

Table W1. Question Wordings

Elements of Supreme Court Support

Listed below is the exact wording of all of the survey items used in the Supreme Court support measure, as well as the information contained in Table 1: administrating organization(s), range of dates administered, number of administrations, and correlation with the final Supreme Court support series.

Supreme Court Confidence I (Louis Harris and Associates)

As far as the people running...the U.S. Supreme Court...are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

Louis Harris and Associates, ABC News/Louis Harris and Associates; 1974.2-1993.1; 22 observations; 0.944.

Supreme Court Confidence (National Opinion Research Center)

(I am going to name some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?)...U.S. Supreme Court.

National Opinion Research Center; 1973.1-1994.1; 17 observations; 0.862.

Supreme Court Confidence I (Gallup Organization)

I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Would you tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one – a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little. The U.S. Supreme Court? (None is voluntary).

Gallup Organization; 1973.1-1993.1; 11 observations; 0.949.

Supreme Court Confidence (CBS News/*New York Times*, et. al)

I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Would you tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one – a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little. The U.S. Supreme Court?

CBS News/*New York Times*, ABC News/*Washington Post*, *Washington Post*, Gallup Organization; 1981.1-1991.2; 8 observations; 0.852.

Supreme Court Job Approval (ABC News, et. al.)

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Supreme Court of the United States has been/is doing its job?

ABC News/*Washington Post*, *Washington Post*; 1986.1-1991.2; 4 observations; 0.920.

Supreme Court Confidence II (Gallup Organization)

I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Would you tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one – a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little. The U.S. Supreme Court? (None is a choice, but not indicated as voluntary).

Gallup Organization; 1981.2-1986.2; 4 observations; 0.990.

Supreme Court Confidence (Opinion Research Corporation)

(First, I would like your opinion on how much trust and confidence you have in some institutions.) (Respondents indicated their level of confidence by selecting a point on a scale from one to seven.)...Supreme Court.

Opinion Research Corporation; 1977.1-1983.1; 4 observations; 0.908.

Supreme Court Rating (Gallup Organization)

In general, what kind of rating would you give the Supreme Court – excellent, good, fair or poor?

Gallup Organization, CBS News/*New York Times*; 1973.2-1987.2; 3 observations; 0.971.

Opinion of the Supreme Court I (Gallup Organization, et. al.)

(I'd like your opinion of some people and organizations. As I read from a list, please tell me which category best describes your overall opinion of who or what I name. Probably there will be some people and organizations on this list that you have never hear of)...the Supreme Court.

Gallup Organization, Princeton Survey Research Associates; 1987.1-1990.1; 3 observations; 0.932.

Feeling Thermometer (National Election Studies)

And still using the (feeling) thermometer (0-50 degrees means you don't feel too favorable toward, and 50-100 degrees means you feel favorable and warm), how would you rate the following:...the U.S.

(United States) Supreme Court?

Center for Political Studies (National Election Studies); 1980.2-1988.2; 3 observations; 0.932.

Opinion of the Supreme Court (Princeton Survey Research Association)

(I'd like your opinion of some people and organizations. As I read from a list, please tell me which category best describes your overall opinion of who or what I name.) Would you describe your opinion of...the Supreme Court...as very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

Princeton Survey Research Associates; 1991.2-1993.1; 2 observations; 0.998.

Supreme Court Confidence III (Gallup Organization)

Would you tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in: The U.S. (United States) Supreme Court?

Gallup Organization; 1980.2-1981.2; 2 observations; 1.000.

Opinion of the Supreme Court II (Gallup Organization)

Is your opinion of the Supreme Court very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

Gallup Organization; 1989.1-1991.1; 2 observations; 1.000.

Supreme Court Ethics (Opinion Research Corporation)

(Now, I'd like your views on the ethical and moral practices of different groups in this country.)

Take...Supreme Court. How would you rate their ethical and moral practices: excellent, good, only fair or poor?

Opinion Research Corporation; 1975.2-1977.1; 2 observations; 1.000.

Supreme Court Rating (Peter Hart & Breglio Research Cos.)

(I am going to read you the names of several groups and people who are active in public affairs. I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.)...The Supreme Court.

Peter Hart and Breglio Research Companies; 1992.1-1992.2; 2 observations; 1.000.

Supreme Court Confidence IV (Gallup Organization)

How much trust and confidence do you have under present conditions in the judicial branch, headed by the U.S. (United States) Supreme Court: a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

Gallup Organization; 1974.1-1976.1; 2 observations; 1.000.

Supreme Court Confidence II (Louis Harris and Associates)

How much confidence do you have in the men running...the U.S. Supreme Court – a great deal, only some, or hardly any?

Louis Harris and Associates; 1973.1-1973.2; 2 observations; -1.000.