

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL POLL

Z4372 June Supreme Court Survey 2026

SECTION S: SCREENER

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[SECTION S WAS UPDATED TO FOLLOW THE CURRENT PROB PANEL SOP]

PN: [NEW SCREEN] – Intro screen for all.

PN: Insert incentive language (in parentheses) if Prob Panel.

PN: FORCE RESPONSE

SHOW ALL

WelcomeScreen. Thank you for being a valued member of the SSRS Opinion Panel. We are pleased to send you our invitation for this survey.

In appreciation of your time, **if you qualify you will receive <<\$INSERT>> in compensation** via an electronic gift code immediately upon completion of this survey.

Please click 'Next >>' to begin your survey.

PN: FORCE RESPONSE

ASK ALL

S1. We value your opinions and appreciate your participation in this survey!

Please use care when answering the following questions. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement.

I will read each question thoroughly and I will respond to all questions thoughtfully and honestly.

- 1 I agree
- 2 I disagree (TERMINATE)

PN: FORCE RESPONSE

ASK ALL

S2. What is your age?

_____ **PN: Acceptable range is 18-98**

99 Prefer not to say

PN: Ask S2a if S2=Prefer not to say (99)

PN: FORCE RESPONSE

ASK IF AGE NOT GIVEN (S2=99)

S2a. Are you...

- 0 Under 18
- 1 18-24
- 2 25-29
- 3 30-44
- 4 45-49
- 5 50-64
- 6 65+
- 9 Prefer not to say (TERMINATE)

PN: If under 18 in S2 or S2a, TERMINATE.

PN: Only qualified respondents continue here. All others TERMINATE.

SECTION A: FAMILY BACKGROUND

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

A1. Which group describes your marital status?

- 1 Single, that is, never married
- 2 Single, living with a partner
- 3 Married
- 4 Separated
- 5 Widowed
- 6 Divorced
- 999 Web Blank

PN: ASK IF 2-5 IN A1

[NEW QUESTION]

A2. Have you ever been divorced?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

A3. How many children do you have who are **18 years old or older**?

- 0 None
- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six or more
- 999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

A4. How many children do you have who are **17 years old or younger**?

- 0 None
- 1 One
- 2 Two
- 3 Three
- 4 Four
- 5 Five
- 6 Six or more
- 999 Web Blank

PN: ASK IF 1-6 IN A3

[NEW QUESTION]

A5. How many of your adult children 18 or over live within 50 miles of your home?

- 0. None
- 1. One
- 2. Two
- 3. Three
- 4. Four
- 5. Five
- 6. Six or more
- 999 Web Blank

PN: ASK IF 1-6 IN A3

[NEW QUESTION]

A6. How many of your adult children 18 or over live more than 50 miles from your home?

0. None
 1. One
 2. Two
 3. Three
 4. Four
 5. Five
 6. Six or more
- 999 Web Blank

PN: ASK IF NOT 0 in A3 OR NOT 0 in A4

[NEW QUESTION]

A7. How many grandchildren do you have?

0. None
 1. One
 2. Two
 3. Three
 4. Four
 5. Five
 6. Six or more
- 999 Web Blank

SECTION B: OVERALL POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

ASK ALL

[A1 IN Z4370]

B1. Some people seem to follow what's going on in politics most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. How often do you follow what's going on in politics...?

- 1 Most of the time
 - 2 Some of the time
 - 3 Only now and then
 - 4 Hardly at all
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[A3 IN Z4370]

B2. What are the chances that you will vote in the November 2026 general election for congressional and state offices-- are you absolutely certain to vote, very likely to vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

- 1 Absolutely certain to vote

- 2 Very likely to vote
 - 3 Chances are 50-50
 - 4 Don't think will vote
 - 5 Not eligible to vote
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

PN Randomize response order 1-2/2-1 in B3. Record order in data.

[A4 IN Z4370]

B3. If the election for Congress were held today, would you vote for the (Democratic) candidate in your district or the (Republican) candidate in your district?

- 1 Democratic candidate
 - 2 Republican candidate
 - 3 Neither
 - 4 Would not vote
- 999 *Web Blank*

PN: Insert start time stamp.

ASK ALL

[D1 IN Z4370]

B4. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

- 1 Strongly approve
 - 2 Somewhat approve
 - 3 Somewhat disapprove
 - 4 Strongly disapprove
- 999 *Web Blank*

PN: Randomize order of B5-B6. Save order in data.

ASK ALL

[X1 IN Z4370]

B5. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

- 1 Just about always
 - 2 Most of the time
 - 3 Only some of the time
 - 4 Never
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[X2 IN Z4370]

B6. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or most people can't be trusted?

- 1 Most people can be trusted
 - 2 Most people can't be trusted
- 999 Web Blank

SECTION C: INSTITUTIONS

ASK ALL

PN: Randomize order of C1-C18, Save order in data; Show as grid.

[NEW QUESTIONS]

C1-C18. Here is a list of institutions in American society. How much confidence do you have in each one?

		A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little	None at all
C1.	The U.S. Supreme Court	1	2	3	4	5
C2.	Congress	1	2	3	4	5
C3.	The executive branch of the federal government	1	2	3	4	5
C4.	The U.S. Department of Justice	1	2	3	4	5
C5.	The police	1	2	3	4	5
C6.	Your state legislature	1	2	3	4	5
C7.	The American people in electing leaders	1	2	3	4	5
C8.	The national news media	1	2	3	4	5
C9.	Your local news media	1	2	3	4	5
C10.	Your local schools	1	2	3	4	5
C11.	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	1	2	3	4	5
C12.	Your doctor	1	2	3	4	5
C13.	The U.S. military	1	2	3	4	5
C14.	Business leaders	1	2	3	4	5
C15.	Companies developing artificial intelligence (AI)	1	2	3	4	5
C16.	Colleges and universities	1	2	3	4	5
C17.	The people who administer elections in your state	1	2	3	4	5
C18.	Facebook	1	2	3	4	5

SECTION D: TRUST

ASK ALL

PN Randomize response order 1-2/2-1 in D1. Save order in data

[NEW QUESTION]

- D1. Do you think most people (would try to take advantage of you if they got a chance) or (would try to be fair to you no matter what)?
1. Would try to take advantage of you if they got a chance
 2. Would try to be fair to you no matter what
- 999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

PN Randomize response order 1-2/2-1 in D2. Save order in data

[NEW QUESTION]

- D2. Would you say that most of the time people (try to help others) or (just look out for themselves)?
1. Try to help others
 2. Just look out for themselves
- 999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

PN Randomize response order 1-2/2-1 in D3. Keep 3 last. Save order in data

[NEW QUESTION]

- D3. Would you say Americans' level of trust in one another has been (growing) or (shrinking) or staying about the same?
1. Growing
 2. Shrinking
 3. Staying about the same
- 999 Web blank

ASK ALL

PN Randomize response order 1-2/2-1 in D4. Save order in data

[NEW QUESTION]

- D4. Is it better to (trust people until they prove untrustworthy), or to (not trust people until they prove they can be trusted)?
- 1 Trust people until they prove untrustworthy
 - 2 Not trust people until they prove they can be trusted
- 999 Web blank

ASK ALL

PN: Randomize order of D5-D19, Store order in data; Show as grid.

[NEW QUESTION]

D5-D19. How much can you trust the following people?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not very much	Not at all
D5. Your immediate family	1	2	3	4
D6. People you work with	1	2	3	4
D7. Casual acquaintances you see a few times a year	1	2	3	4
D8. People you attend religious services with	1	2	3	4
D9. Business people you buy goods or services from	1	2	3	4
D10. A stranger who strikes up a conversation with you	1	2	3	4
D11. Someone you don't know who knocks on your door in the afternoon	1	2	3	4
D12. Someone you recognize from your neighborhood	1	2	3	4
D13. A candidate for local school board or city council	1	2	3	4
D14. Teachers in your local schools	1	2	3	4
D15. State elected officials such as state legislators	1	2	3	4
D16. Federal elected officials such as members of Congress	1	2	3	4

D17. Someone you don't know who phones you to sell you something	1	2	3	4
D18. Financial advisors at your bank or other financial institution	1	2	3	4
D19. The leaders of your religious institution	1	2	3	4

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SECTION E: HISTORICAL FIGURES

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

PN: Ask E1 first, then randomize order of E2-E8; Store order in data

E1-E8. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people or haven't you heard enough yet to have an opinion?

(Please select one response for each.)

		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Haven't heard enough
E1.	George Washington	1	2	3	4	5
E2.	Benjamin Franklin	1	2	3	4	5
E3.	Thomas Jefferson	1	2	3	4	5
E4.	Alexander Hamilton	1	2	3	4	5
E5.	Benedict Arnold	1	2	3	4	5
E6.	Aaron Burr	1	2	3	4	5
E7.	James Madison	1	2	3	4	5
E8.	John Adams	1	2	3	4	5

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SECTION F: SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

F1. How much have you read or heard about the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776?

1. A lot
 2. Some
 3. Nothing at all
- 999 Web blank

ASK ALL

Rotate order of 1-4/4-1; Store order in data

[NEW QUESTION]

F2. How interested are you personally in the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence?

1. Very interested
 2. Fairly interested
 3. Not too interested
 4. Not at all interested
- 999 Web blank

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

F3. Have you recently watched any TV shows or movies about the American revolution in 1776?

1. Yes
 2. No
- 999 Web blank

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

F4. Have you recently read articles or books about the American revolution in 1776?

1. Yes
 2. No
- 999 Web blank

ASK ALL

Rotate order of 1-4/4-1; Store order in data

[NEW QUESTION]

F5. Looking at America, how much do you think we have succeeded over these 250 years in achieving the ideals for which this country was founded, as you understand them?

1. A great deal
2. A fair amount
3. Not very much
4. Not at all

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ASK ALL

Rotate order of 1-4/4-1; Store order in data

[NEW QUESTION]

F6. How proud are you of who we are as a country?

1. Very proud
2. Somewhat proud
3. Not very proud
4. Not at all proud

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ASK ALL

Rotate order of 1-4/4-1; Store order in data

[NEW QUESTION]

F7. How optimistic are you about our country's future as a democracy?

1. Very optimistic
2. Somewhat optimistic
3. Not very optimistic
4. Not at all optimistic

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ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

F8. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Generally speaking, America is a better country than most other countries?

1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Somewhat disagree
4. Strongly disagree

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SECTION G: INTERACTIONS WITH OTHERS

ASK ALL

PN: Randomize order of G1-G12, Store order in data; Show as grid.

[NEW QUESTION]

G1-G12. How often do you do the following things?

	Every day	A few times a week	A few times a month	A few times a year	Never
G1. Start a conversation with a stranger, such as when you are waiting in line	1	2	3	4	5
G2. Say hello to a stranger in passing	1	2	3	4	5
G3. Spend a social evening with relatives	1	2	3	4	5
G4. Spend a social evening with friends	1	2	3	4	5
G5. Spend the evening at home with your family	1	2	3	4	5
G6. Take care of a grandchild <i>[PN: SHOW G6 ONLY IF A7=1-6]</i>	1	2	3	4	5
G7. Take care of a niece or nephew	1	2	3	4	5
G8. Take care of a grandparent	1	2	3	4	5
G9. Have a parent or grandparent take care of your child <i>[PN: SHOW G9 ONLY IF A4=1-6]</i>	1	2	3	4	5
G10. Take care of a parent	1	2	3	4	5
G11. Use a dating app to meet people	1	2	3	4	5
G12. Go on a date with someone	1	2	3	4	5

ASK ALL

PN: Randomize order of G13-G27, Store order in data; Show as grid.

[NEW QUESTION]

G13-G26. In each of the following settings, how often do you interact with other people outside of your immediate family?

	Once a week or more	A few times a month	Once a month	A few times a year	Never
G13. At religious services	1	2	3	4	5
G14. At work	1	2	3	4	5
G15. At a bar or tavern	1	2	3	4	5
G16. In a social organization or club	1	2	3	4	5
G17. At parties or meals organized by yourself	1	2	3	4	5
G18. At parties or meals organized by others	1	2	3	4	5
G19. Attending sporting events	1	2	3	4	5
G20. In a class or group that meets for some purpose such as knitting or a book club	1	2	3	4	5
G21. At neighborhood events or parks	1	2	3	4	5
G22. On social media	1	2	3	4	5
G23. On a telephone call	1	2	3	4	5
G24. Through text messages	1	2	3	4	5

G25. Visiting someone's home	1	2	3	4	5
G26. Through your child's school [PN: SHOW G26 ONLY IF A4=1-6]	1	2	3	4	5
G27. At a coffee shop or restaurant	1	2	3	4	5

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ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

G28. How often do you use your phone rather than talk to people around you?

1. Almost all the time
2. Most of the time
3. Sometimes
4. Not very often
5. Never

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SECTION H: FINANCIAL SITUATION

ASK ALL

[K12 IN Z4370]

H1. Thinking about your family's financial situation, would you say you are living comfortably, just getting by, or struggling to make ends meet?

- 1 Living comfortably
- 2 Just getting by
- 3 Struggling

999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

H2. During the last few years, has your financial situation been getting better, worse, or has it stayed the same?

1. Getting better
2. Getting worse

3. Stayed the same
999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

H3. Compared to your parents when you were growing up, do you think your own standard of living now is better or worse than theirs was?

1. Much better
2. Somewhat better
3. About the same
4. Somewhat worse
5. Much worse

999 *Web Blank*

SECTION J: MEDIA ITEMS

ASK ALL

[M1 IN Z4370, BUT ITEM 10 IS NEW]

J1. Which of the following sites or apps, if any, have you used in the past week? (**Choose all that apply**)

- 1 Facebook
- 2 YouTube
- 3 Instagram
- 4 TikTok
- 5 X (formerly Twitter)
- 6 Reddit
- 7 Snapchat
- 8 Bluesky
- 9 Truth Social
- 10 A dating app
- 11 None of these

999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[M2 IN Z4370]

J2. Which of the following, if any, have you read, watched, or listened to in the past month for information about political news and current affairs? **(Choose all that apply)**

- 1 Local TV news
 - 2 Your local newspaper, online or in print
 - 3 Local radio station
 - 4 Social media such as YouTube, TikTok, X (Twitter)
 - 5 Fox News
 - 6 ABC News
 - 7 CBS News
 - 8 NBC News
 - 9 CNN
 - 10 MS Now (MSNBC)
 - 11 Public radio or public television, NPR or PBS
 - 12 Podcasts such as Pod Save America or The Ben Shapiro Show
 - 13 National newspapers online or in print such as the Wall Street Journal, New York Times or Washington Post
 - 14 Newsmax
 - 15 OAN
 - 16 BBC
 - 17 Something else
 - 18 None of these
- 999 *Web Blank*

SECTION K: RELIGION

ASK ALL

[Z3 IN Z4370]

K1. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

- 1 More than once a week
 - 2 Once a week
 - 3 Once or twice a month
 - 4 A few times a year
 - 5 Seldom
 - 6 Never
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[Z4 IN Z4370]

K2. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

- 1 Yes, would
 - 2 No, would not
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

K3. Outside of religious services, how often do you pray?

1. Several times a day
2. Once a day
3. A few times a week
4. A few times a month
5. Seldom
6. Never

999 Web blank

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

K4. Outside of religious services, how often do you read scripture?

1. Several times a day
2. Once a day
3. A few times a week
4. A few times a month
5. Seldom
6. Never

999 Web blank

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

K5. When you were 12-17 years old, how often did you attend religious services?

- 1 More than once a week
- 2 Once a week
- 3 Once or twice a month
- 4 A few times a year
- 5 Seldom
- 6 Never

999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

K6. How important is it for children to attend religious services when they are 12-17 years old?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not too important
4. Not at all important

999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

K7. How important was religion in your life when you were 12-17 years old?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not too important
4. Not at all important

999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

K8. How important is religion in your life now?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not too important
4. Not at all important

999 *Web Blank*

PN: ASK IF 3 IN A1

[NEW QUESTION]

K9. How often does your spouse attend religious services?

1. More than once a week
2. Once a week
3. Once or twice a month
4. A few times a year
5. Seldom
6. Never

999 *Web Blank*

PN: ASK IF 3 IN A1

[NEW QUESTION]

K10. Do you and your spouse share the same religious faith?

1. Yes
2. No

999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

K11. How important is it for children to learn moral values through religion?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not too important
4. Not at all important

999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

K12. How important is it for children to learn moral values apart from religion?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not too important
4. Not at all important

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SECTION Z: DEMOGRAPHICS

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ASK ALL

[Z6 IN Z4370]

Z1. In the past 12 months, how often did you have a conversation or spend time with your neighbors?

- 1 Basically, every day
- 2 A few times a week
- 3 A few times a month
- 4 Once a month
- 5 Less than once a month
- 6 Not at all

999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[Z7 IN Z4370]

Z2. In the past 12 months, did you spend any time volunteering for any organization or association?

(This includes activities you may do infrequently or for children's schools or youth organizations.)

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL
[Z1 IN Z4370]

Z3. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

- 1 Republican
 - 2 Democrat
 - 3 Independent
 - 4 Other/No preference
- 999 *Web Blank*

PN: If 1 or 2 in Z3, ask Z3A. Otherwise, skip to Z3B.

ASK IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT (Z3= 1 OR 2)
[Z2A IN Z4370]

Z3A. Would you call yourself a strong [IF Z3=1: Republican] [IF Z3=2: Democrat], or a not very strong [IF Z3=1: Republican] [IF Z3=2: Democrat]?

- 1 Strong
 - 2 Not very strong
- 999 *Web Blank*

PN: If 3 or 4 in Z3, ask Z3B.

ASK IF INDEPENDENT OR OTHER (Z3= 3 OR 4)
[Z2B IN Z4370]

Z3B. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

- 1 Republican
 - 2 Democratic
 - 3 Neither
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL
[Z5 IN Z4370]

Z4. Generally speaking, how would you describe your political views?

- 1 Very conservative
 - 2 Somewhat conservative
 - 3 Moderate
 - 4 Somewhat liberal
 - 5 Very liberal
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

Rotate 1-5/5-1, Store order in data.

[NEW QUESTION]

Z5. If you were asked to use one of five names for your social class, which would you say you belong in?

- 1 The lower class
- 2 The working class
- 3 The middle class
- 4 The upper middle class
- 5 The upper class
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[GE2024 IN Z4370]

GE2024. Did you vote in the general election in 2024?

- 1 Yes, did vote in the 2024 general election
- 2 No, did not vote in the 2024 general election
- 999 Web Blank

PN: Ask Z6 if voted in 2024 (GE2024=1)

PN: Rotate responses 1-2/2-1, include rotate in data file.

PN: Rotate responses 3-5/5-3, include rotate in data file

PN: If the web respondent initially tries to skip, prompt once for completion: "Your answers are important to us, and we don't want someone else to speak for you. Keeping in mind that this is a confidential survey, we'd really appreciate it if you would tell us who you voted for in 2024."

Allow the respondent to continue if they skip again.

PN: Add variable "SKIP_Z6" to flag if the R initially tried to skip this questions (SKIP_Z6=1); include variable in data file.

[Z8 IN Z4370]

Z6. Which presidential candidate did you vote for in 2024?

- 1 Kamala Harris
- 2 Donald Trump
- 3 Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
- 4 Chase Oliver
- 5 Jill Stein
- 6 Another candidate
- 7 Did not vote in that election
- 999 *Web Blank*

PN: Insert end time stamp.