

The Next Supreme Court Justice:

What's at Stake for Asian American and Pacific Islander Women



With Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement, our country is in a critical moment. The next Supreme Court justice will cast the key vote in decisions that will shape the lives of women of color and the movement for reproductive justice for generations. What's more, the next justice will have a lifetime appointment and could sit on the Court for decades. The stakes could not be higher for AAPI women – our lives, our bodies, our families, and our communities are literally on the line.

The Trump Administration has relentlessly attacked the rights of women, immigrants, children, people of color, Muslims, the LGBTQ community. In these times, it is absolutely vital that our courts uphold the Constitution and protect us from these abuses of power. We need a fair-minded justice who will not trample on our most basic and fundamental rights or let personal bias compromise their judgment.

**Brett Kavanaugh is not the fair justice we need.
We must oppose this extreme and dangerous nominee.**

AAPI Women's Bodies, Health and Families at Stake:

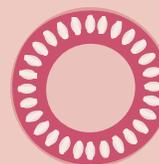


Reproductive rights and access:

78% of AAPIs support some form of legal abortion. Since Roe v. Wade, the ability to end a pregnancy legally and safely has profoundly improved the quality of life of millions of women. Unfortunately, due to an ever-growing number

of state laws that restrict abortion, many women – particularly women of color, immigrants, and low-income women – already have no or limited access to abortion care. Any further erosion of Roe and abortion access would be devastating to the health and lives of women.

Trump has repeatedly promised to appoint only Justices who will take away our right to abortion by overturning Roe v. Wade, and Kavanaugh's record shows that he will likely do just that. **As a judge, Kavanaugh attempted to block an undocumented minor in government custody from exercising her right to an abortion. And just last September, he publicly praised a dissenting opinion in Roe.**



Contraceptive Coverage:

Data show that AAPI women use more inexpensive and less effective contraceptive methods, resulting in greater risk of unintended pregnancy. AAPI women deserve insurance coverage of all contraceptive methods so they can have access to effective contraception.

The ACA required employers to cover no-cost contraception, but the Trump administration has sought to undo this by allowing broad exceptions for employers who have religious or "moral" objections. **As a judge, Kavanaugh has ruled that an employer's religious beliefs should be allowed to override their employees' access to health insurance coverage of birth control.**



Access to health care:

While AAPI's face numerous barriers to accessing health care, the Affordable Care Act was a huge step forward in increasing access: over 2 million AAPI's gained coverage under the ACA.

The Trump Administration has taken every opportunity to dismantle the ACA and recently took the outrageous step of joining a lawsuit that seeks to invalidate the ACA. **As a judge, Kavanaugh has dissented from decisions upholding the ACA.**



Immigrant rights:

From the Muslim ban to separating parents from their children at the border, the Trump Administration has launched a wave of racist, anti-immigrant, anti-refugee and anti-Muslim attacks that are reminiscent of the xenophobia underlying the Japanese internment. With nearly two-thirds of all AAPI's being foreign-born, these policies have been devastating to AAPI communities.

As a judge, Kavanaugh has stated in multiple dissenting opinions that the Constitution and labor laws do not protect undocumented immigrants. It is clear that he will rubber stamp Trump's anti-immigration policies.



Workers' rights:

Legal protections for workers and their right to collectively bargain for fair and humane wages and working conditions are vital to achieving economic justice for AAPI women and ensuring that they can support their

children and families. AAPI women face a gender pay gap, with AAPI women in some ethnic groups earning as low as 45-55 cents to the white man's dollar. AAPI women also make up a disproportionately high share of the low-wage workforce, and 11.7 percent of AAPI women live in poverty.

The Supreme Court has already eroded workers' rights this term in *Epic Systems v. Lewis* and *Janus v. AFSCME*, and Kavanaugh's appointment would likely continue that disturbing trend. **As a judge, Kavanaugh has sided repeatedly with employers over workers, ruling against employees' collective bargaining rights and ruling for employers who have discriminated against their employees.**



Voting rights:

AAPI's face many barriers to voting, including language barriers, voter intimidation, and racial discrimination at the polls. Protection of our right to vote is critical to ensuring that AAPI women's voices are heard and that our rights are protected. Voting rights are essential to reproductive justice.

Kavanaugh's record shows that he is dangerous for voting rights. **As a judge, Kavanaugh voted to uphold a South Carolina voter ID law that risked disenfranchising tens of thousands of voters of color.**

AAPI women must fight Kavanaugh's appointment. We must stand up for our bodies, our families, and our communities.



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TAKE ACTION NOW: Call your senator at 202-224-3121 and tell them to vote "no" on Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. Tell them to stand up for the rights of Asian Americans, women, immigrants, people of color, workers, and LGBTQ people.