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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Susan B. Anthony List  
FROM: B.J. Martino  
DATE: July 9th, 2018  
RE: Executive Summary Findings From Surveys of Voters In Five States

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The Tarrance Group is pleased to present Susan B. Anthony List with summary findings from a survey of voter attitudes in Florida, Indiana, Missouri, North Dakota, and West Virginia. These findings are based on telephone interviews with at least N=400 registered voters in each state, save Florida where the sample was N=500. Each survey was conducted using an automated phone polling methodology, live calls to landlines, and with 30% of the sample conducted by live interviewer to voters on cell phones. Responses to this survey were gathered July 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and the margin of error for each state is  $\pm 4.9\%$  ( $\pm 4.9\%$  in Florida).

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Majorities of voters in all five states want their Senators to confirm President Trump's choice for Supreme Court. At the same time, these voters are more likely to agree that abortion policy should be decided by the people their state through their elected officials. This holds true with the independent voters who will be the key to these races in the Fall.

A majority of voters in each state think their Senator should vote to confirm Donald Trump's appointment to the Supreme Court:

"As you may know, Justice Kennedy recently retired from the Supreme Court. The President will appoint a replacement and the U.S. Senate will vote on that person. Do you think Senator [Nelson, Donnelly, McCaskill, Heitkamp, or Manchin: depending on the state] should vote to confirm President Trump's appointment to the Supreme Court?"

#### *Senator Confirm Trump's Appointment? – By State*

	Yes	No
Florida	56%	44%
Indiana	56%	44%
Missouri	57%	43%
North Dakota	68%	32%
West Virginia	59%	41%

While there is a gender gap, women across all five states remain at 53% "yes," while fully 65% of men agree. While the response is more polarized by partisanship, voters who identify or are registered as independents hold at 59% "yes." Similarly, a 55% majority of self-described "moderate" voters agree their Senator should confirm President Trump's pick.

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Furthermore, majorities across all five states agree that abortion policy should be decided by the people of their state through their elected officials.

“Do you think that the U.S. Supreme Court should decide abortion policy for [Name of State], or do you think abortion policy should be decided by the people of [Name of State] through their elected officials?”

*Court or People Through Elections? – By State*

	Court	Elected
Florida	46%	54%
Indiana	35%	65%
Missouri	43%	57%
North Dakota	33%	67%
West Virginia	43%	57%

While the response state-by-state is very much in line with the results of the first question, Indiana voters are nearly two-thirds for letting the people decide through their elected officials.

The gender gap dissipates on this question, as 60% of men and 59% of women across all five states agree that the people should decide through their elected officials. As with the previous question, independents are 59% for letting the people decide through elected officials, as are 63% of moderate voters.

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