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**DEMS HAVE 14-POINT LEAD IN U.S. HOUSE RACES NATIONWIDE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
VOTERS BACK MEDIA OVER TRUMP BY WIDE MARGIN**

American voters back Democratic candidates over Republicans 52 – 38 percent in races for the U.S. House of Representatives nationwide, according to a Quinnipiac University National Poll released today.

Independent voters back Democrats over Republicans 50 – 35 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University National Poll finds.

Democrats lead by a narrow 48 – 42 percent among men and by a wide 55 – 35 percent among women. White voters are divided as 48 percent go Republican and 45 percent go Democratic. Democrats lead 84 – 7 percent among black voters and 64 – 22 percent among Hispanic voters.

American voters disapprove 72 – 18 percent of the job the U.S. Congress is doing. There is no listed party, gender, education, age or racial group which approves of Congress.

Congress should be more of a check on President Donald Trump, voters say 58 – 27 percent. Republicans say 62 – 11 percent that Congress is doing enough to check the president, the only listed group to feel that way.

But voters say 56 – 36 percent they would not like to see Congress begin impeachment proceedings against President Trump.

“By a 14-point margin, Americans would rather vote for the Democratic candidate in their local race for the U.S. House of Representatives. Could the ‘blue wave’ become a tsunami?” asked Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“There are a lot of factors, and eight weeks of campaigning, that make up the answer to that question.

“Whoever wins, they’re going into a Congress with an abysmal approval rating.”

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“American voters don’t want Congress to tell President Donald Trump, ‘You’re fired!’ by serving him with articles of impeachment,” Malloy added.

Trump and the Media

American voters trust the news media more than President Trump 54 – 30 percent to tell the truth about important issues. Republicans trust Trump more than the media 72 – 12 percent, the only group that trusts Trump more. White voters with no college degree are divided as 45 percent trust Trump more and 43 percent trust the media more.

The news media is an important part of democracy, 69 percent of voters say, as 21 percent say the media is the enemy of the people. Republicans say 47 – 31 percent the media is the enemy of the people rather than an important part of democracy, the only listed group to feel that way.

From September 6 – 9, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,038 voters nationwide, with a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percentage points, including design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts nationwide public opinion surveys, and statewide polls in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and Texas as a public service and for research.

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1. If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your congressional district? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic candidate or more toward the Republican candidate?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							Yes	No	
Democratic candidate	52%	4%	96%	50%	48%	55%	52%	37%	
Republican candidate	38	93	1	35	42	35	43	54	
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
DK/NA	9	3	3	14	9	9	5	9	

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Democratic candidate	61%	45%	55%	52%	41%	49%	45%	84%	64%
Republican candidate	25	46	39	44	53	44	48	7	22
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
DK/NA	13	9	6	4	6	7	7	10	12

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	Dem	Rep	SMONE ELSE	DK/NA
Sep 12, 2018	52	38	-	9
Aug 15, 2018	51	42	1	7
Jul 25, 2018	51	39	-	10
Jul 02, 2018	50	41	1	8

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No	COLLEGE DEG	
Approve	18%	31%	9%	16%	21%	14%	16%	20%		
Disapprove	72	54	86	76	73	72	79	65		
DK/NA	10	16	5	8	6	14	6	15		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	26%	19%	17%	12%	19%	17%	18%	14%	22%	
Disapprove	64	69	78	79	73	71	72	83	65	
DK/NA	11	12	6	9	8	12	10	4	13	

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	App	Dis	DK/NA
Sep 12, 2018	18	72	10
Aug 15, 2018	15	78	7
Jul 02, 2018	15	78	7
Jun 06, 2018	13	78	9
Apr 11, 2018	12	81	7
Mar 07, 2018	13	80	6
Feb 07, 2018	15	77	8
Jan 18, 2018	16	78	6
Dec 19, 2017	13	79	8
Dec 05, 2017	12	80	8

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14. In general, would you like to see Congress be more of a check on President Trump, or do you think Congress is doing enough to be a check on President Trump?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							Yes	No	COLLEGE DEG	
More of a check	58%	11%	91%	60%	53%	62%	57%	44%		
Doing enough	27	62	6	25	32	23	31	35		
LESS OF A CHECK (VOL)	4	9	-	4	5	3	4	7		
DK/NA	11	18	3	10	10	12	9	14		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
More of a check	68%	53%	59%	55%	45%	55%	50%	87%	70%	
Doing enough	26	28	30	28	38	29	33	6	21	
LESS OF A CHECK (VOL)	3	4	4	4	6	4	5	1	2	
DK/NA	3	15	7	14	11	11	11	5	8	

15. Would you like to see Congress begin the process to impeach President Trump, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Impeach	36%	2%	70%	31%	28%	44%	32%	32%
No	56	95	21	61	66	47	60	64
DK/NA	8	3	9	8	7	9	7	4

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Impeach	46%	28%	39%	33%	24%	39%	32%	59%	42%
No	49	59	56	60	70	55	62	29	48
DK/NA	5	13	5	7	6	6	6	12	11

17. Who do you trust more to tell you the truth about important issues: President Trump or the news media?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Trump	30%	72%	1%	27%	32%	29%	32%	45%
News media	54	12	89	54	51	56	54	43
DK/NA	16	16	9	19	18	15	14	12

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Trump	22%	33%	34%	33%	40%	37%	38%	8%	22%
News media	58	50	56	55	46	51	49	75	64
DK/NA	20	17	10	11	15	12	13	17	14

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	Trump	News Media	DK/NA
Sep 12, 2018	30	54	16
Jul 25, 2018	34	54	12
Jun 20, 2018	36	53	11
Apr 26, 2018	37	53	10
Nov 14, 2017	34	54	12
Oct 12, 2017	37	52	11
Aug 23, 2017	36	54	10
Aug 16, 2017	37	55	9
May 25, 2017	34	53	13
May 10, 2017	31	57	12

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18. Which comes closer to your point of view: the news media is the enemy of the people, or the news media is an important part of democracy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... COLLEGE DEG	
							Yes	No
Enemy of the people	21%	47%	3%	18%	23%	19%	19%	30%
Part of democracy	69	31	95	74	69	69	72	60
NEITHER (VOL)	5	10	1	3	4	5	5	3
DK/NA	6	11	2	5	4	7	4	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Enemy of the people	20%	25%	21%	18%	28%	22%	25%	5%	13%
Part of democracy	73	64	73	71	66	66	66	89	80
NEITHER (VOL)	3	6	3	4	3	5	4	2	-
DK/NA	4	5	4	7	3	7	5	4	7

TREND: Which comes closer to your point of view: the news media is the enemy of the people, or the news media is an important part of democracy?

	Enemy	Impt Part	NEITHER	DK/NA
Sep 12, 2018	21	69	5	6
Aug 14, 2018	26	65	4	6
Jul 25, 2018	21	71	3	4
Jun 20, 2018	23	65	6	6
Apr 26, 2018	22	66	4	8