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Age

3,602 total respondents

	18-29 14%	30-44 17%	45-64 40%	65 or older 29%
● Beasley	52%	55%	45%	41%
● Budd	45%	43%	54%	58%

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Age

3,602 total respondents

	18-24 7%	25-29 7%	30-39 10%	40-49 14%	50-64 32%	65 or older 29%
● Beasley	53%	51%	55%	49%	46%	41%
● Budd	42%	47%	43%	49%	54%	58%

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Marital status

3,602 total respondents

	Married 65%	Not married 35%
● Beasley	42%	54%
● Budd	56%	44%

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Condition of the nation's economy

3,602 total respondents

	Excellent 1%	Good 17%	Not so good 42%	Poor 38%
● Beasley	n/a	93%	60%	11%
● Budd	n/a	7%	38%	87%

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Party ID
3,602 total respondents

	Democrat 32%	Republican 38%	Independent 30%
● Beasley	96%	3%	50%
● Budd	3%	97%	47%

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Ideology
3,602 total respondents

	Liberal 21%	Moderate 37%	Conservative 42%
● Beasley	93%	64%	9%
● Budd	6%	34%	91%

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Race
3,602 total respondents

	White 74%	Black 17%	Latino 5%	Asian 1%	Other racial/ethnic groups 3%
● Beasley	36%	92%	53%	n/a	n/a
● Budd	63%	6%	45%	n/a	n/a

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Gender
3,602 total respondents

	Male 48%	Female 52%
● Beasley	41%	52%
● Budd	58%	47%

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Area type
3,602 total respondents

	Urban 30%	Suburban 45%	Rural 24%
● Beasley	64%	42%	32%
● Budd	34%	56%	66%

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Condition of the nation's economy
3,602 total respondents

	Excellent/Good 19%	Not good/Poor 80%
● Beasley	93%	37%
● Budd	7%	62%

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Abortion should be:

3,602 total respondents

	Legal in all cases 27%	Legal in most cases 29%	Illegal in most cases 28%	Illegal in all cases 13%
● Beasley	89%	67%	7%	11%
● Budd	11%	31%	92%	86%

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U.S. military veteran?

3,602 total respondents

	Yes 15%	No 85%
● Beasley	39%	50%
● Budd	60%	49%

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White born-again or evangelical Christian?

3,602 total respondents

	Yes 39%	No 61%
● Beasley	13%	71%
● Budd	86%	28%

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Abortion should be:

3,602 total respondents

	Legal 56%	Illegal 40%
● Beasley	77%	8%
● Budd	21%	90%

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Gender by marital status

3,602 total respondents

	Married men 33%	Married women 31%	Unmarried men 15%	Unmarried women 20%
● Beasley	37%	46%	54%	55%
● Budd	61%	52%	44%	44%

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Gender by race

3,602 total respondents

White men White women Black men Black women Latino men Latina women All other races

	36%	38%	7%	9%	2%	3%	4%
● Beasley	30%	41%	92%	92%	n/a	n/a	54%
● Budd	69%	58%	6%	5%	n/a	n/a	43%

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Age

3,602 total respondents

	18-44 31%	45 or older 69%
● Beasley	53%	44%
● Budd	44%	55%

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Education

3,602 total respondents

	College graduate 41%	No college degree 59%
● Beasley	58%	39%
● Budd	42%	59%

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Education by race

3,602 total respondents

	White voters, college degree 33%	White voters, no degree 41%	Voters of color, college degree 9%	Voters of color, no degree 17%
● Beasley	52%	24%	79%	77%
● Budd	47%	75%	20%	19%

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Does anyone in your household own a gun?

3,602 total respondents

	Yes 59%	No 41%
● Beasley	33%	68%
● Budd	66%	30%

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Importance of party control of Senate to your vote

3,602 total respondents

	Very important 82%	Somewhat important 12%	Not too important 3%	Not at all important 1%
● Beasley	46%	46%	n/a	n/a
● Budd	53%	47%	n/a	n/a

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Importance of party control of Senate to your vote

3,602 total respondents

	Important 94%	Not important 4%
● Beasley	46%	n/a
● Budd	52%	n/a

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Race

3,602 total respondents

	White voters 74%	Voters of color 26%
● Beasley	36%	78%
● Budd	63%	19%

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View of Donald Trump

3,602 total respondents

	Favorable 44%	Unfavorable 52%
● Beasley	3%	83%
● Budd	96%	14%

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Party by gender

3,602 total respondents

	Democratic men 12%	Democratic women 20%	Republican men 21%	Republican women 17%	Independent men 15%	Independent women 15%
● Beasley	96%	96%	4%	2%	47%	51%
● Budd	3%	3%	96%	97%	49%	46%

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Education by gender among White voters

3,602 total respondents

	White women college degree 17%	White women no degree 21%	White men college degree 15%	White men no degree 21%	Voters of color 26%
● Beasley	57%	28%	45%	19%	78%
● Budd	43%	71%	53%	79%	19%

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Education

3,602 total respondents

	Never attended college 16%	Some college 25%	Associate's degree 18%	Bachelor's degree 25%	Advanced degree 16%
● Beasley	35%	40%	41%	55%	62%
● Budd	64%	58%	55%	44%	37%

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First-time midterm election voter?

3,602 total respondents

	Yes 12%	No 88%
● Beasley	49%	47%
● Budd	49%	51%

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Racism in the U.S. is:

3,602 total respondents

	Most important problem 8%	An important problem 59%	Minor problem 23%	Not a problem at all 8%
● Beasley	81%	67%	8%	4%
● Budd	18%	32%	90%	96%

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Racism in the U.S. is:

3,602 total respondents

	Important problem 67%	Not important problem 31%
● Beasley	68%	7%
● Budd	30%	92%

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2020 presidential vote

3,602 total respondents

	Biden 44%	Trump 47%	Another candidate 3%	Did not vote 4%
● Beasley	97%	2%	n/a	n/a
● Budd	3%	97%	n/a	n/a

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Opinion of Biden as president

3,602 total respondents

	Strongly approve 17%	Somewhat approve 25%	Somewhat disapprove 10%	Strongly disapprove 47%
● Beasley	99%	96%	49%	3%
● Budd	1%	3%	47%	95%

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Opinion of Biden as president

3,602 total respondents

	Approve 41%	Disapprove 57%
● Beasley	97%	11%
● Budd	2%	87%

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In past year, inflation has caused your family:

3,602 total respondents

	Severe hardship 17%	Moderate hardship 60%	No hardship 21%
● Beasley	20%	44%	75%
● Budd	79%	55%	22%

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Confident your state's elections are fair/accurate?

3,602 total respondents

	Very confident 41%	Somewhat confident 40%	Not very confident 14%	Not at all confident 4%
● Beasley	71%	35%	25%	n/a
● Budd	28%	63%	72%	n/a

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Most important issue to your vote

3,602 total respondents

	Crime 11%	Abortion 29%	Inflation 33%	Gun policy 11%	Immigration 9%
● Beasley	46%	77%	22%	64%	22%
● Budd	52%	22%	76%	34%	77%

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Was your vote to:

3,602 total respondents

	Support Biden 21%	Oppose Biden 36%	Biden not a factor 40%
● Beasley	97%	3%	59%
● Budd	1%	96%	38%

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Was your vote to:

3,602 total respondents

	Support Trump 18%	Oppose Trump 31%	Trump not a factor 48%
● Beasley	3%	95%	32%
● Budd	97%	4%	65%

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Feelings about Roe v. Wade being overturned

3,602 total respondents

	Enthusiastic 24%	Satisfied 20%	Dissatisfied 19%	Angry 34%
● Beasley	7%	8%	59%	90%
● Budd	93%	89%	37%	9%

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Do you think Biden legitimately won in 2020?

3,602 total respondents

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	Yes 56%	No 40%
● Beasley	79%	3%
● Budd	19%	96%

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Want Biden to run for president in 2024?

3,602 total respondents

	Yes 28%	No 69%
● Beasley	88%	28%
● Budd	11%	70%

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Effect of Biden's policies on country

3,602 total respondents

	Helping 35%	Hurting 50%	Not making a difference 13%
● Beasley	95%	5%	71%
● Budd	4%	94%	24%

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Vote for U.S. senator mainly:

3,602 total respondents

	For your candidate 76%	Against their opponent 20%
● Beasley	46%	52%
● Budd	53%	45%

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Which candidate quality mattered most?

3,602 total respondents

	Cares about people like me 15%	Has right experience 7%	Has honesty/integrity 36%	Shares my values 39%
● Beasley	66%	60%	57%	32%
● Budd	32%	39%	42%	67%

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Are Beasley's views too extreme?

3,602 total respondents

	Yes 42%	No 52%
● Beasley	7%	84%
● Budd	92%	15%

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Are Budd's views too extreme?

3,602 total respondents

	Yes	No
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	44%	51%
● Beasley	90%	12%
● Budd	8%	87%

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Born in North Carolina?

3,602 total respondents

	Yes 49%	No 51%
● Beasley	44%	52%
● Budd	54%	47%

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Whose views are too extreme?

3,602 total respondents

	Only Beasley 37%	Only Budd 39%	Both 5%	Neither 13%
● Beasley	3%	96%	n/a	44%
● Budd	97%	3%	n/a	53%

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Decided on Senate vote:

3,602 total respondents

	In last few days 6%	In last week 6%	In October 17%	Before October 69%
● Beasley	n/a	n/a	49%	46%
● Budd	n/a	n/a	48%	53%

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Decided on Senate vote:

3,602 total respondents

	In last week 12%	Before that 86%
● Beasley	42%	47%
● Budd	51%	52%

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Decided on Senate vote:

3,602 total respondents

	In last month 29%	Before that 69%
● Beasley	46%	46%
● Budd	49%	53%

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Confident your state's elections are fair/accurate?

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	Confident 81%	Not confident 18%
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