

Poll Shows Sanders and Clinton Nearly Tied Nationwide. Trump Leads Republican Aspirants

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Clinton is a Wall Street favorite. War profiteers love her. Dirty deep-pocketed corporate money funds her campaign.

Binding strings are attached, donors expecting and getting multifold benefits for every dollar contributed, investments earning surefire huge returns.

Corporate America shuns Sanders. His support is largely grassroots, from organized labor and individual donors.

It's a long time from now to November. Momentum can swing back and forth numerous times. Early frontrunners can become also-rans.

Upstarts rarely surprise. Will Sanders prove the exception to the rule? Quinnipiac's Polling Institute is nationally recognized for its independent political and public policy surveys.

Its polls are highly rated for accuracy in predicting primary and general election results. In December, it had Clinton leading Sanders by a two-to-one margin nationwide (61 – 30%).

[Its latest poll](#) results released on February 5 shows a nearly dead heat – Clinton ahead nationwide by a 2% margin (44 to 42%) with 11% undecided.

Assistant poll director Tim Malloy highlighted the remarkable short-term turnaround, saying “Democrats nationwide are feeling the Bern as Sen. Bernie Sanders closes a 31-point gap” in weeks.

Poll results show he'll fare better against leading Republican candidates than Clinton, growing increasingly unpopular, her disturbing past catching up with her.

Her net nationwide favorability rating is a negative 17. Sanders scored 9-points positive, the highest rating among top candidates.

Trump remains way out-in-front among Republican aspirants – getting 31% support to Ted Cruz's 22%, Marco Rubio's 19% and Ben Carson's 6%.

No other Republican aspirant scored better than 3%, 9% remaining undecided.

It's way too early to draw conclusions from current polls. Two things are clear so far. Trump remains way out in front as the Republican favorite, maintaining a substantial lead for months.

Sanders closed a big gap, now running virtually even with Clinton. Each primary shifts momentum. A clearer picture may emerge by summer.

It bears repeating what other articles stressed. America's sham political process is too corrupted to fix.

Big money-controlled duopoly power runs things, both parties replicating each other on issues mattering most.

Names and faces change. Policies stay the same. Dirty business as usual always wins, peace, equity and justice be damned.

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