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1 Introduction

A Prefatory Note from Harold J. Spaeth

The initial version of this database dates from the mid-1980's at the dawn of the desktop computing revolution and relies on pre-microcomputing and pre-internet conditions. As such, users need knowledge of statistical software packages and the codified variables that the database contains. This new version, however, recognizes the existence of the 21st century by eliminating acquaintance with statistical software packages and coded variables. Plain English rules! But do note that the database can be uploaded into statistical packages to perform advanced calculations if a user so desires.

Aside from the foregoing, the major feature of this version of the database is an interface that is in line with modern technology and which will allow users to directly calculate and view relationships among the variables in the database.

As such, the database may now be treated as justice centered. The original database only allowed for the analyses of judicial decisions and the votes of the individual justices. It is now possible for the individual justice's vote to be the unit of analysis rather than the case. That is, a user may, for example, easily compare the behavior of one or more of the justices with that of others. The original version of the database was not programmed to do so because it was exclusively case centered.

I have specified decision rules governing the entry of data into the various variables, most particularly the legal provisions governing the Court's decisions and the issues to which cases pertain. These, however, are not set in concrete. You, of course, are free to redefine any and all variables on your copy of the database. If convention applies, I adhere to it. But for many variables and their specific entries, none exists.

Because the database now extends over four centuries, it is necessary to add, alter, and adjust a number of variables. I do so to keep the legacy cases (those decided between 1792 and the Court's acquisition of discretionary jurisdiction as a result of the Judges' Bill of 1925) as congruent as possible with the Court's modern decisions. These changes primarily apply to the issues the Court decides. Most notable is the addition of a set of common law issues. These account for the bulk of the Court's heritage decisions and have little applicability to any but the parties to these cases.

In specifying the issue in the legacy cases I have chosen the one that best accords with what today's Court would consider the issue to be. For example, "prize cases," those in which vessels were captured on the high seas and brought into U.S. ports, are categorized either as Fifth Amendment takings clause cases or as cases pertaining to the jurisdiction of the federal district or appeals courts, depending on which issue the Court based its decision. This was done to provide a basis for continuity in the Court's decision making and to avoid, if desired, undue segmentation of the Court's decisions. The same rule applies to various provisions pertaining to the Bill of Rights even though the Fourteenth Amendment had not
been ratified and no guarantees of the Bill of Rights had been made binding on the state and local governments.

Do recognize, however, that the foregoing paragraph applies only to the issue(s) the Court addressed and not to the legal provisions decided by the Court. The latter were nonexistent at the time of decision. The early legacy decisions generally rested either on the common law or judicial fiat.

I wish to thank Professor Jeffrey Segal of the State University of New York at Stony Brook for his extremely valuable comments and suggestions on all phases and aspects of the database since its creation. I also thank Harriet Dhanak, the former programming and software specialist in the Department of Political Science at Michigan State University, for her expert guidance and assistance. Her successor, Lawrence Kestenbaum, continued and extended the stellar services on which I had become dependent. Most recently I have relied on the superb technical knowledge and skills of John Schwarz of the Michigan State University Institute for Political and Social Science Research. Professor Tim Hagle of the University of Iowa continues to systematically inform me of errors and missing data that I have overlooked. My former graduate students, now bona fide professors--Sara C. Benesh and Wendy L. Martinek--have shepherded me through the more arcane byways of current versions of statistical software packages. And though this feature of the database is now passe, their previous assistance has been key.

I also deeply appreciate the support provided me by the Michigan State University College of Law.

Three outstanding individuals are most responsible for this version of the database. Lee Epstein, whose wide-ranging scholarly productivity is unmatched in the world of judicial scholarship; Andrew D. Martin, chair of the Department of Political Science, professor of law, and Director of the Center for Empirical Research in Law (CERL) at Washington University in St. Louis, whose methodological competence knows no bounds; and Troy DeArmitt, CERL's masterful research technician par excellence.

Compilation of this database has been supported by grants from the National Science Foundation. Without its assistance, the database would not exist.

Notes to All Users

1. The Supreme Court Database's research team continuously updates the database. Accordingly, we urge you to pay attention to the date your version appeared on the website and to check whether it is the current one.

2. The codebook now provides five pieces of information for each variable: the name of the variable as it appears in the current version of the Database, the name Spaeth used in previous versions (if applicable), any normalization (changes we made when converting from Spaeth's format to the new web version), and, of course, a description of the variable
and a list of its values.

- End of Content for Variable 1. Introduction -
## 2 SCDB Case ID

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The first four digits are the term. The next four are the case within the term (starting at 001 and counting up).

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The first four digits are the term. The next four are the case within the term (starting at 001 and counting up). The last two are the number of dockets within the case (starting at 01 and counting up).

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The first four digits are the term. The next four are the case within the term (starting at 001 and counting up). The next two are the number of dockets within the case (starting at 01 and counting up). The last two are the number of issues and legal provisions within the case (starting at 01 and counting up).

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6  U.S. Reporter Citation

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The next four variables provide the citation to each case from the official United States Reports (US) and the three major unofficial Reports, the Supreme Court Reporter (S.CT), the Lawyers' Edition of the United States Reports(LEd), and the LEXIS cite.

Note that LEXIS cites have the advantage of being unique; the other reporters can have multiple cases on the same page.

Further note that pagination does not invariably proceed chronologically throughout the volumes. Hence, do not assume that because a given citation has a higher page number than that of another case it was decided on the same or a later date as the other case. The only accurate way to sequence the cases chronologically is by indexing or otherwise sequencing each case's date of decision (date of decision).

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7 Supreme Court Citation

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## 8 Lawyers Edition Citation

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9  LEXIS Citation

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- End of Content for Variable 9, LEXIS Citation -
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This variable contains the docket number that the Supreme Court has assigned to the case. Prior to the first two terms of the Burger Court, different cases coming to the Court in different terms could have the same docket number. The Court eliminated the possibility of such duplication by including the last two digits of the appropriate term before the assigned docket number. Since the 1971 Term, the Court has also operated with a single docket. Cases filed pursuant to the Court's appellate jurisdiction have a two-digit number corresponding to the term in which they were filed, followed by a hyphen and a number varying from one to five digits. Cases invoking the Court's original jurisdiction have a number followed by the abbreviation, "Orig."

Note that during much of the legacy period, the Court did not assign docket numbers to its cases.

For administrative purposes, the Court uses the letters, "A," "D," and "S," in place of the term year to identify applications ("A") for stays or bail, proceedings of disbarment or discipline of attorneys ("D"), and matters being held indefinitely for one reason or another ("S"). These occur infrequently and then almost always in the Court's summary orders at the back of each volume of the U.S.Reports. The database excludes these cases, the overwhelming majority of which are denials of petition for certiorari.

A handful of cases in the database lack a docket number. For these, the docket variable has no entry.

Finally, note that the Court can consolidate multiple petitions--each with its own docket number--under one U.S. cite. If you are interested in only the first (lead) case, use the database organized by Supreme Court citation. If you are interested in all the cases consolidated under one cite, select the data grouping 'organize by docket,' which is found at the end of the analysis panel.

Note that for the heritage the cases (pre-1946 term) I only provide the lead case/docket number. This was done to avoid excessive duplication of cases. Multiple docket numbers under a single case citation almost always contain the same issue as the lead case.

- End of Content for Variable 10. Docket Number -
11 Case Name

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This is the name of the case. We derived the post-heritage names from WESTLAW and then did a bit of tidying so that they appear in a consistent format. With the exception of various Latin phrases and abbreviations, all words are now in upper case.

The names of the heritage cases are taken from the LAWYERS' EDITION of the Reports. If you are searching for a particular case and do not find it, it likely results because of a variant name. The citation of the case should, however, enable you to find the desired case.

Note that case name is tied to the docket number. In other words, if multiple cases appear under the same citation, the case name will be that of the particular case, not the lead case.

- End of Content for Variable 11. Case Name -
12 Petitioner

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The next four variables identify the parties to the case. "Petitioner" refers to the party who petitioned the Supreme Court to review the case. This party is variously known as the petitioner or the appellant. "Respondent" refers to the party being sued or tried and is also known as the appellee. Variables "petitioner" and "respondent" provide detailed information about all parties, except the identity of the state if a state (or one of its subdivisions) is a party, petitioner and respondent variables note only whether a state is a party, not the state's name. See variables Petitioner State and Respondent State for the name.

The specific codes that appear below were created inductively, with petitioner and respondent characterized as the Court's opinion identifies them.

In describing the parties in the cases before it, the justices employ terminology that places them in the context of the litigation in which they are involved. Accordingly, an employer who happens to be a manufacturer will be identified as the former if its role in the litigation is that of an employer and as the latter if its role is that of a business. Because the justices describe litigants in this fashion, a fairly limited vocabulary characterizes them. Note that the list of parties also includes the list of administrative agencies and officials contained in administrative action preceding litigation.

Also note that the Court's characterization of the parties applies whether the petitioner and respondent are actually single entities or whether many other persons or legal entities have associated themselves with the lawsuit. That is, the presence of the phrase, et al., following the name of a party does not preclude the Court from characterizing that party as though it were a single entity. Thus, each docket number will show a single petitioner and a single respondent, regardless of how many legal entities were actually involved.

The decision rules governing the identification of parties are as follows.

1. Parties are identified by the labels given them in the opinion or judgment of the Court except where the Reports title a party as the "United States" or as a named state. Textual identification of parties is typically provided prior to Part I of the Court's opinion. The official syllabus, the summary that appears on the title page of the case, may be consulted as well. In describing the parties, the Court employs terminology that places them in the context of the specific lawsuit in which they are involved. E.g., "employer" rather than "business" in a suit by an employee; as a "minority," "female," or "minority female" employee rather than "employee" in a suit alleging discrimination by an employer.

2. Where a choice of identifications exists that which provides information not provided by the legal provision or the issue is chosen. E.g., a federal taxpayer or an attorney
accused of a crime as taxpayer or attorney rather than accused person, particularly if neither the lawType nor the Issue variable identifies the case as a tax matter or one involving an attorney.

3. Identify the parties by reference to the following list and by the list of federal agencies provided in the adminAction variable.

- End of Content for Variable 12. Petitioner -
13 Petitioner State

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This variable identifies the state if the state or any one of the following is the petitioner:

- specified state board or department of education
- city, town, township, village, or borough government or governmental unit
- state commission, board, committee, or authority
- county government or county governmental unit
- state department or agency
- court or judicial district
- governmental employee or job applicant
- female governmental employee or job applicant
- minority governmental employee or job applicant
- minority female governmental employee or job applicant
- federal government corporation
- retired or former governmental employee
- U.S. House of Representatives
  - interstate compact
- judge
- state legislature, house, or committee
- local governmental unit other than a county, city, town, township, village, or borough
- governmental official, or an official of an agency established under an interstate compact
- state or U.S. supreme court
- local school district or board of education
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. senator
- foreign nation or instrumentality
- state or local governmental taxpayer, or executor of the estate of
- state college or university

See Petitioner variable for more details.

- End of Content for Variable 13. Petitioner State -
14  **Respondent**

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- *End of Content for Variable 14. Respondent* -
15 Respondent State

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This variable identifies the state if the state or any one of the following is the respondent:

- specified state board or department of education
- city, town, township, village, or borough government or governmental unit
- state commission, board, committee, or authority
- county government or county governmental unit
- state department or agency
- court or judicial district
- governmental employee or job applicant
- female governmental employee or job applicant
- minority governmental employee or job applicant
- minority female governmental employee or job applicant
- retired or former governmental employee
- judge
- state legislature, house, or committee
- local governmental unit other than a county, city, town, township, village, or borough
- governmental official, or an official of an agency established under an interstate compact
- state or U.S. supreme court
- local school district or board of education
- state or local governmental taxpayer, or executor of the estate of
- state college or university

See Petitioner variable for more details.

- End of Content for Variable 15. Respondent State -
16 Manner in which the Court takes Jurisdiction

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The Court uses a variety of means whereby it undertakes to consider cases that it has been petitioned to review. These are listed below. The most important ones are the writ of certiorari, the writ of appeal, and for legacy cases the writ of error, appeal, and certification.

- End of Content for Variable 16. Manner in which the Court takes Jurisdiction -
Administrative Action Preceeding Litigation

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This variable pertains to administrative agency activity occurring prior to the onset of litigation. Note that the activity may involve an administrative official as well as that of an agency. The general rule for an entry in this variable is whether administrative action occurred in the context of the case. Note too that this variable identifies the specific federal agency. If the action occurred in a state agency, adminAction is coded as 117 (State Agency). See the variable adminActionState for the identity of the state.

Determination of whether administration action occurred in the context of the case was made by reading the material which appears in the summary of the case (the material preceding the Court's opinion) and, if necessary, those portions of the prevailing opinion headed by a I or II.

Action by an agency official is considered to be administrative action except when such an official acts to enforce criminal law.

If an agency or agency official "denies" a "request" that action be taken, such denials are considered agency action.

If two federal agencies are mentioned (e.g., INS and BIA), the one whose action more directly bears on the dispute will appear; otherwise the agency that acted more recently. If a state and federal agency are mentioned, the federal agency will appear.

Excluded from entry in this variable are:

- A "challenge" to an unapplied agency rule, regulation, etc.
  A request for an injunction or a declaratory judgment against agency action which, though anticipated, has not yet occurred.

- A mere request for an agency to take action when there is no evidence that the agency did so.

- Agency or official action to enforce criminal law.
  The hiring and firing of political appointees or the procedures whereby public officials are appointed to office.

- Attorney general preclearance actions pertaining to voting.
  Filing fees or nominating petitions required for access to the ballot.

- Actions of courts martial.
- Land condemnation suits and quiet title actions instituted in a court.
- Federally funded private nonprofit organizations.

Note that the following list of agencies may also be found as a petitioner or respondent variable.

- End of Content for Variable 17. Administrative Action Preceding Litigation -
Administrative action may be either state or federal. If administrative action was taken by a state or a subdivision thereof, this variable identifies the state. See adminAction for federal agencies and for the coding rules.

When a state agency or official acts as an agent of a federal agency, it is identified as such.

- End of Content for Variable 18. Administrative Action Preceeding Litigation State -
19 Three-Judge District Court

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This variable will be checked if the case was heard by a three-judge federal district court. Recent congressional legislation has reduced the kinds of lawsuits that must be heard by such a court. As a result, the frequency is less for the Burger Court than for the Warren Court, and all but nonexistent for the Rehnquist and Roberts Courts.

- End of Content for Variable 19. Three-Judge District Court -
20 Origin of Case

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The focus of this variable is the court in which the case originated, not the administrative agency (see adminAction and adminActionState). For this reason a number of cases show a state or federal appellate court as the one in which the case originated rather than a court of first instance (trial court). This variable has no entry for cases that originated in the United States Supreme Court. Note too that caseOrigin does not identify the name of the state if the case originated in a state court. For the state name, see variable caseOriginState.

Cases that arise on a petition of habeas corpus and those removed to the federal courts from a state court are defined as originating in the federal, rather than a state, court system.

This variable has no entry if the case arose under the Supreme Court's original jurisdiction and in other proceedings with which no other court was involved.

A petition for a writ of habeas corpus begins in the federal district court, not the state trial court.

Cases removed to a federal court originate there.

Also see source of case (caseSource).

- End of Content for Variable 20. Origin of Case -
21 Origin of Case State

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If the case originated in a state court, this variable identifies the state. For more details, see the variable caseOrigin.

- End of Content for Variable 21. Origin of Case State -
22  Source of Case

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This variable identifies the court whose decision the Supreme Court reviewed. If the case originated in the same court whose decision the Supreme Court reviewed, the entry in the caseOrigin should be the same as here. This variable has no entry if the case arose under the Supreme Court's original jurisdiction.

If caseSource is a state court, the value of this variable will be 300 (State Supreme Court), 302 (State Appellate Court) or 303 (State Trial Court). Variable caseSourceState identifies the name of the state.

- End of Content for Variable 22. Source of Case -
### 23 Source of Case State

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If the source of the case (i.e., the court whose decision the Supreme Court reviewed) is a state court, this variable identifies the state. See also Source of Case (caseSource).

- End of Content for Variable 23. Source of Case State -
24 Lower Court Disagreement

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An entry in this variable indicates that the Supreme Court's majority opinion mentioned that one or more of the members of the court whose decision the Supreme Court reviewed dissented. The presence of such disagreement is limited to a statement to this effect somewhere in the majority opinion. I.e., "divided," "dissented," "disagreed," "split." A reference, without more, to the "majority" or "plurality" does not necessarily evidence dissent. The other judges may have concurred.

If a case arose on habeas corpus, a dissent will be indicated if either the last federal court or the last state court to review the case contained one. E.g., Townsend v. Sain, 9 Led 2d 770 (1963). A dissent will also be indicated if the highest court with jurisdiction to hear the case declines to do so by a divided vote. E.g., Simpson v. Florida, 29 L ed 2d 549 (1971).

Note that the focus of this variable tends to be a statement that a dissent occurred rather than the fact of such an occurrence. The fact of a dissent is not always mentioned in the majority opinion. It may be irrelevant. See, for example, McNally v. United States, 483 U.S. 350 (1987), and United States v. Gray and McNally, 790 F.2d 1290 (1986).

If the lower court denies an en banc petition by a divided vote and the Supreme Court discusses same, lower court disagreement exists.

If the lower court denies an en banc petition by a divided vote and the Supreme Court's opinion discusses same, a dissent occurs.

- End of Content for Variable 24. Lower Court Disagreement -
25  Reason for Granting Cert

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This variable provides the reason, if any, that the Court gives for granting the petition for certiorari. If the case did not arise on certiorari, this variable will be so coded even if the Court provides a reason why it agreed to hear the case. The Court, however, rarely provides a reason for taking jurisdiction by writs other than certiorari.

- End of Content for Variable 25. Reason for Granting Cert -
26 Lower Court Disposition

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This variable specifies the treatment the court whose decision the Supreme Court reviewed accorded the decision of the court it reviewed; e.g., whether the court below the Supreme Court—typically a federal court of appeals or a state supreme court—affirmed, reversed, remanded, etc. the decision of the court it reviewed—typically a trial court.

lcDisposition will not contain an entry if the decision the Supreme Court reviewed is that of a trial court or if the case arose under the Supreme Court's original jurisdiction (see the jurisdiction variable).

The decision rules governing this information follow:

1. We adhere to the language used in the "holding" in the summary of the case on the title page or prior to Part I of the Court's opinion. Exceptions to the literal language are the following:

2. Where the Court overrules the lower court, we treat this a petition or motion granted.

3. Where the court whose decision the Supreme Court is reviewing refuses to enforce or enjoins the decision of the court, tribunal, or agency which it reviewed, we treat this as reversed.

4. Where the court whose decision the Supreme Court is reviewing enforces the decision of the court, tribunal, or agency which it reviewed, we treat this as affirmed.

5. Where the court whose decision the Supreme Court is reviewing sets aside the decision of the court, tribunal, or agency which it reviewed, we treat this as vacated; if the decision is set aside and remanded, we treat it as vacated and remanded.

Also see disposition of case and direction of the lower court's decision (lcDispositionDirection).

- End of Content for Variable 26. Lower Court Disposition -
27 Lower Court Disposition Direction

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This variable specifies whether the decision of the court whose decision the Supreme Court reviewed was itself liberal or conservative as these terms are defined in the direction of decision variable (decisionDirection).

lcDispositionDirection permits determination of whether the Supreme Court's disposition of the case upheld or overturned a liberal or a conservative lower court decision.

Also see disposition of case by the court whose decision the Supreme Court reviewed (lcDisposition), direction of decision (decisionDirection), disposition of case (caseDisposition), and winning party (partyWinning).

- End of Content for Variable 27. Lower Court Disposition Direction -
28 Date of Decision

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This variable contains the year, month, and day that the Court announced its decision in the case.

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29 Term of Court

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This variable identifies the term in which the Court handed down its decision. For cases argued in one term and reargued and decided in the next, term indicates the latter.

Historically, the nature of how a term is defined has changed. Below is a listing of the more significant changes to the term definitions over time.

- 1791: First Monday in February (second session in August, dispensed with in 1802)
- Starting in 1827: term starts second Monday of January
- Starting in 1844: term starts first Monday of December, still called the 1845 term
- Starting in 1850: court starts calling it the December 1850 term; there are thus two 1850 terms in the dataset. The January 1850 term (U.S. 50 *) and the December 1850 term (U.S. 51 *).
- Starting in 1873: second Monday in October
- Starting in 1917: first Monday in October

- End of Content for Variable 29. Term of Court -
Although most judicial research is chronologically organized by the term of the Court or by chief justice, many users employ "natural courts" as their analytical frame of reference.

A natural court is a period during which no personnel change occurs. Scholars have subdivided them into "strong" and "weak" natural courts, but no convention exists as to the dates on which they begin and end. Options include 1) date of confirmation, 2) date of seating, 3) cases decided after seating, and 4) cases argued and decided after seating. A strong natural court is delineated by the addition of a new justice or the departure of an incumbent. A weak natural court, by comparison, is any group of sitting justices even if lengthy vacancies occurred.

The values below divide the Courts into strong natural courts, each of which begins when the Reports first specify that the new justice is present but not necessarily participating in the reported case. Similarly, a natural court ends on the date when the Reports state that an incumbent justice has died, retired, or resigned. The courts are numbered consecutively by chief justice as the code at the left-hand margin indicates.

Note, especially, that the Court was without a chief justice during the 1836 term. This was the period between Marshall's death and Taney's confirmation.


- End of Content for Variable 30. Natural Court -
31 Chief Justice

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This variable identifies the chief justice during whose tenure the case was decided.

- End of Content for Variable 31. Chief Justice -
### 32 Date of Oral Argument

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This variable contains the day, month, and year that the case was orally argued before the Court. `dateArgument` has no entry for cases that were not orally argued. See also Date of Reargument (`dateRearg`) if any.

On some occasions, oral argument extended over more than a single day. In such cases, only the first date is specified.

- *End of Content for Variable 32. Date of Oral Argument* -
33 Date of Reargument

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On those infrequent occasions when the Court orders that a case be reargued, this variable specifies the date of such argument following the same day, month, and year sequence used in the preceding variable (dateArgue).

- End of Content for Variable 33. Date of Reargument -
This variable identifies the issue for each decision. Although criteria for the identification of issues are hard to articulate, the focus here is on the subject matter of the controversy (e.g., sex discrimination, state tax, affirmative action) rather than its legal basis (e.g., the equal protection clause) (see the variable lawType).

This variable identifies issues on the basis of the Court's own statements as to what the case is about. The objective is to categorize the case from a public policy standpoint, a perspective that the legal basis for decision (lawType) commonly disregards.

A few issues pertain only to the heritage (legacy) cases; those decided between 1792 and 1946. These include the private action category, typically common law issues: real property, personal property, contracts, evidence, civil procedure, wills and trusts, and commercial transactions. Others pertain to slavery, land claims (mostly state and territorial), executive authority vis-a-vis congress or the states, and incorporation of foreign territories.

Unlike the lawType variable where the number of legal provisions at issue has no preordained upper bound, each legal provision should not generally have more than a single issue applied to it. A second issue should apply only when a preference for one rather than the other cannot readily be made. Of the many thousand records in the database, few have a legal basis for decision that applies to a second issue. (If you are interested in decisions with more than one issue or legal provision, use one of the datasets organized by issue/legal provision.)

Because the database spans the entire history of the Supreme Court, it is desirable that the list of modern issues be related to those of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Thus, in specifying the issue in a legacy case, the one that best accords with what today's Court would consider it to be is chosen. This produces a bit of tension, most all of which only requires a broadening of the scope of the relevant issues, rather than the creation of new time-specific ones. Thus, although state and local governments were not bound to adhere to the provisions of the Bill of Rights until well after the passage of the Fourteenth Amendment, many cases did arise involving aspects of the First Amendment, search and seizure, notice and hearing, etc. These are treated compatibly with the modern use of the relevant provision of the Bill of Rights.

The same rule applies to statutory issues, such as rules of procedure. Although their legal provision is Supreme Court Rules, they are coded as issues of civil (90110) or criminal (10370) procedure even though they antedate the relevant Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure.
Prize cases in which vessels on the high seas are captured and brought into American ports and the confiscation acts resulting from the Civil War are treated either as due process takings clause cases (40070) or as cases involving the jurisdiction of the federal courts (90320 or 90330) to decide the legality of the capture or confiscation.

The variable codes some 260 issues, each of which has an identifying number. They are ordered below by their larger issue area: criminal procedure (10010-10600), civil rights (20010-20410), First Amendment (30010-30020), due process (40010-40070), privacy (50010-50040), attorneys (60010-60040), unions (70010-70210), economic activity (80010-80350), judicial power (90010-90520), federalism (100010-100130), interstate relation (110010-110030), federal taxation (120010-120040), miscellaneous (130010-130020), and private law (140010-140080). These comprise the codes for a separate variable, issue Area, that is described immediately following this one.

The scope of these categories is as follows: criminal procedure encompasses the rights of persons accused of crime, except for the due process rights of prisoners (issue 40040).

Civil rights includes non-First Amendment freedom cases which pertain to classifications based on race (including American Indians), age, indigency, voting, residency, military or handicapped status, gender, and alienage. Purists may wish to treat the military issues (20230, 20240, 20250) and Indian cases (20150, 20160) as economic activity, while others may wish to include the privacy category as a subset of civil rights.

First Amendment encompasses the scope of this constitutional provision, but do note that not every case in the First Amendment group directly involves the interpretation and application of a provision of the First Amendment. Some, for example, may only construe a precedent, or the reviewability of a claim based on the First Amendment, or the scope of an administrative rule or regulation that impacts the exercise of First Amendment freedoms. In other words, not every record that displays a First Amendment issue will correspondingly display a provision of the First Amendment in its legal provision variable (lawType).

Due process is limited to non-criminal guarantees and, like First Amendment issues, need not show 207 (Fifth Amendment Due Process) or 230 (Fourteenth Amendment Due Process) in the lawType variable. Some of you may wish to include state court assertion of jurisdiction over nonresident defendants and the takings clause as part of judicial power and economic activity, respectively, rather than due process.

The four issues comprising privacy may be treated as a subset of civil rights.

Because of their peculiar role in the judicial process, a separate attorney category has been created. You may wish to include these issues with economic activity, however.

Unions encompass those issues involving labor union activity. You may wish to redefine this category for yourself or combine it, in whole or in part, with economic activity.
Economic activity is largely commercial and business related; it includes tort actions and employee actions vis-a-vis employers. Issues 80140 (government corruption) and 80150 (zoning) are only tangential to the other issues located in economic activity.

Judicial power concerns the exercise of the judiciary's own power. To the extent that a number of these issues concern federal-state court relationships, you may wish to include them in the federalism category.

Federalism pertains to conflicts and other relationships between the federal government and the states, except for those between the federal and state courts. Interstate relations contain two types of disputes which occur between states.

Federal taxation concerns the Internal Revenue Code and related statutes. Miscellaneous contains two groups of cases that do not fit into any other category.

Private law relates to disputes between private persons involving real and personal property, contracts, evidence, civil procedure, torts, wills and trusts, and commercial transactions. Prior to the passage of the Judges' Bill of 1925 much -- arguably most -- of the Court's cases concerned such issues. The Judges' Bill gave the Court control of its docket, as a result of which such cases have disappeared from the Court's docket in preference to litigation of more general applicability.

If interest lies in a particular issue that has a specific legal or constitutional component, comprehensive coverage may be insured by listing not only the issue(s) that bear thereon, but also the appropriate code(s) from the lawType variable. Thus, if the right to counsel is the focus, issues 10120, 20320, and 20330 will fall within its scope, as will code 214 (Sixth Amendment Right to Counsel) from the lawType variable. Also recognize that the party variables (petitioner, petitionerState, respondent, respondentState) may also help locate the cases of interest.

Note that jury instructions (10220) need not necessarily occur in the context of criminal action. This is especially so in heritage cases.

Issue 80110 (state regulation of business) also includes that of local governments. These are combined with state regulation because many heritage cases involve both.

Issue 90110 (federal rules of civil procedure) includes Supreme Court Rules, the Federal Rules of Evidence, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in civil litigation, Circuit Court Rules, state rules, and admiralty rules.

National supremacy cases, in the context of federal-state conflicts (10050-100120) involve the general welfare, contract, supremacy, or interstate commerce causes, or the enforcement clause of the 14th Amendment. These cases are distinguishable from the pre-emption cases (100020 abd 100030) because they have a constitutional basis for
decision.

- End of Content for Variable 34. Issue -
## 35 Issue Area

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This variable simply separates the issues identified in the preceding variable (issue) into the following larger categories: criminal procedure (issues 10010-10600), civil rights (issues 20010-20410), First Amendment (issues 30010-30020), due process (issues 40010-40070), privacy (issues 50010-50040), attorneys (issues 60010-60040), unions (issues 70010-70210), economic activity (issues 80010-80350), judicial power (issues 90010-90520), federalism (issues 100010-100130), interstate relation (issues 110010-110030), federal taxation (issues 120010-120040), miscellaneous (issues 130010-130020), and private law (issues 140010-140080).

Note that the grossness of this variable conceals the differences among the specific issues that the issue area contains. For the specific issues, see variable issue.

- End of Content for Variable 35. Issue Area -
36 Decision Direction

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In order to determine whether the Court supports or opposes the issue to which the case pertains, this variable codes the ideological "direction" of the decision.

Specification of direction comports with conventional usage for the most part except for the interstate relations, private law, and the miscellaneous issues. "Unspecifiable" has been entered either because the issue does not lend itself to a liberal or conservative description (e.g., a boundary dispute between two states, real property, wills and estates), or because no convention exists as to which is the liberal side and which is the conservative side (e.g., the legislative veto). This variable will also contain "unspecifiable" where one state sues another under the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and where parties or issue cannot be determined because of a tied vote or lack of information.

Note especially that the direction (pro- or anti-liability) of the three liability variables (80060, 80070, and 80080) depend on the disposition the Court made of the case, and which party won or lost. Thus, if the petitioner is a railroad and the disposition of the case is affirmed, the injured party wins; Conversely, if the petitioner (e.g., a tortfeasor) wins because of a reversal, the decision is anti-liability. If the injured person or thing is the plaintiff, the disposition of the case will again determine if the respondent is liable or not. If the winning party is an insurance company, the direction of the decision will likely be anti-liability. Conversely, if an injured person wins the outcome will be pro-liability.

In short, the direction of these three issues will depend on who was injured, the Court's decision, and who won/lost.

It bears emphasizing that the entry for this variable is determined by reference to the issue variable. If you are using the Case Centered Dataset organized by split votes, it is entirely possible for a citation to relate to a second issue whose direction is opposite that of the first issue. For example, in Air Pollution Variance Board of the State of Colorado v. Western Alfalfa Corporation, 416 U.S. 861 (1974), the Court decided that the Fourth Amendment was not violated by a health inspector's warrantless entry onto the property of a business to inspect smoke pollution. The first issue (search and seizure) is coded conservative; the second issue (natural resources) is coded liberal.

In order to determine whether an outcome is liberal (=2) or conservative (=1), the following scheme is employed.

1. In the context of issues pertaining to criminal procedure, civil rights, First Amendment, due process, privacy, and attorneys, liberal (2)=
pro-person accused or convicted of crime, or denied a jury trial
pro-civil liberties or civil rights claimant, especially those exercising less protected civil rights (e.g., homosexuality)
pro-child or juvenile
pro-indigent
pro-Indian
pro-affirmative action
pro-neutrality in establishment clause cases
pro-female in abortion
pro-underdog
anti-slavery
incorporation of foreign territories
anti-government in the context of due process, except for takings clause cases where a pro-government, anti-owner vote is considered liberal except in criminal forfeiture cases or those where the taking is pro-business
violation of due process by exercising jurisdiction over nonresidents
pro-attorney
pro-accountability and/or anti-corruption in campaign spending
pro-privacy vis-a-vis the 1st Amendment where the privacy invaded is that of mental incompetents
pro-disclosure in Freedom of Information Act issues except for employment and student records

conservative (1)=the reverse of above

2. In the context of issues pertaining to unions and economic activity, liberal (2)=

pro-union except in union antitrust where liberal = pro-competition
anti-business
anti-employer
pro-competition
pro-liability
pro-injured person
pro-indigent
pro-small business vis-a-vis large business
pro-state/anti-business in state tax cases
pro-debtor
pro-bankrupt
pro-Indian
pro-environmental protection
pro-economic underdog
pro-consumer
• pro-accountability in governmental corruption
• pro-original grantee, purchaser, or occupant in state and territorial land claims
• anti-union member or employee vis-a-vis union
• anti-union in union antitrust
• anti-union in union or closed shop
• pro-trial in arbitration

conservative (1)= reverse of above

3. In the context of issues pertaining to judicial power, liberal (2)=

• pro-exercise of judicial power
• pro-judicial "activism"
• pro-judicial review of administrative action

conservative (1)=reverse of above

4. In the context of issues pertaining to federalism, liberal (2)=

• pro-federal power
• pro-executive power in executive/congressional disputes
• anti-state

conservative (1)=reverse of above

5. In the context of issues pertaining to federal taxation, liberal (2)= pro-United States; conservative (1)= pro-taxpayer

6. In interstate relations, miscellaneous, and private law issues, unspecifiable (3) for all such cases.

- End of Content for Variable 36. Decision Direction -
### Decision Direction Dissent

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Once in a great while the majority as well as the dissenting opinion in a case will both support or, conversely, oppose the issue to which the case pertains. For example, the majority and the dissent may both assert that the rights of a person accused of crime have been violated. The only difference between them is that the majority votes to reverse the accused's conviction and remand the case for a new trial, while the dissent holds that the accused's conviction should be reversed, period. In such cases, the entry in the decisionDirection variable should be determined relative to whether the majority or the dissent more substantially supported the issue to which the case pertains, and an entry should appear in this variable. In the foregoing example, the direction of decision variable (decisionDirection) should show a 0 (conservative) because the majority provided the person accused of crime with less relief than does the dissent, and direction based on dissent should show a 1 (liberal) The person accused of crime actually won the case, but won less of a victory than the dissent would have provided.

- End of Content for Variable 37. Decision Direction Dissent -
Authority for Decision 1

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This variable and the next one (authorityDecision2) specify the bases on which the Supreme Court rested its decision with regard to each legal provision that the Court considered in the case (see variable lawType).

Because one of these bases commonly occurs conjoined with another; e.g., the interpretation of the substantive provisions of a federal statute and the Supreme Court's exercise of its supervisory power over the lower federal courts; two separate variables (authorityDecision1, authorityDecision2) follow. The coding is the same in both. In the foregoing example, the first variable will contain a "4," the second a "3." In a case involving congressional acquiescence to longstanding administrative construction of a statute, these variables should appear as "5" and "4." If two bases are identified, and if one is more heavily emphasized, it should appear in the first of the two variables.

Considerable congruence should obtain between the entry in these variables and the code that appears in the lawType variable. Thus, if a constitutional provision appears in the lawType variable, a "1" or a "2" will typically appear in either authorityDecision1 or authorityDecision2. Similarly, if lawType displays a statute, either authorityDecision1 or authorityDecision2 will likely show a "4."

A common exception is where the Court determines the constitutionality of a federal statute, or where judge-made rules are applied to determine liability under various federal statutes, including civil rights acts (e.g., Pulliam v. Allen, 466 U.S. 522), or the propriety of the federal courts' use of state statutes of limitations to adjudicate federal statutory claims (e.g., Burnett v. Grattan, 468 U.S. 42).

The decision rules governing each of the authority for decision codes are as follows:

For a code of 1: The majority determined the constitutionality of some action taken by some unit or official of the federal government, including an interstate compact.

Enter a "1" if 139 appears in the lawType variable.

Enter a "1" if 111 appears in the lawType variable.

For a code of 2: Did the majority determine the constitutionality of some action taken by some unit or official of a state or local government? If so, enter a "2."

For a code of 3: If the rules governing codes "1-2," "4-7" are answered negatively or do not apply, enter a "3." A "3," then, serves as the residual code for these variables.
Enter a "3" if 508 appears in the LAW variable.

Non-statutorily based Judicial Power topics in the issue variable generally warrant a "3."

Most cases arising under the Court's original jurisdiction should receive a "3."

All cases containing a "4" in the type of decision variable = 3.

Enter a "3" in cases in which the Court denied or dismissed the petition for review or where the decision of a lower court is affirmed by a tie vote.

For a code of 4: Did the majority interpret a federal statute, treaty, or court rule? If so, enter a "4."

Enter a "4" rather than a "3" if the Court interprets a federal statute governing the powers or jurisdiction of a federal court. In other words, a statutory basis for a court's exercise of power or jurisdiction does not require that a "3" supplement a "4"; the latter alone suffices.

Enter a "4" rather than a "2" where the Court construes a state law as incompatible with a federal law.

Do not enter only a "4" where an administrative agency or official acts "pursuant to" a statute. All agency action is purportedly done pursuant to legislative authorization of one sort or another. A "4" may be coupled to a "5" (see below) only if the Court interprets the statute to determine if administrative action is proper.

In workers' compensation litigation involving statutory interpretation and, in addition, a discussion of jury determination and/or the sufficiency of the evidence, enter either a "4" and a "3" or a "3" and a "4." If no statute is identified in the syllabus, only enter a "3."

For a code of 5: Did the majority treat federal administrative action in arriving at its decision? If so, enter a "5."

Enter a "5" and a "4," but not a "5" alone, where an administrative official interprets a federal statute.

Enter a "5" if the issue = 90120.

For a code of 6: Did the majority say in approximately so many words that under its diversity jurisdiction it is interpreting state law? If so, enter a "6."

For a code of 7: Did the majority indicate that it used a judge-made "doctrine" or "rule?" If so, enter a "7." Where such is used in conjunction with a federal law or enacted rule, a "7" and "4" should appear in the two variables of this record.
Enter a "7" if the Court without more merely specifies the disposition the Court has made of the case and cites one or more of its own previously decided cases; but enter a "3" if the citation is qualified by the word, "see."

Enter a "7" if the case concerns admiralty or maritime law, or some other aspect of the law of nations.

Enter a "7" if the case concerns the retroactive application of a constitutional provision or a previous decision of the Court.

Enter a "7" if the case concerns an exclusionary rule, the harmless error rule (though not the statute), the abstention doctrine, comity, res judicata, or collateral estoppel. Note that some of these, especially comity issues, likely warrant an entry in both authorityDecision variables: a "7" as well as a "3."

Enter a "7" if the case concerns a "rule" or "doctrine" that is not specified as related to or connected with a constitutional or statutory provision (e.g., 376 U.S. 398).

- End of Content for Variable 38. Authority for Decision 1 -
39 Authority for Decision 2

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- End of Content for Variable 39. Authority for Decision 2 -
### Legal Provisions Considered by the Court

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This variable and the next (lawSupp) identify the constitutional provision(s), statute(s), or court rule(s) that the Court considered in the case. The difference between the two variables is that lawSupp is coded finely; it identifies the specific law, constitutional provision or rule at issue (e.g., Article I, Section 1; the Federal Election Campaign Act; the Federal Rules of Evidence). lawType is coded more broadly (e.g., constitution, federal statute, court rules). Note that a third variable, lawMinor, is reserved for infrequently litigated statutes. For those, lawMinor identifies the law at issue.

The basic criterion to determine the legal provision(s) is the "summary" in the Lawyers' Edition. Supplementary is a reference to it in at least one of the numbered holdings in the summary of the United States Reports. This summary, which the Lawyers' Edition of the U.S. Reports labels "Syllabus By Reporter Of Decisions," appears in the official Reports immediately after the date of decision and before the main opinion in the case. Where this summary lacks numbered holdings, it is treated as though it has but one number.

Supplementing the Lawyers' Edition summary are subordinate decision rules. If the Reporters' syllabus has no numbered headings, treat it as though it has but one number. If more than one numbered heading pertains to a single constitutional provision, statute, or court rule, treat such legal provision as though it appeared in but one numbered heading. If separate numerical headings pertain to different sections of a statute under a given title in the United States Code which would not be governed by conventional use of "et seq.," treat them as separate legal provisions. (Note that this occurs very rarely.) If a numbered heading refers to more than a single constitutional provision, statute, and/or court rule, treat them as separate legal provisions. (This not uncommonly occurs.)

Observe that where a state or local government allegedly abridges a provision of the Bill of Rights that has been made binding on the states because it has been "incorporated" into the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, identification is to the specific guarantee rather than to the Fourteenth Amendment.

The legal basis for decision need not be formally stated. For example, a reference in the summary to the appointment of counsel under the Constitution or to the self-incrimination clause warrants entry of the appropriate code. (E.g., United States v. Knox, 396 U.S. 77; Lassiter v. Department of Social Services, 452 U.S. 18).

Also note that occasionally an unnumbered holding may pertain to more than one legal basis for decision. In such cases, the additional basis or bases are specified as though they are numbered holdings, or as though they are a holding without numbers.

By no means does every record have an entry in the lawType variable. Only constitutional
provisions, federal statutes, and court rules are entered here. This variable will have no entry in cases that concern the Supreme Court's supervisory authority over the lower federal courts; those where the Supreme Court's decision does not rest on a constitutional provision, federal statute, or court rule; provisions of the common law; decrees; and nonstatutory cases arising under the Court's original jurisdiction.

In cases where the Court considers multiple legal provisions no attempt is made to order their appearance. Where the constitutionality of a federal law is challenged, to give either the constitutional provision or the statute primacy would be arbitrary. To the extent that any order characterizes these lawType entries, it likely is the sequence in which they appear in the summary.

Beyond the foregoing, observe that an entry should appear in this variable only when the summary indicates that the majority opinion discusses the legal provision at issue. The mere fact that the Court exercises a certain power (e.g., its original jurisdiction, as in Arkansas v. Tennessee, 397 U.S. 91), or makes reference in its majority opinion rather than in the summary that a certain constitutional provision, statute, or frequently used common law rule applies (e.g., the "equal footing" principle which pertains to the admission of new states under Article IV, section 3, clause 2 of the Constitution, as Utah v. United States, 403 U.S. 9, illustrates) provides no warrant for any entry.

There are three exceptions to this "discussion" requirement, the first of which dismisses the writ of certiorari as "improvidently granted" either in so many words (e.g., Johnson v. United States, 401 U.S. 846) or dismisses it on this basis implicitly (e.g., Baldonado v. California, 366 U.S. 417). In such cases, the code 508 should appear. More often than not, these cases have no summary. Note that the phrase is a term of art: 1) it overrides any substantive provision that the summary may mention (e.g., Conway v. California Adult Authority, 396 U.S. 107); 2) it does not apply where the Supreme Court takes jurisdiction on appeal.

In the second exception the Court, without discussion, remands a case to a lower court for consideration in light of an earlier decision. The summary of the earlier case is then consulted and the instant case coded with the entry that appeared there (e.g., Wheaton v. California, 386 U.S. 267). If a discussion in the summary precedes the remand, this variable should be governed by that discussion as well as the basis for decision in the case that the lower court is instructed to consider. Usually these bases will be identical (e.g., Maxwell v. Bishop, 398 U.S. 262).

The third exception to the "discussion" criterion involves the legality of administrative agency action without specific reference to the statute under which the agency acted. Inasmuch as administrative agencies may only act pursuant to statute, the majority opinion was consulted to determine the statute in question (e.g., National Labor Relations Board v. United Insurance Co. of America, 390 U.S. 254). The same situation may characterize the statute under which a court exercises jurisdiction (e.g., the Court of Claims in United States v. King, 395 U.S. 1).
As indicated, this variable should usually lack an entry if the numbered holding(s) indicates that the Court's decision rests on its supervisory authority over the federal judiciary, the common law, or diversity jurisdiction.

Note that where a state or local government allegedly abridges a provision of the Bill of Rights that has been made binding on the states because it has been incorporated into the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, identification is to the specific guarantee rather than to the Fourteen Amendment Due Process Clause.

International treaties and conventions, which rarely serve as the basis for the Court's decision, are identified (in the lawSupp variable) as a treaty (509), an interstate compact as Interstate Compact (510), an executive order as Executive Order (511), and a statute of a territory of the U.S., which is not in the U.S. Code or the Statutes at Large, as Territory Statute (512).

A case that challenges the constitutionality of a federal statute, court or common law rule will usually contain at least two legal bases for decision: the constitutional provision as well as the challenged statute or rule.

Where a heading concerns the review of agency action under a statute, but the statute is not identified, it is ascertained from the opinion (e.g., National Labor Relations Board v. United Insurance Co. of America, 390 U.S. 254). So also where the decision turns on the statutory jurisdiction of a federal court, and the holding does not specify it (e.g., United States v. King, 395 U.S. 1).

- End of Content for Variable 40. Legal Provisions Considered by the Court -
### Variable 41. Legal Provision Supplement

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See variable Legal Provisions Considered by the Court.

- *End of Content for Variable 41. Legal Provision Supplement* -
This variable, lawMinor, is reserved for infrequently litigated statutes. Statutes substantially absent from the decision making of the modern Courts will be found in this variable (e.g., the Judiciary Act of 1789). For those, lawMinor identifies the law at issue. Note: This is a string variable.
Users should choose among the types of decisions that the Supreme Court renders.

decisionType=1: Cases in which the Court hears oral argument and which it decides by a signed opinion. These are the Court's so-called formally decided full opinion cases.

decisionType=2: Cases decided with an opinion but without hearing oral argument; i.e., per curiam opinions.

decisionType=4: Decrees. This infrequent type of decision usually arises under the Court's original jurisdiction and involves state boundary disputes. The justices will typically appoint a special master to take testimony and render a report, the bulk of which generally becomes the Court's decision. The presence of the label, "decree," distinguishes this type of decision from the others.

decisionType=5: Cases decided by an equally divided vote. When a justice fails to participate in a case or when the Court has a vacancy, the participating justices may cast a tie vote. In such cases, the Reports merely state that "the judgment is affirmed by an equally divided vote" and the name of any nonparticipating justice(s). Their effect is to uphold the decision of the court whose decision the Supreme Court reviewed.

decisionType=6: This decision type is a variant of the formally decided cases (decisionType=1). It differs from type 1 only in that no individual justice's name appears as author of the Court's opinion. Instead, these unsigned orally argued cases are labeled as decided "per curiam." The difference between this type and decisionType=2 is the occurrence of oral argument in the former but not the latter. In both types the opinion of the Court is unsigned; i.e., per curiam.

decisionType=7: Judgments of the Court. This decision type is also a variant of the formally decided cases. It differs from type 1 in that less than a majority of the participating justices agree with the opinion produced by the justice assigned to write the Court's opinion. Except for those interested only in the authors of the opinions of the Court, decisionType=7 should be included in analyses of the Court's formally decided cases.

The database contains all decisions of types 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

The database does not contain all of the non-orally argued per curiam decisions (decisionType=2). The Reports contain large numbers of brief, non-orally argued per curiam decisions. The database includes only those for which the Court has provided a summary, as well as those without a summary in which one or more of the justices wrote
an opinion.

*Note: For a number of reasons, both substantive and technical, we decided to remove Memorandum Cases (DEC_TYPE of 3) from the modern database.*

- *End of Content for Variable 43. Decision Type* -
44 Declaration of Unconstitutionality

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An entry in this variable indicates that the Court either declared unconstitutional an act of Congress; a state or territorial statute, regulation, or constitutional provision; or a municipal or other local ordinance.

An entry should appear in the record that lists the law declared unconstitutional. An entry should also appear in the record containing the constitutional provision that served as the basis for the declaration of unconstitutionality. None will appear when the Court merely cites a previous decision that has already been used to void the provision at issue; e.g., Grisham v. Hagan, 361 U.S. 278, 4 L Ed 2d 279, and McElroy v. Guagliardo, 361 U.S. 281, 4 L Ed 2d 282 (1960).

The summary frequently, though not invariably, will indicate such action in its statement of the Court's holdings. Hence, where such action may have occurred, it may be necessary to read carefully the opinion of the Court to determine whether an entry should be made in this variable.

Where federal law pre-empts a state statute or a local ordinance, unconstitutionality does not result unless the Court's opinion so states. Nor are administrative regulations the subject of declarations of unconstitutionality unless the declaration also applies to the law on which it is based. Also excluded are federal or state court-made rules; e.g., Virginia Supreme Court v. Friedman, 487 U.S. 59 (1988).

- End of Content for Variable 44. Declaration of Unconstitutionality -
### Variable Name

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### Spaeth Name

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### Normalizations

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The treatment the Supreme Court accorded the court whose decision it reviewed is contained in this variable; e.g., affirmed, vacated, reversed and remanded, etc. The values here are the same as those for lcDisposition (how the court whose decision the Supreme Court reviewed disposed of the case).

The information relevant to this variable may be found near the end of the summary that begins on the title page of each case, or preferably at the very end of the opinion of the Court.

As in the lcDisposition variable, the value label pertaining to the specific language used by the Court is entered. If incongruence between the Court's language and the above codes occurs, consult variable caseDispositionUnusual.

In cases containing multiple docket numbers, not every docket number will necessarily receive the same disposition. Hence, in focusing on the outcome of the Court's decisions, users might want to consider the datasets in which cases are organized by docket rather than citation.

Note for users of the Justice Centered Database: The entry in this variable governs whether the individual justices voted with the majority or in dissent.

- End of Content for Variable 45. Disposition of Case -
46  Unusual Disposition

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An entry (1) will appear in this variable to signify that the Court made an unusual disposition of the cited case which does not match the coding scheme of the preceding variable. The disposition that appears closest to the unusual one made by the Court should be selected for inclusion in the preceding variable, caseDisposition.

- End of Content for Variable 46. Unusual Disposition -
This variable indicates whether the petitioning party (i.e., the plaintiff or the appellant) emerged victorious. The victory the Supreme Court provided the petitioning party may not have been total and complete (e.g., by vacating and remanding the matter rather than an unequivocal reversal), but the disposition is nonetheless a favorable one.

Generally speaking, a favorable disposition is anything other than "affirmed," "denied," or "dismissed." Exceptions, however, occasionally occur. Hence, it is more accurate to use this variable rather than the disposition variables (variables caseDisposition and caseDispositionUnusual) to determine the prevailing party.

*End of Content for Variable 47. Winning Party*
Formal Alteration of Precedent

A "1" will appear in this variable if the majority opinion effectively says that the decision in this case "overruled" one or more of the Court's own precedents. Occasionally, in the absence of language in the prevailing opinion, the dissent will state clearly and persuasively that precedents have been formally altered: e.g., the two landmark reapportionment cases: Baker v. Carr, 369 U.S. 186 (1962), and Gray v. Sanders, 372 U.S. 368 (1963). Once in a great while the majority opinion will state--again in so many words--that an earlier decision overruled one of the Court's own precedents, even though that earlier decision nowhere says so. E.g., Patterson v. McLean Credit Union, 485 U.S. 617 (1988), in which the majority said that Braden v. 30th Judicial Circuit of Kentucky, 410 U.S. 484, 35 L Ed 2d 443 (1973) overruled a 1948 decision. On the basis of this later language, the earlier decision will contain a "1" in this variable. Formal alteration also extends to language in the majority opinion that states that a precedent of the Supreme Court has been "disapproved," or is "no longer good law."

Note, however, that formal alteration does not apply to cases in which the Court "distinguishes" a precedent. Such language in no way changes the scope of the precedent contained in the case that has been distinguished.

Do not assume that each record of a given case indicates the formal alteration of a separate precedent. A given citation may have several docket numbers, each of which is governed by a single opinion in which only one precedent was altered. Conversely, an opinion in a citation with a single docket number may formally alter a whole series of Supreme Court precedents. To determine the number of formally altered precedents, carefully read the prevailing opinion in each citation that has an entry in this variable.

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49  Vote Not Clearly Specified

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In the vast majority of cases, the individual justices clearly indicate whether or not they agree with the disposition made by the majority. For a small number of cases clarity may be lacking, as when a justice concurs in part and dissents in part. A justice will typically use this or equivalent language to indicate agreement with the reasoning in a portion of the majority opinion while disagreeing with the majority's disposition of the case, or vice-versa.

A close reading of the justice's opinion usually indicates whether he or she has concurred (i.e., agreed with the majority's disposition) or dissented from the disposition made by the majority. But in the rare case where a justice does not clearly indicate which it is, this variable will so indicate.

- End of Content for Variable 49. Vote Not Clearly Specified -
This variable identifies the author of the Court's opinion or judgment, as the case may be.

*Note: This variable relies on the Justices ID for its values. For a more detailed description of these identifiers, please visit the detail page for the Justices variable. Note that the justice normalizations changed with the SCDB_2012_01 release of the database.*
This variable identifies the assigner of the opinion or judgment of the Court, as the case may be. These data are drawn from the membership in the final (report vote) coalition and from the rules governing opinion assignment: If the chief justice is a member of the majority vote coalition at the conference vote, he assigns the opinion; if not, the senior associate justice who is a member of the majority at the conference vote does so. According to several scholarly studies, considerable voting shifts occur between the final conference vote (where the assignment is made) and the vote that appears in the Reports. As a result, in approximately 16 percent of the cases, a person other than the one identified by the database actually assigned the opinion.

To partially overcome this discrepancy, users may consult the expanded versions of the database, available at http://www.cas.sc.edu/poli/juri/, but which include only the Vinson, Warren, and Burger Courts, plus the 1986-1993 terms of the Rehnquist Court. Assigners in these Courts are identified by reference to the justices' docket books.

*Note: This variable relies on the Justices ID for its values. For a more detailed description of these identifiers, please visit the [detail page for the Justices variable](http://www.cas.sc.edu/poli/juri/). Note that the justice normalizations changed with the SCDB_2012_01 release of the database.*

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52 Split Vote

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This variable indicates whether the vote variables (e.g., majVotes, minVotes) pertain to the vote on the first or second issue (or legal provision). Because split votes are so rare over 99 percent of the votes are on the first issue.

Users interested in analyzing cases with split votes should use the dataset that organizes cases by legal provision and split votes.

- End of Content for Variable 52. Split Vote -
53 **Majority Votes**

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This variable specifies the number of justices voting in the majority; minVotes indicates the number of justices voting in dissent.

In non-legacy cases, a quorum requires the participation of six justices for a decision on the merits.

The number that appears in this variable pertains to the number of justices who agree with the disposition made by the majority (see caseDisposition) and not to the justices' vote on any particular issue in the case. Thus, for example, in Bates v. Arizona State Bar, 433 U.S. 350 (1977), the vote in the case was 5 to 4, even though all participants agreed that the disciplinary rule prohibiting attorney advertising did not violate the Sherman Act. Unlike the majority, the dissenters disagreed that the rule violated the First Amendment.

See also Minority Votes (minVotes) and Vote Not Clearly Specified (voteUnclear).

- *End of Content for Variable 53. Majority Votes* -
54  **Minority Votes**

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This variable specifies the number of votes in dissent. Only dissents on the merits are specified in this variable. Justices who dissent from a denial or dismissal of certiorari or who disagree with the Court's assertion of jurisdiction count as not participating in the decision.

For more details, see the variable Majority Votes (majVotes).

*End of Content for Variable 54. Minority Votes* -
55 Justice ID

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This variable provides a unique identification number for each of the justices. Even though several justices served as both associate and chief justice they receive only one identification number.

This variable appears in the Justice Centered Datasets only.

Some notes about the organization of the justice ids.
1. The numeric value on the left is the unique identifier.
2. The shortened name to the right of the numeric (e.g. JJay) is for readability. Astute eyes will observe that these text descriptors are not always unique, as in the case of JRutledge (ids 2 and 9). The reason for this is id's 2 and 9 reference the same individual. The source of the two ids is the justice served a split term.
3. In situations where two different individuals would share a short name, the short descriptor will be incremented with a numeral on the end as in the case of JHalan1 (id 45) and JHarlan2 (id 91). These descriptors were made unique because they reference different individuals.

Please note that release SCDB_2012_01 saw a renormalization to the justice ids. This was to correct an exclusion of an early justice. Below you will find the current listing. The original variable assignments may be seen here. If you perform a search based on early database releases (prior to SCDB_2012_01) all justice references have been updated to ensure fidelity.

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56 Justice Name

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This is a string variable indicating the first initial for the five justices with a common surname (Harlan, Johnson, Marshall, Roberts, and White) and last name of each justice. This variable appears in the Justice Centered Datasets only.

Note: This variable relies on the Justices ID for its values. For a more detailed description of these identifiers, please visit the detail page for the Justices variable. Note that the justice normalizations changed with the SCDB_2012_01 release of the database.

- End of Content for Variable 56. Justice Name -
This variable provides information about each justice's vote in the case. It appears in the Justice Centered Datasets only. A regular concurrence is when the justice agrees with the Court's opinion as well as its disposition. A special concurrence (i.e., a concurrence in the judgment) is when the justice agrees with the Court's disposition but not its opinion. A jurisdictional dissent is when the justice disagrees with the Court's assertion or denial of jurisdiction. Such votes are counted as nonparticipations.

Determination of how a given justice voted is by no means a simple matter of culling the Reports. The justices do not always make their actions clear.

Two problems, in particular, afflict efforts to specify votes: 1) whether the vote is a regular or a special concurrence, and 2) the treatment to be accorded a vote "concurring in part and dissenting in part."

The first typically manifests itself when a justice joins the opinion of the Court "except for . . ." Because such exceptions typically tend to approach de minimis status, these are coded as regular concurrences. For example, Chief Justice Burger concurred in the opinion of the Court in New York Gaslight Club, Inc. v. Carey, except for "footnote 6 thereof." 447 U.S. 54, at 71. Similarly, Blackmun's agreement with the Court in Pruneyard Shopping Center v. Robins, except for "that sentence thereof . . ." 447 U.S. 74, at 88. Where the Reports identify a justice as "concurring" or "concurring in part" said justice is treated as a member of the majority opinion coalition (i.e., as = 3), rather than a merely concurring in the result (i.e., as = 4).

Whereas the preceding problem pertains to determining which type of concurrence a vote is, the problem with votes concurring and dissenting in part is whether they are special concurrences (= 4) or dissent (= 2). This matter was addressed previously in connection with the variable voteUnclear (vote not clearly specified). A vote concurring and dissenting in part is listed as a special concurrence if the justice(s) doing so does not disagree with the majority's disposition of the case. This may occur when: 1) the justice concurring and dissenting in part only voices disagreement with some or all of the majority's reasoning; 2) when said justice disapproves of the majority's deciding or refusing to decide additional issues involved in the case; or 3) when in a case in which dissent has been voiced, the justice(s) concurring and dissenting in part votes to dispose of the case in a manner more closely approximating that of the majority than that of the dissenter(s).

In cases where determination of whether a vote concurring and dissenting in part is the former or the latter is not beyond cavil, an entry will appear in the voteUnclear variable of the affected case to allow users to make an independent judgment, if they are so minded.
Note, however, that listing such votes as dissents (= 2) or special concurrences (= 4) has no effect on whether or not an opinion is written (the opinion variable).

- End of Content for Variable 57. The Vote in the Case -
This variable indicates the opinion, if any, that the justice wrote. It appears in the Justice Centered Datasets only.

Because determination of whether a justice wrote an opinion is no simple matter, rules must be formulated.

1. A justice authors no opinion unless he or she specifies a reason for his or her vote. A bare citation to a previously decided case or a simple statement that the author concurs or dissents because of agreement with a lower court's opinion suffices as an opinion.

2. Where a justice specifies that the opinion applies to an additional case or cases, the opinion is counted as so many separate ones. Thus, the opinions of Brennan and Marshall in Mobile v. Bolden, 446 U.S. 55, also apply to Williams v. Brown, 446 U.S. 236. Hence, each of these opinions is counted as though it were two separate opinions.

3. When a justice joins the substance of another justice's opinion, without any personal expression of views, that justice is listed as joining the other's opinion (see variables firstAgreement and secondAgreement) and not as an author unless he or she also writes an opinion.

Thus, in United States v. Havens, 446 U.S. 620, Justices Stewart and Stevens are listed as joining Brennan's dissenting opinion notwithstanding that the pertinent language reads: "Mr. Justice Brennan, joined by Mr. Justice Marshall and joined in Part I by Mr. Justice Stewart and Mr. Justice Stevens, dissenting." 446 U.S. at 629. The opinion contains two parts of roughly equal length. Failure to list the latter pair as joiners would have required that they appear as dissenting without opinion, a manifestly inaccurate result. Similarly, Justice White's language in Parratt v. Taylor, 451 U.S. 527, at 545: "I join the opinion of the Court but with the reservations stated by my Brother Blackmun in his concurring opinion," is not listed as an opinion by White. He rather appears as joining Blackmun's concurrence. Conversely, where a justice, in his or her own words only partially agrees with one or more opinions authored by others, he or she is listed as an author. Two examples of Justice Stewart illustrate: "Mr. Justice Stewart dissents for the reasons expressed in Part I of the dissenting opinion of Mr. Justice Powell." (Dougherty County Board of Education v. White, 439 U.S. 32, at 47) "Mr. Justice Stewart concurs in the judgment, agreeing with all but Part II of the opinion of the Court, and with Part I of the concurring opinion of Mr. Justice Stevens." (Jenkins v. Anderson, 447 U.S. 231, at 241).

4. When two or more justices jointly author an opinion, an entry will so indicate. Joint authorship, however, does not include per curiam opinions.
- End of Content for Variable 58. Opinion -
59  Direction of the Individual Justice's Votes

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This variable indicates whether the justice cast a liberal or conservative vote. For the definitions of liberal and conservative, see variable decisionDirection. A missing value code indicates that the decisionDirection was unspecifiable or that that justice did not participate.

This variable appears in the Justice Centered Datasets only.

- End of Content for Variable 59. Direction of the Individual Justice's Votes -
60 Majority and Minority Voting by Justice

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Analysts commonly want to know the frequency with which given justices vote with the majority and/or in dissent overall or in certain sets of circumstances. This variable provides that information for each justice.

This variable appears in the Justice Centered Datasets only.

- End of Content for Variable 60. Majority and Minority Voting by Justice -
First Agreement

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This variable (and Second Agreement) denotes whether the justice agreed with a dissent or concurrence written by another justice (indicated by the justice's id number). Two agreements are coded---one in this variable and the second in secondAgreement. For more details, see the opinion variable.

This variable appears in the Justice Centered Datasets only.

*Note: This variable relies on the Justices ID for its values. For a more detailed description of these identifiers, please visit the detail page for the Justices variable. Note that the justice normalizations changed with the SCDB_2012_01 release of the database.*

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62 Second Agreement

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See variable First Agreement (firstAgreement).

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Note: This variable relies on the Justices ID for its values. For a more detailed description of these identifiers, please visit the detail page for the Justices variable. Note that the justice normalizations changed with the SCDB_2012_01 release of the database.

- End of Content for Variable 62. Second Agreement -
Appendix
This appendix contains an exhaustive list of the numeric codes used for all numeric variables in the Supreme Court Database. In the language of database administration, these lists are called normalizations. In the language of statistical software, these lists are called value labels. All of the data files available for software that supports them, e.g., Stata, R, and SPSS, include all of these value labels. The naming convention used throughout is varVariableName.

A1 varAdminAction
125 Distinct Values

varAdminAction is used in conjunction with: adminAction

Values:
1 Army and Air Force Exchange Service
2 Atomic Energy Commission
3 Secretary or administrative unit or personnel of the U.S. Air Force
4 Department or Secretary of Agriculture
5 Alien Property Custodian
6 Secretary or administrative unit or personnel of the U.S. Army
7 Board of Immigration Appeals
8 Bureau of Indian Affairs
9 Bureau of Prisons
10 Bonneville Power Administration
11 Benefits Review Board
12 Civil Aeronautics Board
13 Bureau of the Census
14 Central Intelligence Agency
15 Commodity Futures Trading Commission
16 Department or Secretary of Commerce
17 Comptroller of Currency
18 Consumer Product Safety Commission
19 Civil Rights Commission
20 Civil Service Commission, U.S.
21 Customs Service or Commissioner or Collector of Customs
22 Defense Base Closure and REalignment Commission
23 Drug Enforcement Agency
24 Department or Secretary of Defense
25 Department or Secretary of Energy
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Legal Services Corporation
Merit Systems Protection Board
Multistate Tax Commission
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Secretary or administrative unit or personnel of the U.S. Navy
National Credit Union Administration
National Endowment for the Arts
National Enforcement Commission
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
National Labor Relations Board, or regional office or officer
National Mediation Board
National Railroad Adjustment Board
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of Economic Opportunity
Office of Management and Budget
Office of Price Administration, or Price Administrator
Office of Personnel Management
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission
Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs
Patent Office, or Commissioner of, or Board of Appeals of
Pay Board (established under the Economic Stabilization Act of 1970)
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation
U.S. Public Health Service
Postal Rate Commission
Provider Reimbursement Review Board
Renegotiation Board
Railroad Adjustment Board
Railroad Retirement Board
Subversive Activities Control Board
Small Business Administration
Securities and Exchange Commission
Social Security Administration or Commissioner
Selective Service System
Department or Secretary of the Treasury
Tennessee Valley Authority
United States Forest Service
A2 \textbf{varAuthorityDecision} \\
7 Distinct Values

\begin{verbatim}
varAuthorityDecision is used in conjunction with:
authorityDecision1
authorityDecision2
\end{verbatim}

\textbf{Values:}
1 judicial review (national level)
2 judicial review (state level)
3 Supreme Court supervision of lower federal or state courts or original jurisdiction
4 statutory construction
5 interpretation of administrative regulation or rule, or executive order
6 diversity jurisdiction
7 federal common law

A3 \textbf{varCaseDispositionLc} \\
12 Distinct Values

\begin{verbatim}
varCaseDispositionLc is used in conjunction with:
lcDisposition
\end{verbatim}

\textbf{Values:}
1 stay, petition, or motion granted
2 affirmed
3 reversed
4 reversed and remanded
5 vacated and remanded
6 affirmed and reversed (or vacated) in part
7 affirmed and reversed (or vacated) in part and remanded
8 vacated
9 petition denied or appeal dismissed
10 modify
11 remand
12 unusual disposition

A4 varCaseDispositionSc

II Distinct Values

varCaseDispositionSc is used in conjunction with:

caseDisposition

Values:

1 stay, petition, or motion granted
2 affirmed
3 reversed
4 reversed and remanded
5 vacated and remanded
6 affirmed and reversed (or vacated) in part
7 affirmed and reversed (or vacated) in part and remanded
8 vacated
9 petition denied or appeal dismissed
10 certification to a lower court
11 no disposition

A5 varCaseDispositionUnusual

2 Distinct Values

varCaseDispositionUnusual is used in conjunction with:

caseDispositionUnusual

Values:
0  no unusual disposition specified
1  unusual disposition

A6  varCaseSources

204 Distinct Values

varCaseSources is used in conjunction with:

caseOrigin
caseSource

Values:
1  U.S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals
2  U.S. Court of International Trade
3  U.S. Court of Claims, Court of Federal Claims
4  U.S. Court of Military Appeals, renamed as Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
5  U.S. Court of Military Review
6  U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals
7  U.S. Customs Court
8  U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
9  U.S. Tax Court
10  Temporary Emergency U.S. Court of Appeals
12  U.S. Court for China
13  U.S. Consular Courts
14  U.S. Commerce Court
15  Territorial Supreme Court
16  Territorial Appellate Court
17  Territorial Trial Court
18  Emergency Court of Appeals
19  District of Columbia Supreme Court
20  Bankruptcy Court
21  U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
22  U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
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A7  **varCertReason**

*13 Distinct Values*

varCertReason is used in conjunction with: certReason

**Values:**
1. case did not arise on cert or cert not granted
2. federal court conflict
3. federal court conflict and to resolve important or significant question
4. putative conflict
5. conflict between federal court and state court
6. state court conflict
7. federal court confusion or uncertainty
8. state court confusion or uncertainty
9. federal court and state court confusion or uncertainty
10. to resolve important or significant question
11. to resolve question presented
12. no reason given
13. other reason

A8  **varChiefs**

*17 Distinct Values*

varChiefs is used in conjunction with: chief

**Values:**
1. Jay
2. Rutledge
3. Ellsworth
4. Marshall
5. Taney
6. Chase
7. Waite
8. Fuller
9. White
10. Taft
A9 varDecisionDirection

3 Distinct Values

varDecisionDirection is used in conjunction with:

- lcDispositionDirection
- decisionDirection

Values:
1 conservative
2 liberal
3 unspecifiable

A10 varDecisionDirectionDissent

2 Distinct Values

varDecisionDirectionDissent is used in conjunction with:

decisionDirectionDissent

Values:
0 dissent in opposite direction
1 majority and dissent in same direction

A11 varDecisionTypes

6 Distinct Values

varDecisionTypes is used in conjunction with:

decisionType

Values:
A12 varDeclarationUncon

4 Distinct Values

varDeclarationUncon is used in conjunction with:

declarationUncon

Values:
1 no declaration of unconstitutionality
2 act of congress declared unconstitutional
3 state or territorial law, reg, or const provision unconstitutional
4 municipal or other local ordinance unconstitutional

A13 varIssues

278 Distinct Values

varIssues is used in conjunction with:

issue

Values:
10010 involuntary confession
10020 habeas corpus
10030 plea bargaining: the constitutionality of and/or the circumstances of its exercise
10040 retroactivity (of newly announced or newly enacted constitutional or statutory rights)
10050 search and seizure (other than as pertains to vehicles or Crime Control Act)
10060 search and seizure, vehicles
10070 search and seizure, Crime Control Act
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10090 self-incrimination (other than as pertains to Miranda or immunity from prosecution)
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30190 obscenity, state (cf. comity: privacy): including the regulation of sexually explicit material under the 21st Amendment
30200 obscenity, federal
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40020 due process: hearing or notice (other than as pertains to government employees or prisoners' rights)
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40040 due process: prisoners' rights and defendants' rights
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40060 due process: jurisdiction (jurisdiction over non-resident litigants)
40070 due process: takings clause, or other non-constitutional governmental taking of property
50010 privacy (cf. libel, comity: privacy)
50020 abortion: including contraceptives
50030 right to die
50040 Freedom of Information Act and related federal or state statutes or regulations
60010 attorneys' fees
60020 commercial speech, attorneys (cf. commercial speech)
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60040 admission to, or disbarment from, Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court
70010 arbitration (in the context of labor-management or employer-employee relations) (cf. arbitration)
70020 union antitrust: legality of anticompetitive union activity
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comity, criminal and First Amendment: privacy

comity, criminal and First Amendment: miscellaneous

comity, civil procedure (cf. comity, criminal and First Amendment); deference to foreign judicial tribunals

assessment of costs or damages: as part of a court order

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

judicial review of administrative agency's or administrative official's actions and procedures

mootness (cf. standing to sue: live dispute)

venue

no merits: writ improvidently granted

no merits: dismissed for want of a substantial or properly presented federal question, or a nonsuit

no merits: dismissed for want of jurisdiction (cf. judicial administration: Supreme Court jurisdiction or authority on appeal from federal district courts or courts of appeals)

no merits: adequate non-federal grounds for decision

no merits: remand to determine basis of state or federal court decision (cf. judicial administration: state law)

no merits: miscellaneous

standing to sue: adversary parties

standing to sue: direct injury

standing to sue: legal injury

standing to sue: personal injury

standing to sue: justiciable question

standing to sue: live dispute

standing to sue: parens patriae standing

standing to sue: statutory standing

standing to sue: private or implied cause of action

standing to sue: taxpayer's suit

standing to sue: miscellaneous

judicial administration: jurisdiction or authority of federal district courts or territorial courts

judicial administration: jurisdiction or authority of federal courts of appeals

judicial administration: Supreme Court jurisdiction or authority on appeal or writ of error, from federal district courts or courts of appeals (cf. 753)

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*14 Distinct Values*

varIssuesAreas is used in conjunction with: *issueArea*

**Values:**

1. Criminal Procedure
2. Civil Rights
3. First Amendment
4. Due Process
5. Privacy
6. Attorneys
7. Unions
8. Economic Activity
9. Judicial Power
10. Federalism
11. Interstate Relations
12. Federal Taxation
13. Miscellaneous
14. Private Action

**A15 varJurisdiction**

*13 Distinct Values*

varJurisdiction is used in conjunction with: *jurisdiction*

**Values:**

1. cert
appeal
bail
certification
docketing fee
rehearing or restored to calendar for reargument
injunction
mandamus
original
stay
writ of error
writ of habeas corpus
unspecified, other

A16 varJusticeDirection
2 Distinct Values

varJusticeDirection is used in conjunction with:
direction

Values:
1 conservative
2 liberal

A17 varJusticeMajority
2 Distinct Values

varJusticeMajority is used in conjunction with:
majority

Values:
1 dissent
2 majority

A18 varJusticeOpinion
3 Distinct Values

varJusticeOpinion is used in conjunction with:
opinion

Values:
1  justice wrote no opinion
2  justice wrote an opinion
3  justice co-authored an opinion

A19 varJustices
114 Distinct Values

varJustices is used in conjunction with:
majOpinWriter
majOpinAssigner
justice
justiceName
firstAgreement
secondAgreement

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2  JRutledge
3  WCushing
4  JWilson
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7  TJohnson
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\textit{8 Distinct Values}

\textit{varLawArea} is used in conjunction with: \textit{lawType}

\textbf{Values:} \\
1  Constitution \\
2  Constitutional Amendment \\
3  Federal Statute \\
4  Court Rules \\
5  Other \\
6  Infrequently litigated statutes \\
8  State or local law or regulation \\
9  No Legal Provision

A21  \textit{varLcDisagreement} \\
\textit{2 Distinct Values}

\textit{varLcDisagreement} is used in conjunction with: \textit{lcDisagreement}

\textbf{Values:} \\
0  no mention that dissent occurred \\
1  dissent in ct whose dec the scot reviewed

A22  \textit{varLegalProvisions} \\
\textit{200 Distinct Values}

\textit{varLegalProvisions} is used in conjunction with: \textit{lawSupp}
Values:
100 Article I, Section 1 (delegation of powers)
101 Article I, Section 10 (state bill of attainder, ex post facto law, or bills of credit)
102 Article I, Section 2, Paragraph 1 (composition of the House of Representatives)
103 Article I, Section 2, Paragraph 3 (apportionment of Representatives)
104 Article I, Section 4, Paragraph 1 (elections clause)
105 Article I, Section 5, Paragraph 1 (congressional qualifications)
106 Article I, Section 6, Paragraph 1 (speech or debate clause)
107 Article I, Section 6, Paragraph 2 (civil appointments)
108 Article I, Section 7, Paragraph 1 (origination clause)
109 Article I, Section 7, Paragraph 2 (separation of powers)
110 Article I, Section 8, Paragraph 1 (taxing, spending, general welfare, or uniformity clause)
111 Article I, Section 8, Paragraph 3 (interstate commerce clause)
112 Article I, Section 8, Paragraph 4 (bankruptcy clause)
113 Article I, Section 8, Paragraph 7 (postal power)
114 Article I, Section 8, Paragraph 8 (patent and copyright clause)
115 Article I, Section 8, Paragraph 11 (war power)
116 Article I, Section 8, Paragraph 14 (governance of the armed forces)
117 Article I, Section 8, Paragraph 15 (call-up of militia)
118 Article I, Section 8, Paragraph 16 (organizing the militia)
119 Article I, Section 8, Paragraph 17 (governance of the District of Columbia and lands purchased from the states)
120 Article I, Section 8, Paragraph 18 (necessary and proper clause)
121 Article I, Section 9, Paragraph 2 (suspension of the writ of habeas corpus)
122 Article I, Section 9, Paragraph 3 (bill of attainder or ex post facto law)
123 Article I, Section 9, Paragraph 4 (direct tax)
124 Article I, Section 9, Paragraph 5 (export clause)
125 Article I, Section 9, Paragraph 6 (preference to ports)
126 Article I, Section 9, Paragraph 7 (appropriations clause)
127 Article I, Section 10 (state bill of attainder or ex post facto law)
128 Article I, Section 10, Paragraph 1 (contract clause)
129 Article I, Section 10, Paragraph 2 (export-import clause)
130 Article I, Section 10, Paragraph 3 (compact clause)
131 Article II, Section 1 (executive power)
132 Article II, Section 1, Paragraph 8 (oath provision)
133 Article II, Section 2 (commander-in-chief)
134 Article II, Section 2, Paragraph 1 (presidential pardoning power)
135 Article II, Section 2, Paragraph 2 (appointments clause)
136 Article III, Section 1, Paragraph 1 (judicial power)
137 Article III, Section 1, Paragraph 2 (good behavior and compensation clause of federal judges)
138 Article III, Section 2 (extent of judicial power)
139 Article III, Section 2, Paragraph 1 (case or controversy requirement)
140 Article III, Section 2, Paragraph 2 (original jurisdiction)
141 Article III, Section 2, Paragraph 3 (vicinage requirement)
142 Article III, Section 3 (treason clause)
143 Article IV, Section 1 (full faith and credit clause)
144 Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph 1 (privileges and immunities clause)
145 Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph 2 (extradition clause)
146 Article IV, Section 3, Paragraph 2 (property clause)
147 Article IV, Section 4 (guarantee clause)
148 Article VI, Section 2 (supremacy clause)
149 Article VI, Section 3 (oath provision)
150 Amendment Clause
151 Article V, Section 1 (courts)
200 First Amendment (speech, press, and assembly)
201 First Amendment (association)
202 First Amendment (free exercise of religion)
203 First Amendment (establishment of religion)
204 First Amendment (petition clause)
205 Fourth Amendment
206 Fifth Amendment (double jeopardy)
207 Fifth Amendment (due process)
208 Fifth Amendment (grand jury)
209 Fifth Amendment (Miranda warnings)
210 Fifth Amendment (self-incrimination)
211 Fifth Amendment (takings clause)
212 Fifth Amendment (equal protection)
213 Sixth Amendment (right to confront and cross-examine, compulsory process)
214 Sixth Amendment (right to counsel)
215 Sixth Amendment (right to trial by jury)
216 Sixth Amendment (speedy trial)
217 Sixth Amendment (other provisions)
218 Seventh Amendment
219 Eighth Amendment (prohibition of excessive bail)
220 Eighth Amendment (prohibition of excessive fines)
221 Eighth Amendment (cruel and unusual punishment)
222 Ninth Amendment
223 Tenth Amendment
224 Eleventh Amendment
225 Twelfth Amendment
226 Thirteenth Amendment (both sections 1 and 2)
227 Fourteenth Amendment (privileges and immunities clause)
228 Fourteenth Amendment (reduction in representation clause)
229 Fourteenth Amendment (citizenship clause)
230 Fourteenth Amendment (due process)
231 Fourteenth Amendment (equal protection)
Fourteenth Amendment (enforcement clause)
Fifteenth Amendment (other provisions)
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Sixteenth Amendment
Seventeenth Amendment
Twenty-First Amendment
Twenty-Fourth Amendment
Second Amendment
Americans with Disabilities Act
Age Discrimination in Employment
Aid to Families with Dependent Children provisions of the Social Security Act, plus amendments
Clean Air, plus amendments
Administrative Procedure, or Administrative Orders Review
Atomic Energy
Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Act or Rules, or Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978
Medicaid provisions of the Social Security Act
Medicare provisions of the Social Security Act
Clayton
Civil Rights Act of 1964 (public accommodations)
Civil Rights Act of 1957
Civil Rights Act of 1991
Statutory provisions of the District of Columbia
Equal Access to Justice
Education Amendments of 1972
Employee Retirement Income Security, as amended
Elementary and Secondary Education
Federal False Claims
Communication Act of 1934, as amended
Federal Employees' Compensation
Civil Rights Attorney's Fees Awards
Federal Employers' Liability, as amended
Federal Election Campaign
Family Educational Rights and Privacy (Buckley Amendment)
Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic, and related statutes
Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide
Fair Labor Standards
Freedom of Information, Sunshine, or Privacy Act
Federal Power
Federal Trade Commission
Federal Water Pollution Control (Clean Water), plus amendments
Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets, National Firearms, Organized Crime Control, Comprehensive Crime Control, or Gun Control Acts
Education of the Handicapped, Education for All Handicapped Children, or Individuals with Disabilities Education Acts, or related statutes, as amended
28 U.S.C. § 2241-2255 (habeas corpus)
Fair Housing
Interstate Commerce, as amended
Immigration and Naturalization, Immigration, Nationality, or Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Acts, as amended
Internal Revenue Code
Internal Security
Jencks
Jones, or Death on the High Seas
Longshoremen and Harbor Workers' Compensation
Labor-Management Relations
Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure
Motor Carrier
Miller
National Environmental Policy
Natural Gas, or Natural Gas Policy Acts
National Labor Relations, as amended
Norris-LaGuardia
Occupational Safety and Health
Public Utility Regulatory Policy
Rehabilitation
Religious Freedom Restoration
Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations
Railway Labor
Robinson-Patman
Securities Act of 1933, the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, or the Williams Act
Selective Service, Military Selective Service, or Universal Military Service and Training Acts
Sherman
Submerged Lands Acts
Smith, Subversive Activities Control, Communist Control, or other similar federal legislation
Social Security, as amended, including Social Security Disability Benefits Reform Act
Supplemental Security Income
State or local legislative enactments
Truth in Lending
Federal Tort Claims, or Alien Tort Statute
A23 varNaturalCourt

110 Distinct Values

varNaturalCourt is used in conjunction with:

naturalCourt
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A24 \textit{varParties}

\textit{306 Distinct Values}

\textit{varParties} is used in conjunction with:
- petitioner
- respondent

\textbf{Values:}

1. attorney general of the United States, or his office
2. specified state board or department of education
3. city, town, township, village, or borough government or governmental unit
4. state commission, board, committee, or authority
5. county government or county governmental unit, except school district
6. court or judicial district
7. state department or agency
8. governmental employee or job applicant
9. female governmental employee or job applicant
minority governmental employee or job applicant
minority female governmental employee or job applicant
not listed among agencies in the first Administrative Action variable
retired or former governmental employee
U.S. House of Representatives
interstate compact
judge
state legislature, house, or committee
local governmental unit other than a county, city, town, township, village, or borough
governmental official, or an official of an agency established under an interstate compact
state or U.S. supreme court
local school district or board of education
U.S. Senate
U.S. senator
foreign nation or instrumentality
state or local governmental taxpayer, or executor of the estate of
state college or university
United States
State
person accused, indicted, or suspected of crime
advertising business or agency
agent, fiduciary, trustee, or executor
airplane manufacturer, or manufacturer of parts of airplanes
airline
distributor, importer, or exporter of alcoholic beverages
alien, person subject to a denaturalization proceeding, or one whose citizenship is revoked
American Medical Association
National Railroad Passenger Corp.
amusement establishment, or recreational facility
arrested person, or pretrial detainee
attorney, or person acting as such; includes bar applicant or law student, or law firm or bar association
author, copyright holder
bank, savings and loan, credit union, investment company
bankrupt person or business, including trustee in bankruptcy, or business in reorganization
establishment serving liquor by the glass, or package liquor store
water transportation, stevedore
bookstore, newsstand, printer, bindery, purveyor or distributor of books or magazines
brewery, distillery
broker, stock exchange, investment or securities firm
120 construction industry
121 bus or motorized passenger transportation vehicle
122 business, corporation
123 buyer, purchaser
124 cable TV
125 car dealer
126 person convicted of crime
127 tangible property, other than real estate, including contraband
128 chemical company
129 child, children, including adopted or illegitimate
130 religious organization, institution, or person
131 private club or facility
132 coal company or coal mine operator
133 computer business or manufacturer, hardware or software
134 consumer, consumer organization
135 creditor, including institution appearing as such; e.g., a finance company
136 person allegedly criminally insane or mentally incompetent to stand trial
137 defendant
138 debtor, excluding bankrupt person or business
139 real estate developer
140 disabled person or disability benefit claimant
141 distributor
142 person subject to selective service, including conscientious objector
143 drug manufacturer
144 druggist, pharmacist, pharmacy
145 employee, or job applicant, including beneficiaries of
146 employer-employee trust agreement, employee health and welfare fund, or
multi-employer pension plan
147 electric equipment manufacturer
148 electric or hydroelectric power utility, power cooperative, or gas and electric
company
149 eleemosynary institution or person
150 environmental organization
151 employer. If employer's relations with employees are governed by the nature of
the employer's business (e.g., railroad, boat), rather than labor law generally, the
more specific designation is used in place of Employer.
152 farmer, farm worker, or farm organization
153 father
154 female employee or job applicant
155 female
156 movie, play, pictorial representation, theatrical production, actor, or exhibitor or
distributor of
157 fisherman or fishing company
158 food, meat packing, or processing company, stockyard
159 foreign (non-American) nongovernmental entity
franchiser
franchisee
lesbian, gay, bisexual, transexual person or organization
person who guarantees another's obligations
handicapped individual, or organization of devoted to
health organization or person, nursing home, medical clinic or laboratory, chiropractor
heir, or beneficiary, or person so claiming to be
hospital, medical center
husband, or ex-husband
involuntarily committed mental patient
Indian, including Indian tribe or nation
insurance company, or surety
inventor, patent assigner, trademark owner or holder
investor
injured person or legal entity, nonphysically and non-employment related
juvenile
government contractor
holder of a license or permit, or applicant therefor
magazine
male
medical or Medicaid claimant
medical supply or manufacturing co.
racial or ethnic minority employee or job applicant
minority female employee or job applicant
manufacturer
management, executive officer, or director, of business entity
military personnel, or dependent of, including reservist
mining company or miner, excluding coal, oil, or pipeline company
mother
auto manufacturer
newspaper, newsletter, journal of opinion, news service
radio and television network, except cable tv
nonprofit organization or business
nonresident
nuclear power plant or facility
owner, landlord, or claimant to ownership, fee interest, or possession of land as well as chattels
shareholders to whom a tender offer is made
tender offer
oil company, or natural gas producer
elderly person, or organization dedicated to the elderly
out of state noncriminal defendant
political action committee
parent or parents
parking lot or service
patient of a health professional
telephone, telecommunications, or telegraph company
physician, MD or DO, dentist, or medical society
public interest organization
physically injured person, including wrongful death, who is not an employee
pipe line company
package, luggage, container
political candidate, activist, committee, party, party member, organization, or elected official
indigent, needy, welfare recipient
indigent defendant
private person
prisoner, inmate of penal institution
professional organization, business, or person
probationer, or parolee
protester, demonstrator, picketer or pamphleteer (non-employment related), or non-indigent loiterer
public utility
publisher, publishing company
radio station
racial or ethnic minority
person or organization protesting racial or ethnic segregation or discrimination
racial or ethnic minority student or applicant for admission to an educational institution
realtor
journalist, columnist, member of the news media
resident
restaurant, food vendor
retarded person, or mental incompetent
retired or former employee
railroad
private school, college, or university
seller or vendor
shipper, including importer and exporter
shopping center, mall
spouse, or former spouse
stockholder, shareholder, or bondholder
retail business or outlet
student, or applicant for admission to an educational institution
taxpayer or executor of taxpayer's estate, federal only
tenant or lessee
theater, studio
forest products, lumber, or logging company
person traveling or wishing to travel abroad, or overseas travel agent
trucking company, or motor carrier
television station
union member
unemployed person or unemployment compensation applicant or claimant
union, labor organization, or official of
veteran
voter, prospective voter, elector, or a nonelective official seeking reapportionment or redistricting of legislative districts (POL)
wholesale trade
wife, or ex-wife
witness, or person under subpoena
network
slave
slave-owner
bank of the united states
timber company
Army and Air Force Exchange Service
Atomic Energy Commission
Secretary or administrative unit or personnel of the U.S. Air Force
Department or Secretary of Agriculture
Alien Property Custodian
Secretary or administrative unit or personnel of the U.S. Army
Board of Immigration Appeals
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Prisons
Bonneville Power Administration
Benefits Review Board
Civil Aeronautics Board
Bureau of the Census
Central Intelligence Agency
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Department or Secretary of Commerce
Comptroller of Currency
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Civil Rights Commission
Civil Service Commission, U.S.
Customs Service or Commissioner of Customs
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
Drug Enforcement Agency
Department or Secretary of Defense
Department or Secretary of Energy
Department or Secretary of the Interior
Department of Justice or Attorney General
Department or Secretary of State
Department or Secretary of Transportation
Department or Secretary of Education
U.S. Employees' Compensation Commission, or Commissioner
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Environmental Protection Agency or Administrator
Federal Aviation Agency or Administration
Federal Bureau of Investigation or Director
Federal Bureau of Prisons
Farm Credit Administration
Federal Communications Commission
Federal Credit Union Administration
Food and Drug Administration
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Federal Energy Administration
Federal Election Commission
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Federal Housing Administration
Federal Home Loan Bank Board
Federal Labor Relations Authority
Federal Maritime Board
Federal Maritime Commission
Farmers Home Administration
Federal Parole Board
Federal Power Commission
Federal Railroad Administration
Federal Reserve Board of Governors
Federal Reserve System
Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation
Federal Trade Commission
Federal Works Administration, or Administrator
General Accounting Office
Comptroller General
General Services Administration
Department or Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare
Department or Secretary of Health and Human Services
Department or Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Interstate Commerce Commission
Indian Claims Commission
Immigration and Naturalization Service, or Director of, or District Director of, or Immigration and Naturalization Enforcement
Internal Revenue Service, Collector, Commissioner, or District Director of
Information Security Oversight Office
Department or Secretary of Labor
372 Loyalty Review Board
373 Legal Services Corporation
374 Merit Systems Protection Board
375 Multistate Tax Commission
376 National Aeronautics and Space Administration
377 Secretary or administrative unit of the U.S. Navy
378 National Credit Union Administration
379 National Endowment for the Arts
380 National Enforcement Commission
381 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
382 National Labor Relations Board, or regional office or officer
383 National Mediation Board
384 National Railroad Adjustment Board
385 Nuclear Regulatory Commission
386 National Security Agency
387 Office of Economic Opportunity
388 Office of Management and Budget
389 Office of Price Administration, or Price Administrator
390 Office of Personnel Management
391 Occupational Safety and Health Administration
392 Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission
393 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs
394 Patent Office, or Commissioner of, or Board of Appeals of
395 Pay Board (established under the Economic Stabilization Act of 1970)
396 Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation
397 U.S. Public Health Service
398 Postal Rate Commission
399 Provider Reimbursement Review Board
400 Renegotiation Board
401 Railroad Adjustment Board
402 Railroad Retirement Board
403 Subversive Activities Control Board
404 Small Business Administration
405 Securities and Exchange Commission
406 Social Security Administration or Commissioner
407 Selective Service System
408 Department or Secretary of the Treasury
409 Tennessee Valley Authority
410 United States Forest Service
411 United States Parole Commission
412 Postal Service and Post Office, or Postmaster General, or Postmaster
413 United States Sentencing Commission
414 Veterans' Administration
415 War Production Board
A25  varPartyWinning
3 Distinct Values

varPartyWinning is used in conjunction with:
partyWinning

Values:
0  no favorable disposition for petitioning party apparent
1  petitioning party received a favorable disposition
2  favorable disposition for petitioning party unclear

A26  varPrecedentAlteration
2 Distinct Values

varPrecedentAlteration is used in conjunction with:
precedentAlteration

Values:
0  no determinable formal alteration of precedent
1  precedent formally altered

A27  varSplitVote
2 Distinct Values

varSplitVote is used in conjunction with:
splitVote

Values:
1  first vote on issue/legal provision
2  second vote on issue/legal provision
varStates

62 Distinct Values

varStates is used in conjunction with:

petitionerState
respondentState
adminActionState
caseOriginState
caseSourceState

Values:
1  Alabama
2  Alaska
3  American Samoa
4  Arizona
5  Arkansas
6  California
7  Colorado
8  Connecticut
9  Delaware
10 District of Columbia
11 Federated States of Micronesia
12 Florida
13 Georgia
14 Guam
15 Hawaii
16 Idaho
17 Illinois
18 Indiana
19 Iowa
20 Kansas
21 Kentucky
22 Louisiana
23 Maine
24 Marshall Islands
25 Maryland
26 Massachusetts
27 Michigan
28 Minnesota
29 Mississippi
30  Missouri
31  Montana
32  Nebraska
33  Nevada
34  New Hampshire
35  New Jersey
36  New Mexico
37  New York
38  North Carolina
39  North Dakota
40  Northern Mariana Islands
41  Ohio
42  Oklahoma
43  Oregon
44  Palau
45  Pennsylvania
46  Puerto Rico
47  Rhode Island
48  South Carolina
49  South Dakota
50  Tennessee
51  Texas
52  Utah
53  Vermont
54  Virgin Islands
55  Virginia
56  Washington
57  West Virginia
58  Wisconsin
59  Wyoming
60  United States
61  Interstate Compact
62  Philippines

A29  varThreeJudgeFdc
2 Distinct Values

varThreeJudgeFdc is used in conjunction with:
threeJudgeFdc

Values:
0  no mention that a 3-judge ct heard case
1  3-judge district ct heard case

**A30 varVote**

*8 Distinct Values*

varVote is used in conjunction with:

*vote*

**Values:**

1  voted with majority or plurality
2  dissent
3  regular concurrence
4  special concurrence
5  judgment of the Court
6  dissent from a denial or dismissal of certiorari, or dissent from summary affirmation of an appeal
7  jurisdictional dissent
8  justice participated in an equally divided vote

**A31 varVoteUnclear**

*2 Distinct Values*

varVoteUnclear is used in conjunction with:

*voteUnclear*

**Values:**

0  vote clearly specified
1  the vote in the case not clear