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Half of Americans Have Discussed the Impeachment Proceedings with Family During Holiday Gatherings

Seven in ten say they are following the proceedings, with a third saying they are following them “a great deal”

Washington, DC, December 19th, 2019 — The latest Ipsos poll, conducted on behalf of Newsy, finds that half of Americans (49%) have discussed impeachment proceedings against President Trump during holiday gatherings this year. Two-thirds of Americans (65%) say they discuss politics in general more with some of their family and friends since the 2016 presidential election, although a similar number also say they now avoid the topic around some loved ones (64%). Another quarter say that, due to political disagreements, they have unfollowed people on social media (27%), or that a relationship has been put under intense strain (23%).

Seven in ten Americans say they are following the impeachment proceedings a great deal or somewhat (69%), and Democrats are especially likely to pay attention to this issue (82%). However, this is not necessarily influencing how Americans feel about impeachment – 37% of Americans say that neither watching the hearings or media coverage of them, nor President Trump’s reaction to impeachment has changed their opinion of it.

With regards to how they feel about President Trump’s re-election chances, four in ten Americans (41%) believe that President Trump will be re-elected in 2020, compared to the 28% who believe that a Democratic candidate will win. However, only three in ten say that they *want* President Trump to be re-elected (32%), compared to 38% who want a Democratic candidate. Among Republicans, 70% want to give the president a second term, compared to just 4% of Democrats.

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



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Full Annotated Questionnaire:

1. Below is a list of current political issues. Which, if any, do you believe to be the most important?

	Total (N=1,005)	Republicans (N=418)	Democrats (N=382)	Independents (N=130)
Health care	27%	22%	31%	33%
Immigration	22%	35%	12%	19%
Gun violence	21%	10%	34%	18%
Climate change	19%	6%	32%	15%
The economy and jobs	15%	18%	10%	18%
National security	15%	24%	9%	10%
Education	13%	11%	12%	18%
Divisiveness in politics	10%	12%	10%	8%
Income inequality	8%	5%	9%	7%
Abortion	8%	12%	5%	9%
Racial inequality	7%	3%	11%	12%
Election security	6%	6%	6%	4%
Infrastructure	5%	7%	2%	9%
Voting rights	3%	2%	5%	3%
Other	5%	5%	6%	4%
None of these	2%	1%	1%	8%
Don't know	4%	4%	2%	4%



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2. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about discussing politics with your friends or family since the results of the last presidential election?

Total Agree Summary

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
I have discussed politics more with at least some of my friends or family	65%	67%	72%	55%
I have avoided discussing politics with at least some of my friends or family	64%	66%	65%	62%
I have discussed the impeachment proceedings with at least some of my friends or family	63%	67%	68%	48%
I have unfollowed people on social media due to political disagreements	27%	25%	32%	19%
At least one of my relationships has been put under intense strain as a result of political disagreements	23%	21%	26%	25%

- a. I have avoided discussing politics with at least some of my friends or family

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Strongly agree	29%	28%	29%	34%
Somewhat agree	35%	38%	36%	28%
Somewhat disagree	16%	16%	14%	17%
Strongly disagree	17%	16%	18%	17%
Don't know	3%	1%	3%	4%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>62%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>34%</i>





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- b. At least one of my relationships has been put under intense strain as a result of political disagreements

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Strongly agree	8%	10%	5%	15%
Somewhat agree	15%	11%	21%	10%
Somewhat disagree	21%	21%	21%	20%
Strongly disagree	50%	54%	48%	47%
Don't know	6%	4%	5%	8%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>25%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>67%</i>

- c. I have discussed politics more with at least some of my friends or family

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Strongly agree	27%	26%	30%	27%
Somewhat agree	39%	41%	42%	28%
Somewhat disagree	16%	19%	12%	20%
Strongly disagree	15%	12%	13%	21%
Don't know	3%	2%	3%	4%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>55%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>41%</i>

- d. I have unfollowed people on social media due to political disagreements

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Strongly agree	11%	8%	16%	8%
Somewhat agree	16%	17%	16%	10%
Somewhat disagree	18%	17%	20%	18%
Strongly disagree	49%	54%	42%	56%
Don't know	6%	5%	5%	7%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>19%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>74%</i>





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e. I have discussed the impeachment proceedings with at least some of my friends or family

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Strongly agree	27%	28%	31%	20%
Somewhat agree	36%	39%	37%	28%
Somewhat disagree	15%	16%	13%	19%
Strongly disagree	19%	15%	16%	26%
Don't know	3%	1%	2%	7%
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>48%</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>46%</i>

3. Which of the following topics, if any, have you discussed with your friends or family during this season's holiday gatherings? Select all that apply.

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Impeachment proceedings against the President	49%	51%	53%	35%
The 2020 election primary candidates	38%	40%	45%	26%
Allegations of foreign interference in U.S. elections	20%	14%	28%	15%
None of these	39%	39%	33%	54%

4. To what extent do you believe your vote matters in the upcoming 2020 election?

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
A great deal	44%	54%	47%	25%
Somewhat	29%	28%	31%	34%
Not very much	13%	12%	11%	21%
Not at all	9%	5%	7%	16%
Don't know	4%	1%	4%	5%
<i>Some (Net)</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>81%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>59%</i>
<i>Not very much (Net)</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>37%</i>





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5. How closely, if at all, are you paying attention to the following news events?

Total Following Summary

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Impeachment proceedings against the President	69%	66%	82%	59%
The 2020 election primary candidates	66%	62%	78%	59%
Allegations of foreign interference in U.S. elections	64%	59%	78%	51%

a. Impeachment proceedings against the President

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
A great deal	33%	28%	46%	25%
Somewhat	36%	38%	36%	34%
Not very much	19%	22%	13%	21%
Not at all	9%	11%	3%	14%
Don't know	3%	1%	2%	6%
<i>Following (Net)</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>59%</i>
<i>Not following much (Net)</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>35%</i>

b. The 2020 election primary candidates

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
A great deal	27%	20%	37%	26%
Somewhat	39%	42%	41%	33%
Not very much	20%	24%	14%	23%
Not at all	12%	11%	6%	14%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	4%
<i>Following (Net)</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>59%</i>
<i>Not following much (Net)</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>38%</i>





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c. Allegations of foreign interference in U.S. elections

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
A great deal	27%	21%	39%	18%
Somewhat	36%	38%	39%	33%
Not very much	21%	27%	15%	20%
Not at all	12%	12%	4%	21%
Don't know	4%	2%	3%	8%
<i>Following (Net)</i>	64%	59%	78%	51%
<i>Not following much (Net)</i>	33%	39%	19%	41%

6. Which of the following do you think is the most likely outcome of the 2020 election? (Select one).

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
President Trump will be re-elected	41%	74%	17%	28%
A Democratic candidate will be elected	28%	8%	54%	14%
A Republican candidate besides President Trump will be elected	5%	8%	3%	2%
A third-party or independent candidate will be elected	2%	1%	2%	5%
Don't know	24%	9%	24%	50%

7. Who do you want to win in the 2020 election? (Select one).

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
A Democratic candidate will be elected	38%	5%	79%	28%
President Trump will be re-elected	32%	70%	4%	14%
A third-party or independent candidate will be elected	7%	3%	6%	17%
A Republican candidate besides President Trump will be elected	6%	13%	1%	1%
Don't know	18%	10%	10%	39%





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8. How concerned are you, if at all, about the impact of the following on the upcoming 2020 elections?

Total Concerned Summary

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Fake news	67%	77%	63%	58%
Foreign interference	56%	38%	78%	52%
Voter fraud	55%	62%	54%	48%
Vote suppression	54%	39%	74%	45%

a. Foreign interference

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
A great deal	22%	9%	38%	17%
Somewhat	34%	29%	40%	36%
Not very much	25%	36%	15%	21%
Not at all	13%	21%	2%	14%
Don't know	7%	5%	5%	13%
Concerned (Net)	56%	38%	78%	52%
Not concerned (Net)	38%	57%	17%	35%

b. Vote suppression

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
A great deal	28%	18%	42%	20%
Somewhat	27%	21%	33%	25%
Not very much	22%	32%	16%	19%
Not at all	15%	24%	4%	22%
Don't know	8%	5%	6%	13%
Concerned (Net)	54%	39%	74%	45%
Not concerned (Net)	38%	56%	20%	41%

c. Voter fraud

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
A great deal	26%	30%	24%	25%
Somewhat	30%	31%	30%	23%
Not very much	24%	23%	28%	21%
Not at all	14%	11%	12%	17%
Don't know	7%	4%	5%	14%
Concerned (Net)	55%	62%	54%	48%
Not concerned (Net)	38%	34%	40%	39%



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d. Fake news

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
A great deal	39%	47%	36%	36%
Somewhat	28%	30%	28%	21%
Not very much	17%	13%	24%	12%
Not at all	11%	6%	9%	19%
Don't know	6%	3%	4%	12%
<i>Concerned (Net)</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>58%</i>
<i>Not concerned (Net)</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>31%</i>

9. Which of the following, if any, have impacted your opinion on the impeachment proceedings against the President? (Select all that apply).

	Total	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Media coverage of the impeachment hearings or investigations	36%	38%	40%	28%
Listening to or watching the impeachment hearings	35%	32%	44%	23%
President Trump's response to the House investigations and hearings	33%	23%	49%	25%
None of these	37%	37%	26%	51%



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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between December 16 and 17, 2019 on behalf of Newsy. 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 418 Republicans, 382 Democrats, and 130 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= ± 5.0 percentage points).

The poll also has a credibility interval plus or minus 5.5 percentage points for Republicans, plus or minus 5.7 percentage points for Democrats, and plus or minus 9.8 percentage points for independents.

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