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The study was conducted for CNN via telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted from September 06, 2018 to September 09, 2018 among a sample of **1,003** respondents. The landline total respondents were 400 and there were 603 cell phone respondents. The margin of sampling error for total respondents is +/-3.8 at the 95% confidence level. The design effect is 1.49. More information about SSRS can be obtained by visiting www.ssrs.com. Unless otherwise noted, results beginning with the March 31-April 2, 2006 survey and ending with the April 22-25, 2017 survey are from surveys conducted by ORC International. Results before March 31, 2006 are from surveys conducted by Gallup.

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Q13. As you may know, Brett Kavanaugh is the federal judge nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Kavanaugh serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

	Vote in favor	Not vote in favor	No opinion
September 06-09, 2018	38%	39%	23%
August 09-12, 2018	37%	40%	22%

CNN/OPINION RESEARCH CORPORATION AND CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	Yes, vote in favor	No, not	No opinion
<u>Neil Gorsuch*</u>			
2017 Jan 31 -Feb 2	49%	36%	15%
<u>Merrick Garland*</u>			
2016 Apr 28-May 1	52%	33%	15%
2016 Mar 17-20	52%	33%	15%
<u>Elana Kagan**</u>			
2010 Jul 16-21	54%	34%	12%
2010 Jun 16	44%	39%	17%
2010 May 21-23	54%	36%	11%
<u>Sonia Sotomayor*</u>			
2009 Jul 31-Aug 3	51%	36%	14%
2009 Jun 26-28	47%	40%	13%
<u>Samuel Alito*</u>			
2006 Jan 20-22	54%	30%	16%
2006 Jan 6-8	49%	30%	21%
2005 Dec 9-11	49%	29%	22%
2005 Nov 7-10	50%	25%	25%
<u>Harriet Miers**</u>			
2005 Oct 21-23	42%	43%	15%
2005 Oct 13-16	44%	36%	20%
<u>John Roberts***</u>			
2005 Sep 16-18	60%	26%	14%
2005 Sep 8-11	58%	27%	15%
2005 Aug 28-30	52%	26%	22%
2005 Aug 5-7	51%	28%	21%
2005 Jul 22-24	59%	22%	19%
<u>Ruth Bader Ginsburg*</u>			
1993 Jun 18-21	53%	14%	33%
<u>Clarence Thomas*</u>			
1991 Jul 11-14	52%	17%	31%
<u>Robert Bork*</u>			
1987 Sep 1-13	38%	35%	26%
1987 Aug 24-Sep 2	31%	25%	44%

TRENDS SINCE 2009 FROM CNN/OPINION RESEARCH CORPORATION POLL. ALL OTHERS FROM CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP POLLS.

***QUESTION WORDING FOR GORSUCH, GARLAND, SOTOMAYOR, ALITO, GINSBURG, THOMAS AND BORK:** As you may know, NAME is the federal judge nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of NAME serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

****QUESTION WORDING FOR ELENA KAGAN, HARIET MIERS:** As you may know, [NAME] is the person nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of [NAME] serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

*****QUESTION WORDING FOR ROBERTS IN JULY AND AUGUST, 2005:** As you may know, John Roberts is a federal judge nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Roberts serving on the Supreme Court, or not? **IN SEPTEMBER, 2005:** As you may know, John Roberts is a federal judge nominated to serve as chief justice on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Roberts serving as chief justice on the Supreme Court, or not?



Q14. Based on what you have heard or read about him, do you think Brett Kavanaugh's views on important issues are in the mainstream, or do you think they are too extreme?

	Mainstream	Too extreme	No opinion
September 06-09, 2018	39%	37%	25%
August 09-12, 2018	42%	35%	23%

CNN/ORC AND CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	Mainstream	Too extreme	No opinion
Elena Kagan			
2010 May 21-23	54%	36%	10%
Samuel Alito			
2006 Jan 6-8*	52%	30%	19%
2005 Nov 1***	51%	26%	23%
* Asked of a half sample			
**NOTE: Trend from 2010 From CNN/ORC polls. Trends from 2005 and 2006 from CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP polls.			
***Polls conducted entirely in one day, such as this one, are subject to additional error or bias not found in polls conducted over several days.			

Q14a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in the U.S. Senate are handling Kavanaugh's confirmation hearing?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
September 06-09, 2018	34%	45%	22%

Q14b. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in the U.S. Senate are handling Kavanaugh's confirmation hearing?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
September 06-09, 2018	34%	45%	21%



MORE ON METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,003 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Among the entire sample, 34% described themselves as Democrats, 25% described themselves as Republicans, and 40% described themselves as independents or members of another party.

All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, and telephone usage.

Results for the full sample have a margin of sampling error of +/- 3.8 percentage points. For the sample of 923 registered voters and adults who plan to register to vote before Election Day, it is +/- 3.9 percentage points.

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of +/-8.5 percentage points or less once adjusted for design effect. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a design-effect adjusted sampling error larger than +/-8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".



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TABLE 051

13. As you may know, Brett Kavanaugh is the federal judge nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Kavanaugh serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Trump approve	Trump disapprove
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Vote in favor	38%	45%	31%	46%	21%	71%	17%
Not vote in favor	39%	36%	42%	36%	45%	8%	60%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	23%	20%	27%	17%	34%	21%	23%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	5.1	5.6	4.5	7.1	6.0	5.1

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Vote in favor	38%	20%	39%	49%	45%	27%	47%
Not vote in favor	39%	44%	37%	35%	40%	41%	37%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	23%	36%	24%	16%	15%	32%	16%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	8.2	8.3	6.6	6.2	6.5	4.4

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Vote in favor	38%	32%	42%	40%	33%	52%	36%
Not vote in favor	39%	38%	42%	33%	50%	29%	50%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	23%	29%	17%	27%	16%	19%	15%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	6.5	4.8	5.0	5.3	6.1	6.1

	Total	Democrat	Indep endnt Other	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Vote in favor	38%	15%	33%	74%	12%	32%	66%
Not vote in favor	39%	63%	40%	10%	68%	40%	13%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	23%	22%	28%	16%	19%	27%	21%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	6.5	6.1	7.3	7.6	6.1	6.6

	Total	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican	Reg. voter	RV: Very Enthu Cong.	RV: Less Enthu Cong.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Vote in favor	38%	15%	69%	39%	43%	35%
Not vote in favor	39%	64%	12%	40%	48%	32%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	23%	21%	19%	21%	9%	33%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	5.3	5.9	3.9	5.0	6.2



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TABLE 052

14. Based on what you have heard or read about him, do you think Brett Kavanaugh's views on important issues are in the mainstream, or do you think they are too extreme?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Trump approve	Trump disapprove
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Mainstream	39%	44%	34%	48%	22%	66%	23%
Too extreme	37%	34%	39%	35%	41%	8%	57%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	25%	22%	27%	17%	37%	26%	20%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	5.1	5.6	4.5	7.1	6.0	5.1

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Mainstream	39%	25%	39%	47%	47%	29%	47%
Too extreme	37%	38%	38%	34%	37%	40%	34%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	25%	37%	23%	19%	16%	31%	19%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	8.2	8.3	6.6	6.2	6.5	4.4

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Mainstream	39%	33%	44%	39%	40%	50%	44%
Too extreme	37%	37%	39%	34%	44%	31%	42%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	25%	30%	18%	28%	17%	19%	14%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	6.5	4.8	5.0	5.3	6.1	6.1

	Total	Democrat	Indep endnt Other	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Mainstream	39%	22%	34%	69%	17%	35%	63%
Too extreme	37%	60%	36%	11%	65%	38%	15%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	25%	18%	30%	21%	19%	27%	22%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	6.5	6.1	7.3	7.6	6.1	6.6

	Total	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican	Reg. voter	RV: Very Enthu Cong.	RV: Less Enthu Cong.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Mainstream	39%	21%	65%	41%	43%	38%
Too extreme	37%	59%	13%	38%	44%	32%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	25%	20%	23%	21%	12%	29%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	5.3	5.9	3.9	5.0	6.2



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TABLE 053

14A. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in the U.S. Senate are handling Kavanaugh's confirmation hearing?
 Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Trump approve	Trump disapprove
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	34%	38%	29%	40%	23%	64%	16%
Disapprove	45%	44%	45%	40%	53%	15%	65%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	22%	18%	26%	20%	24%	21%	19%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	5.1	5.6	4.5	7.1	6.0	5.1

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	34%	25%	32%	42%	38%	26%	40%
Disapprove	45%	42%	46%	43%	49%	44%	45%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	22%	34%	22%	15%	13%	30%	15%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	8.2	8.3	6.6	6.2	6.5	4.4

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	34%	32%	35%	35%	30%	44%	31%
Disapprove	45%	45%	47%	41%	53%	32%	54%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	22%	24%	18%	24%	16%	24%	14%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	6.5	4.8	5.0	5.3	6.1	6.1

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	34%	16%	28%	68%	16%	30%	55%
Disapprove	45%	69%	43%	17%	67%	45%	26%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	22%	15%	29%	16%	17%	25%	19%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	6.5	6.1	7.3	7.6	6.1	6.6

	Total	Lean Demo-cratic	Lean Repub lican	Reg. voter	RV: Very Enthu Cong.	RV: Less Enthu Cong.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	34%	16%	61%	36%	38%	33%
Disapprove	45%	67%	22%	45%	53%	37%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	22%	18%	17%	19%	9%	30%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	5.3	5.9	3.9	5.0	6.2



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TABLE 054

14B. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in the U.S. Senate are handling Kavanaugh's confirmation hearing?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Trump approve	Trump disapprove
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	34%	32%	36%	30%	43%	11%	51%
Disapprove	45%	51%	39%	51%	33%	72%	29%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	21%	16%	25%	19%	24%	17%	20%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	5.1	5.6	4.5	7.1	6.0	5.1

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	34%	29%	31%	38%	41%	31%	37%
Disapprove	45%	37%	47%	51%	46%	39%	50%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	21%	34%	22%	11%	13%	30%	13%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	8.2	8.3	6.6	6.2	6.5	4.4

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	34%	38%	34%	34%	35%	27%	34%
Disapprove	45%	40%	49%	44%	47%	52%	50%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	21%	22%	18%	23%	17%	21%	16%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	6.5	4.8	5.0	5.3	6.1	6.1

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	34%	59%	28%	13%	57%	34%	17%
Disapprove	45%	25%	45%	73%	26%	41%	67%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	21%	16%	27%	13%	18%	25%	16%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	6.5	6.1	7.3	7.6	6.1	6.6

	Total	Lean Demo-cratic	Lean Repub lican	Reg. voter	RV: Very Enthu Cong.	RV: Less Enthu Cong.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	34%	55%	15%	35%	40%	31%
Disapprove	45%	26%	71%	46%	53%	39%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	21%	19%	15%	18%	8%	30%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	5.3	5.9	3.9	5.0	6.2