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# 3 OUT OF 4 REPUBLICANS WANT TO SEE TRUMP PLAY A BIG ROLE IN GOP, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS; 68% OF AMERICANS SAY TRUMP DIDN'T DO ENOUGH TO STOP INSURRECTION

Two days after the U.S. Senate voted to acquit former President Donald Trump in his second impeachment trial, three-quarters of Republicans say, 75 - 21 percent, that they would like to see Trump play a prominent role in the Republican Party, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of 1,056 adults released today. Overall, Americans say 60 - 34 percent that they do <u>not</u> want Trump to play a prominent role in the Republican Party. Democrats say 96 - 3 percent and independents say 61 - 32 percent they do <u>not</u> want to see Trump playing a prominent role in the GOP.

A majority of Americans, 55 - 43 percent, say Trump should <u>not</u> be allowed to hold elected office in the future. Republicans say 87 - 11 percent that Trump should be allowed to hold elected office in the future.

"He may be down, but he is certainly not out of favor with the GOP. Twice impeached, vilified by Democrats in the trial, and virtually silenced by social media... despite it all, Donald Trump keeps a solid foothold in the Republican Party," said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

### SENATE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

After the Senate began conducting the impeachment trial, Americans were asked between February  $11^{th}$  and  $14^{th}$  whether they support or oppose convicting Trump. About half of Americans say 51-44 percent that they support convicting Trump. Democrats say 92-6 percent they support conviction, independents are divided with 50 percent supporting conviction and 44 percent opposing, while Republicans say 89-9 percent they oppose convicting Trump.

"The history books may recount the Senate choosing not to deliver a lethal blow to Trump's political career. But the second paragraph may well underscore the voting public's willingness to let that happen," added Malloy.

### RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIOLENCE

More than half of Americans, 54 – 43 percent, hold the view that Trump is responsible for inciting violence against the government of the United States. When asked a follow-up question: 45 percent of Americans believe Trump is responsible and should face criminal charges, while 6 percent believe he is responsible but should <u>not</u> face criminal charges, and 43 percent say Trump is <u>not</u> responsible for inciting violence.

The public is divided about censuring former President Trump in the U.S. Senate for his actions after the 2020 presidential election, as 44 percent support it, 44 percent oppose, and 12 percent didn't offer an opinion.

Americans were asked whether they think individuals would have still stormed the U.S. Capitol on January 6<sup>th</sup> even if Donald Trump had not spent months talking about how the 2020 presidential election was stolen; 55 percent say "no," while 37 percent say "yes."

Americans were also asked whether they think individuals would have still stormed the U.S. Capitol on January 6<sup>th</sup> even if Donald Trump hadn't addressed them at a rally shortly beforehand; 49 percent say "no," while 43 percent say "yes."

## TRUMP ON JANUARY 6th

Nearly 7 out of 10 Americans (68 percent) think that Donald Trump did <u>not</u> do everything he could to stop the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, while 25 percent say he did do everything he could to stop it.

Republicans say 56 - 34 percent that Trump did everything he could to stop the insurrection. Democrats say 94 - 6 percent and independents say 70 - 23 percent that he did <u>not</u> do everything he could to stop the insurrection.

"Did the former president drop the ball on controlling the insurrection? Most assuredly, say the majority of Americans, fresh off hearings that brought visual proof of the mayhem on January 6<sup>th</sup>," added Malloy.

More than half of Americans (57 percent) say they think that extremism in the United States is growing since the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, only 4 percent say it's subsiding, and 34 percent say it's staying the same. The responses were similar among all listed demographic groups.

### TRUMP AND THE 2020 ELECTION

Half of Americans (50 percent) say former President Trump deliberately spread false information that there was widespread voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election, while roughly four in ten Americans (42 percent) say that Trump truly believed there was widespread voter fraud.

1,056 U.S. adults nationwide were surveyed from February  $11^{th} - 14^{th}$  with a margin of error of +/- 3 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on random samples of adults using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

Visit <u>poll.qu.edu</u> or <u>www.facebook.com/quinnipiacpoll</u> Email poll@qu.edu, or follow us on <u>Twitter</u> @QuinnipiacPoll. 11. Would you like to see Donald Trump play a prominent role in the Republican Party, or not?

	ADULTS									
								COLL DEG		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Yes	34%		3%	32%	42%	26%	18%	47%		
No	60	21	96	61	54	66	76	45		
DK/NA	6	4	1	7	4	8	6	8		
	AGE IN	AGE IN YRS WHITE								
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht		
Yes	37%	28%	35%	31%	41%	33%	36%	28%		
No	60	62	60	66	53	60	56	69		
DK/NA	3	10	5	4	6	8	7	4		

12. As you may know, the House of Representatives voted to impeach former President Trump and the Senate has been holding a trial. Do you support or oppose convicting former President Trump in the Senate trial?

	ADULTS									
								WHITE4 YR COLL DEG		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Support	51%	9%	92%	50%	42%	59%	63%	35%		
Oppose	44	89	6	44	53	37	34	62		
DK/NA	5	1	3	6	5	5	3	3		
	AGE IN YRS WHITE									
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht		
Support Oppose DK/NA	51% 44 5	52% 42 5	49% 50 1	56% 41 3	39% 58 3	50% 46 3	45% 52 3	63% 30 7		

12a. As you may know, the House of Representatives voted to impeach former President Trump and the Senate has been holding a trial. Do you support or oppose convicting former President Trump in the Senate trial? COMBINED WITH: (If support/oppose q12) Do you strongly or somewhat support/oppose?

	ADULTS								
	Tot Pan Dam Ind Man Wom						WHITE4 YR COLL DEG		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Support strongly	42%	7%	82%	39%	34%	50%	57%	28%	
Support smwht	8	2	9	11	8	8	5	6	
Oppose smwht	4	4	2	/	5	4	4	5	
Oppose strongly	40	85	3	37	48	33	30	58	
DK/NA	5	1	3	6	5	5	4	3	
	AGE IN YRS WHITE								
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht	
Support strongly	32%	43%	46%	53%	34%	43%	39%	51%	
Support smwht	18	9	2	3	5	7	6	12	
Oppose smwht	5	4	5	2	6	3	4	3	
Oppose strongly	39	38	44	39	52	43	47	27	
DK/NA	5	6	2	4	3	4	4	7	

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

	ADULTS							
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	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes/Allowed	43%	87%	6%	42%	54%	32%	32%	58%
No	55	11	93	56	44	65	66	40
DK/NA	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	1
	AGE IN	GE IN YRS WHITE						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Yes/Allowed	46%	44%	43%	37%	56%	43%	49%	32%
No	53	54	55	62	42	56	50	65
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	3

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

	ADULTS								
							WHITE4 YR COLL DEG		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Yes/Responsible	54%	11%	96%	52%	45%	62%	66%	36%	
No	43	89	4	41	52	34	33	61	
DK/NA	4	-	-	6	3	4	1	3	
	AGE IN	YRS	YRS WHITE						
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht	
Yes/Responsible	52%	55%	53%	60%	40%	53%	47%	68%	
No	43	41	45	38	59	44	51	27	
DK/NA	5	4	2	2	1	3	2	5	

14a. Do you think former President Trump is responsible for inciting violence against the government of the United States, or don't you think so? COMBINED WITH: (If yes q14) Do you think he should face criminal charges for inciting violence against the government of the United States, or don't you think so?

	ADULTS							
							WHITE4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Face crim. charges	45%	6%	85%	42%	35%	54%	56%	30%
Not face charges	6	3	7	7	7	4	6	3
Not responsible	43	89	4	41	52	34	33	61
DK/NA	7	2	4	9	6	7	5	5
	AGE IN	1 YRS			WHITE.			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Face crim. charges	40%	48%	46%	54%	32%	46%	39%	57%
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Not face charges	9	5	5	4	5	4	4	8
Not responsible	43	41	45	38	59	44	51	27
DK/NA	8	6	4	5	4	6	5	8

15. Do you support or oppose censuring - that is formally criticizing - former President Trump in the United States Senate for his actions after the 2020 presidential election?

	ADULTS								
				WHITE4 YR COLL DEG					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Support Oppose DK/NA	44% 44 12	16% 71 13	75% 18 7	42% 46 12	38% 51 11	49% 38 13	55% 38 6	32% 55 13	
	AGE IN 18-34	YRS	50-64	65+	WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht	
Support Oppose DK/NA	40% 47 13	44% 44 12	47% 44 9	50% 40 10	38% 53 9	43% 46 11	41% 49 10	51% 35 14	

16. Which comes closer to your point of view regarding President Trump and the 2020 presidential election: he truly believed that there was widespread voter fraud or he deliberately spread false information that there was widespread voter fraud?

ADULTS								
			WHITE4 YR COLL DEG					
Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No No	
42%	84%	8%	42%	51%	35%	32%	59%	
50	10	90	51	44	56	63	34	
7	6	2	7	6	9	4	7	
AGE IN	YRS			WHITE.				
18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht	
40% 51 10	43% 51 7	46% 51 3	39% 55 6	56% 40 5	44% 49	49% 45 6	29% 61 10	
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17. Do you think that individuals would have still stormed the U.S. Capitol on January 6th even if Donald Trump had not - spent months talking about how the 2020 presidential election was stolen, or don't you think so?

	ADULTS	3								
								WHITE		
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No		
Yes/Would have	37%	59%	16%	37%	42%	33%	28%	47%		
No	55	28	82	54	52	58	65	44		
DK/NA	8	13	2	9	7	9	7	9		
	AGE IN	AGE IN YRS WHITE								
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht		
Yes/Would have	39%	34%	42%	31%	45%	37%	40%	31%		
No	53	59	52	60	47	54	51	63		
DK/NA	8	7	6	9	8	9	8	6		

18. Do you think that individuals would have still stormed the U.S. Capitol on January 6th even if Donald Trump had not - addressed them at a rally shortly beforehand, or don't you think so?

	ADULTSWHITE4 YR COLL							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes/Would have No DK/NA	43% 49 8	66% 24 10	21% 74 5	42% 49 9	46% 45 8	39% 52 8	40% 51 9	50% 40 10
	AGE IN 18-34		50-64		WHITE. Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Yes/Would have No DK/NA	46% 44 10	43% 50 7	47% 48 5	34% 56 10	49% 41 10	44% 48 9	46% 44 9	36% 57 7

19. Do you think Donald Trump did everything he could to stop the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, or don't you think so?

	ADULTS								
				WHITE4 YR COLL DEG					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Yes/Did everything No DK/NA	25% 68 7	56% 34 10	6% 94 1	23% 70 7	29% 64 7	22% 71 7	17% 76 7	36% 54 10	
	AGE IN				WHITE.		₩b +	COLL DEG No 36% 54	
	18-34	35-49	30-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NONWILL	
Yes/Did everything No DK/NA	23% 72 6	19% 74 7	32% 62 6	25% 67 8	29% 61 10	29% 63 8	29% 62 9	79	

20. Since the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, do you think that extremism in the United States is growing, subsiding, or staying about the same?

	ADULTS								
						WHITE4 YR COLL DEG			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No	
Growing	57%	60%	60%	52%	55%	58%	57%	62%	
Subsiding	4	2	5	4	4	3	4	4	
Staying the same	34	30	33	38	33	34	37	28	
DK/NA	6	7	2	7	7	5	2	6	
	AGE IN	YRS			WHITE				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht	
Growing	53%	52%	62%	66%	59%	61%	60%	54%	
Subsiding	3	3	5	5	5	3	4	3	
Staying the same	38	43	30	24	31	31	31	37	
DK/NA	7	3	3	6	5	5	5	6	