

Less than half of all Americans want Trump ousted post-impeachment:

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Less than half of all Americans say President Donald Trump should be removed from office following his impeachment by the U.S. House of Representatives, according to a Reuters/Ipsos opinion poll released on Thursday, presenting a challenge for Democrats who will seek his ouster in a U.S. Senate trial.

FILE PHOTO: U.S. President Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally in Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S., December 18, 2019. REUTERS/Leah Millis?/ File Photo

The national online survey tmsnrt.rs/2EEemWPW, conducted in the hours after the House voted along party lines on Wednesday to charge Trump with abusing his office and obstructing Congress, found that the rare and highly contentious act by lawmakers has done little to change minds in a divided country.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the top Democrat in Congress, had been initially hesitant to bring impeachment charges against Trump because she was concerned there would not be enough public support.

Her party then sought to build that support through public hearings on the allegations that Trump withheld military aid for Ukraine and pressured its president to investigate a political rival, Joe Biden, before Wednesday's historic impeachment vote.

When asked about the specific impeachment charges, 53% agreed that Trump abused his office and 51% agreed that he obstructed Congress.

Some 42% of respondents - most of them Democrats - said Congress should carry out its ultimate sanction and remove the president from office, as the Senate has the power to do.



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Another 17% said Trump should be formally reprimanded with a congressional censure, 29% said they want the impeachment charges dismissed, and the rest said they did not have an opinion.

Trump, the third president in U.S. history to be impeached, now faces an impeachment trial early next year in the Senate. The Republicans who control the chamber have largely supported Trump throughout the House proceedings. The leader

of the upper chamber, Senator Mitch McConnell, has said there is no chance of the president being convicted. The public has remained sharply divided on impeaching Trump, who has denounced the impeachment hearings as a witch hunt and an illegal attempt to oust him from office.

Overall, only 44% of the American public said they approved of the House's handling of Trump's impeachment, while 41% disapproved. And when asked how the impeachment left them feeling about the president, 26% said they are more supportive of

Trump now, while 20% said they are less supportive, and 48% it has not changed their view one way or the other.

The Reuters/Ipsos poll showed that a minority of Americans want the Senate to remove Trump and Democrats' potential to encourage more people in their party to vote Trump out of office in the November 2020 election.

"If Trump is acquitted and he does a victory lap, it really could be a minus for him," said University of Michigan political scientist Nicholas Valentino. "It could become a mobilizing tool for the Democrats."



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U.S. House Speaker Pelosi departs after her weekly news conference at the U.S. Capitol in Washington



U.S. House Speaker Pelosi holds her weekly news conference at the U.S. Capitol in Washington



U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) arrives at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, U.S. December 19, 2019. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst



A demonstrator holds up a sign of protest outside of the White House, in Washington



FILE PHOTO: U.S. President Trump arrives for closed Senate Republican policy lunch on Capitol Hill in Washington



Jerry Pritchard drinks coffee in the warehouse of his construction management company in Northampton



U.S. Representative Tlaib smiles as she departs after voting on two articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump at the U.S. Capitol in Washington



U.S. President Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally in Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S., December 18, 2019. REUTERS/Leah Millis?

McDonald's Commits Half A Million Dollars To Establish A Scholarship Program For Asian And Pacific Islander American (APIA) Students

McDonald's Offers \$500,000 In Scholarships For Asian And Pacific Islander American Students



Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Last Wednesday, the fast-food giant announced its plans of providing \$500,000 to create the first-ever McDonald's/APIA Scholarship program. The program, created in partnership with APIA Scholars, will initially award 15 four-year scholarships and 40 one-year scholarships to rising college freshmen. According to the announcement, the 55 scholarships will be awarded in Spring 2020. "McDonald's is very excited to launch the McDonald's APIA Scholarship program to give a platform for APIA students to achieve their higher education dreams," Seattle McDonald's Owner/Operator William Cho was quoted as saying. "We believe everyone deserves the chance to go to college, regardless of finances, and McDonald's is committed to making that happen." APIA Scholars noted that while half of all APIAs do have a college degree, economical and educational disparities within the APIA community are significant. Based on APIA figures, only 25% of Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders and

Southeast Asian Americans have college degrees. It also noted that the top 10% of APIAs earn more than 10 times the bottom 10% of APIAs.



These numbers are the reason why scholarship programs are so crucial to the community, according to APIA Scholars. For the McDonald's/APIA Scholarship program, students who are first-generation college attendees and demonstrate high financial need will be prioritized. The application for the McDonald's/APIA Scholarship will be available for the 2020-2021 academic year until January 22, 2020 at 5 p.m. EST. Applications can now be accessed at www.apiascholars.org/. In order to qualify, applicants must meet the requirements below:

- 1.Be of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity as defined by the U.S. Census
- 2.Be a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the United States. Cit-

izens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau are also eligible to apply

- 3.Will be enrolling as an undergraduate student in a U.S. accredited college or university in the Fall 2020
- 4.Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) or have earned a GED



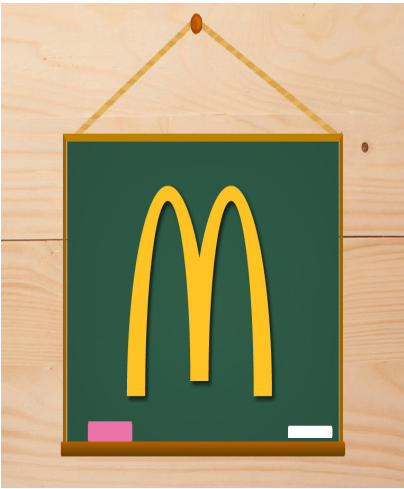
- 5.Must apply for federal financial aid for the 2020-2021 academic year using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) by early April 2020
- 6.Submit one letter of recommendation online

In addition to the APIA Scholarship, McDonald's also offers the HACER® National Scholarship for Hispanic students and the McDonald's Black and Positively Golden Scholarships to students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities. McDonald's announced that it has committed \$500,000 to establish the first-ever McDonald's/APIA Scholarship program in partnership with APIA Scholars. Fifty-five Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) college students will benefit from the program, furthering McDonald's longtime support of providing educational and career resources to bright future leaders. According to APIA Scholars, half of all APIAs have a college degree, compared to a third of all Americans, but there are tremendous disparities within the APIA community, economically and educationally. Only 25% of Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Southeast Asian Americans have college degrees and the

top 10% of APIAs earn more than ten times the bottom 10% of APIAs, which is why scholarship programs like the McDonald's/APIA Scholarship program are so crucial to the community. Emphasis will be placed on students who are first generation college attendees and demonstrate high financial need.



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Founded in 2003, McDonald's partner, APIA Scholars, is the nation's largest non-profit organization that provides college scholarships to APIAs with financial need and has distributed more

than \$150 million in scholarships with the support of partners. "We are grateful to McDonald's for their longstanding support and partnership in our mission to make a difference in the lives of APIA students," said Noël S. Harmon, President and Executive Director, APIA Scholars. "There are tremendous disparities within the APIA community, both economically and educationally, that are often overlooked. As a founding sponsor of APIA Scholars, McDonald's has supported our efforts to address these disparities. We are grateful to McDonald's for recognizing the need and working with us to make a difference." APIA Scholars is currently accepting online applications for the McDonald's/APIA Scholarship at www.apiascholars.org/. The application will be available for the 2020-2021 academic year until January 22, 2020 at 5:00 PM EST. McDonald's also offers the HACER® National Scholarship for Hispanic students and the McDonald's Black and Positively Golden Scholarships to students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In addition to the scholarships offered, McDonald's Archways to Opportunity program provides eligible employees at participating U.S. restaurants an opportunity to earn a high school diploma, receive upfront college tuition assistance, access free education/career advising services and learn English as a second language. For more information about McDonald's support of education, please visit <http://www.mcdonalds.com/people>. (Courtesy <https://nextshark.com/>) and <https://news.mcdonalds.com/>)

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5G Will See A Wide Rollout In 2020



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While 5G started to arrive this year, you really had to seek out the next-generation experience: First, you had to find a carrier that covered part of your city, and then you had to buy one of the handful of phones that supported the new network technology.

Why it matters: Next year, the script will flip, as 5G support will be baked into a wide range of devices and networks expand to cover more of the country. Every new generation of cellular technology has an awkward initial phase, but 5G is actually poised to arrive more smoothly than its predecessors.

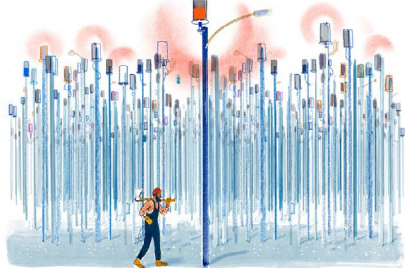
Driving the news:

•Qualcomm announced Tuesday that its next high-end and mid-range chips will have standard 5G support. That guarantees that many of next year’s devices — and nearly all flagship phones — will support 5G.

•T-Mobile announced the launch of its nationwide 5G network Monday, albeit using lower frequency spectrum that allows for broad coverage at the expense of the high speeds possible with millimeter-wave technology. (T-Mobile, like other carriers, is also slowly launching millimeter-wave 5G in parts of large cities.)

•Even those whose 5G networks rely entirely on short-range millimeter wave will be offering service in more cities next year. Verizon’s 5G, for example, is in parts of 18 cities now, with plan-

sto have 30 by year’s end and a steady stream through 2020.



“2020 is a pivotal year,” AT&T senior VP Kevin Petersen said in an interview, noting the company expects to launch around 15 devices stretching from high-end phones to mid-range devices.

Wild card: Apple is the big question mark. It’s generally assumed that it settled a long-running legal fight with Qualcomm earlier this year in part to ensure next year’s iPhone lineup can offer 5G, but nothing is certain. Comments from Qualcomm’s president, though, seem to suggest Apple is on track to have 5G in 2020.

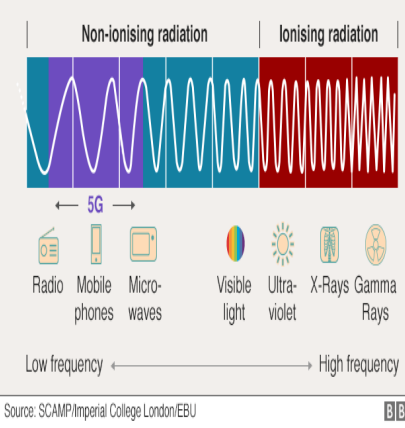
The big picture: The onus will still be on the industry to persuade consumers that they need 5G. The early case will probably focus on faster speeds, especially for video streaming and downloading movies.

•It’s worth noting that people are keeping their phones longer — providing incentive for consumers in the market for a phone next year to buy a 5G device even if their preferred carrier doesn’t yet offer

service.
•5G is also not just about phones. Other uses will also start rolling out next year, including laptops and VR devices with 5G, as well as 5G-based private networks for corporations.

“If we fast forward three years and the big application for 5G is faster internet on smartphones we will have missed the boat,” Verizon chief product development officer Nicki Palmer told Axios.

Where 5G fits in the electromagnetic spectrum



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FCC To Launch \$9B 5G Fund To Bolster Rural Coverage



FCC chairman Ajit Pai speaks at a rural connectivity forum in April 2018.
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The Federal Communications Commission intends to launch a new \$9 billion 5G Fund to spur deployment of wireless service in hard-to-serve rural areas, scrapping an existing program meant to spur 4G LTE service.

Why it matters: Each new wave of wireless technology has rolled out quick-

ly in urban centers but faced technical and financial hurdles in reaching rural customers. The FCC struggled to get the previous \$4.53 billion 4G program off the ground over the last two years amid widespread criticism that coverage data submitted by the carriers did not accurately reflect where there already is 4G service.

Driving the news: A commission staff report released Wednesday found that data submitted by Verizon, U.S. Cellular and T-Mobile for the original funding program, Mobility Fund Phase II, did not reflect on-the-ground experiences measured by speed tests.

•Staffers drove nearly 10,000 miles to conduct speed tests of carrier networks, FCC chairman Ajit Pai said. The staff report said only 62 percent of the drive tests showed the expected minimum download speeds.

•“Mobile carriers must submit accurate broadband coverage data to the commission,” Pai said in a statement. “Simply put, we need to make sure that federal funding goes to areas that need it the most.”



FCC staff recommended in a report that the commission audit the coverage filings of carriers in other proceedings and take other steps to ensure coverage data is accurate.

•But the FCC will not move to penalize the carriers because the staff investigation did not find a sufficiently clear rule violation that would warrant action, a senior FCC official told reporters on a call.

What they’re saying: U.S. Cellular said it had warned that the FCC’s directions for the coverage maps would result in overstated coverage, and said the staff report comes as “no surprise.”

•The company “faithfully implemented” the FCC’s requirements for the coverage maps it submitted but recognizes “better and more accurate maps are necessary,” said Grant Spellmeyer, vice president of federal affairs and public policy for the carrier.

What’s next: Pai’s new proposal would have the FCC allocate \$9 billion from the Universal Service Fund over 10 years through a reverse auction to subsidize 5G deployment in rural America.

•The fund would also set aside at least \$1 billion for precision agriculture deployments.

•Pai intends to circulate his proposal to his colleagues early next year, and he will seek comment on where to target the funding and what speed metrics should be used.

•“We must ensure that 5G narrows rather than widens the digital divide and that rural Americans receive the benefits that come from wireless innovation,” Pai said in



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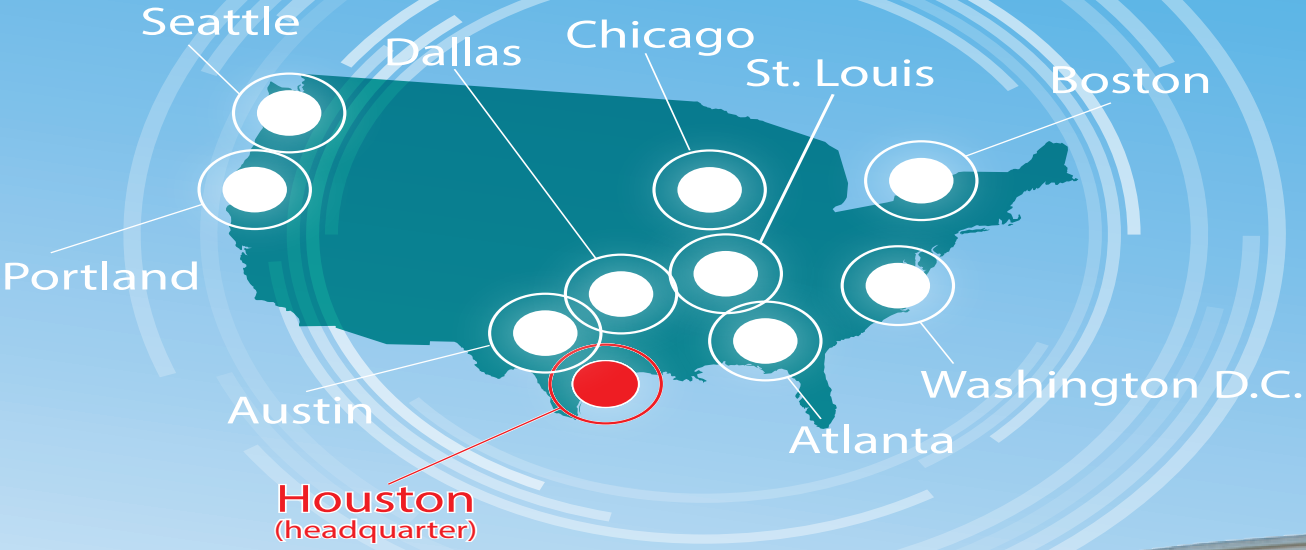
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