

# **REPLACING JUSTICE KENNEDY**

Essential information from CAC's voter poll on judges and the Constitution.\*

THE STAKES OF A TRUMP NOMINATION TO REPLACE JUSTICE KENNEDY



President Trump has declared a series of frightening litmus tests for his Supreme Court nominees:

- Overturn Roe v. Wade
- · Pro-NRA on guns
- Pro-discrimination if justified by personal religious views.

Abortion rights, marriage equality, racial justice, protection of our communities from violence, and many more critical issues hang in the balance.

Voters want a fair-minded constitutionalist on the Supreme Court, one who abides by the Constitution's text, history, and values of equality, justice, and inclusion.

## **VOTERS ON NOMINATIONS AND JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY**

**75%** 

of voters want a Justice who interprets the Constitution taking into account its text, history, and values.

61%

of voters believe, on something as important as a lifetime nomination to the Supreme Court, that a nominee should have the support of at least 60 of the 100 Senators.

### **VOTERS ON CIVIL AND EQUAL RIGHTS**

The Constitution and its Amendments **guarantee equality** under the law for all persons. Voters want a Justice who respects those values and helps make that guarantee a reality.









90%

of voters say it's "very important" that a Supreme Court Justice protects civil rights.

89%

of voters say it's "very important" that a Supreme Court Justice protects **equal rights**.

87%

of voters say it's "very important" that a Supreme Court Justice prevents **racial discrimination**.

#### **VOTERS ON COURT DISAPPROVAL**





More than half of voters **disapprove** of the job the Supreme court is doing.

### **VOTERS ON DISCRIMINATION**





More than half of voters want judges to intervene to correct discrimination.

## **VOTERS ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS**





Voters by almost a 2:1 margin believe judges have a responsibility to uphold women's rights under the Constitution, including the right to control their own bodies.

## **VOTERS ON CORPORATIONS**





More voters think the U.S. Supreme Court treats corporations more favorably than people like them.

### **VOTERS ON GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

72% of voters



believe the Constitution allows government to make and apply **strict laws** that prevent dangerous people from buying or possessing guns in America.





\*Data from Mellman Group/CAC national survey of 1,000 registered voters, conducted Sep. 19-24, 2017.