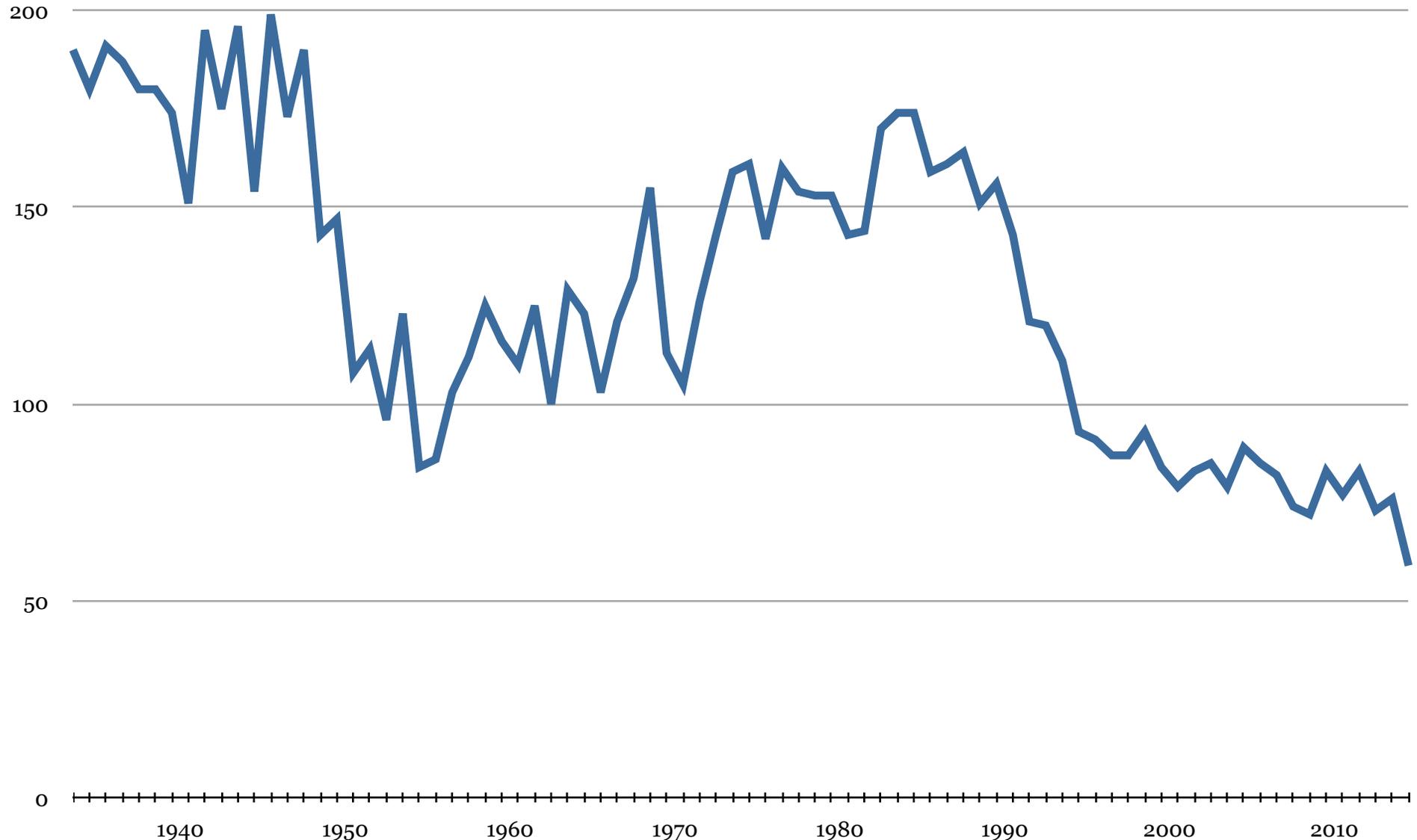


## Merits Opinions

This chart places the number of merits opinions from OT14 into historical perspective. The Court has released fifty-seven merits opinions, including forty-nine 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.

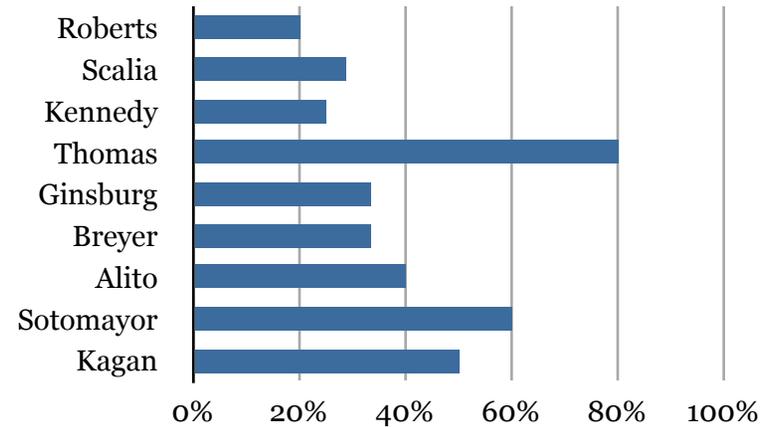


## Majority Opinion Authorship

Majority Opinions Authored

	Total	9-0	8-1	7-2	6-3	5-4	Average Strength of the Majority*
Roberts	5	1	2	1	-	1	7.0
Scalia	7	2	1	1	1	2	7.0
Kennedy	4	1	-	1	2	-	7.0
Thomas	5	4	-	-	1	-	8.3
Ginsburg	6	2	-	1	1	2	6.8
Breyer	6	2	-	2	1	1	7.2
Alito	5	2	-	2	-	1	7.4
Sotomayor	5	3	-	-	2	-	7.8
Kagan	6	3	1	-	1	1	7.5
	<b>49</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7.4</b>

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	5%	50%	13%	-	13%
Scalia	10%	25%	13%	11%	25%
Kennedy	5%	-	13%	22%	-
Thomas	20%	-	-	11%	-
Ginsburg	10%	-	13%	11%	25%
Breyer	10%	-	25%	11%	13%
Alito	10%	-	25%	-	13%
Sotomayor	15%	-	-	22%	-
Kagan	15%	25%	-	11%	13%
	<b>100% (20)</b>	<b>100% (4)</b>	<b>100% (8)</b>	<b>100% (9)</b>	<b>100% (8)</b>

Days Between Argument and Opinion

Majority Opinion Author	Days
Thomas	81d
Scalia	81d
Sotomayor	81d
Ginsburg	83d
Roberts	92d
Breyer	101d
Kagan	107d
Alito	119d
Kennedy	125d
	<b>95d</b>