

## Constitution Day Survey 2025

### Survey Topline

BRANCH1. Do you happen to know any of the three branches of government?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

BRANCH2. Would you mind naming any of them, the three branches of government?

#### Number of Branches Correctly Recalled

Year	0	1	2	3
2024	15	8	13	65
2025	13	6	12	70

AMEND1. 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?

Protection	Freedom of Speech	Freedom of Religion	Freedom of Press	Right of Assembly	Right to Petition	Right to Bear Arms
2024	74	39	29	27	11	22
2025	79	48	34	36	12	21

# of Protections	0	1	2	3	4	5
2024	21	29	19	16	7	7
2025	18	24	17	18	13	9

SCTRUST. How much, if at all, do you trust **the Supreme Court** to act in the best interest of people like you?

Date	Party	Supportive Categories				Unsupportive			Don't Know	NET Support
		<i>A great deal</i>	<i>A lot</i>	<i>A fair amount</i>	<i>A moderate amount</i>	Not too much	A little	Not at all		
2005	Democrat	16		58		16		8	2	74
2005	Independents	17		56		14		9	4	74
2005	Republican	29		48		16		4	3	77
2005	<b>Total</b>	21		54		15		7	3	75
2006	Democrat	13		50		23		9	5	63
2006	Independents	13		45		20		14	8	59
2006	Republican	25		49		14		7	5	74
2006	<b>Total</b>	17		47		19		10	7	64
2007	Democrat	11		44		28		11	5	56
2007	Independents	15		49		21		12	3	64
2007	Republican	24		56		12		5	3	80
2007	<b>Total</b>	16		50		21		10	4	66
2011	Democrat	19		43		26		10	2	61
2011	Independents	14		43		29		13	2	56
2011	Republican	10		56		23		8	2	67
2011	<b>Total</b>	14		46		26		11	3	60
2013	Democrat	18		47		25		9	2	64
2013	Independents	14		43		24		14	5	56
2013	Republican	9		43		29		16	3	52
2013	<b>Total</b>	14		44		26		13	4	58
2019	Democrat	19		44		30		6	1	63
2019	Independents	24		43		19		13	1	67
2019	Republican	36		39		15		8	2	76
2019	<b>Total</b>	26		42		21		10	2	68
2022	Democrat	8		24		32		36	0	32
2022	Independents	16		28		29		25	2	44
2022	Republican	28		42		21		8	1	70
2022	<b>Total</b>	16		30		28		24	1	46
2023	Democrat	8		31		39		22	0	39
2023	Independents	10		39		36		16	0	49
2023	Republican	26		47		21		7	0	72
2023	<b>Total</b>	14		39		32		15	0	53
May 2024	Democrat	3	5		21		31	39	1	29
May 2024	Independents	6	7		28		25	33	0	41
May 2024	Republican	16	18		35		18	12	0	69
May 2024	<b>Total</b>	8	9		28		26	30	0	45
Aug. 2024	Democrat	2	4		18		23	53	0	24
Aug. 2024	Independents	5	10		26		26	33	0	41
Aug. 2024	Republican	19	19		33		16	13	0	71
Aug. 2024	<b>Total</b>	8	11		25		22	34	0	44
June 2025	Democrat	0	0		17		30	52	0	18
June 2025	Independents	4	10		24		30	32	0	38
June 2025	Republican	7	25		44		18	6	0	75
June 2025	<b>Total</b>	3	11		27		27	32	0	41

Methods Note:

Beginning in 2024, we made two substantive changes to the Supreme Court trust item. We increased the Likert scale to 5 quantities, and adjusted the stem to from trusting “the Supreme Court to act in the best interest of **people like you**” from the earlier “the American people” to bring the item into concert with other trust batteries.

SCR. How much do you favor or oppose each of the following proposals?

- a. Increasing the number of justices on the U.S. Supreme Court
- b. Setting a specific number of years that U.S. Supreme Court justices serve instead of granting them lifetime appointments
- c. Requiring that U.S. Supreme Court justices retire by a certain age
- d. Creating a formal ethics code for U.S. Supreme Court justices that allows for justices to be investigated if they are accused of an ethical violation
- e. Prohibiting U.S. Supreme Court justices from participating in cases in which they have personal or financial interests
- f. Allowing the public to vote to overturn Supreme Court decisions on controversial issues

Reform	Party	Opposed (NET)	Strongly oppose	Somewhat oppose	Neither	Somewhat favor	Strongly favor	Support (NET)
A	Democrat	21	12	9	35	24	19	44
A	Independent	38	21	17	30	23	10	33
A	Republican	53	40	12	32	11	4	15
A	<b>Total</b>	35	25	11	34	19	12	31
B	Democrat	9	4	5	14	24	53	77
B	Independent	14	8	6	20	20	45	65
B	Republican	21	13	8	18	27	33	61
B	<b>Total</b>	14	8	6	17	25	44	69
C	Democrat	8	4	4	13	23	56	79
C	Independent	8	4	3	19	17	56	73
C	Republican	17	10	7	19	29	35	64
C	<b>Total</b>	12	6	5	16	25	47	72
D	Democrat	2	1	1	11	9	76	86
D	Independent	9	6	3	15	24	53	76
D	Republican	10	4	6	19	30	41	71
D	<b>Total</b>	6	2	4	15	20	58	78
E	Democrat	3	1	2	11	7	79	86
E	Independent	7	1	6	14	14	65	79
E	Republican	4	2	1	14	22	61	83
E	<b>Total</b>	4	2	2	13	14	69	83
F	Democrat	28	16	12	22	23	27	50
F	Independent	29	19	10	26	17	28	45
F	Republican	39	28	11	23	24	14	38
F	<b>Total</b>	32	21	11	23	23	21	45

### Survey Methodology

The Annenberg Public Policy Center engaged SSRS to conduct three surveys in 2025. The first was the ninth wave of the Annenberg Institutions of Democracy (AIOD) National Panel, a custom-recruited panel of non-institutionalized U.S. citizens aged 18 or older. Data collection was conducted in three replicates from March 6 – 17, 2025, among a sample of 1,363 respondents. The margin of sampling error for the complete set of weighted data is  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points, with an overall design effect of 1.74. The questions regarding trust in the Supreme Court was conducted on this survey.

The second was the tenth wave of the Annenberg Institutions of Democracy (AIOD) National Panel. Data collection was conducted in three replicates from May 13 – July 17, 2025, among a sample of 1,334 respondents. The margin of sampling error for the complete set of weighted data is  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points, with an overall design effect of 1.71. Questions regarding potential reforms of the U.S. Supreme Court were conducted on this survey.

The third was the 25<sup>th</sup> wave of the Annenberg Science and Public Health (ASAPH) Panel, a custom-recruited panel of non-institutionalized U.S. adults aged 18 or older. Data collection was conducted in three replicates from August 5 – 18, 2025, among a sample of 1,699 respondents. The margin of sampling error for the complete set of weighted data is  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points, with an overall design effect of 2.13. Questions knowledge of the three branches and first amendment protections were conducted on this survey. This panel was last asked these questions in Summer 2022, and has twice been replenished since that point, limiting concerns of panel conditioning.