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Hello, my name is _____ (**first and last name**). I'm calling from the Monmouth University Polling Institute and I'm taking a public opinion survey of American adults for the university.

CELL: I'd like your views on some topics currently in the news across the country. To start with, are you 18 years of age or older, or are you under 18?

LANDLINE: I'd like to ask a few questions of the **YOUNGEST MALE** age 18 or older, who is now at home. **(IF NO MALE AT HOME NOW:** Then, may I speak with the **YOUNGEST FEMALE** age 18 or older who is now at home?) **WHEN RESPONDENT ON PHONE:** I'd like your views on some topics currently in the news across the country.

--Your participation is very important because only 900 people have been randomly selected for this survey and your views will represent many people throughout the nation. We are not selling anything, not asking for money, and all your answers will be completely confidential

-- There are no right or wrong answers. We are only interested in your opinions. They are just as important as anybody else's.

-- Please help me; we could really use your cooperation and we are interested in what you think.

TRUMP

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?
 1. Approve
 2. Disapprove
 9. (VOL) Neither/Don't know/Refused

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?
 1. Approve
 2. Disapprove
 9. (VOL) Neither/Don't know/Refused

3. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?
 1. Right direction
 2. Wrong track
 3. (VOL) Depends
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

4. Looking ahead to the 2020 election for President, do you think that Donald Trump should be re-elected, or do you think that it is time to have someone else in office?
 1. Should be re-elected
 2. Someone else should be in office
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
- 4A. As of right now, what do you think the chances are that Donald Trump gets re-elected in November – do you think he will definitely get re-elected, probably get re-elected, probably lose to the Democrat, or definitely lose to the Democrat?
 1. Definitely get re-elected
 2. Probably get re-elected
 3. Probably lose to the Democrat
 4. Definitely lose to the Democrat
 5. (VOL) Depends on the Democrat
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
5. Which of the following words best describes how you feel about Washington – angry, dissatisfied, satisfied, happy?
 1. Angry
 2. Dissatisfied
 3. Satisfied
 4. Happy
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
6. I'm going to read four statements about our American system of government. Listen carefully and then tell me which one is closest to how you feel: **[READ 1-4]**?
 1. Our system of government is basically sound and essentially needs no changes,
 2. Our system is basically sound, but needs some improvement,
 3. Our system is not too sound and needs many improvements, or
 4. Our system is not sound at all and needs significant changes
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
7. Donald Trump promised to “drain the swamp” when he got to Washington. Would you say that he has made progress draining the swamp, that he has made the swamp worse, or that nothing has really changed?
 1. Made progress draining the swamp
 2. Made the swamp worse
 3. Nothing has really changed
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

2020 PRESIDENT

- D1. Are you currently registered to vote at the address where you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register?
 1. Yes, at this address
 2. Not registered at current address for any reason
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

D2. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, independent, or something else?

1. Republican >>> **SKIP TO Q11**
2. Democrat
3. Independent >>> **ASK D2A**
4. Something else >>> **ASK D2A**
9. (VOL) Don't Know/Refused >>> **ASK D2A**

D2A. Do you lean more toward the Republican Party or more toward the Democratic Party?

1. Republican >>> **SKIP TO Q11**
2. Democrat
3. Neither >>> **SKIP TO Q11**
9. (VOL) Don't Know / Refused >>> **SKIP TO Q11**

**[IF Registered (D1=1) AND Democrat (D2=2) or Lean Democrat (D2A=2), ASK Q8.
ALL OTHERS SKIP TO Q11.]**

8. Who would you support for the Democratic nomination for president if the candidates were the following: **[READ AND ROTATE NAMES 1-11]? [SINGLE RESPONSE ONLY.]**

1. Joe Biden [BYE-din]
2. Bernie Sanders
3. Elizabeth Warren
4. Pete Buttigieg [BOOT-uh-judge]
5. Amy Klobuchar [KLOE-boo-shar]
6. Mike Bloomberg
7. Andrew Yang
8. Tom Steyer [STY-er]
9. Tulsi [TALL-see] Gabbard [GAB-erd]
10. Michael Bennet
11. Deval [Deh-VALL] Patrick
97. (VOL) Other, specify: _____
98. (VOL) No one – do not want a Democrat as president
99. (VOL) Undecided, don't know, refused >> **ASK Q8A**

[IF Q8=99 UNDECIDED, ASK 8A:]

8A. If you had to vote for a candidate at this moment, who do you lean toward?

Same response options

9. Do you think having Iowa and New Hampshire go first in the nominating process makes it more likely or less likely that the Democratic Party will nominate the best candidate for president, or do you think having those states go first makes little difference in the likelihood that Democrats will nominate the best candidate?

1. More likely
2. Less likely
3. Little difference
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

10. Which of the following options would you prefer for the presidential nominating process: A. keep the current system with Iowa and New Hampshire going first, followed by Nevada and South Carolina and then a bunch of states on Super Tuesday; B. have a few other states hold their contests on the same days as Iowa and New Hampshire before moving to other states; C. create grouped primaries where many states would hold their contests on the same day, with each group going on a different week; or D. create a national primary where every state would hold its nominating contest on the same day?
1. A. keep the current system
 2. B. have a few other states on same days as IA/NH
 3. C. create grouped primaries
 4. D. create a national primary
 5. (VOL) None of these
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

[ASK EVERYONE:]

11. I'm going to read you the names of some people who are running for president in 2020. Please tell me if your general impression of each is very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable, or if you don't really have an opinion. If you have not heard of the person, just let me know. **[ROTATE NAMES]**

- A. Former Vice President Joe Biden [BYE-din]
- B. Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders
- C. Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren
- D. Former South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg [BOOT-uh-judge]
- E. Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar [KLOE-boo-shar]
- F. Former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg
- G. President Donald Trump

1. Very favorable
2. Somewhat favorable
3. Somewhat unfavorable
4. Very unfavorable
5. No opinion
6. Not heard of
9. (VOL) Refused

- 11X. Do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the 2020 presidential election? **[PROBE:** Is that very or somewhat (optimistic/pessimistic)]?

1. Very optimistic
2. Somewhat optimistic
3. Somewhat pessimistic
4. Very pessimistic
5. (VOL) Neither, don't care
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

11Y. Compared to past elections, are you more enthusiastic than usual, less enthusiastic, or about the same as past elections?

1. More enthusiastic
2. Less enthusiastic
3. About the same
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

IMPEACHMENT

Now, on the topic of impeachment ...

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the Senate's decision to acquit Donald Trump and not remove him from the presidency?

1. Approve
2. Disapprove
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

13. Which of the following comes closest to how you feel about the impeachment charges: A. Trump did nothing wrong; B. Some of Trump's actions were improper, but they did not rise to the level of impeachment; or C. Trump's actions were definitely grounds for impeachment?

1. A. Trump did nothing wrong
2. B. Some of Trump's actions were improper, but they did not rise to the level of impeachment
3. C. Trump's actions were definitely grounds for impeachment
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

14. Would you approve or disapprove of the Senate voting to censure Donald Trump for his actions?

1. Approve
2. Disapprove
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

15. Do you feel the way the Senate impeachment trial was conducted was generally fair or unfair?

1. Fair
2. Unfair
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the Senate's decision not to call any witnesses at the impeachment trial?

1. Approve
2. Disapprove
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the House of Representatives decision to impeach President Trump in the first place?

1. Approve
2. Disapprove
9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

18. Do you feel the way the House impeachment inquiry was conducted was generally fair or unfair?
 1. Fair
 2. Unfair
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
19. Do you think the House should continue to investigate the Ukraine incident by calling new witnesses such as John Bolton, or should it end the Ukraine investigation?
 1. Continue to investigate
 2. End Ukraine investigation
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
20. Do you think the House should investigate Donald Trump on other impeachable offenses or should it end all such investigations?
 1. Investigate on other offenses
 2. End all investigations
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
21. Has the impeachment process increased or decreased your faith in the American system of government or has it not changed your faith either way?
 1. Increased
 2. Decreased
 3. Not changed
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused

DEMOS

Now a few classification questions to complete our survey.

- D3. In general, would you describe your political views as liberal, moderate, or conservative? **[IF LIB/CON ASK: Is that very or somewhat liberal/conservative?]**
 1. Very liberal
 2. Somewhat liberal
 3. Moderate
 4. Somewhat conservative
 5. Very conservative
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
- D4. What was the last grade in school you completed?
 1. 8th grade or less
 2. High School incomplete (Grades 9, 10 and 11)
 3. High School Complete (Grade 12)
 4. Vocational/Technical School
 5. Some College
 6. Junior College Graduate (2 year, Associate Degree)
 7. 4 year College Graduate (Bachelor's Degree)
 8. Graduate School (Masters, Law/Medical School, etc.)
 9. (VOL) Don't Know / Refused

- D5. What was your age on your last birthday?
 _____ [ENTER NUMBER. 98 = 98 or more; 99 = Don't Know/Refused]
- D5A. **[IF DK/REFUSED IN D5, ASK:]** Is it from ... [READ LIST]?
 1. 18 to 34,
 2. 35 to 54, or
 3. 55 or over?
 9. (VOL) Don't Know/Refused
- D6. Do you have any children under the age of 18?
 1. Yes
 2. No
 9. (VOL) Don't know/Refused
- D7. Are you of Latino or Hispanic origin?
 1. Yes
 2. No
 9. (VOL) Don't Know / Refused
- D8. Are you white, black or of Asian origin?
 1. White
 2. Black
 3. Asian
 4. (VOL) Hispanic, but won't specify race
 5. (VOL) Other, specify: _____
 9. (VOL) Don't Know/Refused
- D9. So that we can group all answers, is your total annual family income before taxes: Under \$25,000; from \$25,000 to just under \$50,000; from \$50,000 to just under \$100,000; or \$100,000 or more? Your best estimate is fine. **[IF REFUSE, PROBE ONCE: "We understand and respect that this information is private, we ask only for research purposes, and all your answers are recorded confidentially."]**
 1. Under \$25,000
 2. \$25,000 to just under \$50,000
 3. \$50,000 to just under \$100,000
 4. \$100,000 or more
 8. (VOL) Don't know
 9. (VOL) Refused
- D10. **RECORD RESPONDENT GENDER** from observation:
 1. Male
 2. Female
- D11. Record STATE of residence from landline area code. If CELL PHONE interview, verbally CONFIRM state of residence: "Which state do you live in?" / _____/

Thank you very much for your help.