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July Court Survey

SECTION 5: SCREENER

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SHOW ALL

Welcome Back to the SSRS Opinion Panel! We would like to ask you some questions that you will find quite interesting.

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

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

SHOW ALL

Thank you for your help with this important poll. It should take you about 7 minutes to complete the survey. (If you complete the survey, you will be provided \$5.00 as a thank you for your time and opinions.)

All information you provide will be kept confidential and your name will never be associated with your answers.

Please answer each question to the best of your ability. When you answer the questions, please be as detailed as you can, and please try to make your answers complete.

The survey you are about to take is best experienced on a PC, Laptop or Tablet. You will still be able to take the survey on a smaller screen or mobile device, however; you may need to scroll to the left, right, up, or down. If taking this survey on a mobile device, we recommend that you turn your phone to "landscape".

ASK ALL

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

Please use care when answering the following questions. Should our quality checks determine that you have not provided thoughtful attention to this survey, you may be disqualified and forfeit the associated rewards. 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)

ASK ALL

S2. What is your age?

_____ (Enter age 18-98)

99 Prefer not to say

PN: Ask S2a if S2=Prefer not to say.

ASK IF AGE NOT GIVEN

S2a. Are you...

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

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

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

ASK ALL

S3. To ensure the program is working properly, please select the number "3" below.

- 1 1
- 2 2
- 3 3
- 4 4
- 5 5

SECTION A: OVERALL POLITICAL CLIMATE

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ASK ALL

- A1. 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
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

SECTION B: APPROVAL RATINGS & EVALUATIONS

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ASK ALL

- B1. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

- B2. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way the US Supreme Court is handling its job?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

- B3. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way the US Congress is handling its job?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

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PN: Randomize Codes 1-3.

ASK ALL

- B4. Of the three branches of US government, which one do you trust the most?

- 1 The US Congress (the legislative branch)
- 2 The Presidency (the executive branch)
- 3 The US Supreme Court (the judicial branch)
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

PN: Randomize Codes 1 and 2.

ASK ALL

B5. In general, what most often motivates Supreme Court justices' decisions?

- 1 Mainly politics
- 2 Mainly the law
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

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PN: Randomize order of B6-B9; include order variable in data. Show as grid.

ASK ALL

In general, would you describe each of the following as...?

		Very conservative	Somewhat conservative	Moderate	Somewhat liberal	Very liberal
B6.	The US Supreme Court	1	2	3	4	5
B7.	Joe Biden	1	2	3	4	5
B8.	The Democratic party	1	2	3	4	5
B9.	The Republican party	1	2	3	4	5

- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

PN: Insert start time stamp.

ASK ALL

B10. How important is the choice of the next Supreme Court justice to you personally?

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important
- 4 Not at all important
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

PN: Rotate response codes 1-4 and 4-1 so half get each order; include order variable in data.

ASK ALL

B11. What is your guess as to whether a majority of the current US Supreme Court Justices were appointed by Democratic or Republican presidents?

- 1 Definitely a majority appointed by Democratic presidents
- 2 Probably a majority appointed by Democratic presidents
- 3 Probably a majority appointed by Republican presidents
- 4 Definitely a majority appointed by Republican presidents
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

SECTION C: FAVORABILITY RATINGS

PN: Insert start time stamp.

PN: Randomize order of C1-C9; include order variable in data. Show as grid.

ASK ALL

Some justices of the Supreme Court are better known than others. For each of these names have you never heard of them, heard of them but don't know enough to have an opinion of them, have a favorable opinion or have an unfavorable opinion?

		Never heard of	Heard but not enough	Favorable opinion	Unfavorable opinion
C1.	Samuel Alito	1	2	3	4
C2.	Amy Coney Barrett	1	2	3	4
C3.	Stephen Breyer	1	2	3	4
C4.	Neil Gorsuch	1	2	3	4
C5.	Elena Kagan	1	2	3	4
C6.	Brett Kavanaugh	1	2	3	4
C7.	John Roberts	1	2	3	4
C8.	Sonia Sotomayor	1	2	3	4
C9.	Clarence Thomas	1	2	3	4

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SECTION D: SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

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PN: Randomize order of D1-D6.

ASK ALL

- D1. Do you favor or oppose the following recent Supreme Court decision, or haven't you heard enough about it to have an opinion? The Supreme Court...

Ruled that an Arizona law did not violate the federal Voting Rights Act in rejecting ballots cast at the wrong precinct and limiting who can return absentee ballots for a voter.

- 1 Heard nothing at all
- 2 Heard of but not enough for an opinion
- 3 Heard of and favor the decision
- 4 Heard of and oppose the decision
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

- D2. Do you favor or oppose the following recent Supreme Court decision, or haven't you heard enough about it to have an opinion? The Supreme Court...

Ruled that California cannot require charities to report the identities of their top donors to the state attorney general, saying this violated the Constitutional right of freedom of association.

- 1 Heard nothing at all
- 2 Heard of but not enough for an opinion
- 3 Heard of and favor the decision
- 4 Heard of and oppose the decision
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

- D3. Do you favor or oppose the following recent Supreme Court decision, or haven't you heard enough about it to have an opinion? The Supreme Court...

Ruled that schools generally cannot punish students for things they say outside of school hours and off school grounds with the possible exception of bullying or threats.

- 1 Heard nothing at all
- 2 Heard of but not enough for an opinion
- 3 Heard of and favor the decision
- 4 Heard of and oppose the decision
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

- D4. Do you favor or oppose the following recent Supreme Court decision, or haven't you heard enough about it to have an opinion? The Supreme Court...

Ruled that Philadelphia was wrong to end a Catholic group's contract to provide foster-care services because the organization refused to work with same-sex couples.

- 1 Heard nothing at all
- 2 Heard of but not enough for an opinion
- 3 Heard of and favor the decision
- 4 Heard of and oppose the decision
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

- D5. Do you favor or oppose the following recent Supreme Court decision, or haven't you heard enough about it to have an opinion? The Supreme Court...

Rejected a case attempting to strike down the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, leaving the health care law intact.

- 1 Heard nothing at all
- 2 Heard of but not enough for an opinion
- 3 Heard of and favor the decision
- 4 Heard of and oppose the decision
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

- D6. Do you favor or oppose the following recent Supreme Court decision, or haven't you heard enough about it to have an opinion? The Supreme Court...

Ruled that the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) violated antitrust laws when it limited the various education-related benefits that colleges and universities can offer student athletes.

- 1 Heard nothing at all
- 2 Heard of but not enough for an opinion
- 3 Heard of and favor the decision
- 4 Heard of and oppose the decision
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

SECTION E: ADDITIONAL COURT OPINIONS

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ASK ALL

E1. How much do you favor or oppose a proposal to increase the number of justices on the US Supreme Court?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Favor
- 3 Oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

PN: Split sample so half get E2a and half get E2b.

ASK HALF SAMPLE

E2a. Justice Stephen Breyer is 82 years old and the oldest member of the Court. He was nominated to the court in 1994 by President Clinton. Some Democrats are urging Breyer to retire now while there are a Democratic president and senate. Do you think Justices should consider the party in control of the White House and senate as they decide when to retire?

- 1 Should consider party control
- 2 Should not retire based on party control
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK HALF SAMPLE

E2b. Do you think Justices should consider the party in control of the White House and senate as they decide when to retire?

- 1 Should consider party control
- 2 Should not retire based on party control
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

SECTION Z: DEMOGRAPHICS

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Transition Screen: The following questions are for classification purposes only.

PN: Randomize Codes 1 and 2; Include rotate variable in data.

ASK ALL

Z1. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as...?

- 1 A Republican
- 2 A Democrat
- 3 An independent
- 7 Something Else (Please type in) _____
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web Blank

PN: Ask Z2 if Z1=3,7,9 (Independent, Other or Blank). Randomize Codes 1 and 2 and Q wording in same order as Z1; Include rotate variable in data.

ASK INDEPENDENTS, OTHER, AND BLANK IN Z1

Z2. As of today, do you lean more to the (Democratic Party) or the (Republican Party)?

- 1 Democratic party
- 2 Republican party
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web Blank

ASK ALL

Z3. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web Blank

PN: Split sample so half get Z4a and half get Z4b.

ASK HALF SAMPLE

Z4a. Before the coronavirus epidemic, aside from weddings and funerals, how often did you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

- 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
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK HALF SAMPLE

Z4b. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

- 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
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

Z5. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

- 1 Yes, would
- 2 No, would not
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

Z6. Generally speaking, how would you describe your political views?

- 1 Very conservative
- 2 Somewhat conservative
- 3 Moderate
- 4 Somewhat liberal
- 5 Very liberal
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

Z7. Thinking back to the months prior to the COVID-19 outbreak in the US, how often did you talk with any of 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
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

Z8. We are interested in volunteer activities for which people are not paid, except perhaps expenses. In the last 12 months, have you done any volunteer activities through or for an organization?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

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The survey is now complete. Thank you for your time and cooperation!