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**HALF OF AMERICANS APPROVE OF THE JOB PRESIDENT BIDEN IS DOING,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;  
MOST SAY CONSPIRACY THEORIES IN THE U.S. ARE OUT OF CONTROL**

Four weeks after being sworn into office, President Joe Biden receives a positive job approval rating as Americans approve 50 – 38 percent, with 13 percent not offering an opinion, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University national poll of 1,056 adults released today. This is little changed from February 3<sup>rd</sup> when Americans approved 49 – 36 percent, with 16 percent not offering an opinion.

There are sharp partisan divides with Democrats approving 91 – 2 percent and independents approving 50 – 34 percent, while Republicans disapprove 82 – 11 percent.

When only considering registered voters, Biden’s job approval is 52 – 38 percent. It is nearly the inverse of former President Trump’s negative 38 – 55 percent job approval rating at roughly the same period during his presidency in a February 22, 2017 poll.

“One month in, these are solid, but not particularly dazzling approval numbers for the new president. There may be some solace in the knowledge that his predecessor spent four years in office without getting very close to 50 percent,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

Americans approve 58 – 32 percent of the way Biden is handling the response to the coronavirus. On his handling of the economy, they approve 48 – 39 percent. When it comes to the Biden administration’s handling of the reopening of schools, the public is mixed with 42 percent approving, 38 percent disapproving, and 20 percent not offering an opinion.

**REPUBLICANS & DEMOCRATS**

Half of Americans (50 percent) say they have a less favorable opinion of the Republican Party compared to a year ago, 37 percent say their opinion is about the same, and 11 percent say their opinion is more favorable.

Roughly one-third (35 percent) say they have a less favorable opinion of the Democratic Party compared to a year ago, 46 percent say their opinion is about the same, and 17 percent say their opinion is more favorable.

**LIZ CHENEY & MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE**

Americans were also asked about two Republican members of Congress who made headlines in recent weeks. One is Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, who came under scrutiny by fellow Republicans for her harsh criticism of former President Trump. The other is Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, who was stripped of

her leadership posts by the House of Representatives because of her embrace of conspiracy theories and endorsement of violence against Democratic lawmakers on social media before she was elected.

Twenty-seven percent of Americans have a favorable opinion of Liz Cheney, 19 percent say their opinion is unfavorable, and 51 percent say they haven't heard enough.

Nine percent of Americans have a favorable opinion of Marjorie Taylor Greene, 38 percent say their opinion is unfavorable, and 52 percent say they haven't heard enough.

Of the decision by the U.S. House of Representatives to remove Marjorie Taylor Greene from her committee assignments, 44 percent of Americans approve, 30 percent disapprove, with 25 percent not offering an opinion.

When asked who is more representative of the Republican Party today, 28 percent say Greene, 25 percent say Cheney, with 47 percent not offering an opinion.

Looking ahead, 45 percent say they would like to see Cheney have a bigger role in the Republican Party, 14 percent say Greene, with 41 percent not offering an opinion.

“Two Republican Congresswomen take political heat with very different outcomes. Rep. Liz Cheney's stand on impeachment costs her within the GOP but wins over some Democrats. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene's vitriolic and specious rhetoric does nothing but cripple her standing as a freshman representative and costs her dearly in the House,” added Malloy.

### **CONSPIRACY THEORIES**

More than 7 in 10 Americans, 73 – 18 percent, say the belief in conspiracy theories in the United States is out of control. Democrats say 87 – 8 percent, independents say 74 – 19 percent, and Republicans say 58 – 27 percent that it's out of control.

“Fed up with fabricated stories and clearly frightened by the dark and deluded motives of conspiracy theorists, Americans overwhelmingly agree, enough is enough with the pipeline of internet garbage,” added Malloy.

Americans say 86 – 11 percent that they think the words of politicians can pose a danger to Americans. An overwhelming majority hold that view across all listed demographic groups.

### **COVID-19**

Nearly three-quarters of Americans (73 percent) say they are either very confident (26 percent) or somewhat confident (47 percent) that people in their state who want a COVID-19 vaccine will be able to get one by the end of the summer. One quarter (25 percent) say they are either not so confident (16 percent) or not confident at all (9 percent) that this will happen.

Americans say 76 – 18 percent that teachers in all states should be given priority for getting a COVID-19 vaccine. They also say 73 – 22 percent that grocery store workers in all states should be given priority for getting a COVID-19 vaccine.

A plurality of Americans, 47 percent, say the reopening of schools in their community is happening at about the right pace, while 27 percent say not quickly enough, and 18 percent say too quickly.

1,056 U.S. adults nationwide were surveyed from February 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	50%	11%	91%	50%	44%	56%	65%	35%
Disapprove	38	82	2	34	43	32	29	55
DK/NA	13	7	7	16	13	12	5	10

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Approve	47%	50%	50%	58%	43%	48%	46%	59%
Disapprove	32	33	42	37	50	42	46	22
DK/NA	20	16	8	5	7	10	9	18

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

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve strongly	36%	5%	77%	30%	31%	41%	50%	25%
Approve smwht	13	5	12	20	12	14	14	9
Disapprove smwht	4	5	-	4	4	5	5	6
Disapprove strongly	33	75	2	30	39	27	24	48
DK/NA	14	9	8	16	14	13	7	12

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Approve strongly	22%	38%	42%	51%	31%	37%	34%	42%
Approve smwht	25	12	7	6	11	11	11	17
Disapprove smwht	6	6	4	2	6	6	6	2
Disapprove strongly	27	27	38	34	44	35	39	20
DK/NA	21	18	9	7	9	11	10	19

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling - the response to the coronavirus?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	58%	17%	95%	61%	51%	64%	71%	42%
Disapprove	32	71	2	27	38	27	22	48
DK/NA	10	11	3	12	11	9	7	11

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Disapprove	33	27	34	30	43	35	39	20
DK/NA	12	16	6	6	10	9	9	10

  

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Disapprove	26	38	35	28	23	33	45
DK/NA	5	9	12	11	12	7	9

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling - the economy?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	48%	9%	86%	49%	41%	54%	61%	33%
Disapprove	39	82	3	34	46	32	30	55
DK/NA	14	10	11	17	13	14	8	12

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Disapprove	35	37	41	36	53	40	46	24
DK/NA	17	16	14	7	9	12	11	17

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Biden administration is handling the reopening of schools?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	42%	18%	67%	44%	38%	47%	51%	35%
Disapprove	38	70	15	35	42	34	28	47
DK/NA	20	13	18	21	20	19	21	17

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Approve	38%	44%	46%	48%	37%	44%	41%	47%
Disapprove	40	38	37	35	43	38	40	32
DK/NA	23	18	17	17	20	18	19	20

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Approve	48%	44%	37%	45%	48%	42%	38%
Disapprove	34	37	44	31	33	34	47
DK/NA	18	19	19	23	19	24	15

	HAVE KIDS <18 YRS	
	Yes	InPublic School
Approve	43%	41%
Disapprove	37	41
DK/NA	20	18

5. In general, do you think the pace of reopening of schools in your community is happening too quickly, not quickly enough, or at about the right pace?

ADULTS.....								
							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Too quickly	18%	9%	24%	15%	16%	19%	14%	14%
Not quickly enough	27	47	7	26	30	24	27	30
About right pace	47	33	63	49	44	50	47	45
DK/NA	8	11	6	9	10	7	12	11
AGE IN YRS.....					WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Too quickly	25%	17%	14%	15%	13%	15%	14%	24%
Not quickly enough	21	25	32	25	32	26	29	22
About right pace	44	51	48	50	43	49	46	50
DK/NA	10	7	6	10	12	10	11	4
REGION.....					DENSITY.....			
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	
Too quickly	18%	14%	21%	16%	25%	13%	12%	
Not quickly enough	29	26	23	32	23	30	27	
About right pace	44	50	51	41	44	51	49	
DK/NA	9	10	6	11	8	6	12	
HAVE KIDS <18 YRS								
InPublic								
School								
	Yes							
Too quickly	16%	19%						
Not quickly enough	26	27						
About right pace	52	52						
DK/NA	7	3						

6. Do you think that - teachers in all states should be given priority for getting a COVID-19 vaccine, or don't you think so?

ADULTS.....								
							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes/Given priority	76%	58%	93%	78%	75%	77%	83%	69%
No	18	32	5	17	18	17	14	24
DK/NA	6	10	2	5	7	5	3	7
AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Yes/Given priority	75%	80%	76%	77%	74%	75%	74%	82%
No	21	15	18	18	20	20	20	13
DK/NA	4	5	6	5	6	5	6	5
REGION.....				DENSITY.....				
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	
Yes/Given priority	84%	74%	74%	76%	79%	79%	72%	
No	12	17	20	21	17	16	20	
DK/NA	4	9	7	4	4	6	8	
HAVE KIDS <18 YRS								
InPublic								
	Yes	School						
Yes/Given priority	79%	76%						
No	14	18						
DK/NA	6	6						

7. Do you think that - grocery store workers in all states should be given priority for getting a COVID-19 vaccine, or don't you think so?

ADULTS.....								
							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Yes/Given priority	73%	58%	88%	75%	71%	75%	77%	65%
No	22	35	9	21	24	21	19	28
DK/NA	5	7	3	4	6	4	3	6
AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Yes/Given priority	73%	75%	71%	75%	67%	71%	69%	81%
No	23	21	23	22	27	24	25	16
DK/NA	5	4	6	3	6	4	5	3
REGION.....				DENSITY.....				
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural	
Yes/Given priority	79%	68%	71%	75%	77%	72%	71%	
No	17	24	23	23	19	23	23	
DK/NA	3	8	6	2	4	5	6	



8. How confident are you that people in your state who want to get a COVID-19 vaccine will be able to do so by the end of the summer: very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident, or not confident at all?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG Yes	No
Very confident	26%	18%	31%	27%	25%	26%	33%	23%
Somewhat confident	47	45	53	47	43	51	47	48
Not so confident	16	22	11	16	19	13	11	16
Not confident at all	9	11	6	8	10	7	8	8
DK/NA	3	3	1	2	3	3	2	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Very confident	13%	24%	36%	32%	26%	27%	27%	22%
Somewhat confident	56	48	40	47	45	50	48	49
Not so confident	18	21	14	11	17	11	14	18
Not confident at all	11	7	6	7	9	7	8	9
DK/NA	2	-	5	3	3	5	4	1

	REGION.....				DENSITY.....		
	NEast	MWest	South	West	City	Suburb	Rural
Very confident	24%	27%	25%	26%	25%	30%	22%
Somewhat confident	52	44	47	47	47	46	50
Not so confident	16	14	16	16	19	13	14
Not confident at all	6	12	8	8	8	8	10
DK/NA	1	4	3	3	1	3	4

9. Compared to a year ago, is your opinion of the - Republican Party more favorable, less favorable, or about the same?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG Yes	No
More favorable	11%	32%	1%	6%	14%	8%	5%	14%
Less favorable	50	24	77	48	44	55	64	43
About the same	37	43	21	43	40	34	31	40
DK/NA	2	-	1	3	2	3	-	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
More favorable	16%	7%	11%	10%	13%	9%	11%	11%
Less favorable	39	50	55	56	48	54	51	48
About the same	44	41	32	32	39	35	37	37
DK/NA	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	4

10. Compared to a year ago, is your opinion of the - Democratic Party more favorable, less favorable, or about the same?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
More favorable	17%	2%	43%	10%	14%	20%	20%	11%
Less favorable	35	74	3	34	42	28	28	47
About the same	46	23	53	53	43	49	52	40
DK/NA	2	-	-	3	1	4	-	2

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
More favorable	8%	15%	19%	29%	13%	16%	15%	22%
Less favorable	37	29	38	31	44	36	40	23
About the same	53	54	40	38	42	46	44	51
DK/NA	1	3	2	1	1	2	1	4

21. Is your opinion of Liz Cheney favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	27%	7%	46%	28%	25%	28%	46%	18%
Unfavorable	19	36	9	18	20	19	21	25
Hvn't hrd enough	51	55	43	50	52	50	31	55
REFUSED	3	3	2	5	3	3	3	2

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Favorable	9%	30%	34%	38%	25%	30%	28%	25%
Unfavorable	10	15	26	27	25	22	23	12
Hvn't hrd enough	79	52	38	33	46	47	46	60
REFUSED	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	3

22. Is your opinion of Marjorie Taylor Greene favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Favorable	9%	17%	4%	8%	10%	7%	9%	12%
Unfavorable	38	20	61	36	35	40	60	26
Hvn't hrd enough	52	62	34	54	53	52	31	61
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....				
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Favorable	3%	7%	12%	12%	12%	10%	11%	6%
Unfavorable	28	39	42	50	38	40	39	38
Hvn't hrd enough	68	54	46	38	49	50	50	56
REFUSED	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-

23. Whose views do you think are more representative of the Republican Party today: Liz Cheney or Marjorie Taylor Greene?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Cheney	25%	18%	30%	29%	28%	23%	30%	24%
Greene	28	23	39	26	28	27	40	24
DK/NA	47	59	31	45	44	49	29	51

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Cheney	24%	28%	24%	29%	30%	23%	27%	25%
Greene	17	27	36	33	28	32	30	24
DK/NA	58	45	39	37	41	45	43	51

24. Looking ahead, who would you like to see have a bigger role in the Republican Party: Liz Cheney or Marjorie Taylor Greene?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Cheney	45%	22%	68%	46%	45%	45%	63%	35%
Greene	14	25	7	14	15	13	11	18
DK/NA	41	53	25	40	40	42	27	46

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Cheney	38%	51%	47%	50%	45%	45%	45%	47%
Greene	6	13	20	19	17	15	16	12
DK/NA	56	37	33	31	38	40	39	41

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. House of Representatives voting to remove Marjorie Taylor Greene from her committee assignments?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Approve	44%	17%	75%	44%	40%	48%	63%	32%
Disapprove	30	54	8	33	35	26	26	41
DK/NA	25	30	17	23	25	26	11	27

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Approve	32%	48%	48%	56%	40%	46%	43%	48%
Disapprove	25	28	38	30	39	33	36	21
DK/NA	43	25	14	14	21	21	21	31

26. Is the belief in conspiracy theories in the United States under control or out of control at this time?

	ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG		
							Yes	No	
Under control	18%	27%	8%	19%	24%	13%	12%	20%	
Out of control	73	58	87	74	68	77	80	70	
DK/NA	9	15	5	7	9	10	8	10	

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Under control	22%	20%	17%	15%	21%	13%	17%	20%
Out of control	72	72	76	73	68	79	74	72
DK/NA	7	8	7	12	11	8	9	9

27. Do you think the words of politicians can pose a danger to Americans, or don't you think so?

	ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG		
							Yes	No	
Yes/Can pose danger	86%	84%	93%	84%	86%	85%	92%	84%	
No	11	14	6	10	11	11	5	14	
DK/NA	4	2	1	6	3	5	3	2	

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Yes/Can pose danger	90%	81%	87%	84%	87%	86%	87%	84%
No	7	13	10	13	11	11	11	11
DK/NA	2	6	3	3	2	3	2	5