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Ipsos/Reuters Poll: The Big Lie

Over half of Republicans believe Donald Trump is the actual President of the United States.

Topline Findings

Washington, DC, May 21, 2021 - Former President Donald Trump’s stronghold over the Republican party remains. His refusal to concede the 2020 election and calls of widespread fraud have raised doubts about the integrity of its results among his Republican base. Consequently, 56% of Republicans believe the election was rigged or the result of illegal voting, and 53% think Donald Trump is the actual President, not Joe Biden. Only 30% of Republicans feel confident that absentee or mail-in ballots were accurately counted, compared to 86% of Democrats and 55% of independents. As a result, 87% of Republicans believe it is important that the government place new limits on voting to protect elections from fraud. Finally, 63% percent of Republicans think Donald Trump should run for President again in 2024, compared to only 8% of Democrats and 23% of independents.

For complete results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire:

Full Annotated Questionnaire

| | | All Respondents | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. With which political party do you most identify? Detailed | Strong Democrat | 16% | 39% | 0% | 0% |
| | Moderate Democrat | 17% | 41% | 0% | 0% |
| | Lean Democrat | 8% | 20% | 0% | 0% |
| | Lean Republican | 7% | 0% | 20% | 0% |
| | Moderate Republican | 15% | 0% | 42% | 0% |
| | Strong Republican | 13% | 0% | 38% | 0% |
| | Independent | 16% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| | None of these | 5% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| | DK | 3% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| | Total | 2007 | 909 | 754 | 196 |
| 2. With which political party do you most identify? Summary | Democrat | 41% | 100% | 0% | 0% |
| | Republican | 35% | 0% | 100% | 0% |
| | Independent | 16% | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| | None/DK | 8% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
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| | | All Respondents | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
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| 3. Are you currently registered to vote at your current address, or not? | Yes, registered to vote at my current address | 81% | 86% | 89% | 76% |
| | No, not registered to vote at my current address | 15% | 11% | 10% | 19% |
| | Not sure | 4% | 3% | 1% | 5% |
| | Total | 2007 | 909 | 754 | 196 |
| 4. In the 2020 presidential election, did you vote for ...? | Donald Trump | 35% | 5% | 81% | 20% |
| | Joe Biden | 46% | 86% | 10% | 40% |
| | Some other candidate | 6% | 3% | 4% | 14% |
| | Not sure | 14% | 6% | 6% | 27% |
| | Total | 2007 | 909 | 754 | 196 |
| 5. What comes close to your view of the 2020 election? It was... | Legitimate and accurate | 55% | 86% | 25% | 53% |
| | The result of illegal voting or election rigging | 25% | 5% | 56% | 16% |
| | Don't Know | 20% | 8% | 19% | 31% |
| | Total | 2007 | 909 | 754 | 196 |
| 6_1. [The 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump] To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? | Strongly agree | 18% | 4% | 39% | 10% |
| | Somewhat agree | 12% | 6% | 22% | 9% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 9% | 6% | 12% | 9% |
| | Strongly disagree | 48% | 79% | 16% | 48% |
| | Don't know | 13% | 5% | 12% | 24% |
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| 6_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 | 49% | 81% | 16% | 48% |
| | Somewhat agree | 10% | 8% | 12% | 10% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 9% | 4% | 14% | 10% |
| | Strongly disagree | 22% | 4% | 49% | 13% |
| | Don't know | 10% | 3% | 10% | 20% |
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| 6_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 | 43% | 73% | 12% | 43% |
| | Somewhat agree | 15% | 13% | 17% | 18% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 12% | 5% | 19% | 10% |
| | Strongly disagree | 21% | 5% | 46% | 10% |
| | Don't know | 10% | 4% | 6% | 19% |
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| 6_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 | 12% | 4% | 23% | 8% |
| | Somewhat agree | 16% | 9% | 25% | 14% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 17% | 16% | 19% | 17% |
| | Strongly disagree | 42% | 66% | 21% | 39% |
| | Don't know | 13% | 5% | 12% | 22% |
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| 6_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 | 17% | 9% | 31% | 10% |
| | Somewhat agree | 15% | 7% | 23% | 14% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 12% | 10% | 13% | 13% |
| | Strongly disagree | 40% | 65% | 17% | 39% |
| | Don't know | 17% | 9% | 16% | 24% |
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| 7_1. [the government make it easier for people to vote] In your opinion, it is ... that.... | Very important | 48% | 68% | 29% | 46% |
| | Somewhat important | 33% | 26% | 39% | 37% |
| | Not very important | 11% | 4% | 18% | 9% |
| | Not at all important | 8% | 1% | 14% | 8% |
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| 7_2. [the government place new limits on voting to protect elections from fraud] In your opinion, it is ... that.... | Very important | 42% | 31% | 60% | 34% |
| | Somewhat important | 32% | 32% | 27% | 38% |
| | Not very important | 14% | 18% | 10% | 15% |
| | Not at all important | 11% | 19% | 3% | 12% |
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| 7_3. [states have the right to set their own election laws] In your opinion, it is ... that.... | Very important | 28% | 23% | 35% | 29% |
| | Somewhat important | 40% | 41% | 37% | 45% |
| | Not very important | 19% | 22% | 16% | 14% |
| | Not at all important | 13% | 14% | 11% | 13% |
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| 8. In your view, which of the following pose the biggest threat to the safety of average Americans? | Foreign terrorism (committed by non-Americans on American soil) | 17% | 8% | 27% | 15% |
| | Politically or religiously-motivated domestic terrorism (committed by Americans on American soil) | 42% | 49% | 34% | 41% |
| | Random acts of violence (committed by Americans on American soil) | 42% | 43% | 38% | 45% |
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| 9_1. [I am confident ballots sent by mail/absentee are being counted accurately] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. | Strongly agree | 34% | 58% | 11% | 32% |
| | Somewhat agree | 24% | 28% | 19% | 22% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 13% | 6% | 19% | 14% |
| | Strongly disagree | 20% | 3% | 42% | 12% |
| | Not sure | 11% | 5% | 8% | 19% |
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| 9_2. [I am concerned that ballots are rejected for silly procedural reasons] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. | Strongly agree | 22% | 24% | 25% | 16% |
| | Somewhat agree | 33% | 33% | 35% | 28% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 16% | 17% | 15% | 19% |
| | Strongly disagree | 13% | 13% | 14% | 13% |
| | Not sure | 16% | 13% | 11% | 23% |
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| 9_3. [It is extremely important to me that all ballots are counted, no matter who was declared winner] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. | Strongly agree | 70% | 76% | 71% | 62% |
| | Somewhat agree | 19% | 17% | 19% | 20% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 3% | 3% | 4% | 3% |
| | Strongly disagree | 3% | 2% | 4% | 2% |
| | Not sure | 6% | 2% | 3% | 13% |
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| 9_4. [The loser in an election must concede defeat] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. | Strongly agree | 45% | 66% | 26% | 40% |
| | Somewhat agree | 24% | 20% | 30% | 23% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 12% | 5% | 19% | 11% |
| | Strongly disagree | 7% | 3% | 12% | 5% |
| | Not sure | 13% | 5% | 13% | 20% |
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| 9_5. [I trust election officials in my county or town to do their job honestly] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. | Strongly agree | 35% | 52% | 23% | 29% |
| | Somewhat agree | 32% | 31% | 35% | 28% |
| | Somewhat disagree | 14% | 9% | 18% | 17% |
| | Strongly disagree | 9% | 3% | 16% | 12% |
| | Not sure | 9% | 4% | 7% | 15% |
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| 10_1. [Individual political parties doing post-election audits of ballots and recounts] Do you support or oppose the following... | Strongly support | 17% | 11% | 28% | 11% |
| | Somewhat support | 28% | 26% | 28% | 29% |
| | Somewhat oppose | 17% | 20% | 14% | 18% |
| | Strongly oppose | 18% | 24% | 14% | 14% |
| | Don't Know | 21% | 19% | 16% | 29% |
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| 10_2. [Shortening the time window for early or absentee voting] Do you support or oppose the following... | Strongly support | 19% | 10% | 35% | 12% |
| | Somewhat support | 21% | 15% | 30% | 17% |
| | Somewhat oppose | 18% | 21% | 14% | 21% |
| | Strongly oppose | 25% | 42% | 9% | 25% |
| | Don't Know | 17% | 13% | 11% | 26% |
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| 10_3. [Giving state legislatures more direct control over state election boards] Do you support or oppose the following... | Strongly support | 16% | 13% | 25% | 13% |
| | Somewhat support | 30% | 26% | 34% | 31% |
| | Somewhat oppose | 18% | 21% | 18% | 17% |
| | Strongly oppose | 12% | 19% | 7% | 11% |
| | Don't Know | 23% | 21% | 17% | 29% |
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| 10_4. [Reducing the number and hours of absentee ballot drop boxes] Do you support or oppose the following... | Strongly support | 16% | 8% | 31% | 10% |
| | Somewhat support | 18% | 14% | 25% | 16% |
| | Somewhat oppose | 17% | 18% | 16% | 20% |
| | Strongly oppose | 29% | 47% | 14% | 23% |
| | Don't Know | 19% | 13% | 15% | 31% |
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| 10_5. [Allowing partisan election observers increased access to vote counting] Do you support or oppose the following... | Strongly support | 21% | 15% | 34% | 14% |
| | Somewhat support | 27% | 29% | 27% | 24% |
| | Somewhat oppose | 16% | 18% | 13% | 18% |
| | Strongly oppose | 11% | 16% | 8% | 10% |
| | Don't Know | 25% | 22% | 18% | 34% |
| | Total | 2007 | 909 | 754 | 196 |
| 11. Who do you think the true President is right now? Choose one. | Donald Trump | 25% | 3% | 53% | 22% |
| | Joe Biden | 75% | 97% | 47% | 78% |
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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between May 17-19, 2021 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 2,007 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample includes 909 Democrats, 754 Republicans, and 196 Independents.

The sample was randomly drawn from Ipsos' online panel, partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2019 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Posthoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online non-probability polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points for all respondents. Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following (n=2,007, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/- 4.0 percentage points).

The poll also has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.7 percentage points for Democrats, plus or minus 4.1 percentage points for Republicans, and plus or minus 8.0 percentage points for independents.

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