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Wave 5 of 538 Impeachment /Ipsos Poll

Conducted by Ipsos KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)
Interview dates: January 17th – January 20th , 2020
Number of interviews, adults: 1,587

Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 2.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

*NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents*

Annotated Questionnaire:

50. How closely are you following the impeachment process that could lead to President Trump being removed from office?

	Total
Very closely	20
Somewhat closely	39
Not so closely	22
Not closely at all	18
Skipped	1
<i>Total closely (Net)</i>	<i>60</i>
<i>Total not closely (Net)</i>	<i>40</i>





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51. Based on what you know, do you think President Trump HAS or HAS NOT committed an impeachable offense?

	Total
Trump HAS committed an impeachable offense	58
Trump HAS NOT committed an impeachable offense	40
Skipped	3

52. How certain are you that President Trump [PIPE FROM Q51 “has” “has not”] committed an impeachable offense?

<i>Base: Believes President Trump Has/Has Not committed an impeachable offense</i>	Trump HAS committed an impeachable offense (N=880)	Trump HAS NOT committed an impeachable offense (N=676)
I am absolutely certain	50	41
I am pretty certain	29	34
I am somewhat certain	15	16
I am not certain at all	5	9
Skipped	*	1





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53. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following are handling the impeachment process?

Democrats in Congress	Total
Strongly approve	16
Somewhat approve	20
Neither approve nor disapprove	18
Somewhat disapprove	10
Strongly disapprove	35
Skipped	2
<i>Total approve (Net)</i>	<i>36</i>
<i>Total disapprove (Net)</i>	<i>44</i>

Republicans in Congress	Total
Strongly approve	10
Somewhat approve	16
Neither approve nor disapprove	21
Somewhat disapprove	15
Strongly disapprove	36
Skipped	2
<i>Total approve (Net)</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Total disapprove (Net)</i>	<i>50</i>

President Trump	Total
Strongly approve	17
Somewhat approve	11
Neither approve nor disapprove	15
Somewhat disapprove	10
Strongly disapprove	45
Skipped	2
<i>Total approve (Net)</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Total disapprove (Net)</i>	<i>54</i>



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54. Based on what you know, do you believe the following did or did not happen?

President Trump asked the government of Ukraine to investigate Joe and Hunter Biden	Total
Did happen	80
Did not happen	16
Skipped	4

President Trump withheld military aid from Ukraine unless the Ukrainians opened an investigation into the Bidens	Total
Did happen	63
Did not happen	33
Skipped	4

President Trump and his administration attempted to cover up information about his actions regarding Ukraine	Total
Did happen	62
Did not happen	34
Skipped	4

Joe Biden behaved unethically towards Ukraine while he was Vice President	Total
Did happen	46
Did not happen	49
Skipped	4



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55. Based on what you know, if the following happened, would they be appropriate or inappropriate behaviors for a president?

President Trump asking the government of Ukraine to investigate Joe and Hunter Biden	Total
Appropriate	35
Inappropriate	61
Skipped	4

President Trump withholding military aid from Ukraine unless the Ukrainians opened an investigation into the Bidens	Total
Appropriate	20
Inappropriate	76
Skipped	4

President Trump and his administration attempting to cover up information about his actions regarding Ukraine	Total
Appropriate	13
Inappropriate	83
Skipped	4



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56. Based on what you know, if the following happened, would they be impeachable offenses or not impeachable offenses?

President Trump asking the government of Ukraine to investigate Joe and Hunter Biden	Total
Yes, an impeachable offense	47
No, not an impeachable offense	48
Skipped	4

President Trump withholding military aid from Ukraine unless the Ukrainians opened an investigation into the Bidens	Total
Yes, an impeachable offense	60
No, not an impeachable offense	36
Skipped	4

President Trump and his administration attempting to cover up information about his actions regarding Ukraine	Total
Yes, an impeachable offense	59
No, not an impeachable offense	36
Skipped	4



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58. At the end of the impeachment process, what do you think should happen to President Trump?

	Total
He should be removed from office by the Senate	47
Voters should decide his fate in the 2020 election	50
Skipped	3

59. Based on what you've read and heard, do you think there is enough evidence to remove President Trump from office on the following matters?

President Trump's actions regarding Ukraine	Total
Yes, there is enough evidence to remove	52
No, there is not enough evidence to remove	45
Skipped	4

President Trump's refusal to cooperate with the impeachment inquiry and efforts to block witnesses from complying with subpoenas	Total
Yes, there is enough evidence to remove	53
No, there is not enough evidence to remove	43
Skipped	4



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60. In thinking about the upcoming Senate trial of President Trump, would it be better...

	Total
To allow new witnesses and testimony potentially expanding understanding of President Trump's conduct	59
To keep the focus solely on the evidence introduced in the House hearings and included in the articles of impeachment, without calling new witnesses	37
Skipped	5

61. During the Senate's impeachment trial of President Trump, do you think senators will be...

	Total
Impartial jurors attempting to examine the evidence	29
Guided by their party on how to vote	68
Skipped	4

62. Would you approve or disapprove of the Senate voting to remove President Trump from office?

	Total
Approve	54
Disapprove	42
Skipped	4



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63. Do you believe the impeachment of President Trump will...

	Total
Hurt his chances of reelection	32
Help his chances of reelection	29
Have no impact on his chances of reelection	35
Skipped	4

64. Do you think the impeachment inquiry and Senate trial of Trump is a good or bad use of Congress's time?

	Total
Good use of Congress's time	45
Bad use of Congress's time	51
Skipped	4

65. Which one of the following best describes why you believe the impeachment inquiry and Senate trial is a bad use of Congress's time? Select only one response

Base: Think the impeachment inquiry and senate trial is a BAD use of Congress's time	Total (N=850)
President Trump was always unlikely to be removed from office by the Senate	15
Impeachment distracts Congress from more important issues	39
President Trump didn't commit an impeachable offense	33
The 2020 election is so soon	12
Skipped	1



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66. Which one of the following best describes why you believe the impeachment inquiry and Senate trial is a good use of Congress's time? Select only one response

Base: Think the impeachment inquiry and senate trial is a GOOD use of Congress's time	Total (N=690)
It brought important information about Trump into the open	11
It was a necessary response to Trump committing an impeachable offense	32
It's Congress's job to investigate potential wrongdoing by the president	55
It might strengthen Trump's chances of being reelected	1
Skipped	1

67. Do you support or oppose the idea of dismissing the impeachment charges against President Trump?

	Total
Support	41
Oppose	55
Skipped	4

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Methodology

This fifth wave of the 538 Impeachment/Ipsos Poll was conducted January 17th to January 20th, 2020 using Ipsos' KnowledgePanel®. The first wave of this poll was based on a nationally-representative probability-based sample of 2,088 adults age 18 or older and included a general population sample of US adults as well as an oversample of Independents and those with no party preference to ensure a sufficient sample size among them. Wave 5 was fielded to all who completed wave 1 and had 1,587 completes. The study weights, as described in further detail below, adjusted for the oversample using party identification benchmarks from ABC News so that results reflect the general population of US adults.

The survey was conducted using KnowledgePanel, the largest and most well-established probability-based online panel that is representative of the adult US population. Our recruitment process employs a scientifically developed addressed-based sampling methodology using the latest Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of delivery points in the US. Households are randomly sampled and all persons in the selected households are invited to join and participate in the panel. Ipsos provides selected households who do not already have internet access with a tablet and internet connection at no cost to the panel member. Those who join the panel and who are selected to participate in a survey are sent a unique password-protected log-in used to complete surveys online. As a result of our recruitment and sampling methods, samples from KnowledgePanel cover all households regardless of their phone or internet status and findings can be reported with a margin of sampling error and projected to the general population.

The study was conducted in both English and Spanish. The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race, education, Census region, metropolitan status, and household income. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2019 March supplement of the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS). Due to the oversampling of Independents and those with no party preference, the data were also weighted to adjust for party identification. Party ID benchmarks are from recent ABC News/Washington Post telephone polls. The weighting categories were as follows:

- Gender (Male/Female) by Age (18–29, 30–44, 45–59, and 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White/Non-Hispanic, Black/Non-Hispanic, Other or 2+ Races/Non-Hispanic, Hispanic)
- Education (Less than High School, High School graduate, Some College, Bachelor and beyond)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Metropolitan status (Metro, non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under \$25,000, \$25,000-\$49,999, \$50,000-\$74,999, \$75,000-\$99,999, \$100,000-\$149,999, \$150,000+)
- Party ID (Democrat, Republican, Independent, Something else)



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The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 2.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.41. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.





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