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Subject: 78% of Suburban Swing Districts Oppose Government Intervention in Abortion; Are More Likely to Vote for Congressional Candidate Who Supports Reproductive Freedom

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that 78% of women across all political parties in suburban swing Congressional districts polled said they don’t believe government should prevent a woman from having an abortion, while just 20% of those polled said they think abortion should be illegal.

A majority of suburban women in swing districts -52%- say they are also more likely to vote for a candidate for Congress who supports reproductive freedom, including access to abortion. Only 29% of suburban women said they would be less likely to support a candidate who supports reproductive freedom. This includes the majority of Democrats and Independents, with 72% of Democrats and 54% of Independents.

A plurality oppose Brett Kavanaugh’s confirmation to the US Supreme Court. 53% believe Dr. Christine Blasey Ford was telling the truth about Ford being sexually assaulted, while only 34% believe Brett Kavanaugh. A plurality (45%) of women polled believe that Kavanaugh will vote to overturn Roe v. Wade.

50% of respondents said they voted for Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election, 40% said they voted for Donald Trump, and 10% said they voted for someone else or did not vote in 2016.

PPP surveyed 1,066 suburban women from October 17-18, 2018 in the following Congressional districts: IL-12, KS-03, KY-06, TX-32, NC-09, VA-07, NY-22, IA-03, MN-02. The margin of error is +/- 3.0%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews on behalf of NARAL Pro-Choice America.