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### Views on Trump's Twitter Attack on Four Congresswomen Highly Partisan

Democrats More Likely than Republicans to Consider Tweets 'Un-American' and Racist

**Washington, DC, July 17, 2019** — The latest Ipsos poll, conducted on behalf of USA Today, finds that Democrats and Republicans are in stark disagreement over what behaviors are considered to be 'American.' While over half of Republicans agree that people who criticize America are un-American (52%), only 17% of Democrats agree. However, a majority of Americans (59%) consider Trump's latest Twitter attack on four Democratic congresswomen, telling them to "go back" to their respective countries, un-American. Sentiments are highly partisan, with 88% of Democrats and just 25% of Republicans who agree with the statement.

Trump's controversial tweets open a wider discussion about racism versus patriotism. Two-thirds (65%) agree that telling minority Americans to "go back to where they came from" is racist. However, there is a 40-percentage point difference between Democrats and Republicans on this (85% of Democrats agree vs. 45% of Republicans). Similarly, the vast majority of Republicans (70%) believe that people who call others "racist" usually do so in bad faith, whereas just 31% of Democrats believe the same.

Americans come together on the idea that it is patriotic to point out where America falls short and try to do better. Almost three-quarters agree (72%), with majority support even across party lines (80% of Democrats and 68% of Republicans).

**For full results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire.**





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### Full Annotated Questionnaire:

1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Total agree

	<b>Total (N=1005)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=392)</b>	<b>Republican (N=412)</b>	<b>Independent (N=113)</b>
I am proud to be an American	80%	72%	93%	74%
It is patriotic to point out where America falls short and try to do better	72%	80%	68%	67%
I am proud of America right now	49%	29%	75%	49%
People that criticize America are un-American	30%	17%	52%	20%

a. I am proud to be an American

	<b>Total</b>	<b>2018 Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	59%	51%	40%	80%	57%
Somewhat agree	22%	21%	31%	13%	17%
Neither agree nor disagree	9%	13%	14%	3%	6%
Somewhat disagree	6%	7%	10%	0%	13%
Strongly disagree	3%	7%	4%	1%	6%
Don't know	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	<b>80%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>74%</b>
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	<b>9%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>18%</b>

b. I am proud of America right now

	<b>Total</b>	<b>2018 Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	25%	21%	12%	42%	21%
Somewhat agree	24%	21%	16%	33%	28%
Neither agree nor disagree	16%	17%	20%	9%	18%
Somewhat disagree	19%	20%	29%	11%	14%
Strongly disagree	13%	19%	22%	3%	17%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	<b>49%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>49%</b>
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	<b>33%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>31%</b>



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### c. People that criticize America are un-American

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	16%	7%	29%	12%
Somewhat agree	14%	10%	23%	8%
Neither agree nor disagree	25%	21%	25%	31%
Somewhat disagree	19%	20%	16%	21%
Strongly disagree	23%	39%	5%	25%
Don't know	4%	3%	3%	3%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>20%</i>
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>46%</i>

### d. It is patriotic to point out where America falls short and try to do better

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	35%	49%	25%	30%
Somewhat agree	37%	31%	43%	37%
Neither agree nor disagree	18%	16%	19%	18%
Somewhat disagree	4%	2%	6%	4%
Strongly disagree	3%	1%	5%	7%
Don't know	4%	2%	2%	4%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>67%</i>
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>11%</i>

## 2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### Total agree

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Telling minority Americans to “go back where they came from” is a racist statement	65%	85%	45%	67%
People who call others “racist” usually do so in bad faith	47%	31%	70%	46%



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a. Telling minority Americans to “go back where they came from” is a racist statement

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	48%	72%	23%	48%
Somewhat agree	17%	13%	22%	18%
Neither agree nor disagree	13%	8%	19%	12%
Somewhat disagree	8%	2%	15%	5%
Strongly disagree	11%	4%	20%	7%
Don't know	4%	2%	2%	10%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>67%</i>
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>12%</i>

b. People who call others “racist” usually do so in bad faith

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	22%	11%	38%	23%
Somewhat agree	25%	20%	33%	23%
Neither agree nor disagree	24%	25%	21%	23%
Somewhat disagree	10%	19%	2%	9%
Strongly disagree	9%	16%	1%	9%
Don't know	9%	8%	6%	13%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	<i>47%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>46%</i>
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>18%</i>

3. Have you seen, heard or read anything about President Trump’s tweets, calling on four Democratic congresswomen to go back to their “original” countries, instead of criticizing the United States?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Yes	63%	72%	64%	50%
No	28%	20%	30%	38%
Don't know	9%	8%	6%	12%



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### 4. [Only asked if responded yes to Q3] Do you agree or disagree with the following:

Total agree

	<b>Total (N=664)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=299)</b>	<b>Republican (N=263)</b>	<b>Independent (N=66)</b>
President Trump's tweets were offensive	68%	93%	37%	68%
President Trump's tweets are un-American	59%	88%	25%	54%
I agree with President Trump's tweets	28%	7%	57%	19%

#### a. President Trump's tweets were offensive

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	51%	84%	12%	43%
Somewhat agree	16%	9%	25%	25%
Neither agree nor disagree	12%	4%	21%	19%
Somewhat disagree	5%	1%	12%	3%
Strongly disagree	14%	2%	30%	10%
Don't know	*	-	*	1%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>93%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>68%</i>
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>13%</i>

#### b. I agree with President Trump's tweets

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	16%	3%	33%	8%
Somewhat agree	12%	4%	25%	11%
Neither agree nor disagree	10%	2%	19%	14%
Somewhat disagree	9%	7%	12%	15%
Strongly disagree	53%	85%	12%	51%
Don't know	*	-	-	1%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>19%</i>
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>92%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>66%</i>



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### c. President Trump's tweets are un-American

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	45%	74%	11%	38%
Somewhat agree	14%	15%	14%	16%
Neither agree nor disagree	11%	4%	16%	23%
Somewhat disagree	10%	3%	19%	10%
Strongly disagree	20%	4%	40%	13%
Don't know	*	*	*	1%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>54%</i>
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>23%</i>

### 5. Did someone in your family – either you, a parent, or a grandparent – immigrate to the United States from another country? (Select all that apply)

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes, at least one grandparent	23%	24%	25%	19%
Yes, at least one parent	11%	14%	11%	7%
Yes, me	7%	7%	7%	8%
Prefer not to say	3%	5%	*	-
None of these	61%	56%	62%	67%
<i>Total yes (Net)</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>35%</i>

### 6. What news or commentary source do you trust the most?

	Total	2018 Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Fox News	19%	19%	5%	41%	9%
CNN	15%	14%	29%	5%	7%
ABC	9%	9%	11%	7%	8%
CBS	6%	4%	6%	6%	6%
PBS/ NPR	6%	9%	11%	1%	3%
NBC	5%	6%	6%	4%	3%
USA Today	4%	1%	4%	4%	5%
MSNBC	3%	3%	7%	1%	*
C-SPAN	1%	1%	1%	1%	-
Comedy Central	1%	3%	1%	1%	4%
Undecided	32%	32%	21%	30%	53%



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### About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between July 15-16, 2019 on behalf of USA Today. For this survey, a sample of roughly 1,005 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample includes 392 Democrats, 412 Republicans, and 113 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 non-probability 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 ( $n=1,005$ ,  $DEFF=1.5$ , adjusted Confidence Interval= $\pm 5.0$  percentage points).

The poll also has a credibility interval of plus or minus 5.6 percentage points for Democrats, plus or minus 5.5 percentage points for Republicans, and plus or minus 10.5 percentage points for Independents.

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