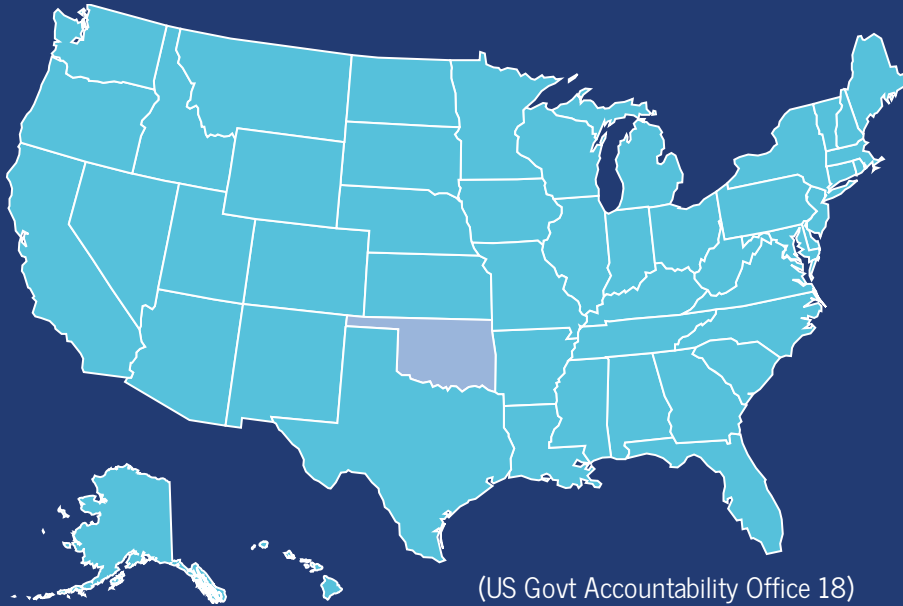


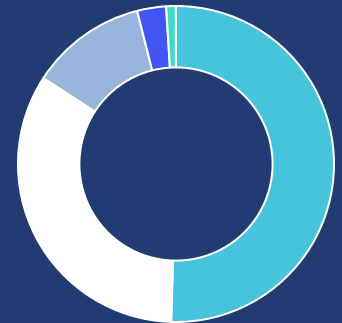


# The Case for Cameras in the Supreme Court

## Courts of Last Resort in 49 States Allow Media Video and Audio Coverage of Oral Argument



## Improve Public Awareness



- Refused
- Roberts
- Rehnquist
- Reid
- Breyer

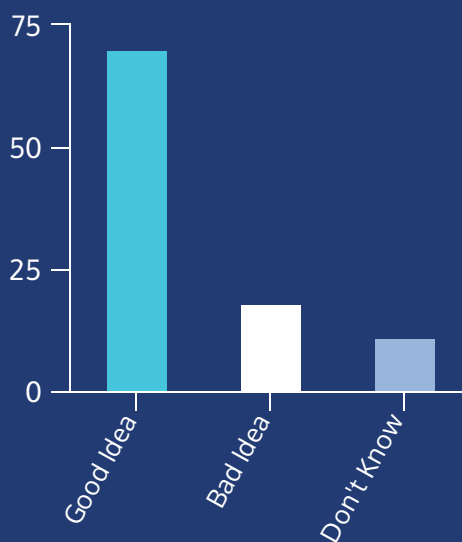
- When asked, "Who is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?" only 34% of Americans surveyed correctly identified Chief Justice Roberts, with 51% majority refusing to answer the question (Dost).

## ↑ Public Access



- Only 240 courtroom seats are available to the public during argument (US Govt Accountability Office 1).
- Transcripts and audio recordings are not available until the end of the week (US Govt Accountability Office 11).
- 15 of 16 Judges surveyed believe video coverage can enhance the public's access to the Court (US Govt Accountability Office 28).

## High Public Support



- 70% of Americans surveyed said it is a good idea to allow television coverage of sessions of the U.S. Supreme Court (Tong 1).

## Educational Value



- Long-time advocates, such as C-SPAN, believe that televising oral arguments would provide the public with insight into how the court operates in addition to teaching important civics lessons (Tong 20).