

Perceived Qualifications and Ideology of Supreme Court Nominees, 1937-2012

Nominee	Votes in Favor	Votes Opposed	Qualifications Score	Ideology Score
Hugo O. Black	67	18	.160	.875
Stanley F. Reed	*		.875	.725
Felix Frankfurter	*		.965	.665
William O. Douglas	62	4	.820	.730
Frank Murphy	*		.650	1.000
Harlan F. Stone (CJ)	*		1.000	.300
James F. Byrnes	*		.800	.330
Robert H. Jackson	*		.915	1.000
Wiley B. Rutledge	*		1.000	1.000
Harold H. Burton	*		.930	.280
Fred M. Vinson(CJ)	*		.785	.750
Tom C. Clark	73	8	.125	.500
Sherman Minton	48	16	.355	.720
Earl Warren (CJ)	*		.855	.750
John M. Harlan	71	11	.750	.875
William J. Brennan, Jr.	*		1.000	1.000
Charles E. Whittaker	*		1.000	.500
Potter Stewart	70	17	1.000	.750
Byron White	*		.500	.500
Arthur J. Goldberg	*		.915	.750
Abe Fortas	*		1.000	1.000
Thurgood Marshall	69	11	.835	1.000
Abe Fortas (CJ) ^a	45	43	.635	.845
Warren E. Burger (CJ)	74	3	.960	.115
Clement Haynsworth, Jr. ⁴⁵	45	55	.335	.160
G. Harrold Carswell	45	51	.111	.040
Harry A. Blackmun	94	0	.970	.115
Lewis F. Powell, Jr.	89	1	1.000	.165
William H. Rehnquist	68	26	.885	.045
John Paul Stevens	98	0	.960	.250
Sandra Day O'Connor	99	0	1.000	.415
William Rehnquist(CJ)	65	33	.400	.045
Antonin Scalia	98	0	1.000	.000
Robert H. Bork	42	58	.790	.095
Douglas Ginsburg ^b			.320	.000
Anthony Kennedy	97	0	.890	.365
David Souter	90	9	.765	.325
Clarence Thomas	52	48	.415	.160
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	96	3	1.000	.680
Stephen G. Breyer	87	9	.545	.475
John G. Roberts	78	22	.970	.120
Harriet E. Miers ^c			.360	.270
Samuel Alito	58	42	.810	.100
Sonia Sotomayor	68	31	.810	.780
Elena Kagan	63	37	.730	.730

CJ= nominated for Chief Justice. *=voice vote. ^aThe vote on Fortas for the Chief Justice position was on cloture and failed to receive the necessary two-thirds majority. ^bThe Reagan Administration withdrew the nomination of Douglas Ginsburg. ^cHarriet Miers withdrew her nomination.

The Qualifications Score ranges from 0 (least qualified) to 1 (most qualified); the Ideology Score ranges from 0 (most conservative) to 1 (most liberal). Data updated and backdated by Jeffrey Segal from Jeffrey Segal

and Albert Cover, "Ideological Values and the Votes of Supreme Court Justices," *American Political Science Review* 83:557-565 (1989).