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Subject: Pence Anti-Climate Views Could Spell Trouble in 2020 Matchup; Large Majorities of Independents & Republicans Want Congress to Investigate Lobbyist Appointments to Federal Environmental Agencies

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that a majority of national voters (55%) disapprove of President Donald Trump's job performance, while only 40% approve. A further 52% of voters say they would vote for President Trump's Democratic opponent in the 2020 election, with only 41% of voters saying they would vote for Trump. Vice President Mike Pence is performing better than President Trump on approval, but a plurality of voters (46%) disapprove of his job performance while only 43% approve. Meanwhile, only 40% of voters say they would vote for Pence, if he led the ticket in the next election, with 49% of voters supporting a Democratic opponent.

When informed about Pence's record on climate change denial and support of policies that endanger the environment and public health, 45% of voters say they are less likely to vote for him (were he at the top of the ticket). This includes 19% of voters who supported President Trump in 2016, and 1-in-4 Republicans (26%). Nearly half (47%) of independents are also less likely to support him. Only 23% of voters say they are more likely to support him.

Voters are concerned about the Trump administration's environmental policies. A majority (60%) think that Congress should investigate the appointment of corporate lobbyists to senior government positions, including the Environmental Protection Agency. This includes 68% of Democrats, 61% of independents, and 51% of Republicans.

A majority (57%) also say that the Trump administration's appointment of lobbyists for coal and chemical companies to run the EPA is concerning, including 63% of independents, while only 34% are not concerned.





PPP surveyed 885 nationwide voters from September 26-27, 2019. The margin of error is +/- 3.3%. 80% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 20% over the internet to reach respondents without landline telephones.

