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University of Massachusetts Amherst
December 2021 National Poll

Field Dates:	December 14 – December 20, 2021
Sample:	1,000 Respondents
Margin of Error:	3.1%

YouGov interviewed 1036 respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 1,000 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year sample with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file).

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, and region. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.

The weights were then post-stratified on 2016 and 2020 Presidential vote choice, and a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.

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Biden Legitimately Elected (N=1,000)

Do you believe that Joe Biden's victory in the 2020 presidential election was legitimate or not legitimate?

	Apr. 2021	Dec. 2021
Definitely Legitimate	49%	46%
Probably Legitimate	10%	12%
Probably Not Legitimate	10%	11%
Definitely Not Legitimate	24%	22%
I'm Not Sure	7%	9%

Illegitimate Follow Up (N=293)

Only asked of respondents who indicated that Biden's victory was probably or definitely not legitimate.

Listed below are a number of reasons why some people believe that Joe Biden's victory in the 2020 presidential election was not legitimate. From the following list, please select the reasons why you believe that Joe Biden's victory was not legitimate. Please select all that apply.

Ballots supporting Donald Trump were destroyed by election officials in certain states.	65%
Fraudulent ballots supporting Joe Biden were counted by election officials in certain states.	83%
Non-citizens and other ineligible voters were allowed to vote for Joe Biden by election officials in certain states.	76%
Voting machines were re-programmed by election officials to count extra ballots for Biden in certain states.	57%
Voting machines were re-programmed by foreign governments and changed votes for Trump to votes for Biden.	39%
Absentee ballots from deceased people for Biden were counted by election officials in certain states.	81%
Voters crossed state lines into battleground states, illegally cast votes for Biden, and these votes were counted by election officials in these states.	51%
Some states changed election rules in ways they should not have.	69%

Insurrection Describe (N=1,000)

From the following list, please select the words that best describe the events that took place on January 6, 2021 at the U.S. Capitol? Select all that apply.

	Apr. 2021	Dec. 2021
Insurrection	48%	43%
Riot	58%	55%
Protest	43%	48%
Coup	33%	28%
Looting	29%	28%
Revolution	15%	14%
Rebellion	37%	32%
Uprising	35%	29%

Insurrectionists Describe (N=1,000)

From the following list, please select the words that best describe the participants who took part in the events on January 6, 2021 at the U.S. Capitol. Select all that apply.

	Apr. 2021	Dec. 2021
Patriots	18%	14%
Insurrectionists	44%	40%
Rioters	54%	50%
Antifa	19%	16%
White Nationalists	46%	39%
Protestors	42%	41%
Revolutionaries	11%	11%
Mob	54%	48%
Terrorists	43%	38%
Looters	29%	27%
Justified	8%	7%

Insurrection Responsibility (N=1,000)

On January 6th, a large group of individuals forced their way into the U.S. Capitol building. Looking back on this event, from the following list, who do you hold most responsible for the violence that occurred at the Capitol building?

	Apr. 2021	Dec. 2021
U.S. Capitol Police	8%	11%
Former President Donald Trump	45%	44%
Former Vice President Mike Pence	1%	1%
White Nationalists	11%	10%
Republican Party	6%	7%
Democratic Party	16%	14%
President Joe Biden	4%	4%
Antifa	11%	10%

Efforts (N=1,000)

Since the events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, federal law enforcement agencies have identified, arrested, and charged hundreds of individuals who they suspect took part. Do you support or oppose *continuing* the federal effort to identify, arrest, and charge individuals who participated in these events?

	Apr. 2021	Dec. 2021
Strongly Support	52%	46%
Somewhat Support	13%	11%
Neither Support nor Oppose	13%	13%
Somewhat Oppose	7%	6%
Strongly Oppose	10%	19%
Don't know	5%	6%

Learn From or Move On (N=1,000)

Thinking about the events of January 6th, which of the following comes closest to your view...

It is important that we learn more about what happened. **56%**
It is time to move on. 44%

Congress Power to Certify (N=1,000)

Do you support or oppose the U.S. Congress and Vice President of the United States having the power to officially certify, and possibly nullify, the results of a U.S. presidential election?

Strongly Support	10%
Somewhat Support	12%
Neither Support nor Oppose	37%
Somewhat Oppose	11%
Strongly Oppose	31%

Pence Role (N=1,000)

Thinking back to the events of January 6th, should Vice President Mike Pence have used his role in counting the Electoral College votes to challenge Joe Biden's victory?

Definitely Yes	17%
Probably Yes	20%
Probably No	21%
Definitely No	43%

Members at Harm (N=1,000)

Thinking back to the events of January 6th, if the individuals who forced their way into the U.S. Capitol building had come into contact with Vice President Mike Pence or certain members of the U.S. Congress, do you believe that these elected officials would have been physically harmed?

Definitely	30%
Probably	28%
Probably Not	28%
Definitely Not	15%

Consequences (N=1,000)

For the next few questions, we are going to mention pieces of information about different Republican candidates for Congress in the 2022 election. We want to know if each piece of information would make you more or less likely to vote for each candidate.

	Much More Likely	Somewhat More Likely	Neither	Somewhat Less Likely	Much Less Likely
The candidate encouraged the behavior of those entering the U.S. Capitol on January 6 th ?	4%	7%	34%	12%	43%
The candidate refused to denounce the events of January 6 th ?	7%	9%	40%	9%	35%
The candidate questioned the legitimacy of the results of the 2020 U.S. presidential election?	15%	15%	30%	10%	30%
The candidate refused to say that Joe Biden was legitimately elected president?	11%	10%	37%	7%	35%
The candidate voted to certify the results of the 2020 U.S. presidential election	22%	16%	46%	7%	10%
The candidate has said that Joe Biden is the legitimately elected president	23%	16%	40%	6%	14%
The candidate voted to impeach Donald Trump for his role in the events of January 6	27%	15%	27%	5%	26%
The candidate voted to create a commission to investigate the events of January 6	25%	17%	35%	8%	15%