



FAU Polls Finds Biden Hasn’t Won Over Florida Voters



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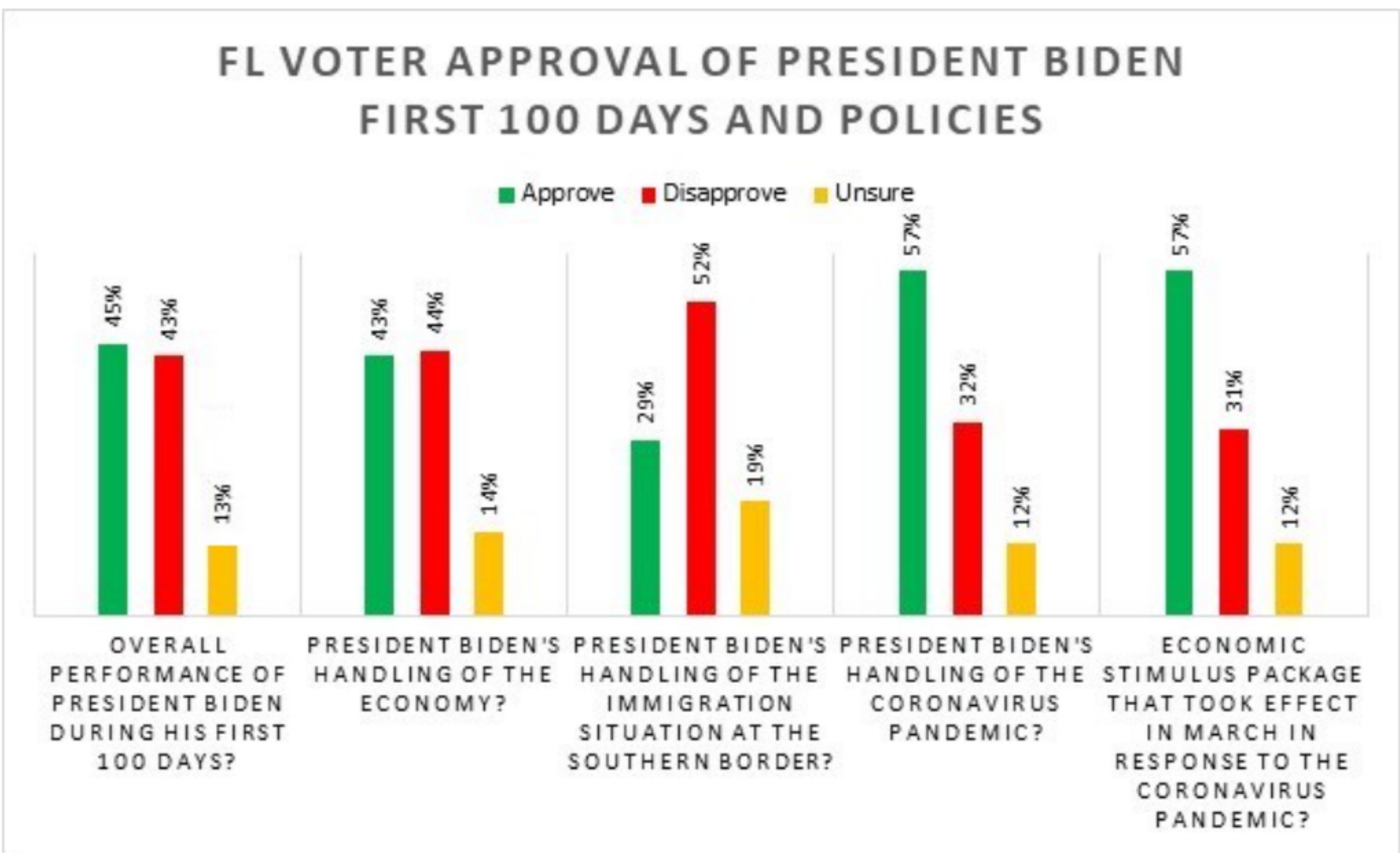
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A new poll of registered Florida voters shows unenthusiastic approval for President Biden's overall job performance in his first 100 days in office, with an overwhelming majority is solidly dissatisfied with the way the country's direction is going.

According to a statewide survey conducted by the **Florida Atlantic University Business and Economics Polling Initiative**, indicates Biden is underperforming in the Sunshine State compared to his national polls based on different aspects of his job performance. Overall, Florida voters are split when it comes to Biden's overall job performance with 45 percent of the 893 respondents polled approving the job president has done during his first 100 days compared to 43 percent disapproving and 13 percent were unsure.



"The state continues to be sharply divided with only 13 percent of Trump voters and 18 percent of Republicans overall approving of President Biden's performance in his first 100 days," FAU professor Kevin Wagner said in a statement. "Younger voters were far more likely to approve of President Biden."

Floridians voted for former president Donald Trump both in 2016 by **approximately 100,000 votes** and in 2020 **with a lead** of approximately 400,000 votes over Joe Biden.

The poll results also shows point to concern regarding the overall mood of Florida voters with 57 percent reporting being highly dissatisfied with the way things are going compared with 30 percent who are generally satisfied and 14 percent unsure.

"After the pandemic ends, it's going to be interesting to see what policies Biden puts in place to maintain his approval rating because a majority of respondents are dissatisfied with the way things are going," director of FAU BEPI Monica Escaleras said in a statement.

Breaking down the president's overall job performance based on issues shows Biden having the highest approval rating when it comes to his handling of the coronavirus pandemic, but his response to immigration and border policy needs improvement.

The president's pandemic response and his \$1.9 trillion COVID relief stimulus package that passed in March both drew 57 percent approvals rating. 32 percent disapprove Biden's handling of the pandemic while 31 percent disapproved the relief package. Despite support for the stimulus package, voters are split on President Biden's handling of the economy with 44 percent disapproving and 43 percent approving.

On immigration and border policy, 52 percent of respondents disapproving of his handling of the situation at the U.S. southern border, while 29 percent approve and 19 percent are undecided.

Outside of a Biden's first 100-day checkup, FAU found the American dream is alive in well in Florida — with nearly three-quarters of Republicans and 52 percent of Democrats said that it is easier to make the dream a reality in Florida than in other states.

The survey was conducted from April 30-May 2 and sampled 893 registered voters in Florida by phone and online. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.2 percentage points.

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