

Background Video Questions

Deliberation Topic: Should Congress expand the size of the Supreme Court?

Directions: *To provide a background for the deliberation, answer the questions associated with each of the videos.*

[The History of Expanding the Supreme Court](#)- Richard Friedman, University of Michigan Law School

Who has the power to change the size of the court?

What was the original size of the Supreme Court?

How has the size of the Supreme Court fluctuated?

What are the advantages of having nine Supreme Court justices?

Why did President Roosevelt try to expand the size of the court?

What was the result of Roosevelt's court packing proposal?

The Process for Expanding the Supreme Court- James Wallner, R Street Institute

How many votes in the Senate would be currently required to pass legislation affecting the size and rules of the court? How could this requirement change?

What is meant by court packing?

Why did FDR attempt to expand the size of the Supreme Court?

What is the process for changing the size of the Supreme Court?