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1. Following news

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	23%	31%	28%	19%	9%	16%	27%	40%	26%	16%	19%	17%
Somewhat closely	29%	34%	32%	26%	27%	30%	25%	35%	31%	23%	23%	30%
Not very closely	21%	19%	19%	24%	26%	23%	21%	15%	21%	21%	21%	22%
Not at all closely	27%	16%	22%	31%	38%	31%	26%	11%	22%	40%	38%	31%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(994)	(827)	(414)	(580)	(167)	(291)	(339)	(197)	(720)	(103)	(100)	(71)

	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	23%	25%	20%	28%	35%	36%	17%	27%	46%	19%	24%	23%	26%
Somewhat closely	29%	30%	24%	36%	34%	37%	26%	35%	30%	31%	27%	31%	25%
Not very closely	21%	19%	23%	21%	18%	17%	25%	20%	18%	15%	24%	24%	19%
Not at all closely	27%	27%	33%	15%	12%	10%	33%	18%	6%	34%	24%	22%	31%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(994)	(347)	(408)	(239)	(351)	(291)	(415)	(307)	(145)	(163)	(201)	(376)	(254)

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2. Kennedy retirement impact

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	28%	36%	31%	26%	19%	25%	29%	39%	31%	23%	17%	26%
Some impact	24%	26%	26%	22%	22%	20%	26%	27%	25%	25%	19%	24%
Only a little impact	13%	12%	17%	9%	14%	12%	12%	15%	15%	9%	5%	12%
No impact at all	8%	8%	8%	8%	14%	4%	7%	8%	6%	12%	13%	15%
Not sure	27%	18%	17%	35%	30%	39%	25%	11%	23%	31%	45%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(996)	(828)	(413)	(583)	(166)	(291)	(341)	(198)	(724)	(103)	(98)	(71)

	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	28%	41%	24%	19%	57%	23%	20%	36%	47%	25%	29%	27%	31%
Some impact	24%	20%	20%	36%	20%	35%	24%	26%	27%	22%	24%	27%	21%
Only a little impact	13%	13%	10%	18%	5%	18%	14%	13%	11%	18%	12%	13%	11%
No impact at all	8%	5%	10%	9%	4%	8%	11%	6%	3%	15%	9%	7%	6%
Not sure	27%	20%	37%	17%	14%	16%	31%	19%	12%	21%	27%	26%	31%
Totals	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(996)	(347)	(410)	(239)	(352)	(292)	(417)	(307)	(144)	(163)	(200)	(379)	(254)

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3. Approve 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	24%	29%	30%	18%	12%	19%	23%	43%	29%	2%	14%	29%
Somewhat approve	10%	9%	13%	7%	11%	8%	12%	6%	10%	8%	9%	9%
Somewhat disapprove	8%	8%	8%	7%	17%	8%	5%	4%	8%	7%	8%	8%
Strongly disapprove	24%	30%	24%	24%	21%	20%	25%	28%	22%	42%	18%	20%
Don't know enough to say	35%	24%	25%	44%	39%	45%	36%	18%	31%	40%	51%	35%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	99%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(991)	(825)	(410)	(581)	(166)	(288)	(339)	(198)	(722)	(102)	(97)	(70)

	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	24%	3%	21%	54%	0%	67%	19%	28%	36%	24%	21%	24%	25%
Somewhat approve	10%	4%	9%	18%	4%	13%	10%	11%	6%	8%	10%	12%	7%
Somewhat disapprove	8%	12%	7%	5%	14%	1%	8%	10%	8%	11%	5%	7%	9%
Strongly disapprove	24%	47%	19%	2%	59%	2%	19%	29%	36%	20%	28%	24%	23%
Don't know enough to say	35%	33%	43%	21%	23%	17%	44%	22%	13%	38%	36%	32%	36%
Totals	101%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(991)	(346)	(406)	(239)	(352)	(292)	(417)	(305)	(143)	(163)	(200)	(376)	(252)

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4. 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 the nomination

	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	62%	69%		64%	59%	44%	60%	64%	68%	65%	*	*	*
I trust President Trump to nominate someone who'd do a good job	33%	29%		29%	39%	26%	36%	34%	32%	31%	*	*	*
Not sure	5%	2%		7%	2%	30%	3%	1%	0%	4%	*	*	*
Totals	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	*	*	*
Unweighted N	(299)	(267)		(168)	(131)	(31)	(71)	(111)	(86)	(241)	(10)	(24)	(24)

	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	62%	*	65%	60%	*	70%	53%	71%	76%	51%	76%	55%	71%
I trust President Trump to nominate someone who'd do a good job	33%	*	28%	36%	*	30%	41%	28%	24%	36%	21%	39%	28%
Not sure	5%	*	7%	4%	*	0%	6%	1%	0%	13%	3%	6%	2%
Totals	100%	*	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(299)	(23)	(111)	(165)	(15)	(211)	(110)	(104)	(51)	(45)	(57)	(117)	(80)

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5. 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 the nomination

	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	40%	42%		41%	39%	36%	41%	40%	42%	42%	34%	37%	*
I do not trust President Trump to nominate someone who'd do a good job	54%	53%		55%	53%	49%	53%	57%	55%	55%	51%	48%	*
Not sure	7%	5%		4%	9%	15%	6%	3%	2%	3%	16%	15%	*
Totals	101%	100%		100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(368)	(339)		(167)	(201)	(62)	(107)	(122)	(77)	(254)	(58)	(31)	(25)

	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	40%	42%	37%	*	45%	*	39%	40%	44%	33%	38%	43%	40%
I do not trust President Trump to nominate someone who'd do a good job	54%	54%	53%	*	52%	*	53%	54%	52%	58%	53%	51%	55%
Not sure	7%	4%	10%	*	3%	*	8%	6%	4%	9%	9%	6%	5%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	*	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(368)	(221)	(132)	(15)	(259)	(15)	(131)	(127)	(73)	(66)	(70)	(141)	(91)

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6. Hold hearings

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	34%	42%	35%	33%	22%	29%	36%	48%	39%	15%	28%	31%
Wait until after the midterms	34%	39%	38%	30%	30%	32%	35%	39%	35%	37%	23%	34%
Not sure	32%	19%	27%	37%	48%	39%	30%	13%	26%	48%	49%	35%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(993)	(827)	(411)	(582)	(166)	(288)	(341)	(198)	(723)	(103)	(98)	(69)

	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	34%	16%	29%	65%	11%	78%	30%	41%	44%	30%	34%	35%	35%
Wait until after the midterms	34%	60%	29%	9%	72%	9%	29%	40%	46%	35%	34%	33%	35%
Not sure	32%	24%	41%	26%	17%	13%	41%	19%	10%	36%	32%	32%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(993)	(347)	(408)	(238)	(352)	(292)	(417)	(305)	(144)	(164)	(200)	(378)	(251)

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7. 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	30%	37%	38%	24%	14%	21%	34%	52%	37%	10%	19%	25%
Against conforming Brett Kavanaugh	30%	35%	32%	28%	34%	29%	28%	31%	29%	35%	27%	37%
Not sure	40%	28%	30%	48%	52%	50%	38%	18%	34%	54%	54%	39%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(991)	(827)	(410)	(581)	(165)	(289)	(339)	(198)	(720)	(103)	(98)	(70)

	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	30%	5%	29%	65%	3%	80%	25%	38%	42%	27%	31%	31%	32%
Against conforming Brett Kavanaugh	30%	57%	23%	7%	70%	3%	27%	34%	43%	32%	28%	29%	31%
Not sure	40%	37%	48%	28%	28%	17%	48%	27%	15%	41%	41%	40%	37%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(991)	(347)	(405)	(239)	(352)	(291)	(415)	(305)	(145)	(163)	(199)	(377)	(252)

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8. Democrats justified

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	34%	40%	34%	34%	31%	40%	33%	33%	32%	46%	35%	35%
They would not be justified	33%	39%	41%	26%	30%	21%	35%	47%	37%	24%	25%	26%
Not sure	32%	21%	25%	39%	39%	39%	32%	20%	31%	30%	40%	39%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(991)	(824)	(412)	(579)	(162)	(290)	(341)	(198)	(719)	(103)	(99)	(70)

	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
They would be justified	34%	62%	28%	11%	72%	10%	31%	38%	47%	33%	36%	34%	35%
They would not be justified	33%	15%	32%	60%	13%	69%	29%	38%	40%	28%	33%	35%	34%
Not sure	32%	23%	41%	30%	16%	21%	40%	24%	14%	39%	30%	31%	32%
Totals	99%	100%	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(991)	(347)	(407)	(237)	(352)	(290)	(416)	(304)	(144)	(164)	(199)	(375)	(253)

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9. Importance to 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%	43%	35%	31%	17%	26%	37%	50%	36%	31%	26%	24%
Somewhat important	22%	26%	23%	20%	25%	14%	24%	25%	24%	19%	15%	16%
Not very important	8%	8%	10%	6%	8%	12%	6%	8%	9%	4%	6%	10%
Not at all important	6%	8%	7%	6%	12%	5%	5%	5%	5%	10%	3%	16%
I do not plan to vote	13%	4%	13%	12%	16%	17%	13%	3%	11%	14%	15%	17%
Not sure	18%	12%	11%	25%	22%	26%	15%	9%	14%	22%	35%	16%
Totals	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(990)	(824)	(410)	(580)	(162)	(290)	(340)	(198)	(720)	(102)	(98)	(70)

	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%	42%	24%	38%	52%	46%	28%	38%	53%	30%	32%	34%	35%
Somewhat important	22%	25%	18%	25%	28%	26%	18%	29%	23%	17%	23%	22%	24%
Not very important	8%	6%	7%	13%	5%	10%	9%	7%	7%	9%	8%	9%	7%
Not at all important	6%	5%	7%	7%	5%	7%	6%	9%	6%	11%	8%	6%	3%
I do not plan to vote	13%	11%	17%	7%	1%	1%	18%	5%	7%	18%	9%	13%	11%
Not sure	18%	12%	27%	10%	9%	10%	21%	12%	5%	15%	19%	17%	20%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(990)	(345)	(406)	(239)	(350)	(291)	(415)	(306)	(143)	(164)	(198)	(376)	(252)

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Interviewing Dates	August 28 - 30, 2018
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	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.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, 2012 and 2016 Presidential votes. The weights range from 0.203 to 6.591, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.757.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.9% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	47 questions not reported.