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**74% OF VOTERS SAY DEMOCRACY IN THE U.S. IS UNDER THREAT,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
52% SAY PRESIDENT TRUMP SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE**

Following last week's mob attack on the U.S. Capitol during a joint session of Congress to formally certify Joe Biden's victory in the 2020 presidential election, nearly three-quarters (74 percent) of voters say democracy in the United States is under threat, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University national poll of registered voters released today. Just 21 percent of voters say that democracy in the United States is alive and well.

"When it comes to whether American democracy is under threat, both Republicans and Democrats see a raging five-alarm fire, but clearly disagree on who started it," said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

PRESIDENT TRUMP

A majority of voters, 56 percent, say they hold President Trump responsible for the storming of the U.S. Capitol, while 42 percent say they do not hold him responsible.

A slight majority, 52 – 45 percent, say President Trump should be removed from office. Voters also say 53 – 43 percent that he should resign as president.

"A majority of Americans hold President Trump responsible for the chaos at the Capitol, and a slight majority believe that he should be removed from office," added Malloy.

President Trump has a negative 33 – 60 percent job approval rating, which is a substantial drop from the negative 44 – 51 percent rating he received in December of 2020.

The president's job approval rating today ties his all-time low, which he received in August of 2017.

Voters are divided on whether they think President Trump is mentally stable. Forty-five percent say he is mentally stable, while 48 percent say he is not mentally stable. The findings are nearly identical to responses from a January 2018 poll, when 45 percent of voters said they thought Trump was mentally stable and 47 percent said he was not.

UNDERMINING DEMOCRACY

Voters say 60 – 34 percent that President Trump is undermining, not protecting, democracy. There are sharp political divides on this question. Democrats say 95 – 4 percent and independents say 64 – 28 percent that Trump is undermining democracy, while Republicans say 73 – 20 percent that Trump is protecting democracy.

Voters say 58 – 34 percent that the Republican members of Congress who tried to stop the formal certification of Joe Biden’s victory in the 2020 presidential election were undermining democracy. Democrats say 90 – 9 percent and independents say 61 – 29 percent that the lawmakers were undermining democracy, and Republicans say 70 – 23 percent that they were protecting democracy.

Eight in 10 voters (80 percent) say the individuals who stormed the U.S. Capitol on January 6th were undermining democracy. Ten percent say they were protecting democracy and another 10 percent are unsure. Democrats say 95 – 3 percent, independents say 80 – 9 percent, and Republicans say 70 – 17 percent that they were undermining democracy.

STORMING OF THE CAPITOL

Voters are split on whether they consider what happened at the U.S. Capitol a coup attempt or not. Forty-seven percent say they consider it a coup attempt, 43 percent say they do not, and 10 percent say they are unsure. There is a near unanimous view among voters, 91 – 6 percent, that the individuals who stormed the U.S. Capitol on January 6th should be held accountable for their actions.

Voters also say, 81 – 12 percent, that extremism is a big problem in the United States.

“Pick them up and lock them up. There’s no ambivalence on how to treat the mobs that breached the Capitol, and there is nearly the same level of alarm from Republicans and Democrats over extremism establishing a troubling foothold,” added Malloy.

About 7 in 10 voters (71 percent) say that law enforcement officials did not do everything they could to prevent the initial storming of the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, while 19 percent say they did.

Seventy percent of voters say they are either very (35 percent) or somewhat (35 percent) concerned about the safety of elected officials in the United States, while 29 percent say they are either not so concerned (13 percent) or not concerned at all (16 percent).

2020 VOTER FRAUD

More than half of voters (58 percent) say they believe there was no widespread voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election, while 37 percent of voters do believe there was widespread voter fraud. That is almost identical to the response in December 2020, when voters said 58 – 38 percent that there was no widespread voter fraud.

Republicans say 73 – 21 percent that they believe there was widespread voter fraud. Democrats say 93 – 5 percent and independents say 60 – 36 percent that they do not believe there was widespread voter fraud.

BIDEN EXPECTATIONS

Looking ahead to when Joe Biden takes office, 31 percent of voters say they think he will be able to unite the country and 56 percent say they expect partisan divisions to remain the same as they are today. Fourteen percent are unsure.

1,239 self-identified registered voters nationwide were surveyed from January 7th – 10th with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than twenty states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							4 YR COLL	DEG	
							Yes	No	
Approve	33%	71%	4%	28%	41%	26%	27%	46%	
Disapprove	60	20	94	65	50	68	68	48	
DK/NA	7	9	2	7	9	6	5	6	
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	23%	31%	40%	35%	46%	32%	39%	12%	19%
Disapprove	70	59	55	58	48	62	56	78	69
DK/NA	7	10	5	6	6	5	6	9	12

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	App	Dis	DK/NA
Jan 11, 2021	33	60	7
Dec 10, 2020	44	51	5
Jul 15, 2020	36	60	4
Jun 18, 2020	42	55	3
May 20, 2020	42	53	5
Apr 08, 2020	45	51	5
Mar 09, 2020	41	54	5
Feb 10, 2020	43	53	3
Jan 28, 2020	43	52	5
Jan 13, 2020	43	52	5

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1a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?
 COMBINED WITH: (If approve/disapprove q1) Do you strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							4 YR COLL	DEG	
							Yes	No	
Approve strongly	26%	58%	3%	21%	30%	22%	20%	38%	
Approve smwht	7	13	1	6	10	4	6	7	
Disapprove smwht	5	4	2	9	6	4	5	6	
Disapprove strongly	54	15	91	55	43	63	64	42	
DK/NA	8	10	3	8	10	7	5	8	
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve strongly	14%	25%	33%	30%	34%	28%	31%	3%	16%
Approve smwht	9	6	7	6	10	4	7	9	2
Disapprove smwht	9	5	3	4	5	5	5	6	5
Disapprove strongly	61	52	51	54	43	56	50	71	62
DK/NA	7	12	7	7	7	7	7	11	13

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? COMBINED WITH: (If approve/disapprove) Do you strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

	APPROVE.....		DISAPPROVE.....		
	Strngly	Smwht	Smwht	Strngly	DK/NA
Jan 11, 2021	26	7	5	54	8
Dec 10, 2020	36	7	5	47	5
Jul 15, 2020	25	10	6	54	5
Jun 18, 2020	32	10	6	48	4
May 20, 2020	28	14	7	46	5
Apr 08, 2020	32	13	8	42	5
Mar 09, 2020	30	11	7	47	5
Feb 10, 2020	35	9	6	47	4
Jan 28, 2020	34	8	6	47	5
Jan 13, 2020	34	9	6	46	6

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2. Do you believe there was widespread voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							4 YR COLL	DEG	
	Yes	No							
Yes/Believe	37%	73%	5%	36%	43%	32%	30%	52%	
No	58	21	93	60	52	64	67	43	
DK/NA	5	6	2	5	5	5	3	5	

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Believe	28%	36%	43%	39%	49%	38%	43%	13%	23%
No	66	57	54	58	46	58	52	81	72
DK/NA	6	7	3	3	4	4	4	6	5

TREND: Do you believe there was widespread voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election, or not?

	Yes/ Believe No		DK/NA
	Jan 11, 2021	37	
Dec 10, 2020	38	58	3

3. As president, do you think that Joe Biden will be able to unite the country after he takes office, or do you expect partisan divisions to remain the same as they are today?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							4 YR COLL	DEG	
							Yes	No	
Able to unite	31%	9%	54%	29%	21%	39%	27%	25%	
Expect divisions	56	81	32	56	65	48	62	63	
DK/NA	14	10	14	15	14	14	11	12	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Able to unite	27%	27%	31%	34%	16%	34%	26%	46%	40%
Expect divisions	59	57	56	52	73	53	62	36	43
DK/NA	13	16	13	14	11	12	12	18	17

4. Which comes closer to your point of view: democracy in the United States is alive and well or democracy in the United States is under threat?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							4 YR COLL	DEG	
							Yes	No	
Alive and well	21%	20%	22%	23%	24%	18%	22%	18%	
Under threat	74	77	76	70	70	77	74	78	
DK/NA	5	2	3	8	6	5	4	4	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Alive and well	28%	21%	17%	17%	22%	17%	19%	28%	21%
Under threat	64	75	79	78	73	80	77	65	70
DK/NA	9	4	3	5	4	3	4	7	10

5. Do you think that extremism is a big problem in the United States, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							4 YR COLL	DEG	
							Yes	No	
Yes/Big problem	81%	79%	88%	79%	74%	87%	87%	81%	
No	12	12	9	13	18	6	10	9	
DK/NA	7	9	4	8	8	7	4	10	
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Big problem	76%	83%	81%	86%	79%	88%	83%	79%	81%
No	16	11	12	7	14	5	9	17	12
DK/NA	8	5	6	7	8	7	7	4	7

6. Do you think that - the Republican members of Congress who tried to stop the formal certification of Joe Biden's victory in the 2020 presidential election were undermining democracy or protecting democracy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL	DEG
							Yes	No
Undermining	58%	23%	90%	61%	49%	65%	66%	49%
Protecting	34	70	9	29	43	27	28	44
DK/NA	8	7	1	10	9	8	6	7

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Undermining	67%	57%	53%	55%	46%	64%	56%	76%	57%
Protecting	24	33	41	37	46	31	38	20	30
DK/NA	9	10	6	8	8	6	7	4	13

7. Do you think that - President Trump is undermining democracy or protecting democracy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL	DEG
							Yes	No
Undermining	60%	20%	95%	64%	51%	68%	68%	48%
Protecting	34	73	4	28	42	27	28	47
DK/NA	6	7	1	8	7	6	5	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Undermining	74%	57%	56%	56%	48%	62%	55%	83%	68%
Protecting	20	36	40	38	48	33	40	14	23
DK/NA	6	8	4	6	5	5	5	2	9

8. Do you think that - the individuals who stormed the U.S. Capitol on January 6th were undermining democracy or protecting democracy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL	DEG
							Yes	No
Undermining	80%	70%	95%	80%	74%	85%	87%	77%
Protecting	10	17	3	9	13	7	5	13
DK/NA	10	13	2	10	12	7	7	10

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Undermining	82%	80%	81%	81%	76%	84%	81%	94%	81%
Protecting	8	11	11	9	13	7	10	5	7
DK/NA	10	8	8	10	11	8	9	-	12

9. Do you think that President Trump should resign as president, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	Yes
Yes/Resign	53%	17%	87%	54%	44%	60%	59%	42%
No	43	81	10	40	52	34	38	52
DK/NA	4	3	3	6	3	5	3	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Resign	58%	50%	50%	54%	43%	54%	49%	67%	60%
No	34	45	47	44	54	40	47	26	37
DK/NA	8	6	3	2	3	6	4	7	2

10. Do you think that President Trump should be removed from office, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	Yes
Yes/Removed	52%	10%	89%	55%	41%	62%	58%	38%
No	45	87	9	43	55	36	39	59
DK/NA	3	3	2	2	4	2	3	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Removed	60%	49%	49%	51%	37%	52%	45%	76%	65%
No	37	47	48	46	60	45	52	22	34
DK/NA	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2

11. Do you think that President Trump is mentally stable, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	Yes
Yes/Stable	45%	85%	9%	41%	56%	35%	36%	58%
No	48	11	84	50	36	59	57	37
DK/NA	7	4	7	9	8	7	6	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Stable	41%	47%	47%	44%	59%	42%	50%	31%	31%
No	52	45	47	50	35	54	45	60	58
DK/NA	7	8	6	6	7	4	5	9	11

TREND: Do you think that President Trump is mentally stable, or not?

	Yes/ Stable	No	DK/NA
Jan 11, 2021	45	48	7
Mar 26, 2019	48	44	8
Sep 10, 2018	48	42	10
Jan 17, 2018	45	47	8

12. Do you consider what happened at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th a coup attempt, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							4 YR COLL DEG		Yes	No
Yes	47%	17%	77%	47%	36%	56%	50%	40%		
No	43	71	16	43	54	33	44	50		
DK/NA	10	12	7	10	10	11	6	11		
AGE IN YRS.....										
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	55%	46%	45%	46%	34%	52%	43%	71%	55%	
No	36	44	46	45	59	38	47	19	31	
DK/NA	9	10	10	9	8	11	9	11	14	

13. Do you want to see the individuals who stormed the U.S. Capitol on January 6th held accountable for their actions, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							4 YR COLL DEG		Yes	No
Yes/Held accountable	91%	87%	99%	89%	88%	93%	94%	89%		
No	6	10	1	9	8	5	4	9		
DK/NA	3	4	-	2	4	2	2	3		
AGE IN YRS.....										
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Held accountable	89%	91%	91%	93%	88%	92%	91%	94%	95%	
No	8	8	6	4	8	6	7	6	2	
DK/NA	3	1	3	3	4	2	3	-	3	

14. Do you hold President Trump responsible for the storming of the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							4 YR COLL DEG		Yes	No
Yes/Responsible	56%	17%	94%	58%	48%	64%	64%	46%		
No	42	80	6	39	51	33	35	52		
DK/NA	2	3	1	3	1	3	1	2		
AGE IN YRS.....										
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Responsible	65%	54%	54%	57%	46%	58%	53%	75%	64%	
No	35	43	45	41	53	39	45	25	34	
DK/NA	1	3	-	2	1	3	2	-	1	

15. Do you think that law enforcement officials did everything they could to prevent the initial storming of the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							4 YR COLL	DEG	
							Yes	No	
Yes	19%	27%	11%	23%	17%	21%	16%	24%	
No	71	61	84	68	72	71	75	65	
DK/NA	10	12	5	9	11	8	9	11	
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	20%	19%	18%	19%	20%	22%	21%	15%	15%
No	71	71	70	74	70	67	68	82	77
DK/NA	8	10	12	7	10	11	11	4	8

16. How concerned are you about the safety of elected officials in the United States: very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned, or not concerned at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							4 YR COLL	DEG	
							Yes	No	
Very concerned	35%	24%	51%	29%	26%	43%	32%	30%	
Somewhat concerned	35	33	41	34	33	38	42	36	
Not so concerned	13	20	4	16	17	9	13	13	
Not concerned at all	16	22	4	19	23	9	11	19	
DK/NA	2	1	-	3	2	1	1	2	
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very concerned	26%	33%	40%	41%	23%	37%	31%	53%	43%
Somewhat concerned	40	32	35	34	35	41	38	33	28
Not so concerned	19	13	9	10	18	8	13	8	13
Not concerned at all	14	20	15	12	22	11	16	5	16
DK/NA	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	-