



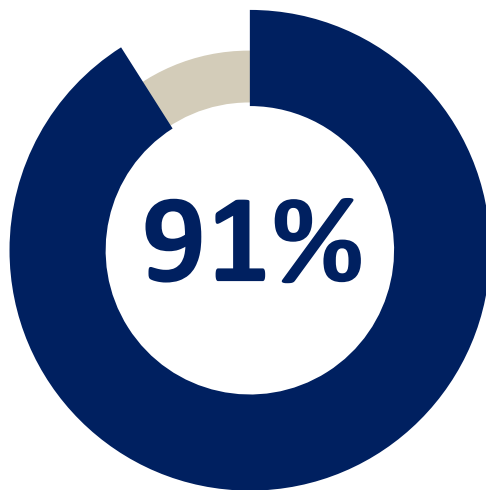
MEMORANDUM

TO: JUDICIAL CRISIS NETWORK
 FROM: NICOLE McCLESKEY, PUBLIC OPINION STRATEGIES
 DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2018
 RE: STATEWIDE SURVEY—WEST VIRGINIA



Six out of ten West Virginia voters want Brett Kavanaugh confirmed.

Kavanaugh Nomination:
 Seen, Read, Heard: A Lot/Some



Support/Oppose Kavanaugh on S.C.

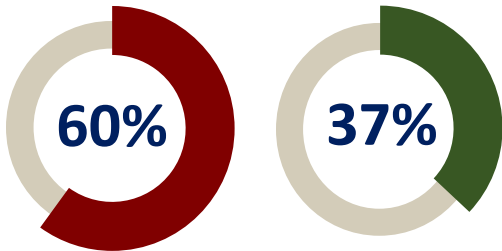
	Total Support	Total Oppose
Overall	58%	28%
Republicans	81%	8%
Independents	59%	26%
Democrats	42%	45%
Men	65%	21%
Women	52%	35%

Voters in the state are paying a lot of attention to the confirmation process of Judge Kavanaugh. Three-quarters (74%) say they have seen, read, or heard “a lot” about the nomination and another 17% say they have heard “some.”

Importantly, Kavanaugh’s confirmation has the support of 59% of the state’s Independent voters and a majority (52%) of women.

West Virginia voters found Kavanaugh to be very believable in his testimony, more so than his accuser, Christine Blasey Ford.

Kavanaugh/Ford: Believable?



Who do you believe more?

	Kavanaugh	Ford
Overall	59%	30%
Republicans	81%	10%
Independents	62%	26%
Democrats	43%	46%
Men	67%	22%
Women	52%	36%

Asked whether they found Kavanaugh and Ford believable, more voters in the state found the Judge to be credible in his testimony. This includes women, who found Kavanaugh more believable by a 52%-36% margin.

Senator Manchin’s vote on the Kavanaugh confirmation has more impact among Republican voters and advantages him marginally with Independents.

Asked if a vote to support the Kavanaugh confirmation would make them more likely to vote for Manchin, less likely to vote for him or if it would make no difference, a plurality say it makes no difference. However, Manchin’s decision does weigh more heavily among Republican voters and their potential support of his re-election.

	More Likely	Less Likely	No Diff.
Overall	33%	23%	43%
Republicans	43%	14%	43%
Independents	33%	24%	43%
Democrats	27%	29%	43%
Men	36%	19%	44%
Women	31%	26%	42%

METHODOLOGY

Public Opinion Strategies conducted a statewide survey of 722 voters in West Virginia using an IVR+ methodology, which includes strict quota management and hand-dialed cell phones in addition to IVR dialing (interactive voice response). The margin of error is $\pm 3.65\%$. Interviews were collected September 27th following the testimonies of Christine Blasey Ford and Brett Kavanaugh.