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Judging by the Words

One month ago, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments on Obamacare. There is a fascinating study on the number of words each justice spoke, including how many words to each attorney. The study found liberal justices very verbose compared to conservative justices, with the men out speaking the women.

Liberal justices also said more to the attorneys challenging Obamacare, while conservative justices raised more questions to the government’s attorney. Kennedy, considered the swing vote, spoke the least words of anyone except Clarence Thomas who never speaks. Kennedy said twice as many words to the government’s attorney as to the attorney opposing Obamacare. Is that good? We’ll know soon enough.