Results of Winthrop Poll released on October 1, 2019 with emphasis on 2020 SC Democratic Presidential Primary.

South Carolina Democratic voters strongly support Joe Biden to be the Democratic nominee to become the 46th president, according to the latest Winthrop Poll.

Thirty-seven percent of those surveyed said they were leaning toward voting for the former vice president. Of the African American Democratic and Democratic leaning voters contacted, he had even higher numbers, at 46%.

Other candidates planning to run in the S.C. primary with support were U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, 17%, followed by U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, 8%, and U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris, 7%. The remaining 15 candidates fell under 5%.

South Carolina is important in the presidential process because it is the first primary in the South and because it is the first time presidential candidates can be vetted by large numbers of African-American voters.

Winthrop Poll Director Scott Huffmon noted that "African Americans constitute one of the most important constituencies for the Democratic Party. African Americans can make up more than 60% of the Democratic Presidential Primary vote in South Carolina, which is a much larger portion than in the Iowa Caucus or New Hampshire primary."

Only a third of those surveyed by the Winthrop Poll said they were sure of their choice. A little more than half of all respondents said they might change their mind.

The Democratic and Democratic leaning poll respondents overwhelmingly (93%) said they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job as president. Those S.C. voters who identify as Republican or lean that way have the opposite opinion: 72% approve of Trump.

More than half of white Democratic voters in S.C. said that beating Trump was more important than picking a candidate who shared their positions on major issues, while only 35% said beating Trump was important.

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Survey Methodology

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Phone calls were made primarily during weekday evenings, all day Saturday, and Sunday afternoon and evening. Conducting weekend calls is important to avoid systematically excluding certain populations (such as those who may work 2nd or 3rd shift during the week). The prolonged dates are due to two other large survey projects going on at the same time.

The survey used sample of Registered Voters in South Carolina. All samples were purchased from Dynata (formerly Survey Sampling International).

Data are weighted based on age, sex, and race using South Carolina Election Commission data.

Phone numbers selected for the survey were re-dialed up to 4 times in an attempt to reach a respondent. Surveys were conducted in English.

Computerized autodialers were not used in order to ensure the survey of wireless phones complied with the Telephone Consumers Protection Act and all FCC rules regarding contacting wireless telephones. 73% of the completions came from the wireless sample.

The Winthrop Poll is paid for by Winthrop University.

Results

NOTE: Cell entries represent percentages. Columns may not sum to 100 due to rounding.
T1: Demographics of Democratic & Democratic Leaning Registered Voters in SC from this poll
(Note: The South Carolina Election Commission codes race as "white" and "non-white.")

Male	39
Female	60
Not Sure	2
White	36
Non-white	64
18-24	4
25-44	33
44-65	39
65+	22
Refused	3

T2: Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Donald Trump** is handling his job as President of the United States?

	Democratic & Dem Leaning Registered Voters	GOP & GOP Leaning Registered Voters
Approve	4	72
Disapprove	93	16
Not Sure	2	9
Refused	2	3

T3: I'm going to read a list of people who are running in the Democratic primaries for president in 2020. After I read **all** of the names, please tell me which of those candidates you would be most likely to support for the Democratic nomination for president in 2020, or if you would support someone else. Please let me finish reading all of the names before you answer
[Order of candidates' names randomized by computer]
Which of those candidates you would be most likely to support for the Democratic nomination for president in 2020 in the South Carolina Democratic Presidential Primary?

Democratic & Democratic Leaning Registered Voters			
Candidate	All	Black	White
Joe Biden	**37**	**46**	22
Elizabeth Warren	17	9	**29**
Bernie Sanders	8	8	7

Kamala Harris	7	10	5
Pete Buttigieg	4	--	10
Cory Booker	3	4	4
Tom Steyer	2	2	2
Andrew Yang	2	--	3
Beto O'Rourke	2	2	1
Tulsi Gabbard	1	1	3
Amy Klobuchar	1	--	3
Julian Castro	1	--	1
John Delaney	0	0	--
Joe Sestak	0	0	--
Michael Bennet	0	--	1
Steve Bullock	--	--	--
Wayne Messam	--	--	--
Tim Ryan	--	--	--
Marianne Williamson	--	--	--
Someone Else	1	1	1
None/No One	3	3	3
No Opinion	12	13	8

T4: Are you very sure about voting for that candidate; or might you change your mind before the primary election?

Democratic & Democratic Leaning Registered Voters			
	All	Black	White
Very sure	34	41	26
Might change mind	52	44	64
Don't Know	8	9	5
Refused	6	6	5

T5: Which is more important to you personally: That the Democratic Party nominate a presidential candidate ….
[Answers rotated]
With a strong chance of beating Donald Trump
OR
Who shares your positions on major issues

Democratic & Democratic Leaning Registered Voters			
	All	Black	White
Beat Trump	42	35	54
Shares views	32	38	22
Both equally	22	23	23
DK/Refused	4	5	1

T6: As a way to make up for the harm caused by slavery and other forms of racial discrimination, do you think the United States should or should not pay reparations, that is, should or should not pay money to African Americans who are descendants of slaves?

Democratic & Democratic Leaning Registered Voters				GOP & GOP Leaning Registered Voters
	All	Black	White	All
Should	53	69	33	10
Should NOT	28	19	45	78
DK/Not Sure	15	10	19	9
Refused	4	2	3	4

T7: Which of the following comes closest to your opinion about what to do with monuments or memorials to Confederate soldiers who died during the Civil War?
[Answers read in random order]

Democratic & Democratic Leaning Registered Voters				GOP & GOP Leaning Registered Voters
	All	Black	White	All
Leave them just as they are	15	16	14	57
Leave them, but add a plaque or marker for context and historical interpretation	23	20	31	26
Move them to a museum	46	50	39	10
Remove them completely	12	9	13	3
DK/Refused	5	5	3	4

T8: Sex & Age Crosstabs
(crosstabs with sex by race/age would have sample sizes too small for useful comparison)

Democratic & Democratic Leaning Registered Voters					
Candidate	All	Female	Male	Under 50	50+
Joe Biden	**37**	**38**	**35**	**28**	**43**
Elizabeth Warren	17	15	17	18	16
Bernie Sanders	8	6	10	9	7
Kamala Harris	7	7	6	10	6
Pete Buttigieg	4	3	7	6	3
Cory Booker	3	4	2	4	3
Tom Steyer	2	3	1	2	3
Andrew Yang	2	1	4	4	--
Beto O'Rourke	2	2	2	4	0
Tulsi Gabbard	1	1	2	3	0
Amy Klobuchar	1	1	--	0	1
Julian Castro	1	0	1	0	0
John Delaney	0	0	--	--	0
Joe Sestak	0	0	--	--	0
Michael Bennet	0	0	--	--	0
Steve Bullock	--	--	--	--	--
Wayne Messam	--	--	--	--	--
Tim Ryan	--	--	--	--	--
Marianne Williamson	--	--	--	--	--
Someone Else	1	1	--	1	1
None/No One	2	2	2	2	2
No Opinion	12	13	11	10	12

T9: Are you very sure about voting for that candidate; or might you change your mind before the primary election?

Democratic & Democratic Leaning Registered Voters					
	All	Female	Male	Under 50	50+
Very sure	34	34	36	35	35
Might change mind	52	52	50	54	52
Don't Know	8	8	9	7	7
Refused	6	6	5	5	6

T10: Which is more important to you personally: That the Democratic Party nominate a presidential candidate ….
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	All	Female	Male	Under 50	50+
Beat Trump	42	37	51	36	49
Shares views	32	32	30	40	25
Both equally	22	26	16	24	19
DK/Refused	4	5	3	--	7