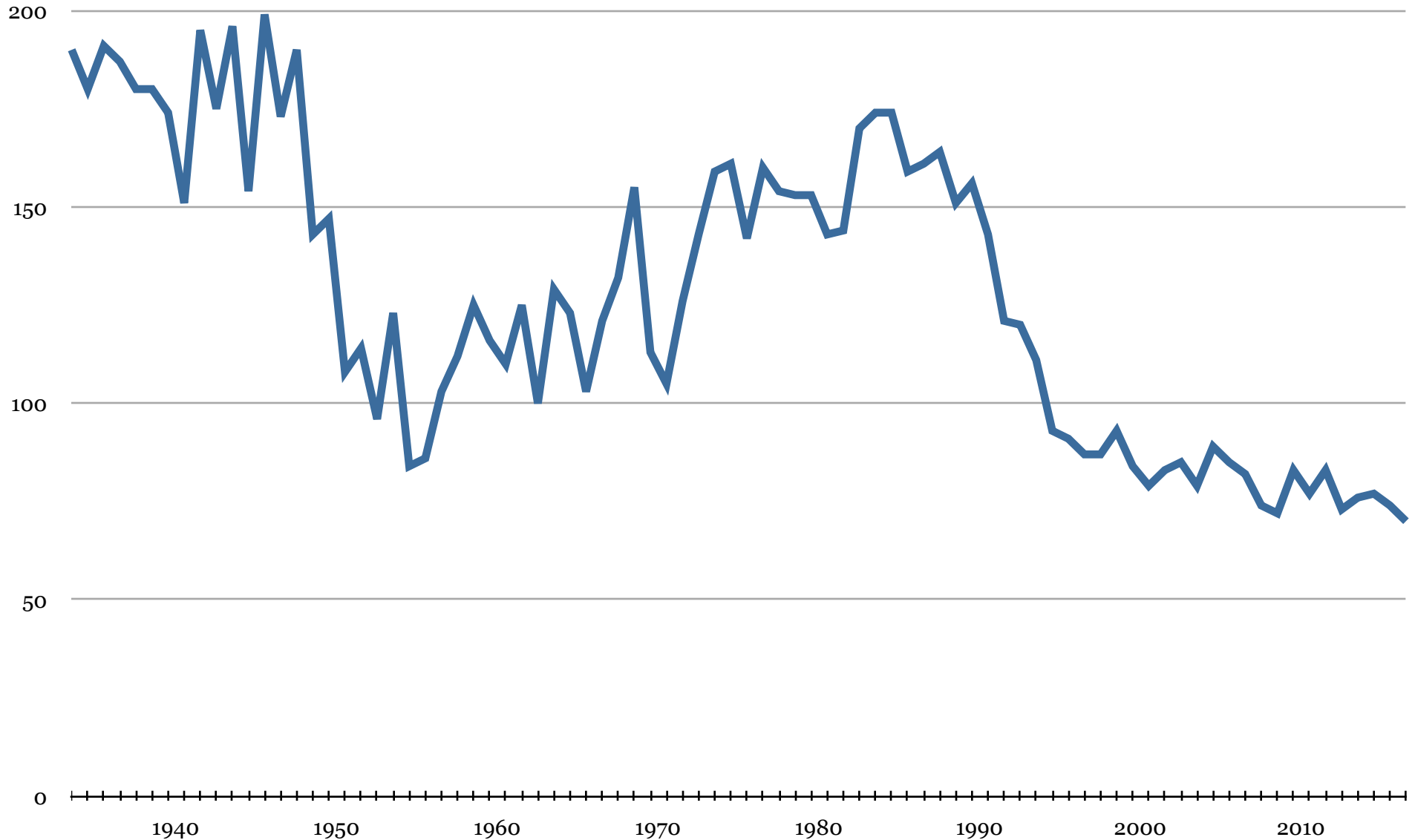


Merits Opinions

This chart places the number of merits opinions from OT15 into historical perspective. The Court has released seventy-two merits opinions, including fifty-seven signed opinions, which is a dramatic decline from only a few decades ago. Except for the data from OT15, 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 2015.

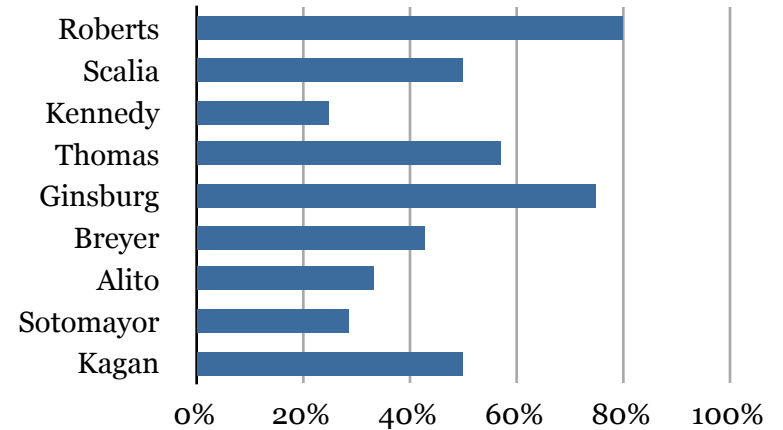


Majority Opinion Authorship

Majority Opinions Authored

	Total	9-0	8-1	7-2	6-3	5-4	Average Strength of the Majority
Roberts	5	4	1	-	-	-	8.8
Scalia	2	1	1	-	-	-	8.5
Kennedy	8	2	1	3	1	1	7.4
Thomas	7	4	1	1	1	-	8.1
Ginsburg	8	6	-	1	1	-	8.4
Breyer	7	3	-	2	2	-	7.6
Alito	6	2	1	1	1	1	7.5
Sotomayor	7	2	3	2	-	-	8.0
Kagan	6	3	-	2	1	-	7.8
	56	27	8	12	7	2	7.4

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	15%	13%	-	-	-
Scalia	4%	13%	-	-	-
Kennedy	7%	13%	25%	14%	50%
Thomas	15%	13%	8%	14%	-
Ginsburg	22%	-	8%	14%	-
Breyer	11%	-	17%	29%	-
Alito	7%	13%	8%	14%	50%
Sotomayor	7%	38%	17%	-	-
Kagan	11%	-	17%	14%	-
	100% (27)	100% (8)	100% (12)	100% (7)	100% (2)

Days Between Argument and Opinion

Majority Opinion Author	Days
Scalia	70d
Ginsburg	74d
Thomas	81d
Kennedy	82d
Sotomayor	90d
Roberts	99d
Breyer	99d
Alito	117d
Kagan	123d
	93d