

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone February 14-17, 2020, among a random national sample of 1,066 adults, with 65 percent reached on cell phones and 35 percent on landlines. Results have an error margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points for the full sample, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, field work and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, MD.

\*= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
2/17/20	43	31	12	53	11	42	4
1/23/20	44	35	10	51	9	42	4
10/30/19	38	30	8	58	10	48	5
9/5/19	38	27	11	56	8	48	6
7/1/19	44	32	12	53	8	45	3
4/25/19	39	28	12	54	9	45	6
1/24/19	37	28	9	58	9	49	5
11/1/18	40	28	12	53	9	43	8
10/11/18	41	29	12	54	7	46	6
8/29/18	36	24	12	60	7	53	4
4/11/18	40	25	15	56	10	46	4
1/18/18	36	24	13	58	9	49	5
11/1/17	37	25	12	59	8	50	4
9/21/17	39	26	13	57	9	48	4
8/20/17	37	22	15	58	13	45	5
7/13/17	36	25	11	58	10	48	6
4/20/17	42	27	15	53	10	43	5

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling the economy?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
2/17/20	52	NA	NA	40	NA	NA	7
1/23/20	56	NA	NA	38	NA	NA	6
9/5/19	46	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	7
7/1/19	51	NA	NA	42	NA	NA	6
10/11/18	49	35	14	46	11	35	5
8/29/18	45	30	15	47	12	36	8
4/11/18	46	30	16	48	12	36	6
9/21/17	43	27	16	49	13	36	8
7/13/17	43	26	17	41	12	29	16

3. What best describes your family's financial situation - are you (getting ahead) financially, holding steady financially, or (falling behind) financially?

	Getting ahead	Holding steady	Falling behind	No opinion
2/17/20	29	53	16	1

Compare to:

What best describes your family's financial situation? Do you feel as if you are getting ahead financially, have just enough money to maintain your standard of living, or are you falling behind financially?

Getting ahead	Just enough to maintain	Falling behind	No opinion
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7/17/11	15	58	27	*
2/9/11*	18	60	21	*
10/3/10*	15	56	28	1
1/12/08	21	61	17	1
9/7/07	26	53	20	1
6/3/07*	27	53	19	1
11/4/06 RV	28	48	23	1
10/22/06 RV	25	53	21	1
11/4/96*	28	48	23	1

\*Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard

4. (ASK IF LEANED DEMOCRAT) I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the 2020 Democratic presidential primary or caucus in your state - are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

	Cert.	Prob.	50-50	Less than 50-50	Will not vote (vol.)	No primary/caucus (vol.)	Already voted (vol.)	No opinion
2/17/20	69	8	10	7	3	NA	1	*
1/23/20	73	10	11	3	2	NA	NA	*
7/1/19	72	12	9	4	3	NA	NA	*
1/24/16	59	14	17	6	3	NA	NA	1
12/13/15	61	13	16	8	3	NA	NA	0
11/19/15	56	17	12	10	5	NA	NA	*
2/1/08	64	14	8	10	3	0	2	*
1/12/08	68	11	11	6	3	*	*	*
12/9/07	70	12	10	5	3	*	NA	*
11/1/07	71	11	9	6	2	*	"	1
10/29/03	55	19	15	8	4	*	NA	0
9/13/03	64	15	14	5	NA	1	"	1

5. (ASK IF LEANED DEMOCRAT AND NOT ALREADY VOTED) I'll read a list of candidates for the Democratic nomination for president in 2020. After I've read the full list, please tell me whom you'd vote for in the primary or caucus in your state. (IF NONE OR DK/REF) Which candidate would you lean toward? (ASK IF ALREADY VOTED) Which candidate did you vote for in the 2020 Democrat primary/caucus held in your state

Among Democratic-leaning adults:

	2/17/20	1/23/20	10/30/19	9/5/19	7/1/19
Bernie Sanders	32	24	19	19	23
Joe Biden	17	28	27	27	29
Mike Bloomberg	14	8	NA	NA	NA
Elizabeth Warren	11	11	21	17	11
Pete Buttigieg	7	5	7	4	4
Amy Klobuchar	6	3	1	1	2
Tom Steyer	2	*	1	*	NA
Tulsi Gabbard	1	1	2	1	1
Michael Bennet*	0	1	1	*	1
John Delaney*	0	0	1	1	0
Deval Patrick*	0	*	NA	NA	NA
Andrew Yang*	0	7	2	3	1
Bill de Blasio	NA	NA	NA	1	0
Cory Booker	NA	NA	2	1	1
Steve Bullock	NA	NA	*	*	*
Julián Castro	NA	NA	2	*	4
Kirsten Gillibrand	NA	NA	NA	NA	*
Kamala Harris	NA	NA	2	7	11

John Hickenlooper	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Jay Inslee	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Seth Moulton	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
Beto O'Rourke	NA	NA	1	3	2
Tim Ryan	NA	NA	NA	*	*
Eric Swalwell	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
Marianne Williamson	NA	NA	*	*	1
Other	1	*	1	*	*
None of these	1	4	2	3	1
Would not vote	1	1	1	3	*
No opinion	7	5	6	6	6

\*2/17/20: Bennet, Delaney, Patrick and Yang were not named, but accepted for respondents who volunteered voting for them already.

Among Democratic-leaning registered voters:

	2/17/20	1/23/20	10/30/19	9/5/19	7/1/19
Bernie Sanders	32	23	17	19	19
Joe Biden	16	32	28	29	30
Mike Bloomberg	14	8	NA	NA	NA
Elizabeth Warren	12	12	23	18	12
Pete Buttigieg	8	5	9	4	4
Amy Klobuchar	7	3	2	2	2
Tom Steyer	2	*	1	1	NA
Tulsi Gabbard	1	1	2	2	1
Michael Bennet*	0	2	1	*	1
John Delaney*	0	0	1	*	0
Deval Patrick*	0	1	NA	NA	NA
Andrew Yang*	0	7	2	3	*
Bill de Blasio	NA	NA	NA	1	0
Cory Booker	NA	NA	2	1	1
Steve Bullock	NA	NA	0	*	*
Julián Castro	NA	NA	1	*	3
Kirsten Gillibrand	NA	NA	NA	NA	*
Kamala Harris	NA	NA	2	7	13
John Hickenlooper	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Jay Inslee	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Seth Moulton	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
Beto O'Rourke	NA	NA	1	3	2
Tim Ryan	NA	NA	NA	*	*
Eric Swalwell	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
Marianne Williamson	NA	NA	*	*	1
Other	1	1	1	*	*
None of these	1	3	2	3	1
Would not vote	*	0	1	2	1
No opinion	5	3	4	6	6

\*2/17/20: Bennet, Delaney, Patrick and Yang were not named, but accepted for respondents who volunteered voting for them already.

6. (ASK IF NAMED ANY CANDIDATE OR ALREADY VOTED) After [NAMED CANDIDATE], who would your second choice be? Which candidate would you lean toward as your second choice?

Among Democratic-leaning adults:

	2/17/20	1/23/20	10/30/19	7/1/19
Elizabeth Warren	20	27	18	15
Bernie Sanders	17	18	21	18
Joe Biden	15	18	15	23
Pete Buttigieg	15	6	8	5
Mike Bloomberg	12	8	NA	NA
Amy Klobuchar	10	6	4	1
Tom Steyer	3	3	1	NA

Tulsi Gabbard	1	1	1	*
Michael Bennet	NA	2	1	1
John Delaney	NA	*	2	*
Deval Patrick	NA	0	NA	NA
Andrew Yang	NA	6	2	2
Bill de Blasio	NA	NA	NA	1
Cory Booker	NA	NA	2	3
Steve Bullock	NA	NA	1	0
Julián Castro	NA	NA	2	2
Kirsten Gillibrand	NA	NA	NA	*
Kamala Harris	NA	NA	8	14
John Hickenlooper	NA	NA	NA	*
Jay Inslee	NA	NA	NA	0
Seth Moulton	NA	NA	NA	0
Beto O'Rourke	NA	NA	2	4
Tim Ryan	NA	NA	NA	*
Eric Swalwell	NA	NA	NA	*
Marianne Williamson	NA	NA	1	*
Other	2	2	1	1
None of these	3	2	5	3
Would not vote	0	0	0	0
No opinion	4	3	7	6

Among Democratic-leaning registered voters:

	2/17/20	1/23/20	10/30/19	7/1/19
Elizabeth Warren	19	25	20	18
Joe Biden	16	17	14	20
Bernie Sanders	16	19	19	18
Pete Buttigieg	15	7	8	6
Mike Bloomberg	12	7	NA	NA
Amy Klobuchar	10	6	4	2
Tom Steyer	3	3	1	NA
Tulsi Gabbard	1	1	1	*
Michael Bennet	NA	2	*	*
John Delaney	NA	*	3	*
Deval Patrick	NA	0	NA	NA
Andrew Yang	NA	6	2	2
Bill de Blasio	NA	NA	NA	*
Cory Booker	NA	NA	2	3
Steve Bullock	NA	NA	1	0
Julián Castro	NA	NA	2	2
Kirsten Gillibrand	NA	NA	NA	0
Kamala Harris	NA	NA	9	17
John Hickenlooper	NA	NA	NA	*
Jay Inslee	NA	NA	NA	0
Seth Moulton	NA	NA	NA	0
Beto O'Rourke	NA	NA	2	3
Tim Ryan	NA	NA	NA	*
Eric Swalwell	NA	NA	NA	*
Marianne Williamson	NA	NA	1	0
Other	2	2	1	1
None of these	2	2	5	3
Would not vote	0	0	0	0
No opinion	4	3	6	5

7. (ASK IF LEANED DEMOCRAT) If you had to choose, would you rather see the Democratic Party nominate a candidate (who agrees with you on major issues), or (who can beat Trump)?

Agrees on issues	Beat Trump	No opinion
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2/17/20            38            58            4

Compare to:

(ASK IF LEANED DEMOCRAT) What's more important to you - that Democrats nominate the presidential candidate (whose positions on the issues come closest to yours), or the candidate (who seems most likely to defeat Donald Trump in November 2020)?

	Closest on issues	Most likely to win	Same person (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Both (vol.)	No opinion
9/5/19	41	50	2	1	3	3
4/25/19	47	39	1	1	5	7
1/24/19	47	43	*	1	3	6

8. (ASK IF LEANED DEMOCRAT) Regardless of who you may support, which candidate do you think has the best chance to defeat Donald Trump in the general election?

	2/17/20	1/23/20	9/5/19	7/1/19
Bernie Sanders	30	18	14	18
Joe Biden	19	38	42	45
Mike Bloomberg	18	8	NA	NA
Pete Buttigieg	5	3	1	1
Amy Klobuchar	4	2	1	*
Elizabeth Warren	3	10	12	7
Tom Steyer	1	*	*	NA
Tulsi Gabbard	*	*	*	*
Deval Patrick	NA	1	NA	NA
Andrew Yang	NA	1	1	0
Michael Bennet	NA	*	*	0
John Delaney	NA	0	0	*
Bill de Blasio	NA	NA	1	*
Cory Booker	NA	NA	*	*
Steve Bullock	NA	NA	0	*
Julián Castro	NA	NA	0	2
Kirsten Gillibrand	NA	NA	NA	0
Kamala Harris	NA	NA	2	9
John Hickenlooper	NA	NA	NA	*
Jay Inslee	NA	NA	NA	0
Seth Moulton	NA	NA	NA	0
Beto O'Rourke	NA	NA	2	1
Tim Ryan	NA	NA	0	*
Eric Swalwell	NA	NA	NA	0
Marianne Williamson	NA	NA	*	0
Other	0	2	*	*
All of them	2	NA	3	1
Any 2 or more	2	NA	2	1
None	2	3	4	1
No opinion	13	14	14	12

9. If the 2020 presidential election were being held today, and the candidates were (Donald Trump, the Republican) and ([ITEM], the Democrat), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Trump) or ([ITEM])?

2/17/20 - Summary Table

	Trump	The Democrat	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
a. Joe Biden	44	52	*	2	1	1
b. Bernie Sanders	42	53	*	3	1	1

c. Elizabeth Warren	45	50	*	3	1	1
d. Mike Bloomberg	43	52	*	2	1	2
e. Pete Buttigieg	43	50	1	3	1	2
f. Amy Klobuchar	45	48	*	3	1	2

2/17/20 - Summary Table among registered voters

	Trump	The Democrat	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
a. Joe Biden	45	52	0	2	1	1
b. Bernie Sanders	45	51	0	3	1	*
c. Elizabeth Warren	47	48	*	2	1	*
d. Mike Bloomberg	45	50	*	2	1	1
e. Pete Buttigieg	46	49	1	3	1	1
f. Amy Klobuchar	46	48	*	3	1	1

Trend:

a. Joe Biden

	Trump	The Democrat	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
2/17/20	44	52	*	2	1	1
2/17/20 RV	45	52	0	2	1	1
1/23/20	44	51	*	2	2	1
1/23/20 RV	46	50	*	2	1	1
10/30/19	39	56	*	2	2	1
10/30/19 RV	39	56	*	2	2	*
9/5/19	38	54	*	4	3	1
9/5/19 RV	40	55	*	2	2	1
7/1/19	41	55	*	2	1	1
7/1/19 RV	43	53	*	1	*	1

b. Bernie Sanders

	Trump	The Democrat	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
2/17/20	42	53	*	3	1	1
2/17/20 RV	45	51	0	3	1	*
1/23/20	44	52	*	2	2	*
1/23/20 RV	47	49	*	2	1	*
10/30/19	39	56	*	2	1	1
10/30/19 RV	41	55	*	2	1	*
9/5/19	40	52	*	3	3	2
9/5/19 RV	43	52	*	2	2	1
7/1/19	45	51	*	2	1	1
7/1/19 RV	48	49	1	2	1	1

c. Elizabeth Warren

	Trump	The Democrat	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
2/17/20	45	50	*	3	1	1
2/17/20 RV	47	48	*	2	1	*
1/23/20	45	50	*	2	2	1
1/23/20 RV	48	48	*	2	2	*
10/30/19	39	54	*	2	2	2
10/30/19 RV	40	55	*	2	2	1
9/5/19	40	51	*	4	2	3

9/5/19 RV	44	51	*	2	1	2
7/1/19	44	51	*	2	1	1
7/1/19 RV	48	48	1	1	1	1

d. Mike Bloomberg

	Trump	The Democrat	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
2/17/20	43	52	*	2	1	2
2/17/20 RV	45	50	*	2	1	1
1/23/20	43	51	1	2	2	1
1/23/20 RV	46	49	1	2	1	1

e. Pete Buttigieg

	Trump	The Democrat	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
2/17/20	43	50	1	3	1	2
2/17/20 RV	46	49	1	3	1	1
1/23/20	45	46	1	3	3	2
1/23/20 RV	48	45	*	3	2	1
10/30/19	40	51	1	3	2	3
10/30/19 RV	41	52	1	3	2	1
9/5/19	41	47	*	4	3	6
9/5/19 RV	43	47	*	3	2	4
7/1/19	44	48	1	2	1	3
7/1/19 RV	47	47	1	2	1	3

f. Amy Klobuchar

	Trump	The Democrat	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
2/17/20	45	48	*	3	1	2
2/17/20 RV	46	48	*	3	1	1
1/23/20	44	49	*	3	2	2
1/23/20 RV	47	48	*	2	2	2

10. (ASK IF LEANED DEMOCRAT) Regardless of whom you support, if (Donald Trump) and ([ITEM]) are the nominees for president, who would you expect to win, (Trump) or ([ITEM])?

2/17/20 - Summary Table among leaned Democrats

	Trump	The Democrat	Other (vol.)	No opinion
a. Joe Biden	28	68	0	4
b. Bernie Sanders	24	72	0	4
c. Elizabeth Warren	39	58	*	3
d. Mike Bloomberg	28	69	0	3
e. Pete Buttigieg	40	55	*	5
f. Amy Klobuchar	47	49	*	4

a. No trend.

b. Bernie Sanders

Trump	Sanders	Other (vol.)	No opinion
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2/17/20 Lean Dem	24	72	0	4
1/24/16 Lean Dem	26	70	*	3

c-f. No trend.

Compare to:

Regardless of whom you support, who do you expect to win the election for president, (Trump) or (the Democratic candidate)?

	Trump	Democratic candidate	No opinion
1/23/20	49	43	8
1/23/20 Lean Dem	19	72	9

Compare to:

Regardless of whom you support, if (Hillary Clinton) and (Donald Trump) are the nominees for president, who would you expect to win, (Clinton) or ([ITEM])?

	Trump	Clinton	Other (vol.)	No opinion
1/24/16	42	54	1	3
1/24/16 Lean Dem	19	78	1	2

11. Do you think [ITEM]'s views on most issues are too (liberal) for you, too (conservative) for you, or just about right?

2/17/20 - Summary Table

	Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	No opinion
a. Joe Biden	25	19	42	15
b. Bernie Sanders	32	20	39	9
c. Elizabeth Warren	28	18	37	17
d. Mike Bloomberg	24	18	37	20
e. Pete Buttigieg	23	16	38	23
f. Amy Klobuchar	21	17	35	27

2/17/20 - Summary Table among leaned Democrats

	Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	No opinion
a. Joe Biden	11	17	63	9
b. Bernie Sanders	17	16	62	5
c. Elizabeth Warren	13	13	63	11
d. Mike Bloomberg	11	15	57	17
e. Pete Buttigieg	10	13	60	17
f. Amy Klobuchar	6	15	57	22

Compare to:

(ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) Do you think Bernie Sanders's views on most issues are too (liberal) for you, too (conservative) for you, or just about right?

	Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	No opinion
7/19/15	13	9	40	38



12. Thinking about health care, do you support or oppose replacing all private health insurance with a single government plan for everyone?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
2/17/20	41	52	7

Compare to:

Which would you prefer, (the current health insurance system in the United States, in which most people get their health insurance from private employers, but some people have no insurance); or (a universal health insurance program, in which everyone is covered under a program like Medicare that's run by the government and financed by taxpayers?)

	Current	Universal	No opinion
7/1/19	41	52	7
9/12/06*	40	56	4
10/13/03	33	62	6

\*ABC/Kaiser/USA Today

13. As you may know, Sanders identifies himself as a [socialist/democratic socialist]. If Sanders were the Democratic nominee for president running against Trump, would his being a [socialist/democratic socialist] make you more likely to support him, less likely, or would it make no difference?

	More likely to support	More likely to oppose	No difference	No opinion
2/17/20*	10	35	53	3
Socialist	8	38	51	2
Democratic socialist	11	31	55	3

\*Half sample "socialist" other half "democratic socialist"

14. Since his acquittal on impeachment charges, do you think Trump's behavior as president has (changed for the better), (changed for the worse), or has it not changed?

	Changed for the better	Changed for the worse	Not changed	No opinion
2/17/20	9	26	61	4

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
2/17/20	29	25	37	4	5
1/23/20	27	24	39	6	4
10/30/19	29	23	38	5	5
9/5/19	28	24	37	7	5
7/1/19	29	23	37	5	5
4/25/19	29	26	36	5	5
1/24/19	32	24	37	4	3

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#### METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and ABC News. The poll is a random sample of adults in the United States, with interviews in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheses within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

A dual frame landline and cell phone telephone sample was generated using Random Digit Dialing procedures by Survey Sampling International (SSI). Interviewers called landlines and cellular phone numbers, first requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. The final sample included 374 interviews completed on landlines and 692 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 492 interviews with adults in cell phone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The overall adult sample is weighted to correct for differential probabilities of selection among individuals who are landline-only, cell phone-only or dual users. Results are also weighted match the demographic makeup of the population by sex, region, age, education and race/ethnicity according to the latest Current Population Survey Social and Economic Supplement. The sample is also weighted to match the average of party identification in the previous two waves of Post-ABC national polls and this current survey.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.4 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

Group	Unweighted sample size	Error margin
All adults	1,066	+/- 3.5 points
Registered voters	913	4
Leaned Democrats	466	5.5
Leaned Democratic voters	408	6

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