POLITICS WATCH ’92: THE SUPREME COURT IN AMERICAN POLITICS

**Question:** What is your impression of the United States Supreme Court?...

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**Question:** When it comes to determining laws in this country, do you think the...Supreme Court is too powerful, not powerful enough, or does it have about the right amount of power?

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**Question:** The Supreme Court recently ruled that communities may ban nude dancing in private establishments, on the grounds that a community’s moral standards can sometimes outweigh the First Amendment’s guarantees of free expression. Do you approve or disapprove of the Court’s decision?

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**Question:** The Supreme Court recently ruled that states may impose life prison sentences, without parole, for persons convicted of possessing large amounts of drugs, even if it is the individual’s first offense. Do you approve or disapprove of the Court’s decision?

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**Question:** The Supreme Court recently ruled that the government may prohibit doctors and health care workers in federally funded family planning clinics from telling pregnant women that abortion is an option for them. Do you approve or disapprove of the Court’s decision?

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**Source:** Survey by the Los Angeles Times, June 28-30, 1991.
**THE THOMAS NOMINATION**

- Approve/Favor
- Disapprove/Oppose
- Other Responses

**Question:** Do you approve or disapprove of Clarence Thomas' nomination to the Supreme Court?

**Source:** Survey by ABC News, July 1, 1991.

**Question:** Do you approve or disapprove of President Bush's nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court?

**Source:** Survey by Gordon S. Black for USA Today, July 3, 1991.

**Question:** Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Clarence Thomas serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization, July 11-14, 1991.

**Question:** Based on what you have seen or heard recently, do you favor or oppose the US Senate's confirming Clarence Thomas as a Justice of the US Supreme Court, or do you still need to know more about him?

**Source:** Survey by NBC News, July 26-29, 1991.

**Question:** As you may know, President Bush recently nominated Clarence Thomas to replace Thurgood Marshall on the Supreme Court. From what you know, do you favor or oppose Thomas' nomination?

**Source:** Survey by Time/CNN/Yankelovich Clancy Shulman, July 17-18, 1991.

**Question:** Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Clarence Thomas serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization August 8-11, 1991.