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# Battleground 2016: new game 

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## Methodology

Battleground Survey of $\mathbf{2 7 0 0}$ Likely 2016 Voters in 9 competitive presidential battleground states. This survey took place June 11-20. Respondents who voted in the 2012 election, 2014 election, or registered since the 2014 election were selected from the national voter file. Likely voters were determined based on stated intention of voting in 2016. Data shown in this deck is among all 2016 likely voters unless otherwise noted. Margin of error for the full sample $=+/-1.89$ percentage points at $95 \%$ confidence. Margin of error will be higher among subgroups.

Respondents were divided equally among states ( $\mathrm{n}=300$ ) of Arizona, Florida, Michigan, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Margin of error for each state sample= +/5.66 percentage points at $95 \%$ confidence. Margin of error will be higher among subgroups.

Forty-nine percent of respondents were reached by cell phone, in order to account for ever-changing demographics and accurately sample the full electorate in each state.

## Regression analysis.

A series of fractional logistic regressions were conducted to obtain the marginal effects of the explanatory variable (presidential vote) on outcome variables (associations, statement pairs), representing the change in outcome probabilities estimated for the explanatory variable, all else held equal. No causation is implied by these results.

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## State Breakdowns

## Senate Battleground:

Arizona

Florida*

Nevada

North Carolina

Ohio

New Hampshire

Pennsylvania
Wisconsin

## Diverse Target States:

Arizona
Florida
Nevada North Carolina

## Rustbelt Target States:

Ohio
New Hampshire
Pennsylvania
Wisconsin
Michigan
*The Senate vote results were excluded in Florida where Senator Rubio had not yet announced his candidacy.

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## THE PRESIDENTIAL BATTLEGROUND

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## Clinton leads Trump across the battleground

I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the election for President in November, if the election for President were held today, would you vote for --Democrat Hillary Clinton or Republican Donald Trump (or Libertarian Gary Johnson)?


## Trump and state GOP leaders now face of toxic GOP brand

Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or organization, please say so.

|  | ■ Very warm (75-100) |  |  | $\square$ Very cool (0-25) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mean: 48.0 | Mean: <br> 42.4 | Mean: 40.2 | Mean: 40.7 | Mean: 34.2 |
| Net: +13 | Net: +1 | Net: -1 | Net: -11 | Net: -19 | Net: -13 | Net: -30 |
| 53 | 43 | 42 | 41 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 32 | 31 | 30 |
| 40 | 25 | 25 | 27 | 13 | 10 | 18 |
| 34 | 32 | 33 | 45 | 39 | 34 | 51 |
| 40 | 42 | 43 | 52 | 51 | 44 |  |
|  |  |  | 52 | 51 |  | 60 |
| Barack Obama | Bernie Sanders | Democratic Party | Hillary Clinton | Republican Party | GOP in State Legislature | Donald <br> Trump |

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## Trump gets less than half of the white vote, even in 2-way race

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## Clinton winning all generations, including millennials

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## The 2016 "women's vote" is more complicated than you think

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|  | Unmarried Women <br> (31\% of Clinton vote) |  |  |
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| 2012 Vote | 2016 Vote <br> (2-way) |  |  |



College-Educated Women
(28\% of Clinton Vote)



2012 Vote


2016 Vote
(2-way)
Clinton

- Trump
- Other/DK
/Refused


## Improved margins among unmarried women from 2012

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## Marriage gap sustained, even though married women now even

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## RAE less determined to vote than non-RAE, driven by millennials

How much do the elections this November for President, U.S. Congress and other state and local offices matter this year? Please rate how much they matter from one to ten, with one meaning they don't matter at all and ten meaning they matter tremendously. You can choose any number between one and ten.

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\% 10 - Matters Tremendously


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## Never Trump nearing half

Even though you are not supporting Hillary Clinton/Donald Trump now, what are the chances that you might support Hillary Clinton/Donald Trump in the election for President in November - is there a fair chance that you might support Clinton/Trump, a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support Clinton/Trump for President in November?


## Composition of Clinton's winnable voters

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## Clinton has consolidated 9-in-10 Democrats, Trump only 8-in-10, and real Libertarian vote with Independents

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## Majority of Johnson voters are Republican, but three-in-ten will vote for Clinton in 2-way ballot

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## Romney defectors driven by leadership/immigration, Obama defectors by desire for change/nationalism/economy

I am going to read you a list of words and phrases which people use to describe political figures. For each one, please tell me whether you feel the phrase better describes Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump.


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## THE RUST BELT PLAY \& DIVERSE STATE STRATEGY

## Very different demographics in these sets of states




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## Clinton's margin across both areas suggests big Electoral College battleground

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## Growing diversity producing bigger battleground

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## DIVERSE STATES

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+11
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49


Florida


## And running ahead of 2012 margins in the diverse states

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## No advantage for Trump in the states he needs to win

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## RUSTBELT STATES



## RAE vote comparable in two areas, so composition is everything

I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the election for President in November, if the election for President were held today, would you vote for --Democrat Hillary Clinton, Republican Donald Trump, [or Libertarian Gary Johnson]?


## Trump performs better with working class men in diverse states

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## VALUES \& LEADERSHIP

## Majorities disagree with Trump's outlook on society

Now I am going to read some pairs of short statements some people have made about our nation. After I read each pair, please tell me which statement comes closer to your own view even if neither statement is exactly right.

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| Immigrants today are a burden on our country. | Immigrants today strengthen our country. |
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| +22 33 | 3155 |
| More and more, I don't identify with what America has become. | More and more, America is a place that I can feel comfortable as myself. |
| +13 54 | $20 \quad 41$ |
| Whites are losing out because of preferences for blacks and Hispanics. | Blacks and Hispanics face discrimination that needs public attention. |
| +29 27 12 | 30 |
| Women who demand equality are actually seeking special favors. | Women get fewer opportunities than men for equal pay and good paying jobs. |
| +59 15 | 45 74 |

## Trump supporters are particularly isolated on immigrants

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■ Strengthen much more
Immigrants today strengthen our country.


## Clinton leads on values \& qualifications

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Strongest relationship with Clinton vote in regressions
Weakest relationship with Clinton vote in regressions

| Has what it takes to be President | 35 | 21 | 40 | 52 | +17 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| For the middle class | 37 | 24 | 36 | 52 | +15 |
| The right approach to immigration | 39 | 27 | 38 | 52 | +13 |
| S Shares your values | 37 | 21 | 33 | 48 | +12 |
| A Best for America's future | 40 | 27 | 35 | 48 | +8 |
| Raising incomes and wages | 41 | 22 | 28 | 48 | +7 |
| W Will bring the right kind of change | 41 | 26 | 30 | 46 | +5 |

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## But at parity on the economy and safety

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Weakest relationship with Clinton vote in regressions


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## Her lead is based on her leadership qualities

Now I am going to read you a list of reasons people say they might vote for Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump. After I read this list, tell me which THREE are the most important in your decision.

Strongest relationship with
Clinton vote in regressions
Weakest relationship with
Clinton vote in regressions

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## THE SENATE STORY

## Room for Democratic Senate vote to grow in diverse states

I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the election for President in November, if the election for President were held today, would you vote for --Democrat Hillary Clinton, Republican Donald Trump, or Libertarian Gary Johnson?
Now, thinking about the election for U.S. Senate in November, if the election for U.S. Senate were held today would you be voting for (Democratic incumbent/candidate) or (Republican incumbent/candidate)?


## Democratic Senate candidates competitive with room to grow

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## One quarter of GOP Senate voters defect on hearing GOP abortion, gun and gay marriage agenda

Now I am going to read you a list of positions taken by Republican candidates for U.S. Congress and the legislature in [STATE]. The Republican candidates oppose:

- Restricting gun rights for people on the terror watch list and outlawing the sale of assault rifles
- New laws guaranteeing equal pay for women
- Abortion, even in cases of rape and incest
- Gay marriage and new laws barring discrimination against gays, lesbians and transgender people After hearing the Republican candidates takes these positions, would you now vote for his or her Democratic opponent?


## Not Voting for Senate Democrat*



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## Abortion, guns and gay marriage drive GOP Senate voters to Democrats down ballot

[IFWILL VOTE FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE AFTER HEARING GOP INFO] Which one of the Republican candidates' positions bothered you the most?

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Opposes abortion, even in cases of rape and incest

Opposes restricting gun rights for people on the terror watch list and outlawing the sale of assault rifles

Opposes gay marriage and new laws barring discrimination against gays, lesbians and transgender people

Opposes new laws guaranteeing equal pay for
$\square$

15 percent volunteered all of the above

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## Democratic votes to be gained down-ballot, especially among RAE in diverse states

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