

With Kavanaugh, Republicans Secure An Unjust and Unsustainable Minority Rule

The GOP knows that, as their demographic crisis deepens, they can't hold power by legitimate means.

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As Brett Kavanaugh assumes his seat on the Supreme Court, he joins three other conservative justices appointed by a president who entered the White House having lost the popular vote.

When Brett Kavanaugh was confirmed yesterday, it was (discounting West Virginia Democrat Joe Manchin, who cast a yes vote after the matter was already decided) by a group of Republican Senators who collectively represent 42 million fewer people than the Democrats, who represent the majority of Americans but constitute a minority of the Senate chamber.

When Republican Senate Leader Mitch McConnell manipulated the FBI investigation demanded by several of his own members and made a mockery of the advice and consent process, he did so on behalf of the least popular Supreme Court nominee in American history, a man whose confirmation was opposed by a majority of Americans per a poll conducted by none other than Fox News.

When McConnell denied President Obama a hearing on Merrick Garland to replace Justice Scalia, he did so using his slim, counter-majoritarian Senate advantage to blockade the choice of a president who overwhelmingly won the popular vote twice.

