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**Poll shows Wisconsin voters are narrowly split over impeachment**

The November 2020 election is about a year away, but the impeachment drama seems likely to play out much sooner.

How will all of that play in the swing state of Wisconsin, called “ground zero” of the 2020 campaign?

Early polling indicates fewer Wisconsin voters than voters nationwide jumping on the impeachment bandwagon.

Wisconsin voters are split over whether there is enough evidence to hold impeachment hearings against President Trump, according to the latest Marquette University Law School Poll released Oct. 23.

Forty-six percent believe there is enough evidence now to hold hearings, while 49 percent disagreed.

Survey Director Charles Franklin said there was slightly less support among Wisconsin voters than the average of national surveys. Still, support for hearings is up significantly from the spring, when Marquette found a split of 29-65.

Franklin called that a “notable upturn.”

There was a split among partisans with Democrats much more likely to support impeachment hearings than Republicans. Among independents, 35% backed hearings, while 53% didn’t. Franklin said independents also were less likely to have followed coverage of the allegations against the president.

The poll also found 44% support impeaching the president and removing him from office, while 51% don’t.

Overall, 46% of voters approve of the job Trump is doing, while 51% disapprove compared to a 45-53 split in the August survey.

The poll didn’t find much change in the head-to-head matchups pitting Trump against Democratic presidential contenders.

Former Vice President Joe Biden was favored by 50% of respondents, while 44% backed Trump. The change from the 51-42 split in Biden’s favor in the August poll was within the margin of error.

Forty-eight percent backed U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, while 46 favored Trump; it was 47% to 46% for U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren versus Trump; and it was 45% to 43% for Trump versus Pete Buttigieg, mayor of South Bend, Ind.

Biden continued to be the first choice among Democrats in the presidential primary, while Warren leapfrogged Sanders into second place.

And more than half of Wisconsin voters continued to approve of the job Gov. Tony Evers is doing.

The latest poll found 52% approve of the governor’s job performance, compared to 34% who disapproved. In August, the spread was 54-34.

Meanwhile, 55% say the state is headed in the right direction, while 39% believe it’s off on the wrong track. Last month, that was 55-37.

The poll also found 46% of respondents have a favorable impression of U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison, while 39% had a negative one. For U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Oshkosh, the split was 40-29.

The poll of 799 voters was conducted Oct. 13-17 with 60% of the interviews conducted over cell phones. The margin of error was plus or minus 4.2 percentage points.

The poll sample was 45% Republican and 44% Democratic with leaners included. That compares to a long-term average of 45-45.

The sample of those planning to vote in the Democratic presidential primary included 379 respondents, and it has a margin of error of plus or minus 6.3 percentage points.

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