

This Washington Post-Schar School poll was conducted by telephone Oct. 1-6, 2019 among a random national sample of 1,007 adults with 69 percent reached on cell phones and 31 percent on landlines. Overall results have a margin of sampling error of 3.5 percentage points, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by SSRS of Glen Mills, Pa.

(Full methodological details appended at the end.)

*= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you think President Trump does or does not uphold adequate standards for ethics in government? (Questions 1 and 2 rotated)

	Does	Does not	No opinion
10/6/19	35	60	5

2. If Joe Biden became president, do you think he would or would not uphold adequate standards for ethics in government? (Questions 1 and 2 rotated)

	Would	Would not	No opinion
10/6/19	47	38	15

3. As you may know, Congress has begun an impeachment inquiry that could lead to Trump being removed from office. Do you think Congress should or should not have begun an impeachment inquiry of Trump? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	--- Should have begun ---			--- Should not have begun ---			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/6/19	58	43	15	38	9	29	4

Compare to:

Based on what you know, do you think Congress should or should not begin impeachment proceedings that could lead to Trump being removed from office?

	----- Should begin -----			--- Should not begin ---			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
7/1/19*	37	29	8	59	13	46	4
4/25/19	37	29	9	56	13	43	6
3/29/19	41	NA	NA	54	NA	NA	5
1/24/19	40	33	7	55	13	42	6
8/29/18	49	40	9	46	13	33	5

*7/1/19, 4/25/19, 1/24/19 and 8/28/18: Washington Post-ABC News

3a. (AMONG THOSE WHO THINK IMPEACHMENT SHOULD HAVE BEGUN) Do you think the House of Representatives should or should not vote to remove Trump from office?

	Should	Should not	No opinion
10/6/19	86	11	4

NET 3/3a:

	----- Should have begun impeachment -----				Should not	No
	NET	Should remove Trump from office	Should not remove Trump from office	No opinion	have begun impeachment	op.
10/6/19	58	49	6	3	38	4

4. As you may know, official White House notes from a July phone call showed President Trump asking the President of Ukraine to investigate former vice president Joe Biden and his son, Hunter. Do you think Trump's request was appropriate, or inappropriate? (AMONG THOSE WHO SAID INAPPROPRIATE) Is that very inappropriate or somewhat inappropriate?

	Appropriate	NET	Very	Somewhat	No opinion	No opinion
10/6/19	32	62	43	17	1	6

5. Trump held back military aid to Ukraine in the weeks before his request about investigating Biden and his son. How much, if at all, do you think this matters in judging Trump's actions?

	A great deal	A good amount	Not so much	Not at all	No opinion
10/6/19	38	20	18	19	5

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Democrats in Congress have handled the impeachment inquiry?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
10/6/19	49	44	7

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Republicans in Congress have responded to the impeachment inquiry?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
10/6/19	33	56	11

8. In impeaching Trump, do you think Democrats in Congress are [ITEM], or not?

10/6/19 - Summary table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. acting to uphold their constitutional duties	53	42	5
b. making a necessary stand against Trump's actions	61	35	4
c. overreacting	41	55	3
d. distracting Congress from more important issues	50	46	4

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a...

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
10/6/19	30	25	44	*	1
9/5/19	28	24	37	7	5
7/1/19	29	23	37	5	5
4/25/19	29	26	36	5	5
3/29/19	32	27	39	1	1
2/10/19	32	26	39	1	2
1/24/19	32	24	37	4	3
1/11/18	31	26	39	1	3
11/1/18	32	25	35	4	4

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and George Mason University's Schar School of Policy and Government and is a random sample adults of the United States, including interviews in English and Spanish. This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as appears in this document unless otherwise noted. These questions were part of an "omnibus" survey in which other questions were asked before or after these questions.

A dual frame landline and cellular phone telephone sample was generated by Marketing Systems Group (MSG) using Random Digit Dialing procedures. Interviewers called landlines and cellular phone numbers. For landline phones, interviewers first request to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. Cellular phones are treated as individual devices and the interview is conducted with the adult answering the phone. The final sample included 307 interviews completed on landlines and 700 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 484 interviews with adults in cell phone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for differential chances of being selected due to landline and cellular phone access and household size. Weighting also corrects for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples.

The overall adult sample is weighted using a raking procedure to match the demographic makeup of the population by sex, region, age, education, race/ethnicity, marital status, and population density according to Census Bureau estimates. The sample is also weighted to match phone estimates of the share of the population who are cell phone-only, landline-only and mixed user populations according to the National Health Interview Survey. The sample is also weighted to match the average of party identification in the previous two waves of Washington Post-ABC News national polls and this current survey.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.2 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

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