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Re: Democratic Voters Would Protest if Trump Campaign Tries to Stop Vote Count After Election Day
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A Data for Progress and The Justice Collaborative Institute poll shows that 40% of likely voters, including 53% of Democrats, would likely attend a protest if the Trump campaign takes legal action to stop votes from being counted.

If the Trump campaign tries to disrupt the election by engaging in lawsuits to stop votes from being counted, how likely would you be to attend a protest?

Key takeaway:

Since the election of President Donald Trump, the number of people participating in protests in the United States has reached new highs. The 2017 Women’s March, with between 3 and 5 million participants, was likely the largest one-day demonstration in our country’s recorded history. In the weeks following the police killing of George Floyd, an estimated 15 to 26 million people participated in Black Lives Matter protests across the country.

Our results show that 40% of voters surveyed, which if we extrapolate to the universe of total 2016 voters would translate into 56 million Americans, said they’d be likely to
protest if the Trump campaign attempts to disrupt the election results. If only a fraction of those voters actually protested, that level of civic participation would shatter the participation levels recorded during the Women’s March and the Black Lives Matter protests, which in turn broke previous records for mass participation in protests.

**Methodology:**

From 10/7/2020 to 10/8/2020, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,138 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is +/- 3 percentage points.