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Subject: Biden 17 Voters by Large Majority Think House Should Focus More on Economy and Border than Impeachment and Want Their Representatives to Stop Playing Partisan Games; Less Likely to Vote for Reps Who Support Impeachment

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that a strong majority of Biden 17 voters (74%) think the House of Representatives should focus more on issues like the economy, inflation, crime, and border security over impeaching President Biden (including 68% of independent voters). Only 14% overall and just 19% of independent voters believe the House should focus on impeachment.

Fully 90% of voters agree with the statement: “Americans want their elected leaders to stop playing partisan games and work together to solve the country’s economic and other challenges,” with just 4% disagreeing. Among independents, 93% agree and just 6% disagree.

This all spells danger for any House members who want to pursue impeachment over the issues affecting regular Americans – 44% of voters overall (including 39% of independent voters) say they’d be less likely to vote for a Representative who voted in favor of an impeachment inquiry into President Biden. Just 24% said that would make them more likely to vote for them next time. Among independent voters, 39% said they’d be less likely to vote for them while 28% said they’d be more likely to.

Approval ratings for the Speaker of the House, the leaders of the impeachment inquiry and the MAGA Republican Congress are negative:

- Overall just 29% of voters overall and 21% of independent voters approve of House Speaker Mike Johnson’s job performance. 48% of voters overall and 51% of independent voters disapprove.
- Just 32% of voters overall and 26% of independent voters approve of the job MAGA Republicans are doing in Congress. 55% of both overall voters and independent voters disapprove.
- Only 21% approve of James Comer’s job performance; 25% approve of Marjorie Taylor Greene’s job performance; and 34% approve of Jim Jordan’s job performance.

Other key findings from the survey include:

- Overall 52% of voters (and 53% of independent voters) said they would view an impeachment inquiry of President Biden as more of a political stunt with just 41% overall (and 40% of independent voters) saying it’s more of a serious effort to investigate serious problems.

- Only 43% of voters overall (and 40% of independent voters) said they thought an impeachment inquiry into President Biden would be more about finding the truth, while 52% overall (and 54% of independent voters) felt that it would be more about damaging President Biden politically.
- When asked “Even if no evidence is found that President Biden received any bribes or changed government policies in relation to the activities of his son, Hunter Biden, do you think Republicans in Congress should still impeach him, or not?,” just 29% of voters overall and 18% of independent voters felt Biden should still be impeached, with 62% of voters overall and 71% of independent voters saying Congress should not impeach.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 613 voters from swing House districts won by Biden and held by Republicans from December 8-9, 2023. The margin of error is +/- 4.0%. 64% of interviews for the survey were conducted by text message and 36% by telephone.