Political Violence and the Election

ASSESSING THE THREAT FROM THE LEFT AND THE RIGHT

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- 30 years studying political violence
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- 2020 American Political Violence – 100 cities survey
  - Past 4 years analyzing the Political Violence in America:
    - Jan 6 Demographics analysis
    - 12 Nationally Representative Surveys
      - US Military Veteran Survey
      - Ethnographic Focus Groups
    - Study of Violent Attitudes on the Left

= Deep Understanding of Dangers to American Democracy
Results from CPOST June 2024 National Survey

- CPOST surveys “Understanding Support for Political Violence in America”
  - All fielded by NORC at the University of Chicago, regularly since June 2021
  - Nationally representative probability samples, gold standard in polling
  - Questions designed to track scope and drivers of support for political violence on left and right

- Latest CPOST Political Violence survey June 2024
  - Fielded: June 20-24, 2024.
  - N = 2,061
  - Margin of Error: ±2.97%
FINDING #1

More Support for Violence Against Trump than To Restore Trump
BOTH BIDEN AND TRUMP SEEN AS THREAT

... and say violence is justified to prevent or cause a change in power.

Q: The use of force is justified to ...

- ...restore Trump to the Presidency. 6.9%
  18 Million U.S. Adults

- ...prevent Trump from becoming president. 10.0%
  26 Million U.S. Adults

CPOST/NORC June 2024, N=2,061.
Proportions based on entire sample, don’t know and skipped <1% of sample.
26 MILLION AMERICANS AGREE

Q: “The use of force is justified to prevent Donald Trump from becoming president.”

171 million (66.1%) Disagree

58 million (22.6%) Ambivalent

26 million (10.0%) Agree

CPOST/NORC June 2024, based on US Census population estimate of 258 million US adults. Don’t know/Did not answer = 1%

Updated 7/05
The 26 million are Active, Dangerous + Growth Potential

- Access to internet organizational tools: 22 million
- Own guns: 9 million
- Police who are violently attacked deserve it: 6 million
- Attended protest in past 12 mos: 5 million
- Militia member or know one: 3 million
- Prior military experience: 2 million

CPOST/NORC June 2024, N=2,061
18 MILLION AMERICANS AGREE

Q: “The use of force is justified to restore Donald Trump to the presidency.”

183 million (70.8%) Disagree
55 million (21.3%) Ambivalent
18 million (6.9%) Agree

CPOST/NORC June 2024, N = 2061, based on US Census population estimate of 258 million US adults. Don’t know/Did not answer = 1%
The 18 million are Active, Dangerous + Growth Potential

- Access to internet organizational tools: 16 million
- Own guns: 8 million
- People who stormed capital were patriots: 7 million
- Militia member or know one: 4 million
- Attended protest in past 12 mos: 2 million
- Prior military experience: 1 million

CPOST/NORC June 2024, N=2,061
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