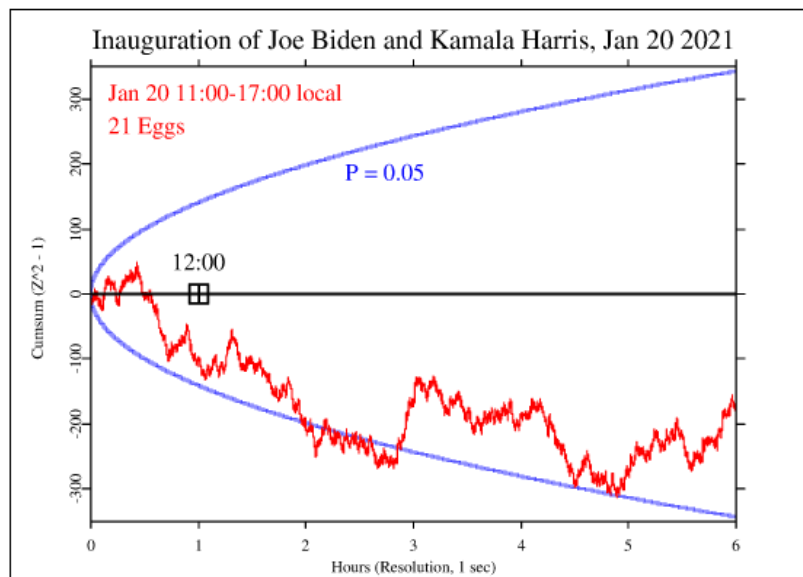


The Biden/Harris Inauguration

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What the GCP data show during the inauguration is different from the general GCP prediction in what turns out to be a characteristic way. For the inauguration event, we assess data from the period beginning at 11:00 Eastern time, during which people were assembling for the inauguration ceremony expected to take place at noon. The defined event continues for 6 hours -- the typical GCP event length. The result does depart from expectation and is marginally significant. However, the trend is downward away from expectation. Though that is not the direction of the formal GCP predictions, it is what we often have seen in big meditation and prayer events, and as we will see, specifically during US presidential inauguration ceremonies.*

By far the most persuasive argument that the GCP network responded during the Biden/Harris inauguration is contextual. Both Obama inaugurations and that of George W Bush in 2005 as well as Trump's in 2017 all have negative trends -- in other words the Biden inauguration is like most of the others I have assessed; only the 1st Bush inauguration in 2001 has a positive trend. Thus, five out of six US presidential inaugurations show the same signature.



Looking at the combined results for 5 inaugurations (using the original formal analysis for the first Bush inauguration, and not including the second Bush inauguration) the Stouffer's Z is 2.68 ($P(x>Z) = 0.004$), corresponding to odds of less than 1 in 100. When we look at all 6 inaugurations using a consistent 6-hour analysis protocol (11:00 to 17:00 local) we find a similar but weaker composite outcome, with $Z = 2.12$ and $p = 0.04$, corresponding to odds of about 1 in 25 against this being a chance deviation from expectation. A separate paper called "Inauguration Trends" shows the graphic results.

*The feel of the Biden/Harris inauguration for me and many I have heard from was like prayers answered. So, watch out for experimenter effects in the results. ;-)