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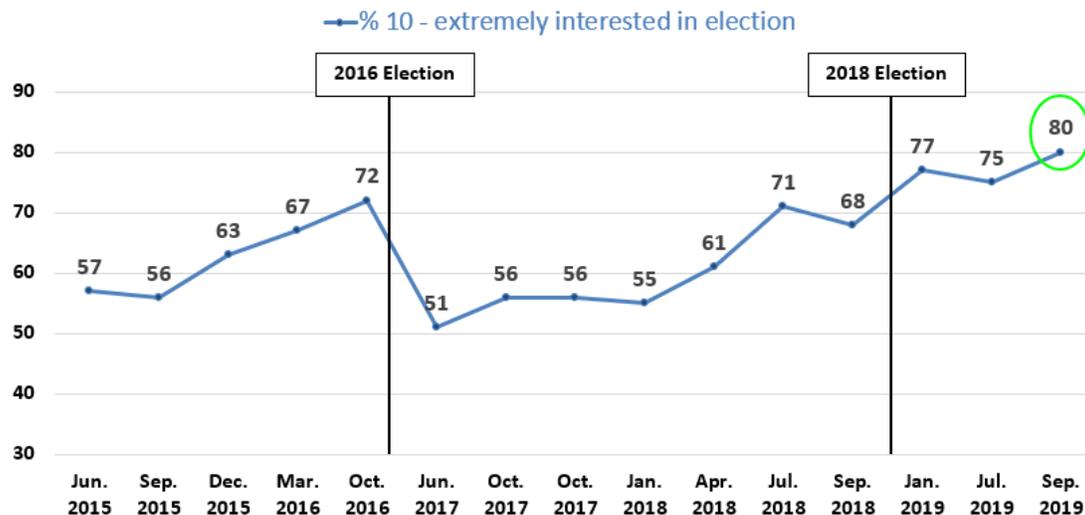
## **Sharp anti-Trump reaction consolidates and grows Democratic bloc**

Ordinary voters have pushed back sharply against President Trump whose administration has waged an escalating battle to stop America from becoming more immigrant. As President Trump battled for the wall and separated refugee families, America has joined the resistance, responding with new warmth and passion to the simple words, “Immigrants to the U.S.” In our latest poll, two thirds say they feel “warm,” with over half “very warm.”

The public push back against President Trump has produced a level of political engagement the country has never seen before, an elevated anti-Trump Democratic Party consolidated to support the Democratic nominee, whether it is Vice President Biden or Senator Elizabeth Warren. They are defeating Trump by 9 and 7 points respectively, with the president stuck at 41 percent, his approval rating. Democrats are poised to push up the 8.6 percent Democratic margin in the 2018 mid-terms - a shattering result if achieved.

The percent who say they are “extremely interested” in the election (the percent choosing 10, the top point on a 10-rung ladder) has reached 80 percent, the highest point in the history of our polling. That is what is actually most interesting about the finding. In all prior cycles, interest in politics drops sharply and grows over the election cycle, but political engagement has jumped 10 points since the mid-terms.

*As you may know, there will be an election for President, U.S. Congress, and state and local offices next year. How interested are you in the November 2020 election? Please rate your interest from 1 to 10, with 1 meaning that you have no interest in this election and 10 meaning that you are extremely interested. You can choose any number between 1 and 10.*



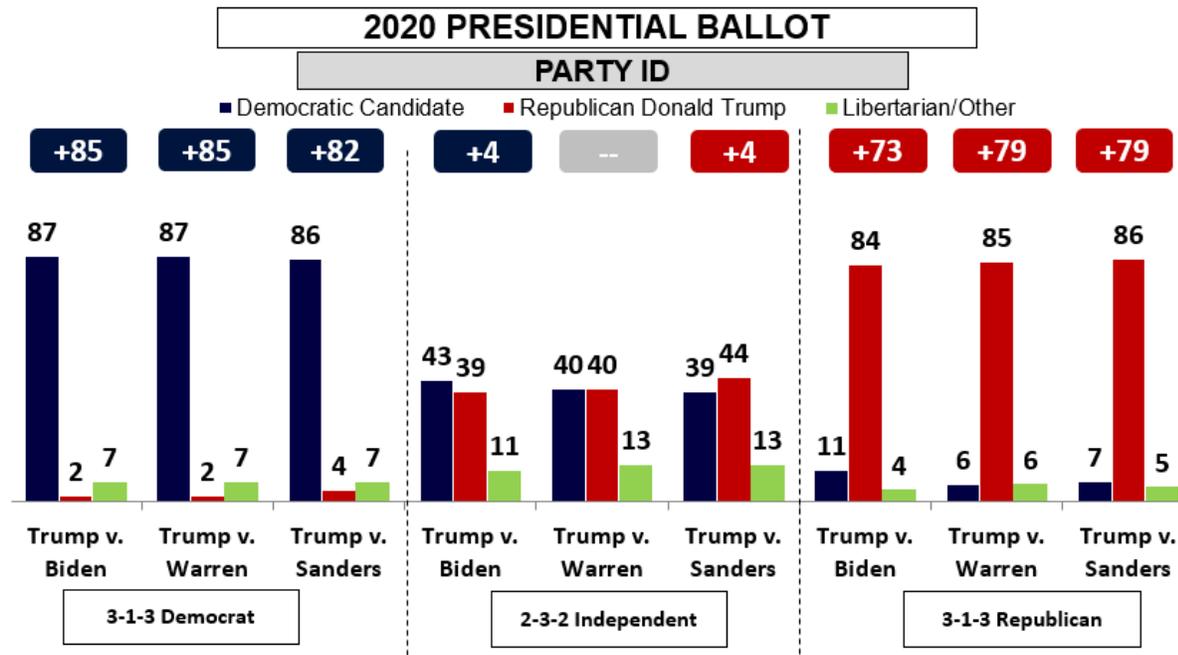
Virtually, every registered voter now meets our criteria as “likely,” meaning this election will bring in millions of new voters.

With President Trump nationalizing the election around himself, he has gotten the result you would expect. Fully 85 percent of Democrats strongly disapprove of Trump’s performance as president, 20 points higher than the proportion of Republicans who strongly approve of the president. That drives the Democratic vote to 87 percent with the two leading candidates, with just 2 percent voting for Trump. Republicans are not as consolidated, with 11 percent voting Democratic if Biden and 6 percent, if Warren.

The Democratic oriented voting bloc is approaching giving Democrats a 9-point margin in the upcoming race. Biden has now reached a 9-point margin in our survey, and Warren 7 points. They are approaching the 9-point margin Democrats had in 2018 and their advantage in who is voting in next year’s party primaries and caucuses.

Clearly, both Biden and Warren are “electable” in these fraught, politicized and partisan times. Biden is somewhat stronger at this point because he holds a small lead with independents and wins more Republicans (11 versus 6 percent).

Key to the margin is whether those voting Libertarian or an other party maintain their vote or break for one of the presidential candidates. Both Biden and Warren are dealing with the 7 percent of Democrats who are not yet consolidated, though they are unlikely to break for Trump. Over one in ten independents are currently voting 3rd party and about 5 percent of Republicans.



The big picture is an electorate deeply opposed to his war on immigrants and engaged and determined to vote against the president and his direction. The presidential vote is pushing toward the blue-wave margin, and could be impacted further by millions of new voters and the squeeze on third party voting.