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Trump's Margin of Victory in Michigan Largest So Far. Leftist Media: Trump Underperformed

If the definition of insanity is banging your head against a brick wall and expecting something other than a headache, maybe Nikki Haley should take note.

The former South Carolina governor keeps banging her head against a brick wall called Donald Trump — and losing.

Thus it was in Michigan in Tuesday's primary, which Trump won handily by more than 40 points. Oddly, the hate-Trump media portrayed that shellacking as something of a loss because Haley pulled a shade more than 25 percent of the vote.



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Yet Michigan gave Trump his biggest victory thus far in terms of the percentage of the vote.

BREAKING: Donald Trump wins the Republican presidential primary in Michigan.
[#APRaceCall](#) at 9:00 p.m. EST. <https://t.co/FjgpZFcJ4E>
— AP Politics (@AP_Politics) [February 28, 2024](#)

The Numbers

The tally at the end of the day was similar to what it has been, with Trump taking more than 50 percent of the vote. Having taken [59.8 percent of the vote](#) in South Carolina; and barring the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Nevada caucuses in which [Haley didn't complete](#), Michigan is Trump's largest margin of victory.

He pulled 756,974 votes, or 68.2 percent, against Haley's 294,907, or 26.6 percent. About 1.1 million people voted.

So about seven of 10 Michigan primary voters prefer Trump to the Deep State-GOP elite pro-war globalist Haley.

The [result delivered](#) 12 more delegates to Trump, which gives him 122. Haley received three delegates, and now has 23.

Michiganders return to the voting booth on Saturday in statewide caucuses to award 39 more delegates.

If what is past is prologue, Trump will take 75 percent of them, or about 30.

"We have a very simple task: we have to win on November 5, and we're going to win big, and it's going to be like nothing that anybody has ever seen," Trump vowed in his victory remarks.

Noting that he had the autoworkers' vote, [Trump said](#), "The numbers are far greater than we even anticipated."



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"This November 5th cannot come fast enough because our country is in serious trouble," he said. "We have the worst president in the history of our country, the most incompetent and the most corrupt president, and we can't let this continue. So the date November 5, January 20, when we take over, could not come fast enough because we're going to Make America Great Again, greater than ever before."

Not a Big Win

Despite Trump's largest-ever win, the leftist Mainstream Media said the vote was a warning to Trump. Haley's total was a "a familiar note of caution," *Politico* reported, because she is "is still notching a large minority of the vote."

[The Wall Street Journal](#) opined likewise, [as did The Hill](#):

Polls showed the former president boasting a massive lead over Haley heading into Tuesday, with Decision Desk HQ/The Hill's polling average for the primary putting Trump up a staggering 48 points over the former U.N. ambassador.

Trump ultimately fell below those expectations. As of Tuesday night, he was leading Haley by under 40 points.

The Hill quoted Haley's campaign spokesman, who delivered the same message. Trump's overwhelming victory was a "warning sign":

"Joe Biden is losing about 20 percent of the Democratic vote today, and many say it's a sign of his weakness in November. Donald Trump is losing about 35 percent of the vote. That's a flashing warning sign for Trump in November," the campaign's national spokesperson, Olivia Perez-Cubas.... She noted Michigan Republicans lost control of the state Legislature and the governor's mansion in recent years, and that the state party has been embroiled in turmoil.

"Let this serve as another warning sign that what has happened in Michigan will continue to play out across the country. So long as Donald Trump is at the top of the ticket, Republicans will keep losing to the socialist left," Perez-Cubas said.

In fact, of course, Trump defeated Haley 41.6 points, *exactly as* the Real Clear Politics average of Michigan polls [predicted as of February 24](#).



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Poll Data

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POLLSTER	DATE	TRUMP	HALEY	DESANTIS	CHRISTIE	RAMASWAMY	SPREAD
Final Results	—	68.1	26.5	1.2	0.4	0.3	Trump +41.6
The Hill/Emerson	2/20 - 2/24	76	24	—	—	—	Trump +52
Morning Consult	1/23 - 2/4	79	19	—	—	—	Trump +60
Wash Post/Monmouth	12/7 - 12/11	63	13	13	5	3	Trump +50
CNN	11/29 - 12/6	58	13	15	6	4	Trump +43
PPP (D)	10/9 - 10/10	63	6	13	3	3	Trump +50
Susquehanna	9/7 - 9/12	65	3	18	0	5	Trump +47
Emerson	8/1 - 8/2	61	3	13	2	4	Trump +48
MIRS/Mitchell Research	7/11 - 7/13	69	1	13	—	—	Trump +56

Thus, *The Hill's* claim, likely made before the final votes were tallied, missed the mark. Trump did not “underperform” when he took nearly 70 percent of the vote.

Idaho voters head to the polls on March 2 as well; Trump and Haley will vie for 32 delegates.

As [The New American reported](#) on Monday, the numbers thus far, and the RCP average of polls for states to come, suggest that Haley cannot win the nomination.

Who Wins Against Biden?

As to who can beat Joe Biden, Haley observed last week that a new poll put [her 18 points ahead](#) of Biden.

“Donald Trump and Joe Biden are the two most disliked politicians in America,” [Perez-Cubas said](#). “Today’s poll confirms it yet again — when voters are given a real choice, they overwhelmingly prefer a new generation of leadership. Nikki Haley is giving a voice to the 70 percent of Americans who don’t want to see two grumpy old men on the ballot in November.”

Maybe, but the RCP average of general election polls aren’t so optimistic.

They give Haley a 4.9-point advantage, 45-40.1.



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2024 General Election: Haley vs Biden



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POLLSTER	DATE	SAMPLE	MOE	HALEY (R)	BIDEN (D)	SPREAD
RCP Average	1/17 - 2/19	—	—	45.0	40.1	Haley +4.9
Quinnipiac	2/15 - 2/19	1421 RV	4.1	46	43	Haley +3
Marquette	2/5 - 2/15	787 RV	4.5	58	42	Haley +16
NPR/PBS/Marist	1/29 - 2/1	1441 RV	3.6	45	46	Biden +1
NBC News	1/26 - 1/30	1000 RV	3.1	45	36	Haley +9
Emerson	1/26 - 1/29	1260 RV	2.7	38	37	Haley +1
Yahoo News	1/25 - 1/29	1069 RV	—	35	40	Biden +5
CNN	1/25 - 1/30	1212 RV	3.4	52	39	Haley +13
Harvard-Harris	1/17 - 1/18	3492 RV	—	41	38	Haley +3



Still, that performance surpasses Trump’s, who leads Biden by only two points, 47.1-45.1



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2024 General Election: Trump vs. Biden

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This Day In History: February 28, 2020: Biden +5.4 | February 28, 2016: Clinton +2.8

POLLSTER	DATE	SAMPLE	MOE	TRUMP (R)	BIDEN (D)	SPREAD
RCP Average	2/13 - 2/27	—	—	47.1	45.1	Trump +2.0
Economist/YouGov	2/25 - 2/27	1498 RV	3.2	44	44	Tie
Morning Consult	2/23 - 2/25	6224 RV	1.0	44	43	Trump +1
Harvard-Harris	2/21 - 2/22	2022 RV	—	53	47	Trump +6
HarrisX**	2/20 - 2/22	3024 RV	1.8	52	48	Trump +4
Quinnipiac	2/15 - 2/19	1421 RV	2.6	45	49	Biden +4
Rasmussen Reports	2/13 - 2/15	868 LV	3.0	47	41	Trump +6
Emerson	2/13 - 2/14	1225 RV	2.7	45	44	Trump +1

Those numbers offer Haley an excuse to keep running on the narrative that “grumpy old men” aren’t what Americans want or need.

Even if that’s true, Haley will almost certainly lose to Trump, which means Americans must choose which “grumpy old man” should be president: the one [with dementia](#) who is [aiding and abetting an invasion](#) of the United States at the southwest border, or the one who doesn’t have dementia who wants to stop it.



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