

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
ATP W59 JANUARY
FINAL TOPLINE
JANUARY 6-19, 2020
N=12,638**

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 ²	44	56	1

ASK ALL:

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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:

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

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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ASK ALL:

DTCONF

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>
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=6,340]:					
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	*
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=6,298]:					
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

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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>	(VOL.) <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 ⁴	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

⁴ 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	[OR]
19	Definitely not done things that are illegal
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Mar 20-25

2019

33
31
19
13
4

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 [OR]
14	Definitely not done things that are unethical
14	unethical
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Mar 20-25

2019

46
26
15
11
3

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...⁵

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

⁵ Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.