**The Update on February 6, 2020**

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**Senate Republicans Vote to Not Convict Trump**

After the House of Representatives voted 232 to 196 to impeach President Trump, the Senate vote to not convict him. The House Democrats voted to impeach with only three Democrats (Peterson, Van Drew, and Golden) voting not to impeach and Gibbard voting present. The Senate vote was 48-52 on abuse of power and 47-53 on obstruction. Mitt Romney was the only Republican to vote to convict. Earlier the Senate voted 49-51 to hear witnesses with only Republicans Romney and Collins willing to call witnesses.

**Mueller Report**

The Mueller Report cited a list of possible reasons to impeach Trump. The Democrats only chose two - Trump abused his office in the Ukraine affair and didn't cooperate with subpoenas to provide witnesses and documents.

The Mueller Report cited ten items that could have been used as reasons to impeach. It revealed the Trump Regime culture of lying and cover ups. It provided evidence that the President ordered his federal government to lie and to carry out dubious and unethical acts. Trump also attempted to obstruct justice by interfering in former FBI Director James Comey’s investigations into the Trump campaign’s potential ties to Russia. He then asked for Comey’s complete loyalty and asked Comey inappropriate questions about the investigation. In addition, Trump openly admitted to NBC News’ Lester Holt that he fired Comey because he was unhappy that the Russia investigation continued.

Trump refused to divest from his businesses which continue to line his pockets. His refusal is a clear violation of the Domestic Emoluments clause and the Foreign Emoluments Clause of the Constitution, which prevent the president from receiving payments from state or foreign governments due to the conflicts of interest those payments create.

The House Democrats failed to include the full list of possible impeachment articles for political reasons. They thought the public would get confused if too many issues were raised.

It remains to be seen what the political results will flow from the days and days of public testimony, the partisans votes, and the refusal of the Republicans to hear witnesses in the Senate.

**Iowa Caucus**

The Iowa Caucus turned out to be a mess. Not all of the caucus sites seemed to have followed all the rules with regard to how voting would take place and how votes were counted. A breakdown of the app used and the flooding of the Democratic state office phone lines by Trump supporters led to very late public returns. Although it is clear the Sander and Buttigieg were essentially tied (with 97% of the vote in, both were listed as having 11 delegates and Warren receiving 5), the press wanted to call a winner. It may turn out that Buttigieg receives a couple more state delegate equivalents (SDEs) and Sanders receives the most first and final vote totals. This happens due to the fact that some smaller get caucus get more proportional PDEs for the same total vote.

In the **initial preference** results (the raw vote totals at the first stage of the caucus):

Sanders 43,671

Buttigieg 37,557

Warren 32,533

Biden 26,384

Klobuchar 22,469

In the **reallocated preferences** (raw votes after shifting)

Sanders 45,826

Buttigieg 43,195

Warren 34,771

Biden 23,691

Klobuchar 21,181

**State Delegate Equivalents**

Buttigieg 26.2%

Sanders 26.1%

Warren 18%

Biden 15.8%

Klobuchar 12.3%

In any case, the total 41 Democratic convention delegates from Iowa have not yet been totally allocated. Iowa represents about 1% of the total convention delegates. Biden may or may not get even one delegate from Iowa.

ABC News has reported the national **Super Delegate Count** (elected officials and other important people who will vote beginning in the second round of voting who have stated their preference) at this point is:

Biden 68

Sanders 21

Warren 20

Buttigieg 11

Others 24

| **Date** | **State** | **Dem Del.** | **GOP Del.** | **Type** |
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| **February 2020** | | | | |
| **Mon, Feb 3** | [Iowa caucuses](https://www.uspresidentialelectionnews.com/2020-presidential-primary-schedule-calendar/2020-iowa-caucus/) | [Results](https://www.uspresidentialelectionnews.com/2020/02/iowa-caucuses-tonight-live-results-delegate-counts-voting-time-and-how-to-caucus/) | 41 | 40 | Closed |
| **Tue, Feb 11** | [New Hampshire primary](https://www.uspresidentialelectionnews.com/2020-presidential-primary-schedule-calendar/2020-new-hampshire-primary/) | 24 | 22 | Mixed |
| **Sat, Feb 22** | [Nevada Democratic caucuses](https://www.uspresidentialelectionnews.com/2020-presidential-primary-schedule-calendar/2020-nevada-caucus/) | 36 |  | Closed |
| **Sat, Feb 29** | [South Carolina Democratic primary](https://www.uspresidentialelectionnews.com/2020-presidential-primary-schedule-calendar/2020-south-carolina-primary/) | 54 |  | Open |
| **March 2020** | | | | |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | Alabama primary | 52 | 50 | Open |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | Alaska Republican convention |  | 28 | Closed |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | American Samoa Democratic caucus | 6 |  | Closed |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | Arkansas primary | 31 | 40 | Open |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | California primary | 416 | 172 | Mixed |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | Colorado primary | 67 | 37 | Open |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | Maine primary | 24 | 22 | Closed |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | Massachusetts primary | 91 | 41 | Mixed |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | Minnesota primary | 75 | 39 | Open |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | North Carolina primary | 110 | 71 | Mixed |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | Oklahoma primary | 37 | 43 | Closed |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | Tennessee primary | 64 | 58 | Open |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | Texas primary | 228 | 155 | Open |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | Utah primary | 29 | 40 | Closed |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | Vermont primary | 16 | 17 | Open |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | Virginia primary | 99 | 49 | Open |
| **Tue, Mar 3** | Democrats Abroad (to 3/10) | 13 |  | Closed |
| **Sat, Mar 7** | Kentucky Republican caucuses |  | 46 | Closed |
| **Sun, Mar 8** | Puerto Rico Republican primary |  | 23 | Closed |
| **Tue, Mar 10** | Hawaii Republican caucuses |  | 19 | Closed |
| **Tue, Mar 10** | Idaho primary | 20 | 32 | Open |
| **Tue, Mar 10** | Michigan primary | 125 | 73 | Open |
| **Tue, Mar 10** | Mississippi primary | 36 | 39 | Open |
| **Tue, Mar 10** | Missouri primary | 68 | 54 | Open |
| **Tue, Mar 10** | North Dakota Democratic caucuses | 14 |  | Open |
| **Tue, Mar 10** | Washington primary | 89 | 44 | Mixed |
| **Thu, Mar 12** | Virgin Islands Republican caucuses |  | 9 | Closed |
| **Sat, Mar 14** | Guam Republican caucus |  | 6 | Closed |
| **Sat, Mar 14** | Northern Marianas Democratic convention | 6 |  | Closed |
| **Sat, Mar 14** | Wyoming Republican convention |  | 12 | Closed |
| **Tue, Mar 17** | Arizona Democratic primary | 67 |  | Closed |
| **Tue, Mar 17** | Florida primary | 219 | 122 | Closed |
| **Tue, Mar 17** | Illinois primary | 155 | 67 | Open |
| **Tue, Mar 17** | Northern Marianas Republican convention |  | 9 | Closed |
| **Tue, Mar 17** | Ohio primary | 136 | 82 | Mixed |
| **Tue, Mar 24** | American Samoa Republican caucuses |  | 6 | Closed |
| **Tue, Mar 24** | Georgia primary | 105 | 76 | Open |
| **Fri, Mar 27** | North Dakota Republican convention |  | 29 | Closed |
| **Sun, Mar 29** | Puerto Rico Democratic primary | 51 |  | Open |
| **April 2020** | | | | |
| **Sat, Apr 4** | Alaska Democratic primary | 14 |  | Closed |
| **Sat, Apr 4** | Hawaii Democratic primary | 22 |  | Closed |
| **Sat, Apr 4** | Louisiana primary | 50 | 46 | Closed |
| **Sat, Apr 4** | Wyoming Democratic caucus | 14 |  | Closed |
| **Tue, Apr 7** | Wisconsin primary | 77 | 52 | Open |
| **Tue, Apr 28** | Connecticut primary | 49 | 28 | Closed |
| **Tue, Apr 28** | Delaware primary | 17 | 16 | Closed |
| **Tue, Apr 28** | Maryland primary | 79 | 38 | Closed |
| **Tue, Apr 28** | New York primary | 224 | 95 | Closed |
| **Tue, Apr 28** | Pennsylvania primary | 153 | 88 | Closed |
| **Tue, Apr 28** | Rhode Island primary | 21 | 19 | Mixed |
| **May 2020** | | | | |
| **Sat, May 2** | Guam Democratic caucuses | 6 |  | Closed |
| **Sat, May 2** | Kansas Democratic primary | 33 |  | Open |
| **Tue, May 5** | Indiana primary | 70 | 58 | Open |
| **Tue, May 12** | Nebraska primary | 25 | 36 | Open |
| **Tue, May 12** | West Virginia primary | 24 | 34 | Mixed |
| **Tue, May 19** | Kentucky Democratic primary | 46 |  | Closed |
| **Tue, May 19** | Oregon primary | 52 | 28 | Closed |
| **June 2020** | | | | |
| **Tue, Jun 2** | District of Columbia primary | 20 | 19 | Open |
| **Tue, Jun 2** | Montana primary | 16 | 27 | Open |
| **Tue, Jun 2** | New Jersey primary | 107 | 49 | Mixed |
| **Tue, Jun 2** | New Mexico primary | 29 | 22 | Closed |
| **Tue, Jun 2** | South Dakota primary | 14 | 29 | Closed |
| **Sat, Jun 6** | Virgin Islands Democratic caucuses | 6 |  | Closed |

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