13-16	14	52	28	5	2	66
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	18	58	18	4	2	76
2008 Sep 8-11	14	55	23	6	3	69
2007 Sep 14-16	15	54	23	6	1	69
2006 Sep 7-10	15	54	21	7	3	69
2005 Sep 12-15	13	55	25	6	1	68
2004 Sep 13-15	14	51	27	6	2	65
2003 Sep 8-10	13	54	27	5	1	67
2002 Sep 5-8	17	58	18	5	2	75
2001 Sep 7-10	17	57	20	4	2	74
2000 Jul 6-9	23	52	18	6	1	75
1999 Feb 4-8	29	51	13	5	2	80
1998 Dec 28-29	27	51	16	4	2	78
1997 May 30-Jun 1	19	52	22	5	2	71
1976 Jun ^	16	47	26	6	4	63
1974 Apr ^	17	54	20	5	5	71
1972 May ^	17	49	24	7	4	66

^ Asked of a half sample

Thinking now about the Supreme Court,

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

	<u>Too liberal</u>	<u>Too conservative</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2024 Sep 3-15	13	41	41	5
2023 Sep 1-23	17	39	42	2
2022 Sep 1-16	18	42	38	3
2021 Sep 1-17	20	37	40	3
2020 Aug 31-Sep 13	23	32	42	3
2019 Sep 3-15	17	33	47	3
2018 Jul 1-11	21	29	44	6
2017 Sep 6-10	23	30	43	4
2016 Sep 7-11	37	20	39	4
2015 Sep 9-13	37	20	40	3
2014 Sep 4-7	30	24	43	4
2013 Sep 5-8	30	23	41	6
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?*

	<u>Too liberal</u>	<u>Too conservative</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>No 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

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QN3: Job Approval: Supreme Court BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income + Ideology

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1007	563	438	711	274	149	257	577	502	290	210	308	396	297	231	292	369	415	346	229
	Weighted n	1007	498	498	636	358	246	329	410	365	271	369	297	408	297	259	292	335	371	367	252
Approve		447	260	184	295	144	96	145	200	128	134	184	215	184	44	120	113	154	257	139	43
		44%	52%	37%	46%	40%	39%	44%	49%	35%	49%	50%	72%	45%	15%	46%	39%	46%	69%	38%	17%
Disapprove		512	219	284	310	198	137	173	189	224	123	165	57	208	245	127	170	172	89	210	205
		51%	44%	57%	49%	55%	55%	52%	46%	61%	45%	45%	19%	51%	83%	49%	58%	51%	24%	57%	81%
DONT KNOW/REFUSED		48	18	30	31	16	13	11	21	13	15	20	24	16	8	12	9	10	25	18	5
		5%	4%	6%	5%	4%	5%	3%	5%	4%	5%	6%	8%	4%	3%	5%	3%	3%	7%	5%	2%

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QN11B: Trust - Judicial Branch BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income + Ideology

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1007	563	438	711	274	149	257	577	502	290	210	308	396	297	231	292	369	415	346	229
	Weighted n	1007	498	498	636	358	246	329	410	365	271	369	297	408	297	259	292	335	371	367	252
Great deal		118	79	38	78	36	19	35	64	41	34	43	61	40	16	28	30	44	70	26	20
		12%	16%	8%	12%	10%	8%	11%	16%	11%	12%	12%	21%	10%	5%	11%	10%	13%	19%	7%	8%
Fair amount		364	208	157	233	126	90	134	135	117	105	141	147	157	58	91	100	127	186	118	56
		36%	42%	31%	37%	35%	36%	41%	33%	32%	39%	38%	50%	39%	19%	35%	34%	38%	50%	32%	22%
Not very much		305	132	172	179	123	71	97	126	115	79	111	61	132	108	81	104	85	76	156	66
		30%	27%	35%	28%	34%	29%	30%	31%	31%	29%	30%	21%	32%	36%	31%	36%	25%	21%	43%	26%
None at all		211	77	124	143	67	67	58	80	91	51	70	26	76	109	54	56	79	36	67	108
		21%	16%	25%	23%	19%	27%	18%	20%	25%	19%	19%	9%	19%	37%	21%	19%	24%	10%	18%	43%
DONT KNOW/REFUSED		9	2	7	4	5	5	4	1	3	5	1	2	6	5	2	2	1	2	1	2
		1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	2%	1%	-	1%	0%	1%	

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QN17: Supreme Court Ideology BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income + Ideology

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1007	563	438	711	274	149	257	577	502	290	210	308	396	297	231	292	369	415	346	229
	Weighted n	1007	498	498	636	358	246	329	410	365	271	369	297	408	297	259	292	335	371	367	252
Too liberal		126	55	71	96	27	30	50	40	32	36	57	71	42	14	33	31	45	78	46	3
		13%	11%	14%	15%	8%	12%	15%	10%	9%	13%	15%	24%	10%	5%	13%	11%	13%	21%	13%	1%
Too conservative		417	166	244	237	178	114	129	164	204	86	128	13	161	243	100	134	149	18	180	214
		41%	33%	49%	37%	50%	46%	39%	40%	56%	32%	35%	4%	39%	82%	39%	46%	44%	5%	49%	85%
About right		411	251	158	277	128	86	136	185	122	130	158	205	173	30	106	117	137	259	119	26
		41%	50%	32%	43%	36%	35%	41%	45%	33%	48%	43%	69%	42%	10%	41%	40%	41%	70%	32%	10%
DONT KNOW/REFUSED		52	26	25	26	25	16	13	20	6	19	27	8	32	11	19	10	5	16	22	10
		5%	5%	5%	4%	7%	7%	4%	5%	2%	7%	7%	3%	8%	4%	7%	4%	1%	4%	6%	4%