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2024 Election State of Play

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Important Dates

September 30: Government Funding Ends

October: District/State Work Periods

November 5: Election Day (42 days away)

December 20: Continuing Resolution ends

January 3: First Day of the 119th Congress

January 20: Inauguration Day

How did we get here?

A look at how the Democratic ticket got upended in the span of a month.

Joe Biden @JoeBiden · Follow

I don't know what they've got in these performance enhancers, but I'm feeling pretty jacked up.


Try it yourselves, folks.

See you in a bit: joe.link/SecretSauce



8:34 PM · Jun 27, 2024

President Biden's performance at the June 27 debate raised several questions as to whether he should remain as the Democratic nominee.



U.S. LAWMAKERS TELL BIDEN TO PROVE HIS MENTAL FITNESS

Just days after the debate, prominent Democrats started to call on Biden to step aside as the party's nominee after additional slip-ups in public-facing interviews and press conferences.

Only four in ten Democrats are confident in Biden's mental capability

Percent of adults

Group	Extremely/very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very/not at all confident
Joe Biden			
Overall	20	17	63
Democrats	40	27	32
Republicans	3	7	91
Donald Trump			
Overall	28	15	57
Democrats	3	7	89
Republicans	59	20	20

Question: How confident are you that each of the following has the mental capability to serve effectively as president?

Source: AP-NORC poll conducted February 22-26, 2024, with 1,102 adults age 18 and older nationwide.

AP | NORC

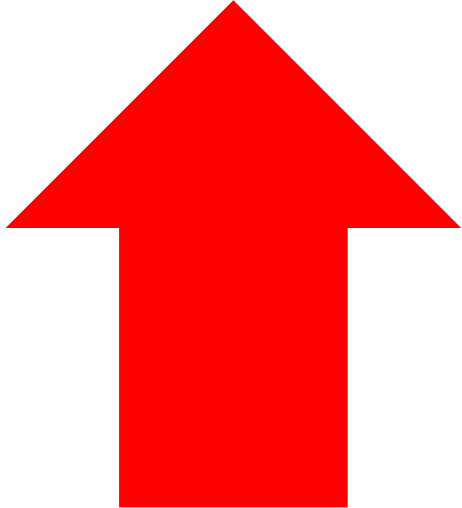
In the weeks following the debate, data begins to show that fewer Democrats are confident in the president's ability to handle a second term in office. Fundraising numbers for the Biden re-election campaign also begin to stagnate.



Biden stepped aside as the Democratic nominee on July 21, immediately endorsing Vice President Kamala Harris to succeed him at the top of the ticket.

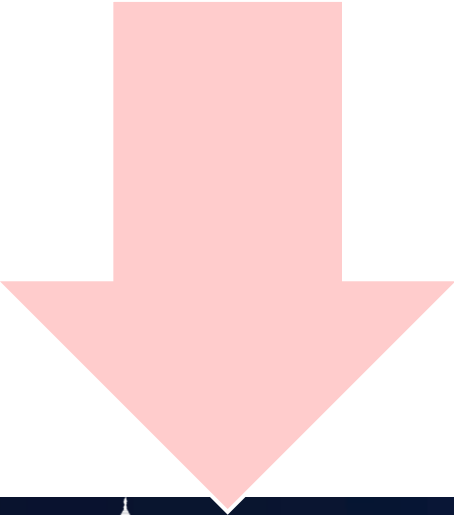
Trump Selects JD Vance

The former president has a new running mate for his bid to return to Washington.



Similarities

- Geopolitics, including opposition to Ukraine aid, support of Israel, and use of tariffs against China policy.
- Strong advocates for the oil and natural gas industry.
- Positioned similarly on certain “culture war” issues pertaining to education, LGBTQ+ rights, and social media bias.



Differences

- Vance has postured himself as an anti-Wall Street hawk thus far in the Senate, whereas the former president has extended more corporate-friendly olive branches this cycle.
- He has teamed up with progressive Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) in scrutinizing corporate behavior in the banking industry and praised Biden’s FTC Chair Lina Khan’s antitrust agenda on numerous occasions.
- Vance’s position on abortion and reproductive health are to the right of the former president.



GOP VP Nominee: JD Vance

- Junior senator of Ohio, first elected in 2022.
- Member of the Senate Banking, Commerce, and Aging Committees.
- Author of the bestselling memoir *Hillbilly Elegy*.
- Former tech venture capitalist in Silicon Valley and Appalachia
- Cofounder of the Ohio-based Narya Capital Management.

Harris Selects Tim Walz

A look at the Minnesota governor's tenure and how he matches with Harris.



Similarities

- Former federal officials who moved onto gain executive experience.
- Active and aligned on issues such as competition, gun safety, abortion, medical debt, hidden fees & costs, and more.
- Both records support higher business & top 1% tax increases.
- Strong support for universal paid leave and child care.



Differences

- Walz has background experience and work in education, defense, veterans' affairs in contrast to Harris' background as a prosecutor.
- Walz represented a midwestern swing district while in Congress compared to Harris' deep blue senate seat in California
- While both support progressive policies, Harris has a more pronounced focus on criminal justice reform and social equity, whereas Walz emphasizes education and veterans' issues.

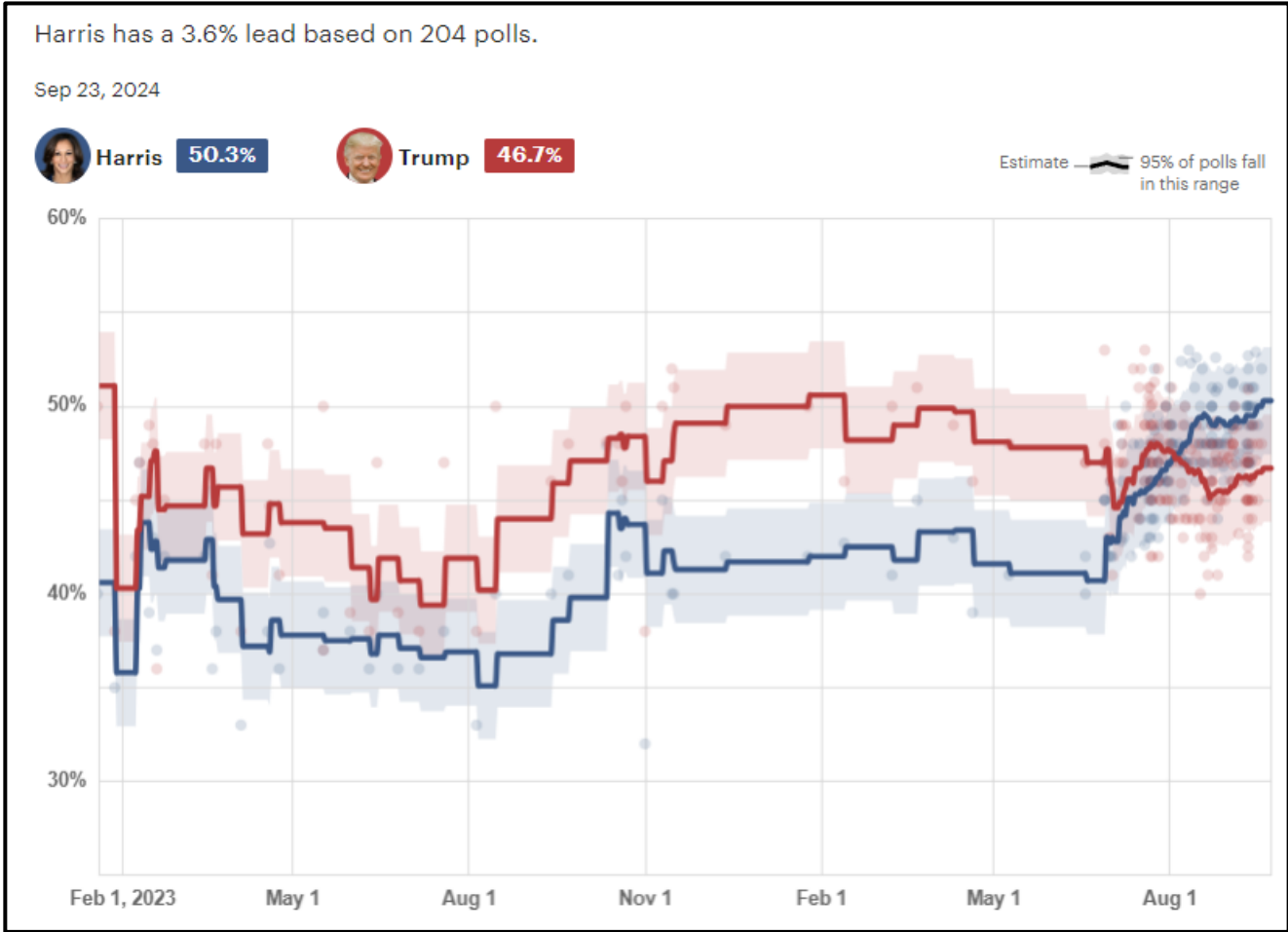


Dem VP Nominee Tim Walz

- Current MN Governor and former Representative of MI-01.
- Previously served on House Agriculture, Veterans' Affairs Committees.
- Signed several progressive reforms into law in 2023 with a unified Democratic legislature.
- Before running for Congress, he worked as a social studies teacher and football coach.
- Former Command Sergeant Major in the Army National Guard, where he primarily worked in disaster response postings.

Harris vs. Trump

Head-to-head polling data.



Source: The Hill/Decision Desk HQ



Harris vs. Trump

National favorability trends.

Harris favorable / unfavorable ratings

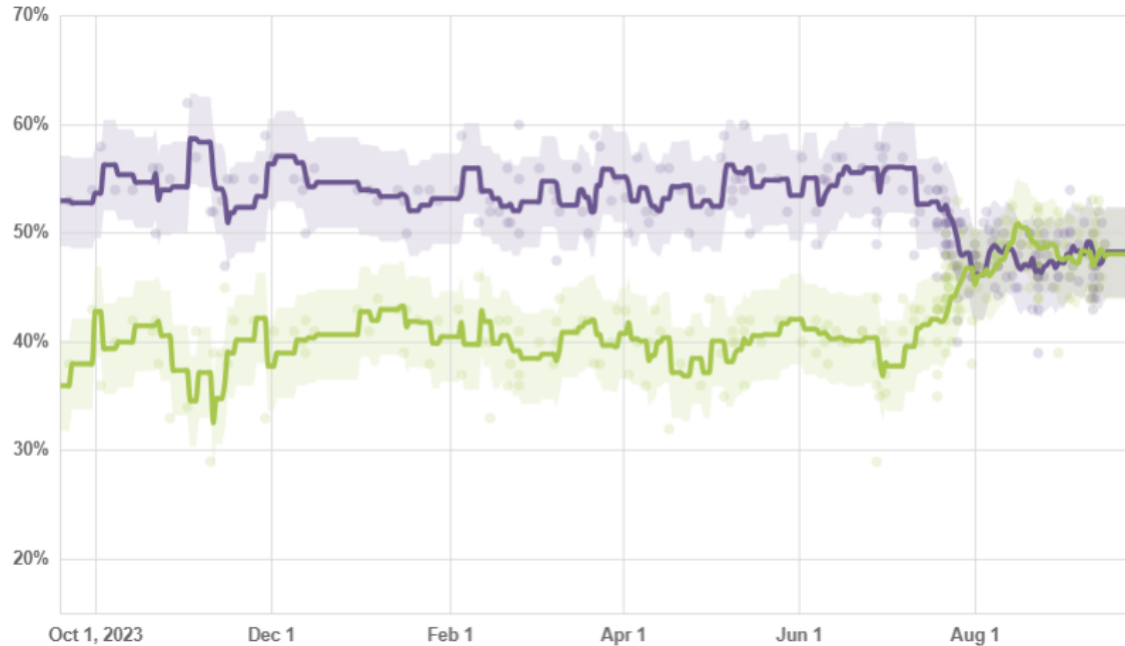
Harris has a 48.1% favorability rating based on 235 polls.

Sep 23, 2024

Unfavorable **48.3%**

Favorable **48.1%**

Estimate 95% of polls fall in this range



Trump favorable / unfavorable ratings

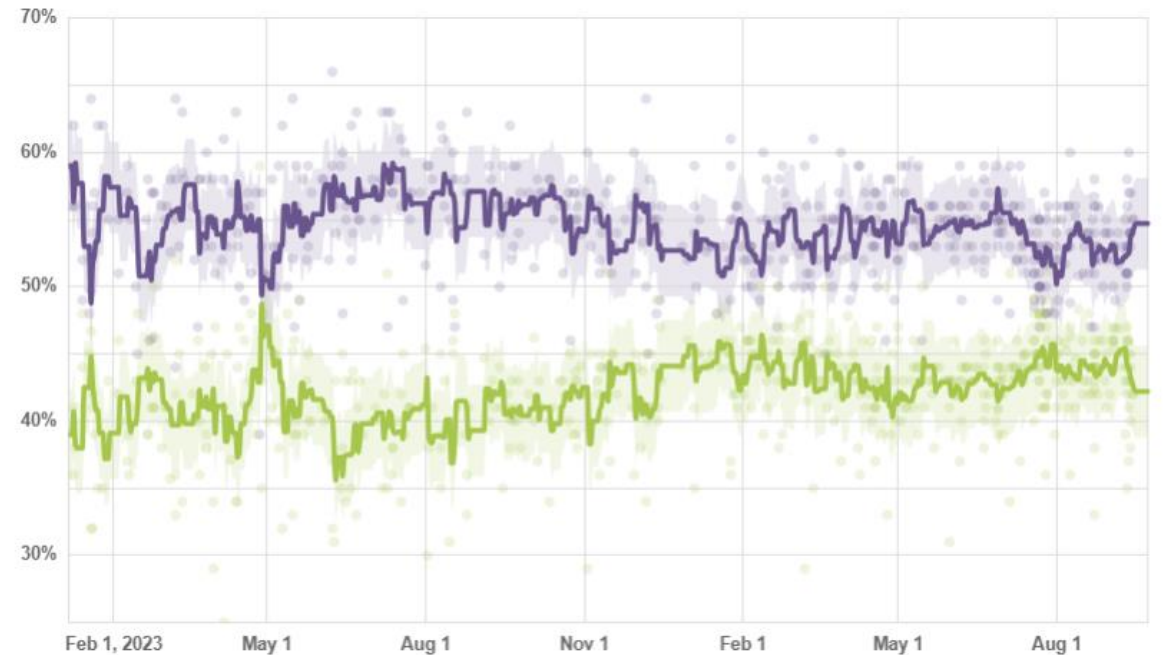
Trump has a 42.2% favorability rating based on 539 polls.

Sep 23, 2024

Unfavorable **54.7%**

Favorable **42.2%**

Estimate 95% of polls fall in this range



Source: The Hill/Decision Desk HQ

Harris vs Trump

Polling data on key swing states.



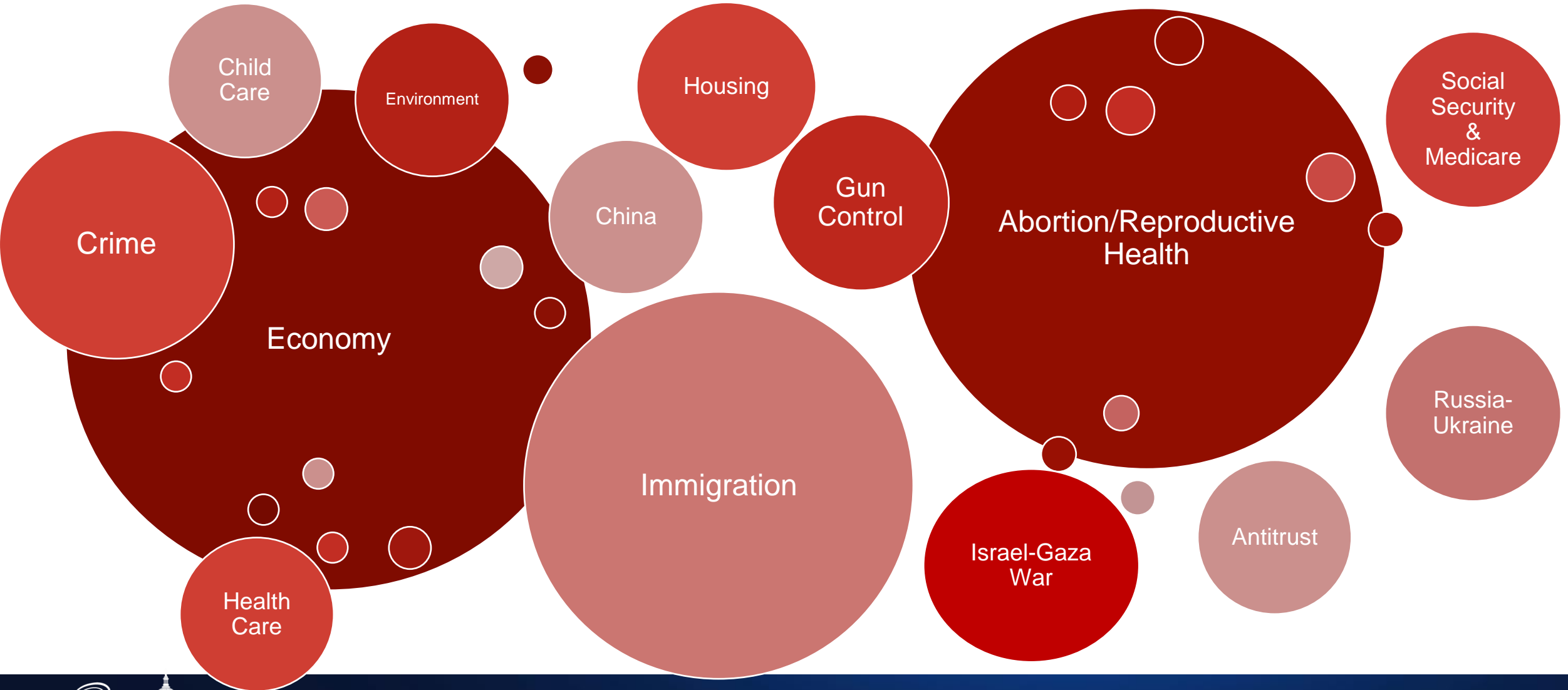
These eight states will determine the winner of the 2024 presidential election.

Swing State Polling Aggregate	
National	Harris 50.3% Trump 46.7%
Arizona	Trump 47.9% Harris 47.2%
Georgia	Trump 47.9% Harris 47.2%
Michigan	Harris 48.8% Trump 47.6%
Nevada	Harris 48.2% Trump 47%
North Carolina	Trump 48.4% Harris 47.8%
Pennsylvania	Harris 49.1% Trump 47.9%
Virginia	Harris 50.6% Trump 44.7%
Wisconsin	Harris 49.5% Trump 47.5%

Source: The Hill/Decision Desk HQ



What issues will drive the 2024 election?

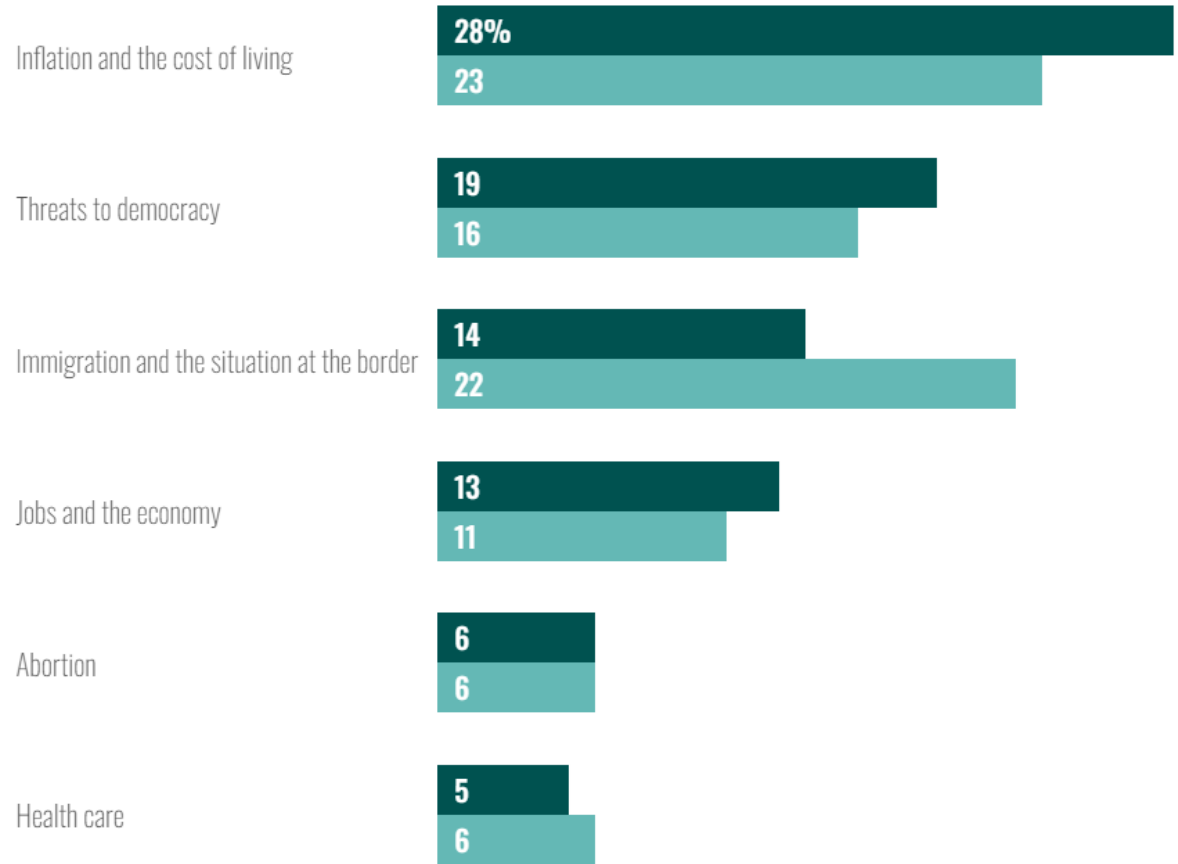




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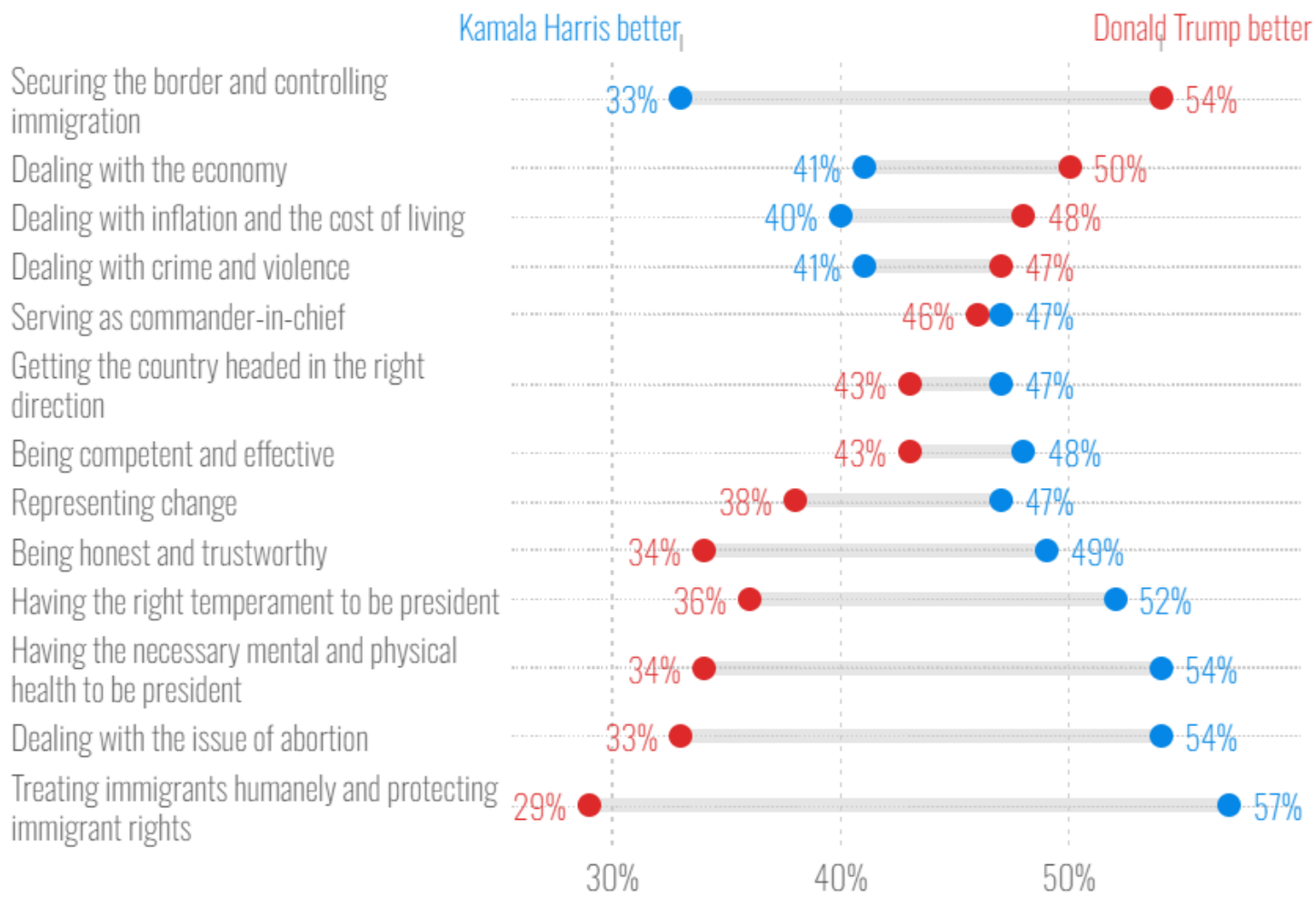
Inflation remains voters' most important issue

■ Sept. 2024 ■ Apr. 2024



The poll was conducted Sept. 13-17 and surveyed 1,000 registered voters nationally. The margin of error is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. Source: [NBC News national poll](#)

Key Issues and Presidential Qualities



For each one, please tell me whether you think that Donald Trump or Kamala Harris would be better.

Source: [NBC News national poll](#)



House Ratings

Source: Cook Political Report

Likely Dem	Lean Dem	Dem Tossup	GOP Tossup	Lean GOP	Likely GOP
AL-02 New Seat CA-09 Harder CA-49 Levin FL-09 Soto KS-03 Davids MD-06 Open (Trone) MI-03 Scholten NH-01 Pappas NH-02 Open (Kuster) NV-01 Titus NV-04 Horsford NY-03 Suozzi OH-01 Landsman OR-04 Hoyle TX-28 Cuellar WA-08 Schrier	CA-47 Open (Porter) CT-05 Hayes IL-17 Sorensen IN-01 Mrvan MN-02 Craig NV-03 Lee NY-18 Ryan NY-22 Williams OH-09 Kaptur OR-06 Salinas PA-17 Deluzio TX-34 Gonzalez VA-07 OPEN (Spanberger)	AK-AL Peltola CO-08 Caraveo ME-02 Golden MI-07 Open (Slotkin) MI-08 Open (Kildee) NC-01 Davis NM-02 Vasquez OH-13 Sykes PA-07 Wild PA-08 Cartwright WA-03 Perez	AZ-01 Schweikert AZ-06 Ciscomani CA-13 Duarte CA-22 Valadao CA-27 Garcia CA-41 Calvert CA-45 Steel NE-02 Bacon NJ-07 Kean Jr. NY-04 D'Esposito NY-17 Lawler NY-19 Molinaro OR-05 Chavez-DeRemer	IA-01 Miller-Meeks IA-03 Nunn MI-10 James PA-10 Perry VA-02 Kiggans WI-03 Van Orden	CA-03 Kiley CA-40 Kim CO-03 Open (Boebert) FL-13 Luna FL-27 Salazar MT-01 Zinke NY-01 LaLota PA-01 Fitzpatrick TX-15 De La Cruz WI-01 Steil



Races to Watch: House

A look at the seats that will determine control of the chamber.

Scott Perry
PA-10

Tom Kean Jr
NJ-07

David Valadao
CA-22

Brandon Williams
NY-22

Gabe Vasquez
NM-2

Emilia Sykes
OH-13

Jared Golden
ME-02

Marie
Gluesenkamp
Perez WA-03

Lori Chavez
DeRemer
OR-05

Mike Lawler
NY-17

Ken Calvert
CA-41

Mike Garcia
CA-27

Don Davis
NC-01

Yadira Caraveo
CO-08

Susan Wild PA-
07

Frank Mrvan IN-
01

Marc Molinaro
NY-19

Anthony
D'Esposito
NY-04

John Duarte
CA-13

David Schweikert
AZ-10

Greg Landsman
OH-1

Matt Cartwright
PA-08

Open MI-08

Open MI-07



Senate Ratings

Source: Cook Political Report

Solid D	Likely D	Lean D	Tossup	Lean R	Likely R	Solid R
CA-Open (Butler) CT-Murphy DE-Open (Carper) HI-Hirono MA-Warren ME-King (I) MN-Klobuchar NM-Heinrich NJ-Open (Menendez) NY-Gillibrand RI-Whitehouse VA-Kaine VT-Sanders (I) WA-Cantwell	MD-Open (Cardin)	AZ-Open (Sinema) NV-Rosen PA-Casey WI-Baldwin	MI-Open (Stabenow) OH-Brown	MT-Tester	FL-Scott TX-Cruz	IN-Open (Braun) MO-Hawley MS-Wicker ND-Cramer NE-Fischer NE-Ricketts TN-Blackburn UT-Open (Romney) WV-Open (Manchin) WY-Barrasso



Races to Watch: Senate

There are nine seats in play that will determine control.

Brown v. Moreno



OH

Tester v. Sheehy



MT

Casey v. McCormick



PA

Baldwin v. Hovde



WI

Rosen v. Brown



NV

Gallego v. Lake



AZ

Slotkin v. Rogers



MI

Cruz v. Allred

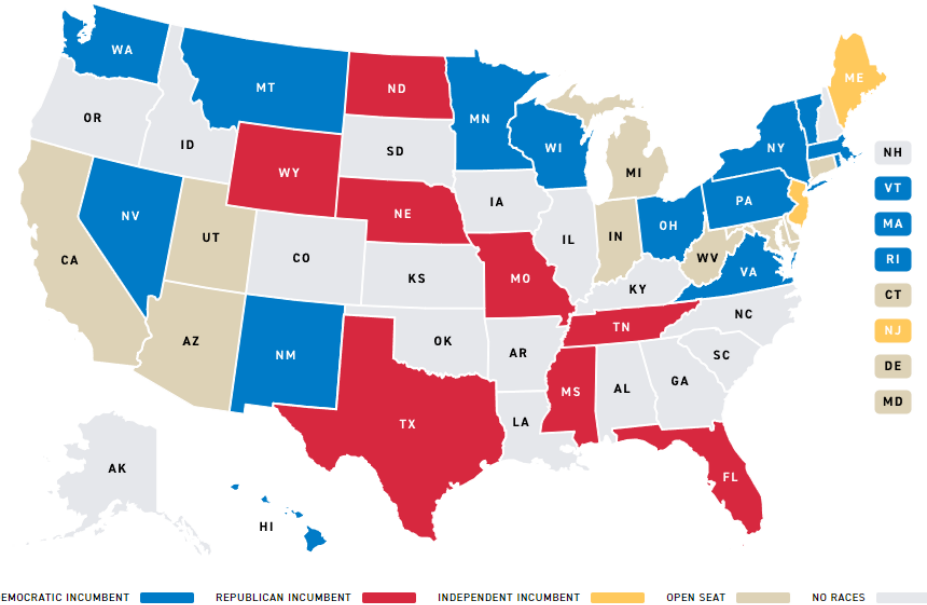


TX

Scott v. Mucarsel-Powell



FL



Where do things stand?

Presidential

Throughout most of the year, various polls nationally and in swing states placed former President Trump in the pole position to return to the White House. However, Vice President Harris has gained significant ground on the 2024 GOP nominee in recent poll, fundraising, and overall voter enthusiasm

House

Democrats appear confident they can flip most of GOP-represented districts that went for Biden in 2020 to regain control of the chamber, as demonstrated by leads in various polls and fundraising numbers.

Senate

Senate Republicans have their most favorable map in recent history as Democrats must defend incumbents in deep-red states such as MT and OH, as well as in swing states such as AZ, NV, PA, MI, and WI.

What could federal policymaking look like next year?

- Rollback of Biden administration regulations
- Rollback of IRA and CARES Act policies & funding
- Robust tax package that extends various elements of the 2017 TCJA
- Renewed push to repeal, replace, or otherwise reform the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- A hardline on trade negotiations, including additional tariffs or efforts to renegotiate existing trade deals
- Border security & immigration reform
- Federal abortion ban
- Funding for Israel, maybe Taiwan, likely not Ukraine

- Leftover climate, child care, housing, and health policies that were not included in the Inflation Reduction Act
- Federal abortion protections
- Broadening Medicare drug price negotiation program
- Infrastructure/CHIPS 2.0
- Extending middle class tax cuts within TCJA
- Expanded Child Tax Credit
- Student debt relief
- Robust Farm Bill
- Funding for Ukraine/Israel/Taiwan

**Trump +
GOP Win
in 2024**

**Harris +
Dems
Win in
2024**

- Rollback of Biden administration regulations with more limited success
- More limited tax package that extends key pillars of the 2017 TCJA
- Contentious government funding negotiations
- Robust use of executive orders
- Fast nominations push if Senate flips to GOP
- Oversight & investigations if House stays red
- Funding for Israel, maybe Taiwan, likely not Ukraine

- Playing defense against attempts to roll back Biden regulations
- Limited tax package that extends TCJA middle class tax cuts
- Contentious government funding negotiations
- Robust use of executive orders
- Nominations push becomes harder if Senate flips to the Republicans
- Bipartisan foreign aid for Israel & Taiwan, maybe Ukraine

**Trump Wins
+ Divided
Government**

**Harris Wins
+ Divided
Gov't**

Leadership in Key Committees

Senate

- If Senate flips, we expect:
 - The HELP Committee to be led by Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA). The current chair is Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT).
 - The Finance Committee to be led by Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID). The current chair is Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR).

House

- The current chair of the House Energy & Commerce Committee, Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), is retiring. Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY) and Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH) are running to replace her.
- The ranking member of the Health Subcommittee, Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA), is also retiring.

Other issues at play with leadership

- McConnell stepping down from leadership; Johnson vs. Scalise

Closing thoughts

What do some of the leading pundits have to say about the race?



“Most Americans do not want a rematch between Biden and Trump. The first party to retire its 80-year-old candidate is going to be the one who wins this election.” – Nikki Haley



“I think a lot of it is going to depend on [VP Harris'] ability to define herself, and I actually think she's going to have to introduce herself, because she's really not that well known.”
– James Carville



“In states that we know that are evenly divided and have been very, very close for these last few elections, they kind of snap back to being very, very competitive and will be the focus of the 2024 campaign.” – Amy Walter

Thank you! Questions?

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