

Call Your Senator Activism Worksheet

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How to find your representatives:

- For a quick and dirty list - here is all the senators and their contact information: https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm
- You can use [Common Cause's website](#) to see a comprehensive list of your representatives and their contact information as well as websites.
 - And because it's good to cite my sources when I can, this is a nonpartisan action group - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common_Cause and they are also transparent about their financials [here](#).

As a special note, here are all of the **Senators up for reelection in 2020** that would have QUITE a difficult time ignoring you if they knew their actions would sway your vote.

- Lots of information and interactive maps: https://ballotpedia.org/United_States_Senate_elections_2020
- Simplified list: <https://www.270towin.com/2020-senate-election/>

You should pay especially close attention to the **toss up races** in the following states for **1)** voting in November and **2)** leveraging that vote to ensure your voice is heard.

- Colorado (Gardner)
- Georgia (Perdue)
- Iowa (Ernst)
- Maine (Collins)
- Montana (Daines)
- North Carolina (Tillis)

There are an awful lot of **leaning races** too - where they are projected to do well but are not in a clear winning margin. Maybe you should apply pressure to them too:

- Alabama (Jones)
- Arizona (McSally)
- Georgia (Loeffler)
- Kansas (Roberts)
- Michigan (Peters)
- South Carolina (Graham)
 - Yes, that Senator Graham.

Calling Your Senator

This is a reference guide for you to help build your reason and a script for calling your Senators about the RBG replacement nomination process:

Is this issue State or Federal, or both?	Federal
What offices am I calling?	Your Senators (2, see and find above). You want to call their DC office. You can call district offices, but they will inevitably forward it to the DC office.
When am I calling? (This should coincide with before the vote on a bill.)	Pick your date and time - make sure it is before the office is closed!
Why am I calling?	<p>“This is important to me because we deserve a full nomination and confirmation process without the pressure of an election.”</p> <p>Things like that can affirm your reasoning. What is important to you?</p>
What are some articles or experiences that fortify my opinion on this?	<p>You do not have to cite these or read these aloud to them, this is for your own organization and research. Knowledge is power!</p> <p>Examples: Current State Background Post Ginsberg Death</p>
What is the specific bill number or policy or budget my call is concerning?	There is no specific bill number. They are keeping a tally for now.
Will I require a response from the office?	If yes, that means you will typically get an email or a written response some time after your call. And you will need to provide them with your information.
Do I know my Zip Code? What is it?	To prove you are in the district, you will be asked to provide your zip code.
What I want to say is:	<p>[Intro] Hello, my name is [Full Name]. I live in [Senator Name]’s district, my home zip code is [Your Zip Code].</p>

	<p>[Reason] I am calling today to urge [Senator Name] to not support the process for nominating the next Supreme Court Justice until next year. We, the people, deserve a full nomination and confirmation process without the pressure of the election.</p> <p>I do not need a response from this office.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>I do request a response from your office on how the Senator feels about the current nomination process. [Provide contact information]</p> <p>[Courteous Conclusion] Thank you for taking my call today.</p> <p>Have a great day!</p> <p>[End]</p>
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The Past is Important:

A little bit of background on this debacle if you need some information. In February 2016, Former Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia died. Within a month, Former President Obama had nominated a replacement Merrick Garland. And with 237 days till the election - Republican Leaders stalled and refused to move the nomination forward for 11 months. [Source](#)

Why this is important: This was clearly a political move in 2016 and now. There is no decency to be held in the resounding statement drilled by McConnell in 2016: "This is about a principle, not a person." It clearly fucking isn't when on the same day as when RBG dies he says they're going for a vote.

So after 11 months of saying this in 2016 - it is and remains a lie. A political tactic. Another program without the American People in mind. Sure, it will benefit those who want more conservative points of view on the Supreme Court - but that is not a majority of this country. Which is why you have to fight for your ability to help control who makes the appointment to be a voice you want to advocate for you.

I'm sure it will be dredged up, just the same as it was in 2016. [The Biden Rule](#) that is referenced in the "principle" the 2016 Republicans beat over our heads isn't a real rule, a practiced principle, or a real custom by any and all means by the system. It was a partisan term created to make the Senate Majority's actions seem legitimate by pinning a Democrat party member name onto it. This is bullshit and don't listen to any of the talking heads bringing up this incredibly

misleading and incorrect term. It has also been referenced now as the McConnell rule or the Garland rule - it's all the same jargon. You do not need this smoke & mirrors headache.

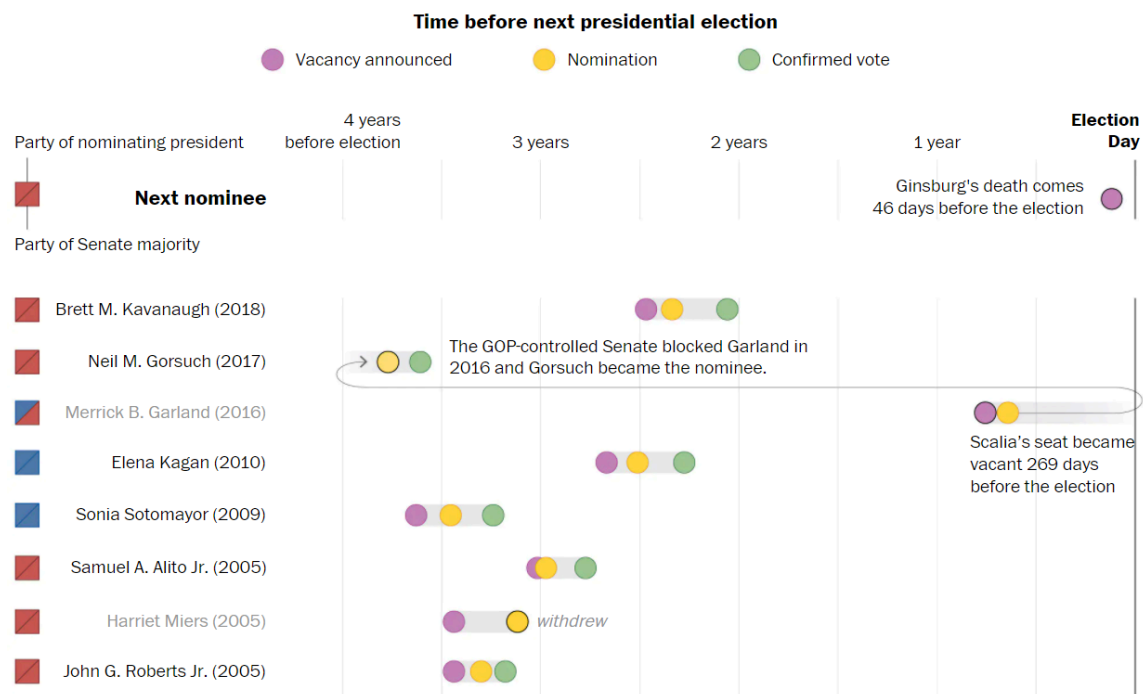
What you are asking for: You're asking for consistency from someone, Senator McConnell, who does not mind being called a hypocrite. He does not care. Don't waste your time or breath calling people that - these are not decent or considerate humans. This is not why you are calling.

You are calling because in a time of transition and with the election looming, you do not need the next 20-30 years of the highest judicial branch majority opinions decided by a ram-rod, rough shot, sloppy, political theater, shitstorm of a process.

You deserve better than that.

By the Numbers:

- As the precedent pssing happened in February 2016, there was PLENTY of time for the vetting process of a new nomination. With 46 days before the election and an in transition House/Senate post election - there is barely enough time for even an average nomination/confirmation process.
- According to the Congressional Research Service, the average number of days from nomination to final Senate vote since 1975 is 67 days (2.2 months), while the median is 71 days (or 2.3 months).



Source: [The Washington Post](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/insider-justice/wp/2018/09/05/supreme-court-nominations-timeline/)

My Voting Plan

- Another call to action to make sure you vote in November.
- Send yourself Reminders.
- Commit to your plan.

Am I registered to Vote where I live? (If no, please visit vote.org)	Yes	No
How am I going to vote?	By Mail	In Person
If Voting by Mail, when am I applying for my absentee ballot?		
What is the cutoff date for applying for an absentee ballot?		
If Voting in Person - how am I voting?	Early	On Election Day
<u>Where is my Polling Station?</u>	(Double check)	
What Day am I voting?		
What Time am I voting?		
If Voting Early, what is my backup date and time?		
If the line is long, will I stay in the line?	Yes, I will.	
Who are the 5 friends and/or family members I am going to remind to go vote?	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	
Bonus Question: Could I ever volunteer as an Election Judge?		

The ACLU has a great guide on knowing your rights and helpful tools to figure out what to do at the booth: <https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/voting-rights/>

If anything suspicious happens at your polling place - please report to your local election board. You can quickly find their website using this tool on the go - <https://www.usa.gov/election-office>.