



Punchbowl News' The Canvass Special Edition Rapid Poll  
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 N=302 K Street leaders and Capitol Hill senior staffers

**COLUMN KEY:**

**TOTAL:** n=302 total respondents  
**K ST:** n=209 K Street leaders  
**CAP HILL:** n=93 Capitol Hill senior staffers  
**DEM:** n=148 Democratic K Street leaders and Capitol Hill senior staffers  
**GOP:** n=146 Republican K Street leaders and Capitol Hill senior staffers

**QUESTION 1: Do you believe Joe Biden dropping out of the presidential race will help or harm Democrats' chances in the 2024 presidential election?**

	CAP				
	TOTAL	K ST	HILL	DEM	GOP
Help	91%	92%	89%	98%	85%
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Significantly help	56%	58%	50%	77%	35%
Somewhat help	36%	34%	40%	21%	50%
Neither help nor harm	5%	3%	7%	1%	7%
Harm	4%	4%	2%	0%	8%
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Somewhat harm	3%	3%	2%	0%	6%
Significantly harm	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%
I don't know	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%

**QUESTION 2: How much do you trust or distrust the DNC to transparently and effectively manage the process of replacing President Biden as the Democratic nominee?**

	CAP				
	TOTAL	K ST	HILL	DEM	GOP
Trust	48%	52%	41%	73%	24%
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Strongly trust	24%	22%	29%	44%	5%
Somewhat trust	24%	30%	12%	29%	18%
Neither trust nor distrust	17%	17%	17%	15%	16%
Distrust	33%	30%	39%	10%	58%
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Somewhat distrust	13%	11%	16%	5%	20%
Strongly distrust	20%	19%	23%	5%	37%
I don't know	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%



**QUESTION 3: With Joe Biden dropping out of the presidential race, who do you believe has the BEST chance of beating Donald Trump in the 2024 presidential election if made the Democratic nominee?**

	CAP				
	TOTAL	K	ST	HILL	DEM
Kamala Harris	50%	49%	51%	73%	27%
Josh Shapiro	13%	12%	14%	7%	18%
Gretchen Whitmer	11%	12%	8%	8%	13%
Andy Beshear	5%	5%	6%	1%	10%
Gavin Newsom	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%
J.B. Pritzker	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Wes Moore	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%
Roy Cooper	2%	3%	0%	1%	3%
Jared Polis	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Cory Booker	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%
Pete Buttigieg	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Amy Klobuchar	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Other	5%	5%	3%	1%	8%
I don't know	5%	6%	3%	2%	8%

**QUESTION 4-6: If Kamala Harris wins the Democratic Party's nomination for president, who is most likely to be her running mate? (COMBINED CHOICE - TOP THREE)**

	CAP				
	TOTAL	K	ST	HILL	DEM
Josh Shapiro	54%	54%	53%	58%	49%
Mark Kelly	53%	56%	47%	56%	52%
Roy Cooper	36%	35%	38%	37%	34%
Andy Beshear	33%	33%	32%	32%	34%
Pete Buttigieg	7%	6%	10%	7%	7%
J.B. Pritzker	4%	5%	2%	5%	3%
Gretchen Whitmer	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%
Other	3%	2%	5%	2%	4%
Jared Polis	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%
Cory Booker	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Amy Klobuchar	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Wes Moore	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Gavin Newsom	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
I don't know	2%	2%	2%	0%	3%

**QUESTION 7: Who do you believe appeals MORE to swing voters in swing states?**

	CAP				
	TOTAL	K	ST	HILL	DEM
Kamala Harris	60%	62%	57%	78%	41%
Joe Biden	40%	38%	43%	22%	59%

**QUESTION 8: Who do you believe will win the 2024 presidential election?**

	CAP				
	TOTAL	K	ST	HILL	DEM
Donald Trump	47%	48%	46%	21%	73%
Kamala Harris or the Democratic nominee	37%	34%	44%	61%	13%
I don't know	16%	18%	10%	18%	14%



**QUESTION 9: How unified or divided do you believe the Democratic Party is currently?**

	CAP					
	TOTAL	K	ST	HILL	DEM	GOP
Unified	75%	78%	68%	95%	55%	
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Very unified	37%	37%	39%	59%	16%	
Somewhat unified	38%	42%	29%	36%	39%	
Neither unified or divided	4%	3%	5%	1%	7%	
Divided	21%	18%	27%	4%	38%	
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Somewhat divided	12%	12%	11%	3%	22%	
Very divided	9%	6%	15%	1%	17%	
I don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	

**QUESTION 10-11: Which of the following do you consider to be Kamala Harris' greatest strengths as the likely new Democratic presidential candidate? (COMBINED CHOICE - TOP TWO)**

	CAP					
	TOTAL	K	ST	HILL	DEM	GOP
Age	51%	49%	56%	53%	48%	
Opposition to Donald Trump	41%	42%	40%	40%	44%	
Abortion stance	40%	43%	34%	46%	36%	
Being the first black woman to be a major party nominee for President	18%	17%	20%	11%	24%	
Experience as California Attorney General/prosecutor	15%	13%	19%	23%	8%	
Fundraising	12%	11%	15%	8%	16%	
Broad support and endorsements from national Democrats	11%	12%	9%	8%	14%	
National political experience as a senator and vice president	7%	8%	4%	7%	8%	
Ability to run on Biden's policy record	4%	4%	3%	6%	3%	

**QUESTION 12-13: Which of the following challenges facing Kamala Harris as she runs for President will be MOST difficult for her to overcome? (COMBINED CHOICE - TOP TWO)**

	CAP					
	TOTAL	K	ST	HILL	DEM	GOP
Her position and record on immigration	65%	67%	58%	67%	63%	
Proximity to the Biden Administration and its policies	46%	46%	45%	41%	52%	
The economy	31%	28%	36%	36%	27%	
History of gaffes	24%	26%	20%	20%	27%	
Support for Biden despite concerns about his fitness for office	17%	15%	22%	14%	19%	
Being viewed as an illegitimate candidate	9%	9%	9%	12%	6%	
Track record as a prosecutor and California Attorney General	8%	8%	6%	9%	6%	
Fundraising	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	
Opposition from other Democrats seeking the nomination	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	