

**TO:** Interested Parties  
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**RE:** Nationwide Democratic Primary Voters Impeachment Survey Results  
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A recently conducted nationwide survey<sup>1</sup> of Democrats and Independents likely to vote in the 2018 midterm Democratic primary elections concerning the potential impeachment of President Donald Trump could not be clearer: Democrats overwhelmingly favor the U.S. Congress impeaching Donald Trump. (See **Figure 1**)

**Figure 1: Favor/Oppose the U.S. Congress Impeaching Donald Trump and Removing Him from Office**

<b>Favor/Oppose</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>TOTAL FAVOR</b>	<b>78%</b>
Strongly favor	62%
Somewhat favor	15%
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>17%</b>
Somewhat Oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	9%
Don't Know/NA	6%

Support for impeachment extends to every key demographic group as impeachment of Trump is overwhelmingly favored by men (74%) and women (81%); whites (75%), African-Americans (89%) and Latinos (85%); ages 18-39 (82%), 40-59 (80%) and 60+ (74%); non-college (78%) and college educated (77%); and across all regions: Northeast (81%), Midwest (77%), South (84%) and the West (74%).

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<sup>1</sup> **Survey Methodology:** From October 28 – November 1, 2017, FM3 conducted a nationwide survey of 1,200 randomly-selected Democrats and Independents likely to vote in the 2018 midterm Democratic primary election. Interviews were conducted via landline and cell phone by live interviews. The margin of sampling error is +/- 2.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level; margins of error for population subgroups will be higher. Due to rounding, some percentages may not sum to 100%

In addition, huge majorities believe there are several legitimate rationales for Trump’s impeachment, most notably, his refusal to divest himself of financial investments and allegations of obstruction of justice that go beyond the standards used to impeach two previous presidents. (See Figure 2)

**Figure 2: Legitimacy of Reasons to Impeach Donald Trump and Remove Him from Office**

(Rated on a scale of 1-10; 1= “not at all legitimate” & 10= “extremely legitimate”)

Reason to Impeach Donald Trump	Mean Score	Percentage Rating Reason as an 8, 9 or 10
Conflicts of interest caused by Trump’s financial investments, and his potential obstruction of justice already go further than the standard used to impeach two previous presidents	8.3	71%
Donald Trump is using the presidency to enrich himself by refusing to divest himself of domestic and international business interests that are benefitting him financially due to his position as President – which is a violation of the U.S. constitution.	8.2	71%
Legal scholars say Trump committed obstruction of justice by firing James Comey as FBI Director who was investigating allegations of collusion between Trump’s presidential campaign and Russia.	8.1	70%
Donald Trump behaves like a dictator, not a President—he is endangering our democracy and nation’s long-term stability by constantly lying and attacking those who disagree with him.	8.0	70%
Two U.S. Senators from Donald Trump’s own party have said he is basically untruthful, and his reckless behavior is a growing threat to national security. And reports say Trump’s own Secretary of State called him a quote, moron. The American people cannot trust him with the fundamental responsibility to tell the truth about matters of life and death, war and peace.	7.9	70%

**Yet this demand for impeachment also is accompanied by an extremely strong belief that Washington politicians are too cautious, take the easy way out, and need to start listening to the people they represent—a sentiment that nine in ten voters agree with, including 63% who “strongly” agree.** Furthermore, the vast majority of Democratic primary voters agree with statements asserting that speaking out against Trump is not enough, politicians must act now; the risks Trump poses to our nation far outweigh any risks posed by impeachment; and Trump is a “clear and present danger, and mentally unstable.” (See Figure 3 on the following page)

**Figure 3: Statements about Donald Trump**

Statement	Percent Agree
It is not enough for politicians to talk about being against Donald Trump—now is time for them to act and do something to stop his destructive behavior and actions	90%
Donald Trump is a clear and present danger, and mentally unstable	85%
The risks posed by Donald Trump, including nuclear war, dividing the country and failing to address important issues, are far greater than the risks posed by pursuing impeachment	81%

In short, Democrats and Independents across the country want members of Congress to act in terms of impeachment rather than just talk, as they reject them “taking easy way out.” These voters believe strongly that the risk of inaction and allowing Trump’s actions and decisions to continue far outweigh the risk of impeachment. These are stunning and unprecedented attitudes—at least since the final days of Watergate over 40 years ago.