



TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Secure Democracy Foundation

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RE: Summary Findings from a Battleground States Survey on Election Confidence and Administration

On behalf of **Secure Democracy Foundation, Issue One, Unite America and RepresentUs. Public Opinion Strategies** conducted a multi-state survey of voters in the battleground states of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The 2,033 voters survey was conducted Oct. 20-26, 2022, and has a credibility interval of +/-2.48%.

Executive Summary

Across the country, far too many elected officials and candidates maintain that the 2020 presidential election was stolen – even as many current office holders claim victory for themselves from the same election. This phenomenon has proven not to be an isolated incident, as many as [60 percent](#) of Americans will have an election denier on their ballot on Nov. 8, 2022. The potential for manipulation or attempts to cast doubts around strong and secure election processes during the post-election period is extremely high.

However, the Secure Democracy Foundation polling demonstrates that the majority of Americans across the political spectrum will not support post-election denial, premature declarations of victory, or the refusal to certify election results. Voters are also confident in various voting methods ensuring a fair election, and demonstrate a broad belief that elections should be free of political or partisan interference.

This poll is another reminder that the vast majority of Republican, Democratic, and Independent voters believe in a strong democracy where the freedom to vote and the integrity of our election systems are protected from partisan interference and intimidation.

Voters support certification of election results as faithfully reported

Q: The state body (Secretary of State, State Board of Canvassers or Elections Commission) has a responsibility to certify election results as faithfully reported by local election officials.

- **94% of voters nationally (93% of GOP voters)** agree that their state body has a responsibility to certify election results as faithfully reported by local election officials.

State-level data:

Arizona: 94% of Arizona voters (93% of Arizona GOP voters) agree that their state body has a responsibility to certify election results as faithfully reported by local election officials.

Georgia: 94% of Georgia voters (92% of Georgia GOP voters) agree that their state body has a responsibility to certify election results as faithfully reported by local election officials.

Michigan: 93% of Michigan voters (90% of Michigan GOP voters) agree that their state body has a responsibility to certify election results as faithfully reported by local election officials.

Ohio: 95% of Ohio voters (93% of Ohio GOP voters) agree that their state body has a responsibility to certify election results as faithfully reported by local election officials.

Wisconsin: 95% of Wisconsin voters (95% of Wisconsin GOP voters) agree that their state body has a responsibility to certify election results as faithfully reported by local election officials.

Voters support certification even if a losing candidate refuses to concede

Q: If a losing candidate refuses to concede, should the state body certify or not certify the election? Assume that the state body has found no evidence of fraud or interference in the election.

- **80% of voters** think their state body should certify the election even if a losing candidate refuses to concede, including **79% of Republican voters**.

State level data:

Arizona: 81% of Arizona voters think their state body should certify the election even if a losing candidate refuses to concede, including **82% of Republican voters**.

Georgia: 78% of Georgia voters think their state body should certify the election even if a losing candidate refuses to concede, including **81% of Republican voters**.

Michigan: 80% of Michigan voters think their state body should certify the election even if a losing candidate refuses to concede, including **76% of Republican voters**.

Ohio: 79% of Ohio voters think their state body should certify the election even if a losing candidate refuses to concede, including **79% of Republican voters**.

Wisconsin: 79% of Wisconsin voters think their state body should certify the election even if a losing candidate refuses to concede, including **79% of Republican voters**.

Voters support certification even if a losing candidate claims there was fraud without evidence.

Q: If a losing candidate claims there was fraud without providing any evidence, should the state body certify or not certify the election? Assume that the state body has found no evidence of fraud or interference in the election.

- **76% of voters** think their state body should certify the election if a losing candidate claims there was fraud without providing any evidence, including **74% of Republican voters**.

State level data:

Arizona: 79% of Arizona voters think their state body should certify the election if a losing candidate claims there was fraud without providing any evidence, including **69% of Republican voters**.

Georgia: 77% of Georgia voters think their state body should certify the election if a losing candidate claims there was fraud without providing any evidence, including **80% of Republican voters**.

Michigan: 74% of Michigan voters think their state body should certify the election if a losing candidate claims there was fraud without providing any evidence, including **70% of Republican voters**.

Ohio: 75% of Ohio voters think their state body should certify the election if a losing candidate claims there was fraud without providing any evidence, including **78% of Republican voters**.

Wisconsin: 77% of Wisconsin voters think their state body should certify the election if a losing candidate claims there was fraud without providing any evidence, including **74% of Republican voters**.

Voters support certification even if a losing candidate was in the lead prior to mail-in, absentee or military ballots being counted.

Q: If a losing candidate appeared to be in the lead on election night but ultimately lost after mail-in, absentee, and military ballots were counted, should the state body certify or not certify the election? Assume that the state body has found no evidence of fraud or interference in the election.

- **74% of voters** think their state body should certify the election even if a losing candidate appeared to be in the lead on election night but ultimately lost after mail-in, absentee, and military ballots were counted, including **66% of Republican voters.**

State level data:

Arizona: 71% of Arizona voters think their state body should certify the election even if a losing candidate appeared to be in the lead on election night but ultimately lost after mail-in, absentee, and military ballots were counted, including **61% of Republican voters.**

Georgia: 74% of Georgia voters think their state body should certify the election even if a losing candidate appeared to be in the lead on election night but ultimately lost after mail-in, absentee, and military ballots were counted, including **71% of Republican voters.**

Michigan: 77% of voters think their state body should certify the election even if a losing candidate appeared to be in the lead on election night but ultimately lost after mail-in, absentee, and military ballots were counted, including **70% of Republican voters.**

Ohio: 74% of Ohio voters think their state body should certify the election even if a losing candidate appeared to be in the lead on election night but ultimately lost after mail-in, absentee, and military ballots were counted, including **66% of Republican voters.**

Wisconsin: 77% of Wisconsin voters think their state body should certify the election even if a losing candidate appeared to be in the lead on election night but ultimately lost after mail-in, absentee, and military ballots were counted, including **74% of Republican voters.**

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- **88% of voters** express confidence in Election Day voting at a polling location, including:
 - 86% of Arizona voters
 - 83% of Georgia voters
 - 90% of Michigan voters
 - 88% of Ohio voters
 - 91% of Wisconsin voters
- **79% of voters** express confidence in early voting at a polling location.
 - 80% of Arizona voters
 - 82% of Georgia voters
 - 76% of Michigan voters
 - 78% of Ohio voters
 - 79% of Wisconsin voters
- **Nearly 8 in 10 (79%) voters** express confidence in election results tabulated by a voting machine.
 - 77% of Arizona voters
 - 75% of Georgia voters
 - 83% of Michigan voters
 - 81% of Ohio voters
 - 80% of Wisconsin voters

Voters want elections free from political or partisan interference

Q: How important is it that our election process be free of partisan or political interference?

- **88% of voters** believe it is **very important** that elections are free of political or partisan interference, including **88% of Republican voters**.

State level data:

Arizona: 88% of voters believe it is very important that elections are free of political or partisan interference, including **90% of Republican voters**.

Georgia: 87% of voters believe it is very important that elections are free of political or partisan interference, including **92% of Republican voters**.

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