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Methodology: We attempted to contact all international relations (IR) scholars in the U.S. We define IR scholars as individuals who are employed at a college or university in a political science department or professional school and who teach or conduct research on issues that cross international borders. Of the 4,752 scholars across the U.S. that we contacted, 971 responded. The resulting response rate is approximately 20.43 percent. The poll was open 10/30/2019-12/14/2019. Our sample is roughly similar to the broader International Relations scholar population in terms of gender, academic rank and university type. Our sample includes a higher percentage of men and a higher percentage of tenured and tenure track faculty than the overall scholar population.

Introduction

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We are pleased to share the results of the 12th Teaching, Research and International Policy (TRIP) Snap Poll, fielded with the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Our polls provide real-time data in the wake of significant policy proposals, during international crises, and on emerging foreign policy debates. In this poll, we asked questions on the 2020 Presidential Election, President Trump's foreign policy actions, and impeachment.

How TRIP Snap Polls work
TRIP Snap Polls survey all IR scholars in the United States. To be included in our sample, individuals must be employed at a U.S. college or university in a political science department or professional school and teach or conduct research on issues that cross international borders. To date we have identified 4,752

individuals who fit these criteria. This snap poll was part of a larger survey of IR scholars on policy engagement. 971 individuals responded to at least one question in the broader survey. All questions were optional, so we do not report 971 responses to every question. Below we display information on the demographic representativeness of our respondents. We then present topline results.

Sample vs. Population Comparison

Gender

| Gender | Respondents | | Population | |
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Female	213	25.90%	1466	30.70%
Male	690	74.10%	3309	69.30%
Chi-squared test results: X-squared=7.4332, p-value=0.006403				

Academic Rank

| | Respondents | | Population | |
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Adjunct	20	2.58%	333	6.58%
Assistant Professor	190	24.50%	953	18.80%
Associate Professor	222	28.60%	1194	23.60%
Full Professor	264	34.10%	1636	32.30%
Emeritus	29	3.82%	311	6.14%
Instructor	29	3.74%	327	6.46%
Visiting Instructor/Assistant Professor	9	1.16%	179	3.54%
Other	12	1.55%	128	2.53%
Chi-squared test results: X-squared=66.0, p-value=0.0001				

University type

| | Respondents | | Population | |
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
National Liberal Arts College	116	15.60%	687	14.50%
National Research University	427	57.20%	2678	56.50%
Regional Liberal Arts College	33	4.42%	184	3.88%
Regional Research University	170	22.80%	1190	25.10%
Chi-squared test results: X-squared=2.4275, p-value = 0.4885				

2020 Election

Question 1: In your opinion, has there been a sufficient focus on foreign policy issues during the Democratic primary?

	Response	n	Percentage
1	Yes	105	12.30
2	No	679	79.20
3	Don't know	73	8.50

Question 2: If the presidential primary or caucus in your state were held today, would you be more likely to vote in the Democratic or Republican primary or caucus?

	Response	n	Percentage
1	Democratic	692	81.40
2	Republican	53	6.20
3	I do not plan to vote in my state's primary or caucus	105	12.40

Question 3: If the Democratic presidential primary or caucus in your state were held today, who would you vote for? (Likely Democratic primary voters only)

	Democratic candidate	n	Percentage
1	Elizabeth Warren	264	38.80
2	Pete Buttigieg	118	17.40
3	Joe Biden	117	17.20
4	Amy Klobuchar	45	6.60
5	Kamala Harris	44	6.50
6	Bernie Sanders	33	4.90
7	Other	22	3.20
8	None of the above	10	1.50
9	Cory Booker	9	1.30
10	Andrew Yang	7	1.00
11	Julian Castro	4	0.60
12	Tulsi Gabbard	3	0.40
13	Beto O'Rourke	2	0.30
14	Tom Steyer	2	0.30

Question 4: If the Republican presidential primary or caucus in your state were held today, who would you vote for? (Likely Republican primary voters only)

	Republican candidate	n	Percentage
1	Donald Trump	20	37.70
2	Bill Weld	11	20.80
3	None of the above	11	20.80
4	Other	7	13.20
5	Mark Sanford	4	7.50

Question 5: Which of the following Democratic presidential candidates do you think would most effectively manage the most important foreign policy issues facing the United States today? (All respondents)

	Democratic candidate	n	Percentage
1	Joe Biden	337	40.10
2	Elizabeth Warren	146	17.40
3	Pete Buttigieg	111	13.20
4	None of the above	51	6.10
5	Bernie Sanders	47	5.60
6	Amy Klobuchar	42	5.00
7	Kamala Harris	34	4.00
8	Tulsi Gabbard	26	3.10
9	Other	25	3.00
10	Cory Booker	7	0.80
11	Julian Castro	7	0.80
12	Andrew Yang	4	0.50
13	Beto O'Rourke	2	0.20
14	Tom Steyer	2	0.20

The table below includes only those respondents who said they would likely vote in the Democratic primary.

	Democratic candidate	n	Percentage
1	Joe Biden	281	41.30
2	Elizabeth Warren	133	19.60
3	Pete Buttigieg	102	15.00
4	Bernie Sanders	42	6.20
5	Kamala Harris	32	4.70
6	Amy Klobuchar	27	4.00
7	None of the above	22	3.20
8	Other	19	2.80
9	Tulsi Gabbard	9	1.30
10	Cory Booker	6	0.90
11	Andrew Yang	3	0.40
12	Julian Castro	3	0.40
13	Tom Steyer	1	0.10
14	Beto O'Rourke	0	0.00

Question 6: Which of the following Republican presidential candidates do you think would most effectively manage the most important foreign policy issues facing the United States today? (All respondents)

	Republican candidate	n	Percentage
1	None of the above	366	43.80
2	Bill Weld	319	38.20
3	Mark Sanford	57	6.80
4	Other	54	6.50
5	Donald Trump	26	3.10
6	Joe Walsh	14	1.70

The table below includes only those respondents who said they would likely vote in the Republican primary.

	Republican candidate	n	Percentage
1	Donald Trump	18	34.00
2	None of the above	17	32.10
3	Bill Weld	8	15.10
4	Mark Sanford	6	11.30
5	Other	4	7.50
6	Joe Walsh	0	0.00

President Trump's Foreign Policy

Question 7: On the campaign trail in 2016 President Trump stated, "We are totally predictable. We tell everything. ...We have to be unpredictable, and we have to be unpredictable starting now.' To what extent do you agree that President Trump's unpredictable behavior has been an effective negotiation tactic?

	Response	n	Percentage
1	Strongly agree	13	1.50
2	Agree	26	3.10
3	Neither agree nor disagree	54	6.40
4	Disagree	192	22.80
5	Strongly disagree	558	66.20

For Question 8, we split the sample and randomly assigned half of the respondents "abused" and the other half "overstepped."

Question 8: In your opinion, has President Trump [abused/overstepped] the foreign policy powers of the Office of the President?

	Treatment	Response	n	Percentage
1	Abused	Yes	399	91.70
2	Abused	No	22	5.10
3	Abused	Don't know	14	3.20
4	Overstepped	Yes	304	74.30
5	Overstepped	No	80	19.60
6	Overstepped	Don't know	25	6.10

For Question 9, we split the sample and randomly assigned half of the respondents "U.S. support for the Kurds" and the other half "U.S. troops from Syria." Additionally, we independently split the sample and randomly assigned half of our respondents to receive "Placing tariffs on steel from China" and half "Placing tariffs on steel from NATO allies."

Question 9: Have the following actions had a positive effect, negative effect, or no effect on US credibility with its allies?

	Question	Strong positive effect	Slight positive effect	No effect	Slight negative effect	Strong negative effect
1	Calling off peace talks with the Taliban	1.90	7.80	38.20	36.10	16.00
2	Efforts to cut USAID spending	0.20	0.70	17.80	44.90	36.40
3	Meeting with Kim Jong Un	2.90	15.10	26.00	29.40	26.60
4	Placing tariffs on steel from China	1.60	13.00	20.40	32.00	32.90
5	Placing tariffs on steel from NATO allies	0.70	1.00	4.90	34.40	59.00
6	Recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital	1.20	3.20	10.70	35.60	49.30
7	Replace NAFTA with USMCA	1.70	9.80	27.70	43.70	17.20
8	Withdrawal from the Iran nuclear agreement	1.10	2.10	1.70	13.20	81.90
9	Withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accords	0.80	0.40	3.60	17.70	77.50
10	Withdrawal of U.S. support for the Kurds	0.70	0.70	2.80	14.00	81.80
11	Withdrawal of U.S. troops from Syria	0.50	1.20	4.20	16.60	77.50

Question 10: Have the following actions had a positive effect, negative effect, or no effect on US credibility with its allies?

	Question	Positive effect	No effect	Negative effect
1	Calling off peace talks with the Taliban	9.70	38.20	52.20
2	Efforts to cut USAID spending	1.00	17.80	81.30
3	Meeting with Kim Jong Un	17.90	26.00	56.00
4	Placing tariffs on steel from China	14.60	20.40	64.90
5	Placing tariffs on steel from NATO allies	1.70	4.90	93.40
6	Recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital	4.40	10.70	84.90
7	Replace NAFTA with USMCA	11.40	27.70	60.90
8	Withdrawal from the Iran nuclear agreement	3.20	1.70	95.10
9	Withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accords	1.20	3.60	95.20
10	Withdrawal of U.S. support for the Kurds	1.40	2.80	95.80
11	Withdrawal of U.S. troops from Syria	1.70	4.20	94.10