

## Oral Argument - Justices

For our purposes, the number of “questions” per argument is simply the number of times a given Justice’s name appears in the argument transcript in capital letters. To account for the Chief Justice’s administrative comments – such as his call for an advocate to begin – his tally for each case has been uniformly reduced by three “questions.”

**Average Number of Questions Per Argument**

	Average
<b>Scalia</b>	19.6
<b>Breyer</b>	17.5
<b>Sotomayor</b>	15.6
<b>Roberts</b>	14.3
<b>Kagan</b>	11.4
<b>Alito</b>	11.3
<b>Kennedy</b>	10.7
<b>Ginsburg</b>	9.3
<b>Thomas</b>	0.0

**Frequency as the Top Questioner or as a Top 3 Questioner**

	Freq. Top 1	Freq. Top 3
<b>Scalia</b>	36%	69%
<b>Breyer</b>	26%	62%
<b>Sotomayor</b>	13%	55%
<b>Roberts</b>	13%	47%
<b>Kennedy</b>	7%	21%
<b>Alito</b>	6%	22%
<b>Kagan</b>	3%	21%
<b>Ginsburg</b>	3%	20%
<b>Thomas</b>	0%	0%

**Average Number of Questions Arranged by Vote Split**

	9-0	8-1	7-2	6-3	5-4
<b>Roberts</b>	13	10	16	11	19
<b>Scalia</b>	19	30	22	14	26
<b>Kennedy</b>	10	11	13	11	14
<b>Thomas</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ginsburg</b>	9	13	8	8	9
<b>Breyer</b>	18	33	14	18	16
<b>Alito</b>	10	10	12	9	17
<b>Sotomayor</b>	16	11	14	16	17
<b>Kagan</b>	12	8	11	7	13
<b>Overall</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>131</b>

**Frequency as the First Questioner**

	Frequency	
<b>Ginsburg</b>	22 /70	31%
<b>Sotomayor</b>	14 /69	20%
<b>Scalia</b>	13 /70	19%
<b>Kennedy</b>	9 /70	13%
<b>Alito</b>	4 /69	6%
<b>Kagan</b>	3 /68	4%
<b>Roberts</b>	3 /70	4%
<b>Breyer</b>	2 /69	3%
<b>Thomas</b>	0 /70	0%