Poll: Trump should obey Congress’ subpoenas


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WASHINGTON — Most Americans say the White House should comply with subpoenas for witnesses and documents issued by congressional committees investigating President Donald Trump and his administration. By nearly 2-1, they want to hear former special counsel Robert Mueller testify publicly about his inquiry into the 2016 election.

A new USA TODAY/Suffolk University Poll finds those views aren’t simply partisan. Four in 10 Republicans say it’s important to them that Mueller testify, and those in 10 Republicans say the White House should stop arguing that some officials and former officials should defy the congressional subpoenas. Democrats and independents overwhelmingly agree.

“Everybody should be equal as far as things like that go,” says Edna Wilcock, 72, a political independent and retired pediatric nurse from Sequim, Wash. “It’s important. I thought it was a good idea, and you shouldn’t be able to choose who testifies and who doesn’t.”

The White House and Congress are heading toward a showdown over Congress’ subpoena powers. The House voted along party lines last week to authorize committees to go to court to enforce them. The Judiciary Committee has been poised to sue at the White House to enforce them. The Judiciary Committee has been poised to sue At the White House to enforce them. The Judiciary Committee has been poised to sue the White House should stop arguing that some officials and former officials should defy the congressional subpoenas. Democrats and independents overwhelmingly agree.

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U.S. adults, conducted on April 29-30, 2019

SOURCE YouGov Summer Road Trips survey of 1,216 U.S. adults, conducted on April 29-30, 2019

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Road tripping
Percentage of adults who plan on taking a road trip, if any, this summer:

At least one 8 37% 73%
1-5 1.5 12% 88%
6-10 2.0 3% 97%
10+ 2.5 3% 97%

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‘Judas snakes’ help cull invading pythons

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Charlie 5 had no plans to move that hot morning. The 9-foot-long Burmese python was comfortably nestled in a muddy hollow, well hidden in a thicket of saw grass and alligator flag in Big Cypress National Preserve. His tracking device gave him away. He didn’t like it, but he had visitors. “There he is,” said Austin Fitzgerald, a biological science technician with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), bending down within 18 inches of the steamy muck. “I can just barely see his head.”

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Face-recognition technology has heads spinning in Calif.

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SAN FRANCISCO – A routine traffic stop goes dangerously awry when a police officer’s body camera uses its built-in facial recognition software and misidentifies a motorist as a convicted felon.

Guns are drawn. Nerves fray. At best, lawsuits are launched. At worst, tragedy strikes. That imaginary scenario is what some California lawmakers are trying to avoid by supporting Assembly Bill 320, the Body Camera Accountability Act, which would ban the use of facial recognition software in police body cameras — a national first if it passes a Senate vote this summer and is signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

State law enforcement officials have not now employ the technology to scan those in the line of sight of officers. But some police officials oppose the bill on the grounds that a valuable tool could be lost. The tug of war over high-tech sur-

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Burmese python facts

Max length: 25 feet
Max weight: 200 pounds
Average length of those removed: 8-10 feet
Native range: India to lower China, throughout the Malay Peninsula and on some East Indies islands
Habitat: Typically lives near water
Average clutch: 50-100 eggs

Source: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
President Donald Trump leaves a rally in Montoursville, Pa. As the 2020 race begins, questions about 2016 linger: BRINGHOM SIMON/USA TODAY NETWORK

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