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**V4377 January Supreme Court Survey 2023**

## 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.

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

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

*PN: FORCE RESPONSE*

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”.

**PN: FORCE RESPONSE**

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)

**PN: FORCE RESPONSE**

ASK ALL

S2. What is your age?

\_\_\_\_\_ **PN: Acceptable range is 18-98** (~~Enter age 18-98~~)  
99 Prefer not to say

**PN: Ask S2a if S2=Prefer not to say (99).**

**PN: FORCE RESPONSE**

ASK IF AGE NOT GIVEN (S2=99)

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 (TERMINATE)

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

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

**PN: FORCE RESPONSE**

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*

ASK ALL

- A2. Did you vote in the elections for state and national offices on November 8?

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

## SECTION B: APPROVAL RATINGS AND FAVORABILITY

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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: Randomize order of B4-B15; 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
B4.	Joe Biden	1	2	3
B5.	Donald Trump	1	2	3
B6.	Mike Pence	1	2	3
B7.	Ron DeSantis	1	2	3
B8.	Brian Kemp	1	2	3
B9.	Greg Abbott	1	2	3
B10.	Kamala Harris	1	2	3
B11.	Gretchen Whitmer	1	2	3
B12.	Pete Buttigieg	1	2	3
B13.	Bernie Sanders	1	2	3
B14.	Kevin McCarthy	1	2	3
B15.	Nancy Pelosi	1	2	3

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## SECTION C: CONFIDENCE AND ISSUES

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*PN: Randomize order of C1-C7; 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
C1.	The US Supreme Court	1	2	3	4	5
C2.	Congress	1	2	3	4	5
C3.	The Presidency	1	2	3	4	5
C4.	Your state Supreme Court or highest court in your state	1	2	3	4	5
C5.	Your state legislature	1	2	3	4	5
C6.	The Police	1	2	3	4	5
C7.	The FBI	1	2	3	4	5

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

ASK ALL

C8. 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 Codes 1 and 2.*

ASK ALL

C9. In general, what most often motivates Supreme Court justices' decisions?

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

ASK ALL

C10. 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

C11. 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 thinks it was wrongly decided
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

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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
C12.	The Russian invasion of Ukraine	1	2	3
C13.	The final report of the House Select Committee on January 6 <sup>th</sup>	1	2	3
C14.	The election of a new Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives	1	2	3
C15.	A Supreme Court case concerning the use of race in college admissions	1	2	3
C16.	A Supreme Court case concerning the powers of state legislatures to set the rules for federal elections for congress and president	1	2	3
C17.	Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's speech to a joint session of the U.S. Congress	1	2	3

*PN: Randomize order of C18-C19*

ASK ALL

C18. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republican majority in the House of Representatives is handling its job?

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

ASK ALL

C19. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democratic majority in the U.S. Senate is handling its job?

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

ASK ALL

C20. Do you think the Republicans in the House of Representatives can unite to govern effectively, or were the divisions over the election of a Speaker of the House an indication that they cannot unite to govern effectively?

- 1. Can unite
- 2. Cannot unite
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

## SECTION D: IDEOLOGY RATINGS

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*PN: Randomize order of D1-D5; 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
D4.	The Democratic party	1	2	3	4	5
D5.	The Republican party	1	2	3	4	5

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## SECTION H: FUTURE SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

*PN: Randomize order of H1-H3; include order variable in data.*

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?

**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

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 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

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 that under the Constitution, the state legislatures have the power to regulate federal elections and are not subject to review by state courts.**

- 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 J: PAST SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

*PN: Randomize order of J1-J6; 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
J1	Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBTQ) people	1	2	3
J2	Religious people and organizations	1	2	3
J3	Gun owners	1	2	3
J4	Those seeking an abortion	1	2	3
J5	Voting rights of racial or ethnic minorities	1	2	3
J6	Contributors to political campaigns	1	2	3

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

*PN: Randomize order of J7-J8; include order variable in data.*

ASK ALL

- J7. In 2022, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe versus Wade*, thus striking down the 1973 decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states.

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

- J8. 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*

## SECTION K: ABORTION POLICY

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

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*

## SECTION P: OTHER POLITICAL ISSUES

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

ASK ALL

- P1. When it comes to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, do you think the United States is providing too much support to Ukraine, not enough support to Ukraine, or about the right amount of support to Ukraine?

- 1 Too much support
- 2 Not enough support
- 3 About the right amount of support
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

- P2. How much do you think what happens in the Russia-Ukraine conflict matters to life in the United States?

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much
- 4 Not at all
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

- P3. Do you think it will be better for the future of the country if we take an active part in world affairs, or if we stay out of world affairs?

- 1 Take an active part in world affairs
- 2 Stay out of world affairs
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

- P4. How confident are you that, across the country, the votes for state and national offices were accurately cast and counted in the elections in 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

- P5. 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

P6. Would you like to see Donald Trump run for president in 2024, or not?

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

ASK ALL

P7. Would you like to see Ron DeSantis run for president in 2024, or not?

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

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

ASK ALL

P8. If it were a choice between just the two of them, who would you prefer as the Republican nominee for president in 2024: [Donald Trump] or [Florida Governor Ron DeSantis]?

- 1. Donald Trump
- 2. Ron DeSantis
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web Blank

ASK ALL

P9. Would you like to see Joe Biden run for president in 2024, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 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 [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 P11 wording and response codes.*

ASK ALL

P11. 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*

ASK ALL

P12. Do you believe Donald Trump had top secret and other classified material or national security documents at his home in Mar-a-Lago this summer?

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

ASK ALL

P13. 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*

ASK ALL

P14. Has the House Select Committee on January 6<sup>th</sup> 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*

ASK ALL

P15. 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*

ASK ALL

P16. How much of a problem do you think racism is in the country today?

- 1 A very big problem
- 2 A moderately big problem
- 3 A small problem
- 4 Not a problem at all
- 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*

**PN: IF WEB, AUTOPUNCH INT1=1**

ASK ALL

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**

ASK ALL

INTFREQ. 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 pTALKNEIGH internally and Z7 is pVOLUNTEER internally. Note that for each Court Survey, these two questions may be adjusted related to context around the COVID-19 pandemic.*

ASK ALL

Z6. During the last 12 months, 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!**