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**WOMEN DRIVE DEMS TO 12-PT. LEAD IN U.S. HOUSE RACES,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;  
VOTERS SPLIT ON CONFIRMING KAVANAUGH**

With almost 2-1 backing from women, Democrats take a 51 – 39 percent lead in hypothetical races for the U.S. House of Representatives this year, according to a Quinnipiac University National Poll released today.

Women back Democratic candidates 57 – 32 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University National Poll finds. Men are divided with 46 percent going Republican and 44 percent for Democrats. White voters are divided with 46 percent for Democrats and 45 percent for Republicans. Black voters go Democratic 78 – 16 percent and Hispanic voters back Democrats 66 – 23 percent.

The key block of independent voters backs Democratic candidates 50 – 33 percent.

American voters disapprove 66 – 27 percent of the job Republicans in Congress are doing and disapprove of Democrats in Congress 63 – 30 percent.

Voters are divided on President Donald Trump’s nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to be a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court as 40 percent say the U.S. Senate should confirm the nomination and 41 percent say the Senate should not confirm the nomination.

In a similar question with a slight difference in wording, an April 5, 2017 Quinnipiac University Poll found American voters supported 50 – 35 percent the confirmation of Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch.

“Although the Mid-term elections are more than three months away, Democrats, who are hoping to retake control of the U.S. House of Representatives, will be cheered by their double-digit lead on the so-called generic ballot,” said Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“At this point, American voters are split down the middle on Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Donald Trump’s U.S. Supreme Court pick.”

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“With this kind of division it is likely Judge Kavanaugh’s Senate confirmation hearings will be crucial if not determinative,” Brown added.

Kavanaugh’s nomination shows wide gender and racial gaps among American voters:

- Men support confirmation 50 – 35 percent, with women opposed 46 – 32 percent;
- White voters support confirmation 46 – 38 percent. Black voters are opposed 61 – 15 percent and Hispanic voters are divided 37 – 38 percent.

Kavanaugh will make the Supreme Court too conservative, voters say 45 – 38 percent.

But voters say 62 – 27 percent that it is not likely that the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision will be overturned within the next few years.

Overturing Roe v. Wade would be a “bad thing,” voters say 66 – 23 percent. By a narrow 48 – 39 percent Republicans say overturning Roe v. Wade would be a “good thing,” the only listed party, gender, education, age or racial group which says that.

American voter opinions on abortion are:

- 26 percent say abortion should be legal in all cases;
- 38 percent say abortion should be legal in most cases;
- 19 percent say abortion should be illegal in most cases;
- 10 percent say abortion should be illegal in all cases.

### **President Trump and the Media**

American voters disapprove 56 – 36 percent of the way the media covers President Trump, and disapprove 65 – 32 percent of the way Trump talks about the media.

Voters trust the media more than Trump 54 – 34 percent to tell the truth about important issues. Republicans believe Trump more 75 – 16 percent, the only listed group to side with the president. White voters with no college degree and white men are divided.

The media is an important part of democracy, 71 percent of voters say, while 21 percent say the media is the enemy of the people. This is the strongest support for the media since the Quinnipiac University National Poll first asked this question in April.

From July 18 – 23, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,177 voters nationwide, with a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points, including design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts nationwide public opinion surveys, and statewide polls in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and Texas as a public service and for research.

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1. If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your congressional district? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic candidate or more toward the Republican candidate?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Democratic candidate	51%	8%	93%	50%	44%	57%	53%	39%
Republican candidate	39	91	3	33	46	32	40	50
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
DK/NA	10	1	4	17	10	10	6	11

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Democratic candidate	57%	43%	52%	54%	38%	53%	46%	78%	66%
Republican candidate	31	41	43	40	52	39	45	16	23
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	11	16	5	6	9	8	9	7	11

TREND: If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your congressional district? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic candidate or more toward the Republican candidate?

	Dem	Rep	SMONE ELSE	DK/NA
Jul 25, 2018	51	39	-	10
Jul 02, 2018	50	41	1	8

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Approve	27%	56%	5%	26%	32%	22%	26%	35%
Disapprove	66	36	92	64	62	69	69	56
DK/NA	8	8	3	10	6	9	6	9

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	29%	31%	25%	25%	34%	27%	30%	10%	17%
Disapprove	66	58	70	67	59	65	62	87	69
DK/NA	5	12	5	9	6	8	7	3	14

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job?

	App	Dis	DK/NA
Jul 25, 2018	27	66	8
Jun 20, 2018	28	66	7
Apr 25, 2018	22	69	8
Mar 21, 2018	25	68	7
Feb 21, 2018	22	72	6
Jan 24, 2018	24	70	6
Jan 11, 2018	21	72	7
Dec 13, 2017	20	72	8
Nov 14, 2017	15	79	6
Oct 11, 2017	17	77	6

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4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Approve	30%	11%	58%	24%	26%	34%	32%	27%
Disapprove	63	86	37	67	69	57	61	67
DK/NA	7	3	6	9	5	9	7	5

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	35%	24%	31%	33%	25%	34%	30%	37%	31%
Disapprove	60	65	63	60	70	59	64	56	57
DK/NA	5	11	6	7	5	7	6	7	12

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job?

	App	Dis	DK/NA
Jul 25, 2018	30	63	7
Jun 20, 2018	26	66	8
Apr 25, 2018	26	66	8
Mar 21, 2018	28	63	9
Feb 21, 2018	28	66	6
Jan 24, 2018	30	63	7
Jan 11, 2018	31	59	11
Dec 13, 2017	30	61	8
Nov 14, 2017	29	63	8
Oct 11, 2017	28	65	8

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10. If the Democratic party wins control of the House of Representatives in 2018, would you like to see them begin the process to impeach President Trump, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Yes/Impeach	39%	7%	65%	42%	30%	47%	38%	34%		
No	55	90	27	53	65	46	54	63		
DK/NA	6	3	8	6	5	7	7	3		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Impeach	48%	37%	38%	37%	27%	44%	36%	60%	45%	
No	48	56	56	56	69	50	59	33	46	
DK/NA	4	6	6	7	4	7	5	7	9	

TREND: If the Democratic party wins control of the House of Representatives in 2018, would you like to see them begin the process to impeach President Trump, or not?

	Yes/ Impeach	No	DK/NA
Jul 25, 2018	39	55	6
Jul 02, 2018	38	56	6
Jun 08, 2018	36	57	8
Apr 26, 2018	38	55	7
Jan 10, 2018	45	51	5

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the news media has covered President Trump?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Approve	36%	10%	64%	36%	33%	40%	37%	35%
Disapprove	56	87	29	54	61	52	55	61
DK/NA	7	3	7	10	6	9	7	4

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	28%	29%	41%	46%	30%	42%	36%	49%	38%
Disapprove	63	60	57	47	66	51	58	43	49
DK/NA	9	11	3	7	4	7	6	8	13

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the news media has covered President Trump?

	App	Dis	DK/NA
Jul 25, 2018	36	56	7
Mar 21, 2018	35	59	6
Nov 14, 2017	38	58	3
Oct 12, 2017	35	60	5
Aug 23, 2017	40	55	5
Aug 16, 2017	37	58	5
May 25, 2017	39	57	4
May 10, 2017	37	58	5
Mar 07, 2017	41	53	6
Feb 22, 2017	45	50	4

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump talks about the media?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	32%	67%	6%	28%	38%	26%	27%	43%
Disapprove	65	29	92	68	59	70	69	54
DK/NA	3	4	2	3	3	4	4	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	25%	30%	34%	34%	41%	30%	35%	8%	23%
Disapprove	73	66	62	62	56	66	61	90	72
DK/NA	2	3	4	3	3	4	3	2	4

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump talks about the media?

	App	Dis	DK/NA
Jul 25, 2018	32	65	3
Mar 21, 2018	38	58	4
Nov 14, 2017	34	64	2
Oct 12, 2017	39	59	2
Aug 23, 2017	35	62	3
Aug 16, 2017	38	59	3
May 25, 2017	35	62	3
May 10, 2017	31	65	3
Mar 07, 2017	37	60	3
Feb 22, 2017	35	61	4



17. Who do you trust more to tell you the truth about important issues: President Trump or the news media?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No	Yes	No
Trump	34%	75%	5%	29%	39%	30%	32%	44%		
News media	54	16	86	58	48	60	57	45		
DK/NA	12	9	9	13	14	10	11	11		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Trump	24%	37%	37%	37%	41%	35%	38%	12%	30%	
News media	63	47	55	53	45	56	51	76	54	
DK/NA	13	16	8	10	14	9	11	12	16	

TREND: Who do you trust more to tell you the truth about important issues: President Trump or the news media?

	Trump	News Media	DK/NA
Jul 25, 2018	34	54	12
Jun 20, 2018	36	53	11
Apr 26, 2018	37	53	10
Nov 14, 2017	34	54	12
Oct 12, 2017	37	52	11
Aug 23, 2017	36	54	10
Aug 16, 2017	37	55	9
May 25, 2017	34	53	13
May 10, 2017	31	57	12
Mar 07, 2017	37	53	10

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18. Which comes closer to your point of view: the news media is the enemy of the people, or the news media is an important part of democracy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes	No	
Enemy of the people	21%	45%	4%	18%	24%	18%	18%	27%		
Part of democracy	71	44	94	74	67	75	76	63		
NEITHER (VOL)	3	6	-	4	3	3	3	4		
DK/NA	4	6	2	5	5	3	3	6		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Enemy of the people	20%	22%	21%	20%	26%	19%	23%	6%	26%	
Part of democracy	74	68	74	70	65	73	70	88	67	
NEITHER (VOL)	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	1	4	
DK/NA	3	6	3	6	6	3	4	5	4	

TREND: Which comes closer to your point of view: the news media is the enemy of the people, or the news media is an important part of democracy?

	Enemy	Impt Part	NEITHER	DK/NA
Jul 25, 2018	21	71	3	4
Jun 20, 2018	23	65	6	6
Apr 26, 2018	22	66	4	8

29. As you may know, President Trump has nominated Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. Do you think the U.S. Senate should confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes	No	
Yes/Confirm	40%	80%	11%	36%	50%	32%	43%	49%		
No	41	9	70	42	35	46	42	33		
DK/NA	18	11	19	22	15	21	16	18		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Confirm	31%	40%	43%	45%	55%	37%	46%	15%	37%	
No	54	33	43	36	31	43	38	61	38	
DK/NA	15	27	14	18	14	19	17	24	25	

30. Do you think that Brett Kavanaugh would make the Supreme Court too conservative, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....						
							Yes	No					
									COLLEGE DEG				
									Yes	No			
Yes/Too conservative	45%	12%	72%	48%	41%	48%	49%	38%					
No	38	75	12	35	45	33	38	45					
DK/NA	17	13	17	17	14	19	12	17					
									AGE IN YRS.....				
									WHITE.....				
									Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
									18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Yes/Too conservative	55%	35%	46%	45%	37%	49%	44%	64%	38%				
No	31	42	40	41	48	36	42	15	37				
DK/NA	15	22	14	14	15	15	15	21	25				

40. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....						
							Yes	No					
									COLLEGE DEG				
									Yes	No			
Legal all cases	26%	8%	42%	26%	22%	29%	29%	20%					
Legal most cases	38	24	44	45	40	37	40	37					
Illegal most cases	19	41	6	15	21	17	19	25					
Illegal all cases	10	18	4	8	10	10	7	12					
DK/NA	7	9	4	6	7	7	5	6					
									AGE IN YRS.....				
									WHITE.....				
									Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
									18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Legal all cases	30%	25%	27%	24%	18%	30%	25%	33%	27%				
Legal most cases	45	36	39	34	42	36	39	40	40				
Illegal most cases	15	20	20	19	24	20	22	11	8				
Illegal all cases	6	14	9	13	10	10	10	8	20				
DK/NA	4	6	5	10	6	5	5	7	5				

TREND: Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

	LEGAL.....		ILLEGAL....		DK/NA
	All	Most	Most	All	
Jul 25, 2018	26	38	19	10	7
Dec 13, 2017	21	39	22	12	5
Feb 08, 2017	27	35	23	11	4
Jan 27, 2017	28	36	22	9	5
Jan 12, 2017	28	34	21	11	6
Nov 23, 2016	26	38	22	10	4
Sep 28, 2015	22	35	28	12	3
Aug 31, 2015	23	33	26	14	4
Nov 25, 2014	23	33	24	12	8
Oct 04, 2013	20	36	23	14	7

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41. Do you think it's likely that the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that established a woman's right to choose an abortion will be overturned within the next few years, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Likely	27%	17%	44%	23%	23%	30%	25%	25%
No	62	76	47	65	68	57	64	66
DK/NA	10	7	10	13	8	12	11	10

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Likely	27%	24%	31%	27%	21%	29%	25%	40%	30%
No	62	66	62	60	70	60	65	53	55
DK/NA	11	10	7	13	9	11	10	7	15

42. If the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision is overturned, do you think it would be a good thing or a bad thing?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Good thing	23%	48%	5%	20%	25%	21%	21%	29%
Bad thing	66	39	90	67	64	68	70	61
DK/NA	11	13	5	13	11	10	10	10

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Good thing	18%	27%	24%	23%	26%	24%	25%	12%	23%
Bad thing	75	60	67	64	63	67	65	81	59
DK/NA	7	13	8	13	10	9	10	7	19