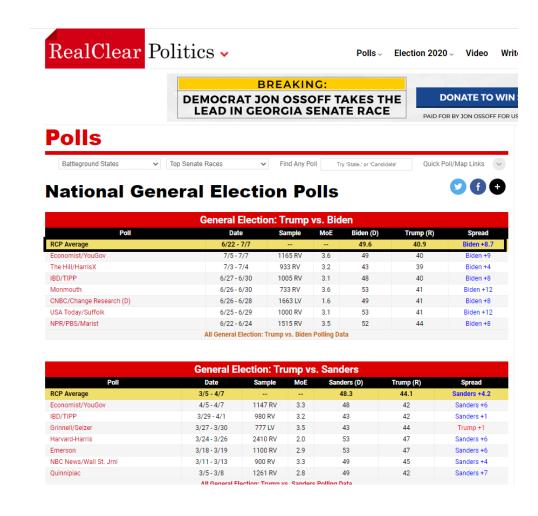


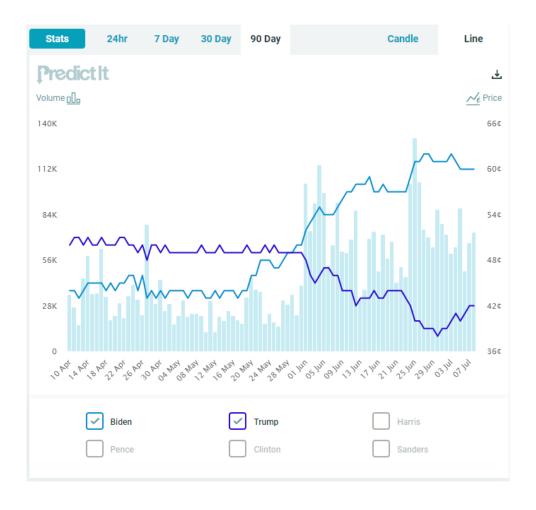
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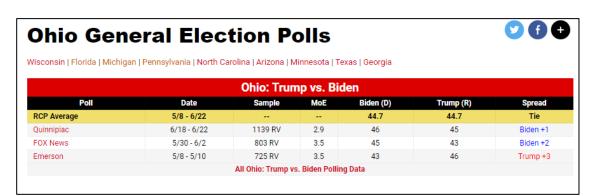


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1980 United States presidential election [edit]

1980 ^[2]						
Month	Ronald Reagan (R) %	Jimmy Carter (D) %	John B. Anderson (I) %			
December 1979/January 1980	33%	62%				
February/March	31%	60%				
	33%	58%				
	34%	40%	21%			
April/May	34%	41%	18%			
	32%	38%	21%			
	32%	40%	21%			
June/July	32%	39%	21%			
	33%	35%	24%			
	37%	32%	22%			
	37%	34%	21%			
August/September	45%	29%	14%			
	38%	39%	13%			
	39%	39%	14%			
October/November	40%	44%	9%			
	39%	45%	9%			
	47%	44%	8%			
Actual result	50.7%	41.0%	6.6%			
Difference between actual result and final poll	+3.7%	-3.0%	-1.4%			

1988 United States presidential election [edit]

Month	George H. W. Bush (R) %	Michael Dukakis (D) %
March	52%	40%
April	45%	43%
Мау	38%	54%
lune	38%	52%
June	41%	46%
luke	41%	47%
July	37%	54%
August	42%	49%
September	49%	41%
September	47%	42%
October	50%	40%
November	56%	44%
Actual result	53.4%	45.6%
Difference between actual result and final poll	-2.6%	+1.6%

2016 United States presidential election [edit]

2016						
Month	Donald Trump (R) %	Hillary Clinton (D) %	Gary Johnson (L) %	Jill Stein (G) %		
June	35%	40%	6%	3%		
	37%	42%	1%	5%		
July	37%	41%	'%	4%		
	38%	41%	8%	4%		
	40%	39%	'%	3%		
August	38%	42%	'%	3%		
	36%	44%	1%	4%		
	38%	42%	1%	3%		
September	38%	41%	\$%	3%		
	41%	42%	1%	3%		
	41%	44%	'%	2%		
October	39%	44%	'%	2%		
	39%	46%	'%	2%		
	40%	46%	5%	2%		
	43%	45%	6%	2%		
November	43%	45%	1%	2%		
	42%	46%	1%	2%		
Actual result	46.2%^	48.0%	3.3%	1.1%		
Difference between actual result and final poll	+4.2%	+2.0%	-0.7%	-0.9%		

2000 United States presidential election [edit]

2000 ^[2]						
Month	George W. Bush (R) %	Al Gore (D) %	Ralph Nader (Green) %			
April	47%	41%	4%			
May						
June	46%	41%	6%			
	50%	38%	6%			
July	45%	43%	5%			
	50%	39%	4%			
August	54%	37%	4%			
	55%	39%	2%			
	46%	47%	3%			
	46%	45%	3%			
September	44%	47%	3%			
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	41%	49%	2%			



Is a Biden Presidency negative for stocks?

Consensus Opinion Is "Yes"

- But, that's not necessarily true.
- What is true is that a Biden
 Presidency is likely less good for stocks than a Trump re-election.
- Biden Policies:
 - Raise corporate taxes to 28%. Prior to 2017, corporate taxes were 35%. TC&JA cut the rate to 21%. Biden wants to split the difference.
 - This could reasonable take \$10 off S&P 500 earnings.

- Biden Policies (cont'd):
 - Raise national minimum wage to \$15/hour from the current \$7.25.
 - This is negative for corporate margins, especially small business. But, it would be partially offset in uptick in demand.
 - Ease tariffs? (Could be economic boost).



What is a "Blue Wave" and why it matters

- Regardless of who wins the Presidency, and significant legislative changes will only occur if both Congress and the Presidency are Democratic (a Republican House is not thought possible).
- A "Blue Wave" is where the Democrats also win the Senate.

- Republicans currently hold 53-47 edge.
- Republicans defending 23 seats.
- Democrats only 12 seats.
- Currently the consensus views five seats as toss ups:
 - Maine
 - North Carolina
 - Colorado
 - Arizona
 - Montana
- Democrats need to win four of five and hold Michigan, New Mexico and New Hampshire.



Sector winners and losers for either outcome (a Trump reelection or a Biden Presidency)

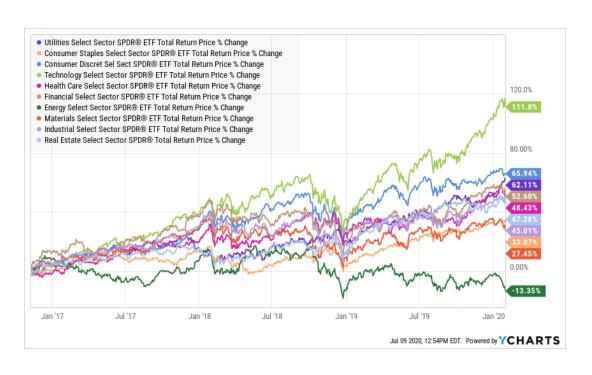
- President Biden
 - Winners
 - ESG & Renewable Energy (ESGV)
 - U.S./China Tariff De-Escalation
 - Retailers (RTH)
 - Consumer Discretionary (XLY)
 - Industrials (XLI)
 - Infrastructure (IGF/XLI)
 - Hospitals/Medical Tech
 - IHF (Healthcare Providers ETF)
 - IHI (Medical Device ETF)

- President Biden
 - Losers
 - Private Prisons/Gun Manufacturers (GEO/SWBI)
 - Oil and Gas
 - (XLE/XOP)
 - Hotels/Grocers/Retailers (Minimum Wage Hike)
 - MAR/WYNN/STWD
 - JWN/TGT/M/WMT
 - Pharma (Drug Prices)
 - PJP



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What Has Happened



Trump Sub-Sector Winners

- Infrastructure (IGF/XLI)
- Defense (ITA)