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LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY HORNSTEIN CENTER NATIONAL POLL: AMERICA'S REACTION TO THE CONFIRMATION VOTE OF NEW SUPREME COURT JUSTICE AMY CONEY BARRETT

BROOKVILLE, N.Y., Oct. 27, 2020 -- Results of a breaking Long Island University Steven S. Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling, and Analysis national poll reveals America's response to the confirmation vote of new Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett. Approval of new Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett occurred last night after a Senate vote of 52-48.

REACTION TO CONFIRMATION OF NEW SUPREME COURT JUSTICE AMY CONEY BARRETT

Americans were asked if they were for or against federal Judge Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation to the Supreme Court. Of the respondents, 41 percent said they were for confirmation, 36 percent indicated they were against, and 23 percent said they didn't know or gave no answer. Male respondents expressed their approval of the confirmation vote at a higher rate (46%) than female respondents (37%). 78 percent of Republicans said they were for the confirmation. By comparison, 43 percent of Democrats and 33 percent of Independents also said they were for the confirmation.

CONFIDENCE LEVEL OF SENATE VOTE BASED ON MERIT

National poll results found that 47 percent of respondents said they believed the Senate vote for federal Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court was based on her own merit. Another 53 percent of respondents said that the Senate vote would be approved because the Republicans are the majority. More male respondents believed that the Senate vote would be based on merit (51%) than female respondents (44%). 66 percent of Republicans said the Senate vote was based on merit. By comparison, 5 percent of Democrats and 17 percent of Independents said the Senate vote was based on merit.

Supreme Court Justice Barrett succeeds the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg after a month of Senate hearings. Barrett begins her Supreme Court tenure one week before Election Day to be held on November 3, 2020.

METHODOLOGY

This Long Island University Steven S. Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling & Analysis online poll was conducted through SurveyMonkey from October 26–27, 2020, among a national sample of 1,573 adults, ages 18 and up. Respondents for this survey were selected from the nearly three million people who take surveys on the SurveyMonkey platform each day. Data for this week have been weighted for age, race, sex, and geography using the Census Bureau's American Community Survey to reflect the demographic composition of the United States. The modeled error estimate for this survey is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

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1,573 RESPONDENTS
MODELED ERROR ESTIMATE +/- 3.5%**

Are you for or against federal Judge Amy Coney Barrett’s confirmation to the Supreme Court?

	TOTAL	GENDER		AGE				EDUCATION		PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	Less than Bachelors	Bachelors or more	Republican	Democrat	Independent/Other
I’m for it	41%	46%	37%	33%	40%	44%	47%	37%	42%	78%	43%	33%
I’m against it	36%	35%	36%	35%	35%	33%	40%	26%	26%	8%	29%	24%
Not sure/no answer	23%	19%	27%	32%	25%	24%	13%	16%	15%	14%	13%	18%

How do you believe the Senate will vote for federal judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court?

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		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	Less than Bachelors	Bachelors or more	Republican	Democrat	Independent/Other
Based on her merit	47%	51%	44%	40%	48%	51%	48%	24%	18%	66%	5%	17%
Because the Republicans are the majority	53%	49%	56%	60%	52%	49%	52%	37%	47%	34%	72%	34%

**Nature of Sample:
National Poll**

AGE	Percentage
< 18	0%
18-29	21%
30-44	26%
45-60	28%
> 60	26%

GENDER	Percentage
Male	47%
Female	53%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME	Percentage
\$0-\$49,999	40%
\$50,000-\$99,999	30%
\$100,000-\$149,999	14%
\$150,000-\$199,999	5%
\$200,000+	3%
Prefer not to answer	8%

EDUCATION	Percentage
Less than Bachelor's degree	57%
Bachelor's degree or more	43%

PARTY IDENTIFICATION	Percentage
Republican	30%
Democrat	35%
Independent/Other	35%

REGION	Percentage
New England	4%
Middle Atlantic	13%
East North Central	16%
West North Central	6%
South Atlantic	17%
East South Central	6%
West South Central	11%
Mountain	7%
Pacific	19%

DEVICE TYPE	Percentage
iOS Phone / Tablet	59%
Android Phone / Tablet	33%
Other Phone / Tablet	0%
Windows Desktop / Laptop	6%
MacOS Desktop / Laptop	1%
Other	1%