



# Fix the Court

## Agenda of Key Findings

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## Methodology

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PSB conducted online interviews from October 19- 22, 2018 among n=1,000 U.S. likely voters. The margin of error for this study is +/- 3.10% at the 95% confidence level and larger for subgroups. Some percentages may add to more or less than 100% due to rounding.

## Definition of Crosstabs

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Crosstab		Definition	% total
(% ) U.S. Likely Voters		All likely voters interviewed: age 18+ and say they are registered to vote and will “definitely” vote in the November 2018 election for federal, state, local, and other offices	100
Gender	M	Male	47
	F	Female	53
Age	<35	Age 18-34	27
	35-49	Age 35-49	29
	50-64	Age 50-64	28
	65+	Age 65+	16
Party	D	Regardless of registration, those who consider themselves a Democrat	32
	R	Regardless of registration, those who consider themselves a Republican	29
	I	Regardless of registration, those who consider themselves an independent or something else	39
Region	NE	Lives in the Northeast	18
	MW	Lives in the Midwest	24
	S	Lives in the South	38
	W	Lives in the West	20

## Key Findings

### 1. Which comes closer to your view?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
The Supreme Court nomination and confirmation process is broken	<b>58</b>	53	63	52	62	64	50	75	35	61	53	60	59	59
The Supreme Court nomination and confirmation process is working as our nation's founders intended	<b>42</b>	47	37	48	38	36	50	25	65	39	47	40	41	41

### 2. Would you support or oppose restrictions on length of service for U.S. Supreme Court Justices, for example, setting a retirement age or capping total years of service?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>78</b>	76	80	82	79	77	72	81	76	76	73	77	81	78
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>23</b>	24	20	19	21	23	28	18	24	24	27	23	18	23
Strongly support	<b>44</b>	43	46	44	41	49	44	50	40	43	41	45	42	51
Somewhat support	<b>34</b>	33	34	38	38	28	28	31	36	33	32	32	39	27
Somewhat oppose	<b>12</b>	10	13	13	12	8	14	11	13	11	12	10	11	14
Strongly oppose	<b>11</b>	14	7	6	9	15	14	7	11	13	15	13	7	9

### 3. **ASKED AMONG THOSE WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES DEMOCRAT OR INDEPENDENT/SOMETHING ELSE:** For this next question, please imagine that in the 2020 Presidential Election, Democrats win control of Congress (US Senate & House of Representatives) and the White House. In this scenario, it is possible that elected officials may consider making institutional changes related to the Supreme Court. Of the following, which would you prefer?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
Add term limits so that any new Supreme Court Justices can only serve up to 18 years	<b>67</b>	67	67	67	66	67	72	58	-	75	62	72	66	70
Add additional Justices to the Supreme Court to counterbalance those picked by President Trump	<b>33</b>	33	33	33	34	33	28	42	-	25	38	28	34	30

4. **ASKED AMONG THOSE WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES DEMOCRAT:**  
 For this next question, please imagine that in the 2020 Presidential Election, Democrats win control of Congress (US Senate & House of Representatives) and the White House. In this scenario, it is possible that elected officials may consider making institutional changes related to the Supreme Court. Of the following, which would you prefer?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
Add term limits so that any new Supreme Court Justices can only serve up to 18 years	<b>58</b>	60	57	66	55	53	60	58	-	-	50	63	58	60
Add additional Justices to the Supreme Court to counterbalance those picked by President Trump	<b>42</b>	40	43	34	45	47	40	42	-	-	50	37	42	40

5. **ASKED AMONG THOSE WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES INDEPENDENT OR SOMETHING ELSE:** For this next question, please imagine that in the 2020 Presidential Election, Democrats win control of Congress (US Senate & House of Representatives) and the White House. In this scenario, it is possible that elected officials may consider making institutional changes related to the Supreme Court. Of the following, which would you prefer?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
Add term limits so that any new Supreme Court Justices can only serve up to 18 years	<b>75</b>	72	77	68	74	79	83	-	-	75	72	79	72	77
Add additional Justices to the Supreme Court to counterbalance those picked by President Trump	<b>25</b>	28	23	32	26	21	17	-	-	25	28	21	28	23

## Demographics

6. In what state do you currently reside? **(REGION CODED BASED ON STATE)**

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
NORTHEAST	<b>18</b>	20	17	16	20	18	17	19	17	18	100	-	-	-
MIDWEST	<b>24</b>	25	23	22	22	24	33	24	22	25	-	100	-	-
SOUTH	<b>38</b>	36	40	41	39	36	35	37	41	37	-	-	100	-
WEST	<b>20</b>	20	20	21	18	23	16	20	20	20	-	-	-	100

7. Would describe the area where your neighborhood is located as urban, suburban, or rural?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
Urban	<b>26</b>	30	22	34	26	23	17	32	22	23	28	19	25	33
Suburban	<b>52</b>	53	52	51	55	52	50	52	50	55	51	57	51	52
Rural	<b>22</b>	17	26	15	19	26	32	16	28	22	21	25	24	15

8. What is your gender?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
Male	<b>47</b>	100	-	43	45	51	50	42	49	50	51	48	44	46
Female	<b>53</b>	-	100	57	55	49	50	58	51	50	49	52	56	54

9. What is your age? **(CODED)**

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
18-24	<b>11</b>	8	14	41	-	-	-	12	10	11	9	10	11	12
25-34	<b>16</b>	17	15	59	-	-	-	16	14	17	15	14	18	17
35-49	<b>29</b>	28	30	-	100	-	-	29	25	32	33	26	30	27
50-64	<b>28</b>	30	26	-	-	100	-	28	29	27	28	28	26	32
65 and over	<b>16</b>	17	15	-	-	-	100	15	22	13	15	22	15	13

10. Regardless of how you might be registered to vote, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
Democrat	<b>32</b>	28	35	33	32	32	29	100	-	-	33	33	31	32
Republican	<b>29</b>	30	28	26	25	31	39	-	100	-	27	26	32	29
Independent	<b>36</b>	39	34	39	39	35	30	-	-	93	38	38	35	36
Other (specify)	<b>3</b>	2	3	2	4	2	1	-		7	2	3	2	3

11. **AMONG THOSE WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES DEMOCRAT:** Would you say you are a strong Democrat or do you lean Democrat?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
Strong Democrat	<b>69</b>	72	68	73	67	70	68	69	-	-	72	67	68	73
Lean Democrat	<b>31</b>	28	32	27	33	30	32	31	-	-	28	33	32	27

12. **AMONG THOSE WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES REPUBLICAN:** Would you say you are a strong Republican or do you lean Republican?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
Strong Republican	<b>61</b>	64	59	63	62	60	61	-	61	-	61	60	60	67
Lean Republican	<b>39</b>	36	41	37	38	40	39	-	39	-	39	40	40	33

13. **AMONG THOSE WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES INDEPENDENT OR SOMETHING ELSE:** Do you tend to...

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
Lean Democrat	<b>35</b>	32	38	33	37	36	33	-	-	35	45	34	30	35
Lean Republican	<b>32</b>	34	29	31	27	32	42	-	-	32	26	28	36	34
Neither	<b>33</b>	34	33	36	36	32	25	-	-	33	29	38	34	31

14. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself...?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
Liberal	<b>26</b>	21	30	33	24	24	21	52	3	21	31	23	22	32
Moderate	<b>41</b>	41	41	40	47	43	29	36	29	54	41	44	42	35
Conservative	<b>32</b>	36	27	27	27	31	49	11	67	22	26	31	35	31
Other (specify)	<b>1</b>	2	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	3	1	1	1	2

15. Which of the following best describes your ethnicity?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
White, Caucasian, European-American, European	<b>75</b>	72	77	58	75	82	90	61	87	77	75	84	72	68
Black, African-American, Caribbean-American, African	<b>12</b>	13	12	17	15	9	5	25	2	10	11	9	18	6
Hispanic, Latino	<b>8</b>	9	7	18	5	4	2	8	9	7	9	3	8	13
Asian, Asian-American	<b>3</b>	3	3	6	4	1	1	5	1	3	4	2	1	7
Native American, American Indian	<b>1</b>	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Other	<b>1</b>	2	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	3

16. **AMONG THOSE WHO SAY WHITE, BLACK, OR SOMETHING ELSE:** Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic or Latino descent?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
Yes	<b>3</b>	3	4	6	4	2	1	4	3	4	3	2	4	5
No	<b>97</b>	97	96	94	96	98	99	96	97	96	97	98	96	95

17. **RACE (CODED BASED ON RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS)**

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
WHITE	<b>72</b>	70	74	54	72	80	88	59	84	74	73	83	69	64
BLACK	<b>12</b>	13	11	17	14	9	5	24	2	10	10	9	17	6
HISPANIC	<b>11</b>	12	10	22	9	7	3	11	12	10	11	5	12	17
OTHER	<b>5</b>	6	4	7	5	4	3	6	2	6	5	3	2	12

18. Are you or is anyone in your family a member of a teacher or educational union, a public employee union, or a member of a trade or industrial union?  
**(MULTIPLE RESPONSES PERMITTED)**

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
Yes – teacher or education union	<b>8</b>	8	8	8	6	9	12	6	7	11	10	7	9	8
Yes – public employee union	<b>4</b>	5	4	8	3	4	2	6	4	3	4	5	5	3
Yes – trade or industrial union	<b>4</b>	3	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	2	7	2	4
Yes – service union	<b>3</b>	2	3	4	3	1	1	3	2	2	3	1	3	3
No	<b>82</b>	83	82	78	84	84	82	83	84	81	79	81	84	82
Don't know	<b>1</b>	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	2	3	0	0

19. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
No high school diploma	<b>1</b>	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	2
High school graduate	<b>19</b>	15	22	21	16	20	18	22	20	15	15	22	21	16
Some college or 2-year college graduate	<b>35</b>	33	37	27	34	44	33	34	37	34	31	38	34	35
4-year college graduate	<b>29</b>	32	26	37	31	20	25	26	28	32	36	29	26	27
Post-graduate degree	<b>16</b>	20	13	13	19	14	22	16	14	18	18	11	17	20



## General Election Likely Voter Screens

20. Are you 18 years old or older and an American citizen?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
Yes	<b>100</b>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
No	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

\*By definition, all likely voters had to say they are 18 years old or older and an American citizen

21. Are you or is an immediate family member employed by...

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
Advertising, marketing, or public relations agency	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
A bank or credit or credit union	<b>2</b>	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2
A media outlet, such as a newspaper, blog, or TV station	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Realtor, real estate broker or sales agent	<b>1</b>	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0
A market research, polling, or political consulting company	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
A retail store or outlet	<b>4</b>	4	5	7	3	4	3	4	4	5	2	6	4	5
None of the above	<b>94</b>	95	93	91	96	93	96	95	94	92	95	93	94	93

\*By definition, excluded those who said they or an immediate family member are employed by an advertising, marketing, or public relations agency; a media outlet, such as a newspaper, blog, or TV station; or a market research, polling, or political consulting company

22. Are you currently registered to vote?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
Yes	<b>100</b>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
No	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

\*By definition, all likely voters had to say they are currently registered to vote

23. How likely are you to vote in the November 2018 election for federal, state, local, and other offices? Will you...?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
Definitely vote	<b>100</b>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Probably vote	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Might or might not vote	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Probably not vote	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Definitely not vote	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

\*By definition, all likely voters had to say they will definitely vote in the November 2018 election

24. Thinking about the next election, are you likely to cast your ballot...?

U.S. Likely Voters (%)		Gender		Age				Party			Region			
		M	F	<35	35-49	50-64	65+	D	R	I	NE	MW	S	W
On Election Day, Tuesday, November 6	<b>65</b>	70	60	70	71	62	50	66	65	62	90	71	61	41
Before Election Day	<b>34</b>	29	38	29	27	38	48	34	33	35	9	29	36	58
Don't know / unsure	<b>2</b>	1	3	2	3	0	2	0	1	3	1	1	3	1