

Reuters/Ipsos Poll: Impeachment Trial Press Rules

About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between January 17-21, 2020 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 1,116 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 464 Democrats, 434 Republicans, and 114 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 \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 5.2 percentage points for Democrats, \pm 5.4 percentage points for Republicans, and \pm 10.5 percentage points for independents.

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







		All respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
With which political party do you most identify?	Strong Democrat	15%	38%	0%	0%
	Moderate Democrat	16%	39%	0%	0%
	Lean Democrat	9%	23%	0%	0%
	Lean Republican	8%	0%	22%	0%
	Moderate Republican	16%	0%	42%	0%
	Strong Republican	14%	0%	37%	0%
	Independent	11%	0%	0%	100%
	None of these	6%	0%	0%	0%
	DK	5%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	1116	464	434	114
	Democrat	40%	100%	0%	0%
With which political party do you most identify? Summary	Republican	38%	0%	100%	0%
	Independent	11%	0%	0%	100%
	Other/Don't know	11%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	1116	464	434	114







		All respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	I plan to watch the trial every day	12%	18%	11%	6%
TM1784Y20. How much do	I plan to watch the trial a few times a week	17%	19%	18%	13%
you plan to follow the Senate trial on impeachment, if at all?	I only plan to read/watch reporting on the trial	36%	41%	36%	33%
	I don't plan to follow the trial at all	24%	14%	27%	34%
	Don't know	11%	8%	8%	15%
	Total	1116	464	434	114
TM1785Y20_1. How much	Strongly agree	47%	56%	48%	38%
do you agree or disagree with the following	Somewhat agree	23%	23%	25%	22%
statements regarding the Senate impeachment trial?	Somewhat disagree	8%	6%	7%	13%
Senators should act as impartial jurors of the	Strongly disagree	5%	4%	7%	7%
impeachment trial	Don't know	17%	10%	13%	19%
	Total	1116	464	434	114
TM1785Y20_2. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements regarding the Senate impeachment trial? The trials should allow witnesses with firsthand	Strongly agree	48%	67%	36%	45%
	Somewhat agree	24%	17%	33%	24%
	Somewhat disagree	7%	4%	8%	9%
	Strongly disagree	7%	4%	13%	6%
knowledge of the impeachment charges to	Don't know	14%	7%	10%	16%
testify	Total	1116	464	434	114







		All respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TM1785Y20_3. How much do you agree or disagree	Strongly agree	22%	37%	10%	20%
with the following statements regarding the	Somewhat agree	23%	31%	14%	24%
Senate impeachment trial? The trials should allow	Somewhat disagree	15%	12%	18%	22%
witnesses with secondhand or indirect	Strongly disagree	23%	9%	45%	11%
knowledge of the impeachment charges to	Don't know	17%	11%	13%	23%
testify	Total	1116	464	434	114
TM1785Y20 4. How much	Strongly agree	33%	28%	45%	27%
do you agree or disagree with the following	Somewhat agree	18%	17%	22%	18%
statements regarding the Senate impeachment trial?	Somewhat disagree	16%	19%	12%	20%
The Senate impeachment trial should not be a public	Strongly disagree	20%	27%	12%	25%
spectacle	Don't know	13%	9%	9%	10%
	Total	1116	464	434	114
TM1786Y20_1. Thinking about congressional	Strongly agree	21%	34%	11%	22%
hearings, votes, and trials, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statementsJournalists should be allowed to bring laptops or silenced phones into the Senate and House in order to report quickly what is happening during hearings, votes and trials	Somewhat agree	25%	29%	23%	22%
	Somewhat disagree	17%	16%	18%	17%
	Strongly disagree	23%	11%	36%	24%
	Don't know	15%	9%	12%	15%
	Total	1116	464	434	114







		All respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TM1786Y20_2. Thinking	Strongly agree	22%	35%	11%	19%
about congressional hearings, votes, and trials, please indicate whether	Somewhat agree	24%	29%	21%	27%
you agree or disagree with the following	Somewhat disagree	19%	17%	22%	18%
statementsJournalists should be allowed to bring	Strongly disagree	22%	13%	36%	20%
in cameras to take photos during hearings, votes, and	Don't know	13%	6%	10%	16%
trials	Total	1116	464	434	114
TM1786Y20_3. Thinking about congressional	Strongly agree	20%	31%	12%	15%
hearings, votes, and trials, please indicate whether	Somewhat agree	28%	32%	25%	39%
you agree or disagree with the following	Somewhat disagree	17%	15%	20%	16%
statementsSenators and representatives should be	Strongly disagree	21%	14%	32%	16%
able to give interviews and comments to journalists	Don't know	14%	8%	11%	14%
prior to and after hearings, votes, and trials	Total	1116	464	434	114
TM1786Y20_4. Thinking about congressional	Strongly agree	25%	40%	12%	26%
hearings, votes, and trials, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statementsJournalists should be allowed to have seats in the Senate and House that give them a full view of the floor	Somewhat agree	26%	32%	23%	27%
	Somewhat disagree	17%	13%	22%	12%
	Strongly disagree	17%	6%	31%	19%
	Don't know	15%	9%	14%	15%
	Total	1116	464	434	114





		All respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TM1787Y20_1. With	Very favorable	9%	4%	18%	3%
	Somewhat favorable	12%	8%	18%	10%
regards to impeachment, would you say you are	Lean towards favorable	19%	14%	25%	19%
generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures? Senate	Lean towards unfavorable	22%	16%	21%	33%
Majority Leader Mitch McConnell	Somewhat unfavorable	9%	11%	6%	12%
Witconnen	Very unfavorable	29%	47%	12%	22%
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	Very favorable	15%	33%	2%	5%
TM1787Y20 2. With	Somewhat favorable	13%	23%	3%	14%
regards to impeachment, would you say you are	Lean towards favorable	16%	22%	5%	23%
generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures? Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi	Lean towards unfavorable	14%	11%	11%	26%
	Somewhat unfavorable	7%	4%	10%	7%
	Very unfavorable	35%	7%	69%	24%
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	Very favorable	11%	3%	25%	3%
TM1787Y20_3. With	Somewhat favorable	16%	8%	25%	17%
regards to impeachment, would you say you are	Lean towards favorable	20%	9%	32%	22%
generally favorable or unfavorable towards these	Lean towards unfavorable	18%	19%	10%	30%
public figures?Senate Republicans	Somewhat unfavorable	11%	19%	3%	13%
	Very unfavorable	24%	41%	4%	15%
	Total	1116	464	434	114
	Very favorable	13%	29%	2%	1%
TM1787Y20_4. With	Somewhat favorable	16%	31%	3%	14%
regards to impeachment, would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures? Senate Democrats	Lean towards favorable	18%	25%	8%	24%
	Lean towards unfavorable	16%	9%	17%	32%
	Somewhat unfavorable	8%	3%	13%	14%
	Very unfavorable	28%	4%	56%	16%
	Total	1116	464	434	114







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	Very favorable	8%	14%	3%	6%
TM1787Y20_5. With	Somewhat favorable	17%	28%	7%	19%
regards to impeachment, would you say you are	Lean towards favorable	27%	36%	16%	29%
generally favorable or unfavorable towards these	Lean towards unfavorable	18%	13%	20%	25%
public figures? Print news media	Somewhat unfavorable	12%	4%	22%	11%
	Very unfavorable	19%	5%	32%	10%
	Total	1116	464	434	114
	Very favorable	6%	9%	4%	5%
TM1787Y20_6. With	Somewhat favorable	15%	24%	7%	17%
regards to impeachment, would you say you are	Lean towards favorable	25%	35%	14%	23%
generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures? Cable news media	Lean towards unfavorable	23%	19%	25%	28%
	Somewhat unfavorable	12%	7%	17%	16%
	Very unfavorable	19%	7%	33%	11%
	Total	1116	464	434	114







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