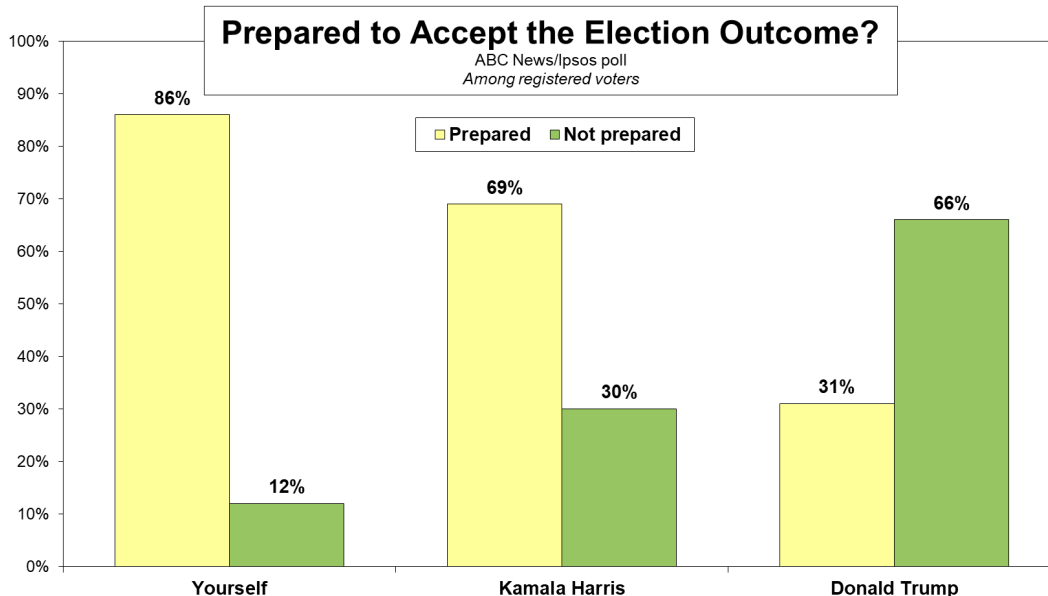


Most Are Ready to Accept Election Results – But Doubt That Donald Trump Will

Despite ongoing claims of voter fraud and ballot mismanagement from Donald Trump and his allies, 86 percent of registered voters in a new ABC News/Ipsos poll say they personally are prepared to accept the outcome of the 2024 presidential election as legitimate, regardless of which candidate wins.

Two-thirds, however, believe Trump is not prepared to accept the outcome as legitimate. Fewer than half as many, 30 percent, say the same of Kamala Harris.



The public's willingness to accept the outcome is essentially unchanged since August and up from 79 percent in October 2020. Seven in 10 registered voters also express confidence that votes will be counted accurately, little changed since the 2022 midterms.

At the same time, concerns about the electoral process resonate with a minority of voters – particularly Trump's own supporters. Thirty-one percent overall say they are not so or not at all confident that votes will be counted accurately, rising to 54 percent of those who support Trump in the election. Just 6 percent of Harris supporters lack confidence in the count.

Nonetheless, even among Trump's supporters, 81 percent say they are prepared to accept the election outcome as legitimate. That rises to 92 percent of Harris supporters in this poll, produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#) with fieldwork by [Ipsos](#).

Notably, 69 percent of those who lack confidence in the vote count say they are prepared to accept the outcome anyway. It's similar, 70 percent, just among Trump supporters who lack confidence in the count.

As reported [Friday](#), 33 percent of registered voters – including 66 percent of Trump's supporters – endorse Trump's false claims that Joe Biden did not legitimately win in 2020. These views are highly related to confidence in the electoral count: Ninety percent of voters who say Biden legitimately won the election express confidence that votes will be counted accurately this election cycle, compared with 30 percent of voters who say Biden did not legitimately win.

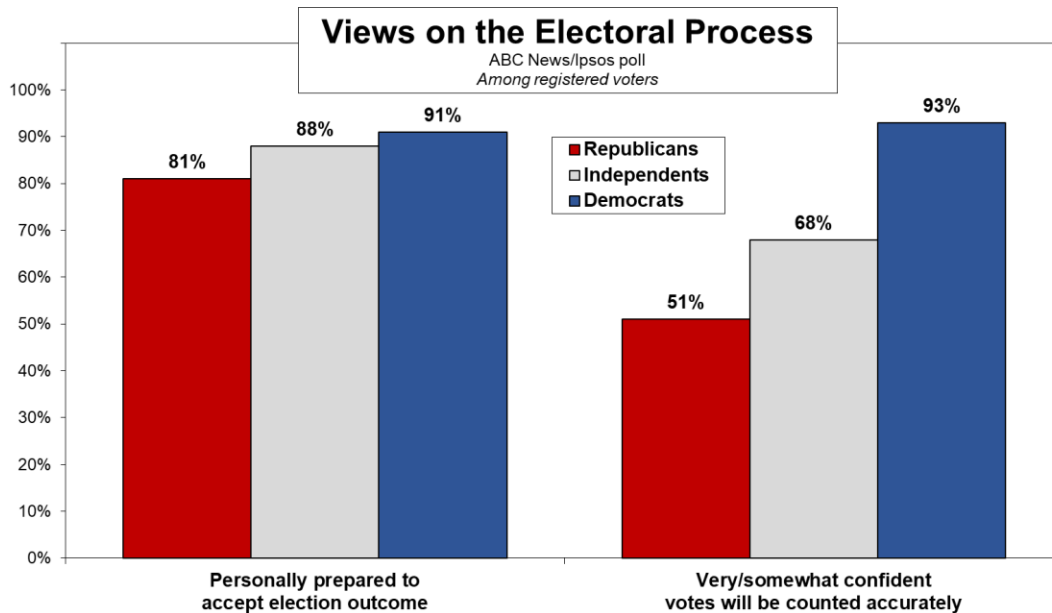
Still, majorities say they'll accept this year's outcome regardless of their view on the 2020 race. Among those who do not think Biden legitimately won, 72 percent say they are prepared to accept this year's outcome. It's 93 percent among those who say Biden did legitimately win.

Trump has said he is willing to accept the outcome "if everything's honest," while simultaneously raising concerns about the electoral process. Harris' campaign, for her part, has said she'll preside over the election certification as vice president regardless of who wins.

Harris supporters are especially skeptical that Trump will accept the outcome of the election as legitimate; 94 percent believe he is not prepared to do so. By contrast, about six in 10 Trump supporters (59 percent) think he will accept the outcome; 36 percent think not.

Conversely, nearly all of Harris' supporters, 97 percent, think she is prepared to accept the outcome of the election. Many fewer Trump supporters, 40 percent, say the same for her.

PARTISANSHIP – Willingness to accept the outcome of the election crosses political party affiliations, ranging from 91 percent of Democrats and 88 percent of independents to 81 percent of Republicans.



While willingness to accept election results is bipartisan, concerns about the electoral process are more divided. Ninety-three percent of Democrats are confident that the votes in the presidential election will be counted accurately, falling to 68 percent of independents and just 51 percent of Republicans.

Acceptance of 2020 election results also vary widely by partisanship. Sixty-five percent of Republicans say Biden did not legitimately win the election, compared with 29 percent of independents and just 3 percent of Democrats.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Ipsos poll was conducted online via the probability-based Ipsos KnowledgePanel® Oct. 18-22, 2024, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 2,808 adults, including 2,392 registered voters. Partisan divisions are 29-29-30 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents, among all respondents, and 32-32-29 percent among registered voters. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of plus or minus 2 percentage points, including the design effect, for the full sample and registered voters alike. 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.

Q1-20, 25-26 previously released.

21. 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 (vol.)	Skip
10/22/24	83	15	NA	3
10/22/24 RV	86	12	NA	2
8/27/24	81	17	NA	2
8/27/24 RV	84	14	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"

22. How confident are you that votes in the presidential election will be counted accurately?

	--- More confident --			----- Less confident -----			
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	Skip
10/22/24	65	33	32	35	22	13	1
10/22/24 RV	69	37	32	31	21	10	*
8/27/24	65	32	32	34	20	14	1
8/27/24 RV	68	36	32	31	20	11	1
11/2/22*	66	34	32	32	19	14	2

11/2/22*	RV	71	37	33	29	17	11	*
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

**"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"

23-24. 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?

	Prepared	Not prepared	Skip
Harris			
10/22/24	66	31	2
10/22/24 RV	69	30	2
8/27/24	68	29	3
8/27/24 RV	71	26	2
Trump			
10/22/24	31	66	3
10/22/24 RV	31	66	2
8/27/24	29	67	4
8/27/24 RV	30	68	3

(Names rotated)

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