

DATA FOR PROGRESS

From July 9 to 12, 2021, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,189 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is ±3 percentage points.

N=1,189 unless otherwise specified. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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[1] How much have you heard or read about the concept of a legal guardianship or conservatorship for adults?	A lot	14%	10%	8%
	Some	26	26	22
	Only a little	28	27	26
	Nothing at all	32	38	43

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[2] A conservatorship, also called a guardianship, is when a court appoints a third party to manage the financial affairs and/or personal affairs of another adult because of the individual's disability or cognitive limitations. Conservatorships and guardianships can limit the rights people have to direct their own lives, make choices about reproductive health, decide what medical or psychiatric care they want, decide how the money they earn is spent, and even whether they can vote or get married. It can be relatively easy to get a guardian appointed and is often difficult to get a guardianship or conservatorship terminated. Knowing what you do now, which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?	The conservatorship and guardianship system needs reform.	71%	72%	65%
	The conservatorship and guardianship system is fine and no changes should be made to it.	14	16	18
	Don't know	15	12	18

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[3] Pop star Britney Spears recently testified in court about being subject to a conservatorship by her father after she was hospitalized for a mental health evaluation in 2008. She spoke about being forced to give her father huge sums of her earnings, being prevented from spending her own money herself, being forced to perform when she was sick, being drugged against her will, and not being allowed to remove a birth control device preventing her from having children. Spears stated that she wants her conservatorship to end, and had not been informed by her attorney that she could petition for the court to end it. Do you support or oppose a court ending Britney Spears's conservatorship?	Strongly support	52%	56%	49%	51
	Somewhat support	23	20	27	22
	Somewhat oppose	6	8	2	7
	Strongly oppose	5	3	4	7
	Don't know	14	13	17	13
	SUPPORT (TOTAL)	75%	76%	76%	73
	OPPOSE (TOTAL)	11	11	6	14
	SUPPORT (NET)	+64	+65	+70	+59

[4] Some lawmakers are concerned that conservatorships and guardianships are inherently exploitative, and are proposing a model called supported decision-making as a legal alternative to conservatorships and guardianships. Unlike conservatorships and guardianships, supported decision-making allows the disabled person to retain all of their legal rights and autonomy. With supported decision-making, the individual chooses people they trust to be part of a support network to help them with decision-making. Do you support or oppose supported decision-making as an alternative to conservatorship and guardianship?

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Strongly support	30%	35%	29%	27
Somewhat support	41	38	48	41
Somewhat oppose	8	10	5	9
Strongly oppose	3	3	3	3
Don't know	17	15	16	20
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	71%	73%	77%	68
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	11	13	8	12
SUPPORT (NET)	+60	+60	+69	+56

[5] Some lawmakers are concerned that conservatorships and guardianships are inherently exploitative, and are calling on the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Justice to provide data on the prevalence of conservatorship, federal protections for people under conservatorship and guardianship, and ways Congress can improve collection of conservatorship and guardianship data by states. Do you support or oppose these lawmakers' request for information about conservatorships and guardianships from federal agencies?

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Strongly support	27%	34%	26%	20
Somewhat support	39	36	44	39
Somewhat oppose	12	12	10	13
Strongly oppose	5	4	4	8
Don't know	17	15	17	19
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	66%	70%	70%	59
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	17	16	14	21
SUPPORT (NET)	+49	+54	+56	+38