

-- **PENCE FAVORABILITY:** VP Mike Pence has **49%** favorability, **37%** find him unfavorable and **14%** haven't heard of him.

MORE DATA -- "Deep schisms among voters at the 100 day mark," by Jason Millman <http://politi.co/2oLmQMW>

EXCITING NEWS -- PLAYBOOK EXCHANGE EVENT IN SAN FRANCISCO -- Save the date: We're coming to San Francisco May 10 for conversations over cocktails. We're looking forward to talking with **HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER KEVIN MCCARTHY (R-CALIF.)** in his home state. California Playbookers Carla Marinucci and David Siders will chat with **CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL XAVIER BECERRA** and we'll also lead a conversation with **REP. ERIC SWALWELL (D-CALIF.)**. More details to follow. Interested in attending or learning more? **Email us** politicolive@politico.com

PLAYBOOK READS

PHOTO DU JOUR: First daughter Ivanka Trump, International Monetary Fund managing director Christine Lagarde and German Chancellor Angela Merkel talk on stage at the W20 conference on April 25 in Berlin, Germany. | Sean Gallup/Getty Images

JUST POSTED -- "Is Justin Trudeau the Anti-Trump?: Canada's prime minister talks trade, milk, marijuana, housing bubbles, and Donald Trump," by John Micklethwait, the editor in chief of Bloomberg News. <https://bloom.bg/2qdIKci>

SMART TAKE BY SOME GUY NAMED BEN SMITH? -- "The Swamp Is Getting Tired Of Winning: Trump learns old Republican politics works," by BuzzFeed's Adrian Carrasquillo and Ben Smith: "As the Trump administration scrambles to list the accomplishments of Donald Trump's first hundred days, an awkward fact is becoming clear: To the extent that they have much to brag about, it's because they've turned important roles and projects over to the swamp-dwelling Washington insiders Trump campaigned against. Trump's clearest major accomplishment is also the purest example of this trend: The appointment of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court was a masterpiece of insider politics, steered by the longtime master of Washington

conservative judicial politics Leonard Leo and guided through the Senate by the most Washington of Washington strategists, Ron Bonjean.

"The nomination process was as slick as virtually everything else Trump touched was messy: Well-researched and coordinated, with an array of conservative groups feeding and sparring with the media and with Democrats. It was characterized by aggression and spin, but not overt lying or massive bumbles. And while it was hardly a rogue operation - Bonjean is close to White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer - it was like an alternate universe from the chaos reporters are accustomed to coming out of Pennsylvania Avenue. Crucially, Trump, after a few wild tweets, stayed out of it. And, in just 66 days, it worked for an administration that has not had any major legislative successes with its Republican Congress outside of reversing Obama-era regulations.

The lesson: The swamp is winning." <http://bzfd.it/2pyyq1V>

WHAT IVANKA AND JARED ARE READING -- "State Department Memo Boosts Case to Stay in Paris Climate Pact," by Bloomberg's Jennifer A. Dlouhy and Nick Wadhams: "An internal State Department memo says the Paris climate accord imposes few obligations on the U.S., bolstering the case for Trump administration officials who want to stay in the deal. The document, marked as a draft, makes no explicit recommendation about whether the U.S. should remain part of the pact. It circulated ahead of a scheduled meeting of top administration officials Thursday to discuss whether President Donald Trump should fulfill his campaign pledge to exit the deal. ... Under terms of the agreement, the U.S. couldn't formally exit until 2019. It faces no specific reporting requirements until 2021." <https://bloom.bg/2q4lP3G>

NOBODY HOME -- "Slow pace of Trump nominations leaves Cabinet agencies 'stuck' in staffing limbo," by WaPo's Lisa Rein: "Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who has publicly expressed frustration with the process, has routinely peppered the White House Personnel Office for updates and called Trump directly to press for faster action on filling vacant jobs at the Interior Department, said two people familiar with his contacts ... Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price aired his dismay at a recent breakfast meeting with his former congressional colleagues. 'He's very frustrated,' said a Republican House member who was there. 'He felt it was much more difficult to operate the department and provide the leadership level that you need to provide.' Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao has also become impatient, said a Republican lobbyist who is close to her. Chao has tapped an outside consultant to help her identify candidates for top jobs and shepherd them through the White House nomination process." <http://wapo.st/2q45gF3>