

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
FEBRUARY 2017 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
FEBRUARY 7-12, 2017  
N=1,503**

**QUESTIONS 1-2, 5-6, 15-16, 19, 35-37, 39, PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS 3-4, 7-9, 11-14, 17-18, 20-34, 38, 40-42**

**QUESTION 10 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

Next,

**ASK ALL:**

Q.43 How much, if anything, have you heard about Donald Trump's choice of Neil Gorsuch to be the next Supreme Court justice? Have you heard **[READ IN ORDER]**?

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

Feb 7-12 <u>2017</u>		---- <i>Garland</i> ----	----- <i>Sotomayor</i> -----	
		Mar 17-26	Jul 22-26	Jun 10-14
		<u>2016</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>
40	A lot	32	46	39
36	A little	44	33	38
23	Nothing at all	24	19	21
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	*	2	2

**ASK ALL:**

Q.44 From what you've seen and heard so far, do you think the Senate should or should not confirm Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court?

		<u>Should</u>	<u>Should not</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>Gorsuch</b>	Feb 7-12, 2017	44	32	24
<b>Garland</b>	Mar 17-26, 2016	46	30	24
<b>Kagan</b>	June 17-20, 2010	33	25	42
<b>Kagan</b>	May 13-16, 2010	33	21	46
<b>Sotomayor</b>	July 22-26, 2009	50	23	27
<b>Sotomayor</b>	June 10-14, 2009	50	25	25
<b>Alito</b>	January, 2006	33	19	48
<b>Alito</b>	Early December, 2005	32	19	49
<b>Alito</b>	November, 2005	40	23	37
<b>Miers</b>	Early October, 2005	33	27	40
<b>Roberts</b>	Mid-September, 2005	46	21	33
<b>Roberts</b>	Early September, 2005	35	19	46

**ASK THOSE WHO SAY "SHOULD NOT" (Q.44 = 2) [N=484]:**

Q.45 Why do you think he should not be confirmed? [OPEN END; PROBE FOR SPECIFIC REASONS]

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<b>37</b>	<b>NET GORSUCH'S IDEOLOGY/PARTISANSHIP</b>
12	His ideology/He's too conservative
10	Ties to Trump/He's Trump's choice
4	Views on abortion/Roe v. Wade/Women's issues
14	Misc. issue positions/beliefs
<b>19</b>	<b>GORSUCH'S PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>OBAMA'S NOMINEE/MERRICK GARLAND SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>MISC. GORSUCH-SPECIFIC REASONS</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>NET OTHER</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW/REFUSED</b>

*Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.***NO QUESTIONS 46-51, 56-60, 67, 72-73, 76-80, 83, 85-87, 89****QUESTIONS 52-54, 61, 64, 66, 68-69, 74-75, 84b-i, 88, 90-91, 93-94 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****QUESTIONS 55, 62, 63, 65, 70-71, 81-82, 84a, 92 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or 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.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Feb 7-12, 2017	23	34	37	3	1	2	15	18
Jan 4-9, 2017	25	28	41	4	*	1	18	19
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	24	33	35	5	1	3	15	16
Oct 20-25, 2016	26	33	36	3	*	2	15	17
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	27	32	33	5	*	3	11	16
Aug 9-16, 2016	27	32	35	2	1	2	13	16
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	33	37	4	1	2	16	16
Apr 12-19, 2016	25	32	37	3	1	2	16	17
Mar 17-26, 2016	25	31	38	3	*	2	15	20
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2016	25.4	32.0	36.5	3.4	.5	2.2	14.6	17.0
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7

## PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--