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Trump loses almost every matchup with top 2020 Democrats in Florida, Wisconsin and Michigan, polls find

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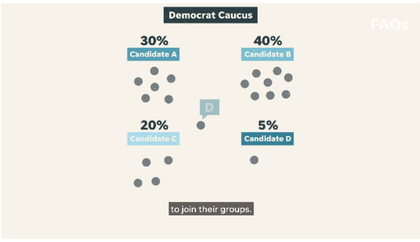

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WASHINGTON – Most of the top Democratic candidates hold narrow leads over President Donald Trump in the key states of Michigan, Wisconsin and Florida, according to three recent polls.

In the swing state of Florida, which has broken for the winner by slim margins in the last six presidential elections, former Vice President Joe Biden edged out Trump 51.4%-48.6% in a hypothetical matchup, according to a poll from Florida Atlantic University.

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., performed even better, beating the president 52.9%-47.1%. Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts led Trump by less than 2 percentage points, 50.8%-49.2%. And the poll found former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg in a 50%-50% tie with the president.

Biden held a strong lead over the rest of the Democratic field in Florida as the choice of 41.5% of Democratic primary voters there. Sanders was second at 15.5%, followed by Warren at 9.7%, former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg at 6.8%, Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota at 6.1%, entrepreneur Andrew Yang at 5.1% and Buttigieg at 3.3%.

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"Joe Biden continues to be in a very strong position in Florida," said Monica

Escaleras, director of the university's Business and Economics Polling Initiative. "However, it will be interesting to see what impact the early contests in New Hampshire and Iowa will have on voters in Florida regarding their support for Biden."

Like the nation at large, Floridians were split on impeachment. A slim majority of 51% said the Senate should not convict and remove Trump in his impeachment trial, while 49% thought he should be removed.

The Florida Atlantic University poll was conducted from Jan. 9-12 with a margin of error of plus or minus 2.6 percentage points.

In Wisconsin, a poll from a Marquette University Law School found Biden leading Trump by four percentage points, 49%-45% and Sanders with a tight one-point lead, 47%-46%. But Trump led Warren in Wisconsin 48%-45% and Buttigieg 46%-44%.

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Trump won the state in 2016 after it had voted for the Democrat in every presidential race since 1988. Democrats will likely have to win Wisconsin back to retake the White House.

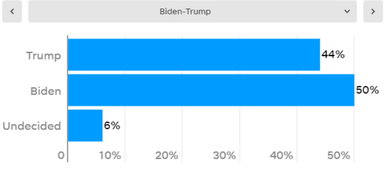
Biden led in the Wisconsin primary race as well with 23% support, but Sanders was close behind at 19%. Buttigieg was third at 15%, followed by Warren at 14%.

Voters in the Badger State were slightly more opposed to impeachment than those in Florida. Forty-nine percent opposed the House vote to impeach Trump, compared with 47% who approved the move. Forty-nine percent also opposed a Senate conviction, while 44% favored Trump's removal.

The Marquette poll was conducted from Jan. 8-12 with a margin of error of plus or minus 4.1%.

Bloomberg, other top Democratic candidates lead Donald Trump in Michigan

A new poll by EPIC-MRA of Lansing shows all of the top Democratic candidates leading President Donald Trump in Michigan in head-to-head matchups this year.



SOURCE EPIC-MRA Live statewide survey of 600 active and likely voters performed Jan. 9-12. Figures include voters leaning toward a candidate. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Michigan is another state that had been considered safely Democratic until 2016. Before that election, Michigan voted for the Democrat in every presidential race dating back to 1992.

According to a poll from EPIC-MRA of Lansing, Michigan, Democrats have a fair chance of winning the state in 2020.

Biden would beat Trump 50%-44% if the election were held today, the poll found. Sanders led Trump in the poll 50%-45%, Warren was up 48%-45% and Buttigieg led him 47%-43% Bloomberg, who was included in the polls in Florida and Wisconsin, beat Trump 49%-47%.

The EPIC-MRA poll was conducted from Jan. 9-12 with a margin of error of plus or minus 4%.

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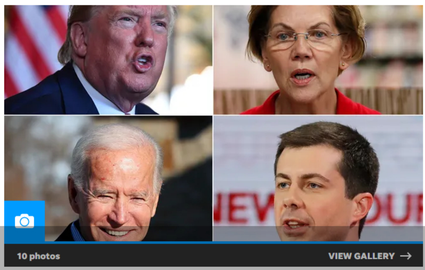

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