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Key takeaways:

- Americans expect Amy Coney Barrett to make the Court more conservative and think it is likely that the ACA will be struck down and Roe overturned.
- Biden voters are especially motivated to vote by Trump's nomination of Amy Coney Barrett.
- Trump's leaked tax returns help to drive home the idea that the system is rigged, and there are different sets of rules for regular people and people like Trump.

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By 16-Point Margin, Public Wants Senate to Focus on Coronavirus and Put Supreme Court on Hold

Americans continue to prefer the Supreme Court nomination to wait until post-election by a clear margin, and the margin is even wider when framed as a choice between focusing on the Court or focusing on handling the pandemic.

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Which of the following comes closer to your view about Trump's decision to nominate a replacement for Ginsburg prior to the election?

The nomination should not be

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whoever wins the election

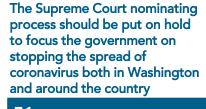
should be responsible for

choosing a replacement

Overall 50

As you may know, a number of people involved in the U.S. Senate's process to consider Trump's nominee to the Supreme Court have either tested positive for coronavirus or been in close contact with people who have tested positive. This includes U.S. Senators, staff, and also Donald Trump's nominee Amy Coney Barrett herself.

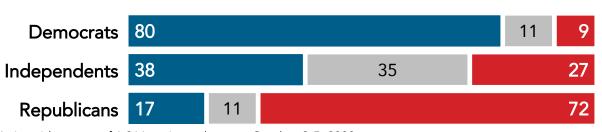
Hearing this, what do you think should happen now?



The Supreme Court nominating process should go forward as planned and the U.S. Senate should push ahead with a quick Not sure confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett

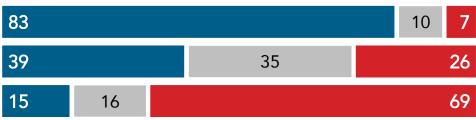






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Most Americans Think Coney Barrett Confirmation Will Push Court to the Right

Americans are conflicted on the Supreme Court's recent ideological tilt but there is a clear belief that if Coney Barrett is confirmed it will become more conservative – many think "much more."

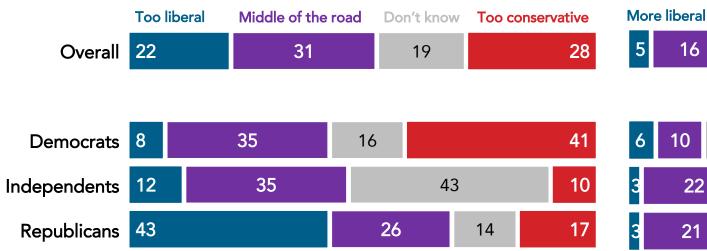
Prior to the recent passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, would you say the United States Supreme Court has been too conservative, too liberal, or middle of the road?

Generally speaking, do you think Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation would make the Supreme Court more conservative, more liberal, or will she make no difference to the ideology of the Court?

No difference

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Don't know More conservative

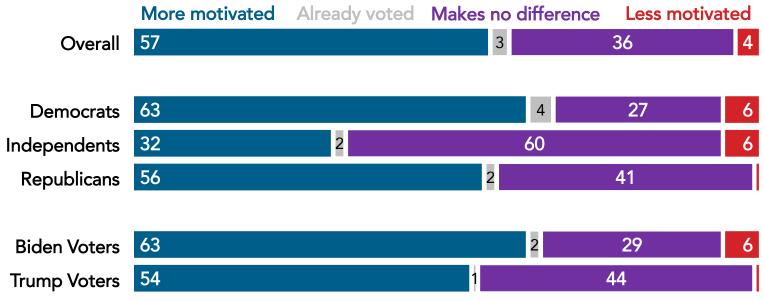
37% much more conservative 63

Biden Supporters More Motivated By Court Fight than Trump Supporters

A majority say they are motivated to vote because of the nomination of a new Justice by Donald Trump, with Democrats most motivated to vote as a result.

Among Trump voters, though 54% say they are more motivated, more than two in five (44%) say that it makes
no difference to them in their motivation to vote.

Regardless of how you plan to vote in November, is the nomination of a new Supreme Court Justice by Donald Trump an issue that makes you feel more or less motivated to vote?



[&]quot;Biden Voters" are defined as those who report intending to vote for Joe Biden in the November presidential election. "Trump Voters" are defined as those who report intending to vote for Donald Trump in the November presidential election.

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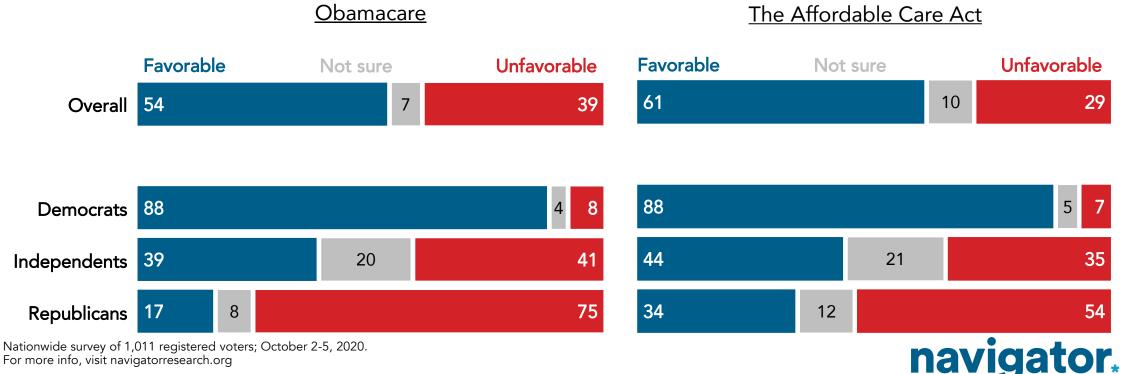


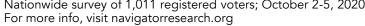
"Obamacare" Is Popular, and "The Affordable Care Act" Is **Even More Popular**

While majorities have favorable views of both "Obamacare" and "the Affordable Care Act," the ACA is 7 points more popular than Obamacare.

• "Obamacare" has reached a new high in popularity in Navigator tracking, at net +15 – now up from +5 in February – as has "The Affordable Care Act," up a net 31 points since June 2019 (from +1 to +32).

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to each one:



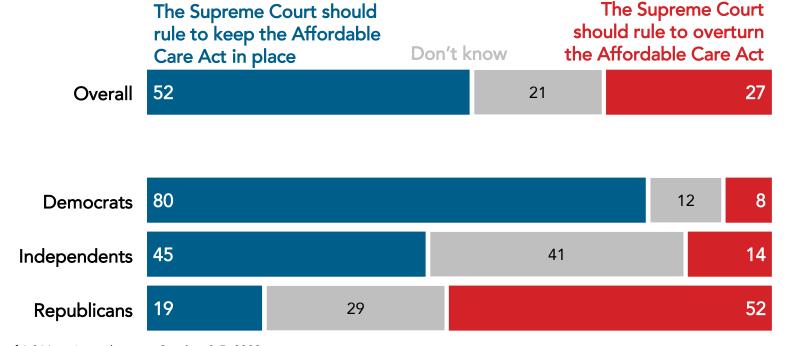


2 to 1 Opposition to Supreme Court Striking Down the Affordable Care Act

A majority say the Supreme Court should keep the Affordable Care Act intact instead of overturning it.

• Support for overturning the ACA is almost entirely concentrated among Republicans, with only 8% of Democrats and 14% of independents in favor.

As you may know, there is a case currently before the Supreme Court about whether or not to overturn the Affordable Care Act. What do you think should happen on this?





Americans Feel Court Will Likely Turn More Conservative, Divide Country Politically, and Overturn *Roe* and the ACA

Since September 2018, there has been a sharp increase in the share who think that abortion will become illegal and same sex marriages will no longer be valid in many states if Trump's next Supreme Court Justice is confirmed.

For each, indicate how likely it is you think each will happen if President Trump's next Supreme Court nominee is confirmed.

	Almost certain/ Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not too/ Not at all likely	% Certain/Very likely	% Concerned
The Supreme Court will become more conservative than most of the country	54	25	21	50	48
The country will become more politically divided	54	27	19	51	61
Abortion will become illegal in many states	52	23	25	29	48
The Affordable Care Act will be overturned, ending protections for people with pre-existing conditions	49	26	25	40	57
The wealthy and the powerful will have even more advantages in their ability to influence politics with campaign contributions	49	18	33	42	60
President Trump won't be fully held accountable for his abuses of power	49	17	34	39	54
Environmental protections for climate change, clean air and clean water will be rolled back	47	22	31	n/a	60
Our government's treatment of immigrants will get worse	45	19	36	40	50
The Supreme Court will side with President Trump unfairly if he challenges the results of the November election	41	23	36	n/a	52
Same-sex marriages will no longer be valid in some states	41	21	38	27	45
Guns will be easier to get	41	22	37	28	51
Big corporations will be able to fire employees, discriminate against them, or pay them less than they are worth	39	20	41	30	61



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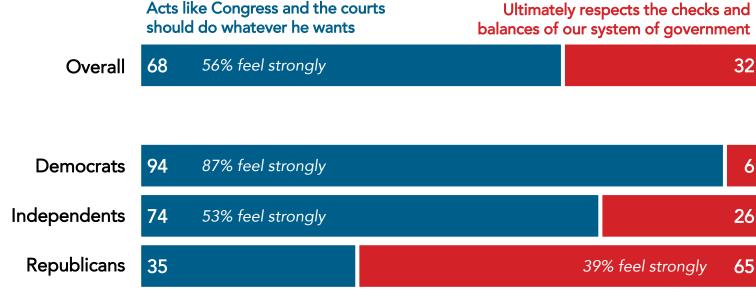
Nearly Seven in Ten Agree Trump Acts Like Congress and Courts Should Do What He Wants

More than two in three say that Trump acts like Congress and the courts should do what he wants, rather than that he ultimately respects the checks and balances of our system of government.

• Republicans are driving the share who say he ultimately respects our system of government (65%), though more than a third (35%) agree he acts like Congress and the courts should do whatever he wants.

Which do you agree with more:

- Donald Trump acts like Congress and the courts should do whatever he wants
- Donald Trump ultimately respects the checks and balances of our system of government





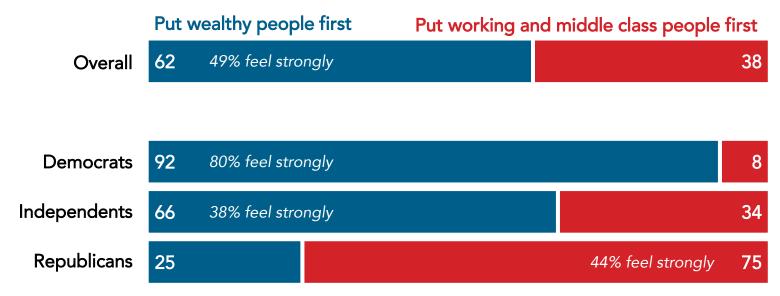
Trump Is Seen as Putting the Wealthy Ahead of Working and Middle Class People By More Than 20-Point Margin

Three in five say that Trump's policies put wealthy people first while less than two in five say his policies put working and middle class people first.

• Among independents, two in three (66%) consistently have said Trump's policies have put wealthy people first since February, with nearly two in five saying they feel this way "strongly."

Which do you agree with more:

- Donald Trump's policies put wealthy people first
- Donald Trump's policies put working and middle class people first



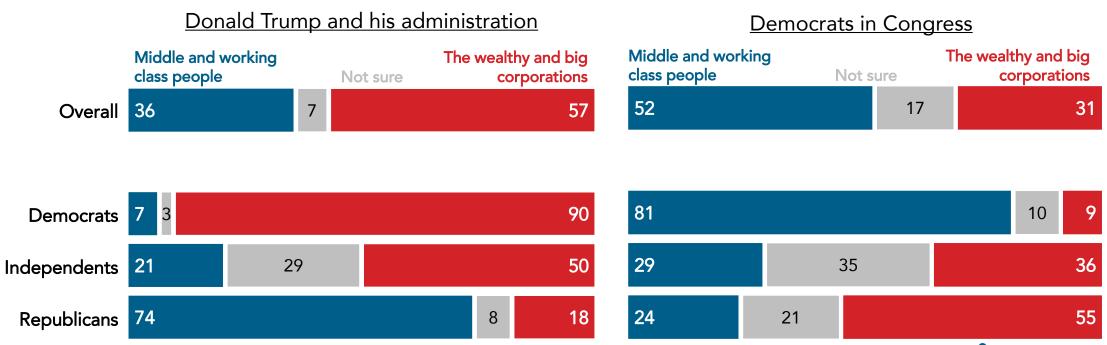


Trump Is Seen as Looking Out for the Rich and Corporations While Democrats Are Seen as Looking Out for the Middle Class

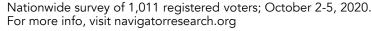
Nearly three in five say Trump and his administration's policies favor the wealthy and big corporations, while more than half say Democrats in Congress's policies favor middle and working class people.

• Half of independents (50%) say Trump's policies favor the wealthy while only 36% say the same of Democrats.

Thinking more about how ______ have handled the economy, who do you think ______'s policies favor most?



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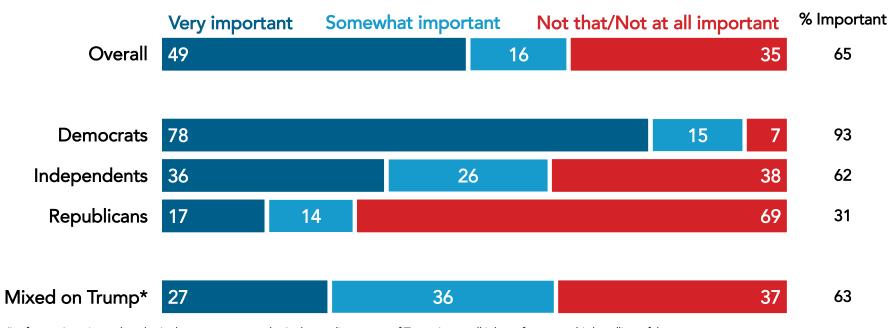


Most Feel *The NYT* Trump Tax Return Story Was Important Information for the Public

Almost two in three say the information released by *The New York Times* regarding Trump's tax returns was important information for the public to know.

• A majority (62%) of independents feel the information was important for the public to know.

As you may know, *The New York Times* recently released information about Donald Trump's tax returns, how important do you think this information was for the American public to know?



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Most Bothersome Parts of Trump's Tax Returns: Paying Less than the Average American, Paying \$0 in 10 of the Last 15 Years

One in three Americans are bothered by Trump's status as a billionaire and his paying far less in federal income taxes than the average American, and that he paid \$0 in federal income taxes in 10 years of the last 15.

Below are some pieces of information from the report about Donald Trump's tax returns. Which TWO bother you the most?

	Dem	Ind	Rep	Mixed on Trump*
That Donald Trump is a billionaire who has paid far less in federal income taxes than the average American	47	36	14	37
That Donald Trump paid \$0 in federal income taxes for 10 of the last 15 years	43	34	15	34
That Donald Trump is massively in debt and may owe more than \$400 million	38	13	9	16
That Donald Trump has repeatedly refused to release his tax returns despite having promised to do so	30	21	11	25
That in 2016 and 2017, Donald Trump paid only \$750 in federal income taxes	25	19	9	16
None of these bother me	5	33	65	29

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Most Bothersome Aspect of Trump's Tax Returns: Millions of Dollars Owed to Foreign Entities

The most concerning item for Americans among a series of revelations from *The New York Times's* coverage of Trump's tax returns is the hundreds of millions of dollars Trump owes to foreign entities.

Below are some more specific details that were revealed in Donald Trump's tax returns. Which TWO bother you the most?

		Dem	Ind	Rep
That Donald Trump owes hundreds of millions of dollars in debt to foreign entities, and \$300 million of the debt will come due in the next four years, potentially creating massive conflicts of interest	%	53	27	11
That the IRS is conducting an audit of a \$72.9 million tax refund claimed by Donald Trump and he may owe the federal government \$100 million if the IRS rules against him		34	24	11
That Donald Trump may have secretly paid his own daughter, Ivanka, hundreds of thousands of dollars as a "consultant" in order to write it off as a tax deduction		35	20	9
That while Donald Trump was avoiding U.S. taxes, he paid more in foreign taxes to the governments of Panama, India, and the Philippines		27	18	15
That Donald Trump wrote off \$70,000 in haircuts as business expenses		19	22	11
That Donald Trump has claimed to be a successful businessman, but he was mostly losing money on businesses like his golf courses		18	17	8

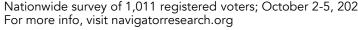


A System Rigged for the Rich and Separate Rules for the Wealthy Are Top Concerns from Trump's Tax Returns

After exposure to various statements regarding Trump's tax returns, the issues that stand out the most as concerns for Americans focus on the disparity between the experiences of the rich, like Trump, in contrast to the experiences of everyday people when it comes to taxes and personal finances.

Here are some statements summarizing some of the information you just read. Generally speaking, which of the following TWO do you find most concerning about Donald Trump's tax returns?

		Dem	Ind	Rep
That the tax returns show how the system is rigged for wealthy people like Trump, and as president he's only made the problem worse – passing a massive tax break for billionaires and big corporations	30%	44	25	14
That the tax returns show there are two sets of rules – one for Donald Trump and the rich, and one for everyone else. Most Americans pay their taxes, but Donald Trump uses cheats and scams to dodge paying his	29	44	28	10
That the tax returns show how Trump is massively in debt, including with foreign entities, creating conflicts of interest where he may be making decisions based on what's best for his personal finances	25	37	23	11
That the tax returns show why Trump continues to hide important information about his financial situation, even though every presidential candidate for the past 50 years has released them	20	29	15	9
That the tax returns show how out of touch Trump is with the struggles of regular people. Trump writes off luxury personal expenses like private air travel and haircuts, while the rest of us pay far more in taxes	16	18	17	12
That the tax returns show Trump lost money, is deep in debt, and is not the successful businessman he said he was. Instead, he's just pretended to be one	10	14	12	6
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