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Public Opinion on Impeachment and Impact of Question Order

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Full Annotated Questionnaire – Ballot Question First:

1. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion?

	Total (N=502)	Republican (N=191)	Democrat (N=213)	Independent (N=55)
President Trump should be impeached	49%	16%	83%	46%
President Trump should NOT be impeached	36%	77%	8%	23%
Don't know	16%	7%	8%	32%

2. **[IF Q1=DON'T KNOW]** If you had to choose, would you say that your opinion is…

	Total (N=72)	Republican (N=18)	Democrat (N=20)	Independent (N=13)
President Trump should be impeached	48%	33%	77%	44%
President Trump should NOT be impeached	52%	67%	23%	56%

3. What does impeachment mean to you?

   [OPEN-ENDED]

4. Here are some possible statements about impeachment. Which are true statements?

   True Summary

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
A charge of misconduct made against an elected official	73%	76%	79%	64%
Removal from office of an elected official	73%	68%	77%	74%
A political act	60%	65%	57%	57%
A criminal indictment of an elected official	57%	60%	61%	51%
Tool Congress uses to check the President	46%	42%	59%	38%

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a. A charge of misconduct made against an elected official

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
True	73%	76%	79%	63%
False	12%	15%	12%	8%
Not sure	15%	9%	9%	28%

b. Removal from office of an elected official

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
True	73%	68%	77%	74%
False	16%	27%	16%	5%
Not sure	11%	5%	7%	21%

c. A criminal indictment of an elected official

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
True	57%	60%	61%	51%
False	22%	27%	26%	14%
Not sure	20%	13%	13%	35%

d. Tool Congress uses to check the President

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
True	46%	42%	59%	38%
False	31%	42%	24%	27%
Not sure	23%	16%	17%	35%

e. A political act

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
True	60%	65%	57%	57%
False	20%	20%	26%	13%
Not sure	20%	14%	17%	30%

5. In general, is impeachment a good thing or a bad thing?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Bad thing	57%	70%	47%	52%
Good thing	43%	30%	53%	48%

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Full Annotated Questionnaire – Ballot Question Last:

1. What does impeachment mean to you?

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2. Here are some possible statements about impeachment. Which are true statements?

   True Summary

	Total (N=503)	Republican (N=191)	Democrat (N=213)	Independent (N=67)
Removal from office of an elected official	79%	79%	75%	81%
A charge of misconduct made against an elected official	78%	79%	80%	75%
A political act	72%	71%	72%	69%
A criminal indictment of an elected official	60%	60%	65%	54%
Tool Congress uses to check the President	50%	49%	60%	41%

   f. A charge of misconduct made against an elected official

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
True	78%	79%	80%	75%
False	8%	8%	7%	9%
Not sure	14%	14%	13%	16%

   g. Removal from office of an elected official

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
True	79%	79%	75%	81%
False	13%	13%	19%	6%
Not sure	9%	8%	6%	13%

   h. A criminal indictment of an elected official

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
True	60%	60%	65%	54%
False	22%	24%	21%	20%
Not sure	18%	16%	14%	25%

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i. Tool Congress uses to check the President

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
True	50%	49%	60%	41%
False	27%	33%	20%	28%
Not sure	23%	19%	20%	31%

j. A political act

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
True	71%	71%	72%	68%
False	13%	15%	14%	11%
Not sure	16%	14%	14%	20%

3. In general, is impeachment a good thing or a bad thing?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Bad thing	58%	76%	41%	58%
Good thing	42%	24%	59%	42%

4. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
President Trump should be impeached	40%	11%	80%	30%
President Trump should NOT be impeached	41%	78%	9%	35%
Don't know	19%	11%	11%	36%

5. **[IF Q4=DON'T KNOW]** If you had to choose, would you say that your opinion is…

	Total (N=75)	Republican (N=18)	Democrat (N=24)	Independent (N=21)
President Trump should be impeached	47%	11%	53%	57%
President Trump should NOT be impeached	53%	89%	47%	43%

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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between November 26-27, 2019. For this survey, a sample of roughly 1,005 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample was split, resulting in two samples: 502 and 503 adults. The first sample of 502 adults contains 191 Republicans, 213 Democrats, and 55 Independents. The second sample of 503 adults contains 191 Republicans, 213 Democrats, and 67 Independents. The remaining adults did not select a political party affiliation.

The sample for this study was randomly drawn from Ipsos' online panel (see link below for more info on "Access Panels and Recruitment"), partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling (see link below for more info on the Ipsos "Ampario Overview" sample method) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2016 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Posthoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online non-probability polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points for all respondents, plus or minus 5.0 percentage points for each split sample, plus or minus 8.1 percentage points for Republicans in each split sample, plus or minus 7.7 for Democrats in each split sample, plus or minus 15.1 for Independents in the first split sample, and plus or minus 13.7 for Independents in the second split sample. Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following (n=1,005, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/-5.0 percentage points for all respondents and +/-6.5 percentage points for each split sample).

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