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This survey was conducted online within the United States from April 30 March 1, 2019 among 1,536 registered voters by The Harris Poll.

Results were weighted for age within gender, region, race/ethnicity, marital status, household size, income, employment, education, political party, and political ideology where necessary to align them with their actual proportions in the population. Propensity score weighting was also used to adjust for respondents' propensity to be online.

Pollsters Mark Penn, Prof. Stephen Ansolabehere, and Dritan Nesho supervised the poll.

## APPROVAL AND MOOD OF COUNTRY

## PRESIDENT TRUMP'S JOB APPROVAL RATING REMAINS STEADY AND IN THE MID-4OS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2018



# VOTERS OVERWHELMINGLY CREDIT TRUMP ON HIS HANDLING OF THE ECONOMY, FIGHTING TERRORISM, AND STIMULATING JOBS 

## Approve Trump on... <br> (Strongly or Somewhat Approve)



| -The Economy | 55\% | 49\% | 52\% | 52\% | 51\% | 51 | 50\% | 56\% | 56\% | 52 | 54\% | 54 | 57\% | 55\% | 55 | 57\% | 5 | 56\% | 52\% | 54 | 56\% | \% |  |
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| Stimulating Jobs | 55\% | 51\% | 53\% | 53\% | 52\% | 50\% | 52\% | 56\% | 57\% | 54\% | 55\% | 54\% | 58\% | 56\% | 55\% | 57\% | 57\% | 54\% | 56\% | 57\% | 57\% | \% |  |
| -Fighting Terrorism | 56\% | 52\% | 51\% | 53\% | 50\% | 52\% | 51\% | 51\% | 54\% | 53\% | 55\% | 53\% | 57\% | 53\% | 55\% | 56\% | 54\% | 55\% | 51\% | 53\% | 52\% | 52\% |  |
| -Immigration | 50 | 46 | 47 | 45 | 44 | 45 | 44 | 43 | 47\% | 46\% | 45\% | 44 | 46\% | 45\% | 46\% | 47\% | 49\% | 48\% | 46\% | 47\% | 46\% | 46\% |  |
| Foreign Affairs | 45\% | 40\% | 42\% | 43\% | 40\% | 39\% | 40\% | 40\% | 44\% | 42\% | 43\% | 45\% | 47\% | 43\% | 44\% | 45\% | 43\% | 43\% | 43\% | 44\% | 43\% | 44\% |  |
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## VOTERS' IMPRESSION OF DIRECTION OF COUNTRY IS STEADY - SLIGHT MAJORITY STILL beLIEVE THE COUNTRY IS ON THE WRONG TRACK



## FOR FIRST TIME IN OVER A YEAR, MAJORITY OF SEE US ECONOMY AS BEING ON THE RIGHT TRACK



## STRENGTH OF US ECONOMY CONTINUES TO TREND UP

## How strong do you think the U.S. economy is today?



## FEWER VOTERS SAY THEIR FINANCIAL SITUATION IS GETTING WORSE COMPARED TO PREVIOUS MONTHS

Would you say that your personal financial situation is improving or getting worse?


## GOP APPROVAL HAS REBOUNDED SINCE THE MIDTERMS, AND IS NOW ALMOST THE SAME AS DEMS

## GOP Approval



## DEMOCRATIC PARTY REMAINS IN MID-4OS

## Democratic Party Approval



## VOTERS ARE TWO TIMES AS LIKELY TO DISAPPROVE BOTH PARTIES AS THEY ARE TO APPROVE BOTH PARTIES

## Party Approval



## PRESIDENT OBAMA, JOE BIDEN AND BERNIE SANDERS ARE THE THREE MOST FAVORED POLITICAL FIGURES UNDER STUDY; TRUMP HAS SEEN A SLIGHT INCREASE



## BUT MOST VOTERS SAY THEY DISLIKE PRESIDENT TRUMP PERSONALLY

When you think of Donald Trump do you like or dislike him personally?


## HEALTHCARE AND IMMIGRATION REMAIN THE TOP ISSUES FOR VOTERS

Most Important Issues Facing the Country


FOR DEMS IN CONGRESS, STIMULATING ECONOMY, ADDRESSING UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS, EXPANDING ACA SHOULD BE TOP PRIORITIES

Top Priority for Democratic Majority in Congress


FOR TRUMP, TOP PRIORITIES OUGHT TO BE: STIMULATING JOBS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Top Priority for Trump


2020 HORSERACE

## OVERALL, 37\% SAY THEY WILL VOTE FOR TRUMP IN 2020; 43\% FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

If Donald Trump runs for reelection in 2020 as the Republican candidate,
will you...?


## BIDEN IS MOST POPULAR IN A DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY HORSERACE

Which of the following candidates are you most likely to vote for in a Democratic primary?
(Including Clinton)
[Among DEM, Split Sample]
$0 \% \quad 5 \% \quad 10 \% \quad 15 \% \quad 20 \% \quad 25 \% \quad 30 \% \quad 35 \% ~ 40 \%$


BASE: Registered Voters ( $\mathrm{n}=1536$ )

Not planning on voting + Not sure
Which of the following candidates are you most likely to vote for in a Democratic primary? (Excluding Clinton)
[Among DEM, Split Sample]


## FOR VOTERS, BIDEN HAS BEST CHANCE OF WINNING, THOUGH NEARLY A QUARTER SAY NO ONE HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF BEATING TRUMP IN 2020

Which one of the Democratic presidential candidates has the best chance of winning against Donald Trump?


Is it more important to you that the Democrats nominate a presidential candidate with a strong chance of beating Donald Trump, or that the Democrats nominate a presidential candidate who shares your position on issues?

Strong chance of winning
 Both equally

Unsure / Don't Know


## BUT A MAJORITY OF VOTERS STILL FIND THE 2020 DEMOCRATIC FIELD OF CANDIDATE UNDERWHELMING

Do you find the current field of Democratic party candidates for president to be impressive or underwhelming?


## RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

## VOTERS CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE RUSSIAN COLLUSION INVESTIGATIONS ARE HURTING, MORE THAN HELPING, THE COUNTRY

## Russia Investigations: Hurting or Helping the Country



## LESS THAN FOUR IN TEN VOTERS BELIEVE THAT TRUMP SHOULD BE IMPEACHED AND REMOVED FROM OFFICE FOR HIS ACTIONS

## For His Actions, Should President Trump Be...



## PLURALITY STILL BELIEVE THAT NO EVIDENCE OF COLLUSION WAS FOUND; VOTERS ARE SPLIT ON WHETHER ANY EVIDENCE OF OBSTRUCTION WAS FOUND

Evidence of Collusion?


Do you think the special counsel has found actual evidence of President Trump obstructing justice during the investigation of Russia's interference into the 2016 election, or did the special counsel not find any evidence of such collusion?


## OVER TWO-THIRDS KNOW MUELLER SUBMITTED REPORT; MOST ARE AT LEAST SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR WITH INVESTIGATION

Have you heard or read that the special counsel has concluded his investigation and submitted a report of his conclusions to the Attorney General and the Department of Justice for their review, or have you not had the chance to yet?

$\square$ Yes ■ No

How familiar would you say you are with the conclusion of the special counsel's investigation?


## FOR MOST, THE FULL REPORT RELEASE HAD NO EFFECT ON THEIR OPINION ON THE ISSUE; VOTERS SHOWING SIGNS ON INVESTIGATION FATIGUE

Did the release of more information with the special counsel's full report change your opinion or not?

Given the Mueller report, do you think that we should turn the page on investigations of President Trump or should Congress continue investigations of President Trump?


Turn the page
Continue with investigations

## ON "NO COLLUSION" FINDING: MOST VOTERS AGREE AND ACCEPT RESULT, AND THINK DEMS SHOULD TOO

The report states that the special counsel's investigation did not find that the Trump campaign or anyone associated with it conspired or coordinated with Russia in its efforts to influence the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Do you agree or disagree with this conclusion?


Do you accept or reject this conclusion?


Should the Democrats in Congress accept the finding of the special counsel or contest the finding and do another investigation?


■ Accept finding
■ Contest and do another investigation

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INV0303. Do you agree or disagree with this conclusion?
INV0304. Do you accept or reject this conclusion?
INV0306: Should the Democrats in Congress accept the finding of the special counsel or contest the finding and do another investigation?

## ON LEAVING OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF OBSTRUCTION: VOTERS ALSO AGREE AND ACCEPT THIS FINDING

The special counsel did not reach a conclusion on the issue of possible obstruction of justice by the President when he fired former FBI director James Comey, and left the decision to the Attorney General, who, along with deputy attorney general Rod Rosenstein, determined the facts and public actions of President Trump did not amount to obstruction of justice, especially since there was no underlying collusion.

Do you agree or disagree with this conclusion?


Agree
Disagree

Do you accept or reject this conclusion?


Should the Democrats in Congress accept the finding of the Department of Justice or contest the finding and do another investigation?


Looked as hard as possible ■ Did not

## VOTERS ARE SPLIT ON HOW INVESTIGATION AFFECTS THEIR SUPPORT FOR TRUMP; BUT MORE LIKELY THAN NOT, CONTINUED INVESTIGATIONS WOULD HURT DEMS

Do the conclusion of the special counsel's investigation make you more or less likely to support Donald Trump, or does it not affect your views?


■ More likely

- Less likely

■ Does not affect my views

If the Democrats launch scores of new investigations, would you be more likely to vote for the Democrats, less likely or no effect?


■ More likelyLess likelyWould have no effect

## PLURALITY SAY DEMS ARE DOING TOO MUCH INVESTIGATING, BUT SEE LEGITIMACY IN SUBPOENAS

Do you think Democrats in Congress are doing too much, too little, or about the right amount to investigate Donald Trump?


In general do you think [Democrat's subpoenas] are legitimate subpoenas under Congress' power to oversee the federal government $t$ or are they just a political fishing expedition without legislative purpose aimed at the President?


■ Legitimate subpoenas under Congress' power to oversee

■ Political fishing expedition without legislative

## VOTERS SPLIT ON DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO COERCING TRUMP FINANCIAL RECORDS

Do you think Congress should be able to subpoena the banking and financial records of individuals or should only law enforcement be able to subpoena such personal records?


■ Congress should be able to subpoena banking and financial records of individuals

■ Only law enforcement should be able to subpoena banking and financial records of individuals

Do you think this would be a fair use of the office of [the NY State] Attorney General or would it be using the office to pursue political enemies?


■ Fair use of office
■ Using the office to pursue political enemies

## VOTERS DON’T WANT TO SEE IMPEACHMENT INITIATED BY A WIDE MARGIN

Do you think the Democrats in Congress should initiate impeachment proceedings against President Trump if the special counsel's investigation does not implicate
him personally in any wrong doing?


■ Initiate impeachment
■ Don't initiate impeachment

Do you think the Democrats in Congress should initiate impeachment proceedings against President Trump given that the special counsel's investigation does not implicate him personally in any wrong doing?


■ Initiate impeachment
■ Don't initiate impeachment

## VOTERS THINK BIAS PLAYED A ROLE IN LAUNCHING THE RUSSIA PROBE AND FAVOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO POTENTIAL FBI ABUSES

Do you think bias against President Trump in the FBI played a role in launching investigations against him or did bias play no role in launching investigations?

## 70\%




Do you favor or oppose appointing a special counsel to investigate potential abuses at the FBI?


## VAST MAJORITY WOULD PREFER THEIR REP TO WORK ON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT THAN IMPEACHING TRUMP

Do you want your congressional representatives working more on infrastructure, healthcare, and immigration or investigations of President Trump?


IMMIGRATION

## VOTERS SEE THE BORDER CRISIS AS A GROWING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS, NOT JUST A POLITICAL ONE

Do you think there is a growing humanitarian and security crisis at our border with Mexico, or is this mainly a manufactured political crisis ahead of the 2020 elections?


■ Growing humanitarian and security crisis
■ Mainly a manufactured political crisis

## MOST UNDERESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE CAUGHT ILLEGALLY CROSSING; GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE, A MAJORITY SUPPORT A BORDER

About how many people do you think are caught trying to enter through the southern border each year?


In the last month over 100,000 people were intercepted trying to cross illegally into United States on the southern border with Mexico. Given these numbers, do you favor or oppose the decision by the President to declare a national emergency ... ?


## MOST VOTERS BELIEVE DEMS WANT BORDER SECURITY BUT OPPOSE THE WALL

Some people say that the Democrats really want border security but oppose the wall; others say that the Democrats really want more open borders to eventually get more democratic voters and they really don't support more border security at all.

Which is clo


■ Democrats really want border security but oppose the wall

Democrats really want more open borders to eventually get more democratic voters, and they don't support more border security at all

## A MAJORITY SAY BORDER BARRIERS ARE AT LEAST SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE



## VOTERS BELIEVE ASYLUM SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR THOSE FLEEING SPECIFIC AS OPPOSED TO GENERAL VIOLENCE, PREFER ASYLUM LAWS TO BE TIGHTENED

Should people fleeing general violence in a country be able to seek asylum here or only political or religious violence aimed
specifically at them?


Should the current asylum laws be loosened to accept more claims, tightened to accept fewer claims or kept as is?


## CLAIMANTS WITH QUESTIONABLE ASYLUM CLAIMS SHOULD BE TURNED AWAY IMMEDIATELY, SAY TWO-THIRDS OF US VOTERS

Should people with questionable asylum claims be let into the United States for years until their case comes up or should they immediately be turned back to Mexico for staging?

Would you favor or oppose requiring everyone to spend one year after high school or college working at a modest salary in public service either in the military or in domestic help programs like teaching or volunteering in hospitals?

MEDICARE

## NEARLY TWO-THIRDS SUPPORT MEDICARE FOR ALL, BUT DON’T THINK IT SHOULD BE REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE TO PAY INTO

Do you favor or oppose Medicare for All?


Do you favor Medicare as an optional program for people or a program that is required for everyone to use and pay into?


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## MOST WANT TO MAINTAIN A PRIVATE OPTION FOR HEALTHCARE, BUT MOST ARE SPLIT ON THE OUTCOME OF PRICES GIVEN A SINGLE PAYER SYSTEM

Do you favor or oppose abolishing all private healthcare in favor of a government run program in which the government is the single payer for all healthcare?

Do you think extending Medicare to everyone would lower the cost of healthcare, raise the cost of healthcare or have no effect on the cost?



■ Lower the cost
$\square$ Raise the cost
■ Have no effect on the cost

## MOST AGREE THAT MEDICARE FOR ALL WOULD RAISE TAXES, BUT ARE UNCERTAIN OF HOW IT WOULD AFFECT THE QUALITY OF HEALTHCARE

Do you think Medicare for all would require higher taxes, lower taxes or have no effect on taxes?


Higher taxes
Lower taxes
Have no effect on taxes

Do you think Medicare for all would improve the quality of healthcare you receive, diminish the quality of healthcare you receive or have no effect on the quality?

## A PLURALITY WOULD WANT TO SEE SOME OPTION OTHER THAN ACA AND MEDICARE

 FOR ALL
## Do you think we should continue

Obamacare, move to Medicare for all or find
a new plan for healthcare?


INFRASTRUCTURE

## VOTERS SUPPORT A HIGH-SCALE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL; AND MOST ALSO SUPPORT SOME OF THE BILL BEING DEDICATED TO CLIMATE CHANGE INVESTMENTS

Do you support or oppose a major infrastructure bill to invest up to two trillion dollars over 10 years in new roads, bridges, waterways and other infrastructure needs?

Do you think that any infrastructure bill should include major investments in climate change such as investments in renewable energy sources and industries or should that be left to private industry?

■ Should include major investments in climate change
■ These investments should be left to private industry

## MOST WANT INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE PAID VIA EXISTING REVENUE INSTEAD OF NEW TAXES; MOST OPPOSE A GAS TAX TO FUND INFRASTRUCTURE

Should infrastructure be paid for with existing revenues, new taxes or through public private partnerships?


■ Existing revenuesNew taxesThrough public private partnerships

Would you favor or oppose a 25 cents a gallon tax for new roads and other transportation infrastructure projects?


## MAJORITY FAVOR UNDOING RECENT TAX CUTS TO FUND INFRASTRUCTURE; ALMOST ALL PREFER CONTRACTING THE WORK TO DOMESTIC INSTEAD OF FOREIGN COMPANIES

Would you favor or oppose undoing some of the Recent tax cuts for new infrastructure spending?


Should any infrastructure bill have provisions to favor American companies to win the contracts or should they go to the lowest bidder even if foreign?


■ Should favor American companies
■ Should go to the lowest bidder

## INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES ARE ROADS, BRIDGES AND TUNNELS; LOWEST ON THE LIST ARE NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.



Which of the following should be a priority for spending in the infrastructure bill?

## MOST FAVOR DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE IN ANTICIPATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Should we build infrastructure projects in anticipation of climate change effects like dams for rising water on the coasts or is it too early to invest in such projects?


## OVER HALF SAY THAT CLIMATE CHANGE IS AN URGENT PROBLEM

## Which is closest to your view, even if neither is exactly perfect?



MARIJUANA

## MOST FAVOR RECREATION MARIJUANA USE; BUT PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BUY IT UNTIL THEY ARE 21 YEARS OLD

Do you favor or oppose legalization of marijuana for recreational use in the United

States?


If marijuana were legalized, at what age do you think people should be allowed to purchase it?


## JUST A QUARTER SAY CRIME WOULD INCREASE AS A RESULT OF MARIJUANA USE; MUCH MORE SAY CRIME WOULD DECREASE

Should regulation of the marijuana business come from the federal government?

Do you think legalization will increase drug crime, decrease it or will drug crime be unaffected?


## PLURALITY WANT TO TOUGHEN PENALTIES FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MARIJUANA

Do you think penalties for driving under the influence of marijuana should be made tougher, more lenient or stay about the
same?

$■$ Tougher ■ More lenient ■ Stay about the same

Do you think legalizing marijuana will further degrade the values of youth, improve their values or have no effect on them?


INTERNET CENSORSHIP

## SOCIAL PLATFORMS SHOULD NOT HAVE FULL REIGNS WHEN DECIDING WHAT TO CENSOR

Do you think that internet platforms like Facebook, Google and others should have the right to censor posts from their networks for any reason or only a small list of reasons?


■ Any reason
■ Small list of reasons

## WHAT SHOULD BE CENSORED: POSTS THAT INCITE VIOLENCE, IS OFFENSIVE TO SPECIFIC GROUPS, OR CONTAINS NUDITY

# Here are some possible reasons - should these posts be censored or not? Censored (Summary) 



## VOTERS PREFER PRIVATE CENSORSHIP OVER GOVERNMENT CENSORSHIP

Should these posts be censored by people working at the companies or special government employees?


## MOST WANT DISNEY TO USE AVENGERS PROFITS TO REDISTRIBUTE WEALTH TO MIDDLE CLASS

Do you favor or oppose telling Disney to use their profits from the Avengers movie to provide better middle class wages for their employees, as candidate Bernie Sanders has
proposed?


## ABORTION

## VOTERS SPLIT ON WHETHER CURRENT ABORTION LAWS ARE TOO LIBERAL OR TOO RESTRICTIVE

Do you think our current abortion laws are too liberal, too restrictive or just right?


## PLURALITY PREFER STATUS QUO ON ROE V. WADE

Do you favoring maintaining Roe vs Wade as it, tightening it to t to only 1st trimester abortions, extending it to third trimester, or overturning it and returning abortion rights to the states?


## PLURALITY SAY ABORTION CASES SHOULD BE LIMITED TO CASES OF RAPE AND INCEST

In general should women be able to have an abortion


## MOST AGREE THAT INFANTICIDE SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED

Once a child is born, if it has deformities, should a mother and doctor be permitted to end the life, or should that not be permitted?



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    M3A Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Trump is doing on ...?

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    Optional program
    ■ Required for everyone to use and pay into

