

LIVE **Exit Polls**

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**Region**

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	Twin Cities Core 30%	Eastern Twin Cities Suburbs 24%	South 18%	North 29%
Smith	70%	49%	44%	42%
Lewis	29%	49%	55%	55%

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Age

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	18-29 14%	30-44 20%	45-64 36%	65 or older 30%
Smith	62%	58%	50%	47%
Lewis	35%	38%	50%	52%

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Age

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	18-24 9%	25-29 5%	30-39 14%	40-49 13%	50-64 29%	65 or older 30%
Smith	65%	57%	60%	53%	49%	47%
Lewis	33%	37%	37%	44%	50%	52%

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	Better than four years ago 40%	Worse than four years ago 15%	About the same 43%
Smith	24%	87%	71%
Lewis	75%	11%	27%

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Marital status

2,785 total respondents

	Married 60%	Not married 40%
Smith	49%	61%
Lewis	49%	38%

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Condition of the nation's economy:

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	Excellent 8%	Good 37%	Not so good 35%	Poor 18%
Smith	8%	22%	76%	93%
Lewis	92%	76%	23%	7%

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Party ID

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	Democrat 35%	Republican 35%	Independent 31%
Smith	96%	8%	54%
Lewis	3%	90%	43%

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Ideology

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	Liberal 26%	Moderate 40%	Conservative 33%



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7%

34%

89%

Race

2,785 total respondents

	White 87%	Black 4%	Latino 4%	Asian 2%	Something else 3%
Smith	51%	74%	57%	n/a	n/a
Lewis	47%	25%	40%	n/a	n/a

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Gender

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	Male 46%	Female 54%
Smith	45%	58%
Lewis	53%	40%

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Area type

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	Urban 43%	Suburban 34%	Rural 23%
Smith	68%	40%	43%
Lewis	31%	59%	56%

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Work full time?

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	YES 55%	NO 45%
Smith	55%	52%
Lewis	42%	47%

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	43%	53%
Smith	19%	82%
Lewis	79%	17%
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Income

2,785 total respondents

	Less than \$50,000 35%	\$50,000 or more 65%
Smith	57%	52%
Lewis	41%	47%

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Income

2,785 total respondents

	Less than \$100,000 66%	\$100,000 or more 34%
Smith	52%	55%
Lewis	45%	44%

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**How confident that
votes will be
counted accurately?**

2,785 total respondents

	Very confident 51%	Somewhat confident 40%	Not very confident 7%	Not at all confident 2%
Smith	71%	36%	n/a	n/a
Lewis	27%	63%	n/a	n/a

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Lewis

43%

78%

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Gender by marital status

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	Married men 28%	Married women 31%	Unmarried men 17%	Unmarried women 24%
Smith	44%	55%	53%	66%
Lewis	55%	44%	46%	33%

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Parents

2,785 total respondents

	Men with children 14%	Women with children 13%	Men no children 31%	Women no children 41%
Smith	45%	62%	46%	58%
Lewis	52%	37%	53%	41%

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Sex by race

2,785 total respondents

	White men 39%	White women 48%	Black men 3%	Black women 1%	Latino men 2%
Smith	43%	57%	64%	n/a	n/a
Lewis	55%	41%	35%	n/a	n/a

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Income

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	Less than \$50,000 35%	\$50,000 to \$99,999 31%	\$100,000 or more 34%
Smith	57%	48%	55%
Lewis			



**Age**

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	18-44 34%	45 or older 66%
Smith	60%	49%
Lewis	37%	51%

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Education

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	College graduate 43%	No college degree 57%
Smith	62%	45%
Lewis	36%	53%

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Education by race

2,785 total respondents

	White voters, college degree 39%	White voters, no degree 48%	Voters of color, college degree 4%	Voters of color, no degree 9%
Smith	62%	42%	64%	64%
Lewis	36%	56%	36%	33%

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Is this the first year you voted?

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	Yes 7%	No 93%
Smith	60%	52%
Lewis	39%	47%

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View of Joe Biden:

2,785 total respondents





Lewis

9%

87%

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Have any children under 18?

2,785 total respondents

YES
28%**NO**
72%

Smith

53%

53%

Lewis

45%

46%

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Race

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White voters
87%**Voters of color**
13%

Smith

51%

64%

Lewis

47%

34%

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Gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender?

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YES
5%**NO**
95%

Smith

n/a

52%

Lewis

n/a

47%

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View of Donald Trump:

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Favorable
40%**Unfavorable**
58%

Smith





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93%

12%

**Education by Gender
Among White Voters**

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	White college graduate women 21%	White women no degree 27%	White college graduate men 18%	White men no degree 21%	Voters of color 13%
Smith	69%	48%	54%	34%	64%
Lewis	30%	50%	43%	64%	34%

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**Opinion of Trump as
president**

2,785 total respondents

	Strongly approve 35%	Somewhat approve 12%	Somewhat disapprove 7%	Strongly disapprove 45%
Smith	4%	17%	74%	97%
Lewis	95%	79%	23%	2%

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**Opinion of Trump as
president**

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	Approve 47%	Disapprove 52%
Smith	7%	94%
Lewis	91%	5%

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Education

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	Never attended college 19%	Some college 23%	Associate's degree 16%	Bachelor's degree 24%	Advanced degree 19%
Smith	34%	53%	47%	56%	70%
Lewis	64%	45%	51%	42%	28%

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	Clinton 38%	Trump 43%	Someone else 8%	Did not vote 10%
Smith	94%	10%	67%	64%
Lewis	5%	89%	31%	32%

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Income

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	Less than \$30,000 15%	\$30,000-\$49,999 20%	\$50,000-\$99,999 31%	\$100,000-\$: 25%
Smith	57%	57%	48%	57%
Lewis	41%	41%	50%	42%

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**Most important issue
to your vote?**

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	Racial inequality 14%	Coronavirus 18%	The economy 32%	Crime and safety 11%	Health care policy 17%
Smith	90%	89%	14%	19%	77%
Lewis	8%	10%	84%	79%	22%

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**Which candidate
quality mattered
most?**

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	Can unite the country 22%	Is a strong leader 29%	Cares about people like me 17%	Has good judgment 27%
Smith	79%	16%	57%	72%
Lewis	19%	83%	42%	28%

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**U.S. efforts to
contain coronavirus**



Smith	9%	15%	68%	96%
Lewis	90%	84%	30%	4%
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Which is more important to do now?

2,785 total respondents

	Contain coronavirus 54%	Rebuild the economy 39%
Smith	84%	12%
Lewis	14%	85%

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Recent incidents in which police have killed or injured Black people are:

2,785 total respondents

	Isolated events 27%	Signs of a broader problem 66%
Smith	13%	74%
Lewis	84%	25%

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Racism in the U.S. is:

2,785 total respondents

	The most important problem 8%	An important problem 67%	A minor problem 17%	Not a problem at all 5%
Smith	89%	62%	12%	n/a
Lewis	10%	36%	86%	n/a

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Has the coronavirus pandemic caused you:





Smith	72%	54%	48%
Lewis	28%	45%	50%
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View of Black Lives Matter:

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	Favorable 51%	Unfavorable 44%
Smith	87%	13%
Lewis	12%	85%

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Favorable opinion of:

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	Biden and Trump 2%	Only Biden 50%	Only Trump 37%	Neither of them 8%
Smith	n/a	93%	3%	46%
Lewis	n/a	6%	95%	47%

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Racism in the U.S. is:

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	An important problem 76%	Not an important problem 23%
Smith	65%	14%
Lewis	34%	84%

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Has the coronavirus pandemic caused you:

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	Financial hardship 42%	No financial hardship 57%
Smith		
Lewis		





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42%

50%

U.S. efforts to contain the coronavirus are going:

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	Well 43%	Badly 54%
Smith	13%	86%
Lewis	86%	13%

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Notes

- All times ET.
- Not all candidates are listed.
- CNN will broadcast a projected winner only after an extensive review of data from a number of sources.
- "Flipped seat" denotes a race where the 2020 projected winner is from a different party than the previous winner or incumbent.
- Both Maine and Nebraska allow electoral votes to be split. In Maine, two of four electoral votes go to the statewide winner and one electoral vote goes to the winner in each of the two congressional districts. In Nebraska, two of five electoral votes go to the winner of the statewide vote. One electoral vote goes to the winner in each of Nebraska's three congressional districts.

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