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X4376 December Supreme Court Survey 2024

SECTION S: SCREENER

PN: Insert start time stamp.

[SECTION S IS THE SAME AS X4374]

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.

PN: FORCE RESPONSE

SHOW ALL

Thank you for your help with this important poll. It should take you about 9 minutes to complete the survey. In appreciation of your time, **if you qualify you will receive <<INSERT>> in compensation** via an electronic gift code immediately upon completion of this survey.

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**
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.

SECTION A: OVERALL POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

PN: Insert start time stamp.

ASK ALL

[THIS IS A1 FROM X4374]

- 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
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[THIS IS A2 FROM X4374]

- A2. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 999 *Web Blank*

SECTION B: 2024 VOTE

ASK ALL

[PN: Randomize order of "Kamala Harris" and "Donald Trump" in the question text and response options 1-2/2-1. Then randomize order of other candidates in the question text and response options (3-5).]

[MODIFIED B1 FROM X4374]

- B1. In the 2024 election for president did you vote for...?

- 1 Kamala Harris
- 2 Donald Trump
- 3 Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
- 4 Chase Oliver
- 5 Jill Stein
- 6 Someone else
- 7 Did not vote
- 999 *Web Blank*

SECTION C: CONFIDENCE AND COURT ISSUES

ASK ALL

[THIS IS C1 FROM X4374]

- C1. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Supreme Court is handling its job?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
- 999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

PN: Randomize order of C2-C8; Show as grid. include order variable in data.

[C2-C6 WERE C2-C5B FROM X4374; C7 AND C8 ARE NEW]

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
C2.	The U.S. Supreme Court	1	2	3	4	5
C3.	Congress	1	2	3	4	5
C4.	The Presidency	1	2	3	4	5
C5.	The national news media	1	2	3	4	5
C6.	The U.S. Secret Service	1	2	3	4	5
C7.	The U.S. Department of Justice	1	2	3	4	5
C8.	The FBI	1	2	3	4	5

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ASK ALL

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

[THIS IS C6 FROM X4374]

- C9. What is your guess as to whether a majority of the current U.S. 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
- 999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

[THIS IS C7 FROM X4374]

- C10. Thinking about the last month only, how much have you heard or read about the U.S. Supreme Court?

- 1 A lot

- 2 A little
- 3 Nothing at all
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

PN Randomize response order in C11. include order variable in data.

[THIS IS C8 FROM X4371]

C11. In general, what most often motivates Supreme Court justices' decisions?

- 1 Mainly politics
- 2 Mainly the law
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[THIS IS C9 FROM X4371]

C12. How would you rate the honesty and ethical standards of U.S. Supreme Court justices?

- 1 Very high
- 2 High
- 3 Average
- 4 Low
- 5 Very low
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

C13. If the Supreme Court rules against the president in a case, does the president have the power to ignore that ruling, or is the president required to do as the ruling says?

- 1 The president has the power to ignore the ruling
- 2 The president is required to do as the ruling says
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

C14. Does the Supreme Court have the power to review laws passed by Congress and to declare them invalid if they conflict with the Constitution?

- 1 Yes, the Supreme Court has this power
- 2 No, the Supreme Court does not have this power
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

C15. When Congress fails to act, should the president have the power to make laws on his own?

- 1 Yes, the president should be able to make laws
- 2 No, the president should not be able to make laws
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[THIS IS C13 FROM X4374]

C16. 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

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

PN Randomize order of C17-C19

ASK ALL

[THIS IS C12 FROM X4374]

C17. In July, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that, while there is no immunity for unofficial acts, former presidents have broad immunity from criminal prosecution for official acts as president.

How much do you favor or oppose this decision?

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

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ASK ALL

[THIS IS C17 FROM X4374]

C18. 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

999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

C19. 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
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

C20. Which comes closest to your view about undocumented immigrants who are currently working in the U.S.?

- 1. They should be allowed to stay in their jobs and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship
- 2. They should be allowed to stay in their jobs only as temporary guest workers but not to apply for U.S. citizenship
- 3. They should be required to leave their jobs and leave the U.S.
- 999 **[PN: IF WEB:]** *Web Blank*

SECTION D: APPROVAL RATINGS AND FAVORABILITY

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ASK ALL

[THIS IS D3 FROM X4374]

D1. 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
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

D1b. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job when he was president?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

D2. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way President-elect Donald Trump is handling cabinet appointments for his administration?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
- 999 Web Blank

PN: Insert start time stamp.

ASK ALL

PN: Ask D3 first, then randomize order of D4-D6.

[THESE WERE D5, D6, D8, AND D9 FROM X4374 WITH SOME OMISSIONS]

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.)

		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Haven't heard enough
D3.	Joe Biden	1	2	3	4	5
D4.	Kamala Harris	1	2	3	4	5
D5.	Donald Trump	1	2	3	4	5
D6.	J.D. Vance	1	2	3	4	5

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ASK ALL

PN: Randomize order of D7-D10.

[NEW QUESTIONS/GRID]

Here are some people President-elect Trump has picked for cabinet positions in his new administration. 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.)

		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Haven't heard enough
D7.	Marco Rubio for Secretary of State	1	2	3	4	5
D8.	Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. for Secretary of Health and Human Services	1	2	3	4	5

D9.	Pete Hegseth for Secretary of Defense	1	2	3	4	5
D10.	Pam Bondi for Attorney General	1	2	3	4	5

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PN: Insert start time stamp.

PN: Randomize order of D11-D12.

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

PN: PROVIDE A LARGE TEXTBOX

- D11. What do you like about Donald Trump?
(PLEASE BE AS DETAILED AND SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE)

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

PN: PROVIDE A LARGE TEXTBOX

- D12. What do you dislike about Donald Trump?
(PLEASE BE AS DETAILED AND SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE)

SECTION E: WELL BEING AND ECONOMIC SITUATION

[ASK ALL]

[NEW QUESTION]

- E1. Would you say you personally are better off, about the same, or worse off than you were a year ago?

1. Better
2. About the same
3. Worse

999. *Web Blank*

[ASK ALL]

[THIS WAS D1 IN X4374]

E2. Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

1 Right direction

2 Wrong track

999 [PN: IF WEB:] WEB BLANK

ASK ALL

[THIS IS D2 FROM X4374]

E3. How would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days?

1 Excellent

2 Good

3 Not so good

4 Poor

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SECTION F: NEWS ATTENTION

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTIONS/GRID]

PN: Randomize order of F1-F3; Show as grid.

Here are some recent topics in the news. How much have you heard or read about each of these? *(Please select one response for each.)*

		A lot	A little	Nothing at all
F1	President-elect Trump's choices for his cabinet, including Secretaries of State, Defense, Health and Human Services and Attorney General	1	2	3
F2	Plans for how to handle deportation of immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally	1	2	3
F3	Plans to reduce the size of government and cut spending	1	2	3

999 **Web Blank**

ASK ALL

F4. How much do you approve or disapprove of President Joe Biden's decision to pardon his son, Hunter Biden, who was convicted of federal charges for illegally buying a gun and who plead guilty of tax evasion.

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Somewhat approve
- 3 Somewhat disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove
- 999 *Web Blank*

SECTION G: ISSUES

PN: Randomize order of G1-G7; Show as grid

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTIONS/GRID]

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

		Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose
G1.	Require that transgender athletes compete on teams that match the sex they were assigned at birth, not the gender they identify with	1	2	3	4
G3.	Allow parents to make medical decisions for their minor children under 18, including whether or not to vaccinate their children against measles, polio, and other diseases	1	2	3	4
G4.	Ban “gender-affirming” care such as hormone therapy or surgery for transgender minors under 18	1	2	3	4
G5.	Pass a national law banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy	1	2	3	4
G6.	Increase production of oil and gas in the US	1	2	3	4
G7.	Cut taxes even if the federal deficit increases	1	2	3	4

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ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

G8. In general, do you think imposing tariffs or fees on products imported from other countries helps the U.S. economy, hurts the economy, or doesn’t make much of a difference either way?

1. Helps U.S. economy
2. Hurts U.S. economy
3. Doesn’t make much difference
4. Don’t know

999 **Web Blank**

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

G9. Do you think Trump's policy proposals will decrease inflation, increase inflation, or have no effect on inflation?

1. Decrease inflation
2. Increase inflation
3. Have no effect on inflation

999 **Web Blank**

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

G10. Should the Senate quickly approve all of Trump's choices for his cabinet or should the Senate take more time to hold hearings on each nominee?

1. Quickly approve
2. Take time for hearings

999 **Web Blank**

[PN: INSERT QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAMMING BLOCK TRAP HERE]

SECTION K: Other policy issues

PN: Insert start time stamp.

ASK ALL

[THIS WAS F29 IN X4374]

- K1. 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

999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[THIS WAS F30 IN X4374]

- K2. 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

999 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

- K3. 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

999. *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

- K4. When it comes to Israel's war with Hamas in Gaza, do you think the United States is providing too much support to Israel, not enough support to Israel, or about the right amount of support to Israel?

1 Too much support

2 Not enough support

3 About the right amount of support

999 *Web Blank*

ASK HALF SAMPLE

PN: Randomize so half get K5a and half get K5b.

[THIS IS K1A FROM X4374]

K5a. Do you favor or oppose deporting immigrants who are living in the United States illegally back to their home countries?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 999 *Web Blank*

ASK HALF SAMPLE

PN: Randomize so half get K5a and half get K5b.

[THIS IS K1B FROM X4374]

K5b. Do you favor or oppose deporting immigrants who are living in the United States illegally back to their home countries even if they have lived here for a number of years, have jobs and no criminal record?

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 999 *Web Blank*

[PN: Randomize order of K6 and K7 and record order as a variable]

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

K6. 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 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[NEW QUESTION]

- K7. How confident are you that, across the country, the votes for president were accurately cast and counted in the 2024 election?

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Somewhat confident
- 3 Not too confident
- 4 Not at all confident
- 99 *Web Blank*

ASK ALL

[THIS IS K4 FROM X4374]

- K8. Thinking about your family's financial situation, would you say you are living comfortably, just getting by, or struggling to make ends meet?

- 1 Living comfortably
- 2 Just getting by
- 3 Struggling
- 999 *Web Blank*

SECTION X: CALIBRATION ITEMS

[ALL SECTION X QUESTIONS ARE THE SAME AS X4374]

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
- 999 *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
- 999 *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
- 999 *Web Blank*

PN: ASK IF WEB OR pINT1=1

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
- 999 *Web Blank*

[PN: INSERT QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAMMING BLOCK INS HERE]

SECTION Z: DEMOGRAPHICS

[ALL SECTION Z QUESTIONS ARE THE SAME AS X4374]

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
- 999 *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
- 999 *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
- 999 *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
- 999 *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
- 999 *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
- 999 *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
- 999 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
- 999 Web Blank

PN: Insert end time stamp.

ASK ALL

GE2020. Did you vote in the general election in 2020?

- 1 Yes, did vote in the 2020 general election
- 2 No, did not vote in the 2020 general election
- 999 Web Blank

PN: Ask Z8 if voted in 2020 (GE2020=1)

PN: Rotate responses 1-2/2-1, include rotate in data file.

PN: Rotate responses 3-4/4-3, include rotate in data file

PN: If the web respondent initially tries to skip, prompt once for completion: "Your answers are important to us, and we don't want someone else to speak for you. Keeping in mind that this is a confidential survey, we'd really appreciate it if you would tell us who you voted for in 2020."

Allow the respondent to continue if they skip again.

PN: Add variable "SKIP_Z8" to flag if the R initially tried to skip this questions (SKIP_Z8=1); include variable in data file.

ASK IF VOTED IN 2020

Z8. Which presidential candidate did you vote for in 2020?

- 1 Donald Trump
- 2 Joe Biden
- 3 Jo Jorgensen
- 4 Howie Hawkins
- 5 Another candidate
- 6 Did not vote in that election
- 999 Web Blank

PN: Z9-Z10 are also calibration questions for weighing. Z9 is pOWNHOME internally and Z10 is pADULTS internally.

ASK ALL

Z9. Is your home owned or rented?

- 001 Owned
- 002 Rented
- 999 Web Blank

ASK ALL

Z10. Including yourself, how many adults age 18 or older are there living in your household?

- 001 1
- 002 2
- 003 3
- 004 4
- 005 5
- 006 6
- 007 7
- 008 8 or more
- 999 Web Blank