

GW Politics Poll Late September 2019

The survey was fielded September 26-30, 2019 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 1304 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.

VIEWS OF POLITICAL FIGURES

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

Strongly approve	29.7%
Somewhat approve	14.1%
Somewhat disapprove	9.0%
Strongly disapprove	43.4%
Don't know	3.6%
Unweighted N	1200

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

Strongly approve	6.8%
Somewhat approve	16.2%
Somewhat disapprove	28.2%
Strongly disapprove	39.1%
Don't know	9.7%
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	30.2%	14.0%	7.8%	44.8%	3.3%	1195
Barack Obama	36.8%	15.9%	11.3%	32.2%	3.8%	1197
Bernie Sanders	21.4%	23.9%	10.8%	36.7%	7.2%	1198
Chuck Schumer	12.8%	17.5%	11.0%	34.9%	23.7%	1196
Nancy Pelosi	20.4%	18.4%	10.3%	40.9%	10.0%	1198
Mitch McConnell	7.9%	19.9%	12.5%	38.7%	20.9%	1197
Joe Biden	18.4%	23.8%	15.7%	33.7%	8.4%	1196
Elizabeth Warren	25.8%	15.7%	10.1%	33.3%	15.1%	1194
Kamala Harris	15.7%	20.5%	10.3%	34.7%	18.8%	1197
Cory Booker	12.5%	21.1%	12.6%	28.5%	25.3%	1193
Amy Klobuchar	9.1%	17.6%	13.9%	22.0%	37.4%	1197
John Kasich	7.0%	19.1%	18.5%	19.2%	36.2%	1194
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	19.5%	16.0%	8.8%	36.3%	19.4%	1196
Mark Sanford	4.4%	9.4%	14.3%	18.4%	53.5%	1193
Nikki Haley	16.7%	16.0%	13.9%	16.3%	37.1%	1196
Michael Bloomberg	7.8%	17.5%	15.3%	26.3%	33.1%	1197
Julian Castro	9.3%	19.2%	13.8%	27.3%	30.4%	1196
Beto O'Rourke	10.5%	22.3%	9.5%	34.1%	23.6%	1194
Mike Pence	27.4%	14.5%	9.3%	36.9%	11.9%	1197
Tom Steyer	5.5%	13.1%	13.6%	17.8%	50.0%	1195
Tulsi Gabbard	8.6%	19.1%	15.6%	16.3%	40.4%	1197
Justin Amash	4.9%	12.2%	9.9%	15.7%	57.3%	1197
Andrew Yang	10.7%	22.6%	13.8%	17.7%	35.2%	1198
Pete Buttigieg	15.3%	18.7%	9.3%	27.1%	29.6%	1193
William Weld	4.0%	11.6%	11.0%	14.6%	58.7%	1195
Joe Walsh	3.8%	11.9%	15.2%	18.7%	50.4%	1193

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)

Elizabeth Warren	27.8%
Bernie Sanders	21.0%
Joe Biden	18.4%
Pete Buttigieg	5.0%
Kamala Harris	4.9%
Tulsi Gabbard	3.5%
Andrew Yang	2.8%
Amy Klobuchar	1.9%
Cory Booker	1.0%
Michael Bennett	1.0%
Tim Ryan	0.8%
Bill de Blasio	0.8%
Tom Steyer	0.7%
Marianne Williamson	0.6%
Julian Castro	0.6%
Beto O'Rourke	0.5%
Steve Bullock	0.4%
John Delaney	0.3%
Joe Sestak	0.1%
Not sure	8.1%
Unweighted N	582

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?

Elizabeth Warren	24.0%
Bernie Sanders	15.9%
Joe Biden	13.9%
Kamala Harris	11.2%
Pete Buttigieg	5.9%
Julian Castro	5.3%
Andrew Yang	5.2%
Beto O'Rourke	4.0%
Tulsi Gabbard	3.3%
Cory Booker	2.9%
Tim Ryan	1.8%
Amy Klobuchar	1.4%
Michael Bennett	1.2%
Steve Bullock	0.9%
Joe Sestak	0.9%
Bill de Blasio	0.7%
John Delaney	0.7%
Marianne Williamson	0.5%
Tom Steyer	0.2%
Unweighted N	539

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	74.9%
Probably will	14.8%
Probably will not	4.4%
Definitely will not	6.0%
Unweighted N	600

VIEWS OF THE COUNTRY

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

Generally headed in the right direction	37.4%
Off on the wrong track	55.6%
Don't know	7.0%
Unweighted N	1200

Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	31.4%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	45.6%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	20.1%
Don't know	2.9%
Unweighted N	1200

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

Getting better	32.8%
About the same	29.6%
Getting worse	32.3%
Don't know	5.3%
Unweighted N	1199

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	49.8%
I like elected officials who stick to their positions	50.2%
Unweighted N	1199

ISSUES—IMPEACHMENT

Based on what you know right now, do you think that President Trump should be impeached and removed from office?

Definitely yes	35.7%
Probably yes	12.5%
Probably no	8.0%
Definitely no	36.3%
Don't know	7.5%
Unweighted N	1200

ISSUES—HEALTH CARE

As you may know a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010, known commonly as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?

Very favorable	23.5%
Somewhat favorable	22.5%
Somewhat unfavorable	10.7%
Very unfavorable	32.5%
Don't know	10.9%
Unweighted N	1200

Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?

Strongly favor	28.0%
Somewhat favor	18.5%
Somewhat oppose	9.7%
Strongly oppose	29.2%
I don't know enough to say	14.6%
Unweighted N	1200

ISSUES—IMMIGRATION

Recently, the Trump Administration announced a policy that would make it harder for legal immigrants who use public benefits, such as food stamps or housing assistance, to obtain permanent residency in the United States. Do you support or oppose this policy?

Strongly support	27.6%
Support	16.2%
Oppose	18.4%
Strongly oppose	24.8%
Don't know	13.0%
Unweighted N	1200

Do you think it should be easier or harder for foreigners to immigrate to the US legally than it is currently?

Much easier	16.5%
Slightly easier	18.5%
No change	20.5%
Slightly harder	15.6%
Much harder	20.3%
Don't know	8.6%
Unweighted N	1200

Overall, do you think illegal immigrants make a contribution to American society or are a drain?

Mostly make a contribution	40.8%
Neither	12.2%
Mostly a drain	37.7%
Don't know	9.3%
Unweighted N	1200

Do you favor or oppose allowing young adults who were brought to the United States illegally as children to stay and work here legally?

Strongly favor	36.4%
Somewhat favor	20.4%
Somewhat oppose	14.9%
Strongly oppose	16.8%
Don't know	11.4%
Unweighted N	1200

Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the statement: It is appropriate to separate undocumented immigrant parents from their children when they cross the border in order to discourage others from crossing the border illegally.

Strongly agree	17.4%
Somewhat agree	15.9%
Somewhat disagree	12.2%
Strongly disagree	42.1%
Don't know	12.5%
Unweighted N	1200

Which comes closer to your point of view: it is better to keep all undocumented immigrants in detention centers, even if it causes overcrowding and bad conditions, or it is better to allow some undocumented immigrants to be released under supervision if there is not sufficient room, even if it means some of them will not return for their court dates?

It is better to keep all undocumented immigrants in detention centers, even if it causes overcrowding and bad conditions.	43.6%
It is better to allow undocumented immigrants to be released under supervision if there is not sufficient room, even if it means some of them will not return for their court dates.	56.4%
Unweighted N	1199

ISSUES—GUN CONTROL

Do you support or oppose a law that would:

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know	N
Raise the minimum age for buying any type of gun or ammunition to 21?	54.0%	14.2%	9.9%	15.0%	6.9%	1195
Prevent persons with a history of mental illness from owning guns	64.9%	17.1%	7.5%	3.7%	6.8%	1193
Ban semi-automatic weapons	47.9%	11.0%	9.9%	23.9%	7.3%	1197
Ban the sale of all handguns, except those that are issued to law enforcement officers	19.6%	10.9%	16.9%	45.4%	7.3%	1194
Ban the sale of magazine clips for semi-automatic weapons that hold more than 10 rounds	50.0%	13.2%	8.3%	19.7%	8.7%	1196
Require people who purchase handguns to wait five days before they receive that gun	55.4%	17.1%	9.3%	11.0%	7.2%	1193
Require gun owners to register their guns with a national gun registry	51.4%	16.0%	6.7%	20.3%	5.6%	1193
Limit the number of handguns a person can own	36.4%	15.1%	11.0%	30.1%	7.4%	1194
Prevent people from carrying a concealed gun in public	31.0%	13.7%	13.3%	31.6%	10.5%	1196
Require people to obtain a police permit before buying a handgun	38.7%	16.7%	11.4%	23.6%	9.5%	1197

How likely do you think it is that things will change with respect to gun policy in the US?

Very likely	8.7%
Somewhat likely	24.7%
Somewhat unlikely	29.9%
Very unlikely	23.6%
Don't know	13.2%
Unweighted N	1200

ISSUES – TRADE

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

Strongly approve	21.9%
Approve	17.7%
Disapprove	15.3%
Strongly disapprove	30.0%
Don't know	15.1%
Unweighted N	1200

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

Strongly approve	22.9%
Approve	17.2%
Disapprove	13.2%
Strongly disapprove	34.2%
Don't know	12.5%
Unweighted N	1200

How much have you heard in the news about President Trump's tariffs on certain products from China?

Heard a lot	50.3%
Heard a little	38.6%
Heard nothing at all	11.2%
Unweighted N	1200

Do you think President Trump's trade negotiations with China will result in more jobs and economic opportunities for Americans, less jobs and economic opportunities, or will it make no difference?

Result in more jobs and economic opportunities for Americans	33.1%
Result in fewer jobs and economic opportunities for Americans	35.1%
Will make no difference	14.3%
Not sure	17.5%
Unweighted N	1200

ISSUES – CLIMATE

Would you support or oppose policies designed to reduce pollution and climate change by prohibiting new fossil fuel plants and pipelines when there are clean, renewable alternatives available?

Strongly support	38.1%
Somewhat support	16.4%
Somewhat oppose	9.4%
Strongly oppose	19.4%
Don't know	16.7%
Unweighted N	1200

On the topic of climate change, which of these three statements about the Earth's temperature comes closest to your view?

The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels	48.1%
The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of natural patterns in the Earth's environment	23.4%
There is no solid evidence that the Earth is getting warmer	15.8%
Not sure	12.7%
Unweighted N	1200

ISSUES – CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY

Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	N
Corporations have too much power over elections and policymaking in the United States today.	50.4%	22.4%	9.3%	4.1%	13.8%	1200
Corporations should be required to publicly disclose all their political spending on a quarterly basis.	50.2%	21.6%	8.8%	7.7%	11.7%	1199
Corporations should be free to disclose their spending on politics as they see fit.	17.1%	17.8%	14.8%	34.9%	15.4%	1200

Have you ever boycotted a product or service in protest of a political action taken by a corporation?

Yes	46.8%
No	44.8%
Don't know	8.4%
Unweighted N	1200

Have you ever voted at a shareholder meeting or by proxy on a resolution regarding corporate political activity? (Asked of those who said they owned stock in an American corporation, either directly or through mutual or pension funds.)

Yes	36.3%
No	60.3%
Don't know	3.5%
Unweighted N	490

VIEWS OF WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION

Thinking about the country today, would you say there are...

Too many women in high political offices	9.5%
Too few women in high political offices	51.4%
About the right number of women in high political offices	39.2%
Unweighted N	1199

How much, if anything, do you think having more women in top leadership positions in government would do to improve the quality of life for all Americans?

A lot	28.0%
Some	34.0%
Not much	20.7%
None at all	17.2%
Unweighted N	1200

DEMOGRAPHICS

Age

70 and over	14.0%
60-69	17.1%
50-59	18.4%
40-49	13.3%
30-39	18.6%
18-29	18.6%
Unweighted N	1200

Sex

Male	48.6%
Female	51.4%
Unweighted N	1200

Race/Ethnicity

White	63.7%
Black	12.0%
Hispanic	15.8%
Asian	2.4%

Native American	1.5%
Mixed	2.8%
Other	1.7%

Unweighted N	1200
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Education

No HS	6.1%
High school graduate	33.6%
Some college	18.8%
2-year	12.0%
4-year	18.6%
Post-grad	10.9%
Unweighted N	1200

Marital Status

Married	47.7%
Separated	2.0%
Divorced	9.7%
Widowed	4.9%
Never married	30.0%
Domestic / civil partnership	5.8%
Unweighted N	1200

Employment Status

Full-time	37.0%
Part-time	11.0%
Temporarily laid off	1.0%
Unemployed	7.1%
Retired	22.2%
Permanently disabled	8.2%
Homemaker	6.8%
Student	5.2%
Other	1.5%
Unweighted N	1200

Family Income

Less than \$10,000	5.6%
\$10,000 - \$19,999	8.8%
\$20,000 - \$29,999	11.0%
\$30,000 - \$39,999	8.5%
\$40,000 - \$49,999	8.0%
\$50,000 - \$59,999	9.6%
\$60,000 - \$69,999	5.6%
\$70,000 - \$79,999	6.3%
\$80,000 - \$99,999	7.3%
\$100,000 - \$119,999	6.2%
\$120,000 - \$149,999	4.2%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	3.7%
\$200,000 - \$249,999	1.2%
\$250,000 - \$349,999	0.7%
\$350,000 - \$499,999	0.3%
\$500,000 or more	0.2%
Prefer not to say	12.7%
Unweighted N	1200