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## W4365 March 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

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

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 AND FAVORABILITY

*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-B5**

ASK ALL

B4. 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

B5. 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

**PN: Ask B6-B8 first, in that order, then randomize order of B9-B16**

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
B6.	Joe Biden	1	2	3
B7.	Kamala Harris	1	2	3
B8.	Pete Buttigieg	1	2	3
B9.	Donald Trump	1	2	3
B10.	Mike Pence	1	2	3
B11.	Ron DeSantis	1	2	3
B12.	Nikki Haley	1	2	3
B13.	Mike Pompeo	1	2	3
B14.	Kristi Noem	1	2	3
B15.	Tim Scott	1	2	3
B16.	Glenn Youngkin	1	2	3

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## SECTION C: CONFIDENCE AND ISSUES

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

*PN: Randomize order of C1-C3, then C4-C6; 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.	The courts in your community	1	2	3	4	5
C5.	The FBI	1	2	3	4	5
C6.	The police	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

C7. 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: Insert start time stamp.*

*PN: Randomize order of C8-C16; 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?

		Never heard of	Heard but not enough	Favorable opinion	Unfavorable opinion
C8.	Samuel Alito	1	2	3	4
C9.	Amy Coney Barrett	1	2	3	4
C10.	Neil Gorsuch	1	2	3	4
C11.	Ketanji Brown Jackson	1	2	3	4
C12.	Elena Kagan	1	2	3	4
C13.	Brett Kavanaugh	1	2	3	4
C14.	John Roberts	1	2	3	4
C15.	Sonia Sotomayor	1	2	3	4
C16.	Clarence Thomas	1	2	3	4

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

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

*PN: Randomize order of C17-C20; 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
C17.	A freight train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio that resulted in a hazardous chemical spill and fire	1	2	3
C18.	A Supreme Court case concerning the use of race in college admissions	1	2	3
C19.	A Supreme Court case concerning student loan forgiveness	1	2	3
C20.	A pair of Supreme Court cases concerning Google and Twitter	1	2	3

## SECTION D: IDEOLOGY RATINGS

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

*PN: Randomize order of D1-D6; 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.	Ron DeSantis	1	2	3	4	5
D5.	The Democratic party	1	2	3	4	5
D6.	The Republican party	1	2	3	4	5

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

## SECTION H: FUTURE SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

*PN: Randomize order of H1-H2; 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*

## SECTION J: PAST SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

*PN: Insert start time stamp.*

*PN: Randomize order of J1-J3; include order variable in data.*

ASK ALL

- J1. 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

- J2. 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

J3. 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

*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*

ASK ALL

K2. Do you think your state should or should not allow a woman to obtain a legal abortion if she became pregnant as the result of rape or incest?

- 1 Should allow
- 2 Should not allow
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

K3. Should a state be able to make it illegal for a woman to have an abortion by traveling to a different state where abortion is legal?

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

ASK ALL

K4. 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.*

*PN: Randomize order of P1-P10; Show as grid.*

ASK ALL

Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following governors from around the country, 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
P1.	Greg Abbott, Texas	1	2	3
P2.	Mike DeWine, Ohio	1	2	3
P3.	Brian Kemp, Georgia	1	2	3
P4.	Chris Sununu, New Hampshire	1	2	3
P5.	Glenn Youngkin, Virginia	1	2	3
P6.	Wes Moore, Maryland	1	2	3
P7.	Gavin Newsom, California	1	2	3
P8.	Jared Polis, Colorado	1	2	3
P9.	Josh Shapiro, Pennsylvania	1	2	3
P10.	Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan	1	2	3

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

ASK ALL

P11. Do you favor or oppose the decision to forgive and cancel up to \$20,000 of federal student loan debt?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose

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

ASK ALL

P12. 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

P13. 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

*PN: Randomize Codes 1-2 in P14 wording and response codes.*

ASK ALL

P14. 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 P15 wording and response codes.*

ASK ALL

P15. 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 order of P16-P18; Show as grid*

ASK ALL

Which of the following proposals would you favor and which would you oppose?

		Favor	Oppose
P16.	Pass a national law banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy	1	2
P17.	Require that transgender athletes compete on teams that match the sex they were assigned at birth, not the gender they identify with	1	2
P18.	Provide state funding for vouchers to pay for tuition for K-12 students	1	2

	to attend private or religious schools of their choice instead of public schools		
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P19. When talking to a friend, which do you enjoy more: talking about things you disagree about or talking about things you agree about?

1. Things you disagree about
  2. Things you agree about
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] *Web Blank*

P20. Do you think recent killings of Black Americans by police are isolated incidents or part of a larger pattern in the police's treatment of Black Americans?

1. Isolated incidents
  2. Part of a larger pattern
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

P21. 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

P22. 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: CALLIBRATION 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*

PN: Ask P23 if Z1=1 or Z2B=1

PN: Randomize candidate order, keep P23=12/Undecided and P23=13/None of these always last

P23. Here are some potential candidates for the Republican presidential nomination. If the primary were today, who would you vote for?

1. Chris Christie
2. Ron DeSantis
3. Nikki Haley
4. Asa Hutchinson
5. Kristi Noem
6. Mike Pence
7. Mike Pompeo
8. Tim Scott
9. Chris Sununu
10. Donald Trump
11. Glenn Youngkin
12. Undecided
13. None of these
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

PN: Ask P24 if Z1=1 or Z2B=1

**PN: Randomize Codes 1-2 in P24 wording and response codes.**

P24. 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*

PN: Ask P25 if Z1=2 or Z2B=2

P25. Would you like to see Joe Biden run for president in 2024, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 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!**