

Washington Examiner Poll: Supreme Court

Sample 1,200 registered voters
 Margin of Error ±3.6%

1. How important to you is the appointment of a new Supreme Court justice when considering your vote in the presidential election?

	Party identification (with leaners)			
	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independent
1) Very important	58%	60%	64%	46%
2) Somewhat important	21%	21%	20%	25%
3) Not very important	8%	7%	7%	9%
4) Not at all important	9%	9%	7%	14%
5) Don't know	3%	3%	1%	6%
Totals	99%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	1,200	570	355	234

2. Should the Senate consider the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court before the presidential inauguration in January, or should it wait until after inauguration?

	Party identification (with leaners)			
	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independent
1) Consider before inauguration	42%	8%	90%	33%
2) Wait until after inauguration	51%	88%	6%	52%
3) Don't know	7%	5%	4%	15%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%

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3. If Amy Coney Barrett is confirmed before the election and Democrats go on to win the presidency and Senate, should they expand the court to include more than nine justices?

	Party identification (with leaners)			
	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independent
1) They should	34%	60%	5%	32%
2) They should not	47%	18%	84%	45%
3) Don't know	19%	22%	11%	23%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%
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4. If Democrats win the presidency and do increase the number of justices, what do you think the make-up of the new court should be?

	Party identification (with leaners)			
	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independent
1) Overwhelmingly liberal	11%	7%	17%	8%
2) Mostly liberal	10%	14%	5%	11%
3) Slightly more liberal	9%	17%	1%	4%

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	Party identification (with leaners)			
	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independent
4) Balanced	47%	52%	38%	57%
5) Slightly more conservative	5%	1%	8%	6%
6) Mostly conservative	5%	2%	10%	2%
7) Overwhelmingly conservative	6%	1%	15%	2%
8) Don't know	7%	7%	5%	10%
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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?

	Party identification (with leaners)			
	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Independent
1) Adapt the meaning of the constitution to fit changing modern standards	44%	69%	10%	47%
2) Stick to a traditional understanding of the words of the constitution	46%	19%	84%	38%
3) Don't know	11%	11%	6%	15%
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6. Should individual states be free to regulate abortion as they see fit (such as on safety standards or with bans after a certain point in pregnancy) or should federal courts be able to strike down state rules?

	Total	Party identification (with leaners)		
		Democrats	Republicans	Independent
1) Individual states be free to regulate abortion as they see fit	42%	33%	50%	47%
2) Federal courts be able to strike down state rules	43%	51%	37%	36%
3) Don't know	15%	16%	12%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%
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This YouGov Direct Poll was conducted for The Washington Examiner by YouGov. The poll was fielded October 4, 2020, between 8:30 a.m. and 12:48 p.m. Data were weighted according to age, gender, race, education, and 2016 presidential vote.