

Perceived Qualifications and Ideology of Supreme Court Nominees, 1937-2005

October 27, 2005

Nominee	Votes in Favor	Votes Opposed	Qualifications Score	Ideology Score
Hugo O. Black	67	18	.160	.875
Stanley F. Reed*	100	0	.875	.725
Felix Frankfurter*	99	0	.965	.665
William O. Douglas	76	4	.820	.730
Frank Murphy*	99	0	.650	1.000
Harlan F. Stone* (CJ)	100	0	1.000	.300
James F. Byrnes*	100	0	.800	.330
Robert H. Jackson*	100	0	.915	1.000
Wiley B. Rutledge*	100	0	1.000	1.000
Harold H. Burton*	100	0	.930	.280
Fred M. Vinson* (CJ)	100	0	.785	.750
Tom C. Clark	78	8	.125	.500
Sherman Minton	58	19	.355	.720
Earl Warren* (CJ)	94	0	.855	.750
John M. Harlan	71	11	.750	.875
William J. Brennan, Jr.*	95	0	1.000	1.000
Charles E. Whittaker*	95	0	1.000	.500
Potter Stewart	70	17	1.000	.750
Byron White*	100	0	.500	.500
Arthur J. Goldberg*	100	0	.915	.750
Abe Fortas*	100	0	1.000	1.000
Thurgood Marshall	69	11	.835	1.000
Abe Fortas (CJ)	43	44	.635	.845
Warren E. Burger (CJ)	74	3	.960	.115
Clement Haynsworth, Jr.	45	55	.335	.160
G. Harrold Carsell	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 H. Rehnquist (CJ)	65	33	.400	.045
Antonin Scalia	98	0	1.000	.000
Robert H. Bork	42	58	.790	.095
Anthony Kennedy	97	0	.890	.365
David Souter	90	9	.765	.325
Clarence Thomas	52	48	.415	.150
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			.360	.270

CJ= nominated for Chief Justice. *=voice vote. The vote on Fortas for the Chief Justice position was on cloture and failed to receive the necessary two-thirds majority. The Qualifications Score ranges from 0 (least qualified) to 1 (most qualified) (in the analyses we transform this into a Lack of Qualifications

score); the Ideology Score also ranges from 0 (most conservative) to 1 (most liberal). Data drawn from Charles M. Cameron, Albert D. Cover, & Jeffrey A. Segal. 1990. "Senate Voting on Supreme Court Nominees." *American Political Science Review* 84: 525-534. Updated by Lee Epstein & Jeffrey A. Segal. 2005. *Advice and Consent: The Politics of Judicial Appointments*. Oxford University Press.