**PEW RESEARCH CENTER**

**July 11-15, 2018 OMNIBUS**

**FINAL TOPLINE  
N=1007**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE ITEMS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT ITEM]?** **[IF NECESSARY:** would you say your overall opinion of **[ITEM]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?**] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”]**

**(VOL.) (VOL.)**

----- Favorable ----- ---- Unfavorable ---- Never Can’t rate/

Total *Very Mostly* Total *Very Mostly* heard of Ref

a. The Federal Bureau of

Investigation, the FBI

July 11-15, 2018 65 *26 39* 26 *11 14* 18

Feb 7-11, 2018 66 *25 41* 23 *9 13* 2 9

Jan 5-8, 2017 69 *22 47* 16 *6 10* \* 15

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 71 *18 52* 21 *8 12* \* 8

Sep 22-27, 2015 68 *18 49* 19 *8 11* 1 13

Mar 18-21, 2010 67 *16 51* 14 *8 7* \* 19

July, 2001 61 *16 45* 29 *9 20* \* 10

June, 1999 71 *17 54* 20 *7 13* \* 9

October, 1997 67 *13 54* 25 *8 17* \* 8

May, 1997 60 *12 48* 28 *7 21* 0 12

August, 1995 64 *16 48* 28 *9 19* \* 8

ABC/Wash. Post, May 1995[[1]](#footnote-1) 82 *34 48* 9 *6 3* \* 9

Roper, August 1987[[2]](#footnote-2) 78 *28 50* 17 *3 14* -- 5

Roper, August 1986 75 *25 50* 17 *4 13* -- 8

Roper, August 1985 72 *24 48* 20 *5 15* -- 8

Roper, August 1984 77 *30 47* 19 *5 14* -- 4

Roper, August 1983 75 *29 46* 19 *5 14* -- 6

b. The Central Intelligence

Agency, the CIA

July 11-15, 2018 61 *22 40* 24 *9 15* 2 12

Feb 7-11, 2018 64 *19 45* 20 *5 14* 2 14

Jan 5-8, 2017 62 *17 45* 17 *7 11* 1 20

Sep 22-27, 2015 57 *12 45* 27 9 *18* 1 15

Jan 7-11, 2015 54 *14 41* 33 *13 20* 1 12

Mar 18-21, 2010 52 *11 42* 21 *8 13* 2 25

June, 1999 49 *9 40* 33 *10 23* 1 17

February, 1998 51 *7 44* 32 *7 25* 1 16

*Roper*, August 1987 52 *12 40* 38 *9 29* -- 10

*Roper*, August 1986 61 *14 47* 26 *6 20* -- 13

*Roper*, August 1985 53 *15 38* 33 *11 22* -- 15

*Roper*, August 1984 58 *17 41* 30 *8 22* -- 11

c. The Justice Department

July 11-15, 2018 58 *20 38* 35 *13 22* 1 6

Feb 7-11, 2018 59 *16 43* 32 *13 19* 1 9

**Q.1 CONTINUED…**

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----- Favorable ----- ---- Unfavorable ---- Never Can’t rate/

Total *Very Mostly* Total *Very Mostly* heard of Ref

Jan 5-8, 2017 61 *17 44* 30 *11 19* \* 9

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 56 *14 42* 37 *16 20* \* 7

Sep 22-27, 2015 46 *10 37* 47 *18 29 \** 6

Oct 9-13, 2013 61 *9 52* 33 *14 19* 1 5

Mar 18-21, 2010 51 *6 44* 33 *11 23* 1 15

February, 1998 56 *7 49* 39 *12 27* 0 5

Roper, April 1987 53 *10 43* 39 *15 24* -- 8

Roper, April 1986 52 *10 42* 39 *15 24* -- 8

Roper, April 1985 53 *10 43* 39 *17 22* -- 9

d. The Internal Revenue Service,

the IRS

July 11-15, 2018 57 *13 44* 36 *15 21* 1 6

Feb 7-11, 2018 58 *14 44* 33 *13 20* \* 8

Jan 5-8, 2017 58 *13 45* 33 *16 17* \* 8

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 50 *11 39* 45 *21 24* \* 5

Sep 22-27, 2015 42 *9 32* 52 *24 28* \* 6

Jan 7-11, 2015 45 *10 35* 48 *24 25* \* 6

Oct 9-13, 2013 44 *9 35* 51 *23 28* \* 5

Mar 18-21, 2010 47 *6 41* 40 *17 23* \* 13

October, 1997 38 *5 33* 60 *25 35* \* 2

*Roper*, August 1987 49 *10 39* 46 *19 27* -- 5

*Roper*, August 1986 51 *10 41* 45 *19 26* -- 4

*Roper*, August 1985 48 *8 40* 47 *19 28* -- 5

*Roper*, August 1984 60 *13 47* 34 *11 23* -- 6

*Roper*, August 1983 50 *12 38* 44 *16 28* -- 6

e. The Environmental Protection

Agency, the EPA

July 11-15, 2018 54 *20 34* 37 *17 20* 2 7

Feb 7-11, 2018 60 *20 40* 31 *14 17* 2 8

Jan 5-8, 2017 63 *22* *41* 27 *12* *14* 1 8

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 62 *17 44* 30 *13 18* 2 6

Sep 22-27, 2015 52 *13 39* 38 *18 20* 2 8

Jan 7-11, 2015 59 *18 40* 32 *15 18* 1 8

Feb 12-Feb 26, 2014 57 *14 43* 33 *14 19* 2 8

Oct 9-13, 2013 62 *15 47* 30 *12 19* 2 6

Mar 18-21, 2010 57 *11 46* 32 *12 20* 1 10

October, 1997 69 *14 55* 27 *7 20* 1 3

*Roper*, August 1987 62 *19 43* 30 *7 23* -- 8

*Roper*, August 1986 59 *18 41* 31 *7 24* -- 10

*Roper*, August 1985 58 *19 39* 31 *11 20* -- 11

*Roper*, August 1984 68 *27 41* 26 *9 17* -- 6

*Roper*, August 1983 56 *21 35* 34 *12 22* -- 10

f. The Immigration and Customs Enforcement,

known as ICE

July 11-15, 2018 44 *19 25* 47 *28 19* 2 7

g. The Census Bureau

July 11-15, 2018 69 *19 50* 16 *7 9* 4 11

h. The National Park Service

July 11-15, 2018 83 *42 41* 7 *4 3* 3 7

Sep 22-27, 2015 75 *27 47* 11 *4 7* 2 12

**Q.1 CONTINUED…**

**(VOL.) (VOL.)**

----- Favorable ----- ---- Unfavorable ---- Never Can’t rate/

Total *Very Mostly* Total *Very Mostly* heard of Ref

Feb 19-22, 1998 84 *26 58* 9 *7 2* 2 4

Roper, 1987 80 *37 43* 11 *8 3* -- 9

Roper, 1986 74 *32 42* 9 *7 2* -- 17

Roper, 1985 79 *39 40* 7 *5 2* -- 15

Roper, 1984 84 *44 40* 6 *5 1* -- 9

i. The Department of Health and

Human Services, the HHS

July 11-15, 2018 60 *19 42* 28 *10 18* 3 9

Jan 5-8, 2017 64 *21* *44* 24 *8* *15* 1 11

Sep 22-27, 2015 54 *13 41* 31 *14 17* 3 12

Oct 9-13, 2013 61 *14 47* 30 *12 19* 2 7

**ASK ALL:**

Q.2 How much, if anything, have you heard about Donald Trump’s choice of Brett Kavanaugh **[PRONOUNCED:**“Kav-uh-naw”**]** to be the next Supreme Court justice? Have you heard **[READ IN ORDER]**?

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|  |  | **TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:** | | | |
|  |  | *--Gorsuch--* | *--Garland--* | *------Sotomayor------* | |
| July 11-15 2018 |  | Feb 7-12 2017 | Mar 17-26 2016 | Jul 22-26 2009 | Jun 10-14 2009 |
| 40 | A lot | 40 | 32 | 46 | 39 |
| 36 | A little | 36 | 44 | 33 | 38 |
| 24 | Nothing at all | 23 | 24 | 19 | 21 |
| 1 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 1 | \* | 2 | 2 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.3 How important is the choice of the next Supreme Court justice to you personally **[READ IN ORDER]**?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very important | Somewhat important | Not too important | Not at all important | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| July 11-15, 2018 | 63 | 20 | 9 | 7 | 1 |
| **Obama** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 17-26, 2016 | 56 | 27 | 11 | 5 | 1 |
| Feb 18-21, 2016 | 57 | 24 | 8 | 9 | 2 |
| Apr 21-26, 2010[[3]](#footnote-3) | 40 | 32 | 14 | 11 | 3 |
| **Bush** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov 2005 | 47 | 28 | 13 | 11 | 1 |
| Mid-Sept 2005[[4]](#footnote-4) | 48 | 34 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| July 2005 | 47 | 30 | 14 | 8 | 1 |
| June 2005 | 47 | 29 | 14 | 8 | 2 |
| Late March 2005 | 38 | 36 | 15 | 8 | 3 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.4   From what you’ve seen and heard so far, do you think the Senate should or should not confirm Brett Kavanaugh **[PRONOUNCED:**“Kav-uh-naw”**]**to the Supreme Court?

**(VOL.)**

Should Should not DK/Ref

**Kavanaugh**  July 11-15, 2018 41 36 23

**Gorsuch** Feb 7-12, 2017 44 32 24

**Garland** Mar 17-26, 2016 46 30 24

**Kagan** June 17-20, 2010 33 25 42

**Kagan** May 13-16, 2010 33 21 46

**Sotomayor**July 22-26, 2009 50 23 27

**Sotomayor** June 10-14, 2009 50 25 25

**Alito** January, 2006 33 19 48

**Alito** Early December, 2005 32 19 49

**Alito** November, 2005 40 23 37

**Miers** Early October, 2005 33 27 40

**Roberts** Mid-September, 2005 46 21 33

**Roberts** Early September, 2005 35 19 46

**ASK ALL:**

Q.5 Do you worry that Brett Kavanaugh **[PRONOUNCED:**“Kav-uh-naw”**]**would make the Supreme Court too conservative, not conservative enough, or don’t you worry about this?

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|  |  | **TREND FOR COMPARISON:** | | | | |
|  |  | *------Samuel Alito------* | | *Harriet Miers* | *John Roberts* | *Next Supreme Court Appt.* |
| July 11-15 2018 |  | Early Dec 2005 | Early Nov 2005 | Early Oct 2005 | Early Oct 2005 | July 2005[[5]](#footnote-5) |
| 31 | Too conservative | 21 | 25 | 18 | 20 | 31 |
| 11 | Not conservative enough | 6 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 19 |
| 46 | Don’t worry about this | 53 | 56 | 56 | 60 | 44 |
| 12 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 20 | 13 | 18 | 11 | 6 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.6     When Senators ask Supreme Court nominees questions about issues like abortion that may come before the court, do you think **[INSERT ITEM, ROTATE]**or do you think **[NEXT ITEM]**?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| July 11-15 2018 |  | Early Nov 2005 | Early Oct 2005 |
| 61 | Nominees should be required to answer those questions | 60 | 55 |
| 33 | Nominees should be allowed to not comment on those questions | 35 | 39 |
| 5 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 5 | 6 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.7     If Brett Kavanaugh is confirmed to sit on the Supreme Court, do you think he would vote to OVERTURN the Roe versus Wade decision that established a woman’s right to an abortion, or don’t you think he would vote to overturn the Roe versus Wade decision?

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| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **TREND FOR COMPARISON:** |
|  |  | *Samuel Alito* |
| July 11-15 2018 |  | Early Dec 2005 |
| 39 | Would vote to overturn Roe v. Wade | 27 |
| 29 | Would NOT vote to overturn Roe. v. Wade | 26 |
| 4 | Not important/Doesn’t matter **(VOL.)** | 4 |
| 27 | Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** | 43 |

On a different subject…

**ASK ALL:**

Q.8     As you may know, the Trump administration recently increased tariffs or fees on imported goods from a number of countries. In response, some of these countries, including China and Canada, have increased tariffs on American goods. How much, if anything, have you heard about these tariffs between the U.S. and some of its trading partners? **[READ IN ORDER]**

July 11-15

2018

48 A lot

34 A little

17 Nothing at all

1 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.9  Overall, do you think these increased tariffs between the U.S. and its trading partners will be good or bad for the United States?

July 11-15

2018

40 Good for the United States

49 Bad for the United States

11 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, or an independent?

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

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

**(VOL.)**

Other **(VOL.)** Lean Lean

Republican Democrat Independent party DK/Ref Rep Dem

July 11-15, 2018 26 29 39 2 2 15 15

1. Question was worded: “Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of…the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation)…Is that a very favorable/unfavorable impression, or just somewhat favorable/unfavorable?” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Question wording for all favorability trends from the Roper Organization was: “Let me ask you about a few specific federal agencies [ITEM]—Is your opinion of them highly favorable, or moderately favorable, or not too favorable, or rather unfavorable?” In these surveys, those who could not rate were not distinguished from those who had never heard of the agency; both were entered as “don’t know” and are shown here as “can’t rate”. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. In April 2010 and earlier, the question read: “How important is the president’s choice of the next Supreme Court justice to you personally?” [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. In mid-September 2005 the question was asked about the two Supreme Court openings: “How important are the president’s choices of the next Supreme Court Justice to you personally?” [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. In July 2005 the question was worded “Do you worry that the president’s next Supreme Court appointment will make the court ...” [↑](#footnote-ref-5)