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The 101 on the 202

The Supreme Court issued several landmark decisions as the 2022-2023 term came to a close

- In *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard*, the court ruled in a 6-3 decision that **affirmative action policies are unconstitutional** insofar as they use race as a proxy for an individual's experience to alter that individual's admission chances
- In *Moore v. Harper*, the court held in a 6-3 decision that **the constitution does not grant state legislatures unchecked authority in setting rules regarding federal elections**
- In *Biden v. Nebraska*, the court determined in a 6-3 decision that **President Biden's student debt forgiveness plan was unconstitutional**

The RNC plans to hold its first GOP presidential primary debate on August 23

- Former President Trump, the current frontrunner for the GOP presidential nomination, has not committed to attending the debate due to his significant lead in the polls and Fox News' alleged bias against him
- Candidates have to meet certain polling and fundraising requirements in order to participate in the debate; out of the announced candidates, Trump, DeSantis, Haley, Scott, and Ramaswamy have qualified so far

Trivia



Who is the only US president to serve as a Supreme Court justice?

A Theodore Roosevelt

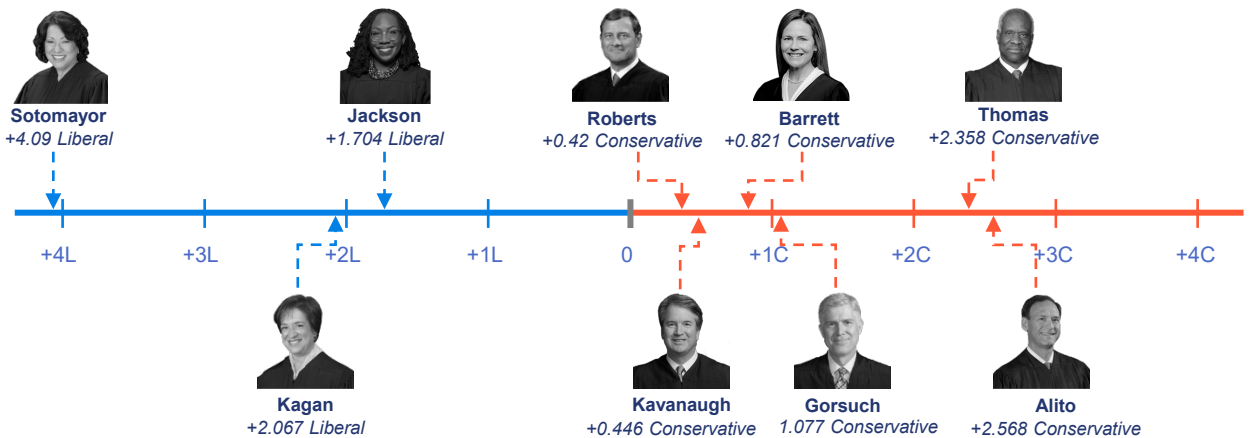
B William H. Taft

C Harry S. Truman

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Supreme Court Ideological Makeup

PRELIMINARY MARTIN-QUINN SCORES



The Look Ahead



Key legislative priorities

As the August recess approaches, key priorities in Congress include the FY2024 NDAA and the 2023 Farm Bill.

FY2024 NDAA markups

- In June, the House and Senate Armed Services committees held markup sessions on the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2024
- Both committees finished their markups of the NDAA and passed the bills out of committee with overwhelming support
- The bills would allocate \$886.3 billion for national defense in FY2024 and now head to the House and Senate floor for consideration

2023 Farm Bill

- The 2023 Farm Bill is one of the biggest legislative priorities of the year, as the 2018 Farm Bill expires this year
- The projected total cost for the 2023 Farm Bill is \$1.463 trillion
- In 2018, House Republicans found it difficult to pass the current 2018 Farm Bill; in 2023 they will once again lead the discussions but now have a much slimmer majority in the House
- Topics throughout agriculture and nutrition will be covered, including, but not limited to conservation, nutrition programs, and research spending

2024 GOP presidential primary

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