Discussion Board

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The Judiciary Committee of Senate voted for Brett Kavanaugh, who was the Supreme Court nominee on September 30th. Following his nomination, a sexual assault case took over the media, before he was to be confirmed for the Supreme Court, the next month. With Kavanaugh, who is set to replace Justice Anthony, the Supreme Court is expected to drift further toward the right (Baum 2020). For many years, Kennedy was considered one of the Median judges, which made him get the swing votes as well. With this new appointment in the Supreme Court, the Court will have a new, conservative medium judge, H.E Chief Justice John (Baum 2020).

After Kavanaugh being in charge of the affairs in the Supreme Court, the Court is likely to be more liberal, over issues where Kennedy had been more conservative. For example, in the cases pertaining to campaign financing, business regulations, and voting issues (Earle 2019). Though, gun laws and issues of religious liberty are most likely to get least attention. Interestingly, there is a majority of Conservatives in the Supreme Court I. e 5-4; consequently, conservative rulings will likely to get apace. As the Supreme Court is volatile, therefore, the rulings on issues, where Kennedy has maintained consensus, are likely to change, as Kavanaugh is expected to maintain his ideological posture upright.

As the Supreme Court's long-standing posture is to obey the past precedents, since it is obvious from the *stare decisis* case; therefore, it is more likely that the Supreme Court's liberal precedents will stay. But since, Kavanaugh is likely to replace Kennedy; therefore, it is most likely that it will permit states to ban abortion partially or completely (Fodor 2019). It is expected to reject the challenges in the way of capital punishment or solitary confinement. There is also a long-held view that with this change, it can also rule in favor of religious challenges and anti-discrimination laws. Lastly, in the worst-case scenario, it can revert the past precedencies of the Supreme Court, like its rulings on gay rights.

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