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2022 July Supreme 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 INVOLVEMENT

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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*

- A2. How enthusiastic are you about voting in the elections this November for congressional and state offices?

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

SECTION B: APPROVAL RATINGS AND FAVORABILITY

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PN: Randomize order of B1-B2.

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

PN: Randomize order of B3-B6; 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
B3.	Joe Biden	1	2	3
B4.	Donald Trump	1	2	3
B5.	Mike Pence	1	2	3
B6.	Ron DeSantis	1	2	3

- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

PN: Randomize order of B7-B9; include order variable in data. Show as grid.

ASK ALL

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

		A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little	None at all
B7.	The US Supreme Court	1	2	3	4	5
B8.	Congress	1	2	3	4	5
B9.	The Presidency	1	2	3	4	5

SECTION C: COURT AWARENESS

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

ASK ALL

C1. 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: Program so half get C2a and half get C2b

PN: Randomize order of law or politics and save order as a variable

ASK ½ SAMPLE

C2a. 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

C2b. 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*

PN: Randomize order of C3-C6; include order variable in data. Show as grid.

ASK ALL

Here are some recent topics in the news. How much have you heard or read about each of these?

		A lot	A little	Nothing at all
C3	A Supreme Court decision on abortion	1	2	3
C4.	The hearings of the House Select Committee on January 6 th	1	2	3
C5.	A Supreme Court decision on the right to possess a gun outside the home	1	2	3

SECTION D: FAVORABILITY & IDEOLOGY RATINGS

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PN: Randomize order of D1-D3; 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
D1.	The US Supreme Court	1	2	3	4	5
D2.	Joe Biden	1	2	3	4	5
D3.	Donald Trump	1	2	3	4	5

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

D4. 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*

D5. How much responsibility, if any, should Donald Trump bear for the violence of some of his supporters in the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021?

1. A lot
2. A little
3. None at all

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

D6. Has the House Select Committee on January 6th presented convincing evidence that Donald Trump sought to prevent or delay certification of the results of the 2020 presidential election or has the evidence not been convincing?

1. Has been convincing
2. Has not been convincing

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

D7. How much do you favor or oppose a proposal to increase the number of justices on the US Supreme Court?

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

ASK ALL

D8. Should justices of the Supreme Court consider public opinion about a case when making decisions or should they ignore public opinion?

- 1 Should consider public opinion
 - 2 Should ignore public opinion
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

D9. Should justices of the Supreme Court follow previous decisions whenever possible or should the Court overturn previous decisions if a majority of the Court believes the case was wrongly decided?

- 1 Follow previous decisions
 - 2 Overturn if a majority think it was wrongly decided
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SECTION J: PAST SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

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PN: Randomize order of J1-J3

ASK ALL

- J1. Do you favor or oppose the following recent Supreme Court decisions, or haven't you heard enough about this to have an opinion?

Overtaken Roe versus Wade, thus striking 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

- J2. Do you favor or oppose the following recent Supreme Court decisions, or haven't you heard enough about this to have an opinion?

Ruled 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

- J3. Do you favor or oppose the following recent Supreme Court decisions, or haven't you heard enough about this to have an opinion?

Ruled that a state program that provides financial support for students attending private schools cannot exclude students attending private religious schools from receiving that support.

- 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

- J4. In 2015 the Supreme Court ruled that the Constitution guarantees a right to same-sex marriage. How much do you favor or oppose this decision?

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

ASK ALL

- J5. In 2020 the Supreme Court ruled that a federal civil rights law protects gay and transgender workers from workplace discrimination. How much do you favor or oppose this decision?

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

SECTION K: ABORTION POLICY

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ASK ALL

K1. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases?

1. Legal in all cases
 2. Legal in most cases
 3. Illegal in most cases
 4. Illegal in all cases
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

K2. How important is the abortion issue to you--would you say it is one of the most important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all?

1. One of the most important issues
 2. Somewhat important
 3. Not very important
 4. Not important at all
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

K3. Thinking about this year's (2022) elections, if one candidate favors keeping abortion legal and widely available and the other candidate favors strictly limiting abortion except to protect the mother's life, which candidate would you support?

1. The candidate who favors keeping abortion legal
 2. The candidate who favors strictly limiting abortion
 3. The abortion issue would not matter to me
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

PN: Rotate order K4-K8 or K8-K4. Show as grid.

Here are some limits on when during pregnancy an abortion might be banned, except in cases of medical emergencies, that some states are considering. How much do you favor or oppose each of these proposals?

		Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
K4.	Ban abortions at any time during pregnancy	1	2	3	4
K5.	Ban abortions after six weeks of pregnancy	1	2	3	4
K6.	Ban abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy	1	2	3	4
K7.	Ban abortions after 6 months of pregnancy	1	2	3	4
K8.	Place no restrictions on when a woman can obtain an abortion	1	2	3	4

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

ASK ALL

K9. Should a state be able to make it illegal for a woman to have an abortion by travelling to a different state where abortion is legal?

1. Yes
2. No

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

K10. Should a state be able to make it illegal for a woman to get and fill a prescription from out-of-state providers for medication that will induce an abortion, sometimes called “medication abortion” or “abortion pills”?

1. Yes
2. No

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

SECTION P: OTHER POLITICAL ISSUES

PN: Insert start time stamp.

ASK ALL

P1. What are the chances that you will vote in the November general election for congressional and state offices-- are you absolutely certain to vote, very likely to vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

1. Absolutely certain to vote
2. Very likely to vote
3. Chances are 50-50
4. Don't think will vote
5. Not eligible to vote

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

ASK ALL

P2. How confident are you that, across the country, the votes for state and national offices will be accurately cast and counted in the elections *this* November, 2022?

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Somewhat confident
- 3 Not too confident
- 4 Not at all confident

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

ASK ALL

P3. 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*

ASK ALL

P4. Would you like to see Donald Trump run for president in 2024, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

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

SECTION X: CALIBRATION ITEMS

PN: Randomize order of X1-X2. Save order in 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*

ADDED INTERNET USE FOR WEIGHTING:

PN: IF WEB, AUTOPUNCH INT1=1

INT1. (pINT1) Do you use the internet or email, at least occasionally?

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

PN: ASK IF WEB OR pINT1=1

pINTFREQ. About how often do you use the internet?

- 1 Almost constantly
- 2 Several times a day
- 3 About once a day
- 4 Several times a week
- 5 Less often
- 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

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