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## **NATIONAL: TRUMP-KIM SUMMIT OPINION FLAT; 2-in-3 OPPOSE BORDER WALL ‘EMERGENCY’**

West Long Branch, NJ – Public opinion remains split on President Donald Trump’s ability to deal with North Korea. While most say that holding another summit with Kim Jong Un was a good idea, fewer than half feel the most recent meeting made any progress in reducing the nuclear threat posed by North Korea. The latest *Monmouth University Poll* also finds that two-thirds of Americans disapprove of the president using emergency powers to divert military funding in order to build a wall along the Mexican border.

Currently, 42% of Americans express confidence in Trump’s ability to handle the North Korea situation (up from 37% after last year’s meeting), while 40% are not confident (up from 36%). Another 18% are unsure (down from 28%). Public faith in the president’s ability to deal with North Korea has been fairly evenly divided in Monmouth’s polling going back to August 2017.

Most Americans (65%) say that the recent meeting between Trump and Kim was a good idea, including 90% of Republicans, 66% of independents, and 42% of Democrats. Only 27% say it was a bad idea. This positive feeling is slightly lower than it was after the two leaders first met in June last year, when 71% said that meeting was a good idea and 20% said it was a bad idea.

“Trump gets credit for meeting with Kim, but it really doesn’t translate into a solid win for him,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Americans are split on whether it is likely (44%) or unlikely (44%) that the recent meeting will help *decrease* the nuclear threat posed by North Korea. The public was somewhat more optimistic after the 2018 summit, when 51% said that meeting was likely to reduce the nuclear threat and 39% said it was unlikely. On the other hand, few feel that the latest meeting made the situation any worse. Just 23% say that last week’s summit is likely to lead to an *increase* in the nuclear threat posed by North Korea, while 64% said it is not likely to do that. *[This latter question was not asked after the June summit.]*

Republicans (70%) are more likely than independents (43%) and Democrats (22%) to believe that last week's meeting will *decrease* the North Korean threat, while Democrats (36%) are more likely than independents (20%) and Republicans (11%) to believe that last week's meeting will *increase* that threat.

There has been slightly less public interest in the latest summit than there was for the initial meeting between Trump and Kim. While nearly 9-in-10 Americans say they followed news of the summit, only 42% say they have heard a lot about it. This compares to 53% who heard a lot about the first meeting in June 2018. *[Note: the poll was conducted after the summit but before recent news reports that North Korea is rebuilding a rocket launch site.]*

The *Monmouth University Poll* also asked about Trump using emergency powers to build a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico. Just one-third of Americans (33%) approve of the president's declaration of a national emergency in order to use military funding to build a border wall. Nearly twice as many (65%) disapprove of this move. Most Republicans (73%) support the president using emergency powers to build the wall, while nearly all Democrats (93%) and most independents (71%) are opposed. These results are virtually unchanged from January when the White House floated the idea of using emergency powers if the president did not get the wall funding he wanted in the new budget. At that time, 34% said they would approve of Trump making such a declaration and 64% said they would disapprove if he did it.

In general, support for building a wall along the border with Mexico remains negative with 44% of the American public supporting it, while 51% are opposed. These results are nearly identical to Monmouth's January poll which found 44% in favor and 52% opposed. Currently, 84% of Republicans, 40% of independents, and only 15% of Democrats support building a border wall.

"Two-thirds of Americans said they would oppose Trump using emergency powers to divert money to a border wall, and that has held true. The question is whether public opinion will shift after Congress votes on overturning that declaration," said Murray.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from March 1 to 4, 2019 with 802 adults in the United States. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

## QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

(\* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

[Q1-5 previously released.]

### 6. Do you favor or oppose building a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico?

TREND:	March 2019	Jan. 2019	Jan. 2018	Sept. 2017	Sept. 2015
Favor	<b>44%</b>	44%	40%	35%	48%
Oppose	<b>51%</b>	52%	57%	60%	43%
(VOL) Don't know	<b>4%</b>	4%	3%	5%	10%
(n)	<b>(802)</b>	(805)	(806)	(1,009)	(1,009)

### 7. Do you approve or disapprove of the president declaring a national emergency in order to use funding designated for the U.S. military to build a wall along the Mexican border?

TREND:	March 2019	Jan. 2019*
Approve	<b>33%</b>	34%
Disapprove	<b>65%</b>	64%
(VOL) Don't know	<b>2%</b>	2%
(n)	<b>(802)</b>	(805)

\*Jan '19 Question wording was: "If a deal cannot be reached on border security, would you approve or disapprove of the president declaring a national emergency..."

[Q8 and Q16-24 previously released.]

[Q9-15 held for future release.]

### 25. President Trump recently met with the North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. How much have you heard about this – a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

TREND:	March 2019	June 2018*
A lot	<b>42%</b>	53%
A little	<b>47%</b>	40%
Nothing at all	<b>12%</b>	8%
(n)	<b>(802)</b>	(806)

\*June '18 question was asked about the June meeting between Trump and Kim.

### 26. Do you think Trump having this meeting was a good idea or bad idea?

TREND:	March 2019	June 2018*	April 2018*
Good idea	<b>65%</b>	71%	63%
Bad idea	<b>27%</b>	20%	28%
(VOL) Don't know	<b>8%</b>	9%	8%
(n)	<b>(802)</b>	(806)	(803)

\*June '18 question was asked about the June meeting.

\*April '18 question was asked regarding a potential meeting.

### 27. Are you confident or not confident in President Trump's ability to deal with the North Korea situation, or are you not sure? [If NOT SURE: Do you lean more toward feeling confident or more toward feeling not confident?]

TREND:	March 2019	June 2018	April 2018	Jan. 2018	Aug. 2017
Confident	<b>42%</b>	37%	37%	41%	42%
Not sure, lean confident	<b>6%</b>	9%	8%	6%	6%
Not sure	<b>2%</b>	4%	2%	2%	3%
Not sure, lean not confident	<b>10%</b>	15%	13%	11%	11%
Not confident	<b>40%</b>	36%	40%	40%	38%
(n)	<b>(802)</b>	(806)	(803)	(806)	(805)

[QUESTIONS 28 & 29 WERE ROTATED]

28. Do you think it is likely or not likely that this meeting will help DECREASE the nuclear threat posed by North Korea?

TREND:	March 2019	June 2018*
Likely	44%	51%
Not likely	44%	39%
(VOL) Don't know	12%	10%
(n)	(802)	(806)

\*June '18 question was asked about the June meeting.

29. Do you think it is likely or not likely that this meeting will help INCREASE the nuclear threat posed by North Korea?

	March 2019
Likely	23%
Not likely	64%
(VOL) Don't know	13%
(n)	(802)

[Q30-36 held for future release.]

### METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from March 1 to 4, 2019 with a national random sample of 802 adults age 18 and older, in English. This includes 322 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 480 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone. Telephone numbers were selected through random digit dialing and landline respondents were selected with a modified Trol Dahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. Final sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information. Data collection support provided by Braun Research (field) and SSI (RDD sample). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points (unadjusted for sample design). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

<i>DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)</i>	
<i>Self-Reported</i>	
26% Republican	
43% Independent	
31% Democrat	
48% Male	
52% Female	
30% 18-34	
34% 35-54	
36% 55+	
63% White	
13% Black	
16% Hispanic	
9% Asian/Other	
69% No degree	
31% 4 year degree	

MARGIN OF ERROR		<i>unweighted sample</i>	<i>moe (+/-)</i>
TOTAL		802	3.5%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	746	3.6%
	No	56	13.1%
SELF-REPORTED	Republican	232	6.4%
PARTY ID	Independent	339	5.3%
	Democrat	219	6.6%
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	199	7.0%
	Moderate	268	6.0%
	Conservative	310	5.6%
GENDER	Male	399	4.9%
	Female	403	4.9%
AGE	18-34	169	7.5%
	35-54	299	5.7%
	55+	333	5.4%
RACE	White, non-Hispanic	612	4.0%
	Other	168	7.6%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	400	4.9%
	4 year degree	398	4.9%
WHITE COLLEGE	White, no degree	292	5.7%
	White, 4 year degree	317	5.5%
INCOME	<\$50K	255	6.1%
	\$50 to <100K	234	6.4%
	\$100K+	257	6.1%
2016 VOTE BY	Trump 10+ pts	314	5.5%
COUNTY	Swing <10 pts	192	7.1%
	Clinton 10+ pts	296	5.7%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
6. Do you favor or oppose building a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico?	Favor	44%	46%	30%	84%	40%	15%	13%	31%	77%	47%
	Oppose	51%	50%	60%	13%	55%	80%	87%	61%	18%	49%
	[VOL] Dont Know	4%	4%	10%	2%	6%	5%	0%	7%	4%	5%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		RACE	
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
6. Do you favor or oppose building a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico?	Favor	42%	31%	52%	48%	48%	35%	54%	26%
	Oppose	54%	63%	44%	48%	47%	62%	43%	67%
	[VOL] Dont Know	4%	6%	4%	4%	5%	3%	3%	7%

		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
6. Do you favor or oppose building a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico?	Favor	62%	39%	40%	48%	42%	59%	42%	31%
	Oppose	36%	57%	55%	49%	55%	36%	51%	66%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	7%	2%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
7. Do you approve or disapprove of the president declaring a national emergency in order to use funding designated for the U. S. military to build a wall along the Mexican border?	Approve	33%	34%	22%	73%	28%	6%	5%	20%	64%	36%
	Disapprove	65%	64%	76%	24%	71%	93%	95%	77%	34%	61%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	0%	3%	1%	2%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		RACE	
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
7. Do you approve or disapprove of the president declaring a national emergency in order to use funding designated for the U. S. military to build a wall along the Mexican border?	Approve	30%	21%	36%	41%	36%	26%	41%	17%
	Disapprove	69%	77%	62%	58%	62%	72%	56%	82%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%

		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
7. Do you approve or disapprove of the president declaring a national emergency in order to use funding designated for the U. S. military to build a wall along the Mexican border?	Approve	46%	31%	28%	40%	29%	48%	31%	20%
	Disapprove	51%	67%	70%	59%	69%	49%	69%	79%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
25. President Trump recently met with the North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. How much have you heard about this - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?	A lot	42%	44%	24%	44%	37%	49%	40%	39%	47%	40%
	A little	47%	46%	55%	48%	51%	40%	47%	48%	47%	52%
	Nothing at all	12%	11%	20%	9%	13%	11%	13%	14%	6%	8%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		RACE	
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
25. President Trump recently met with the North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. How much have you heard about this - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?	A lot	43%	24%	44%	54%	37%	51%	45%	34%
	A little	42%	61%	46%	35%	49%	43%	45%	50%
	Nothing at all	15%	15%	11%	10%	14%	7%	9%	16%

		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
25. President Trump recently met with the North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. How much have you heard about this - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?	A lot	41%	53%	33%	44%	51%	43%	39%	42%
	A little	48%	41%	49%	49%	43%	47%	48%	46%
	Nothing at all	11%	5%	18%	8%	6%	11%	13%	12%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
26. Do you think Trump having this meeting was a good idea or bad idea?	Good idea	65%	64%	74%	90%	66%	42%	40%	60%	86%	75%
	Bad idea	27%	28%	15%	5%	26%	47%	47%	33%	9%	17%
	[VOL] Dont Know	8%	8%	10%	5%	8%	10%	12%	8%	5%	7%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		RACE	
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
26. Do you think Trump having this meeting was a good idea or bad idea?	Good idea	55%	70%	65%	60%	67%	59%	72%	51%
	Bad idea	35%	18%	27%	34%	25%	32%	21%	37%
	[VOL] Dont Know	10%	12%	8%	7%	8%	10%	7%	12%

		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
26. Do you think Trump having this meeting was a good idea or bad idea?	Good idea	78%	61%	63%	68%	63%	75%	62%	57%
	Bad idea	16%	31%	27%	26%	30%	20%	30%	31%
	[VOL] Dont Know	6%	8%	10%	6%	7%	5%	8%	12%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
27 [with leaners]. Are you confident or not confident in President Trumps ability to deal with the North Korea situation, or are you not sure?	Confident	42%	42%	43%	80%	40%	11%	12%	31%	72%
	Not sure, lean confident	6%	5%	7%	5%	8%	3%	3%	7%	6%
	Not sure	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%
	Not sure, lean not confident	10%	10%	15%	7%	9%	15%	11%	12%	8%
	Not confident	40%	41%	34%	7%	41%	68%	73%	49%	12%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		RACE
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp
27 [with leaners]. Are you confident or not confident in President Trumps ability to deal with the North Korea situation, or are you not sure?	Confident	52%	33%	39%	40%	45%	45%	34%	52%
	Not sure, lean confident	6%	5%	4%	8%	5%	5%	6%	7%
	Not sure	1%	3%	0%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%
	Not sure, lean not confident	8%	12%	9%	14%	8%	12%	6%	6%
	Not confident	33%	47%	48%	35%	39%	35%	53%	34%

		RACE	WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY
		Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts
27 [with leaners]. Are you confident or not confident in President Trumps ability to deal with the North Korea situation, or are you not sure?	Confident	23%	58%	40%	40%	43%	41%	55%
	Not sure, lean confident	4%	8%	5%	5%	6%	5%	8%
	Not sure	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%
	Not sure, lean not confident	18%	6%	6%	14%	9%	5%	7%
	Not confident	53%	26%	48%	39%	40%	48%	28%

		2016 MARGIN by COUNTY	
		Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
27 [with leaners]. Are you confident or not confident in President Trumps ability to deal with the North Korea situation, or are you not sure?	Confident	44%	28%
	Not sure, lean confident	5%	4%
	Not sure	1%	2%
	Not sure, lean not confident	14%	11%
	Not confident	36%	55%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
28. Do you think it is likely or not likely that this meeting will help DECREASE the nuclear threat posed by North Korea?	Likely	44%	43%	54%	70%	43%	22%	21%	39%	65%	48%
	Not likely	44%	46%	30%	19%	44%	67%	70%	48%	24%	41%
	[VOL] Dont Know	12%	12%	16%	11%	13%	11%	9%	13%	10%	11%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		RACE	
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
28. Do you think it is likely or not likely that this meeting will help DECREASE the nuclear threat posed by North Korea?	Likely	40%	45%	44%	42%	47%	37%	52%	30%
	Not likely	47%	46%	43%	44%	40%	54%	39%	53%
	[VOL] Dont Know	13%	9%	13%	14%	13%	9%	10%	17%

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		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
28. Do you think it is likely or not likely that this meeting will help DECREASE the nuclear threat posed by North Korea?	Likely	58%	39%	45%	46%	39%	54%	41%	36%
	Not likely	32%	52%	40%	46%	52%	34%	45%	54%
	[VOL] Dont Know	10%	9%	16%	8%	9%	12%	14%	10%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
29. Do you think it is likely or not likely that this meeting will help INCREASE the nuclear threat posed by North Korea?	Likely	23%	22%	26%	11%	20%	36%	29%	29%	12%	21%
	Not likely	64%	65%	57%	82%	65%	49%	56%	58%	79%	69%
	[VOL] Dont Know	13%	12%	17%	7%	15%	14%	15%	13%	8%	10%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		RACE	
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
29. Do you think it is likely or not likely that this meeting will help INCREASE the nuclear threat posed by North Korea?	Likely	25%	23%	20%	25%	24%	21%	18%	31%
	Not likely	60%	68%	65%	61%	63%	67%	71%	53%
	[VOL] Dont Know	15%	9%	15%	14%	13%	12%	11%	16%

		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
29. Do you think it is likely or not likely that this meeting will help INCREASE the nuclear threat posed by North Korea?	Likely	18%	19%	25%	24%	19%	19%	25%	25%
	Not likely	71%	71%	59%	67%	71%	68%	64%	62%
	[VOL] Dont Know	11%	11%	16%	9%	10%	13%	11%	13%