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2022 March Court Survey

SECTION S: SCREENER

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

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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*

SECTION B: APPROVAL RATINGS

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PN: Randomize order of B1-B2. Keep B3 last.

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*

B3. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the Russian invasion of Ukraine?

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

SECTION C: COURT NOMINATION

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ASK ALL

C1. 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: Scramble order of C2-C3

C2. If a nominee for the US Supreme Court is qualified and has no ethical problems, would US Senators be justified or not justified in voting against that nominee simply because of how they believe the Justice would decide cases on issues such as abortion, gun control, or affirmative action?

- 1. Justified in voting against the nominee
- 2. Not justified in voting against the nominee
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

C3. If a nominee for the US Supreme Court is qualified and has no ethical problems, would US Senators be justified or not justified in voting against that nominee simply because the Senator is from a different political party from the president who made the nomination?

- 1 Justified in voting against the nominee
- 2 Not justified in voting against the nominee
- 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

C4. 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*

PN: Randomize so half get "replace Justice..." and half get "as the first Black..." Save which form as a variable.

C5. How much have you seen, read, or heard about Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson being nominated <to replace Justice Stephen Breyer on the Supreme Court><to be the first Black woman on the Supreme Court>?

1. A lot
2. Some
3. Not much
4. Nothing at all
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

C6. If you had a vote in the Senate, would you support or oppose the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court?

1. Support
2. Oppose
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

PN: Randomize so half get "legal background and judicial experience", and half get "heard of her, do you" Save which form as a variable.

C7. From what you have heard of her <legal background and judicial experience>, do you think Ketanji Brown Jackson is very qualified, somewhat qualified, or not qualified to serve on the Supreme Court?

1. Very qualified
2. Somewhat qualified
3. Not qualified
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

SECTION D: FAVORABILITY & IDEOLOGY RATINGS

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PN: Randomize order of D1-D4 (Keep D5 last); 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
D1.	Joe Biden	1	2	3
D2.	Donald Trump	1	2	3
D3.	Mike Pence	1	2	3
D4.	Ron DeSantis	1	2	3
D5.	Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson	1	2	3

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PN: Insert start time stamp.

PN: Randomize order of D6-D9; 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
D6.	The US Supreme Court	1	2	3	4	5
D7.	Joe Biden	1	2	3	4	5
D8.	The Democratic party	1	2	3	4	5
D9.	The Republican party	1	2	3	4	5

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D10. Over the past 15 years or so would you say the Supreme Court has generally become...?

1. Much more conservative
2. Somewhat more conservative
3. Hasn't changed much
4. Somewhat more liberal
5. Much more liberal

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

D11. If she is confirmed to the Supreme Court, would Ketanji Brown Jackson make the Court...?

1. Much more conservative
2. Somewhat more conservative
3. Would not change much
4. Somewhat more liberal
5. Much more liberal

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

SECTION F: PAST SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

PN: Randomize order of F1-F6; include order variable in data. Show as grid.

ASK ALL

Over the past 15 years or so would you say the Supreme Court has generally expanded or reduced the rights protected for each of these groups or has it not changed much either way?

		Expanded rights	Reduced rights	Has not changed much either way
F1	Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people	1	2	3
F2	Religious people and organizations	1	2	3
F3	Gun owners	1	2	3
F4	Those seeking an abortion	1	2	3
F5	Voting rights of racial or ethnic minorities	1	2	3
F6	Contributors to political campaigns	1	2	3

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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

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

PN: Randomize order of H2-H4 (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 colleges cannot use race as one of several factors in deciding which applicants to admit.

- 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?

Decide that a business owner's religious beliefs or free speech rights can justify refusing some services to gay people.

- 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

- 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 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*

SECTION P: OTHER POLITICAL ISSUES

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ASK ALL

P1. 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 (P1=5).

ASK THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED VACCINE

P2. 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

P3. 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

P4. 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*

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ASK ALL

P5. 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 P6-P7 and save order as a variable. Keep P8 last

PN: Randomize Codes 1-2 in P6 wording and response codes.

ASK ALL

P6. 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*

PN: Randomize Codes 1-2 in P7 wording and response codes.

ASK ALL

P7. If the 2024 election for president were held today between [Former Vice-President Mike Pence, the Republican] and [President Joe Biden, the Democrat] would you vote for [Mike Pence] or for [Joe Biden]?

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

PN: Randomize Codes 1-2 in P8 wording and response codes.

ASK ALL

P8. 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*

P9. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Black Lives Matter movement or haven't you heard enough yet to have an opinion?

- 1. Favorable opinion
- 2. Unfavorable opinion
- 3. Haven't heard enough
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

P10. Is the price of gasoline something a president can do a lot about, or is that beyond any president's control?

- 1. Can do a lot about
- 2. Beyond any president's control
- 3. Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

SECTION X: CALLIBRATION 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

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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

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

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