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Reuters/Ipsos: Trump's Coattails (04/02/2021)

It's been almost three months since Trump left the White House, most Republicans still believe his election loss was the result of a rigged election or illegal voting

Topline Findings

Washington, DC, April 2, 2021 – A new Reuters/Ipsos poll finds that most Americans agree that former President Donald Trump was partly to blame for the Jan. 6th riot at the Capitol, and 61% agree that he should not run for president again in 2024. However, support for Trump among his Republican base remains strong as 55% of Republicans believe his 2020 election loss resulted from illegal voting or election rigging. Paradoxically, 35% of Republicans agreed with both of the following theories: that the people who gathered at the U.S. Capitol on Jan 6th were peaceful, law-abiding Americans and that it was actually led by violent left-wing protestors trying to make Trump look bad. To that end, 81% of Republicans still view Trump favorably. Of the other Republican political figures asked about, Republicans were most familiar with Mitt Romney and Ted Cruz, yet favorability for both of these figures is not as high as for Donald Trump. Sixty-one percent view Ted Cruz favorably, and only 38% favor Mitt Romney.

Finally, when it comes to voting rights, 81% of Americans believe it is important for the government to make it easier to vote, but 74% also think it's important that new limits are set to protect elections from fraud.

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



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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
1. With which political party do you most identify? Detailed	Strong Democrat	19%	42%	0%	0%
	Moderate Democrat	18%	40%	0%	0%
	Lean Democrat	8%	18%	0%	0%
	Lean Republican	9%	0%	24%	0%
	Moderate Republican	13%	0%	37%	0%
	Strong Republican	14%	0%	38%	0%
	Independent	12%	0%	0%	100%
	None of these	5%	0%	0%	0%
	DK	2%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	1005	451	379	119
2. With which political party do you most identify? Summary	Democrat	45%	100%	0%	0%
	Republican	36%	0%	100%	0%
	Independent	12%	0%	0%	100%
	None/DK	7%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	1005	451	379	119
3. Are you currently registered to vote at your current address, or not?	Yes, registered to vote at my current address	85%	90%	90%	80%
	No, not registered to vote at my current address	12%	9%	9%	15%
	Not sure	3%	1%	1%	5%
	Total	1005	451	379	119
4.1. [Donald Trump] How familiar are you with the following public figures, taking into account all the ways you may have heard about them?	Very familiar	67%	73%	72%	43%
	Somewhat familiar	24%	18%	23%	43%
	Not very familiar	3%	4%	4%	2%
	Have heard of them, but that's it	4%	3%	1%	9%
	Have not heard about them	2%	2%	0%	2%
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4.2. [Mitch McConnell] How familiar are you with the following public figures, taking into account all the ways you may have heard about them?	Very familiar	33%	40%	34%	23%
	Somewhat familiar	32%	32%	34%	34%
	Not very familiar	17%	14%	19%	22%
	Have heard of them, but that's it	11%	10%	9%	16%
	Have not heard about them	6%	4%	4%	7%
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4.3. [Ted Cruz] How familiar are you with the following public figures, taking into account all the ways you may have heard about them?	Very familiar	35%	39%	38%	23%
	Somewhat familiar	35%	36%	34%	37%
	Not very familiar	15%	15%	17%	12%
	Have heard of them, but that's it	11%	6%	9%	23%
	Have not heard about them	4%	4%	2%	5%
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4.4. [Ron DeSantis] How familiar are you with the following public figures, taking into account all the ways you may have heard about them?	Very familiar	17%	20%	18%	8%
	Somewhat familiar	18%	21%	17%	15%
	Not very familiar	24%	25%	28%	15%
	Have heard of them, but that's it	13%	10%	11%	24%
	Have not heard about them	29%	24%	26%	38%
	Total	1005	451	379	119
4.5. [Mitt Romney] How familiar are you with the following public figures, taking into account all the ways you may have heard about them?	Very familiar	32%	35%	36%	17%
	Somewhat familiar	36%	37%	37%	39%
	Not very familiar	17%	17%	18%	15%
	Have heard of them, but that's it	11%	8%	7%	22%
	Have not heard about them	4%	2%	2%	7%
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4.6. [Joe Biden] How familiar are you with the following public figures, taking into account all the ways you may have heard about them?	Very familiar	61%	75%	57%	40%
	Somewhat familiar	28%	20%	31%	40%
	Not very familiar	6%	3%	9%	4%
	Have heard of them, but that's it	5%	1%	2%	15%
	Have not heard about them	1%	0%	0%	1%
	Total	1005	451	379	119
4.7. [Kamala Harris] How familiar are you with the following public figures, taking into account all the ways you may have heard about them?	Very familiar	49%	61%	45%	29%
	Somewhat familiar	32%	29%	35%	39%
	Not very familiar	9%	6%	15%	10%
	Have heard of them, but that's it	7%	3%	5%	10%
	Have not heard about them	3%	2%	1%	11%
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[If Familiar] 5.1. [Donald Trump] Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?	Very favorable	21%	6%	45%	11%
	Somewhat favorable	11%	3%	21%	10%
	Lean towards favorable	9%	3%	15%	12%
	Lean towards unfavorable	7%	5%	7%	11%
	Somewhat unfavorable	6%	7%	4%	13%
	Very unfavorable	45%	77%	8%	42%
	Total	997	449	378	116
[If Familiar] 5.2. [Mitch McConnell] Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?	Very favorable	4%	5%	4%	1%
	Somewhat favorable	9%	7%	14%	8%
	Lean towards favorable	18%	11%	27%	18%
	Lean towards unfavorable	24%	18%	31%	25%
	Somewhat unfavorable	12%	14%	9%	15%
	Very unfavorable	33%	46%	16%	33%
	Total	953	437	363	111



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[If Familiar] 5.3. [Ted Cruz] Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?	Very favorable	10%	4%	22%	5%
	Somewhat favorable	11%	5%	18%	9%
	Lean towards favorable	15%	7%	21%	19%
	Lean towards unfavorable	21%	16%	22%	25%
	Somewhat unfavorable	9%	10%	7%	12%
	Very unfavorable	34%	58%	10%	31%
	Total	964	434	370	114
[If Familiar] 5.4. [Ron DeSantis] Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?	Very favorable	13%	7%	23%	8%
	Somewhat favorable	10%	7%	16%	4%
	Lean towards favorable	17%	14%	17%	22%
	Lean towards unfavorable	27%	22%	33%	31%
	Somewhat unfavorable	10%	12%	4%	20%
	Very unfavorable	24%	38%	7%	15%
	Total	745	355	287	78
[If Familiar] 5.5. [Mitt Romney] Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?	Very favorable	5%	5%	4%	2%
	Somewhat favorable	12%	15%	11%	8%
	Lean towards favorable	25%	28%	23%	25%
	Lean towards unfavorable	30%	25%	35%	22%
	Somewhat unfavorable	14%	14%	12%	24%
	Very unfavorable	14%	12%	15%	19%
	Total	979	442	373	114
[If Familiar] 5.6. [Joe Biden] Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?	Very favorable	28%	56%	4%	11%
	Somewhat favorable	17%	26%	7%	19%
	Lean towards favorable	12%	8%	10%	22%
	Lean towards unfavorable	9%	4%	14%	11%
	Somewhat unfavorable	7%	3%	11%	9%
	Very unfavorable	26%	3%	54%	29%
	Total	1000	449	378	118



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[If Familiar] 5.7. [Kamala Harris] Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?	Very favorable	27%	52%	3%	13%
	Somewhat favorable	14%	22%	6%	14%
	Lean towards favorable	14%	15%	9%	17%
	Lean towards unfavorable	12%	5%	17%	16%
	Somewhat unfavorable	7%	4%	10%	10%
	Very unfavorable	26%	2%	55%	29%
	Total	979	447	374	108
6. What comes close to your view of the 2020 election? It was...	Legitimate and accurate	57%	89%	27%	53%
	The result of illegal voting or election rigging	26%	6%	55%	21%
	Don't know	17%	5%	18%	26%
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7.1. [The 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump] To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly agree	19%	6%	38%	12%
	Somewhat agree	13%	7%	22%	12%
	Somewhat disagree	9%	5%	11%	12%
	Strongly disagree	50%	80%	18%	48%
	Don't know	9%	3%	10%	15%
	Total	1005	451	379	119
7.2. [Former President Donald Trump should NOT run for president again in 2024] To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly agree	51%	81%	18%	49%
	Somewhat agree	10%	8%	10%	10%
	Somewhat disagree	9%	4%	14%	9%
	Strongly disagree	24%	5%	49%	20%
	Don't know	7%	2%	8%	13%
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7.3. [Trump is at least partly to blame for starting the deadly Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol] To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly agree	42%	70%	11%	40%
	Somewhat agree	16%	16%	17%	12%
	Somewhat disagree	13%	6%	22%	14%
	Strongly disagree	21%	6%	41%	21%
	Don't know	7%	1%	8%	12%
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7.4. [The people who gathered at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 were mostly peaceful, law-abiding Americans] To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly agree	14%	6%	25%	14%
	Somewhat agree	16%	10%	26%	11%
	Somewhat disagree	16%	16%	18%	14%
	Strongly disagree	45%	64%	24%	47%
	Don't know	8%	3%	8%	14%
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7.5. [The Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol was led by violent left-wing protestors trying to make Trump look bad] To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly agree	16%	7%	32%	6%
	Somewhat agree	17%	12%	23%	19%
	Somewhat disagree	13%	10%	15%	15%
	Strongly disagree	42%	65%	15%	45%
	Don't know	13%	6%	15%	14%
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8.1. [the government make it easier for people to vote] In your opinion, it is ... that....	Very important	50%	71%	30%	42%
	Somewhat important	31%	22%	40%	27%
	Not very important	12%	6%	17%	19%
	Not at all important	7%	1%	13%	12%
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8.2. [the government place new limits on voting to protect elections from fraud] In your opinion, it is ... that....	Very important	40%	32%	54%	28%
	Somewhat important	34%	32%	33%	40%
	Not very important	14%	18%	8%	16%
	Not at all important	12%	18%	4%	16%
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8.3. [states have the right to set their own election laws] In your opinion, it is ... that....	Very important	29%	29%	33%	24%
	Somewhat important	39%	38%	39%	37%
	Not very important	18%	20%	15%	17%
	Not at all important	14%	14%	12%	22%
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8.4. [states have the right to legalize marijuana] In your opinion, it is ... that....	Very important	38%	47%	29%	28%
	Somewhat important	31%	35%	28%	26%
	Not very important	20%	13%	26%	26%
	Not at all important	12%	5%	17%	19%
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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between March 30-31, 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 451 Democrats, 379 Republicans, and 119 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 ± 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 ± 5.3 percentage points for Democrats, ± 5.7 percentage points for Republicans, and ± 10.2 percentage points for independents.

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