### **PEW RESEARCH CENTER** July 11-15, 2018 OMNIBUS FINAL TOPLINE N = 1,007

### **QUESTION 1 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

## **ASK ALL:**

How much, if anything, have you heard about Donald Trump's choice of Brett Kavanaugh Q.2 [PRONOUNCED:"Kav-uh-naw"] to be the next Supreme Court justice? Have you heard [READ IN ORDER]?

## TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

		Gorsuch	Garland	Sotomayor	
July 11-15		Feb 7-12	Mar 17-26	Jul 22-26	Jun 10-14
2018		<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>
40	A lot	40	32	46	39
36	A little	36	44	33	38
24	Nothing at all	23	24	19	21
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	*	2	2

#### **ASK ALL:**

How important is the choice of the next Supreme Court justice to you personally [READ IN ORDER]? Q.3

	Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	<b>(VOL.)</b> DK/Ref
July 11-15, 2018	63	20	9	7	1
Obama					
Mar 17-26, 2016	56	27	11	5	1
Feb 18-21, 2016	57	24	8	9	2
Apr 21-26, 2010 <sup>1</sup>	40	32	14	11	3
Bush					
Nov 2005	47	28	13	11	1
Mid-Sept 2005 <sup>2</sup>	48	34	9	7	2
July 2005	47	30	14	8	1
June 2005	47	29	14	8	2
Late March 2005	38	36	15	8	3

# **ASK ALL:**

From what you've seen and heard so far, do you think the Senate should or should not confirm Brett Q.4 Kavanaugh [PRONOUNCED: "Kav-uh-naw"] to the Supreme Court?

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		<u>Should</u>	Should not	DK/Ref
Kavanaugh	July 11-15, 2018	41	36	23
Gorsuch	Feb 7-12, 2017	44	32	24
Garland	Mar 17-26, 2016	46	30	24
Kagan	June 17-20, 2010	33	25	42
Kagan	May 13-16, 2010	33	21	46
Sotomayor	July 22-26, 2009	50	23	27
Sotomayor	June 10-14, 2009	50	25	25
Alito	January, 2006	33	19	48
Alito	Early December, 2005	32	19	49

In April 2010 and earlier, the question read: "How important is the president's choice of the next Supreme Court justice to 1

you personally?"
In mid-September 2005 the question was asked about the two Supreme Court openings: "How important are the president's choices of the next Supreme Court Justice to you personally?"

## Q.4 CONTINUED...

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		Should	Should not	DK/Ref
Alito	November, 2005	40	23	37
Miers	Early October, 2005	33	27	40
Roberts	Mid-September, 2005	46	21	33
Roberts	Early September, 2005	35	19	46

#### **ASK ALL:**

Q.5 Do you worry that Brett Kavanaugh **[PRONOUNCED:** "Kav-uh-naw"**]** would make the Supreme Court too conservative, not conservative enough, or don't you worry about this?

### TREND FOR COMPARISON:

		Samue	el Alito	Harriet Miers	John Roberts	Next Supreme Court Appt.
July 11-15		Early Dec	Early Nov	Early Oct	Early Oct	July
<u>2018</u>		<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>	2005 <sup>3</sup>
31	Too conservative	21	25	18	20	31
11	Not conservative enough	6	6	8	9	19
46	Don't worry about this	53	56	56	60	44
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	20	13	18	11	6

## **ASK ALL:**

Q.6 When Senators ask Supreme Court nominees questions about issues like abortion that may come before the court, do you think **[INSERT ITEM, ROTATE]** or do you think **[NEXT ITEM]**?

July 11-15		Early Nov	Early Oct
<u>2018</u>		<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>
61	Nominees should be required to answer those questions	60	55
33	Nominees should be allowed to not comment on those questions	35	39
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	6

### **ASK ALL:**

Q.7 If Brett Kavanaugh is confirmed to sit on the Supreme Court, do you think he would vote to OVERTURN the Roe versus Wade decision that established a woman's right to an abortion, or don't you think he would vote to overturn the Roe versus Wade decision?

### TREND FOR COMPARISON:

July 11-15 2018		Samuel Alito Early Dec <u>2005</u>
39	Would vote to overturn Roe v. Wade	27
29	Would NOT vote to overturn Roe. v. Wade	26
4	Not important/Doesn't matter (VOL.)	4
27	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	43

## **QUESTIONS 8-9 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

In July 2005 the question was worded "Do you worry that the president's next Supreme Court appointment will make the court ..."

### **ASK ALL:**

PARTY Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, or an independent? **ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

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				Other	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	party	DK/Ref	Rep	<u>Dem</u>
July 11-15, 2018	26	29	39	2	2	15	15