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HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

This poll was commissioned by First Liberty Institute. It was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from August 12 through August 15, 2024. A total of 1,100 registered voters were interviewed nationwide by telephone. All indicated they were likely to vote in the November presidential election.

Those interviewed were randomly selected from a nationwide voter registration list that included both landlines and mobile phones. Quotas were assigned in order to reflect voter turnout by state.

The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than ± 3 percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all voters were surveyed. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender or age grouping.

QUESTION: Do you support or oppose amending the U.S. Constitution to change the structure of the U.S. Supreme Court?

	<u>NATIONWIDE</u>	<u>GENDER ID</u>		<u>PARTY ID</u>		
		<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>DEMS</u>	<u>REPS</u>	<u>INDS</u>
SUPPORT	41%	36%	45%	76%	9%	35%
OPPOSE	52%	59%	47%	15%	84%	59%
UNDECIDED	7%	5%	8%	9%	7%	6%

QUESTION: For over 150 years, the United States Supreme Court has had nine justices. “Court-packing” is generally defined as increasing the number of Supreme Court seats, primarily to alter the ideological balance of the court. Do you support or oppose “court-packing”?

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SUPPORT	34%	29%	39%	57%	9%	33%
OPPOSE	59%	68%	50%	34%	86%	55%
UNDECIDED	7%	3%	11%	9%	5%	12%

QUESTION: If a plan to pack the U.S. Supreme Court with more Justices succeeds, do you believe the protection of civil liberties would increase or decrease?

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		<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>DEMS</u>	<u>REPS</u>	<u>INDS</u>
INCREASE	38%	34%	42%	60%	16%	37%
DECREASE	44%	54%	35%	19%	72%	43%
NO CHANGE/DK	18%	12%	23%	21%	12%	20%

QUESTION: The authors of the U.S. Constitution granted federal judges and Supreme Court Justices lifetime appointments. They believed this would insulate the judiciary from political pressure and empower judges to interpret the law without fear of retribution. Do you support or oppose lifetime appointments to the U.S. Supreme Court?

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		<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>DEMS</u>	<u>REPS</u>	<u>INDS</u>
SUPPORT	45%	54%	37%	22%	75%	41%
OPPOSE	52%	42%	61%	73%	23%	57%
UNDECIDED	3%	4%	2%	5%	2%	2%

QUESTION: Do you feel that lifetime appointments for Supreme Court Justices increases or decreases their judicial independence?

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		<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>DEMS</u>	<u>REPS</u>	<u>INDS</u>
INCREASES	46%	54%	38%	26%	70%	45%
DECREASES	38%	31%	46%	59%	16%	37%
NO EFFECT/DK	16%	15%	16%	15%	14%	18%

I am going to read several statements. After each one, please tell me if you agree or disagree with it.

- **“An independent judiciary is a crucial safeguard of our civil liberties.”**

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		<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>DEMS</u>	<u>REPS</u>	<u>INDS</u>
AGREE	87%	91%	84%	84%	89%	87%
DISAGREE	10%	7%	12%	14%	9%	8%
NOT SURE	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	5%

- “Plans to expand the membership of the U.S. Supreme Court are primarily motivated by political objectives.”

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		<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>DEMS</u>	<u>REPS</u>	<u>INDS</u>
AGREE	76%	79%	74%	68%	88%	72%
DISAGREE	21%	20%	22%	26%	11%	27%
NOT SURE	3%	1%	4%	6%	1%	1%

- “Packing the U.S. Supreme Court would threaten the civil liberties of all Americans.”

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		<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>DEMS</u>	<u>REPS</u>	<u>INDS</u>
AGREE	64%	70%	58%	49%	83%	63%
DISAGREE	28%	25%	32%	44%	12%	26%
NOT SURE	8%	5%	10%	7%	5%	11%

QUESTION: In recent months, opponents of decisions by the Supreme Court have launched attacks on the integrity of some of the Justices. Do you support or oppose those political attacks?

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SUPPORT	33%	25%	41%	53%	6%	36%
OPPOSE	63%	72%	55%	41%	93%	60%
UNDECIDED	4%	3%	5%	6%	1%	4%

QUESTION: Do you believe that political attacks by opponents of some Supreme Court decisions do or do not threaten the judicial independence of the Supreme Court?

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		<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>DEMS</u>	<u>REPS</u>	<u>INDS</u>
YES, DO	49%	56%	43%	32%	70%	47%
NO, DO NOT	45%	40%	49%	59%	28%	46%
NOT SURE	6%	4%	8%	9%	2%	7%

QUESTION: Each branch of the federal government -- the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial -- is a separate and co-equal branch. In recognition of the separation of powers and judicial independence, the judiciary has always established its own ethical rules for judges. Some have proposed that Congress be given the power to establish and enforce the ethical rules for Supreme Court justices. Do you believe that giving Congress the power make and enforce ethical rules for Supreme Court justices would or would not violate the separation of powers?

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	<u>NATIONWIDE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>DEMS</u>	<u>REPS</u>	<u>INDS</u>
WOULD	60%	65%	56%	40%	82%	61%
WOULD NOT	37%	31%	42%	58%	16%	35%
NOT SURE	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	4%

QUESTION: Do you believe that giving Congress the power make and enforce ethical rules for Supreme Court justices would or would not threaten judicial independence?

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	<u>NATIONWIDE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>DEMS</u>	<u>REPS</u>	<u>INDS</u>
WOULD	57%	64%	51%	34%	78%	60%
WOULD NOT	40%	35%	44%	65%	20%	34%
NOT SURE	3%	1%	5%	1%	2%	6%

QUESTION: Do you believe that politicizing the Supreme Court does or does not threaten its judicial independence?

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	<u>NATIONWIDE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>DEMS</u>	<u>REPS</u>	<u>INDS</u>
YES, DOES	67%	72%	62%	53%	86%	65%
NO, DOES NOT	29%	24%	34%	40%	13%	31%
NOT SURE	4%	4%	4%	7%	1%	4%

DEMOGRAPHICS

PARTY:	Democrat	373 (34%)
	Republican	343 (31%)
	Independent/Other	384 (35%)

AGE:	18-34	179 (16%)
	35-49	296 (27%)
	50-64	304 (28%)
	65+	313 (28%)
	Refused	8 (1%)

RACE/ETHNICITY:	White/Caucasian	683 (62%)
	Black/African American	134 (12%)
	Hispanic/Latino	171 (16%)
	Other/Refused	112 (10%)

GENDER ID:	Male	532 (48%)
	Female	556 (51%)
	Other	13 (1%)

REGION:	Northeast	220 (20%)
	Midwest	220 (20%)
	South	365 (33%)
	West	120 (11%)
	Pacific Coast	175 (16%)