

Brett Kavanaugh's Expert Evasions, Learned From Past Masters



Judge Brett
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In the midst of the discord surrounding his confirmation hearings, Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh was a placid presence. Even as he deflected most questions about legal issues, he was quick to say he was alert to the real-world consequences of his rulings, reports *The New York Times*.

“He gave the same answers countless times, explaining, for instance, that *Roe v. Wade* had in 1973 established a constitutional right to abortion and that the Supreme Court had repeatedly reaffirmed it, notably in 1992,” writes **Adam Liptak**. “But he would not say whether he was prepared to overrule it.”

“The Democrats made a fairly strong case that Judge Kavanaugh is very partisan and loyal to the president,” said Paul M. Collins Jr., a political scientist at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. “The nominee’s refusal to criticize the president in his attacks against the judicial branch didn’t help his case.”

Read the *NY Times* article.