

A CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL
HOUSE VOTE ON IMPEACHMENT REACTION

-- FINAL TOPLINE RESULTS --

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R: _____ PRINCETON JOB # 98-12-056

N=800 National Adults

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RESULTS ARE BASED ON TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS WITH -- 852 -- NATIONAL
ADULTS, AGED 18+, CONDUCTED DECEMBER 19-20, 1998.

FOR RESULTS BASED ON THE TOTAL SAMPLE OF NATIONAL ADULTS, ONE CAN SAY
WITH 95% CONFIDENCE THAT THE MARGIN OF SAMPLING ERROR IS ± 4 PERCENTAGE
POINTS.

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president? **FULL TREND BASED ON NATIONAL ADULTS**

	Ap- <u>prove</u> %	Disap- <u>prove</u> %	No <u>opinion</u> %				
				98 Jan 6-7	59	32	9
				1997:			
				97 Dec 18-21	56	36	8
				97 Nov 21-23	61	30	9
				97 Nov 6-9	59	31	10
				97 Oct 27-29	59	32	9
				97 Oct 3-5	55	36	9
				97 Sep 25-28	58	33	9
				97 Sep 6-7	61	28	11
				97 Aug 22-25	60	34	6
				97 Aug 12-13	61	32	7
				97 Jul 25-27	58	34	8
				97 Jun 26-29	55	36	9
				97 May 30-Jun 157	35	8	
					Ap	Disap-	No
					<u>prove</u>	<u>prove</u>	<u>opinion</u>
					%	%	%
1998							
Dec 19-20	73	25	2				
98 Dec 15-16	63	33	4				
98 Dec 12-13	64	34	2				
98 Dec 4-6	66	30	4				
98 Nov 20-22	66	30	4				
98 Nov 13-15	66	31	3				
98 Oct 29-Nov 166	30	4					
98 Oct 23-25	65	32	3				
98 Oct 9-12	65	32	3				
98 Oct 6-7	63	34	3				
98 Sep 23-24	66	31	3				
98 Sep 21	66	31	3				
98 Sep 20	60	34	6				
98 Sep 14-15	63	35	2	97 May 6-7	57	35	8
98 Sep 11-12	63	34	3	97 Apr 18-20	54	37	9
98 Sep 10	60	37	3	97 Mar 24-26	59	35	6
98 Sep 1	62	33	5	97 Feb 24-26	57	33	10
98 Aug 21-23	62	35	3	97 Jan 30-Feb 260	31	9	
98 Aug 20	61	34	5	97 Jan 10-13	62	31	7
98 Aug 18	66	29	5	97 Jan 3-5	58	35	7
98 Aug 17	62	32	6	1996:			
98 Aug 10-12	65	30	5	96 Dec 9-11	58	34	8
98 Aug 7-8	64	32	4	96 Nov 21-24	58	35	7
98 Jul 29	65	31	4	96 Oct 26-29	54	36	10
98 Jul 7-8	61	34	5	96 Oct 2-3	57	36	7
98 Jul 13-14	63	31	6	96 Oct 1-2	58	34	8
98 Jun 22-23	60	34	6	96 Sep 7-9	60	31	9
98 Jun 5-7	60	34	6	96 Aug 30-Sep 160	33	7	
98 May 8-10	64	31	5	96 Aug 23-25	53	39	8
98 Apr 17-19	63	31	6	96 Aug 16-18	52	39	9
98 Apr 1	67	28	5	96 Aug 5-7	57	36	7
98 Mar 20-22	66	28	6	96 Jul 25-28	58	35	7
98 Mar 16(*)	67	29	4	96 Jul 18-21	57	35	8
98 Mar 6-9	63	31	6	96 Jun 27-30	52	42	6
98 Feb 20-22	66	29	5	96 Jun 18-19	58	37	5
98 Feb 13-15	66	30	4	96 May 28-29	53	38	9
98 Jan 30-Feb 169	28	3		96 May 9-12	55	39	6
98 Jan 28 (*)	67	28	5	96 Apr 25-28	56	37	7
98 Jan 25-26	59	37	4	96 Apr 9-10	54	40	6
98 Jan 24-25	60	35	5	96 Mar 15-17	52	39	9
98 Jan 23-24	58	36	6	96 Mar 8-10	54	37	9
98 Jan 16-18	60	30	10	96 Feb 23-25	53	40	7

96 Jan 26-29	52	42	6
96 Jan 12-15	46	47	7
96 Jan 5-7	42	49	9
1995:			
95 Dec 15-18	51	44	5
95 Nov 17-18	53	38	9
95 Nov 6-8	52	41	7
95 Oct 19-22	49	40	11
95 Oct 5-7	46	42	12
95 Sep 22-24	48	44	8
95 Sep 14-17	44	44	12
95 Aug 28-30	46	43	11
95 Aug 4-7	46	42	12
95 Jul 20-23	46	44	10
95 Jul 7-9	48	42	10
95 Jun 5-6	47	42	11
95 May 11-14	51	42	7
95 Apr 21-24	51	39	10
95 Apr 17-19	46	45	9
95 Apr 5-6	47	45	8
95 Mar 27-29	44	47	9
95 Mar 17-19	46	45	9
95 Feb 24-26	42	48	10
95 Feb 3-5	49	44	7
95 Jan 16-18	47	45	8

CLINTON APPROVAL, CONT.

	Ap- <u>prove</u> %	Disap- <u>prove</u> %	No <u>opinion</u> %
1994:			
94 Dec 28-30	40	52	8
94 Dec 16-18	42	53	5
94 Dec 2-5	42	50	8
94 Nov 28-29	43	49	8
94 Nov 2-6	46	46	8
94 Oct 22-25	48	46	6
94 Oct 18-19	41	52	7
94 Oct 7-9	42	52	6
94 Sep 23-25	44	51	5
94 Sep 16-18	42	50	8
94 Sep 6-7	39	54	7
94 Aug 15-16	39	52	9
94 Aug 8-9	43	48	9
94 Jul 15-17	42	49	9
94 Jul 1-3	43	48	9
94 Jun 25-28	44	47	8
94 Jun 11-12	49	44	7
94 Jun 3-6	46	47	7
94 May 20-22	51	42	7
94 Apr 22-24	48	44	8
94 Apr 16-18	51	41	8
94 Mar 25-27	52	41	7
94 Mar 11-13	50	41	9
94 Mar 7-8	50	42	8
94 Feb 26-28	53	41	6
94 Jan 28-30	58	35	7
94 Jan 15-17	54	38	8
94 Jan 6-8	54	38	8
1993:			
93 Dec 17-19	54	40	6
93 Dec 4-6	52	38	10
93 Nov 19-21	48	43	9
93 Nov 15-16	50	43	7
93 Nov 2-4	48	45	7
93 Oct 28-30	48	45	7
93 Oct 13-18	47	44	9
93 Oct 8-10	50	42	8
93 Sep 24-26	56	36	8
93 Sep 13-15	46	43	11
93 Sep 10-12	47	42	11
93 Aug 23-25	44	47	9
93 Aug 8-10	44	48	8
93 Jul 19-21	41	49	10
93 Jul 9-11	45	48	7

93 Jun 29-30	46	47	7
93 Jun 18-21	39	50	11
93 Jun 5-6	37	49	14
93 May 21-23	44	46	10
93 May 10-12	45	44	11
93 Apr 22-24	55	37	8
93 Mar 29-31	52	37	11
93 Mar 12-14	53	34	13
93 Feb 26-28	59	29	12
93 Feb 12-14	51	34	15
93 Jan 29-31	54	30	16
93 Jan 24-26	58	20	22

(*) Based on one-night poll; margin of error = ± 4 pct pts, with additional possible error due to limitations of polls conducted in only one night

2.As you may know, removing a president from office involves two major steps in Congress. First, the House of Representatives must vote on whether there is enough evidence to bring a president to trial before the Senate. This step is called impeachment. Next, the Senate must vote on whether to remove the president from office, or not.

As you may know, the House has now impeached Clinton and the case will be sent to the Senate for trial. If the Senate holds a trial, what would you want YOUR Senators to do -- [ROTATE: 1) Vote in favor of convicting Clinton and removing him from office or 2) Vote against convicting Clinton so he will remain in office]?

		Vote in favor	Vote against	No opinion
98 Dec 19-20		29	68	3
<u>TREND (*)</u>				
98 Dec 15-16		34	63	3
98 Dec 12-13		35	61	4
98 Dec 4-6	33	65	2	
98 Nov 20-22		33	64	3
98 Nov 13-15		30	68	2
98 Oct 23-25		30	63	7
98 Oct 9-12	31	63	6	

(*) TREND WORDING: If the House does vote to impeach Clinton and send the case to the Senate for trial, what would you want YOUR Senators to do -- [ROTATE: 1) Vote in favor of convicting Clinton and removing him from office or 2) Vote against convicting Clinton so he will remain in office]?

3. Now thinking about the action taken by the House of Representatives this weekend, do you approve or disapprove of the House decision to vote in favor of impeaching Clinton and sending the case to the Senate for trial?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
98 Dec 19-20	35	63	2

HOUSE IMPEACHMENT TREND: QUESTION: What would you want YOUR member of the House of Representatives to do -- [ROTATE: 1) Vote in favor of impeaching Clinton and sending the case to the Senate for trial or 2) Vote against impeachment of Clinton]?

		<u>Vote in favor of impeachng</u>	<u>Vote against impeachng</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
98 Dec 15-16		36	62	2
98 Dec 12-13		38	59	3
98 Dec 4-6	32	66	2	
98 Nov 20-22		33	64	3
98 Nov 13-15		31	66	3
98 Oct 23-25		33	61	6
98 Oct 9-12	34	62	4	

4. Do you think Bill Clinton should or should not resign NOW and turn the presidency over to Al Gore?

		<u>Yes, should</u>	<u>No, should not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
98 Dec 19-20		30	69	1
98 Dec 15-16		33	63	4
98 Dec 12-13		37	62	1
98 Dec 11		33	63	4
98 Oct 6-7	34	64	2	

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98 Sep 23-24	33	64	3
98 Sep 21	39	59	2
98 Sep 20	40	56	4
98 Sep 13	36	62	2
98 Sep 11-12	35	61	4
98 Sep 10	35	61	4

5. In determining what course of action to take in the Clinton impeachment process, the Senate may face three major choices in the near future. As I read those choices, please tell me which you would prefer they do. [ROTATE 1-3/3-1]:

The Senate should proceed with a trial on the articles of
 31 impeachment sent to them by the House of Representatives

The Senate should vote to CENSURE Clinton and allow him to serve
 36 out his remaining two years in office, and not hold a trial

The Senate should NOT hold a trial or censure Clinton, and should
 32 DROP the matter altogether

* NONE/OTHER (vol.)
1 No opinion
 100

6. And what is your best guess about what the Senate WILL do now that the House has impeached Clinton: do you think that the Senate will -- or will not -- vote to convict Clinton and remove him from office?

<u>98 Dec 19-20</u>	<u>98 Dec 12-13 (*)</u>	
41	37	Will vote to convict and remove from office
49	58	Will not vote to convict
<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	No opinion
100	100	

(*) DEC 12-13 WORDING: And what is your best guess about what the Senate would do if the House does in fact impeach Clinton: do you think that the Senate would -- or would not -- vote to convict Clinton and remove him from office?

7.As of now, do you think Bill Clinton can be an effective president during his remaining two years in office, or not?

<u>98 Dec 19-20</u>	<u>98 Sep 14-15</u>	
72	58	Yes, can be effective
26	39	No, cannot be effective
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	No opinion
100	100	

8. Thinking about the same issue a little differently, we'd like to know whether you think his effectiveness has been HARMED in any way. Do you think his effectiveness has been harmed [READ 1-4]?

24	A great deal
35	A moderate amount
27	Not much, or
12	Not at all
<u>2</u>	No opinion
100	

Now thinking about the political parties --

9. Please tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following parties. First, ... Next, ... [ROTATED]

		<u>Favorable</u>	Un- favor- able	Heard of, no opinion	Not Heard of
		%	%	%	%
a.	<u>The Republican Party</u>				
	(NA) 98 Dec 19-20	31	57	12	*
	(NA) 98 Dec 15-16	43	47	8	2
	(NA) 97 Oct 27-29	50	42	8	*
	(RV) 96 Aug 30-Sep 1	50	45	5	*
	(RV) 96 Aug 16-18	55	41	3	1
	(RV) 96 Aug 5-7	51	44	5	*
	(NA) 96 Apr 9-10	52	41	7	*
	(NA) 95 Apr 17-19	52	42	6	*
	(RV) 92 Jul 6-8	53	39	8	*
b.	<u>The Democratic Party</u>				
	(NA) 98 Dec 19-20	57	30	13	*
	(NA) 98 Dec 15-16	58	32	8	2
	(NA) 97 Oct 27-29	54	39	7	*

(RV)	96	Aug 30-Sep 1	60	36	4	*
(RV)	96	Aug 16-18	55	41	3	1
(RV)	96	Aug 5-7	57	38	4	1
(NA)	96	Apr 9-10	55	38	7	0
(NA)	95	Apr 17-19	51	43	6	*
(RV)	92	Jul 6-8	54	38	8	*

10. Who do you want to have more influence over the direction the nation takes in the next year -- Bill Clinton or the Republicans in Congress?

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Repub- licans</u>	<u>BOTH/ NEITHER (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
98 Dec 19-20	60	31	6	3
98 Oct 9-12	53	39	5	3
98 Sep 14-15	44	43	8	5
98 Jan 24-25	49	40	6	5
98 Jan 23-24	46	41	7	6
97 Aug 22-25	49	41	5	5
97 Jan 31-Feb 2	48	39	9	4
96 Nov 21-24	43	41	9	7
96 May 9-12	54	41	4	1
96 Apr 9-10	50	42	4	4
96 Jan 5-7	41	47	3	9
95 Nov 6-8	48	42	2	8
95 Feb 24-26	37	52	4	7
95 Jan 16-18	40	49	5	6

11. Based on what you know about Vice-President Al Gore, do you think he is qualified to serve as President if it becomes necessary, or not?

	<u>Yes, qualified</u>	<u>No, not qualified</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
98 Dec 19-20	63	27	10
97 Sep 6-7	63	29	8
96 Aug 11	60	34	6
92 Jul 24-26	64	19	17

Now we have a more general question,

12. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way democracy is working in this country?

	<u>Satis- fied</u>	<u>Dissatis- fied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
98 Dec 19-20	52	44	4
95 Aug 11-14	46	50	4
92 Jun 12-14*	36	60	4
92 Jan 6-9	48	48	4
91 May	60	36	4

* Based on registered voters

Turning back to impeachment.

13.Regardless of whether you think Clinton should or should not be impeached, we'd like to know how you view the way the Republicans in Congress have handled the impeachment process. Do you believe -- [ROTATE : 1) The Republicans have abused their Constitutional powers (or), 2) The Republicans have properly exercised their Constitutional powers]?

54	Abused powers
41	Properly exercised powers
3	NEITHER/OTHER (vol.)
<u>2</u>	No opinion
100	

14.Next we have a question about Republican Congressman Robert Livingston who was in line to be the next Speaker of the House of Representatives. As you may know, this weekend Robert Livingston announced he will NOT serve as Speaker and he will resign from the House of Representatives because of his recent admissions about having extra-marital affairs. Does Livingston's decision to resign from Congress make you MORE likely to believe Bill Clinton should resign as President, or does Livingston's decision NOT effect your belief about whether Clinton should resign?

14	Makes you more likely to believe Clinton should resign
84	Does not effect your belief about Clinton
<u>2</u>	No opinion
100	

Finally, we have a few questions concerning the situation in Iraq.

15.As you may know, the United States and Britain have carried out an air attack against Iraq over the past few days. Do you approve or disapprove of this attack?

<u>98</u>	<u>Dec 19-20</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>Dec 16 (*)</u>	
78		74	Approve	

18	13	Disapprove
<u>4</u>	<u>13</u>	No opinion
100	100	

(*) DEC 16 WORDING: As you may know, the United Nations chief weapons inspector has reported that Iraq has not complied with its agreement to allow United Nations inspections of possible weapons facilities. In response, the United States and Britain have launched an air attack against Iraq this evening. Do you approve or disapprove of this attack?

16. Why do you, personally, think Bill Clinton ordered this military strike against Iraq -- [ROTATE: 1) Solely because he felt it was in the best interests of the country (or), 2) In part to divert public attention away from the impeachment proceedings]?

	<u>Country</u>	<u>Impeach- ment</u>	<u>NEITHER/ OTHER (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
98 Dec 19-20	66	25	7	2
98 Dec 16	62	30	4	4
98 Aug 20 (**)	58	36	2	4

(**) AUG 20 WORDING: Why do you personally think Bill Clinton ordered today's military strike [against terrorist facilities in the countries of Afghanistan and the Sudan]: 1) Solely because he felt it was in the best interests of the country, (or) 2) In part to divert public attention away from the Monica Lewinsky controversy?"