

**2023 Annenberg National Online Panel
Constitution Day Survey Topline**

Field Dates	Sample Size	Margin of Error
August 09 – August 15, 2023	N=1,482	3.5pp

CONSTITUTION DAY BATTERY 2023

PLEDGE1. We want to see how much information about government gets out to the public from television, newspapers and the like. It is important to us that you do **NOT** use outside sources like the Internet to search for the correct answer. Will you answer the following questions without help from outside sources?

	Yes	No	N
2023 Online Panel	98	2	1,482

CIV13. Do you happen to know any of the three branches of government?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused	N
2023 Online Panel	86	14	-	-	1,482
2022 Online Panel	87	12	-	*	1,584
2022 RDD Phone	84	14	2	-	1,113

CIV14. Would you mind naming any of them, the three branches of government?

	Named all three branches	Named two branches	Named one branch	Could not name any branches	Refused	N
2023 Online Panel	66	10	7	17	-	1,482
2022 Online Panel	72	6	6	15	-	1,584
2022 RDD Phone	47	18	11	25	*	1,113



CIV15. As you may know, the First Amendment is part of the U.S. Constitution. Can you name any of the specific rights that are guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, or not?

	2023 Online Panel	2022 Online Panel	2022 RDD Phone
Freedom of the press	28	38	20
Freedom of speech	77	77	63
Freedom of religion	40	54	24
Right to petition/ Right to petition the government	9	22	6
Right of assembly/Right of people peaceably to assemble	33	42	16
RESPONSES THAT ARE NOT FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS			
Right to bear arms	22	15	9
Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness	3	2	2
Can't name any	16	16	19
Other	18	13	6
Don't know	-	-	7
Refused	-	*	*
N	1,482	1,584	1,113
	2023 Online Panel	2022 Online Panel	2022 RDD Phone
0 Rights/Freedoms ¹	20	19	32
1 Right/Freedom	29	21	32
2 Rights/Freedoms	17	15	18
3 Rights/Freedoms	18	15	13
4 Rights/Freedoms	11	15	3
5 Rights/Freedoms	5	16	1

JUD1. Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Supreme Court is handling its job?

	2023 Online Panel	2022 Online Panel	2022 RDD Phone
Disapprove (NET)	51	58	53
Disapprove strongly	21	32	36
Disapprove somewhat	30	27	17
Approve (NET)	49	42	39
Approve somewhat	38	30	22
Approve strongly	11	12	17
Don't know/Refused	*	*	8
N	1,482	1,584	1,113

¹While 16% of respondents selected “I can’t name any”, another 4% incorrectly provided rights not enumerated in the First Amendment.



CIVI9A. How accurate is it to say that the First Amendment’s protection of freedom of speech means that Facebook must permit all Americans to freely express themselves on Facebook pages?

	2023 Online Panel	2022 Online Panel	2022 RDD Phone
Accurate (NET)	53	55	51
Very accurate	18	23	26
Somewhat accurate	35	32	25
Inaccurate (NET)	47	45	46
Somewhat inaccurate	26	21	21
Very inaccurate	21	24	24
Don’t know/Refused	*	*	3
<i>N</i>	1,482	1,584	1,113

CTVOTE9. Thinking about the cases decided by the Supreme Court of the United States in the past year, what percent of cases were decided by a 9-0 or 8-1 vote of the Justices?

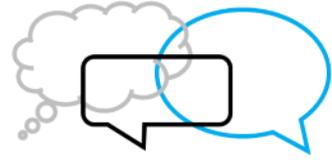
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	Average	0-20%	21-40%	41-60%*	61-80%	81-100%	Don’t know	N
2023 Online Panel	35%	39	19	22	15	4	*	1,482

*2023 Term ~50% 8-1, 9-0.

CIVI17. If the president and Supreme Court differ on whether an action by the president is constitutional, who has the final responsibility for determining if the action is constitutional- the president, Congress, or the Supreme Court, or are you not sure?

	President	Congress	Supreme Court**	Not sure/ Don’t know	Refused	N
2023 Online Panel	4	21	54	21	0	1,482
2022 Online Panel	5	20	46	29	*	1,584
2022 RDD Phone	4	22	46	28	*	1,113



CIVI18. If the U.S. Supreme Court rules on a case 5 to 4, does this mean...

	2023 Online Panel	2022 Online Panel	2022 RDD Phone
The decision is the law and needs to be followed**	71	74	55
The decision is sent back to Congress for reconsideration	16	14	16
The decision is sent back to the federal court of appeals to be decided there***	12	12	16
Don't know/Refused	*	*	13
<i>N</i>	1,482	1,584	1,113

(Asked if respondent has at least some high school education)

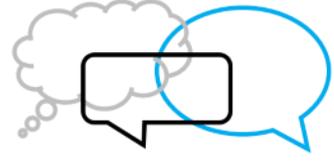
HSCIVICS. In high school, did you ever take a class in civics or a course that focused on the US Constitution or the judicial system, or do you not remember?

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Don't remember	Refused	N
2023 Online Panel	59	26	15	-	1,472
2022 Online Panel	58	26	16	-	1,554
2022 RDD Phone	65	23	11	*	1,071
8/8/2021	59	28	13	-	993
2019	62	24	14	*	1,076
2015	54	30	15	*	1,012
2013	61	25	14	0	1,255
2011	62	23	15	*	1,190

(Asked if respondent has at least some college education)

COLCIVICS. While you were in college, did you ever take a course that focused on understanding the U.S. system of government and the Constitution, or do you not remember?

	Yes	No	Don't know/ Don't remember	Refused	N
2023 Online Panel	33	57	10	-	1,171
2022 Online Panel	34	59	7	*	1,003
2022 RDD Phone	36	54	10	*	695
8/8/2021	48	43	9	-	787
2019	38	59	3	*	822
2015	36	62	2	*	613
2013	38	61	2	0	800
2011	39	57	4	*	820



Linear regression: Taking a high school civics class as a predictor of civics knowledge items (controlling for sex, age, education, race, and political ideology)

We created a knowledge index comprising five items: 1) correctly naming all three branches, 2) correctly naming all 5 First Amendment rights, 3) saying it is inaccurate that the First Amendment says Facebook must permit all Americans to freely express themselves on Facebook pages, 4) saying the Supreme Court has the final say about whether a law is constitutional, and 5) knowing the meaning of a 5-4 Supreme Court decision.

	Model (Unstandardized B)(SE)
High School Civics (Yes, have taken)	.335 (.060)***
Sex (Male)	.550 (.057)***
Education (range low to high)	.170 (.016)***
Race (White)	.419 (.063)***
Age (18-97)	.008 (.002)***
Ideology (Very liberal to very conservative)	-.148 (.026)
Constant	1.40 (.184)***
R ² =.24	
N=1,381	



Annenberg Constitution Day Survey 2022 – 2023 Methodology

Between 2006 and 2021, the Annenberg Public Policy Center (APPC) conducted the Annenberg Constitution Day Survey with random digit dialing (RDD) phone surveys. In 2022, APPC conducted the Constitution Day Survey using both an online panel and a RDD phone survey to explore possible differences in responses caused by how the survey was administered (“mode effects”). In 2023, the Constitution Day Survey was only conducted using an online panel.

This Appendix and Topline contain data from the three most recent Constitution Day surveys: the 2023 online panel and the 2022 online panel and 2022 RDD phone sample. Below you will find the methodological summaries of these three surveys. For more detail on the steps we took to change from a telephone to online survey, see [the white paper here](#).

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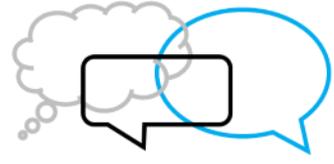
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Data were weighted to represent adults 18+ using the SSRS Opinion Panel. The adjusted margin of error for total respondents in the sample is +/-3.5% at the 95% confidence level. The data were weighted by first applying a base weight then balancing the demographic profile of the sample to target population parameters. The total sample design effect for this survey is 1.88.

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Data were weighted to represent adults 18+ using the SSRS Opinion Panel. The adjusted margin of error for total respondents in the sample is +/-3.4% at the 95% confidence level. The data were weighted by



first applying a base weight then balancing the demographic profile of the sample to target population parameters. The total sample design effect for this survey is 1.86.

2022 RDD Phone Survey Methodology

The 2022 Annenberg Civics Survey was conducted for the Annenberg Public Policy Center via telephone (CATI) by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted August 2 – August 13, 2022, among 1,113 U.S. adults, aged 18 and older. Respondents were drawn from a national probability sample in all 50 states. The dual frame sample included 889 cell phone respondents and 37 respondents who completed the survey in Spanish.

Data were weighted to represent the target U.S. adult population. The adjusted margin of error for total respondents in the sample is +/-3.6% at the 95% confidence level. The design effect is 1.48. Totals in the topline may add up to either greater than or less than 100% due to rounding. For more information on the methodology click [\[here\]](#).