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Suffolk University/USA TODAY National Voter Poll: 54% Say Biden Should Be Replaced as Presidential Candidate

BOSTON —A clear majority of voters (54%) said that President Joe Biden should be replaced as the Democratic nominee after last Thursday’s debate, according to a new Suffolk University/USA TODAY national poll of registered voters nationwide. On the flip side, 51% of voters said that Donald Trump should be replaced as the Republican nominee, a sign of widespread discontent with the current two major party nominees.

Following the June 27 debate, more than four out of ten Democrats said Biden should be replaced as their party’s nominee for president. Trump’s base appeared more solid immediately after the debate, with just 14% of Republicans and 12% of Trump supporters saying the GOP should replace him on its ticket.

Voters from both parties agreed by a margin of nearly five to one (50% to 11%) that Trump was the winner in the debate. Only 28% of Biden supporters said their candidate won.

Most voters cited mental sharpness as a factor in their opinion on the debate performance of both candidates. Those criticizing the 81-year-old Biden’s performance used words like “confused” and “incoherent.” Supporters of Trump, who is 78, praised their candidate with words like “coherent/articulate” and “cognizant/present.”

The debate appeared to solidify support of some voters for Trump, with 31% of respondents saying his debate performance made them more likely to support him. Only 10% of all voters said that Biden’s debate showing made them more likely to support him, and 9% of all voters said the debates made them more likely to back a third-party candidate.

“The findings, taken in the three days after the debate, underscore the significant challenge for the Biden campaign as it tries to recover and put this debate behind them amid calls for the president to withdraw,” said David Paleologos, director of the Suffolk University Political Research Center.

Methodology

The nationwide Suffolk University/*USA TODAY* survey was conducted June 28-30, through live interviews of 1,000 registered voters, residing in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Quota and demographic information—including region, race, and age—were determined from 2020 national census data. States were grouped into four general regions. Surveys were administered in English and Spanish. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is +/- 3.1 percentage points. Marginals and full cross-tabulation data are posted on the [Suffolk University Political Research Center](#) website. For more information, contact David Paleologos at 781-290-9310, dpaleologos@suffolk.edu.

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