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Trump Gaining on Biden on Eve of Democrat Convention

[Even CNN couldn't bury the fact](#) that President Trump is gaining on his presumptive Democrat opponent for the presidency. According to the results of CNN's latest poll released on Sunday, "Joe Biden's lead over Donald Trump among registered voters has significantly narrowed since June."

And in 15 "battleground" states, "Biden's advantage is [even] narrower ... across 15 battleground states, the survey finds Biden has the backing of 49 percent of registered voters, while Trump lands at 48 percent." Since that's well within the poll's margin of error of 5.4 points, it's essentially a tie.

But the shift is even more evident than CNN stated. In June, Biden led Trump nationally by 14 points, according to polls. In the latest poll, he leads by just four. That's a ten-point swing in just the last month.

And Trump's gains are evident across numerous critical demographics as CNN's reporter Jennifer Agiesta was forced to admit:

The movement in the poll among voters nationwide since June is concentrated among men (they split about evenly in June, but now 56% back Trump, 40% Biden), those between the ages of 35 and 64 (they tilt toward Trump now, but were Biden-leaning in June) and independents (in June, Biden held a 52% to 41% lead, but now it's a near even 46% Biden to 45% Trump divide).

Trump has also solidified his partisans since June. While 8% of Republicans or Republican-leaning independents in June said they would back Biden, that figure now stands at just 4%. And the President has boosted his backing among conservatives from 76% to 85%.

That poll didn't measure enthusiasm among Trump's supporters. That was revealed by a *Wall Street Journal* poll, which reported that "Mr. Biden ... is failing to generate widespread enthusiasm" among his supporters: "58% of those who back Mr. Biden say their vote is more in opposition to Mr. Trump than in favor of their chosen candidate."

That's hardly a formula for winning, as Hillary Clinton learned the hard way in 2016. As Ronna McDaniel tweeted, "President Donald Trump continues to enjoy a record enthusiasm advantage over Biden, and Republicans are now outpacing Democrats in new voter registrations in critical battleground states like Florida and North Carolina."

Liz Peek, a regular contributor to Fox News, counts all of this as good news for the president:

Democrats and their partners in the liberal media will pretend their party is enthusiastically unified behind their ticket. They are not. Young Black voters, in particular, are not on board with Joe Biden.





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Overall, Pew reports that only 42% of Democrats are “very” or “fairly” satisfied with the choice of candidates this year; that’s lower than when Hillary Clinton ran in 2016.

It’s also why AOC is being left out of the upcoming Democrat National Convention:

That’s why Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the firebrand congresswoman from New York who thoroughly rattles Establishment Democrats, is allowed only a 60-second prerecorded sound bite at the convention, even though she has a huge, young following.

Party officials are scared to death the Democratic Socialist might alarm moderate voters, and for good reason.

The president continues to gain credence elsewhere. His landmark deal that his administration brokered between Israel and United Arab Emirates creates, wrote Peek, “a formidable bulwark against Iran, the most dangerous and anti-American provocateur in the region.... the Trump administration has strengthened our support of the Jewish state and [has] begun to bring Arab nations along.”

Democrats are also losing whatever leverage they might have hoped to gain over Trump’s handling of the COVID virus. Last week saw cases of the virus dropping by four percent. And unemployment claims fell below a million last month for the first time since March, a harbinger of a stronger economy come November. Forecasters are suggesting an economic rebound in the third quarter of 20 percent on an annualized basis, with final results being reported just days before the election.

The president continues to receive support from law-enforcement groups in the face of Democrats’ demands to “defund the police.”

In the meantime, Biden continues to maintain a low profile, shunning any media interviews on Sunday, the day before the DNC opens its national convention at which he is expected to be officially nominated as the Party’s candidate. That virtual convention is being filled with, in Peek’s words, “snoozers” such as Hillary Clinton, Al Gore, and John Kerry. To viewers, the convention is likely to have as much excitement as a four-day long Zoom conference.

When CNN admits that “Biden’s lead over Donald Trump ... has significantly narrowed since June” it’s really admitting that the Biden campaign is faltering badly, even with (or perhaps because of) the addition of far-left Kamala Harris as his running mate. Its poll was taken from August 12 through August 15, after Biden announced his pick for VP.

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