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### Ipsos/Reuters Poll: The Big Lie

Over half of Republicans believe Donald Trump is the actual President of the United States.

#### Topline Findings

**Washington, DC, May 21, 2021** - Former President Donald Trump’s stronghold over the Republican party remains. His refusal to concede the 2020 election and calls of widespread fraud have raised doubts about the integrity of its results among his Republican base. Consequently, 56% of Republicans believe the election was rigged or the result of illegal voting, and 53% think Donald Trump is the actual President, not Joe Biden. Only 30% of Republicans feel confident that absentee or mail-in ballots were accurately counted, compared to 86% of Democrats and 55% of independents. As a result, 87% of Republicans believe it is important that the government place new limits on voting to protect elections from fraud. Finally, 63% percent of Republicans think Donald Trump should run for President again in 2024, compared to only 8% of Democrats and 23% of independents.

For complete results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire:

#### Full Annotated Questionnaire

		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
1. With which political party do you most identify? Detailed	Strong Democrat	16%	39%	0%	0%
	Moderate Democrat	17%	41%	0%	0%
	Lean Democrat	8%	20%	0%	0%
	Lean Republican	7%	0%	20%	0%
	Moderate Republican	15%	0%	42%	0%
	Strong Republican	13%	0%	38%	0%
	Independent	16%	0%	0%	100%
	None of these	5%	0%	0%	0%
	DK	3%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	2007	909	754	196
2. With which political party do you most identify? Summary	Democrat	41%	100%	0%	0%
	Republican	35%	0%	100%	0%
	Independent	16%	0%	0%	100%
	None/DK	8%	0%	0%	0%
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3. Are you currently registered to vote at your current address, or not?	Yes, registered to vote at my current address	81%	86%	89%	76%
	No, not registered to vote at my current address	15%	11%	10%	19%
	Not sure	4%	3%	1%	5%
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4. In the 2020 presidential election, did you vote for ...?	Donald Trump	35%	5%	81%	20%
	Joe Biden	46%	86%	10%	40%
	Some other candidate	6%	3%	4%	14%
	Not sure	14%	6%	6%	27%
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5. What comes close to your view of the 2020 election? It was... TM1082Y16_2. What comes close to your view of the 2020 election? It was...	Legitimate and accurate	55%	86%	25%	53%
	The result of illegal voting or election rigging	25%	5%	56%	16%
	Don't Know	20%	8%	19%	31%
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6_1. [The 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump] To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly agree	18%	4%	39%	10%
	Somewhat agree	12%	6%	22%	9%
	Somewhat disagree	9%	6%	12%	9%
	Strongly disagree	48%	79%	16%	48%
	Don't know	13%	5%	12%	24%
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6_2. [Former President Donald Trump should NOT run for President again in 2024] To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly agree	49%	81%	16%	48%
	Somewhat agree	10%	8%	12%	10%
	Somewhat disagree	9%	4%	14%	10%
	Strongly disagree	22%	4%	49%	13%
	Don't know	10%	3%	10%	20%
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6_3. [Trump is at least partly to blame for starting the deadly Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol] To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly agree	43%	73%	12%	43%
	Somewhat agree	15%	13%	17%	18%
	Somewhat disagree	12%	5%	19%	10%
	Strongly disagree	21%	5%	46%	10%
	Don't know	10%	4%	6%	19%
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6_4. [The people who gathered at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 were mostly peaceful, law-abiding Americans] To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly agree	12%	4%	23%	8%
	Somewhat agree	16%	9%	25%	14%
	Somewhat disagree	17%	16%	19%	17%
	Strongly disagree	42%	66%	21%	39%
	Don't know	13%	5%	12%	22%
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6_5. [The Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol was led by violent left-wing protestors trying to make Trump look bad] To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?	Strongly agree	17%	9%	31%	10%
	Somewhat agree	15%	7%	23%	14%
	Somewhat disagree	12%	10%	13%	13%
	Strongly disagree	40%	65%	17%	39%
	Don't know	17%	9%	16%	24%
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7_1. [the government make it easier for people to vote] In your opinion, it is ... that....	Very important	48%	68%	29%	46%
	Somewhat important	33%	26%	39%	37%
	Not very important	11%	4%	18%	9%
	Not at all important	8%	1%	14%	8%
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7_2. [the government place new limits on voting to protect elections from fraud] In your opinion, it is ... that....	Very important	42%	31%	60%	34%
	Somewhat important	32%	32%	27%	38%
	Not very important	14%	18%	10%	15%
	Not at all important	11%	19%	3%	12%
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7_3. [states have the right to set their own election laws] In your opinion, it is ... that....	Very important	28%	23%	35%	29%
	Somewhat important	40%	41%	37%	45%
	Not very important	19%	22%	16%	14%
	Not at all important	13%	14%	11%	13%
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8. In your view, which of the following pose the biggest threat to the safety of average Americans?	Foreign terrorism (committed by non-Americans on American soil)	17%	8%	27%	15%
	Politically or religiously-motivated domestic terrorism (committed by Americans on American soil)	42%	49%	34%	41%
	Random acts of violence (committed by Americans on American soil)	42%	43%	38%	45%
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9_1. [I am confident ballots sent by mail/absentee are being counted accurately] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.	Strongly agree	34%	58%	11%	32%
	Somewhat agree	24%	28%	19%	22%
	Somewhat disagree	13%	6%	19%	14%
	Strongly disagree	20%	3%	42%	12%
	Not sure	11%	5%	8%	19%
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TM1886Y20_2. [I am concerned that ballots are rejected for silly procedural reasons] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.	Strongly agree	22%	24%	25%	16%
	Somewhat agree	33%	33%	35%	28%
	Somewhat disagree	16%	17%	15%	19%
	Strongly disagree	13%	13%	14%	13%
	Not sure	16%	13%	11%	23%
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TM1886Y20_3. [It is extremely important to me that all ballots are counted, no matter who was declared winner] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.	Strongly agree	70%	76%	71%	62%
	Somewhat agree	19%	17%	19%	20%
	Somewhat disagree	3%	3%	4%	3%
	Strongly disagree	3%	2%	4%	2%
	Not sure	6%	2%	3%	13%
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9_4. [The loser in an election must concede defeat] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.	Strongly agree	45%	66%	26%	40%
	Somewhat agree	24%	20%	30%	23%
	Somewhat disagree	12%	5%	19%	11%
	Strongly disagree	7%	3%	12%	5%
	Not sure	13%	5%	13%	20%
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9_5. [I trust election officials in my county or town to do their job honestly] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.	Strongly agree	35%	52%	23%	29%
	Somewhat agree	32%	31%	35%	28%
	Somewhat disagree	14%	9%	18%	17%
	Strongly disagree	9%	3%	16%	12%
	Not sure	9%	4%	7%	15%
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10_1. [Individual political parties doing post-election audits of ballots and recounts] Do you support or oppose the following...	Strongly support	17%	11%	28%	11%
	Somewhat support	28%	26%	28%	29%
	Somewhat oppose	17%	20%	14%	18%
	Strongly oppose	18%	24%	14%	14%
	Don't Know	21%	19%	16%	29%
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10_2. [Shortening the time window for early or absentee voting] Do you support or oppose the following...	Strongly support	19%	10%	35%	12%
	Somewhat support	21%	15%	30%	17%
	Somewhat oppose	18%	21%	14%	21%
	Strongly oppose	25%	42%	9%	25%
	Don't Know	17%	13%	11%	26%
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10_3. [Giving state legislatures more direct control over state election boards] Do you support or oppose the following...	Strongly support	16%	13%	25%	13%
	Somewhat support	30%	26%	34%	31%
	Somewhat oppose	18%	21%	18%	17%
	Strongly oppose	12%	19%	7%	11%
	Don't Know	23%	21%	17%	29%
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10_4. [Reducing the number and hours of absentee ballot drop boxes] Do you support or oppose the following...	Strongly support	16%	8%	31%	10%
	Somewhat support	18%	14%	25%	16%
	Somewhat oppose	17%	18%	16%	20%
	Strongly oppose	29%	47%	14%	23%
	Don't Know	19%	13%	15%	31%
	Total	2007	909	754	196
10_5. [Allowing partisan election observers increased access to vote counting] Do you support or oppose the following...	Strongly support	21%	15%	34%	14%
	Somewhat support	27%	29%	27%	24%
	Somewhat oppose	16%	18%	13%	18%
	Strongly oppose	11%	16%	8%	10%
	Don't Know	25%	22%	18%	34%
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TM2052Y21. Who do you think the true President is right now? Choose one.	Donald Trump	25%	3%	53%	22%
	Joe Biden	75%	97%	47%	78%
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### About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between May 17-19, 2021 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 2,007 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample includes 909 Democrats, 754 Republicans, and 196 Independents.

The sample was randomly drawn from Ipsos' online panel, partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2019 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Posthoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, and education.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online non-probability polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points for all respondents. Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following (n=2,007, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/- 4.0 percentage points).

The poll also has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.7 percentage points for Democrats, plus or minus 4.1 percentage points for Republicans, and plus or minus 8.0 percentage points for independents.

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