



OUR COURTS: THE BEDROCK OF DEMOCRACY



DEMOCRACY 101

Less than half of all Americans (**just 47%**) can name all three branches of government, the legislative, executive, and judicial.

Less than half of Americans knew that the Supreme Court has the **final word** on whether an act by a president is constitutional.

And **only 55% knew** that a 5-4 ruling by the Supreme Court is law and must be followed.¹

In 1985, **fully 56% of Americans** had “a great deal” or “quite a lot” of confidence in our Supreme Court, according to researchers at Gallup.

However, by 2022, that number had dropped all the way **to just 25%.**²

Today, a **large majority of young adults**, in particular, hold unfavorable views of the Supreme Court.

SUPREME COURT

PUBLIC OUTRAGE!

In September 2022, the Pew Research Center found **63% of adults ages 18-29** view the Supreme Court unfavorably.³

Lack of public trust can create a **“legitimacy crisis”** for the high court, according to the Brennan Center for Justice.⁴