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Reuters/Ipsos Poll: Democratic Primary Tracker

Biden and Sanders are the top choices for Democrats, Warren remains in third place for the nomination

Washington, DC, January 10, 2020 — A new public opinion poll shows that Senator Bernie Sanders and Former Vice President Joe Biden are the top contenders for the 2020 presidential nomination. Among Democratic registered voters, Biden (23%) maintains an edge over Sanders (20%) and Senator Elizabeth Warren (15%). Former Mayor Michael Bloomberg (8%) and former Mayor Pete Buttigieg (7%) round out the top five candidates in the race for the Democratic nomination. Among Democrats and independents, Sanders (17%) has a slight lead over Biden (15%), and Warren (10%) maintains her third-place position. Buttigieg (5%) and Bloomberg (6%) are statistically tied among Democrats and independents. All other candidates receive 3% of the vote share or less among Democrats and independents and Democratic registered voters.

When asked about the most important candidate traits that factor into who they decide to vote for, Democratic registered voters were most likely to say that the ability to beat President Trump in the general election (42%) was the most important consideration for them. The next most important traits were strong positions on healthcare (11%) and the economy and jobs (11%). Read the full Reuters story [here](.).

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

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		All respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Democratic registered voters
P1. Are you currently registered to vote, or not? (Select one)	Yes	82%	90%	86%	75%	100%
	No	15%	9%	12%	24%	0%
	Don't know / Refused	3%	1%	2%	1%	0%
	Total	1116	479	409	144	436
Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?	Democrat	42%	100%	0%	0%	100%
	Republican	36%	0%	100%	0%	0%
	Independent	14%	0%	0%	100%	0%
	Other/ Don't know	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	1116	479	409	144	436
P7. In November 2020, the next presidential election will be held. Using a 1-to-10 scale... how likely are you to vote in the next presidential election? (Select one)	10- Completely certain you will vote	62%	71%	66%	46%	77%
	9	7%	7%	8%	6%	6%
	8	7%	5%	6%	13%	5%
	7	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%
	6	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%
	5	4%	3%	3%	5%	2%
	4	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	3	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
	2	1%	0%	3%	0%	0%
	1-Completely certain you will NOT vote	9%	6%	4%	16%	3%
	Don't know	4%	2%	4%	4%	1%
	Total	1116	479	409	144	436

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		All respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Democratic RV
TM1634Y19. If the 2020 Democratic presidential primary election were held today, and you had to choose from the list of candidates below, for whom would you vote? - NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Joe Biden	15%	21%	-	5%	23%
	Elizabeth Warren	10%	14%	-	4%	15%
	Bernie Sanders	17%	21%	-	12%	20%
	Cory Booker	2%	2%	-	0%	2%
	Amy Klobuchar	1%	1%	-	1%	1%
	Pete Buttigieg	5%	7%	-	4%	7%
	Tulsi Gabbard	1%	1%	-	4%	0%
	John Delaney	1%	1%	-	0%	1%
	Marianne Williamson	1%	1%	-	0%	1%
	Andrew Yang	3%	3%	-	1%	3%
	Michael Bennet	1%	1%	-	0%	1%
	Tom Steyer	3%	3%	-	3%	3%
	Deval Patrick	0%	0%	-	0%	0%
	Michael Bloomberg	6%	7%	-	4%	8%
	Other	2%	1%	-	4%	1%
	Don't know	23%	16%	-	30%	13%
	I can't/won't vote in the Democratic primary	9%	-	-	28%	-
	Total	707	479	0	144	436
TM1660Y19. If the 2020 Democratic presidential primary election were held today, which of the following candidate traits would be the MOST important factor for you in deciding who to vote for?	Strong on immigration	3%	2%	-	3%	2%
	Strong on healthcare	13%	12%	-	14%	11%
	Strong on the environment	8%	8%	-	7%	8%
	Strong on the economy and job creation	12%	10%	-	16%	11%
	Can beat President Trump in the general election	32%	40%	-	17%	42%
	Strong progressive	5%	6%	-	5%	6%
	Can unify the Democratic Party	5%	6%	-	3%	7%
	Someone new and different	10%	9%	-	14%	10%
	Don't know	12%	7%	-	21%	4%
	Total	645	479	0	106	436

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		All respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Democratic RV
TM1662Y19 - For each of the following, please select the candidate from the list below you think is the best on that particular issue…Immigration - NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Joe Biden	18%	21%	-	10%	22%
	Bernie Sanders	19%	19%	-	25%	18%
	Elizabeth Warren	12%	13%	-	5%	13%
	Pete Buttigieg	6%	6%	-	4%	7%
	Michael Bloomberg	6%	6%	-	8%	7%
	Some other candidate	7%	5%	-	11%	5%
	Don't know	32%	29%	-	38%	29%
	Total	574	453	0	85	419
TM1662Y19 - For each of the following, please select the candidate from the list below you think is the best on that particular issue… Healthcare - NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Joe Biden	17%	19%	-	13%	20%
	Bernie Sanders	28%	29%	-	29%	28%
	Elizabeth Warren	15%	16%	-	10%	17%
	Pete Buttigieg	6%	7%	-	4%	7%
	Michael Bloomberg	10%	10%	-	10%	11%
	Some other candidate	4%	3%	-	7%	3%
	Don't know	19%	16%	-	27%	15%
	Total	574	453	0	85	419
TM1662Y19 - For each of the following, please select the candidate from the list below you think is the best on that particular issue…The environment. -NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Joe Biden	15%	18%	-	5%	18%
	Bernie Sanders	26%	28%	-	28%	27%
	Elizabeth Warren	12%	12%	-	10%	13%
	Pete Buttigieg	7%	8%	-	4%	8%
	Michael Bloomberg	7%	7%	-	5%	7%
	Some other candidate	9%	7%	-	10%	8%
	Don't know	25%	21%	-	39%	20%
	Total	574	453	0	85	419

		All respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Democratic RV
TM1662Y19 - For each of the following, please select the candidate from the list below you think is the best on that particular issue...The economy and jobs. -NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Joe Biden	18%	21%	-	7%	22%
	Bernie Sanders	24%	24%	-	27%	23%
	Elizabeth Warren	9%	10%	-	5%	10%
	Pete Buttigieg	5%	6%	-	6%	6%
	Michael Bloomberg	18%	20%	-	17%	20%
	Some other candidate	6%	4%	-	12%	4%
	Don't know	19%	17%	-	25%	16%
	Total	574	453	0	85	419
TM1662Y19 - For each of the following, please select the candidate from the list below you think is the best on that particular issue...Most likely to beat President Trump -NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Joe Biden	29%	35%	-	10%	36%
	Bernie Sanders	15%	15%	-	15%	14%
	Elizabeth Warren	11%	12%	-	5%	11%
	Pete Buttigieg	4%	4%	-	6%	4%
	Michael Bloomberg	11%	10%	-	13%	11%
	Some other candidate	7%	4%	-	13%	4%
	Don't know	24%	20%	-	37%	20%
	Total	574	453	0	85	419
TM1662Y19 - For each of the following, please select the candidate from the list below you think is the best on that particular issue...Strong progressive. -NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Joe Biden	12%	14%	-	7%	14%
	Bernie Sanders	26%	28%	-	19%	28%
	Elizabeth Warren	19%	21%	-	14%	20%
	Pete Buttigieg	6%	7%	-	4%	8%
	Michael Bloomberg	7%	6%	-	9%	7%
	Some other candidate	6%	4%	-	12%	4%
	Don't know	25%	20%	-	36%	20%
	Total	574	453	0	85	419

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TM1662Y19 - For each of the following, please select the candidate from the list below you think is the best on that particular issue… Can unify the Democratic Party. - NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Joe Biden	23%	28%	-	6%	29%
	Bernie Sanders	18%	18%	-	25%	17%
	Elizabeth Warren	12%	13%	-	5%	13%
	Pete Buttigieg	6%	6%	-	7%	6%
	Michael Bloomberg	8%	9%	-	3%	9%
	Some other candidate	7%	6%	-	13%	6%
	Don't know	26%	21%	-	41%	20%
	Total	574	453	0	85	419
TM1662Y19 - For each of the following, please select the candidate from the list below you think is the best on that particular issue...A new and different voice. -NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Joe Biden	9%	11%	-	4%	11%
	Bernie Sanders	19%	19%	-	21%	18%
	Elizabeth Warren	15%	16%	-	10%	16%
	Pete Buttigieg	18%	20%	-	13%	21%
	Michael Bloomberg	13%	13%	-	15%	14%
	Some other candidate	9%	7%	-	16%	7%
	Don't know	17%	14%	-	22%	14%
	Total	574	453	0	85	419
TM684Y15. Thinking about the candidate you support for president, which of the following best describes why you support that candidate?	They are inspiring	4%	6%	2%	6%	5%
	They are good managers	4%	5%	4%	2%	4%
	They can win the general election	10%	15%	6%	8%	16%
	They can win the primary	4%	5%	2%	3%	5%
	They would make a good president	20%	24%	19%	19%	25%
	They have the right ideas or policies	43%	39%	56%	34%	39%
	None of these	15%	7%	10%	28%	5%
	1116	479	409	144	436	1116

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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between January 8-9, 2020 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 1,116 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 479 Democrats, 409 Republicans, 144 independents and 436 Democratic registered voters. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within ± 3.3 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Americans been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error. The poll also has a credibility interval ± 5.1 percentage points for Democrats, ± 5.5 percentage points for Republicans, ± 9.3 percentage points for independents, and ± 5.4 percentage points for Democratic registered voters.

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