





Florida Latinx Baseline Survey *August 2020*

Draft Findings and Report

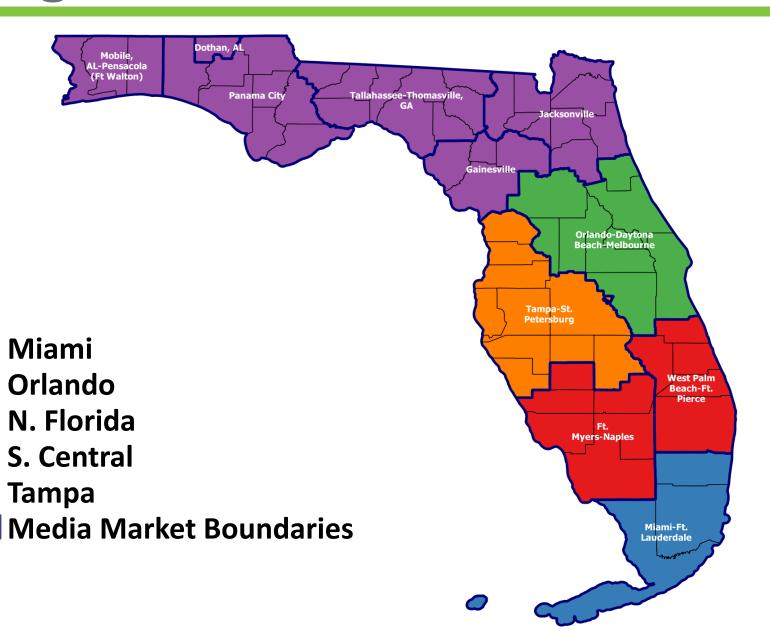
Methodology



- Survey of Florida Latinx Registered Voters
- Mixed mode (telephone and email-/text-to-web) methodology
 - Phone interviews conducted by trained, professional interviewers; landlines & mobile phones included
 - Email and text invitations were sent to complete the survey online
- Conducted August 20th 25th, 2020
- 1,081 interviews; overall margin of error ±3.0 percentage points

Florida Regions





Respondent Demographics



Percent of interviews in each group

16% Age 18-29

18% Age 30-39

18% Age 40-49

28% Age 50-64

20% Age 65+



38% Democrat

24% Republican

38% Independent/Else



29% Cuba

24% Puerto Rico

47% Else



23% Liberal

48% Moderate

29% Conservative

35% Low Propensity Voters (0-1/4)

49% Mid Propensity Voters(2-3/4)

16% Perfect voters (4/4)



53% Less than Bachelor's Degree 47% Bachelor's Degree or higher



47% Catholic

17% Other Christian

36% Other/No religious preference





45% Male 55% Female

Key Findings



- Heading into November, nearly all registered Latinx voters in Florida say they are likely to vote and motivation to vote in this election is high.
- Joe Biden has a net favorable rating among all subgroups of Latinx voters, except Republicans and Cubans, though Cubans are more split on their opinion of the presidential candidate.
- Similarly, a majority say they will vote for Biden in the presidential election, though support for Biden is split by party affiliation and county of origin, with a majority of Cubans saying they will vote for Trump.
- Most Latinx voters think Biden will do a better job than Trump on top issues, such as managing COVID-19, healthcare and immigration, but Trump is seen as a better manager of the economy.
- Messaging around Biden's political achievements and character, as well as his plans to address COVID-19, healthcare, and climate change are most effective. Negative hits attributing Biden to socialist policies are largely ineffective, though some subgroups are already pre-disposed to this argument.
- A plurality of Latinx voters fall into the Democratic Base, and about one-third of the voter population is unavailable to us; there are mobilization and persuasion segments of the Latinx voter population that are more available to Biden, but only few voters are truly open to communication at this stage of the election.

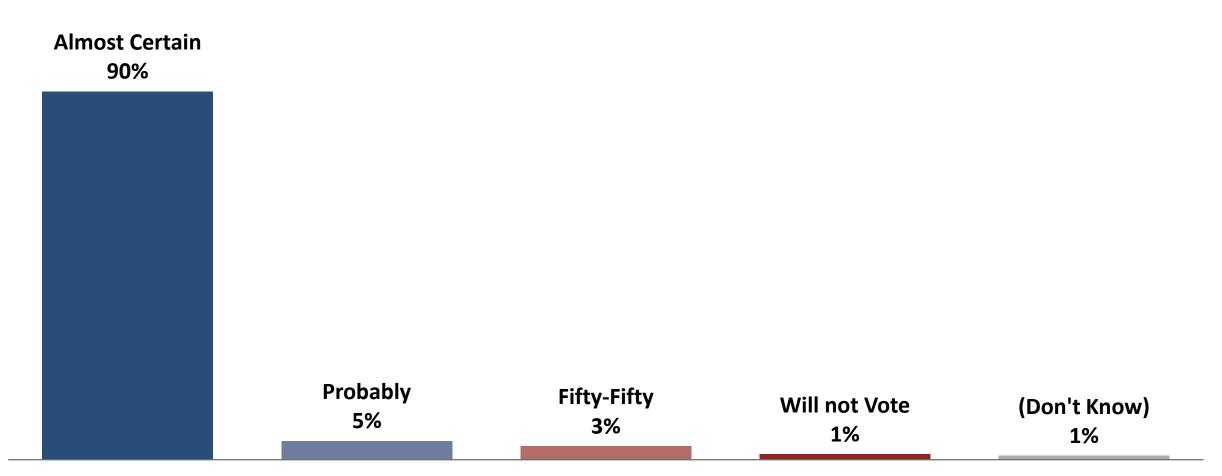


Issue Environment

Vote Likelihood



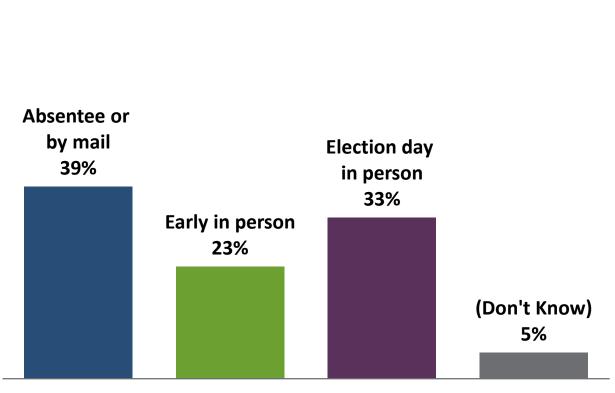
Nearly all registered Latinx voters say they are likely to vote in the upcoming November election.



Vote Method



Voters are divided on their preferred vote method, driven largely by party affiliation.



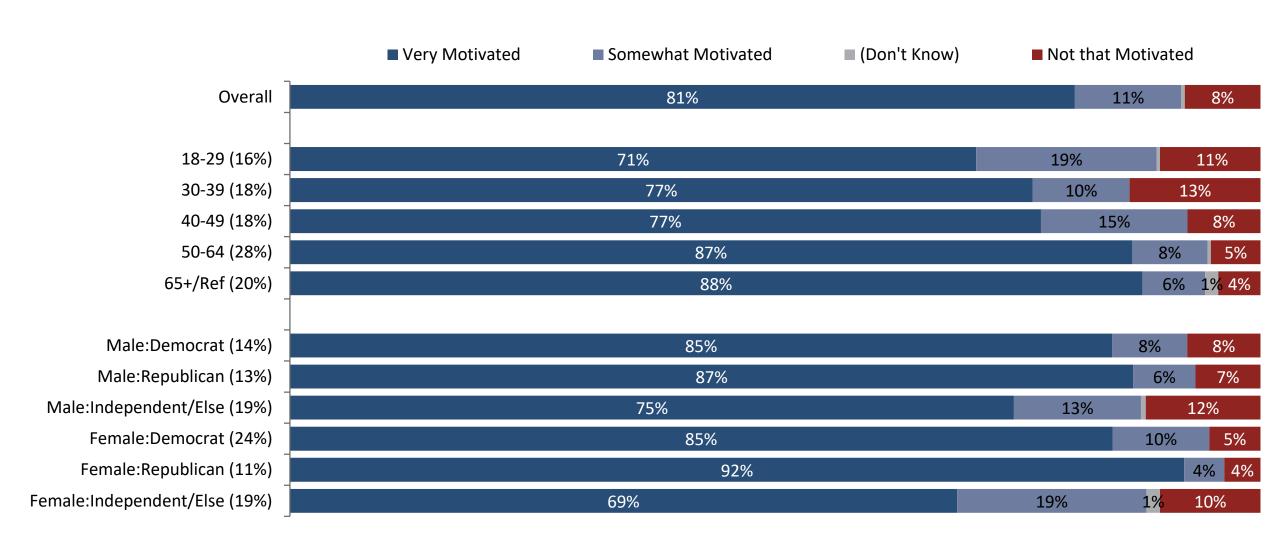
	Absentee or by mail	Early in person	Election day in person
Overall	39%	23%	33%
18-29 (16%)	39%	26%	29%
30-39 (18%)	39%	23%	32%
40-49 (18%)	36%	20%	41%
50-64 (28%)	37%	21%	35%
65+/Ref (20%)	44%	24%	25%
Male:Democrat (14%)	52%	20%	19%
Male:Republican (13%)	23%	24%	50%
Male:Independent/Else (19%)	38%	21%	36%
Female:Democrat (24%)	47%	24%	23%
Female:Republican (11%)	27%	26%	43%
Female:Independent/Else (19%)	39%	22%	34%
Cuba (29%)	34%	24%	36%
Puerto Rico (24%)	41%	22%	31%
Else (47%)	41%	23%	32%
Miami (47%)	37%	24%	33%
Orlando (18%)	43%	25%	27%
N. Florida (5%)	37%	31%	32%
S. Central (12%)	44%	18%	36%
Tampa (17%)	39%	17%	35%
Catholic (47%)	41%	22%	32%
Other Christian (17%)	33%	25%	39%
Other/No Religion (36%)	39%	23%	30%

Q6. Thinking about the election for President, U.S. Congress, and other offices in November, do you plan to vote in person ON Election Day, in person BEFORE Election Day, or vote by mail?

Motivation to Vote



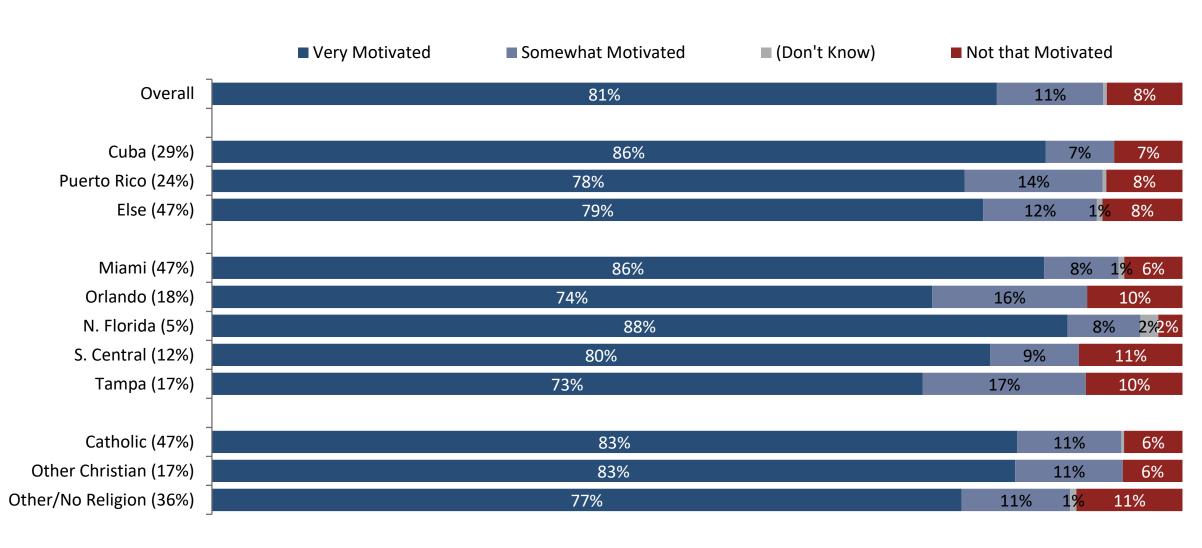
Motivation to vote is slightly lower among younger voters and Independents, especially women.



Motivation to Vote



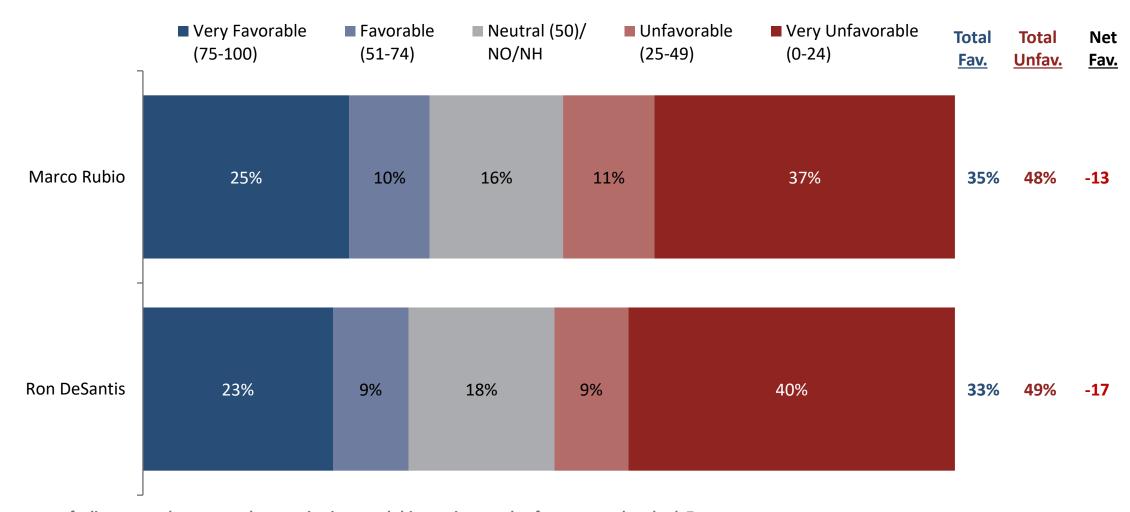
Cubans and voters in Miami or North Florida are most motivated to vote.



State Elected Officials Favorable Ratings



Both Rubio and DeSantis receive net negative ratings.

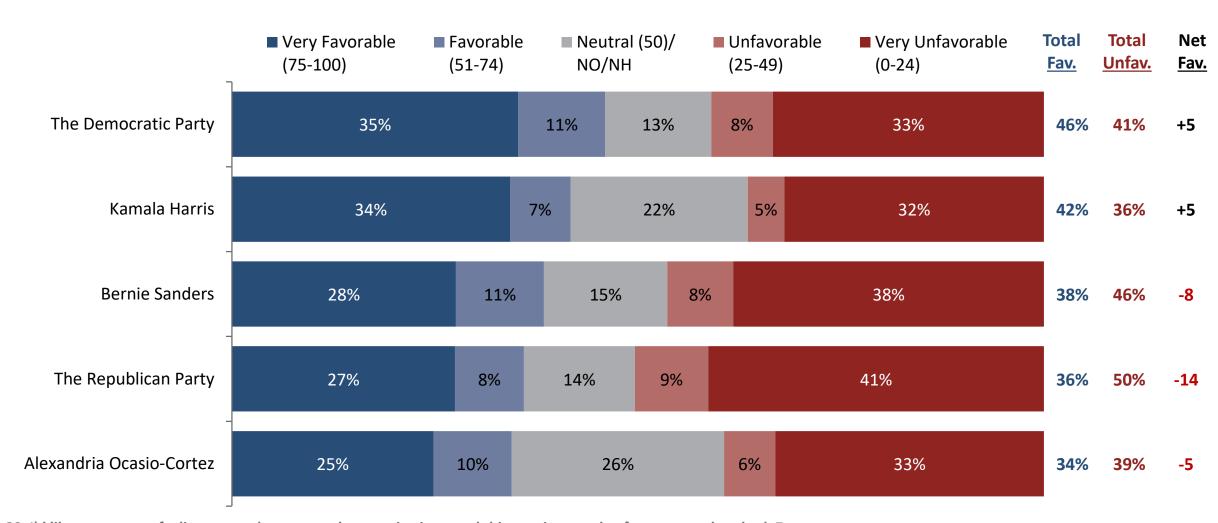


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Favorable Ratings



Other political figures and groups are divisive.

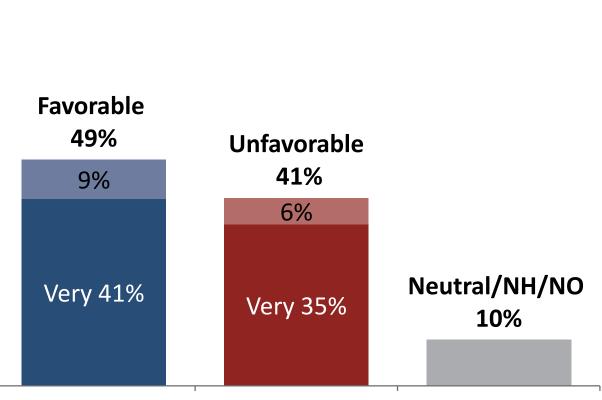


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Joe Biden Favorable Rating



Latinx voters are split on their opinion of Joe Biden. Cubans and Republicans have a negative opinion of Biden.



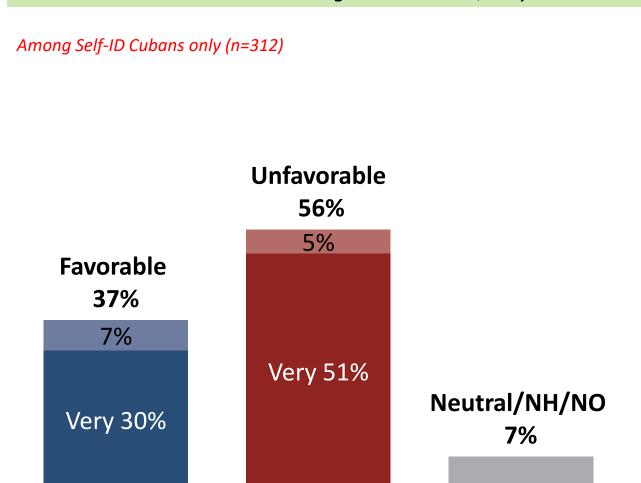
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	Favorable	Unfavorable	Net Favorable
Overall	49%	41%	+8
18-29 (16%)	45%	41%	+4
30-39 (18%)	42%	44%	-2
40-49 (18%)	53%	35%	+18
50-64 (28%)	52%	40%	+12
65+/Ref (20%)	51%	44%	+7
Male:Democrat (14%)	78%	17%	+60
Male:Republican (13%)	10%	84%	-73
Male:Independent/Else (19%)	47%	39%	+8
Female:Democrat (24%)	75%	17%	+58
Female:Republican (11%)	14%	80%	-66
Female:Independent/Else (19%)	44%	38%	+7
Cuba (29%)	37%	56%	-20
Puerto Rico (24%)	56%	32%	+24
Else (47%)	53%	36%	+18
Miami (47%)	46%	46%	+0
Orlando (18%)	58%	29%	+29
N. Florida (5%)	56%	38%	+18
S. Central (12%)	47%	42%	+5
Tampa (17%)	48%	40%	+8
Catholic (47%)	51%	42%	+9
Other Christian (17%)	45%	47%	-2
Other/No Religion (36%)	49%	37%	+12

Joe Biden Favorable Rating Among Cubans EMC



Among Cuban voters, only Democrats have a favorable opinion of Biden.



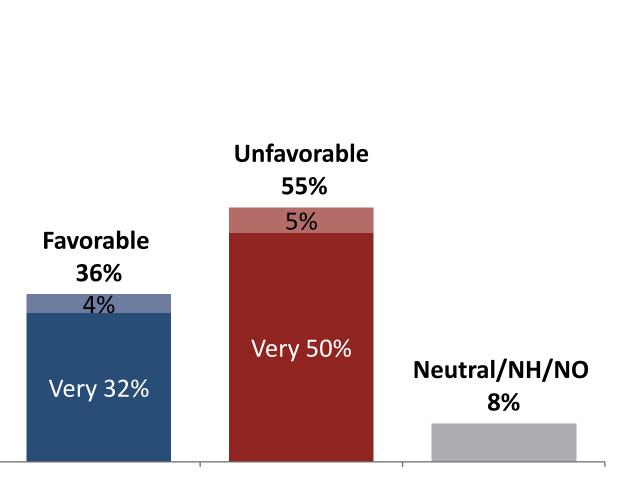
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	Favorable	Unfavorable	Net Favorable
Overall	37%	56%	-20
18-49 (44%)	32%	56%	-24
50-64 (31%)	44%	53%	-9
65+ (25%)	36%	61%	-25
Male (47%)	39%	57%	-18
Female (53%)	35%	56%	-21
Democrat (27%)	82%	14%	+68
Republican (38%)	12%	85%	-73
Independent/Else (34%)	28%	57%	-29
Miami (69%)	38%	57%	-19
Not Miami (31%)	34%	54%	-20

Donald Trump Favorable Rating



Most have an unfavorable opinion of Trump, except for Republicans and Cubans.



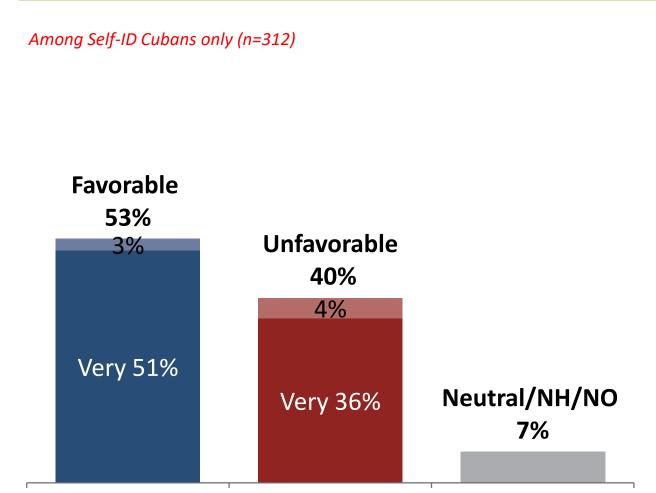
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Overall	36%	55%	-19
18-29 (16%)	25%	69%	-44
30-39 (18%)	36%	53%	-16
40-49 (18%)	33%	55%	-22
50-64 (28%)	42%	52%	-10
65+/Ref (20%)	41%	51%	-11
Male:Democrat (14%)	8%	89%	-81
Male:Republican (13%)	84%	9%	+75
Male:Independent/Else (19%)	32%	56%	-23
Female:Democrat (24%)	10%	83%	-72
Female:Republican (11%)	87%	10%	+76
Female:Independent/Else (19%)	32%	53%	-21
Cuba (29%)	53%	40%	+13
Puerto Rico (24%)	27%	62%	-35
Else (47%)	31%	61%	-30
Miami (47%)	45%	49%	-5
Orlando (18%)	25%	64%	-39
N. Florida (5%)	32%	64%	-32
S. Central (12%)	32%	56%	-24
Tampa (17%)	31%	58%	-28
Catholic (47%)	37%	55%	-17
Other Christian (17%)	49%	44%	+5
Other/No Religion (36%)	29%	61%	-32

Donald Trump Favorable Rating Among Cubans



Among Cubans, older voters and Republicans have the most favorable view of Trump. Independents are more mixed.



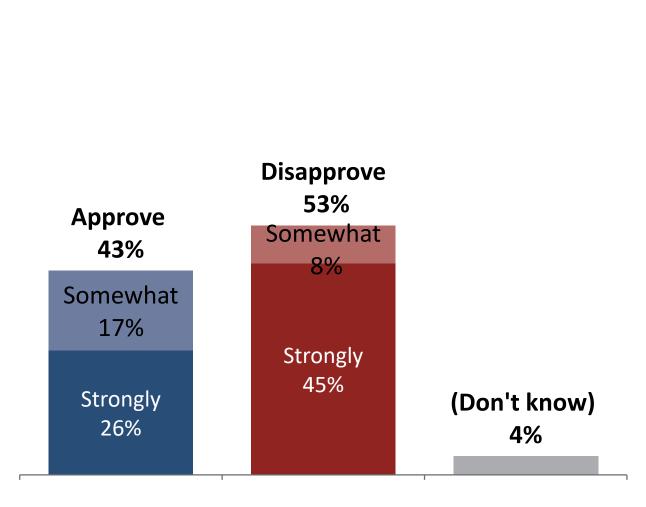
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	Favorable	Unfavorable	Net Favorable
Overall	53%	40%	+13
18-49 (44%)	50%	38%	+12
50-64 (31%)	52%	46%	+6
65+ (25%)	60%	36%	+23
Male (47%)	49%	44%	+5
Female (53%)	57%	37%	+20
Democrat (27%)	13%	86%	-73
Republican (38%)	87%	9%	+78
Independent/Else (34%)	46%	39%	+7
Miami (69%)	56%	40%	+16
Not Miami (31%)	46%	40%	+6

President Trump Job Rating



Most disapprove of the job Trump is doing as President, with ratings driven by party and country of origin.



	Approve	Disapprove	Net Approve
Overall	43%	53%	-10
18-29 (16%)	31%	66%	-35
30-39 (18%)	44%	50%	-6
40-49 (18%)	45%	49%	-3
50-64 (28%)	48%	50%	-2
65+/Ref (20%)	44%	52%	-8
Male:Democrat (14%)	12%	86%	-73
Male:Republican (13%)	87%	10%	+77
Male:Independent/Else (19%)	42%	52%	-9
Female:Democrat (24%)	17%	79%	-62
Female:Republican (11%)	90%	10%	+79
Female:Independent/Else (19%)	43%	50%	-7
Cuba (29%)	59%	37%	+22
Puerto Rico (24%)	35%	61%	-26
Else (47%)	38%	59%	-21
Miami (47%)	49%	47%	+2
Orlando (18%)	33%	62%	-29
N. Florida (5%)	32%	61%	-29
S. Central (12%)	42%	55%	-13
Tampa (17%)	43%	54%	-11
Catholic (47%)	46%	51%	-5
Other Christian (17%)	54%	40%	+14
Other/No Religion (36%)	35%	61%	-26

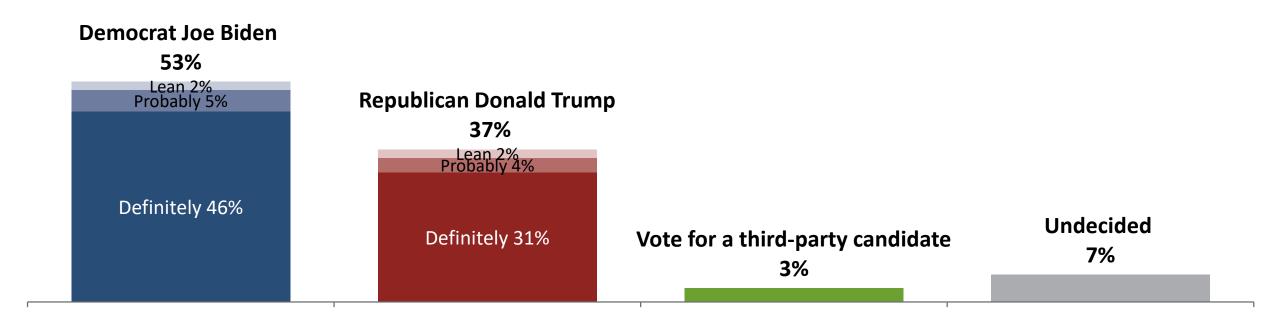


Presidential Head-to-Head

Initial Presidential Vote



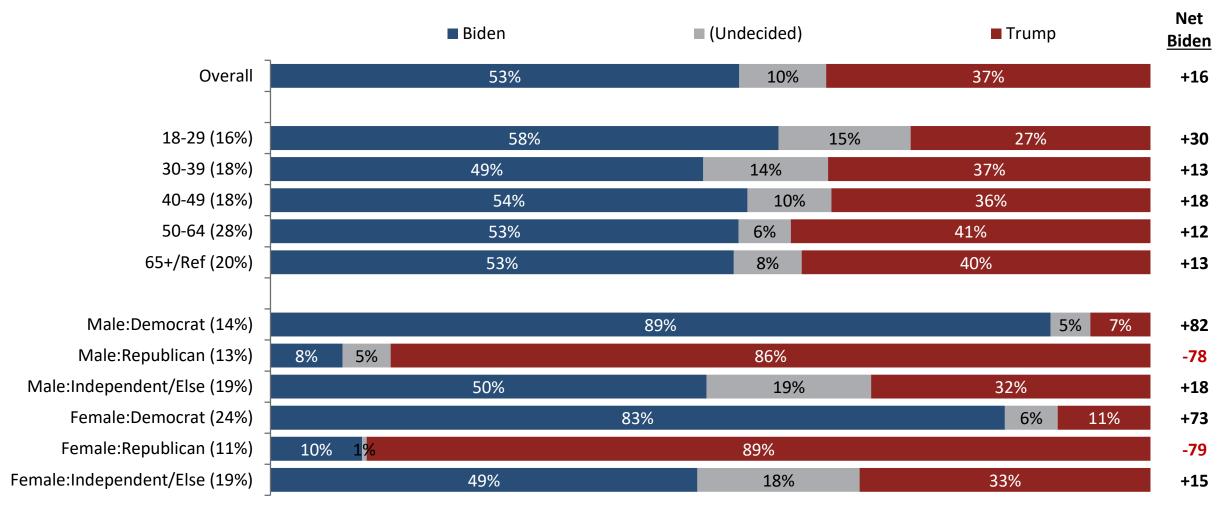
A majority say they will vote for Biden in the upcoming Presidential election.



Initial Presidential Vote by Subgroups



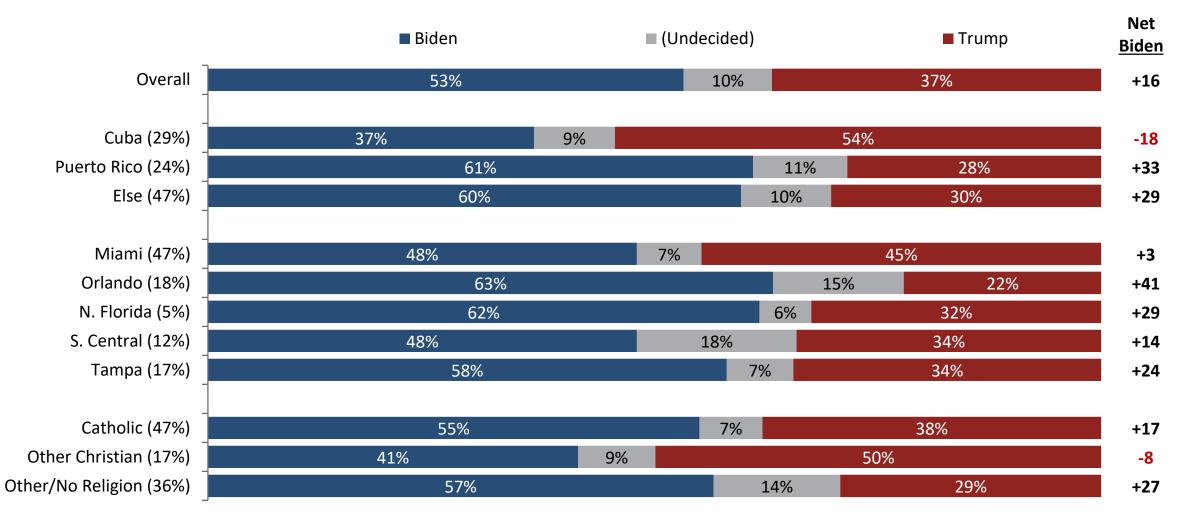
Support for Biden is driven by party, but not as significantly by age. Independents lean Biden, but 1-in-5 are undecided.



Initial Presidential Vote by Subgroups



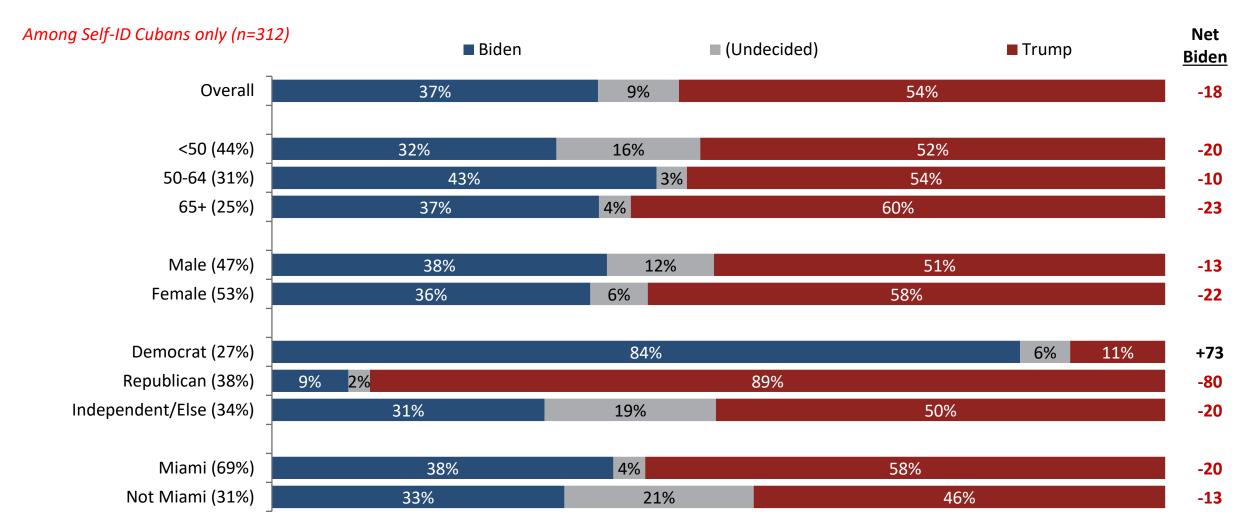
Cuban voters favor Trump. Support varies by region with voters in Orlando and N. Florida being most in favor of Biden.



Initial Presidential Vote by Cuban Subgroups



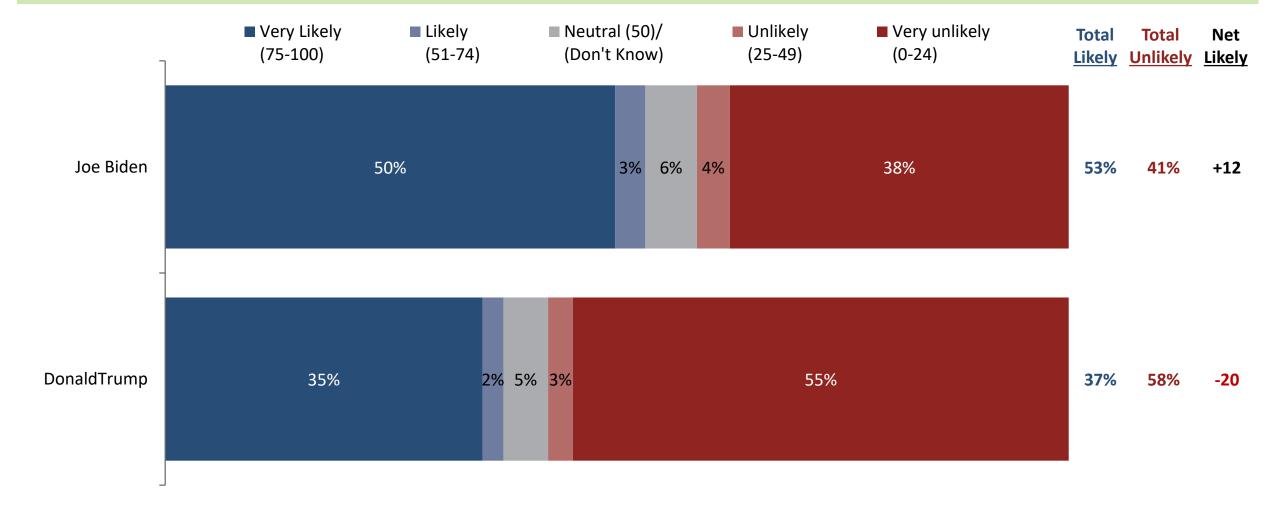
Among Cubans, a significant subset of younger voters, Independents, and voters outside of Miami are still undecided.



Presidential Candidate Vote Likelihood



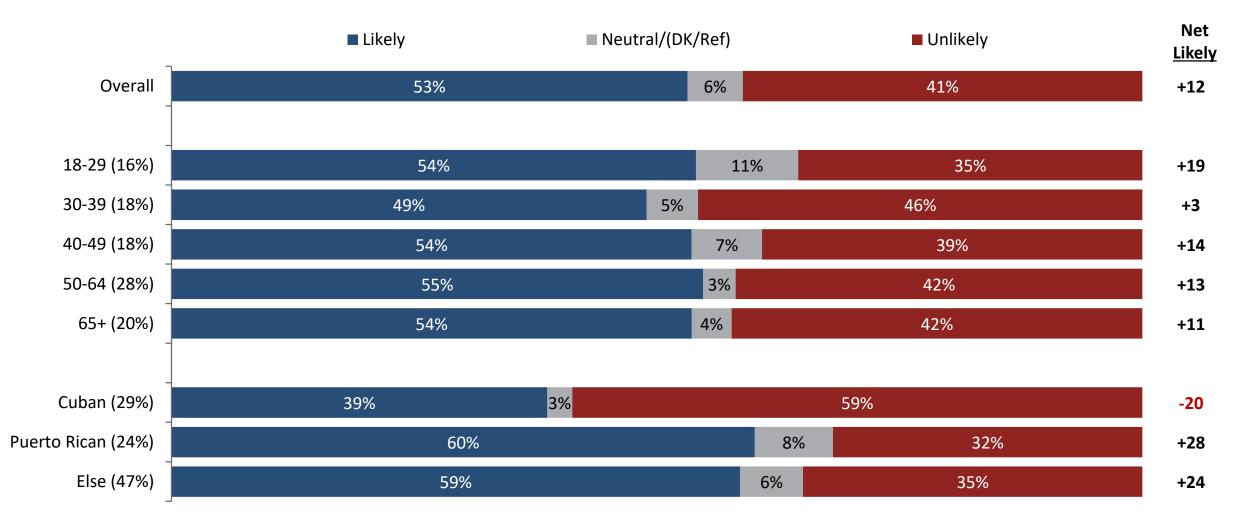
Half say they are very likely to vote for Biden, whereas more than half of Latinx voters say they would be very unlikely to vote for Trump.



Biden Vote Likelihood by Subgroups



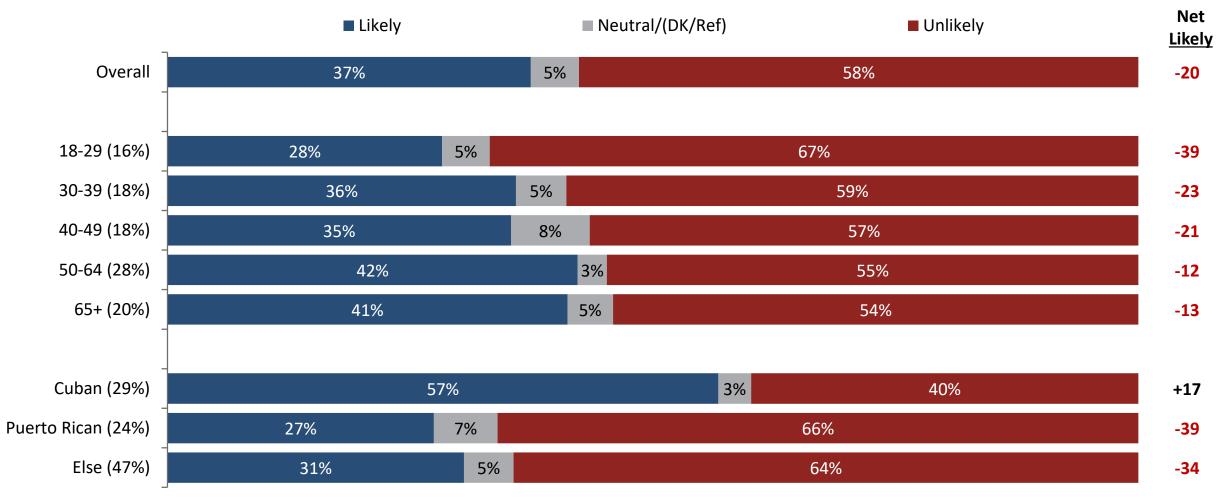
3-in-5 Cuban voters say they are unlikely to vote for Biden.



Trump Vote Likelihood by Subgroups



Likelihood to vote for Trump is weaker among all age groups.



GBAO Voter Target Groups



A plurality of voters represent the Engaged Dem Base.

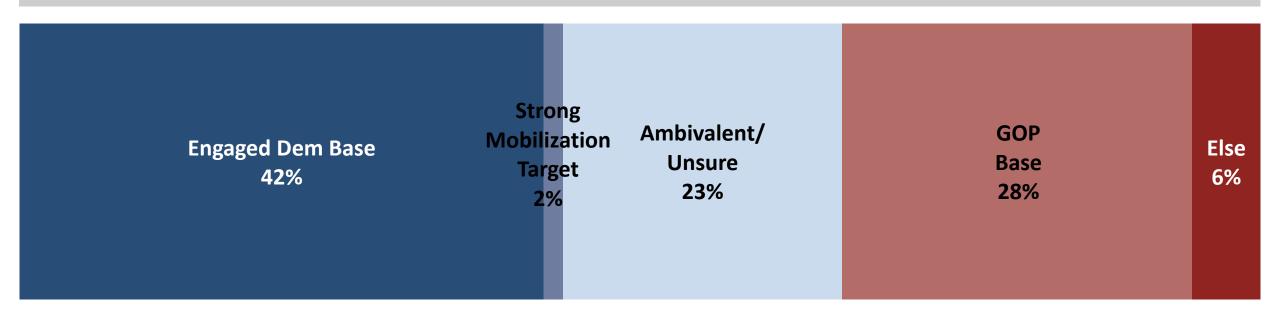
Engaged Dem Base: Definitely voting for Biden and strongly disapprove of Trump, or rate Trump very unfavorably, or rate the Democratic Party favorably and the Republican Party unfavorably, and are certain they will vote in the 2020 general election **Strong Mobilization Target:** Same voting and favorable ratings as the Engaged Dem Base, but are uncertain voters.

Ambivalent/Unsure: Probably/Lean vote for Biden or Trump or are undecided or voting for a third party

GOP Base: Definitely voting for Trump and strongly approve of Trump, or rate Trump very favorably, or rate the Democratic

Party unfavorably and the Republican Party favorably.

Else: Do not fit into the above categories



EMC Voter Target Groups



The Democratic base is slightly larger than the GOP base.

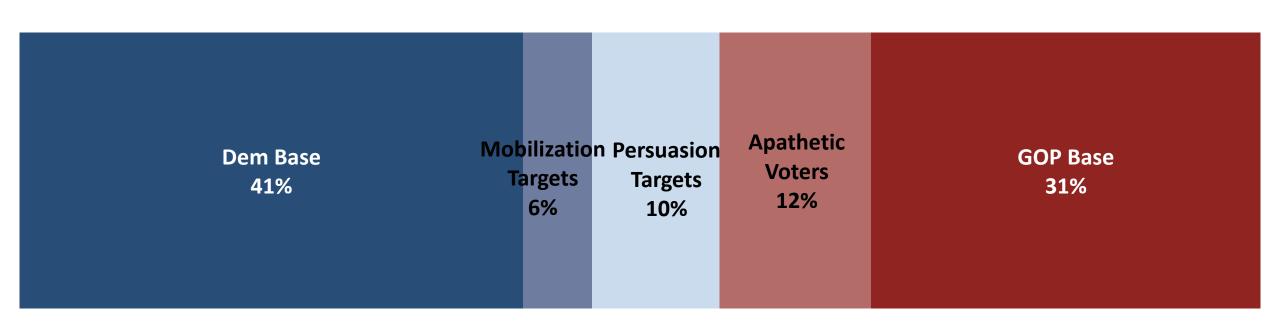
Dem Base: Definitely voting for Biden, certain they will vote, and very motivated to vote

Mobilization Target: Definitely voting for Biden but either not certain they will vote or not very motivated to vote

Persuasion Targets: Not definitely voting for Biden or Trump, certain they will vote, and very motivated to vote

Apathetic Voters: Not definitely voting for Biden or Trump, not certain they will vote or not very motivated to vote

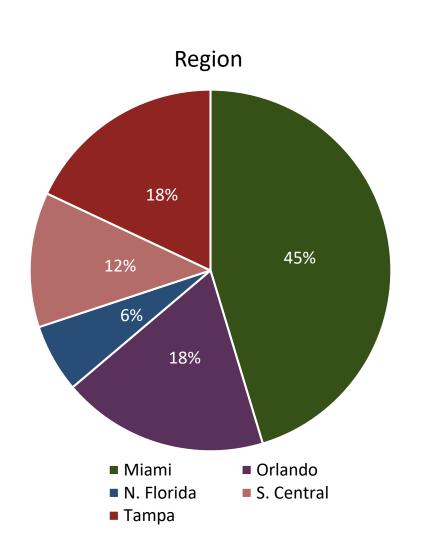
GOP Base: Definitely voting for Trump

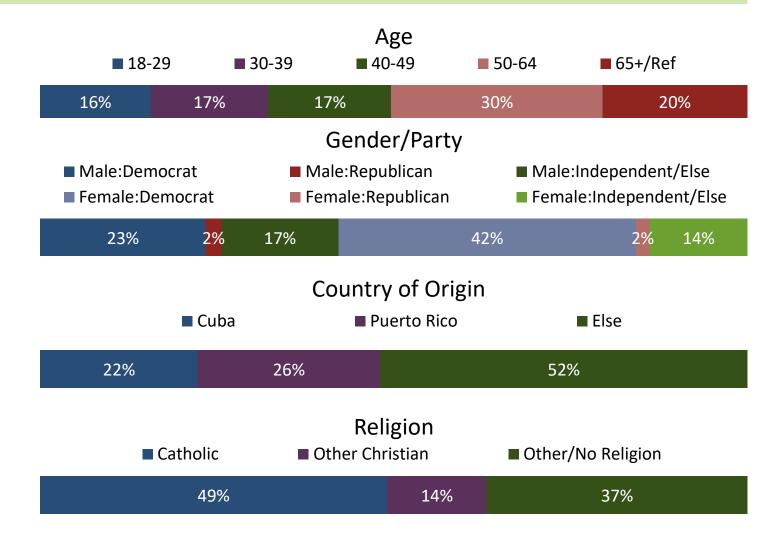


Dem Base Voter Target (41%)



A plurality of the Democratic base are Democratic women. Half are over fifty.

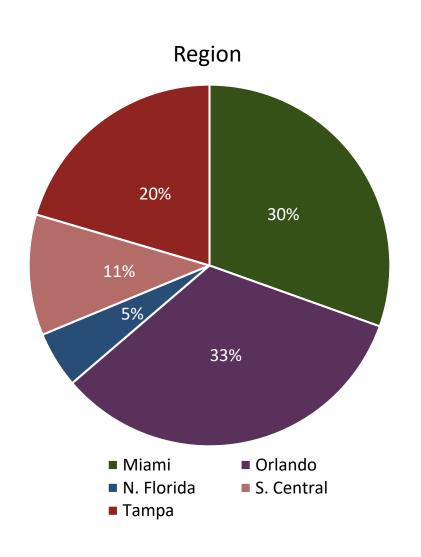


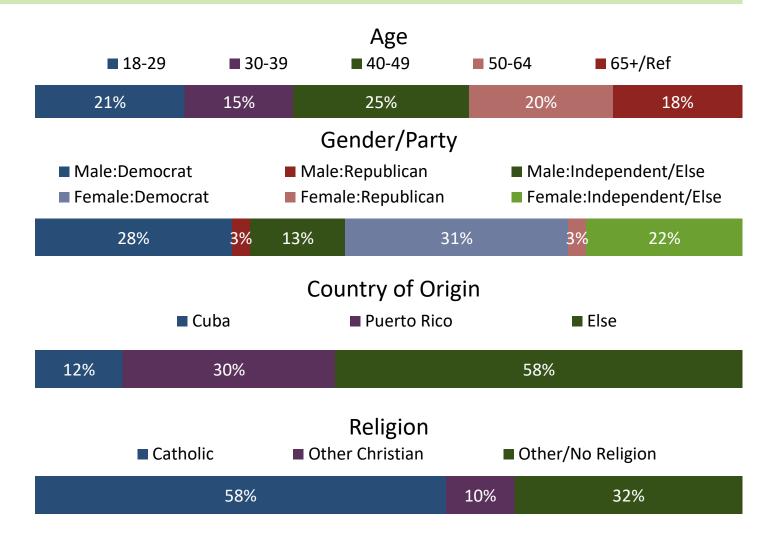


Mobilization Targets (6%)



Mobilization targets are younger and Puerto Rican. They are less likely to be in Miami.

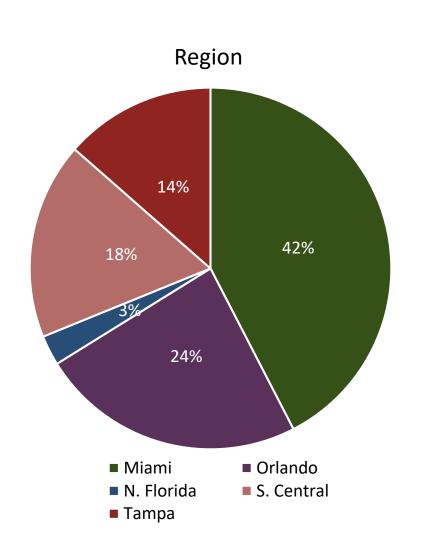


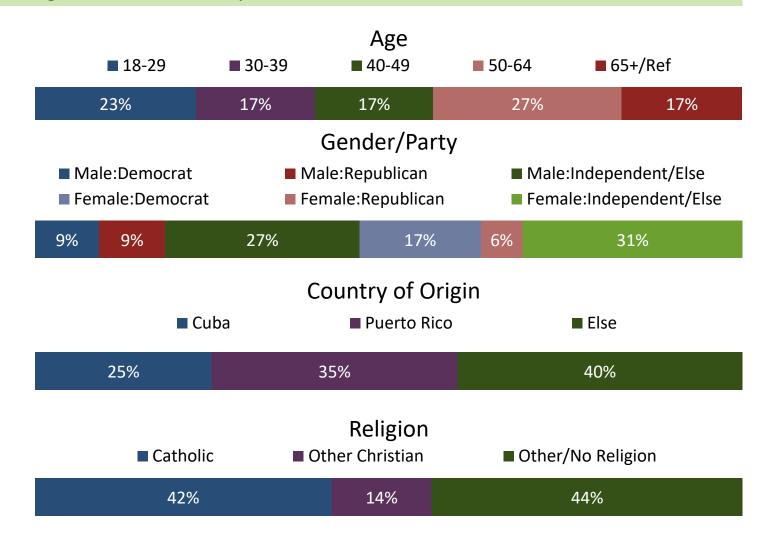


Persuasion Targets (10%)



Persuasion targets tend to be Independents.

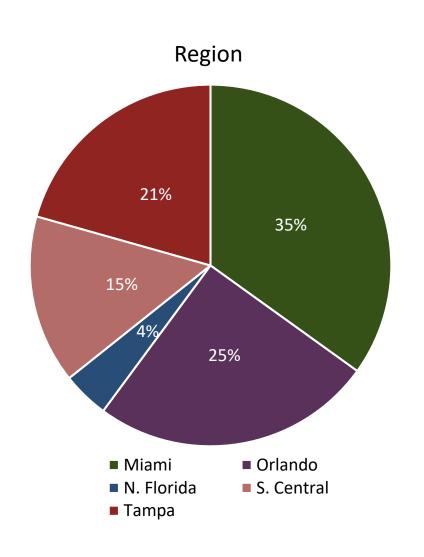


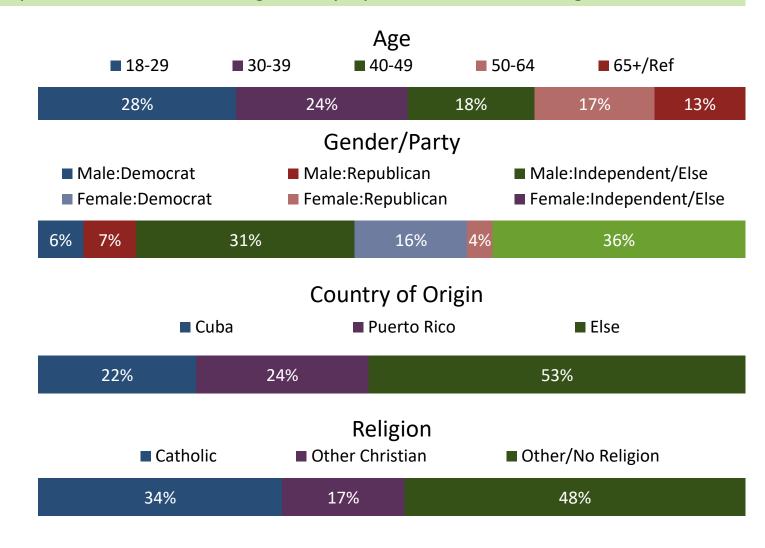


Apathetic Voters Target (12%)



There is also a subset of younger Independent voters that are generally Apathetic toward voting.

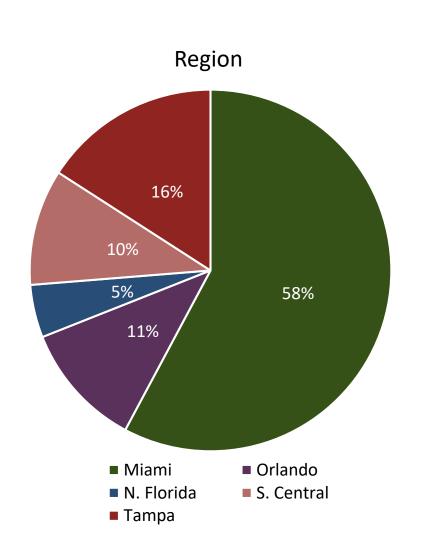


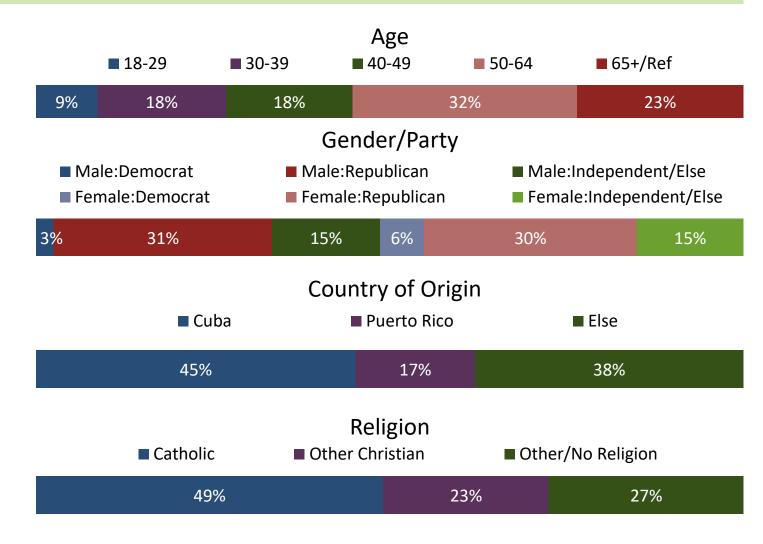


GOP Base Voter Target (31%)



GOP Base voters tend to be older, Republican and Cuban.

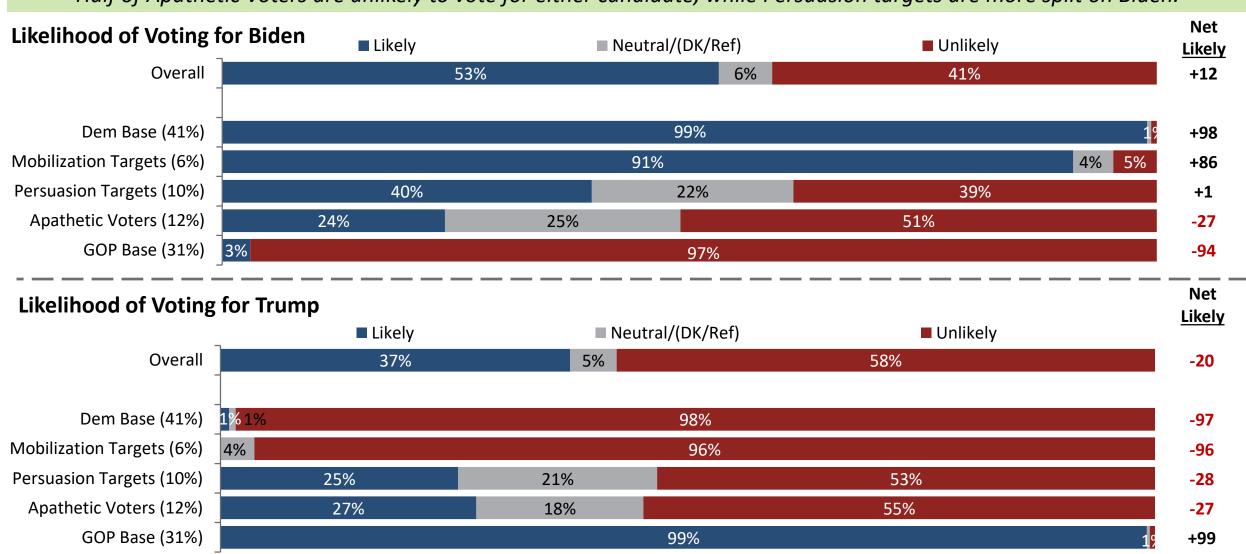




Presidential Candidate Vote Likelihood by Voter Targets



Half of Apathetic Voters are unlikely to vote for either candidate, while Persuasion targets are more split on Biden.



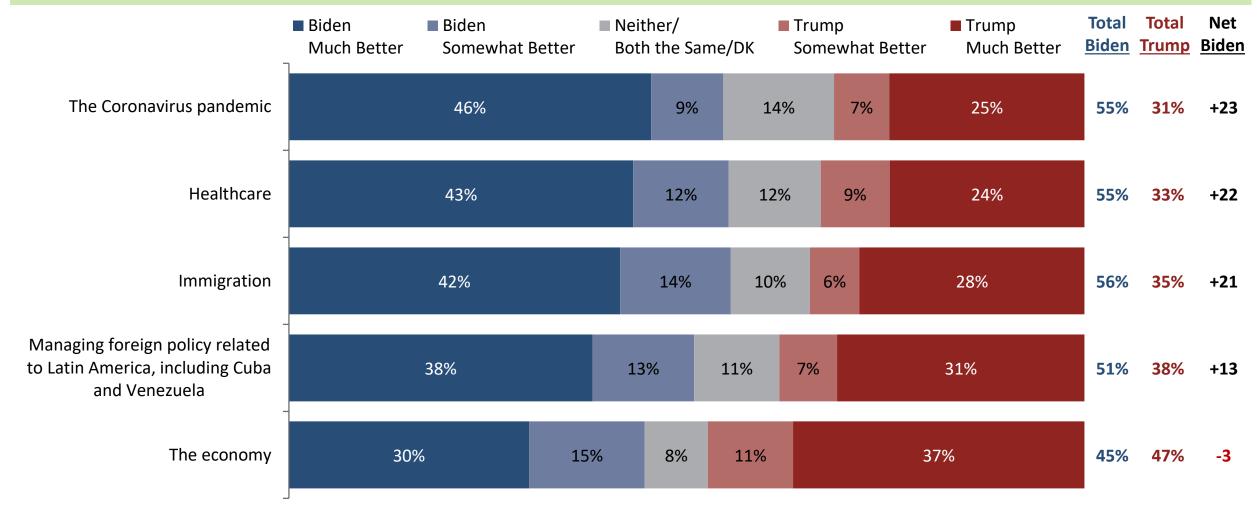


Candidate Attitudes and Messaging

Candidate Issue Ratings



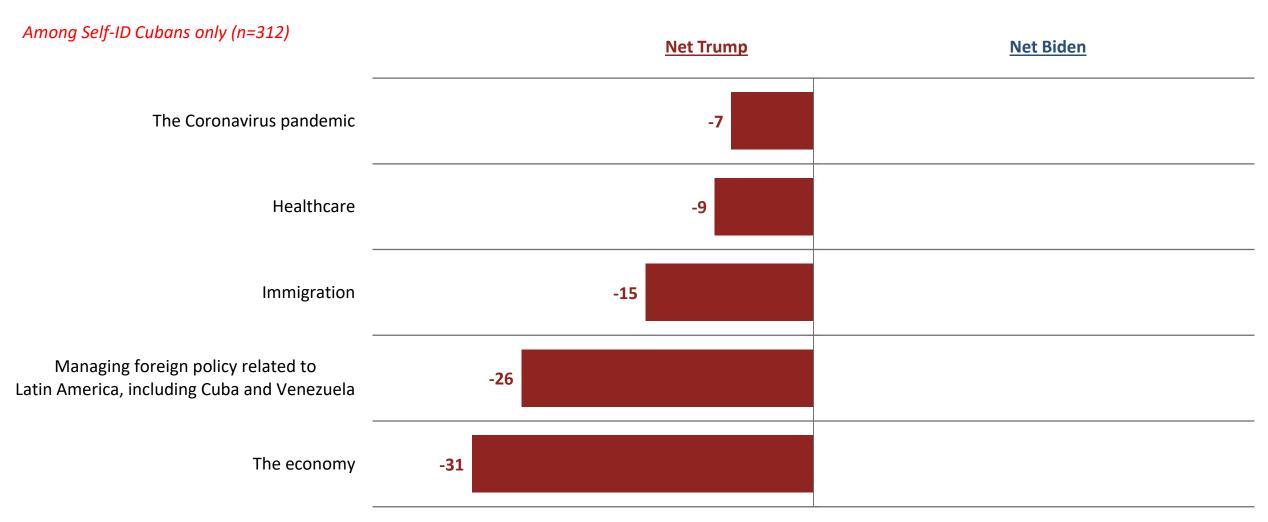
Latinx voters tend to think Biden will handle the COVID-19 pandemic, healthcare and immigration issues better, but that *Trump will better handle the economy.*



Candidate Issue Ratings Among Cuban Voters



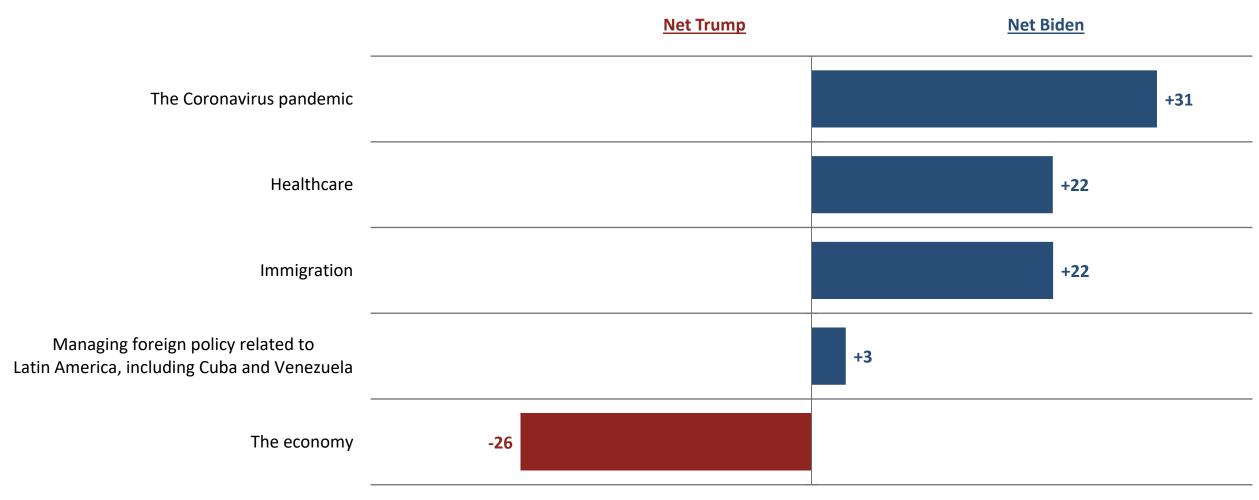
Cubans think Trump will do a better job handling all the tested issues, especially the economy.



Candidate Issue Ratings Among Persuasion Targets



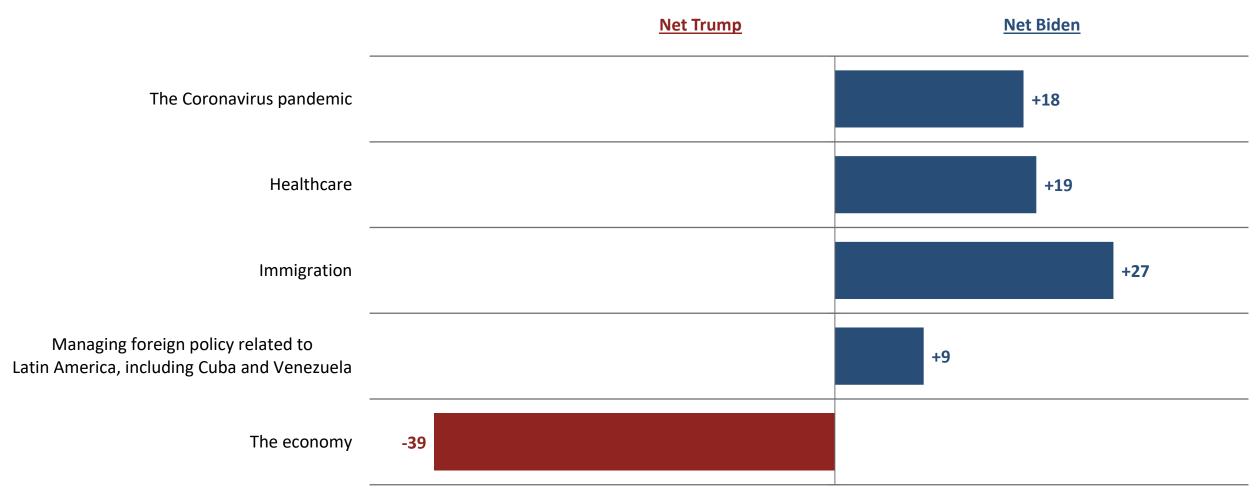
Persuasion targets generally think Biden will handle all issues, except the economy, better than Trump.



Candidate Issue Ratings Among Apathetic Voters



Similarly, Apathetic voters think Trump will handle the economy better than Biden.



Biden Statements - Personal

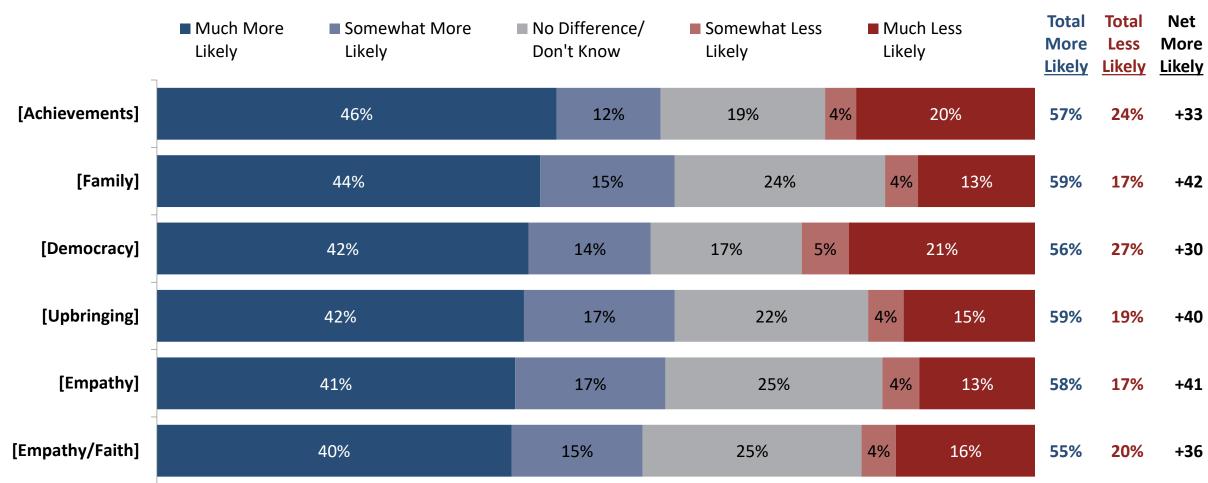


- [Achievements; 46% Much more likely] Joe Biden has proven what he can do as president through his accomplishments over a lifetime of public service. He was a key part of passing Obamacare, leading our economic recovery after the Great Recession, keeping the Ebola epidemic out of the United States, helping Obama enact DACA, fighting for our troops and veterans, and being a leader in preventing violence against women.
- [Family; 44% Much more likely] As a senator, Joe Biden took a train home to Delaware from Washington D.C. four hours every morning and night to be home to raise his sons. He's always put family first, and as president he will fight for all our families.
- [Democracy; 42% Much more likely] Joe Biden will stand up for democratic ideals here and abroad. He'll roll back Donald Trump's authoritarian-like attacks on the press and the post office, end the use of federal agents to break up peaceful protests, and stand up to autocrats like Maduro and Putin.
- [Upbringing; 42% Much more likely Joe Biden comes from a working-class family in Scranton, Pennsylvania and through hard work he rose to become a Senator and Vice President of the United States. Biden knows first-hand the dignity and value of hard work and as president he will fight for an economy where anyone who works hard has an opportunity to succeed.
- [Empathy, Split B only, n=542; 41% Much more likely] Joe Biden has overcome unspeakable personal tragedy, losing his wife and child in a car accident, and his son Beau to cancer. Biden will be a president who leads with empathy and concern for others.
- [Empathy/Faith, Split A only, n=539; 40% Much more likely] Joe Biden has experienced unspeakable personal tragedy, losing his wife and child in a car accident, and his son Beau to cancer, and he overcame it all thanks to his Catholic faith. Biden will be a president who leads with empathy and concern for others.

Biden Statements - Personal



Biden's political achievements and commitment to his family are top testing messages.

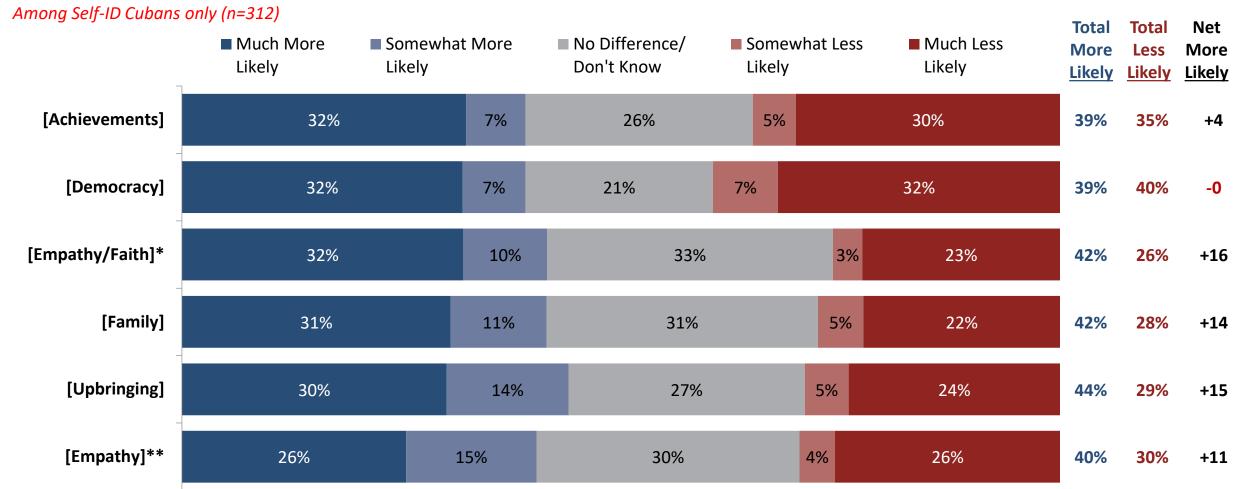


Q26-31. Now I'm going to read you some statements about former Vice President Joe Biden. Thinking about the November election for President, please tell me if each statement makes you more likely or less likely to vote for Democrat Joe Biden. *Sample A; n=539, MoE ± 4.2 % pts; **Sample B; n=542, MoE ±4.2 % pts

Personal Statements Among Cubans



Among Cuban voters, his achievements are also top testing in addition to his commitment to Democratic ideals, although that message also receives negative backlash.



Q26-31. Now I'm going to read you some statements about former Vice President Joe Biden. Thinking about the November election for President, please tell me if each statement makes you more likely or less likely to vote for Democrat Joe Biden. *Sample A; n=149 MoE ± 8.0 % pts; **Sample B; n=163, MoE ±7.6 % pts

Biden Statements - Policy

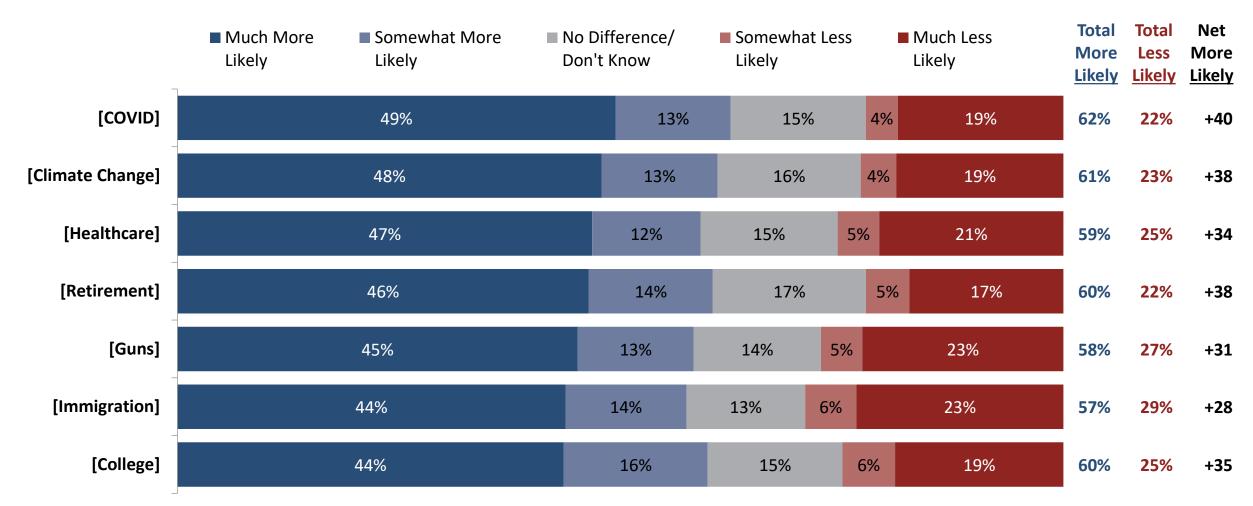


- [COVID; 49% Much more likely] Joe Biden will respond to the Coronavirus crisis by following the advice of public health experts and providing economic relief to struggling families and small businesses.
- [Climate change; 48% Much more likely] Joe Biden will rally the world to tackle climate change, to protect our beaches from oil rigs and coastal communities from rising sea levels, and work to create millions of clean energy jobs in the process.
- [Healthcare; 47% Much more likely Joe Biden will build on Obamacare to lower the cost of prescription drugs and insurance premiums, and make sure insurance companies can never deny coverage for pre-existing conditions, including COVID-19
- [Retirement; 46% Much more likely] Joe Biden will protect and strengthen Medicare and Social Security to guarantee a dignified retirement for all Americans.
- [Guns; 45% Much more likely] Joe Biden will enact common-sense safety policies, like banning assault weapons and requiring background checks for all gun sales.
- [Immigration; 44% Much more likely] Joe Biden will reverse the Trump administration's immigration policies, and put undocumented immigrants on a pathway to citizenship.
- [College; 44% Much more likely] Joe Biden will make it possible for any American to get their college degree without plunging into years of debt.

Biden Statements - Policy



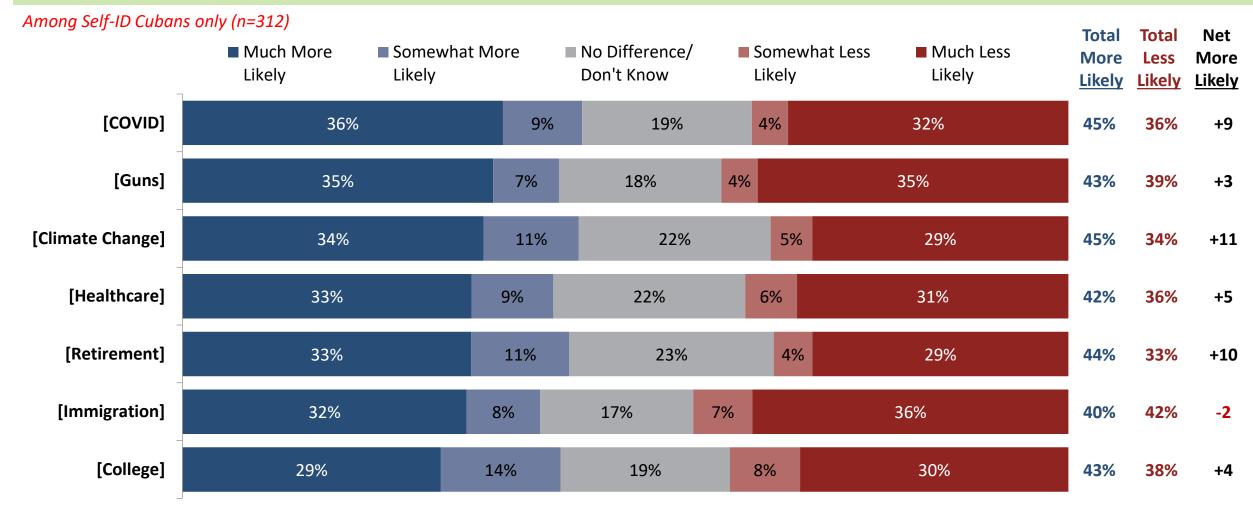
Biden's stance toward addressing COVID-19, healthcare and climate change are top testing policy messages.



Policy Statements Among Cubans



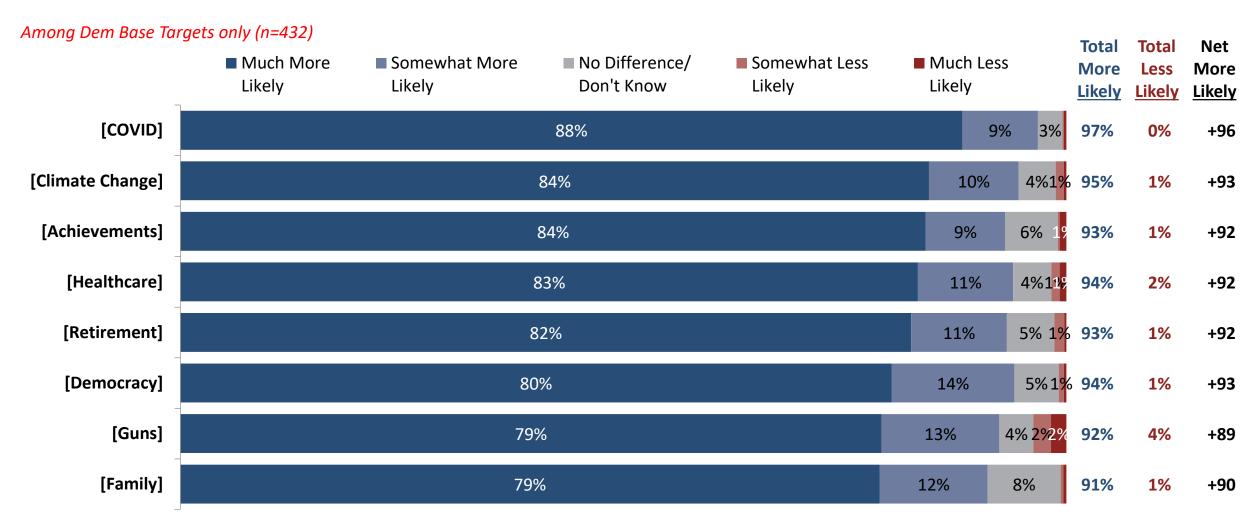
Among Cuban voters, COVID-19 and Biden's stance toward gun control are top testing; however the "guns" policy statement also receives negative feedback. The "immigration" message is also divisive.



Top Statements Among Dem Base



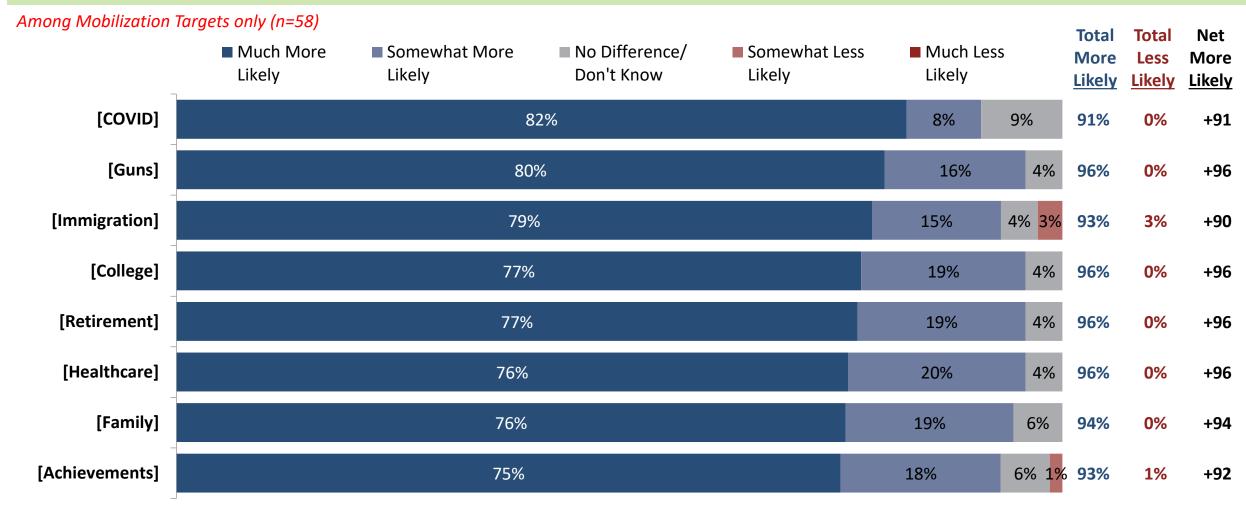
All messages resonate with the Dem Base.



Top Statements Among Mobilization Targets



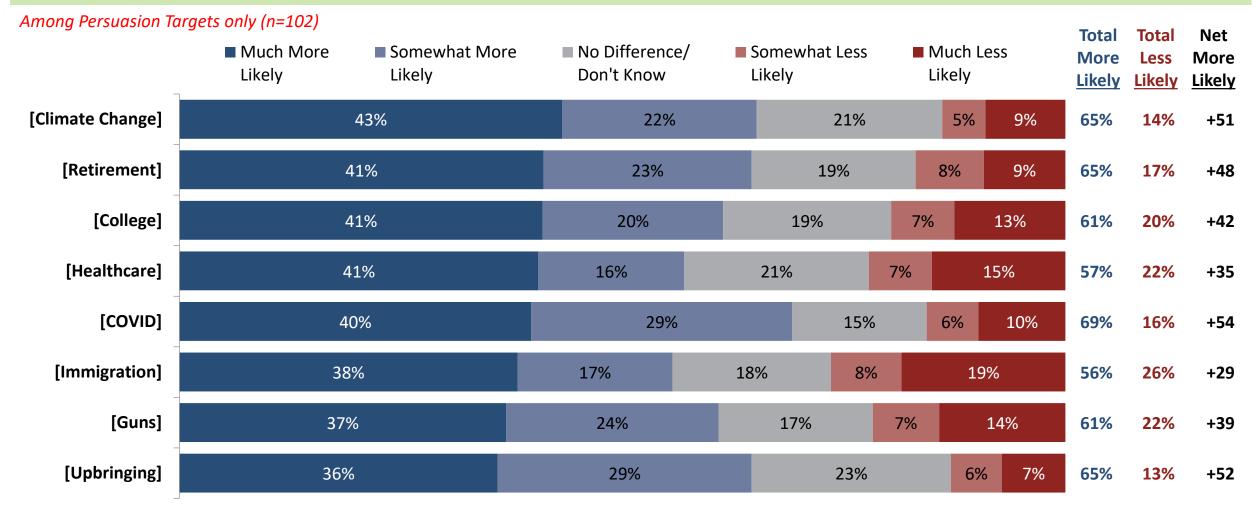
Messages around Biden's specific policies – especially COVID, guns and immigration – are strongest among the Mobilization Targets, though all messages are received well.



Top Statements Among Persuasion Targets



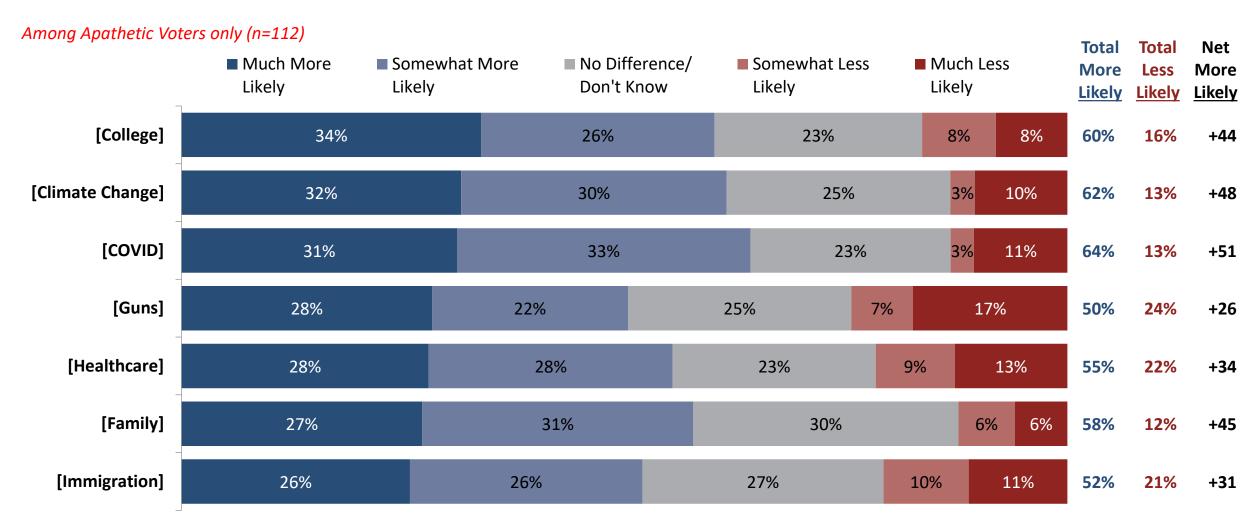
Messaging around climate change, retirement policies, college funding, and healthcare test well, but none of the messages around Biden's personal experience rise to the top. Some are turned off by the healthcare and immigration messages.



Top Statements Among Apathetic Voters



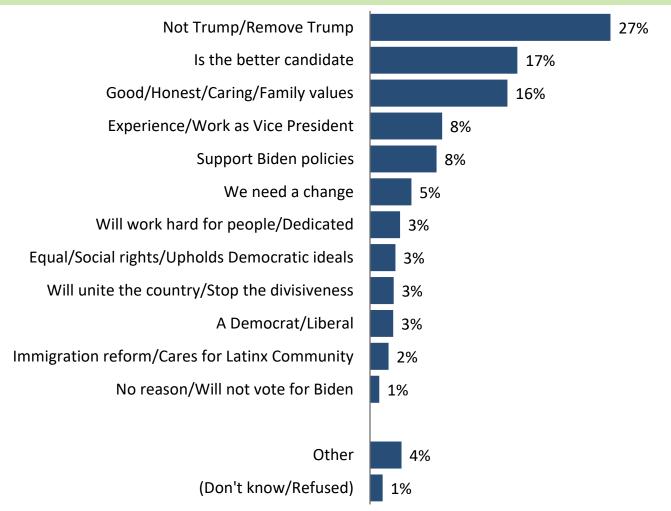
Biden's policy messages lack intensity among Apathetic Voters. A quarter say his gun policies would turn them away.



Reasons to Vote for Biden Among Biden Voters



A plurality voting for Biden say they are doing so to remove Trump from office. Others cite Biden's character and experience as compelling reasons.



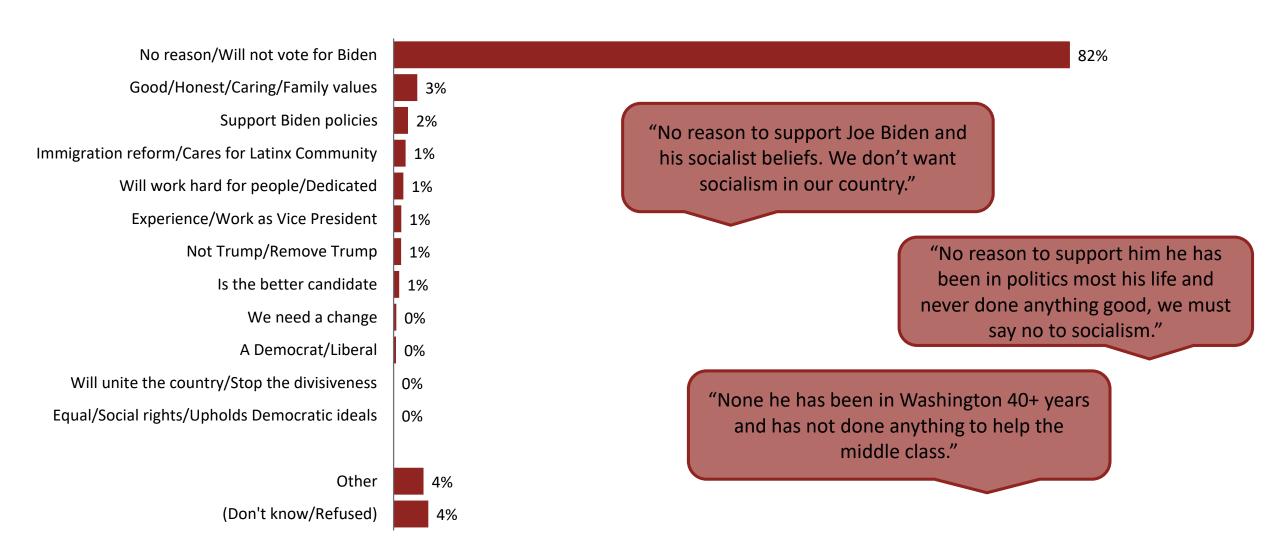
"To get trump out. I don't like Joe Biden but since we have a two-party government, I will prefer a Democratic house in the senate and administration."

"I'm voting against Donald Trump for his lack of leadership. His racist ideas. Lack of political experience. Joe Biden is a leader with compassion and experience."

Reasons to Vote for Biden Among Trump Voters



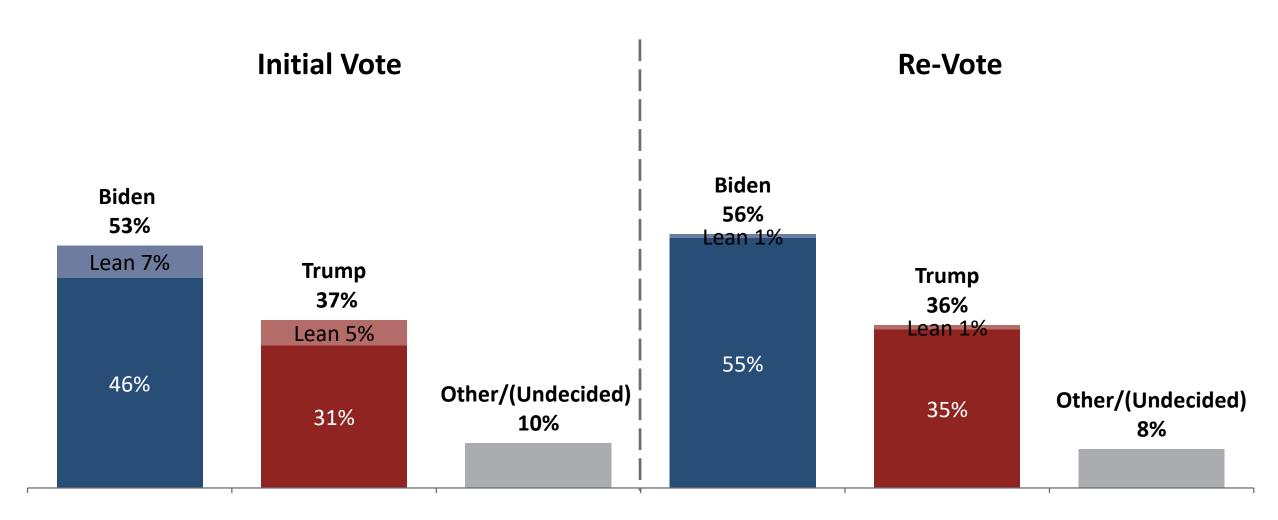
Those voting for Trump overwhelming do not supply positive reasons to hypothetically vote for Biden.



Presidential Election Re-Vote



After messaging, the vote changes marginally.



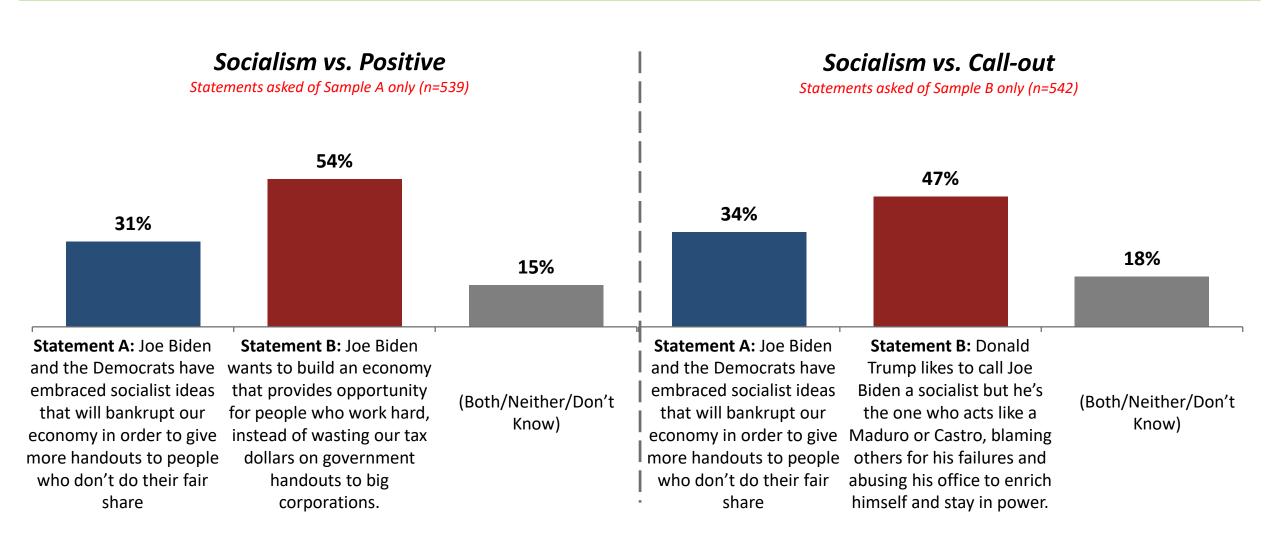


Paired Messaging Statements

Paired Messaging Statements: Biden Socialism



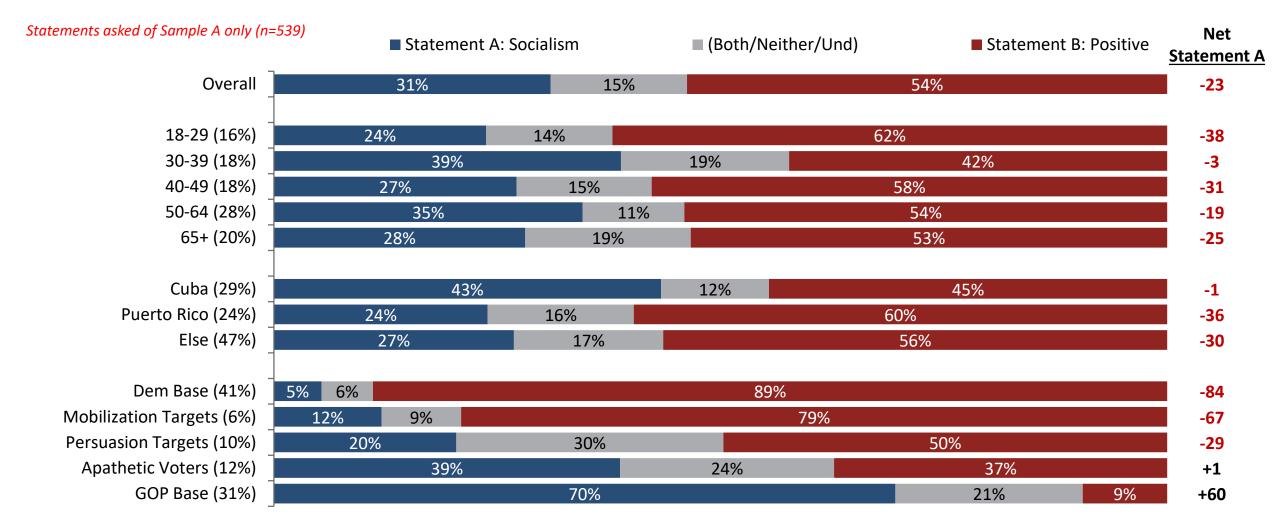
The positive message in favor of Biden is more effective than the negative call-out of Trump.



Paired Messaging Statements: Biden Socialism/Positive



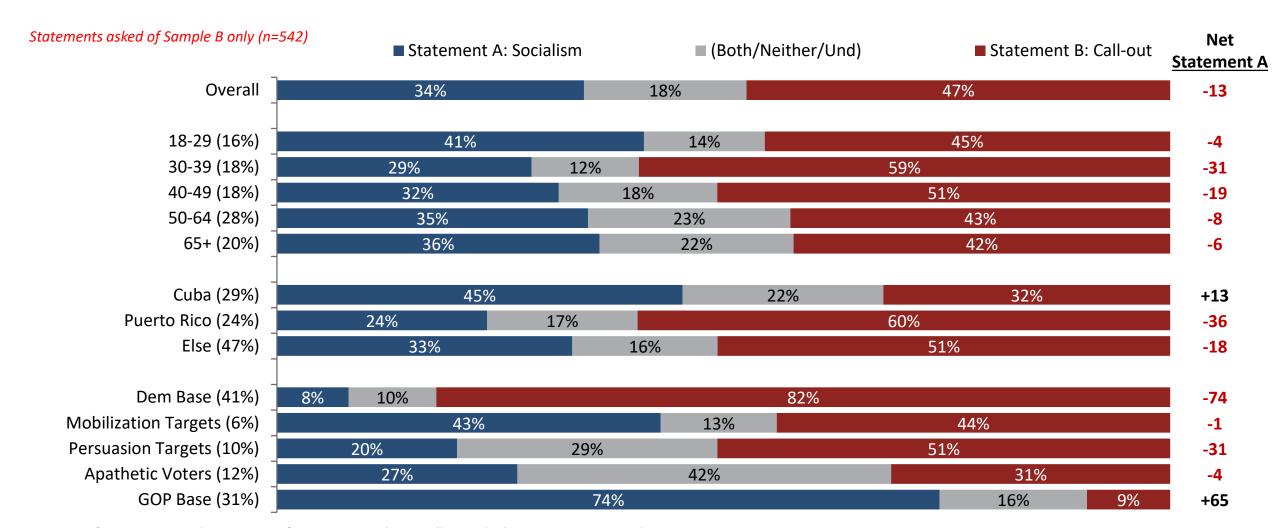
Cubans and the GOP Base tend to select the statement calling Biden a socialist.



Paired Messaging Statements: Biden Socialism/Call-out



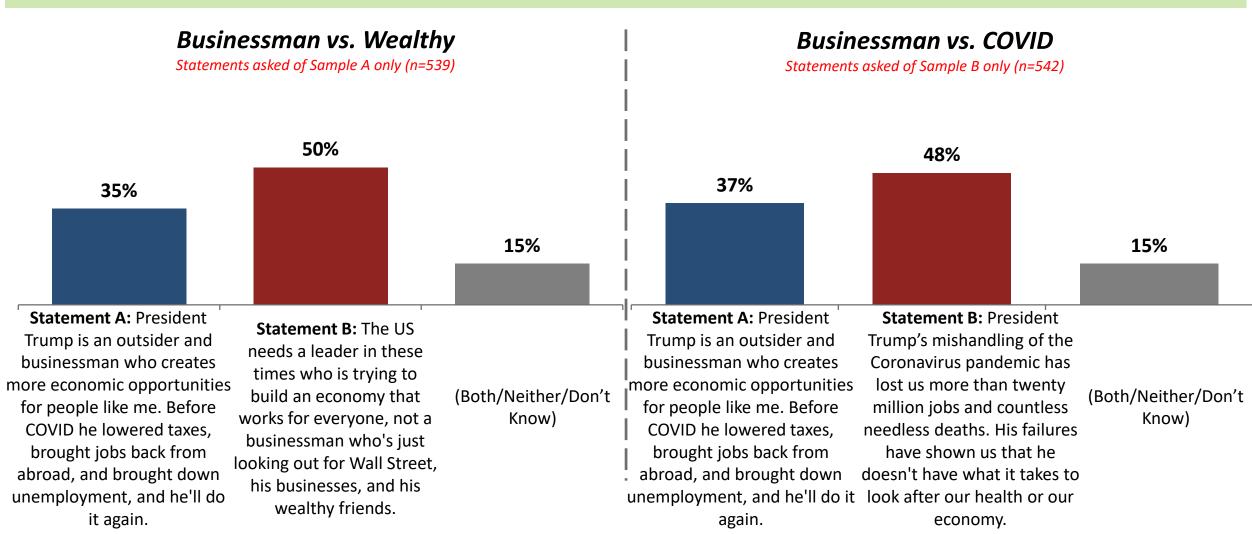
Attitudes toward the "Call-out" message are more mixed, but still tend to fall by party lines. Mobilization targets are split.



Paired Messaging Statements: Trump Businessman



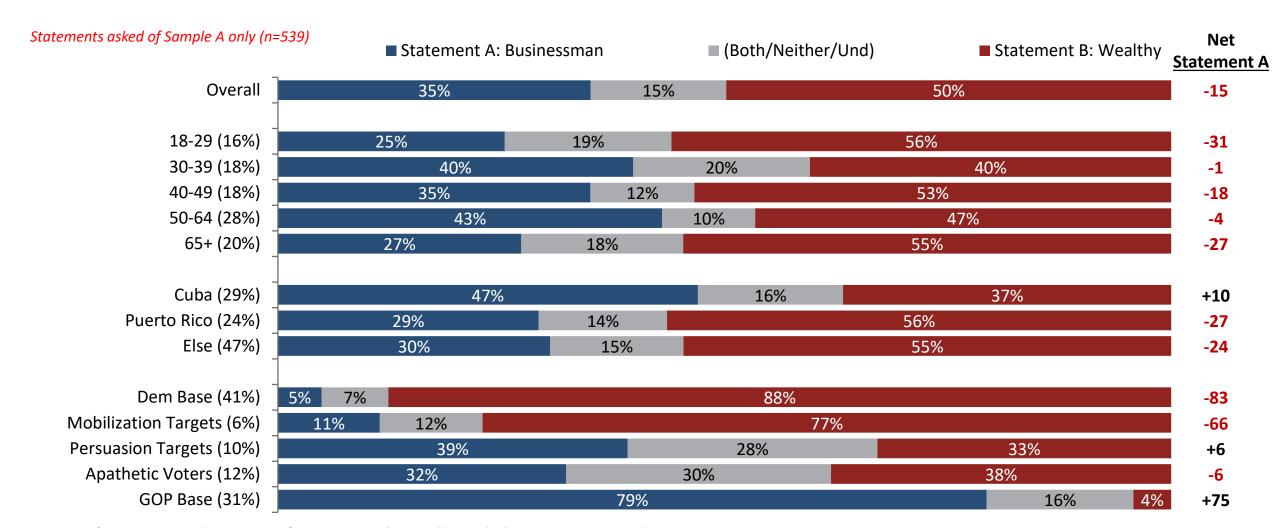
Both iterations of paired statements test relatively similarly, with the negative Trump messages testing better than "Businessman".



Paired Messaging Statements: Trump Businessman/Wealthy



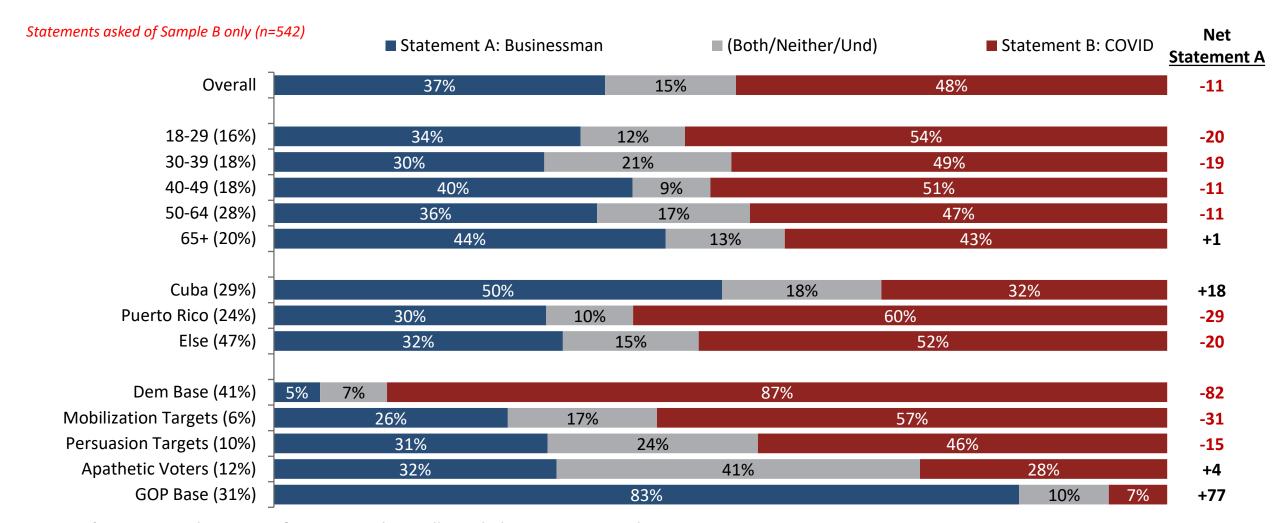
The Dem Base and Mobilization targets overwhelmingly choose the Trump negative "wealthy" message.



Paired Messaging Statements: Trump Businessman/COVID



Cuban voters tend to choose the Trump positive over the message that calls out his mishandling of COVID.



Conclusions



Turnout Targets (Dem Base)	Mobilization Targets	Persuasion Targets	Potential Threats (Apathetic and GOP Base)
Demographics: Democrats (especially women) Non-PR/Non-Cuban	Demographics: Male Democrats <50 Orlando/Tampa	Demographics: Puerto Ricans Independents (mainly Women) <30 voters	Demographics: Cubans Republicans Independent Women 50+
Messaging: COVID Climate Change Achievements Healthcare	Messaging: COVID Guns Immigration College	Messaging: Climate Change Healthcare College	Messaging: Immigration Guns Achievements Democracy Healthcare

Conclusions



- Joe Biden currently holds net positive favorable ratings and leads the race for President by 16 points; however, that lead is deceptively narrow, and the Vice President continues to have room to grow among this crucial demographic.
- While a majority of Cubans and Republicans support Trump, other segments of this electorate are more available to Biden to help run up the score. Turnout of the non-Cuban segment of this electorate will be crucial to make up for the stubborn conservative and Cuban voters that stunt Biden's lead.
 - Voters who are neither Cuban nor Puerto Rican are a top turnout target. While Puerto Rican voters are
 open to Biden, they continue to need additional persuasion.
 - Independents, especially women, and the youngest voters remain more undecided and need communication.
- Messaging that expounds upon Biden's policy intentions are more effective overall than messages about his personal background and experience.
 - However, some of these policy messages that are more effective among the Base and Mobilization targets – like guns and immigration – may alienate some factions of the Persuasion and Apathetic voters.



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