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Some questions have already been released.

QJ1.
Base=US
Grid

Thanks, moving on to another topic now.

How much confidence do you have in each of these elements of the American justice system?

[ROWS – RANDOMIZE]

Federal law enforcement – FBI, DEA, Department of Justice, etc.

Your local law enforcement – county sheriffs, state police, etc.

Criminal courts in your state

The United States Supreme Court

[COLUMNS]

A complete lack of confidence

Not a lot of confidence

A lot of confidence

Complete confidence

Don't know

QJ2.
Base=US
Multichoice

We'd like to ask you some questions about the United States Supreme Court. Please look at the following list of names and select all those who you believe are current members of the Supreme Court.

[Show six total – randomize three from the true list and three from the false list]

[TRUE LIST]

Ketanji Brown Jackson

Amy Coney Barrett

Brett Kavanaugh

Neil Gorsuch

Elena Kagan

Sonia Sotomayor

Samuel Alito

John Roberts

Clarence Thomas

[FALSE LIST]

Rhys Warren
Bill McCollam
Karin Atkin
Ann Gravelle

QJ3.

Base=US

Single choice

In general, do you believe the Supreme Court is impartial – making decisions on cases in a fair and just manner – or biased – making decisions on cases in an unfair and unjust manner?

Completely impartial
Mostly impartial
Mostly biased
Completely biased
Not sure/ Can't say

QJ4.

Base=US

Single choice

And, in general, do you believe the majority of the justices on the United States Supreme Court lean one way or another on the political spectrum or not?

They are left leaning – more liberal than conservative
They are right leaning – more conservative than liberal
Neither left nor right
Not sure/ Can't say

QJ5.

Base=US

Single choice

In your opinion, based on what you've read, seen or heard, what do you believe is a greater consideration when it comes to the decisions the United States Supreme Court makes?

Law – as set out in the Constitution, federal law, statutes and regulations
Politics, specifically the judges' political leanings
Not sure/ Can't say

QJ6.

Base=US

Grid

Some people believe the Supreme Court needs to be reformed. Here are some examples of proposed reforms. Please indicate if you support or oppose the following:

18-year term limits for Supreme Court justices

Supreme Court justices must disclose any gifts they receive

Supreme Court justices must refrain from political activity

Supreme Court justices must recuse themselves from cases where they have a conflict of interest – financial or otherwise

Expanding the court from nine seats by adding more justices

Strongly support

Support

Oppose

Strongly oppose

Don't know/ Can't say

QJ7.

Base=US

Single choice

Earlier this year, the Supreme Court ruled that U.S. presidents have broad immunity from criminal prosecution for official actions taken while in office. Some people say this is a good thing because it protects presidents from politically motivated prosecutions. Other people say the ruling is a bad thing because it elevates the president above constitutional law.

How about you? Even if you don't agree with either entirely, please select the statement that is closer to your view:

This ruling is good – presidents should be immune from most criminal prosecutions

This ruling is bad – no one should be above the law, not even presidents

Not sure/ Can't say

QJ8.

Base=All

Single choice

Some people believe the United States Constitution should be viewed as a **“living document”** that should be interpreted and changed based on the standards and realities of modern times. Other people disagree and believe the Constitution should be **“set in stone”** and should be interpreted exactly as it was written by the founding fathers.

How about you? Even if you don't agree with either entirely, please select the statement that is closer to your view:

[Rotate top two]

The Constitution should be viewed as a “living document”

The Constitution should be “set in stone”

Not sure/ Can't say