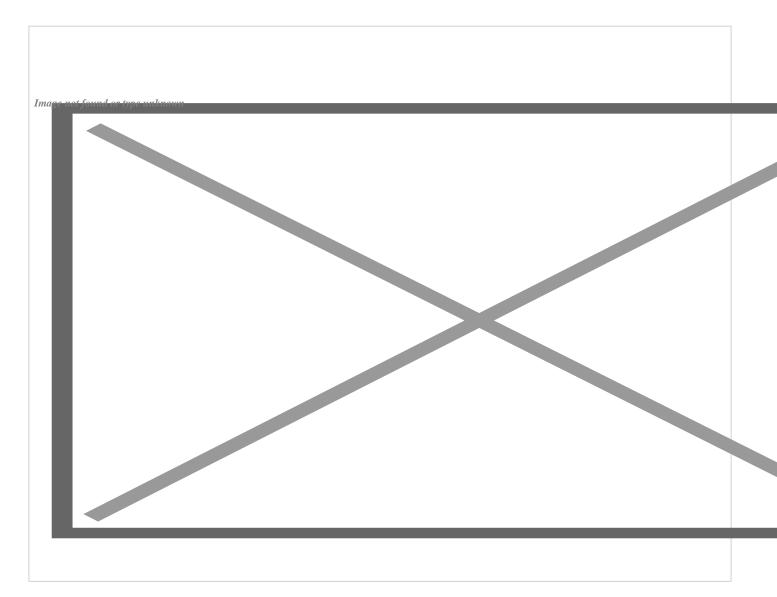
## Analyst says Donald Trump remains father figure to U.S. fascist movement



New York, February 7 (RHC)-- Former U.S. President Donald Trump "remains a powerful force within the Republican Party and a father figure to the American fascist movement," according to Myles Hoenig, an American political analyst and activist.

Hoenig, a former Green Party candidate for Congress, made the remarks in an interview with Press TV while commenting on a new poll which revealed that about two-thirds of Republicans believe that Joe Biden was not legitimately elected as the U.S. president.

The survey, which was launched almost a fortnight after Biden's inauguration on January 20 as president, showed that only 33% of Republicans considered Biden a legitimately-elected president of the United States.

The results of the poll, which was conducted between January 28 and February 1 by the Associated Press–NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and released on Friday, showed that 33% of Republicans say Biden was legitimately elected as the 46th president of the United States while 65% say he was not.

"The commentariat likes to say this is the most divided this nation has ever been since the Civil War. They tend to ignore the Civil Rights movement that is still alive and needed today as seen by BLM, women's rights to control their own bodies, the mania over gun rights, and so many other issues that have torn this nation apart. But the election of Biden vs. Trump is their number 1 issue, and they back it up with polls showing very large swaths of Americans (33%) rejecting the legitimacy of this past election," Hoenig commented to Press TV.

"Nerves are still raw and Trump remains a powerful force within the Republican Party and a hero/father figure to the American fascist movement. Except for law enforcement and civil rights groups, very few know who leads the KKK or white supremacists movements in America, but Trump is universally known," he said.

"There are three events coming up that could change the dynamics in either direction. Clearly, the impeachment trial is number 1. How the Democrats present their case and how many Republican senators grow a spine and vote for the impeachment will be telling. As it is now, they mostly stand with the former president. This will only perpetuate the division. Unlike the first impeachment trial, there is actual evidence to support a case against him and the jurors are also the victims," he said.

"The second event will be a series of DOJ indictments and trials. It will inflame America when big names, not the 15 minute of fame fuhrer wannabes, stand before the people in the docks. Names like Guiliani (who should be near the end of those on trial as his very presence would make a mockery of Trumpism), Trump and his sociopathic offsprings complicit members of Congress in the insurrection, and Trump himself will prove to many that even though they still might believe the election was stolen, the pressure to reject Biden will either lessen or grow," he noted.

"The last is the Biden administration itself. Will it offer all Americans in need safety valves for the horrendous Trump pandemic and economic catastrophe most are facing, or will it be Republican-lite, as all Democratic administrations are, and prepare the turf for a more politically savvy Trump in 2024?" he asked.

"It's one thing to forever reject the winner of a presidential election. That's politics. But denying its legitimacy takes it to whole new level of electoral dysfunction," he concluded.

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