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**A SITTING PRESIDENT SHOULD FACE CHARGES, U.S. VOTERS SAY,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;  
BUT VOTERS STILL SAY DON'T IMPEACH TRUMP**

Any sitting president should be subject to criminal charges, 69 percent of American voters say in a Quinnipiac University National Poll released today, while 24 percent say a president should be charged with crimes after he or she leaves office.

Support for charging a sitting president is 52 – 35 percent among Republicans, 83 – 12 percent among Democrats and 68 – 26 percent among independent voters, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University National Poll finds.

President Donald Trump committed crimes before he took office, voters say 57 – 29 percent. But voters are divided 45 – 45 percent on whether President Trump committed crimes while he has been in office.

And American voters say 55 – 35 percent that Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report did not clear Trump of any wrongdoing.

Despite these findings, American voters say 61 – 33 percent that Congress should not begin the process to impeach President Trump. Support for impeachment is 62 – 32 percent among Democrats and 63 – 31 percent among black voters. Every other listed party, gender, education, age and racial group opposes impeachment.

Voters are closely divided on whether Congress should investigate to determine whether to bring impeachment charges against Trump as 48 percent say yes and 49 percent say no.

Voters say 50 – 44 percent that Trump does not deserve to be impeached.

“Complete exoneration???”

“Case closed???”

“‘Hold on, Mr. President,’ most American voters say,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Even though questions clearly linger on the true thrust of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report, an even larger majority says impeachment is just not the way to go.”

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“As for charging ANY president who commits a criminal offense while still occupying the White House there is almost 3-1 support: If you do the crime you should do the time, say Republicans and Democrats,” Malloy said.

If a political candidate supports impeachment, 32 percent of voters say they are less likely to support that candidate, while 13 percent are more likely and 51 percent say support for impeachment would have no impact on their vote.

American voters disapprove 64 – 25 percent of the way Democrats in Congress are handling the issue of impeachment and disapprove 59 – 24 percent of the way Republicans in Congress are handling impeachment.

Overall, voters disapprove 59 – 34 percent of the way Democrats in Congress are doing their job and disapprove 66 – 27 percent of the way Republicans in Congress are doing their job.

From June 6 – 10, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,214 voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	27%	59%	8%	17%	29%	25%	27%	33%
Disapprove	66	32	90	76	65	67	66	60
DK/NA	7	10	2	8	7	7	7	7

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	27%	30%	27%	24%	29%	31%	30%	8%	34%
Disapprove	64	64	66	71	65	62	63	86	56
DK/NA	9	7	7	5	6	8	7	6	10

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job?

	App	Dis	DK/NA
Jun 12, 2019	27	66	7
Mar 05, 2019	27	66	8
Jan 29, 2019	30	65	6
Jan 15, 2019	29	63	8
Dec 19, 2018	28	63	9
Nov 20, 2018	31	62	7
Jul 25, 2018	27	66	8
Jun 20, 2018	28	66	7
Apr 25, 2018	22	69	8
Mar 21, 2018	25	68	7

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11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	34%	5%	69%	30%	27%	40%	34%	24%
Disapprove	59	92	23	63	67	52	61	69
DK/NA	7	3	8	7	6	7	5	7

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	37%	32%	33%	37%	24%	32%	29%	65%	36%
Disapprove	53	63	63	57	71	60	65	32	55
DK/NA	10	5	4	6	4	8	6	3	10

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job?

	App	Dis	DK/NA
Jun 12, 2019	34	59	7
Mar 05, 2019	38	56	6
Jan 29, 2019	38	57	5
Jan 15, 2019	37	56	7
Dec 19, 2018	32	59	9
Nov 20, 2018	32	57	10
Jul 25, 2018	30	63	7
Jun 20, 2018	26	66	8
Apr 25, 2018	26	66	8
Mar 21, 2018	28	63	9

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16. Do you think that Congress should begin the process to impeach President Trump, which could lead to his removal from office, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Begin process	33%	2%	62%	35%	28%	38%	26%	25%
No	61	97	32	57	68	56	67	74
DK/NA	6	1	6	9	4	7	7	2

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Begin process	36%	31%	36%	27%	22%	28%	25%	63%	39%
No	59	62	61	66	75	66	70	31	53
DK/NA	5	7	3	7	3	6	4	6	8

TREND: Do you think that Congress should begin the process to impeach President Trump, which could lead to his removal from office, or don't you think so?

	Yes/ Begin	No	DK/NA
Jun 12, 2019	33	61	6
May 02, 2019	29	66	4
Mar 05, 2019	35	59	7
Dec 19, 2018	35	60	5

17. Do you think that Congress should investigate to determine whether or not to bring impeachment charges against President Trump, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Investigate	48%	8%	84%	52%	44%	52%	44%	37%
No	49	90	14	44	53	46	54	61
DK/NA	3	2	2	4	3	2	2	1

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Investigate	58%	44%	43%	49%	39%	43%	41%	82%	58%
No	38	53	56	48	60	56	58	17	33
DK/NA	4	3	2	3	1	2	2	1	9

TREND: Do you think that Congress should investigate to determine whether or not to bring impeachment charges against President Trump, or don't you think so?

	Yes/ Inv	No	DK/NA
Jun 12, 2019	48	49	3
May 02, 2019	47	51	2

18. Regardless of whether or not you think Congress should begin the process to impeach President Trump, do you think that President Trump deserves to be impeached, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Deserves	44%	3%	85%	45%	36%	52%	41%	34%
No	50	95	10	45	59	42	53	62
DK/NA	6	2	5	10	5	7	6	4

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Deserves	54%	40%	41%	46%	32%	42%	37%	71%	51%
No	41	54	56	46	64	52	58	22	41
DK/NA	5	6	3	8	4	6	5	7	8

19. Do you think that President Trump committed any crimes before he was president, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Committed crimes	57%	16%	90%	64%	54%	60%	53%	49%
No	29	64	5	19	29	29	32	37
DK/NA	14	20	5	16	17	11	15	14

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Committed crimes	73%	57%	50%	53%	50%	52%	51%	78%	66%
No	17	32	36	30	34	35	34	18	20
DK/NA	10	12	14	17	16	12	14	5	14

TREND: Do you think that President Trump committed any crimes before he was president, or don't you think so?

	Yes/Com- mitted	No	DK/NA
Jun 12, 2019	57	29	14
May 02, 2019	57	28	15
Mar 05, 2019	64	24	13

20. Do you think that President Trump has committed any crimes while he has been president, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Committed crimes	45%	5%	83%	46%	38%	51%	38%	37%
No	45	89	9	37	52	38	49	56
DK/NA	10	6	7	17	10	10	13	7

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Committed crimes	53%	41%	44%	45%	33%	42%	38%	77%	50%
No	36	48	49	44	58	47	52	13	40
DK/NA	11	11	7	11	9	10	10	10	9

TREND: Do you think that President Trump has committed any crimes while he has been president, or don't you think so?

	Yes/Com- mitted	No	DK/NA
Jun 12, 2019	45	45	10
May 02, 2019	46	46	8
Mar 05, 2019	45	43	12

21. If a political candidate supported impeaching President Trump, would that make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely to vote for that candidate, or would it have no impact either way?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
More likely	13%	2%	25%	14%	12%	15%	11%	12%
Less likely	32	68	6	23	35	29	36	40
No impact	51	28	65	60	50	52	51	46
DK/NA	3	2	4	3	3	3	2	3

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
More likely	16%	12%	14%	11%	12%	12%	12%	19%	19%
Less likely	21	30	39	36	41	36	38	11	28
No impact	58	57	45	49	46	50	48	69	45
DK/NA	6	1	2	4	2	2	2	2	9

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling the issue of impeachment?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Approve	25%	3%	51%	24%	22%	29%	25%	19%			
Disapprove	64	94	36	65	71	59	64	73			
DK/NA	10	3	12	12	8	12	11	9			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Approve	23%	26%	22%	31%	18%	25%	22%	44%	26%		
Disapprove	63	66	71	58	74	63	68	47	60		
DK/NA	14	8	7	11	8	11	10	9	14		

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling the issue of impeachment?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG				
							Yes	No			
Approve	24%	42%	11%	19%	27%	20%	26%	27%			
Disapprove	59	37	78	63	59	60	59	56			
DK/NA	17	20	11	18	14	20	15	17			
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp		
Approve	23%	25%	26%	18%	29%	25%	27%	14%	21%		
Disapprove	54	62	59	63	59	55	57	77	50		
DK/NA	23	12	15	19	12	20	16	9	28		



24. Do you think that the Mueller report cleared President Trump of any wrongdoing, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Cleared	35%	74%	7%	23%	42%	28%	38%	45%
No	55	16	86	63	49	60	56	43
DK/NA	11	10	6	14	9	12	7	12

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Cleared	25%	35%	42%	32%	46%	36%	41%	11%	32%
No	62	55	51	57	44	54	49	81	47
DK/NA	13	11	7	11	9	10	9	8	21

TREND: Do you think that the Mueller report cleared President Trump of any wrongdoing, or don't you think so?

	Yes/ Cleared	No	DK/NA
Jun 12, 2019	35	55	11
May 02, 2019	38	51	11

25. Do you think that Attorney General Barr accurately represented the conclusions of the Mueller report to the American public, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Represented	33%	71%	4%	27%	41%	26%	36%	44%
No	55	17	87	61	50	60	52	46
HVN'T HRD ENGH (VOL)	4	4	2	5	5	3	4	4
DK/NA	8	8	8	7	5	11	8	6

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Represented	23%	32%	40%	35%	46%	34%	40%	13%	26%
No	61	53	54	56	44	54	49	79	58
HVN'T HRD ENGH (VOL)	7	4	2	1	5	3	4	1	7
DK/NA	10	11	4	8	4	10	7	7	10

26. Do you think that the President of the United States should be able to be charged with a crime while they are in office, or should presidents only be charged with crimes once they have left office?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Able to be charged	69%	52%	83%	68%	62%	74%	66%	65%
Charged/Left office	24	35	12	26	29	19	26	26
DK/NA	8	13	5	6	8	7	7	9

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Able to be charged	82%	71%	65%	58%	62%	69%	66%	76%	78%
Charged/Left office	12	27	25	29	30	23	26	16	12
DK/NA	5	2	10	13	8	8	8	7	10

TREND: Do you think that the President of the United States should be able to be charged with a crime while they are in office, or should presidents only be charged with crimes once they have left office?

	Charged/	Charged/	
	Charged	LeftOff	DK/NA
Jun 12, 2019	69	24	8
Dec 19, 2018	71	21	8