

Swing State Poll: Biden and Trump in a Tight Race, Kennedy Struggles to Qualify for Debate CSOR-Commissioned Poll Highlights Marginal Leads and Potential Third-Party Impacts in Pivotal States

WASHINGTON, DC — A new poll conducted by Prime Group for Citizens to Save Our Republic (CSOR), a bi-partisan anti-Trump superPAC, May 9-16 in eight swing states shows that independent candidate Robert Kennedy Jr. may have a difficult time qualifying for the first presidential debate in June and that the election in swing states is a virtual dead heat between President Joe Biden and former president Donald Trump.

Results in eight swing states in a five-candidate field (Biden, Trump, Kennedy, Green Party candidate Jill Stein and independent candidate Cornel West) showed Biden winning Michigan and Pennsylvania, a tie between Biden and Trump in Wisconsin, Trump winning Arizona, Georgia, Nevada and North Carolina by very narrow margins and by a larger margin in Florida.

Many recent national surveys have failed to include all potential candidates. In an election that may be decided by 1% or less in several states, the inclusion of all potential candidates is essential.

Trump's margin in Georgia was one point (42-41), his margin in Nevada was one point (44-43), his margin in North Carolina was three points and his margin in Arizona was four points (44-40).

Kennedy polled 11 points in Arizona, 11 points in Georgia, 10 points in Nevada and 11 points in North Carolina. Kennedy will need to poll at least 15 points in four national polls and have qualified to appear on ballots in enough states to win 270 Electoral votes to qualify for the June debate.

It is unclear whether Kennedy pulls more votes from Biden or Trump and this may vary state by states. Support for third party candidates like Kennedy traditionally decrease in the closing days of a campaign.

CSOR was organized by former Democratic House leader Dick Gephardt and includes key Republicans like Chuck Hagel, former Senator (R-NE) and Secretary of Defense; former Senator William Cohen (R-Maine) and Secretary of Defense and former Senator Jack Danforth (R-MO).

CSOR believes that 2024 is no ordinary election year, that democracy will be on the ballot, and that voters deserve a clear up and down vote on democracy between one pro-democracy candidate, President Biden, and one anti-democracy candidate, former President Trump.

The survey included 3,843 registered voters and included about 500 respondents in each of the eight swing states.

CSOR was an active part of the successful effort to discourage the No Labels organization to field a slate in the 2024 presidential election.

View summary results here: **Swing State Survey Data**

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