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Yes ..... S1. Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote in [STATE]? No Don't know/Refused ..... Strong Democrat ..... P1. No matter how you may be planning to vote this year, when it comes to 26% Weak Democrat..... 8 politics, do you generally think of yourself as a strong Democrat, not very Independent / Closer to the Democrats..... 9 strong Democrat, strong Republican, not very strong Republican, or Independent..... 15 Independent? [IF INDEPENDENT/DON'T KNOW] Do you think of yourself as Independent / Closer to the Republicans ..... 13 closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party? Weak Republican ..... 7 21 Strong Republican..... VOL: (Don't know/Refused)..... 34% DEMOCRAT (NET) INDEPENDENT (NET) ..... 38 REPUBLICAN (NET) 28 DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET) ..... 43% REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET)..... Now I'm going to read a list of people and groups in public life, and I would like to get your opinion of each one. Just let me know if there's one you haven't heard of... Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of [ITEM]? [IF FAVORABLE] And is your opinion very favorable or somewhat favorable? [IF UNFAVORABLE] And is your opinion very unfavorable or somewhat unfavorable? **FAVORABLE UNFAVORABLE** NET Very (CR) (DK/Ref.) **UNFAV FAMILIAR** Some Some Very NH <u>FAV</u> • The Supreme Court of the United States 7 8 40 16 57% 24 81 Donald Trump...... 17 42 44% 94 The United States Congress...... 23 28 31 30% 59 89 Q4. Some people follow news about the Supreme Court of the United 12% Very closely ..... Somewhat closely..... 43 States closely and some people do not. How closely do you follow news Not that closely..... 27 about the Supreme Court? Not at all closely ..... 17 VOL: (Undecided/Refused)..... CLOSELY (NET) ..... 55% NOT CLOSELY (NET)..... 45 6% Q5. How would you rate the job the Supreme Court of the United States is Good..... 48 doing? 28 Not so good ..... Poor ..... 7 VOL: (Mixed/Undecided/Refused)..... 12 EXCELLENT/GOOD (NET)..... NOT GOOD/POOR (NET).....

Now, I'm going to read you the names of current Supreme Court justices. Please tell me how you would rate the job each one is doing. Here is the first one... How would you rate the job [ITEM] is doing on the Supreme Court?

	NOT EXCELLENT/GOOD GOOD/POOR					NET		
	<u>Excellent</u>	Good	Not so good	Poor	(Und)	EXCELLENT/ GOOD	NOT GOOD/POOR	
• [FORM A] Ruth Bader Ginsburg	17%	27	9	14	33	44%	23	
Clarence Thomas								
• [FORM A] John Roberts	10%	33	13	11	33	43%	24	
• [FORM B] Sonia Sotomayor	5%	35	12	4	44	40%	16	
,	11%	28	12	12	37	40%	23	
• [FORM B] Neil Gorsuch	9%	30	13	7	42	39%	20	
• [FORM A] Samuel Alito				_				
• [FORM B] Anthony Kennedy	5%	31	10	5	50	36%	14	
, ,	4%	31	16	4	45	35%	20	
• [FORM A] Elena Kagan	7%	26	9	5	52	34%	14	
● [FORM B] Stephen Breyer	3%	24	13	5	55	27%	18	
Q15. Thinking some more about the Supreme Court, over the last decade, would you say that the Supreme Court's decisions have been too liberal, too conservative, or just about right? [IF TOO LIBERAL OR TOO CONSERVATIVE] Would you say he's been much too [LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE]?			Somew Just about Somew Much to (Don't k	hat too libe out right hat too co oo conserv now/Refus	eralnservative ativesed)			
A16. [FORM A] And thinking specifically about the Supridecisions on business and economic issues, would you Supreme Court has been too liberal, too conservative, or just [IF TOO LIBERAL OR TOO CONSERVATIVE] Would you say he'd too [LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE] or just some [LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE]?	e ?	Much to Somew Just ab Somew Much to (Don't k	oo liberal hat too libe out right hat too co oo conserv now/Refus	eralnservative ativesed)	T)			
B16. [FORM B] And thinking specifically about the Supreme Court's decisions on social and cultural issues like voting rights, marriage, abortion, and guns, would you say the Supreme Court has been too liberal, too conservative, or just about right? [IF TOO LIBERAL OR TOO CONSERVATIVE] Would you say he's been much too [LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE]?			Somew Just ab Somew Much to (Don't k	hat too libe out right hat too co oo conserv now/Refus BERAL (N	eralnservative ativesed)	Τ)		

Now, I'm going to read you a list of statements about the Supreme Court. For each, I would like you to tell me if you personally agree or disagree with it. Here is the first one [ITEM]. [IF AGREE/DISAGREE] Do you strongly [AGREE/DISAGREE] or somewhat [AGREE/DISAGREE] with this statement?

	AGR	EE	DISAGREE			NET	
	Strong	Some	Some	Strong	(DK/Ref.)	AGREE	DISAGREE
• [FORM A] The Supreme Court should be subjected to as much public scrutiny as the President and Congress							
	55%	21	13	10	2	76%	23
[FORM A] The Supreme Court justices often let their own personal or political views influence their decisions	000/	00	4-7	•	_ ا	000/	
	39%	30	17	9	5	69%	26
• [FORM B] The Supreme Court is a political institution, just like the Presidency and Congress	000/	0.4	00	40	_ ا	500/	
	28%	31	20	16	5	59%	36
• [FORM B] The Supreme Court justices are independent	15%	29	24	23	8	44%	47
• [FORM A] The Supreme Court justices are too influenced by money							_
	26%	18	26	19	12	43%	45
[FORM B] The Supreme Court justices usually decide their cases based on legal analysis without regard to their own personal or political views							
	17%	25	26	27	6	41%	52
• [FORM A] The Supreme Court justices are in touch with average Americans							
	8%	23	31	33	5	31%	64
• [FORM B] The Supreme Court justices are in touch with people like me							
	7%	20	25	43	5	26%	68

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Q21. Now, I am going to read you two statements that some people are making about how Supreme Court justices are confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Please tell me which one you agree with more, even if neither are exactly right. [IF BOTH/NEITHER] But if you were forced to choose, which one do you agree with more?

It should require 60 votes to confirm a Supreme Court justice, not a simple majority of 51. 60 votes helps ensure the minority party has a say on the nominee and it is a reasonable threshold for a life-time appointment like the Supreme Court	59%
political purposes(Both)	30 1
(Neither)(Don't know/Refused)	4 6

As you may know, there is a chance that a Supreme Court justice may retire this summer and President Trump will pick a replacement.

**[FORM A – IMPORTANCE]** Now I'm going to read some descriptions, and I'd like to know how important each is to you in a Supreme Court nominee. Here's the first description... **[ITEM]**? Is this very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all to you?

**[FORM B – IMPORTANCE TO TRUMP]** Now I'm going to read some descriptions, and I'd like to know how important you think each is to President Trump when he picks his nominee. Here's the first description... **[ITEM]?** Do you think this is very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all to President Trump?

	IMPORTANT		NOT			NET	
Intelligent	<u>Very</u>	<u>Some</u>	Not <u>very</u>	Not at <u>all</u>	(DK/Ref.)	<u>IMPORTANT</u>	NOT
Form A-Importance Form B-Importance to Trump	90% 68%	8 15	1 5	1 11	* 1	98% 83%	2 16
• Fair	86%	11	2	4	4	96%	2
Form A-Importance Form B-Importance to Trump	64%	14	2 6	16	1	77%	3 22
In touch with the real world  Form A-Importance  The state of	78%	18	2	2	*	96%	4
Form B-Importance to Trump     Independent-thinking	58%	15	10	17	1	72%	27
Form A-Importance Form B-Importance to Trump	76% 53%	19 22	2 9	2 15	1 1	95% 75%	4 24
Experience as a judge  Form A-Importance	70%	25	4	1	1	95%	5
Form B-Importance to Trump	55%	24	7	12	2	79%	19
Graduate of a prestigious law school  Form A-Importance	22%	19	34	24	1	41%	58
Form B-Importance to Trump	22%	28	22	25	3	50%	47
Loyal to President Trump      Form A-Importance     Form B-Importance to Trump	19% 45%	14 17	18 9	47 29	1 1	34% 62%	65 37

Now, I'd like to know whether you support or oppose some ideas that have been proposed for the Supreme Court. Here's the first one... Do you support or oppose [ITEM]? [IF SUPPORT] And do you strongly support it or just somewhat support it? [IF OPPOSE] And do you strongly oppose it or just somewhat oppose it?

• [FORM A] [CODE OF CONDUCT] Require Supreme Court justices
to follow the Judicial Code of Conduct, the ethical code that
other federal judges are required to follow, but which Supreme
Court justices are currently exempt

	SUPP	ORT	OPF	DPPOSE NET			OPPOSE NET			T
	Strong	<u>Some</u>	Some	Strong	(DK/Ref.)	SUPPORT	<u>OPPOSE</u>			
1	71%	15	4	5	5	86%	9			

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	SUPPORT		OPPOSE			NET	
• [FORM B] [RECUSAL] Require Supreme Court justices to explain their reason for disqualifying themselves from hearing a case because they have a conflict of interest, like having a financial interest in the outcome of the case	Strong	Some	<u>Some</u>	<u>Strong</u>	(DK/Ref.)	SUPPORT	<u>OPPOSE</u>
	61%	21	7	9	3	82%	16
• [FORM A] [BLIND TRUSTS] Require Supreme Court justices to place their investments in blind trusts they don't control in order to prevent conflicts of interest in their rulings	53%	19	10	9	8	72%	20
• [FORM B] [TERM LIMIT-SPECIFIC] Abolish the practice of lifetime appointments for Supreme Court justices and instead allow justices to serve only a fixed term of 18 years, staggered in a way that a new justice is appointed every 2 years	450/	02	40	45	_	000/	07
FORM AT EXPONENTIAL OF MEDICAL Abolish the properties of lifetimes	45%	23	12	15	5	68%	27
[FORM A] [TERM LIMIT-GENERIC] Abolish the practice of lifetime appointments for Supreme Court justices and instead allow justices to serve only a fixed term	45%	23	10	16	6	68%	26
[FORM A] [CAMERAS] Allow television cameras to film the Supreme Court's proceedings and broadcast them live to the American people	45%	22	12	18	2	67%	31
• [FORM B] [AUDIO] Broadcast live audio of the Supreme Court's	4370	22	12	10	2	0170	31
proceedings over the Internet and on the radio	43%	23	12	17	4	67%	29
[FORM B] [YEAR ROUND] Require Supreme Court justices to hear cases year-round and end their current three-month break from hearing cases and issuing opinions	41%	25	15	14	4	66%	29
• [PROTECTION] Require Supreme Court justices to have round- the-clock protection like the President, Vice-President, and Speaker of the House of Representatives	28%	28	22	15	7	56%	37
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Now, I'd like to know whether you support or oppose some prominent Supreme Court decisions from the past. Here's the first one... Do you support or oppose [ITEM]? [IF SUPPORT] And do you strongly support it or just somewhat support it? [IF OPPOSE] And do you strongly oppose it or just somewhat oppose it?

	SUPPORT		OPF	OPPOSE		NET	
FORM DIFFERENCE The decision that acid recial convergation of	Strong	<u>Some</u>	<u>Some</u>	Strong	(DK/Ref.)	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
[FORM B] [BROWN] The decision that said racial segregation of students in public schools was unconstitutional, also known as Brown v. Board of Education	74%	9	3	11	3	83%	14
• [FORM A] [HELLER] The decision that said the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm, also known as Heller v. District of Columbia							
	57%	18	8	14	3	75%	22
• [FORM B] [ROE] The decision that said women had a right to abortion, also known as Roe v. Wade	56%	15	5	20	4	71%	25
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<ul> <li>[FORM A] [OBERGEFELL] The decision that said the right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples, also known as v. Hodges</li> </ul>							
	40%	15	10	30	6	55%	40
• [FORM B] [MURPHY] The decision that allows all 50 states to legalize sports gambling, also known as Murphy v. NCAA	28%	27	14	20	11	55%	34
• [NFIB] The decision that said Congress had the power to enact most provisions of Obamacare, including the mandate that most Americans buy health insurance, also known as NFIB v. Sebelius							
	25%	16	12	40	8	41%	52
• [FORM A] [CITIZENS UNITED] The decision that said corporations, non-profit organizations, and labor unions may make unlimited independent expenditures on behalf of political campaigns, also known as Citizens United v. FEC							
	10%	12	17	48	13	22%	65

Now I would like to read you pairs of statements made by supporters and opponents of issues currently before the Supreme Court, and for each, please tell me which you agree with more.

Q42. [FORM A] [TRAVEL BAN] Who do agree with more?

Some/Other people say that the government has the
authority to ban travelers from certain majority-Muslim
countries if it is necessary to protect the country
Some/Other people say that a travel ban targeting
majority-Muslim countries is wrong because it
discriminates based on a person's national origin or religion
Don't know/Refused

52%

41

Q43. [GERRYMANDERING] Who do agree with more?		Some/Other people say that it is wrong for state and local governments to draw districts based on political partisanship because it unfairly dilutes the votes of one political party	
Q44. [FORM B] [CAKE SHOP] Who do agree with more?		Some/Other people say that business owners should not be allowed to refuse service to someone based on their sexual orientation because it is discriminatory and will gut laws that prevent businesses from discriminating against customers based on race, gender, and religion	
<b>Q45</b> . In the 2016 election for President, did you support Democrat Hillary Clinton, Republican Donald Trump or another candidate?	VOL: VOL: VOL:	Donald Trump       41         (Other)       13         (Did not vote)       4	3
D101. In what year were you born?	VOL:	18-29       16         30-44       23         45-54       16         55-64       17         65+       22         (Refused)       6	6 7 2
D102. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?	VOL:	Graduated high school	4 3 4 2
D103. Are you or is anyone in your household an active or retired member of a labor union? [IF YES] Is that you or someone else in your household?	VOL: VOL:	Yes-Household member         5           (Yes-Both)         2           No         82           (Don't know/Refused)         2	0% 5 2 2 2

D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:	VOL:	Very liberal	12% 16 30 21 17 4 28% 38
D130. Do you or any members of your household own a gun? [IF YES] Is that you or someone else in your household?	VOL:	Yes-Respondent	19% 10 16 50 5
D140. How would you describe the area where you live - is it a city, a suburban area, a small town, or a rural area?	VOL:	City Suburban area Small town Rural area (Don't know/Refused)	26% 28 23 19 3
D300. To ensure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me your race? [IF BLACK/WHITE/OTHER] Do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?	VOL:	Black/African-American White/Caucasian Hispanic/Latino Asian-American Native American Other (Refused)	12% 71 9 2 1 1
Gender [BY OBSERVATION]		Male Female	47% 53
Region [FROM SAMPLE]		Northeast	18% 23 38 21