

GW Politics Poll February 2020

The survey was fielded February 3-14, 2020 by YouGov. N=1200

Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in internet panel using sample matching. YouGov recruits individuals in a variety of ways into their panel and then uses sample matching to create a representative sample which approximates the US population from this non-randomly selected pool. YouGov interviewed 1339 respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 1200 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race/ethnicity, and education. The sampling frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2016 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year sample. Matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores that include age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, and region to produce the final sample. Our partial toplines reported below are based on frequencies using a weight variable provided by Yougov based on 2016 presidential vote choice, gender, age, race and education.

IEWS OF POLITICAL FIGURES

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

Strongly approve	28.5%
Somewhat approve	14.6%
Somewhat disapprove	9.0%
Strongly disapprove	42.9%
Don't know	5.0%
Unweighted N	1200

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	3.0%
Somewhat approve	12.6%
Somewhat disapprove	27.9%
Strongly disapprove	43.1%
Don't know	13.4%
Unweighted N	1200

FAVORABILITY

Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

Favorability of individuals	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know	N
Donald Trump	30.3%	11.5%	6.6%	47.7%	3.9%	1199
Barack Obama	34.8	15.7	12.4	32.7	4.5	1197
Bernie Sanders	19.2	22.0	12.5	37.9	8.3	1193
Chuck Schumer	10.2	16.7	9.3	36.6	27.2	1191
Nancy Pelosi	18.8	16.0	9.7	42.2	13.3	1199
Mitch McConnell	12.0	16.8	10.3	38.7	22.2	1199
Joe Biden	12.9	23.7	15.1	36.7	11.6	1199
Elizabeth Warren	15.6	21.9	9.0	37.9	15.5	1192
Kamala Harris	11.3	18.1	12.2	35.9	22.5	1192
Cory Booker	9.2	20.2	12.0	29.4	29.2	1199
Amy Klobuchar	8.8	21.0	15.2	20.9	34.0	1198
John Kasich	4.5	19.4	16.9	18.0	41.1	1196
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	13.4	14.8	9.7	37.4	24.7	1191
Nikki Haley	17.0	13.8	13.0	17.6	38.5	1199
Michael Bloomberg	9.5	22.2	16.5	32.0	19.8	1193
Julian Castro	6.8	19.8	12.2	24.6	36.6	1192
Mike Pence	25.4	13.0	10.6	36.1	14.9	1199
Tom Steyer	5.0	19.3	13.2	19.8	42.8	1197
Tulsi Gabbard	5.7	17.9	19.0	17.6	39.8	1200
Justin Amash	4.1	8.3	7.5	11.8	68.4	1198
Andrew Yang	10.0	29.1	13.5	17.4	30.0	1192
Pete Buttigieg	13.6	20.6	13.5	26.3	26.1	1199
Rudy Giuliani	11.9	17.1	10.7	40.6	19.7	1198
William Weld	2.3	9.5	9.3	10.1	68.8	1199
Joe Walsh	2.4	9.9	10.2	16.7	60.8	1191

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY CHOICE

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? *(Asked only of those who identify as Democrats or Independents who lean Democrat)*

Joe Biden	21.5%
Bernie Sanders	20.3%
Elizabeth Warren	14.9%
Pete Buttigieg	10.5%
Michael Bloomberg	9.4%
Andrew Yang	4.1%
Amy Klobuchar	3.1%
Tulsi Gabbard	1.4%
Tom Steyer	1.1%
Deval Patrick	0.5%
Michael Bennett	0.4%
John Delaney	0.2%
Not sure	8.9%
I wouldn't vote	3.5%
Unweighted N	437

If your first choice dropped out of the race or you had to choose someone else to vote for, who would you vote for in the upcoming presidential primary election? (Asked only of those who provided a selection or said not sure on first choice)

Elizabeth Warren	20.8%
Bernie Sanders	18.8%
Joe Biden	13.0%
Pete Buttigieg	9.1%
Michael Bloomberg	8.1%
Amy Klobuchar	6.6%
Andrew Yang	6.5%
Tom Steyer	3.2%
Tulsi Gabbard	1.9%
Deval Patrick	1.1%
Michael Bennett	0.9%
John Delaney	0.4%
Not sure	8.6%
I would not vote	1.0%
Unweighted N	383

VOTE LIKELIHOOD IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY/CAUCUS

How likely are you to vote in the 2020 democratic primary election or participate in the caucus in your state? (Asked of those who identify as Democrats or Independents who lean Democrat)

Definitely will	77.3%
Probably will	12.6%
Probably will not	6.9%
Definitely will not	3.1%
Unweighted N	384

PARTY CONTACT

Has anyone from one of the political parties called you up or come around and talked to you about the campaign this year?

Yes	12.6%
No	87.4%
Unweighted N	1200

Of those reporting being contacted by party (N=152), which party:

Democratic Party	73.9%
Republican Party	31.9%
Another Party	7.6%

VIEWS OF THE COUNTRY

Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction	36.8%
Off on the wrong track	53.2%
Don't know	10.0%
Unweighted N	1200

Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better	37.2%
About the same	33.2%
Getting worse	22.9%
Don't know	6.6%
Unweighted N	1200

POLITICAL COMPROMISE

Which statement comes closest to your own views, even if neither is exactly right?

I like elected officials who make compromises with people they disagree with	52.9%
I like elected officials who stick to their positions	47.1%
Unweighted N	1200

ISSUES—IMPEACHMENT

Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. House of Representatives passing articles of impeachment against Donald Trump?

Strongly approve	31.9%
Somewhat approve	8.2%
Neither approve nor disapprove	8.0%
Somewhat disapprove	5.2%
Strongly disapprove	39.1%
Unweighted N	1200

Based on what you know right now, do you think the Senate should convict and remove President Trump from office?

Definitely yes	33.9%
Probably yes	9.3%
Probably no	8.0%
Definitely no	40.4%
Don't know	8.4%
Unweighted N	1200

ISSUES – INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Now, we would like to get your feelings toward a number of countries. A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the country at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative. How warm or cold do you feel towards the following countries?

Country	Mean Rating	SD	N
Canada	75	25	1108
China	31	23	1086
Iran	19	21	1064
Iraq	27	24	1072
Israel	58	32	1076
Mexico	53	27	1110
North Korea	15	20	1085
South Korea	58	28	1083
Russia	25	23	1076

Which of the following countries do you feel is the greatest threat to United States?

China	27.1
Iran	17.0
North Korea	14.5
Russia	24.4
Don't know	17.1
N	1200

China has experienced rapid economic growth in recent decades, and is forecast to surpass the US as the world's largest economy in the near future. At the same time, its influence in international affairs has also grown. Overall, do you see China's rise as a threat or an opportunity for American interests?

Primarily a threat	15.6%
Mostly a threat, with some opportunity	26.0%
Equal threat and opportunity	28.1%
Mostly an opportunity, with some threat	10.2%
Primarily an opportunity	4.8%
Don't know	15.3%
Unweighted N	1200

Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling China?

Strongly approve	18.9%
Approve	22.3%
Disapprove	15.4%
Strongly disapprove	23.3%
Don't know	20.1%
Unweighted N	1200

Do you approve or disapprove of how President Trump has handled the conflict with Iran?

Strongly approve	22.4%
Approve	17.5%
Disapprove	13.5%
Strongly disapprove	32.2%
Don't know	14.4%
Unweighted N	1200

As you may know, President Trump recently authorized an airstrike at Baghdad International Airport that killed Iran's top general Qasem Soleimani. Based on what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the airstrike?

Strongly approve	32.5%
Approve	12.6%
Disapprove	15.3%
Strongly disapprove	23.8%
Don't know	15.7%
Unweighted N	1199

DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND INSTITUTIONS

How important are each of the following to the United States maintaining a strong democracy?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	N
That the rights of people with unpopular views are protected	62.1%	31.4%	5.0%	1.4%	1199
That national elections are open and fair	86.8	10.1	1.5	1.7	1199
That news organizations are free to criticize political leaders	60.3	22.4	11.5	5.8	1199
That people have the right to non-violent protest	74.5	19.9	4.1	1.5	1199
That there is a system of checks and balances dividing power between the President, Congress, and the courts	78.7	17.0	2.9	1.3	1199

MISINFORMATION

Now we'd like to ask you a few questions about made-up news and information that is intended to mislead the public. How much of a problem do you think made-up news and information are in the country today?

A very big problem	55.5%
A moderately big problem	26.7%
A small problem	7.5%
Not a problem at all	1.4%
Don't know	8.9%
Unweighted N	1197

To what extent are you worried that made-up news and information will ...

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Only a little worried	Not at all worried	Don't know	N
Lead you to believe something that is incorrect	34.3%	24.5%	16.8%	13.8%	10.6%	1196
Lead average Americans to believe something that is incorrect	60.6	19.5	6.9	3.8	9.3	1192
Affect election outcomes	53.3	21.7	8.5	5.8	10.6	1185
Make it difficult for politicians to work together	39.7	26.2	13.0	8.1	13.0	1190
Lead policy makers to make bad decisions	41.0	29.7	11.7	6.2	11.4	1190
Undermine support for institutions	37.1	26.1	14.0	6.9	15.9	1185
Lead to social unrest	40.6	28.8	11.7	5.4	13.5	1190
Undermine confidence in the media	48.5	21.5	9.4	8.8	11.7	1197
Make it difficult for journalists to get work done	32.3	23.2	14.5	16.2	13.9	1192
Undermine Americans' confidence in each other	48.9	26.5	8.1	5.0	11.5	1192

How much made-up news and information do you think is created by....

	A lot	Some	Not much	None at all	N
Journalists	37.8%	32.4%	22.3%	7.5%	1192
Political leaders and their staff	46.6	40.9	8.3	4.2	1192
Members of the public	27.9	48.8	18.3	5.0	1192
Foreign-based individuals or groups	35.0	46.9	12.8	5.3	1192
Foreign governments	35.9	43.8	15.0	5.3	1189
Activist groups	44.4	38.6	11.5	5.6	1192

How much influence do you think the following will have on voters in 2020?

	A great deal of influence	Some influence	Not much influence	No influence at all	Don't know	N
Misinformation on Facebook or other social media	36.9%	36.5%	11.1%	4.6%	10.9%	1192
Efforts by foreign countries to spread disinformation	22.7	36.0	21.3	8.1	12.0	1192
Political advertisements on television	23.1	46.8	17.0	3.1	10.1	1192
Political advertisements on Facebook and other social media	29.9	40.4	12.7	5.3	11.7	1192
Local news stories about the candidates	21.0	49.5	14.7	3.9	10.8	1192

How much do you trust the accuracy of the news and information you get from

	A great deal	Some	Not much	Not at all	N
Your main news outlets	30.4%	41.1%	14.8%	13.7%	1192
News outlets you don't come across very much	4.3	26.8	43.0	26.0	1192
Political leaders and public officials	5.1	44.2	35.2	15.6	1192
Friends and family	16.2	56.5	20.0	7.2	1192
Social media sites (such as Facebook, Twitter or Snapchat)	5.9	25.1	37.1	31.9	1192

PARTY POSITIONING

Would you like to see Democratic leaders in Washington move in a more liberal direction or a more moderate direction? *(Asked only of those who identify as Democrats or Independents who lean Democrat)*

More Liberal	36.9%
More Moderate	33.4%
No Change	16.8%
Don't know	13.0%
Unweighted N	434

What about on specific types of issues, would you like to see Democrats in Washington move in a more liberal direction or a more moderate direction on... ? *(Asked only of those who identify as Democrats or Independents who lean Democrat, N=434)*

	More moderate direction	No change	More liberal direction	Don't Know
On economic issues (e.g., minimum wage, wealth tax)	21.1%	15.7%	53.7%	9.4%
On moral issues (e.g., LGBT rights, abortion)	15.4	25.4	49.5	9.7
On defense issues (e.g., counter-terrorism, military spending homeland security)	30.4	29.7	28.1	11.8
On racial issues (e.g., civil rights, police reform, some form of reparations)	16.4	22.7	51.8	9.1
On environmental issues (e.g., climate change, clean air/water)	13.6	16.2	60.2	10.0

Would you like to see Republican leaders in Washington move in a more conservative direction or a more moderate direction? *(Asked only of those who identify as Republicans or Independents who lean Republican)*

More Conservative	62.9%
More Moderate	20.4%
No Change	11.3%
Don't know	5.4%
N	439

What about on the following specific types of issues, would you like to see Republicans in Washington move in a more conservative direction or a more moderate direction? *(Asked only of those who identify as Republicans or Independents who lean Republican, N=439)*

	More moderate direction	No change	More Conservative direction	Don't Know
On economic issues (e.g., minimum wage, wealth tax)	17.2%	28.9%	45.1%	8.9%
On moral issues (e.g., LGBT rights, abortion)	16.8	25.5	51.0	6.7
On defense issues (e.g., counter-terrorism, military spending homeland security)	11.7	36.4	44.9	6.9
On racial issues (e.g., civil rights, police reform, some form of reparations)	17.7	36.6	38.1	7.6
On environmental issues (e.g., climate change, clean air/water)	25.2	31.7	36.2	6.9

DEMOGRAPHICS

Age

70 and over	13.1%
60-69	20.4%
50-59	17.6%
40-49	15.3%
30-39	17.5%
18-29	16.1%
Unweighted N	1200

Sex

Male	48.7%
Female	51.3%
Unweighted N	1200

Race/Ethnicity

White	63.5%
Black	12.0%
Hispanic	16.0%
Asian	3.2%
Native American	2.3%
Mixed	2.2%
Other	0.8%
Unweighted N	1200

Education

No HS	6.4%
High school graduate	33.2%
Some college	19.0%
2-year	12.0%
4-year	18.4%
Post-grad	10.9%
Unweighted N	1200

Marital Status

Married	47.27%
Separated	1.2%
Divorced	9.7%
Widowed	5.0%
Never married	31.4%
Domestic / civil partnership	5.6%
Unweighted N	1200

Employment Status

Full-time	41.0%
Part-time	10.1%
Temporarily laid off	0.5%
Unemployed	6.2%
Retired	21.2%
Permanently disabled	8.9%
Homemaker	6.0%
Student	5.2%
Other	0.8%
Unweighted N	1200

Party Identification

Strong Democrat	16.6%
Not very strong Democrat	10.7%
Independent, Lean Democrat	9.1%
Independent	22.1%
Independent, Lean Republican	10.6%
Not very strong Republican	7.5%
Strong Republican	18.6%
Not sure	4.8%
Unweighted N	1200

Family Income

Less than \$10,000	5.1%
\$10,000 - \$19,999	8.1%
\$20,000 - \$29,999	9.9%
\$30,000 - \$39,999	9.7%
\$40,000 - \$49,999	8.2%
\$50,000 - \$59,999	8.4%
\$60,000 - \$69,999	5.1%
\$70,000 - \$79,999	8.3%
\$80,000 - \$99,999	5.7%
\$100,000 - \$119,999	5.7%
\$120,000 - \$149,999	4.1%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	4.2%
\$200,000 - \$249,999	1.6%
\$250,000 - \$349,999	0.3%
\$350,000 - \$499,999	0.6%
\$500,000 or more	0.4%
Prefer not to say	14.6%
Unweighted N	1200