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**MORE U.S. VOTERS SAY DON'T CONFIRM KAVANAUGH,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
MORE VOTERS BELIEVE FORD THAN KAVANAUGH**

With wide gender, racial and partisan gaps, and a shift in support among independent voters, 48 percent of American voters say the U.S. Senate should not confirm Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court, as 42 percent say Kavanaugh should be confirmed, according to a Quinnipiac University National Poll released today.

This compares to the results of a September survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University National Poll, showing 41 percent of American voters supporting a Kavanaugh confirmation, with 42 percent opposed. Independent voters, who supported Kavanaugh 45 – 39 percent September 10, oppose his confirmation 49 – 39 percent today.

Women oppose confirmation 55 – 37 percent, while men support it 49 – 40 percent.

White voters say 51 – 40 percent confirm Kavanaugh. Opposed are black voters 81 – 11 percent and Hispanic voters 65 – 30 percent.

Choosing between Kavanaugh and his accuser, Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, 48 percent of American voters most believe Ford as 41 percent most believe Kavanaugh.

But 49 percent of voters say Kavanaugh “is the target of a politically motivated smear campaign,” as 45 percent of voters say he is not a target of a smear campaign.

And voters say 48 – 41 percent that Dr. Blasey Ford has been treated fairly. At the same time, 47 percent of voters say Kavanaugh has been treated unfairly while 43 percent say he has been treated fairly.

American voters support 68 – 28 percent reopening the FBI background check into Kavanaugh to investigate accusations of sexual misconduct.

“Dr. Christine Blasey Ford is winning the trust of American voters, who overwhelmingly believe she is honest. But about half of voters say Judge Brett Kavanaugh is the target of a smear campaign,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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“There is a very sharp divide between men and women on credibility,” Malloy added.

“What voters agree on is letting the FBI try to sort out the events in the pursuit of the truth.”

American voters are divided on whether Kavanaugh is honest, as 46 percent say yes and 43 percent say no.

Voters say 59 – 25 percent that Blasey Ford is honest.

Senate Democrats, Senate Republicans and President Donald Trump all get bad grades for handling the accusations of sexual misconduct against Kavanaugh:

- Voters disapprove 52 – 38 percent of how Democrats are handling the accusations;
- Voters disapprove 56 – 33 percent of how Republicans are doing with the accusations;
- Voters disapprove by a narrow 49 – 42 percent of how Trump is handling the matter.

“President Donald Trump, who stands by his man, suffers less than Senate Democrats or Republicans in the Kavanaugh matter,” Malloy said.

From September 27 – 30, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,111 voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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4. 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	42%	84%	8%	39%	49%	37%	43%	59%
No	48	9	88	49	40	55	49	31
DK/NA	9	8	5	12	11	8	8	10

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Confirm	34%	39%	50%	45%	59%	45%	51%	11%	30%
No	55	56	41	45	32	46	40	81	65
DK/NA	11	5	8	10	10	9	9	9	5

TREND: 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?

	Yes/ Confirm	No	DK/NA
Oct 01, 2018	42	48	9
Sep 10, 2018	41	42	17
Aug 15, 2018	44	39	17
Jul 25, 2018	40	41	18

5. As you may know, Dr. Christine Blasey Ford has accused Judge Brett Kavanaugh of sexually assaulting her in high school. Judge Kavanaugh has denied this accusation. If you had to choose, which do you tend to believe most: the accusation of sexual assault made by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford or the denial made by Judge Brett Kavanaugh?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Believe Blasey Ford	48%	10%	86%	46%	40%	55%	51%	29%
Believe Kavanaugh	41	84	5	38	47	35	40	59
DK/NA	11	5	9	15	13	10	9	12

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG		
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Believe Blasey Ford	57%	52%	41%	46%	32%	46%	40%	83%	66%
Believe Kavanaugh	34	36	49	45	57	43	50	8	27
DK/NA	10	12	10	9	10	11	11	9	7

6. In general, would you say that - Brett Kavanaugh is honest, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Yes	46%	87%	11%	43%	54%	39%	49%	61%		
No	43	8	77	44	34	50	41	28		
DK/NA	11	5	12	13	12	11	10	11		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	35%	42%	58%	49%	65%	47%	55%	7%	34%	
No	52	49	32	42	25	42	34	77	58	
DK/NA	13	9	10	9	10	11	10	16	7	

7. In general, would you say that - Christine Blasey Ford is honest, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Yes	59%	31%	87%	60%	52%	65%	65%	45%		
No	25	48	5	24	27	23	21	34		
DK/NA	16	21	8	16	21	12	14	20		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	60%	62%	55%	63%	48%	60%	54%	80%	69%	
No	23	25	30	22	29	27	28	11	20	
DK/NA	18	13	15	15	23	13	17	9	11	

8. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way - the Senate Democrats are handling the accusations of sexual misconduct against Judge Kavanaugh?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Approve	38%	11%	70%	36%	36%	40%	39%	27%		
Disapprove	52	83	18	54	56	48	55	64		
DK/NA	10	6	12	10	8	12	6	10		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	35%	41%	38%	41%	27%	37%	32%	73%	43%	
Disapprove	42	55	55	53	66	54	60	12	37	
DK/NA	22	5	7	6	7	9	8	15	19	

9. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way - the Senate Republicans are handling the accusations of sexual misconduct against Judge Kavanaugh?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Approve	33%	62%	9%	31%	38%	29%	36%	45%		
Disapprove	56	25	82	60	54	58	58	42		
DK/NA	10	13	8	9	8	13	6	13		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	30%	31%	37%	36%	46%	36%	40%	9%	28%	
Disapprove	56	61	55	55	47	52	50	78	62	
DK/NA	14	8	9	9	7	12	10	13	11	

10. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way - President Trump is handling the accusations of sexual misconduct against Judge Kavanaugh?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Approve	42%	77%	13%	39%	48%	36%	43%	57%		
Disapprove	49	13	83	50	44	54	50	31		
DK/NA	9	11	4	11	8	10	7	12		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	35%	39%	48%	43%	57%	45%	51%	15%	24%	
Disapprove	59	54	41	47	35	45	40	76	68	
DK/NA	6	7	11	10	8	10	9	9	8	

11. Do you think that Dr. Christine Blasey Ford has been treated fairly or unfairly since she came forward?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No		
Fairly	48%	63%	31%	53%	54%	42%	50%	53%		
Unfairly	41	25	59	40	36	46	41	35		
DK/NA	11	12	10	8	9	13	9	12		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Fairly	33%	47%	56%	54%	59%	45%	52%	34%	38%	
Unfairly	56	47	33	35	32	43	38	56	49	
DK/NA	12	6	11	11	9	12	10	10	13	

12. Do you think that Judge Brett Kavanaugh has been treated fairly or unfairly since Dr. Christine Blasey Ford came forward?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Fairly	43%	14%	72%	45%	41%	46%	46%	31%		
Unfairly	47	82	16	47	52	43	47	62		
DK/NA	9	4	12	8	8	11	7	7		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Fairly	49%	45%	39%	45%	34%	42%	38%	57%	59%	
Unfairly	40	46	54	48	61	50	55	19	33	
DK/NA	11	9	8	8	5	8	7	24	8	

13. Do you support or oppose re-opening the FBI background check into Judge Kavanaugh in order to investigate the accusations of sexual misconduct?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Support	68%	41%	90%	71%	65%	71%	69%	60%		
Oppose	28	54	7	26	29	27	28	37		
DK/NA	4	5	3	3	6	2	2	3		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	82%	69%	60%	65%	61%	67%	65%	83%	77%	
Oppose	14	30	34	31	35	31	33	13	16	
DK/NA	4	1	6	4	4	2	3	4	7	

14. Do you think that Judge Kavanaugh is the target of a politically motivated smear campaign, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG			
							Yes	No		
Yes	49%	83%	15%	53%	56%	43%	51%	63%		
No	45	12	81	43	38	51	46	30		
DK/NA	6	5	4	4	6	5	3	7		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	41%	49%	57%	48%	66%	50%	58%	15%	34%	
No	47	49	40	47	27	46	37	78	59	
DK/NA	12	2	3	5	6	4	5	7	7	