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These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted July 16-17, 2018 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For the survey, a sample of roughly 1,520 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 576 Democrats, 611 Republicans, and 192 Independents.

The sample for this study was randomly drawn from Ipsos's online panel (see link below for more info on "Access Panels and Recruitment"), partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling (see link below for more info on the Ipsos "Ampario Overview" sample method) and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2015 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Post-hoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, region, race/ethnicity and income.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online non-probability polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 2.9 percentage points for all respondents (see link below for more info on Ipsos online polling "Credibility Intervals"). Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following (n=1,520 DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval= 4.4).

The poll also has a credibility interval plus or minus 4.7 percentage points for Democrats, plus or minus 4.5 percentage points for Republicans, and plus or minus 8.1 percentage points for Independents (see link below for more info on Ipsos online polling "Credibility Intervals").

For more information about Ipsos online polling methodology, please go here http://goo.gl/yJBkuf

		All Americans	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Overall, do you approve or disapprove about the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?	Strongly approve	20%	4%	48%	8%
	Somewhat approve	17%	7%	32%	10%
	Lean towards approve	3%	1%	3%	4%
	Lean towards disapprove	3%	2%	2%	7%
	Somewhat disapprove	13%	14%	6%	26%
	Strongly disapprove	39%	69%	7%	31%
	Not sure	6%	3%	1%	13%
	Total	1520	576	611	192

Overall, do you approve or disapprove about the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? - Summary	TOTAL APPROVE	39%	12%	84%	23%
	TOTAL DISAPPROVE	54%	85%	15%	64%
	Not sure	6%	3%	1%	13%
	Total	1520	576	611	192
TM1128Y17_14 - Do you approve or disapprove about the way Donald Trump is handling the following issue... Russia?	Strongly approve	14%	5%	32%	6%
	Somewhat approve	13%	5%	22%	9%
	Lean towards approve	9%	4%	16%	11%
	Lean towards disapprove	9%	8%	7%	13%
	Somewhat disapprove	8%	10%	5%	16%
	Strongly disapprove	36%	62%	9%	36%
	Don't know	11%	6%	9%	11%
	Total	1520	576	611	192
TM1506Y18 - Which of the following comes closest to your opinion?	Russia is an enemy of the United States	36%	50%	27%	30%
	Russia is a competitor of the United States	37%	31%	44%	48%
	Russia is a friend of the United States	8%	5%	13%	4%
	Don't know	20%	14%	16%	18%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM1206Y17_1 - In your opinion, how likely is the following situation during President Trump's term... President Trump will be impeached?	Very likely	17%	26%	6%	15%
	Somewhat likely	21%	30%	8%	24%
	Not very likely	23%	21%	26%	27%
	Not at all likely	30%	15%	56%	23%
	Don't know	9%	8%	5%	12%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM1206Y17_2 - In your opinion, how likely is the following situation during President Trump's term... President Trump will resign?	Very likely	5%	7%	2%	7%
	Somewhat likely	7%	7%	5%	11%
	Not very likely	18%	22%	15%	21%
	Not at all likely	61%	55%	74%	54%
	Don't know	9%	9%	3%	7%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM512Y15_1 - On a scale of 1 to 5, with one being no threat and 5 being an imminent threat, how	No threat 1	7%	6%	8%	8%
	2	9%	13%	7%	7%
	3	22%	25%	20%	25%

much of a threat does...Iran...pose to the United States?	4	25%	25%	29%	22%
	Imminent threat 5	22%	19%	27%	21%
	Not sure	15%	12%	9%	18%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM512Y15_2 - On a scale of 1 to 5, with one being no threat and 5 being an imminent threat, how much of a threat does...Syria...pose to the United States?	No threat 1	10%	11%	9%	11%
	2	11%	13%	12%	10%
	3	24%	25%	27%	24%
	4	20%	22%	19%	21%
	Imminent threat 5	18%	15%	21%	15%
	Not sure	17%	14%	12%	19%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM512Y15_4 - On a scale of 1 to 5, with one being no threat and 5 being an imminent threat, how much of a threat does...China...pose to the United States?	No threat 1	12%	13%	11%	11%
	2	12%	14%	12%	7%
	3	26%	27%	26%	27%
	4	21%	19%	25%	22%
	Imminent threat 5	15%	14%	15%	14%
	Not sure	15%	12%	11%	19%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM512Y15_5 - On a scale of 1 to 5, with one being no threat and 5 being an imminent threat, how much of a threat does...Saudi Arabia...pose to the United States?	No threat 1	17%	16%	20%	20%
	2	17%	19%	18%	15%
	3	23%	24%	24%	28%
	4	15%	17%	16%	14%
	Imminent threat 5	10%	10%	9%	5%
	Not sure	17%	14%	13%	19%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM512Y15_6 - On a scale of 1 to 5, with one being no threat and 5 being an imminent threat, how much of a threat does...Russia...pose to the United States?	No threat 1	7%	3%	10%	9%
	2	8%	7%	12%	8%
	3	21%	18%	29%	21%
	4	25%	26%	26%	22%
	Imminent threat 5	25%	36%	15%	22%
	Not sure	14%	11%	9%	18%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM512Y15_7 - On a scale of 1 to 5, with one being no threat and 5 being an imminent threat, how much of a threat	No threat 1	39%	33%	54%	38%
	2	13%	15%	12%	14%
	3	17%	19%	13%	17%
	4	8%	12%	6%	4%

does...Israel...pose to the United States?	Imminent threat 5	7%	9%	4%	5%
	Not sure	16%	12%	11%	22%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM512Y15_11 - On a scale of 1 to 5, with one being no threat and 5 being an imminent threat, how much of a threat does...North Korea...pose to the United States?	No threat 1	5%	3%	6%	8%
	2	7%	7%	7%	6%
	3	18%	18%	21%	20%
	4	27%	28%	28%	26%
	Imminent threat 5	31%	34%	29%	27%
	Not sure	12%	9%	8%	13%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM512Y15_16 - On a scale of 1 to 5, with one being no threat and 5 being an imminent threat, how much of a threat does...Cuba...pose to the United States?	No threat 1	30%	31%	30%	33%
	2	19%	17%	22%	23%
	3	21%	25%	19%	14%
	4	9%	10%	11%	5%
	Imminent threat 5	4%	4%	5%	3%
	Not sure	17%	13%	13%	21%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM512Y15_17 - On a scale of 1 to 5, with one being no threat and 5 being an imminent threat, how much of a threat does...Yemen...pose to the United States?	No threat 1	16%	17%	16%	19%
	2	15%	16%	16%	11%
	3	22%	23%	24%	24%
	4	12%	13%	12%	11%
	Imminent threat 5	9%	9%	11%	6%
	Not sure	25%	22%	20%	29%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM512Y15_19 - On a scale of 1 to 5, with one being no threat and 5 being an imminent threat, how much of a threat does...The European Union (E.U.)...pose to the United States?	No threat 1	37%	44%	34%	38%
	2	20%	20%	24%	17%
	3	15%	13%	17%	17%
	4	6%	6%	7%	3%
	Imminent threat 5	4%	3%	5%	1%
	Not sure	17%	13%	13%	23%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM1201Y17_7 - How likely, if at all, is it that the following will happen during the next few years... Authorities will find evidence of an illegal relationship between the Trump administration and Russia?	Very likely	25%	42%	8%	21%
	Somewhat likely	26%	35%	12%	31%
	Not very likely	26%	17%	34%	29%
	Not at all likely	22%	6%	46%	18%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
	Strongly agree	30%	49%	13%	30%

Question	Response				
TM1210Y17 - To what extent do you agree or disagree that President Trump tried to stop investigations into Russian influence on his administration?	Somewhat agree	19%	20%	18%	21%
	Somewhat disagree	15%	11%	22%	10%
	Strongly disagree	19%	13%	29%	14%
	Don't know	17%	7%	18%	25%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM1211Y17 - To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement... I think that President Trump or someone from his campaign worked with Russia to influence the 2016 election?	Strongly agree	34%	58%	11%	30%
	Somewhat agree	18%	23%	11%	23%
	Somewhat disagree	11%	6%	19%	9%
	Strongly disagree	22%	6%	49%	11%
	Don't know	14%	8%	10%	26%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM1504Y18 - Please indicate how much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The Justice Department should immediately end the Special Counsel investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election	Strongly agree	21%	11%	40%	14%
	Somewhat agree	14%	7%	24%	13%
	Somewhat disagree	15%	14%	12%	22%
	Strongly disagree	34%	57%	11%	33%
	Don't know	16%	10%	13%	18%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM1505Y18_1 - Extent agree/disagree with statement: Russia attempted to influence the 2016 U.S. Presidential election to help Donald Trump win the election	Strongly agree	34%	58%	10%	29%
	Somewhat agree	22%	23%	22%	24%
	Somewhat disagree	11%	6%	19%	9%
	Strongly disagree	15%	2%	31%	12%
	Don't know	19%	11%	17%	26%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM1505Y18_2 - Extent agree/disagree with statement: The European Union is a 'foe' of the United States because of its international trade policies	Strongly agree	7%	7%	9%	5%
	Somewhat agree	20%	15%	30%	17%
	Somewhat disagree	23%	22%	26%	25%
	Strongly disagree	23%	34%	14%	21%
	Don't know	26%	22%	21%	31%
	Total	1213	458	502	143
TM1505Y18_3 - Extent agree/disagree with statement: If America's NATO allies don't spend more on defense, the United States shouldn't be required to uphold commitments in the organization's treaty and defend those countries from attack	Strongly agree	19%	14%	29%	10%
	Somewhat agree	28%	24%	36%	31%
	Somewhat disagree	16%	20%	12%	14%
	Strongly disagree	15%	24%	6%	14%
	Don't know	23%	18%	16%	30%
	Total	1213	458	502	143

How to Calculate Bayesian Credibility Intervals

The calculation of credibility intervals assumes that Y has a binomial distribution conditioned on the parameter θ\, i.e., Y|θ~Bin(n,θ), where n is the size of our sample. In this setting, Y counts the number of "yes", or "1", observed in the sample, so that the sample mean ($\bar{y}$) is a natural estimate of the true population proportion θ. This model is often called the likelihood function, and it is a standard concept in both the Bayesian and the Classical framework. The Bayesian [1] statistics combines both the prior distribution and the likelihood function to create a posterior distribution. The posterior distribution represents our opinion about which are the plausible values for θ adjusted after observing the sample data. In reality, the posterior distribution is one's knowledge base updated using the latest survey information. For the prior and likelihood functions specified here, the posterior distribution is also a beta distribution (π(θ/y)~β(y+a,n-y+b)), but with updated hyper-parameters.

Our credibility interval for ϑ is based on this posterior distribution. As mentioned above, these intervals represent our belief about which are the most plausible values for ϑ given our updated knowledge base. There are different ways to calculate these intervals based on π(θ/y). Since we want only one measure of precision for all variables in the survey, analogous to what is done within the Classical framework, we will compute the largest possible credibility interval for any observed sample. The worst case occurs when we assume that *a*=1 and *b*=1 and y=*n/2*. Using a simple approximation of the posterior by the normal distribution, the 95% credibility interval is given by, approximately:

$$\bar{y} \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

For this poll, the Bayesian Credibility Interval was adjusted using standard weighting design effect 1+L=1.3 to account for complex weighting[2]

Examples of credibility intervals for different base sizes are below. Ipsos does not publish data for base sizes (sample sizes) below 100.

Sample size	Credibility intervals
2,000	2.5
1,500	2.9
1,000	3.5
750	4.1
500	5.0
350	6.0
200	7.9
100	11.2