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500 likely Democratic caucusgoers

Margin of error: ±4.4 percentage points

Study #2202

November 8-13, 2019

2,012 active registered voter contacts
weighted by age and congressional district

502 Registered Republicans not planning to participate
in the Democratic caucuses

Margin of error: ±4.4 percentage points

533 registered Republican contacts
weighted by age and congressional district

**EMBARGOED FOR RELEASE:
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 6:00 A.M. ET**

Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

[Ask all.] How likely is it you will attend one of the caucuses scheduled for February of 2020 when presidential candidates will be on the agenda—will you definitely attend, probably attend, might or might not attend, or probably not attend? (If definitely or probably attend, ask:) Will you attend the Democratic or the Republican caucus?

Dec-18, Mar-19: How likely is it you will attend one of the caucuses scheduled for February of 2020 when presidential candidates will be on the agenda—will you definitely attend, probably attend, or probably not attend? (If definitely or probably attend, ask:) Will you attend the Democratic or the Republican caucus? [Mar-19: Note to interviewer: If respondent asks, virtually or in person? The words I have are “attend.” In other words, offer no further clarification.]

Among Registered Republicans

	Definitely attend Democratic caucus	Probably attend Democratic caucus	Definitely attend Republican caucus	Probably attend Republican caucus	Might or might not attend a caucus	Probably not attend a caucus	Don't know which caucus will attend	Not sure
Nov-19	-	-	15	15	15	50	2	2
Mar-19	-	-	19	27	n/a	47	3	3
Dec-18	-	-	23	24	n/a	47	3	3

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers. Do you think the ongoing impeachment inquiry will make it easier or harder for the Democratic nominee to win in the general election next November?

	Easier	Harder	No Difference (VOL)	Not Sure
Nov-19	45	24	12	19

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers. How closely are you following news about the impeachment inquiry and what is happening in Washington, D.C.—very closely, fairly closely, just somewhat closely, or are you not following it at all?

	Very Closely	Fairly Closely	Just Somewhat Closely	Not following it at all	Not Sure
Nov-19	46	23	21	4	6

#Jun-19: Not directly comparable. Percentages are among likely Democratic caucus participants who said they would definitely or probably attend in person as opposed to participating in a virtual caucus.

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers. I have just a few quick questions about your political involvement in this caucus season. Just answer yes or no to the following: (Mark all yeses. Multiple responses accepted, so total will exceed 100%.)

Nov-19	Oct-07	
78	81	Have you been contacted by one of the candidate's campaigns?
37	45	Have you been at an event where a candidate appeared?
22	^	Have you had a personal interaction with any candidate?
21	16	Have you given money to any of the campaigns?
18	^	None of these/not sure

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers in Oct-07: I have just a few quick questions about your political involvement. Just answer yes or no to the following: (Mark all yeses. Multiple responses accepted, so total will exceed 100%.)

81	Have you been contacted by one of the candidate's campaigns?
45	Have you been to an event where a candidate appeared?
20	(If yes to AC=2:) Have you been to an event with fewer than 100 people in attendance where a candidate appeared?
25	(If yes to AC=2:) Have you personally met a candidate?
8	Have you been interviewed about the caucuses by the media—a newspaper, television, radio, or online reporter?
16	Have you given money to any of the campaigns?
23	Is this the first caucus you will participate in?
5	None of these/not sure

^These items are not directly comparable to Oct-07. Please see full question wording and skip pattern from October 2007 below.

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers. How many candidates have you seen in person in Iowa?

12	One
9	Two
8	Three
4	Four
2	Five
6	Six to 10
5	More than 10
48	None
6	Not sure

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Now, I'm going to mention some prominent people. For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know enough about the person to answer, just say so. (Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.)

		Net Fav	Net Unf	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Among registered Republicans.								
Joni Ernst, U.S. senator from Iowa	Nov-19	76	11	41	35	7	4	13
	Dec-18*	82	6	43	40	4	2	12
Chuck Grassley, U.S. senator from Iowa	Nov-19	80	11	49	31	6	4	
	Dec-18*	87	7	54	33	4	3	
Kim Reynolds, governor of Iowa	Nov-19	81	8	44	37	5	3	
	Dec-18	81	12	42	39	8	4	
Mitt Romney, U.S. senator from Utah Mitt Romney, U.S. senator-elect from Utah	Nov-19	36	46	10	26	22	23	
	Dec-18	65	21	16	49	14	7	
Mike Pence, vice president of the United States	Nov-19	82	10	55	27	6	4	
Mark Sanford, former U.S. representative from South Carolina	Nov-19	7	11	2	5	6	6	
Donald Trump, president of the United States	Nov-19	83	13	55	28	6	7	
	Mar-19	82	15	47	35	7	8	
	Dec-18	77	18	49	28	7	11	
Joe Walsh, former U.S. representative from Illinois	Nov-19	8	12	2	6	6	6	
Bill Weld, former governor of Massachusetts	Nov-19	4	11	2	3	6	5	
	Mar-19	4	15	-	4	8	7	

*The Dec-18 Ernst and Grassley favorability questions started in the field on the second day of interviewing, so n=344. MoE: ±5.3% pts.

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing: [ITEM FROM LIST]?

		Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
Among registered Republicans.				
As president	Nov-19	85	11	4
	Mar-19	81	12	7
	Dec-18	81	14	4
With the economy	Nov-19	89	8	3
With immigration	Nov-19	76	17	7
With trade with China	Nov-19	75	15	11
With ethanol	Nov-19	53	19	28
With handling foreign policy	Nov-19	74	16	10

Among registered Republicans. If the general election vote for president of the United States were held today with Donald Trump as the Republican candidate, would you definitely vote to re-elect President Trump, consider someone else, or definitely vote to elect someone else, or would you not vote?

	Definitely vote to re-elect Trump	Consider someone else	Definitely vote to elect someone else	Would not vote	Not sure
Nov-19	76	14	8	-	2
Mar-19	67	18	9	2	3
Dec-18	67	19	10	1	3

For each of the following potential Democratic nominees, please tell me how confident you are that Donald Trump could beat the person—do you feel almost certain Donald Trump will beat the Democrat if they are the nominee, fairly confident, not very confident, or are you almost certain Donald Trump will lose? **(Read list. Rotate.)**

Among registered Republicans.		Almost Certain to Beat	Fairly Confident	Not Very Confident	Almost Certain to Lose	Not Sure
Joe Biden	Nov-19	58	16	9	13	4
Pete Buttigieg	Nov-19	56	15	6	9	15
Bernie Sanders	Nov-19	62	15	7	12	4
Elizabeth Warren	Nov-19	59	16	7	10	7

Among registered Republicans. Do you approve or disapprove of the Republican Party of Iowa’s decision to go ahead and have a vote for Republican candidates at the caucuses in February?

	Approve	Disapprove	Not sure
Nov-19	72	9	19

Among registered Republicans. Do you think the trade tariffs President Trump has ordered have done more to help or more to hurt Iowa agribusiness in the time they’ve been in place?

	More to help	More to hurt	Not sure
Nov-19	50	26	24
Mar-19	40	28	32

Among registered Republicans. Do you think the ongoing impeachment inquiry will make it easier or harder for Donald Trump to win in the general election next November?

	Easier	Harder	Not sure
Nov-19	60	26	15

Among registered Republicans. How closely are you following news about the impeachment inquiry and what is happening in Washington, D.C.—very closely, fairly closely, just somewhat closely, or are you not following it at all?

	Very closely	Fairly closely	Just somewhat closely	Not following it at all	Not sure
Nov-19	30	25	32	12	2

Among registered Republicans. Regardless of whether it is an impeachable action, do you think President Trump did or did not use his office improperly to gain political advantage against a potential 2020 opponent?

	Did use office improperly	Did not use office improperly	Not sure
Nov-19	14	72	13

Among registered Republicans. Would you say you feel more allegiance to the [Republican Party] or [President Trump]? **(Rotate options.)**

	Republican Party	President Trump	Not sure
Nov-19	43	41	16
Dec-18	43	37	20

Likely Democratic caucusgoers

Compared to:

Study #2196

602 likely Democratic caucusgoers

Margin of error: ± 4.0 percentage points

September 14-18, 2019

3,510 active registered voter contacts
weighted by age, sex, and congressional district

Study #2190

433 Likely in-person Democratic caucus attenders

Margin of error: ± 4.7 percentage points

June 2-5, 2019

3,776 active registered voter contacts
weighted by age, sex, and congressional district

Study #2185

401 likely Democratic caucusgoers

Margin of error: ± 5.0 percentage points

March 3-6, 2019

1,618 active registered voter contacts
weighted by age and sex

Study #2182

455 likely Democratic caucusgoers

Margin of error: ± 4.6 percentage points

December 10-13, 2018

1,838 active registered voter contacts
weighted by age and congressional district

Study #2133

602 Democratic likely caucusgoers

Margin of error: ± 4.0 percentage points for

January 26-29, 2016

3,019 contacts weighted by age, sex, and
congressional district to conform to active voters
in the Iowa voter registration list

Study #1921

399 Democratic likely caucus-goers

Margin of error: ± 4.9 percentage points

October 1-3, 2007

Registered Republicans

Compared to:

Study #2185

400 Registered Republicans not planning to participate in the Democratic caucuses

Margin of error: ± 4.9 percentage points

March 3-6, 2019

418 registered Republican contacts
weighted by age and sex

Study #2182

450 Registered Republicans not planning to participate in the Democratic caucuses

Margin of error: ± 4.6 percentage points

December 10-13, 2018

503 registered Republican contacts
weighted by age and congressional district

ABOUT THE POLL

The Iowa Poll, conducted November 8-13, 2019, for *The Des Moines Register*, CNN and Mediacom by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, is based on telephone interviews with 500 registered voters in Iowa who say they will definitely or probably attend the 2020 Democratic caucuses and 502 registered Republicans who are not planning to participate in the Democratic caucuses.

Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted 2,012 randomly selected active voters from the Iowa secretary of state's voter registration list by telephone. The sample was supplemented with additional phone number lookups. Interviews were administered in English. Responses for all contacts were adjusted by age and congressional district to reflect their proportions among active voters in the list. For the registered Republican sample, responses for the 533 registered Republican contacts were adjusted by age and congressional district to reflect their proportions among active registered Republicans in the voter registration list.

Questions based on the sample of 500 voters likely to attend the 2020 Iowa Democratic caucuses have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 4.4 percentage points, as does the sample of 502 registered Republicans. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the true population value by more than plus or minus 4.4 percentage points. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error.

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