

# USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times National Poll

**TOPLINE RESULTS (UAS 207) – Oct/Nov 2019 Monthly Survey**

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## SURVEY METHODS

This USC Dornsife / Los Angeles Times Poll is the result of a collaboration between researchers in the *Center for the Political Future* and the *Center for Economic and Social Research* in the Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at the University of Southern California, in partnership with the Los Angeles Times.

The sample of 5,480 eligible voters (U.S. citizens) participated from October 21 to November 3, 2019. They are members of the Center for Economic and Social Research's Understanding America Study (UAS) probability-based internet panel. The poll was conducted in respondents' choice of English or Spanish. The overall margin of sampling error<sup>†</sup> is +/- 2 percentage points for all eligible voters, +/-2 for Democratic primary voters, and +/- 3 points for Republican voters. Margins of sampling error for other subgroups may be higher; these are provided in the associated crosstab release.

**Survey information:** Full question text and context language for included questions are provided in this release. We may have rotated the order of response options, and/or questions to reduce order effects. Respondents participated via computer, mobile device or tablet, at any time of day or night during the field period. The data associated with this release will be available to registered UAS users at <https://uasdata.usc.edu/survey/UAS+207>.

**Survey Weights and Participation Rate:** As 7731 panel members were eligible to participate in this survey, the participation rate was 71%. We calculate weights in two stages: (1) base weights account for the probabilities of selection in our sampling procedures, and (2) post-stratification weights align survey distributions to CPS benchmarks. Weighting benchmarks were derived from the Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement. \*Due to the panel's sample design, unweighted subgroup sizes may not be representative of the weighted proportion in our variable estimates. For more information visit [UASData.USC.edu](http://UASData.USC.edu).

**† Survey Error:** Factors other than sampling error may affect results of any survey, including question wording, question order, mode or sample type (e.g. opt-in panels vs. probability panels such as UAS), population coverage, and impact of current events. In addition, results of questions asked in an internet panel may obtain different results compared to similar questions asked by other polling firms using phone interviewers. Sampling error calculations are at the 98% confidence level.

**Panel Information:** The UAS is an ongoing national research panel that started in 2014. We recruit panel members in waves from Marketing Systems Group frames of all household addresses in the United States. To ensure full coverage of the U.S. population, we provide internet-connected tablets to individuals who were not already online. Our panel thus includes U.S. residents who have cell phones, landlines, or no phone at all. Panel members are compensated for their participation.

This document provides an overview of survey-specific methods and information. For weighting details; panel sampling procedures; recruitment protocols, survey and recruitment response rates; panel attrition rates; panel management protocols; and microdata files (including nonresponse and paradata), please visit our website at [UASdata.usc.edu](http://UASdata.usc.edu).

This document and the archive of results of prior Dornsife/LAT polls are available at [bit.ly/USCPolls](http://bit.ly/USCPolls). For questions about the survey, contact CESR Survey Director Jill E. Darling ([jilldarl@usc.edu](mailto:jilldarl@usc.edu)) or CPF Director Robert M. Shrum ([hburke@usc.edu](mailto:hburke@usc.edu)). Additional contact information is on the last page of this report.

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Asked of all U.S. Citizens

**cf\_3** Regardless of if or how you are registered to vote, at this time, are you more closely aligned with...

	U.S Residents April 2019	Eligible Voters April 2019	Eligible Voters Aug 2019	Eligible Voters Sept 2019	Eligible Voters Nov 2019
Democrats	39	39	39	39	40
Republicans	30	30	31	31	31
Independents (no political party)	12	12	11	11	11
Libertarians	2	2	3	2	2
Green party	1	1	1	1	1
Some other party	0	0	0	0	0
Not aligned with any political party	16	16	16	16	15

Asked if Independent or not aligned with any party (N=1300)

**cf\_3a.** Generally speaking, do you lean more toward affiliating with Democrats or with Republicans?

	U.S. Residents April 2019	Eligible Voters April 2019	Eligible Voters Aug Sept 2019	Eligible Voters Sept 2019	Eligible Voters Nov 2019
Lean toward affiliating with Democrats	19	19	18	16	19
Lean toward affiliating with Republicans	20	20	21	18	21
Do not lean toward either party	61	61	61	66	61

Asked of all U.S. Citizens

	Nov 2019 (mean)
cf_4a The presidential election state party primaries and caucuses will be held early next year, in 2020. What is the percent chance that you will vote in your state's party primary or caucus in 2020?	72

Asked of all U.S. Citizens

**cf\_4.** If you decide to vote in your state's presidential primary or caucus, which party's primary or caucus are you most likely to vote in, if any?

	Eligible Voters Jan 2018	Eligible Voters April 2019	Eligible Voters June 2019	Eligible Voters Aug 2019	Eligible Voters Sept 2019	Eligible Voters Nov 2019
Democratic party	44	43	44	43	44	46
Republican party	34	36	34	34	33	35
Green party	1	1	1	1	1	1
Libertarian party	3	2	2	2	2	2
Some other party	4	4	4	3	3	3
I am certain I will not vote	14	14	15	17	17	13

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Asked of Democratic Primary voters (N= 2599, MOSE +/-2). Randomized order of candidate list

**cf\_5. Here is a list of candidates who are running for the Democratic nomination in 2020. If your state's Democratic presidential primary or caucus were held today, for which of these candidates would you vote?**

	Dem Prim Voters April 2019	Dem Prim Voters July 2019	Dem Prim Voters Sept 2019	Dem Prim Voters Nov 2019
Michael Bennet (U.S. Senator, Colorado)	*	-	-	-
Joe Biden (Former U.S. Vice President)	27	29	28	28
Cory Booker (U.S. Senator, New Jersey)	2	1	2	1
Steve Bullock (Governor of Montana)	*	-	-	-
Pete Buttigieg (Mayor of South Bend, Indiana)	2	5	4	6
Julian Castro (Former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban	1	1	-	-
John Delaney, (Former U.S. Representative, Maryland)	-	-	-	-
Tulsi Gabbard, (U.S. Representative, Hawaii)	1	-	1	1
Kamala Harris (U.S. Senator, California)	7	10	8	4
Amy Klobuchar (U.S. Senator, Minnesota)	1	1	1	2
Wayne Messam (Mayor of Miramar, Florida)	*	-	-	-
Beto O'Rourke (Former U.S. Representative, Texas) <sup>2</sup>	7	3	3	2
Tim Ryan (U.S. Representative, Ohio) <sup>1</sup>	*	1	-	-
Joe Sestak (former U.S. Representative, Pennsylvania)	*	-	-	-
Tom Steyer (businessman and activist)	*	-	-	1
Bernie Sanders (U.S. Senator, Vermont)	16	11	13	13
Elizabeth Warren (U.S. Senator, Massachusetts)	4	10	12	16
Marianne Williamson (Spiritual teacher, author, lecturer)	-	-	-	1
Andrew Yang (Entrepreneur and founder of Venture for America)	1	1	2	2
Other candidate (please write in)	1	-	-	-
Undecided	27	25	23	21

\* = not asked in April 2019

<sup>1</sup> dropped out on October 24<sup>th</sup>

<sup>2</sup>Dropped out of the race on the last day of the field period

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Asked if named candidate, or “other” – randomized order of answers (N=2069, MOSE +/-3)

**cf\_8a. Which of the following is the main reason you would vote for [insert candidate name] if the election were held today? Is it because [insert candidate name]...**

	Dem Prim Voters Nov 2019
Represents my own values and beliefs very well	19
Is the only candidate capable of leading the United States through the serious issues that lie ahead	8
Has the best chance of defeating Donald Trump in November	17
Is the most trustworthy	5
Is the best candidate to bring major changes to the U.S.	16
Understands the needs of people like me	13
Just seems somewhat better than the others	10
Is better known to me than the others	6
Something else [please write in]	3
No real reason/ Not sure	3

Ask if cf\_5 = 27 (undecided) randomize order of answers (N= 530, MOSE +/-5)

**cf\_8b. Which of the following are reason(s) why you have not yet made up your mind who to vote for? Select all that apply**

	Dem Prim Voters Nov 2019
I’m waiting to see what happens in the early primaries and caucuses	16
It is just too soon. I will make up my mind when it is time	39
I don’t know enough about the candidates yet	41
I don’t like any of the candidates	4
I like all of the candidates and can’t decide which one to vote for yet	3
I have not been paying any attention to the campaign yet	25
Some other reason [please write in]	5

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Asked of GOP primary voters (N=XXXX)

**cf\_016 Which of the following more closely describes how you feel about voting in the 2020 Republican presidential primary or caucus in your state?**

	GOP Prim Voters June 2019	GOP Prim Voters Nov 2019
Will definitely vote for Donald Trump, no matter who else is on the ballot	54	58
Somewhat likely to consider voting for another Republican if an interesting and appealing candidate was on the ballot	28	25
Very likely to consider voting for another Republican if an interesting and appealing candidate was on the ballot	14	11
Will definitely vote against Donald Trump, no matter who else is on the ballot	4	6

[cf\_017 intentionally omitted]

Asked of all U.S. Citizens

	June 2019 (mean)	Nov 2019 (mean)
cf_025. What is the percent chance that you will vote in the 2020 U.S. Presidential election?	83	83

Asked if non-zero likelihood of voting for president (N=4265, MOSE +/-2).

**cf\_017 a-c Assuming that Donald Trump will be the 2020 Republican nominee for president... At this time, without knowing which candidates will be nominated by the Democrats and other political parties, what is the likelihood that you will vote for Donald Trump as the Republican candidate, for the eventual Democratic candidate, or for a third party candidate? Please enter a number between 0% and 100% that represents the current likelihood of your voting for each. The total of the three numbers must add to 100%.**

Table is probabilistic estimate of vote conditioned on likelihood of voting.

Percentage likelihood of voting for _____ in the general election in 2020?	June 2019	Nov 2019
Donald Trump	37	33
The Democratic candidate	51	54
A third-party candidate	12	13

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These questions were asked of all U.S. Residents.

Results are shown among eligible voters, for longitudinal comparison.

## cf\_018 How would you feel if Donald Trump was elected U.S. President in 2020?

	Eligible Voters Aug 2019	Eligible Voters Nov 2019
Completely happy	18	19
Mostly happy	11	12
Neither happy nor unhappy	16	18
Mostly unhappy	12	12
Completely unhappy	42	40

## cf\_019 How would you feel if Joe Biden was elected U.S. President in 2020?

	Eligible Voters Aug 2019	Eligible Voters Nov 2019
Completely happy	11	10
Mostly happy	22	22
Neither happy nor unhappy	33	33
Mostly unhappy	14	15
Completely unhappy	20	20

## cf\_019 How would you feel if Elizabeth Warren was elected U.S. President in 2020?

	Eligible Voters Nov 2019
Completely happy	10
Mostly happy	18
Neither happy nor unhappy	34
Mostly unhappy	10
Completely unhappy	28

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**cf\_020** On a scale from 0 meaning that Donald Trump will definitely lose the 2020 election, to 100 meaning that Donald Trump will definitely win the 2020 election, what number do you feel represents Donald Trump’s chances of winning the 2020 election?

	Eligible Voters Aug 2019	Eligible Voters Nov 2019
Among all eligible voters	54	53
<i>Among Political Party Affiliates</i>		
Democrat	40	39
Independent, lean Democrat	47	43
Independent, no party lean	49	52
Independent, lean Republican	61	65
Republican	74	75

**cf\_021** How closely have you been following the news about the issues that have led the U.S. House of Representatives to formally start an impeachment inquiry into President Trump?

	Eligible Voters Nov 2019
Very closely	24
Somewhat closely	36
Not very closely	24
Not at all closely	16

*As you may know, committees in the U.S. House of Representatives are currently studying whether President Trump should be impeached for his actions related to Ukraine. If the committees decide they have found evidence of impeachable behavior, the House will vote on whether to impeach Trump and send his case to trial in the Senate. If the Senate tries President Trump, a two-thirds vote in the Senate would be needed to remove him from office.*

[Randomized order of first two responses](#)

**cf\_022** Based on what you know or have heard about the issues, which of the following comes closer to your view? The U.S. House of Representatives should...

	Eligible Voters Nov 2019
Vote to impeach President Trump and send the case to trial in the Senate	44
Vote against impeaching President Trump	30
Not sure, or it is too soon to say	26

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## Randomized order of first two responses

**cf\_023** If the U.S. House of Representatives does vote to impeach President Trump, and sends the case to trial in the Senate, which of the following comes closer to your view? The Senate should...

	Eligible Voters Nov 2019
Vote to remove President Trump from office	45
Vote to acquit President Trump of all charges	28
Not sure, or it is too soon to say	28

**cf\_024** What is the percent chance that President Trump will be impeached and removed from office before the presidential election in November 2020?

Among all eligible voters	30
<i>Among Political Party Affiliates and Leaners</i>	
Democrat	40
Independent, lean Democrat	35
Independent, no party lean	31
Independent, lean Republican	22
Republican	17
Other party affiliation	30

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