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Highlight 1 | Bullets 1-3

As you probably know, when a vacancy occurs on the U.S. Supreme Court, the Constitution requires that the President nominate a replacement, and the U.S. Senate votes on that replacement, with 51 votes out of 100 required for confirmation. I have a few questions about filling court vacancies.

Overall, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

		<i>AGREE</i>	<i>DISAGREE</i>	<i>DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION</i>
If a nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court is well-qualified, he or she deserves an up or down vote on the floor of the Senate.	<i>ALL</i>	81%	10%	9%
	<i>REP</i>	83%	6%	11%
	<i>IND</i>	80%	11%	9%
	<i>DEM</i>	81%	13%	6%
If a nominee for <u>any</u> federal judgeship is well-qualified, he or she deserves an up or down vote on the floor of the Senate.	<i>ALL</i>	82%	9%	9%
	<i>REP</i>	85%	6%	10%
	<i>IND</i>	81%	10%	9%
	<i>DEM</i>	81%	13%	6%
Senators have a constitutional duty to give an up or down vote to a nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court.	<i>ALL</i>	78%	12%	10%
	<i>REP</i>	80%	8%	12%
	<i>IND</i>	78%	11%	11%
	<i>DEM</i>	77%	17%	6%

Highlight 2

President Bush should keep his promise made during the campaign to nominate a U.S. Supreme Court justice who will apply existing law, not make new law.	<i>ALL</i>	75%	18%	8%
	<i>REP</i>	85%	8%	7%
	<i>IND</i>	75%	19%	6%
	<i>DEM</i>	66%	26%	8%

Highlight 3 | Bullets 1-6

First, would you say you are for or against each of the following?

		<i>FOR</i>	<i>AGAINST</i>	<i>NO OPINION</i>
Allowing child pornography because it's a form of free speech	<i>ALL</i>	2%	97%	2%
	<i>REP</i>	1%	96%	2%
	<i>IND</i>	1%	98%	0%
	<i>DEM</i>	2%	96%	2%
Taking the words "under God" out of the Pledge of Allegiance	<i>ALL</i>	11%	85%	4%
	<i>REP</i>	5%	95%	0%
	<i>IND</i>	13%	83%	4%
	<i>DEM</i>	16%	76%	8%
Allowing a minor to get an abortion without her parent's consent	<i>ALL</i>	17%	77%	6%
	<i>REP</i>	8%	89%	3%
	<i>IND</i>	15%	78%	7%
	<i>DEM</i>	27%	65%	8%
Allowing burning the American flag because it's a form of free speech	<i>ALL</i>	19%	77%	4%
	<i>REP</i>	11%	85%	5%
	<i>IND</i>	22%	75%	3%
	<i>DEM</i>	25%	71%	3%
Eliminating the death penalty for murderers and terrorists	<i>ALL</i>	24%	67%	9%
	<i>REP</i>	18%	74%	8%
	<i>IND</i>	20%	71%	9%
	<i>DEM</i>	33%	58%	8%
Legalizing gay marriage	<i>ALL</i>	31%	61%	9%
	<i>REP</i>	12%	82%	7%
	<i>IND</i>	34%	57%	9%
	<i>DEM</i>	47%	43%	10%

Highlight 4

Overall, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

		<i>AGREE</i>	<i>DISAGREE</i>	<i>DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION</i>
Decisions about political issues like gay marriage should be made by elected representatives, not by unelected Judges.	<i>ALL</i>	65%	25%	11%
	<i>REP</i>	70%	19%	11%
	<i>IND</i>	66%	25%	9%
	<i>DEM</i>	58%	30%	11%

Highlight 5

Overall, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

		<i>AGREE</i>	<i>DISAGREE</i>	<i>DON'T KNOW/ NO OPINION</i>
We should take politics out of the courts and out of the confirmation process.	<i>ALL</i>	67%	26%	7%
	<i>REP</i>	69%	25%	6%
	<i>IND</i>	73%	22%	6%
	<i>DEM</i>	61%	31%	8%

Highlight 6

If a well-qualified nominee is pro-life on abortion, he or she should be disqualified from serving on the U.S. Supreme Court.

<i>ALL</i>	16%	79%	5%
<i>REP</i>	16%	81%	3%
<i>IND</i>	16%	79%	6%
<i>DEM</i>	17%	77%	6%

Highlight 7

A conservative nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court will roll back the clock on women's rights, civil rights, worker's rights, and the environment.

<i>ALL</i>	33%	57%	10%
<i>REP</i>	20%	69%	11%
<i>IND</i>	33%	59%	9%
<i>DEM</i>	48%	42%	10%

Highlight 8

Do you think Senators who are opposing nominees to be federal judges are doing so out of a sincere concern about their qualifications, or because they are just playing partisan politics?

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
CONCERN ABOUT QUALIFICATIONS	18%	12%	16%	27%
PLAYING PARTISAN POLITICS	70%	77%	73%	61%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	12%	11%	11%	12%