



From: Public Policy Polling

To: Interested Parties

Subject: Maine Voters Want Senator Collins to Reject Kavanaugh's Supreme Court Nomination

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that 49% of Maine voters already think Susan Collins should reject Trump's Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. Only 42% think she should vote to confirm him.

The more Mainers learn about Kavanaugh's positions on health care and *Roe v. Wade*, the less support he receives. **When Mainers learn that Kavanaugh will support President Trump's lawsuit overturning protections for people with pre-existing conditions, they are 58% less likely to support him and only 14% more likely.**

- When learning that Kavanaugh would likely tip the balance on the Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, voters are 54% less likely to support his confirmation, and only 24% more likely.

And if Senator Collins votes to confirm Kavanaugh, voters are far less likely to support her in her next election by 16 points - with 47% saying they would be less likely to vote for her and 31% more likely.

Maine voters also disagree with Senator Collins' willingness to vote on Kavanaugh's nomination without reviewing his full record. Maine voters overwhelmingly (62% to 33%) believe that there should be a complete and thorough review of Kavanaugh before holding a vote to confirm him to the Supreme Court, including all documents from his time on the US Court of Appeals and working in the Bush White House. **By 22 points (56%-34%), they don't believe Collins should vote to confirm him until that happens, including 57% of Mainers over 65 and 53% of independents.**

This poll also shows slightly more than a third of Mainers approve of Senator Collins' job performance, while 48% disapprove of the job she is doing for Mainers.

PPP surveyed 529 Maine voters from August 17-18, 2018. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews on behalf of Protect Our Care.





Maine Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's job performance?

Approve 42%
Disapprove 53%
Not sure 4%

Q2 Which party do you trust more on the issue of health care: Republicans and President Trump, or Democrats?

Trust Republicans and President Trump more on the issue of health care 43%
Trust Democrats more on the issue of health care 51%
Not sure 6%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Susan Collins' job performance?

Approve 35%
Disapprove 48%
Not sure 17%

Q4 Recently Brett Kavanaugh was nominated to the Supreme Court. Do you think Senator Susan Collins should vote to confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, or not?

Think Senator Susan Collins should confirm Kavanaugh to Supreme Court 42%
Do not think Senator Susan Collins should confirm Kavanaugh to Supreme Court 49%
Not sure 8%

Q5 Has what you've seen or heard about Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation and Susan Collins's decision making about his nomination made you feel more favorably or less favorably towards Susan Collins in recent weeks?

More favorably 19%
Less favorably 53%
Not sure 28%

Q6 Do you think the US Senate should complete a thorough review of Brett Kavanaugh, including all documents from his time on the US Court of Appeals and working in the White House before holding a vote to confirm him to a lifetime appointment on the Supreme Court?

Think the US Senate should complete a thorough review of Brett Kavanaugh, including all documents from his time on the US Court of Appeals and working in the White House before holding a vote to confirm him to a lifetime appointment on the Supreme Court 62%
Do not think the US Senate should complete a thorough review of Brett Kavanaugh, including all documents from his time on the US Court of Appeals and working in the White House before holding a vote to confirm him to a lifetime appointment on the Supreme Court 33%
Not sure 5%

Q7 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Senator Susan Collins should not consider voting to confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court unless the Senate is able to complete a thorough review of his background?

Agree 56%
Disagree 34%
Not sure 9%





Q8 Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh will likely support the Trump Administration position on a lawsuit which would strike down healthcare protections for people with preexisting conditions. Does learning this make you more likely or less likely to support confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court, or does it not make a difference?

More likely 14%
Less likely 58%
Doesn't make a difference 24%
Not sure 3%

Q9 Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh would likely tip the balance of the court to overturning Roe v. Wade that protects health care choices for women. Does learning this make you more likely or less likely to support confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court, or does it not make a difference?

More likely 24%
Less likely 54%
Doesn't make a difference 18%
Not sure 4%

Q10 If Senator Susan Collins voted to confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for her next time, or would it not make a difference?

More likely 31%
Less likely 47%
Doesn't make a difference 18%
Not sure 4%

Q11 If Senator Susan Collins voted to confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court and then Kavanaugh votes to overturn Roe v. Wade or overturn health care protections for people with preexisting conditions, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for her next time, or would it not make a difference?

More likely 16%
Less likely 53%
Doesn't make a difference 27%
Not sure 4%

Q12 In the 2016 election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

Donald Trump 42%
Hillary Clinton 48%
Someone else / Did not vote 10%

Q13 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man 47%

Q14 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

Democrat 41%
Republican 34%
Independent 25%

Q15 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 92%
Other 8%

Q16 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45 24%
46 to 65 45%
Older than 65 31%





	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Trump Approval				
Approve	42%	93%	0%	33%
Disapprove	53%	2%	99%	45%
Not sure	4%	4%	1%	22%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Party Trust More on Health Care				
Trust Republicans and President Trump more on the issue of health care	43%	93%	1%	37%
Trust Democrats more on the issue of health care	51%	2%	97%	39%
Not sure	6%	5%	2%	24%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Collins Approval				
Approve	35%	34%	32%	59%
Disapprove	48%	51%	51%	18%
Not sure	17%	15%	17%	23%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Collins Should Vote To Confirm Kavanaugh Yes/No				
Think Senator Susan Collins should confirm Kavanaugh to Supreme Court	42%	88%	1%	48%
Do not think Senator Susan Collins should confirm Kavanaugh to Supreme Court	49%	5%	91%	36%
Not sure	8%	7%	8%	16%





	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Seen or Heard About Kavanaugh Confirmation Feel More/Less Favorably Towards Collins				
More favorably	19%	23%	12%	35%
Less favorably	53%	48%	62%	30%
Not sure	28%	29%	26%	35%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Senate Should Complete Review of Kavanaugh Before Holding Vote Yes/No				
Think the US Senate should complete a thorough review of Brett Kavanaugh, including all documents from his time on the US Cour...	62%	31%	89%	61%
Do not think the US Senate should complete a thorough review of Brett Kavanaugh, including all documents from his time on the ...	33%	62%	8%	29%
Not sure	5%	7%	3%	10%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Collins Should Not Confirm Kavanaugh Unless Senate Reviews Background Agree/Disagree				
Agree	56%	18%	91%	45%
Disagree	34%	67%	5%	39%
Not sure	9%	14%	4%	16%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Kavanaugh Will Support Striking Down Healthcare Protections More/Less Likely Support Confirmation				
More likely	14%	32%	1%	5%
Less likely	58%	17%	94%	55%
Doesn't make a difference	24%	46%	2%	39%
Not sure	3%	5%	3%	1%





	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Kavanaugh Would Overturn Roe v. Wade More/Less Likely Support Confirmation				
More likely	24%	50%	3%	15%
Less likely	54%	9%	94%	48%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	35%	1%	28%
Not sure	4%	6%	1%	9%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Collins Confirms Kavanaugh More/Less Likely Vote For Her				
More likely	31%	65%	2%	29%
Less likely	47%	5%	86%	34%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	25%	9%	34%
Not sure	4%	5%	4%	3%

	Base	2016 Vote		
		Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Someone else / Did not vote
Collins Confirms Kavanaugh and He Overturns Roe v. Wade More/Less Likely Vote For Her				
More likely	16%	34%	1%	9%
Less likely	53%	11%	92%	45%
Doesn't make a difference	27%	49%	5%	40%
Not sure	4%	6%	1%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trump Approval			
Approve	42%	42%	42%
Disapprove	53%	53%	54%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%



	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Party Trust More on Health Care			
Trust Republicans and President Trump more on the issue of health care	43%	42%	44%
Trust Democrats more on the issue of health care	51%	52%	51%
Not sure	6%	6%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Collins Approval			
Approve	35%	41%	29%
Disapprove	48%	45%	52%
Not sure	17%	15%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Collins Should Vote To Confirm Kavanaugh Yes/No			
Think Senator Susan Collins should confirm Kavanaugh to Supreme Court	42%	42%	43%
Do not think Senator Susan Collins should confirm Kavanaugh to Supreme Court	49%	46%	52%
Not sure	8%	12%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Seen or Heard About Kavanaugh Confirmation Feel More/Less Favorably Towards Collins			
More favorably	19%	21%	16%
Less favorably	53%	44%	63%
Not sure	28%	35%	21%



	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Senate Should Complete Review of Kavanaugh Before Holding Vote Yes/No			
Think the US Senate should complete a thorough review of Brett Kavanaugh, including all documents from his time on the US Cour...	62%	64%	59%
Do not think the US Senate should complete a thorough review of Brett Kavanaugh, including all documents from his time on the ...	33%	30%	36%
Not sure	5%	6%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Collins Should Not Confirm Kavanaugh Unless Senate Reviews Background Agree/Disagree			
Agree	56%	56%	57%
Disagree	34%	31%	38%
Not sure	9%	12%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kavanaugh Will Support Striking Down Healthcare Protections More/Less Likely Support Confirmation			
More likely	14%	14%	14%
Less likely	58%	59%	58%
Doesn't make a difference	24%	21%	27%
Not sure	3%	6%	1%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kavanaugh Would Overturn Roe v. Wade More/Less Likely Support Confirmation			
More likely	24%	27%	20%
Less likely	54%	53%	56%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	15%	21%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Collins Confirms Kavanaugh More/Less Likely Vote For Her			
More likely	31%	31%	30%
Less likely	47%	46%	49%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	16%	20%
Not sure	4%	6%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Collins Confirms Kavanaugh and He Overturns Roe v. Wade More/Less Likely Vote For Her			
More likely	16%	18%	14%
Less likely	53%	51%	56%
Doesn't make a difference	27%	25%	29%
Not sure	4%	6%	1%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Trump Approval				
Approve	42%	16%	72%	43%
Disapprove	53%	80%	25%	50%
Not sure	4%	3%	3%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Party Trust More on Health Care				
Trust Republicans and President Trump more on the issue of health care	43%	17%	76%	39%
Trust Democrats more on the issue of health care	51%	80%	20%	48%
Not sure	6%	3%	3%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Collins Approval				
Approve	35%	34%	38%	34%
Disapprove	48%	52%	45%	44%
Not sure	17%	14%	17%	22%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Collins Should Vote To Confirm Kavanaugh Yes/No				
Think Senator Susan Collins should confirm Kavanaugh to Supreme Court	42%	19%	72%	41%
Do not think Senator Susan Collins should confirm Kavanaugh to Supreme Court	49%	75%	20%	46%
Not sure	8%	7%	8%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Seen or Heard About Kavanaugh Confirmation Feel More/Less Favorably Towards Collins				
More favorably	19%	16%	22%	19%
Less favorably	53%	60%	50%	45%
Not sure	28%	24%	28%	36%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Senate Should Complete Review of Kavanaugh Before Holding Vote Yes/No				
Think the US Senate should complete a thorough review of Brett Kavanaugh, including all documents from his time on the US Cour...	62%	83%	37%	60%
Do not think the US Senate should complete a thorough review of Brett Kavanaugh, including all documents from his time on the ...	33%	14%	55%	34%
Not sure	5%	3%	8%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Collins Should Not Confirm Kavanaugh Unless Senate Reviews Background Agree/Disagree				
Agree	56%	82%	28%	53%
Disagree	34%	13%	57%	38%
Not sure	9%	6%	14%	9%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Kavanaugh Will Support Striking Down Healthcare Protections More/Less Likely Support Confirmation				
More likely	14%	9%	22%	12%
Less likely	58%	80%	35%	55%
Doesn't make a difference	24%	8%	39%	29%
Not sure	3%	3%	4%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Kavanaugh Would Overturn Roe v. Wade More/Less Likely Support Confirmation				
More likely	24%	14%	40%	17%
Less likely	54%	80%	26%	52%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	5%	30%	23%
Not sure	4%	1%	3%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Collins Confirms Kavanaugh More/Less Likely Vote For Her				
More likely	31%	13%	54%	29%
Less likely	47%	71%	20%	46%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	12%	23%	21%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Collins Confirms Kavanaugh and He Overturns Roe v. Wade More/Less Likely Vote For Her				
More likely	16%	10%	26%	11%
Less likely	53%	76%	25%	55%
Doesn't make a difference	27%	11%	45%	28%
Not sure	4%	2%	4%	6%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Trump Approval			
Approve	42%	42%	41%
Disapprove	53%	54%	48%
Not sure	4%	4%	11%





	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Party Trust More on Health Care			
Trust Republicans and President Trump more on the issue of health care	43%	43%	47%
Trust Democrats more on the issue of health care	51%	52%	42%
Not sure	6%	5%	11%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Collins Approval			
Approve	35%	36%	22%
Disapprove	48%	47%	54%
Not sure	17%	16%	23%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Collins Should Vote To Confirm Kavanaugh Yes/No			
Think Senator Susan Collins should confirm Kavanaugh to Supreme Court	42%	41%	55%
Do not think Senator Susan Collins should confirm Kavanaugh to Supreme Court	49%	51%	34%
Not sure	8%	8%	11%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Seen or Heard About Kavanaugh Confirmation Feel More/Less Favorably Towards Collins			
More favorably	19%	18%	23%
Less favorably	53%	52%	59%
Not sure	28%	29%	18%





	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Senate Should Complete Review of Kavanaugh Before Holding Vote Yes/No			
Think the US Senate should complete a thorough review of Brett Kavanaugh, including all documents from his time on the US Cour...	62%	62%	55%
Do not think the US Senate should complete a thorough review of Brett Kavanaugh, including all documents from his time on the ...	33%	32%	40%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Collins Should Not Confirm Kavanaugh Unless Senate Reviews Background Agree/Disagree			
Agree	56%	58%	41%
Disagree	34%	33%	53%
Not sure	9%	9%	6%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Kavanaugh Will Support Striking Down Healthcare Protections More/Less Likely Support Confirmation			
More likely	14%	15%	2%
Less likely	58%	59%	43%
Doesn't make a difference	24%	22%	54%
Not sure	3%	4%	1%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Kavanaugh Would Overturn Roe v. Wade More/Less Likely Support Confirmation			
More likely	24%	24%	17%
Less likely	54%	55%	48%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	17%	25%
Not sure	4%	3%	11%





	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Collins Confirms Kavanaugh More/Less Likely Vote For Her			
More likely	31%	31%	23%
Less likely	47%	47%	44%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	17%	32%
Not sure	4%	4%	1%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Collins Confirms Kavanaugh and He Overturns Roe v. Wade More/Less Likely Vote For Her			
More likely	16%	16%	11%
Less likely	53%	55%	39%
Doesn't make a difference	27%	25%	45%
Not sure	4%	4%	5%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trump Approval				
Approve	42%	46%	41%	41%
Disapprove	53%	51%	54%	55%
Not sure	4%	4%	5%	4%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Party Trust More on Health Care				
Trust Republicans and President Trump more on the issue of health care	43%	44%	42%	43%
Trust Democrats more on the issue of health care	51%	51%	51%	53%
Not sure	6%	5%	7%	4%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Collins Approval				
Approve	35%	40%	36%	31%
Disapprove	48%	46%	50%	46%
Not sure	17%	14%	14%	23%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Collins Should Vote To Confirm Kavanaugh Yes/No				
Think Senator Susan Collins should confirm Kavanaugh to Supreme Court	42%	46%	41%	42%
Do not think Senator Susan Collins should confirm Kavanaugh to Supreme Court	49%	48%	51%	48%
Not sure	8%	6%	9%	10%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Seen or Heard About Kavanaugh Confirmation Feel More/Less Favorably Towards Collins				
More favorably	19%	18%	17%	22%
Less favorably	53%	59%	49%	54%
Not sure	28%	23%	34%	24%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Senate Should Complete Review of Kavanaugh Before Holding Vote Yes/No				
Think the US Senate should complete a thorough review of Brett Kavanaugh, including all documents from his time on the US Cour...	62%	59%	62%	63%
Do not think the US Senate should complete a thorough review of Brett Kavanaugh, including all documents from his time on the ...	33%	38%	32%	30%
Not sure	5%	3%	6%	7%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Collins Should Not Confirm Kavanaugh Unless Senate Reviews Background Agree/Disagree				
Agree	56%	50%	59%	57%
Disagree	34%	38%	34%	33%
Not sure	9%	12%	7%	11%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kavanaugh Will Support Striking Down Healthcare Protections More/Less Likely Support Confirmation				
More likely	14%	15%	12%	17%
Less likely	58%	53%	62%	57%
Doesn't make a difference	24%	26%	24%	23%
Not sure	3%	6%	2%	3%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kavanaugh Would Overturn Roe v. Wade More/Less Likely Support Confirmation				
More likely	24%	29%	21%	24%
Less likely	54%	50%	56%	55%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	16%	20%	16%
Not sure	4%	6%	3%	4%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Collins Confirms Kavanaugh More/Less Likely Vote For Her				
More likely	31%	36%	27%	32%
Less likely	47%	46%	48%	47%
Doesn't make a difference	18%	12%	22%	17%
Not sure	4%	6%	3%	4%



	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Collins Confirms Kavanaugh and He Overturns Roe v. Wade More/Less Likely Vote For Her				
More likely	16%	24%	13%	15%
Less likely	53%	47%	58%	52%
Doesn't make a difference	27%	26%	27%	27%
Not sure	4%	3%	3%	6%