

CBS News Poll – February 20-22, 2020

Registered Voters



Sample 10,000 Registered Voters

Margin of Error $\pm 1.2\%$

1. Generally speaking, do you feel things in America today are going...

Very well	23%
Somewhat well	24%
Somewhat badly	25%
Very badly	28%

2. How would you rate the condition of the national economy today?

Very good	33%
Fairly good	34%
Fairly bad	19%
Very bad	8%
Not sure	6%

3. How much attention are you paying to the Democrats running for the 2020 Presidential nomination?

A lot	44%
Some	31%
A little	17%
None	8%

4. How likely is it you will vote in the Democratic presidential primary in [state] this year?

Very likely	44%
Somewhat likely	10%
Not very likely	6%
Not at all likely	32%
Too soon to say	5%
Already voted by absentee or in-person	3%

5. As of now, which of these current Democratic candidates are you considering supporting for the 2020 Democratic Presidential nomination. You can select more than one, if you wish, or none if appropriate. CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Asked of likely Democratic Primary voters who have not already voted

Bernie Sanders	48%
Elizabeth Warren	44%
Joe Biden	38%
Pete Buttigieg	29%
Mike Bloomberg	27%
Amy Klobuchar	22%
Tom Steyer	9%
Tulsi Gabbard	3%

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6. Among the candidates you are considering, if the 2020 Democratic primary in [state] were held today, which ONE of those candidates would you vote for?

Asked of likely Democratic Primary voters. Those who already voted were asked which candidate they voted for.

Bernie Sanders	28%
Elizabeth Warren	19%
Joe Biden	17%
Mike Bloomberg	13%
Pete Buttigieg	10%
Amy Klobuchar	5%
Tom Steyer	2%
Tulsi Gabbard	1%
Someone else	5%

7. Which best describes your choice of [first choice candidate] right now?

Asked of likely Democratic Primary voters with a first choice candidate who have not already voted

I've definitely made up my mind	42%
I've probably made up my mind	46%
I'll probably end up changing my mind	11%
I'll almost certainly end up changing my mind	1%

8. Which best describes your feelings about supporting [first choice candidate] right now?

Asked of likely Democratic Primary voters with a first choice candidate who have not already voted

Enthusiastic about [first choice candidate]	56%
Supporting [first choice candidate] but with some reservations	37%
Supporting [first choice candidate] mainly because I don't really like the other choices	7%

9. Looking ahead to when [state] holds its primary, do you expect the Democratic nomination race will be already settled by the time you vote, or do you expect your vote to have an influence in deciding things?

Asked of likely Democratic Primary voters

Race will already be settled	38%
Have an influence in deciding things	62%

10. Would this be the first time you have voted in a Democratic presidential primary, or have you voted in one before?

Asked of likely Democratic Primary voters

First time in a Democratic presidential primary or caucus	20%
Voted in one before	80%

11. Thinking ahead to November 2020...how likely is it that you will vote in the 2020 General Presidential Election in November?

Very likely	88%
Somewhat likely	7%
Not very likely	2%
Not at all likely	1%
Too soon to say	2%

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12. If the Presidential Election in November 2020 were between Joe Biden as the Democratic nominee and Donald Trump as the Republican nominee, would you vote for...

Asked of likely general election voters. Respondents were shown 4 of the 6 matchups at random.

Joe Biden	47%
Donald Trump	45%
Not sure	4%
Someone else/third party	4%
I would not vote	1%

13. If the Presidential Election in November 2020 were between Mike Bloomberg as the Democratic nominee and Donald Trump as the Republican nominee, would you vote for...

Asked of likely general election voters. Respondents were shown 4 of the 6 matchups at random.

Mike Bloomberg	42%
Donald Trump	45%
Not sure	6%
Someone else/third party	6%
I would not vote	1%

14. If the Presidential Election in November 2020 were between Pete Buttigieg as the Democratic nominee and Donald Trump as the Republican nominee, would you vote for...

Asked of likely general election voters. Respondents were shown 4 of the 6 matchups at random.

Pete Buttigieg	44%
Donald Trump	44%
Not sure	5%
Someone else/third party	5%
I would not vote	1%

15. If the Presidential Election in November 2020 were between Amy Klobuchar as the Democratic nominee and Donald Trump as the Republican nominee, would you vote for...

Asked of likely general election voters. Respondents were shown 4 of the 6 matchups at random.

Amy Klobuchar	44%
Donald Trump	45%
Not sure	5%
Someone else/third party	5%
I would not vote	1%

16. If the Presidential Election in November 2020 were between Bernie Sanders as the Democratic nominee and Donald Trump as the Republican nominee, would you vote for...

Asked of likely general election voters. Respondents were shown 4 of the 6 matchups at random.

Bernie Sanders	47%
Donald Trump	44%
Not sure	4%
Someone else/third party	3%
I would not vote	1%

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17. If the Presidential Election in November 2020 were between Elizabeth Warren as the Democratic nominee and Donald Trump as the Republican nominee, would you vote for...

Asked of likely general election voters. Respondents were shown 4 of the 6 matchups at random.

Elizabeth Warren	46%
Donald Trump	45%
Not sure	4%
Someone else/third party	3%
I would not vote	1%

18. How much does your vote in November 2020 depend on who the Democrats nominate as their candidate?

Asked of likely general election voters. Respondents were shown 4 of the 6 matchups at random.

It depends a lot	20%
It depends a little	17%
It doesn't matter who the Democrats nominate	63%

19. How much does your vote in November 2020 depend on what Donald Trump does over the next year?

Asked of likely general election voters. Respondents were shown 4 of the 6 matchups at random.

It depends a lot	19%
It depends a little	20%
It doesn't matter what Donald Trump does	61%

20. For you, which of these will the 2020 election be most about?

Asked of likely general election voters. Respondents were shown 4 of the 6 matchups at random.

The personal qualities of the candidates running	11%
The direction of the country	50%
The state of the national economy	14%
Which kinds of people should have power in America	25%

21. So far, do you think the 2020 Democratic Presidential campaign is taking the Democratic party in a direction that is...

Asked of likely Democratic Primary voters

Too liberal	24%
Too moderate	21%
About right	55%

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22. How would you describe each candidate's chances of beating Donald Trump, if they are the Democratic nominee?

	Probably would win	Maybe can win	Be a long shot to win
Joe Biden	26%	29%	45%
Mike Bloomberg	20%	32%	48%
Pete Buttigieg	14%	30%	56%
Amy Klobuchar	11%	26%	63%
Bernie Sanders	27%	30%	42%
Elizabeth Warren	19%	27%	54%

23. Regardless of who you are supporting, do you expect Donald Trump will get re-elected?

He definitely will	31%
He probably will	34%
He probably will not	23%
He definitely will not	12%

24. If you could choose, which should be Democrats' approach to the 2020 election? Should their message be to try to...

Asked of likely Democratic Primary voters

Return the country to the way it was before Donald Trump took office	46%
Advance a more progressive agenda than the country had under Barack Obama	54%

25. What do you think Democrats nationally can learn from the results of early state contests in Iowa, New Hampshire, and Nevada?

Asked of likely Democratic Primary voters

Which candidates might be able to win the General Election	21%
Which candidates are the real contenders for the Democratic nomination	32%
Which candidates voters in later states should consider for themselves	10%
Not much at all	37%

26. From what you have seen, which candidates impressed you in the most recent debates? If multiple candidates impressed you, please check all that apply.

Asked of likely Democratic Primary voters

Elizabeth Warren	50%
Bernie Sanders	42%
Pete Buttigieg	30%
Amy Klobuchar	24%
Joe Biden	23%
Mike Bloomberg	15%

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27. Right now, what do you think the Democratic candidates are doing more of...

Asked of likely Democratic Primary voters

Arguing with each other68%
Describing how they would campaign against Donald Trump32%

28. Do you plan to watch the next Democratic debate on television Tuesday night, February 25th?

Asked of likely Democratic Primary voters

Definitely will28%
Probably will35%
Probably will not24%
Definitely will not12%

29. Regardless of who you might support, how much do you think each of these candidates will fight for people like you?

Asked of likely Democratic Primary voters

	A great deal	Some	Not much	Not at all
Joe Biden	34%	39%	16%	11%
Mike Bloomberg	20%	33%	23%	24%
Pete Buttigieg	31%	40%	17%	12%
Amy Klobuchar	29%	43%	17%	11%
Bernie Sanders	57%	27%	8%	8%
Elizabeth Warren	53%	30%	9%	8%

30. Regardless of whether you would consider him, when Michael Bloomberg spends his own money on a Presidential campaign, do you think of that mainly as showing:

Asked of likely Democratic Primary voters

His dedication to the effort20%
His independence from big donors19%
He's trying to take a shortcut instead of campaigning18%
That rich people can have too much influence in politics43%

31. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal15%
Somewhat liberal17%
Moderate26%
Somewhat conservative17%
Very conservative20%
Not sure4%

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

February 23, 2020

This CBS News survey is conducted by YouGov online between February 20-22, 2020. A nationally representative sample of 10,000 U.S. registered voters was selected, including 6,498 self-identified Democrats, as well as Independents who plan to vote in the Democratic primary this year.

This sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, and education based upon voter registration lists and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, as well as 2016 Presidential vote. “General election likely voters” were determined using self-reported likelihood of voting in November. “Democratic primary likely voters” were determined using a model that takes into account self-reported likelihood of voting, along with other individual and aggregate-level factors. Respondents were selected from YouGov’s opt-in panel to be representative of all U.S. registered voters. The weights range from 0.2 to 5.0 with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.6.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately 1.2%. The *margin of error* for a sample percentage p based on the sample of Democratic primary likely voters is approximately 1.7%. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.