



Welcome to **Emory University's 2025 Presidential Inauguration Expert Insights.**

Our media relations team has identified several Emory experts to discuss the January 20 presidential inauguration. You are welcome to use all materials listed. A full list of election experts can be found at election.emory.edu. If you would like to be connected to one of our experts, please contact the media relations team at news@emory.edu.

Zachary Peskowitz says, "Compared to 2020, next week's inauguration is fairly typical with both parties and candidates accepting the results of the presidential election.

The economy was the most important issue in the 2024 election. Voters were dissatisfied with the cost of living and this issue helped swing the election to Trump. However, an agenda of tariffs, expansionary fiscal policy, and crackdowns on immigration could make it difficult to reduce the rate of inflation. Balancing these policy goals with the objective of reducing inflation will be a significant challenge for the Trump administration.

The other major challenge will be passing the domestic policy agenda of border security programs and tax cuts, given the fractious and narrow Republican majorities in Congress. Trump had an early victory using his powers of persuasion to secure Mike Johnson's reelection as House speaker, but will he be able to keep House Republicans in line as contentious policy disputes emerge over the legislative agenda?"

Robert M. Franklin, Jr., Laney Professor in Moral Leadership, says, "For Americans, who believe that our national prosperity and security depend upon some measure of national unity and collective purpose, President Trump's reelection may increase hope by those who supported him, and for his opponents, a renewed commitment to holding him accountable to traditional American values. A more hopeful, morally responsible citizenry is a good thing.

Paradoxically this combination could be nutritious for our democracy and inspire a renaissance of American institutions that will prepare us for the next great national crisis."

Emory Business Experts

Tom Smith can discuss immigration policy under the Trump administration, its effects on labor markets, financial strategies, and the economy in Atlanta and nationwide.

Raymond Hill can examine how Trump's trade policies may impact international trade and relations.

Wesley Longhofer can analyze how Trump's administration's shifts in energy and environmental policies could impact the automotive, energy, and manufacturing sectors, emphasizing sustainability trends.

Saloni Firasta Vastani can provide insights on how policies from the Trump administration are likely to affect the pricing of goods and services.

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