

Impeachment Update: No Signs of Non-response Error

Excerpts from Mystery Pollster

Mark Blumenthal, <https://mysterypollster.com/2019/10/impeachment-update-no-signs-of-non-response-error/>

In recent times, discussions around impeachment have gained significant traction. An article by Mark Blumenthal, titled "Impeachment Update: No Signs of Non-Response Error," published on October 17, 2019, provides an insightful analysis of public opinion regarding the impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump.

Blumenthal addresses the question of whether the response to impeachment polls is skewed by a potential "non-response error." This concept revolves around the idea that certain groups of people might systematically refuse to participate in surveys, potentially biasing the results. However, Blumenthal's analysis indicates that there are no significant signs of such error affecting the impeachment polls.

Assignment:

Locate and Analyze:

1. Impeachment Poll Questions:

- Using sources like iPOLL, locate recent poll questions related to the impeachment inquiry against President Trump. What questions were asked to gauge public opinion on the impeachment process?

2. Comparative Public Opinion:

- Are there other poll questions from around the same time period that explore public support or resistance to the impeachment inquiry? What are these questions, and what do they reveal about public sentiment?

3. Presidential Job Approval:

- What was President Trump's job approval rating at the time of the impeachment inquiry? How did this compare to his job approval ratings earlier in his administration? Utilize sources like Presidential Job Ratings to find this data.

4. Historical Comparison:

- Compare Trump's impeachment inquiry to previous impeachment inquiries, such as those against Presidents Nixon and Clinton. What were their approval ratings during their respective inquiries, and how did public opinion vary?

Critical Thinking:

1. Similarities and Differences:

- What are some similarities between the public opinion surrounding the impeachment inquiry against President Trump and those of Presidents Nixon and Clinton that might lead analysts to compare these periods?

2. Factors Influencing Public Opinion:

- What differences should be considered when comparing the impeachment inquiries of Trump, Nixon, and Clinton? Are there public opinion data that can support your analysis?

3. Partisan Divide:

- Analyze the partisan divide in public opinion on the impeachment inquiry. How do political affiliations influence individuals' perspectives on impeachment? Use recent poll data to support your answer.

4. Media Influence:

- Investigate the role of media coverage in shaping public opinion on the impeachment inquiry. How does media framing impact perceptions of the impeachment process?