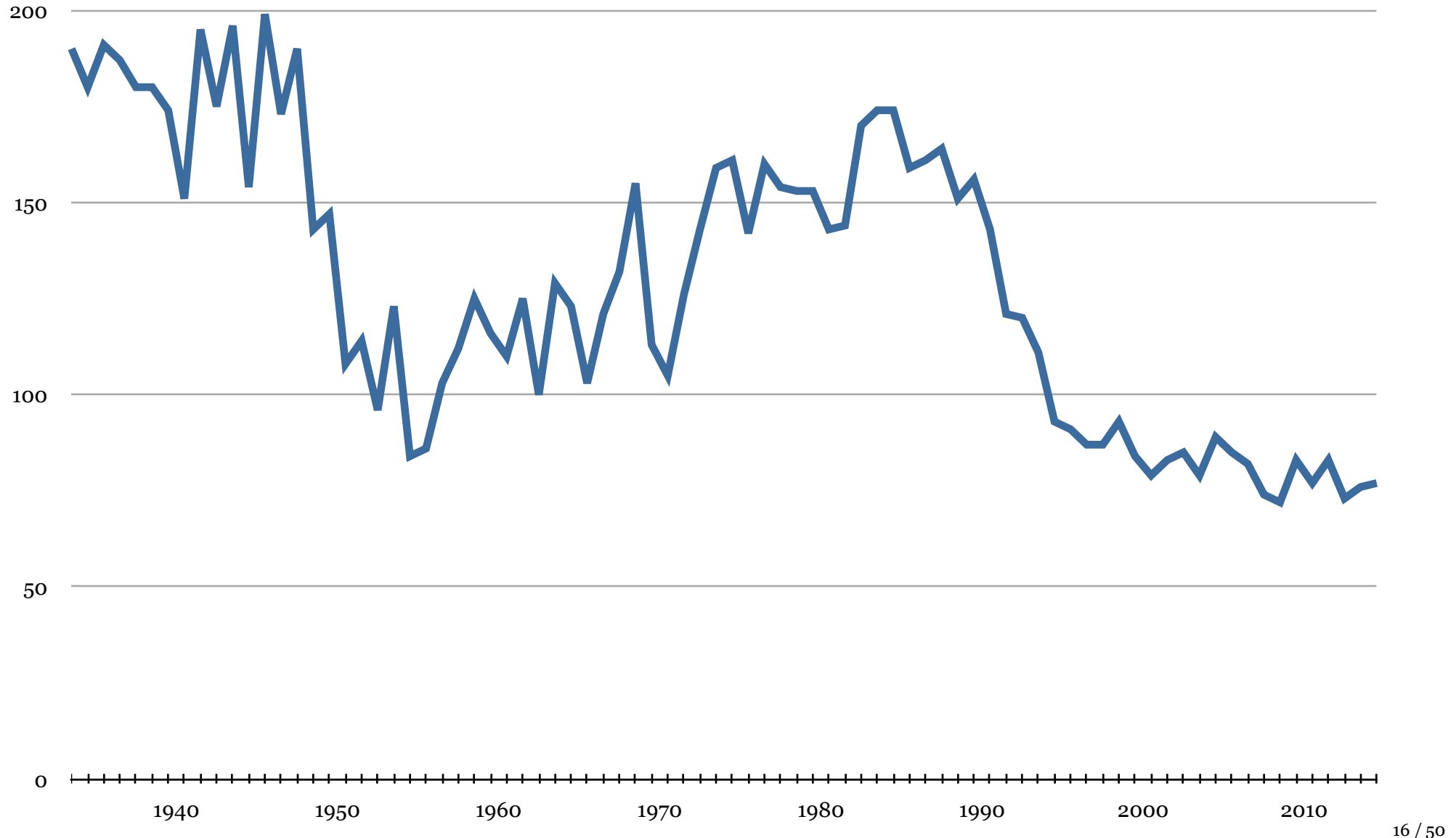


Merits Opinions

This chart places the number of merits opinions from OT14 into historical perspective. The Court has released seventy-one merits opinions, including sixty-three signed opinions, which is a dramatic decline from only a few decades ago. Except for the data from OT14, the data in this chart is drawn from the Supreme Court's annual Journals, which have included useful statistics since the 1930s. This chart displays the number of cases disposed of by signed opinion and, unlike most of the tables and graphs in our Stat Pack, counts cases consolidated as separate decisions. The chart runs from October Term 1932 to October Term 2014.

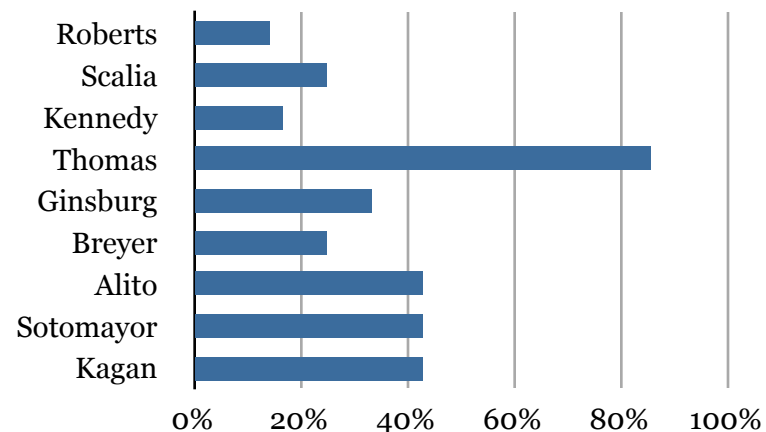


Majority Opinion Authorship

Majority Opinions Authored

	Total	9-0	8-1	7-2	6-3	5-4	Average Strength of the Majority*
Roberts	7	1	2	1	1	2	7.0
Scalia	8	2	2	1	1	2	7.0
Kennedy	6	1	-	1	2	2	7.0
Thomas	7	6	-	-	1	-	7.8
Ginsburg	6	2	-	1	1	2	6.8
Breyer	8	2	-	2	1	3	6.6
Alito	7	3	-	2	-	2	7.3
Sotomayor	7	3	-	-	2	2	7.3
Kagan	7	3	1	-	2	1	7.1
	63	23	5	8	11	16	7.2

Percentage of Majority Opinions Decided with Unanimous Judgment



Authorship as a Percentage of Similar Opinions

	9-0	8-1	7-2	6-3	5-4
Roberts	4%	40%	13%	9%	13%
Scalia	9%	40%	13%	9%	13%
Kennedy	4%	-	13%	18%	13%
Thomas	26%	-	-	9%	-
Ginsburg	9%	-	13%	9%	13%
Breyer	9%	-	25%	9%	19%
Alito	13%	-	25%	-	13%
Sotomayor	13%	-	-	18%	13%
Kagan	13%	20%	-	18%	6%
	100% (23)	100% (5)	100% (8)	100% (11)	100% (16)

Days Between Argument and Opinion

Majority Opinion Author	Days
Scalia	79d
Ginsburg	83d
Sotomayor	85d
Thomas	88d
Roberts	90d
Breyer	94d
Kagan	104d
Alito	115d
Kennedy	120d
	95d