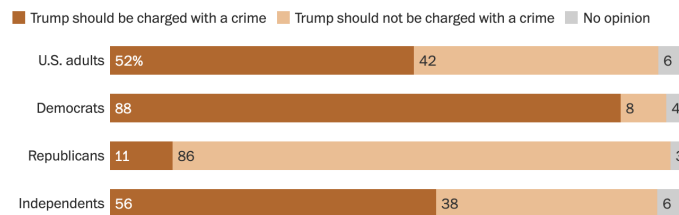


WAPO POLLS WHETHER TRUMP SHOULD BE CHARGED WITHOUT POLLING HIS MOST SERIOUS SUSPECTED CRIMES

WaPo is out with a poll showing that a slight majority of Americans believe Trump should be charged for what they claim was “his role in this incident.”

Should Trump be charged with a crime for his role in the Jan. 6 Capitol riot?

Q: As you may know, Donald Trump encouraged his supporters to march to the U.S. Capitol, where the riot followed. Do you think Trump should be charged with a crime for his role in this incident, or do you think he should not be charged?



Source: April 24-28, 2022, Washington Post-ABC News poll of 1,004 U.S. adults with an error margin of +/- 3.5 percentage points. Error margins larger among subgroups. EMILY GUSKIN / THE WASHINGTON POST

Except they polled only one of Trump’s suspected crimes, “encourag[ing] his supporters to march to the U.S. Capitol, where the riot followed.” They don’t even describe that as incitement, which is the only way it’d be a crime.

But the poll is largely meaningless because they don’t poll the more egregious crimes for which Trump might be charged. Among the things they didn’t poll, all of which are being investigated, is whether Trump should be charged if he:

- Raised funds by making claims about election results he knew to be false
- Badgered Brad Raffensperger to alter enough votes so he

could win Georgia

- Had a role in fraudulent electoral certificates from seven swing states, some of which were submitted to the Archives
- Entered into an agreement, either directly or through someone like Roger Stone, with the militias that directed the assault at the Capitol
- Made a request of Mike Pence he knew to be illegal and, when Pence refused, sicced his mob on Pence, threatening the Vice President's life
- Deliberately limited law enforcement and National Guard response at the Capitol
- Dangled pardons (one provided, in Steve Bannon's case) to get others to help sow the Big Lie
- Aided and abetted assaults on cops

It is mildly interesting that WaPo found a majority of the country believes Trump should be prosecuted for something that, as described, is probably not a crime. It would be far more interesting to see polling on whether Trump should be prosecuted for any of the potentially far graver crimes there is evidence he committed.