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Biden holds solid lead over Trump in Pennsylvania post Democratic Convention

Survey Findings

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A recent survey of likely general election voters in Pennsylvania finds Democrat Joe Biden with a solid lead over Republican Donald Trump.\(^1\) Biden captures 52% of the vote to Trump’s 43%. Five percent remain undecided. Biden’s margin reflects a massive lead in the Philadelphia media market (64 percent Biden – 31 percent Trump) and improvement on Clinton’s performance in Biden’s native Wilkes-Barre – Scranton market.

While President Trump won the state by the thinnest of margins in 2016, voters currently hold an unfavorable view of the President (43 percent favorable – 54 percent unfavorable) and a negative view of his job performance as President (50 percent rate as poor).

Biden boasts positive favorability ratings (51 percent favorable – 45 percent unfavorable). Biden has a commanding advantage among women (56 percent Biden – 40 percent Trump), voters of color (69 percent Biden – 16 percent Trump), and voters under the age of 50 (59 percent Biden – 34 percent Trump).

\(^{\cdot}\) Figure 1: Presidential Vote

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\text{Joe Biden} & 52 \\
\text{Donald Trump} & 43 \\
\text{Undecided} & 5 \\
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\(^1\) GQR conducted a live telephone survey of 500 likely general election voters statewide in Pennsylvania and an oversample of 471 likely general election voters in Pittsburg and Wilkes-Barre-Scranton DMA’s. The survey was conducted August 20 – 24, 2020. Forty-four percent of the interviews were conducted on cell phones. The margin of error on the statewide sample is ± 4.4 percent at the 95 percent confidence interval.