



**Interviews with 1,026 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on June 26-28, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

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11. As you may know, Sonia Sotomayor is the federal judge nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Sotomayor serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

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Vote in favor of Sotomayor	47%
Not vote in favor	40%
No opinion	13%

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**Samuel Alito:** *As you may know, Samuel Alito is the federal judge nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Alito serving on the Supreme Court, or not?*

	<u>Yes, vote in favor</u>	<u>No, not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jan 20-22	54	30	16
2006 Jan 6-8	49	30	21
2005 Dec 9-11	49	29	22
2005 Nov 7-10	50	25	25

**Harriet Miers:** *As you may know, Harriet Miers is the person nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Miers serving on the Supreme Court, or not?*

	<u>Yes, vote in favor</u>	<u>No, not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Oct 21-23	42	43	15
2005 Oct 13-16*	44	36	20

\* Asked of a half sample.

**John Roberts:** *As you may know, John Roberts is a federal judge who has been nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Roberts serving on the Supreme Court, or not?*

	<u>Yes, vote in favor</u>	<u>No, would not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Sep 16-18*	60	26	14
2005 Sep 8-11*	58	27	15
2005 Aug 28-30	52	26	22
2005 Aug 5-7**	51	28	21
2005 Jul 22-24**	59	22	19

\* WORDING: As you may know, John Roberts is a federal judge who has been nominated to serve as chief justice on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Roberts serving as chief justice on the Supreme Court, or not?

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**Ruth Bader Ginsburg:** *Ruth Bader Ginsburg is a federal judge who has been nominated by President Clinton to serve on the United States Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Ginsburg serving on the Supreme Court, or not?*

	<u>Yes, vote in favor</u>	<u>No, would not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1993 Jun 18-21	53	14	33

**Clarence Thomas:** *Clarence Thomas is the federal judge nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Clarence Thomas serving on the Supreme Court, or not?*

	<u>Yes, vote in favor</u>	<u>No, would not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1991 Jul 11-14	52	17	31

**Robert Bork:** *Robert Bork is a federal judge who has been nominated by President Reagan to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Bork serving on the U.S. Supreme Court, or not?*

	<u>Yes, vote in favor</u>	<u>No, would not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1987 Sep 1-13*	38	35	26
1987 Aug 24-Sep 2	31	25	44

\*Gallup for Times Mirror.

12. Suppose the upcoming confirmation hearings indicate that Sonia Sotomayor is qualified and has no ethical problems. Do you think U.S. Senators would be justified or unjustified in voting against her if they disagree with her stance on current issues such as abortion or gun control?

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Justified	47%
Unjustified	49%
No opinion	5%

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	<u>Justified</u>	<u>Unjustified</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Aug 28-30	40	54	6

WORDING: Suppose the upcoming confirmation hearings indicate that John Roberts is qualified and has no ethical problems. Do you think U.S. Senators would be justified or unjustified in voting against him if they disagree with his stance on current issues such as abortion or affirmative action?

13. What do you think is more likely to occur during the Senate confirmation hearings for Sotomayor -- a relatively easy process in which Republicans and Democrats come to an agreement, or a major fight between Republicans and Democrats that would drag on for a long time?

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Relatively easy process	38%
Major fight	60%
No opinion	3%

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<i>John Roberts</i>	<u>Relatively easy process</u>	<u>Major fight</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Jul 22-24	42	51	7

WORDING: Which do you think is more likely to occur during the Senate confirmation hearings for Roberts a relatively easy process in which Republicans and Democrats come to an agreement, or a major fight between Republicans and Democrats that would drag on for a long time?