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**SWING STATE POLL:
BIDEN LEADS TRUMP IN PENNSYLVANIA AMONG LIKELY VOTERS,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
PRESIDENTIAL RACE IS TOO CLOSE TO CALL IN FLORIDA**

In Florida and Pennsylvania, two key states President Trump narrowly won in 2016, one race is tight and the other gives former Vice President Joe Biden a clear lead, according to Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University polls of likely voters in each of the two states. In Florida, 48 percent of likely voters support Biden and 45 percent support Trump. In Pennsylvania, Biden leads Trump 52 – 44 percent.

These are the first surveys of likely voters in the 2020 presidential election race in Florida and Pennsylvania by the Quinnipiac University Poll, and cannot be compared to earlier surveys of registered voters.

COMMON THREAD: MINDS MADE UP

Both states share something in common: nearly all likely voters say their minds are made up.

In Florida, 93 percent of likely voters who selected a candidate in the presidential match up say their minds are made up, with 5 percent saying they might change their minds. In Pennsylvania, 94 percent say their minds are made up, with 5 percent saying their minds might change.

FLORIDA: HOW VOTERS PLAN TO CAST BALLOTS

Forty-two percent of Florida likely voters say they think they will vote in person on Election Day, 32 percent think they will vote early by mail or an absentee ballot, and 23 percent think they will vote at an early voting location.

FLORIDA: MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE

Given a list of choices, a plurality of Florida likely voters say the economy is the most important issue in deciding who to vote for in the presidential race. Twenty-seven percent name the economy, 19 percent say law and order, 15 percent name the coronavirus, and 13 percent say racial inequality.

Broken down by political party affiliation, the top issues vary. Forty-two percent of Republicans name the economy and 35 percent name law and order as their top issues. Twenty-nine percent of Democrats name the coronavirus as their top issue, while 24 percent say racial inequality. Among independents, the economy ranks as the top issue with 26 percent, followed by law and order at 16 percent.

FLORIDA: BIDEN VS. TRUMP ON THE ISSUES

Florida likely voters were asked which candidate would do a better job handling key issues:

- On handling the economy: Trump 55 percent, Biden 42 percent;
- On handling a crisis: Biden 49 percent, Trump 47 percent;
- On handling the response to the coronavirus: Biden 50 percent, Trump 45 percent;
- On handling health care: Biden 51 percent, Trump 43 percent;
- On handling racial inequality: Biden 53 percent, Trump 41 percent.

“Ain’t no sunshine if it’s gone... The president’s re-election team faces the reality that the Trump era could end at sun splashed Mar-a-Lago in November if Joe Biden captures Florida,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

FLORIDA: FAVORABILITY RATINGS

Likely voters have slightly negative views of both presidential candidates. For Biden, 41 percent have a favorable opinion and 46 percent have an unfavorable one.

For Trump, 44 percent have a favorable opinion and 49 percent have an unfavorable one.

FLORIDA: JOB APPROVALS

- Trump Job Approval: 46 percent approve, 50 percent disapprove.
- Trump Handling of the Economy: 54 percent approve, 42 percent disapprove.
- Governor Ron DeSantis Job Approval: 45 percent approve, 45 percent disapprove.

FLORIDA: HANDLING CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

- Trump Handling of Coronavirus: 46 percent approve, 51 percent disapprove.
- DeSantis Handling of Coronavirus: 45 percent approve, 49 percent disapprove.

PENNSYLVANIA: HOW VOTERS PLAN TO CAST BALLOTS

In Pennsylvania, 67 percent of likely voters think they will vote in person on Election Day, with 30 percent saying they think they will vote early by mail or absentee ballot.

PENNSYLVANIA: MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE

Given a list of choices, a plurality of Pennsylvania likely voters say the economy is the most important issue in deciding who to vote for in the presidential race. Twenty-nine percent name the economy, 16 percent say the coronavirus, 15 percent name law and order, and 13 percent say racial inequality.

Republicans rank the economy (50 percent) and law and order (28 percent) as their top issues. Democrats name the coronavirus (29 percent) and racial inequality (25 percent), and independents name the economy (30 percent), law and order (15 percent), and the coronavirus (14 percent) as their top issues.

“The economy is key in Pennsylvania and a majority of likely voters approve of the way President Trump is handling it, but it’s overshadowed by Trump’s handling of the coronavirus and his overall job approval. Both are registering double digit deficits. On top of that, likely voters have more confidence in Joe Biden to handle the coronavirus, racial inequality, health care, and a crisis,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Mary Snow.

PENNSYLVANIA: BIDEN VS. TRUMP ON THE ISSUES

Pennsylvania likely voters were asked which candidate would do a better job handling key issues:

- On handling the economy: Trump 52 percent, Biden 45 percent;
- On handling a crisis: Biden 52 percent, Trump 44 percent;
- On handling health care: Biden 54 percent, Trump 42 percent;
- On handling the response to the coronavirus: Biden 54 percent, Trump 41 percent;
- On handling racial inequality: Biden 57 percent, Trump 38 percent.

PENNSYLVANIA: FAVORABILITY RATINGS

Likely voters in Pennsylvania have a mixed view about Joe Biden and a negative view of President Trump.

Forty-six percent have a favorable opinion of Biden, while 45 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him.

Forty-one percent have a favorable opinion of Trump, while 55 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him.

PENNSYLVANIA: JOB APPROVALS

- Trump Job Approval: 43 percent approve, 54 percent disapprove.
- Trump Handling of the Economy: 52 percent approve, 46 percent disapprove.
- Governor Tom Wolf Job Approval: 55 percent approve, 38 percent disapprove.

PENNSYLVANIA: HANDLING CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

- Trump Handling of Coronavirus: 43 percent approve, 55 percent disapprove.
- Wolf Handling of Coronavirus: 55 percent approve, 41 percent disapprove.

From August 28th – September 1st, Quinnipiac University surveyed:

- 1,235 likely voters in Florida with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points;
- 1,107 likely voters in Pennsylvania with a margin of error of +/- 3.0 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than twenty states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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1. How much attention have you been paying to the election campaign for president; a lot, some, only a little, or none at all?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	FL	PA
A lot	71%	68%
Some	18	21
Only a little	7	8
None at all	3	3
DK/NA	-	-

2. If the election for president were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Biden the Democrat and Donald Trump the Republican, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Joe Biden the Democrat or Donald Trump the Republican?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	FL	PA
Biden	48%	52%
Trump	45	44
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1
DK/NA	5	3

2a. (If candidate chosen q2) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....	
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q2	
	FL	PA
Mind made up	93%	94%
Might change	5	5
DK/NA	1	-

2b. (If vote Biden q2) What is the main reason behind your vote for Joe Biden over Donald Trump in November: mainly because you like Joe Biden, mainly because Joe Biden is the party's nominee, or mainly because you oppose Donald Trump?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	VOTE BIDEN Q2	
	FL	PA
Like Biden	22%	25%
Is party nominee	10	8
Oppose Trump	64	65
DK/NA	4	1

2c. (If vote Trump q2) What is the main reason behind your vote for Donald Trump over Joe Biden in November: mainly because you like Donald Trump, mainly because Donald Trump is the party's nominee, or mainly because you oppose Joe Biden?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	VOTE TRUMP Q2	
	FL	PA
Like Trump	53%	53%
Is party nominee	7	6
Oppose Biden	28	34
DK/NA	13	7

3_FLonly. Thinking about the 2020 election, do you think you will vote in person on Election Day, vote early by mail or absentee ballot, or vote at an early voting location?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	FL	PA
In person	42%	-
Mail/Absentee ballot	32	-
Early voting loc	23	-
WON'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-
DK/NA	3	-

3_PAonly. Thinking about the 2020 election, do you think you will vote in person on Election Day, or do you think that you will vote early by mail or absentee ballot?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	FL	PA
In person	-	67%
Mail/Absentee ballot	-	30
WON'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-
DK/NA	-	3

4. Is your opinion of Joe Biden favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	FL	PA
Favorable	41%	46%
Unfavorable	46	45
Hvn't hrd enough	8	7
REFUSED	5	2

5. Is your opinion of Donald Trump favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	FL	PA
Favorable	44%	41%
Unfavorable	49	55
Hvn't hrd enough	3	2
REFUSED	4	1

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way - (FL) Ron DeSantis / (PA) Tom Wolf - is handling his job as governor?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....	
	FL	PA
	DeSantis	Wolf
Approve	45%	55%
Disapprove	45	38
DK/NA	10	6

7-8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way - (FL) Rick Scott, Marco Rubio / (PA) Bob Casey Jr., Pat Toomey - is handling his job as United States Senator?

LIKELY VOTERS.....
FL..... PA.....
Scott Rubio Casey Toomey

Approve	42%	47%	48%	36%
Disapprove	40	38	28	42
DK/NA	18	15	25	22

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

LIKELY VOTERS
FL PA

Approve	46%	43%
Disapprove	50	54
DK/NA	4	3

10. Which of these is the most important issue to you in deciding who to vote for in the election for president: the economy, immigration, health care, climate change, the coronavirus pandemic, racial inequality, law and order, or the Supreme Court?

LIKELY VOTERS
FL PA

Economy	27%	29%
Immigration	3	3
Health care	9	8
Climate change	5	5
Coronavirus	15	16
Racial inequality	13	13
Law and order	19	15
Supreme Court	5	6
DK/NA	6	5

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the economy?

LIKELY VOTERS
FL PA

Approve	54%	52%
Disapprove	42	46
DK/NA	4	2

12. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job - handling the economy: Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

LIKELY VOTERS
FL PA

Trump	55%	52%
Biden	42	45
DK/NA	3	3

13. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job - handling health care: Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	FL	PA
Trump	43%	42%
Biden	51	54
DK/NA	6	4

14. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job - handling a crisis: Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	FL	PA
Trump	47%	44%
Biden	49	52
DK/NA	4	4

15. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job - handling racial inequality: Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	FL	PA
Trump	41%	38%
Biden	53	57
DK/NA	6	6

16. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job - handling the response to the coronavirus: Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	FL	PA
Trump	45%	41%
Biden	50	54
DK/NA	6	5

17. Would you describe the state of - Florida's/Pennsylvania's - economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	FL	PA
Excellent	9%	3%
Good	43	45
Not so good	32	40
Poor	14	11
DK/NA	2	2

18. Would you describe your financial situation these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	FL	PA
Excellent	16%	15%
Good	56	63
Not so good	19	15
Poor	7	5
DK/NA	2	1

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way - Donald Trump is handling the response to the coronavirus?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	FL	PA
Approve	46%	43%
Disapprove	51	55
DK/NA	3	2

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way - (FL) Ron DeSantis / (PA) Tom Wolf - is handling the response to the coronavirus?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....	
	FL	PA
	DeSantis	Wolf
Approve	45%	55%
Disapprove	49	41
DK/NA	6	4