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Reuters/Ipsos Poll: Senate Impeachment Verdict

Nearly half of Americans believe the Senate is protecting President Trump.

Washington DC, February 6, 2020 – The latest Reuters/Ipsos survey, conducted after the Senate voted to acquit President Trump, shows that Americans are split on the president's acquittal (43% support, 41% oppose). Additionally, nearly half of Americans think that the president did something wrong and the Senate is protecting him (48%), and 39% believe the Senate made the right choice in acquitting the president.

However, the poll showed respondent preferences have not significantly changed from before the vote with 40% saying they would vote to convict him on obstructing Congress, 14% would censure him, and 34% would dismiss the charges. When it came to the charge of abusing power – 42% of Americans would vote to convict President Trump, 13% would vote to censure him, 35% would vote to dismiss the charges. Three-quarters of Democrats (77%) say that impeaching Trump was the right thing to do even though it did not result in his removal from office. However, fewer Democrats think it was the right course of action if it lessens the Democrats' chances to win the White House in November (67%).

About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted on behalf of Thomson Reuters on February 5, 2020 following the vote to acquit President Trump of the impeachment charges against him. For this survey, a sample of 1,006 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 434 Democrats, 404 Republicans, and 106 independents. 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 ± 3.5 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 ± 5.4 percentage points for Democrats, ± 5.6 percentage points for Republicans, and ± 10.9 percentage points for independents.

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



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		All respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
With which political party do you most identify? Summary	Democrat	43%	100%	0%	0%
	Republican	38%	0%	100%	0%
	Independent	11%	0%	0%	100%
	Other/Don't know	8%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	1006	434	404	106
Do you support or oppose the decision of the Senate to acquit President Trump of the charges against him?	Support	43%	19%	80%	31%
	Oppose	41%	69%	13%	34%
	Not sure	17%	12%	7%	35%
	Total	1006	434	404	106
If you were given the opportunity to cast your vote in the impeachment trial for the following charges, would you vote to convict, censure, or acquit President Trump? Obstructing Congress :	Vote to convict, removing President Trump from office	40%	69%	11%	39%
	Vote to censure, formally reprimanding President Trump, but not removing him from office	14%	15%	13%	16%
	Vote to acquit, dismissing all of the charges against President Trump	34%	9%	71%	26%
	Not sure	12%	7%	5%	19%
	Total	1006	434	404	106
If you were given the opportunity to cast your vote in the impeachment trial for the following charges, would you vote to convict, censure, or acquit President Trump? Abusing power :	Vote to convict, removing President Trump from office	42%	72%	10%	43%
	Vote to censure, formally reprimanding President Trump, but not removing him from office	13%	14%	13%	15%
	Vote to acquit, dismissing all of the charges against President Trump	35%	9%	73%	26%
	Not sure	10%	6%	5%	17%
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		All respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Considering the Senate's acquittal of President Trump, which of the following comes closest to your opinion about the situation?	President Trump is probably innocent of the charges against him, and the Senate made the right decision to acquit	39%	12%	78%	32%
	President Trump is probably guilty of the charges against him, and the Senate is protecting him	48%	80%	15%	47%
	Not sure	13%	8%	8%	21%
	Total	1006	434	404	106
Considering the Senate's acquittal of President Trump, which of the following comes closest to your opinion about the situation? 'Impeachment was the right thing to do, even though it did not result in the removal of President Trump':	Strongly agree	35%	60%	12%	28%
	Somewhat agree	14%	17%	10%	18%
	Somewhat disagree	11%	10%	10%	18%
	Strongly disagree	30%	8%	64%	25%
	Not sure	9%	5%	5%	11%
	Total	1006	434	404	106
Considering the Senate's acquittal of President Trump, which of the following comes closest to your opinion about the situation? 'Impeachment was the right thing to do, even if it ultimately weakens Democrats' chances of winning the presidency in 2020':	Strongly agree	27%	41%	14%	19%
	Somewhat agree	18%	26%	9%	21%
	Somewhat disagree	14%	14%	14%	21%
	Strongly disagree	28%	11%	55%	23%
	Not sure	13%	8%	8%	16%
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