



# The Pass Democrat

Newsletter of the Pass Democratic Club—July 2019

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## Blue News

Impeachment—FAQs about the Mueller Report by Katie Porter (CA-45).pdf

If you've heard Katie Porter speak, you know she is articulate and logical with a steel trap mind. Google the above title for a well thought out analysis...

### Swing Left—FLIP ALL THE HOUSES—

To send letters to registered voters, register at: [https://votefwd.org/swingleft?](https://votefwd.org/swingleft?utm_source=swingleft&utm_medium=take_action&utm_campaign=gtw-launch)  
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Conservative columnist, George Will, tells CNBC the GOP is doomed because young people view them as 'the dumb party'. He also warned that the Republican Party and its embrace of President Trump was doing massive damage and all but guaranteeing that young Americans would flock toward Democrats for years to come. The Republican Party is doing its very best to drive them away permanently.

NYTimes David Brooks—The generation gap is even more powerful when it comes to Republicans. To put it bluntly, young adults hate them. 57% of millennials call themselves consistently liberal or mostly liberal. Only 12% call themselves consistently conservative or mostly conservative. This is the most important statistic in American politics right now. 79% of millennials think immigration is good for America. 61% think racial diversity is good for America.

Vox—Dylan Scott—Trump is deep underwater in New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Michigan, and other key 2020 states.

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## WATCH PARTY

### A LIVE TWO-NIGHT EVENT

Tuesday, July 30th

Wednesday, July 31st

Doors open 5pm, debates begin at 6

Details forthcoming via email  
and social media



## January Meeting

Wednesday, July 17th

175 W. Hays St., Banning  
(10 freeway, exit 8th St N, right Ramsey, left 2nd, right Hays)

Doors open at 6:00pm  
Meeting begins at 6:30pm

Special Presentation  
To Be Announced

## Rachel Maddow Debate Bragging Rights!

Pete Buttigieg—"the Republican party likes to cloak itself in the language of religion...we should call out hypocrisy when we see it...any party who would suggest we condone putting children in cages...has lost all claim to ever use religious language again..."

Marianne Williamson—"if you forcibly take a child from their parents, that's kidnapping... if you put children in detention centers, that's chronic child abuse...state sponsored crimes..."

Joe Biden—the quickest, fastest way to do it (fix healthcare) is to build on Obamacare, build on what we did..."

Eric Swalwell—"it's time to pass the torch to a new generation of America...that was Jose Biden 32 years ago, pass the torch..."

Michael Bennet—"turned the Statue of Liberty into a symbol on nativist hostility..."

Jay Inslee—:unions will bring us a long overdue raise for America...the CEO of McDonald's makes 2,100 time more than the people slinging hash at McDonald's..."

Kirsten Gillibrand—fought for other women candidates' air time...regarding women's reproductive rights "stop playing defense and start playing offense...compromise has been made on our backs..."

Beto O'Rourke—"facts and truth...save our democracy...accountability and justice...only way we can save this country..."

Bill De Blasio—never go "to war without congressional authority..."

Cory Booker—"...kids go to school to learn to deal with an active shooter in their school...I'm tired of hearing that all we have to offer is thoughts and prayers..."

Tulsi Gabbard—"...we are no better off in Afghanistan today that when the war began..."

Andrew Yang—"...trickle up economy..."

Kamala Harris—to Joe Biden re his having worked with segregationists in the 1970's "...there was a little girl in California...who was bussed to school...and that little girl was me..."

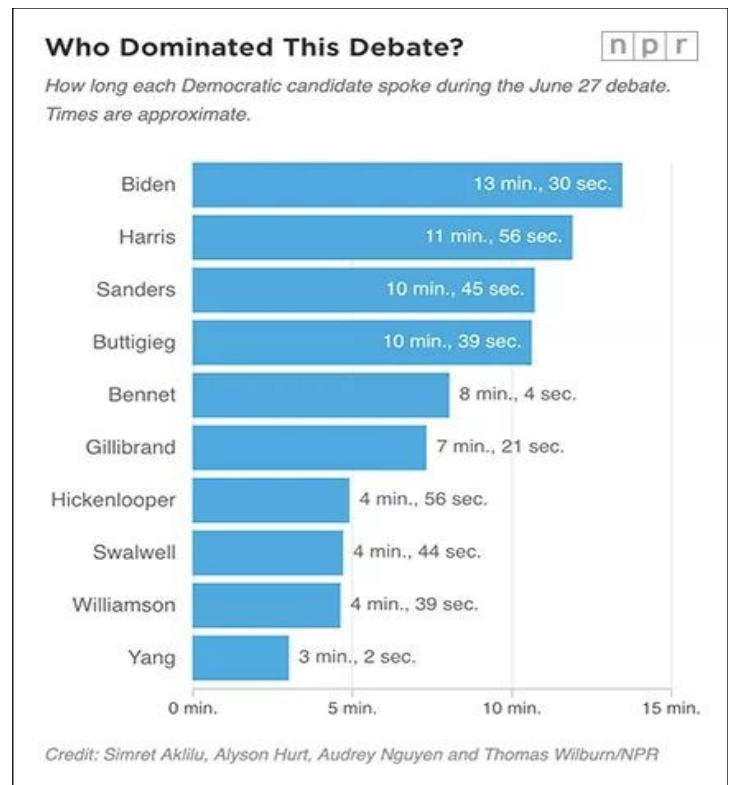
Bernie Sanders—"...Donald Trump said he stood up for working families...phony, pathological liar, racist...32 million people off of healthcare, 83% of tax benefits went to the top 1%...expose him for the fraud that he is..."

Tim Ryan—Democrats have a "...perception problem not connecting to the working class party..."

Amy Klobuchar—"...2,500 drugs have gone up double digits since he (Trump) came into office, \$100 billion in giveaways to Big Pharma, this is what we call at home all foam and no beer...think they own Washington, well they don't own me..."

Elizabeth Warren—cost of healthcare...the insurance companies formula, take in as many dollars as they can in premiums and pay out as little as possible in benefits..."

## FAIR OR NO?



## INDIVISIBLE SUPPORTER POLL: WARREN AND HARRIS LEAD AFTER STRONG DEBATE PERFORMANCES

**Washington, DC** — Indivisible surveyed members of the Indivisible community to hear more about their thoughts after the first two presidential debates. After the debates on June 27, we sent a web poll out to our email list and received 18,500 responses from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands. The survey asked respondents three questions: Which candidates are you considering voting for, which candidate are you NOT considering voting for, and who would you vote for if you had to pick today?

The Indivisible Project's national political director María Urbina released the following analysis of the poll:

"In our supporter poll, we asked about candidate support in a few different ways and, any way you look at it, Warren and Harris are the top performing candidates coming out of the debate. When we asked people to name all of the candidates they are considering voting for, 86% of our movement told us they are considering Warren, while 83% are considering Harris. On top of that, if the election were held today, 35% of people said they would vote for Warren and 31% selected Harris.

"We asked Indivisibles to identify which candidates they are considering voting for and which they are definitely not. The results revealed that the historic candidacies of women, people of color and LGBTQ candidates are faring well among the movement and have plenty of room to grow as the field narrows. It also revealed that some of the presumed frontrunners may hit a ceiling with activists, given how many Indivisibles say they aren't considering them at all.

"Indivisibles are clearly excited by the historic candidates we're seeing this cycle. Warren, Harris, Buttigieg, Castro, and Booker received the highest net support in our survey, and each of their candidacies fights back against the narrative that only a straight white man can beat Trump. Indivisibles changed the political map last year when they helped flip the House and ushered in a new generation of Democratic leaders. They know what is politically possible because they are the ones who, with our allies, put in the work to make it possible.

"To gain support ahead, the model for what impresses Indivisibles is increasingly clear: unapologetically progressive leaders with clear ideas for how to address the concerns of all people."

### Results: Indivisible's 2020 Primary Election Survey Methodology:

From June 27 to July 1, Indivisible surveyed members of the Indivisible community to hear more about their thoughts after the first two presidential debates. Immediately following the second Democratic presidential primary debate, Indivisible sent a web poll out to its email list and received 18,500 responses from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands. The survey asked respondents three key questions: Which candidates are you considering voting for, which candidate are you NOT considering voting for, and who would you vote for if you had to pick today--the standard "horserace" question.

### Which candidates are you considering voting for? Which candidates are you NOT considering voting for?

Respondents were asked to select as many candidates as they wanted in response to each question. 57% of respondents identified 2-5 candidates they are considering. Only 4% of respondents said they were only considering 1 candidate.

### Results side-by-side: Considering vs. Not Considering

Red - Not considering; percent of people who are not considering the candidate

Blue - Considering; percent of people who said they were considering the candidate

### Percent of people who said they were considering a candidate, minus percent of people who are not considering that candidate.

Candidates who are net positive:

Warren 80pp	Castro 29pp
Harris 75pp	Booker 22pp
Buttigieg 46pp	

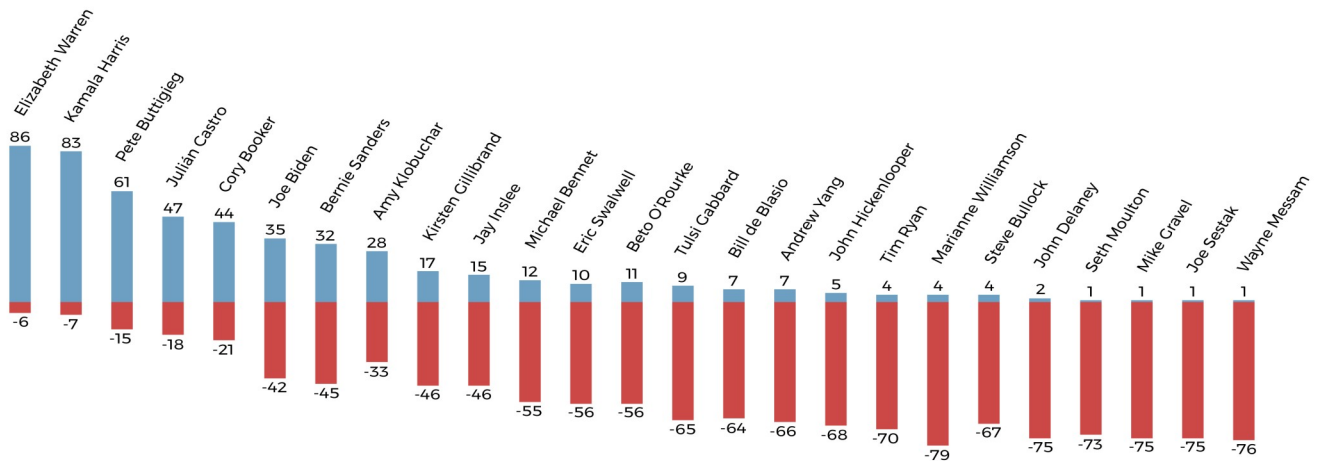
### If the primary was held today, who would you vote for?

Warren: 35%	1% ers:
Harris: 31%	Castro
Biden: 10%	Klobuchar
Sanders: 9%	Booker
Buttigieg: 8%	Inslee
	Gabbard
	O'Rourke

Everyone else at 0%

## JUNE 2019 DEBATE WEB POLL

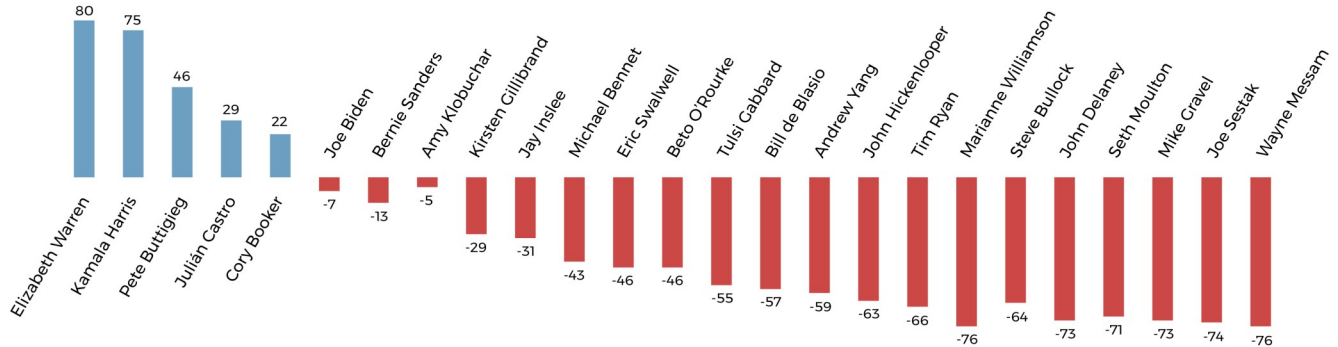
### Percent Considering a Candidate vs Not Considering a Candidate



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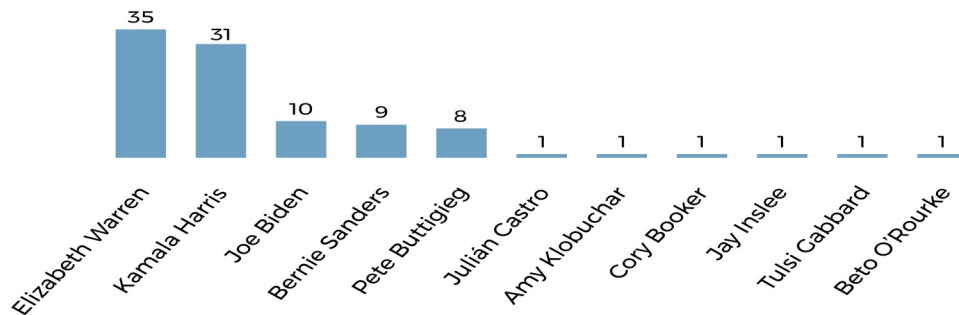
### Net Support: Considering - Not Considering



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## Pentagon Warns That America Is Enabling Putin's Plan for Global Dominance

Russia's continued push to undermine America's institutions is no laughing matter, as the Pentagon detailed in a 150-page assessment provided to the Joint Chiefs of Staff in May.

"...economic competition, influence campaigns, paramilitary actions, cyber intrusions, and political warfare will likely become more prevalent. Such confrontations increase the risk of misperception and miscalculation, between powers with significant military strength, which may then increase the risk of armed conflict."

The report's executive summary identifies three goals of Russia's "gray zone" campaign to use subtle, non-military efforts subvert democracies and exercise influence: 1) to [r]eclaim and secure Russia's influence over former Soviet nations; 2) to "[r]egain worldwide recognition as a 'great power'"; and 3) to portray itself as a "reliable actor" in order to "gain economic, military, and political influence over nations worldwide and to refine the liberalist rules and norms that currently govern the world order." The nation's interference in America's election is only one element of this campaign. Russia is also coordinating efforts to sow disinformation in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Europe; engage in espionage; and execute other multi-faceted acts of "hybrid warfare."

These clear-cut goals put Russia at an advantage over the U.S., which lacks a cohesive narrative as it struggles to combat, or even identify, the threat. "We still have a story to tell, but because we are so polarized and are doubting ourselves we have a narrative problem." Russia does not."

"The Russian leadership's worldview is zero-sum; it believes that in order for Russia to win, the US must lose,"

The report, which was authored by over 20 national security experts inside and outside of the Pentagon, explains that America's "greatest weakness" in thwarting Russia's efforts is a lack of coordination among government agencies.

A "comprehensive strategy," must be developed, including large-scale organization within the State Department, as well as taking active steps to discourage the burgeoning alliance between Russia and China, who "share an affinity for authoritarian stability" and are working to "expand their influence at the expense of US and allied powers seen to be in decline."

The report contrasts starkly with Trump's assessment of the situation, which falls somewhere between bemused ambivalence and abject ignorance. Just prior to the G-20 summit in Japan, Putin described the "liberal idea" — e.g. democracy — as becoming "obsolete." When Trump was asked by the *New York Times* what he made of Putin's comments on "Western-style liberalism," he made clear that he has no understanding of the idea of the tenets on which America was founded, responding by attacking San Francisco and Los Angeles, cities "run by liberal people" in the western United States. "Sad to look at," the president said.

Could a wealth tax be in America's future? New polling from the University of Chicago shows "young adults across race and ethnicity" strongly supporting an annual 2% tax on wealth over \$50 million. The share of white and black young adults in favor:

# 71%

Among Asian American young adults age 18 to 34, 87% back a 2% wealth tax on grand fortune, with 75% of Latinx young adults taking the same position.

**INEQUALITY** OPR



**I'd much rather live next door to a loving immigrant family, with or without documents, than a white supremacist.**

Candidate Profile  
**ANDREW YANG**

Andrew Yang is an attorney, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and founder of Venture for America. He worked in startups and early-stage growth companies as a founder or executive from 2000 to 2009. He graduated from Brown University and Columbia Law School, is 44 years old, married and stepped down as CEO of VOA in 2017.

Andrew's three big policies are Universal Basic Income, Medicare For All and Human Centered Capitalism.

"Mr. Yang has the most detailed and comprehensive set of policy proposals we have ever seen at this stage in the campaign." *Democratic Party Leadership in Iowa*



Kris Goodfellow (center), candidate for State Senate SD-23, with some of her many supporters at our June general meeting.

Explore Andrew Yang's platform of **104** policy positions at: <https://www.yang2020.com/policies/>

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 Enclose \$30 individual  
 or \$50 for two at same address

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