

Topline Report

2006 Annenberg Judicial Independence Survey

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Q1. Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Satisfied	29%
Dissatisfied	65%
Don't know	4%
Refused	1%

Q2a. Generally speaking, how much do you trust Congress to operate in the best interests of the American people—a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
A great deal	6%
A fair amount	35%
Not too much	37%
Not at all	18%
Don't know	3%
Refused	1%

Q2b. Generally speaking, how much do you trust the President to operate in the best interests of the American people—a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
A great deal	18%
A fair amount	27%
Not too much	23%
Not at all	29%
Don't know	1%
Refused	1%

Q2c. Generally speaking, how much do you trust the Supreme Court to operate in the best interests of the American people—a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
A great deal	17%
A fair amount	47%
Not too much	19%
Not at all	10%
Don't know	6%
Refused	1%

Q2d. Generally speaking, how much do you trust the courts in [state respondent lives in] to operate in the best interests of the American people—a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
A great deal	10%
A fair amount	52%
Not too much	18%
Not at all	10%
Don't know	9%
Refused	1%

Q3a. Now thinking about the ethical practices of Supreme Court justices, in your opinion are the ethical practices of Supreme Court justices very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Very good	18%
Somewhat good	53%
Somewhat bad	14%
Very bad	5%
Don't know	9%
Refused	1%

Q3b. Now thinking about the ethical practices of judges in [state respondent lives in], in your opinion are the ethical practices of judges in [state respondent lives in] very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Very good	11%
Somewhat good	57%
Somewhat bad	12%
Very bad	5%
Don't know	13%
Refused	1%

Q3c. Now thinking about the ethical practices of members of Congress, in your opinion are the ethical practices of members of Congress very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Very good	4%
Somewhat good	51%
Somewhat bad	28%
Very bad	11%
Don't know	6%
Refused	1%

Q3d. Now thinking about the ethical practices of the President, in your opinion are the ethical practices of the president very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Very good	18%
Somewhat good	38%
Somewhat bad	19%
Very bad	22%
Don't know	2%
Refused	1%

Q4a. Do you feel that the courts in [state respondent lives in] have too much power, too little power or about the right amount of power?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Too much power	23%
Too little power	11%
About the right amount of power	55%
Don't know	10%
Refused	1%

Q4b. Do you feel that the US Supreme Court has too much power, too little power or about the right amount of power?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Too much power	28%
Too little power	8%
About the right amount of power	58%
Don't know	6%
Refused	*

Q5a. Turning to the court system in [state respondent lives in]. Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: The courts can usually be trusted to make rulings that are right for the state as a whole.

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Strongly agree	13%
Somewhat agree	51%
Somewhat disagree	17%
Strongly disagree	12%
Don't know	6%
Refused	1%

Q5b. Turning to the court system in [state respondent lives in]. Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: The courts get too mixed up in politics.

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Strongly agree	41%
Somewhat agree	35%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	7%
Don't know	5%
Refused	*

Q5c. Turning to the court system in [state respondent lives in]. Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: The courts do not favor the wealthy or those with political influence.

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Strongly agree	10%
Somewhat agree	21%
Somewhat disagree	26%
Strongly disagree	36%
Don't know	6%
Refused	1%

Q5d. Turning to the court system in [state respondent lives in]. Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: The courts are legislating from the bench rather than interpreting the law.

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Strongly agree	21%
Somewhat agree	41%
Somewhat disagree	17%
Strongly disagree	9%
Don't know	11%
Refused	1%

Q5e. Turning to the court system in [state respondent lives in]. Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: The courts are too concerned about the rights of minority groups.

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Strongly agree	17%
Somewhat agree	26%
Somewhat disagree	26%
Strongly disagree	24%
Don't know	7%
Refused	1%

Q6a. To what extent do you think [state respondent lives in]'s laws and the state's constitution influences the rulings that the courts make in [state respondent lives in]—to a great extent, moderate extent, small extent, or not at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Great extent	17%
Moderate extent	54%
Small extent	15%
Not at all	5%
Don't know	8%
Refused	1%

Q6b. To what extent do you think the state legislature influences the rulings that the courts make in [state respondent lives in]—to a great extent, moderate extent, small extent, or not at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Great extent	15%
Moderate extent	50%
Small extent	21%
Not at all	6%
Don't know	8%
Refused	*

Q6c. To what extent do you think public opinion influences the rulings that the courts make in [state respondent lives in]—to a great extent, moderate extent, small extent, or not at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Great extent	9%
Moderate extent	38%
Small extent	31%
Not at all	17%
Don't know	4%
Refused	*

Q7a. And how appropriate is it for [state respondent lives in]'s laws and the state's constitution to influence the rulings that the courts make in [state respondent lives in]—very appropriate, somewhat appropriate, not too appropriate or not appropriate at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Very appropriate	31%
Somewhat appropriate	46%
Not too appropriate	10%
Not appropriate at all	8%
Don't know	5%
Refused	*

Q7b. And how appropriate is it for the state legislature to influence the rulings that the courts make in [state respondent lives in]—very appropriate, somewhat appropriate, not too appropriate or not appropriate at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Very appropriate	14%
Somewhat appropriate	45%
Not too appropriate	18%
Not appropriate at all	19%
Don't know	5%
Refused	*

Q7c. And how appropriate is it for public opinion to influence the rulings that the courts make in [state respondent lives in]—very appropriate, somewhat appropriate, not too appropriate or not appropriate at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Very appropriate	22%
Somewhat appropriate	41%
Not too appropriate	13%
Not appropriate at all	20%
Don't know	4%
Refused	*

Q8. In your opinion, to what extent do you think a judge's ruling is influenced by his or her personal political views—to a great extent, moderate extent, small extent, or not at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Great extent	33%
Moderate extent	42%
Small extent	16%
Not at all	5%
Don't know	3%
Refused	*

Q9. And how appropriate would it be for a judge's ruling to be influenced by his or her personal political views—very appropriate, somewhat appropriate, not too appropriate or not appropriate at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Very appropriate	7%
Somewhat appropriate	22%
Not too appropriate	18%
Not appropriate at all	50%
Don't know	2%
Refused	*

Q10a. How important do you think it is for a judge's salary to be determined by an independent committee made up of Democrats, Republicans and Independents—essential, very important but not essential, somewhat important, or not too important?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Essential	25%
Very important but not essential	30%
Somewhat important	23%
Not too important	17%
Don't know	4%
Refused	1%

Q10b. How important do you think it is to be able to impeach or remove a judge from office if the judge makes an unpopular ruling—essential, very important but not essential, somewhat important, or not too important?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Essential	18%
Very important but not essential	30%
Somewhat important	21%
Not too important	25%
Don't know	5%
Refused	1%

Q10c. How important do you think it is for the legislature to be able to cut a judge's salary if it disagrees with the judge's rulings—essential, very important but not essential, somewhat important, or not too important?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Essential	9%
Very important but not essential	16%
Somewhat important	22%
Not too important	49%
Don't know	4%
Refused	1%

Q11a. In general, to what extent do you think a fear of physical harm or threats would affect a judge's ability to be fair and impartial when deciding a case—to a great extent, moderate extent, small extent, or not at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Great extent	26%
Moderate extent	30%
Small extent	18%
Not at all	22%
Don't know	4%
Refused	1%

Q11b. In general, to what extent do you think concern about not getting a raise would affect a judge's ability to be fair and impartial when deciding a case—to a great extent, moderate extent, small extent, or not at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Great extent	19%
Moderate extent	33%
Small extent	18%
Not at all	25%
Don't know	4%
Refused	*

Q11c. In general, to what extent do you think pressure from past campaign contributors would affect a judge's ability to be fair and impartial when deciding a case—to a great extent, moderate extent, small extent, or not at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Great extent	28%
Moderate extent	35%
Small extent	16%
Not at all	17%
Don't know	3%
Refused	1%

Q11d. In general, to what extent do you think a fear of not being reappointed or reelected would affect a judge's ability to be fair and impartial when deciding a case—to a great extent, moderate extent, small extent, or not at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Great extent	32%
Moderate extent	35%
Small extent	13%
Not at all	15%
Don't know	4%
Refused	1%

Q11e. In general, to what extent do you think a desire to be promoted to the next higher court would affect a judge's ability to be fair and impartial when deciding a case—to a great extent, moderate extent, small extent, or not at all?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Great extent	35%
Moderate extent	40%
Small extent	9%
Not at all	13%
Don't know	3%
Refused	1%

Q12. Which of the following statements come closer to your beliefs about the courts in [state respondent lives in]?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
The courts are fair and objective in their rulings	29%
The courts are sometimes politically motivated in their rulings	64%
Don't know	7%
Refused	*

Q13. Which of the following do you think is better?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Governors nominate judges from a list of names prepared by an independent committee made up of Democrats, Republicans and Independents	30%
Judges run for election and the people vote on the candidates	65%
Both/It depends (VOLUNTEERED)	1%
Don't know	4%
Refused	*

Q14. When judges run for office they usually have to raise money for their election campaign. To what extent do you think this affects a judge's rulings once in office—to a great extent, moderate extent, small extent, or not at all.

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Great extent	27%
Moderate extent	43%
Small extent	15%
Not at all	10%
Don't know	4%
Refused	*

Q15. Compared to other people who run for public office do you think judges who run for office are more likely, less likely or just as likely to be influenced by large campaign contributions?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
More likely	35%
Less likely	20%
Just as likely	42%
Don't know	3%
Refused	*

Q16. Do you think judges who are APPOINTED to office are more likely, less likely or just as likely to be fair and impartial as judges who are ELECTED?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
More likely	28%
Less likely	25%
Just as likely	42%
Don't know	5%
Refused	*

Q17. Do you think the courts in [state respondent lives in] are generally liberal, generally conservative, or are they making rulings more on a case-by-case basis?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Generally liberal	17%
Generally conservative	20%
Making rulings on a case-by-case basis	52%
Don't know	11%
Refused	*

Q18. Do you think it is good or bad for our system of government if the courts are generally [liberal/conservative] in their rulings?

Based on respondents who said that the rulings of their state's courts are generally liberal or conservative

UNWEIGHTED BASE	398
WEIGHTED BASE	368
Good	28%
Bad	66%
Don't know	5%
Refused	1%

Q19. To the best of your knowledge are judges in your state ELECTED by the people or APPOINTED by the Governor or an independent committee?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Elected	47%
Appointed	33%
Don't know	19%
Refused	1%

Q20. When judges in [state respondent lives in] run for office, to what extent do you feel you get enough information from the candidates to make an informed decision to vote—to a great extent, moderate extent, small extent, or not at all?

Based on respondents who stated that their state elects judges

UNWEIGHTED BASE	502
WEIGHTED BASE	471
Great extent	11%
Moderate extent	31%
Small extent	33%
Not at all	22%
Don't know	2%
Refused	*

Q21. How often, if ever, have you voted for a judge running for office—regularly, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

Based on respondents who stated that their state elects judges

UNWEIGHTED BASE	502
WEIGHTED BASE	471
Regularly	50%
Sometimes	22%
Hardly ever	12%
Never	15%
Don't know	1%
Refused	*

Q22. In general, how well do you think your friends and neighbors understand the purpose and role of the court system in our government—very well, somewhat well, somewhat poorly or very poorly?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Very well	7%
Somewhat well	40%
Somewhat poorly	33%
Very poorly	16%
Don't know	4%
Refused	*

Q23. And how important is it for your friends and neighbors to understand the purpose and role of the court system—is it essential, very important but not essential, somewhat important or not too important?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Essential	42%
Very important but not essential	37%
Somewhat important	14%
Not too important	4%
Don't know	2%
Refused	*

Q24. How well do YOU feel that you understand the purpose and role of the court system—very well, somewhat well, somewhat poorly or very poorly?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Very well	18%
Somewhat well	55%
Somewhat poorly	19%
Very poorly	7%
Don't know	1%
Refused	*

Q25. Does the constitution in [state respondent lives in] protect judges from the threat of being removed from office if the judge makes a ruling that the governor or the legislature disagrees with?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Yes	22%
No	15%
Don't know	63%
Refused	*

Q26. Do you happen to know any of the three branches of government?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Yes	68%
No	26%
Don't know	5%
Refused	*

Q27. Would you mind naming any of them?

Based on respondents who said they know any of the three branches of government

UNWEIGHTED BASE	742
WEIGHTED BASE	685
Executive branch, the president, presidency, the White House	28%
Legislative branch, Congress, people in Congress, Congressmen, Congress people	35%
Judicial branch, the courts, Supreme Court	33%
Republicans, Democrats, Independents, political parties	1%
Local, state, and federal government	2%
Other (SPECIFY)	1%
Don't know	1%
Refused	*

Q28. Do you happen to know who the current Supreme Court Chief Justice is?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Justice Samuel Alito	2%
Justice Stephen Breyer	1%
Justice Ruth Ginsburg	-
Justice Anthony Kennedy	*
Justice Sandra Day O'Connor	1%
Justice William Rehnquist	2%
Justice John Roberts	9%
Justice Antonin Scalia	1%
Justice David Souter	*
Justice John Paul Stevens	-
Justice Clarence Thomas	1%
Someone else	2%
Don't know	80%
Refused	-

Q29. To the best of your knowledge, do Supreme Court justices usually give written reasons behind their rulings or do they NOT usually give written reasons?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Give written reasons	53%
Do not give written reasons	18%
Don't know	29%
Refused	*

Q30. If the Supreme Court issues a ruling that the president disagrees with, should the president do what he thinks is in the best interests of the country or should the president follow the Supreme Court's ruling?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Do what he thinks is in the best interests of the country	36%
Follow the Supreme Court's ruling	58%
Don't know	6%
Refused	1%

Q31. Some people think it is okay for the president to ignore a Supreme Court ruling if the president believes the ruling will prevent him from protecting the country against terrorist attacks. Others think the president must follow a Supreme Court ruling no matter what the circumstances. Which position is closer to your opinion?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Okay to ignore Supreme Court ruling	38%
Must follow Supreme Court ruling	53%
Don't know	8%
Refused	1%

Q32. Suppose Congress passes legislation the president thinks is good legislation but he thinks there is part of the legislation that is unconstitutional. Should he veto the legislation and send it back to Congress or should he sign the legislation but only carry out the part that he thinks is constitutional?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Veto the legislation and send it back to Congress	73%
Sign the legislation but only carry out the part that he thinks is constitutional	18%
Don't know	8%
Refused	*

Q33. Now, turning to a different topic. What is your primary source of news—television, newspapers, radio or the Internet?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Television	60%
Newspapers	19%
Radio	10%
Internet	9%
Don't know	1%
Refused	1%

Q34. What is your second source of news— television, newspapers, radio or the Internet?

Based on respondents who said they have a primary source of news

UNWEIGHTED BASE	983
WEIGHTED BASE	982
Television	25%
Newspapers	40%
Radio	16%
Internet	17%
Don't know	2%
Refused	*

Q35a. Please tell me how many days in the past week, if any, you did each of the following. How many days in the past week, did you watch watch national network news on TV—by which I mean Bob Schieffer on CBS, Charles Gibson on ABC, Brian Williams on NBC or Jim Lehrer on PBS?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
None	38%
One	9%
Two	10%
Three	9%
Four	6%
Five	8%
Six	2%
Seven	17%
Don't know	1%
Refused	*

Q35b. Please tell me how many days in the past week, if any, you did each of the following. How many days in the past week, did you watch cable news, such as CNN, Fox News Channel or MSNBC?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
None	32%
One	9%
Two	10%
Three	8%
Four	6%
Five	8%
Six	2%
Seven	24%
Don't know	1%
Refused	*

Q35c. Please tell me how many days in the past week, if any, you did each of the following. How many days in the past week, did you watch local TV news—for example, “Eyewitness News” or “Action News”?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
None	20%
One	6%
Two	9%
Three	9%
Four	7%
Five	12%
Six	3%
Seven	32%
Don't know	2%
Refused	*

Q35d. Please tell me how many days in the past week, if any, you did each of the following. How many days in the past week, did you read a daily newspaper?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
None	25%
One	11%
Two	9%
Three	9%
Four	4%
Five	7%
Six	2%
Seven	32%
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Q35e. Please tell me how many days in the past week, if any, you did each of the following. How many days in the past week, did you listen to talk radio shows that invite listeners to call in to discuss current events, public issues or politics—for example, Rush Limbaugh, Don Imus, Al Franken or Diane Rehm?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
None	69%
One	5%
Two	5%
Three	5%
Four	4%
Five	6%
Six	1%
Seven	6%
Don't know	1%
Refused	*

Q35f. Please tell me how many days in the past week, if any, you did each of the following. How many days in the past week, did you watch actual court proceedings on Court TV?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
None	75%
One	8%
Two	8%
Three	3%
Four	2%
Five	2%
Six	*
Seven	2%
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Q35g. Please tell me how many days in the past week, if any, you did each of the following. How many days in the past week, did you watch programs like People's Court, Divorce Court, Judge Judy or Judge Mathis?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
None	68%
One	8%
Two	8%
Three	4%
Four	2%
Five	5%
Six	*
Seven	5%
Don't know	*
Refused	1%

Q35h. Please tell me how many days in the past week, if any, you did each of the following. How many days in the past week, did you watch shows that feature court proceedings, like Law & Order?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
None	55%
One	11%
Two	11%
Three	8%
Four	4%
Five	2%
Six	1%
Seven	6%
Don't know	1%
Refused	1%

Q36a. Overall, how good a job do you think news organizations do covering stories about the courts in [state respondent lives in]—very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Very good	10%
Somewhat good	45%
Somewhat bad	24%
Very bad	13%
Don't know	7%
Refused	1%

Q36b. Overall, how good a job do you think news organizations do covering stories about the US Supreme Court—very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Very good	12%
Somewhat good	52%
Somewhat bad	20%
Very bad	9%
Don't know	6%
Refused	*

D1. Record sex

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Male	48%
Female	52%

D2. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat or Independent?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Republican	24%
Democrat	36%
Independent	31%
No Preference (VOLUNTEERED)	4%
Other (VOLUNTEERED)	*
Don't know	3%
Refused	2%

D3. As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

Based on respondents who did not state a party preference

UNWEIGHTED BASE	389
WEIGHTED BASE	399
Republican	25%
Democrat	36%
Other (VOLUNTEERED)	6%
Don't know	22%
Refused	11%

D4. What is your age?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
18-29	20%
30-49	37%
50-64	25%
65+	17%
Don't know	*
Refused	2%

D5. Are you now employed full-time, part-time or are you not employed for pay?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Full-time	52%
Part-time	13%
Not employed for pay	35%
Don't know	*
Refused	*

D6. Are you yourself of Latino or Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Latin American background?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Yes	10%
No	89%
Don't know	*
Refused	1%

D7. What is your race? Are you white, black or African American, Asian, American Indian or Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander? You may select more than one race.

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
White	78%
African American/Black	12%
Asian	2%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1%
Other (SPECIFY)	3%
Don't know	1%
Refused	2%

D8. How often do you attend religious services, apart from special events like weddings and funerals?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
More than once a week	11%
Once a week	27%
Once or twice a month	14%
A few times a year	26%
Never	20%
Don't know	*
Refused	1%

D9. Do you mostly attend a place of worship that is ...

Based on respondents who attend religious services

UNWEIGHTED BASE	789
WEIGHTED BASE	786
Protestant, (include Baptist, Christian, Episcopal, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Methodist, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, etc.)	61%
Roman Catholic	29%
Jewish	2%
Mormon	2%
An Orthodox Church	*
Muslim	*
Other religion	3%
Don't know	1%
Refused	1%

D10. Are you or someone in your immediate family a lawyer or a judge?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Yes	8%
No	92%
Don't know	*
Refused	*

D11. Have you been called for jury duty in the past five years?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Yes	36%
No	62%
Don't know	1%
Refused	*

D12. Have you served on a jury in the past five years?

Based on respondents who have been called for jury duty

UNWEIGHTED BASE	378
WEIGHTED BASE	364
Yes	22%
No	77%
Don't know	*
Refused	-

D13. Overall, how good a job did you think the judge in the case did—very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad?

Based on respondents who have served on a jury

UNWEIGHTED BASE	95
WEIGHTED BASE	82
Very good	71%
Somewhat good	22%
Somewhat bad	1%
Very bad	2%
Don't know	3%
Refused	1%

D14. Besides jury duty, have you or an immediate family member gone to court or been part of a court process in the past five years?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Yes	29%
No	71%
Don't know	*
Refused	*

D15a. What kind of court case was it? Was it a traffic court?

Based on respondents who have gone to court or been part of the court process

UNWEIGHTED BASE	272
WEIGHTED BASE	289
Yes	35%
No	61%
Don't know	3%
Refused	*

D15b. What kind of court case was it? Was it a family court?

Based on respondents who have gone to court or been part of the court process

UNWEIGHTED BASE	272
WEIGHTED BASE	289
Yes	30%
No	67%
Don't know	3%
Refused	1%

D15c. What kind of court case was it? Was it an estate or probate court?

Based on respondents who have gone to court or been part of the court process

UNWEIGHTED BASE	272
WEIGHTED BASE	289
Yes	17%
No	78%
Don't know	5%
Refused	*

D15d. What kind of court case was it? Was it a small claims court?

Based on respondents who have gone to court or been part of the court process

UNWEIGHTED BASE	272
WEIGHTED BASE	289
Yes	22%
No	72%
Don't know	5%
Refused	*

D15e. What kind of court case was it? Was it a criminal court?

Based on respondents who have gone to court or been part of the court process

UNWEIGHTED BASE	272
WEIGHTED BASE	289
Yes	34%
No	61%
Don't know	5%
Refused	*

D16. What kind of case was it?

Based on respondents who have gone to court or been part of the court process but were not involved on any court mentioned in D15

UNWEIGHTED BASE	23
WEIGHTED BASE	21
Other general state court	20%
Juvenile court	25%
Municipal court	12%
Landlord-tenant courts	-
Tax court	4%
Federal court	11%
Other (SPECIFY)	24%
Don't know	3%
Refused	-

D17. Overall, how good a job did you think the judge in the case did—very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad?

Based on respondents who have gone to court or been part of the court process

UNWEIGHTED BASE	272
WEIGHTED BASE	289
Very good	39%
Somewhat good	34%
Somewhat bad	8%
Very bad	10%
Don't know	9%
Refused	-

D18. Does your home have either cable or satellite television?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Yes	86%
No	14%
Don't know	-
Refused	*

D19. Do you have access to the Internet either at home, work or someplace else?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Yes	79%
No	20%
Don't know	*
Refused	*

D20. How many days in the past week did you go online to get information about current events, public issues, or politics?

Based on respondents who have internet access

UNWEIGHTED BASE	808
WEIGHTED BASE	794
None	42%
One	8%
Two	8%
Three	7%
Four	4%
Five	7%
Six	1%
Seven	23%
Don't know	*
Refused	*

D21. What is the highest degree you completed in school?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Grade 8 or lower	3%
Some high school, no diploma	10%
High school diploma or equivalent	34%
Technical or vocational school after high school	2%
Some college, no degree	15%
Associate's or two-year college degree	8%
Four-year college degree	15%
Graduate or professional school after college, no degree	4%
Graduate or professional degree	8%
Don't know	*
Refused	*

D22. Last year, that is 2005, what was your total household income before taxes?

UNWEIGHTED BASE	1002
WEIGHTED BASE	1002
Less than \$10,000	7%
\$10,000 to less than \$15,000	7%
\$15,000 to less than \$25,000	10%
\$25,000 to less than \$35,000	11%
\$35,000 to less than \$50,000	13%
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	14%
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	10%
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	8%
\$150,000 or more	6%
Don't know	6%
Refused	8%