

## Category 6 - 47 Republicans in Congress Who Acknowledged the Outcome of the 2020 Election Prior to January 6, 2021

The 2020 US presidential election was held on November 3, 2021. On November 7, many news organizations declared Joe Biden the winner based on the current vote totals compared to how many ballots remained to be counted.<sup>1</sup>

Of the 249 Republicans serving in the House and the Senate at the time of the election, 47 (19%) acknowledged Biden as the president-elect prior to the certification of the electoral votes on January 6, 2021. Thirty-four former Republican members of Congress also made public statements acknowledging the outcome.

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<i>November 7, 2020: Many news organizations declared Joe Biden the winner of the election</i>		
1.	11/7/2020  Sen. Mitt Romney (R-UT)	“The President is within his rights to request recounts, to call for investigation of alleged voting irregularities where evidence exists, and to exhaust legal remedies — doing these things is consistent with our election process. He is wrong to say that the election was rigged, corrupt and stolen — doing so damages the cause of freedom here and around the world, weakens the institutions that lie at the foundation of the Republic, and recklessly inflames destructive and dangerous passions.”  -Mitt Romney, Twitter.com, November 6, 2020 9:21 am
2.	11/7/2020  Outgoing Rep. Will Hurd (R-TX)	“It’s time to come together. America has spoken and we must respect the decision. More unites us than divides us; we can find common ground. I hope the president-elect can embody this. I wish him good luck and I wish the president a successful final few weeks.”  -Will Hurd, Twitter.com, November 7, 2020 1:51 pm
3.	11/7/2020  Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL)	“Sofia and I extend our Congratulations to Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. Our nation deserves two competing parties who can work together when possible, and compete honorably when not.”  -Adam Kinzinger, Twitter.com, November 7, 2020 2:52 pm
4.	11/7/2020  Outgoing Rep. Paul Mitchell (R-MI)	“Congratulations to President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris. This election was hard-fought by both candidates and ultimately the voters chose them for the job. America now looks to you to lead our country and unite us for the common good.”

<sup>1</sup> Elahe Izadi, “First CNN, then within minutes, most other news organizations called the race for Biden,” washingtonpost.com, November 7, 2021

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		<p>-Paul Mitchell, Twitter.com, November 7, 2020 1:56 pm</p> <p><b>[Note: Mitchell left the Republican party on December 14, 2021, over its refusal to acknowledge the election results, becoming an independent for the remainder of his term.]</b></p>
5.	<p>11/7/2020</p> <p>Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)</p>	<p>“Even as ballots are counted in Alaska and legal challenges continue in the Lower 48, former Vice President Joe Biden is now the projected winner of this close and hard-fought presidential race. Tonight, he declared victory and pledged to be a president who represents all Americans.</p> <p>I congratulate President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris and will be ready to work with their administration when it takes office. While we may not always agree, I will work with them to do what is right for Alaska...</p> <p>[I]t appears we will soon turn to the peaceful transition of power, which is fundamental to our system of democracy and ultimately honors the American people.”</p> <p>-Lisa Murkowski via Alaska's News Source, “Rep. Young, Sen. Murkowski respond to projected Biden win,” alaskasnewssource.com, November 7, 2020</p>
6.	<p>11/7/2020</p> <p>Rep. Tom Reed (R-NY)</p>	<p>“To ensure the integrity of our electoral process, we must continue to transparently count and certify all fo the American people’s votes to its complete conclusion.</p> <p>However, out of respect and in deference to the moment, I extend my congratulations to President-elect Biden.”</p> <p>-Tom Reed, Twitter.com, November 7, 2020 2:45 pm</p>
7.	<p>11/7/2020</p> <p>Outgoing Rep. Denver Riggleman (R-VA)</p>	<p>“Christine and I extend congratulations and well wishes to Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. We should all work to together in the spirit of helping America as those in ‘loyal opposition’... not hate.</p> <p>And a special congratulations to Kamala Harris as the first woman VP”</p> <p>-Denver Riggleman, Twitter.com, November 7, 2020 3:11 pm</p>
8.	<p>11/7/2020</p> <p>Sen. Mitt Romney (R-UT)</p>	<p>“Ann and I extend our congratulations to President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris. We know both of them as people of good will and admirable character. We pray that God may bless them in the days and years ahead.”</p> <p>-Mitt Romney, Twitter.com, November 7, 2020 1:27 pm</p>

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9.	11/7/2020  Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL)	<p>“While never perfect, American elections have consistently been free and fair. Our local and state election officials do important and under-appreciated work to ensure they are. This year’s election is no different.</p> <p>The peaceful transition of power is a signal to the world of the strength of democracy and the resilience of our Republic. Even though I supported his opponent, I wish President-elect Joe Biden well.”</p> <p>-John Shimkus, Facebook.com, November 7, 2020 5:40 pm</p>
10.	11/7/2020  Rep. Fred Upton (R- MI)	<p>“The votes have been counted, the American people have spoken, and they chose Joe Biden to serve as our next President. We have to find a way to come together, bridge divisions, and focus on solutions that help the millions who are struggling. I am raising my hand and committing to working with President-elect Biden and my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in Congress to do exactly that.”</p> <p>-Fred Upton, Twitter.com, November 7, 2020 12:26 pm</p>
11.	11/7/2020  Rep. Don Young (R- AK)	<p>“Today, a long, hard-fought, and contentious presidential election appears to be behind us. Although there are still votes to be counted, and potential legal cases to be heard, former Vice President Joe Biden has won the election...</p> <p>I sincerely thank President Trump for his service on behalf of our nation, and wish President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris well in the monumental task ahead.”</p> <p>-Don Young via Alaska's News Source, “Rep. Young, Sen. Murkowski respond to projected Biden win,” alaskasnewssource.com, November 7, 2020</p>
12.	11/8/2020  Rep. Don Bacon (R- NE)	<p>“I believe the handwriting is on the wall that Joe Biden has been elected as the next President. President Trump has the right to challenge the results in court if evidence of illegalities are found and to ask for recounts in those states where the margin is very narrow. I will respect the will of the voters, defend our Constitution, and implore the President to take the high road once appeals are exhausted.”</p> <p>-Don Bacon via Andrew Solender, Twitter.com, November 8, 2020 5:19 pm</p>
13.	11/8/2020  Outgoing Rep. Francis Rooney (R- FL)	<p>“Congratulations to Pres-elect Biden on a successful campaign. All Americans need to come together to support Pres-elect Biden. Our nation will only be successful if the new admin is. We must work together to enact bipartisan legislation &amp; solve the problems our country faces - that is how our system of government works. We have more that unite us than divide us, and now that</p>

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		<p>the heat of battle has drawn to a close we must come together for the betterment of all our citizens.”</p> <p>-Francis Rooney, Twitter.com, November 8, 2020 12:09 pm</p>
14.	<p>11/8/2020</p> <p>Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE)</p>	<p>“Melissa and I congratulate the next president, Joe Biden, and the next vice president, Kamala Harris. Today in our house we pray for both President Trump and President-Elect Biden, that both would be wise in the execution of their respective duties during this important time in our nation.”</p> <p>-Ben Sasse via Joseph Morton, “Sen. Ben Sasse congratulates President-elect Joe Biden on his win,” omaha.com, November 8, 2020</p>
15.	<p>11/9/2020</p> <p>Former US Representatives Tom Coleman (R-MO), Susan Molinari (R-NY), Jim Greenwood (R-PA), Jim Kolbe (R-AZ), Chris Shays (R-CT), Mickey Edwards (R-OK), Dick Zimmer (R-NJ), Jim Walsh (R-NY), Ray La Hood (R-IL), Peter Smith (R-VT), Steve Bartlett (R-TX), Charlie Dent (R-PA), Scott Klug (R-WI), John LeBoutillier (R-NY), Doug Bereuter (R-NE), Deborah Pryce (R-OH), Charles Djou (R-HI), Bob Inglis (R-SC), Alan Steelman (R-TX), Steve Kuykendall (R-CA), Connie Morella (R-MD), Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD), Bob Bauman (R-</p>	<p>“As former Republican Members of Congress who swore an oath to the Constitution, we believe the statements by President Trump alleging fraud in the election are efforts to undermine the legitimacy of the election and are unacceptable. Every vote should be counted and the final outcome accepted by the participants because public confidence in the outcome of our elections is a bedrock of our democracy. Going forward it is our hope the nation will, regardless of party or persuasion, recognize that President-Elect Joe Biden has won this election.”</p> <p>-Tom Coleman, “Former Republican Members of Congress Call for Acceptance of Election Outcome,” tomcoleman.net, November 9, 2020</p>

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	MD), Mike Parker (R-MS), Tim Petri (R-WI), Barbara Comstock (R-VA), Carlos Curbelo (R-FL), Jack Quinn (R-NY), Jim Leach (R-IA) and former US Senators Gordon Humphrey (R-NH) and Dave Durenberger (R-MN)	
16.	11/9/2020  Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)	<p>“First, I would offer my congratulations to President-elect Biden on his apparent victory — he loves this country, and I wish him every success. Presidential transitions are important, and the President-elect and the Vice-President-elect should be given every opportunity to ensure that they are ready to govern on January 20th.</p> <p>I understand that the President and others have questions about the results in certain states... I urge people to be patient. The process has not failed our country in more than 200 years, and it is not going to fail our country this year.”</p> <p>-Susan Collins, Twitter.com, November 9, 2020 1:48 pm</p>
17.	11/9/2020  Rep. John Curtis (R-UT)	<p>“2020 continues to be the year of unpredictability. I’d like to be clear about my feelings on two things concerning the presidential race. First, President Trump should be entitled to every legal opportunity to make his case. Second, until a judicial decision determines wrongdoing, Joe Biden should be acknowledged as the President-Elect.</p> <p>Given the opportunity to address Joe Biden, I would tell him that I will take him at his word that he will be a unifier and a president to all, including those of us that did not vote for him—I stand ready to help. To Kamala Harris, I would say that I do not need to agree with her politics to acknowledge the historic nature of her election—congratulations.”</p> <p>-John Curtis, “Curtis on Presidential Race: ‘Now Is the Time to Heal the Wounds and Come Together,’” curtis.house.gov, November 9, 2020</p>
18.	11/10/2020  Former Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN)	<p>“I congratulate President-elect Biden and wish him well as he organizes to lead our country.”</p> <p>-Bob Corker, Twitter.com, Nov. 10, 2020 12:00 pm</p>

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19.	11/10/2020  Outgoing Rep. Denver Riggleman (R-VA)	<p>“In two months we’re going to have a new president and I think that’s a fact... I just think we’re to a point now where we just acknowledge facts. It’s not that big of a deal to say that we’ve transitioned to a new president...</p> <p>There’s no Sharpiegate, there’s no watermarks, there’s no ballots being burned. We gotta stop this conspiratorial thinking... it’s just out of control.”</p> <p>-Denver Riggleman via CNN, “GOP lawmaker on why he publicly acknowledged Biden's victory,” YouTube.com, November 10, 2020</p>
20.	11/12/2020  Former Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ)	<p>“The counting of ballots is nearly done in Arizona. A huge THANK YOU to election officials, workers and volunteers for their professionalism and hard work.</p> <p>Congratulations, President-Elect Biden for a hard won victory. Arizona has chosen well.”</p> <p>-Jeff Flake, Twitter.com, November 12, 2020 10:16 am</p>
21.	11/13/2020  Sen. Jim Risch (R-ID)	<p>“‘This is my second transition where we move from one political party to another in the White House,’ Risch said [on Nov. 13, 2020], acknowledging President-elect Joe Biden’s victory. Most of his GOP colleagues in Congress have resisted admitting that amid outgoing President Donald Trump’s claims the election was stolen.</p> <p>‘After an election where you transition from one party to another,’ he said, ‘it is an entirely different feeling or dynamic. It is a change in the music that is playing in the background. We go from heavy metal to classical music in one fell swoop. The cadence changes dramatically, and we’re in the process of that right now.’”</p> <p>-Orion Donovan-Smith, “Idaho Sen. Jim Risch weighs in on changing tone in Congress and a Biden presidency,” November 16, 2020</p>
22.	11/15/2020  Outgoing Rep. Francis Rooney (R- FL)	<p>“As our nation finishes counting all of the ballots in this year of record voter turnout, we are about to see a transition to a new administration led by Joe Biden. The president should provide the necessary assistance to the transition teams, and lead our country in coming together for the good of all its citizens...</p> <p>The president also can and should instruct the Government Services Agency (GSA) to allow the Biden transition team access to information and funds necessary to ensure a smooth, thorough transition.</p>

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		<p>I am concerned that by questioning the integrity of the 2020 election without reliable proof of wrongdoing we undermine the principles of free and fair elections and leave our country distracted and exposed to our enemies...</p> <p>The American People have made their choice. It is the American way to recognize and honor that choice.”</p> <p>-Francis Rooney, “Time to concede: The peaceful transition of power is an American tradition,” thehill.com, November 15, 2020</p>
23.	<p>11/16/2020</p> <p>Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)</p>	<p>“Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio on Monday evening [Nov. 16, 2020] joined a small group of GOP senators who have referred to Joe Biden as president-elect after the presidential race was called for him more than a week ago...</p> <p>Rubio made the reference when he was asked by Capitol Hill pool reporters what he made of reports that his colleague, independent Maine Sen. Angus King, could be considered as a candidate to be the next director of national intelligence under a Biden presidency.</p> <p>‘Well, that’ll be the president-elect’s decision obviously,’ Rubio told reporters Monday...</p> <p>Rubio, when asked about his reference to Biden as the president-elect, said it's based on the election's outcome.</p> <p>‘Ultimately that's what the results, the preliminary results, seem to indicate. You certainly have to anticipate if that's the highest likelihood at this point,’ Rubio said.”</p> <p>-Claudia Grisales, “Sen. Rubio Joins Small Group Of Republican Senators Calling Biden 'President-Elect,’” npr.org, November 16, 2020</p>
24.	<p>11/17/2020</p> <p>Outgoing Rep. Paul Mitchell (R-MI)</p>	<p>“I think it's necessary to begin a transition... I think we need to move on. I think the people have spoken and we have President-elect Biden and we need to accept that...</p> <p>In 2016, President Trump won by 10,704 votes, that's all, a very narrow margin. And electorate will see that it reflect that vote. They will be seen this time to reflect the vote for President-elect Biden because that's what the American people expect. Their votes count. And once they voted, we move forward with governing the nation.”</p> <p>-Paul Mitchell, “CNN Newsroom, transcripts.cnn.com, November 17, 2020</p>

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25.	11/19/2020  Outgoing Rep. Paul Mitchell (R-MI)	<p>“Joe Biden won Michigan by about 154,000 votes, according to the current unofficial results. He won enough states to clearly prevail in the Electoral College. President Donald Trump should accept those facts and allow the rest of the country to move forward...</p> <p>We know many of our residents are disappointed by his loss. But there is simply no indication of massive fraud, wrongdoing or gross error in Michigan’s election results...</p> <p>The continued refusal to acknowledge the election results risks corroding our democracy by literally hollowing it out...</p> <p>We need to move on as a country. The presidential transition process needs to begin in earnest.”</p> <p>-Paul Mitchell and Elissa Slotkin, “Opinion: It’s time to stand behind election results and move on,” detroitnews.com, November 19, 2020</p>
26.	11/19/2020  Sen. Mitt Romney (R-UT)	<p>“Having failed to make even a plausible case of widespread fraud or conspiracy before any court of law, the President has now resorted to overt pressure on state and local officials to subvert the will of the people and overturn the election. It is difficult to imagine a worse, more undemocratic action by a sitting American President.”</p> <p>-Mitt Romney, Twitter.com, November 19, 2020 10:36 pm</p>
27.	11/20/2020  Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA)	<p>“With today’s decision by Judge Matthew Brann, a longtime conservative Republican whom I know to be a fair and unbiased jurist, to dismiss the Trump campaign’s lawsuit, President Trump has exhausted all plausible legal options to challenge the result of the presidential race in Pennsylvania.</p> <p>This ruling follows a series of procedural losses for President Trump’s campaign. On Friday, the state of Georgia certified the victory of Joe Biden after a hand recount of paper ballots confirmed the conclusion of the initial electronic count. Michigan lawmakers rejected the apparent attempt by President Trump to thwart the will of Michigan voters and select an illegitimate slate of electoral college electors. These developments, together with the outcomes in the rest of the nation, confirm that Joe Biden won the 2020 election and will become the 46th President of the United States...</p> <p>President Trump should accept the outcome of the election and facilitate the presidential transition process.”</p>

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		-Pat Toomey, "Release: Toomey Statement on PA Federal Court Decision, Congratulates President-elect Biden," toomey.senate.gov, November 21, 2020
28.	11/23/2020  Outgoing Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)	"The presidential election is rapidly coming to a formal end. Recounts are being completed. Courts are resolving disputes. Most states will certify their votes by December 8. Since it seems apparent that Joe Biden will be the president-elect, my hope is that President Trump will take pride in his considerable accomplishments, put the country first and have a prompt and orderly transition to help the new administration succeed."  -Lamar Alexander, Twitter.com, November 23, 2020 5:08 pm
29.	11/23/2020  Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)	"Like the overwhelming majority of West Virginians, I voted to re-elect President Donald J. Trump...  Unfortunately, election results from around the country indicate that our fellow Americans chose differently. President Trump has challenged the election results in several states. While some irregularities and fraud have been found and should be punished, there is no indication that these are widespread enough to call into question the outcome of the election. I firmly believe in our electoral system and in the power of the voice of the people...  In the meantime, I believe that Vice President Biden and Senator Harris should begin receiving all appropriate briefings related to national security and COVID-19 to facilitate a smooth transfer of power in the likely event that they are to take office on January 20."  -Shelley Moore Capito, "Capito Statement on 2020 Presidential Election Results," capito.senate.gov, November 23, 2020
30.	11/23/2020  Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)	"With Michigan's certifying it's [sic] results, Joe Biden has over 270 electoral college votes. President Trump's legal team has not presented evidence of the massive fraud which would have had to be present to overturn the election. I voted for President Trump but Joe Biden won. The transition should begin for the sake of the country."  -Bill Cassidy, Twitter.com, November 23, 2020 6:15 pm
31.	11/23/2020  Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)	"I fully expect that unless there is some surprise that none of us know anything about right now, Joe Biden will be the next president."  -John Cornyn via Ken Herman, "Herman: Cornyn's nod to reality," statesman.com, November 23, 2020
32.	11/23/2020	"In the days after the election, I supported the President's right to make his case to the courts. These efforts have not been successful, and it's time for the administration to begin the transition process."

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	Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD)	-Dusty Johnson, Twitter.com, November 23, 2020 6:27 pm
33.	11/24/2020  Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)	“Every indication that I know of is that Joe Biden is the president-elect.”  -Jerry Moran via Jonathan Shorman and Bryan Lowry, “Kansas GOP Sen. Jerry Moran says ‘every indication’ is that Biden is president-elect,” kansascity.com, November 24, 2020
34.	11/24/2020  Former Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI)	“I think it’s important to acknowledge that the GSA, I think as of last night, the General Services Administration ascertained the election, and that sounds kind of technical [but] it’s really actually frankly pretty important because that allows the official transition to actually occur so that President-elect Biden -- and Joe Biden is the president-elect -- so that Joe Biden, the president-elect, can actually plan his transition...  I think maybe even more important is that these legal challenges to the outcome and the attacks on our voting system really need to stop, in my opinion. The outcome will not be changed, and it will only serve to undermine our faith in our system of government, our faith in our democracy...  I think it’s really important that we’re clear about this, which is the mere fact that the president’s lawyers throw these sort of baseless conspiracy theories out at press conferences but offer no evidence of these in court tells you that there is not the kind of widespread voter fraud or systemic voter fraud that would be required to overturn the outcome of this election.  So, the election is over. The outcome is certain.”  -Paul Ryan via Anna Palmer, Jake Sherman, Eli Okun, and Garrett Ross, “POLITICO Playbook PM: NEW: What Paul Ryan is saying about Biden and Trump,” politico.com, November 24, 2020
35.	11/25/2020  Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)	“Unfortunately, President-elect Joe Biden’s Cabinet picks are a signal that he intends to return to that failed status quo that allowed the Chinese government to exploit our open system, academic institutions and capital markets.”  -Marco Rubio, “Biden’s key picks signal return to failed status quo,” usatoday.com, November 25, 2020
36.	11/25/2020  Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH) [resigned on May 16, 2021]	“With yesterday’s certification of many states’ results, it’s evident that President Trump has exhausted the due process offered to all candidates. I offer my congratulations to President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris.”  -Steve Stivers, “Statement from Rep. Stivers,” stivers.house.gov, November 25, 2020 (via archive.org)

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37.	12/2/2020  Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)	<p>“Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) told reporters Wednesday that she was not hearing concerns about the election results from her constituents, and pointed to Tuesday remarks from Attorney General William P. Barr confirming that federal investigators have yet to find any credible evidence of election fraud that could have reversed the result.</p> <p>‘I think that the attorney general’s statement was helpful in reassuring people of the validity of the election results,’ said Collins, who was the first Republican senator to acknowledge Biden’s victory.”</p> <p>-Mike DeBonis, Rachael Bade, and Paul Kane, “GOP senators dismiss possible congressional challenge to Biden victory,” washingtonpost.com, December 2, 2020</p>
38.	12/4/2020  Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE)	<p>"I look forward to working with President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris to keep our nation safe, update our infrastructure, and provide opportunities to families."</p> <p>-Deb Fischer in a letter to a constituent via Washington Post Staff, “Where Republicans in Congress stand on Trump’s false claim of winning the election,” washingtonpost.com, December 15, 2020</p>
39.	12/7/2020  Rep. Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH)	<p>“Rep. Gonzalez believes Joe Biden won the election. He does not support any unfounded claims... about widespread voter fraud without sufficient proof.”</p> <p>-Spokesperson for Anthony Gonzalez in a statement to Forbes via Andrew Solender, Twitter.com, December 7, 2020 11:36 am</p>
<i>December 8, 2020: Deadline for states to finalize their election results</i>		
40.	12/8/2020  Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA)	<p>“[Trump’s frustration with Democrats] doesn’t change the obligation of the president’s campaign to acknowledge that they have not been able to demonstrate that there’s been fraud, not on any significant scale.</p> <p>That has been determined by election officials, that has been determined by federal judges, that’s been determined by appellate court judges. That’s the opinion of the attorney general, who is a Donald Trump appointee.</p> <p>So in my view the outcome of the election is clear and that is that Joe Biden won the election. But I understand why people are upset and why they are inclined to listen to these allegations that have not been substantiated. It’s all very, very unhelpful to people’s confidence in our government.”</p> <p>-Pat Toomey via Jonathan Tamari, “Republican Sen. Pat Toomey calls Trump’s campaign to overturn Pennsylvania election ‘completely unacceptable,’” inquirer.com, December 8, 2020</p>
41.	12/10/2020	<p>“North Carolina Sen. Thom Tillis says he will consider Joe Biden's win official after electors meet on Monday [Dec. 14, 2020].</p>

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	Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)	<p>'Yeah, I think he's the presumptive President-elect, but we just can't dismiss that there are filings that deserve to go through the justice system like anybody else in America,' Tillis said."</p> <p>-Thom Tillis via ABC 11, "Six NC congressmen urge U.S. Supreme Court to overturn 2020 election results," abc11.com, December 10, 2020</p>
<i>December 14, 2020: Electors met in their respective states to cast votes for president and vice president</i>		
42.	12/14/2021  Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)	<p>"Missouri Republican Sen. Roy Blunt officially recognized Joe Biden's status as president-elect following Monday's Electoral College vote.</p> <p>Blunt, a former Missouri secretary of state, is the first Republican member of the Missouri delegation to explicitly acknowledge Biden's victory over President Donald Trump...</p> <p>'We've now gone through the constitutional process and the electors have voted, so there's a president-elect,' Blunt told the Senate press pool Monday [Dec. 14, 2020]."</p> <p>-Brian Lowry, "Blunt calls Biden President-elect after Electoral College. Other Missouri GOP silent," kansascity.com, December 14, 2020</p>
43.	12/14/2021  Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN)	<p>"As I have said all along, neither the media nor the candidates decide who wins elections, it is our Constitution, and our Constitution clearly states that the Electoral College meets to determine who is the President-elect. Today, the Electoral College has cast their votes and selected Joe Biden as the President-elect. State Legislatures, State Courts, and the United States Supreme Court have not found enough evidence of voter fraud to overturn the results of the Electoral College vote. I, like many Hoosiers, am disappointed by the results of the Electoral College vote, but today marks a watershed moment where we must put aside politics and respect the constitutional process that determines the winner of our Presidential election."</p> <p>-Mike Braun, "Senator Braun Statement on Electoral College Vote," braun.senate.gov, December 14, 2020</p>
44.	12/14/2021  Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)	<p>"U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, acknowledged President-elect Joe Biden's victory after the Electoral College vote Monday [December 14, 2020] but left himself a little wiggle room.</p> <p>'He's president-elect, subject to whatever additional litigation is ongoing,' Cornyn told CNN. 'Subject to any other litigation that could occur between now and Jan. 20, the answer is yes.'"</p>

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		-John C. Moritz, "John Cornyn on Joe Biden: 'He's president-elect,'" statesman.com, December 15, 2020
45.	12/14/2021  Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)	<p>"The Electoral College has voted and affirmed Vice President Biden's victory. I wish to thank President Trump for his service, and I wish President-Elect Biden the best as he assumes the awesome responsibility of governing our great nation."</p> <p>-Jeff Fortenberry, Twitter.com, December 14, 2020 6:09 pm</p>
46.	12/14/2021  Outgoing Rep. Paul Mitchell (R-MI)	<p>"Any candidate, including the president, is entitled to request recounts and pursue legal challenges they believe are appropriate if they possess evidence of wrongdoing. President Trump has undertaken or supported both of these options. Recounts have failed to significantly alter the vote outcome in any state and dozens of court cases have been summarily dismissed in both state and Federal courts across our nation.</p> <p>It is unacceptable for political candidates to treat our election system as though we are a third- world nation and incite distrust of something so basic as the sanctity of our vote. Further, it is unacceptable for the president to attack the Supreme Court of the United States because its judges, both liberal and conservative, did not rule with his side or that 'the Court failed him.' It was our Founding Fathers' objective to insulate the Supreme Court from such blatant political motivations.</p> <p>If Republican leaders collectively sit back and tolerate unfounded conspiracy theories and 'stop the steal' rallies without speaking out for our electoral process, which the Department of Homeland Security said was 'the most secure in American history,' our nation will be damaged."</p> <p>-Paul Mitchell in a letter changing his party affiliation from Republican to Independent via CNN, "Rep. Paul Mitchell's letter quitting the GOP, fearing 'long-term harm to our democracy' with its support for Trump's actions," cnn.com, December 14, 2020</p>
47.	12/14/2021  Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)	<p>"In accordance with the Constitution and federal law, the Electoral College cast their votes for President today. The Electors met in their respective state following certification of the results. I think we need to respect this process the Founding Fathers established, and we must respect the will of the voters...</p> <p>The orderly transfer of power is a hallmark of our democracy, and although I supported President Trump, the Electoral College vote today makes clear that Joe Biden is now President-Elect."</p> <p>-Rob Portman, "Portman Statement on the Electoral College Vote," portman.senate.gov, December 14, 2020</p>

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48.	12/14/2021  Rep. Van Taylor (R-TX)	<p>"Our Constitution defines the process for electing the president. Today, the Electoral College voted and on January 20th, President-elect Joe Biden will be sworn in as the 46th President of the United States. Anne and I extend our prayers and well wishes to the Biden and Harris families as they prepare for this momentous undertaking."</p> <p>-Van Taylor via Abby Livingston and Darla Cameron, "More Texas Republicans in Congress are acknowledging Joe Biden's victory, but many holdouts remain," texastribune.com, December 15, 2020</p>
49.	12/15/2021  Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)	<p>"I supported the right of President Trump's team to challenge the election outcome and to present evidence for their claims of vote fraud in court... Now we must look to the future. President-Elect Biden has offered to cooperate with members of both parties on solutions to benefit all Americans. I hope he's sincere, because I will take him up on that offer."</p> <p>-Jaime Herrera Beutler via Orion Donovan-Smith, "McMorris Rodgers, Newhouse, other NW Republicans acknowledge Biden's win after McConnell's lead," spokesman.com, December 15, 2020</p>
50.	12/15/2020  Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)	<p>"Yesterday, the electoral college cast their votes, solidifying that former Vice President Joe Biden will be our next president and U.S. Senator Kamala Harris will be our next vice president. Following the 2020 presidential election results last month, I said I would respect the certified results and will congratulate our nation's new leaders, regardless of the policy differences I might have with them. I still stand by this today, and offer my congratulations to President-Elect Biden and Vice President-Elect Harris. As I said yesterday, it's time to turn the page on the 2020 election and begin a new administration."</p> <p>-Shelley Moore Capito, "Capito Statement on the Electoral College Vote," capito.senate.gov, December 15, 2020</p>
51.	12/15/2020  Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH)	<p>"Chabot, in response to questions from The Enquirer, acknowledged Biden as president-elect in a statement Tuesday [December 15, 2020]..."</p> <p>Chabot said in his statement that Biden is the president-elect and said he would work with him 'in a manner of bipartisan collaboration' on issues on which they agree. 'I have a profound respect for our system of government, our Constitution and the will of the voters,' Chabot said.</p> <p>When asked if voter fraud affected the outcome of the election, a Chabot spokesman said the congressman did not believe it did."</p> <p>-Dan Horn, "Ohio Sen. Rob Portman and Rep. Steve Chabot accept election results, but many other Republicans silent," cincinnati.com, December 15, 2020</p>

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52.	12/15/2020  Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX)	<p>“We asked every member of Texas' congressional delegation whether they accept Joe Biden as the president-elect... Rep. Dan Crenshaw [said] ‘Yes.’”</p> <p>-Abby Livingston and Darla Cameron, “More Texas Republicans in Congress are acknowledging Joe Biden’s victory, but many holdouts remain,” texastribune.com, December 15, 2020</p>
53.	12/15/2020  Rep. Michael Guest (R-MS)	<p>“The electoral college has cast the final and deciding vote for Joe Biden. My prayers are with him as he prepares to assume the office of President of the United States.”</p> <p>-Michael Guest via Caleb Bedillion, “Most of Mississippi's GOP delegation now acknowledge Biden as election winner,” djournal.com, December 15, 2020</p>
54.	12/15/2020  Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH)	<p>“While it’s undoubtedly true that the electoral college voted to make Joe Biden our 46th president, it’s also true that the 2020 election was tainted with credible allegations of voter fraud, irregularities, and media bias at a level not seen in the modern era.”</p> <p>-Statement to Andrew Solender, Twitter.com, December 15, 2020 1:42 pm</p>
55.	12/15/2020  Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI)	<p>“One day after the Electoral College affirmed Democrat Joe Biden’s presidential victory, U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wisconsin, said in an interview that he acknowledged Biden as the president-elect and believed the election was legitimate...</p> <p>Johnson contended there are unanswered questions about the election process.</p> <p>But asked if he regarded the election as ‘legitimate,’ he said, ‘Yes. I haven’t seen anything that would convince me that the results — the overall national result — would be overturned.’”</p> <p>-Craig Gilbert, “Ron Johnson calls election legitimate and acknowledges Biden victory but still plans hearing on alleged ‘irregularities,’” jsonline.com, December 15, 2020</p>
56.	12/15/2020  Rep. Trent Kelly (R-MS)	<p>“It appears that Joe Biden is the President-elect... Although I do not like the results of the current election, the Courts and the States have spoken. Unless there is an unforeseen, valid legal challenge, I intend to support the results of the Electoral College.”</p> <p>-Trent Kelly via Caleb Bedillion, “Most of Mississippi's GOP delegation now acknowledge Biden as election winner,” djournal.com, December 15, 2020</p>
57.	12/15/2020  Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX)	<p>“We asked every member of Texas' congressional delegation whether they accept Joe Biden as the president-elect... Rep. Michael McCaul [said] ‘Yes.’”</p>

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58.	12/15/2020  Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)	<p>"Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Tuesday [December 15, 2020] for the first time fully acknowledged Biden's victory and offered his congratulations.</p> <p>'The Electoral College has spoken,' said McConnell. 'So today I want to congratulate President-elect Biden. ... He's devoted himself to public service for many years.'</p> <p>McConnell also congratulated Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, the California senator."</p> <p>-Craig Gilbert, "Ron Johnson calls election legitimate and acknowledges Biden victory but still plans hearing on alleged 'irregularities,'" <a href="#">jsonline.com</a>, December 15, 2020</p>
59.	12/15/2020  Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA)	<p>"I am committed to educating the incoming Biden Administration in the coming weeks and throughout the next Congress on the issues and priorities that matter most to the people of Central Washington."</p> <p>-Dan Newhouse via Orion Donovan-Smith, "McMorris Rodgers, Newhouse, other NW Republicans acknowledge Biden's win after McConnell's lead," <a href="#">spokesman.com</a>, December 15, 2020</p>
60.	12/15/2020  Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)	<p>"I want to thank President Trump for four years of strong leadership for our country. I also want to congratulate former U.S. Senator and Vice President Joe Biden on his election as President of the United States."</p> <p>-Cathy McMorris Rodgers via Orion Donovan-Smith, "McMorris Rodgers, Newhouse, other NW Republicans acknowledge Biden's win after McConnell's lead," <a href="#">spokesman.com</a>, December 15, 2020</p>
61.	12/15/2020  Rep. Chris Stewart (R-UT)	<p>"I look forward to working with President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris for the common good of the American people."</p> <p>-Chris Stewart, <a href="#">Twitter.com</a>, December 15, 2020 2:04 pm</p>
62.	12/15/2020  Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)	<p>"The Electoral College vote yesterday makes it clear that Joe Biden will be the next President of the United States. I am obviously disappointed in the outcome, and I know many Mississippians feel the same way. Nevertheless, we must respect the constitutional process and move on."</p> <p>-Roger Wicker via Caleb Bedillion, "Most of Mississippi's GOP delegation now acknowledge Biden as election winner," <a href="#">djournal.com</a>, December 15, 2020</p>
63.	12/15/2020	"On Tuesday [December 15, 2020], Sen. Todd Young said he is 'pleased' that the Electoral College vote has been completed.

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	Sen. Todd Young (R-IN)	<p>He also acknowledged Biden as President-elect, saying his colleagues should work with Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris during efforts to get through the pandemic.”</p> <p>-Lydia Gerike, “Indiana’s U.S. Senators, AG-elect Todd Rokita respond to Joe Biden’s win, SCOTUS ruling,” indystar.com, December 15, 2020</p>
64.	<p>1/3/2021</p> <p>Senators Mitt Romney (R-UT), Susan Collins (R-ME), Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), along with one Independent and five Democrats</p>	<p>“The 2020 election is over. All challenges through recounts and appeals have been exhausted. At this point, further attempts to cast doubt on the legitimacy of the 2020 Presidential election are contrary to the clearly expressed will of the American people and only serve to undermine Americans’ confidence in the already determined election results. The voters have spoken, and Congress must now fulfill its responsibility to certify the election results. In two weeks, we will begin working with our colleagues and the new Administration on bipartisan, common sense solutions to the enormous challenges facing our country. It is time to move forward.”</p> <p>-Mitt Romney, Susan Collins, Bill Cassidy, Lisa Murkowski, Joe Manchin, Mark Warner, Jeanne Shaheen, Angus King, Maggie Hassan, and Dick Durbin, “Bipartisan Group of Senators: Voters Have Spoken, Congress Must Fulfill Responsibility,” romney.senate.gov, January 3, 2021</p>
65.	<p>1/3/2021</p> <p>Former Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI)</p>	<p>“Efforts to reject the votes of the Electoral College and sow doubt about Joe Biden’s victory strike at the foundation of our republic...</p> <p>The Trump campaign had ample opportunity to challenge election results, and those efforts failed from lack of evidence. The legal process was exhausted, and the results were decisively confirmed. The Department of Justice, too, found no basis for overturning the result. If states wish to reform their processes for future elections, that is their prerogative. But Joe Biden’s victory is entirely legitimate.”</p> <p>-Paul Ryan via Christal Hayes, “Paul Ryan excoriates planned GOP effort to challenge Biden’s Electoral College win as ‘anti-democratic and anti-conservative,’” usatoday.com</p>
<i>January 6, 2021: Congress officially counted the electoral votes in a joint session</i>		

We have included all of the statements that we found. If you know of statements that we missed, please contact us with a link.

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