

EVALUATING PRESIDENT TRUMP'S SUPREME COURT NOMINATION

The Court, the Constitution, and the Voters

- National telephone survey (landline and mobile) of 1,000 registered voters
Interviews conducted Sept 19-24, 2017
Margin of error +/- 3.1 percentage points, larger for subgroups
- Focus groups of swing voters and Democrats In Columbus, OH and Richmond, VA
Conducted February 15 & 16, 2017



Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view?

CONSERVATIVE ARGUMENT: Judges have a responsibility to interpret the Constitution according to its original meaning as it was written, not as they wish it were written. When judges apply their own beliefs in their rulings instead of strictly following the Constitution's words, they go beyond their authority, usurping powers that are granted to Congress and the President by the Constitution.

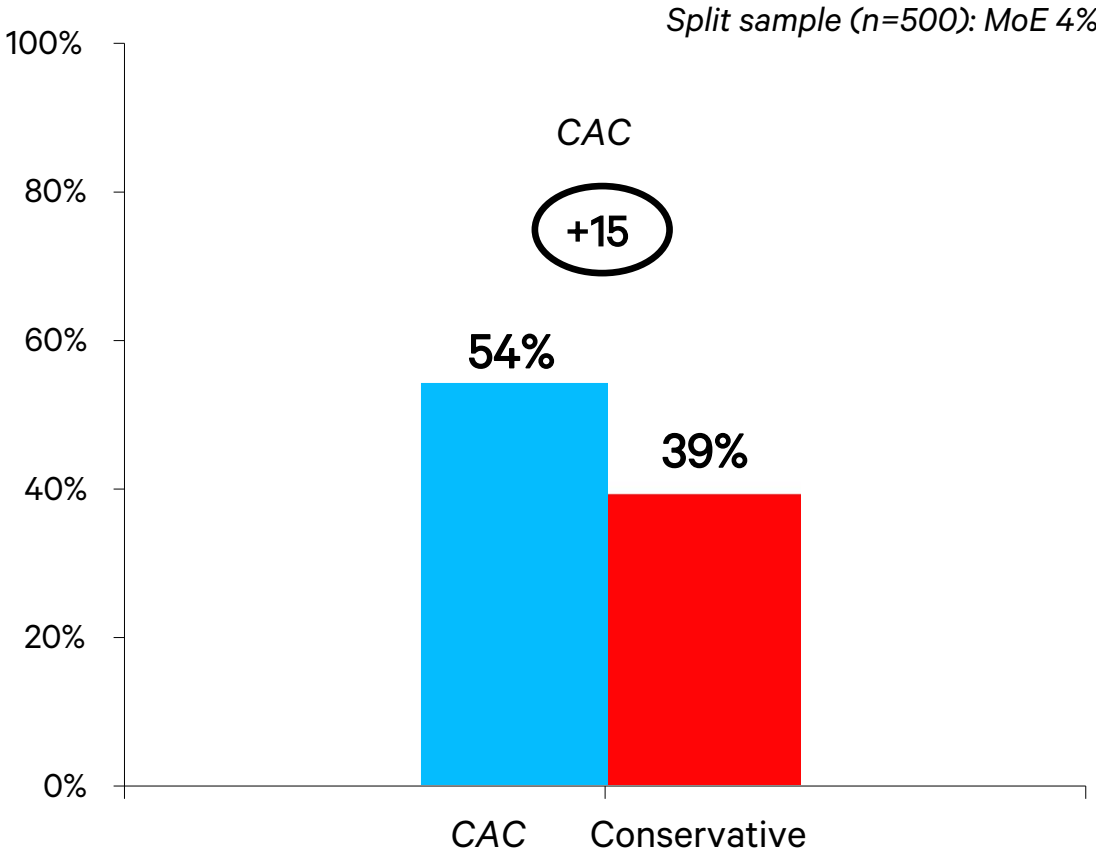
CAC ARGUMENT: Judges have a responsibility to apply the text and history of the whole Constitution to modern challenges. Our Constitution was amended 27 times—outlawing slavery, promising equality for all, and giving African Americans and women the right to vote. Our founders created a constitutional system designed to adapt to changes in society, while also enshrining enduring values.





CAC Approach to Constitution Beats Trump's Rhetoric of Conservative Originalism

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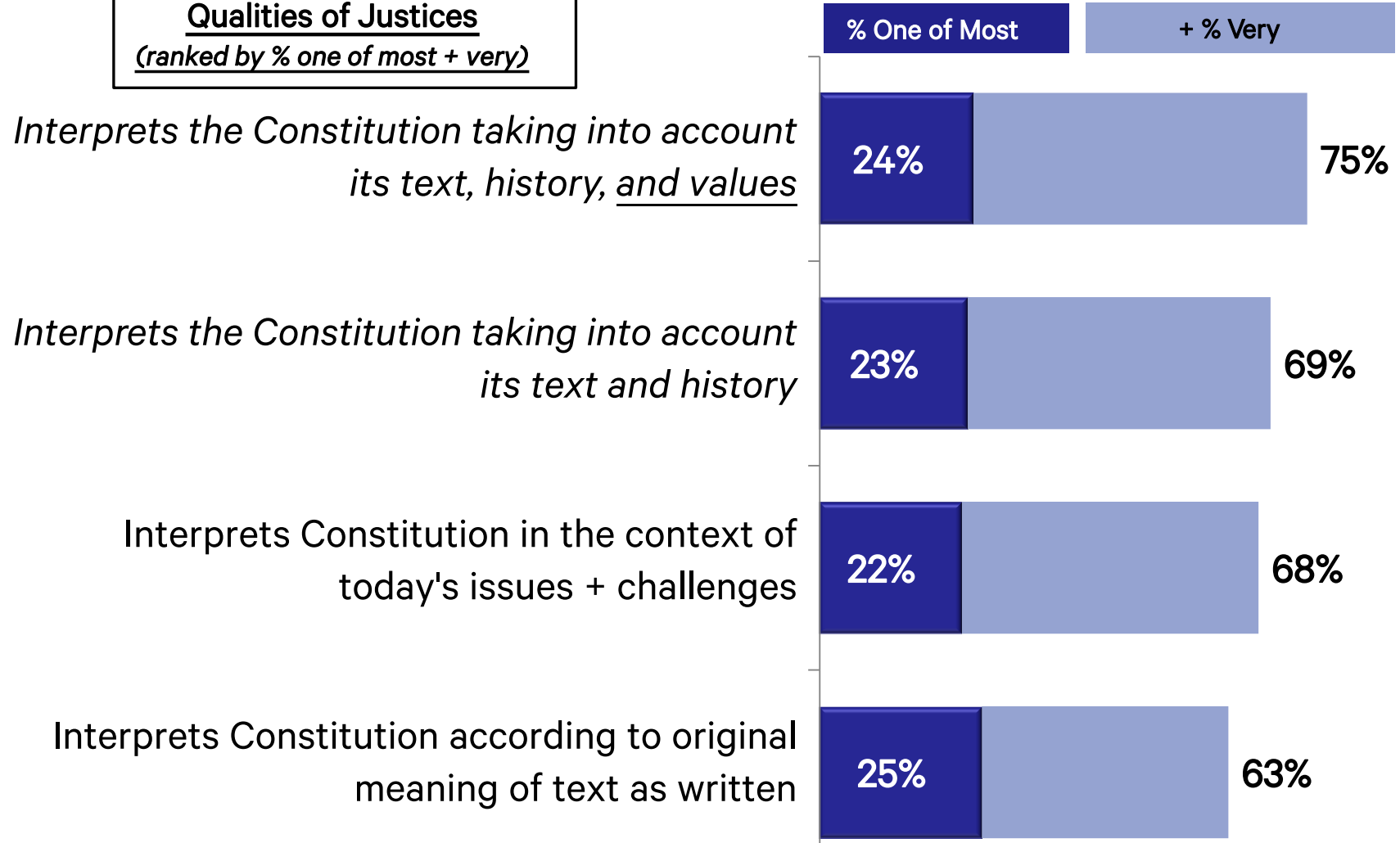
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Liberal Democrat	77%
Mod/Cons Democrat	51%
Independent	54.5%
Republican	36%
Male	48.5%
Female	59%
18-39	63.5%
40-59	49%
60+	50%
HS or less	50%
Some College	51%
Coll Grad +	59%
White Coll	56%
White	50%
Black	64.5%
Hispanic	58%





The Largest Number Want Justices To Take Into Account The Constitution's "Text, History, And Values," While Fewer Want Originalists

Qualities of Justices
(ranked by % one of most + very)



Italics = split-sampled

