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Wave 6 of 538 Impeachment /Ipsos Poll

Conducted by Ipsos KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)
Interview dates: February 5th – February 9th, 2020
Number of interviews, adults: 1,601

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:

68. How closely did you follow the impeachment process that could have led to President Trump being removed from office?

| | Total |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Very closely | 23 |
| Somewhat closely | 36 |
| Not so closely | 22 |
| Not closely at all | 18 |
| Skipped | 1 |
| <i>Total closely (Net)</i> | <i>59</i> |
| <i>Total not closely (Net)</i> | <i>41</i> |



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69. 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 | 55 |
| Trump HAS NOT committed an impeachable offense | 43 |
| Skipped | 2 |

70. How certain are you that President Trump [PIPE FROM Q69 “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=853) | Trump HAS NOT committed an impeachable offense (N=728) |
|--|--|--|
| I am absolutely certain | 56 | 50 |
| I am pretty certain | 28 | 29 |
| I am somewhat certain | 12 | 13 |
| I am not certain at all | 4 | 8 |
| Skipped | - | * |





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71. Did you approve or disapprove of the way the following handled the impeachment process?

| Democrats in Congress | Total |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Strongly approve | 14 |
| Somewhat approve | 20 |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 17 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 13 |
| Strongly disapprove | 35 |
| Skipped | 2 |
| <i>Total approve (Net)</i> | <i>34</i> |
| <i>Total disapprove (Net)</i> | <i>48</i> |

| Republicans in Congress | Total |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Strongly approve | 15 |
| Somewhat approve | 15 |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 16 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 12 |
| Strongly disapprove | 40 |
| Skipped | 2 |
| <i>Total approve (Net)</i> | <i>30</i> |
| <i>Total disapprove (Net)</i> | <i>52</i> |

| President Trump | Total |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Strongly approve | 19 |
| Somewhat approve | 11 |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 15 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 9 |
| Strongly disapprove | 45 |
| Skipped | 2 |
| <i>Total approve (Net)</i> | <i>30</i> |
| <i>Total disapprove (Net)</i> | <i>54</i> |



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72. 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 | 81 |
| Did not happen | 16 |
| Skipped | 3 |

| President Trump withheld military aid from Ukraine unless the Ukrainians opened an investigation into the Bidens | Total |
|---|--------------|
| Did happen | 63 |
| Did not happen | 34 |
| Skipped | 3 |

| President Trump and his administration attempted to cover up information about his actions regarding Ukraine | Total |
|---|--------------|
| Did happen | 62 |
| Did not happen | 36 |
| Skipped | 3 |

| Joe Biden behaved unethically towards Ukraine while he was Vice President | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Did happen | 50 |
| Did not happen | 46 |
| Skipped | 4 |



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73. 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 | 36 |
| Inappropriate | 61 |
| Skipped | 3 |

| President Trump withholding military aid from Ukraine unless the Ukrainians opened an investigation into the Bidens | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Appropriate | 21 |
| Inappropriate | 76 |
| Skipped | 3 |

| President Trump and his administration attempting to cover up information about his actions regarding Ukraine | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Appropriate | 14 |
| Inappropriate | 83 |
| Skipped | 4 |



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74. 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 | 50 |
| Skipped | 3 |

| President Trump withholding military aid from Ukraine unless the Ukrainians opened an investigation into the Bidens | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Yes, an impeachable offense | 58 |
| No, not an impeachable offense | 38 |
| Skipped | 3 |

| 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 | 38 |
| Skipped | 4 |



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76. 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 was enough evidence to remove | 49 |
| No, there was not enough evidence to remove | 49 |
| Skipped | 3 |

| President Trump's refusal to cooperate with the impeachment inquiry and efforts to block witnesses from complying with subpoenas | Total |
|---|--------------|
| Yes, there was enough evidence to remove | 50 |
| No, there was not enough evidence to remove | 47 |
| Skipped | 3 |



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77. Do you approve or disapprove of the Senate voting to call no new witnesses in the Senate trial of President Trump?

| | Total |
|------------|--------------|
| Approve | 39 |
| Disapprove | 58 |
| Skipped | 3 |

78. During the Senate's impeachment trial of President Trump, did you think senators were...

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Impartial jurors who attempted to examine the evidence | 21 |
| Guided by their party on how to vote | 76 |
| Skipped | 3 |

79. Do you approve or disapprove of the Senate voting to acquit President Trump?

| | Total |
|------------|--------------|
| Approve | 43 |
| Disapprove | 54 |
| Skipped | 3 |



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

| | Total |
|---|--------------|
| Hurt his chances of reelection | 18 |
| Help his chances of reelection | 40 |
| Have no impact on his chances of reelection | 40 |
| Skipped | 3 |

81. Did you think the impeachment inquiry and Senate trial of Trump was a good or bad use of Congress's time?

| | Total |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Good use of Congress's time | 34 |
| Bad use of Congress's time | 63 |
| Skipped | 3 |

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

| | Total (N=1019) |
|--|---------------------------|
| Base: Think the impeachment inquiry and senate trial is a BAD use of Congress's time | |
| President Trump was always unlikely to be removed from office by the Senate | 29 |
| Impeachment distracted Congress from more important issues | 35 |
| President Trump didn't commit an impeachable offense | 28 |
| The 2020 election is so soon | 8 |
| Skipped | 1 |



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83. Which one of the following best describes why you believed the impeachment inquiry and Senate trial was 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=545) |
|---|---------------|
| It brought important information about Trump into the open | 12 |
| It was a necessary response to Trump committing an impeachable offense | 33 |
| It's Congress's job to investigate potential wrongdoing by the president | 50 |
| It might strengthen Trump's chances of being reelected | 3 |
| Skipped | 2 |

84. Did you support or oppose the idea of dismissing the impeachment charges against President Trump?

| | Total |
|---------|-------|
| Support | 44 |
| Oppose | 53 |
| Skipped | 3 |



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85. Did you watch?

| The impeachment hearings in the House | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Yes | 39 |
| No | 59 |
| Skipped | 2 |

| The impeachment trial in the Senate | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Yes | 38 |
| No | 60 |
| Skipped | 2 |

86. Did you talk about the impeachment process... Check as many as apply

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| With colleagues at work | 23 |
| With friends or family | 64 |
| On social media | 11 |
| With someone of a different political party | 15 |
| I did not talk about the impeachment process | 28 |
| Skipped | 1 |

87. Since the impeachment inquiry was opened last September, did anything change your thinking about whether President Trump should be impeached or removed from office?

| | Total |
|---------|--------------|
| Yes | 13 |
| No | 85 |
| Skipped | 3 |



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89. Do you think each of the following was fair or unfair?

| The impeachment hearings in the House | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Fair | 51 |
| Unfair | 45 |
| Skipped | 4 |

| The impeachment trial in the Senate | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Fair | 44 |
| Unfair | 51 |
| Skipped | 4 |

90. Did the Senate trial make you...?

| | Total |
|---|--------------|
| More likely to believe that President Trump should be removed from office | 29 |
| Less likely to believe that President Trump should be removed from office | 16 |
| Or was there no change | 53 |
| Skipped | 2 |



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91. How has the impeachment process affected your trust in each of the following?

| The Democratic controlled House of Representatives | Total |
|---|--------------|
| My level of trust has increased | 16 |
| My level of trust has decreased | 45 |
| My level of trust was not affected | 36 |
| Skipped | 3 |

| The Republican controlled Senate | Total |
|---|--------------|
| My level of trust has increased | 15 |
| My level of trust has decreased | 46 |
| My level of trust was not affected | 36 |
| Skipped | 3 |

| The news media | Total |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| My level of trust has increased | 8 |
| My level of trust has decreased | 44 |
| My level of trust was not affected | 45 |
| Skipped | 3 |

| The presidency | Total |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| My level of trust has increased | 15 |
| My level of trust has decreased | 46 |
| My level of trust was not affected | 36 |
| Skipped | 3 |

| The American political system | Total |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| My level of trust has increased | 6 |
| My level of trust has decreased | 64 |
| My level of trust was not affected | 27 |
| Skipped | 3 |



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92. Has the impeachment process made you?

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| More motivated to vote in the 2020 Presidential election | 49 |
| Less motivated to vote in the 2020 Presidential election | 5 |
| Or has there been no change | 44 |
| Skipped | 2 |

93. Has the impeachment process made you?

| | Total |
|---|--------------|
| More motivated to vote in the 2020 Senate elections | 48 |
| Less motivated to vote in the 2020 Senate elections | 5 |
| Or has there been no change | 45 |
| Skipped | 2 |

94. Has the impeachment process made you?

| | Total |
|--|--------------|
| More motivated to vote in the 2020 House elections | 47 |
| Less motivated to vote in the 2020 House elections | 5 |
| Or has there been no change | 46 |
| Skipped | 2 |



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

| Ukraine interfered in the 2016 election | Total |
|--|--------------|
| Did | 32 |
| Did not | 64 |
| Skipped | 4 |

| Russia interfered in the 2016 election | Total |
|---|--------------|
| Did | 67 |
| Did not | 30 |
| Skipped | 4 |

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Methodology

This sixth wave of the 538 Impeachment/Ipsos Poll was conducted February 5th to February 9th, 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 6 was fielded to all who completed wave 1 and had 1,601 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 1.44. 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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