



January 28, 2019

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Ben Greenfield, [Change Research](#)
RE: Likely 2020 Democratic Primary Voters in MA-01 and NY-10 Strongly Favor Impeachment, Want Pro-Impeachment Representatives

In a poll of Massachusetts's 1st and New York's 10th Congressional Districts, Change Research found that nearly 4 in 5 likely 2020 Democratic primary voters in each district favor impeaching Donald Trump. Voters are unhappy about their Congressmen's opposition to impeachment: 90% say they would be less likely to vote for them in 2020 if they continue to oppose it, while nearly that many would be more likely to vote for them if they support it.

Democratic primary voters in these districts would strongly prefer if their representatives changed their position on impeachment. 81% in MA-01 would be more likely to vote for Rep. Richard Neal's re-election if he supports impeachment, and 87% would be more likely to vote for Rep. Jerrold Nadler if he did the same. Currently, voters are overwhelmingly concerned that their Congressmen oppose impeachment only because they are making a political judgment: 88% in MA-01 and 91% in NY-10 believe this. And at least 75% in each district are concerned that their Congressman's opposition to impeachment suggests that they will also be unwilling to stand up to Trump on policy issues like healthcare and voting rights. MA-01 voters are also less supportive of Richard Neal due to his reluctance to use his authority as Ways and Means Committee Chairman to subpoena Trump's tax returns: 72% say it makes them less likely to vote for him.

	MA-01	NY-10
Believe Trump is unfit for office	93%	96%
Believe Trump should be impeached (pre-messaging)	78%	77%
Believe Trump should be impeached (post-messaging)	85%	80%
Congressman favorability rating	64%	51%
Less likely to vote for Congressman if he opposes impeachment	90%	90%

Voters in these districts believe that Trump's intimidation of Michael Cohen demonstrates the urgency of impeachment. 83% in MA-01 and 85% in NY-10 believe that Cohen's scheduled Congressional testimony, which was canceled because of "ongoing threats against his family from President Trump," makes it clear that the longer Trump is able to intimidate witnesses, the less likely it is that we'll ever learn the truth.

These voters overwhelmingly believe that the urgency of impeaching Trump supersedes the prospects of a Republican-controlled Senate voting to remove him from office: 88% of MA-01 respondents, and 81% in NY-10, believe that the House should use impeachment to indicate that Trump's actions are unacceptable, regardless of what the Senate does.

When they're told that Presidents Clinton and Nixon faced articles of impeachment for obstruction of justice and abuse of power, the number supporting impeachment rises above 90%.

Voters were shown a number of arguments for impeachment, and the ones they found most convincing touched on the themes of Trump working for the wealthy and corporations, and voters' concern that their Representatives are unwilling to stand up to him because of their fear of offending their donors. Nearly 90% of respondents in MA-01 and nearly 80% in NY-10 found an argument along these lines, which concluded, "Impeach Trump now and put the people's rights over corporate profits," to be convincing. A similar number found an argument that impeachment was necessary because members of Congress "continue to betray the trust of the people by refusing to stand up to an openly corrupt President who violates the rule of law" to be convincing.

Change Research was commissioned by Need to Impeach to conduct an online poll January 25-28, 2019 in Massachusetts's 1st and New York's 10th Congressional Districts. Using its Bias Correct Engine to attain a sample reflective of the electorate, Change Research polled 813 likely 2020 Democratic primary voters in MA-01 and 811 in NY-10. Post-stratification was performed on age, gender, ethnicity, and 2016 Presidential vote.