

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**  
**Wave 62 FEBRUARY-MARCH SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**February 18-March 2, 2020**  
**N=10,300**

**ASK ALL:**

CAMPNII

How closely have you been following news about candidates for the 2020 presidential election?

Feb 18- Mar 2 <u>2020</u>		July 22- Aug 4 <u>2019</u>	Oct 25- Nov 8 <u>2016</u> <sup>1</sup>	Sept 27- Oct 10 <u>2016</u>	June 7- July 5 <u>2016</u>
23	Very closely	15	41	35	35
37	Fairly closely	37	37	40	43
29	Not too closely	34	16	18	18
12	Not at all closely	14	6	7	4
*	No answer	*	*	*	*

**ASK ALL:**

DTNEWS

Thinking about the past couple of weeks, would you say the news for Donald Trump has been... **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS 1-5 and 5-1]**

Feb 18- Mar 2 <u>2020</u>	
11	Very good
22	Mostly good
27	Neither good nor bad
26	Mostly bad
13	Very bad
2	No answer

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<sup>1</sup> In surveys conducted in 2016, question asked about 2016 presidential election.

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF DEMPNWSPOS AND DEMPNWSNEG****ASK ALL:**

DEMPNWSPOS

Regardless of how much they've been in the news, which Democratic candidate for president would you say has gotten the BEST news coverage over the past couple of weeks? **[RANDOMIZE; DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER FOR BOTH DEMPNWSPOS AND DEMPNWSNEG]**

Feb 18-	
Mar 2	
<u>2020</u>	
39	Bernie Sanders
24	Mike Bloomberg
13	Pete Buttigieg
8	Joe Biden
5	Elizabeth Warren
4	Amy Klobuchar
1	Tom Steyer
1	Tulsi Gabbard
5	No answer

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF DEMPNWSPOS AND DEMPNWSNEG****ASK ALL:**

DEMPNWSNEG

Regardless of how much they've been in the news, which Democratic candidate for president would you say has gotten the WORST news coverage over the past couple of weeks? **[RANDOMIZE; DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER FOR BOTH DEMPNWSPOS AND DEMPNWSNEG]**

Feb 18-	
Mar 2	
<u>2020</u>	
27	Joe Biden
20	Mike Bloomberg
13	Bernie Sanders
11	Tulsi Gabbard
9	Elizabeth Warren
5	Tom Steyer
5	Amy Klobuchar
4	Pete Buttigieg
7	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

Now, thinking about news more generally...

SEEK	Which statement best describes how you get news? <b>[RANDOMIZE]</b>	
Feb 18- Mar 2 <u>2020</u>		Feb 19- Mar 4 <u>2019</u>
52	I mostly get news because I'm looking for it	60
47	I mostly get news because I happen to come across it	39
*	No answer	1

**2 QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

NEWSCONFLEVEL Overall, how much confidence would you say Americans have in the news media?

Feb 18-	
Mar 2	
<u>2020</u>	
6	A great deal
39	A fair amount
43	Not too much
11	No confidence at all
*	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

NEWSCONF4 When you think about the amount of confidence Americans have in the news media, do you think they have... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER 1 AND 2; ALWAYS DISPLAY OPTION 3 LAST]**

Feb 18-	
Mar 2	
<u>2020</u>	
40	Too much confidence
30	Too little confidence
28	The right amount of confidence
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

NEWSSTRUCURE Do you think it is possible to improve the level of confidence Americans have in the news media or is that not possible to do?

Feb 18-	
Mar 2	
<u>2020</u>	
75	Yes, it is possible
24	No, it is not possible
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

NEWSIDEAL Ideally, do you think it's better for society if Americans are... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 18-	
Mar 2	
<u>2020</u>	
36	Trusting of the news media
63	Skeptical of the news media
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:****NEWSPAIRS**

For each pair of opposite phrases, which one do you feel better describes news organizations generally? If you think neither phrase applies, please indicate so.

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-F, SHOW RESPONSES 1-3 IN ORDER; DISPLAY A-F ON THE SAME SCREEN WITH A LINE SEPARATING EACH SET OF RESPONSES]**

a.	Care about the <u>people they report on</u>	Don't care about the <u>people they report on</u>	Neither <u>applies</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	23	53	23	1
<b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
July 2013	31	59	6	4
July 2011	26	63	6	4
July 2009	32	55	8	4
July 2007	35	53	7	5
June 2005	28	58	9	5
Early July 2003	31	56	9	4
July 2002	30	55	10	5
Mid Nov 2001	47	38	11	4
Early Sep 2001	23	64	10	3
Feb 1999	21	67	9	3
Jan 1987	41	45	9	5
July 1985	35	48	10	7

b.	Protect <u>democracy</u>	Hurt <u>democracy</u>	Neither <u>applies</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	30	36	33	1
<b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
July 2013	48	35	11	6
July 2011	42	42	11	5
July 2009	46	37	10	7
July 2007	44	36	13	7
June 2005	47	33	12	8
Early July 2003	52	28	13	7
July 2002	50	29	14	7
Mid Nov 2001	60	19	14	7
Early Sep 2001	46	32	15	7
Feb 1999	45	38	13	4
Aug 1989	55	19	20	6
Jan 1987	52	27	13	8
July 1986	58	18	17	7
July 1985	54	23	13	10

**NEWSPAIRS CONTINUED**

c.	<u>Stand up for America</u>	<u>Too critical of America</u>	<u>Neither applies</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	28	35	37	1
<b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
July 2011	41	39	14	6
July 2009	41	44	10	5
July 2007	41	43	12	4
June 2005	42	40	14	4
Early July 2003	51	33	12	4
July 2002	49	35	12	4
Mid Nov 2001	69	17	10	4
Early Sep 2001	43	36	16	5
Feb 1999	41	42	13	4
Jan 1987	53	35	8	4
July 1986	53	28	15	4
July 1985	52	30	10	8
d.	<u>Growing in influence</u>	<u>Declining in influence</u>	<u>Neither applies</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	32	48	19	1
<b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
July 2011	52	34	7	7
July 2009	52	34	7	7
July 2007	52	36	6	6
June 2005	49	36	7	8
Early July 2003	55	29	8	8
July 2002	57	29	7	7
Early Sep 2001	55	29	9	7
Feb 1999	59	32	6	3
July 1985	63	17	7	13
e.	<u>Highly professional</u>	<u>Not professional</u>	<u>Neither applies</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	33	39	27	1
<b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
July 2013	60	29	8	2
July 2011	57	32	8	3
July 2009	59	27	10	4
July 2007	66	22	9	3
June 2005	59	25	12	4
Early July 2003	62	24	9	5
July 2002	49	31	15	5
Mid Nov 2001	73	12	12	3
Early Sep 2001	54	27	15	4
Feb 1999	52	32	13	3
July 1986	71	13	12	4
July 1985	72	11	9	8

**NEWSPAIRS CONTINUED**

f.	Care about how good <u>a job they do</u>	Don't care about how <u>good a job they do</u>	Neither <u>applies</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	45	37	17	1
<b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
July 2013	67	26	5	2
July 2011	62	31	5	3
July 2009	67	23	5	4
July 2007	69	23	6	2
June 2005	65	25	6	4
Early July 2003	68	22	7	3
July 2002	65	23	8	4
Mid Nov 2001	78	14	6	2
Early Sep 2001	69	22	7	2
Feb 1999	69	22	6	3
July 1986	77	16	5	2
July 1985	79	11	4	6

**ASK ALL:**

ACCNEWS Which of the following best describes how you approach news stories, even if neither is exactly right?

I typically go into a news story expecting that it will... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 18- Mar 2 <u>2020</u>	61	Largely be accurate
	38	Largely be inaccurate
	1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

NEWSMISINTENT When significant mistakes make their way into news stories, how much, if at all, do you think each of the following is a reason why they occur? **[RANDOMIZE A-E]**

	<u>A major reason</u>	<u>A minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Careless reporting Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	55	34	10	1
b. A source gave incorrect information Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	51	39	9	1
c. Desire to mislead Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	44	35	20	1
d. Lack of expertise on the topic Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	44	40	16	1
e. The news is breaking too quickly Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	53	32	15	1

**ASK ALL:**NEWSMIS Which of the following statements comes closer to your view? In general... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 18- Mar 2 <u>2020</u>		Feb 22- Mar 4 <u>2018</u>
30	News organizations are willing to admit their mistakes	30
69	News organizations try to cover up their mistakes	68
1	No answer	2

**ASK ALL:**

NEWSCORRECENT In the PAST FEW MONTHS, have you seen a news organization make an official correction to a story?

Feb 18- Mar 2 <u>2020</u>	
36	Yes
63	No
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**NEWSCORIMP When a news organization issues an official correction to a story, do you tend to feel... **[RANDOMIZE 1-2; ALWAYS DISPLAY OPTION 3 LAST]**

Feb 18- Mar 2 <u>2020</u>	
51	More confident in that organization
12	Less confident in that organization
36	No difference in confidence in that organization
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**WATCHDOG\_3 In presenting the news dealing with political and social issues, do you think that news organizations... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 18- Mar 2 <u>2020</u>		Oct 29- Nov 11 <u>2019</u>	Feb 19- Mar 4 <u>2019</u>	Feb 22- Mar 4 <u>2018</u>	Mar 13 Mar 27 <u>2017</u>	Jan 12- Feb 8 <u>2016</u> <sup>2</sup>
20	Deal fairly with all sides	22	26	30	28	24
79	Tend to favor one side	76	72	68	72	74
2	No answer	1	2	2	*	3

<sup>2</sup> For the comparable phone trends from before 2016 for WATCHDOG\_3, see [here](#).



**ASK IF NOT FAIR [WATCHDOG\_3=2] [N=8,123]:**

WHYNOTFAIR1 Which of the following do you think most commonly gets in the way of news organizations treating all sides fairly? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 18-  
Mar 2  
2020  
20 Financial interests  
66 Political views or agenda  
8 Poor journalistic practices  
6 Insufficient time and resources  
1 No answer

**ASK IF NOT FAIR [WATCHDOG\_3=2] [N=8,123]:**

WHYNOTFAIR2 And when news stories don't deal fairly with all sides, is it MOSTLY because of the... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 18-  
Mar 2  
2020  
83 News organization  
16 Journalist  
1 No answer

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF NEWSPERSONAL1 AND NEWSPERSONAL2]****ASK ALL:**

NEWSPERSONAL1 Have you ever read, watched or listened to a news story about a significant event that you directly experienced or witnessed?

Feb 18-  
Mar 2  
2020  
43 Yes, I have  
57 No, I have not  
\* No answer

**ASK ALL:**

NEWSPERSONAL2 Have you ever read, watched or listened to a news story about an issue that you consider yourself to be an expert on due to your profession or experience?

Feb 18-  
Mar 2  
2020  
43 Yes, I have  
56 No, I have not  
\* No answer

**ASK IF YES TO EITHER EVENT OR ISSUE [NEWSPERSONAL1=1 OR NEWSPERSONAL2=1]****[N=6,908]:**

NEWSPERSWELL

Overall, how well do you think the issue or event was covered in that story? If there is more than one issue or event, think about the one that stands out the most to you.

Feb 18- Mar 2 <u>2020</u>	
12	Very well
53	Somewhat well
26	Not too well
8	Not at all well
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

NEWSDISTANCE

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 18- Mar 2 <u>2020</u>		
60	It IS possible for journalists to fully set aside their own views and opinions when reporting on an issue or event	
39	It IS NOT possible for journalists to fully set aside their own views and opinions when reporting on an issue or event	
1	No answer	

**ASK ALL:**MEDIALOYAL3 Which of the following statements comes closer to your view? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 18- Mar 2 <u>2020</u>		Feb 19- Mar 4 <u>2019</u>	Jan 12- Feb 8 <u>2016</u>
36	I consider myself to be loyal to the news source(s) I get my news from	39	51
63	I am not particularly loyal to the news source(s) I get my news from	60	48
1	No answer	1	1

**ASK ALL:**MEDIACONTRAST  
**[RANDOMIZE]**

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Feb 18- Mar 2 <u>2020</u>	
39	I think that the news source(s) I get my news from value me
57	I think that the news source(s) I get my news from do not particularly value me
4	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

NEWSTRANSPWELL

Thinking about news organizations generally, how well do they do at telling their audiences about each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE A-F]**

		Very <u>well</u>	Somewhat <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at <u>all well</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	How they produce their news stories Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	11	37	33	18	1
b.	Where their money comes from Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	7	19	33	38	2
c.	When there are potential conflicts of interest with other corporations or individuals Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	7	31	35	25	1
d.	Whether a news story is opinion or factual reporting Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	11	32	33	22	1
e.	When a correction has been made to a news story Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	12	39	33	15	1
f.	How they find and choose sources for their stories Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	9	33	35	22	1

**ASK ALL:**

ANONSOURCE1

Do you think that the use of anonymous sources in news stories is...

Feb 18- Mar 2 <u>2020</u>	15	Always acceptable
	67	Only acceptable in special cases
	18	Never acceptable
	1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

ANONSOURCE2

How much, if at all, does the use of anonymous sources influence whether you think news stories are credible or not?

Feb 18- Mar 2 <u>2020</u>	21	A great deal
	47	Some
	24	Not too much
	8	Not at all
	1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

NEWSCONIMPT

How important is it that you feel connected to a news organization that you get news from?

Feb 18-	
Mar 2	
<u>2020</u>	
17	Very important
38	Somewhat important
31	Not too important
12	Not at all important
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

NEWSUND

And now, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? In general... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 18-		Feb 22-
Mar 2		Mar 4
<u>2020</u>		<u>2018</u>
37	News organizations understand people like me	40
59	News organizations don't understand people like me	58
4	No answer	3

**ASK IF UNDERSTOOD (NEWSUND=1) [N=4,477]:**

NEWSUNDYES

Which of the following do news organizations understand the most about people like you? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 18-	
Mar 2	
<u>2020</u>	
25	Political views
23	Personal characteristics, such as age, race or gender
13	Personal interests
35	Social and economic class
3	No answer

**ASK IF NOT UNDERSTOOD (NEWSUND=2) [N=5,435]:**

NEWSUNDNO

Which of the following do news organizations misunderstand the most about people like you? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 18-	
Mar 2	
<u>2020</u>	
34	Political views
16	Personal characteristics, such as age, race or gender
18	Personal interests
30	Social and economic class
2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

NEWSCONWHICH

How important, if at all, is each of the following to you in deciding which outlets to get news from? **[RANDOMIZE A-F]**

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. They share my views Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	12	38	32	17	1
b. The journalists look or sound like me Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	5	15	34	46	1
c. I like or feel close to a specific journalist Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	7	24	34	34	1
d. They cover people like me in their stories Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	12	35	31	21	1
e. The journalists seem friendly and warm Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	17	39	27	16	1
f. I can easily contact them Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	10	25	32	32	1

**ASK ALL:**

NEWSHEARD

Thinking about some stories covered by news organizations in the past couple of weeks...

How much, if anything, have you heard or read about each of the following?

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS; PLEASE ADD A LINE OF SPACE BETWEEN THE QUESTION STEM AND FIRST SUB-ITEM]**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. The Trump administration adding six countries to the list of those whose citizens face restrictions on travel to the U.S. Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	22	46	31	1
b. Possible political influence by the Trump administration on criminal cases at the Department of Justice Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	47	33	19	1
c. A recent report about surveillance by the FBI of people connected to Trump's campaign in 2016 Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	24	43	31	1
d. Donald Trump's treatment of people who testified in the impeachment process Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	50	34	16	1
e. The amount of money the government has spent at Donald Trump's properties and businesses Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	25	37	37	1
f. The amount of money the government spent on the impeachment process Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	25	37	37	1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTION HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

DEM20UNDER

How well do you feel you understand what's been happening in the Democratic presidential primaries so far?

Feb 18-  
Mar 2  
2020

20	Very well
46	Somewhat well
25	Not too well
9	Not at all well
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

DEM20IDEO

For each of the following presidential candidates, please indicate how you would describe their political views. **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS; RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF OPTIONS 1-7 AND 7-1; ALWAYS ASK OPTION 8 LAST; USE SAME ORDER FOR EACH CANDIDATE]**

	<u>Very liberal</u>	<u>Mostly liberal</u>	<u>Slightly liberal</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Slightly conservative</u>	<u>Mostly conservative</u>	<u>Very conservative</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Joe Biden Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	12	18	15	21	6	5	2	18	2
b. Bernie Sanders Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	56	13	4	4	2	2	3	15	2
c. Elizabeth Warren Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	33	21	8	6	3	2	2	23	2
d. Pete Buttigieg Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	15	16	14	15	4	2	1	31	2
e. Amy Klobuchar Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	7	13	12	17	4	2	1	42	2
f. Mike Bloomberg Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	13	14	10	17	10	7	4	24	2

**ASK ALL:**

PRES20\_MFA

As far as you know, have the following presidential candidates publicly voiced their support for a single national health insurance program run by the government that would replace private insurance, sometimes called "Medicare for all"? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-E]**

		Yes, has voiced <u>support</u>	No, has not voiced <u>support</u>	Not <u>sure</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	Joe Biden Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	22	33	43	2
b.	Bernie Sanders Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	71	4	24	2
c.	Elizabeth Warren Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	52	7	40	2
d.	Pete Buttigieg Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	17	27	54	2
e.	Amy Klobuchar Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	11	26	62	2

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF KNOWBUTTIGIEG, KNOWSANDERS, KNOWWARREN****ASK ALL:**

KNOWBUTTIGIEG

As far as you know, which candidate running for president, if any, is openly gay or lesbian? **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF CANDIDATE OPTIONS 1-8; ALWAYS ASK 9-10 LAST; DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER FOR KNOWBUTTIGIEG, KNOWSANDERS, KNOWWARREN]**

Feb 18- Mar 2 <u>2020</u>	
60	Pete Buttigieg (correct)
1	Elizabeth Warren
1	Mike Bloomberg
1	Amy Klobuchar
1	Tom Steyer
1	Tulsi Gabbard
*	Joe Biden
*	Bernie Sanders
4	None of them
31	Not sure
1	No answer



**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF KNOWBUTTIGIEG, KNOWSANDERS, KNOWWARREN****ASK ALL:**

KNOWSANDERS

As far as you know, which candidate running for president, if any, calls themselves a "democratic socialist"? **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF CANDIDATE OPTIONS 1-8; ALWAYS ASK 9-10 LAST; DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER FOR KNOWBUTTIGIEG, KNOWSANDERS, KNOWWARREN]**

Feb 18-

Mar 2

2020

61	Bernie Sanders (correct)
2	Mike Bloomberg
1	Joe Biden
1	Elizabeth Warren
*	Tulsi Gabbard
*	Amy Klobuchar
*	Pete Buttigieg
*	Tom Steyer
2	None of them
30	Not sure
1	No answer

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF KNOWBUTTIGIEG, KNOWSANDERS, KNOWWARREN****ASK ALL:**

KNOWWARREN

As far as you know, which candidate running for president, if any, was a leader in the creation of the consumer financial protection bureau in 2010? **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF CANDIDATE OPTIONS 1-8; ALWAYS ASK 9-10 LAST; DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER FOR KNOWBUTTIGIEG, KNOWSANDERS, KNOWWARREN]**

Feb 18-

Mar 2

2020

19	Elizabeth Warren (correct)
4	Joe Biden
4	Mike Bloomberg
2	Bernie Sanders
1	Tom Steyer
1	Amy Klobuchar
*	Pete Buttigieg
*	Tulsi Gabbard
2	None of them
65	Not sure
2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**  
IACOUNT

As you may know, full results from the Iowa Democratic caucuses in early February were not released publicly for several days.

From what you've seen or heard, which of the following do you think best describes why releasing the results of the Iowa Democratic caucus was delayed? **[RANDOMIZE DISPLAY OF 1-2; ALWAYS DISPLAY OPTION 3 LAST]**

Feb 18-  
Mar 2  
2020  
39

There were unintentional problems that caused delays but not major efforts to purposefully delay the results

32

Not only were there unintentional problems causing delays, there were also major efforts to purposefully delay the results

28

Not sure

1

No answer

**ASK ALL:**  
IMPEACHFOL

Thinking back over the past few months...

How closely, if at all, did you follow news about the impeachment and trial of Donald Trump?

Feb 18-  
Mar 2  
2020  
24

Very closely

35

Fairly closely

28

Not too closely

12

Not at all closely

1

No answer

**ASK ALL:**  
IMPEACHUNDER

How well do you feel you understood the facts and events that surrounded the impeachment proceedings?

Feb 18-  
Mar 2  
2020  
28

Very well

40

Somewhat well

22

Not too well

9

Not at all well

1

No answer

**ASK ALL:**

IMPEACHWHY Here are a few possible reasons why the Senate voted to acquit Donald Trump and keep him in office.

For each one, please indicate whether you think it was a reason or not a reason why the Senate voted to acquit Trump. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ALWAYS DISPLAY OPTION 3 LAST]**

	<u>Yes, was a reason</u>	<u>No, was NOT a reason</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Republicans did not want to remove Trump because he is a member of their own party Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	60	25	14	1
b. Democrats did a poor job making the case for removal Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	43	39	17	1
c. Key witnesses and evidence were prevented from being a part of the impeachment trial Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	46	33	19	1
d. Trump's actions did not justify being removed from office Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	45	38	16	1
e. Senators were reluctant to remove a sitting president from office in an election year Feb 18-Mar 2, 2020	43	37	20	1

**ASK ALL:**

IMPEACHACT Regardless of your views about the outcome of the impeachment trial, which comes closest to your view of Donald Trump's conduct and the evidence presented against him in the impeachment trial? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-3 AND 3-1]**

Feb 18-  
Mar 2  
2020

46	Trump did something wrong, and it was enough to justify his removal from office
28	Trump did something wrong, but it was NOT enough to justify his removal from office
25	Trump did nothing wrong
2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

IMPEACHNEWS Thinking about the mix of news and information you got about the impeachment proceedings, which better describes you? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-2; ALWAYS DISPLAY OPTION 3 LAST]**

Feb 18-  
Mar 2  
2020

38	I mostly saw the same set of facts across the sources I turned to for news
31	I mostly saw conflicting facts across the sources I turned to for news
28	I didn't follow impeachment news across multiple sources
2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

IMPEACHVOTE As far as you know, did any REPUBLICANS vote to convict Donald Trump during the impeachment trial in the U.S. Senate?

Feb 18-  
Mar 2  
2020

66	Yes
12	No
22	Not sure
1	No answer

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF MEDDLE\_RU AND MEDDLE\_UA; DISPLAY ON SAME SCREEN****ASK ALL:**

MEDDLE\_RU From what you've seen or heard, did the RUSSIAN government interfere in the 2016 U.S. presidential election?

Feb 18-  
Mar 2  
2020

36	Definitely interfered
26	Probably interfered
13	Probably did NOT interfere
7	Definitely did NOT interfere
17	Not sure
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

MEDDLE-UA From what you've seen or heard, did the UKRAINIAN government interfere in the 2016 U.S. presidential election?

Feb 18-	
Mar 2	
<u>2020</u>	
7	Definitely interfered
18	Probably interfered
24	Probably did NOT interfere
23	Definitely did NOT interfere
28	Not sure
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

FKNWSSEE1 In the last couple of weeks, have you seen any stories about politics or the presidential election that seemed completely made-up?

Feb 18-	
Mar 2	
<u>2020</u>	
35	Yes
63	No
2	No answer

**ADDITIONAL QUESTION HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

QAHRD How much, if anything, have you heard or read about QAnon?

Feb 18-	
Mar 2	
<u>2020</u>	
3	A lot
20	A little
76	Nothing at all
2	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>3</sup>						
	<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	1	17	22

<sup>3</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.