

# Canadian and Americans Views on Trump's Responsibility for January 6<sup>th</sup> Attacks on the Capitol and whether Trump should run for President in 2024

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# Introduction

On January 6, 2021, insurgents stormed the U.S. Capitol, in an act without parallel in American history, designed to disrupt the peaceful transfer of power. In a resolution six months later, the American House of Representatives called it "one of the darkest days of our democracy," and established a special committee to investigate how and why the attack occurred. On June 9, 2022, the Committee began live televised public hearings that focused considerably on the extent to which former President Donald Trump was responsible for the attacks on the Capitol.

Hearings are set to resume in September at which time it is believed the testimonies will provide more new evidence.

A Leger-Association for Canadian Studies survey reveals that 44% of Americans have been closely following the Hearings. But others around the world are also following the Hearings closely and that is case for 37% of Canadians as revealed in the August ACS-Leger survey. Canadians (72%) are more likely than are Americans (54%) to hold former US president Donald Trump responsible for the attacks. And Canadians (77%) are more likely than Americans (58%) to think that Donald Trump should not run for President in 2024. Those that have been closely following the hearings are most likely to hold the President responsible but there are sharp divisions in the United States and Canada around the President's culpability based on partisan preferences/ideology as revealed in the survey.

The findings arise from a Leger survey for the ACS that was conducted between August 5 to August 7, 2022 via web panel with 1509 Canadians and 1002 Americans. No margin of error can be associated with a non-probability sample (Web panel in this case). However for comparative purposes, a probability sample of 1509 respondents would have a margin of error of  $\pm 2.5\%$ , 19 times out of 20

# Over one in three Canadians say they are closely following the House investigation on the January 6<sup>th</sup> attacks on the Capitol

As you may know, a group of people attacked police and broke into the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. on January 6th, 2021. How closely have you been following the hearings of the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the Capitol

Column %	CANADA	USA
<b>TOTAL CLOSELY</b>	37%	44%
Very closely	10%	19%
Somewhat closely	27%	25%
<b>TOTAL NOT CLOSELY</b>	56%	47%
Not so closely	28%	21%
Not closely at all	28%	26%
I don't know/ I prefer not to answer	7%	8%

# Three-quarters of Canadians believe that Donald Trump is responsible for

How much responsibility do you think Donald Trump bears for the attack on the U.S. Capitol?

Column %	CANADA	USA
<b>TOTAL RESPONSIBLE</b>	72%	54%
Very responsible	53%	41%
Somewhat responsible	19%	13%
<b>TOTAL NOT RESPONSIBLE</b>	15%	33%
Somewhat not responsible	6%	25%
Not responsible at all	9%	8%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	13%	12%

# Canadians are less inclined than Americans to agree that Donald Trump should run for President in 2024

Do you think Donald Trump should run for president again in 2024? by PROJET		
Column %	CANADA	USA
Yes	15%	31%
No	77%	58%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	8%	11%

# Three in four Canadians and Americans say that they are very closely following the Select Committee hearings believe Donald Trump is very responsible for the attack on the Capitol

	How closely have you been following the hearings of the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the Capitol			
Donald Trump is very responsible for the attack on the U.S. Capitol?	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not so closely	Not closely at all
United States	76.4%	57.0%	37.4%	13.3%
Canada	77.2%	67.1%	58.7%	34.7%

# Majority of 2020 Trump voters think he should run again in 2024

Do you think Donald Trump should run for president again in 2024?	Did you vote for Donald Trump, Joe Biden or another candidate in the last election?		
	Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Other
Yes	63.1%	5.5%	6.7%
No	24.3%	91.3%	80.0%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	12.7%	3.2%	13.3%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

# Majority of 2020 Trump voters think the former President is not responsible for the attack on the Capitol; Biden voters overwhelmingly believe Trump is responsible

How much responsibility do you think Donald Trump bears for the attack on the U.S. Capitol?	Did you vote for Donald Trump, Joe Biden or another candidate in the last election?		
	Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Other
Very responsible	11.6%	76.4%	37.5%
Somewhat responsible	9.1%	12.4%	31.3%
Somewhat not responsible	14.0%	3.7%	12.5%
Not responsible at all	54.6%	2.5%	6.3%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	10.8%	5.0%	12.5%



# The majority of Canada's PPC supporters think Trump should run for President in 2024 as do more than one in four Conservative supporters

Do you think Donald Trump should run for president again in 2024?	FEDERAL VOTING INTENTIONS AMONG DECIDED						Total
	...Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party of Canada	...Jagmeet Singh's New Democratic Party of Canada	...Yves-François Blanchet's Bloc Québécois	...Candice Bergen's Conservative Party of Canada	...Amita Kuttner's Green Party of Canada	...Maxime Bernier's People's Party of Canada	
Yes	5.8%	7.5%	3.3%	28.0%	8.7%	56.9%	15.7%
No	89.6%	89.7%	95.7%	64.3%	87.0%	24.6%	78.7%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	4.6%	2.8%	1.1%	7.7%	4.3%	18.5%	5.6%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

# Majority of PPC supporters in Canada do not think that Trump is responsible for the attacks on the Capitol; over one in three Conservatives also think the former President is not responsible

How much responsibility do you think Donald Trump bears for the attack on the U.S. Capitol?	...Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party of Canada	...Jagmeet Singh's New Democratic Party of Canada	...Yves-François Blanchet's Bloc Québécois	...Candice Bergen's Conservative Party of Canada	...Amita Kuttner's Green Party of Canada	...Maxime Bernier's People's Party of Canada
Very responsible	72.6%	66.0%	76.1%	36.8%	59.6%	7.6%
Somewhat responsible	15.0%	19.4%	16.3%	24.9%	21.3%	16.7%
Somewhat not responsible	4.1%	3.6%	3.3%	11.0%	2.1%	18.2%
Not responsible at all	1.8%	1.6%	3.3%	17.5%	4.3%	37.9%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	6.6%	9.5%	1.1%	9.8%	12.8%	19.7%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

# The less that Americans and Canadians regard Trump as responsible for the attack on the Capitol the more that they think he should run for President in 2024

Donald Trump should run for president again in 2024?	How much responsibility do you think Donald Trump bears for the attack on the U.S. Capitol?			
	Very responsible	Somewhat responsible	Somewhat not responsible	Not responsible at all
United States	8.0%	17.6%	38.3%	74.6%
Canada	1.1%	17.7%	47.3%	63.2%

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