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For this report on attitudes regarding the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump, we surveyed 12,638 U.S. adults in January 2020. Everyone who took part is a member of Pew Research Center's American Trends Panel (ATP), an online survey panel that is recruited through national, random sampling of residential addresses. This way nearly all U.S. adults have a chance of selection. The survey is weighted to be representative of the U.S. adult population by gender, race, ethnicity, partisan affiliation, education and other categories. Read more about the [ATP's methodology](#) and the [methodology for this report](#).

# By a Narrow Margin, Americans Say Senate Trial Should Result in Trump's Removal

*Majority says Trump has definitely or probably done things that are illegal*

As the Senate impeachment trial gets underway, slightly more Americans say that Donald Trump should be removed from office than say he should stay in office, with these views starkly divided along partisan lines.

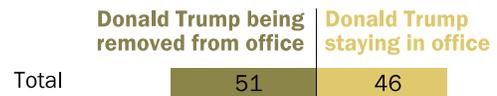
Roughly half of U.S. adults (51%) say the outcome of the Senate trial should be Trump's removal from office, while 46% say the result should lead to Trump remaining in office. An overwhelming share of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents (86%) say the trial should result in Trump remaining in office, while roughly the same share of Democrats and Democratic leaners (85%) think Trump should be removed.

While the public's preferences for the outcome of the Senate trial are closely divided, 63% of Americans say Trump has definitely (38%) or probably (25%) done things that are illegal, either during his time in office or while he was running for president. A larger majority (70%) say he has definitely (45%) or probably (26%) done unethical things, according to the new survey, conducted Jan. 6-19 among 12,638 U.S. adults on Pew Research Center's American Trends Panel.

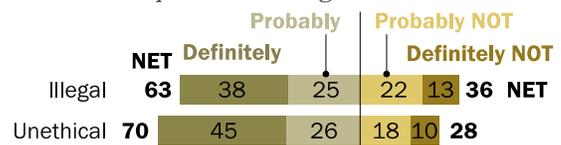
As was the case in public views of the House's impeachment inquiry [in the fall](#), the public does not express much confidence in either party to be "fair and reasonable" during the Senate trial. About half of Americans (48%) are at least somewhat confident that Senate Democrats will be fair and reasonable, while slightly fewer (43%) say the same about the Senate GOP. Most partisans say they

## By narrow margin, public wants Senate trial to result in Trump's removal from office

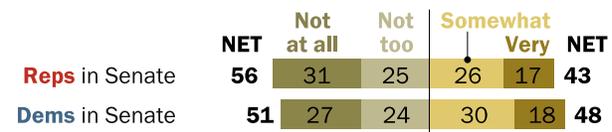
*% who think the Senate impeachment trial should result in ...*



*% who say during his time in office, or while running for president, Trump has done things that are ...*



*How confident are you that \_\_\_ will be fair and reasonable during the impeachment trial? (%)*



Note: No answer responses not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 6-19, 2020.

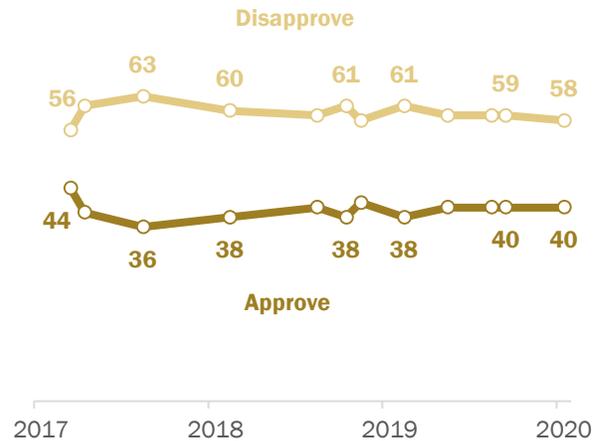
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are confident senators of their party will behave fairly and reasonably, while also expecting that those in the other party will not.

Trump's overall job ratings have not changed in the wake of the impeachment process, just as they have remained relatively stable over the course of his presidency. In the current survey, 40% approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president, while 58% say they disapprove. Views are about the same as they were in September 2019 (40% approve, 59% disapprove), prior to the House of Representatives launching a formal impeachment inquiry and voting to impeach the president.

## Trump's job approval has changed little during his three years as president

*% who \_\_\_ of the way Trump is handling his job as president*



Note: No answer responses not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 6-19, 2020.

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## Should the Senate vote to remove Trump?

Opinions about what the outcome of the trial should be are sharply divided along party lines. More than eight-in-ten Republicans and Republican-leaning independents (86%) say that the Senate trial should result in Trump staying in office. By contrast, a nearly identical share of Democrats and Democratic leaners (85%) say that the trial should result in Trump's removal.

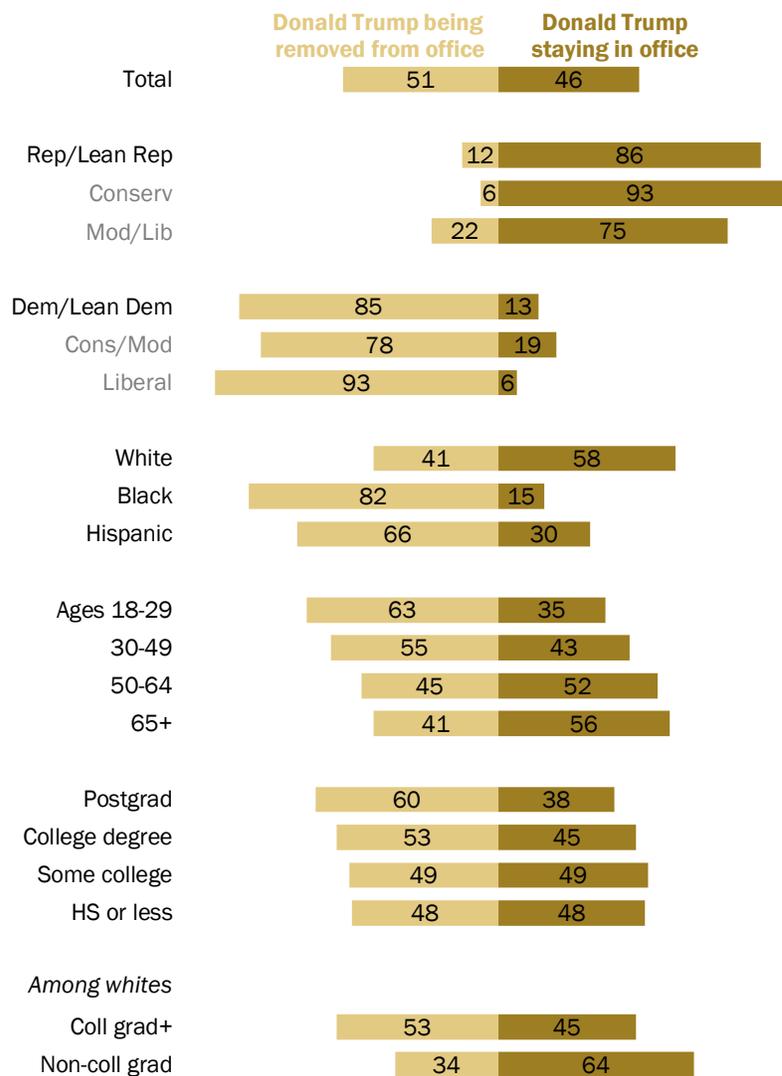
And while a 56% majority of Americans ages 65 and older say Trump should remain in office, 63% of those under 30 say the trial should lead to Trump's removal.

To some extent this age divide reflects that younger adults tend to be more Democratic than older adults, but younger Americans are more likely to say this even after accounting for partisanship.

Among Republicans, just 7% of those 50 and older say Trump should be removed from office. By comparison, 26% of Republicans ages 18 to 29 and 16% of those 30 to 49 say the outcome of the Senate trial should result in Trump's removal from

### Wide educational divides, particularly among whites, on whether Trump should be removed from office

% who think the Senate impeachment trial should result in ...



Note: No answer responses not shown.

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office. There are no age differences in these views among Democrats: Roughly 85% of those in all age groups say the outcome of the Senate trial should be Trump's removal.

Clear majorities of both black (82%) and Hispanic (66%) Americans say the Senate trial should result in Trump's removal, while 58% of white Americans say the Senate should not remove Trump.

There is a stark difference in these views by education, particularly among white Americans. Nearly two-thirds of white Americans without a college degree (64%) say Trump should remain in office following the Senate trial. But the balance of opinion is reversed among white Americans with a college degree or more education: 53% say the outcome of the Senate trial should be that Trump is removed from office.

## Majorities of Americans say it is likely that Trump has acted illegally or unethically

About six-in-ten Americans (63%) think that Donald Trump has probably or definitely done things that are illegal either during the 2016 election campaign or during his time in office. Slightly more (70%) say he has probably or definitely done things that are unethical.

More than nine-in-ten Democrats (91%) and about one-third (32%) of Republicans say he has definitely or probably done illegal things, while 90% of Democrats and 47% of Republicans say he has definitely or probably done things that are unethical.

About two-thirds of Democrats (66%) express certainty that Trump has done things that are illegal, including 79% of liberal Democrats and 55% of moderate and conservative Democrats.

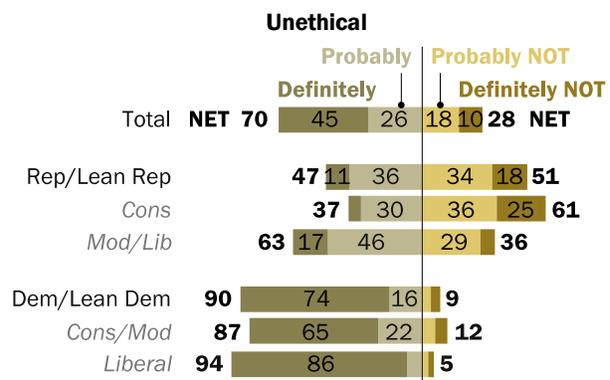
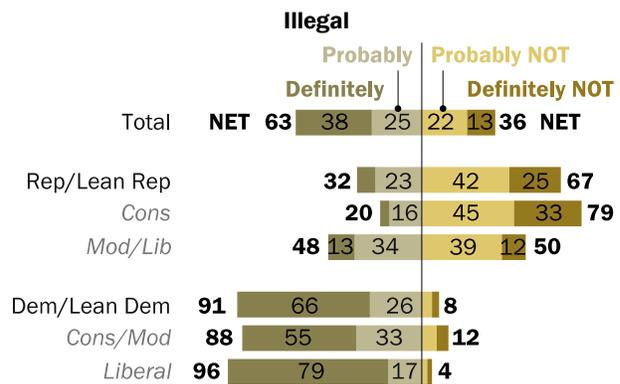
Republicans are much less likely than Democrats to say that Trump has definitely done illegal things, with only 8% saying this. However, an additional 23% say he has probably done illegal things.

About half of moderate and liberal Republicans (48%) say that Trump has probably or definitely done things that are illegal (moderates and liberals make up about one-third of Republicans and Republican leaners). Just 20% of conservative Republicans say this.

The proportion of Democrats saying Trump has probably or definitely done unethical things (90%) is nearly identical to the proportion saying he has done illegal things (91%). Among Republicans, more say that Trump has probably or definitely acted unethically (47%) than say he has probably or definitely acted illegally (32%).

### Majority says Trump has 'probably' or 'definitely' engaged in illegal activities

% who say during his time in office or while running for president Trump has done things that are \_\_\_\_



Note: No answer responses not shown. Each question asked of random half of respondents.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 6-19, 2020.

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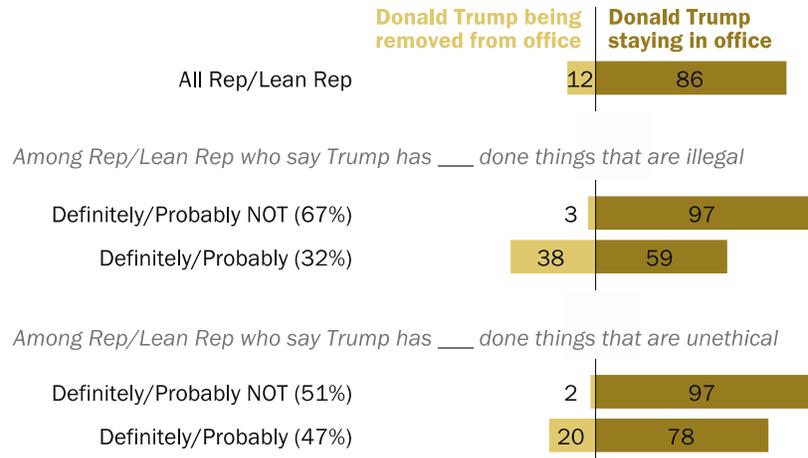
Republicans are only slightly more likely to say that Donald Trump probably or definitely *has not* done unethical things (51%) than they are to say that he probably or definitely *has* done these things (47%). About six-in-ten moderate and liberal Republicans (63%) and 37% of conservative Republicans say that Trump has probably or definitely done things that are unethical.

## Among GOP, views of whether Trump has behaved illegally or unethically are associated with opinions on removal

Among the two-thirds of Republicans who say Trump has definitely or probably not done things that are illegal, nearly all (97%) say that he should remain in office following the Senate trial. While a majority of the 32% of Republicans who say Trump has likely done illegal things either during the campaign or while in office also say he should remain in office (59%), about four-in-ten (38%) say the president should be removed from office.

### Majority of Republicans who say it is likely that Trump committed illegal acts oppose his removal from office

*% who think the Senate impeachment trial should result in ...*



Note: No answer responses not shown.  
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 6-19, 2020.

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## Partisans express little or no confidence in the senators on the other side of the aisle to be ‘fair and reasonable’ during impeachment trial

About four-in-ten (43%) say that Republicans in the Senate will be at least somewhat fair and reasonable during the trial, with just 17% saying they are very confident GOP senators will do this. Slightly more (48%) expect Democratic senators to be at least somewhat fair, though just 18% say they are very confident in this.

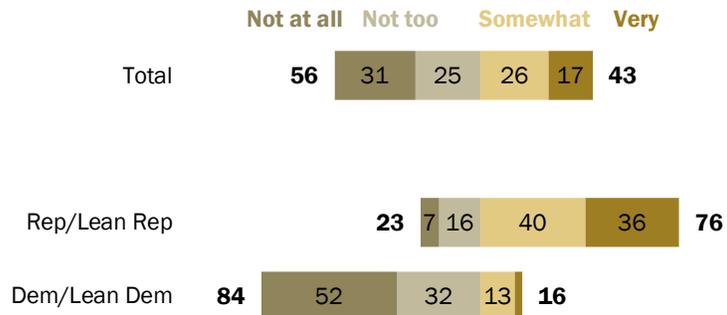
*(Note that much of this survey was fielded before the beginning of the trial and the release of the Senate rules.)*

Opinions about the behavior of senators during the trial are similar to views about how House Republicans and Democrats would conduct themselves during the impeachment inquiry [in a survey conducted in October](#).

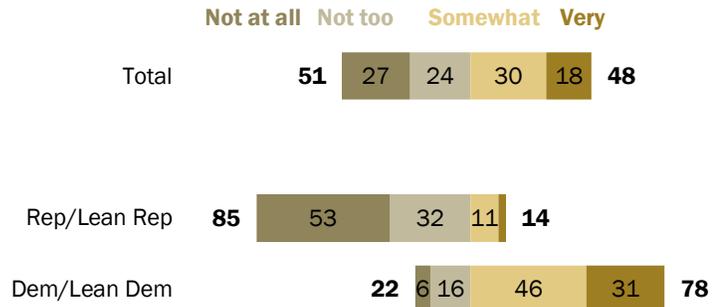
As in October, these views largely fall along partisan lines. Most Republicans and Republican leaners (76%) say they are at least somewhat confident in Senate Republicans to be fair. By contrast, 85% of Republicans express little or no confidence in Democrats in the Senate – with 53% saying they are not at all confident.

### Public skeptical about whether GOP and Democratic senators will be fair during impeachment trial

*% who are \_\_\_ confident that **Republicans** in the Senate will be fair and reasonable during the impeachment trial*



*% who are \_\_\_ confident that **Democrats** in the Senate will be fair and reasonable during the impeachment trial*



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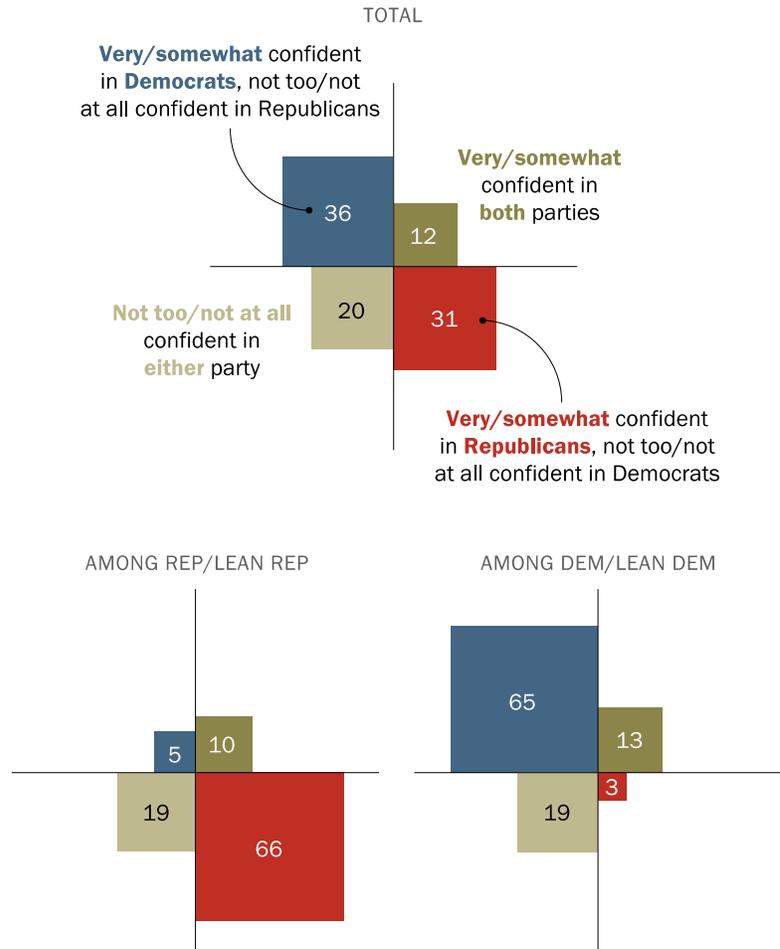
Among Democrats and Democratic leaners, 78% are at least somewhat confident in Democrats to be fair during the trial, while 84% have little or no confidence in Senate Republicans – including 52% who express no confidence at all.

Only about one-in-ten (12%) Americans express at least some confidence that *both* parties will act fairly. About three-in-ten (31%) express confidence in Republican senators, but not confidence in Democrats and 36% are confident in Democrats, but not Republicans. One-in-five Americans (20%) are not too confident or not at all confident that *either* Republicans or Democrats will act fairly and reasonably during the impeachment trial,

Roughly two-thirds of both Republicans (66%) and Democrats (65%) express confidence in senators of their own party but not the other.

### Few Americans have confidence in senators of *both* parties to be fair during impeachment trial

% who are \_\_\_ confident that Republicans/Democrats in the Senate will be fair and reasonable during the impeachment trial



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## Views of Trump

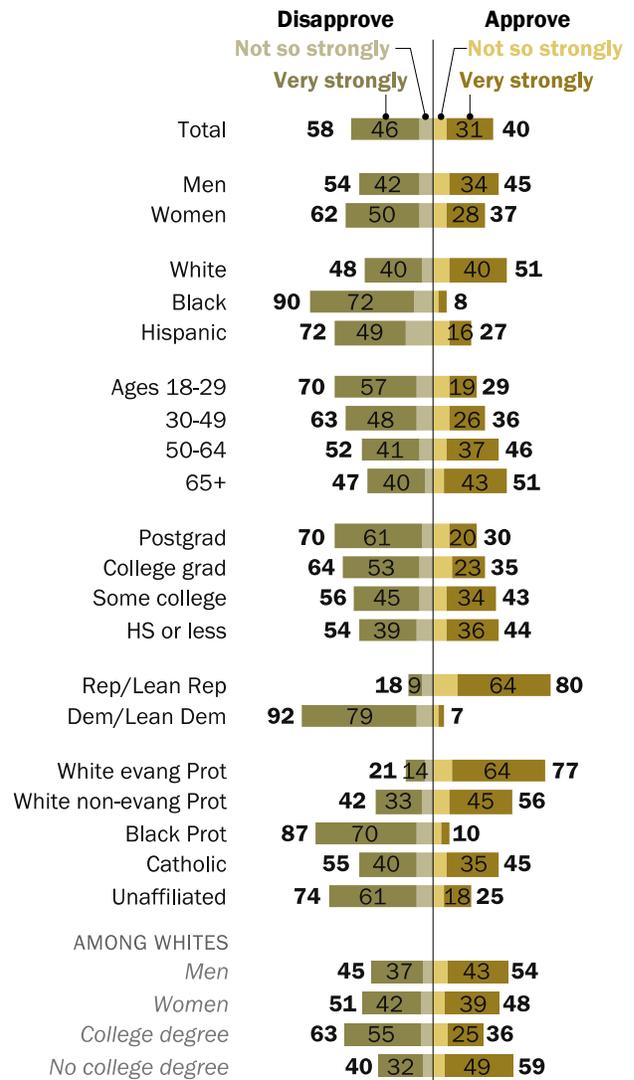
There are familiar partisan and demographic differences in assessments of Trump’s overall job performance.

Men, whites, older adults and those with lower levels of education continue to have more positive assessments of the president’s job performance than women, black and Hispanic adults, younger adults and those with higher levels of education.

About nine-in-ten Democrats and Democratic leaners (92%) disapprove of the way the president is handling his job, including 79% who say they disapprove very strongly. By contrast, 80% of Republicans and Republican leaners say they approve of Trump’s job performance (64% approve very strongly).

### Partisan and demographic differences in views of Trump’s job performance

% who \_\_\_ of the way Trump is handling his job as president



Notes: No answer responses not shown. Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 6-19, 2020.

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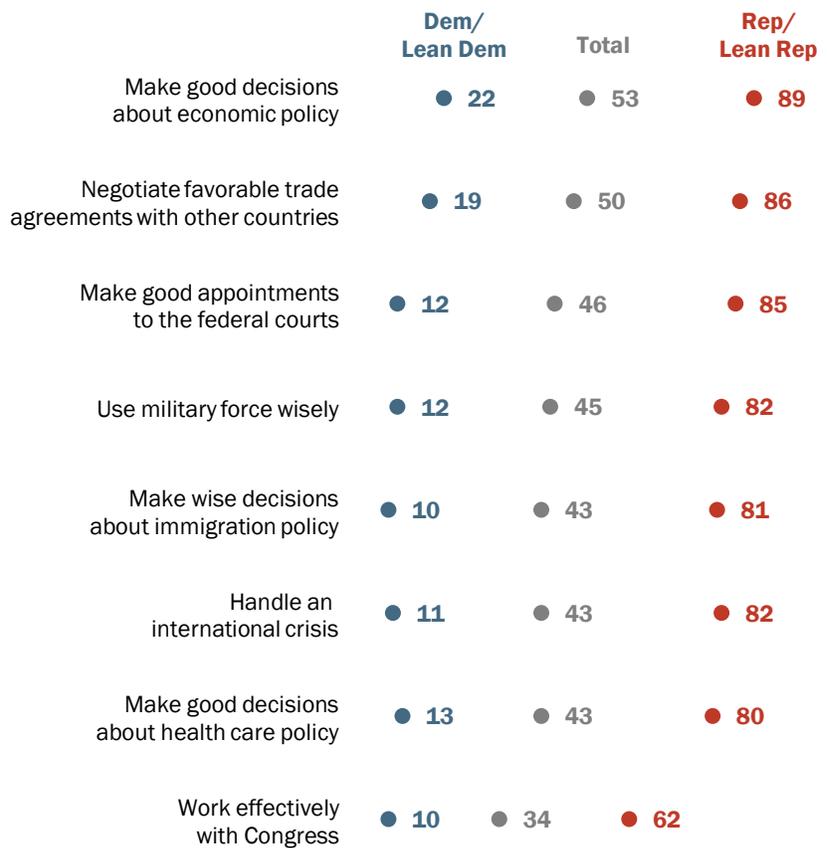
As with Trump’s overall job approval rating, public views of Trump’s ability to handle key aspects of his job have not changed substantially in recent months.

Overall, 53% say they are very or somewhat confident in Trump to make good decisions about economic policy. Half say they are confident in Trump to negotiate favorable trade agreements with other countries. Ratings of Trump in these areas were almost identical last August.

As in the past, Trump receives lower ratings in areas outside of the economy and trade. For instance, 43% say they have confidence in Trump to make good decisions about health care policy; a larger share (57%) say they are not too or not at all confident in Trump to do this. Similarly, more say they are not too or not at all confident in Trump to make wise decisions about immigration policy than say they are very or somewhat confident in his ability to do this (57% vs. 43%).

### Roughly half of Americans express confidence in Trump’s handling of the economy, trade agreements

*% who say they are very or somewhat confident in Donald Trump’s ability to ...*



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 6-19, 2020.

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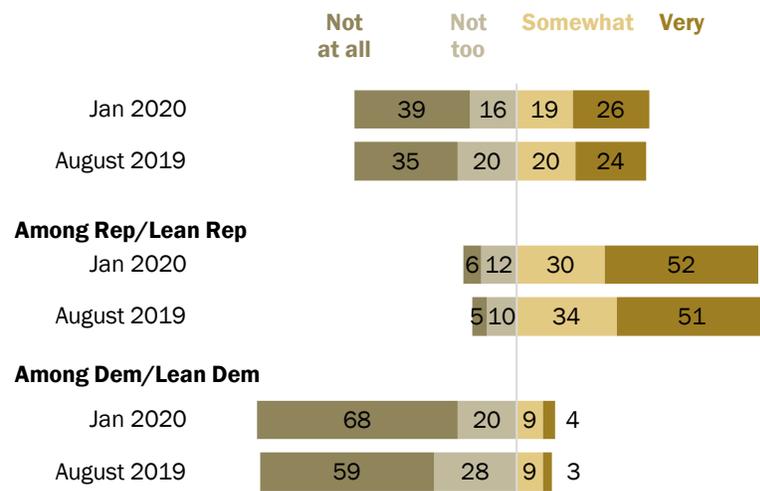
Views of Trump’s ability to use military force wisely – measured shortly after the Jan. 3 U.S. airstrike that killed Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani – are similar to those in August 2019. In the current survey, 45% say they are very or somewhat confident in Trump to use military force wisely, compared with 55% who say they are not too or not at all confident. Last August, 44% said they had confidence in Trump to handle this aspect of his job.

Democrats and Democratic leaners are 9 points more likely than last summer to say they are “not at all” confident in Trump to make wise decisions about the use of military force (68% today, compared with 59% last August). However, the combined share who say they are not too or not at all confident in Trump on this measure is about the same as it was last summer.

Among Republicans and Republicans leaners, 82% are very or somewhat confident in Trump to make wise decisions about the use of military force; views are little changed from August 2019.

**Little change since last August in the public’s confidence in Trump to use military force wisely**

*% who are \_\_\_ confident in Trump’s ability to use military force wisely*



Note: No answer responses not shown.  
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 6-19, 2020.

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For more on views of the U.S. airstrike that killed Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani, see: “[\*Majority of U.S. Public Says Trump’s Approach on Iran Has Raised Chances of a Major Conflict.\*](#)”

Overall, 52% say they trust what Trump says less than what previous presidents said while in office; 26% say they trust what Trump says more and 22% say they trust what he says about the same as they trusted what previous presidents said.

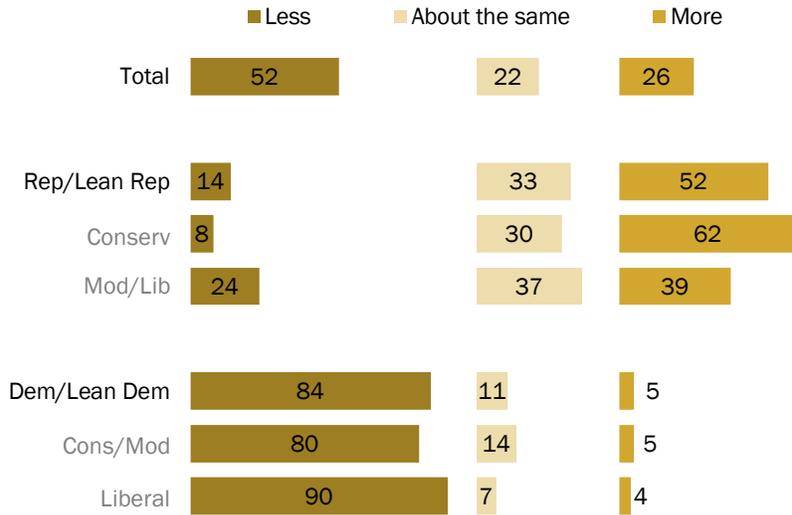
A large majority of Democrats and Democratic leaners (84%) trust what Trump says less than they trusted what previous presidents said while in office.

Views among Republicans and Republican leaners are more mixed: 52% say they trust what Trump says more than previous presidents, compared

with 33% who trust what he says about the same as what previous presidents said and 14% who say they trust what he says less. Conservative Republicans (62%) are much more likely than moderate and liberal Republicans (39%) to say they trust what Trump says more than previous presidents.

### About half of the public says they trust what Trump says less than previous presidents

*% who say they trust what Donald Trump says \_\_\_ than they trusted what previous presidents said*



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## Methodology

### The American Trends Panel survey methodology

The American Trends Panel (ATP), created by Pew Research Center, is a nationally representative panel of randomly selected U.S. adults. Panelists participate via self-administered web surveys. Panelists who do not have internet access at home are provided with a tablet and wireless internet connection. The panel is being managed by Ipsos.

Data in this report are drawn from the panel wave conducted January 6 to January 19, 2020. A total of 12,638 panelists responded out of 15,463 who were sampled, for a response rate of 82%.

This does not include nine panelists who were removed from the data due to extremely high rates of refusal or straightlining. The cumulative response rate accounting for nonresponse to the recruitment surveys and attrition is 5.3%. The break-off rate among panelists who logged onto the survey and completed at least one item is 1%. The margin of sampling error for the full sample of 12,638 respondents is plus or minus 1.3 percentage points.

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#### American Trends Panel recruitment surveys

Recruitment dates	Mode	Invited	Joined	Active panelists remaining
Jan. 23 to March 16, 2014	Landline/ cell RDD	9,809	5,338	2,315
Aug. 27 to Oct. 4, 2015	Landline/ cell RDD	6,004	2,976	1,337
April 25 to June 4, 2017	Landline/ cell RDD	3,905	1,628	685
Aug. 8 to Oct. 31, 2018	ABS/web	9,396	8,778	6,421
Aug. 19 to Nov. 30, 2019	ABS/web	5,900	4,720	4,705
	<b>Total</b>	<b>35,014</b>	<b>23,440</b>	<b>15,463</b>

Note: Approximately once per year, panelists who have not participated in multiple consecutive waves or who did not complete an annual profiling survey are removed from the panel. Panelists also become inactive if they ask to be removed from the panel.

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The ATP was created in 2014, with the first cohort of panelists invited to join the panel at the end of a large, national, landline and cellphone random-digit-dial survey that was conducted in both English and Spanish. Two additional recruitments were conducted using the same method in 2015 and 2017, respectively. Across these three surveys, a total of 19,718 adults were invited to join the ATP, of which 9,942 agreed to participate.

In August 2018, the ATP switched from telephone to address-based recruitment. Invitations were sent to a random, address-based sample (ABS) of households selected from the U.S. Postal Service's Delivery Sequence File. In each household, the adult with the next birthday was asked to go online to complete a survey, at the end of which they were invited to join the panel. For a

random half-sample of invitations, households without internet access were instructed to return a postcard. These households were contacted by telephone and sent a tablet if they agreed to participate. A total of 9,396 were invited to join the panel, and 8,778 agreed to join the panel and completed an initial profile survey. The same recruitment procedure was carried out on August 19, 2019, from which a total of 5,900 were invited to join the panel and 4,720 agreed to join the panel and completed an initial profile survey. Of the 23,440 individuals who have ever joined the ATP, 15,463 remained active panelists and continued to receive survey invitations at the time this survey was conducted.

The U.S. Postal Service's Delivery Sequence File has been estimated to cover as much as 98% of the population, although some studies suggest that the coverage could be in the low 90% range.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> AAPOR Task Force on Address-based Sampling. 2016. "[AAPOR Report: Address-based Sampling](#)."

## Weighting

The ATP data were weighted in a multistep process that begins with a base weight incorporating the respondents' original selection probability. The next step in the weighting uses an iterative technique that aligns the sample to population benchmarks on the dimensions listed in the accompanying table.

Sampling errors and test of statistical significance take into account the effect of weighting. Interviews are conducted in both English and Spanish.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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## Weighting dimensions

Variable	Benchmark source
Gender	2018 American Community Survey
Age	
Education	
Race/Hispanic origin	
Country of birth among Hispanics	
Home internet access	
Region x Metropolitan status	2019 CPS March Supplement
Volunteerism	2017 CPS Volunteering & Civic Life Supplement
Voter registration	2018 CPS Voting and Registration Supplement
Party affiliation	Average of the three most recent Pew Research Center telephone surveys.

Note: Estimates from the ACS are based on non-institutionalized adults. Voter registration is calculated using procedures from Hur, Achen (2013) and rescaled to include the total US adult population.

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The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

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*Survey conducted January 6-19, 2020*

<b>Group</b>	<b>Unweighted sample size</b>	<b>Weighted %</b>	<b>Plus or minus ...</b>
Total sample	12,638		1.3 percentage points
Half sample	At least 6,298		1.9 percentage points
Rep/Lean Rep	5,221	44	2.0 percentage points
Half sample	At least 2,587	44	2.8 percentage points
Dem/Lean Dem	7,013	51	1.8 percentage points
Half sample	At least 3,486	51	2.6 percentage points

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Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request.

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*Note on trends:* Several questions have been asked both on the phone and online. These are labeled throughout the topline: "**phone trend for comparison.**" The extent of the mode differences varies across questions; while there are negligible differences on some questions, others have more pronounced differences. Caution should be taken when evaluating online and phone estimates. See report for more details.

**ASK ALL:**

POL1DT Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jan 6-19, 2020	40	58	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	40	59	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	40	59	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	40	59	1
Feb 4-17, 2019	38	61	1
Nov 7-13, 2018	41	58	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	38	61	2
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	40	59	2
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	38	60	2
Aug 8-21, 2017	36	63	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	39	61	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 <sup>2</sup>	44	56	1

**ASK ALL:**

POL1DT Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

**ASK IF ANSWERED POL1DT (POL1DT=1,2) [N=12,497]:**

POL1DTSTR Do you [IF POL1DT=1: approve; IF POL1DT=2: disapprove] of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president...

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

	<b>NET</b> <u>Approve</u>	<i>Very</i> <i>strongly</i>	<i>Not so</i> <i>strongly</i>	<i>No</i> <i>answer</i>	<b>NET</b> <u>Disapprove</u>	<i>Very</i> <i>strongly</i>	<i>Not so</i> <i>strongly</i>	<i>No</i> <i>answer</i>	<i>No</i> <i>answer</i>
Jan 6-19, 2020	<b>40</b>	31	9	*	<b>58</b>	46	11	1	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	<b>40</b>	31	9	*	<b>58</b>	46	11	1	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	<b>40</b>	29	10	*	<b>59</b>	48	10	*	1
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	<b>40</b>	31	9	*	<b>59</b>	48	10	*	2
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	<b>38</b>	29	9	*	<b>60</b>	48	12	*	2
Aug 8-21, 2017	<b>36</b>	26	10	*	<b>63</b>	49	13	*	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	<b>39</b>	27	12	*	<b>61</b>	45	15	*	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 <sup>3</sup>	<b>44</b>	30	13	*	<b>56</b>	43	12	*	1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

<sup>2</sup> The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

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**ASK ALL:**

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Thinking about Donald Trump's ability to handle a number of things, how confident are you that Donald Trump can do each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=6,340]:</b>					
a. Negotiate favorable trade agreements with other countries					
Jan 6-19, 2020	28	23	19	30	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	26	23	21	30	1
b. Make good appointments to the federal courts					
Jan 6-19, 2020	27	19	17	36	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	25	20	19	36	1
c. Use military force wisely					
Jan 6-19, 2020	26	19	16	39	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	24	20	20	35	1
d. Make wise decisions about immigration policy					
Jan 6-19, 2020	26	17	17	40	*
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	25	16	15	43	*
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=6,298]:</b>					
e. Work effectively with Congress					
Jan 6-19, 2020	11	23	28	38	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	10	23	29	38	*
f. Handle an international crisis					
Jan 6-19, 2020	24	19	16	40	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	21	21	18	39	*
g. Make good decisions about economic policy					
Jan 6-19, 2020	32	21	18	29	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	29	21	15	35	*
h. Make good decisions about health care policy					
Jan 6-19, 2020	19	24	20	36	1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=6,298]:**

DTTRUST Compared with what previous presidents said while in office, would you say you trust what Donald Trump says...

Jan 6-19

2020

26	More than previous presidents
52	Less than previous presidents
22	About the same as you trusted what previous presidents said
1	No answer

**Phone trend for comparison:**

*Next, would you say you trust what Donald Trump says more, about the same, or less than you trusted what previous presidents said while in office?*

	<u>More</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>Less</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 8-13, 2020	31	13	52	3
Jan 9-14, 2019	26	14	58	1
Jun 5-12, 2018	25	19	54	3
Apr 5-11, 2017 <sup>4</sup>	30	16	51	3

**GW Bush**

*CNN/ORC:*

January, 2007	21	25	52	2
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today:</i>				
November, 2005	30	16	53	1
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today:</i>				
June, 2003	41	25	32	2

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

<sup>4</sup> In April 2017 and prior surveys, question was worded "Would you say you trust what Donald Trump says more, about the same, or less than you trust what previous presidents said while in office?"

**ASK FORM 1 [N=6,340]:**

DTILLEGAL Just your impression, during his time in office or while he was running for president, do you think Donald Trump has... **[SHOW OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**?

Jan 6-19

2020

38	Definitely done things that are illegal
25	Probably done things that are illegal
22	Probably NOT done things that are illegal
13	Definitely NOT done things that are illegal
1	No answer

**Phone trend for comparison:**

*Just your impression, during his time in office or while he was running for president do you think Donald Trump has **[READ]**?*

Jan 8-13

2020

36	Definitely done things that are illegal
25	Probably done things that are illegal
	Probably not don't things that are illegal
17	<b>[OR]</b>
19	Definitely not done things that are illegal
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

Mar 20-25

2019

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**ASK FORM 2 [N=6,298]:**

DTUNETHIC Just your impression, during his time in office or while he was running for president, do you think Donald Trump has... **[SHOW OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**?

Jan 6-19

2020

45	Definitely done things that are unethical
26	Probably done things that are unethical
18	Probably NOT done things that are unethical
10	Definitely NOT done things that are unethical
2	No answer

**Phone trend for comparison:**

*Just your impression, during his time in office or while he was running for president do you think Donald Trump has **[READ]**?*

Jan 8-13

2020

47	Definitely done things that are unethical
20	Probably done things that are unethical
	Probably not don't things that are unethical <b>[OR]</b>
14	Definitely not done things that are unethical
14	unethical
5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

Mar 20-25

2019

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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

IMPEACHEARD As you may know, the House of Representatives voted to impeach Donald Trump and the Senate may soon hold an impeachment trial.

How much have you heard or read about the impeachment process?

Jan 6-19

2020

53	A lot
40	A little
6	Nothing at all
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

If the Senate moves ahead with an impeachment trial...

**RANDOMIZE IMPCONFREP AND IMPCONFDEM, SHOW ON SAME SCREEN**

IMPCONFREP How confident are you that REPUBLICANS in the Senate will be fair and reasonable during the impeachment trial?

Jan 6-19

2020

17	Very confident
26	Somewhat confident
25	Not too confident
31	Not at all confident
1	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*How confident are you that REPUBLICANS in Congress will be fair and reasonable during the impeachment inquiry?*

Oct 1-13

2019

12	Very confident
31	Somewhat confident
29	Not too confident
28	Not at all confident
1	No answer

**RANDOMIZE IMPCONFREP AND IMPCONFDEM, SHOW ON SAME SCREEN****ASK ALL:**

IMPCONFDEM How confident are you that DEMOCRATS in the Senate will be fair and reasonable during the impeachment trial?

Jan 6-19

2020

18	Very confident
30	Somewhat confident
24	Not too confident
27	Not at all confident
1	No answer

**IMPCONFDEM CONTINUED...**

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*How confident are you that DEMOCRATS in Congress will be fair and reasonable during the impeachment inquiry?*

Oct 1-13

2019

19	Very confident
28	Somewhat confident
19	Not too confident
34	Not at all confident
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

REMOVDTAPP What do you think the outcome of a Senate impeachment trial should be? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 6-19

2020

46	Donald Trump should stay in office
51	Donald Trump should be removed from office
3	No answer

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>5</sup>

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	Something <u>else</u>	No <u>answer</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
27	29	29	13	2	17	22

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<sup>5</sup> Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.