

Battleground 65

FINAL

STUDY #16440

THE TARRANCE GROUP and LAKE RESEARCH PARTNERS

N = 1,000 Registered "likely" voters

Margin of error \pm 3.1%

Field Dates: October 6-10, 2019

Hello, I'm _____ of The Tarrance Group, a national survey research firm. We're talking to people today about public leaders and issues facing us all.

IF CELL CODE = "N", ASK: May I please speak with the youngest (male/female) in the household who is registered to vote?

IF CELL CODE = "Y", ASK:

CP-1. Do you currently live in (state from cell sample sheet)?

Yes (**CONTINUE TO CP-3**)

No (**CONTINUE TO CP-2**)

IF "NO" IN CP-1, ASK:

CP-2. In what state do you currently reside?

(**RECORD STATE NAME**)

IF CELL CODE = "Y", ASK:

CP-3. For your safety, are you driving right now?

Yes (**SCHEDULE CALL BACK**)

No

A. Are you registered to vote in your state?

IF "NO," ASK: Is there someone else at home who is registered to vote?

(IF "YES," THEN ASK: MAY I SPEAK WITH HIM/HER?)

Yes (**CONTINUE**)

No (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)

*=less than .5%

C. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed with an advertising agency, newspaper, television or radio station, or political campaign?

Yes **(THANK AND TERMINATE)**
No **(CONTINUE)**

D1-1. In order to ensure an accurate sample: What is your age, please?

18-24	4%
25-29	6%
30-34	11%
35-39	11%
40-44	17%
45-54	12%
55-64	19%
65-69	6%
70-74	7%
75-79	4%
80-84	3%
85-89	1%
90 or over	*
HARD REFUSE	*

Now thinking ahead to the election for President and Congress that will be held in November 2020 --

E. What is the likelihood of your voting in the 2020 elections for President and Congress – are you extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, or not very likely at all?

(CONTINUE)	Extremely Likely	82%
	Very Likely	15%
	Somewhat Likely	3%
(THANK AND TERMINATE)	Not Very Likely	
	UNSURE (DNR)	

Now, thinking for a moment about things in the country--

- 1. Do you feel things in the country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK: And do you feel strongly or somewhat about that?

Right direction/strongly..... 26%
Right direction/somewhat 8%
UNSURE (DNR)..... 8%
Wrong track/somewhat 8%
Wrong track/strongly..... 50%

(DIRECT)

Now, thinking about the election for President that will be held in November 2020 -

- 2. If the general election were held today and you had to make a choice, for whom would you vote... (RANDOMIZE NAMES)

-- Donald Trump, the Republican,
or
-- The Democratic candidate?

IF "UNDECIDED", ASK: And which candidate do you lean toward slightly?

Trump/definitely33%
Trump/probably7%
Trump/lean.....2%

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK: Would you say that you are definitely going to vote for them, or probably going to vote for them?

UNDECIDED (DNR).....8%
Democratic candidate/lean.....2%
Democratic candidate/probably7%
Democratic candidate/definitely42%

(PGDBAL)

Thinking now about the elections for Congress that will be held in November 2020...

- 3. If the election for Congress were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for - (RANDOMIZE) --
• the Republican candidate or
• the Democrat candidate, in your district?

IF "UNDECIDED", ASK: And which party's candidate do you lean toward at this time?

Republican 38%
Lean Republican 4%
UNDECIDED (DNR) 10%
Lean Democrat 4%
Democrat 44%

(GENERIC)

Now I would like to read you the names of several individuals or organizations that have been mentioned in the news recently. For each one, please tell me whether you have heard of that person and if so, whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of that person. If you do not recognize the name, just say so. Here is the first one ...

WAIT FOR RESPONSE, THEN ASK: *Would that be a strongly (favorable/unfavorable) impression or just a somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) impression?*

(ROTATE NAMES)		FAVORABLE		UNFAVORABLE		NO	NEVER
		<u>Strng</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Strng</u>	<u>OPIN.</u>	<u>HEARD</u>
4.	Donald Trump (DTID)	31%	11%	5%	51%	2%	*
5.	Joe Biden (JBID)	20%	26%	16%	34%	4%	1%
6.	Pete Buttigieg (“ BOOT-a-judge) (PBID)	12%	21%	8%	21%	9%	30%
7.	Julian Castro (JCID)	3%	18%	13%	21%	14%	32%
8.	Kamala Harris (KHID)	10%	25%	11%	31%	7%	16%
9.	Bernie Sanders (BSID)	18%	26%	13%	37%	4%	2%
10.	Elizabeth Warren (EWID)	22%	21%	9%	35%	6%	8%
11.	Cory Booker (CBID)	7%	23%	12%	27%	9%	22%
12.	Nancy Pelosi (“ PUH-LOW-SEE) (NPID)	20%	21%	8%	43%	4%	3%
13.	Mitch McConnell (MMID)	9%	18%	13%	40%	10%	11%
14.	Republicans in Congress (GOPCID)	17%	22%	17%	33%	9%	2%
15.	Democrats in Congress (DEMCID)	17%	26%	14%	34%	8%	1%

(END ROTATION)

Now, thinking about President Donald Trump...

16. How would you rate the job Donald Trump has been doing as President? Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?

<u>IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:</u>	Approve/strongly	36%
And do you feel <i>strongly</i>	Approve	8%
about that?	UNSURE (DNR).....	3%
	Disapprove.....	4%
	Disapprove/strongly	49%

(DJTJA)

And, thinking about how Donald Trump has been doing on some issues,

I am going to read you a list of issues. For each one, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that Donald Trump has been doing on this issue.

(READ AND RANDOMIZE)

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK: Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?

*** RANDOMIZE ISSUES***	APPROVE		UNSURE (DNR)	DISAPPROVE	
	<u>strng</u>	<u>smwht</u>		<u>smwht</u>	<u>strng</u>
17. The economy (PROMPT: DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB THAT DONALD TRUMP HAS BEEN DOING ON THIS ISSUE?)	39%	18%	3%	13%	28%
18. Foreign affairs	26%	16%	2%	7%	49%
19. Taxes	30%	17%	4%	11%	38%
20. Jobs	39%	18%	4%	14%	26%
21. Immigration	31%	12%	2%	5%	50%
22. Health care	19%	20%	4%	12%	44%

(DJTIS1-6)

(END RANDOMIZATION)

Thinking for one more minute about Donald Trump –

23. Which of the following views about Donald Trump comes closest to your own – **(ROTATE, TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)** –

- Donald Trump’s style and comments are frequently insulting, and he has the wrong approach on many issues,
 - Donald Trump’s style and language bother me, but he is raising important issues
- OR
- Donald Trump tells it like it is and he has the right approach on the issues I care most about

Insulting and wrong.....	52%
Bothers me but raising important issues	17%
Tells it like it is and has right approach	29%
COMBINATION/ALL (DNR)	*
OTHER (DNR)	*
NONE (DNR)	1%
UNSURE/DK (DNR)	1%

(DT3W)

Thinking about this Presidential election in a different way...

24. Which of these would you say is more important to you in choosing a candidate for President? Would you say that:

- Supporting a candidate who can beat the other side, OR
- Supporting a candidate whose views closely match your own

is more important to you personally?

Candidate who beats the other side	16%
Candidate whose views match your own	78%
BOTH (DNR)	2%
NEITHER (DNR)	3%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	2%

(ELVIEW)

Still thinking about this Presidential election in a different way...

25. Do you think your vote for President in November 2020 will be a vote:

- For your preferred candidate, OR
- Against the other candidate?

For your preferred candidate 71%
Against the other candidate..... 21%
BOTH (DNR) 3%
NEITHER (DNR)*
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)..... 5%

(FORAGN)

As you may have already heard, the United States House of Representatives has started an investigation to consider the impeachment of President Trump.

26. Before now, have you seen, read or heard anything about this investigation regarding the impeachment of President Trump?

Yes (TO Q27 & Q28) 94%
UNSURE (DNR) (TO Q29) 1%
No (TO Q29) 5%

IF "YES" IN QUESTION 26, ASK:

27. How closely would you say that you are following news about the possible impeachment of President Trump? Would you say that you are following this news extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all closely?

Extremely closely 31%
Very closely 26%
Somewhat closely 33%
Not at all closely 10%
UNSURE (DNR)*

IF "YES" IN QUESTION 26, ASK:

Impeachment is a process where the House of Representatives will investigate allegations against President Trump and then vote. If a majority of the members of the U.S. House vote "yes" on impeachment, the President would have a trial in the U.S. Senate where Senators would listen to evidence and decide whether or not to remove President Trump from office.

28. Now, thinking about what you have seen, read or heard about this possible impeachment of President Trump, do you think President Trump should be impeached and sent to the U.S. Senate for a trial?

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:

And do you feel strongly about that?

Yes/strongly 46%
Yes 5%
UNSURE (DNR) 3%
No 7%
No/strongly 39%

****ASK OF EVERYONE****

Thinking about issues that might be discussed in the 2020 election cycle...

*****SPLIT SAMPLE A*****

Now, I would like to read you a list of issues. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, who you think would do a better job of handling this issue -- **(ROTATE) • President Donald Trump or the Democrats in Congress.** Here is the first one:

RANDOMIZE LIST	<u>DONALD TRUMP</u>	<u>DEMS IN CONGRESS</u>	<u>NONE (DNR)</u>	<u>UNSURE (DNR)</u>
29A. Jobs (PROMPT: WHO DO YOU THINK WOULD DO A BETTER JOB HANDLING THIS ISSUE -- (ROTATE) PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP OR THE DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS?)	52%	41%	5%	3%
30A. The economy	52%	40%	5%	3%
31A. Education	41%	51%	6%	2%
32A. Health care	42%	51%	4%	3%
33A. Immigration	46%	48%	3%	3%
34A. National security	50%	44%	3%	2%
35A. Climate change	31%	54%	7%	8%
36A. Taxes	50%	42%	4%	4%
37A. Student loans	38%	52%	4%	6%
38A. Retirement security	45%	47%	5%	3%
39A. Rising cost of living	44%	44%	6%	5%
40A. Prescription drug prices	41%	48%	6%	5%

(IHPC1-12)

(END RANDOMIZATION)

SPLIT SAMPLE B

Now, I would like to read you a list of issues. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, who you think would do a better job of handling this issue -- (ROTATE) • the Republicans in Congress or the Democrats in Congress. Here is the first one:

RANDOMIZE LIST	<u>REPS IN</u> <u>CONGRESS</u>	<u>DEMS IN</u> <u>CONGRESS</u>	NONE (DNR)	UNSURE (DNR)
29B. Jobs (PROMPT: WHO DO YOU THINK WOULD DO A BETTER JOB HANDLING THIS ISSUE -- (ROTATE) THE REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS OR THE DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS?)	50%	42%	3%	6%
30B. The economy	51%	41%	3%	5%
31B. Education	36%	55%	3%	6%
32B. Health care	36%	57%	3%	4%
33B. Immigration	41%	53%	3%	4%
34B. National security	51%	41%	3%	6%
35B. Climate change	27%	61%	5%	7%
36B. Taxes	47%	46%	3%	4%
37B. Student loans	34%	53%	4%	9%
38B. Retirement security	45%	43%	4%	8%
39B. Rising cost of living	40%	50%	4%	7%
40B. Prescription drug prices	38%	52%	4%	6%

(IHCC1-12)

(END RANDOMIZATION)

Now, just a few final questions for statistical purposes only...

D2. What is the highest level of education you have completed?
(DO NOT READ, JUST RECORD)

Some grade school (1-8)	*
Some high school (9-11)	1%
Graduated high school (12)	12%
Technical/vocational (12)	3%
Some college (13-15)	24%
Graduated college (16)	38%
Graduate/professional school (16 or more)	22%
Unsure/Refused	1%

(EDUC)

D3. When thinking about politics and government, do you consider yourself to be...
(READ LIST, ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

Very conservative..... 18%
 Somewhat conservative..... 30%
 MODERATE (DNR) 4%
 Somewhat liberal 31%
 Very liberal 12%
 UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 5%

(IDEOL)

And,

D4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT,

ASK: Would you call yourself a strong or a not very strong (Republican/Democrat)?

Republican/strong..... 19%
 Republican/not strong 7%
 Lean Republican..... 13%
 Independent 16%

IF INDEPENDENT OR ANYTHING ELSE, ASK:

Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

Lean Democrat 15%
 Democrat/not strong 6%
 Democrat/strong 22%
 NO PREFERENCE (DNR) 1%
 OTHER (DNR) 1%
 UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 2%

(PARTYID)

D5. Which of these statements best describes how you have usually voted in past elections?

(READ LIST, ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

Straight Republican 11%
 Mostly Republican..... 23%
 A few more Republicans than Democrats..... 10%
 INDEPENDENT/THE PERSON (DNR) 2%
 A few more Democrats than Republicans 10%
 Mostly Democratic 28%
 Straight Democratic 13%
 UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)..... 4%

(PARTY)

Now, thinking about the election for President that was held in 2016 --

D6. Which candidate for President of the United States did you vote for? Was it -- **(ROTATE)** -- •Donald Trump, or •Hillary Clinton?

Donald Trump 42%
 Hillary Clinton..... 42%
 OTHER (DNR) 10%
 TOO YOUNG TO VOTE (DNR) *
 DID NOT VOTE (DNR) 3%
 UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 3%

(PVOTE16)

D7. Are you a member of a labor union, including trade unions, service employee unions, public employee unions, and teachers unions?

IF NO, THEN ASK: Is anyone in your household a member of one of these types of labor unions?

Labor Union Member..... 14%
Labor Union Household..... 6%
Non-Union Household 79%
UNSURE/REFUSED (**DNR**) 1%

(UNION)

D8. What is your current marital status -- are you -- • single and never married, • married, • separated, • divorced, or •widowed?

Single 22%
Married 61%
Separated 1%
Divorced 9%
Widowed 5%
UNSURE/REFUSED (**DNR**) 2%

(MARITAL)

D9. Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home?

Yes 35%
No..... 64%
UNSURE/REFUSED (**DNR**) 1%

(CHILD)

D10. How often do you attend church, synagogue, or other worship services?

More than once a week..... 11%
Once a week 22%
Several times a month..... 9%
Once a month..... 6%
Several times a year..... 12%
Only on holidays..... 12%
NEVER/DON'T ATTEND 25%
UNSURE/REFUSED 3%

(DENOMFRQ)

D11. Do you consider yourself to be a born-again or evangelical Christian?

Born-again/evangelical..... 36%
Not born-again..... 59%
REFUSED (**DNR**) 5%

(BORN)

D12. What do you consider to be your race? Are you white, African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American or some other race?

White..... 76%
Black/African-American 13%
Hispanic/Latino (**TO D13**)..... 6%
Asian/Pacific American..... 1%
Native American..... 1%
Other 2%
UNSURE/REFUSED (**DNR**) 2%

(RACE)

FOR ALL RESPONSES EXCEPT “HISPANIC/LATINO,” ASK:

D13. And, do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?

Yes 3%
No..... 95%
UNSURE/REFUSED (**DNR**) 2%

(HISP)

****ASK OF EVERYONE****

And, thinking about your economic class...

D14. Do you consider yourself to be:
(ROTATE CHOICES, TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

- Upper class,
- Middle class,
- Working class, or
- Low income?

Upper class7%
Middle class58%
Working class.....22%
Low income.....11%
Unemployed (**DNR**).....*
Refused (**DNR**)2%

(ECONCLA2)

Now, thinking about your sources of information --

D15. Which of the following sources would you say you rely on most often, on a regular basis, for your information about government, politics, and important issues – **(RANDOMIZE)** –

Cable TV News channels	19%
TV news	17%
Local newspapers.....	8%
Radio news	7%
Talk Radio.....	5%
Internet web sites	23%
Magazines or periodicals	1%
Social Media Websites like Facebook or Twitter	6%
OTHER (DNR)	2%
COMBINATION/ALL (DNR)	10%
NONE (DNR)	2%
UNSURE/DK (DNR)	1%

(SOURCE)

D16. Sex/Emp **(BY OBSERVATION)**

ASK OF EVERYONE: Are you employed outside the house, self-employed, not in the labor force, retired, or unemployed?

Male/employed	28%
Male/self-employed.....	5%
Male/not in labor force	1%
Male/retired	10%
Male/unemployed.....	2%
Female/employed	24%
Female/self-employed	5%
Female/not in labor force	3%
Female/retired.....	16%
Female/unemployed	4%
MALE/REFUSED (DNR)	1%
FEMALE/REFUSED (DNR)	2%

(SEXEMP)

D17. How would you describe the community in which you live? Is it rural or small town, urban, large urban or a suburb?

Rural/small town	43%
Urban	16%
Large Urban.....	7%
Suburb.....	31%
UNSURE (DNR)	1%
REFUSED (DNR)	2%

(USR)
