

More than 81 million of those votes were cast for
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President-elect Joe Biden celebrated the Electoral College vote on Monday confirming his victory over President Trump in the November election with a speech that decried those who refused to acknowledge it.

♦If anyone didn♦t know it before, we know it now, ♦ Biden said in a speech from Wilmington, Del. ♦What beats deep in the hearts of the American people is this: Democracy, the right to be heard, to have your vote counted, to choose the leaders of this nation, to govern ourselves. In America, politicians don♦t take power ♦ the people grant it to them. ♦

Thanks to victories in key swing states like Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Nevada, Arizona and Georgia, Biden earned 306 Electoral College votes to Trump♦s 232, and that total was upheld on Monday after electors cast their ballots.

Despite baseless allegations from the Trump campaign and accusations from the president himself that Democrats stole the election, Biden received 81, 283, 495 votes to Trump♦s 74, 223, 755, according Associated Press totals. Nearly every lawsuit filed by the Trump campaign to overturn vote counts in battleground states was thrown out by state courts.

Biden noted his margin of victory in his remarks, saying the record election turnout was ♦one of the most amazing demonstrations of civic duty we♦ve ever seen in our country. ♦

In an apparent rebuke to Trump, the president-elect said that the election results should be ♦celebrated, not attacked. ♦

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