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### Reuters/Ipsos: Capitol Unrest Survey (01/08/2021)

A majority of Americans want Donald Trump removed from the presidency

#### Topline Findings

**Washington, DC, January 8, 2021** – The latest public opinion poll from Reuters/Ipsos finds that, following people breaking into the Capitol building on January 6, 2021, 57% of Americans say that Donald Trump should no longer be president. This includes 44% who believe he should be removed, either by way of impeachment (14%) or the 25th Amendment (30%), and an additional 13% who say he should resign. Forty-three percent say he should continue as president until the end of his term.

Approximately three in four Americans strongly oppose the actions of the people who broke into the Capitol building (72%), including 87% of Democrats and 58% of Republicans. In all, 81% of Americans oppose the actions. Just 12% of Americans report supporting the people who broke into the Capitol, including 23% of Republicans. Six percent of Americans don't know.

When asked about how they perceive certain public figures' responses to the actions at the Capitol, 60% of Americans say they approve of how President-elect Joe Biden responded. Twenty-nine percent of Americans approve of Donald Trump's response, including a majority of Republicans (59%). Twenty-seven percent approve of Ted Cruz's response, including 46% of Republicans. Thirty-five percent of Americans approve of Mitt Romney's response, including 47% of Democrats. Just 23% of Republicans approve of how Mitt Romney responded.

Most Americans describe the people who broke into the Capitol as criminal (59%). Thirty-seven percent of Americans say that lawmakers trying to block certification of the Electoral College votes are fools, followed by 20% who say they are criminals. Republicans are split on their perceptions of those who voted to block certification – 22% say they are patriots, 27% say they are concerned citizens, 24% say they are fools, and 13% say they are criminals. Lawmakers who voted to certify results are described as patriots (32%) and concerned citizens (25%) by Americans. Republicans are also torn on their characterization of the lawmakers who voted to certify the Electoral College votes, with the largest share saying they are concerned citizens (29%), fools (23%) or patriots (20%).

For full results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire.



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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
With which political party do you most identify? Detailed	Democrat	42%	100%	0%	0%
	Republican	36%	0%	100%	0%
	Independent	15%	0%	0%	100%
	None/DK	7%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	1005	490	363	100
TM2015Y20. Do you support or oppose the protesters who broke into the U.S. Capitol while Congress met to certify the Electoral College votes from the 2020 presidential election?	Strongly support	5%	2%	9%	3%
	Somewhat support	8%	3%	13%	7%
	Somewhat oppose	9%	5%	13%	9%
	Strongly oppose	72%	87%	58%	71%
	Don't know	6%	2%	7%	10%
	Total	1005	490	363	100
TM2016Y20_1. [Joe Biden] Do you approve or disapprove of the actions of each of the following around the events at the Capitol?	Strongly approve	32%	61%	9%	23%
	Somewhat approve	15%	18%	10%	17%
	Lean toward approve	13%	10%	12%	16%
	Lean toward disapprove	6%	1%	8%	8%
	Somewhat disapprove	6%	2%	11%	7%
	Strongly disapprove	21%	2%	44%	22%
	Don't know	8%	6%	6%	8%
	Total	1005	490	363	100
TM2016Y20_2. [Donald Trump] Do you approve or disapprove of the actions of each of the following around the events at the Capitol?	Strongly approve	16%	1%	38%	10%
	Somewhat approve	7%	3%	12%	9%
	Lean toward approve	6%	1%	10%	7%
	Lean toward disapprove	6%	4%	9%	7%
	Somewhat disapprove	7%	5%	9%	10%
	Strongly disapprove	55%	86%	20%	52%
	Don't know	3%	1%	3%	5%
	Total	1005	490	363	100
TM2016Y20_3. [Mike Pence] Do you approve or disapprove of the actions of each of the following around the events at the Capitol?	Strongly approve	16%	9%	26%	19%
	Somewhat approve	15%	10%	21%	15%
	Lean toward approve	18%	20%	16%	18%
	Lean toward disapprove	11%	13%	8%	10%
	Somewhat disapprove	9%	14%	6%	8%
	Strongly disapprove	16%	22%	10%	12%
	Don't know	15%	12%	13%	18%
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	All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	
TM2016Y20_4. [Ted Cruz] Do you approve or disapprove of the actions of each of the following around the events at the Capitol?	Strongly approve	9%	2%	18%	8%
	Somewhat approve	7%	4%	13%	4%
	Lean toward approve	11%	6%	15%	14%
	Lean toward disapprove	9%	9%	8%	10%
	Somewhat disapprove	7%	7%	8%	3%
	Strongly disapprove	30%	50%	12%	29%
	Don't know	28%	24%	26%	32%
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TM2016Y20_5. [Mitt Romney] Do you approve or disapprove of the actions of each of the following around the events at the Capitol?	Strongly approve	12%	17%	8%	11%
	Somewhat approve	12%	16%	7%	17%
	Lean toward approve	11%	15%	8%	8%
	Lean toward disapprove	12%	9%	17%	11%
	Somewhat disapprove	8%	6%	12%	3%
	Strongly disapprove	17%	13%	23%	12%
	Don't know	29%	24%	26%	38%
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TM2017Y20_1. [The people who broke into the U.S. Capitol] Which word or phrase best describes the following groups involved in the events at the Capitol?	Patriots	5%	2%	9%	5%
	Concerned citizens	9%	3%	18%	5%
	Fools	20%	20%	18%	22%
	Criminals	59%	73%	47%	57%
	Don't know	7%	2%	7%	11%
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TM2017Y20_2. [Lawmakers seeking to block certification of the election] Which word or phrase best describes the following groups involved in the events at the Capitol?	Patriots	11%	3%	22%	9%
	Concerned citizens	15%	7%	27%	13%
	Fools	37%	49%	24%	33%
	Criminals	20%	29%	13%	18%
	Don't know	16%	12%	15%	26%
	Total	1005	490	363	100
TM2017Y20_3. [Lawmakers seeking to certify the election] Which word or phrase best describes the following groups involved in the events at the Capitol?	Patriots	32%	49%	20%	24%
	Concerned citizens	25%	21%	29%	25%
	Fools	15%	10%	23%	13%
	Criminals	10%	7%	11%	12%
	Don't know	18%	14%	17%	26%
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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TM2018Y20. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion?	Donald Trump should be immediately removed from office using the 25th Amendment	30%	47%	11%	28%
	Donald Trump should be impeached and removed from office by Congress	14%	25%	5%	10%
	Donald Trump should resign from the presidency	13%	16%	8%	14%
	Donald Trump should continue in his role as president until the end of his term	43%	11%	77%	48%
	Total	1005	490	363	100
TM1997Y20. For whom did you vote for President in 2020?	Joe Biden (Democrat)	45%	85%	9%	39%
	Donald Trump (Republican)	33%	4%	76%	21%
	Other	4%	1%	4%	10%
	I did not vote in the 2020 presidential election	15%	8%	10%	26%
	Unsure / Refuse	3%	1%	2%	4%
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### About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between January 7-8, 2021 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 1,005 Americans age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii were interviewed online in English. The sample includes 490 Democrats, 363 Republicans, and 100 independents. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Americans been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error. The poll also has a credibility interval  $\pm 5.0$  percentage points for Democrats,  $\pm 5.9$  percentage points for Republicans, and  $\pm 11.2$  percentage points for independents.

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