

LIVE Exit Polls

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Region

1,603 total respondents

	Upcountry 25%	Piedmont 13%	Central 24%	Pee Dee/Waccamaw 16%	Low Country 22%
Harrison	39%	44%	56%	44%	54%
Graham	61%	56%	43%	55%	45%

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Age

1,603 total respondents

	18-29 16%	30-44 21%	45-64 37%	65 or older 26%
Harrison	46%	58%	46%	43%
Graham	52%	42%	53%	56%

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Age

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	18-24 9%	25-29 6%	30-39 12%	40-49 18%	50-64 28%	65 or older 26%
Harrison	50%	40%	59%	59%	41%	43%
Graham	48%	58%	41%	41%	58%	56%



situation today:

1,603 total respondents

	Better than four years ago 47%	Worse than four years ago 18%	About the same 33%
● Harrison	20%	93%	66%
● Graham	79%	7%	33%

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Condition of the nation's economy:

1,603 total respondents

	Excellent 13%	Good 42%	Not so good 28%	Poor 16%
● Harrison	9%	25%	72%	n/a
● Graham	91%	74%	26%	n/a

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Party ID

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	Democrat 31%	Republican 39%	Independent 30%
● Harrison	96%	5%	52%
● Graham	4%	94%	47%

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Ideology

1,603 total respondents

	Liberal 17%	Moderate 39%	Conservative 44%
● Harrison	92%	60%	17%
● Graham	8%	38%	82%

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Race

● Harrison	31%	93%	n/a	n/a	n/a
● Graham	68%	7%	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Gender

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	Male 45%	Female 55%
● Harrison	45%	50%
● Graham	54%	49%

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Area type

1,603 total respondents

	Urban 14%	Suburban 47%	Rural 39%
● Harrison	58%	46%	46%
● Graham	41%	53%	53%

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Condition of the nation's economy:

1,603 total respondents

	Excellent/Good 55%	Not good/Poor 45%
● Harrison	21%	79%
● Graham	78%	20%

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U.S. military veteran?

1,603 total respondents

	YES 17%	NO 83%
● Harrison	28%	44%



Income

1,603 total respondents

	Less than \$50,000 41%	\$50,000 or more 59%
● Harrison	60%	44%
● Graham	38%	55%

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Income

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	Less than \$100,000 72%	\$100,000 or more 28%
● Harrison	56%	36%
● Graham	42%	63%

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White born-again or evangelical Christian?

1,603 total respondents

	Yes 38%	No 62%
● Harrison	16%	65%
● Graham	82%	35%

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How confident that votes will be counted accurately?

1,603 total respondents

	Very confident 37%	Somewhat confident 48%	Not very confident 11%	Not at all confident 3%
● Harrison	47%	44%	n/a	n/a
● Graham	53%	55%	n/a	n/a



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Counted accurately:

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	Confident 84%	Not confident 13%
 Harrison	45%	n/a
 Graham	54%	n/a

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Parents

1,603 total respondents



	Men with children 14%	Women with children 18%	Men no children 31%	Women no children 37%
 Harrison	n/a	52%	44%	44%
 Graham	n/a	46%	56%	55%

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Sex by race

1,603 total respondents



	White men 28%	White women 38%	Black men 13%	Black women 14%	Latino men 2%	Latino women 2%	All other races 3%
 Harrison	26%	34%	89%	97%	n/a	n/a	n/a
 Graham	73%	65%	11%	3%	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Income

1,603 total respondents

	Less than \$50,000 41%	\$50,000 to \$99,999 31%	\$100,000 or more 28%
 Harrison	60%	51%	36%
 Graham	38%	48%	63%

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● Harrison	53%	45%
● Graham	46%	55%

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Education

1,603 total respondents

	College graduate 36%	No college degree 64%
● Harrison	47%	48%
● Graham	52%	51%

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Education by race

1,603 total respondents

	White voters, college degree 29%	White voters, no degree 37%	Voters of color, college degree 7%	Voters of color, no degree 27%
● Harrison	40%	24%	80%	81%
● Graham	60%	75%	20%	19%

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Is this the first year you voted?

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	Yes 12%	No 88%
● Harrison	n/a	47%
● Graham	n/a	52%

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View of Joe Biden:

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	Favorable 47%	Unfavorable 51%
● Harrison		



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4%

89%**Prefer U.S. Senate controlled by:**

1,603 total respondents

Democrats

41%

Republicans

53%

● Harrison

97%

5%

● Graham

2%

94%

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Have any children under 18?

1,603 total respondents

YES

32%

NO

68%

● Harrison

52%

44%

● Graham

47%

56%

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Race

1,603 total respondents

White voters

66%

Voters of color

34%

● Harrison

31%

81%

● Graham

68%

18%

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Gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender?

1,603 total respondents

YES

6%

NO

94%

● Harrison

n/a

45%

● Graham

n/a

54%

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View of Donald Trump:

1,603 total respondents

	Favorable 47%	Unfavorable 52%
● Harrison	5%	91%
● Graham	94%	9%

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Education by Gender Among White Voters

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	White college graduate women 16%	White women no degree 22%	White college graduate men 13%	White men no degree 15%	Voters of color 34%
● Harrison	42%	29%	37%	16%	81%
● Graham	57%	70%	63%	82%	19%

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Opinion of Trump as president

1,603 total respondents

	Strongly approve 40%	Somewhat approve 16%	Somewhat disapprove 9%	Strongly disapprove 34%
● Harrison	5%	17%	n/a	97%
● Graham	95%	81%	n/a	3%

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Opinion of Trump as president

1,603 total respondents

	Approve 56%	Disapprove 43%
● Harrison	8%	95%
● Graham	91%	5%

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● Harrison	50%	51%	41%	46%	49%
● Graham	49%	48%	58%	53%	50%

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Income

1,603 total respondents

	Less than \$30,000 23%	\$30,000-\$49,999 18%	\$50,000-\$99,999 31%	\$100,000-\$199,999 22%	\$200,000 or more 5%
● Harrison	70%	48%	51%	37%	n/a
● Graham	29%	49%	48%	62%	n/a

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Most important issue to your vote?

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	Racial inequality 15%	Coronavirus 17%	The economy 35%	Crime and safety 13%	Health care policy 12%
● Harrison	89%	92%	16%	n/a	n/a
● Graham	9%	7%	83%	n/a	n/a

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Which candidate quality mattered most?

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	Can unite the country 19%	Is a strong leader 33%	Cares about people like me 19%	Has good judgment 24%
● Harrison	63%	17%	62%	78%
● Graham	35%	82%	37%	21%

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U.S. efforts to contain coronavirus are going:

● Harrison	4%	21%	74%	99%
● Graham	95%	78%	25%	1%

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Which is more important to do now?

1,603 total respondents

	Contain coronavirus 49%	Rebuild the economy 46%
● Harrison	82%	18%
● Graham	18%	81%

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Racism in the U.S. is:

1,603 total respondents

	The most important problem 12%	An important problem 57%	A minor problem 19%	Not a problem at all 8%
● Harrison	n/a	54%	5%	n/a
● Graham	n/a	45%	95%	n/a

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View of Lindsey Graham:

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	Favorable 51%	Unfavorable 46%
● Harrison	13%	90%
● Graham	86%	9%

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Favorable opinion of:

1,603 total respondents

	Biden and Trump 3%	Only Biden 44%	Only Trump 44%	Neither of them 8%
● Harrison				
● Graham				





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Is wearing a face mask in public more of a:



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	Personal choice 34%	Public health responsibility 63%
 Harrison	20%	62%
 Graham	79%	37%

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View of Jaime Harrison:



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	Favorable 51%	Unfavorable 42%
 Harrison	91%	6%
 Graham	8%	93%

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Racism in the U.S. is:

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	An important problem 70%	Not an important problem 27%
 Harrison	60%	9%
 Graham	39%	91%

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

1,603 total respondents

	Well 58%	Badly 41%
 Harrison		



85%

9%

Favorable opinion of:

1,603 total respondents

	Both candidates 11%	Only Harrison 40%	Only Graham 41%	Neither candidate 6%
● Harrison	n/a	99%	0%	n/a
● Graham	n/a	0%	99%	n/a

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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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