

Daily Survey: Supreme Court Ideology



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted January 26 - 27, 2022
Margin of Error ±3.4%

1. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Stephen Breyer?

Very favorable	12%
Somewhat favorable	19%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	7%
Don't know	48%

2. Would you say Stephen Breyer is...

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	16%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	42%

3. How much have you heard recently about Justice Stephen Breyer retiring from the Supreme Court of the United States?

A lot	20%
A little	46%
Nothing at all	34%

4. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer plans to retire at the end of the current term. Ideologically speaking, where do you believe his replacement on the Supreme Court should fall?

Very liberal	13%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	11%
Very conservative	8%
Not sure	26%

5. Should Supreme Court justices adapt the meaning of the constitution to fit changing modern standards or should they stick to a traditional understanding of the words of the constitution?

Adapt the meaning of the constitution to fit changing modern standards	32%
Stick to a traditional understanding of the words of the constitution	44%
Not sure	24%

6. Would you prefer that the next Supreme Court Justice supports or opposes the following legal precedents?

	Supports	Opposes	Not sure
Judicial Views – Roe v. Wade, the decision that made abortion legal across the United States	46%	32%	21%
Judicial Views – Citizens United v. FEC, the decision that political donations are protected speech	20%	38%	42%
Judicial Views – District of Columbia v. Heller, the decision that established a right to own guns in the home for self-defense	58%	16%	26%
Judicial Views – Shelby County v. Holder, the decision that struck down certain provisions of the 1965 Voting Rights Act	15%	31%	55%

7. At this point, do you think the U.S. Senate will or will not confirm Joe Biden’s Supreme Court Justice nominee?

Definitely will	10%
Probably will	36%
Probably will not	16%
Definitely will not	5%
Not sure	34%

8. At this point, do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not confirm Joe Biden’s Supreme Court Justice nominee?

Definitely should	27%
Probably should	17%
Probably should not	13%
Definitely should not	14%
Not sure	29%

9. Do you think the number of justices on the Supreme Court should be...

Increased	16%
Stay the same	53%
Decreased	4%
Not sure	26%