

# Colorado Daily

## People's opinions on the election's outcome

We asked some citizen from Denver about their thoughts about the new government. Many people, like F. Jones (46), are glad about the outcome. Mrs. Jones told us that she is proud to have voted for the Democrats: "I've been very worried in the recent years. Trump ignored all the important values our state stands for, or, at least, should stand for. He started destroying our Democracy. I've lost my father because of Corona five months ago and it made me angry me how Trump denied the virus. We had to pay the price for Trump's bad healthcare politics." But there are also critical voices. For example, L. Turner (51) says "I'm not a Trump fan but there are some of Biden's opinions I can't agree with, like his gun laws that will forbid me from having a weapon to protect my family".

## Governor congratulates Biden

At a Democrats' Party conference on January 4, Jared Polis, the governor of Colorado, congratulated Biden on his new post as the president. "I'm very relieved to have a Democrat in the White House again", Polis said in an interview.

## Political changes announced!

In an interview with *Colorado daily* Joe Biden announced health care reforms in the near future. He is trying to reduce the costs the citizens have to pay for their insurance and wants as many people as possible having access to health insurance. "It was always an important issue. But Covid-19 has made it as important as never before", he said.

## Daily Joke



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## Colorado's part at the outcome of the election

At the night of the third November 2020 the whole world was watching America. It was the day of the voting of the new US president and the voices for the electors were counted throughout the night till 5 O'clock the next morning. The eyes were laying especially on the swing states. These states are the ones that decide the vote in the end because unlike the safe states it is not predictable which political party they are going to choose. Because of Covid-19 way more people than usual decided to vote per letter which caused a delay of the final result of a few days but on November 5<sup>th</sup> all votes were finally counted. Colorado's citizens voted with 71% for the democratic electors which is quite important for the outcome of the election. Since it is a swing state Colorado is not a safe win for any party and the nine electors from Colorado could change the result completely. 59% of all American voters voted for the democrats which concludes that Joe Biden won the popular vote. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, the chosen electors gave up their votes which were counted till January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Biden got 298 electoral votes including the swing states Ohio, Florida and the nine votes from Colorado. As a result, he won against Donald Trump who could not keep up either at the popular vote with 41% nor the electoral college from which he got 240 votes. Even though Biden would still have won without the electoral votes from Colorado this state has just like the other swing states a key part at every election due to their citizens with vastly mixed opinions. Biden will move into the white house on January 20<sup>th</sup> and will than take over his new responsibilities as a president for the next four years.

## Trump supporters do not accept the election's outcome

Yesterday, about 1000 people demonstrated in front of the White House against the fact, that Biden is going to replace Donald Trump as the president. They state the election to be "manipulated by the Democrats" and demand a new vote. That may have been provoked by Trump's twitter statement: "This was a distorted election. Everyone voted by letter and it was easy to manipulate this. I won't call Biden the president until I get credible prove that these results aren't false!!!" Thereupon Trump supporters created the hashtag *#notmypresident*, which rapidly became popular for radical Republicans in reaction to the election results.



Demonstration in front of the White House

## Interview about the election with a specialist

After all this very thrilling time we asked Professor Ethan about the reasons why Joe Biden has won and about the possible following steps and changes in the USA, especially Colorado. We are going to ask some interesting and recent questions about the main key issues.

Reporter: A very resent topic we have nowadays is the climate change. A lot of young adults voted because of this topic Biden. They think it is a serious issue that must be solved. How could Biden change the impact the USA has on the earth?

Prof. Ethan: Biden thinks the problem cannot be ignored any longer. He thinks that with Trump the problem was getting bigger. Overall, Joe Biden wants to do more to improve renewable energy and preeminent advocates on the environment.

Reporter: The health of the earth is as significant as the health care for us. Do you think Biden is going to take action and make some changes?

Prof. Ethan: Of course, I hope that he is going to solve the problem by making it available for everybody. Joe Biden is in favor of the basic insurance and also with the Corona Virus issue. He really tries to encourage people to wear their masks and stop the Number of sick people.

Reporter: A lot of people are from Mexico especially in Colorado. Every 10 person is an immigrant. A lot of them are living here and are taxpayers, workers, businessmen and -women or casually neighbors. In fact, their support Colorado's economy and community. Trump years as a president showed the whole world that he does not want to have any immigrants. How do you think Biden is going to handle the current situation?

Prof. Ethan: After the hate speech Donald Trump gave about how immigrants are hurting the native-born workers Joe Biden wants to go for Obamas immigration system that does not include Trump's strict regulations and the immigration would be for all people from another country available. This could strengthen the USA in their community of cultures even more.

Reporter: Our "Colorado Civil Rights Commission" is fighting for example to not retail costumers based on their race, religion or sexual orientation and any type of discrimination. It really shows that Colorado cares about equality and unity. Do you think this could be one of the reasons Colorado prioritized the sympathy for Biden?

Prof. Ethan: Sure, overall Colorado has given a strong impact on the number of votes for Biden and I really hope that overall, he is going to make Colorado and the USA better. In the end of the day it is a new start for everybody.

Reporter: Thank you very much for giving us a good overview why Joe Biden won and the impact it got on Colorado!



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