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## 2022 January Court Survey

### 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 (99).**

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*

**PN: Randomize placement of A2a-b so 1/2 of sample are asked here and 1/2 of sample are asked after H3\*\***

**PN: Save variable for both placement here or after H3 AND for which item A2a or A2b is asked.**

**PN: Of those asked here, randomize so 1/2 sample get A2a and 1/2 get A2b.**

**PN: Randomize Codes 1 and 2 and save order used as a variable.**

ASK ½ SAMPLE

A2a. In general, what most often motivates Supreme Court justices' decisions?

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

ASK ½ SAMPLE

A2b. In general, do you think that the Supreme Court is mainly motivated by politics or mainly motivated by the law?

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

## SECTION B: APPROVAL RATINGS

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*PN: Randomize order of B1-B3.*

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*

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

ASK ALL

- B4. 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 & IDEOLOGY RATINGS**

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*PN: Randomize order of C1-C6; include order variable in data. Show as grid.*

ASK ALL

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.)*

		Favorable opinion	Unfavorable opinion	Haven't heard enough
C1.	Joe Biden	1	2	3
C2.	Kamala Harris	1	2	3
C3.	Donald Trump	1	2	3
C4.	Mike Pence	1	2	3
C5.	Ron DeSantis	1	2	3
C6.	Pete Buttigieg	1	2	3

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

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

*PN: Randomize order of C7-C10; 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
C7.	The US Supreme Court	1	2	3	4	5
C8.	Joe Biden	1	2	3	4	5
C9.	The Democratic party	1	2	3	4	5
C10.	The Republican party	1	2	3	4	5

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

*PN: Randomize order of C11-C19; 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? *(Please select one response for each.)*

		Never heard of	Heard but not enough	Favorable opinion	Unfavorable opinion
C11.	Samuel Alito	1	2	3	4
C12.	Amy Coney Barrett	1	2	3	4
C13.	Stephen Breyer	1	2	3	4
C14.	Neil Gorsuch	1	2	3	4
C15.	Elena Kagan	1	2	3	4
C16.	Brett Kavanaugh	1	2	3	4
C17.	John Roberts	1	2	3	4
C18.	Sonia Sotomayor	1	2	3	4
C19.	Clarence Thomas	1	2	3	4

## SECTION H: FUTURE SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

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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

*PN: Randomize order of H2-H3 (Keep H1 first).*

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
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- 2 Mainly the law
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## SECTION P: OTHER POLITICAL ISSUES

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

*PN: Randomize order of P1 and P2*

ASK ALL

P1. Do you favor or oppose the federal government requiring that companies with more than 100 employees mandate coronavirus vaccinations or weekly testing for unvaccinated workers?

- 1 Favor
- 2 Oppose
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

ASK ALL

P2. Do you favor or oppose the federal government requiring that health-care workers in facilities that receive Medicare and Medicaid funds be vaccinated against the coronavirus?

- 1 Favor
- 2 Oppose
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

ASK ALL

P3. Have you personally received the coronavirus vaccine, or not?

- 1 Yes-Single dose vaccine (J&J)
- 2 Yes-Received first of two doses (Pfizer/Moderna)
- 3 Yes-Gotten both doses (Pfizer/Moderna)
- 4 Yes-And have had booster dose (of any brand)
- 5 No-Have not received vaccine
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

*PN: Ask if did not receive vaccine (P3=5).*



ASK THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED VACCINE

P4. Will you definitely get a coronavirus vaccine, probably get it, probably not get it, or definitely not get it?

- 1 Definitely get it
- 2 Probably get it
- 3 Probably not get it
- 4 Definitely not get it
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

P5. Do you think the current level of coronavirus cases in your state is a serious problem or not a serious problem?

- 1 Serious problem
- 2 Not serious problem
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

P6. How confident are you that, across the country, the votes for president were accurately cast and counted in the 2020 election?

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

P7. 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*

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

ASK ALL

P8. Would you like to see Donald Trump run for president in 2024, or not?

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

*PN: Randomize order of P9 and P10 and save order as a variable*

*PN: Randomize Codes 1-2 in P9 wording and response codes.*

ASK ALL

P9. If the 2024 election for president were held today between [Former President Donald Trump, the Republican] and [President Joe Biden, the Democrat] would you vote for [Donald Trump] or for [Joe Biden]?

- 1 Donald Trump
- 2 Joe Biden
- 3 Someone else
- 4 Wouldn't vote
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

*PN: Randomize Codes 1-2 in P10 wording and response codes.*

ASK ALL

P10. If the 2024 election for president were held today between [Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, the Republican] and [President Joe Biden, the Democrat] would you vote for [Ron DeSantis] or for [Joe Biden]?

- 1 Ron DeSantis
- 2 Joe Biden
- 3 Someone else
- 4 Wouldn't vote
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

## SECTION X: CALIBRATION ITEMS

*PN: Randomize order of X1-X2. Save order as data.*

ASK ALL

X1. 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
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web Blank

ASK ALL

X2. 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
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web Blank

## SECTION Z: DEMOGRAPHICS

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

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

*PN: Insert end time stamp.*

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