

# Democracy Corps Supreme Court Project Frequency Questionnaire

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**1004 Adults- National Survey**

Q.1 How would you rate the job performance of the U.S. Supreme Court -- excellent, good, just fair, or poor?

	<b>Total</b>
Excellent.....	6
Good.....	29
Just fair.....	39
Poor.....	24
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
 <b>Excellent/Good .....</b>	 <b>35</b>
(ref:SCAPP)	

Q.2 Now I'm going to read a pair of statements. Please tell me which of the following is closer to your point of view, even if neither is exactly right.

The current U.S. Supreme Court justices often let their own personal or political views influence their decisions

OR

The current U.S. Supreme Court justices usually decide their cases based on legal analysis without regard to their own personal or political views.

	<b>Total</b>
First statement, much closer .....	32
First statement, somewhat closer.....	28
Second statement, somewhat closer .....	21
Second statement, much closer .....	15
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
 <b>Total First.....</b>	 <b>60</b>
<b>Total Second.....</b>	<b>36</b>
 <b>First-Second .....</b>	 <b>24</b>
(ref:SCROTATE)	

Q.3 Now I'm going to read you a list of proposals that some have made to reform the U.S. Supreme Court. After I read each proposal, please tell me whether you support or oppose this proposal.

	<b>Strng Supp</b>	<b>Smwt Supp</b>	<b>Smwt Opp</b>	<b>Strng Opp</b>	<b>Dk/ Ref</b>	<b>Total Supp</b>	<b>Total Opp</b>	<b>Supp - Opp</b>
7 Require Supreme Court Justices to follow the U.S. Judicial Code of Conduct - the ethical code that binds other federal judges - from which they are currently exempt.....	72	13	6	6	3	<b>85</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>72</b>
6 Require Supreme Court Justices to disclose any outside activities paid for by others - such as flights on private planes, speaking fees, and gifts-in their annual financial disclosure reports.....	67	13	8	10	2	<b>80</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>62</b>
8 (SPLIT A) Abolish the practice of lifetime appointments for Supreme Court Justices and instead allow justices to serve only a fixed term of 18 years .....	54	20	10	12	4	<b>74</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>53</b>
3 Allow television cameras to film the Court's proceedings and broadcast them live to the American people.....	49	21	11	17	1	<b>71</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>43</b>
9 (SPLIT B) Abolish the practice of lifetime appointments for Supreme Court Justices and instead allow justices to serve only a fixed term.....	53	18	11	16	2	<b>70</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>
4 Broadcast live audio of the Court's proceedings over the internet and on the radio .....	44	24	13	18	2	<b>67</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>37</b>
5 Require Supreme Court Justices to post a summary of their financial disclosure reports online .....	38	20	20	18	3	<b>59</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>21</b>
(ref:SCBAT)								

Q.10 A recent Supreme Court decision made it possible for outside groups, corporations, unions, and wealthy individuals to spend unlimited amounts of money to influence an election without disclosing the names of the individuals or groups spending the money. Now I'd like to read you two statements about this decision.

*Opponents of this decision say: This decision has allowed big corporations and wealthy special interests from both sides to spend hundreds of millions of dollars in secret money to try to buy elections, taking power away from regular citizens*

*Supporters of this decision say: This decision confirmed that Congress does not have the right to muzzle the First Amendment and free speech rights of Americans. It made sure that regular citizens can join together to make sure their voices are heard*

Now that you've heard more information, let me ask you, do you support or oppose this decision to allow unlimited spending in elections?

	<b>Total</b>
Support, strongly .....	11
Support, not so strongly .....	7
Oppose, not so strongly .....	9
Oppose, strongly .....	71
(Don't know/refused) .....	3
<b>Total Support .....</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total Oppose .....</b>	<b>80</b>
(ref:SCDONATE)	

Q. 11 The Supreme Court recently overturned a law that had been on the books for the last forty years that limited the total amount of money any individual may donate to all federal political campaigns and political parties in a single election cycle. Do you think that this decision will result in more corruption in our political system, less corruption in our political system, or that it won't make much of a difference?

	<b>Total</b>
Much more corruption .....	38
Somewhat more corruption .....	13
Somewhat less corruption .....	5
Much less corruption .....	3
No difference .....	38
(Don't know/Refused) .....	3
<b>Total More .....</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total Less.....</b>	<b>8</b>
(ref:SCTURN)	

Q.22 In politics, as of today, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat.....	29
Independent-Lean Democrat.....	13
Independent.....	14
Independent-Lean Republican.....	15
Republican.....	23
(Other party).....	-
(Don't know/Refused).....	7
<b>1-3-1 Democrat.....</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Independent.....</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Republican.....</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Democrat-Republican.....</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>2-1-2 Democrat.....</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Independent.....</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Republican.....</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Democrat-Republican.....</b>	<b>4</b>
(ref:OMPTY5)	

Q.24 What is your age?

	<b>Total</b>
18 - 24.....	13
25 - 29.....	9
30 - 34.....	8
35 - 39.....	8
40 - 44.....	9
45 - 49.....	9
50 - 54.....	9
55 - 59.....	9
60 - 64.....	7
65 and over.....	18
(No answer).....	2
(ref:AGE)	

Q.26 Do you consider yourself one of the heads of your household?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes.....	84
No.....	14
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:OMHEADHH)	

Q.27 Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

	<b>Total</b>
Employed full time .....	39
Employed part time .....	10
Self Employed .....	7
Retired.....	20
Student .....	9
Homemaker.....	8
Not employed .....	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:OMEMPLOY)	

Q.28 What is your current marital status?

	<b>Total</b>
Married .....	46
Living as married.....	5
Single and never been married .....	25
Divorced .....	11
Separated.....	2
Widowed.....	7
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:OMMARITAL)	

Q.29 Do you own or rent the dwelling in which you live?

	<b>Total</b>
Own .....	57
Rent.....	38
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
(ref:OWNRENT)	

Q.30 INCLUDING yourself, how many ADULTS 18 years of age and older are currently living in your household?

	<b>Total</b>
1 .....	27
2 .....	46
3 .....	14
4 .....	7
5 .....	2
6 .....	0
7 .....	0
8 .....	0
9 .....	0
10 or more .....	-
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
(ref:OMHOUSSIZE)	

Q.31 Are there any children under the age of 18 living in your household?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	33
No.....	63
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
(ref:OMKIDS)	

Q.34 What was the last grade in school you completed?

	<b>Total</b>
8th Grade Or Less.....	3
High School Incomplete (Grades 9, 10, 11) .....	9
High School Complete (Grade 12) .....	28
Some College But No Degree .....	16
Associates Degree .....	6
College Graduate/Bachelor's Degree.....	21
Postgraduate Degree, Such As Master's, Ph.D, .....	13
MD, JD .....	-
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
<b>H.S. or less.....</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Post H.S.....</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>College graduate .....</b>	<b>34</b>
(ref:OMEDUC)	

Q.35 Which of the following describe your race? You can select as many as apply.

	<b>Total</b>
White/Caucasian .....	70
Black/African-American .....	13
Asian/Asian-American .....	3
Some other race.....	14
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
(ref:OMRACE)	

Q.36 Are you of Spanish, Latino or Hispanic origin or descent?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	16
No.....	81
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:OMRACE2)	

Q.37 Was your TOTAL household income BEFORE taxes for 2013...

	<b>Total</b>
Less than \$25,000.....	21
\$25,000 to under \$30,000 .....	6
\$30,000 to under \$35,000 .....	5
\$35,000 to under \$40,000 .....	8
\$40,000 to under \$50,000 .....	8
\$50,000 to under \$60,000 .....	8
\$60,000 to under \$75,000 .....	6
\$75,000 to under \$100,000 .....	9
\$100,000 to under \$125,000 .....	7
\$125,000 or more .....	10
(Don't know/Refused).....	13
(ref:OMINCOME)	

Q.3 Gender

	<b>Total</b>
Male.....	48
Female .....	52
(ref:GENDER)	