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Reuters/Ipsos Poll: Trump/Biden/Ukraine Survey Wave 2

The number of Americans saying Trump should be impeached has risen 8 percentage points since last week

Washington, DC, September 30, 2019 — One week after news broke about President Donald Trump's call to Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky, the latest Reuters/Ipsos poll finds that more Americans are now in favor of impeaching Trump. Currently, 45% of Americans believe President Trump should be impeached, up from 37% last week. Forty-one percent of Americans do not favor impeachment. While partisans continue to be deeply divided on this issue – 75% of Democratic registered voters support impeachment, 81% of Republican registered voters oppose – Independents are evenly split (38% support impeachment and 39% oppose). Furthermore, more than two-thirds of registered voters (69%) agree that an elected official who uses a foreign government to attack a political rival should be removed, including 89% of Democrats, 68% of Independents, and 46% of Republicans.

At the same time, President Trump's approval rating has decreased, from 43% last week to 39% now. His approval among Democratic registered voters is in the single digits (9%), fewer than one-third of Independents approve of Trump (30%), but 83% of Republicans still approve of the job the president is doing.

Awareness of this rapidly developing issue is growing quickly. Last week, just 17% of Americans said they had heard "a great deal" about President Trump, Joe Biden, and the new president of Ukraine. That number has now doubled, and only 10% of Americans have not heard anything. While only 14% have read the transcript of the phone call between Trump and Zelensky, another 54% report either reading or hearing summaries, or just hearing others talk about it.

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



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		All Americans	All Americans	All Registered Voters	Democratic Registered Voters	Republican Registered Voters	Independent Registered Voters
Are you currently registered to vote, or not? (Select one)	Yes	84%	82%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	No	13%	15%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Don't know / Refused	3%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	1005	2234	1917	861	781	191
Specific Party Identification	Strong Democrat	14%	15%	17%	37%	0%	0%
	Moderate Democrat	21%	17%	19%	41%	0%	0%
	Lean Democratic	8%	10%	10%	22%	0%	0%
	Lean Republican	8%	10%	10%	0%	26%	0%
	Moderate Republican	16%	14%	16%	0%	39%	0%
	Strong Republican	13%	12%	14%	0%	34%	0%
	Independent	10%	10%	10%	0%	0%	100%
	Other/Don't know/Refused	9%	11%	5%	0%	0%	0%
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With which political party do you most identify? Summary	Democrat	43%	42%	46%	100%	0%	0%
	Republican	37%	36%	39%	0%	100%	0%
	Independent	10%	10%	10%	0%	0%	100%
	Other/Don't know/Refused	9%	11%	5%	0%	0%	0%
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In November 2020, the next presidential election will be held. Using a 1-to-10 scale, where 10 means you are completely certain you will vote and 1 means you are completely certain you will NOT vote, how likely are you to vote in the next presidential elections?	10- Completely certain you will vote	65%	77%	79%	81%	66%
	9	7%	7%	7%	8%	4%
	8	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%
	7	3%	3%	2%	2%	5%
	6	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%
	5	5%	4%	3%	3%	7%
	4	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
	3	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	2	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	1- Completely certain you will NOT vote	8%	2%	1%	1%	7%
	Don't know	4%	2%	1%	1%	3%
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If the 2020 Democratic presidential primary election were held today, and you had to choose from the list of candidates below, for whom would you vote?	Joe Biden	20%	18%	21%	26%	0%	8%
	Kamala Harris	4%	4%	4%	5%	0%	1%
	Elizabeth Warren	14%	14%	15%	19%	0%	7%
	Bernie Sanders	13%	15%	16%	17%	0%	11%
	Beto O'Rourke	3%	2%	2%	3%	0%	1%
	Cory Booker	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%
	Julian Castro	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
	Amy Klobuchar	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
	Pete Buttigieg	4%	3%	4%	5%	0%	0%
	Tulsi Gabbard	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%
	Steve Bullock	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	John Delaney	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Marianne Williamson	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
	Andrew Yang	1%	3%	3%	4%	0%	3%
	Tim Ryan	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
	Wayne Messam	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Michael Bennet	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
	Joe Sestak	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Tom Steyer	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	I can't/won't vote in the Democratic primary	5%	6%	5%	1%	0%	27%
	Other	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%
	Don't know	28%	29%	22%	14%	0%	35%
	Total			1379	1136	861	0



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If the 2020 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were as below, for whom would you vote?	Joe Biden (Democrat)	39%	39%	43%	77%	8%	29%
	Donald Trump (Republican)	34%	34%	36%	6%	78%	26%
	Neither / Other	12%	11%	11%	11%	8%	21%
	Wouldn't vote	5%	8%	3%	1%	1%	10%
	Don't know / Refused	9%	9%	8%	5%	5%	14%
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If the 2020 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were as below, for whom would you vote?	Donald Trump (Republican)	36%	34%	36%	4%	80%	23%
	Bernie Sanders (Democrat)	37%	40%	43%	78%	6%	31%
	Neither / Other	12%	11%	11%	10%	9%	20%
	Wouldn't vote	6%	7%	2%	2%	1%	10%
	Don't know / Refused	9%	9%	7%	5%	5%	16%
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If the 2020 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were as below, for whom would you vote?	Donald Trump (Republican)	36%	34%	37%	5%	79%	27%
	Elizabeth Warren (Democrat)	38%	38%	42%	77%	6%	30%
	Neither / Other	10%	10%	10%	10%	8%	15%
	Wouldn't vote	7%	8%	3%	1%	1%	12%
	Don't know / Refused	9%	10%	8%	6%	6%	15%
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Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?	Strongly approve	21%	21%	23%	4%	50%	14%
	Somewhat approve	19%	16%	15%	5%	29%	14%
	Lean towards approve	3%	2%	2%	1%	4%	2%
	Lean towards disapprove	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%
	Somewhat disapprove	11%	10%	10%	11%	7%	12%
	Strongly disapprove	40%	45%	45%	77%	8%	47%
	Not sure	4%	6%	3%	2%	1%	9%
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Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? - Summary	TOTAL APPROVE	43%	39%	40%	9%	83%	30%
	TOTAL DISAPPROVE	54%	56%	56%	89%	17%	61%
	Not sure	4%	6%	3%	2%	1%	9%
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Which of the following comes closest to your opinion?	President Trump should be impeached	37%	45%	45%	75%	13%	38%
	President Trump should NOT be impeached	45%	41%	43%	14%	81%	39%
	Don't know	18%	15%	12%	12%	6%	24%
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How much have you heard, if anything, about President Trump, Joe Biden, and the new president of Ukraine?	A great deal	17%	34%	38%	40%	42%	28%
	Some	31%	30%	31%	32%	31%	28%
	Heard of but know little	25%	21%	21%	20%	20%	23%
	Have not heard anything	19%	10%	7%	7%	6%	12%
	Don't know	8%	6%	3%	2%	2%	8%
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President Trump is asking the president of Ukraine to investigate corruption	No	77%	67%	63%	68%	54%	71%
	Yes	23%	33%	37%	32%	46%	29%
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President Trump is trying to coerce Ukraine into investigating Joe Biden	No	71%	61%	57%	41%	73%	65%
	Yes	29%	39%	43%	59%	27%	35%
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Joe Biden has improperly pushed for the firing of a Ukrainian general prosecutor	No	86%	84%	82%	92%	69%	87%
	Yes	14%	16%	18%	8%	31%	13%
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President Trump is abusing the power of the office of the presidency	No	73%	61%	59%	37%	81%	59%
	Yes	27%	39%	41%	63%	19%	41%
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This story came about because of a whistleblower complaint that the administration tried to cover up	No	63%	52%	48%	39%	56%	47%
	Yes	37%	48%	52%	61%	44%	53%
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None of these	No	67%	79%	84%	89%	83%	74%
	Yes	33%	21%	16%	11%	17%	26%
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When it comes to the situation with President Trump, Joe Biden, and Ukraine, which of the following comes closest to your opinion?	President Trump is trying to smear Joe Biden ahead of the 2020 presidential campaign	39%	43%	46%	74%	17%	42%
	Joe Biden is trying to cover up a potential scandal that could hurt him in the 2020 presidential campaign	26%	26%	28%	9%	55%	17%
	Not sure	35%	31%	26%	17%	28%	41%
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Have you read the transcript of the phone call between President Trump and the president of Ukraine released by the White House?	Yes, I read the transcript	14%	16%	17%	18%	13%
	No, but I've read or heard summaries of the transcript	28%	30%	35%	26%	29%
	No, but I heard people talking about it generally	26%	27%	28%	29%	21%
	No, I have not read or heard anything about it	32%	26%	20%	26%	37%
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Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement: I think that many elected officials use the power of their office to attack political rivals	Strongly agree	41%	44%	37%	53%	53%
	Somewhat agree	33%	34%	38%	31%	30%
	Somewhat disagree	11%	11%	15%	7%	7%
	Strongly disagree	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%
	Don't know	10%	7%	5%	5%	7%
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Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement: An elected official who uses the power of their office to attack political rivals should be removed	Strongly agree	38%	40%	59%	19%	37%
	Somewhat agree	25%	25%	25%	25%	29%
	Somewhat disagree	15%	15%	7%	26%	14%
	Strongly disagree	7%	8%	3%	15%	7%
	Don't know	14%	11%	6%	15%	13%
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Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement: An elected official who uses a foreign government to attack a political rival should be removed	Strongly agree	44%	46%	67%	22%	48%
	Somewhat agree	22%	23%	22%	24%	20%
	Somewhat disagree	12%	13%	5%	21%	14%
	Strongly disagree	6%	6%	2%	12%	4%
	Don't know	16%	13%	4%	21%	14%
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Of the choices listed below, which is your main source of television news about current events and politics? (Select one)	FOX News	21%	21%	10%	36%	22%
	CNN	14%	15%	23%	6%	8%
	MSNBC	4%	5%	9%	2%	1%
	ABC	12%	12%	14%	11%	8%
	CBS	9%	9%	10%	8%	13%
	NBC	8%	8%	10%	8%	5%
	Public Television	4%	4%	5%	3%	6%
	Other	9%	10%	8%	10%	14%
	None of the above	18%	15%	11%	15%	23%
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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between September 26-30, 2019 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 2,234 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 1834 registered voters, 844 Democratic registered voters, 722 Republican registered voters, and 175 Independent registered voters. 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.

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