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Sample 3,380 Adults
Margin of Error $\pm 1.9\%$

1. How would you rate the job Donald Trump is doing as President?

Very good	28%
Somewhat good	18%
Somewhat bad	12%
Very bad	42%

2. Generally, are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next year for the United States?

Optimistic	55%
Pessimistic	45%

3. How would you rate the condition of the national economy today?

Very good	26%
Fairly good	34%
Fairly bad	20%
Very bad	10%
Not sure	10%

4. How much attention are you paying to the impeachment inquiry into Donald Trump?

A lot	35%
Some	34%
Not too much	19%
None at all	12%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of Congressional Democrats starting an impeachment inquiry into Donald Trump?

Strongly approve	36%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	33%

6. How much have you heard or read about a phone call between Donald Trump and the President of Ukraine, that prompted a whistleblower complaint and the current inquiry?

A lot	44%
Some	37%
Not much or none	19%

7. From what you have heard or read so far about Donald Trump's handling of matters concerning Ukraine, do you think Donald Trump's actions have been...

Proper	26%
Not proper, but legal	31%
Illegal	43%

8. From what you have heard or read so far about Donald Trump's handling of matters concerning Ukraine, do you think Donald Trump deserves to be impeached over his actions, does not deserve to be impeached over his actions, or is it too soon to say?

Deserves to be impeached over his actions	43%
Does not deserve to be impeached over his actions	40%
It's too soon to say	17%

9. Do you feel that your mind is made up about that, or could you still see or hear something that would change your mind about it?

Asked of those who think Donald Trump deserves or does not deserve to be impeached

Mind made up	73%
Could change mind	27%

10. Do you think Congressional Democrats have done a good job or bad job handling the impeachment inquiry?

Very good	17%
Somewhat good	31%
Somewhat bad	18%
Very bad	34%

11. Do you think Donald Trump has done a good job or bad job handling the impeachment inquiry?

Very good	18%
Somewhat good	25%
Somewhat bad	20%
Very bad	36%

12. Compared to how past Presidents have dealt with foreign countries, do you feel Donald Trump's dealings with Ukraine are probably...

- Typical, the kind of thing most Presidents probably do with foreign countries 42%
- Unusual, something that few or no other Presidents have done with foreign countries 58%

13. Which comes closer to your view? The testimony and witnesses for Congress' impeachment inquiry should be:

- In closed hearings, to protect the privacy of those who come forward 11%
- In open hearings, to allow the public to see and hear those who come forward 47%
- A mix of open and closed, depending on how sensitive the testimony is 42%

14. Do you think the names of any "whistleblowers" in the impeachment matter should be:

- Allowed to stay private 53%
- Forced to be made public 47%

15. Do you think the motivation of the whistleblower who made the complaint about the phone call to Ukraine is probably:

- To damage Donald Trump politically 39%
- To protect the interests of the United States 37%
- Not sure yet, will have to wait and see 23%

16. On matters concerning his handling of Ukraine, right now, should Congressional Republicans...?

- Defend Donald Trump 30%
- Wait to see more facts, then decide whether to defend him or criticize him 40%
- Criticize Donald Trump 30%

17. Would you describe the impeachment inquiry as...

- A political distraction 39%
- Serious, but not serious enough to get in the way of getting things done 26%
- A critical matter that needs to be prioritized 35%

18. As you may know, Congressional public hearings on impeachment are expected to begin soon. Do you plan to watch...

Most of the hearings live	20%
Parts of the hearings live	21%
Will probably just watch or read highlights	37%
Probably won't watch or read much about it	22%

19. So far, have the events surrounding the impeachment matter been...

Very easy to follow	20%
Somewhat easy to follow	37%
Somewhat hard to follow	29%
Very hard to follow	14%

Other questions held for future release.

1. Trump Job Rating

How would you rate the job Donald Trump is doing as President?

	Gender			Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
Very good	28%	30%	25%	15%	20%	31%	45%	36%	6%	13%
Somewhat good	18%	19%	17%	20%	21%	17%	12%	19%	13%	16%
Somewhat bad	12%	13%	12%	20%	13%	11%	5%	10%	17%	18%
Very bad	42%	38%	46%	44%	46%	40%	38%	35%	64%	53%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,379)	(1,652)	(1,727)	(736)	(850)	(1,136)	(657)	(2,166)	(409)	(528)

	Party ID				Ideology		
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very good	28%	4%	28%	65%	7%	16%	61%
Somewhat good	18%	8%	21%	24%	7%	23%	21%
Somewhat bad	12%	11%	14%	6%	8%	18%	8%
Very bad	42%	77%	37%	4%	78%	43%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,379)	(1,092)	(1,069)	(835)	(917)	(1,398)	(1,053)

2. Optimism

Generally, are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next year for the United States?

	Gender			Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
Optimistic	55%	56%	55%	55%	51%	54%	63%	59%	43%	50%
Pessimistic	45%	44%	45%	45%	49%	46%	37%	41%	57%	50%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,362)	(1,644)	(1,718)	(730)	(848)	(1,135)	(650)	(2,157)	(408)	(526)

	Party ID			Ideology			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Optimistic	55%	36%	53%	85%	31%	54%	79%
Pessimistic	45%	64%	47%	15%	69%	46%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,362)	(1,088)	(1,063)	(831)	(911)	(1,391)	(1,049)

3. Condition of National Economy

How would you rate the condition of the national economy today?

	Gender			Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
Very good	26%	30%	22%	14%	17%	29%	44%	33%	7%	14%
Fairly good	34%	36%	32%	34%	34%	35%	31%	35%	34%	31%
Fairly bad	20%	17%	24%	24%	20%	22%	15%	19%	24%	25%
Very bad	10%	8%	11%	13%	13%	7%	5%	5%	19%	19%
Not sure	10%	9%	11%	15%	15%	7%	5%	8%	16%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,376)	(1,649)	(1,727)	(734)	(849)	(1,137)	(657)	(2,166)	(409)	(526)

	Party ID				Ideology		
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very good	26%	6%	27%	58%	7%	15%	56%
Fairly good	34%	38%	34%	32%	38%	37%	27%
Fairly bad	20%	31%	20%	6%	33%	22%	8%
Very bad	10%	15%	9%	1%	13%	10%	6%
Not sure	10%	9%	10%	3%	9%	16%	3%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,376)	(1,092)	(1,069)	(835)	(916)	(1,397)	(1,052)

4. Attention to Inquiry

How much attention are you paying to the impeachment inquiry into Donald Trump?

	Gender			Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
A lot	35%	38%	32%	16%	25%	42%	57%	40%	30%	22%
Some	34%	35%	34%	41%	36%	32%	29%	32%	37%	45%
Not too much	19%	17%	21%	24%	24%	17%	9%	17%	20%	21%
None at all	12%	10%	13%	19%	15%	9%	4%	10%	13%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(3,373)	(1,647)	(1,726)	(730)	(849)	(1,137)	(657)	(2,165)	(409)	(526)

	Party ID				Ideology		
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	35%	47%	32%	38%	49%	22%	41%
Some	34%	35%	36%	35%	33%	36%	33%
Not too much	19%	15%	20%	19%	14%	23%	18%
None at all	12%	3%	12%	8%	4%	19%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,373)	(1,092)	(1,067)	(834)	(911)	(1,398)	(1,053)

5. Approve Starting Inquiry

Do you approve or disapprove of Congressional Democrats starting an impeachment inquiry into Donald Trump?

	Gender			Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
Strongly approve	36%	33%	39%	34%	38%	37%	34%	32%	53%	45%
Somewhat approve	17%	17%	17%	26%	22%	13%	7%	14%	22%	22%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	14%	13%	22%	16%	11%	6%	12%	12%	19%
Strongly disapprove	33%	35%	31%	18%	23%	39%	53%	42%	13%	14%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,361)	(1,641)	(1,720)	(729)	(845)	(1,132)	(654)	(2,156)	(406)	(525)

	Party ID				Ideology		
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly approve	36%	67%	29%	8%	71%	34%	8%
Somewhat approve	17%	18%	18%	9%	17%	23%	9%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	7%	16%	15%	7%	18%	14%
Strongly disapprove	33%	7%	37%	68%	5%	25%	69%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,361)	(1,090)	(1,063)	(833)	(917)	(1,385)	(1,048)

6. Heard about Ukraine Phone Call

How much have you heard or read about a phone call between Donald Trump and the President of Ukraine, that prompted a whistleblower complaint and the current inquiry?

	Gender			Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
A lot	44%	49%	40%	25%	32%	52%	69%	51%	36%	30%
Some	37%	35%	38%	45%	43%	33%	26%	33%	45%	44%
Not much or none	19%	16%	22%	29%	25%	15%	5%	16%	18%	26%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(3,368)	(1,651)	(1,717)	(735)	(846)	(1,133)	(655)	(2,160)	(408)	(528)
	Party ID				Ideology					
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative			
A lot	44%	52%	45%	49%	57%	29%	54%			
Some	37%	35%	39%	37%	33%	41%	34%			
Not much or none	19%	13%	16%	14%	10%	30%	12%			
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%			
Weighted N	(3,368)	(1,089)	(1,066)	(832)	(914)	(1,392)	(1,050)			

7. Legality of Trump Actions

From what you have heard or read so far about Donald Trump's handling of matters concerning Ukraine, do you think Donald Trump's actions have been...

		Gender		Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
Proper	26%	29%	23%	15%	19%	30%	42%	33%	8%	11%
Not proper, but legal	31%	31%	31%	44%	36%	26%	18%	30%	25%	37%
Illegal	43%	40%	46%	41%	45%	44%	40%	37%	67%	52%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,366)	(1,647)	(1,720)	(736)	(843)	(1,132)	(655)	(2,161)	(405)	(527)

		Party ID			Ideology		
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Proper	26%	6%	27%	58%	7%	15%	56%
Not proper, but legal	31%	15%	35%	36%	15%	41%	32%
Illegal	43%	79%	37%	6%	77%	44%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(3,366)	(1,090)	(1,068)	(830)	(917)	(1,391)	(1,047)

8. Deserves to be Impeached

From what you have heard or read so far about Donald Trump's handling of matters concerning Ukraine, do you think Donald Trump deserves to be impeached over his actions, does not deserve to be impeached over his actions, or is it too soon to say?

	Gender			Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
Deserves to be impeached over his actions	43%	40%	46%	47%	48%	42%	37%	36%	66%	59%
Does not deserve to be impeached over his actions	40%	44%	36%	28%	31%	44%	56%	48%	15%	25%
It's too soon to say	17%	16%	18%	25%	21%	14%	7%	15%	19%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,375)	(1,651)	(1,725)	(736)	(848)	(1,135)	(657)	(2,165)	(407)	(528)

		Party ID			Ideology		
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Deserves to be impeached over his actions	43%	80%	35%	12%	81%	41%	13%
Does not deserve to be impeached over his actions	40%	7%	47%	80%	10%	31%	78%
It's too soon to say	17%	13%	18%	8%	9%	28%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(3,375)	(1,089)	(1,070)	(834)	(915)	(1,397)	(1,052)

9. Mind Made Up

Do you feel that your mind is made up about that, or could you still see or hear something that would change your mind about it?

Asked of those who think Donald Trump deserves or does not deserve to be impeached

	Total	Gender		Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
Mind made up	73%	70%	75%	66%	70%	76%	78%	75%	72%	71%
Could change mind	27%	30%	25%	34%	30%	24%	22%	25%	28%	29%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,796)	(1,379)	(1,417)	(549)	(662)	(976)	(610)	(1,830)	(330)	(439)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mind made up	73%	78%	68%	76%	76%	69%	76%
Could change mind	27%	22%	32%	24%	24%	31%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,796)	(949)	(878)	(764)	(825)	(1,002)	(962)

10. Handling Inquiry - Congressional Democrats

Do you think Congressional Democrats have done a good job or bad job handling the impeachment inquiry?

	Gender			Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
Very good	17%	16%	19%	16%	18%	18%	18%	15%	30%	20%
Somewhat good	31%	29%	33%	38%	38%	27%	20%	26%	43%	41%
Somewhat bad	18%	18%	17%	28%	20%	15%	8%	17%	17%	21%
Very bad	34%	36%	31%	18%	24%	40%	54%	42%	10%	18%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,356)	(1,643)	(1,714)	(729)	(845)	(1,129)	(653)	(2,161)	(400)	(522)

	Party ID				Ideology		
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very good	17%	36%	9%	7%	34%	16%	6%
Somewhat good	31%	45%	30%	11%	46%	35%	11%
Somewhat bad	18%	12%	21%	17%	15%	22%	14%
Very bad	34%	7%	40%	65%	4%	27%	69%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,356)	(1,084)	(1,063)	(832)	(912)	(1,383)	(1,052)

11. Handling Inquiry - Donald Trump

Do you think Donald Trump has done a good job or bad job handling the impeachment inquiry?

	Gender			Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
Very good	18%	20%	17%	10%	16%	20%	27%	23%	5%	9%
Somewhat good	25%	25%	25%	26%	23%	25%	27%	28%	14%	22%
Somewhat bad	20%	21%	20%	32%	21%	17%	13%	17%	26%	26%
Very bad	36%	34%	38%	32%	39%	38%	33%	32%	54%	42%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%
Weighted N	(3,369)	(1,647)	(1,722)	(736)	(847)	(1,132)	(654)	(2,163)	(408)	(526)

	Party ID				Ideology		
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very good	18%	3%	17%	45%	6%	10%	40%
Somewhat good	25%	10%	28%	39%	10%	27%	35%
Somewhat bad	20%	21%	20%	13%	17%	26%	15%
Very bad	36%	65%	34%	3%	67%	36%	9%
Totals	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%
Weighted N	(3,369)	(1,090)	(1,065)	(831)	(915)	(1,392)	(1,051)

12. Typical Foreign Policy

Compared to how past Presidents have dealt with foreign countries, do you feel Donald Trump's dealings with Ukraine are probably...

	Gender			Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
Typical, the kind of thing most Presidents probably do with foreign countries	42%	45%	39%	35%	40%	44%	49%	48%	22%	31%
Unusual, something that few or no other Presidents have done with foreign countries	58%	55%	61%	65%	60%	56%	51%	52%	78%	69%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,330)	(1,626)	(1,704)	(716)	(836)	(1,124)	(654)	(2,138)	(406)	(519)

	Party ID			Ideology			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Typical, the kind of thing most Presidents probably do with foreign countries	42%	15%	48%	71%	16%	37%	72%
Unusual, something that few or no other Presidents have done with foreign countries	58%	85%	52%	29%	84%	63%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,330)	(1,080)	(1,054)	(820)	(902)	(1,375)	(1,042)

13. Open or Closed Hearings

Which comes closer to your view? The testimony and witnesses for Congress' impeachment inquiry should be:

	Gender			Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
In closed hearings, to protect the privacy of those who come forward	11%	10%	12%	13%	18%	9%	4%	8%	15%	19%
In open hearings, to allow the public to see and hear those who come forward	47%	52%	42%	44%	39%	48%	59%	50%	36%	40%
A mix of open and closed, depending on how sensitive the testimony is	42%	38%	45%	43%	43%	43%	37%	41%	49%	41%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,366)	(1,645)	(1,721)	(732)	(845)	(1,135)	(653)	(2,160)	(405)	(527)

		Party ID			Ideology		
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
In closed hearings, to protect the privacy of those who come forward	11%	15%	7%	11%	13%	10%	11%
In open hearings, to allow the public to see and hear those who come forward	47%	34%	51%	64%	32%	42%	67%
A mix of open and closed, depending on how sensitive the testimony is	42%	51%	42%	25%	55%	48%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,366)	(1,089)	(1,064)	(832)	(913)	(1,391)	(1,051)

14. Whistleblower Identity

Do you think the names of any "whistleblowers" in the impeachment matter should be:

	Gender			Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
Allowed to stay private	53%	50%	56%	57%	56%	52%	46%	50%	70%	56%
Forced to be made public	47%	50%	44%	43%	44%	48%	54%	50%	30%	44%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,342)	(1,632)	(1,710)	(710)	(843)	(1,132)	(657)	(2,158)	(401)	(515)

	Party ID				Ideology		
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Allowed to stay private	53%	80%	49%	24%	85%	55%	22%
Forced to be made public	47%	20%	51%	76%	15%	45%	78%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,342)	(1,090)	(1,054)	(827)	(908)	(1,377)	(1,047)

15. Whistleblower Motivation

Do you think the motivation of the whistleblower who made the complaint about the phone call to Ukraine is probably:

	Total	Gender		Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
To damage Donald Trump politically	39%	42%	36%	30%	30%	43%	54%	48%	13%	25%
To protect the interests of the United States	37%	36%	39%	36%	39%	38%	35%	33%	53%	42%
Not sure yet, will have to wait and see	23%	21%	25%	34%	31%	18%	11%	19%	34%	33%
Totals	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,373)	(1,653)	(1,721)	(729)	(850)	(1,137)	(657)	(2,165)	(409)	(525)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
To damage Donald Trump politically	39%	11%	46%	75%	11%	30%	76%
To protect the interests of the United States	37%	68%	31%	13%	71%	36%	11%
Not sure yet, will have to wait and see	23%	21%	23%	12%	18%	34%	13%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,373)	(1,092)	(1,066)	(832)	(917)	(1,394)	(1,052)

16. Defend Trump or Wait

On matters concerning his handling of Ukraine, right now, should Congressional Republicans...?

		Gender		Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
Defend Donald Trump	30%	32%	28%	14%	20%	36%	49%	39%	7%	12%
Wait to see more facts, then decide whether to defend him or criticize him	40%	39%	40%	53%	46%	34%	26%	35%	49%	50%
Criticize Donald Trump	30%	29%	32%	32%	34%	29%	25%	26%	44%	38%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,366)	(1,642)	(1,725)	(734)	(842)	(1,134)	(657)	(2,160)	(409)	(521)

		Party ID			Ideology		
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Defend Donald Trump	30%	4%	31%	69%	6%	19%	65%
Wait to see more facts, then decide whether to defend him or criticize him	40%	40%	43%	25%	35%	52%	27%
Criticize Donald Trump	30%	56%	26%	6%	59%	29%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,366)	(1,088)	(1,065)	(834)	(914)	(1,390)	(1,052)

17. Distraction or Critical Matter

Would you describe the impeachment inquiry as...

		Gender		Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
A political distraction	39%	43%	35%	24%	31%	45%	54%	48%	15%	20%
Serious, but not serious enough to get in the way of getting things done	26%	26%	27%	44%	29%	20%	15%	23%	33%	33%
A critical matter that needs to be prioritized	35%	31%	38%	32%	40%	35%	31%	29%	52%	47%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,362)	(1,640)	(1,721)	(726)	(847)	(1,134)	(655)	(2,159)	(406)	(524)

		Party ID			Ideology		
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A political distraction	39%	11%	45%	73%	9%	32%	74%
Serious, but not serious enough to get in the way of getting things done	26%	27%	27%	19%	28%	33%	16%
A critical matter that needs to be prioritized	35%	62%	28%	8%	63%	35%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(3,362)	(1,087)	(1,068)	(826)	(909)	(1,391)	(1,051)

18. Watch Impeachment Hearings

As you may know, Congressional public hearings on impeachment are expected to begin soon. Do you plan to watch...

		Gender		Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
Most of the hearings live	20%	18%	22%	11%	16%	22%	30%	20%	25%	18%
Parts of the hearings live	21%	22%	20%	22%	17%	21%	25%	21%	16%	25%
Will probably just watch or read highlights	37%	38%	35%	38%	39%	37%	34%	38%	38%	33%
Probably won't watch or read much about it	22%	22%	23%	29%	28%	20%	11%	21%	21%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,370)	(1,646)	(1,724)	(732)	(846)	(1,134)	(657)	(2,166)	(407)	(525)

		Party ID			Ideology		
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Most of the hearings live	20%	28%	14%	22%	25%	15%	21%
Parts of the hearings live	21%	25%	21%	21%	27%	18%	21%
Will probably just watch or read highlights	37%	35%	43%	38%	38%	35%	39%
Probably won't watch or read much about it	22%	12%	22%	19%	10%	32%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,370)	(1,091)	(1,067)	(831)	(917)	(1,390)	(1,051)

19. Ability to Follow Events Surrounding Impeachment

So far, have the events surrounding the impeachment matter been...

	Gender			Age Group				Race/Ethnicity		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic
Very easy to follow	20%	19%	20%	13%	22%	21%	22%	18%	25%	21%
Somewhat easy to follow	37%	38%	37%	40%	33%	40%	34%	38%	38%	37%
Somewhat hard to follow	29%	29%	30%	31%	30%	28%	30%	30%	26%	27%
Very hard to follow	14%	14%	13%	16%	15%	11%	13%	13%	11%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,354)	(1,640)	(1,714)	(722)	(847)	(1,132)	(653)	(2,156)	(408)	(519)

	Party ID				Ideology		
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very easy to follow	20%	27%	17%	16%	26%	17%	17%
Somewhat easy to follow	37%	44%	37%	34%	47%	34%	33%
Somewhat hard to follow	29%	22%	32%	34%	21%	32%	34%
Very hard to follow	14%	7%	14%	15%	6%	17%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(3,354)	(1,089)	(1,064)	(827)	(912)	(1,380)	(1,050)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

November 12, 2019

The CBS News survey is conducted by YouGov using a nationally representative sample of 3,380 U.S. residents interviewed online between November 9-11, 2019.

This sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, and education based on the American Community Survey, conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, as well as 2016 Presidential vote and registration status. Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of all U.S. residents. The weights range from 0.2 to 6.0, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.6.

Respondents from previous CBS News surveys fielded September 26-27, 2019, and October 8-11, 2019 were recontacted to participate. Of the 4,308 respondents in those two surveys, 3,145 were re-interviewed — a recontact rate of 73%.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately 1.9%. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.