

CBS News Battleground Tracker National



Sample 2262 Adults
Conducted September 20-21, 2018
Margin of Error ±2.5%

1. If these were your choices, in the 2018 Congressional elections would you most prefer to vote for...

A progressive or liberal Democrat	22%
A moderate Democrat	20%
A Republican who is more independent from Donald Trump	8%
A Republican who is more in line with Donald Trump	30%
A third party candidate	4%
Wouldn't vote	16%

2. Brett Kavanaugh has been nominated to serve as a justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. Should the Senate vote to confirm Brett Kavanaugh as a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, vote against Brett Kavanaugh, or is it too soon to say?

Vote to confirm	32%
Vote against	30%
Too soon to say	38%

3. From what you have seen or heard, if he is seated as a Supreme Court justice, would you expect Brett Kavanaugh to be:

Too conservative	31%
About right	34%
Not conservative enough	5%
Not sure	30%

4. As you may know, a woman named Christine Blasey Ford has alleged that Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her years ago when both were in high school. How closely have you been following this matter?

Very closely	31%
Somewhat closely	36%
Not very closely	33%

5. Regardless of whether you support or oppose Brett Kavanaugh's nomination, how do you feel about the way each of these are handling matters surrounding the allegations?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
Democrats in the Senate	27%	41%	32%
Republicans in the Senate	28%	42%	30%
Donald Trump	34%	43%	23%

6. Do you think there should or should not be an FBI investigation into this matter?

Should be	53%
Should not be	47%

7. What should happen next? Do you think the Senate vote on Brett Kavanaugh should be taken in the next few days, or should the vote be delayed until more investigations or hearings on the allegations can be held?

Vote in the next few days	41%
Delay vote until after more investigations and hearings	59%

8. Overall, has what you've seen so far in this Supreme Court nomination made you...

More likely to consider voting for a Democrat in November	19%
More likely to consider voting for a Republican in November	20%
Hasn't changed how you were planning to vote	42%
Not sure yet, it depends what happens	19%

9. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	12%
Somewhat liberal	14%
Moderate	31%
Somewhat conservative	18%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	12%

10. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	22%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	16%
Not sure	5%

11. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian?

Yes	27%
No	66%
Not sure	7%

12. What is your gender?

Male	48%
Female	52%

13. In what year were you born?

18-29	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	34%
65+	21%

14. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	8%

15. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

HS or less	38%
Some college	32%
College grad	20%
Post grad	10%

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1. 2018 Vote

If these were your choices, in the 2018 Congressional elections would you most prefer to vote for...

	Total	Gender		Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
A progressive or liberal Democrat	22%	22%	21%	30%	21%	18%	19%	20%	28%	19%	27%
A moderate Democrat	20%	19%	21%	18%	21%	21%	20%	16%	39%	27%	20%
A Republican who is more independent from Donald Trump	8%	9%	8%	10%	11%	7%	5%	9%	4%	12%	6%
A Republican who is more in line with Donald Trump	30%	33%	27%	16%	19%	37%	46%	38%	10%	11%	20%
A third party candidate	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	9%
Wouldn't vote	16%	12%	19%	21%	22%	13%	7%	13%	15%	28%	17%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,248)	(1,085)	(1,163)	(480)	(530)	(770)	(468)	(1,519)	(278)	(262)	(189)

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	Total	Party ID			Ideology			White Evangelical
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Yes
A progressive or liberal Democrat	22%	48%	18%	2%	69%	7%	2%	8%
A moderate Democrat	20%	41%	19%	2%	19%	31%	7%	10%
A Republican who is more independent from Donald Trump	8%	1%	7%	18%	1%	9%	13%	10%
A Republican who is more in line with Donald Trump	30%	4%	27%	74%	3%	17%	70%	57%
A third party candidate	4%	1%	10%	0%	2%	8%	2%	3%
Wouldn't vote	16%	5%	19%	4%	6%	28%	5%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,248)	(682)	(771)	(574)	(574)	(959)	(696)	(398)

2. Kavanaugh Confirmation

Brett Kavanaugh has been nominated to serve as a justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. Should the Senate vote to confirm Brett Kavanaugh as a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, vote against Brett Kavanaugh, or is it too soon to say?

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Vote to confirm	32%	38%	26%	18%	23%	37%	47%	39%	10%	20%	26%
Vote against	30%	32%	28%	32%	32%	27%	29%	28%	38%	25%	36%
Too soon to say	38%	30%	46%	49%	45%	36%	23%	33%	52%	55%	38%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,236)	(1,091)	(1,146)	(479)	(525)	(762)	(470)	(1,518)	(278)	(253)	(188)

	Party ID			Ideology			White Evangelical	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Yes
Vote to confirm	32%	7%	33%	69%	5%	21%	70%	60%
Vote against	30%	60%	27%	5%	70%	23%	5%	11%
Too soon to say	38%	33%	40%	26%	25%	56%	25%	29%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,236)	(689)	(760)	(574)	(581)	(955)	(689)	(398)

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3. Kavanaugh Ideology

From what you have seen or heard, if he is seated as a Supreme Court justice, would you expect Brett Kavanaugh to be:

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Too conservative	31%	35%	28%	34%	35%	28%	31%	31%	32%	27%	40%
About right	34%	40%	28%	26%	23%	38%	49%	40%	14%	26%	27%
Not conservative enough	5%	4%	5%	3%	6%	5%	3%	3%	7%	7%	6%
Not sure	30%	21%	38%	37%	36%	28%	17%	25%	47%	40%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,246)	(1,095)	(1,151)	(480)	(528)	(768)	(470)	(1,519)	(280)	(258)	(188)

	Party ID			Ideology			White Evangelical	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Yes
Too conservative	31%	62%	32%	5%	76%	24%	5%	13%
About right	34%	11%	34%	70%	5%	26%	69%	58%
Not conservative enough	5%	3%	4%	7%	2%	3%	8%	6%
Not sure	30%	24%	30%	18%	16%	47%	18%	23%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,246)	(689)	(766)	(577)	(580)	(957)	(695)	(399)

4. Kavanaugh Allegations

As you may know, a woman named Christine Blasey Ford has alleged that Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her years ago when both were in high school. How closely have you been following this matter?

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very closely	31%	38%	24%	17%	24%	35%	46%	34%	29%	21%	23%
Somewhat closely	36%	36%	35%	41%	31%	35%	36%	35%	32%	38%	40%
Not very closely	33%	26%	41%	42%	45%	30%	18%	31%	39%	41%	37%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,241)	(1,090)	(1,151)	(482)	(524)	(766)	(468)	(1,517)	(282)	(253)	(189)

	Party ID			Ideology			White Evangelical	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Yes
Very closely	31%	33%	30%	37%	37%	21%	39%	33%
Somewhat closely	36%	39%	37%	35%	39%	33%	37%	37%
Not very closely	33%	28%	33%	28%	24%	46%	23%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,241)	(686)	(768)	(572)	(576)	(956)	(696)	(397)

5A. Handling Kavanaugh Allegations — Democrats in the Senate

Regardless of whether you support or oppose Brett Kavanaugh’s nomination, how do you feel about the way each of these are handling matters surrounding the allegations?

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Approve	27%	29%	26%	27%	28%	28%	27%	23%	48%	26%	32%
Disapprove	41%	48%	33%	29%	34%	45%	52%	47%	18%	30%	33%
No opinion	32%	23%	40%	44%	38%	27%	21%	29%	34%	44%	35%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,238)	(1,090)	(1,148)	(478)	(525)	(765)	(470)	(1,520)	(282)	(250)	(187)

	Party ID			Ideology			White Evangelical	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Yes
Approve	27%	59%	20%	6%	58%	23%	9%	13%
Disapprove	41%	14%	47%	73%	17%	31%	73%	63%
No opinion	32%	27%	33%	21%	25%	46%	18%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,238)	(685)	(768)	(575)	(576)	(956)	(696)	(399)

5B. Handling Kavanaugh Allegations — Republicans in the Senate

Regardless of whether you support or oppose Brett Kavanaugh’s nomination, how do you feel about the way each of these are handling matters surrounding the allegations?

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Approve	28%	32%	24%	19%	22%	31%	38%	32%	12%	23%	24%
Disapprove	42%	46%	38%	41%	42%	41%	42%	40%	56%	36%	44%
No opinion	30%	22%	38%	40%	36%	28%	19%	28%	32%	41%	32%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,236)	(1,091)	(1,145)	(479)	(523)	(764)	(470)	(1,519)	(281)	(250)	(187)

	Party ID			Ideology			White Evangelical	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Yes
Approve	28%	7%	25%	63%	6%	20%	57%	47%
Disapprove	42%	71%	43%	15%	78%	37%	19%	25%
No opinion	30%	22%	32%	22%	16%	43%	24%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,236)	(685)	(768)	(572)	(577)	(955)	(693)	(398)

5C. Handling Kavanaugh Allegations — Donald Trump

Regardless of whether you support or oppose Brett Kavanaugh's nomination, how do you feel about the way each of these are handling matters surrounding the allegations?

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Approve	34%	39%	29%	23%	25%	38%	49%	41%	10%	22%	34%
Disapprove	43%	43%	43%	51%	48%	39%	35%	37%	66%	51%	47%
No opinion	23%	18%	28%	26%	27%	23%	16%	22%	24%	27%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,238)	(1,091)	(1,147)	(481)	(524)	(765)	(467)	(1,519)	(279)	(254)	(187)

	Party ID			Ideology			White Evangelical	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Yes
Approve	34%	9%	32%	74%	6%	25%	69%	58%
Disapprove	43%	75%	41%	10%	82%	42%	13%	21%
No opinion	23%	16%	26%	16%	12%	33%	18%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,238)	(685)	(769)	(573)	(576)	(957)	(694)	(398)

6. FBI Investigation

Do you think there should or should not be an FBI investigation into this matter?

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should be	53%	51%	55%	63%	60%	50%	42%	45%	74%	66%	71%
Should not be	47%	49%	45%	37%	40%	50%	58%	55%	26%	34%	29%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,203)	(1,081)	(1,122)	(463)	(515)	(757)	(467)	(1,504)	(272)	(246)	(181)

	Party ID				Ideology			White Evangelical
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Yes
Should be	53%	82%	54%	17%	88%	58%	17%	28%
Should not be	47%	18%	46%	83%	12%	42%	83%	72%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,203)	(683)	(753)	(575)	(573)	(937)	(691)	(394)

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7. Next Steps on Kavanaugh Vote

What should happen next? Do you think the Senate vote on Brett Kavanaugh should be taken in the next few days, or should the vote be delayed until more investigations or hearings on the allegations can be held?

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Vote in the next few days	41%	45%	36%	31%	32%	45%	52%	46%	17%	33%	39%
Delay vote until after more investigations and hearings	59%	55%	64%	69%	68%	55%	48%	54%	83%	67%	61%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,216)	(1,087)	(1,129)	(472)	(517)	(761)	(466)	(1,505)	(280)	(248)	(183)

	Party ID			Ideology			White Evangelical	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Yes
Vote in the next few days	41%	13%	41%	77%	8%	34%	77%	65%
Delay vote until after more investigations and hearings	59%	87%	59%	23%	92%	66%	23%	35%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,216)	(688)	(759)	(574)	(579)	(942)	(690)	(394)

8. Impact on November Vote

Overall, has what you've seen so far in this Supreme Court nomination made you...

	Gender		Age group				Race/Ethnicity				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
More likely to consider voting for a Democrat in November	19%	20%	17%	16%	20%	20%	18%	14%	33%	22%	25%
More likely to consider voting for a Republican in November	20%	25%	15%	14%	16%	22%	26%	23%	8%	16%	19%
Hasn't changed how you were planning to vote	42%	43%	41%	44%	42%	39%	45%	46%	35%	32%	35%
Not sure yet, it depends what happens	19%	12%	26%	26%	22%	19%	11%	17%	24%	29%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,238)	(1,093)	(1,145)	(477)	(525)	(766)	(470)	(1,518)	(285)	(249)	(185)

	Party ID			Ideology			White Evangelical	
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Yes
More likely to consider voting for a Democrat in November	19%	37%	18%	2%	36%	18%	5%	8%
More likely to consider voting for a Republican in November	20%	3%	20%	44%	2%	13%	43%	31%
Hasn't changed how you were planning to vote	42%	49%	42%	42%	53%	36%	42%	47%
Not sure yet, it depends what happens	19%	11%	20%	11%	9%	33%	9%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,238)	(689)	(767)	(575)	(580)	(955)	(695)	(397)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

September 23, 2018

The CBS News 2018 Battleground Tracker is a series of panel studies in the U.S., This national poll was conducted by YouGov using a nationally representative sample of 2,262 U.S. adults between September 20-21, 2018.

2,262 respondents were recontacted from panelists who had completed the 2017-18 Nation Tracker, either in the August wave between August 8-10, 2018, in the July wave between July 26-28, 2018, in the June wave between June 21-22, 2018, in the May wave between May 16-18, 2018, in the January wave between January 10–12, 2018, in the October wave between October 11–13, 2017, the July wave between July 26–28, 2017, the May wave between May 17–19, the March wave between March 15–19, 2017, or the February Wave between February 8–10, 2017.

Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of all U.S. adults according to gender, age, race, education, and region (based on the American Community Survey, conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census). The responding sample was then weighted based on gender, age, race, education, 2012 and 2016 Presidential vote. The weights range from 0.1 to 6.8 with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.7.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately 2.5% It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.