

Ipsos Poll Conducted for Thomson Reuters

# Core Political Data

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These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted

*for*



*date*

January 13-14, 2020



For the survey,

*a sample of*

1,119  
Americans

*including*

919  
Registered  
Voters

450  
Democratic  
Registered  
Voters

350  
Republican  
Registered  
Voters

89  
Independent  
Registered  
Voters

*ages*

18+

were interviewed online

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The precision of the Reuters/Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval.

In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus the following percentage points



For more information about credibility intervals, please see the appendix.

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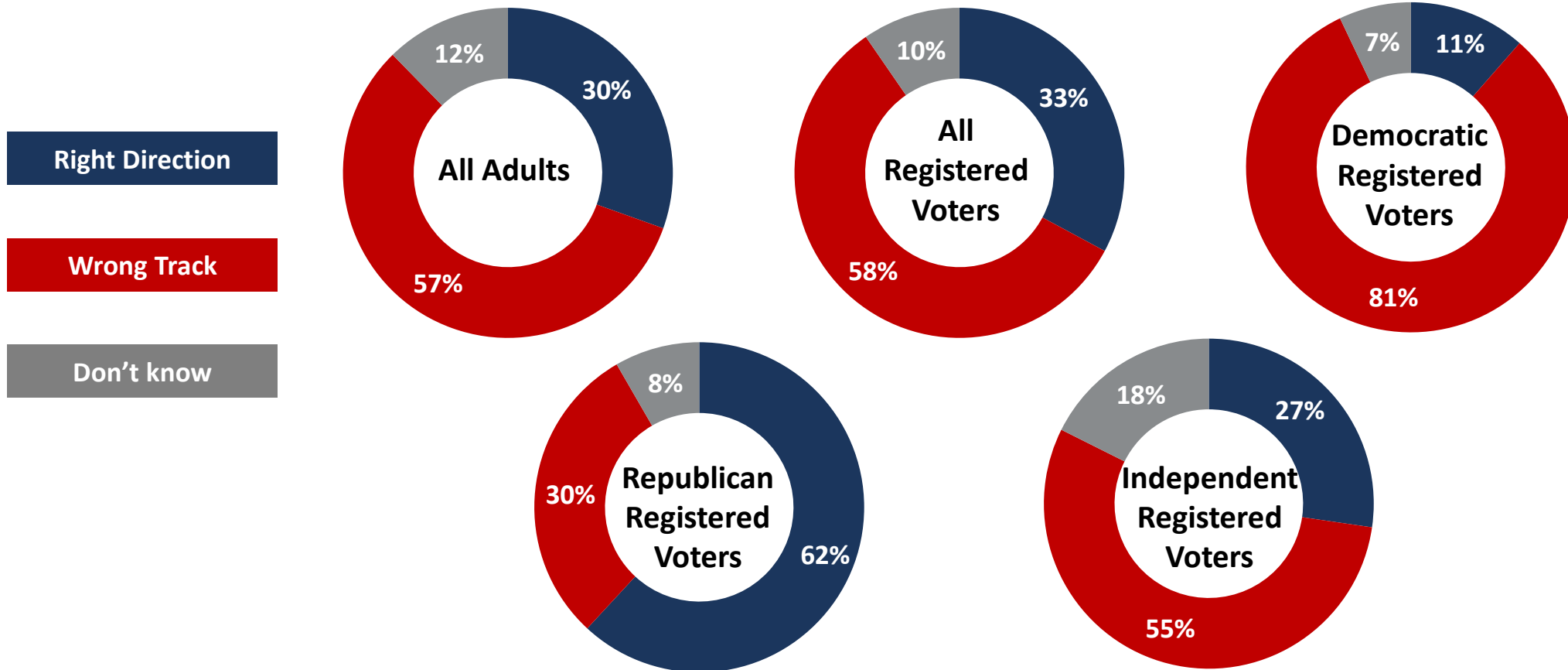
- **The data were weighted to the U.S. current population data by:**

- Gender
- Age
- Education
- Ethnicity
- Region

- Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online polls.
- All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error.
- Figures marked by an asterisk (\*) indicate a percentage value of greater than zero but less than one half of one per cent.
- Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding.
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# Right Direction/Wrong Track

Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?



# Most Important Problem Facing America

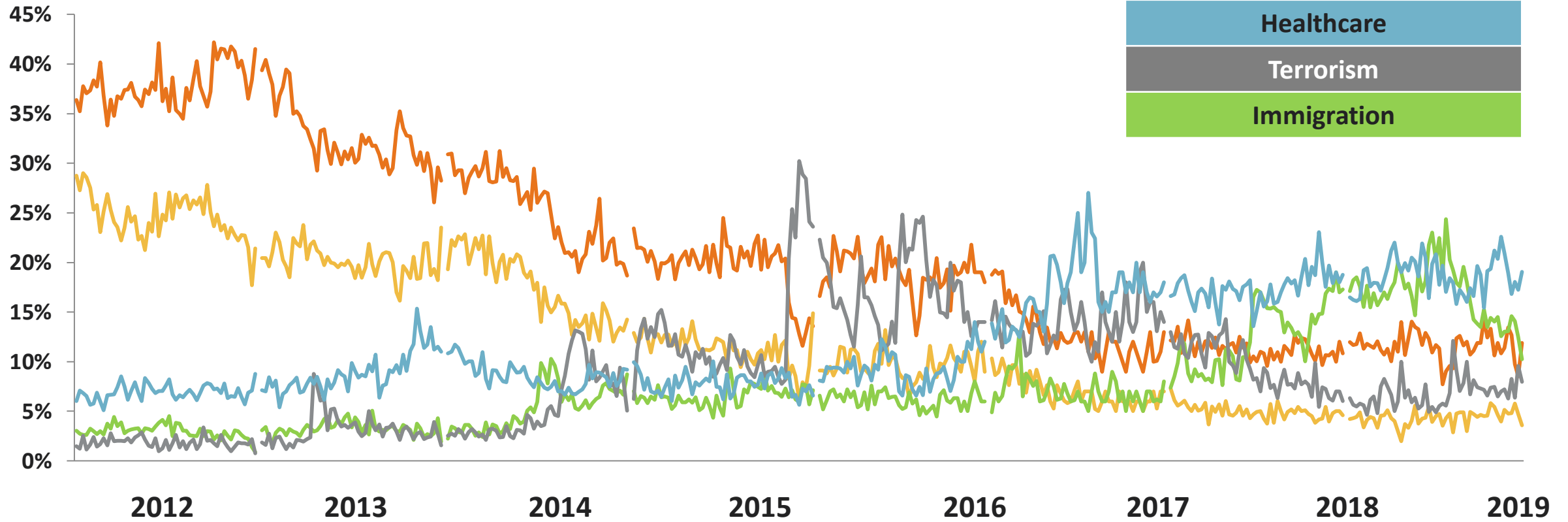
In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the U.S. today?

	All Adults	All Registered Voters	Democratic Registered Voters	Republican Registered Voters	Independent Registered Voters
<b>Economy generally</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>18%</b>
Unemployment / lack of jobs	4%	3%	2%	1%	4%
War / foreign conflicts	8%	8%	9%	7%	9%
Immigration	10%	11%	6%	20%	3%
Terrorism / terrorist attacks	8%	8%	6%	11%	9%
<b>Healthcare</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>24%</b>
Energy issues	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%
Morality	8%	8%	5%	13%	4%
Education	5%	5%	6%	2%	6%
Crime	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%
Environment	8%	8%	13%	3%	3%
Other	8%	9%	10%	7%	7%
Don't know	4%	2%	1%	1%	7%

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# Most Important Problem Facing America

In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the U.S. today?



# Donald Trump's Approval



## Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)? (Asked of those who selected "approve" or "disapprove")

Q2b. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove? (Asked of those who selected "don't know")

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Democratic Registered Voters	Republican Registered Voters	Independent Registered Voters
<b>Strongly approve</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Somewhat approve</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Lean towards approve</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Lean towards disapprove</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Somewhat disapprove</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Strongly disapprove</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROVE</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISAPPROVE</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>55%</b>

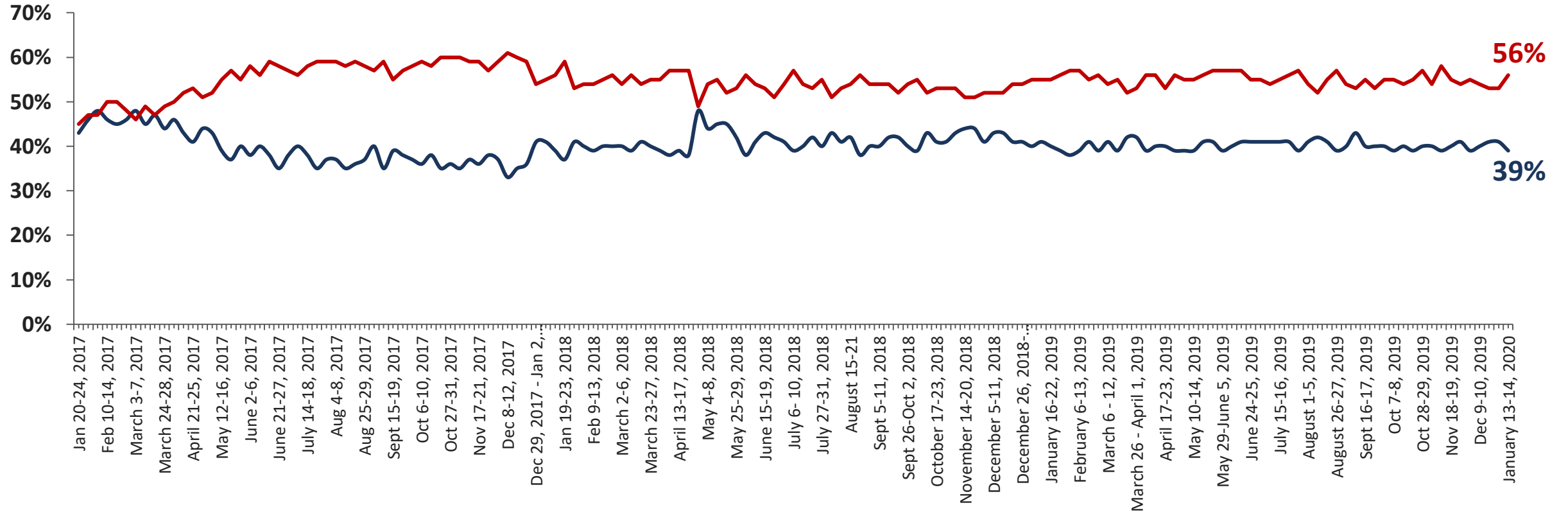


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# Donald Trump's Weekly Approval



Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?



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# Issue Approval



Do you approve or disapprove about the way Donald Trump is handling the following issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean towards approve	Lean towards disapprove	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
The U.S. economy	25%	12%	12%	9%	10%	24%	8%	49%	43%
U.S. foreign policy	18%	12%	8%	10%	9%	34%	9%	38%	53%
Healthcare reform	13%	12%	13%	10%	9%	34%	9%	38%	53%
Employment and jobs	26%	11%	15%	10%	10%	20%	8%	52%	40%
Dealing with Congress	18%	10%	9%	10%	9%	36%	8%	37%	55%
International trade	19%	12%	10%	10%	10%	29%	10%	41%	50%
Taxation	17%	12%	11%	12%	10%	29%	9%	40%	51%
Corruption	16%	10%	8%	10%	9%	38%	8%	34%	57%
The environment	13%	11%	11%	11%	9%	38%	8%	35%	58%
Immigration	21%	11%	8%	8%	9%	37%	4%	41%	55%
The way he treats people like me	17%	10%	10%	8%	8%	41%	6%	36%	57%
The effort he is making to unify the country	16%	10%	10%	8%	10%	38%	7%	37%	56%
Russia	13%	13%	10%	9%	9%	37%	11%	35%	54%
Iran	23%	10%	9%	6%	8%	35%	9%	42%	49%

# Impeachment Tracker

Which of the following comes closest to your opinion?

December 16-17, 2019

All Adults

President Trump should be impeached	46%
President Trump should NOT be impeached	42%
Don't know	12%

December 18, 2019 - House of Representatives Voted to Impeach President Trump

Now that the House of Representatives voted to impeach President Trump, which of the following do you believe should happen?

January 13-14, 2020

All Adults

President Trump should be removed from office	45%
President Trump should be formally reprimanded, also known as censure, but Trump should not be removed from office	14%
The charges against President Trump should be dismissed	31%

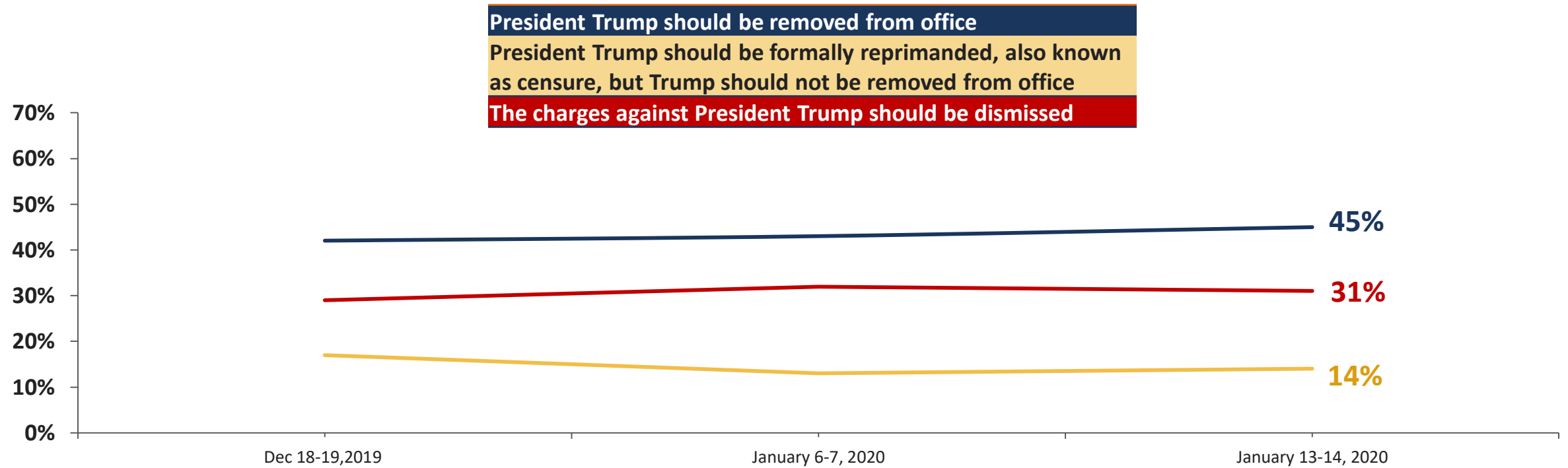
# Perceptions on Impeachment

Now that the House of Representatives voted to impeach President Trump, which of the following do you believe should happen?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Democratic Registered Voters	Republican Registered Voters	Independent Registered Voters
<b>President Trump should be removed from office</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>President Trump should be formally reprimanded, also known as censure, but Trump should not be removed from office</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>The charges against President Trump should be dismissed</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>8%</b>

# Impeachment Tracker

Now that the House of Representatives voted to impeach President Trump, which of the following do you believe should happen?



# Perceptions on Impeachment

How much do you agree or disagree with the following?

## President Trump is guilty of abusing the office of the president

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Democratic Registered Voters	Republican Registered Voters	Independent Registered Voters
Strongly agree	42%	44%	73%	9%	45%
Somewhat agree	13%	12%	13%	11%	13%
Somewhat disagree	11%	10%	6%	15%	8%
Strongly disagree	27%	29%	5%	62%	26%
Don't know	7%	5%	3%	4%	9%
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>33%</b>

## President Trump is guilty of obstructing Congress

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Democratic Registered Voters	Republican Registered Voters	Independent Registered Voters
Strongly agree	40%	42%	71%	8%	40%
Somewhat agree	14%	12%	15%	8%	16%
Somewhat disagree	10%	9%	6%	14%	7%
Strongly disagree	28%	30%	6%	65%	25%
Don't know	8%	5%	3%	5%	11%
<b>TOTAL AGREE</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISAGREE</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>32%</b>

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# Perceptions on Impeachment

How much has the impeachment of President Trump affected your support for him, if at all?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Democratic Registered Voters	Republican Registered Voters	Independent Registered Voters
It has made me <u>more</u> supportive	20%	22%	6%	48%	11%
It has made me <u>less</u> supportive	16%	16%	26%	7%	11%
No change	58%	59%	67%	43%	75%
Don't know	6%	3%	2%	2%	3%

# Perceptions on Impeachment

How much do you approve or disapprove of the following?

## The House of Representatives' handling of the impeachment of President Trump

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Democratic Registered Voters	Republican Registered Voters	Independent Registered Voters
Strongly approve	19%	19%	31%	6%	22%
Somewhat approve	20%	21%	33%	8%	17%
Somewhat disapprove	17%	16%	18%	13%	12%
Strongly disapprove	31%	35%	11%	67%	27%
Don't know	13%	9%	8%	6%	21%
<b>TOTAL APPROVE</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISAPPROVE</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>40%</b>

## President Trump's handling of his impeachment

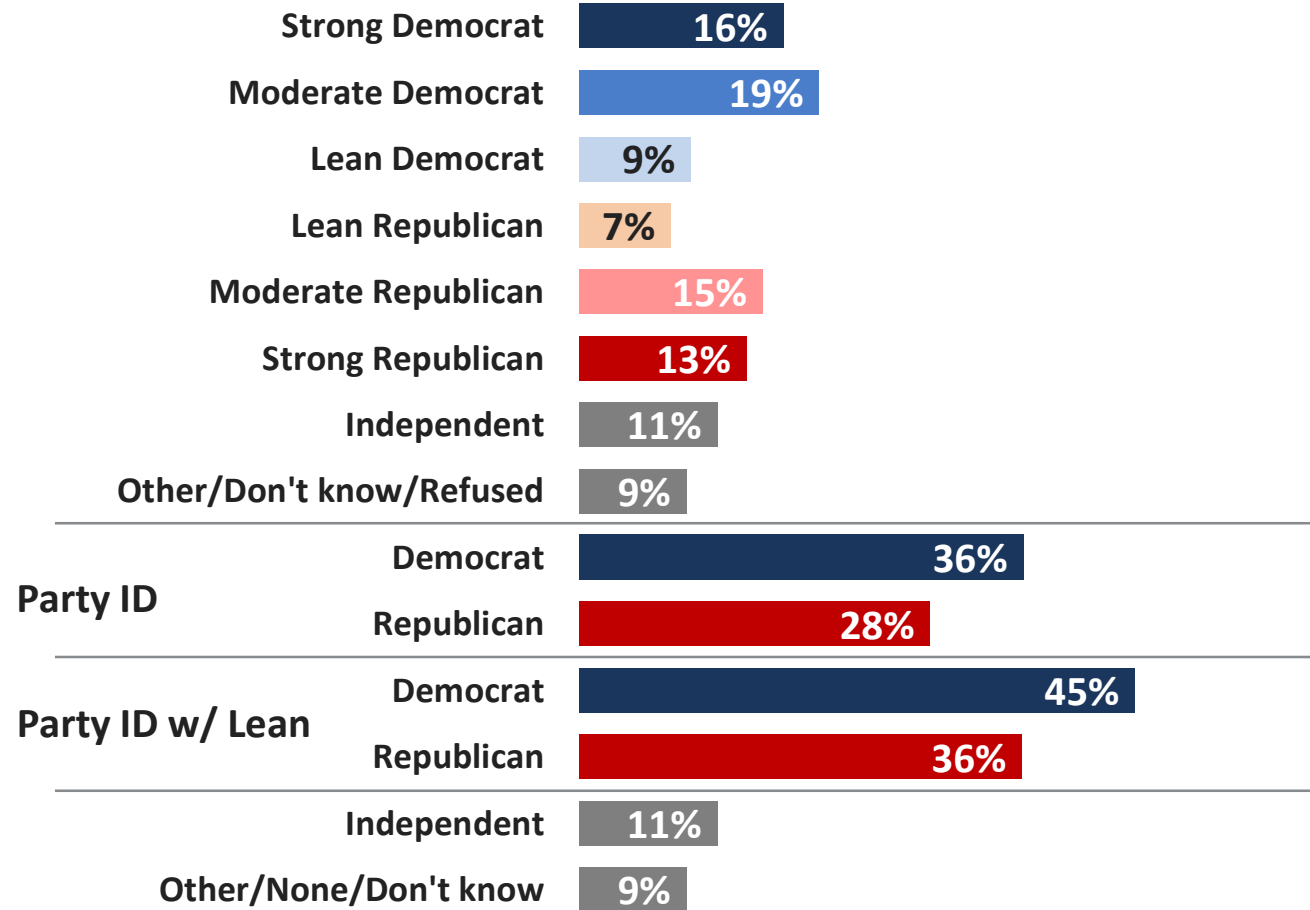
	All Adults	Registered Voters	Democratic Registered Voters	Republican Registered Voters	Independent Registered Voters
Strongly approve	20%	21%	5%	44%	15%
Somewhat approve	17%	17%	7%	30%	19%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	13%	14%	12%	12%
Strongly disapprove	37%	40%	67%	7%	38%
Don't know	12%	8%	7%	6%	16%
<b>TOTAL APPROVE</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>TOTAL DISAPPROVE</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>50%</b>



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# Political Identity

With which political party do you most identify?



# How to Calculate Bayesian Credibility Intervals

The calculation of credibility intervals assumes that  $Y$  has a binomial distribution conditioned on the parameter  $\theta$ , i.e.,  $Y|\theta \sim \text{bin}(n, \theta)$ , where  $n$  is the size of our sample. In this setting,  $Y$  counts the number of “yes”, or “1”, observed in the sample, so that the sample mean ( $\bar{Y}$ ) is a natural estimate of the true population proportion  $\theta$ . This model is often called the likelihood function, and it is a standard concept in both the bayesian and the classical framework. The bayesian 1 statistics combines both the prior distribution and the likelihood function to create a posterior distribution.

The posterior distribution represents our opinion about which are the plausible values for  $\theta$  adjusted after observing the sample data. In reality, the posterior distribution is one’s knowledge base updated using the latest survey information. For the prior and likelihood functions specified here, the posterior distribution is also a beta distribution ( $\pi(\frac{\theta}{y}) \sim \beta(y+a, n-y+b)$ ), but with updated hyper-parameters.

Our credibility interval for  $\theta$  is based on this posterior distribution. As mentioned above, these intervals represent our belief about which are the most plausible values for  $\theta$  given our updated knowledge base. There are different ways to calculate these intervals based on  $\pi(\frac{\theta}{y})$ . Since we want only one measure of precision for all variables in the survey, analogous to what is done within the classical framework, we will compute the largest possible credibility interval for any observed sample. The worst case occurs when we assume that  $a=1$  and  $b=1$  and  $y=n/2$ . Using a simple approximation of the posterior by the normal distribution, the 95% credibility interval is given by, approximately:  $\bar{Y} \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

# How to Calculate Bayesian Credibility Intervals

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The Bayesian credibility interval was adjusted using standard weighting design effect  $1+L=1.3$  to account for complex weighting<sup>2</sup>

Examples of credibility intervals for different base sizes are below:

	SAMPLE SIZE	CREDIBILITY INTERVALS
	2,000	2.5
	1,500	2.9
	1,000	3.5
Ipsos does not publish data for base sizes (sample sizes) below 100.	750	4.1
	500	5.0
	350	6.0
	200	7.9
	100	11.2

<sup>1</sup> *Bayesian Data Analysis, Second Edition*, Andrew Gelman, John B. Carlin, Hal S. Stern, Donald B. Rubin, Chapman & Hall/CRC | ISBN: 158488388X | 2003

<sup>2</sup> Kish, L. (1992). *Weighting for unequal Pi*. *Journal of Official Statistics*, 8, 2, 183200.

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