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Reuters/Ipsos Poll: 2020 Democratic Primary Tracker

Biden's lead solidifies in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. About half of Americans support a single national primary day.

Washington, DC, March 10, 2020 — In the most recent Reuters/Ipsos Democratic primary tracker poll, former Vice President Joe Biden continues to gain momentum among Democratic registered voters for the nomination for president, while Senator Bernie Sanders' support remains consistent. Among Democratic registered voters, 54% report they would vote for Biden if the primary were held today, up 9 points from the Reuters/Ipsos post Super Tuesday poll (45%). About one-third of Democratic registered voters (33%) say they would vote for Sanders, statistically unchanged from last week (32%).

The poll also asked who respondents would vote for if the Democratic primary came down to two choices: Sanders and Biden. Among Democratic registered voters, 59% report they would vote for Biden, and 41% say they would vote for Sanders. If the universe is expanded to all Democrats and independents on the two-person ballot, Biden still leads Sanders 55% to 45%.

Among all independents and Democrats who said they would support Sanders in a two-person race for the nomination, about half (51%) say they would vote for Joe Biden in the general election if he is the eventual nominee, 12% would vote for a third party, 8% would vote for President Trump, and 28% say they are unsure or would not vote in the general election. Conversely, 61% of Biden supporters say they would vote for Sanders, 6% say they would vote for a third party, 6% would vote for President Trump, and 27% say they are unsure or would not vote in the general election at all.

The Reuters/Ipsos poll also examined support for a national primary day that would require all states to conduct their presidential primaries on the same day. About half (46%) of Americans support this idea, 16% oppose it, and 38% are unsure.



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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between March 6 and March 9, 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 956 registered voters, 420 Democratic registered voters, 415 Republican registered voters, and 92 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 ± 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 ± 3.6 percentage points for registered voters, ± 5.5 percentage points for Democratic registered voters, ± 5.5 percentage points for Republican registered voters, and ± 11.6 percentage points for independent registered voters.

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



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		All Respondents	All Registered Voters	Democratic Registered Voters	Republican Registered Voters	Independent Registered Voters
P1. Are you currently registered to vote, or not? (Select one)	Yes	83%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	No	14%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Don't know / Refused	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	1114	956	420	415	92
Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?	Democrat	42%	44%	100%	0%	0%
	Republican	41%	44%	0%	100%	0%
	Independent	10%	9%	0%	0%	100%
	None/DK	8%	3%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	1114	956	420	415	92
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	61%	72%	72%	77%	62%
	9	7%	8%	9%	8%	7%
	8	6%	7%	7%	5%	11%
	7	4%	4%	5%	3%	5%
	6	3%	2%	2%	2%	6%
	5	4%	3%	2%	3%	5%
	4	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
	3	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	2	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	1-Completely certain you will NOT vote	8%	1%	1%	0%	1%
	Don't know	4%	2%	1%	2%	2%
	Total	1114	956	420	415	92



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TM3. How familiar are you with the following public figures, taking into account all the ways you may have heard about them?...Donald Trump	Very familiar	68%	72%	72%	77%	62%
	Somewhat familiar	23%	20%	19%	19%	29%
	Not very familiar	4%	3%	3%	2%	7%
	Have heard of them, but that's it	4%	3%	4%	1%	2%
	Have not heard about them	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%
	Total	1114	956	420	415	92
TM3. How familiar are you with the following public figures, taking into account all the ways you may have heard about them?...Joe Biden	Very familiar	49%	53%	61%	51%	45%
	Somewhat familiar	34%	34%	30%	36%	41%
	Not very familiar	9%	7%	6%	7%	6%
	Have heard of them, but that's it	7%	5%	3%	5%	6%
	Have not heard about them	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
	Total	1114	956	420	415	92
TM3. How familiar are you with the following public figures, taking into account all the ways you may have heard about them?...Bernie Sanders	Very familiar	48%	53%	60%	51%	39%
	Somewhat familiar	35%	34%	31%	35%	44%
	Not very familiar	9%	7%	6%	8%	8%
	Have heard of them, but that's it	6%	4%	2%	4%	8%
	Have not heard about them	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
	Total	1114	956	420	415	92



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TM4. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?...Donald Trump	Very favorable	23%	25%	2%	53%	7%
	Somewhat favorable	11%	11%	3%	19%	9%
	Lean towards favorable	10%	9%	5%	11%	20%
	Lean towards unfavorable	10%	8%	7%	7%	13%
	Somewhat unfavorable	5%	5%	6%	3%	8%
	Very unfavorable	41%	42%	77%	7%	43%
	Total	1098	947	417	411	92
TM4. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?...Joe Biden	Very favorable	16%	17%	33%	4%	11%
	Somewhat favorable	17%	19%	34%	5%	14%
	Lean towards favorable	16%	15%	18%	10%	24%
	Lean towards unfavorable	15%	13%	6%	16%	24%
	Somewhat unfavorable	9%	9%	4%	14%	10%
	Very unfavorable	26%	26%	5%	51%	17%
	Total	1094	943	417	408	91
TM4. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?...Bernie Sanders	Very favorable	16%	16%	29%	4%	10%
	Somewhat favorable	16%	17%	30%	5%	12%
	Lean towards favorable	16%	14%	20%	7%	24%
	Lean towards unfavorable	14%	13%	12%	10%	24%
	Somewhat unfavorable	9%	8%	5%	10%	7%
	Very unfavorable	29%	32%	3%	63%	23%
	Total	1097	945	417	410	91



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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	39%	47%	54%	-	21%
	Bernie Sanders	29%	30%	33%	-	24%
	Tulsi Gabbard	3%	2%	2%	-	7%
	Other	4%	4%	3%	-	4%
	Don't know	15%	12%	8%	-	18%
	I can't/won't vote in the Democratic primary	11%	6%	0%	-	26%
	Total	667	541	420	0	92
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	53%	57%	58%	-	55%
	Mostly certain	38%	36%	36%	-	41%
	Not very certain	7%	6%	6%	-	5%
	Not at all certain	2%	1%	0%	-	0%
	Total	483	427	377	0	46
TM1804Y20. If the 2020 Democratic presidential primary election were held today, and you had to choose from the candidates below, for whom would you vote? - NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Bernie Sanders	45%	41%	41%	-	46%
	Joe Biden	55%	59%	59%	-	54%
	Total	607	510	420	0	69



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TM1810Y20. You said you would support for [INSERT RESPONSE FOR 1804Y20] for the Democratic presidential nomination. In the event [INSERT OTHER CANDIDATE FROM 1804Y20] wins the Democratic nomination, which of the following scenarios best describes how you will vote in the November 2020 election for president? - NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	I will vote for [INSERT RESPONSE FOR 1804Y20]	57%	66%	72%	-	41%
	I will vote for President Donald Trump	7%	7%	5%	-	16%
	I will vote for a third party (Green Party, independent candidates, etc.)	9%	8%	7%	-	16%
	I will not vote at all if [INSERT OTHER CANDIDATE FROM 1804Y20] wins the nomination	8%	5%	5%	-	7%
	Not sure	20%	14%	11%	-	20%
	Total	607	510	420	0	69
TM1811Y20. Have you already voted in the Democratic presidential primary? - NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Yes	35%	41%	45%	-	29%
	No	59%	56%	54%	-	69%
	Not sure	6%	3%	2%	-	2%
	Total	607	510	420	0	69
TM1812Y20. [IF YES IN TM1811Y20 INSERT 'When did you' IF NO/NOT SURE INSERT 'When will you'] make up your mind about who to vote for in Democratic presidential primary? - NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	A few months before election day	27%	27%	29%	-	14%
	A few weeks before election day	21%	22%	23%	-	17%
	A few days before election day	21%	22%	21%	-	32%
	On election day	20%	21%	21%	-	24%
	In the voting booth	10%	8%	7%	-	13%
	Total	607	510	420	0	69



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TM651Y15_1. If the 2020 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were as below, for whom would you vote?	Joe Biden (Democrat)	39%	44%	83%	8%	37%
	Donald Trump (Republican)	39%	42%	7%	84%	21%
	Neither / Other	9%	8%	6%	5%	24%
	Wouldn't vote	6%	2%	1%	1%	2%
	Don't know/Refused	7%	5%	3%	3%	16%
	Total	1114	956	420	415	92
TM651Y15_2. If the 2020 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were as below, for whom would you vote?	Donald Trump (Republican)	39%	42%	6%	85%	20%
	Bernie Sanders (Democrat)	40%	43%	81%	7%	44%
	Neither / Other	9%	8%	7%	6%	20%
	Wouldn't vote	6%	2%	2%	1%	2%
	Don't know/Refused	6%	5%	4%	2%	14%
	Total	1114	956	420	415	92
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	34%	38%	41%	-	27%
	Bernie Sanders	32%	32%	35%	-	22%
	Some other candidate	10%	10%	8%	-	22%
	Don't know	24%	20%	16%	-	30%
	Total	607	510	420	0	69
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	36%	41%	44%	-	30%
	Bernie Sanders	40%	40%	42%	-	37%
	Some other candidate	7%	7%	5%	-	13%
	Don't know	18%	13%	9%	-	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..The environment. -NOT ASKED OF REPUBLICANS	Joe Biden	32%	35%	38%	-	21%
	Bernie Sanders	40%	40%	43%	-	34%
	Some other candidate	10%	9%	7%	-	23%
	Don't know	19%	16%	12%	-	22%
	Total	607	510	420	0	69
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	41%	46%	49%	-	34%
	Bernie Sanders	30%	31%	34%	-	21%
	Some other candidate	10%	9%	8%	-	18%
	Don't know	19%	14%	9%	-	27%
	Total	607	510	420	0	69
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	49%	52%	56%	-	38%
	Bernie Sanders	24%	24%	25%	-	23%
	Some other candidate	7%	6%	5%	-	18%
	Don't know	20%	17%	14%	-	21%
	Total	607	510	420	0	69
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	26%	28%	30%	-	15%
	Bernie Sanders	43%	46%	49%	-	37%
	Some other candidate	9%	9%	7%	-	21%
	Don't know	22%	18%	14%	-	27%
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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	46%	52%	57%	-	36%
	Bernie Sanders	24%	22%	23%	-	19%
	Some other candidate	9%	9%	8%	-	11%
	Don't know	21%	17%	12%	-	34%
	Total	607	510	420	0	69
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	24%	26%	28%	-	17%
	Bernie Sanders	43%	45%	49%	-	31%
	Some other candidate	14%	14%	11%	-	33%
	Don't know	19%	15%	12%	-	18%
	Total	607	510	420	0	69
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	49%	55%	59%	-	41%
	Bernie Sanders	21%	20%	21%	-	16%
	Some other candidate	9%	7%	6%	-	15%
	Don't know	22%	18%	14%	-	28%
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TM1813Y20. As you may know, America currently staggers presidential primaries so that states vote on different days for the same election. For example, the Iowa caucuses occurred on February 3, 2020 and the primary in New Jersey will occur on June 2, 2020. Some have argued for a national primary day, where all primary elections and caucuses for president would occur on the same day around the country. Do you support or oppose a national primary/caucus day?	Support	46%	49%	51%	49%	44%
	Oppose	16%	17%	13%	22%	12%
	Not sure	38%	34%	35%	29%	43%
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