



To: Interested Parties
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Re: Highlights of Three State Surveys Regarding the U.S. Supreme Court

North Star Opinion Research conducted surveys of voters in Indiana, North Dakota, and West Virginia August 6-9, 2018. We find continued, strong support for Judge Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation among voters in each of these states.

Highlights of the research are:

1. Voters in all three states say that the U.S. Senate should confirm Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court by double-digit margins.

North Dakota voters say that Judge Kavanaugh should be confirmed by 60 to 23 percent, compared to 51 to 32 percent in West Virginia, and 46 to 32 percent in Indiana. The opposition number in each state is virtually unchanged since July. Independents in each state also continue to strongly favor confirmation – by 60 to 20 percent in North Dakota, 53 to 27 percent in West Virginia, and 50 to 28 percent in Indiana.

2. Similarly, voters in each of the three states say that their incumbent Democratic Senator should vote to confirm Judge Kavanaugh. Voters chose between two statements:

[DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT] should support Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee. He was right to vote for Neil Gorsuch, and should vote to confirm another well-qualified judge who will uphold the Constitution.

[DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT] should oppose Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee. He was wrong to vote for Neil Gorsuch, and should not vote for another extremist justice who will take away Americans' rights.

Voters in these states say that their Senator should vote to confirm Judge Kavanaugh by a 60 to 25 percent margin in North Dakota, a 57 to 35 percent margin in West Virginia, and a 49 to 39 percent margin in Indiana. Again, independents agree by margins of 60 to 21 percent in North Dakota, 61 to 29 percent in West Virginia, and 51 to 36 percent in Indiana.

Methodology

The samples for these surveys of registered voters in Indiana and West Virginia, and eligible voters in North Dakota, consist of 500 respondents in each state selected from a list of registered voters. Field dates for each state were August 6-9, 2018. All respondents confirmed that they are registered/eligible to vote in their state. Thirty-eight percent of respondents in Indiana, 43 percent in North Dakota, and 32 percent in West Virginia were interviewed on a cell phone. Demographic quotas (county, race, gender, and age) were set to ensure the samples match statistics in each state for registration or eligible voters. All interviews were conducted by telephone using live interviewers.