

# Marquette University: Marquette Law School Poll to release results of national surveys on U.S. Supreme Court, political topics, Jan. 25-26

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MILWAUKEE — The Marquette Law School Poll will release the results of its national survey of public opinion over two days, Jan. 25-26, via written releases and video conversations between poll director Charles Franklin and Alan Borsuk, senior fellow in law and public policy.

**On Wednesday, Jan. 25, the Marquette Law School Poll will release results pertaining to public opinion about the U.S. Supreme Court.** The survey looks at approval of, and confidence in, the Supreme Court and other institutions. The poll surveys opinion concerning cases currently before the Court, variously involving the consideration of race in college admissions, whether a business owner's religious beliefs can justify denying services to gay or lesbian customers, and the extent to which state legislatures have the power to regulate federal elections free of state court review. Views of recent decisions on abortion and same sex marriage are also included. Respondents are also asked about their view of the Court's ideological position. This is the 12th installment in a series of nationwide surveys, begun in 2019, measuring public understanding and opinion of the nation's highest court.

**The second release, on Thursday, Jan. 26, will concern findings of the Marquette Law School Poll's national survey of policy preferences and political topics.** This survey updates favorability towards potential Republican candidates, including former President Donald Trump, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, former Vice President Mike Pence, Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp and Texas Gov. Greg Abbott. On the Democratic side, favorability is measured for President Joe Biden,

Vice President Kamala Harris, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg. The new Speaker of the House, Kevin McCarthy, and the previous Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, are also included. Trial heats between Trump and DeSantis for the Republican nomination and, for the general election, between Biden and Trump and between Biden and DeSantis are measured. A number of public policy issues are also considered, including aid to Ukraine and America's role in the world.

Each video and written release and corresponding data will be available at 6 a.m. ET (5 a.m. CT) on the [Marquette Law School Poll website](#). Embargoed written releases of these national surveys will be available to members of the media who formally [register their interest in advance online](#) and agree to stated embargo policies. Reporters who have registered for previous embargoes do not need to register again.

***Interviews with Dr. Franklin following the poll's releases are available on request by contacting Kevin Conway at [kevin.m.conway@marquette.edu](mailto:kevin.m.conway@marquette.edu).***

Begun in 2012, the Marquette Law School Poll is the most extensive statewide polling project in Wisconsin history. Since 2019, the Law School's surveys of national public opinion about the U.S. Supreme Court have expanded the work of the poll both geographically and to a new set of topics of broad importance, and more recently the national survey has included political topics. Franklin has directed the poll since its inception and is a professor of law and public policy at Marquette Law School. His academic articles on partisanship, public opinion, the Supreme Court and U.S. Senate elections have appeared in major journals and as book chapters. He is a past president of the Society for Political Methodology and an elected fellow of the society. He holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Michigan.

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