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**78% OF REPUBLICANS WANT TO SEE TRUMP RUN FOR PRESIDENT IN 2024,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;  
AMERICANS NOW SPLIT ON BORDER WALL AS OPPOSITION SOFTENS**

Nearly one year after the 2020 presidential election, a majority of Americans (58 – 35 percent) say they do not want to see Donald Trump run for president in 2024, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of adults released today. Democrats say 94 – 4 percent and independents say 58 – 35 percent that they do not want to see Trump run.

Republicans, however, say 78 – 16 percent that they do want to see Trump run for president in 2024, compared to 66 – 30 percent in May.

Just over half of Americans (51 percent) say Trump has had a mainly negative impact on American politics, while 41 percent say he has had a mainly positive impact on American politics.

When it comes to his impact on the Republican party, nearly half of Americans (49 percent) say Trump has had a mainly negative impact, while 43 percent say he has had a mainly positive impact.

About half of Americans (51 percent) think Donald Trump has been undermining democracy since the 2020 presidential election, while 39 percent think he has been protecting democracy.

A slight majority of Americans, 52 – 41 percent, say the country is worse off today than it was a year ago. There are sharp partisan divides. Democrats say 76 – 14 percent that the country is better off, while Republicans say 94 – 5 percent and independents say 56 – 38 percent that the country is worse off today than it was a year ago.

“While a majority of Americans say, ‘been there, done that’ about Trump, and half feel he has damaged the underpinnings of democracy, support for the former president within the GOP has grown,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

**JOB APPROVALS**

Americans give Joe Biden a negative 37 – 52 percent job approval rating, while 12 percent did not offer an opinion. The number is essentially unchanged from the negative 38 – 53 percent job approval rating he received on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

In today’s poll, among registered voters, Biden receives a negative 40 – 51 percent job approval rating.

Americans give Democrats in Congress a negative 30 – 60 percent job approval rating.

Americans give Republicans in Congress a negative 23 – 65 percent job approval rating.

When asked about their opinion of Joe Biden, 38 percent of Americans say they have a favorable opinion of him, while 50 percent say they have an unfavorable opinion. In May, 49 percent had a favorable opinion, while 42 percent had an unfavorable opinion of him.

When asked about their opinion of Donald Trump, 39 percent of Americans say they have a favorable opinion of him, while 52 percent have an unfavorable opinion. In May, 37 percent had a favorable opinion, while 57 percent had an unfavorable opinion.

### **MOST URGENT ISSUE**

When asked to choose the most urgent issue facing the country today, Americans say the top three are:

- The economy: 19 percent;
- COVID-19: 16 percent;
- Immigration: 14 percent.

Health care is ranked as the most urgent issue by 10 percent of Americans, climate change and election laws by 8 percent of Americans each, racial inequality by 6 percent, national security and the federal debt by 5 percent each, and foreign policy by 2 percent of Americans.

For Republicans, the top three urgent issues are: immigration (28 percent), the economy (24 percent), and the federal debt (10 percent).

For Democrats, the top three urgent issues are: COVID-19 (28 percent), health care (14 percent), and climate change (13 percent).

For independents, the top three urgent issues are: the economy (21 percent), COVID-19 (13 percent), and immigration (13 percent).

“What worries Republicans most does not top the list of Democratic concerns, and vice versa. But for the country as a whole, the state of the economy edges out the pandemic and issues at the border as the matter of greatest concern,” added Malloy.

### **BORDER WALL**

Americans are split on building a wall along the border with Mexico as 45 percent support building a wall, while 49 percent oppose it.

Among registered voters, 46 percent support building a wall, while 49 percent oppose it. That is the lowest level of opposition to building a wall along the border with Mexico since November 2016 when the question was first asked by the Quinnipiac University Poll. The highest percentage of voters opposed to building a wall along the border with Mexico was 64 percent in 2017.

“While it is a tossup, there is considerably less opposition to construction of a border wall under the Biden administration than there was when former President Trump made it a strident rallying cry,” added Malloy.

### **JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>**

About 6 in 10 Americans (59 – 35 percent) say they consider what happened at the U.S. Capitol on January 6<sup>th</sup> an attack on the government.

Roughly 4 in 10 Americans (42 percent) think former President Trump bears a lot of responsibility for the storming of the U.S. Capitol on January 6<sup>th</sup>, while 15 percent think he bears some responsibility, 13 percent think he bears not much responsibility, and 27 percent think he bears none at all.

As a special congressional committee investigates the storming of the U.S. Capitol on January 6<sup>th</sup> and has issued several subpoenas to witnesses as part of its investigation, a majority of Americans (56 percent) say enough is already known about what led to the events of that day, while 40 percent say they want to hear more information about what led to the events of that day.

1,342 U.S. adults nationwide were surveyed from October 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> with a margin of error of +/- 2.7 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	37%	3%	80%	28%	30%	43%	50%	25%		
Disapprove	52	95	11	56	58	45	46	65		
DK/NA	12	3	9	15	12	12	4	10		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	31%	39%	37%	43%	26%	40%	33%	65%	33%	
Disapprove	48	50	55	53	65	53	59	22	51	
DK/NA	21	11	8	4	9	8	8	13	16	

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	18%	1%	45%	12%	13%	23%	27%	10%		
Approve smwht	18	2	34	16	16	20	23	14		
Disapprove smwht	8	8	6	10	8	8	6	6		
Disapprove strongly	43	87	5	46	49	37	40	58		
DK/NA	12	3	9	16	13	12	4	11		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve strongly	8%	18%	20%	31%	11%	21%	16%	36%	18%	
Approve smwht	23	20	17	12	15	18	17	28	14	
Disapprove smwht	18	4	4	5	6	6	6	8	12	
Disapprove strongly	29	46	51	48	58	46	52	14	39	
DK/NA	22	11	9	5	10	8	9	13	17	

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Approve	23%	51%	6%	22%	24%	23%	18%	30%		
Disapprove	65	44	90	65	63	67	74	59		
DK/NA	12	5	4	14	13	11	8	11		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Approve	20%	20%	27%	28%	27%	25%	26%	15%	24%	
Disapprove	58	69	66	66	62	65	64	76	62	
DK/NA	22	11	7	6	11	10	11	9	13	

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Approve	30%	5%	64%	23%	24%	35%	38%	21%
Disapprove	60	93	28	66	66	54	58	69
DK/NA	10	2	8	10	10	10	5	10

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Approve	24%	35%	30%	33%	19%	33%	26%	53%	26%
Disapprove	56	57	65	62	73	58	65	37	63
DK/NA	20	8	6	5	8	9	8	10	12

4. Is your opinion of Joe Biden favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	38%	2%	83%	28%	29%	46%	52%	23%
Unfavorable	50	93	8	57	57	44	45	65
Hvn't hrd enough	9	3	7	11	10	7	2	8
REFUSED	3	1	2	3	4	2	1	3

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Favorable	30%	40%	40%	44%	25%	40%	33%	67%	36%
Unfavorable	46	51	52	51	65	52	58	21	49
Hvn't hrd enough	17	6	6	3	6	7	6	10	7
REFUSED	7	2	2	1	4	1	3	2	7

5. Is your opinion of Donald Trump favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
							4 YR COLL DEG	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Yes	No
Favorable	39%	86%	3%	38%	43%	35%	32%	55%
Unfavorable	52	10	91	49	46	57	63	35
Hvn't hrd enough	5	2	4	6	5	4	2	4
REFUSED	5	2	1	7	5	4	4	5

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
				Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+					
Favorable	26%	41%	45%	47%	52%	42%	47%	7%	38%
Unfavorable	55	53	48	49	38	51	45	83	49
Hvn't hrd enough	10	3	3	1	3	4	3	5	9
REFUSED	8	4	4	2	6	3	5	5	4

6. Overall, do you think the country is better off or worse off today than it was a year ago?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Better	41%	5%	76%	38%	37%	45%	53%	25%
Worse	52	94	14	56	56	48	44	70
SAME (VOL)	5	1	7	4	4	5	1	3
DK/NA	3	-	2	2	3	2	2	3

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Better	44%	43%	37%	40%	30%	38%	34%	67%	42%
Worse	44	51	58	56	65	58	61	24	50
SAME (VOL)	8	4	4	2	2	2	2	7	4
DK/NA	4	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	4

7. In your opinion, what is the most urgent issue facing the country today: COVID-19, the economy, climate change, immigration, health care, national security, election laws, foreign policy, racial inequality, or the federal debt?

ADULTS.....							WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
COVID-19	16%	9%	28%	13%	15%	17%	13%	12%
Economy	19	24	11	21	21	17	19	23
Climate change	8	-	13	9	7	9	15	8
Immigration	14	28	2	13	13	14	12	19
Health care	10	3	14	10	9	10	10	7
National security	5	9	3	5	4	7	4	6
Election laws	8	4	11	8	9	7	12	6
Foreign policy	2	4	-	3	3	2	1	2
Racial inequality	6	1	11	6	4	8	3	3
Federal debt	5	10	2	6	8	3	5	6
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	5
DK/NA	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3

  

AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
COVID-19	18%	16%	16%	14%	11%	14%	13%	35%	14%
Economy	23	16	21	15	24	19	22	13	19
Climate change	9	10	5	8	9	11	10	3	4
Immigration	6	10	18	23	15	17	16	6	11
Health care	14	13	6	6	6	9	8	10	16
National security	3	6	7	6	4	6	5	2	8
Election laws	2	6	10	14	9	7	8	6	6
Foreign policy	6	2	1	-	3	1	2	2	5
Racial inequality	7	7	7	2	2	4	3	18	7
Federal debt	7	4	5	6	9	3	6	1	4
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	5	5	3	2	5	5	5	-	4
DK/NA	1	4	2	3	3	3	3	5	1

8. Would you like to see Donald Trump run for president in 2024, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Yes	35%	78%	4%	35%	40%	30%	24%	53%		
No	58	16	94	58	51	64	71	41		
DK/NA	7	6	2	7	8	5	6	7		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Yes	29%	37%	40%	37%	50%	37%	43%	9%	33%	
No	63	56	55	57	44	57	51	89	58	
DK/NA	8	8	5	6	6	6	6	2	8	

9. Overall, do you think Donald Trump has had a mainly positive or mainly negative impact on - American politics?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Positive	41%	84%	4%	45%	48%	35%	37%	58%		
Negative	51	9	94	47	44	58	60	36		
DK/NA	8	7	2	8	8	7	4	7		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Positive	33%	36%	47%	49%	57%	45%	50%	12%	37%	
Negative	56	54	47	49	36	50	44	81	51	
DK/NA	11	9	6	3	7	5	6	7	12	

10. Overall, do you think Donald Trump has had a mainly positive or mainly negative impact on - the Republican party?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Positive	43%	85%	7%	46%	47%	38%	36%	53%		
Negative	49	9	88	46	44	55	60	37		
DK/NA	8	6	5	8	9	7	4	10		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Positive	38%	39%	47%	47%	54%	42%	48%	12%	52%	
Negative	50	53	46	49	39	50	45	85	39	
DK/NA	12	8	6	3	7	8	8	4	10	

20. Since the 2020 presidential election, do you think that Donald Trump has been undermining democracy or protecting democracy?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Undermining	51%	8%	94%	48%	44%	56%	60%	35%		
Protecting	39	85	4	40	43	35	33	53		
DK/NA	11	6	2	12	12	9	7	12		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Undermining	54%	52%	50%	49%	36%	50%	43%	83%	52%	
Protecting	28	38	44	44	50	42	46	11	35	
DK/NA	18	9	6	7	13	8	10	6	13	

21. As you may know, a special congressional committee is investigating the storming of the U.S. Capitol that occurred on January 6th and it has issued several subpoenas to witnesses as part of its investigation. Do you want to hear more information about what led to the events of that day, or do you think enough is already known about what led to the events of that day?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
Want to hear more	40%	22%	59%	38%	38%	42%	57%	36%		
Enough already known	56	74	38	58	58	54	41	59		
DK/NA	4	3	3	4	4	5	3	5		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Want to hear more	40%	37%	41%	42%	41%	45%	43%	34%	33%	
Enough already known	57	57	54	56	54	52	53	61	63	
DK/NA	3	6	5	2	5	3	4	5	5	

22. How much of the responsibility, if any, do you think former President Trump bears for the storming of the U.S. Capitol on January 6th: a lot, some, not much, or none at all?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....			
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG			
							Yes	No		
A lot	42%	5%	81%	36%	33%	50%	53%	27%		
Some	15	15	11	19	18	13	11	14		
Not much	13	21	1	17	16	10	14	18		
None at all	27	56	5	26	31	25	20	37		
DK/NA	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	4		
	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....					
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
A lot	39%	42%	42%	46%	28%	43%	36%	77%	42%	
Some	23	17	12	8	13	13	13	9	20	
Not much	13	10	13	16	20	14	17	2	12	
None at all	23	25	30	29	36	27	31	10	25	
DK/NA	2	5	2	1	4	3	4	1	1	



23. Do you consider what happened at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th an attack on the government, or not?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Yes/Attack on gov't	59%	29%	93%	56%	53%	66%	65%	49%
No	35	66	5	40	42	29	32	44
DK/NA	5	5	3	5	5	5	3	7

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Yes/Attack on gov't	63%	64%	55%	56%	46%	63%	55%	83%	57%
No	31	30	42	39	49	32	40	13	39
DK/NA	7	6	2	5	5	5	5	4	4

27. Do you support or oppose building a wall along the border with Mexico?

	ADULTS.....						WHITE.....	
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	4 YR COLL DEG	
							Yes	No
Support	45%	91%	8%	48%	52%	38%	42%	59%
Oppose	49	7	87	47	42	55	55	34
DK/NA	6	2	5	5	6	6	3	7

  

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	Blk	Hsp
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom			
Support	30%	45%	53%	55%	63%	45%	54%	20%	40%
Oppose	61	51	41	42	33	48	41	74	53
DK/NA	9	4	6	3	4	7	6	6	7