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Reuters/Ipsos Poll: Democratic Primary Tracker

Biden and Sanders tied for preferred Democratic presidential candidate

Washington, DC, January 17, 2020 – The latest Reuters/Ipsos poll shows that among Democrats and independents, Senator Bernie Sanders and former Vice President Joe Biden are tied as the most preferred candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination with 19% and 18% of the vote share, respectively. They are followed by Senator Elizabeth Warren 10%, and former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg (9%), and former Mayor Pete Buttigieg (6%). All other candidates receive 3 percent of the vote share or less.

If their preferred candidate were to drop out of the race, most Democrats and independents say they would lend their support to Biden or Sanders (18% each), followed closely by Warren (15%) and Bloomberg (12%).

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	83%	86%	89%	80%	100%
	No	14%	12%	10%	20%	0%
	Don't know / Refused	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%
	Total	1113	488	432	106	428
P1. Are you currently registered to vote, or not? (Select one)	Yes	83%	86%	89%	80%	100%
	No	14%	12%	10%	20%	0%
	Don't know / Refused	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%
	Total	1113	488	432	106	428
Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?	Strong Democrat	17%	38%	0%	0%	40%
	Moderate Democrat	20%	44%	0%	0%	43%
	Lean Democratic	8%	18%	0%	0%	17%
	Lean Republican	8%	0%	23%	0%	0%
	Moderate Republican	15%	0%	40%	0%	0%
	Strong Republican	14%	0%	38%	0%	0%
	Independent	10%	0%	0%	100%	0%
	Other/Don't know/Refused	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	1113	488	432	106	428	
Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?	Democrat	45%	100%	0%	0%	100%
	Republican	37%	0%	100%	0%	0%
	Independent	10%	0%	0%	100%	0%
	Other/Don't know	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%
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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	63%	69%	72%	43%	78%
	9	6%	6%	6%	9%	6%
	8	3%	3%	3%	6%	3%
	7	4%	3%	3%	8%	3%
	6	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
	5	5%	4%	3%	11%	2%
	4	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
	3	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%
	2	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	1-Completely certain you will NOT vote	9%	5%	7%	13%	1%
	Don't know	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%
	Total	1113	488	432	106	428
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	18%	24%	0%	7%	23%
	Elizabeth Warren	10%	13%	0%	3%	14%
	Bernie Sanders	19%	22%	0%	16%	22%
	Amy Klobuchar	1%	2%	0%	1%	2%
	Pete Buttigieg	6%	7%	0%	2%	7%
	Tulsi Gabbard	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	John Delaney	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Andrew Yang	3%	3%	0%	4%	3%
	Michael Bennet	1%	2%	0%	0%	2%
	Tom Steyer	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
	Deval Patrick	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%
	Michael Bloomberg	9%	10%	0%	5%	11%
	Other	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
	Don't know	22%	14%	0%	33%	13%
	I can't/won't vote in the Democratic primary	8%	0%	0%	27%	0%
Total	681	488	0	106	428	



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TM1703Y19.How certain are you that you will vote for [INSERT RESPONSE FROM TM1634Y19] in the Democratic presidential primary?- NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Completely certain	36%	37%	0%	38%	38%
	Mostly certain	47%	47%	0%	42%	48%
	Not very certain	14%	14%	0%	11%	13%
	Not at all certain	3%	2%	0%	9%	1%
	Total	467	414	0	40	367
TM1657Y19. If your first choice dropped out of the race or you had to choose someone to vote for, who would you vote for in the upcoming presidential primary election? - NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Joe Biden	18%	20%	0%	12%	21%
	Elizabeth Warren	15%	17%	0%	9%	17%
	Bernie Sanders	18%	20%	0%	19%	19%
	Amy Klobuchar	4%	5%	0%	0%	6%
	Pete Buttigieg	5%	6%	0%	1%	7%
	Tom Steyer	3%	4%	0%	2%	4%
	Michael Bloomberg	12%	14%	0%	7%	14%
	Other	24%	13%	0%	49%	13%
	Total	629	488	0	76	428
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	19%	22%	0%	10%	22%
	Bernie Sanders	20%	23%	0%	16%	23%
	Elizabeth Warren	8%	9%	0%	5%	10%
	Pete Buttigieg	6%	6%	0%	3%	7%
	Michael Bloomberg	7%	8%	0%	7%	7%
	Tom Steyer	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%
	Some other candidate	3%	2%	0%	5%	2%
	Don't know	36%	28%	0%	52%	27%
	Total	629	488	0	76	428



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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...Healthcare. -NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Joe Biden	15%	18%	0%	7%	18%
	Bernie Sanders	30%	32%	0%	28%	32%
	Elizabeth Warren	11%	12%	0%	6%	14%
	Pete Buttigieg	3%	3%	0%	0%	3%
	Michael Bloomberg	12%	13%	0%	13%	14%
	Tom Steyer	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%
	Some other candidate	3%	2%	0%	3%	2%
	Don't know	25%	16%	0%	41%	16%
	Total	629	488	0	76	428
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	13%	15%	0%	8%	14%
	Bernie Sanders	24%	25%	0%	29%	25%
	Elizabeth Warren	11%	14%	0%	2%	15%
	Pete Buttigieg	5%	6%	0%	0%	6%
	Michael Bloomberg	8%	9%	0%	9%	10%
	Tom Steyer	8%	8%	0%	6%	9%
	Some other candidate	2%	1%	0%	6%	1%
	Don't know	29%	21%	0%	40%	20%
	Total	629	488	0	76	428
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	17%	20%	0%	7%	19%
	Bernie Sanders	22%	23%	0%	29%	23%
	Elizabeth Warren	10%	12%	0%	4%	13%
	Pete Buttigieg	3%	3%	0%	1%	4%
	Michael Bloomberg	17%	19%	0%	13%	20%
	Tom Steyer	5%	5%	0%	3%	5%
	Some other candidate	2%	2%	0%	4%	2%
	Don't know	24%	16%	0%	39%	15%
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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...Most likely to beat President Trump. -NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Joe Biden	29%	34%	0%	12%	34%
	Bernie Sanders	21%	21%	0%	29%	21%
	Elizabeth Warren	7%	9%	0%	3%	10%
	Pete Buttigieg	3%	3%	0%	0%	3%
	Michael Bloomberg	10%	12%	0%	8%	12%
	Tom Steyer	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%
	Some other candidate	3%	3%	0%	6%	2%
	Don't know	25%	17%	0%	39%	17%
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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...Strong progressive. -NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Joe Biden	13%	16%	0%	10%	14%
	Bernie Sanders	27%	28%	0%	30%	28%
	Elizabeth Warren	12%	15%	0%	3%	16%
	Pete Buttigieg	5%	6%	0%	3%	6%
	Michael Bloomberg	8%	9%	0%	7%	10%
	Tom Steyer	3%	3%	0%	5%	3%
	Some other candidate	3%	2%	0%	3%	2%
	Don't know	29%	21%	0%	40%	21%
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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%	27%	0%	10%	27%
	Bernie Sanders	19%	21%	0%	22%	21%
	Elizabeth Warren	11%	14%	0%	4%	15%
	Pete Buttigieg	4%	4%	0%	2%	3%
	Michael Bloomberg	8%	9%	0%	7%	9%
	Tom Steyer	3%	3%	0%	4%	3%
	Some other candidate	2%	1%	0%	8%	1%
	Don't know	30%	21%	0%	44%	20%
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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...A new and different voice. -NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Joe Biden	8%	9%	0%	4%	7%
	Bernie Sanders	20%	20%	0%	25%	18%
	Elizabeth Warren	14%	17%	0%	7%	19%
	Pete Buttigieg	15%	17%	0%	7%	20%
	Michael Bloomberg	10%	12%	0%	9%	12%
	Tom Steyer	6%	6%	0%	8%	6%
	Some other candidate	4%	4%	0%	7%	4%
	Don't know	23%	16%	0%	32%	15%
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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...National security. - NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Joe Biden	28%	33%	0%	13%	33%
	Bernie Sanders	15%	16%	0%	23%	15%
	Elizabeth Warren	7%	9%	0%	1%	9%
	Pete Buttigieg	5%	6%	0%	1%	7%
	Michael Bloomberg	7%	8%	0%	8%	8%
	Tom Steyer	2%	1%	0%	3%	2%
	Some other candidate	4%	3%	0%	10%	2%
	Don't know	31%	24%	0%	39%	24%
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TM684Y15. Thinking about the candidate you support for president, which of the following best describes why you support that candidate?	They are inspiring	7%	9%	3%	10%	9%
	They are good managers	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%
	They can win the general election	9%	13%	7%	6%	14%
	They can win the primary	4%	4%	3%	6%	4%
	They would make a good president	19%	23%	17%	14%	23%
	They have the right ideas or policies	42%	39%	55%	29%	39%
	None of these	16%	7%	11%	32%	6%
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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between January 15-16, 2020 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 1,113 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 488 Democrats, 432 Republicans, and 106 independents and 428 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, ± 5.4 percentage points for Republicans, ± 10.9 percentage points for independents, and ± 5.4 percentage points for Democratic registered voters.

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