

## **Biden sees support from Democrats slip 10 points after debate**

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The percentage of Democrats who say they would vote for former Vice President [Joe Biden](#) if the presidential race were held tomorrow slipped by 10 points after the first primary debate.

According to a [Morning Consult/FiveThirtyEight poll](#) of likely Democratic voters released on Friday, 41.5 percent said before the debates they would vote for Biden tomorrow, but 31.5 percent said the same thing after Thursday night's debate.

The apparent decline in support comes after Biden was widely seen as having faltered, including engaging in a stark exchange with Sen. [Kamala Harris](#) (D-Calif.) over school busing.

Harris herself got a nearly 9 point bump, with 16.6 percent of Democrats saying they would support her after the debate, up from 7.9 percent before the events.

Other 2020 candidates had marginal increases or decreases.

Biden [defended himself Friday](#) during a speech in Chicago, saying that "I fought my heart out to ensure that civil rights and voting rights, equal rights are enforced everywhere" and that he "never, ever opposed voluntary busing."

Morning Consult and FiveThirtyEight surveyed, from June 19-26, 7,150 registered voters who say they are likely to vote in their state's Democratic primary or caucus. That result has a margin of error of 1 percentage point. Then, June 27-28, 1,399 respondents who answered the first round of questioning were surveyed. That result has a margin of error of 3 percentage points.