

**New York Times/Siena College
Battleground States Poll**

**In Each of 6 Battleground States, a Plurality of Voters Say Trump is Bad for Democracy;
Across the 6, 41% of Voters Say Trump is Bad for Democracy, 31% Say Good, 25% Say Neither**

**If Trump Were Not the Republican Nominee and Biden Faced a ‘Generic’ Republican, the
Republican Nominee Would Lead Biden by Between 14 and 18 Points in the 6 Battleground States**

**Voters Say 2-to-1 Abortion Should Be Always/Mostly Legal Rather than Always/Mostly Illegal;
On Federal Law Banning Abortions After 15 Weeks, Swing State Voters Oppose 51-42%**

**Voters Support Building US/Mexico Border Wall 53-44% – At Least 50% in Each State;
Making it Harder for Migrants at the Southern Border to Seek Asylum Divides Voters 47-47%**

“Despite former President Donald Trump leading President Joe Biden in five of six battleground states, a plurality of voters, 41%, in those states in this New York Times/Siena College poll say that Trump is ‘bad for democracy,’ compared to 31% who say he’s ‘good for democracy,’ and 25% who say he’s ‘neither good nor bad for democracy.’ Pluralities of between 36% and 47% of voters in each state says Trump’s bad for democracy,” Dr. Don Levy, Director, Siena College Research Institute, said.

“Interestingly, while voters say Trump is bad for democracy by 10 points, by 18 points, 54-36%, they say that Trump has committed serious federal crimes, including majorities in each of the six states,” Levy said. “Not surprisingly, 78% of Democrats say he’s bad for democracy and 66% of Republicans say Trump’s good for democracy. Forty-three percent of independents say bad, compared to 33% who say neither and only 22% who say Trump is good for democracy.

“If Trump was not the Republican nominee for president, voters in the six states say they support the ‘generic’ Republican over President Joe Biden by a 52-36% margin. The results were consistent across the states as the ‘Republican’ leads Biden by between 14 and 18 points in each,” Levy said.

“Democrats stick with Biden, 82-10%. However, Republicans would vote for their nominee 94-2%, and independents would side with the Republican, 50-30%,” Levy said. “Black voters support Biden, but only by a 64-24% margin, while Latino voters narrowly support the Republican, 46-42%, and white voters strongly support the Republican, 58-31%.

“Across the six states, 62% of voters say abortion should always or mostly be legal, compared to 30% who say it should always or mostly be illegal. Net support for abortions being legal ranges from 26 points in Georgia to 40 points in Nevada,” Levy said. “While there is only a small gender gap – women say legal by 38 points and men by 25 points – there is a wide partisan divide, with 84% of Democrats and 68% of independents saying legal, and 54% of Republicans saying illegal.

“On a specific proposal on a federal law to ban abortions after 15 weeks, the gap narrows, with 51% opposing and 42% supporting,” Levy said. “While Wisconsin voters support that proposal by five points, voters in the other five states oppose it by between seven and 20 points.

“Battleground state voters support building a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border 53-44%, with support ranging between five and 16 points in each of the states. Supported by 87% of Republicans, and opposed by 76% of Democrats, independents lean toward support, 50-46%,” Levy said. “Voters across the six are evenly divided on whether to make it harder for migrants at the southern border to seek asylum in the U.S., with 47% supporting and 47% opposing. However, there are differences among the states, as Georgians oppose by seven points and Wisconsinites support by 15 points.”