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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 1-17, 2021 with a random sample of **-1,005—**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.

For results based on the sample of **-478—**national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is **±6** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-527—**national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error is **±5** 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 of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Dynata. 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 March 2019 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2019 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. 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>
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>
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

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>
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: Approval Supreme Court BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
			Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1005	538	467	760	221	193	259	535	454	329	215	326	390	265	401	354	227
	Weighted n	1005	487	518	655	332	285	298	408	353	282	367	287	409	287	376	362	248
Approve		407	216	190	262	141	110	115	173	126	118	161	130	167	103	175	162	64
		40%	44%	37%	40%	43%	38%	39%	42%	36%	42%	44%	45%	41%	36%	46%	45%	26%
Disapprove		536	244	292	360	166	157	161	214	215	147	173	138	213	173	171	181	175
		53%	50%	56%	55%	50%	55%	54%	52%	61%	52%	47%	48%	52%	60%	45%	50%	70%
(DK)/(Refused)		63	27	36	33	25	19	22	22	13	17	33	19	30	11	31	19	9
		6%	6%	7%	5%	7%	7%	7%	5%	4%	6%	9%	7%	7%	4%	8%	5%	4%

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

		Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
			Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1005	538	467	760	221	193	259	535	454	329	215	326	390	265	401	354	227
	Weighted n	1005	487	518	655	332	285	298	408	353	282	367	287	409	287	376	362	248
Great deal		97	55	43	54	41	19	30	47	40	24	32	33	33	29	41	34	21
		10%	11%	8%	8%	12%	7%	10%	11%	11%	9%	9%	12%	8%	10%	11%	9%	9%
Fair amount		438	206	233	289	146	134	119	178	144	129	164	141	176	114	185	168	83
		44%	42%	45%	44%	44%	47%	40%	44%	41%	46%	45%	49%	43%	40%	49%	46%	33%
Not very much		317	167	150	209	99	82	99	134	118	94	104	74	124	112	96	111	101
		32%	34%	29%	32%	30%	29%	33%	33%	33%	34%	28%	26%	30%	39%	26%	31%	41%
None at all		144	58	85	95	45	48	46	46	49	32	62	34	72	32	47	48	43
		14%	12%	16%	15%	13%	17%	15%	11%	14%	11%	17%	12%	17%	11%	13%	13%	18%
(DK)/(Refused)		9	2	7	8	1	2	4	4	2	2	5	6	3	-	7	2	-
		1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	2%	1%	-

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

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1005	538	467	760	221	193	259	535	454	329	215	326	390	265	401	354	227
	Weighted n	1005	487	518	655	332	285	298	408	353	282	367	287	409	287	376	362	248
Too liberal		203	110	93	134	68	53	81	67	43	63	98	96	81	22	128	59	16
		20%	23%	18%	21%	20%	19%	27%	16%	12%	22%	27%	33%	20%	8%	34%	16%	7%
Too conservative		367	155	213	221	140	130	93	140	172	95	99	17	152	191	28	144	187
		37%	32%	41%	34%	42%	46%	31%	34%	49%	34%	27%	6%	37%	66%	7%	40%	76%
About right		402	208	194	276	119	94	110	190	129	113	157	161	163	71	207	146	42
		40%	43%	37%	42%	36%	33%	37%	46%	37%	40%	43%	56%	40%	25%	55%	40%	17%
(DK)/(Refused)		33	15	18	23	5	8	13	12	10	11	12	13	12	4	13	13	3
		3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	5%	3%	1%	4%	4%	1%