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SB: Survey shows warning signs for Democrats

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Based on polling conducted by Change Research of 2,141 likely voters from June 6 to June 9, 2019 in congressional districts that <u>flipped from Republican to Democrat in 2018</u>, it is clear that partisans are dug in for the fight. Independent voters and soft Party ID voters will determine the outcome of 2020.

This survey examined feelings toward public figures, the performance by Congress, and explored the question regarding impeachment. Below are the conclusions of the survey:

- On January 23, 2016 Donald Trump said, "I could stand in the middle of 5th Avenue and shoot somebody and I wouldn't lose voters." Trump is correct, especially with the Republican leadership, due to the fact that Trump has a 93% favorable rating with Republican voters.
 - However, 59% of voters say, "I am tired of the childishness and temper tantrums of President Trump and it is time for change." 68% of I's, 65% of women.
- A whopping 82% of voters believe that they would win the lottery before the Republicans in the Senate would convict and remove Trump from office if he is impeached by the House.
 - However, 73% agree that high ranking officials who do not comply with Congressional subpoenas should be fined, and then possibly arrested just like any other citizen would. (97% D, 40% R, 78% I). On strongly agree: 93% D, 25% R. 64% I.

As Democrats consider their strategy moving forward, there are warning signs:

- 34% believe Congressional Democrats have helped the American people since the election in 2018. (68% D, 31% I, 41% women)
 - Only 28% of voters are familiar with Democrats in the House of Representatives having passed 152 bills to try to solve problems in America.
- 64% of voters believe Democrats have spent all or most of their time since the 2018 election investigating the Trump Administration.
- 65% have a negative view on how Democrats are working to stop corruption in Washington. (35% D, 72% I and 59% women)
- 13% of voters are aware the House passed the For the People Act (HR1) called the "strongest reforms since Watergate." Just 18% of Democrats.
 - This is key because just 27% of voters believe Trump is draining the swamp versus 56% who believe he added more alligators.



What's at stake:

• Generic Congressional Horserace: 47% Democrat v 44% Republican

• Dems +11 with I's, +20 with women

Trump's job approval on economy: 50%

President Trump's job approval: 46%

President Trump's re-elect: 45%

Presidential Horserace: 46% Trump v 48% Biden

47% Trump v 46% Warren 47% Trump v 45% Harris 47% Trump v 48% Sanders 46% Trump v 45% Buttigieg

The question of this Presidency: Impeachment

• Civics: 32% of voters believe that impeachment removes a President from office. 62% do not believe and 6% are unsure. This is across the board with all Party ID and age.

- 40% of voters said knowing what they know today, Trump should be impeached for obstruction of justice. 51% say no and 9% unsure.
 - 75% of Democrats support. 95% of Republicans oppose. Independents are against impeachment with 38% saying yes and 50% saying no. 45% of women say yes, 45% no.
 - 71% of Democrats are enthusiastic about impeachment, but of those only 43% are extremely enthusiastic. Whereas 94% of Republicans are not enthusiastic with 90% are extremely unenthusiastic.
 - Only 5% of Democrats are very angry at the House leadership for slowing down the process of impeachment. 31% said they are somewhat angry. 60% are not angry.

Attempting to project attitudes into the future is always tough, but we asked several scenarios currently in play to predict how voters would react:

- If strong evidence comes out that President Trump committed high crimes and misdemeanors, do you think you might conclude that he should be impeached by the House of Representatives and be found guilty by the Senate and be removed from office?
 - 47% say yes but needs to be iron clad. (65% D, 40% R, 54% I)
 - o 45% say no and would not support impeachment. (24% D, 56% R, 33% I)



- If you don't think strong evidence has come out that President Trump committed high crimes and misdemeanors, but evidence comes out such as financial crimes do you think Trump should be impeached?
 - 22% say yes but needs to be iron clad. (52% D, 8% R, 28% I)
 - o 70% say no and would not support impeachment. (23% D, 89% R, 62% I)
- Would proof of any of the following lead you to support impeaching Trump?
 - 49% conspiracy with a foreign government in the 2016 election. (78% D, 39% R, 47% I)
 - o 38% lying to the FBI and law enforcement (93% D, 19% R, 36% I)
 - o 36% money laundering (78% D, 20% R, 36% I)
 - o 34% obstructing investigation (85% D, 17% R, 34% I)
 - o 30% tax evasion (81% D, 10% R, 33% I)
 - o 25% campaign finance violations (72% D, 10% R, 21% I)
- 13% believe that the Senate would hold a trial if the House decides to impeach the President.
- 58% believe there is no scenario that 20 Republican Senators would ever convict Trump and remove him from office.
- 82% believe that they would win the lottery before the Republicans in the Senate would convict and remove Trump from office if he is impeached by the House.
- 55% say that if the United States Senate says President Trump is "not guilty" and allows Trump to claim "victory" that he is more likely to be re-elected.

More numbers:

- 77% agree that impeachment will divide the country.
- 52% say Trump engaged in a cover up on the Mueller investigation. (90% D, 8 % R, 64% I)
- 48% agree that Trump obstructed Mueller's investigation into Russia interference.
- 57% believe that Russia interfered with the 2016 election to help Trump.
- 48% believe Attorney General Barr lied to Congress. 45% say he should be impeached.
- 80% of Republicans believe the FBI plotted against Trump.