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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Anger Over Supreme Court Vacancy Could Expand 2016 Senate Map

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New Public Policy Polling surveys in Arizona, Iowa, Missouri, and North Carolina find that voter anger over their Republican Senators' unwillingness to consider a replacement for Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court could help make those seats competitive for Democrats this fall.

Key findings from the surveys include:

-All these Senators start out with pretty mediocre approval ratings. John McCain's approval is a 26/63 spread, Roy Blunt's is 25/48, and Richard Burr's is 28/44. Only Chuck Grassley within this group is on positive ground and his 47/44 spread is down considerably from what we usually find for him as he loses crossover support from Democrats because of his intransigence on the Supreme Court issue. Further making life difficult for this quartet is the incredibly damaged brand of Senate Republicans. Mitch McConnell is vastly unpopular in these four states, coming in at 11/63 in Iowa, 16/68 in Arizona, 16/69 in Missouri, and 19/65 in North Carolina. McConnell will be an albatross for all Senate Republicans seeking reelection this fall.

-Strong majorities of voters in each of these states want the Supreme Court vacancy to be filled this year. It's a 56/40 spread in favor of filling the seat in Iowa, 56/41 in Arizona and Missouri, and 55/41 in North Carolina. What's particularly important in the numbers is the strong support for filling the seat among independents- it's 60/38 in Missouri, 59/37 in Arizona, 58/38 in Iowa, and 55/38 in North Carolina. Independent voters will be key to determining whether these incumbents sink or swim this fall, and they want the vacancy filled.

-What voters especially have a problem with is Senate Republicans saying they're going to reject President Obama's nominee for the Supreme Court no matter who it is. Super





majorities of voters in all four of these states- 69/25 in Arizona, 66/24 in Missouri, 66/25 in North Carolina, and 66/26 in Iowa say that the Senate should at least wait and see who's put forward before deciding whether to confirm or deny that person. Even Republican voters- 56/35 in Arizona, 54/38 in North Carolina, 52/37 in Missouri, and 50/39 in Iowa think their Senators are taking far too extreme of a position by saying they won't approve President Obama's choice without even knowing who that choice is.

-The Supreme Court issue really could make a difference at the ballot box this fall. Voters by a 34 point margin in Arizona and Missouri, a 21 point margin in North Carolina, and a 14 point margin in Iowa say that they're less likely to vote for their Republican Senators this fall if they refuse to confirm a nominee to the Supreme Court no matter who it is. This is again something where we find the Republican Senators could particularly pay a price with independent voters. Independents in Arizona say 61/18 they're less likely to vote for John McCain because of this issue, and it's 55/16 for Richard Burr with them in North Carolina, 55/20 for Roy Blunt with them in Missouri, and 48/24 for Chuck Grassley with them in Iowa.

Our surveys last week found that voters were angry over the Supreme Court issue in New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin and might punish Kelly Ayotte, Rob Portman, Pat Toomey, and Ron Johnson for it this fall. Those have always been seen as toss up Senate races. But this newest set of polls shows that even in more Republican leaning states like Arizona, Iowa, Missouri, and North Carolina voters are still angry over the obstructionism John McCain, Chuck Grassley, Roy Blunt, and Richard Burr are showing on this issue. That- combined with the increasing specter of Republicans nominating Donald Trump- could help put these seats on the board for Democrats this fall as well.

Public Policy Polling interviewed 533 registered voters in Arizona with a margin of error of +/-4.2%, 574 registered voters in Iowa with a margin of error of +/-4.1%, 554 registered voters in Missouri with a margin of error of +/-4.2%, and 568 registered voters in North Carolina with a margin of error of +/-4.1% on March 1st and 2nd. This research was conducted on behalf of Americans United for Change.





Arizona Survey Results

- Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator John McCain's job performance?
- Approve* 26%
- Disapprove*..... 63%
- Not sure* 12%
- Q2** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Mitch McConnell's job performance?
- Approve* 16%
- Disapprove*..... 68%
- Not sure* 17%
- Q3** Do you think the vacant seat on the Supreme Court caused by the death of Antonin Scalia should be filled this year, or do you think the seat should be left empty for the next year?
- The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year* 56%
- The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year* 41%
- Not sure* 3%
- Q4** Do you think the Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person, or should it refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is?
- The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person* 69%
- The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is* 25%
- Not sure* 6%
- Q5** If John McCain refused to confirm a replacement for Justice Scalia this year no matter who it was, would that make you more or less likely to vote for him this fall, or would it not make a difference?
- More likely*..... 21%
- Less likely* 55%
- Wouldn't make a difference*..... 24%
- Q6** If the Senate refuses to confirm a replacement for Justice Scalia it could result in a lot of 4-4 votes this year on major issues. Who would you blame more for this gridlock: Mitch McConnell, John McCain, and the other Republicans in the Senate, or President Obama?
- Blame Mitch McConnell, John McCain, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court*..... 58%
- Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court*.. 34%
- Not sure* 8%
- Q7** In 1988 the Senate confirmed President Reagan's nomination of Anthony Kennedy to a vacant seat on the Supreme Court even though it was Reagan's last year in office. Do you think the Senate should abide by this precedent when it comes to filling Justice Scalia's seat, or not?
- The Senate should abide by this precedent*.... 53%
- The Senate should not abide by this precedent*..... 34%
- Not sure*..... 13%
- Q8** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.
- Woman* 53%
- Man*..... 47%
- Q9** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.
- Democrat*..... 36%
- Republican*..... 44%
- Independent*..... 20%
- Q10** If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If other, press 3.
- Hispanic*..... 19%
- White* 76%
- Other*..... 5%



Q11 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3

<i>18 to 45</i>	31%
<i>46 to 65</i>	48%
<i>Older than 65</i>	21%



	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCain Approval			
Approve	26%	25%	26%
Disapprove	63%	60%	66%
Not sure	12%	15%	8%

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McConnell Approval			
Approve	16%	15%	17%
Disapprove	68%	62%	74%
Not sure	17%	23%	9%

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		Woman	Man
Scalia Seat Filled This Year or Next			
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year	56%	58%	54%
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year	41%	38%	44%
Not sure	3%	4%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Senate Wait for Nominee Yes/No			
The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person	69%	67%	71%
The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is	25%	25%	25%
Not sure	6%	8%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McCain Refuse Confirmation More/Less Likely			
More likely	21%	20%	22%
Less likely	55%	53%	57%
Wouldn't make a difference	24%	27%	21%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Who To Blame for Gridlock			
Blame Mitch McConnell, John McCain, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme...	58%	57%	58%
Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court	34%	33%	35%
Not sure	8%	10%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Senate Follow Kennedy Precedent Yes/No			
The Senate should abide by this precedent	53%	51%	56%
The Senate should not abide by this precedent	34%	29%	38%
Not sure	13%	19%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
McCain Approval				
Approve	26%	17%	33%	25%
Disapprove	63%	74%	53%	63%
Not sure	12%	9%	14%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
McConnell Approval				
Approve	16%	10%	23%	10%
Disapprove	68%	78%	54%	77%
Not sure	17%	12%	23%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Scalia Seat Filled This Year or Next				
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year	56%	83%	31%	59%
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year	41%	16%	64%	37%
Not sure	3%	0%	5%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Senate Wait for Nominee Yes/No				
The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person	69%	83%	56%	72%
The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is	25%	13%	35%	23%
Not sure	6%	4%	9%	5%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
McCain Refuse Confirmation More/Less Likely				
More likely	21%	17%	25%	18%
Less likely	55%	69%	40%	61%
Wouldn't make a difference	24%	14%	35%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Who To Blame for Gridlock				
Blame Mitch McConnell, John McCain, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Suprem...	58%	86%	32%	61%
Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court	34%	13%	54%	30%
Not sure	8%	1%	14%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Senate Follow Kennedy Precedent Yes/No				
The Senate should abide by this precedent	53%	75%	37%	51%
The Senate should not abide by this precedent	34%	17%	47%	36%
Not sure	13%	8%	17%	13%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
McCain Approval				
Approve	26%	26%	26%	26%
Disapprove	63%	70%	61%	65%
Not sure	12%	5%	13%	9%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
McConnell Approval				
Approve	16%	14%	16%	19%
Disapprove	68%	68%	67%	71%
Not sure	17%	18%	17%	10%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Scalia Seat Filled This Year or Next				
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year	56%	61%	56%	31%
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year	41%	36%	41%	60%
Not sure	3%	3%	3%	9%





	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Senate Wait for Nominee Yes/No				
The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person	69%	68%	70%	51%
The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is	25%	26%	23%	43%
Not sure	6%	6%	6%	5%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
McCain Refuse Confirmation More/Less Likely				
More likely	21%	26%	19%	35%
Less likely	55%	55%	55%	43%
Wouldn't make a difference	24%	19%	26%	22%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Who To Blame for Gridlock				
Blame Mitch McConnell, John McCain, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme...	58%	70%	56%	34%
Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court	34%	30%	34%	55%
Not sure	8%	1%	10%	11%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Senate Follow Kennedy Precedent Yes/No				
The Senate should abide by this precedent	53%	52%	56%	26%
The Senate should not abide by this precedent	34%	32%	33%	57%
Not sure	13%	16%	12%	17%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
McCain Approval				
Approve	26%	24%	25%	29%
Disapprove	63%	62%	65%	59%
Not sure	12%	14%	10%	12%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
McConnell Approval				
Approve	16%	17%	14%	18%
Disapprove	68%	60%	75%	62%
Not sure	17%	23%	11%	20%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Scalia Seat Filled This Year or Next				
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year	56%	57%	58%	48%
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year	41%	42%	37%	48%
Not sure	3%	1%	4%	4%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Senate Wait for Nominee Yes/No				
The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person	69%	70%	71%	64%
The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is	25%	27%	22%	26%
Not sure	6%	3%	7%	10%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
McCain Refuse Confirmation More/Less Likely				
More likely	21%	27%	16%	23%
Less likely	55%	49%	61%	50%
Wouldn't make a difference	24%	25%	23%	27%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Who To Blame for Gridlock				
Blame Mitch McConnell, John McCain, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme...	58%	57%	63%	46%
Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court	34%	32%	31%	45%
Not sure	8%	11%	6%	9%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Senate Follow Kennedy Precedent Yes/No				
The Senate should abide by this precedent	53%	54%	57%	44%
The Senate should not abide by this precedent	34%	35%	31%	39%
Not sure	13%	11%	12%	17%





Iowa Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Chuck Grassley's job performance?

Approve 47%
Disapprove..... 44%
Not sure 9%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Mitch McConnell's job performance?

Approve 11%
Disapprove..... 63%
Not sure 26%

Q3 Do you think the vacant seat on the Supreme Court caused by the death of Antonin Scalia should be filled this year, or do you think the seat should be left empty for the next year?

The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year 56%
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year 40%
Not sure 4%

Q4 Do you think the Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person, or should it refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is?

The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person 66%
The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is 26%
Not sure 8%

Q5 If Chuck Grassley refused to confirm a replacement for Justice Scalia this year no matter who it was, would that make you more or less likely to vote for him this fall, or would it not make a difference?

More likely..... 31%
Less likely 45%
Wouldn't make a difference..... 24%

Q6 If the Senate refuses to confirm a replacement for Justice Scalia it could result in a lot of 4-4 votes this year on major issues. Who would you blame more for this gridlock: Mitch McConnell, Chuck Grassley, and the other Republicans in the Senate, or President Obama?

Blame Mitch McConnell, Chuck Grassley, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court 54%
Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court.. 39%
Not sure 7%

Q7 In 1988 the Senate confirmed President Reagan's nomination of Anthony Kennedy to a vacant seat on the Supreme Court even though it was Reagan's last year in office. Do you think the Senate should abide by this precedent when it comes to filling Justice Scalia's seat, or not?

The Senate should abide by this precedent... 52%
The Senate should not abide by this precedent..... 35%
Not sure..... 13%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q9 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

Democrat 36%
Republican..... 35%
Independent..... 29%

Q10 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 93%
Other..... 7%





Q11 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3

<i>18 to 45</i>	37%
<i>46 to 65</i>	38%
<i>Older than 65</i>	25%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Grassley Approval			
Approve	47%	45%	49%
Disapprove	44%	45%	42%
Not sure	9%	10%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McConnell Approval			
Approve	11%	10%	12%
Disapprove	63%	61%	66%
Not sure	26%	29%	22%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Scalia Seat Filled This Year or Next			
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year	56%	60%	52%
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year	40%	35%	45%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Senate Wait for Nominee Yes/No			
The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person	66%	67%	66%
The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is	26%	27%	25%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Grassley Refuse Confirmation More/Less Likely			
More likely	31%	29%	33%
Less likely	45%	52%	37%
Wouldn't make a difference	24%	19%	29%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Who To Blame for Gridlock			
Blame Mitch McConnell, Chuck Grassley, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court	54%	59%	48%
Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court	39%	31%	48%
Not sure	7%	10%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Senate Follow Kennedy Precedent Yes/No			
The Senate should abide by this precedent	53%	56%	48%
The Senate should not abide by this precedent	35%	27%	43%
Not sure	13%	16%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Grassley Approval				
Approve	47%	22%	76%	43%
Disapprove	44%	72%	16%	42%
Not sure	9%	6%	8%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
McConnell Approval				
Approve	11%	6%	16%	10%
Disapprove	63%	76%	53%	60%
Not sure	26%	18%	31%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Scalia Seat Filled This Year or Next				
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year	56%	84%	25%	58%
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year	40%	15%	67%	38%
Not sure	4%	1%	7%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Senate Wait for Nominee Yes/No				
The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person	66%	79%	50%	69%
The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is	26%	15%	39%	24%
Not sure	8%	6%	11%	7%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Grassley Refuse Confirmation More/Less Likely				
More likely	31%	15%	54%	24%
Less likely	45%	66%	20%	48%
Wouldn't make a difference	24%	19%	26%	28%

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Who To Blame for Gridlock				
Blame Mitch McConnell, Chuck Grassley, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Su...	54%	84%	22%	54%
Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court	39%	15%	62%	41%
Not sure	7%	1%	16%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Senate Follow Kennedy Precedent Yes/No				
The Senate should abide by this precedent	53%	74%	26%	57%
The Senate should not abide by this precedent	35%	17%	54%	33%
Not sure	13%	9%	20%	9%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Grassley Approval			
Approve	47%	46%	58%
Disapprove	44%	46%	14%
Not sure	9%	8%	28%

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McConnell Approval			
Approve	11%	11%	11%
Disapprove	63%	64%	52%
Not sure	26%	25%	37%

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Not sure	13%	14%	9%	17%





Missouri Survey Results

- Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Roy Blunt's job performance?
- Approve 25%
- Disapprove..... 48%
- Not sure 27%
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- Q5** If Roy Blunt refused to confirm a replacement for Justice Scalia this year no matter who it was, would that make you more or less likely to vote for him this fall, or would it not make a difference?
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- Woman 53%
- Man..... 47%
- Q9** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.
- Democrat 33%
- Republican..... 35%
- Independent..... 32%
- Q10** If you are white, press 1. If African American, press 2. If other, press 3.
- White 84%
- African American..... 11%
- Other..... 5%



Q11 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3

<i>18 to 45</i>	33%
<i>46 to 65</i>	45%
<i>Older than 65</i>	22%



	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Blunt Approval			
Approve	25%	21%	30%
Disapprove	48%	49%	46%
Not sure	27%	30%	24%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McConnell Approval			
Approve	16%	11%	21%
Disapprove	68%	69%	68%
Not sure	16%	20%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Scalia Seat Filled This Year or Next			
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year	56%	63%	48%
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year	41%	32%	52%
Not sure	3%	6%	0%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Senate Wait for Nominee Yes/No			
The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person	66%	66%	66%
The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is	24%	21%	28%
Not sure	10%	13%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Blunt Refuse Confirmation More/Less Likely			
More likely	22%	16%	28%
Less likely	56%	58%	53%
Wouldn't make a difference	22%	25%	19%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Who To Blame for Gridlock			
Blame Mitch McConnell, Roy Blunt, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme...	51%	57%	45%
Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court	38%	30%	48%
Not sure	11%	13%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Senate Follow Kennedy Precedent Yes/No			
The Senate should abide by this precedent	53%	59%	46%
The Senate should not abide by this precedent	35%	27%	44%
Not sure	12%	14%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Blunt Approval				
Approve	25%	13%	40%	21%
Disapprove	48%	58%	32%	55%
Not sure	27%	29%	28%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
McConnell Approval				
Approve	16%	6%	25%	15%
Disapprove	68%	78%	55%	73%
Not sure	16%	16%	20%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Scalia Seat Filled This Year or Next				
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year	56%	82%	27%	60%
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year	41%	14%	69%	38%
Not sure	3%	3%	4%	2%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Senate Wait for Nominee Yes/No				
The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person	66%	80%	52%	66%
The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is	24%	10%	37%	26%
Not sure	10%	10%	11%	8%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Blunt Refuse Confirmation More/Less Likely				
More likely	22%	13%	32%	20%
Less likely	56%	68%	45%	55%
Wouldn't make a difference	22%	19%	23%	25%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Who To Blame for Gridlock				
Blame Mitch McConnell, Roy Blunt, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme...	51%	77%	25%	54%
Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court	38%	16%	65%	32%
Not sure	11%	8%	10%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Senate Follow Kennedy Precedent Yes/No				
The Senate should abide by this precedent	53%	77%	28%	56%
The Senate should not abide by this precedent	35%	18%	53%	32%
Not sure	12%	5%	20%	12%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Blunt Approval				
Approve	25%	27%	13%	23%
Disapprove	48%	50%	23%	68%
Not sure	27%	24%	64%	9%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
McConnell Approval				
Approve	16%	16%	14%	6%
Disapprove	68%	68%	66%	87%
Not sure	16%	16%	20%	7%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Scalia Seat Filled This Year or Next				
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year	56%	55%	56%	61%
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year	41%	42%	38%	38%
Not sure	3%	3%	5%	1%





	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Senate Wait for Nominee Yes/No				
The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person	66%	66%	81%	36%
The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is	24%	24%	10%	63%
Not sure	10%	10%	8%	1%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Blunt Refuse Confirmation More/Less Likely				
More likely	22%	21%	23%	35%
Less likely	56%	56%	66%	41%
Wouldn't make a difference	22%	23%	12%	25%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Who To Blame for Gridlock				
Blame Mitch McConnell, Roy Blunt, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme...	51%	51%	51%	56%
Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court	38%	39%	38%	24%
Not sure	11%	10%	10%	19%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Senate Follow Kennedy Precedent Yes/No				
The Senate should abide by this precedent	53%	53%	53%	52%
The Senate should not abide by this precedent	35%	34%	38%	38%
Not sure	12%	13%	8%	10%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Blunt Approval				
Approve	25%	21%	24%	33%
Disapprove	48%	51%	48%	42%
Not sure	27%	28%	28%	25%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
McConnell Approval				
Approve	16%	15%	16%	15%
Disapprove	68%	74%	67%	63%
Not sure	16%	11%	17%	22%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Scalia Seat Filled This Year or Next				
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year	56%	61%	56%	49%
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year	41%	37%	40%	49%
Not sure	3%	2%	4%	3%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Senate Wait for Nominee Yes/No				
The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person	66%	61%	70%	67%
The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is	24%	30%	21%	22%
Not sure	10%	9%	9%	11%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Blunt Refuse Confirmation More/Less Likely				
More likely	22%	16%	22%	29%
Less likely	56%	61%	57%	46%
Wouldn't make a difference	22%	23%	21%	25%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Who To Blame for Gridlock				
Blame Mitch McConnell, Roy Blunt, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme...	51%	52%	53%	46%
Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court	38%	38%	36%	44%
Not sure	11%	10%	11%	10%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Senate Follow Kennedy Precedent Yes/No				
The Senate should abide by this precedent	53%	54%	55%	46%
The Senate should not abide by this precedent	35%	37%	31%	37%
Not sure	12%	9%	13%	17%





North Carolina Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Richard Burr's job performance?

Approve 28%
Disapprove..... 44%
Not sure 28%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Mitch McConnell's job performance?

Approve 19%
Disapprove..... 65%
Not sure 17%

Q3 Do you think the vacant seat on the Supreme Court caused by the death of Antonin Scalia should be filled this year, or do you think the seat should be left empty for the next year?

The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year 55%
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year 41%
Not sure 4%

Q4 Do you think the Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person, or should it refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is?

The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person 66%
The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is 25%
Not sure 8%

Q5 If Richard Burr refused to confirm a replacement for Justice Scalia this year no matter who it was, would that make you more or less likely to vote for him this fall, or would it not make a difference?

More likely..... 26%
Less likely 47%
Wouldn't make a difference..... 27%

Q6 If the Senate refuses to confirm a replacement for Justice Scalia it could result in a lot of 4-4 votes this year on major issues. Who would you blame more for this gridlock: Mitch McConnell, Richard Burr, and the other Republicans in the Senate, or President Obama?

Blame Mitch McConnell, Richard Burr, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court..... 56%
Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court.. 37%
Not sure 7%

Q7 In 1988 the Senate confirmed President Reagan's nomination of Anthony Kennedy to a vacant seat on the Supreme Court even though it was Reagan's last year in office. Do you think the Senate should abide by this precedent when it comes to filling Justice Scalia's seat, or not?

The Senate should abide by this precedent... 54%
The Senate should not abide by this precedent..... 32%
Not sure..... 14%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q9 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

Democrat..... 42%
Republican..... 36%
Independent..... 22%

Q10 If you are white, press 1. If African American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 71%
African American..... 22%
Other..... 7%



Q11 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3

<i>18 to 45</i>	35%
<i>46 to 65</i>	44%
<i>Older than 65</i>	21%



	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Burr Approval			
Approve	28%	24%	32%
Disapprove	44%	45%	43%
Not sure	28%	31%	25%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McConnell Approval			
Approve	19%	19%	18%
Disapprove	65%	61%	69%
Not sure	17%	21%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Scalia Seat Filled This Year or Next			
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year	55%	59%	50%
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year	41%	37%	45%
Not sure	4%	4%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Senate Wait for Nominee Yes/No			
The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person	66%	64%	69%
The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is	25%	23%	28%
Not sure	8%	13%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Burr Refuse Confirmation More/Less Likely			
More likely	26%	26%	26%
Less likely	47%	46%	48%
Wouldn't make a difference	27%	29%	26%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Who To Blame for Gridlock			
Blame Mitch McConnell, Richard Burr, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme...	56%	56%	55%
Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court	37%	37%	38%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Senate Follow Kennedy Precedent Yes/No			
The Senate should abide by this precedent	54%	56%	51%
The Senate should not abide by this precedent	32%	29%	36%
Not sure	14%	15%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Burr Approval				
Approve	28%	16%	42%	27%
Disapprove	44%	64%	22%	45%
Not sure	28%	21%	35%	28%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
McConnell Approval				
Approve	19%	18%	23%	12%
Disapprove	65%	70%	57%	66%
Not sure	17%	12%	20%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Scalia Seat Filled This Year or Next				
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year	55%	79%	27%	55%
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year	41%	19%	68%	38%
Not sure	4%	2%	5%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Senate Wait for Nominee Yes/No				
The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person	66%	73%	54%	75%
The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is	25%	17%	38%	20%
Not sure	8%	10%	8%	6%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Burr Refuse Confirmation More/Less Likely				
More likely	26%	23%	36%	16%
Less likely	47%	55%	33%	55%
Wouldn't make a difference	27%	22%	31%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Who To Blame for Gridlock				
Blame Mitch McConnell, Richard Burr, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Suprem...	56%	78%	27%	61%
Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court	37%	17%	63%	33%
Not sure	7%	4%	10%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent
Senate Follow Kennedy Precedent Yes/No				
The Senate should abide by this precedent	54%	76%	26%	57%
The Senate should not abide by this precedent	32%	17%	52%	29%
Not sure	14%	7%	23%	13%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Burr Approval				
Approve	28%	30%	27%	8%
Disapprove	44%	43%	51%	41%
Not sure	28%	27%	22%	51%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
McConnell Approval				
Approve	19%	15%	33%	10%
Disapprove	65%	71%	49%	56%
Not sure	17%	15%	18%	35%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Scalia Seat Filled This Year or Next				
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year	55%	52%	63%	49%
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year	41%	44%	30%	44%
Not sure	4%	3%	7%	7%





	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Senate Wait for Nominee Yes/No				
The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person	66%	68%	61%	65%
The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is	25%	24%	32%	21%
Not sure	8%	8%	6%	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Burr Refuse Confirmation More/Less Likely				
More likely	26%	27%	26%	19%
Less likely	47%	47%	48%	44%
Wouldn't make a difference	27%	27%	26%	37%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Who To Blame for Gridlock				
Blame Mitch McConnell, Richard Burr, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme...	56%	52%	65%	61%
Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court	37%	40%	30%	29%
Not sure	7%	7%	4%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Senate Follow Kennedy Precedent Yes/No				
The Senate should abide by this precedent	54%	51%	63%	54%
The Senate should not abide by this precedent	32%	34%	30%	30%
Not sure	14%	16%	7%	16%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Burr Approval				
Approve	28%	27%	27%	31%
Disapprove	44%	43%	47%	42%
Not sure	28%	31%	26%	27%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
McConnell Approval				
Approve	19%	22%	15%	21%
Disapprove	65%	59%	71%	61%
Not sure	17%	19%	15%	18%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Scalia Seat Filled This Year or Next				
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be filled this year	55%	56%	55%	51%
The vacant seat on the Supreme Court should be left empty for the next year	41%	38%	41%	46%
Not sure	4%	6%	4%	3%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Senate Wait for Nominee Yes/No				
The Senate should wait to see who is nominated to the Supreme Court before deciding whether to confirm that person	66%	62%	70%	67%
The Senate should refuse to confirm a nominee to fill the seat no matter who it is	25%	28%	25%	22%
Not sure	8%	10%	6%	11%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Burr Refuse Confirmation More/Less Likely				
More likely	26%	24%	26%	28%
Less likely	47%	42%	50%	49%
Wouldn't make a difference	27%	34%	24%	22%





	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Who To Blame for Gridlock				
Blame Mitch McConnell, Richard Burr, and the other Republicans in the Senate more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme...	56%	61%	54%	50%
Blame President Obama more for this gridlock on key issues at the Supreme Court	37%	34%	39%	39%
Not sure	7%	5%	6%	11%

	Base	Age		
		18 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Senate Follow Kennedy Precedent Yes/No				
The Senate should abide by this precedent	54%	57%	54%	48%
The Senate should not abide by this precedent	32%	27%	35%	37%
Not sure	14%	16%	11%	15%

