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Respondents reporting their overall opinion of the U.S. Supreme Court

United States, selected years 1987-2013

Question: "I'd like to get your opinion of some groups and organizations in the news. Is your overall opinion of . . .the Supreme Court very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?"

	Very favorable	Mostly favorable	Mostly unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Can't rate ^a
1987	13%	63%	15%	2%	7%
1988	14	65	11	2	8
1990	10	55	18	7	9
1991	18	54	16	5	7
1993	17	56	14	4	9
1994	18	62	13	3	4
1997 May	16	56	17	5	6
1997 October	13	64	12	6	5
2001 January	18	50	13	8	10
2001 March	15	57	15	5	8
2001 July	15	55	14	6	10
2005 June	8	49	22	8	13
2005 July	12	49	18	10	11
2005 October	12	50	17	10	11
2006 February	16	44	18	10	12
2006 July	7	56	19	8	9
2007 January	18	54	14	3	9
2007 July	12	45	20	9	14
2008 April	15	50	18	7	10
2009	8	56	15	6	15
2010 February	8	50	19	8	15
2010 July	9	49	17	8	16
2012 April	11	41	20	10	18
2012 June	10	41	23	14	11
2012 December	8	45	24	12	10
2013 March	7	45	21	10	15

Note: Sample sizes vary from year to year; the data for 2013 are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,501 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted Mar. 13-17, 2013. The "never heard of" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

^aVolunteered response.

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