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## 2021 November Court Survey – Court Items Only

### SECTION S: 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...

- 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 (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

*PN: Randomize order of B1-B3.*

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*

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

*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

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

*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...? *(Please select one response for each.)*

		Very conservative	Somewhat conservative	Moderate	Somewhat liberal	Very liberal
B6	The US Supreme Court	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 E: COURT REFORM**

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

*PN: Randomize order of E1-E3; include order variable in data. Show as grid.*

How much do you favor or oppose the following proposals affecting the Supreme Court?  
*(Please select one response for each.)*

		Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
E1	Increase the number of justices on the US Supreme Court	1	2	3	4
E2	Have justices serve a fixed term on the Court rather than serving life terms	1	2	3	4
E3	Limit the ability of the Supreme Court to review and set aside acts of Congress as unconstitutional	1	2	3	4

- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

ASK ALL

- E4. How much have you read or heard about the Presidential Commission on Supreme Court reform?

- 1 Nothing at all  
 2 Only a little  
 3 A fair bit  
 4 A lot

- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

## SECTION H: FUTURE SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

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*PN: Randomize order of H2-H4 (Keep H1 first).*

ASK ALL

- H1. Do you favor or oppose the following possible future Supreme Court decisions, or haven't you heard enough about this to have an opinion?

**Overturn Roe versus Wade, thus strike down the 1973 decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states.**

- 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

- H2. Do you favor or oppose the following possible future Supreme Court decisions, or haven't you heard enough about this to have an opinion?

**Rule that the 2nd Amendment right to "keep and bear arms" protects the right to carry a gun outside the home.**

- 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

- H3. Do you favor or oppose the following possible future Supreme Court decisions, or haven't you heard enough about this to have an opinion?

**Rule to uphold a state law that (except in cases of medical emergencies or fetal abnormalities) bans abortions after the 15th week of pregnancy.**

- 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*

- H4. Do you favor or oppose the following possible future Supreme Court decisions, or haven't you heard enough about this to have an opinion?

**Rule that the United States government has the right to bring suit in federal court to try to prohibit Texas Senate Bill 8, the law that bans almost all abortions in the state after about six weeks of pregnancy, from being enforced.**

- 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 G: OTHER POLITICAL ISSUES

G6. A new Texas law bans abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy, once cardiac activity can be detected, and it allows any private citizen to sue anyone who performs an abortion or assists someone in obtaining an abortion. Do you favor or oppose this law, or haven't you heard enough about this to have an opinion?

- 1 Favor
- 2 Oppose
- 3 Haven't heard enough
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

## SECTION Z: DEMOGRAPHICS

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ASK ALL

Z1. 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
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

*PN: If 1 or 2 in Z1, ask Z2A. Otherwise, skip to Z2B.*

ASK IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT (Z1= 1 OR 2)

Z2A. Would you call yourself a strong [IF Z1=1: Republican] [IF Z1=2: Democrat] or a not very strong [IF Z1=1: Republican] [IF Z1=2: Democrat]?

- 1 Strong
- 2 Not very strong
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

*PN: If 3 or 4 in Z1, ask Z2B.*

ASK IF INDEPENDENT OR OTHER (Z1= 3 OR 4)

Z2B. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democratic
- 3 Neither
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

ASK ALL

Z3. 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
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

Z4. 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*

*PN: This is pPolview reasked.*

ASK ALL

Z5. 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*

*PN: Z6-Z7 are calibration questions for weighing. Z6 is CE14 internally and Z7 is CE17 internally. Note that for each Court Survey, these two questions may be adjusted related to context around the COVID-19 pandemic.*

ASK ALL

Z6. 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

Z7. 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

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*PN: Insert end time stamp.*

**CLOSING SCREEN: The survey is now complete. Thank you for your time and cooperation!**