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SUBJECT: POLL RESULTS: PRESIDENT TRUMP JOB APPROVAL
GENERIC CONGRESSIONAL BALLOT

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Public Opinion Strategies just completed a national telephone poll of 800 registered voters. The survey was conducted February 16-20 and has a margin of error of +/- 3.1% in 95 out of 100 cases.

1. The President's job approval is 45%-52%.

- ***The President has a net positive job approval among voters in his key 2020 states.***
Among voters interviewed in the twelve states critical to his re-election, the President's job approval is 50%-47%.
- ***He has near unanimous GOP support.***
Fully 91% of Republicans approve of the job the President is doing (68% strongly approve), against 8% who disapprove.
- ***Democrats are just as united in opposition to the President.***
The President's approval among Democrats is 5%-93%.
- ***President Trump is strongest among older voters.***
While younger voters disapprove of the job the President is doing by a 59%-37% margin, older voters (45+) support him by a 52%-47% score.

2. Despite the strong showing by Democrats in the 2018 election, a lot has changed since then and the generic Congressional ballot shows Democrats with a modest two-point lead – 46%-44%.

- Republicans have a 57%-34% lead among white men and a narrower 49%-42% margin among white women.
- Independent voters are statistically tied; 34%R/36%D.

- While Democrats lead by a significant margin among voters in the nation's urban areas (62%-25%), GOP candidates lead among suburban voters (49%-42%) and rural voters (62%-29%).

BOTTOM LINE

Despite a tumultuous December and January that revolved around the federal government shutdown, President Trump's approval rating seems no worse for the wear as his approval score on this poll and others show him at close to his all-time high, and he has a solid and unwavering partisan base.

This data indicates that voters may very well have put the government shutdown in their rear-view mirror as other news stories take prominence (the meltdown of the VA DEM party, the balky introduction of the New Green Deal, the Democrats' lurch toward socialism, and the President's strong State of the Union address).

That conclusion is reinforced by the generic Congressional ballot findings showing the GOP facing just a two-point deficit to Democrats.