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Wave 4 of 538 Impeachment /Ipsos Poll

Conducted by Ipsos KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)
Interview dates: December 26th – December 30th , 2019
Number of interviews, adults: 1,551

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:

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

	Total
Very closely	21
Somewhat closely	37
Not so closely	25
Not closely at all	17
Skipped	1
<i>Total closely (Net)</i>	<i>58</i>
<i>Total not closely (Net)</i>	<i>42</i>



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38. 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	57
Trump HAS NOT committed an impeachable offense	41
Skipped	2

39. How certain are you that President Trump [PIPE FROM Q5 “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=850)	Trump HAS NOT committed an impeachable offense (N=675)
I am absolutely certain	50	40
I am pretty certain	31	32
I am somewhat certain	14	18
I am not certain at all	4	10
Skipped	1	1



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

Democrats in Congress	Total
Strongly approve	16
Somewhat approve	19
Neither approve nor disapprove	18
Somewhat disapprove	11
Strongly disapprove	34
Skipped	2
<i>Total approve (Net)</i>	<i>35</i>
<i>Total disapprove (Net)</i>	<i>45</i>

Republicans in Congress	Total
Strongly approve	12
Somewhat approve	16
Neither approve nor disapprove	18
Somewhat disapprove	15
Strongly disapprove	36
Skipped	2
<i>Total approve (Net)</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Total disapprove (Net)</i>	<i>51</i>

President Trump	Total
Strongly approve	16
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>55</i>



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41. 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	17
Skipped	3

President Trump withheld military aid from Ukraine unless the Ukrainians opened an investigation into the Bidens	Total
Did happen	60
Did not happen	36
Skipped	3

President Trump and his administration attempted to cover up information about his actions regarding Ukraine	Total
Did happen	61
Did not happen	36
Skipped	4

Joe Biden behaved unethically towards Ukraine while he was Vice President	Total
Did happen	48
Did not happen	48
Skipped	4



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42. 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	19
Inappropriate	77
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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43. 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	49
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	60
No, not an impeachable offense	36
Skipped	4



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45. 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	51
Skipped	2

46. 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	3

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	52
No, there is not enough evidence to remove	45
Skipped	3



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47. Do you think House Democrats should delay the Senate trial of President Trump by waiting to deliver the articles of impeachment until concerns around an unfair trial have been addressed?

	Total
Yes, they should wait	45
No, they should not wait	52
Skipped	3

48. 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	57
To keep the focus solely on the evidence introduced in the House hearings and included in the articles of impeachment, without calling new witnesses	39
Skipped	4

49. During the Senate's impeachment trial of President Trump, should senators...

	Total
Attempt to be impartial jurors examining the evidence	86
Be guided by their party on how to vote	10
Skipped	3



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Methodology

This fourth wave of the 538 Impeachment/Ipsos Poll was conducted December 26th to December 30th, 2019 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 4 was fielded to all who completed wave 1 and had 1,551 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 1.39. 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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