## Sexual Assault: A New and Divided Era of Understanding

## Ipsos/NPR study finds deep political and gender polarities when it comes to either believing the accused or believing the victim


#### Abstract

Washington DC, October 31, 2018 - A new Ipsos study conducted with NPR investigates Americans' views on what constitutes sexual assault, as well as how viral awareness campaigns such as the \#MeToo movement have impacted perceptions of both the victim and the accused. Partisanship is significant in discussions about false allegations and the treatment of victims in the face of viral awareness campaigns. Most notably, among the $43 \%$ of Americans that believe the \#MeToo movement has gone too far, three quarters of Republicans ( $75 \%$ ) agree, while only about a fifth of Democrats (21\%) believe the same. When asked if allegations of sexual assault are less relevant both if they happened a long time ago (and were not reported at the time) and if they were committed by someone when they were young, just $32 \%$ and $18 \%$ of Americans, respectively, agree. However, as evidenced by the levels of divisiveness over Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation, Republicans are more than twice as likely as Democrats to believe that allegations are less relevant if they happened a long time ago and were not reported ( $54 \% \mathrm{vs} .21 \%$ of Democrats) and if they were committed by someone when they were young ( $28 \%$ vs. $12 \%$ of Democrats). Lastly, when asked if they would still vote for a political candidate who was accused of sexual assault, the majority of Republicans (60\%) say they would consider still voting depending on the specific circumstances, while the majority of Democrats (64\%) say they would not vote for the candidate.


Gender discrepancies, although generally less prominent than those among party lines, are also evident across these issues. First, men are more likely than women to believe that those who are accused of sexual assault should be given the benefit of the doubt until proven otherwise ( $85 \%$ vs. $73 \%$ of women), while women are more likely than men to believe that those who report being victims should be given the benefit of the doubt ( $83 \%$ vs. $72 \%$ of men). Not only do men report finding it harder to tell what constitutes sexual assault ( $51 \%$ vs. $42 \%$ of women), they are also more likely to believe that false accusations against men are very common ( $60 \%$ vs. $51 \%$ of women). However, the study also shows that a majority of Americans (53\%) are unfamiliar with the hashtag \#HimToo, though men are slightly more inclined to say that it is about men being falsely accused of sexual assault ( $19 \% \mathrm{vs} .13 \%$ of women).

Despite these deep partisan and gender differences, the majority of Americans are in agreement that there are significant personal and professional costs for women who report being sexually assaulted (75\%). However, more than two-thirds (69\%) also agree that \#MeToo has created an environment where those accused of assault or harassment will be held accountable for their actions. Most Americans also tend to agree that false accusations against men are very common (56\%), though the number of men who worry that they will be unfairly accused of sexual assault and women who worry that a man they care about will be unfairly accused is lower (33\% and $32 \%$, respectively).

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1. In your own words, how would you define sexual assault?
[Open-ended question; verbatims provided separately]
2. Below is a list of statements. For each, please indicate whether you strongly disagree, somewhat disagree, somewhat agree, or strongly agree.

Total agree

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ (\mathrm{N}=1,006) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Male } \\ (\mathrm{N}=439) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Female } \\ & (\mathrm{N}=567) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Republicans $(\mathrm{N}=328)$ | Democrats ( $\mathrm{N}=343$ ) | Independent $(\mathrm{N}=224)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| People accused of sexual assault should be given the benefit of the doubt until proven otherwise. | 79\% | 85 | 73 | 88 | 78 | 76 |
| Those who report being the victims of sexual assault should be given the benefit of the doubt until proven otherwise. | 77\% | 72 | 83 | 67 | 85 | 79 |
| The \#MeToo movement has created an environment where those accused of assault or harassment will be held accountable for their actions. | 69\% | 70 | 67 | 60 | 81 | 67 |
| False accusations of sexual assault against men are very common. | 56\% | 60 | 51 | 77 | 37 | 56 |
| It can be hard sometimes to tell what is sexual assault and what is not. | 46\% | 51 | 42 | 56 | 39 | 49 |
| The \#MeToo movement has gone too far. | 43\% | 51 | 36 | 75 | 21 | 43 |
| Allegations of sexual assault are less relevant if they happened a long time ago and were not reported at the time. | 32\% | 40 | 24 | 54 | 21 | 25 |
| Colleges are fair in the way they treat alleged victims of campus sexual assault. | 23\% | 29 | 18 | 26 | 22 | 24 |
| Colleges are fair in the way they treat those accused of campus sexual assault. | 22\% | 26 | 18 | 21 | 23 | 25 |
| Allegations of sexual assault are less relevant if they were committed by someone when they were young. | 18\% | 22 | 14 | 28 | 12 | 17 |

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a. Those who report being the victims of sexual assault should be given the benefit of the doubt until proven otherwise.

|  | Total <br> $\mathbf{( N = 1 , 0 0 6 )}$ | Male <br> $(\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{4 3 9})$ | Female <br> $\mathbf{( N = 5 6 7 )}$ | Republicans <br> $\mathbf{( N = 3 2 8 )}$ | Democrats <br> $\mathbf{( N = 3 4 3 )}$ | Independent <br> $\mathbf{( N = 2 2 4 )}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $36 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | 42 | 41 | 42 | 39 | 41 | 43 |
| Somewhat disagree | 12 | 16 | 8 | 19 | 8 | 9 |
| Strongly disagree | 6 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 3 | 8 |
| Don't know | 5 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Agree (Net) | $77 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $83 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $85 \%$ | $79 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | 18 | 25 | 12 | 29 | 11 | 17 |

b. People accused of sexual assault should be given the benefit of the doubt until proven otherwise.

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $37 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | 42 | 45 | 40 | 36 | 49 | 41 |
| Somewhat disagree | 12 | 8 | 15 | 5 | 14 | 12 |
| Strongly disagree | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Don't know | 6 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| Agree (Net) | $79 \%$ | $85 \%$ | $73 \%$ | $88 \%$ | $78 \%$ | $76 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | 16 | 12 | 20 | 9 | 18 | 15 |

c. It can be hard sometimes to tell what is sexual assault and what is not.

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $12 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | 35 | 35 | 34 | 39 | 30 | 38 |
| Somewhat disagree | 24 | 23 | 26 | 26 | 27 | 20 |
| Strongly disagree | 26 | 22 | 29 | 15 | 31 | 28 |
| Don't know | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Agree (Net) | $46 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $49 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | 50 | 45 | 55 | 42 | 58 | 48 |

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d. False accusations of sexual assault against men are very common.

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $19 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | 37 | 36 | 38 | 51 | 25 | 34 |
| Somewhat disagree | 22 | 21 | 23 | 13 | 33 | 17 |
| Strongly disagree | 14 | 12 | 17 | 4 | 23 | 16 |
| Don't know | 8 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 11 |
| Agree (Net) | $56 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $77 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $56 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | 36 | 33 | 39 | 16 | 56 | 34 |

e. Allegations of sexual assault are less relevant if they happened a long time ago and were not reported at the time

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $10 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | 21 | 24 | 19 | 35 | 16 | 15 |
| Somewhat disagree | 21 | 20 | 23 | 21 | 20 | 21 |
| Strongly disagree | 43 | 36 | 49 | 21 | 56 | 48 |
| Don't know | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Agree (Net) | $32 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | 64 | 56 | 72 | 42 | 77 | 69 |

f. Allegations of sexual assault are less relevant if they were committed by someone when they were young

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $4 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | 14 | 17 | 12 | 24 | 7 | 13 |
| Somewhat disagree | 27 | 27 | 26 | 33 | 24 | 23 |
| Strongly disagree | 50 | 44 | 55 | 33 | 61 | 53 |
| Don't know | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 7 |
| Agree (Net) | $18 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | 77 | 71 | 82 | 66 | 86 | 76 |

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g. Colleges are fair in the way they treat those accused of campus sexual assault.

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $6 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | 16 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 20 |
| Somewhat disagree | 34 | 33 | 34 | 37 | 33 | 35 |
| Strongly disagree | 24 | 21 | 27 | 18 | 28 | 25 |
| Don't know | 20 | 20 | 21 | 24 | 16 | 15 |
| Agree (Net) | $22 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | 58 | 54 | 61 | 56 | 60 | 60 |

h. Colleges are fair in the way they treat alleged victims of campus sexual assault.

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | 18 | 21 | 15 | 20 | 16 | 18 |
| Somewhat disagree | 31 | 32 | 31 | 33 | 31 | 36 |
| Strongly disagree | 25 | 21 | 28 | 16 | 32 | 24 |
| Don't know | 21 | 18 | 23 | 25 | 16 | 16 |
| Agree (Net) | $23 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | 56 | 53 | 59 | 49 | 62 | 60 |

i. The \#MeToo movement has gone too far

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $22 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | 21 | 23 | 20 | 29 | 14 | 23 |
| Somewhat disagree | 17 | 18 | 17 | 11 | 21 | 22 |
| Strongly disagree | 24 | 18 | 30 | 4 | 43 | 22 |
| Don't know | 15 | 13 | 17 | 10 | 15 | 12 |
| Agree (Net) | $43 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | 42 | 36 | 47 | 14 | 64 | 45 |

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j. The \#MeToo movement has created an environment where those accused of assault or harassment will be held accountable for their actions

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $22 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | 47 | 51 | 43 | 45 | 48 | 53 |
| Somewhat disagree | 15 | 15 | 15 | 20 | 9 | 16 |
| Strongly disagree | 5 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 5 |
| Don't know | 11 | 9 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 11 |
| Agree (Net) | $69 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $81 \%$ | $67 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | 20 | 21 | 19 | 30 | 11 | 22 |

3. Based on what you may know or feel, which of the following best describes the meaning behind \#HimToo?

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| It is about men <br> being falsely <br> accused of sexual <br> assault | $15 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| It is about men who <br> have experienced <br> sexual assault | 14 | 12 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 17 |
| Both | 14 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 15 | 14 |
| Neither | 4 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| I've never heard of <br> \#HimToo | 53 | 49 | 56 | 49 | 50 | 56 |

4. Have you personally experienced sexual assault?

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $29 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| No | 67 | 86 | 50 | 76 | 65 | 65 |
| Prefer not to <br> respond | 4 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 3 |

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5. Below is another short list of statements. For each, please indicate whether you strongly disagree, somewhat disagree, somewhat agree, or strongly agree.

Total agree

|  | Total <br> $\mathbf{( N = 1 , 0 0 6 )}$ | Male <br> $\mathbf{( N = 4 3 9 )}$ | Female <br> $\mathbf{( N = 5 6 7 )}$ | Republicans <br> $\mathbf{( N = 3 2 8 )}$ | Democrats <br> (N=343) | Independent <br> $\mathbf{( N = 2 2 4 )}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| There are significant personal and <br> professional costs for women who <br> report being sexually assaulted. | $75 \%$ | 70 | 79 | 64 | 87 | 75 |
| If it happened to me, I would be more <br> likely to report sexual assault now <br> than I was a year ago. | $63 \%$ | 58 | 67 | 52 | 76 | 58 |
| In the past year, my views on what <br> constitutes sexual assault have <br> become more clear. | $51 \%$ | 48 | 54 | 41 | 66 | 43 |
| I worry I will be unfairly accused of <br> sexual assault. | $33 \%$ | 33 | - | 35 | 33 | 30 |
| I worry a man I care about will be <br> unfairly accused of sexual assault. | $32 \%$ | - | 32 | 47 | 26 | 20 |
| These days, reports of sexual assault <br> are generally ignored. | $30 \%$ | 24 | 35 | 14 | 42 | 23 |

a. These days, reports of sexual assault are generally ignored.

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | 22 | 16 | 27 | 11 | 30 | 17 |
| Somewhat disagree | 35 | 36 | 34 | 36 | 33 | 40 |
| Strongly disagree | 29 | 35 | 23 | 43 | 21 | 29 |
| Don't know | 7 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 8 |
| Agree (Net) | $30 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | 64 | 71 | 57 | 79 | 54 | 69 |

b. There are significant personal and professional costs for women who report being sexually assaulted.

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $32 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | 43 | 47 | 40 | 47 | 41 | 44 |
| Somewhat disagree | 12 | 16 | 9 | 21 | 7 | 9 |
| Strongly disagree | 4 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| Don't know | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 8 |
| Agree (Net) | $75 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $79 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $87 \%$ | $75 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | 17 | 22 | 12 | 27 | 8 | 17 |

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c. In the past year, my views on what constitutes sexual assault have become more clear.

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $17 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | 35 | 34 | 35 | 29 | 42 | 31 |
| Somewhat disagree | 26 | 29 | 24 | 33 | 21 | 31 |
| Strongly disagree | 13 | 13 | 14 | 18 | 7 | 18 |
| Don't know | 9 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 8 |
| Agree (Net) | $51 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | 39 | 42 | 37 | 51 | 28 | 49 |

d. I worry I will be unfairly accused of sexual assault. *Asked only to males

|  | Total <br> $\mathbf{( N = 4 3 9 )}$ | Male <br> $(\mathbf{M}=\mathbf{4 3 9})$ | Female | Republicans <br> $\mathbf{( N = 1 5 8 )}$ | Democrats <br> $(\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{1 3 6})$ | Independent <br> $\mathbf{( N = 1 1 1 )}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $13 \%$ | $13 \%$ | - | $12 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | 20 | 20 | - | 22 | 19 | 21 |
| Somewhat disagree | 23 | 23 | - | 29 | 19 | 20 |
| Strongly disagree | 40 | 40 | - | 32 | 43 | 46 |
| Don't know | 4 | 4 | - | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Agree (Net) | $33 \%$ | $33 \%$ | - | $35 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | 63 | 63 | - | 61 | 62 | 67 |

e. I worry a man I care about will be unfairly accused of sexual assault. *Asked only to females

|  | Total <br> $(\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{5 6 7})$ | Male | Female <br> $\mathbf{( N = 5 6 7 )}$ | Republicans <br> $\mathbf{( N = 1 7 0 )}$ | Democrats <br> $\mathbf{( N = 2 0 7 )}$ | Independent <br> $\mathbf{( N = 1 1 3 )}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $9 \%$ | - | $9 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | 22 | - | 22 | 33 | 19 | 12 |
| Somewhat disagree | 20 | - | 20 | 21 | 18 | 25 |
| Strongly disagree | 41 | - | 41 | 25 | 48 | 51 |
| Don't know | 8 | - | 8 | 6 | 9 | 4 |
| Agree (Net) | $32 \%$ | - | $32 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | 61 | - | 61 | 46 | 66 | 76 |

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f. If it happened to me, I would be more likely to report sexual assault now than I was a year ago.

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $33 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 31 | 31 |
| Somewhat disagree | 15 | 16 | 13 | 19 | 11 | 15 |
| Strongly disagree | 11 | 10 | 11 | 16 | 5 | 14 |
| Don't know | 12 | 16 | 9 | 13 | 8 | 13 |
| Agree (Net) | $63 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $76 \%$ | $58 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | 25 | 26 | 24 | 34 | 17 | 29 |

6. If a political candidate you were planning to vote for was accused of sexual assault, would you...

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Definitely still vote <br> for them | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Probably still vote <br> for them | 3 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| Consider still voting <br> for them, but it <br> would depend on <br> the specific | 40 | 45 | 35 | 60 | 24 | 45 |
| circumstances | 20 | 19 | 20 | 11 | 29 | 16 |
| Probably not vote <br> for them | 23 | 18 | 28 | 7 | 34 | 26 |
| Definitely not vote <br> for them | 23 | 14 | 10 | 8 | 10 |  |
| Don't know | 11 | 8 | $4 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Would vote (net) | $6 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $4 \%$ | 19 | 64 | 42 |
| Wouldn't vote (net) | 43 | 37 | 48 |  |  |  |

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7. If an actor, author, or other celebrity whose work you enjoy was accused of sexual assault, would you...

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Definitely still support their work | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Probably still support their work | 7 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| Consider still supporting their work <br> but it would depend on the specific <br> circumstances | 43 | 48 | 39 | 52 | 38 | 46 |
| Probably not support their work | 18 | 15 | 22 | 14 | 24 | 15 |
| Definitely not support their work | 15 | 12 | 19 | 9 | 20 | 15 |
| Don't know | 13 | 12 | 14 | 10 | 9 | 14 |

8. How do you get most of your news? Select up to three.

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Television | $61 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $61 \%$ |
| Online/internet | 61 | 62 | 61 | 59 | 64 | 64 |
| Social media (Twitter, <br> Facebook) | 34 | 31 | 36 | 28 | 38 | 32 |
| Print <br> newspapers/magazines | 24 | 26 | 23 | 23 | 28 | 24 |
| Radio | 23 | 24 | 21 | 28 | 19 | 20 |
| Mobile News apps | 16 | 14 | 18 | 12 | 20 | 14 |
| None of the above | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 |

9. Of the choices listed below, which is your main source of television news? Select up one.

|  | Total | Male | Female | Republicans | Democrats | Independent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FOX News | $21 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| CNN | 15 | 17 | 12 | 6 | 22 | 16 |
| ABC | 13 | 11 | 16 | 12 | 15 | 12 |
| CBS | 11 | 7 | 14 | 9 | 13 | 7 |
| NBC | 10 | 8 | 12 | 7 | 13 | 11 |
| MSNBC | 6 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 5 |
| Public Television | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| Other | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| None of the above | 13 | 14 | 13 | 15 | 8 | 15 |

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## About the Study

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted October 23-24, 2018 on behalf of NPR. For the survey, a sample of 1,006 adults 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 439 males, 567 females, 343 Democrats, 328 Republicans, and 224 Independents.

The sample for this study was randomly drawn from Ipsos' online panel (see link below for more info on "Access Panels and Recruitment"), partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling (see link below for more info on the Ipsos "Ampario Overview" sample method) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2016 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Post-hoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100 , this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points for all respondents. Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following ( $n=1,006$, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/-5.0 percentage points).

This study also has a credibility interval of 5.3 percentage points for men, 4.7 percentage points for women, 6.0 percentage points for Democrats, 6.2 percentage points for Republicans and 7.5 percentage points for Independents.

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