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Americans Remain Convinced Trump Won

Tens of millions of Americans remain convinced that Trump won the 2020 election, as confirmed by three recent polls. This reinforces President Trump's statement early in January to the huge crowd of more than 250,000 supporters who filled the large space from the White House to the Washington Monument, declaring that "we won this election."

A three-part report from the White House explains what many ordinary Americans already perceive. Peter Navarro, Ph.D., authored this report entitled "Yes, President Trump Won," which was the latest installment in his three-volume series demonstrating that the election was stolen.

Dr. Navarro has served President Trump since his Inauguration Day on January 20, 2017. As co-author of the 2011 book *Death by China* and co-producer of the 2012 film of the same name, Dr. Navarro is the person most responsible for improving the policy of the United States against the Chinese threat after a string of prior presidents appeased that Communist nation.

His three-part report carefully describes the many irregularities and statistical improbabilities that were observed in the election. In the six disputed states studied by Dr. Navarro, the number of illegal or questionable ballots far exceeded the number needed to change the outcome and deliver the state's electors to Trump.

In Georgia, for example, there were 51 times as many questionable ballots as the number of votes that separated Biden and Trump. In Wisconsin, the ratio was 26 times; in Arizona, 24 times; in Pennsylvania, 12 times; in Nevada, 6 times; and finally in Michigan, there were 3 times as many improper votes as the reported margin between the presidential candidates.

Since President Trump spoke to the massive crowd on January 6, several major polling organizations have surveyed the American people, and they all found that an overwhelming majority of Republican voters agree that Trump actually won the election. They recognize that enough votes in six key states were improperly allowed and counted in order to hand the Electoral College to Biden.

First up was the well-respected Quinnipiac poll, in which 73% of Republican voters answered Yes to the Question: "Do you believe there was widespread voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election?"

Next was a CNN/SSRN poll, which reported that 71% of Republicans told its pollsters: "No, Biden did not legitimately win enough votes to win the presidency" — and 23% of Republicans said there was "solid evidence that he did not legitimately win."

An even stronger result was found by the ABC News-*Washington Post* poll, in which 65% of Republicans said they believe there is solid evidence of fraud in the 2020 election, while only 25% of Republicans disagreed.

As to the phony "insurrection" on Capitol Hill, the Quinnipiac poll confirmed that 80% of Republicans do not hold Trump responsible, while 71% disagree with those who characterize the incident as a "coup attempt." Some 70% of Republicans believe that Republicans who objected to the Biden electors were "protecting" rather than "undermining" democracy.

The CNN/SSRN poll found similar results: 72% of Republicans said Trump was not responsible for those who "stormed" the Capitol. Nearly half of Republicans say that Capitol Police deserve a significant amount of blame for the disorderly conduct by a few visitors to the Capitol on January 6.

The CNN/SSRN poll also found that only 10% of Republicans were very confident, and only 14% were somewhat confident, that "elections in America today reflect the will of the people." By comparison, an astounding 58% of Republicans said they were "not at all confident" that elections reflect the will of the people.

The *Washington Post's* poll shows 66% of Republicans believing that Trump acted responsibly on January 6, and 78% say Trump bears little or no responsibility for the disorderly conduct of a few. Far from blaming the 139 Representatives and 8 Senators who challenged the electoral ballots, 51% of Republicans say GOP leaders didn't go far enough to stop the steal, while only 16% said they went too far.

Fortunately, state legislatures and even Congress can get to work to prevent the recent election travesty from ever happening again. On January 15, Congressman Jim Banks (R-IN), as Chairman of the Republican Study Committee, introduced the “Save Democracy Act” which would ban ballot harvesting and other deviant methods by which liberals steal elections.

In five of the battleground states, Republicans control a majority of the legislature, which is solely authorized under the Constitution’s Article II, Section 1, to establish the process for selecting presidential electors. State governors, who are Democrats in Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin, and weak Republicans in Arizona and Georgia, do not have any role in this process, and neither do courts.

These and all state legislatures should enact new rules for selecting presidential electors which are based entirely on in-person voting on Election Day, with the real winner announced soon after the polls close.

What House Republicans Should Have Done

When House Democrats improperly invoked the 25th Amendment to try to remove President Trump, House Republicans should have used the 12th Amendment to give him four more years.

On January 7, 138 Representatives from 35 states voted in favor of Trump by objecting to the fraudulent Biden electors from Pennsylvania. The significance of that vote in the wee hours of Thursday morning is that at least one Representative from more than 2/3rds of the states, which is the quorum required by the 12th Amendment, objected to a central part of the election certification. That was after the electoral count was interrupted by the misnamed “insurrection,” so it is clear that the protests did not weaken GOP objections to Biden.

A total of 16 congressmen from Texas objected, 12 from Florida, 8 from Pennsylvania, and many more from 32 additional states. They objected specifically to certification of the Biden electors from Pennsylvania, but likely would have also objected to certifying the electors from more states, if given the opportunity.

Senators reneged on their promise to object to the Biden electors from Georgia and elsewhere, but senators have no role under the 12th Amendment to interfere with this process. They relied on the disputed Electoral Count Act of 1887, which even liberal scholars have condemned as unconstitutional.

The various senators who sanctimoniously spoke out against Trump have no constitutional authority to pick the next president, or certify electors. The 12th Amendment is clear: the House of Representatives, convening by state delegation, is required to pick the next president when no candidate has a legitimate majority of the Electoral College.

The same 138 Republicans who properly objected to certifying Biden electors could have met under the Constitution to rectify the election of the next president. While Pelosi and Democrats were grasping for other provisions of the Constitution to try to destroy the Republican Party in the waning days of Trump’s first term, the 27-20 GOP majority by state delegation in the House could have re-elected him.

More Republicans would likely have joined the 138. The Republican states of North and South Dakota oddly failed to object to Biden’s electors from Pennsylvania, but they surely would not vote for Biden in a special session to elect the next president.

In politics, as in sports, the best defense is a good offense. When the other side attempts a full-court press in basketball, coaches know that the optimal response is a stepped-up offense to break down the press.

For weeks Democrats have misled the public and exploited the improper removal of Trump from Twitter. Liberal Politico ran a headline screaming “Second U.S. Capitol Police officer dies,” although that off-duty death had nothing to do with the protests on January 6.

Leftists have taken over the narrative of the rally at the Capitol on January 6 and completely misrepresented what Trump said, and what his supporters did. Far from the liberal portrayal of a “riot,” which has a goal of stealing, vandalizing, and injuring, the unarmed protesters were akin to anti-Vietnam War protests of the 1960s, and many similar ones ever since.

When four protesters were shot and killed at Kent State University in 1970, it was considered a national calamity. But the killing at the Capitol of the unarmed pro-Trump 14-year Air Force veteran Ashli Babbitt, who had honorably served our country during four tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, is barely mentioned by liberals.

Pelosi and her minions are furious at how they were humiliated by the unarmed protesters. The scenes of rowdy folks occupying the Speaker’s chair and wielding her podium were reminiscent of the comic book character the Joker, who liked to ridicule the powers-that-be, as Jack Nicholson did in an art museum scene from the 1989 *Batman* movie.

Satire and mockery are not crimes, even when the target is Congress. Sit-ins which occupy legislators’ offices have long been a staple of political protests, for which punishment was little or nothing in recognition of the protesters’ First Amendment rights.

Yet Democrats are charging hard with a vengeance against Trump, anyone who supports him, and the entire Republican Party. The Lincoln Project, a virulently anti-Trump group, is setting up a database to identify people who worked in the Trump Administration, to subject them to retaliation.

Phyllis Schlafly once observed that it is impossible to achieve anything good in politics without leadership. Trump gave us that leadership for four years, and the last few weeks without him on Twitter have shown how dire the future would be without him.

The Founding Fathers gave America the means in the original Constitution and the 12th Amendment ratified in 1804 to right an election gone wrong. The Supreme Court has demonstrated that it does not want to intervene, and the House should have convened by state delegation and exercised its full authority.

The House Should Have Re-Elected Trump

In our system of divided government, the Constitution vests the primary authority in the House of Representatives. Only the House may originate tax bills; only the House always consists entirely of members elected by their local constituents; and only the House selects the next president in times of crisis, as we have now.

We are not a democracy, and never have been. We are a constitutional republic, and the Founders were strongly opposed to democracy and the many severe problems it can create.

As a republic, we elect Representatives who then pass laws or, in this case, elect the president. The Twelfth Amendment to the Constitution, based on its original text, explains that the House has the authority and duty to elect the president when no candidate has a majority of the electoral votes:

“But in choosing the President, the votes shall be taken by states, the representation from each state having one vote; a quorum for this purpose shall consist of a member or members from two-thirds of the states, and a majority of all the states shall be necessary to a choice.”

Enough congressmen objected to the fraudulent Biden electors for establishing a quorum in the House, where each state delegation there has one vote. Nancy Pelosi cannot stop this process under the Constitution, whereby House members could simply convene and elect the next president, with one vote per state.

The incoming House has 27 state delegations which are majority GOP and 20 which are majority Democrat, which is typical for most election cycles. Three state delegations are tied in party representation: Michigan, Minnesota, and Pennsylvania.

The Twelfth Amendment does not say who counts the Electoral College votes, and the House is the entity having the most representative authority to do so while rejecting the electoral slates tainted by fraud and irregular procedures. Federal courts repeatedly indicated that they would not intervene.

The suggestion by a few Republican House members that they should stand down and allow certification of a

fraudulent election was an abdication of their duty under the Constitution. It was wrong to embrace and allow wrongdoing by a handful of state officials, who violated the election laws enacted by their legislatures.

In Georgia, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, there was no signature verification of millions of mailed-in ballots as required by laws there. If the laws had been applied as written, then President Trump won those states and enough elsewhere to prevail in the Electoral College.

In 1825 the House did not select the presidential candidate who won the most popular votes, who was Andrew Jackson. Instead, it chose John Quincy Adams as the House was authorized to do by the Twelfth Amendment, and that action by the House helped unify the country then, as it would have now.

The Founders intended the House of Representatives to be more powerful than the presidency or the courts. As the body most representative of the American people, which was entirely elected just two months ago, the House was in the best position to decide who should become president now.

It was the House which selected Thomas Jefferson as president on the 37th ballot in 1801. Virtually no one denies the wisdom of that choice, as the runner-up Aaron Burr subsequently killed Founding Father Alexander Hamilton in a duel merely three years later.

Democrats can talk all they want in the House about a cowardly, secret recording of Trump's conversation with a Georgia official who failed to allow independent signature verification, with public monitoring, of vast numbers of mailed-in ballots there. Democrats can rant all they like in the House how counting every fraudulent vote should somehow decide who our next president is.

The Electoral Count Act of 1887, on which the Democrats rely, cannot take power away from the House as given to it by the Constitution. Likewise, House Republicans should have fulfilled their constitutional duty to ensure that the next president is not chosen by a few state officials who flagrantly violated election laws passed by their legislatures.

The Supreme Court has never upheld or even addressed the constitutional defects in the Electoral Count Act, and this reinforces the need for the House of Representatives to have stepped up to the plate and swung its powerful bat. The 1825 precedent of the House selecting the president should guide us through the turmoil in stolen elections.

The House, voting by state, should have made its own determination that the Electoral Count Act is unconstitutional in diluting the authority of the House. The Constitution is clear: the House selects the next president when there is election failure.

In our constitutional republic, our elected representatives can and should vote to protect the integrity of the selection of presidents. That would establish a necessary precedent that fraud should never be allowed to steal a presidential election.

Vaccination Is Not the Answer to Covid

The first Covid vaccines are rolling across the nation, but many Americans are not buying the hype. Despite months of non-stop publicity in the media, only about half of those polled say they will get the shot when it becomes available.

Fifty percent is not nearly enough, according to Dr. Anthony Fauci, who has already accepted an appointment as Joe Biden's chief medical adviser. Fauci didn't say if he and Joe Biden intend to vaccinate millions of other Americans against their will.

According to Dr. Fauci, at least 75 to 80 percent of Americans must be vaccinated over the next nine months, in order to have any chance of getting back to normal by Christmas of 2021. If vaccinations fall short of that goal, Fauci says a return to normal life would likely be postponed years into the future, if ever.

And don't think that if you agree to get the shot right away, you will have permission to throw away your mask, head back to the gym, dine in restaurants, or visit family over the holidays. These familiar activities will not be allowed until we reach so-called herd immunity, after virtually everyone has been vaccinated, and then only if it is effective.

The biggest cheerleader for mass vaccination, billionaire Bill Gates, candidly admits that basic American freedoms will not return anytime soon. "Bars and restaurants in most of the country will be closed as we go into this wave, and I think sadly that's appropriate," he said, adding that "big public gatherings will still be restricted" throughout 2021.

Warming to his favorite subject, Gates pontificated that "certainly mask-wearing has essentially no downsides." Maybe there are no "downsides" for someone who sits all day at a computer, wrestling with the buggy software that Gates made billions of dollars monopolizing, but masks have plenty of "downsides" for millions of ordinary Americans.

Vaccination will not end the mask-wearing mandate, as promoters insist that masks protect against catching the virus. England has begun to vaccinate people against Covid, yet its deputy medical officer predicts that the British may still need to wear masks for years into the future, which should reinforce doubts about the value of vaccination.

Assertions that the coronavirus vaccines are 90% or 95% effective are misleading. The term effectiveness is used by some to mean merely reducing the severity of the illness, rather than providing complete immunity.

Questions have been raised about the sufficiency of the testing data, and whether serious adverse effects such as Bell's palsy were misleadingly portrayed as being non-serious. Millions of Americans have allergies, and severe allergic reactions occurred among early recipients of the Pfizer vaccine.

The Pfizer vaccine is the first to use mRNA technology, which prompts a recipient's own biological cells to generate a protein in order to spark an immune response. Long-term effects of this new technology remain untested and unknown, as are its possible effects on the reproductive system.

Meanwhile, the tyranny of lockdown continues unabated, as reflected by the \$15,497.76 per day fines being imposed on the Atilis Gym in Bellmawr, New Jersey. Not one case of Covid has been linked to the patrons of that gym, whose co-owner Ian Smith marched with other Trump supporters in Washington, D.C. on December 12.

Those of us who failed to defend the gym are next on the chopping block, as mandatory vaccination looms on the horizon. A bill in New York's Democrat-controlled legislature would force the public to receive the Covid vaccine, and vaccination may be required of millions as a condition of keeping their jobs.

Meanwhile, reports in peer-reviewed medical journals of safer, less-expensive approaches to Covid continue without sufficient publicity. In November, a mostly unnoticed article in the *American Journal of Clinical Pathology* described how vitamin D deficiency is correlated with a nearly four times greater risk of death from Covid.

There are numerous reported benefits of vitamin D, which President Trump himself took to quickly overcome Covid in October. Yet little is said by public health authorities or the media about how taking vitamin D may sharply reduce the risk of severe illness from Covid.

Operation Warp Speed was not just for a vaccine; it was intended "to accelerate the development, manufacturing, and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics." Yet hardly any effort is being made to develop and distribute treatment by therapeutic medications, in order to keep Covid victims out of hospitals and off ventilators.

Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) courageously held a hearing December 8 on early treatment options, with compelling testimony by physicians who have actually treated Covid patients successfully, and kept them out of the hospital. Early treatment does not fit the liberal game-plan to deprive us of our liberty by making mask-wearing and lockdowns the "new normal."

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