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Reuters/Ipsos Poll: January 6th Committee Hearings

Topline Findings

Washington, DC, June 9, 2022 – A new Reuters/Ipsos poll fielded in advance of the Congressional January 6th Select Committee hearings, finds 2 in 5 have heard, read, or seen at least a fair amount about the hearings. The committee will present previously unseen material documenting January 6th, receive witness testimony, and provide the American people an initial summary of its findings.¹

Our poll finds half of Americans (51%) think Trump is responsible for the Jan 6th riot, and that the people who broke into the Capitol are criminals. In fact, 66% of Americans say that what happened on Jan 6th at the Capitol is more akin to protesters committing criminal acts by trying to stop the certification of the election through violence and intimidation than protesters gathering to express their First Amendment rights to free speech, assembly, and petitioning of government (34%). Eighty-four percent disagree that it is acceptable for someone in their political party to commit violence to achieve a political goal.

Finally, 55% also say Trump should not run for President again in 2024 and 58% say the people who were at the Capitol and have since been arrested or criminally charged are being treated fairly.

These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between June 7-8, 2022. For this survey, a sample of 1,004 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points for all respondents.

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

Full Annotated Questionnaire

TM39. In your view, which of the following pose the biggest threat to the safety of average Americans?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Foreign terrorism (committed by non-Americans on American soil)	14%	5%	23%	13%
Politically or religiously-motivated domestic terrorism (committed by Americans on American soil)	28%	39%	21%	23%
Random acts of violence (committed by Americans on American soil)	58%	56%	56%	65%

¹ <https://january6th.house.gov/>

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TM3039Y22. In your opinion, how much of a threat are any of the following to American society, if at all?

Foreign terrorism (committed by non-Americans on American soil)

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Extreme threat	29%	23%	36%	26%
Somewhat of a threat	47%	50%	49%	40%
Not much of a threat	16%	20%	9%	21%
Not a threat at all	4%	4%	2%	6%
Not sure	5%	3%	3%	8%
<i>Total Threat</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>66%</i>
<i>Total Not a Threat</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>26%</i>

Domestic terrorism (violence aimed at changing political outcomes)

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Extreme threat	41%	53%	31%	37%
Somewhat of a threat	39%	35%	44%	35%
Not much of a threat	13%	9%	17%	17%
Not a threat at all	3%	1%	5%	3%
Not sure	4%	2%	3%	8%
<i>Total Threat</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>72%</i>
<i>Total Not a Threat</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>20%</i>

Hate crimes (crimes aimed at people because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, etc.)

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Extreme threat	49%	66%	36%	40%
Somewhat of a threat	33%	26%	41%	34%
Not much of a threat	11%	6%	15%	15%
Not a threat at all	3%	1%	5%	4%
Not sure	4%	1%	3%	7%
<i>Total Threat</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>92%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>74%</i>
<i>Total Not a Threat</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>19%</i>

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TM3039Y22. In your opinion, how much of a threat are any of the following to American society, if at all?
(continued)

Foreign wars (U.S. being engaged in a war outside of its borders)

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Extreme threat	26%	20%	30%	28%
Somewhat of a threat	46%	51%	49%	33%
Not much of a threat	20%	24%	15%	26%
Not a threat at all	3%	2%	2%	7%
Not sure	5%	2%	4%	7%
<i>Total Threat</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>61%</i>
<i>Total Not a Threat</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>32%</i>

Random acts of violence, like mass-shootings, etc. (committed by Americans on American soil)

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Extreme threat	64%	78%	52%	58%
Somewhat of a threat	25%	16%	34%	25%
Not much of a threat	7%	4%	9%	11%
Not a threat at all	2%	0%	4%	1%
Not sure	3%	1%	2%	5%
<i>Total Threat</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>94%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>83%</i>
<i>Total Not a Threat</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>12%</i>

TM1082Y16_2. What comes close to your view of the 2020 election? It was...

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Legitimate and accurate	49%	83%	22%	41%
The result of illegal voting or election rigging	30%	10%	58%	22%
Don't know	22%	8%	19%	37%

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TM3035Y22. How much have you heard, read, or seen about the Congressional January 6th committee public hearings set to begin on June 9th, if anything?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
A great deal	15%	26%	13%	6%
A fair amount	25%	28%	24%	24%
A little, but not much	25%	25%	26%	27%
I have heard of it, but that's it	15%	10%	17%	20%
I have not heard of it	20%	12%	21%	24%

TM3036Y22. Please tell us how responsible, if at all, each of the following are for the riot and assault on the Capitol that occurred on January 6, 2021?

Donald Trump

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Fully	32%	60%	10%	22%
Largely	19%	21%	11%	28%
Partially	21%	10%	30%	22%
Not at all	28%	8%	49%	28%

Mike Pence

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Fully	5%	7%	4%	4%
Largely	13%	17%	9%	17%
Partially	32%	40%	26%	25%
Not at all	49%	36%	62%	54%

Joe Biden

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Fully	9%	6%	11%	8%
Largely	12%	6%	19%	9%
Partially	23%	12%	30%	27%
Not at all	57%	76%	40%	55%

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TM3036Y22. Please tell us how responsible, if at all, each of the following are for the riot and assault on the Capitol that occurred on January 6, 2021? (continued)

The Proud Boys and/or Oath Keepers groups

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Fully	23%	41%	13%	15%
Largely	26%	32%	17%	29%
Partially	31%	19%	42%	27%
Not at all	20%	8%	28%	29%

Antifa and/or Black Lives Matter groups

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Fully	10%	4%	16%	7%
Largely	20%	10%	30%	26%
Partially	27%	22%	28%	25%
Not at all	43%	64%	25%	42%

State election officials

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Fully	5%	5%	6%	4%
Largely	18%	21%	16%	17%
Partially	40%	40%	41%	39%
Not at all	37%	34%	37%	40%

House Republicans

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Fully	13%	23%	6%	7%
Largely	22%	36%	9%	19%
Partially	35%	26%	35%	43%
Not at all	31%	14%	49%	31%

House Democrats

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Fully	9%	5%	15%	8%
Largely	15%	8%	22%	16%
Partially	31%	18%	38%	35%
Not at all	44%	70%	24%	41%

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TM3037Y22. Which of the following best describes what you think happened on January 6, 2021 when many people entered the U.S. Capitol building, even if neither is exactly right?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Protesters gathered to express their First Amendment rights to free speech, assembly, and petitioning of government	34%	11%	56%	39%
Protesters committed criminal acts by trying to stop the certification of the election through violence and intimidation	66%	89%	44%	61%

TM2017Y20. Which word or phrase best describes the following groups involved in the events at the Capitol on January 6th 2021?

The people who broke into the U.S. Capitol

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Patriots	4%	3%	6%	4%
Concerned citizens	13%	6%	22%	10%
Fools	21%	16%	27%	20%
Criminals	51%	72%	33%	50%
Don't know	10%	2%	12%	17%

Lawmakers seeking to block certification of the election

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Patriots	6%	5%	9%	5%
Concerned citizens	16%	7%	27%	13%
Fools	29%	33%	24%	32%
Criminals	28%	43%	17%	22%
Don't know	22%	11%	25%	28%

Lawmakers seeking to certify the election

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Patriots	24%	40%	15%	18%
Concerned citizens	26%	23%	33%	24%
Fools	14%	13%	15%	13%
Criminals	10%	11%	11%	8%
Don't know	25%	13%	27%	37%

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TM2037Y21. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	21%	7%	42%	13%
Somewhat agree	14%	4%	24%	16%
Somewhat disagree	8%	7%	9%	8%
Strongly disagree	44%	77%	13%	40%
Don't know	13%	5%	11%	23%
<i>Total Agree</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>29%</i>
<i>Total Disagree</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>84%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>48%</i>

Former President Donald Trump should NOT run for president again in 2024

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	44%	78%	14%	39%
Somewhat agree	11%	8%	12%	16%
Somewhat disagree	10%	5%	14%	8%
Strongly disagree	25%	6%	51%	14%
Don't know	11%	3%	8%	22%
<i>Total Agree</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>55%</i>
<i>Total Disagree</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>23%</i>

Trump is at least partly to blame for starting the deadly Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	40%	73%	14%	32%
Somewhat agree	19%	14%	19%	27%
Somewhat disagree	11%	4%	18%	8%
Strongly disagree	19%	4%	39%	13%
Don't know	11%	4%	10%	20%
<i>Total Agree</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>59%</i>
<i>Total Disagree</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>21%</i>

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TM2037Y21. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(continued)*

The people who gathered at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 were mostly peaceful, law-abiding Americans

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	17%	8%	31%	11%
Somewhat agree	19%	9%	27%	24%
Somewhat disagree	18%	16%	19%	20%
Strongly disagree	37%	63%	15%	30%
Don't know	10%	4%	8%	15%
<i>Total Agree</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>34%</i>
<i>Total Disagree</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>50%</i>

The Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol was led by violent left-wing protestors trying to make Trump look bad

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	16%	9%	26%	14%
Somewhat agree	18%	8%	29%	18%
Somewhat disagree	13%	10%	16%	12%
Strongly disagree	38%	67%	13%	36%
Don't know	15%	6%	15%	20%
<i>Total Agree</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>32%</i>
<i>Total Disagree</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>77%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>48%</i>

TM3038Y22. As you may know, some people who were at the Capitol on January 6th 2021 have been arrested and criminally charged for their roles. Do you believe these people are being treated fairly or unfairly by our justice system?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Fairly	58%	85%	35%	55%
Unfairly	19%	6%	38%	14%
Not sure	23%	9%	28%	31%

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TM1562Y18. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following:

It is acceptable for a member of my political party to threaten and/or intimidate others to achieve a political goal

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	4%	5%	3%	3%
Somewhat agree	7%	6%	7%	8%
Somewhat disagree	10%	6%	15%	9%
Strongly disagree	74%	80%	72%	69%
Don't know	6%	2%	4%	11%
<i>Total Agree</i>	10%	12%	9%	11%
<i>Total Disagree</i>	84%	86%	86%	78%

To achieve my idea of a better society, violent acts are acceptable

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	3%	4%	1%	5%
Somewhat agree	9%	8%	8%	13%
Somewhat disagree	12%	6%	14%	17%
Strongly disagree	69%	79%	71%	52%
Don't know	7%	3%	5%	13%
<i>Total Agree</i>	12%	12%	9%	18%
<i>Total Disagree</i>	81%	85%	86%	69%

It is acceptable for someone in my political party to commit violence to achieve a political goal

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	4%	5%	3%	4%
Somewhat agree	6%	5%	7%	9%
Somewhat disagree	11%	6%	13%	14%
Strongly disagree	74%	83%	74%	61%
Don't know	5%	1%	4%	13%
<i>Total Agree</i>	10%	10%	10%	12%
<i>Total Disagree</i>	84%	89%	86%	75%

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TM1978Y20. In the 2020 presidential election, did you vote for Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Donald Trump	33%	5%	77%	19%
Joe Biden	37%	79%	8%	27%
Some other candidate	5%	3%	4%	11%
I did not vote in the 2020 presidential election	21%	13%	9%	40%
Not sure	3%	1%	1%	4%



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About the Study

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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 3.8 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=1,004, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/- 5.3 percentage points).

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