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## 1. SCOTUS job approval

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Supreme Court is handling its job?

	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly approve	8%	9%	10%	6%	4%	7%	9%	9%	10%	1%	4%	4%
Somewhat approve	29%	35%	30%	29%	20%	25%	32%	40%	35%	7%	18%	37%
Somewhat disapprove	23%	24%	27%	19%	24%	19%	25%	22%	19%	34%	35%	15%
Strongly disapprove	19%	19%	20%	17%	24%	19%	16%	18%	15%	30%	25%	21%
Not sure	22%	14%	14%	29%	28%	30%	18%	12%	21%	28%	18%	24%
Totals	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(999)	(864)	(440)	(559)	(184)	(273)	(342)	(200)	(722)	(126)	(91)	(60)

  

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly approve	8%	1%	5%	22%	1%	20%	6%	10%	6%	7%	4%	10%	8%
Somewhat approve	29%	20%	24%	52%	17%	54%	26%	32%	34%	22%	36%	31%	27%
Somewhat disapprove	23%	29%	25%	9%	38%	11%	20%	26%	36%	24%	21%	22%	25%
Strongly disapprove	19%	32%	15%	5%	32%	4%	21%	19%	16%	23%	15%	18%	20%
Not sure	22%	18%	30%	12%	12%	10%	27%	14%	9%	25%	24%	19%	21%
Totals	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(999)	(354)	(396)	(249)	(351)	(331)	(440)	(305)	(128)	(205)	(213)	(378)	(203)

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## 2. Following nomination

President Donald Trump recently nominated Brett Kavanaugh, a federal appeals judge, to the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy caused by Anthony Kennedy's retirement. How closely have you been following the news about this story?

	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very closely	27%	34%	33%	20%	15%	19%	31%	40%	31%	20%	13%	19%
Somewhat closely	30%	36%	30%	30%	27%	27%	30%	39%	31%	18%	41%	31%
Not very closely	22%	19%	23%	22%	28%	28%	19%	15%	23%	19%	22%	28%
Not at all closely	21%	11%	14%	27%	30%	27%	20%	6%	16%	44%	23%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	101%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(995)	(861)	(438)	(557)	(182)	(272)	(342)	(199)	(720)	(124)	(91)	(60)

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very closely	27%	27%	21%	36%	36%	42%	20%	33%	39%	26%	18%	27%	35%
Somewhat closely	30%	30%	27%	37%	36%	38%	27%	38%	29%	30%	35%	31%	24%
Not very closely	22%	23%	24%	20%	17%	15%	26%	16%	23%	27%	23%	21%	20%
Not at all closely	21%	20%	29%	7%	10%	5%	27%	13%	9%	17%	24%	20%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(995)	(354)	(392)	(249)	(350)	(331)	(440)	(303)	(128)	(204)	(212)	(377)	(202)

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## 3. Impact on American politics

How much impact do you think Anthony Kennedy's retirement will have on American politics?

	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
A lot of impact	27%	36%	28%	27%	23%	23%	29%	34%	29%	21%	25%	32%
Some impact	28%	31%	32%	24%	28%	23%	31%	30%	30%	22%	23%	30%
Only a little impact	14%	13%	15%	13%	15%	14%	11%	17%	15%	9%	18%	4%
No impact at all	8%	6%	11%	6%	10%	9%	7%	9%	7%	17%	7%	7%
Not sure	23%	15%	15%	30%	24%	31%	23%	10%	20%	32%	27%	27%
Totals	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(996)	(862)	(440)	(556)	(182)	(273)	(341)	(200)	(720)	(126)	(90)	(60)

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
A lot of impact	27%	43%	20%	18%	56%	22%	23%	33%	35%	31%	24%	25%	31%
Some impact	28%	23%	25%	41%	23%	41%	24%	33%	34%	27%	26%	30%	27%
Only a little impact	14%	10%	12%	21%	6%	20%	15%	14%	11%	11%	16%	17%	9%
No impact at all	8%	5%	12%	6%	4%	5%	9%	7%	8%	10%	7%	7%	11%
Not sure	23%	20%	30%	13%	12%	11%	29%	14%	12%	20%	27%	21%	22%
Totals	100%	101%	99%	99%	101%	99%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(996)	(353)	(394)	(249)	(350)	(331)	(439)	(305)	(128)	(205)	(211)	(378)	(202)

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## 4. Approve of Kavanaugh nomination

Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's decision to nominate Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, or do you not know enough to say?

	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly approve	19%	24%	23%	15%	11%	11%	21%	33%	25%	2%	8%	9%
Somewhat approve	15%	13%	17%	12%	16%	15%	12%	16%	15%	2%	22%	21%
Somewhat disapprove	10%	9%	11%	8%	11%	13%	7%	9%	9%	15%	17%	1%
Strongly disapprove	22%	28%	22%	22%	24%	19%	24%	21%	21%	34%	16%	19%
Don't know enough to say	35%	25%	27%	42%	38%	42%	35%	21%	30%	48%	38%	50%
Totals	101%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(997)	(863)	(440)	(557)	(183)	(273)	(342)	(199)	(720)	(126)	(91)	(60)

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly approve	19%	2%	14%	54%	2%	57%	13%	24%	23%	15%	17%	21%	20%
Somewhat approve	15%	8%	14%	25%	3%	24%	15%	12%	17%	14%	17%	16%	11%
Somewhat disapprove	10%	14%	11%	2%	14%	2%	11%	9%	13%	8%	10%	10%	9%
Strongly disapprove	22%	46%	14%	0%	60%	1%	19%	28%	26%	24%	15%	22%	27%
Don't know enough to say	35%	30%	47%	19%	21%	16%	41%	27%	21%	38%	41%	30%	33%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(997)	(354)	(395)	(248)	(351)	(331)	(439)	(305)	(128)	(204)	(211)	(379)	(203)

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## 5. Why approve nomination

Which of these statements better describes why you approve of President Trump's decision to nominate Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court?

*Asked of those who approve of President Trump's decision to nominate Brett Kavanaugh*

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
I think Brett Kavanaugh would be a good Supreme Court justice	57%	59%	59%	54%	65%	58%	51%	57%	55%	*	68%	*
I trust President Trump to nominate someone who'd do a good job	38%	37%	36%	41%	21%	38%	46%	40%	40%	*	25%	*
Not sure	5%	4%	5%	5%	14%	4%	3%	2%	5%	*	6%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	*	99%	*
Unweighted N	(341)	(311)	(186)	(155)	(50)	(75)	(121)	(95)	(286)	(7)	(31)	(17)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
I think Brett Kavanaugh would be a good Supreme Court justice	57%	*	63%	54%	*	58%	51%	68%	55%	54%	56%	55%	62%
I trust President Trump to nominate someone who'd do a good job	38%	*	27%	44%	*	39%	45%	31%	28%	41%	39%	42%	27%
Not sure	5%	*	10%	2%	*	3%	4%	1%	17%	4%	6%	2%	11%
Totals	100%	*	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(341)	(28)	(123)	(190)	(17)	(252)	(126)	(122)	(43)	(56)	(74)	(139)	(72)

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## 6. Why disapprove nomination

Which of these statements better describes why you disapprove of President Trump's decision to nominate Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court?

*Asked of those who disapprove of President Trump's decision to nominate Brett Kavanaugh*

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
I think Brett Kavanaugh would be a bad Supreme Court justice	34%	38%	35%	34%	32%	29%	31%	49%	42%	22%	23%	*
I do not trust President Trump to nominate someone who'd do a good job	56%	58%	54%	58%	61%	56%	62%	42%	49%	65%	71%	*
Not sure	9%	5%	11%	8%	7%	16%	7%	9%	9%	14%	6%	*
Totals	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(354)	(330)	(160)	(194)	(74)	(96)	(118)	(66)	(236)	(69)	(33)	(16)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
I think Brett Kavanaugh would be a bad Supreme Court justice	34%	38%	30%	*	42%	*	31%	36%	35%	35%	32%	32%	38%
I do not trust President Trump to nominate someone who'd do a good job	56%	54%	59%	*	56%	*	56%	55%	60%	55%	63%	59%	49%
Not sure	9%	8%	11%	*	3%	*	12%	9%	4%	9%	5%	9%	12%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	*	101%	*	99%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(354)	(230)	(116)	(8)	(259)	(14)	(146)	(116)	(58)	(77)	(59)	(140)	(78)

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## 7. Hold hearings or wait

Do you think the Senate should hold confirmation hearings for Brett Kavanaugh this fall, or should they wait until after the midterm election?

	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Hold confirmation hearings this fall	38%	45%	43%	33%	25%	29%	42%	53%	44%	21%	22%	33%
Wait until after the midterms	33%	35%	37%	29%	38%	33%	31%	31%	30%	34%	46%	40%
Not sure	29%	21%	19%	39%	37%	38%	27%	16%	26%	46%	31%	27%
Totals	100%	101%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(994)	(861)	(437)	(557)	(182)	(272)	(341)	(199)	(721)	(126)	(89)	(58)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Hold confirmation hearings this fall	38%	21%	32%	72%	16%	81%	34%	40%	48%	30%	37%	41%	40%
Wait until after the midterms	33%	53%	28%	13%	67%	6%	30%	38%	39%	39%	28%	33%	33%
Not sure	29%	26%	40%	15%	17%	13%	36%	21%	13%	31%	35%	27%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%
Unweighted N	(994)	(351)	(393)	(250)	(349)	(331)	(439)	(305)	(127)	(204)	(211)	(377)	(202)

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## 8. Senate vote

Would you like to see your senators vote:

	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
In favor of confirming Brett Kavanaugh	33%	39%	36%	29%	18%	26%	33%	55%	41%	4%	18%	25%
Against conforming Brett Kavanaugh	31%	35%	35%	28%	35%	30%	30%	29%	29%	36%	36%	30%
Not sure	36%	26%	29%	43%	47%	44%	36%	16%	29%	60%	47%	45%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(994)	(862)	(439)	(555)	(181)	(272)	(341)	(200)	(721)	(126)	(90)	(57)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
In favor of confirming Brett Kavanaugh	33%	6%	26%	85%	4%	83%	27%	37%	36%	26%	39%	35%	29%
Against conforming Brett Kavanaugh	31%	60%	23%	2%	73%	3%	28%	36%	43%	33%	24%	32%	36%
Not sure	36%	34%	51%	13%	23%	14%	45%	27%	22%	41%	37%	33%	35%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(994)	(352)	(392)	(250)	(350)	(331)	(438)	(305)	(128)	(203)	(211)	(378)	(202)



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## 9. Justified in blocking

As you may remember, in 2016, former president Barack Obama nominated Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court, but Republicans blocked Garland from receiving a hearing. Do you think Democrats would be justified in blocking Brett Kavanaugh from receiving a hearing, or not?

	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
They would be justified	41%	43%	46%	37%	46%	43%	42%	34%	39%	57%	40%	39%
They would not be justified	33%	40%	36%	30%	18%	19%	38%	55%	39%	17%	15%	31%
Not sure	26%	17%	18%	33%	36%	38%	21%	11%	23%	26%	45%	29%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(996)	(863)	(439)	(557)	(183)	(271)	(342)	(200)	(720)	(126)	(91)	(59)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
They would be justified	41%	67%	32%	20%	77%	10%	42%	43%	50%	43%	37%	39%	47%
They would not be justified	33%	13%	31%	65%	11%	77%	29%	38%	32%	25%	33%	38%	31%
Not sure	26%	20%	37%	14%	12%	13%	29%	19%	18%	32%	30%	23%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(996)	(352)	(394)	(250)	(351)	(330)	(441)	(303)	(128)	(203)	(211)	(379)	(203)

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## 10. Importance on midterm vote

Thinking about the 2018 midterms, how important will issues related to the Supreme Court be in deciding your vote?

	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very important	33%	42%	33%	33%	21%	29%	37%	43%	35%	30%	26%	29%
Somewhat important	24%	28%	25%	22%	23%	20%	26%	25%	27%	13%	17%	29%
Not very important	9%	9%	11%	7%	11%	9%	8%	9%	9%	9%	15%	1%
Not at all important	7%	7%	9%	5%	8%	5%	6%	10%	7%	8%	8%	4%
I do not plan to vote	9%	3%	7%	11%	8%	14%	10%	4%	8%	15%	5%	14%
Not sure	18%	11%	14%	21%	29%	23%	13%	8%	14%	26%	30%	23%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(997)	(863)	(440)	(557)	(183)	(271)	(343)	(200)	(721)	(126)	(91)	(59)

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very important	33%	43%	26%	31%	57%	40%	27%	39%	41%	30%	27%	33%	41%
Somewhat important	24%	21%	21%	33%	22%	34%	23%	27%	21%	28%	25%	24%	19%
Not very important	9%	6%	8%	15%	4%	10%	10%	11%	8%	8%	10%	12%	5%
Not at all important	7%	7%	6%	9%	6%	8%	7%	7%	13%	3%	11%	7%	8%
I do not plan to vote	9%	8%	13%	3%	2%	1%	14%	3%	6%	6%	12%	9%	9%
Not sure	18%	14%	26%	9%	8%	6%	20%	13%	11%	25%	15%	15%	18%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(997)	(352)	(395)	(250)	(350)	(331)	(441)	(305)	(127)	(204)	(211)	(379)	(203)

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<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	July 10 - 11, 2018
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2014 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2014 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, 2012 and 2016 Presidential votes. The weights range from 0.26 to 5.825, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.776.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.9% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	47 questions not reported.