



The Resource Page



WEBSITES

RESOURCES ON PROBLEM-SOLVING JUSTICE

Center for Court Innovation

www.problemsolvingjustice.org

National Center for State Courts

www.ncsconline.org/PSC

Two excellent web-based resources now exist for judges to explore the concepts behind a problem-solving approach to justice. New York's Center for Court Innovation has set up a website, and the National Center for State Courts established one last year.

Both of the websites attempt to go beyond application of these concepts in specialized courtrooms and dockets, like drug courts or mental-health courts. The concepts involved in problem-solving justice—such as informed

decision-making, judicial monitoring, community engagement, a focus on results—can be applied in many contexts.

The Center for Court Innovation's site includes an overview of the principles of problem-solving justice, a set of fact sheets and self-assessment tools, and several monographs exploring the concepts in detail. Another feature that will be helpful to many is an easy-to-access set of sample documents from courts around the country. You can look at (and perhaps adapt to your own court) a record used for recording community service work in a South Carolina pretrial intervention program, a community-court-volunteer application from San Diego, a training curriculum used for police officers by a community court in Atlanta, or a community survey used by a court in Virginia.

The National Center for State Courts has its online Problem-Solving Justice Toolkit. The toolkit is interactive, so

that you can easily move to the resources of most interest to you. It includes explanatory text, hundreds of links to online resources, and videoclips from 22 judges, attorneys, social workers, and court managers discussing topics related to problem-solving justice.

To use the toolkit, go to the section marked "Initial Assessment Questions." Based on what you are most interested in (such as resources available to address problems you've been seeing), you'll be taken to the resources in that area.

THE POLLING REPORT

www.pollingreport.com

Political junkies and students of public opinion will find this website—and its twice-monthly newsletter—of great interest. It is the primary source of public-opinion information found on the *Court Review* Resource Page.

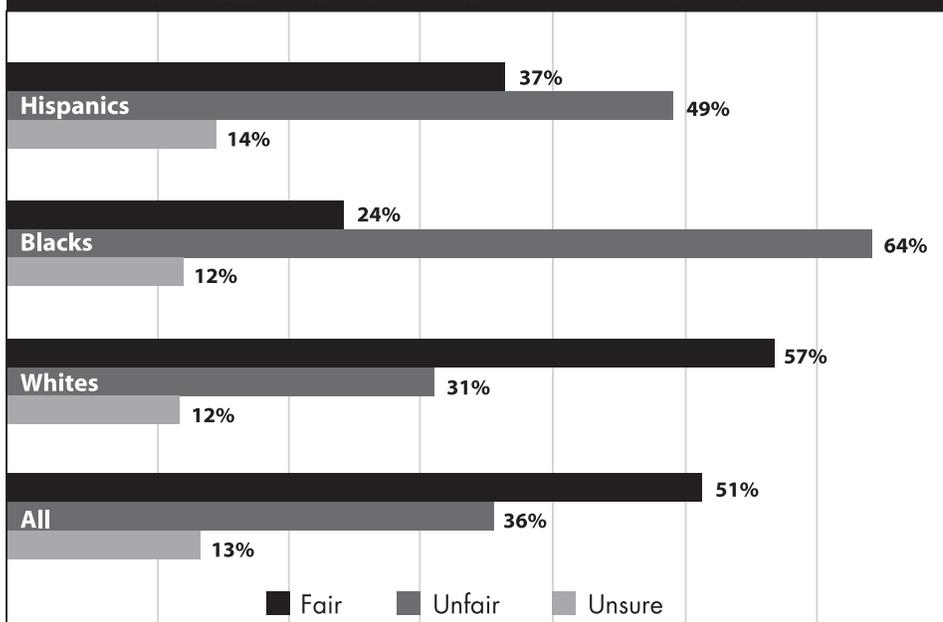
On the public side of its website, you can always find the latest surveys on approval of the United States Supreme Court. You'll also find a section of the website providing survey responses on the law and civil rights.

In addition, of course, you'll find polls and analysis regarding the campaign for President and campaigns in every state for the Senate, for Congress, or for Governor.

Subscribers (\$195 per year) receive the newsletter, which provides analysis of trends in public opinion. Though it is focused primarily on political trends, there is also broader discussion of opinion and the issues that shape it. Articles go behind the raw numbers and discuss the ways in which politicians in both parties try to shape their messages to tap into current views of the voters. Subscribers also receive access to a portion of the website that has daily updates of opinion polls in every state. Those who have a strong interest in the presidential election and the potential results in key states will find those polls of substantial interest as November approaches.

PUBLIC OPINION: FAIRNESS OF THE DEATH PENALTY

QUESTION: GENERALLY SPEAKING, DO YOU BELIEVE THE DEATH PENALTY IS APPLIED FAIRLY OR UNFAIRLY IN THIS COUNTRY TODAY?



Source: Pew Research Center/National Public Radio survey conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International, Sept. 5-Oct. 6, 2007, as reported in *The Polling Report* (Nov. 12, 2007). N=3,086 adults nationwide, including 1,536 non-Hispanic whites, 1,007 non-Hispanic blacks, and 388 Hispanics.