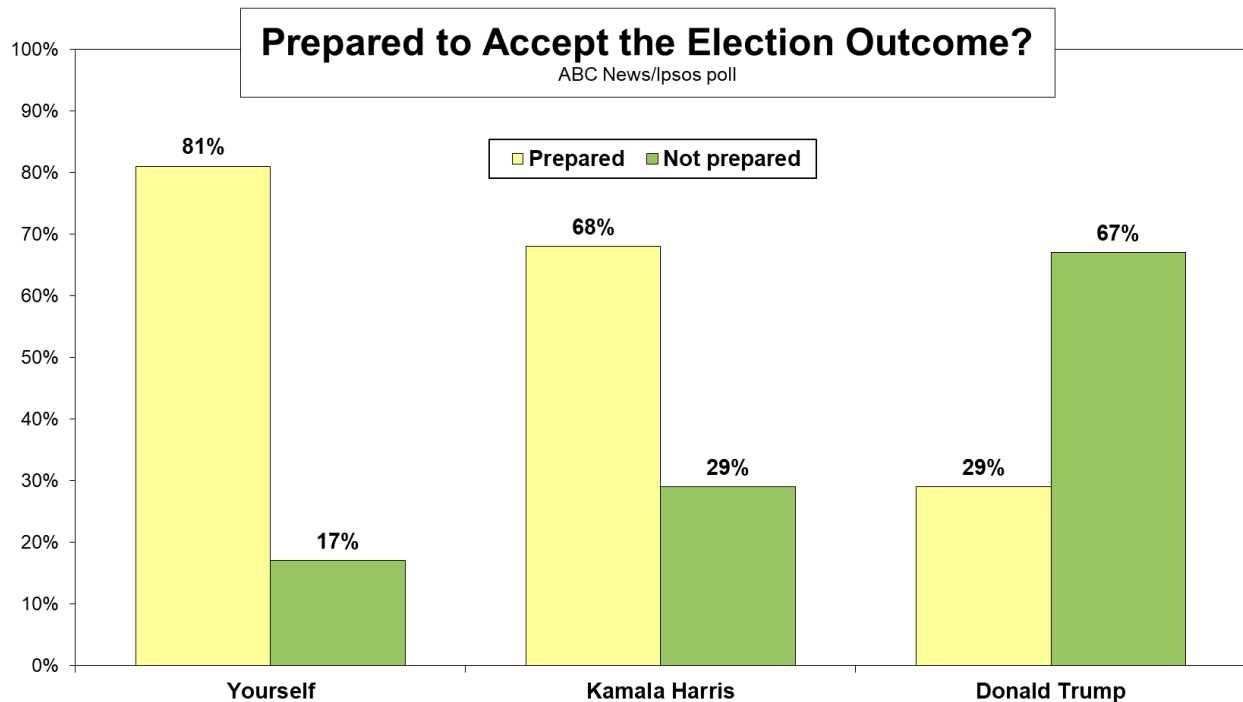# Two-Thirds Call Trump Unprepared
to Accept the Election Outcome

Most Americans say they and Kamala Harris alike are prepared to accept the outcome of the 2024 presidential election as legitimate. Donald Trump, not so much.

Eighty-one percent in a new ABC News/Ipsos poll say that regardless of which candidate they support, they are prepared to accept the outcome of the election. Fewer, but still 68 percent, see Harris as prepared to accept the outcome. Just 29 percent say the same about Trump.
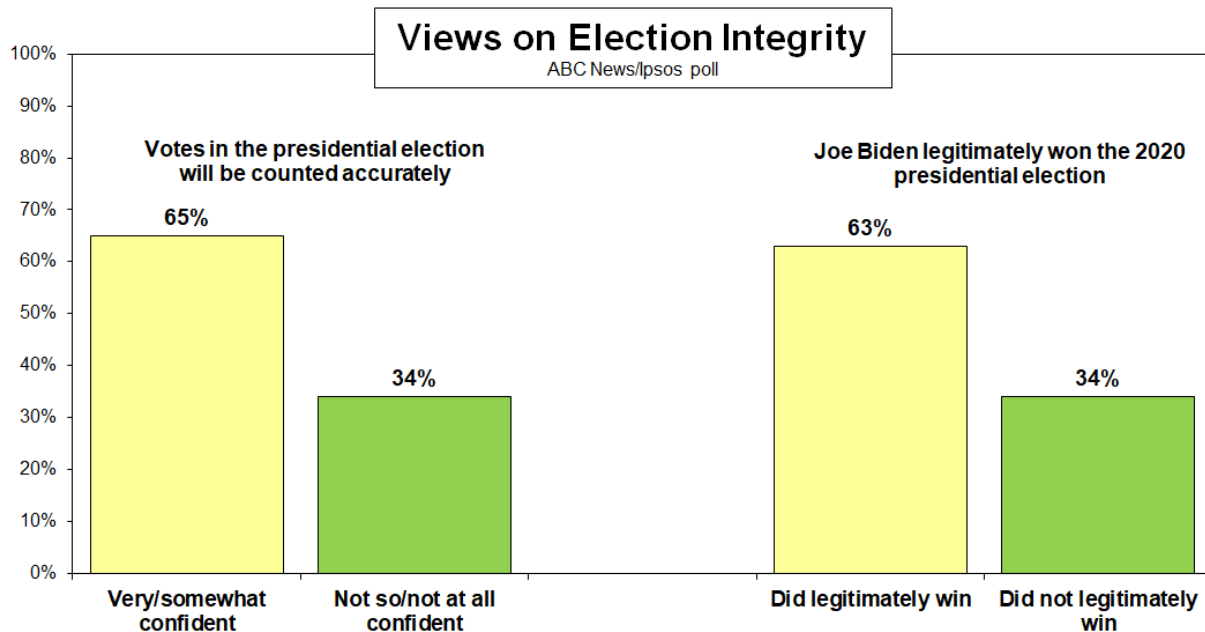

Nearly all of Harris' supporters, 92 percent, say they personally are prepared to accept the outcome. That declines to 76 percent of Trump's supporters. Instead, 21 percent of his supporters – which translates to 8 percent of all adults – are not prepared to do so.

Other, sharper political divisions inform views in this poll, produced for ABC by Langer Research Associates with fieldwork by Ipsos. Just 6 percent of Harris' supporters think Trump is prepared to accept the election outcome, rising to a still-mild 58 percent among his own supporters. Ninety-seven percent of Harris' supporters think she is prepared to accept the outcome; among Trump's supporters, only 44 percent think the same.

| Prepared to Accept the Election Outcome | | | |
ABC News/Ipsos poll			
	Among all adults	**Among Harris supporters**	**Among Trump supporters**
Are you yourself?	81%	92%	76%
Is Harris?	68	97	44
Is Trump?	29	6	58

ELECTION INTEGRITY – Trump's election denial claims resonate with some Americans. One in three (34 percent) lacks confidence that votes in the election will be counted accurately, similar to the share who said so in 2022. Sixty-five percent are very or somewhat confident in an accurate count; just half of them, 32 percent, are very confident.

Moreover, an identical 34 percent think Joe Biden did not legitimately win the 2020 election, little changed since his inauguration. These views are strongly related: Nearly nine in 10 Americans who think Biden legitimately was elected are confident that votes will be counted accurately this year, dropping to 26 percent of those who think it wasn't legitimate.

Views on election integrity also are associated with preparedness to accept the outcome. Among people who are confident that votes will be counted accurately, 92 percent say they are prepared to accept the outcome, vs. 61 percent of those who lack confidence in the count. And 91 percent of those who think Biden was legitimately elected are prepared to accept this year's outcome, vs. 64 percent of those who think not.

GROUPS – There are wide gaps by partisanship in confidence in the vote count, with half of Republicans (51 percent) lacking confidence it will be accurate. Ninety percent of Democrats

express confidence in the count, dropping to 64 percent of independents and just 48 percent of Republicans. In a similar pattern, 96 percent of Democrats think Biden was legitimately elected; 66 percent of independents and just 30 percent of Republicans agree.

That said, partisan divisions in personal preparedness to accept the outcome this year are much milder. About eight in 10 Republicans (78 percent) and independents (81 percent) alike say they'll accept it, as do 89 percent of Democrats.

Ideology is another factor: At least eight in 10 people who are liberal, moderate or somewhat conservative are prepared to accept the outcome, dropping to 64 percent among those who identify themselves as very conservative.

Just 38 percent of very conservatives are confident that votes will be counted accurately this year, rising to 50 percent of somewhat conservatives, 68 percent of moderates and 89 percent of liberals. And only 21 percent of very conservatives think Biden legitimately won in 2020; this doubles to 42 percent of somewhat conservatives, then jumps to 70 percent of moderates and 92 percent of liberals.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Ipsos poll was conducted online via the probability-based Ipsos KnowledgePanel® Aug. 23-27, 2024, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 2,496 adults. Partisan divisions are 29-29-30 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents. Results have a margin of sampling error of 2 percentage points, including the design effect, for the full sample. Sampling error is not the only source of differences in polls.

The survey was produced for ABC News by Langer Research Associates, with sampling and data collection by Ipsos. See details on ABC News survey methodology here.

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Full results follow.

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Q1-26 held for release.

27. Regardless of whom you support, are you prepared to accept the outcome of the
presidential election as legitimate, or are you not prepared to do that?

              Prepared   Not prepared   Depends    Skip
8/27/24          81           17           NA        2
10/9/20 RV*      79           14            5        3
11/5/16 LV       79           15            3        3
*2020 and previous: "...are you prepared to accept the outcome of the election as
legitimate, or are you not prepared to do that at this time?"; CATI mode. "Skip" was
"no opinion"


28. How confident are you that votes in the presidential election will be counted
accurately?
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            --- More confident --   ----- Less confident -----
            NET    Very  Somewhat   NET   Not so   Not at all   Skip
8/27/24     65     32      32       34     20         14          1
11/2/22*    66     34      32       32     19         14          2
10/26/16 LV** 71   43      29       28     15         13          1
9/8/16  LV  66     31      35       33     17         16          1
12/19/04*** 71     43      28       29     16         13          0
10/27/04 LV 70     25      46       28     20          8          1
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*"midterm election"; 2022 and previous, CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion"
**2016 and 2004: "that the votes for president across the country will be accurately counted this year"
***"were accurately counted"

29-30. Do you think Harris/Trump is prepared to accept the outcome of the presidential election as legitimate, or do you think she/he is not prepared to do that?

8/27/24 – Summary table

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          Prepared   Not prepared   Skip
Harris     68           29           3
Trump      29           67           4
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(Names rotated)

31. Do you think Joe Biden did or did not legitimately win the 2020 presidential election?

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             Did legitimately win   Did not legitimately win   Skip
8/27/24            63                      34                    3
9/20/23*           60                      29                   12
1/13/21**          62                      32                    6
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*2023 and 2021, CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion"
**2021: "the presidential election"

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