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This Washington Post-Schar School poll was conducted by telephone November 27-30, 2017, among a random sample of 1,304 adults in the state of Alabama, including landline and cell phone respondents. The error margin is 3.5 points among the sample of 1,110 registered voters and 4.5 points among the sample of 739 likely voters. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt Associates of Cambridge, Mass.

*= less than 0.5 percent

(Full methodological details appended at the end.)

RV=Registered voters LV=Likely voters

1. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) How closely are you following this year's special election for U.S. Senate in the state of Alabama: very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely, or not closely at all?

	---- Closely -----			---- Not closely -----			No
	NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not so	At all	opinion
11/30/17 RV	75	44	31	25	11	14	*

2. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the Alabama special election for U.S. Senate on December 12: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

	Certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50/50	Less than that	Don't think will vote (vol.)	Already voted (vol.)	No op.
11/30/17 RV	59	15	10	11	3	*	1

3. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) How important is voting in this year's U.S. Senate election to you personally? Is voting extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important?

	----- Important ------				----- Not important ------			No
	NET	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	opinion
11/30/17 RV	70	40	30	16	13	7	6	1

4. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) If the election were being held today and the candidates were (Roy Moore, the Republican) and (Doug Jones, the Democrat), for whom would you vote? Which one are you leaning toward right now?

	Roy Moore	Doug Jones	Other (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/30/17 LV	47	50	*	0	2	1
11/30/17 RV	41	47	1	2	6	4

5. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Which candidate do you trust more to handle [ITEM] - (Moore) or (Jones)?

Summary table likely voters – 11/30/17

	Moore	Jones	Both equally (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. the issue of abortion	47	46	1	3	3
b. rights for gay and transgender people	30	58	2	3	9
c. health care	45	51	1	2	2

6. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Who has higher standards of personal moral conduct – (Moore) or (Jones)?

	Moore	Jones	Both equally (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/30/17 LV	34	53	1	3	8

6a. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) And which of the following is most important in your vote? Candidates' (positions on abortion), their (positions on rights for gay and transgender people), their (positions on health care), or their (personal moral conduct)?

	Abortion	Rights for gay & trans-gender people	Health care	Moral conduct	Something else (vol.)	Any two/ more equally (vol.)	No Op.
11/30/17 LV	14	2	41	26	2	11	4

7. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Regardless of the candidates running in this year's Senate election, would you rather have a (Democrat) or a (Republican) represent Alabama in the U.S. Senate?

	Democrat	Republican	No opinion
11/30/17 LV	44	50	6

8. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) On another subject, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	Approve			Disapprove			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
11/30/17 LV	53	39	14	45	6	39	2
11/30/17 RV	50	36	15	45	8	37	5

Compare to national Post-ABC:

	Approve			Disapprove			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
11/1/17 RV	38	27	11	58	8	51	3

9. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) As you may have heard, several women have claimed Roy Moore made unwanted advances when they were teenagers and Moore was in his 30s, including one who said he touched her sexually when she was 14. Do you think Moore did or did not make unwanted advances toward teenage girls, or are you not sure?

	He did	He did not	Not sure/No opinion
11/30/17 LV	35	28	37

10. (AMONG THOSE WHO SAY HE DID NOT OR ARE NOT SURE HE MADE ADVANCES) Which of the following best describes why [you do not think/you are not sure] Moore made unwanted advances: (The incidents occurred over 30 years ago), (the allegations were made shortly before the election), (News organizations are biased against Moore), (the women's stories are not believable) or another reason?

	Over 30 years ago	Shortly before election	News orgs biased	Don't believe women's stories	Other reason	2+ reasons equally (vol.)	No op.
11/30/17 LV	13	35	10	3	18	16	6

11. (AMONG REPUBLICAN-LEANING LIKELY VOTERS) Republican leaders in Congress have called on Moore to drop out of the U.S. Senate race. Do you think they are justified in voicing their opinion on the election, or should they stay out of Alabama politics?

	Justified in voicing opinions	Stay out of Alabama politics	No opinion
11/30/17 LV	25	74	1

12. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) In general, do you think an elected official who commits an immoral act in their personal life can still behave ethically and fulfill their duties in their public and professional life?

	Yes	No	Depends (vol.)	No opinion
11/30/17 LV	44	39	10	11

Compare to national PRRI/Brookings Oct. 2016:

	Yes	No	Depends (vol.)	No opinion
11/30/17	61	29	5	5
6/19/11	44	44	10	2

13. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Do you think it is ever appropriate for a man in his 30s to date a female 16 year-old, or is this never appropriate?

	Appropriate	Never appropriate	No opinion
11/30/17 LV	4	91	5

14. (AMONG LIKELY VOTERS) Do you think older men dating female teenagers was more accepted by society during the 1970s than it is today, or was this NOT more acceptable?

	More accepted during the 1970s	Was not more acceptable	No opinion
11/30/17 LV	32	56	12

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	No op.
11/30/17 LV	31	38	27	3	1

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and the George Mason University Schar School of Policy and Government. The poll includes interviews in English and Spanish and is a random sample of Alabama adult residents.

A total of 720 interviews were completed using dual frame Random Digit Dialing (RDD) procedures of landline and cellular phones in Alabama. The remaining 584 interviews were completed by sampling from a database of Alabama registered voters maintained by Aristotle, Inc., in which voters have been matched to landline and cellular phone numbers. The sample frames were de-duplicated, such that phone numbers existing on the voter list frame were not eligible for selection through the RDD frame.

In the RDD sample, interviewers called landline and cellular phone numbers, first requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. In the voter file sample, interviewers asked for respondents' names to be confirmed or matched to the voter file. The total sample included 508 interviews on landlines and 796 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 490 interviews with adults in cell phone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for characteristics of the sample design and deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The overall sample is weighted to correct for differential probabilities of selection among individuals who were interviewed through the RDD and voter list samples based on the size of each frame.

Weights correct for differential probability of selection for landline-only, cell phone-only and dual phone users. Results are also weighted to match the demographic makeup of the population according to the latest American Community Survey by age, race/ethnicity, education, sex and by region of the state, and the National Health Interview Survey by telephone usage. Samples of registered voters and non-voters were weighted by race education to match recent Current Population Survey benchmarks among registered voters.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Voter registration, demographics and religious identity questions are not displayed. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked.

Phrases surrounded by parentheticals within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents. Results preceded by "RV" indicate results among registered voters, with "LV" indicating likely voters and other results are among adults overall.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.5 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample, and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

Group	Unweighted sample size	Error margin
Registered voters	1,110	+/-3.5
Likely voters	739	4.5

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