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**59% SAY TRUMP SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO HOLD OFFICE IN FUTURE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
2 OUT OF 3 REPUBLICANS DO NOT THINK BIDEN’S VICTORY IS LEGITIMATE**

As Donald Trump finishes his term in the White House just days after becoming the first President of the United States to be impeached twice, a majority of voters (59 – 38 percent) say he should not be allowed to hold elected office in the future. Surveys throughout Trump’s presidency have shown stark political divides, and this last survey of his time in office is no different. Republicans say 80 – 18 percent that Trump should be allowed to hold elected office in the future, while Democrats say 96 – 3 percent and independents say 59 – 38 percent that he should not be allowed to hold elected office.

In the same week President-elect Joe Biden will be sworn into office, a majority of voters say 64 – 31 percent that his victory in the 2020 presidential election is legitimate. However, Republicans say 67 – 28 percent that Biden’s victory is not legitimate, while Democrats say 97 – 0 percent and independents say 62 – 32 percent that Biden’s victory is legitimate.

This is up slightly from a December 10, 2020 poll when voters said 60 – 34 percent that Biden’s victory was legitimate. In that poll, Republicans said 70 – 23 percent it was not legitimate.

“A seething President Trump seems poised to slip out of D.C. by the back door while the transition takes place, leaving a wary capital encircled by troops, a weakened country assaulted by a murderous virus, and a weary population disillusioned and divided, wondering if the person next door is a friend or an enemy,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

IMPEACHMENT

Following the riots at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, a majority of voters approve of the House of Representatives’ recent vote to impeach President Trump, 55 – 42 percent.

This is an increase from a January 2020 poll when Trump was impeached for the first time by the House of Representatives over different charges involving the president’s actions involving Ukraine and U.S. elections. In January of 2020, voters said in a slightly different question that they approved 51 – 46 percent of the House of Representatives voting to impeach Trump.

Asked whether the Senate should vote to convict President Trump or not, a majority, 54 – 42 percent, say yes, the Senate should convict. In a related question about whether or not the Senate should remove Trump from

office after he was impeached in January 2020, voters were split, with 48 percent saying he should not be removed and 46 percent saying he should be removed from office.

Separately, voters say 59 – 39 percent that President Trump is responsible for inciting violence against the government of the United States.

Just over half of voters say, 51 – 43 percent, that President Trump’s actions following the 2020 presidential election warrant criminal charges.

PRESIDENT TRUMP & REPUBLICANS

In the final measure of Donald Trump’s job approval as President of the United States, voters give him a negative approval rating for the way he’s handling his job as president, 34 – 61 percent. This is essentially unchanged from a week ago, when he received a negative 33 – 60 percent approval rating, tying his all-time low. In comparison, former President Obama’s final job approval on January 10, 2017 was a positive 55 – 39 percent, one of his highest approval ratings.

In today’s poll, Republicans say 73 – 21 percent they approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president.

Just last month, Trump received one of his highest job approval ratings following the November election when voters gave him a negative 44 – 51 percent approval rating. In that December 10th poll, Republicans approved 89 – 9 percent.

“Though he has taken a hit with the base, no matter what legal issues he faces, Donald Trump can take some solace in the fact that almost three-quarters of the GOP still support him and nearly that same percentage believe the election was stolen from him,” added Malloy.

Voters are divided on whether Donald Trump represents the Republican party. Forty-nine percent say he does not, while 45 percent say he does. Sixty-nine percent of Republicans say Trump does represent the GOP.

On whether Trump should continue to play a prominent role in the Republican party after he leaves office, voters say 65 – 29 percent he should not. Republicans say 61 – 33 percent that he should.

Asked about the Republican members of Congress who attempted to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election, roughly six in ten voters (63 percent) say those members should face consequences, while roughly two in ten (22 percent) say they should be celebrated. Among Republicans, just under half (49 percent) say they should be celebrated, while 26 percent say they should face consequences. Another 24 percent of Republicans say they are unsure. Democrats say 94 – 2 percent and independents say 62 – 23 percent that they should face consequences.

CONCERNS ABOUT VIOLENCE

Broadly, voters say they are more concerned about violence in the nation’s capital than they are about violence in their own state this week.

Sixty-nine percent of voters say they are either very concerned (42 percent) or somewhat concerned (27 percent) about further violence in Washington, D.C. around the time of President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration, while 28 percent say they are not concerned (11 percent) or not concerned at all (17 percent).

When asked about violence in their states around the time of President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration, 52 percent of voters say they are either very concerned (20 percent) or somewhat concerned (32 percent), while 47 percent say they are not so concerned (19 percent) or not concerned at all (28 percent).

Asked about the role that white supremacy played in the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, 51 percent of voters say it played a major role, while 18 percent say it played a minor role and 24 percent say it played no role at all.

1,131 self-identified registered voters nationwide were surveyed from January 15th – 17th with a margin of error of +/- 2.9 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	34%	73%	3%	34%	40%	29%	28%	49%	
Disapprove	61	21	97	59	53	67	66	47	
DK/NA	5	6	1	7	7	4	6	4	

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve	23%	31%	45%	35%	49%	33%	41%	11%	34%
Disapprove	72	61	51	63	45	63	54	88	58
DK/NA	6	8	4	2	6	3	5	1	8

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

	App	Dis	DK/NA
Jan 18, 2021	34	61	5
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

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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%	59%	2%	23%	31%	22%	20%	38%	
Approve smwht	7	12	1	10	8	6	8	9	
Disapprove smwht	5	8	2	5	8	2	5	5	
Disapprove strongly	55	13	95	54	45	65	61	42	
DK/NA	6	9	1	8	8	5	7	6	

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Approve strongly	12%	22%	36%	29%	38%	25%	31%	6%	29%
Approve smwht	10	7	8	5	10	8	9	4	5
Disapprove smwht	11	5	2	3	6	3	5	4	6
Disapprove strongly	61	56	49	59	38	59	49	84	52
DK/NA	6	10	5	4	8	5	6	3	8

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 18, 2021	26	7	5	55	6
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

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2. Do you think that Joe Biden's victory in the 2020 presidential election is legitimate or not legitimate?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							4 YR COLL	DEG	
	Yes	No							
Legitimate	64%	28%	97%	62%	58%	70%	74%	49%	
Not legitimate	31	67	-	32	38	25	22	45	
DK/NA	5	5	2	6	4	5	4	6	

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Legitimate	73%	69%	56%	64%	50%	66%	59%	90%	66%
Not legitimate	24	30	38	30	44	29	36	8	31
DK/NA	3	1	6	7	6	5	5	3	4

TREND: Do you think that Joe Biden's victory in the 2020 presidential election is legitimate or not legitimate?

	Legit	Not Legit	DK/NA
Jan 18, 2021	64	31	5
Dec 10, 2020	60	34	6

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the House of Representatives' recent vote to impeach President Trump?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							4 YR COLL DEG		Yes	No
Approve	55%	15%	94%	52%	47%	62%	59%	41%		
Disapprove	42	83	4	43	48	36	38	56		
DK/NA	4	2	2	5	5	2	3	3		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	65%	53%	46%	57%	39%	56%	48%	85%	55%	
Disapprove	31	42	52	40	57	42	49	11	42	
DK/NA	4	5	2	3	5	2	3	3	3	

4. As you may know, now that the House of Representatives has voted to impeach President Trump, the Senate will hold a trial. Do you think the Senate should vote to convict President Trump, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							4 YR COLL DEG		Yes	No
Yes/Should convict	54%	11%	92%	52%	45%	62%	58%	41%		
No	42	85	4	43	49	35	39	55		
DK/NA	4	4	4	5	6	3	4	4		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Should convict	63%	53%	46%	55%	39%	55%	48%	85%	55%	
No	32	41	51	42	56	42	48	8	44	
DK/NA	5	6	3	3	5	3	4	7	2	

5. Do you think President Trump should be allowed to hold elected office in the future, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....			
							4 YR COLL DEG		Yes	No
Yes/Allowed	38%	80%	3%	38%	46%	30%	31%	52%		
No	59	18	96	59	51	67	65	45		
DK/NA	3	3	1	3	3	2	4	3		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes/Allowed	30%	40%	44%	36%	53%	36%	44%	9%	39%	
No	68	58	53	60	43	61	53	90	61	
DK/NA	2	2	3	4	4	3	3	1	-	

6. How concerned are you about - further violence in Washington D.C. around the time of President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration: 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	42%	20%	64%	39%	28%	55%	46%	35%	
Somewhat concerned	27	23	29	32	31	24	27	29	
Not so concerned	11	19	3	11	15	7	13	12	
Not concerned at all	17	33	3	17	23	12	14	20	
DK/NA	3	5	2	1	3	3	-	5	

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Very concerned	38%	38%	38%	53%	23%	53%	39%	61%	44%
Somewhat concerned	38	29	24	19	35	22	28	23	28
Not so concerned	10	13	12	10	15	10	12	6	8
Not concerned at all	10	20	20	16	24	12	18	8	20
DK/NA	4	1	5	2	3	3	3	2	-

7. How concerned are you about - violence in your state around the time of President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration: 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	20%	10%	30%	16%	12%	28%	16%	16%	
Somewhat concerned	32	23	42	31	26	37	37	29	
Not so concerned	19	16	20	22	24	15	21	20	
Not concerned at all	28	49	7	29	37	20	26	32	
DK/NA	1	2	-	2	1	2	-	3	

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Very concerned	14%	19%	20%	28%	8%	23%	16%	37%	27%
Somewhat concerned	35	29	33	33	27	37	32	34	33
Not so concerned	28	15	16	17	24	17	20	12	12
Not concerned at all	22	37	28	22	39	21	29	17	28
DK/NA	2	-	3	1	2	2	2	-	-

8. Do you think Donald Trump represents the Republican party, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							4 YR COLL	DEG	
							Yes	No	
Yes	45%	69%	31%	43%	50%	40%	43%	52%	
No	49	28	65	50	43	55	52	42	
DK/NA	6	2	4	6	7	5	5	6	

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes	38%	43%	47%	49%	55%	42%	48%	40%	33%
No	58	50	45	47	38	54	46	52	61
DK/NA	4	7	8	5	8	4	6	7	6

9. Do you think Donald Trump should continue to play a prominent role in the Republican party after he leaves office, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							4 YR COLL	DEG	
							Yes	No	
Yes	29%	61%	2%	32%	35%	24%	22%	41%	
No	65	33	95	64	58	72	74	54	
DK/NA	6	7	3	5	7	4	4	6	
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	22%	28%	34%	31%	40%	28%	33%	6%	30%
No	75	65	59	66	54	69	62	89	63
DK/NA	3	7	7	3	7	3	5	5	7

10. Which comes closer to your point of view: the Republican members of Congress who attempted to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election should be celebrated for their actions or face consequences for their actions?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							4 YR COLL	DEG	
							Yes	No	
Celebrated	22%	49%	2%	23%	26%	19%	19%	34%	
Face consequences	63	26	94	62	56	69	64	50	
DK/NA	15	24	4	15	17	13	17	16	
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Celebrated	14%	21%	29%	23%	33%	23%	28%	3%	19%
Face consequences	74	60	57	62	48	62	56	87	70
DK/NA	12	19	15	15	19	14	16	10	11

11. Do you think that any of President Trump's actions following the 2020 presidential election warrant criminal charges, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....		
							4 YR COLL	DEG	
							Yes	No	
Yes/Warrant charges	51%	12%	86%	49%	41%	61%	55%	37%	
No	43	82	7	47	52	34	39	57	
DK/NA	6	6	7	4	7	5	5	5	
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Warrant charges	60%	52%	44%	53%	32%	56%	45%	79%	58%
No	36	42	51	40	62	40	50	14	37
DK/NA	5	6	5	7	7	4	5	7	5

12. Do you think President Trump is responsible for inciting violence against the government of the United States, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... 4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Responsible	59%	17%	96%	57%	49%	68%	63%	44%
No	39	82	2	40	48	31	35	53
DK/NA	2	2	2	3	3	1	2	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Responsible	67%	58%	52%	60%	39%	63%	52%	90%	61%
No	30	40	47	37	57	36	46	8	38
DK/NA	3	2	2	3	4	1	2	1	1

13. How much of a role do you think white supremacy played in the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th: a major role, a minor role, or no role at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE..... 4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Major role	51%	17%	85%	47%	37%	63%	57%	39%
Minor role	18	23	10	23	24	12	19	19
No role at all	24	47	1	26	32	16	19	33
DK/NA	8	13	3	5	7	8	5	9

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Major role	53%	50%	47%	56%	31%	59%	46%	81%	53%
Minor role	20	19	18	16	25	14	19	10	18
No role at all	21	24	28	19	37	19	27	5	20
DK/NA	6	7	8	9	7	8	8	4	8