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*= less than 0.5 percent

(Full methodological details appended at the end.)

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	
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. Would you say the country's economy has gotten better since Trump became president, gotten worse, or remained about the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	No opinion
10/30/19	44	22	31	3

3. (ASK IF GOTTEN BETTER) How much credit do you think Trump deserves for that: a great deal, a good amount, just some or hardly any?

	--- More credit ---			----- Less credit -----				
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Just some	Hardly any	None (vol.)	No opinion
10/30/19	78	55	23	21	14	6	1	1

2/3 NET

	----- Better -----			No opinion	Worse	Same	No opinion
	NET	More credit	Less credit				
10/30/19	44	34	9	*	22	31	3

4. (ASK IF GOTTEN WORSE) How much blame do you think Trump deserves for that: a great deal, a good amount, just some or hardly any?

NET	---- More blame ----		NET	----- Less blame -----			No opinion
	Great deal	Good amount		Just some	Hardly any	None (vol.)	

10/30/19 85 56 30 14 10 3 * 1

2/4 NET

		----- Worse -----						
	Better	NET	More blame	Less blame	No opinion	Same	No opinion	
10/30/19	44	22	19	3	1	31	3	

2/3/4 NET

	----- Better -----				----- Worse -----					
	NET	More credit	Less credit	No op.	NET	More blame	Less blame	No op.	Same	No op.
10/30/19	44	34	9	*	22	19	3	1	31	3

5. Do you think the policies of the Trump administration have made the United States more respected around the world today, less respected or have they not made much of a difference either way?

	More respected	Less respected	Not much difference	No opinion
10/30/19	28	54	16	2
1/24/19	25	51	21	3

Compare to:

Do you think the policies of the Obama administration have made the United States more respected around the world today, less respected or have they not made much of a difference either way?

	More respected	Less respected	Not much difference	No opinion
9/26/12* RV	32	38	27	2

*Fox News

6. Do you think Trump [ITEM], or not?

10/30/19 - Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. is a strong leader	44	54	2
b. is honest and trustworthy	31	63	6
c. has the kind of personality and temperament it takes to serve effectively as president	36	62	2
d. has brought needed change to Washington	42	53	5
e. understands the problems of people like you	37	60	3
f. is good at making political deals	40	55	5

*Half sample asked items a-c; other half asked d-f

Trend:

a. is a strong leader

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/30/19	44	54	2
1/24/19	48	51	1
11/1/17	40	59	1
4/20/17	53	45	2

b. is honest and trustworthy

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/30/19	31	63	6
1/24/19	36	61	2
11/1/17	33	65	2
4/20/17	38	58	4
10/13/16 RV	34	64	3
9/22/16	38	57	5
9/8/16	31	64	4
8/4/16	34	62	4
3/6/16	27	69	4
9/10/15*	35	59	6

*"Please tell me whether the following statement applies to Trump, or not: He is honest and trustworthy."

c. has the kind of personality and temperament it takes to serve effectively as president

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/30/19	36	62	2
1/24/19	39	58	3
11/1/17	31	66	3
4/20/17	38	59	3
10/13/16 RV	34	64	3
9/22/16	35	61	4
8/4/16	31	67	2
3/6/16	25	72	3
9/10/15*	33	63	4

*"Please tell me whether the following statement applies to Trump, or not: He has the kind of personality and temperament it takes to serve effectively as president"

d. has brought needed change to Washington

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/30/19	42	53	5
1/24/19	41	56	3
11/1/17	42	55	3
9/21/17	39	59	2

e. understands the problems of people like you

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/30/19	37	60	3
1/24/19	33	65	1
11/1/17	37	62	1
4/20/17	37	61	2
3/6/16	26	72	2
9/10/15*	29	67	4

*Please tell me whether the following statement applies to Trump, or not. He understands the problems of people like you.

f. is good at making political deals

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/30/19	40	55	5
1/24/19	36	58	6
11/1/17	37	58	4

7. Since taking office, do you think Trump has acted in a way that's (fitting and proper for a president of the United States), or has he acted in a way that's

(unpresidential)? (IF UNPRESIDENTIAL) Do you think that's damaging to the presidency overall, or not damaging?

	Fitting and proper	NET	----- Unpresidential ----- Damaging	----- Not damaging	No opinion
10/30/19	30	66	58	9	3
7/1/19	28	65	NA	NA	7
1/18/18	25	70	NA	NA	5
7/13/17	24	70	56	14	6

8. Do you think Trump is or is not trying to use the presidency to increase profits at the hotels and golf courses he owns? (IF YES) Do you see that as acceptable or unacceptable?

	NET	----- Is trying ----- Acceptable	Unacceptable	Is not trying	No opinion
10/30/19	50	4	46	42	8

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as Speaker of the House?

	NET	----- Approve ----- Strongly	Somewhat	NET	----- Disapprove ----- Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
10/30/19	38	NA	NA	48	NA	NA	14
3/26/10	42	20	22	46	9	37	12
1/15/10	40	12	28	48	11	37	12
6/21/09	38	NA	NA	45	NA	NA	16
4/15/07	53			35			12
2/25/07	50			31			18
1/19/07	54	"	"	25	"	"	21

Compare to:

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Paul Ryan is handling his job as Speaker of the House of Representatives? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	NET	----- Approve ----- Strongly	Somewhat	NET	----- Disapprove ----- Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
9/21/17	31	8	24	51	19	31	18

John Boehner:

4/17/11	43	13	30	40	20	20	17
1/16/11	39	12	28	27	14	14	33

Newt Gingrich:

11/7/98*	38	NA	NA	58	NA	NA	4
7/12/98	41			44			15
5/12/98	41			44			15
1/19/98	40			52			7
4/24/97	26			62			12
3/9/97	33			61			7
9/15/96 RV	39			54			7
1/7/96	30			61			8
11/19/95	27			65			8
6/8/95	35			50			15
3/19/95	37			48			15
3/5/95	38			51			11
1/29/95	40			48			12
1/4/95	35			37			28
12/20/94**	35	"	"	43	"	"	22

**has handled"

**"as incoming speaker"

10. (ASK IF LEANED DEMOCRAT) 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?

	--- 10/30/19 ---		---- 9/5/19 ----		---- 7/1/19 ----	
	All	Reg voters	All	Reg voters	All	Reg voters
Joe Biden	27	28	27	29	29	30
Elizabeth Warren	21	23	17	18	11	12
Bernie Sanders	19	17	19	19	23	19
Pete Buttigieg	7	9	4	4	4	4
Cory Booker	2	2	1	1	1	1
Julián Castro	2	1	*	*	4	3
Tulsi Gabbard	2	2	1	2	1	1
Kamala Harris	2	2	7	7	11	13
Andrew Yang	2	2	3	3	1	*
Michael Bennet	1	1	*	*	1	1
John Delaney	1	1	1	*	0	0
Amy Klobuchar	1	2	1	2	2	2
Beto O'Rourke	1	1	3	3	2	2
Tom Steyer	1	1	*	1	NA	NA
Steve Bullock	*	0	*	*	*	*
Marianne Williamson	*	*	*	*	1	1
Bill de Blasio	NA	NA	1	1	0	0
John Hickenlooper	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1
Jay Inslee	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1
Kirsten Gillibrand	NA	NA	NA	NA	*	*
Seth Moulton	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0
Tim Ryan	NA	NA	*	*	*	*
Eric Swalwell	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0
Other	1	1	*	*	*	*
None of these	2	2	3	3	1	1
Would not vote	1	1	3	2	*	1
No opinion	6	4	6	6	6	6

11. (ASK IF NAMED ANY CANDIDATE) (Would you consider supporting another candidate) to be the Democratic Party's nominee, or (are you definitely supporting [NAMED CANDIDATE] as long as s/he is in the race)?

	Would consider another candidate	Definitely supporting named candidate	No opinion
10/30/19	52	47	2
9/5/19	55	43	2

12. (ASK IF LEANED DEMOCRAT AND PREFER/LEAN TOWARD CANDIDATE) After [NAMED CANDIDATE], who would your second choice be? Which candidate would you lean toward as your second choice?

	--- 10/30/19 ---		---- 7/1/19 ----	
	All	Reg voters	All	Reg voters
Bernie Sanders	21	19	18	18
Elizabeth Warren	18	20	15	18
Joe Biden	15	14	23	20
Pete Buttigieg	8	8	5	6
Kamala Harris	8	9	14	17
Amy Klobuchar	4	4	1	2
Cory Booker	2	2	3	3
Julián Castro	2	2	2	2

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

13. (ASKED IF LEANED DEMOCRAT) Thinking about just five of these candidates - (Biden), (Sanders), (Warren), (Harris) and (Buttigieg) - who do you think [ITEM]?

Full item wording:

- a. is the most honest and trustworthy
- b. has the best chance to defeat Donald Trump in the general election
- c. would do the most to bring needed change to Washington
- d. is the strongest leader
- e. is closest to you on the issues
- f. best understands the problems of people like you
- g. has the sharpest mental ability

10/30/19 - Summary Table

	Most honest	Best chance	Bring change	Strongest leader	Closest issues	Best understands	Mental ability
Biden	26	42	24	35	25	22	21
Sanders	27	16	25	20	25	30	17
Warren	16	17	24	19	20	20	24
Buttigieg	9	3	9	5	9	8	15
Harris	4	2	4	6	6	5	7
All equally (vol.)	5	3	1	1	1	2	1
Any 2 or more (vol.)	2	3	2	1	1	2	1
None of them (vol.)	4	4	4	3	3	4	2
No opinion	7	9	7	9	10	7	11

14. (ASK IF LEANED DEMOCRAT) Do you think [ITEM] is in good enough overall health to serve as president, or not?

10/30/19 - Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. Joe Biden	74	19	7
b. Bernie Sanders	48	45	7
c. Elizabeth Warren	80	9	12

15. 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])?

10/30/19 - Summary Table

	Trump	The Democrat	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
a. Joe Biden	39	56	*	2	2	1
b. Bernie Sanders	39	56	*	2	1	1
c. Elizabeth Warren	39	54	*	2	2	2
d. Kamala Harris	41	52	*	2	3	2
e. Pete Buttigieg	40	51	1	3	2	3

10/30/19 - Summary Table among registered voters

	Trump	The Democrat	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
a. Joe Biden	39	56	*	2	2	*
b. Bernie Sanders	41	55	*	2	1	*
c. Elizabeth Warren	40	55	*	2	2	1
d. Kamala Harris	42	51	*	2	3	2
e. Pete Buttigieg	41	52	1	3	2	1

Trend:

a. Joe Biden

	Trump	The Democrat	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
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
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
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. Kamala Harris

	Trump	The Democrat	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/30/19	41	52	*	2	3	2
10/30/19 RV	42	51	*	2	3	1
9/5/19	40	50	*	4	3	3
9/5/19 RV	43	50	*	2	2	2
7/1/19	43	51	1	2	1	2
7/1/19 RV	46	48	1	2	*	2

e. Pete Buttigieg

	Trump	The Democrat	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
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

16. If it's Trump versus [ITEM], what's the chance you might skip the election and not vote at all? Would you say there's a good chance you'd skip the election, some chance, just a small chance or would you definitely vote?

10/30/19 - Summary Table

	---- More likely ---			----- Less likely -----			No opinion
	NET	Good chance	Some chance	NET	Small chance	Definitely vote	
a. Biden	12	8	3	87	6	82	1
b. Sanders	10	6	4	89	6	83	2
c. Warren	14	9	4	86	7	79	1

17. (ASK IF LEANED REPUBLICAN) Would you like the Republican Party to nominate Trump to run for a second term as president next year, or would you like the Republican Party to nominate someone other than Trump as its candidate for president in 2020? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	---- Nominate Trump ----			----- Someone else -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/30/19	67	59	8	30	6	24	3
1/24/19	65	NA	NA	32	NA	NA	3

On another topic...

18. Based on what you know, do you think Congress should or should not impeach Trump and remove him from office? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	---- Should impeach ----			-- Should not impeach --			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/30/19	49	44	5	47	10	37	4

Compare to:

Based on what you know, do you think Congress should or should not impeach Clinton and remove him from office?

	--- Should be impeached ---			-- Should not be impeached --			No opin.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
12/6/98	33	NA	NA	64	NA	NA	3
11/22/98	30	NA	NA	66	NA	NA	4
11/1/98	27	NA	NA	71	NA	NA	2
10/25/98	29	NA	NA	66	NA	NA	5
10/18/98	29	NA	NA	68	NA	NA	3
10/10/98	31	25	6	64	11	53	4
9/28/98	31	24	7	66	14	52	3
9/21/98	41	NA	NA	57	NA	NA	2
9/14/98	38			59			3

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way [ITEM] the impeachment inquiry in the U.S. House of Representatives?

10/30/19 - Summary Table

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
a. Trump has responded to	34	58	9
b. the Democrats in Congress have handled	43	50	7

20. So far the House of Representatives' impeachment inquiry has interviewed witnesses in closed hearings, with lawmakers from both political parties participating. Do you think it is acceptable for initial impeachment hearings to be held in private, or should these hearings be held in public?

	Acceptable to be held in private	Should be held in public	No opinion
10/30/19	33	65	2

21. Regardless of your views on impeachment, do you think Trump did (something wrong) in his dealings with Ukraine, or do you think he did (nothing wrong)? (IF DID SOMETHING WRONG) Was this seriously wrong, or wrong, but not seriously?

	----- Did something wrong -----			Nothing wrong	No opinion
	NET	Seriously	Not seriously		
10/30/19	55	47	8	35	10

22. Was it appropriate or inappropriate for Trump to involve his personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, in dealing with U.S. policy involving Ukraine?

	Appropriate	Inappropriate	No opinion
10/30/19	31	60	9

23. In investigating Trump, do you think the Democrats in Congress are mainly interested in (upholding the Constitution) or mainly interested in (hurting Trump politically)? (Order of questions 23 and 24 randomized)

	Upholding Constitution	Hurting Trump politically	No opinion
10/30/19	43	51	5

24. In defending Trump, do you think the Republicans in Congress are mainly interested in (upholding the Constitution) or mainly interested in (helping Trump politically)? (Order of questions 23 and 24 randomized)

	Upholding Constitution	Helping Trump politically	No opinion
10/30/19	36	55	9

On another topic...

25. A raid by U.S. forces has killed the leader of the terrorist group known as the Islamic State or ISIS, a man named Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. How much credit, if any, do you think Trump should get for the killing of al-Baghdadi - a great deal of credit, some, not much or none at all?

	-- More credit ---			--- Less credit ---			No opinion
	NET	Great deal	Some	NET	Not much	None at all	
10/30/19	54	22	32	39	18	21	7

Compare to:

How much credit, if any, do you think Barack Obama should get for the killing of Osama bin Laden - a great deal of credit, some, not much or none at all?

	----- More Credit -----			---- Less credit ----			No opinion
	NET	Great deal	Some	NET	Not much	None	
5/2/11*	76	35	41	21	13	8	2

*Washington Post/Pew Research Center

26. As a result of al-Baghdadi's death, do you think the United States is safer from terrorism, more at risk now, or has there not been much of a change?

	Safer	More at risk	Not much change	No opinion
10/30/19	26	16	54	4

Compare to:

As a result of Osama bin Laden's death, do you think the United States is safer from terrorism, more at risk now, or has there not been much of a change?

	Safer	More at risk	Not much change	No opinion
8/31/11*	21	19	58	2
5/17/11*	22	30	47	2

*Fox News

27. Before the death of al-Baghdadi, Trump ordered the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the Syria-Turkey border. Do you think the withdrawal of U.S. forces will (strengthen) or (weaken) U.S. efforts against the terrorist group known as the Islamic State or ISIS, or will it make no difference in this?

	Strengthen	Weaken	Make no difference	No opinion
10/30/19	12	44	37	8

28. In withdrawing U.S. forces from Syria, Trump ended a U.S. military alliance with the Syrian Kurds. Do you think this decision will (help) the United States' reputation as a trusted ally, (hurt) its reputation, or will it make no difference in this?

	Help	Hurt	Make no difference	No opinion
10/30/19	8	51	36	5

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
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
11/1/18	32	25	35	4	4
10/11/18	33	26	35	4	2

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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 parentheticals 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 353 interviews completed on landlines and 650 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 461 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	1,003	+/- 3.5 points
Registered voters	876	4
Half sample	488-511	5-5.5
Leaned Democrats	452	5.5
Leaned Democratic voters	402	6
Leaned Republicans	388	6
Leaned Republican voters	347	6

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