

Marquette Law School Supreme Court Poll – September 8-15, 2020

(Additional items, and complete instrument, held for later release.)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. This survey is being conducted on behalf of Marquette University.

We're conducting a survey about your views on issues facing the country today. Your participation is completely voluntary and your responses will be kept confidential. No one will ever try to sell you anything as a result of your responses.

Q3.

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

- A. The US Supreme Court
- B. Congress
- C. The Presidency
- D. Your state Supreme Court or highest court in your state

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1. A great deal
- 2. Quite a lot
- 3. Some
- 4. Very little
- 5. None at all

Q8.

Of the three branches of US government, which one do you trust the most?

RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1. The US Congress (the legislative branch)
- 2. The Presidency (the executive branch)
- 3. The US Supreme Court (the judicial branch)

Q9.

If the election for president were being held today and the candidates were [IF RND_00=0: Joe Biden, the Democrat, Donald Trump, the Republican,] [IF RND_00=1: Donald Trump, the Republican, Joe Biden, the Democrat,] Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian, and Howie Hawkins, the Green Party, for whom would you vote?

RESPONSE OPTIONS

- 1. Biden
- 2. Trump
- 3. Jorgensen

4. Hawkins
5. Vote for someone else
6. Would not vote

Q12.

If the Supreme Court rules against the president in a case, does the president have the power to ignore that ruling, or is the president required to do as the ruling says?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. The president has the power to ignore the ruling
2. The president is required to do as the ruling says

Q13.

Does the Supreme Court have the power to review laws passed by Congress and to declare them invalid if they conflict with the Constitution?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes, the Supreme Court has this power
2. No, the Supreme Court does not have this power

Q14.

When Congress fails to act, should the president have the power to make laws on his own?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes, president should be able to make laws
2. No, president should not be able to make laws

Q35.

How much do you favor or oppose the following proposals affecting the Supreme Court?

- A. Increase the number of justices on the US Supreme Court
- B. Have judges serve a fixed term on the court rather than serving life terms
- C. Limit the ability of the Supreme Court to review and set aside acts of Congress as unconstitutional

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Strongly favor
2. Favor
3. Oppose
4. Strongly oppose

Q56.

Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way the US Supreme Court is handling its job?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Strongly approve
2. Somewhat approve

3. Somewhat disapprove
4. Strongly disapprove

D1.

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

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Republican
2. Democrat
3. Independent
4. Other/No preference

D2A.

Would you call yourself a strong [IF D1=1: Republican] [IF D1=2: Democrat] or a not very strong [IF D1=1: Republican] [IF D1=2: Democrat]?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Strong
2. Not very strong

D2B.

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

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Republican
2. Democratic
3. Neither

D3.

Before the coronavirus pandemic, aside from weddings and funerals, how often did you attend religious services?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

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

D4.

What is your religious preference?

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Protestant

2. Roman Catholic
3. Other Christian Religion
4. Mormon/Latter-Day Saints
5. Jewish
6. Muslim/Islam
7. Other Non-Christian Religion
8. No Religion

D5.

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

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1. Yes, would
2. No, would not

D6.

In general, would you describe your political views as...?

RESPONSE OPTIONS

IF RND_05=0, SHOW ORDER 1,2,3,4,5

IF RND_05=1, SHOW ORDER 5,4,3,2,1

1. Very conservative
2. Conservative
3. Moderate
4. Liberal
5. Very liberal