

Reuters/Ipsos Poll: 2020 Democratic Primary Tracker

Sanders continues to lead in the race for the Democratic nomination, Biden and Bloomberg fight for second place

Washington, DC, March 3, 2020 – In the Reuters/Ipsos Democratic primary tracker conducted between February 28 and March 2, 2020, Senator Bernie Sanders continues to lead the field with 29% of the vote share among Democratic registered voters, unchanged from last week. Coming off his first win in the South Carolina primary, former Vice President Joe Biden is supported by 18% of Democratic registered voters. Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg will be on the ballot for the first time today – Super Tuesday – as a candidate for the nomination. Bloomberg receives 15% of the vote share among Democratic registered voters. Approximately 10% of Democratic registered voters say they support Senator Elizabeth Warren for the nomination. Former Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Senator Amy Klobuchar, and businessman Tom Steyer, who ended their campaigns following the South Carolina primary on Saturday, received a combined 16% of the vote share in our poll.

Electability remains the most important factor for Democratic primary voters, with 49% reporting that beating President Trump in the general election is the most important factor when deciding who to vote for. Strong platforms on the economy and jobs (11%) and healthcare (10%) are also important factors. Among Democratic registered voters, Sanders is seen as the most likely to beat Trump in November (28%), followed by Biden (21%) and Bloomberg (20%). Sanders is also seen as the strongest on the economy and jobs (27%), followed by Bloomberg (24%), and Biden (16%). When it comes to healthcare, Sanders (36%) is seen as having the best policies. Biden (16%) is in a distant second place.

About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between February 28 and March 2, 2020 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 1,114 Americans age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 934 registered voters, 469 Democratic registered voters, 334 Republican registered voters, and 96 independent 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 \pm 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 \pm 3.7 percentage points for registered voters, \pm 5.2 percentage points for Democratic registered voters, \pm 6.1 percentage points for Republican registered voters, and \pm 11.4 percentage points for independent registered voters.

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





		All Respondents	All Registered Voters	Democratic Registered Voters	Republican Registered Voters	Independent Registered Voters
	Yes	82%	100%	100%	100%	100%
P1. Are you currently registered	No	16%	0%	0%	0%	0%
to vote, or not? (Select one)	Don't know / Refused	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
(200000)	Total	Respondents Registered Voters Registered Voters	96			
	Strong Democrat	18%	22%	43%	0%	0%
	Moderate Democrat	19%	20%	40%	0%	0%
	Lean Democrat	10%	8%	16%	0%	0%
Do you consider yourself a	Lean Republican	8%	7%	0%	21%	0%
Democrat, a Republican, an	Moderate Republican	14%	15%	0%	43%	0%
independent or none of these?	Strong Republican	11%	13%	0%	36%	0%
	Independent	12%	10%	0%	0%	100%
	None of these	6%	3%	0%	0%	0%
	DK	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	1114	934	469	334	96
Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?	Democrat	47%	50%	100%	0%	0%
	Republican	33%	35%	0%	100%	0%
	Independent	12%	10%	0%	0%	100%
	None/DK	8%	4%	0%	0%	0%
Summary	Total	1114	934	469	334	96





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	10- Completely certain you will vote	62%	74%	78%	79%	52%
D7 In November	9	7%	9%	7%	9%	14%
P7. In November 2020, the next	8	5%	5%	5%	5%	7%
presidential	7	4%	3%	3%	1%	8%
election will be held. Using a 1-to-	6	3%	2%	2%	1%	3%
10 scale how	5	4%	3%	2%	2%	5%
likely are you to	4	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%
vote in the next presidential	3	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
election? (Select	2	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
one)	1-Completely certain you will NOT vote	8%	2%	1%	1%	2%
	Don't know	3%	2%	0%	0%	8%
	Total	1114	934	469	334	96





		All	All	Democratic	Republican	Independent
		Respondents	Registered	Registered	Registered	Registered
			Voters	Voters	Voters	Voters
	Joe Biden	13%	15%	18%	-	6%
	Elizabeth Warren	9%	9%	10%	-	5%
TM1634Y19. If the	Bernie Sanders	23%	24%	29%	-	7%
2020 Democratic presidential	Amy Klobuchar	3%	4%	4%	-	6%
primary election	Pete Buttigieg	8%	10%	10%	-	12%
were held today,	Tulsi Gabbard	1%	1%	1%	-	4%
and you had to choose from the	Tom Steyer	2%	2%	2%	-	3%
list of candidates below, for whom	Michael Bloomberg	13%	14%	15%	-	11%
would you vote? -	Other	2%	2%	2%	-	2%
NOT ASKED OF	Don't know	17%	14%	8%	-	24%
REPUBLICANS	I can't/won't vote in the Democratic primary	8%	4%	0%	-	20%
	Total	735	600	469	0	96
TM1703Y19.How certain are you that	Completely certain	42%	46%	49%	-	18%
you will vote for	Mostly certain	42%	43%	40%	-	68%
[INSERT RESPONSE FROM TM1634Y19] in the Democratic presidential primary?- NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Not very certain	13%	9%	9%	-	10%
	Not at all certain	3%	1%	1%	-	4%
	Total	546	479	421	0	51





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TM1657Y19. If	Joe Biden	19%	18%	18%	-	18%
your first choice dropped out of the	Elizabeth Warren	19%	21%	23%	-	12%
race or you had to choose someone	Bernie Sanders	22%	21%	21%	-	23%
to vote for, who would you vote for	Amy Klobuchar	6%	6%	7%	-	7%
in the upcoming	Pete Buttigieg	13%	13%	13%	-	8%
presidential	Tom Steyer	5%	5%	5%	-	2%
primary election? - NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Michael Bloomberg	15%	16%	13%	-	31%
REPUBLICANS	Total	576	506	438	0	55
If the 2020 Democratic presidential	Bernie Sanders	55%	56%	59%	-	48%
primary election were held today,	Michael Bloomberg	45%	44%	41%	-	52%
and you had to choose from the candidates below, for whom would you vote?	Total	682	579	469	0	79
If the 2020 Democratic presidential primary election were held today, and you had to choose from the candidates below, for whom would you vote?	Bernie Sanders	54%	51%	52%	-	50%
	Joe Biden	46%	49%	48%	-	50%
	Total	682	579	469	0	79





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	Strong on immigration	3%	3%	4%	-	2%
	Strong on healthcare	12%	11%	10%	-	13%
	Strong on the environment	5%	6%	7%	-	1%
If the 2020 Democratic presidential	Strong on the economy and job creation	12%	11%	11%	-	17%
primary election were held today, which of the following candidate traits would be the	Can beat President Trump in the general election	42%	44%	49%	-	32%
MOST important factor for you in	Strong progressive	6%	6%	7%	-	1%
deciding who to vote for?	Can unify the Democratic Party	7%	8%	7%	-	14%
	Someone new and different	5%	4%	3%	-	6%
	Don't know	9%	6%	3%	-	15%
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	Joe Biden	16%	16%	18%	-	12%
TM4CC2V40 For	Bernie Sanders	20%	21%	23%	-	7%
TM1662Y19 - For each of the	Elizabeth Warren	10%	11%	12%	-	6%
following, please select the	Pete Buttigieg	6%	7%	7%	-	7%
candidate from the list below you think	Michael Bloomberg	9%	9%	8%	-	11%
is the best on that	Tom Steyer	3%	3%	4%	-	0%
particular issueImmigration.	Amy Klobuchar	3%	3%	3%	-	6%
-NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Some other candidate	2%	2%	1%	-	10%
	Don't know	32%	29%	24%	-	41%
	Total	682	579	469	0	79
	Joe Biden	13%	14%	16%	-	3%
TM4.000\/4.0 Far	Bernie Sanders	32%	33%	36%	-	23%
TM1662Y19 - For each of the	Elizabeth Warren	10%	10%	12%	-	2%
following, please select the	Pete Buttigieg	6%	6%	6%	-	10%
candidate from the list below you think is the best on that particular issueHealthcareNOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Michael Bloomberg	11%	11%	10%	-	15%
	Tom Steyer	3%	3%	3%	-	3%
	Amy Klobuchar	4%	4%	4%	-	4%
	Some other candidate	2%	2%	1%	-	13%
	Don't know	19%	17%	12%	-	28%
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	Joe Biden	9%	10%	11%	-	2%
TM1662Y19 - For	Bernie Sanders	26%	27%	29%	-	17%
each of the following, please	Elizabeth Warren	12%	13%	13%	-	16%
select the	Pete Buttigieg	7%	7%	7%	-	9%
candidate from the list below you think	Michael Bloomberg	11%	12%	12%	-	10%
is the best on that particular	Tom Steyer	8%	9%	9%	-	10%
issueThe environmentNOT	Amy Klobuchar	2%	2%	2%	-	2%
ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Some other candidate	3%	2%	1%	-	9%
	Don't know	22%	19%	16%	-	26%
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	Joe Biden	13%	14%	16%	-	7%
TM1662Y19 - For	Bernie Sanders	24%	24%	27%	-	10%
each of the following, please	Elizabeth Warren	9%	10%	11%	-	4%
select the	Pete Buttigieg	4%	4%	4%	-	5%
candidate from the list below you think is the best on that particular issueThe economy and jobsNOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Michael Bloomberg	23%	24%	24%	-	28%
	Tom Steyer	3%	4%	4%	-	2%
	Amy Klobuchar	2%	3%	3%	-	3%
	Some other candidate	2%	3%	1%	-	14%
	Don't know	18%	15%	11%	-	27%
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	Joe Biden	16%	18%	21%	-	5%
TM1662Y19 - For	Bernie Sanders	26%	26%	28%	-	20%
each of the following, please select the	Elizabeth Warren	4%	4%	5%	-	3%
candidate from the	Pete Buttigieg	4%	4%	4%	-	5%
list below you think is the best on that	Michael Bloomberg	20%	20%	20%	-	23%
particular	Tom Steyer	2%	2%	3%	-	1%
issueMost likely to beat President	Amy Klobuchar	2%	2%	2%	-	2%
TrumpNOT ASKED OF	Some other candidate	3%	3%	2%	-	7%
REPUBLICANS	Don't know	22%	20%	15%	-	34%
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TM1662Y19 - For	Bernie Sanders	33%	35%	39%	-	18%
each of the following, please	Elizabeth Warren	11%	12%	13%	-	7%
select the	Pete Buttigieg	6%	7%	7%	-	6%
candidate from the list below you think is the best on that particular issueStrong progressiveNOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Michael Bloomberg	10%	9%	8%	-	11%
	Tom Steyer	2%	3%	3%	-	2%
	Amy Klobuchar	2%	2%	2%	-	4%
	Some other candidate	2%	2%	1%	-	7%
	Don't know	24%	22%	17%	-	38%
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	Joe Biden	19%	20%	23%	-	10%
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each of the following, please select the	Elizabeth Warren	9%	9%	10%	-	3%
candidate from the	Pete Buttigieg	7%	7%	8%	-	7%
list below you think is the best on that	Michael Bloomberg	11%	11%	10%	-	18%
particular	Tom Steyer	2%	1%	2%	-	1%
issueCan unify the Democratic	Amy Klobuchar	5%	5%	5%	-	2%
PartyNOT ASKED OF	Some other candidate	2%	2%	1%	-	10%
REPUBLICANS	Don't know	27%	26%	22%	-	37%
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select the	Pete Buttigieg	21%	24%	27%	-	20%
candidate from the list below you think is the best on that particular issueA new and different voiceNOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Michael Bloomberg	12%	12%	10%	-	20%
	Tom Steyer	5%	6%	7%	-	3%
	Amy Klobuchar	5%	5%	6%	-	5%
	Some other candidate	2%	3%	2%	-	10%
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select the	Pete Buttigieg	6%	6%	6%	-	8%
candidate from the list below you think	Michael Bloomberg	12%	11%	10%	-	12%
is the best on that particular	Tom Steyer	2%	2%	2%	-	2%
issueNational securityNOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Amy Klobuchar	3%	3%	3%	-	3%
	Some other candidate	3%	3%	1%	-	15%
	Don't know	28%	24%	21%	-	33%
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