

WHIP IT, WHIP IT GOOD: KRUNCHTIME ON KAVANAUGH

[NB: AS ALWAYS, check the byline. This post is by moi, Rayne.]

On this last day of Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearings, witnesses spoke regarding Brett Kavanaugh's fitness (or lack thereof) to serve a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court.

The last three days have been both grueling and enlightening. It looks more than ever like a concerted effort between interested parties selected and nominated Kavanaugh – not in a manner typically of previous nominees, but in the interest of those whose personal fortunes and legal status hinge directly on the existence of a conservative on the court who will decide in their favor.

Parties like Trump's administration, his campaign donors, his personal business circle; parties like war criminals who served in previous administrations; and parties like Trump supporters, who expect their quid pro quo delivered in the form of religious freedom to deny others' civil rights.

One could argue this is business as usual but it's not, when the president himself is already implicated as an unindicted co-conspirator who may directly benefit from a swing justice who believes in unrestrained executive power.

How could a reasonable person not come to the conclusion that the collaborative, collective, concerted effort behind Kavanaugh is a conspiracy to obstruct justice?

Let's fight fire with fire, get in 'good trouble' as Rep. John Lewis calls it; let's collaborate and collectively lay out before the public who is willing to support this

obstruction and who is not before Kavanaugh's nomination goes to the entire Senate for a vote. Are you ready to whip the people's Senate? Are you willing to make phone calls and ask your senators where they stand on Kavanaugh?

I'll go first; I'll fill in your responses from your senators in the table below as you collect them and share them in comments below.

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Whip List

State	Party	Name	Seat up	Vote Y/N
Alabama	R	Richard Shelby	2022	Yes [1]
Alabama	D	Doug Jones	2020	WAFFLING
Alaska	R	Lisa Murkowski	2022	WAFFLING
Alaska	R	Dan Sullivan	2020	Yes [1]
Arizona	R	Jeff Flake	2018	LEAN YES [1]
Arizona	R	Jon Kyl	2020	Yes [1]
Arkansas	R	John Boozman	2022	Yes [1]
Arkansas	R	Tom Cotton	2020	Yes [1]
California	D	Dianne Feinstein	2018	No*
California	D	Kamala Harris	2022	No
Colorado	D	Michael Bennet	2022	No [1]
Colorado	R	Cory Gardner	2020	LEAN YES [1]
Connecticut	D	Richard Blumenthal	2022	No [1]
Connecticut	D	Chris Murphy	2018	No [1]
Delaware	D	Tom Carper	2018	No [1]
Delaware	D	Chris Coons	2020	LEAN NO [1]
Florida	D	Bill Nelson	2018	LEAN NO [1]
Florida	R	Marco Rubio	2022	Yes [1]
Georgia	R	Johnny Isakson	2022	Yes [1]
Georgia	R	David Perdue	2020	Yes [1]
Hawaii	D	Brian Schatz	2022	No [1]
Hawaii	D	Mazie Hirono	2018	No

Idaho	R	Mike Crapo	2022	Yes [1]
Idaho	R	Jim Risch	2020	Yes [1]
Illinois	D	Dick Durbin	2020	LEAN NO [1]
Illinois	D	Tammy Duckworth	2022	No
Indiana	D	Joe Donnelly	2018	WAFFLING
Indiana	R	Todd Young	2022	Yes [1]
Iowa	R	Chuck Grassley	2022	LEAN YES [1]
Iowa	R	Joni Ernst	2020	Yes [1]
Kansas	R	Pat Roberts	2020	Yes [1]
Kansas	R	Jerry Moran	2022	Yes [1]
Kentucky	R	Mitch McConnell	2020	Yes [1]
Kentucky	R	Rand Paul	2022	Yes [1]
Louisiana	R	Bill Cassidy	2020	Yes [1]
Louisiana	R	John Kennedy	2022	Yes [1]
Maine	R	Susan Collins	2020	WAFFLING
Maine	I	Angus King	2018	No
Maryland	D	Ben Cardin	2018	No
Maryland	D	Chris Van Hollen	2022	No
Massachusetts	D	Elizabeth Warren	2018	No
Massachusetts	D	Ed Markey	2020	No
Michigan	D	Debbie Stabenow	2018	No
Michigan	D	Gary Peters	2020	No
Minnesota	D	Amy Klobuchar	2018	No [1]
Minnesota	D	Tina Smith	2018	No [1]
Mississippi	R	Roger Wicker	2018	Yes
Mississippi	R	Cindy Hyde-Smith	2018	Yes
Missouri	D	Claire McCaskill	2018	WAFFLING
Missouri	R	Roy Blunt	2022	Yes
Montana	D	Jon Tester	2018	LEAN NO [1]
Montana	R	Steve Daines	2020	Yes [1]
Nebraska	R	Deb Fischer	2018	LEAN YES [1]

Nebraska	R	Ben Sasse	2020	LEAN YES [1]
Nevada	R	Dean Heller	2018	Yes [1]
Nevada	D	Catherine Cortez Masto	2022	LEAN NO [1]
New Hampshire	D	Jeanne Shaheen	2020	No
New Hampshire	D	Maggie Hassan	2022	No
New Jersey	D	Bob Menendez	2018	No [1]
New Jersey	D	Cory Booker	2020	No
New Mexico	D	Tom Udall	2020	No [1]
New Mexico	D	Martin Heinrich	2018	No
New York	D	Chuck Schumer	2022	No
New York	D	Kirsten Gillibrand	2018	No
North Carolina	R	Richard Burr	2022	Yes [1]
North Carolina	R	Thom Tillis	2020	Yes
North Dakota	R	John Hoeven	2022	Yes
North Dakota	D	Heidi Heitkamp	2018	WAFFLING
Ohio	D	Sherrod Brown	2018	No [1]
Ohio	R	Rob Portman	2022	Yes [1]
Oklahoma	R	Jim Inhofe	2020	Yes [1]
Oklahoma	R	James Lankford	2022	LEAN YES [1]
Oregon	D	Ron Wyden	2022	No
Oregon	D	Jeff Merkley	2020	No
Pennsylvania	D	Bob Casey Jr.	2018	No [1]
Pennsylvania	R	Pat Toomey	2022	Yes [1]
Rhode Island	D	Jack Reed	2020	No [1]
Rhode Island	D	Sheldon Whitehouse	2018	No [1]
South Carolina	R	Lindsey Graham	2020	Yes [1]
South Carolina	R	Tim Scott	2022	Yes [1]
South Dakota	R	John Thune	2022	Yes [1]
South Dakota	R	Mike Rounds	2020	Yes [1]
Tennessee	R	Lamar Alexander	2020	Yes [1]
Tennessee	R	Bob Corker	2018	Yes*

Texas	R	John Cornyn	2020	Yes [1]
Texas	R	Ted Cruz	2018	Yes [1]
Utah	R	Orrin Hatch	2018	Yes [1]
Utah	R	Mike Lee	2022	Yes [1]
Vermont	D	Patrick Leahy	2022	LEAN NO [1]
Vermont	I	Bernie Sanders	2018	No
Virginia	D	Mark Warner	2020	No [1]
Virginia	D	Tim Kaine	2018	No
Washington	D	Patty Murray	2022	No
Washington	D	Maria Cantwell	2018	No
West Virginia	D	Joe Manchin	2018	WAFFLING
West Virginia	R	Shelley Moore Capito	2020	Yes [1]
Wisconsin	R	Ron Johnson	2022	Yes [1]
Wisconsin	D	Tammy Baldwin	2018	No [1]
Wyoming	R	Mike Enzi	2020	LEAN YES [1]
Wyoming	R	John Barrasso	2018	Yes [1]

* Qualified response, subject to final confirmation.

[1] Firm Yes votes based on WhipTheVote.org's tally.

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This is **NOT** an open thread. Please stay on on topic – the Kavanaugh confirmation – to make tracking votes easier. Thanks!