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### Seven in ten Americans say the country is in crisis, at risk of failing

New NPR/Ipsos poll finds a year after January 6<sup>th</sup>, Americans remain divided on interpretation of the event

#### Topline Findings

**Washington, DC, January 3, 2022-** A new NPR/Ipsos poll, conducted nearly a year after the January 6<sup>th</sup> incident at the U.S. Capitol, finds that Americans hold mixed views on how to characterize the events that unfolded that day – views that are driven primarily by partisan affiliation and news consumption.

Moreover, more than one-fifth of the American public agrees that it is sometimes okay to engage in violence, either to protect American democracy or our culture and values. More than three in five disagree. Though many items in this survey underscore the deep political and cultural divisions that exist, one thing is clear: most say American democracy, and America itself, is in crisis and at risk of failing.

#### Detailed findings:

1. A strong majority of Americans are feeling pessimistic about the state of the country, feeling it is in crisis.
  - Overall, 64% agree that American democracy is in crisis and at risk of failing. Even more, 70%, feel the same about America itself.
  - A majority, regardless of their gender, racial/ethnic group, generation, or region of the country, feel that America is in crisis and at risk of failing. There is also broad consensus among Democrats (68%), Republicans (79%), and independents (67%) on this.
  - However, when you zoom in on political affiliation, Republicans feel this sentiment more acutely than Democrats: 47% of Republicans “strongly agree” with this sentiment, compared to 29% of Democrats.
2. Nearly a year after the Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> events at the U.S. Capitol, Americans hold mixed perceptions on the event. Moreover, nearly one in four agree there can be certain scenarios where political violence is justified.
  - Around one in three (32%) believe the January 6<sup>th</sup> assault on the U.S. Capitol building was an attempted coup or insurrection, while 28% say it was a riot that got out of control. However, 17% cite a conspiracy – that the events were actually carried out by opponents of Donald Trump, including Antifa and government agents.
  - Perceptions vary slightly by education level – those with college degrees are more likely to call it an attempted coup than those without – but the bigger cleavages emerge by partisan affiliation and related factors (such as who you voted for, where you consume news, and the frequency of consuming political news).
  - For example, there is a more than 50 percentage point difference between Democrats who consume political news at least weekly and Republicans who do the same, when it comes to beliefs that the event was an attempted coup (65% of Democrats who fall into this category feel this way vs. 11% of Republicans).
  - On the other hand, nearly one in three Republicans who are regular political news consumers (30%) say the events were carried out by Antifa/government agents, compared to 7% of Democrats who follow political news closely.
  - More than one in five Americans say sometimes it is okay to engage in violence to protect American democracy (24%) or American culture and values (22%). There is no significant difference between all partisans on this; however, there is a difference between Biden voters and Trump voters, specifically, with the latter more inclined to agree with engaging in violence.





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3. Around two-thirds of Americans accept the outcome of the 2020 presidential election. However, around a third believe there was fraudulent voting in the election, and another fifth say they are unsure – meaning under half of respondents unequivocally state there was no, or very little, fraudulent voting in the election.
  - Sixty-five percent of Americans agree with the statement, “I accept the outcome of the 2020 presidential election.” However, this number falls to fewer than half among Republicans, Trump voters, and those who get their news from Fox News or conservative news media.
  - Just under half, 48%, say there was either no fraudulent voting (29%), or very little but it had no impact on the results (19%).
  - Twenty-two percent say there was major fraudulent voting, and it changed the results of the election. This number jumps to a 54% majority among those whose primary news source is Fox News or conservative news media, 52% of Trump voters, and 45% of all Republicans.
  
4. Few Americans are very familiar with the efforts of Republican states legislatures to re-work the mechanisms of elections and when read a short description, more say those efforts will make elections less fair rather than more. On the other hand, several of the measures included in Democrats’ national voting rights plans are broadly viewed as more positive developments.
  - Forty-nine percent say standardizing voting rules across states will make American elections more fair compared to only 19% who say it would make elections less fair.
    - i. Notably, an equal number of Democrats and Republicans, 54%, say this will make things more fair. Just 40% of independents feel the same.
  - The other leading proposal – allowing any eligible voter to vote by mail – is cited by 44% as a way to make the system more fair. This proposal does not have bipartisan support: twice as many Democrats (62%) as Republicans (31%) say it will make the system more fair.
  - Just 15% of Americans say giving state legislatures the power to determine the outcome of an election would make American elections more fair, while 57% say it will make them less fair. In general, views toward proposed election reforms in this poll also vary based on news consumption and the candidate supported in the 2020 election.

*These are the findings of an NPR/Ipsos poll conducted between December 17 - 20, 2021. For this survey, a sample of 1,126 adults ages 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.3 percentage points for all respondents.*

**For full results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire:**

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### Full Annotated Questionnaire

1. How much trust, if any, do you have in the following?

Total A great deal/A fair amount summary

	<b>Total (n=1126)</b>	<b>Democrat (n=499)</b>	<b>Republican (n=395)</b>	<b>Independent (n=143)</b>
Local election officials	39%	48%	41%	25%
State election officials	35%	44%	35%	23%
Election officials in Democratic states	35%	60%	16%	23%
Your state legislature	33%	42%	35%	20%
Election officials in Republican states	31%	23%	52%	17%

a. Local election officials

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
A great deal	11%	14%	10%	5%
A fair amount	28%	33%	30%	20%
Just a little	29%	28%	34%	27%
None at all	22%	15%	20%	33%
Don't know	10%	9%	5%	16%
<i>A great deal/ A fair amount (Net)</i>	39%	48%	41%	25%
<i>Just a little/ None at all (Net)</i>	51%	43%	54%	59%

b. State election officials

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
A great deal	9%	12%	7%	6%
A fair amount	26%	32%	27%	17%
Just a little	29%	28%	33%	31%
None at all	27%	17%	28%	36%
Don't know	9%	10%	5%	10%
<i>A great deal/ A fair amount (Net)</i>	35%	44%	35%	23%
<i>Just a little/ None at all (Net)</i>	56%	46%	61%	67%

c. Your state legislature

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
A great deal	8%	11%	8%	4%
A fair amount	25%	30%	27%	16%
Just a little	28%	27%	28%	31%
None at all	29%	21%	32%	36%
Don't know	10%	10%	5%	13%
<i>A great deal/ A fair amount (Net)</i>	33%	42%	35%	20%
<i>Just a little/ None at all (Net)</i>	57%	48%	60%	67%



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### d. Election officials in Democratic states

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
A great deal	10%	20%	2%	7%
A fair amount	24%	40%	14%	16%
Just a little	19%	19%	18%	23%
None at all	34%	7%	60%	41%
Don't know	12%	13%	7%	12%
<i>A great deal/ A fair amount (Net)</i>	35%	60%	16%	23%
<i>Just a little/ None at all (Net)</i>	53%	27%	78%	64%

### e. Election officials in Republican states

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
A great deal	10%	6%	18%	4%
A fair amount	21%	16%	33%	13%
Just a little	25%	22%	29%	26%
None at all	33%	44%	13%	43%
Don't know	11%	11%	6%	14%
<i>A great deal/ A fair amount (Net)</i>	31%	23%	52%	17%
<i>Just a little/ None at all (Net)</i>	58%	66%	42%	69%

## 2. Generally speaking, how do you feel toward the following:

### Total Favorable Summary

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Democratic voters	44%	82%	15%	24%
Democratic elected officials	41%	80%	13%	22%
Republican voters	40%	20%	78%	17%
Republican elected officials	37%	20%	73%	16%

### a. Republican voters

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Very favorable	13%	3%	33%	3%
Somewhat favorable	12%	6%	24%	6%
A little favorable	14%	12%	21%	8%
A little unfavorable	14%	16%	9%	22%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%	19%	4%	13%
Very unfavorable	19%	37%	3%	13%
Don't know	16%	8%	6%	35%
<i>Total favorable (Net)</i>	40%	20%	78%	17%
<i>Total unfavorable (Net)</i>	44%	72%	16%	47%



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### b. Democratic voters

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Very favorable	13%	30%	1%	2%
Somewhat favorable	15%	29%	4%	8%
A little favorable	16%	24%	10%	15%
A little unfavorable	13%	7%	17%	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%	2%	26%	8%
Very unfavorable	15%	1%	32%	12%
Don't know	17%	8%	9%	34%
<i>Total favorable (Net)</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>24%</i>
<i>Total unfavorable (Net)</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>41%</i>

### c. Republican elected officials

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Very favorable	9%	3%	22%	2%
Somewhat favorable	13%	8%	26%	4%
A little favorable	14%	9%	25%	10%
A little unfavorable	15%	15%	12%	23%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%	16%	7%	15%
Very unfavorable	23%	42%	3%	19%
Don't know	13%	7%	4%	26%
<i>Total favorable (Net)</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>16%</i>
<i>Total unfavorable (Net)</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>58%</i>

### d. Democratic elected officials

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Very favorable	10%	23%	1%	2%
Somewhat favorable	17%	33%	6%	7%
A little favorable	14%	24%	6%	13%
A little unfavorable	11%	7%	13%	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	11%	2%	23%	14%
Very unfavorable	23%	5%	47%	17%
Don't know	13%	7%	4%	26%
<i>Total favorable (Net)</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>22%</i>
<i>Total unfavorable (Net)</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>52%</i>



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### 3. How familiar are you, if at all, with the following?

#### Total Familiar Summary

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
The January 6, 2021 assault on the U.S. Capitol building	75%	85%	73%	68%
Efforts by Donald Trump and his allies to overturn the results of the 2020 election at the state/local level	72%	78%	76%	64%
Claims of fraudulent voting in the 2020 election	71%	74%	79%	63%
Investigations, arrests, and trials of people involved in the January 6, 2021 events at the U.S. Capitol building	68%	80%	65%	59%

#### a. Claims of fraudulent voting in the 2020 election

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very familiar	39%	44%	45%	24%
Somewhat familiar	31%	29%	34%	38%
Heard of, but know very little	18%	16%	17%	18%
Have not heard of	4%	3%	2%	10%
Don't know	8%	8%	3%	10%
<i>Total familiar (Net)</i>	71%	74%	79%	63%

#### b. Efforts by Donald Trump and his allies to overturn the results of the 2020 election at the state/local level

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very familiar	40%	49%	41%	28%
Somewhat familiar	32%	29%	35%	37%
Heard of, but know very little	15%	12%	18%	11%
Have not heard of	6%	4%	3%	13%
Don't know	7%	5%	2%	11%
<i>Total familiar (Net)</i>	72%	78%	76%	64%

#### c. The January 6, 2021 assault on the U.S. Capitol building

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very familiar	44%	58%	41%	28%
Somewhat familiar	31%	27%	33%	40%
Heard of, but know very little	15%	9%	21%	15%
Have not heard of	3%	1%	4%	6%
Don't know	7%	4%	2%	12%
<i>Total familiar (Net)</i>	75%	85%	73%	68%



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- d. Investigations, arrests, and trials of people involved in the January 6, 2021 events at the U.S. Capitol building

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very familiar	33%	43%	31%	22%
Somewhat familiar	35%	36%	34%	37%
Heard of, but know very little	20%	13%	25%	24%
Have not heard of	7%	3%	9%	9%
Don't know	6%	5%	1%	8%
<i>Total familiar (Net)</i>	68%	80%	65%	59%

4. Which of the following is closest to your point of view about the claims of fraudulent voting in the 2020 presidential election?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
There was virtually no fraudulent voting in the election	29%	51%	9%	21%
There was very little fraudulent voting, and it had no impact on the results	19%	23%	17%	17%
There was significant fraudulent voting, but it had no impact on the results	9%	6%	14%	11%
There was major fraudulent voting, and it changed the results of the election	22%	5%	45%	17%
Don't know	22%	15%	15%	34%

5. Which of the following is closest to your point of view about efforts by Donald Trump and his allies to overturn the results of the 2020 election at the state/local level?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Trump and his allies broke the law trying to overturn the election	39%	67%	14%	29%
Trump and his allies went too far, but were within the law	11%	8%	15%	11%
Trump and his allies were exercising their correct legal right to contest the election	20%	8%	39%	15%
Trump and his allies did not go far enough in contesting the election	10%	4%	18%	6%
Don't know	21%	14%	13%	39%



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6. Which of the following is closest to your point of view on the January 6, 2021 assault on the U.S. Capitol building?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
The Jan. 6th events were an attempted coup or insurrection	32%	57%	10%	26%
The Jan. 6th events were a riot that got out of control	28%	20%	38%	32%
The Jan. 6th events were a reasonable protest	6%	4%	9%	4%
The Jan. 6th events were actually carried out by opponents of Donald Trump, including Antifa and government agents	17%	8%	30%	12%
Don't know	18%	11%	13%	26%

7. How familiar are you, if at all, with the following?

### Total Very/Somewhat Familiar Summary

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Proposals allowing any eligible voter to vote by mail.	53%	62%	55%	43%
State proposals reducing access to absentee ballots, limiting early voting times, or reducing the number of voting locations in areas.	44%	56%	41%	35%
Proposals standardizing voting rules across the states.	41%	50%	40%	29%
State legislatures changing election laws to give them the power to determine the outcome of an election.	39%	49%	36%	28%
State legislatures limiting the independence of elected state and local election officials.	36%	48%	31%	25%
Proposals moving redistricting authority in every state to nonpartisan redistricting commissions.	36%	47%	31%	27%
Proposals giving the vice president the right to decide which electoral votes should be counted.	32%	39%	30%	31%



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- a. State legislatures changing election laws to give them the power to determine the outcome of an election.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Very familiar	16%	24%	13%	8%
Somewhat familiar	23%	25%	23%	20%
Heard of, but know very little	21%	21%	25%	17%
Have not heard of	27%	19%	31%	36%
Don't know	13%	11%	7%	20%
<i>Total familiar (Net)</i>	39%	49%	36%	28%

- b. State legislatures limiting the independence of elected state and local election officials.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Very familiar	15%	25%	9%	9%
Somewhat familiar	21%	23%	22%	15%
Heard of, but know very little	23%	24%	25%	23%
Have not heard of	26%	15%	33%	36%
Don't know	15%	13%	11%	17%
<i>Total familiar (Net)</i>	36%	48%	31%	25%

- c. Proposals giving the vice president the right to decide which electoral votes should be counted.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Very familiar	12%	18%	10%	6%
Somewhat familiar	20%	20%	20%	25%
Heard of, but know very little	17%	19%	18%	12%
Have not heard of	36%	29%	46%	36%
Don't know	15%	13%	7%	21%
<i>Total familiar (Net)</i>	32%	39%	30%	31%

- d. State proposals reducing access to absentee ballots, limiting early voting times, or reducing the number of voting locations in areas.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Very familiar	18%	27%	14%	10%
Somewhat familiar	26%	29%	27%	25%
Heard of, but know very little	24%	21%	33%	18%
Have not heard of	19%	13%	19%	31%
Don't know	13%	10%	7%	16%
<i>Total familiar (Net)</i>	44%	56%	41%	35%

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e. Proposals allowing any eligible voter to vote by mail.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Very familiar	23%	32%	21%	13%
Somewhat familiar	30%	30%	34%	30%
Heard of, but know very little	20%	19%	23%	15%
Have not heard of	15%	10%	15%	21%
Don't know	13%	9%	7%	21%
<i>Total familiar (Net)</i>	53%	62%	55%	43%

f. Proposals standardizing voting rules across the states.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Very familiar	16%	23%	16%	7%
Somewhat familiar	24%	27%	24%	22%
Heard of, but know very little	24%	24%	26%	22%
Have not heard of	22%	15%	27%	30%
Don't know	13%	11%	7%	19%
<i>Total familiar (Net)</i>	41%	50%	40%	29%

g. Proposals moving redistricting authority in every state to nonpartisan redistricting commissions.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Very familiar	12%	16%	10%	7%
Somewhat familiar	24%	31%	21%	20%
Heard of, but know very little	23%	22%	28%	20%
Have not heard of	26%	17%	30%	34%
Don't know	16%	13%	10%	19%
<i>Total familiar (Net)</i>	36%	47%	31%	27%



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8. Based on what you may know or feel, do you think the following proposals will make American elections more or less fair?

### Total More Fair Summary

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Proposals standardizing voting rules across the states.	49%	54%	54%	40%
Proposals allowing any eligible voter to vote by mail.	44%	62%	31%	36%
Proposals moving redistricting authority in every state to nonpartisan redistricting commissions.	36%	45%	34%	33%
State proposals reducing access to absentee ballots, limiting early voting times, or reducing the number of voting locations in areas.	24%	22%	33%	15%
State legislatures limiting the independence of elected state and local election officials.	22%	23%	25%	15%
Proposals giving the vice president the right to decide which electoral votes should be counted.	17%	20%	15%	19%
State legislatures changing election laws to give them the power to determine the outcome of an election.	15%	18%	16%	11%

- a. State legislatures changing election laws to give them the power to determine the outcome of an election.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Much more fair	6%	7%	8%	4%
Somewhat more fair	9%	11%	8%	7%
Somewhat less fair	12%	10%	15%	13%
Much less fair	45%	49%	50%	32%
No impact	8%	6%	5%	17%
Don't know	20%	16%	15%	27%
<i>Total more fair (Net)</i>	15%	18%	16%	11%
<i>Total less fair (Net)</i>	57%	59%	65%	45%

- b. State legislatures limiting the independence of elected state and local election officials.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Much more fair	9%	9%	9%	7%
Somewhat more fair	13%	14%	16%	8%
Somewhat less fair	15%	13%	20%	16%
Much less fair	25%	32%	23%	17%
No impact	9%	6%	7%	20%
Don't know	29%	25%	24%	31%
<i>Total more fair (Net)</i>	22%	23%	25%	15%
<i>Total less fair (Net)</i>	40%	45%	43%	33%



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- c. Proposals giving the vice president the right to decide which electoral votes should be counted.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Much more fair	7%	10%	6%	6%
Somewhat more fair	10%	11%	9%	13%
Somewhat less fair	10%	11%	12%	9%
Much less fair	43%	43%	52%	30%
No impact	9%	7%	9%	16%
Don't know	21%	19%	13%	27%
<i>Total more fair (Net)</i>	17%	20%	15%	19%
<i>Total less fair (Net)</i>	53%	54%	64%	39%

- d. State proposals reducing access to absentee ballots, limiting early voting times, or reducing the number of voting locations in areas.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Much more fair	10%	7%	16%	8%
Somewhat more fair	13%	15%	17%	7%
Somewhat less fair	14%	11%	17%	17%
Much less fair	33%	46%	25%	26%
No impact	9%	8%	7%	14%
Don't know	21%	14%	17%	28%
<i>Total more fair (Net)</i>	24%	22%	33%	15%
<i>Total less fair (Net)</i>	47%	57%	42%	43%

- e. Proposals allowing any eligible voter to vote by mail.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Much more fair	26%	42%	14%	20%
Somewhat more fair	18%	20%	17%	16%
Somewhat less fair	9%	6%	15%	4%
Much less fair	16%	6%	30%	13%
No impact	12%	13%	10%	16%
Don't know	19%	14%	13%	31%
<i>Total more fair (Net)</i>	44%	62%	31%	36%
<i>Total less fair (Net)</i>	25%	12%	45%	17%

- f. Proposals standardizing voting rules across the states.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Much more fair	26%	33%	26%	21%
Somewhat more fair	22%	21%	28%	19%
Somewhat less fair	9%	10%	10%	11%
Much less fair	10%	8%	13%	8%
No impact	9%	9%	6%	14%
Don't know	23%	19%	17%	27%
<i>Total more fair (Net)</i>	49%	54%	54%	40%
<i>Total less fair (Net)</i>	19%	18%	23%	19%



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g. Proposals moving redistricting authority in every state to nonpartisan redistricting commissions.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Much more fair	16%	24%	12%	12%
Somewhat more fair	20%	21%	22%	21%
Somewhat less fair	10%	9%	15%	6%
Much less fair	15%	15%	18%	10%
No impact	10%	8%	8%	20%
Don't know	29%	23%	26%	32%
<i>Total more fair (Net)</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>33%</i>
<i>Total less fair (Net)</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>16%</i>

9. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### Total Agree Summary

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Traditional parties and politicians don't care about people like me	63%	61%	71%	61%
The American economy is rigged to advantage the rich and powerful	61%	70%	53%	60%
When jobs are scarce, employers should prioritize hiring people of this country over immigrants	48%	36%	68%	49%
These days I feel like a stranger in my own country	48%	44%	59%	44%
American cultural and entertainment leaders have gotten to be too liberal	45%	25%	71%	48%
Social policies, such as affirmative action, discriminate unfairly against white people	35%	18%	57%	38%
Traditional family structures, with a wage-earning father and home-making mother, best equips children to succeed	35%	27%	53%	30%



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- a. Social policies, such as affirmative action, discriminate unfairly against white people

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	14%	6%	24%	14%
Somewhat agree	21%	12%	33%	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	25%	23%	25%	27%
Somewhat disagree	11%	16%	7%	8%
Strongly disagree	17%	33%	5%	11%
Don't know	12%	9%	7%	15%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	<b>35%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>38%</b>
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	<b>28%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>19%</b>

- b. When jobs are scarce, employers should prioritize hiring people of this country over immigrants

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	27%	13%	46%	30%
Somewhat agree	21%	23%	22%	19%
Neither agree nor disagree	27%	35%	19%	27%
Somewhat disagree	10%	12%	9%	7%
Strongly disagree	7%	12%	3%	4%
Don't know	8%	6%	2%	13%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	<b>48%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>49%</b>
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	<b>17%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>12%</b>

- c. The American economy is rigged to advantage the rich and powerful

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	33%	40%	25%	38%
Somewhat agree	27%	31%	28%	22%
Neither agree nor disagree	16%	16%	19%	13%
Somewhat disagree	10%	6%	15%	13%
Strongly disagree	5%	2%	10%	5%
Don't know	8%	6%	3%	10%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	<b>61%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>60%</b>
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	<b>15%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>18%</b>



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d. Traditional parties and politicians don't care about people like me

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	32%	29%	36%	35%
Somewhat agree	31%	32%	35%	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	19%	21%	17%	17%
Somewhat disagree	5%	7%	5%	3%
Strongly disagree	3%	4%	2%	4%
Don't know	10%	7%	4%	14%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	<b>63%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>61%</b>
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	<b>8%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>7%</b>

e. American cultural and entertainment leaders have gotten to be too liberal

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	27%	10%	52%	24%
Somewhat agree	18%	16%	19%	25%
Neither agree nor disagree	21%	25%	15%	23%
Somewhat disagree	10%	15%	4%	11%
Strongly disagree	12%	24%	2%	4%
Don't know	13%	11%	8%	14%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	<b>45%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>48%</b>
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	<b>21%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>15%</b>

f. These days I feel like a stranger in my own country

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	21%	18%	25%	19%
Somewhat agree	27%	26%	33%	25%
Neither agree nor disagree	24%	25%	21%	25%
Somewhat disagree	10%	13%	11%	5%
Strongly disagree	9%	13%	5%	13%
Don't know	8%	5%	4%	13%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	<b>48%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>44%</b>
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	<b>20%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>18%</b>





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- g. Traditional family structures, with a wage-earning father and home-making mother, best equips children to succeed

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	18%	9%	31%	17%
Somewhat agree	17%	18%	22%	13%
Neither agree nor disagree	29%	26%	28%	34%
Somewhat disagree	12%	16%	11%	8%
Strongly disagree	15%	24%	3%	15%
Don't know	9%	7%	5%	12%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	<b>35%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	<b>27%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>23%</b>

10. Do you agree or disagree with the following?

### Total Agree Summary

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
America is in crisis and at risk of failing	70%	68%	79%	67%
I accept the outcome of the 2020 presidential election	65%	85%	47%	68%
American democracy is in crisis and at risk of failing	64%	67%	70%	60%
Voter fraud helped Joe Biden win the 2020 election	36%	13%	66%	34%
Sometimes it is okay to engage in violence to protect American democracy	24%	23%	30%	22%
Sometimes it is okay to engage in violence to protect American culture and values	22%	21%	27%	17%







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a. I accept the outcome of the 2020 presidential election

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	43%	66%	25%	33%
Somewhat agree	22%	19%	22%	36%
Somewhat disagree	11%	5%	17%	10%
Strongly disagree	14%	3%	30%	6%
Don't know	11%	6%	6%	16%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	65%	85%	47%	68%
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	24%	9%	47%	16%

b. Voter fraud helped Joe Biden win the 2020 election

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	20%	4%	43%	17%
Somewhat agree	15%	9%	23%	17%
Somewhat disagree	9%	7%	8%	16%
Strongly disagree	40%	68%	15%	30%
Don't know	16%	11%	12%	20%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	36%	13%	66%	34%
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	48%	76%	22%	46%

c. American democracy is in crisis and at risk of failing

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	35%	34%	41%	29%
Somewhat agree	30%	33%	29%	31%
Somewhat disagree	11%	14%	11%	8%
Strongly disagree	7%	8%	8%	6%
Don't know	17%	11%	11%	26%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	64%	67%	70%	60%
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	19%	22%	19%	14%



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d. America is in crisis and at risk of failing

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	37%	29%	47%	38%
Somewhat agree	33%	39%	33%	28%
Somewhat disagree	11%	13%	12%	9%
Strongly disagree	5%	7%	3%	4%
Don't know	14%	11%	5%	20%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	70%	68%	79%	67%
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	16%	20%	15%	13%

e. Sometimes it is okay to engage in violence to protect American culture and values

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	6%	4%	7%	6%
Somewhat agree	16%	17%	20%	10%
Somewhat disagree	21%	18%	22%	31%
Strongly disagree	45%	51%	43%	39%
Don't know	12%	9%	9%	13%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	22%	21%	27%	17%
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	66%	70%	64%	70%

f. Sometimes it is okay to engage in violence to protect American democracy

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Independent</b>
Strongly agree	7%	7%	10%	3%
Somewhat agree	17%	17%	20%	19%
Somewhat disagree	20%	22%	19%	23%
Strongly disagree	42%	47%	40%	37%
Don't know	13%	8%	11%	17%
<i>Total agree (Net)</i>	24%	23%	30%	22%
<i>Total disagree (Net)</i>	62%	68%	59%	61%



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11. Over the last few years, do you think American democracy has gotten...

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
A lot healthier	4%	6%	3%	2%
A little healthier	7%	11%	4%	8%
About the same	24%	23%	13%	33%
A little more at risk	28%	27%	33%	26%
A lot more at risk	37%	33%	47%	31%
<i>Total healthier (Net)</i>	11%	16%	7%	10%
<i>Total more at risk (Net)</i>	65%	60%	80%	57%

12. **[IF HEALTHIER/AT RISK IN Q11, SHOW:]** In your own words, why do you think American democracy has gotten [INSERT RESPONSE Q11]?

**[IF ABOUT THE SAME IN Q11, SHOW:]** In your own words, why do you think American democracy has not changed over the last few years?

*Open-ended verbatims provided separately.*

13. Did you vote in the 2020 election and if yes, who did you vote for?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Donald Trump	29%	3%	72%	16%
Joe Biden	33%	67%	7%	17%
Someone else	2%	1%	1%	7%
Did not vote	33%	28%	19%	53%
Don't know	3%	1%	*	8%

14. Which of the following is your main source of news?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
ABC / CBS / NBC News	20%	21%	21%	19%
Fox News	11%	5%	22%	8%
Social media	9%	8%	9%	11%
Digital or online news	8%	9%	7%	12%
CNN	6%	12%	2%	5%
Friends and Family	5%	6%	5%	6%
Public television or radio	5%	6%	4%	3%
New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, or USA Today	4%	6%	3%	2%
Your local newspaper	4%	3%	5%	6%
MSNBC	3%	7%	*	3%
Conservative news media (e.g., Breitbart, Newsmax, OANN, conservative talk radio)	2%	*	7%	*
Other	6%	6%	6%	6%
None of these	14%	11%	8%	20%



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15. How often do you read, watch, or listen to political news?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Multiple times a day	12%	15%	11%	12%
Every day	23%	26%	26%	12%
A few times a week	26%	27%	30%	20%
A few times a month	13%	13%	13%	15%
Never or almost never	21%	13%	18%	35%
Don't know	6%	6%	1%	6%

16. [Asked among those who believed there was at least some fraud, in Q4] Where have you gotten information supporting allegations of voting fraud in the 2020 election?

	Total (n=542)	Democrat (n=162)	Republican (n=300)	Independent (n=60)
Fox News	31%	23%	38%	24%
Social media	27%	27%	25%	25%
Friends and Family	24%	15%	30%	26%
ABC / CBS / NBC News	22%	27%	19%	31%
Digital or online news	20%	14%	19%	29%
Conservative news media (e.g., Breitbart, Newsmax, OANN, conservative talk radio)	17%	6%	23%	16%
CNN	14%	21%	10%	13%
Your local newspaper	14%	13%	15%	11%
New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, or USA Today	13%	16%	11%	15%
Public television or radio	13%	15%	11%	18%
Personally witnessed	9%	3%	14%	2%
MSNBC	6%	7%	5%	7%
Religious leader	4%	6%	3%	1%
Other	13%	9%	14%	20%
None of these	7%	6%	8%	9%





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### About the Study

These are the findings of an NPR/Ipsos poll. The poll was conducted between December 17 - 20, 2021. For this survey, a sample of 1,126 adults ages 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. This topline also shows results among those who identify as Democrats, Republicans, and independents. The sample sizes for each are as follows: n=499 Democrats, n=395 Republicans, n=143 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 2018 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, education, and 2020 vote history.

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 3.3 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=1,126, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/- 5.0 percentage points).

The credibility interval for Democrats is plus or minus 5.0 percentage points; for Republicans, it is plus or minus 5.6 percentage points; and for independents, it is plus or minus 9.3 percentage points.

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