

Final Poll: One Candidate Dominates Key Battlegrounds

In its final volley in the bewildering battle of the polls that has dominated the final days of the presidential campaign, the pollster dubbed the most accurate in 2020 has delivered big news for former President Donald Trump.

In polling done Sunday and Monday, AtlasIntel noted that the contest is very, very close.

According to a post on X, its final poll showed Trump at 49.2% support while Harris is at 48.1%. Third-party candidates ate up 2.7% of the votes.

ATLAS POLL – U.S. ELECTIONS

In the final Atlas poll before the election, the gap between Trump and Harris has narrowed to just 1.1 percentage point.

☐ *Trump: 49.2%*

☐ *Harris: 48.1%*

☐ *Others/Undecided: 2.7%*

– AtlasIntel (@atlas_intel) November 5, 2024

Because of the Electoral College, in which the contest is won state by state, overall support is not the same as winning the election. Mammoth blue states, such as New York and California, pad the popular vote margins of Democratic candidates. That puts significance on swing states with enough members of each party that the race can go either way.

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And on that front, AtlasIntel had very good news for Trump.

In Arizona, Trump led Harris 51.6% to 46.5%, according to a post on X.

ATLAS POLLS – SWING STATES

Among the battleground states, Trump leads in Nevada, Arizona, and North Carolina, while narrowing the 2020 margins in Virginia and Minnesota. However, Georgia and Pennsylvania, two of the most valuable states in the Electoral College, are close.

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Trump also led in Georgia, 49.9% to 48.3%; Michigan, 49.8% to 48.3%; Nevada, 50.2% to 47.1%; North Carolina, 50% to 47.9%; Pennsylvania, 49.6% to 48.6%; and Wisconsin, 49.5% to 48.6%, according to AtlasIntel.

AtlasIntel projected Harris leading Trump in Minnesota, 49.2% to 47.2%, and Virginia, 51.3% to 45.9%.

After the 2020 election, polling guru Nate Silver tracked projections against reality and found that AtlasIntel was the best of any of the many companies that did polling that year, according to a post on X.

With a tight race, polls have taken an outsize importance as the candidates rise and fall in popularity—as is common in all campaigns.

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A Selzer and Co. poll in Iowa and a New York Times/ Siena College poll issued over the weekend gave a rosier view of

Harris's chances of winning than had previous polls.

The Trump campaign said polls have become political weapons, according to Newsweek.

"On Saturday, top Democrats appear to have received early access to an absurd outlier poll of Iowa conducted by the Des Moines Register. Not to be outdone, the New York Times arrived right on cue with another set of polling data being used to drive a voter suppression narrative against President Trump's supporters," the Trump campaign said in a statement.

"Some in the media are choosing to amplify a mad dash to dampen and diminish voter enthusiasm. It has not worked. Our voters are like President Trump: They fight."

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