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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 1-17, 2026, with a random sample of –1,000— 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, party identification, 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. Party identification targets are based on the average of the three most recent Gallup polls. 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>
2026 Sep 1-17	34	61	6
2026 Jul 1-19	33	61	5
2025 Sep 2-16	42	52	6
2025 Jul 7-21	39	56	6
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>
2026 Sep 1-17	12	34	30	24	*	46
2025 Sep 2-16	16	33	29	22	1	49
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>
2026 Sep 1-17	17	43	35	5
2025 Sep 2-16	17	43	36	4
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

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		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+
Approve	34%	40%	27%	36%	31%	23%	35%	39%	31%	30%	39%	65%	31%	12%	35%	30%	36%
Disapprove	61%	53%	68%	59%	63%	72%	56%	57%	66%	63%	54%	32%	62%	85%	59%	64%	62%
DONT KNOW/REFUSED	6%	6%	5%	5%	6%	5%	8%	4%	3%	7%	8%	3%	6%	3%	6%	6%	3%

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

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		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+
Great deal	12%	13%	10%	13%	10%	6%	12%	15%	10%	10%	15%	26%	10%	2%	10%	13%	13%
Fair amount	34%	39%	30%	38%	27%	34%	32%	35%	32%	33%	35%	53%	32%	21%	36%	31%	34%
Not very much	30%	28%	32%	26%	35%	36%	29%	26%	32%	31%	27%	13%	33%	40%	31%	31%	28%
None at all	24%	19%	29%	22%	27%	24%	26%	23%	25%	26%	23%	8%	24%	37%	23%	25%	25%
DONT KNOW/REFUSED	0%	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	0%	1%	-	0%	-	1%	-	-	-	1%

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

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		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+
Too liberal	17%	19%	17%	18%	15%	16%	19%	18%	11%	19%	22%	30%	18%	6%	19%	22%	13%
Too conservative	43%	39%	47%	42%	44%	48%	43%	39%	58%	41%	31%	11%	41%	76%	35%	41%	56%
About right	35%	37%	32%	36%	33%	33%	30%	38%	27%	34%	42%	57%	36%	15%	40%	31%	29%
DONT KNOW/REFUSED	5%	6%	5%	4%	7%	3%	8%	5%	5%	5%	5%	3%	6%	3%	6%	6%	2%