

Early Data Shows Tight Race Between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump in Swing States



Washington, October 26 (RHC)-- Preliminary figures suggest the U.S. presidential race between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump remains tight in so-called swing states, despite boasting by Clinton's campaign that she is far ahead.

Clinton, the Democratic presidential nominee, has an edge in several of the roughly 10 swing states that will decide the 2016 White House race. Trump, the Republican presidential nominee, has also potential advantages of his own in some battleground states.

Clinton's campaign is touting some "eye-popping" advantages in those states, in an apparent effort to energize Democratic voters. Swing states, also called battleground states, are states in which no single nominee or political party has overwhelming support in securing that state's electoral college votes. In presidential elections, such states receive significant attention from the media and the campaign of political parties, since winning these states is the best opportunity for a candidate to gain electoral votes.

Hillary Clinton has leads in the battlegrounds states of New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Donald Trump leads in the swing states of Georgia, Iowa, Missouri and Ohio.

With the Election Day just two weeks away, Trump continues to lag behind Clinton in national polls. According to a Real Clear Politics average of recent polls, Clinton currently holds a 5 percentage-point lead over Trump.

However, there is broad concern across the political spectrum about voter suppression, the actual vote count and ineligible voters casting ballots. A Reuters/Ipsos poll released on Friday shows that 60 percent of respondents, regardless of political party, said they are worried about issues such as voter intimidation and suppression.

According to the poll, only half of Republicans would accept Clinton as their president if she wins and nearly 70 percent of them said a Clinton victory would be because of vote rigging.

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