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August 1

Biden – 3:6:3

Sanders – 0:1:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “But we begin tonight with the 2020 candidates who were back out on the trail today after a feisty combative debate in Detroit where the night two Democratic contenders whacked each other over the heads over their differences on policy and over each other’s records. Vice President Joe Biden and Senator Kamala Harris were teed up to battle right from cue 1 over their health care proposals.

Julian Castro took aim at the Obama/Biden administration’s record on deportation. Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard fixated on Harris and attacked her claim to be a progressive prosecutor in California. Senator Booker and Biden got into a heated exchange on their respective criminal justice records.

And for the second time this cycle, Biden was tagged, this time by Washington Governor Jay Inslee over his vote for the Iraq war.

And if you’re detecting a theme here, yes, the front-runner was a pinata on the debate stage last night, but Biden was not alone. At times it seemed

like candidates were debating not just Biden's record, but also the record of President Obama too. Today, Joe Biden defended his former boss and pal."

2. "Kamala Harris continued her attacks on Biden's health care plan, but explained that her issue was not about Obama but with the vice president for not doing enough to build on Obama's legacy. "

3. "The New Jersey senator tonight tweeting out last night was the biggest fund-raising day of his campaign, quote, by far. One reason: a back-and-forth with Joe Biden over their criminal justice records which led to the most viral moment of the night.

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REID: Heading into last night's debate, "The New York Times" said that black voters would be a key focus, with Booker and Harris hoping to chip away at Biden's overwhelming lead.

After Booker sought to remind voters of Biden's record of the 1994 crime bill on the debate stage last night, this afternoon, Biden was defending that record.

4. "REID: In 2016, African-American voters accounted for 24 percent, that's almost a quarter of all Democratic primary voters, a figure which is expected to rise in 2020. But while polls show that Biden is clearly leading the polls with African-American support and in key early states like South Carolina, those same polls show that Biden support is much firmer among older black voters. "

5. "BOOKER: Well, first of all, Vice President Biden has nearly 100 percent name recognition. I was very sober when my team told me when I started

this campaign in February that even among black voters, I had less 60

percent name ID. I'm still introducing myself."

6. "REID: Even before Democratic candidates took to the stage for the debate

last night in Detroit, it was pretty clear that Vice President Joe Biden

was sure to have an enormous "kick me" sign on him. That was expected.

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But, surprisingly, it was President Barack Obama's legacy that also took a

few blows. You saw it when Julian Castro went after the veep over the high

number of deportations during the Obama years.

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REID: New York Mayor Bill de Blasio also hammered Biden over deportations

under Obama.

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REID: Then New Jersey Senator Cory Booker slammed Biden for hitching his

wagon to Obama's success."

Positive

1. "REID: Not a problem at all.

OK. Let's talk a little bit about last night. And you and Senator Biden

really went head-to-head at certain points during the debate. Several

candidates did, but you did in particular, you did drop the dipping in the

Kool-Aid and don't know the flavor line which as a Generation-Xer I

appreciated.

But the question you're going to have with Senator Biden is that he is very strong among African-Americans. Looking at this polling, Steve Kornacki sent this to me last night, voters 65 and older who are African-American, 58 percent support Senator Biden; 27 percent among 18 to 29. He only has 28 percent – 27 percent among younger voters.

But, you know, as they say, it's the voters with the church hats that vote, right? The black folk with the church hat vote. The older folks vote.

How do you chip into his record if he's the guy defending Obama, who black voters love, and you're the guy contesting some of that Obama/Biden record?:
2. "REID: Well, speaking of Obama, let's go back to him for a moment. When President Obama – when then just Senator Barack Obama was running for president, his critique was against George W. Bush. So he was able to critique the previous Republican president and launch himself into public prominence that way.

You're now in the position of critiquing President Obama. So I guess my question is with black voters, is Joe Biden in a stronger position with the most reliable black voters, older voters, because he's defending Obama and you're critiquing Obama?"

3. “When you’re doing debate prep, going in to meet with a candidate to talk about how we’re going to approach the debates, what attacks you’re going to lodge, how you’re going to draw a contrast, you know, it’s fine to do that. Of course when you’re the front-runner like Joe Biden, you’re going to be the one as you indicated who has the “kick me” sign on your back.

But there is a way to do this where you’re not attacking every single policy monumental – some of these policies were monumental like the passage of Obamacare, that President Obama, who still has a 97 percent approval rating, that you can go about attacking these policies, criticizing them without attacking the person who actually put them in office.”

Negative

1. “BOOKER: Well, I don’t know how that spin resulted. Anybody that watched the debate, I was talking about Vice President Biden’s record, not Obama’s. Heck, I had many conversations with President Obama during his time as president about reforming the criminal justice system. It was Joe Biden that bragged, saying that every crime bill since the 1970s, major and minor, has had his name on it. That’s his words about his record.

This is not about the Obama administration at all. I don’t see how that spin came out of this election. This is about a guy that has literally put

his name on, championed that bills that created three strikes you're out, incentivizing states to create longer sentences, having more prisons and jails built from the time I was in law school to the time that I was the mayor of the city of Newark. A new prison or jail being built every 19 days."

2. "And what I'm asking for is two things. Whoever the nominee is, one, own up to your record and say, hey, I made a mistake. Vice President Biden said that very passionately about his mistake on the Iraq war vote. Say it, speak to the pain and the destruction of our communities, parents being taken away from children, of the bills that you put into law.

And number two is, have a bolder plan that you've got to deal with the issue. I know that there is a crisis in our country of having people who have been locked up who have addictions, who have mental illnesses, who are poor. We've got to get rid of this system that's creating this problem in our country.

And I just want to see whoever the nominee is, especially if you want to appeal to African-American communities, you've got to show that, hey, I've got your back. That I'm going to be a bold progressive on the ending of mass incarceration."

3. "REID: So the crime bill obviously, even though Hillary Clinton had nothing to do with it, she was just married to the guy who signed the crime bill, wound up being a huge problem with her with younger African-American

voters, particularly younger African-American men.

Is it your concern that Joe Biden essentially would have the same challenges that Hillary Clinton did in breaking through with young black voters? Is that part of your critique with him?”

Sanders

Neutral

1. “Senator Bernie Sanders announced his campaign had raised another \$2 million from more than 100,000 donations on Tuesday and Wednesday combined.”

August 7

Biden – 0:1:0

Neutral

1. “Soon thereafter, after Senator Booker’s remarks, we also heard today from presidential candidate and former vice president, Joe Biden, who, of course, centered his campaign from the day he announced it on the idea that the foundations of this country are threatened by President Trump’s embrace of white nationalists. Vice President Biden gave his own speech today in Burlington, Iowa, on what he called the battle for the soul of this nation.”

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MADDOW: Cory Booker and Joe Biden both speaking today, both giving major addresses on the current crisis.”

August 8

Biden – 0:1:0
Sanders – 0:1:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “The Trump administration has consistently tolerated and even encouraged partisan political speech by federal employees as long as this speech praises President Trump and attacks his political adversaries. For example, President Trump rejected the recommendation of the Office of Special Counsel that advisor Kellyanne Conway be removed from her job for repeatedly violating the Hatch Act, by attacking former Vice President Biden and publicly advocating for and against various Senate candidates. “

Sanders

Neutral

1. “MADDOW: One of the other serious allegations in your lawsuit is that the texts which Mr. Strzok expressed his political opinions about President Trump but also criticizing people like Bernie Sanders and Eric Holder and other people in politics, those texts were improperly and perhaps illegally made public.”

August 12

I'm not counting this, as it's not discussing Biden, he's just mentioned because someone they're actually discussing used to work for him:

“Bruce Reid, who was chief of staff to Vice President Biden and was head of the Domestic Policy Council under President Clinton, was somehow called into this group and in fact nodded at Craig.”

August 20

Biden – 0:3:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “Joe Biden’s first Iowa TV ad is as you see there, a general election message in a 20-way primary fight.”
2. “Former Vice President Joe Biden, the Democratic front-runner in the polls, that’s him today in Iowa, making what is now his central case for the presidency, for the Democratic nomination, that he is the best qualified candidate in the race and that he is therefore the surest bet the Democrats have for beating Donald Trump and making him a one-term president.”
3. “Karine Jean-Pierre (GUEST): Joe Biden’s first Iowa TV ad is as you see there, a general election message in a 20-way primary fight.”

August 21

Sanders – 0:1:0

Warren - 0:1:0

Sanders

Neutral

1. “Senator Bernie Sanders just saying on Twitter: congratulations to Jay Inslee on his impactful campaign to bring the climate crisis to the forefront of the national conversation. There’s no more important issue facing humanity. Together, we will work to pass a Green New Deal and create millions of jobs. “

Warren

Neutral

1. “I think that we’ve also just gotten a tweet from Elizabeth Warren, Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts. Do we have that? We could put up on screen?

Senator Warren has also just posted a message of support in response to Jay

Inslee announcing that he is dropping out of the race.

Again, though, this is information that candidates are responding to in real time because this is something that he just did live here without any advance notice that this was going to happen. We have that Elizabeth Warren tweet? Can we put that up there?

Elizabeth Warren: Thank you, Jay Inslee, for fighting every day to make sure that climate change remains a primary focus of this election. Climate change is real and it's a crisis, and I will keep fighting alongside you to take bold action before it is too late.

Again, Kamala Harris and Elizabeth Warren both responding to this breaking news tonight from Jay Inslee. “

August 23

Biden – 2:1:0
Sanders – 2:1:0
Warren – 2:0:0

Biden

Neutral:

1. “All right. Joe Biden. Former vice-president Joe Biden.

All right. Frontrunner in the polls. Night one, first debate, he knew, of course, he was going to take shots from the other candidates. And he did most effectively from Kamala Harris. We will get to that.

But Vice President Biden starts out the first debate night sort of not assuming that you know who he is, and reintroducing himself to the American people, showing the human empathy and human experience that has made him

such a beloved and hard to beat figure in the Democratic Party for decades. ... [CLIP] ...MADDOW: Joe Biden in the first debate. He would go on in that debate you

remember to get pummeled by some of his opponents, which is going to happen

when you're a frontrunner."

2. "Senator Kamala Harris had what is probably the biggest moment of her campaign so far when she rocketed into the top tier of Democratic candidates after this moment, this direct confrontation with former Vice President Biden that apparently nobody saw coming."

Positive:

1. "Look at his opening gambit for the second debate, after

what he went through in the first debate, with everybody coming after him,

opens the second debate with this magnanimous embrace of all of his rivals.

And then a turn to President Trump, that brings down the house. ... A stacked applause line is a difficult thing in any performance,

to get the big applause and to push through it, knowing that by the time

you get to the end of that delivery, there's a bigger applause line coming

and you have warmed them up.

Vice President Joe Biden in the second debate. "

Sanders

Positive

1. "Bernie Sanders. All right. Senator Sanders, let's start with him in the

first debate. In the first debate, Senator Sanders knew he was going to

get these questions about Republicans framing the Democratic Party as

socialist, right? As the general election being a contest Donald Trump and

socialism.

The problem with that framing, when you put it to Bernie Sanders, is that

that framing works in a bad way if the person you are asking is uncomfortable with the concept or feels defensive about the concept or if the Republican framing on this issue is working on that person somehow. When instead you put that question to Bernie Sanders, what you get is a candidate who absolutely positively knows who he is, who isn't defensive about it at all, who lives comfortably in his own skin and has for decades, and who will take your epithet and turn it around to make it into the best parts of his own pitch for his own campaign. And that's what I do with your socialism question. Senator Bernie Sanders in the first debate having I think his best moment of that debate ripping up this idea that the socialism word is some sort of kryptonite against him and kryptonite against the Democratic Party. That was Bernie Sanders."

2. "In the second debate, I think Senator Sanders' standout moment was a very different interaction. It was when he basically turned into a human shredder of the poor candidate out there on the wings who made an ill-considered decision that he would try to wander into and insert himself into Senator Sanders' own very well-worn wheelhouse.

Senator Sanders, you know, knows who he is. He runs on his own stuff. He didn't throw a lot of lightning bolts at other candidates when he doesn't need to. But if he does throw a lightning bolt at you, it tends to explode when he does that. ctually, kudos to CNN for keeping the split screen up there for Paul Ryan – excuse me, for Tim Ryan being on the receiving end to see him pop the gills once. Hold breath for 40 seconds. Pop the gills one more time. Then go back down. It was just – that was it.

So, Senator Bernie Sanders night one and two in the debates. “

Neutral

1. “she basically dispatched John Delaney, the moderate

Maryland congressman who the moderators kept going to basically as a foil for more progressive candidates like her and Senator Sanders. “

Warren

Positive:

1. “All right. So, Senator Warren, debate one makes a splash because she`s a good candidate but also because she just happens to have a background as a debate champion, literally. I think she had a debate scholarship to college.

And so, debate one, her sort of biggest moment I think in debate on. When she takes a negative question about her health care plan being too much too soon, something that might hurt her with voters in the general election, and she turns that into a chance to sell her health care plan, to dispatch with the idea of it being a political liability and to sort of bring the house down while she`s teaching everybody about what her plan is for health care.”

2. “MADDOW: Senator Elizabeth Warren night one.

Here is Senator Warren from the second debate. Interestingly, the punchiest moment in the second debate, where she brought people out of their seats, when she basically dispatched John Delaney, the moderate Maryland congressman who the moderators kept going to basically as a foil for more progressive candidates like her and Senator Sanders.

I mean, poor John Delaney in this instance, but this is what happens when you have a debate scholarship champion on stage. “

August 28

Warren – 0:2:0

Checker counts that first mention as positive. I didn't this time or the last time, and I'd strongly argue it shouldn't be.

Warren

Neutral

1. “But, you know, I mean, from Marianne Williamson to Congresswoman Tulsi

Gabbard, to Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Amy Klobuchar, and Elizabeth

Warren and Kamala Harris, I mean, this has been a history making six-woman

tableau in terms of women`s political power and political aspirations in

this country.”

2. “And so, now, tonight, for the first time, we have a woman candidate

dropping out of the Democratic race for president. Of the six women who

made the first two Democratic debates, only three of the six are going to

make it on stage for the next debate, the third debate. Those three are

Senators Amy Klobuchar, Kamala Harris and Elizabeth Warren. “

September 4

Warren – 0:1:0

Neutral

1. “Elizabeth Warren has just announced that she`s adapting Jay Inslee`s

climate plan. Jay Inslee pronounced himself delighted she`s taking it

since he said when he dropped out of the presidential race that he

considered his plan to be an open source document and he hoped other

candidates would, in fact, run on it. “

September 6

Biden – 0:4:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “He is attempting to force

the new leader of Ukraine to intervene in the 2020 U.S. presidential

election by launching an investigation of the leading Democratic

presidential candidate Joe Biden. “

2. “But if “The Washington Post” is right that Ukraine is not getting its

military aid unless they do something to try to hurt Joe Biden’s

presidential campaign, they’re trying to get Ukraine help Trump beat Joe

Biden, his expected rival for the 2020 presidential campaign. They want

Ukraine’s help with that. They want Ukraine to cook something up against

Biden or they don’t get their money. “

3. “But “The Washington Post” is reporting tonight is that they believe this

military aid is being held up basically to try to force Ukraine to cook up

some sort of negative story about Joe Biden that they can use in a

presidential election campaign against Joe Biden. It’s very hard to

believe that that might be happening at the highest levels, but I have to

ask your reaction.”

4. “It is absolutely astonishing and the crazy way they’re doing it is by

saying they’re going to ask that Ukrainians to cook up a bogus

investigation of Joe Biden. Again, I didn’t think 2016 could get worse,”

September 9

Biden -0:1:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “As problematic as that is on the surface, “The Washington Post” has now

reported that that \$250 million is essentially being used to extort Ukraine

with the Trump administration conveying unofficially to Ukraine that they

won't get that military aid at all unless the nation of Ukraine provides help to President Trump's re-election campaign in the form of some sort of investigation or maybe a prosecution of Joe Biden or members of the Biden family ahead of the 2020 election since that will help Trump get re-elected."

September 12

Biden – 0:1:0

Neutral

1. "“The Post” reporting last week that the Trump administration had conveyed word to Ukraine that if they really wanted to get that \$250 million in military assistance to help them fight off Russia, then if they want to get that money, they should open up a prosecution of Joe Biden or a prosecution or an investigation to some member of the Biden family or otherwise come up with something that might help Donald Trump in his re-election effort in the event that he ends up running against Biden. “

September 13

Warren – 1:0:0

Positive

1. “Now, as far as we can tell, the reason she's going to be in New York early next week and, therefore, available to come to the studio is because she's apparently planning a big speech in a dramatic setting on Monday evening. Elizabeth Warren's campaign is planning a big speech by their candidate in Washington Square Park in Greenwich Village, in the heart of downtown New York City.

They have been promoting this for a while on Facebook and otherwise to their supporters. It hasn't had any press pickup as far as I can tell, but

it's clear from their organizing effort that they expect this to be kind of a landmark event for the Warren campaign. It's a kind of time and place and setting that could in fact result in a very, very big turnout, but we think that's why she's here. That will be Monday night in New York City, Elizabeth Warren. And then we will have her here on the show the day after on Tuesday. So, I wanted to make sure to remember to tell you that right at the top of the show. “

September 16

Sanders – 0:1:0

Warren – 1:1:0

Sanders

Neutral

1. “MADDOW: A lot is in flux.

This weekend, we got the news of a big reshuffle at the Bernie Sanders New Hampshire campaign. He won New Hampshire in 2016. He's now replacing his state director and his top adviser in the state.”

Warren

Positive

1. “MADDOW: When California Senator Kamala Harris announced her 2020 presidential campaign, she did so at an event in Oakland, California – not far from where I'm from – that had people as far as the eye could see. The largest campaign event held thus far by any 2020 presidential candidate, Kamala Harris' launch.

There may have been an event tonight in New York City that matched it.

Senator Elizabeth Warren downtown had what appears to have been an equally giant event.”

Neutral

1. “And as I mentioned to Senator Harris just tonight, Elizabeth Warren’s campaign is claiming the largest crowd yet for any event in the campaign for any candidate. Campaign saying that over 20,000 people were in Washington Square Park for Elizabeth Warren in downtown New York City tonight.

I should tell you that tomorrow night senator warren will be by exclusive guest right here on set in New York City. “

September 17

Biden – 0:3:0

Sanders – 0:3:0

Warren – 2:0:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “These are the top line results. Former Vice President Joe Biden is at the top of the pack in this new national poll with his support among Democratic primary voters at 31 percent. Now, in terms of Joe Biden’s performance over time compared to the same poll taken in July, he’s increased his national support by 5 points, went from 26 to 31.”

2. “But look who’s between them there. Massachusetts

Senator Elizabeth Warren coming in in second in this new national poll with

25 percent. So, it’s Biden 31, Warren 25, Sanders 14.”

3. “When you said last night in that clip that I just played from your speech – we can’t choose a candidate we don’t believe in just because we’re too scared to do anything else. Democrats can’t win if we’re scared and looking backward.

I think, broadly, that was perceived as you talking there about Vice President Biden. Was it?

WARREN: No. It's talking about whether we're going to turn backwards and just say, the only problem is Trump. If we get rid of Trump, everything is going to be just fine. "

Sanders

Neutral

1. "Now, look at Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders. He comes in third in this new national poll. His support has been a little more static compared to this same poll taken in July. Bernie Sanders' support has increased a little by 1 point. So, he was at 13, he's now at 14.

Now, we've gotten accustomed to these two camping out near the top of the polls over the couple of months as the field has started to sort of solidify into tiers. But look who's between them there. Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren coming in in second in this new national poll with 25 percent. So, it's Biden 31, Warren 25, Sanders 14."

2. "MADDOW: That is something that I've had a lot of conversations with Senator Bernie Sanders.

WARREN: Uh-huh.

MADDOW: And you and Senator Sanders agree a lot when it comes to policy.

You clearly have mutual respect among you two as individuals."

3. "You're both so popular right now in this primary that it's possible that you two may split the progressive vote down the middle, thus resulting in a

more centrist candidate winning the nomination instead of either of you.

How do – how do you and Senator Sanders avoid that fate? “

Warren

Positive

1. “As Chris said, Senator Elizabeth Warren is going to be here live in studio in just a moment. We had Senator Kamala Harris here last night. We`ve got Senator Warren here tonight.

Lots to ask Senator Warren tonight after her very, very, very large rally in New York City last night. This was quite possibly the biggest rally of the Democratic campaign so far this year. Senator Warren will be joining us here in studio momentarily.”

2. “Now, we`ve gotten accustomed to these two camping out near the top of the polls over the couple of months as the field has started to sort of solidify into tiers. But look who`s between them there. Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren coming in in second in this new national poll with 25 percent. So, it`s Biden 31, Warren 25, Sanders 14.

But in addition to that strong second place showing, of all the candidates running in the primary, she`s gotten the biggest boost since this poll was last taken in July. She`s bumped up by 6 points. She went up from 19 to 25.

And that uptick for Elizabeth Warren, that boost in the polls, is not looking like a one-off. Senator Warren has been steadily climbing not just in this poll but basically in all polls. She has clocking solid debate

performances, she has been drawing more crowds to her rallies, culminating last night in New York City, in Washington Square Park where Senator Warren had not just the biggest rally of her campaign thus far, she had what may very well be the biggest single crowd drawn by anyone in the Democratic presidential field thus far this year.”

September 19

Biden – 0:1:0

Neutral

1. “But “The Post” says, we`re reliably told the president has a second and more venal agenda. He`s attempting to force the Ukrainian president to intervene in the U.S. 2020 election by launching an investigation in Ukraine of the leading Democratic candidate Joe Biden.”

September 20

Biden – 0:6:2

Neutral

1. “Quote: That call is already under investigation by House Democrats who are examining whether or not Trump and his attorney, Rudy Giuliani, sought to manipulate the Ukrainian government into helping Trump`s reelection campaign by digging up dirt on Democratic presidential frontrunner Joe Biden, all while Trump was holding up \$250 million in military aide to Ukraine.

After that news broke last night, Rudy Giuliani made a – shall we say – colorful appearance on CNN. He denied asking Ukrainian officials to investigate Joe Biden, then like thirty seconds later. he admitted that he did. Giuliani claimed that if Trump himself had pressured Ukraine to

investigate Joe Biden, that would have been totally fine, or certainly no worse than terrible things that Joe Biden has done anyway, right? It's all just a giant deep state media conspiracy.

But, today, Giuliani had apparently recovered enough from his shouting session with a coffee date with one of the Ukrainian businessmen who has been helping him dig for dirt on Joe Biden in Ukraine. "Reuter" spotted them, where else, at the Trump Hotel in Washington.

Anyway, sure enough, the scenario so heavily, heavily foreshadowed by Giuliani last night began breaking across one news outlet after another after another today. "The Wall Street Journal" had the first report.

Quote: President Trump in a July phone call repeatedly pressured the president of Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden's son, urging Ukraine's leader about eight times to work with Rudy Giuliani on a probe that could hamper Mr. Trump's potential 2020 opponent."

2. "So, here's how "The Times" put it today, quote: Questions have emerged about whether Mr. Trump's push for inquiry into the Bidens was behind a week's long White House hold on military aid for Ukraine. The United States suspended the military aid to Ukraine in early July. Mr. Trump did not discuss the aid in the July 25 call with the president of Ukraine and Kiev did not learn of the suspension until August, according to people familiar with the call."

3. "REID: For a lot of Democrats in 2020, there's been a growing frustration with the party establishment, specifically with the back and forth and seeming reluctance of party leadership to outright back the impeachment of Donald Trump. And at the same time, there's a frustration that polls

continue to show that the most establishment candidate for the Democratic

nomination, former Vice President Joe Biden remains firmly in the lead.”

4. “And now, we have a national security story that involves the potential next

Democratic nominee, Joe Biden. “The Wall Street Journal” is reporting that

a Trump pushed the Ukrainian president to investigate Biden’s son eight

times in just one July phone call.”

5. “JEAN-PIERRE: Yes, I don’t know how any lawmaker regardless of which side

of the aisle that you sit in that you don’t look at what happened this week

with Donald Trump, clearly, it seems to me as the stories of “Wall Street

Journal”, “Washington Post”, “New York Times” continue to reveal every time

where every hour we’re learning something new, that he called the Ukraine

president to ask that president to eight times, right, according to “The

Wall Street Journal”, to please help him investigate or investigate Biden -

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REID: Yes.

JEAN-PIERRE: – Hunter Biden to help him with his election, right?

Reelection basically a political opponent, and I don’t know how you don’t

hear that or look at that, and I think we need to move forward with

impeachment, not even impeachment inquiry at this point. We’re beyond

that, impeachment period, impeachment hearings, and that’s where we should

be.”

6. “JEAN-PIERRE: So one thing that we are learning very quickly and this is

very much a repeat of 2016, is Donald Trump is going to do anything to win,

right? He’s going to not follow the rules. He’s doesn’t care about the

rule of law. Clearly, he’s calling the president of Ukraine to help him

out with his race.

And that's incredibly dangerous because he's going to do that with any candidate. It doesn't matter if it's Biden.

REID: Right.

JEAN-PIERRE: Whoever is the nominee, this is what Donald Trump is going to do. He's going to do what he did in 2016, which was raised the negatives of his opponent. So it is going to be a gutter, lowest of the lows type of election that Donald Trump is going to run. So, what Democrats have to figure out is how do we – like how do they really compete against Donald Trump. What is it? Is it the contrast?"

Negative

1. "Meanwhile, Biden is also the source of anxiety among younger Democrats, young black Democrats and progressives across the board who feel that even when there's nothing to be found in the Trump-Giuliani dumpster-dive for Ukraine-based dirt on the former vice president and his family, Biden just might be the most target-rich environment for Trump in 2020, given his long history in politics. And that Democrats might not know how to prevent a repeat of 2016, with Biden playing the role of Hillary Clinton and her emails."

2. "REID: But that's the other thing that I hear out in the world, and I don't know if you do as well, that people are concerned that yes, people like Joe Biden. He's one of the most likable sort of candidates on the Democratic side. But there's a lot there that could be real or not even real, because, you know, we learned with Senator Clinton – with Secretary Clinton, it doesn't matter if it isn't true."

September 23

Biden – 0:2:0

1. “the midst of this now-roiling controversy over the president essentially admitting that he and another one of his personal lawyers have been pressuring a foreign government to start an investigation into the front-runner in the Democratic presidential primary with the somewhat obvious hope that such an investigation by a foreign country might dirty up Joe Biden’s reputation enough to either prevent him from getting the Democratic nomination or at least hurt him in the general against Trump if Biden does, in fact, become his party’s nominee. “

2. “I mean, right now, there’s lots of attention, I think, rightfully, being paid to the fact that the president and his personal lawyer, Mr. Giuliani, have told Ukraine that Ukraine needs to produce some sort of dirt on Joe Biden that could be helpful in the president’s 2020 re-election campaign. But Giuliani isn’t just asking for dirt on Biden, right, he’s also reportedly telling Ukraine they need to open an investigation into what happened to good old Paul Manafort. “

September 24

Biden – 0:2:0

1. “Since that story first broke, the president has confirmed that in fact he did raise the issue of wanting some sort of investigation into Joe Biden when he was in communication with the president of Ukraine. The president initially denied that but then later confirmed that at basically the same time, he was also withholding U.S. military aid to Ukraine. “

2. “I mean, it’s sort of an undisputed and admitted fact now that President Trump asked a foreign country to help him in his re-election bid by giving him dirt on Joe Biden. And the president personally intervened to withhold military aid from that country at the same time that he was making that request about Biden. In so doing, the president, according to the laws of common sense, created the impression in that foreign country that they wouldn’t get that life-saving military aid from our country unless they coughed up the help that Trump wanted for his campaign.”

September 25

Biden – 0:5:0

1. “Now that we the public have seen those White House notes from the call, though, we know that in that call the president repeatedly talked about Attorney General William Barr, the head of the Justice Department, as the person who the Ukrainian president should work with if he really did want to provide dirt on the president’s likely political opponent, Joe Biden, which was what the president was requesting from Ukraine in that call.”

2. “ mean, it’s right there in black and white that President Trump in fact did what Democrats are accusing him of doing and why they have brought impeachment proceedings against him. In the notes released by the White House, the president overtly does ask Ukraine for help digging up dirt against President Trump’s potential 2020 Democratic rival, Joe Biden.

Quote: There’s a lot of talk about Biden’s son. That Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that, so whatever you can do with the attorney general, meaning with Bill Barr, that would be

great. “

3. “What is maybe worse, I guess definitely weirder about this phone call about

which we now have these White House notes is that in addition to asking

this foreign country for help against Joe Biden ahead of the 2020 election,

the president also asked them for something else. So, the context here

obviously, this is Ukraine.”

4. “So, you’ve heard this quoted a million times today. But this is also the

part that I think it’s important to note takes President Trump beyond him

just trying to get dirt on Joe Biden. “

5. “But in the world that just unfolded to us today in the middle of this

impeachment scandal, President Trump not only admits to doing what the

presidents are now going to impeach him for, he not only concedes that he

went to the government of Ukraine to try to get dirt on Joe Biden ahead of

the 2020 election. We also learned that he is trying to enlist Ukraine to

help him in this effort to exonerate Russia for their attack on us in 2016,

to get what Russia did wiped off the ledger somehow. “

September 27

Biden – 0:2:0

1. “The whistle-blower was basically claiming that after this very worrying

phone call in which the president we now know asked Ukraine to help him in

his re-election effort against his potential opponent, Joe Biden, we know

that that happened. We know that the whistle-blower got it on good

authority that that call happened, described it basically exactly along the

lines of what we eventually saw when the transcript of that call came out. “

2. “MADDOW: With President Trump and his personal lawyer, Mr. Rudy Giuliani,

apparently trying to enlist Ukraine in a number of different efforts, we’ve

been talking about it in the context of the impeachment inquiry, which is

specifically about trying to either engineer or dig up something that will hurt Joe Biden, that will hurt the president's potential political opponent in 2020, beyond that, though, seems like they have been looking for a couple other things. “

September 30

Biden – 0:4:0

1. “That's when

he asked that foreign leader for help with items on his personal wish list, including some sort of law enforcement or legal proceeding against his potential 2020 Democratic opponent, Joe Biden.

Now, tonight, we've got news that the secretary of state was listening in on that call while that ask from the president happened. And that is remarkable. “

2. “And one of them has to do with the 2020 election. Apparently, they want Ukraine to give Trump something he can use against Joe Biden in the 2020 election. Either to keep Biden from becoming the Democratic nominee or beat him in the general or maybe both, right? So, that's one thing.

That's what president Trump is going to be impeached for. “

3. “Trump has also told Ukraine that he wants them to investigate the security firm that first determined it was the Russian government that hacked the Democratic Party and started the attack on the 2016 election. Which is – I mean, just step back from this a second, right? I mean, you look at this in terms of what Trump is going to be impeached for, he's definitely going to be impeached, at least it looks like he's definitely going to be impeached for what he was asking for from Ukraine for 2020. He went to

Ukraine to ask for help with 2020, went to Ukraine for help with beating Biden, if he is Trump's Democratic opponent. That, of course, would help President Trump. “

4. “And really, even with the seemingly nonstop flow of breaking news about this whole impeachment scandal, there is a ton we don't know. It is unclear whether U.S. special counsel envoy Kurt Volker may have been part of this scheme to pressure the Ukrainian government. He showed up meeting with the Ukrainian government right after President Trump pressured them in a phone call to hand over dirt on Biden as a condition of getting military aid. “

LAWRENCE O'DONNELL

August 1

Biden – 3:3:0
Sanders – 2:2:0
Warren – 2:1:0

Biden

“Also with us Ron Klain, he was a senior aide to Vice President Joe Biden and President Obama. He's also was an advisor - he is now an Advisor to Joe Biden's 2020 presidential campaign.

And Ron, I was just learning that in my teleprompter, so if it's present tense now that you are formally advising the Biden campaign.

RON KLAIN, ADVISOR TO JOE BIDEN'S 2020 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN: I am, yes absolutely.

Neutral

1. "If you certainly watched that debate, you saw that candidates taking to Donald Trump. But you also saw seven candidates individually attack the Vice-President. And so part of that debate was him dealing with those attacks, responding to those attacks. Making points about his opponents records. That is part of the debate process and I think you saw both those things happening last night."

2. "Both positions - the whole range of positions is significantly more progressive than where we were just - eight - seven or eight years ago as a party with the kind of the public option now being a starting point for people like Vice President Biden and Senator Bennet and others."

3. "O'DONNELL: OK. Ron, Joe Biden aside, in the two nights, just give me just give me one name on who you think did the best on each of those two nights, without including Joe Biden."

Positive

1. "But I think what you are saying is kind of like what you said, Lawrence, a discussion about the policy stuff. I think that's very, very healthy. I think when it stays away from people attacking each other's motives, when it stays away from people attacking each other's - Senator Gillibrand went after an Op-Ed Vice President Biden wrote 38 years ago, I don't think that's as healthy, OK. I don't think that's what the Democrats want to see.

But I think having a robust debate among these candidates about the different ways to meet the shared Democratic goal of expanding healthcare in our country, I think, that's a that's a healthy conversation, one we have to have."

2. "KLAIN: Well look I do think the centerpiece of these conversations should be about what these Democrats are proposing to do tomorrow. What's

realistic, what can get done, what can actually make people's lives better.

I think Vice President Biden was talking about that. Last time we talked about his health care plan and how he would expand coverage. So I think that's a positive direction. Hopefully, we'll see more of that in the upcoming debates."

3. "KLAIN: Look, I think you saw on the one hand the candidates did make a powerful case against Donald Trump. And I thought you know Vice President Biden took it to Trump in his opening statement. Senator Gillibrand had her famous line about Chloroxing Oval Office. Governor Inslee called him a white nationalist."

Sanders

Positive

1. "SHAHID: Yes. Also in that debate I thought we saw a really substantive discussion about the role of government and the Democratic Party. The role of government in America. I mean, it's a tectonic shift from where the Democratic Party was in the 1990s with Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders trying to make government work again."

2. "Or overseeing the - most carbon emissions that we've seen in this country have come in the last 30 years. And so I think a lot of the anger is being driven by young people who've seen politicians not really solve systemic crises in our country, and that's why I think you're seeing people like Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders really propose solutions that solve these crises and actually are the goal themselves rather than just getting to the goal."

Neutral

1. “Both positions - the whole range of positions is significantly more progressive than where we were just - eight - seven or eight years ago as a party with the kind of the public option now being a starting point for people like Vice President Biden and Senator Bennet and others. And obviously, Senator Warren, Senator Sanders for Medicare for All, Senator Harris for some hybrid plan.”
2. “O`DONNELL: Why aren`t you supporting Bernie Sanders this time?

SHAHID: Well, I think, right now we`ve had a lot of supporters that are split between candidates. We`ll follow what our supporters want, so we have a lot of supporters who support Bernie.

O`DONNELL: Also your organization, you`re staying out of it because your organization hasn`t chosen him candidate.

SHAHID: Yes.”

Warren

Same neutral as Sanders' #1, same positives as Sanders.

August 2

Biden – 0:1:0

Neutral

1. “INGLIS: That`s true except this one, the big one that – the Democrats really don`t understand is if you treat abortion as a sacrament of some sort and you run a high priest or high priestess of abortion in America, you cannot win the south. You cannot win Texas. And you cannot win the presidency.

And so as long as that cultural divide remains with the Democrats choosing basically telling Joe Biden that he has to abandon 20 years, 30 years of a policy position on no public funding of abortion, you must accept it, Joe. He acquiesces, he hands the White House back to Donald Trump because you can't win the south or Texas with that position."

August 6

Biden – 9:2:0

Positive

1. "You will hear from Joe Biden later in this hour delivering a speech in Iowa today in which he condemned Donald Trump's hatred and racism in the strongest terms we have yet heard from Joe Biden. He linked Donald Trump's language to the massacre in El Paso.

You will hear from Senator Cory Booker later in this hour in a speech he delivered today in a church in Charleston, South Carolina, which was itself the scene of a racist mass murder. You will hear from both Joe Biden and Cory Booker speak not so much as presidential candidates because they barely referred to their candidacies at all, but as moralists appealing to the conscience of most Americans who have always rejected everything about Donald Trump and Trumpism and the racism that was the founding principle of Trumpism, the Trump lie about President Obama's birth certificate. That's how Trumpism was born, in the muck of that racism."

2. "O'DONNELL: Joe Biden was in Iowa today where he was scheduled to give a speech about agriculture policy. He didn't give that speech. Instead, he delivered a moral indictment against Donald Trump.

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O'DONNELL: In one paragraph Joe Biden covered years of offenses by Donald Trump.

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O'DONNELL: Both Cory Booker and Joe Biden talked about American history today in a way that politicians usually don't. They actually acknowledged the good and the bad.

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O'DONNELL: Joe Biden's speech was originally scheduled as a presidential campaign speech, but he made just a single passing reference to his candidacy and his policy proposal to reinstitute a ban on the sale of assault weapons. The speech was not so much a Biden for president speech. It was much more of an anyone-but-Trump speech.

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O'DONNELL: We will hear what Cory Booker had to say later in this hour. And after this break, we'll be joined by former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and "The Washington Post", Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Eugene Robinson to their reaction with the events of the day and what we just heard from Joe Biden.

3. "And Mr. Mayor, Mr. Speaker I want to begin with you and give you a wide open field to react to what you've heard from Joe Biden and the events of the day.

ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA, FORMER MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES: I thought what was important when you mentioned this wasn't a campaign speech, this was a speech for the soul of the nation, a clarion call to two Americans that we

need to come together as one.”

4. “O’DONNELL: Gene, the clip we just showed - that short bit about getting the

assault weapons ban through the Senate with Dianne Feinstein in the early

1990s that was the entirety of Joe Biden’s statements today as a candidate

referring to himself, in any way, as he candidates, said that if he’s

President they’ll do it again.

And so that’s my point about it not being a political speech and what we’re

going to hear from Cory Booker is the same thing. And it seems to me that -

the way these voices are being raised now - we’re watching people find

their voices not so much as campaigners, but as fundamental moralists

standing up against Donald Trump.”

5. “EUGENE ROBINSON, MSNBC CHIEF POLITICAL ANALYST: Right. As spokesman for and

leaders of a crusade, a crusade for the soul of the nation. I mean, I was

trying to remember when I’ve heard Joe Biden give a better speech and I and

I actually - nothing really sprang to mind.

I thought it was a pretty good speech, just as a speech. And the split

screen today of a Biden giving a speech that sort of laid out and defended

the best American values that talked about American history in its subtlety

and its contradictions.

And sort of laid out where we are now, and what the President Trump is

doing to the country, in such a, I thought, really eloquent way. And the

contrast between that and the President, it’s somehow making a trip to

Dayton and El Paso to console ostensibly the victims of the massacres,

making it all about him and how he was being covered and how he was being

talked.

The contrast couldn't have been more striking. It really couldn't been. And then the stakes of this election could not have been more vivid and more apparent."

6. "O'DONNELL: Like Joe Biden today, Cory Booker told the hard truths of American history.

7. "O'DONNELL: What was striking was each one of them had about a sentence and a half about their own political position. Cory Booker talked about his idea very sketchily, about the, not only registering guns, but forcing insurance of the policies very much like automobiles - the way do automobiles, but it flew by for both him.

They went to much larger points of view. They were not talking about this at the legislative level. They were talking about this at the societal level."

8. "VILLARAIGOSA: They spoke to America's heart, not her head. They used historical allegory to chronicle the fact that this country, although, we talked about all men being created equal, they didn't mean women, they didn't mean blacks or Native Americans and they certainly didn't mean people that weren't owners of property."

9. "It's - you take O'Rourke and Biden and Booker, just these three, these are Presidential candidates. We've heard the speeches today and we've O'Rourke over the past few days.

And when have you heard Presidential candidates take that much time, that much airtime, that much focus on them, not to say vote for me and not for him or her. Not to make their case, but to talk about those - these bigger issues?

it's - I think that is a fascinating moment and I wonder if this is going to affect the tone of the campaign going forward if we're going to hear more Democrats sort of focused on the stakes of this election, rather than the details of their health care plans.

Neutral

1. "O'DONNELL: We're back with Eugene Robinson and former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. Gene, I'm struck by the way Cory Booker talked about American history and the way Joe Biden talked about American history. The phrase we didn't hear in either one of these speeches today is, "We are better than this".

We've been hearing that from a lot of people in politics for a long time. It seems like there's an awareness - no, no, no we are not all better than this. There's a very substantial number of us who are not better than this."

2. "ROBINSON: Right. They were both saying we are complicated and we have always been complicated. We have - from the nation's founding there was this push and pull between the ideals of our founding documents and the reality of the way those ideals were implemented and/or distorted and/or ignored and that has happened from the founding to the present day.

Our history has been a constant struggle to bring the nation more in line with its with - with the stirring words that the founders gave us, and we've made a lot of progress. But we were never perfect and we certainly aren't perfect now."

August 13

Biden – 0:1:0

Neutral

1. “O’DONNELL: Joe Biden tweeted today the brave protesters in Hong Kong are demanding the rights and freedoms promised to them. The U.S. should be leading the free world to rally support behind them, and with one device defend our shared democratic ideals and the desire for liberty that beats in every heart.

And, Ambassador McFaul, that’s the way presidents in this country used to sound. “

August 16

Biden – 0:3:0

Sanders – 0:3:0

Warren – 0:3:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “MELBER: We’re 445 days from Election Day but who’s counting? Well, there’s a new head-to-head poll and it shows Donald Trump losing not to one or two Democrats but actually all four off those offered in the poll. Now, who’s going to believe a poll like that? Is it just rooting for the resistance?

Well, it’s from Fox News, has Biden up 52:38, Sanders 48:39, Warren 46:39, and Harris by a tighter 45:39.”

2. “I think the one thing Democrats can

take from this, which is fascinating compared to where we were about three or four months ago, when the Democratic primary really started to get legs, there was a conversation around electability. Was Joe Biden the only

candidate that could be Trump? I think what we're seeing right now is any one of these Democratic candidates that emerge can beat the President of the United States; that includes someone who's considered very progressive like Elizabeth Warren or Bernie Sanders."

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Warren

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August 20

Biden – 1:4:0

Sanders – 0:3:0

Warren – 1:2:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “In that poll, Joe Biden continues to lead the Democratic field with 29

percent of the vote. That is up 7 points since June – since June and that

CNN poll. The poll does not show significant gains for any other

candidate. “

2. “Neera, let’s take a look, another look at that CNN poll, the latest poll of

the Democratic primary field because it’s kind of fascinating. Joe Biden

at 29 percent, a jump of 7 points in that poll. Bernie Sanders holding

steady at 15. Elizabeth Warren holding steady at 14. “

3. “O’DONNELL: Well, that is the Rachel Bitecofer point, that the voter is so

driven by the fear of Donald Trump and that’s what could be supporting the

Biden candidacy. It seems to be the operative principle in Joe Biden’s

campaign advertising.

Let’s take a look at this new campaign ad from Joe Biden. “

4. “ But according to a lot of analysis, one group has done

this, essentially there were, you know, 90 percent of the Democratic surge

vote – 90 percent of the margin vote, I should say, the vote that led to

the House victory were voters who had voted for Trump in 2016 and moved to

Democrats in 2018.

So, it’s really a strategy. There are voters. You see this in the polling

you just announced. White non-college women who were 2 to 1 against

Hillary are now 43 percent for Trump, 49 percent for Democrats. That is a big move amongst those voters who are not super partisan. They tend to be independent.

And so, I think that – I think that`s an argument that Biden is using.

That he can appeal to those voters. Sanders also says he can appeal to those voters. I think Democrats are making a very complicated view about who can put together a broad coalition to take on Trump.”

Positive

1. “So, you know, my take here is that the vice president is doing well because he – there`s been a series of polls over the last month in which it shows that – they show that he is the best candidate against Trump.

Electability is still a critical issue. And I think for a lot of Democratic voters, while we all engaged in all the differences between these candidates, they are fundamentally thinking that the differences between the Democratic candidates are pretty small in comparison to the difference with Donald Trump himself, particularly after events in El Paso, in California, you know, the danger of Trump I think almost helps Biden. But, again, it`s very early. “

Sanders

Neutral

1. “Bernie Sanders is at 15 percent. That`s up 1 point. Elizabeth Warren is at 14 percent. That`s down 1 point. Kamala Harris is down 5 percent and that`s down 12 points since June. “

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Warren

Neutral

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Positive

1. “TANDEN: Absolutely. And, again, you know, there are reports of different candidates doing really well in early states.

Booker doing well in Iowa, getting really great crowds. Warren doing very well and doing well in Iowa polls. “

August 21

Warren – 0:1:0

Neutral

1. “I also have Elizabeth Warren’s here somewhere, but yes, the reactions are very gracious as you would expect them to be. Jay Inslee didn’t make any enemies in this campaign. “

August 22

Biden – 0:1:0

Neutral

1. “CHARLIE COOK, NATIONAL JOURNAL COLUMNIST: If you look at it, when was the last time you saw a national, a credible national poll that President Trump was ahead of Joe Biden? Name one. I can’t even remember one. They are tied, tied with Biden in Florida and behind in every other swing state.

Think about that. Now, of course Biden may not win the nomination. Somebody else might. The thing is, Biden is the clear leader right now and he has got a lead in every national poll, oftentimes double digits, and double digits in many of the swing states.”

August 26

Biden – 0:4:0
Sanders – 0:4:0
Warren – 2:6:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “O’DONNELL: Tonight we have new polling in the Democratic Presidential campaign. A new Monmouth University poll shows a statistical freeway tie for Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren and Joe Biden. It’s the second poll that has shown a three-way statistical tie for the lead.

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6. “MURRAY: If all of a sudden, there is one more that comes out, I'll say, boy, we have a race on our hands. But Lawrence, what actually stands out to me right now is really just how stable this field has been, with the exceptions of Elizabeth Warren and her improvement, Kamala Harris taking

off after that first debate and then coming back down to earth after the second one.”

Positive

1. “CORNELL BELCHER, DEMOCRATIC POLLSTER: I think it makes a lot of sense.

Look, there`s some caution it`s a small sample size. But you do see some trend lines here. And again, I was cautioned that, as you know, Lawrence, it`s not a national election. It is a state-by-state contest.

That said, some of the national polls do show some indications of what`s happening underneath and some trend lines here. And I think this trend line is fairly clear, Lawrence, that Senator Warren is running a really good race, I`d argue she`s running the best campaign thus far. It is beginning to show. I mean, she`s got putting her head down, she`s putting in the work, she`s showing up places, she`s coming up with policies, she`s answering a lot of questions.

Even more important to me than sort of what the horse race is in the national elections is the trend line that I think is really important here is that if you look at her favorability over the last several months, what you want to see is, are more voters getting to know her and are they - if their favorables are growing? So even, the horse race number aside, that she is growing her name recognition and more voters are beginning to know her and think favorable of her, says she`s moving in the right direction.

And I would not be surprised, Lawrence, that fairly soon she is going to really be challenging for the frontrunner status in this campaign.

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August 28

Biden – 4:9:1
Sanders – 0:5:0
Warren – 0:9:0

Biden

Neutral

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4. “NOLAN MCCASKILL, NATIONAL POLITICAL REPORTER, POLITICO: It was pretty close. Symone Sanders, the senior adviser, convened us all and pretty much right before it the vice president began to deliver opening remarks, he informed us the session will be on the record. So, the vice president ended up speaking for maybe 10 or 15 minutes, delivering his opening statement and then each of us were offered a chance to ask a question,

sometimes a couple questions and able to squeeze them in and about 90

minutes later, the vice president was still talking. “

6. “So, what we’ll see for the first time is Joe Biden on the same stage with

Elizabeth Warren. “

7. “O’DONNELL: Jonathan Allen, so we’ve got the two polls out today and

Monmouth just comes out and says, well, we should all just forget about

that Monmouth poll and people were leaning in that direction already

anyway. But there’s Joe Biden with this solid 32 percent that’s right back

there and he’s right back in that solid position. And everyone else is in

an alignment they’ve been settled into now for a couple of weeks with

Elizabeth Warren essentially coming in second in these kinds of polls. The

rest of the field, the way they’ve been lining up in most of the other

polls. “

8. “It will be interesting to see if they try to do that again with Biden sort

of taking the moderate position and how that plays out. He certainly is a

stronger advocate for that position than some of the others they were on

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have this historically diverse field of 2020 candidates but the top three

are older white people who continue to dominate and that’s just a very

interesting perspective. But when you talk about who can beat Trump, other

candidates are proving that Joe Biden is not the only one.”

Positive

1. “The front runner in the Democratic race, Joe Biden, had a meeting with a small group of people yesterday and we are lucky enough to have someone who was in the room with Joe Biden yesterday in that meeting, Nolan McCaskill, who is a political reporter, who described how the meeting was supposed to go and how Joe Biden immediately changed the expectation.

Nolan McCaskill’s report on the meeting in “Politico” began this way: Joe Biden’s campaign convened a dozen or so black reporters from major media outlets Tuesday for what was offered as a private, off-the-record sit-down with the Democratic front runner. But Biden opened the discussion, allowing himself to be quoted. And then he started talking and he talked some more and before everyone knew it, the former vice president had held forth for 90 minutes, an extraordinary amount of time for a major presidential candidate to meet the media in a single sitting.

One of the highlights of the discussion was what Joe Biden had to say about how he would choose a vice presidential nominee if he wins the Democratic presidential nomination and Nolan McCaskill is here to tell us all about that. O’DONNELL: Leading off our discussion tonight, three highly experienced political reporters who know how to read today’s new campaign polls, and who probably thought they had already heard everything Joe Biden has to say about everything, but Nolan McCaskill has a few things to add to that. Nolan McCaskill is a political reporter for “Politico”. Also with us, Sam Stein, politics editor at “The Daily Beast”, he’s an MSNBC political analyst. And Jonathan Allen is with us, she’s a national political

reporter for NBC News Digital.

And, Nolan, let's start with you and this extraordinary meeting with Joe Biden yesterday about a dozen of you. And we're all familiar with that style of meeting. It's supposed to be off the record. And you're supposed to gain some insights about the candidate that might not be possible otherwise. But immediately, I guess, Joe Biden put it on the record, is that how it happened? "

2. "JONATHAN ALLEN, NATIONAL POLITICAL REPORTER, NBC NEWS DIGITAL: You know, I think it's still too early. If you were to come up with a big story line so far Joe Biden's resilience as the leader, the front runner, with roughly a third of the Democratic electorate behind him, certainly number one "

3. "MCCASKILL: Right. There's definitely evidence in this polling that Joe Biden isn't the only candidate who can defeat Trump, but he does have an advantage, the fact he leads Trump by the largest margins, he does continue to lead the rest of the field by the largest margins. He does well with women, he does well with men, he does well with white voters, he does well with black voters, he does well with Hispanic voters. "

4. "MCCASKILL: I think some of the highlights were the fact that he was very vocal in talking about white supremacy and racism. He was very candid in saying that, you know, racism is a white man's problem. He was challenging white Americans to be vocal about it, to speak out about it, to embarrass it, to really highlight things that are going on that shouldn't be happening in this country because he says that's the best way to fight it.

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have diversity on the ticket by choosing a person of color. But the former vice president says while he prefers to have someone who fits that bill.

His priority is picking someone who's more so aligned with him. He talked a lot about his experience being vice president to President Barack Obama and how much trust Obama had in him when he was in the White House. He said that's the most important thing for him if he is to become the nominee, to have someone he trusts even if that person doesn't fit the bill of being a woman or person of color though he does want to consider that.

O'DONNELL: Yes, Nolan, as I read your account with the quotes of what he said about the V.P. choice, it did sound like he really wants to go in some – make a diverse choice, if he gets to make that choice.

MCCASKILL: Right. Yes, he told us it was his preference to choose somebody who's a person of color or a woman, if not both. But he also seemed to suggest that he's looking at someone who's possibly more of a moderate, someone who really agrees with him politically. He was telling us that the only disagreement he's willing to have with someone on the same ticket with him is a disagreement in tactics but he wants somebody who believes the same things he believes so he can trust that person to delegate the big tasks of the presidency so he can continue to focus on the big things that a president has to do. “

Negative

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Sanders

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Warren

Neutral

1-3 same as the others.

4. “So, what we’ll see for the first time is Joe Biden on the same stage with Elizabeth Warren. Now, whether that changes the dynamics here is another question, because still with ten people it’s an incredibly crowded debate stage. “

5. “And everyone else is in

an alignment they’ve been settled into now for a couple of weeks with

Elizabeth Warren essentially coming in second in these kinds of polls. “

6. “We’ll have to see them as Sam says on the debate stage for the first time

to see if that rocks anything back and forth. I think one of the interesting things to watch will be Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, we saw them in Detroit essentially locking arms as the people agitating for what Elizabeth Warren calls big structural change and not going after each other at all. “

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number two would be Elizabeth Warren, really having the trajectory that

she’s had, coming basically out of nowhere at the beginning of the campaign

up into that position of second, maybe perhaps having plateaued a little bit

for the moment. That would be the second story line among the candidates. “

Positive

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August 30

Biden – 0:2:0

Sanders – 0:1:0

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echoing Rachel Bitecofer’s modeling for the Presidential election.”

Sanders

Neutral

Same as Biden's #1.

Warren

Same neutral as the other two.

September 3

Biden – 0:1:0

“Normally, when the Vice President of the United States goes to Dublin, he

stays in Dublin, as Joe Biden did at the Phoenix Park Hotel when he was

Vice President. “

September 4

One neutral for all: “The new Marquette Law School poll shows Democratic frontrunner Joe Biden

ahead of Donald Trump 51 percent to 42 percent. The poll also shows Bernie

Sanders ahead at 48 percent to 44 percent. Elizabeth Warren is tied with

Donald Trump at 45 percent. “

September 5

One neutral for Biden:

“EILEMANN: Well, I think this is the right answer and I will say not

obsessive, pathological is the word you're looking for. He's is a pathology, he's is pathological liar, the pathology, however, is triggered by various bad news on other fronts.

The pathology gets amped up when he looks around and sees what all the domestic political front he looks at polling where he gets beaten like a gong in every swing state by not just Joe Biden but by many of the further down the scale Democrats."

September 6

One neutral for Biden:

"The Washington

Post Editorial Board saying they're trying to force them to help out with the election by digging up some sort of dirt on Joe Biden to help Donald Trump win re-election."

September 10

Biden – 0:2:0

Sanders – 0:2:0

Warren – 0:2:0

Same for all three

Neutral

1. "But the new Univision poll of Texas shows Bernie Sanders ahead of Donald Trump, 48-42. Joe Biden ahead of Donald Trump, 47-43. Julian Castro ahead of Trump, 44-41. Elizabeth Warren ahead of Trump, 44-42. Cory Booker ahead of Trump, 43-41. Kamala Harris ahead of Trump, 45-44. "
2. "But the other question, and this is always what really, really concerns me.

There's a big difference between Donald Trump losing in a head to head against Bernie Sanders or losing in a head to head with Warren, or losing

in a head to head with Warren, or losing in a head to head with Biden. And these sort of generic numbers that show him losing or people not wanting to have the job.

This will inevitably get closer as the attacks are going and once there`s actually a Democratic nominee. So, the Democrats need to make sure that they stay focused. This is not a slam dunk by any means. It`s only September and a lot of people didn`t start paying attention until after Labor Day. “

September 11

Biden – 1:0:0
Sanders – 1:2:1
Warren – 0:2:0

Biden

Positive

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Sanders

Negative

1. “WILSON: I think one of the great difficulties that we`ve seen sort of in a second order effect is all these people that he`s turned through in the national security side of the equation, they`re not leaving because they`re not competent. They`re leaving because he`s not confident. They`re

leaving because they can't work in a system that's so random, so caustic, so constantly chaotic driven by Trump's ego, driven by Trump's impulses, you know, and now, driven by the fact that Donald Trump is the left of Bernie Sanders, Donald Trump is and everybody else.

This whole character of Taliban Trump this week, John Bolton was fired for being insufficiently skeptical, insufficiently favorable to the Taliban and insufficiently favorable to the Iranian mullahs. That's a bizarro world that we're leaving in. And people who are inside have a responsibility to say the truth."

Positive

1. "O'DONNELL: I got to say that inviting the Taliban to Camp David is not a left or extreme left idea. So, you don't get to the left of Bernie Sanders with that idea. I mean, it might be a Rand Paul idea. I don't know, but it doesn't live on the left side of our politics. That's for sure."

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2. "O'DONNELL: Neera, the new round of polling. I mean these are extraordinary numbers against an incumbent. I mean people who aren't used to looking at this kind of polling to see an incumbent in any office being beaten in a

one-on-one by a challenger by 15 points in the case of by - nine points in the case of Bernie Sanders, seven points in the case of Senator Harris and Senator Warren. These are just kind of extraordinary numbers right now.”

Warren

Same neutrals as Sanders.

September 12

Biden – 9:1:0

Sanders – 1:3:0

Warren – 3:3:0

Biden

Positive

1. “ALTER: But it – you know, we’re not sure whether xi wants Trump out of there because he’s so easy to manipulate that he might want to do Trump a favor and come up with some kind of a deal because he could have his hands full, with President Warren or President Biden or somebody else who’s not as much of a sap and not as out of his depth in these negotiations. “

2. “WILLIAMS: At the center of the stage tonight, the frontrunner and the biggest target of the evening, Joe Biden. At one point, Julian Castro appeared to take a swipe at Biden over what he seemed to regard as some sort of senior moment.

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3. "WALLACE: But look, if you had to stick one headline on this night, I think we showed the moment that Julian Castro was the skunk at the garden party.

I don't think there is an - I think if Joe Biden isn't the nominee, if he falls from what have been months and months and months of an enduring lead, this race is not that fluid at the top. And I don't think anything that happened tonight will move Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, and Elizabeth Warren out of those top three spots."

4. "And by the way, I'm glad you scooted against Castro and the issue of - attempted to blame the guy for having Alzheimer's. I think that was a cheap shot. The fact is he got his facts wrong. And in terms of competency, he was the one that risked his position tonight, not Biden."

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6. "EUGENE ROBINSON, PULITZER PRIZE WINNING COLUMNIST, THE WASHINGTON POST: I

totally agree with Claire. For long stretches, the debate, to me, seemed like Biden versus the fringes, Biden versus the other. And they were trying to get some sort of purchase. I think you understate the damage that Castro did to himself tonight. He would have lost a lot of support if he had a lot of support to lose. He didn't. He had a little support. I think it's basically over. He took a shot. It was not a good shot. And it just really went over like a lead balloon. It was - that was a bad, bad moment for him."

7. "And I think that going after Biden is smart in the sense that he is at the top. And if you want to get at the top, you have to eventually take him on. But you have to remember people like Joe Biden. Right? Joe Biden is not

Donald Trump, who's an unlikable figure to most Americans. People like Joe Biden. They may not know as enough about Joe Biden to know the dings in his past. And when they find him out, they may be disappointed. But fundamentally, Democrats like him. And so if you go after him in a way--

8. "MCCASKILL: And this is the other piece, Joy. Democrats are fundamentally horrified and terrified and totally turned off by criticism of him--

REID: That's right.

MCCASKILL: --should he emerge as the nominee.

9. "REID: For the same reason that they're turned off by criticism of President Obama. They're - I was just in an event last night with a lot of young progressive activists who are very critical of specific things about President Obama. But if you were to come for President Obama, they would defend him because President Obama is on their side fundamentally. And so I think when you're trying to take out a frontrunner, you don't do it in a way that presumes that people don't like this person that you can go after him that harsh. So I think that was too harsh on his part."

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Warren – 1:3:0

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2. “DIONNE: Well, first of all, in their heart of hearts, I think they do agree

with Beto O’Rourke, and they just worry still about the politics. But Joe

Biden made an important point when he went back to the (inaudible) gun

reform bill, that was fairly narrow that got 54 votes in the Senate, which

was a majority, but lost in the filibuster.

And he noted how much this issue has changed over time. Voters who voted on

the gun issue in the 2018 election voted 70 percent Democratic in the House

races. He referenced the students after the Stoneman Douglas High School

shooting. There has been a real sea change on the gun issue that you saw

reflected in that debate last night.”

Positive

1. “But the last thing is, I think this debate did not really move the

Presidential race at all. I think Biden did well enough. He was strong at

the beginning, got a little weaker at the end. He had that appeal to

hipsters by talking about record players. Aren’t they into vinyl these

days? People aren’t giving him credit for how he - what he had in mind

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2. “O’DONNELL: And once again, that’s something that isn’t up to the President.

And they don’t all agree on that. I mean, Bernie Sanders is—

DIONNE: Yes.

O'DONNELL: –pretty reluctant. And the truth is, most senators are pretty reluctant about getting rid of the filibuster because they've lived on the beneficiary side of the filibuster.”

Warren

Positive

1. “DIONNE: But - and I think Elizabeth Warren almost played as a frontrunner.

She knows–

KUMAR: Yes.

DIONNE: –she is really within reach of Iowa and New Hampshire. But it may have changed on issues.”

Neutral

1. “O'DONNELL: Let's listen to something Elizabeth Warren said, and E.J., it's one of those moments where she brought up President Obama. President Obama made quite a comeback in this debate last night. But she also added a point, which is similar to what Senator Harris said, indicating that they basically all agree on health care and on the need to improve access, coverage and try to get to universal coverage. Let's listen to that.”

2. “And when Elizabeth Warren was talking about gun reform, when Beto was talking about gun reform, in a state that is historically a red state that is opening its ideas of making sure that they have more gun safety, really it should speak to the Democrats. There's an incredible opportunity to make sure that that state turns blue.”

3. “And related to that, the other point made that was very important,

Elizabeth Warren was the one person who stood up and said we`ve got to end the filibuster in the Senate because if the Democrats do win the Senate, which is still going to be tough, they are not going to have a big majority. And if there is a brief period with a Democratic President, a Democratic Senate, and a Democratic House, they`re going to want to get a lot done. And if there is a filibuster, a lot of what they want to get done will not get done.”

September 16

Biden – 0:1:0
Sanders – 0:1:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “We begin with the new impeachment question that has entered the presidential campaign this weekend, should Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh be impeached? At least six Democratic presidential candidates say yes. Bernie Sanders and Joe Biden say there should be an investigation of Brett Kavanaugh, with Biden saying, quote: We must follow to evidence to wherever it leads. “

Sanders

Same as Biden.

September 17

Biden – 0:2:0
Sanders – 0:2:0
Warren – 0:2:0

Biden

1. “Senator Sanders has called for investigation. Joe Biden has called for an

investigation stopping short of impeachment at this point. What is your

position on impeachment of Brett Kavanaugh?"

2. "O'DONNELL: All right, let's take a quick look at the latest NBC news

Wallstreet journal poll of the president's candidates. Joe Biden is still

at the lead at 31; Elizabeth Warren, second at 25; Bernie Sanders at 14

people; Pete Buttigieg at 7; Kamala Harris at 5; Andrew Yang at 4 and

there's Amy Klobuchar at 2; Cory Booker at 2 but what might be the most

important number in the entire poll only 9 percent of voters have

definitely decided who they're going to vote for."

Sanders

Same as Biden.

Warren

1. "O'DONNELL: We're back with Sen. Amy Klobuchar, a candidate for President of

United States and Senator, as you know at least six of the Democratic

presidential candidates have called for the impeachment of Brett Kavanaugh

including 3 senators, Senator Warren, Senator Harrison, Senator Booker."

2. Same as the other two.

September 18

Biden – 0:1:0

"Whether that's you know, Attorney General Barr seeking to mischaracterized

the Mueller report, whether that's making insinuations that he wants

Ukraine to investigate his political opponents and Joe Biden."

September 19

Biden – 1:1:0

Positive

1. “EVELYN FARKAS, FORMER DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: No, Lawrence, I wasn’t surprised at all. I mean, the president seems to be, as Ned pointed out, you know, looking out for himself and his interest with Ukraine, unfortunately has focused on trying to come up with some dirt on President Biden, which really by the way doesn’t exist. “

Neutral

1. “And now, we understand he may have been making some kind of deal with Ukraine perhaps to get information of a negative kind about Joe Biden’s son in exchange for aid to Ukraine. It’s treachery, if not treason, and it’s bribery and it’s unacceptable.”

September 20

Biden – 0:7:0

1. “The breaking news was first delivered by the “Wall Street Journal” today this way, “President Trump in a July phone call repeatedly pressured the president of Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden’s son according to people familiar with the matter, urging Volodymyr Zelensky about eight times to work with Rudy Giuliani on a probe that could hamper Mr. Trump’s potential 2020 opponent.””

2. “The “Journal” reports, “he said he met with an official from the Ukrainian prosecutor general’s office in June in Paris and met with Andriy Yermak, a top aide to Mr. Zelensky, in Madrid in August. Mr. Giuliani said in an interview this month that Mr. Yermak he assured him the Ukrainian government would get to the bottom of the Biden matter. He said his meeting with Mr. Yermal was set up by the State Department and said he briefed the department on their conversation later.””

3. “And the “New York Times” reports, “Mr. Trump’s desire for a Ukrainian investigation of Mr. Biden is part of secret whistleblower complaint that

is said to be about Mr. Trump and at least in part about his dealings with

Ukraine, according to two people familiar with the matter.””

4. “That is the closest we have to a Republican calling for accountability

today about the allegations that the president of the United States

pressured the government of Ukraine to dig up dirt on his political

opponent, Joe Biden and Joe Biden`s family.”

5. “O`DONNELL: Yes. And Evan, much has been said today about the possibility

of the president of the United States demanding – asking a foreign

government to do him a political favor. It`s being referred to most of the

time as a political favor in trying to help out throw some dirt at the

Biden family and therefore hurt Joe Biden who he expects he`ll be running

against.”

6. “To put senior foreign service officers, to put ambassadors, to put working

people, civil servants in the cross hairs of a political controversy is

completely inappropriate. What we`re seeing here is Giuliani acting as the

President set up guy, I think his interview last night on another network

was really to get the story out there that this was all about going after

investigating Joe Biden.”

7. “O`DONNELL: Does Rudy Giuliani have criminal liability here and what he is

just outlined for reporters already that he`s dealing with Ukraine on the

behalf of Donald Trump on a on a personal basis, not on a governing basis,

trying to get Ukraine to basically cause problems for Joe Biden`s family.”

September 23

Biden – 0:6:1

Warren - 0:1:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “VELSHI: Let me just bring you up to speed on more breaking news we have on

this story. “The Washington Post” is now reporting Trump ordered a hold on military aid days before calling Ukrainian president. That’s according to officials. This is just being reported by “The Washington Post.” it says that – Congresswoman Dingell, it says President Trump told his Acting Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney to hold back nearly \$400 million to Ukraine at least a week before a phone call in which Trump is said to have pressured the Ukrainian president to investigate the son of former Vice President Joe Biden, according to three senior administration officials.”

2. “ELSHI: You were referring moments ago to new reporting in “The Washington Post” that Donald Trump has – had ordered a hold on military aid about a week before this phone call with the president of the Ukraine, of Ukraine. President Trump told his – I’m reading from “The Washington Post.” Told his Acting Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney to hold back almost \$400 million in military aid for Ukraine at least a week before a phone call in which Trump is said to have pressured the Ukrainian president to investigate the son of former Vice President Joe Biden, according to three senior administration officials. “

3. “WELD: Yes. No, I get it. And President Trump is like every dumb criminal defendant I’ve ever prosecuted. They all think, oh, if it’s not in writing, they can’t prove anything.

That’s not true. Circumstantial evidence is more powerful than eyewitness testimony. Any prosecutor will tell you that. And the president thinks, well, I suspend this aid and then – it’s days later. Not an hour but days later that I call and pressure the president to get dirt on Hunter Biden and Joe Biden, who I President Trump think is my opponent. “

4. “CAROL LEONNIG, REPORTER, THE WASHINGTON POST (via telephone): I think – thank you, Ali. I think what we’re learning is in dribs and drabs what I

assume must be painful for some people in the White House and the Justice Department, we're learning day by day more information about the nature of the president's interest in Ukraine and his personal effort to reach down into State and Department of Defense funding and hold it back from the Ukraine while he was, you know, days away from talking to the president and according to our sources pressuring the Ukrainian president to investigate

Biden's son. "

5. "He doesn't seem to have a valid explanation as to why Joe Biden and his son

were brought into the discussion with the Ukrainian president. "

6. "So, I think the Republicans are going to start running out of excuses as more and more of this comes out. What happens to Pat Toomey when the transcript comes out, when this whistleblower complaint comes out? Are they still going to stand behind him? Are they going to say, "Well, it doesn't say quid pro quo or it doesn't say specifically Biden's name." There's going to be very little running room for these people to use and eventually it's going to be closing in on them."

Negative

1. "LEONNIG: You know, I think in the long run, and I don't know that this will answer your question, but in the long run there are a lot of things that we aren't fully knowledgeable about yet about this story, and it seems interesting to me that Biden isn't particularly thrilled, a candidate for the Democratic nomination, is not particularly thrilled about discussing this either and sharing information about what happened with his son, who didn't seem to have any real experience in this field and yet was serving on the board, making a lot of money for a Ukrainian natural gas company. There's something that's not fully transparent about that either.

So, we have to figure out all of those pieces and it's going to take a

little while for us to get there. What Congress is trying to figure out now is what was the president's goal in pressing a Ukrainian president to investigate Biden at the same time he was pressing his own government to withhold funding to the Ukraine?"

Warren

1. "And at the end of the show, the rise of Elizabeth Warren in the Democratic Party. Her momentum continues in the latest polls and this weekend both she and Joe Biden took to the picket lines with striking UAW members. "

September 24

Biden – 0:1:0

1. "O'DONNELL: And, Representative Spanberger, there is new reporting in the "Washington Post" tonight, breaking news reporting about the strains inside the Trump administration with Rudy Giuliani basically having this portfolio to argue this case, to lobby, to try to influence Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden, Joe Biden's son."

September 25

Biden – 0:4:0

1. "The conversation only covered two subjects. First, military aid to Ukraine, and second, investigating Joe Biden and Joe Biden's son. That's it.

President Zelensky clearly wanted to talk about military aid. President Trump clearly only wanted to talk about Joe Biden. President Zelensky used

the standard public manual of flattering Trump in order to get something from him. “

2. “ABC News is reporting tonight President Zelensky knew that Donald Trump was going to ask him about investigating Joe Biden. President Zelensky does appear ready for that. And it is President Zelensky who first brings up Rudy Giuliani before Donald Trump mentions Giuliani`s name.

President Zelensky says: I will personally tell you that one of my assistants spoke with Mr. Giuliani just recently and we are hoping very much Mr. Giuliani will be able to travel to Ukraine and we will meet once he comes to Ukraine.

Donald Trump then says, Mr. Giuliani is a highly respected man. He was the mayor of New York City, a great mayor, and I would like you to – like him to call you. I will ask him to call you along with the attorney general.

Rudy very much knows what`s happening, and he is a very capable guy. If you could speak to him, that would be great.

President Trump goes on to say, the other thing. That means there`s another thing that is restricting President Zelensky`s desire for more military equipment from the United States. The other thing, there`s a lot of talk about Biden`s son, that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that. So whatever you can do with the attorney general would be great. Biden went around bragging that he stopped the prosecution, so if you can look into it, it sounds horrible to me.”

3. "It's all there. In Donald Trump's own words, collusion with a foreign government to help Donald Trump's reelection campaign by hurting a candidate running against Donald Trump. There's a lot of talk about Biden's son, that Biden stopped the prosecution, and a lot of people want to find out about that, so whatever you can do with the attorney general would be great, whatever you can do."

4. "O'DONNELL: And he's very specific about Biden - he said - he's talking about Biden and he says, so if you can look into it, and he means Biden, if you can look into it, and he's asking him to investigate Joe Biden."

September 26

Biden – 0:1:0

"And then the president went on and on and on about wanting the president of Ukraine to order an investigation of Joe Biden and Joe Biden's son. There's a lot of talk about Biden's son, that Biden stopped the prosecution on a lot of people want to find out about that.

So whatever you can do with the attorney general would be great. Biden went around bragging that he stopped the prosecution. So if you can look into it. It sounds horrible to me.

And that now sounds horrible to most Americans. It sounds like a crime. It even sounds like an abuse of power, if not a crime.

It definitely sounds like a violation of the president's oath of office.

And it sounds horrible enough to everyone in Congress who has taken an oath to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States

against all enemies, foreign and domestic. That none of them, not even the Republicans are defending those words that Donald Trump said, about investigating Joe Biden to the president of Ukraine.”

September 27

Biden – 0:1:0

“Remember, we now know he basically tried to extort the Ukrainians into digging up dirt on Biden. And in a few short months, he’s telling the Russians it’s okay what you did in the past, and I’m also the best friend you could possibly have, wink wink, nod nod, maybe you could do it again.”

ARI MELBER

August 1

Biden – 3:3:0
Sanders – 0:1:0

Biden

Positive

1. “SHARPTON: But what I say is that I think that it really smacked to me of they were in a real mode of political desperation because they were trying to pin the tail on the donkey of Biden and they inadvertently hit Obama by accident. I think -

MELBER: And do you think that helps so - that ultimately helped Joe Biden because a lot -

SHARPTON: I think it does help Joe Biden because if I was debating, you know when I ran in 04, we debated in Fox Theater, the last thing I would have done is wanted to have the front runner, identified with the most popular Democrat in the country.

I would have tried to say I helped Obama get ADA therefore I'm trying to help more. I would not have let Joe Biden own Obama by himself if I would -"

2. "MARGARET CARLSON, COLUMNIST, THE DAILY BEAST: When I heard that Ari, I thought that former Mayor Booker was channeling you about the Kool-Aid. It sounded like one of your lines. The big mistake - well, the good thing that happened for Biden last night is that he wasn't mullered.

He came out and I think the whispers that he's past his prime and he's too old and he's a little decrepit, I think those will be tamped down for a while. But he turned into a malleable scold. At one point he said the world has changed since Obama because he was taking so much incoming that he wanted to wiggle his way out of that.

I mean, you asked to speak metaphysically, am not sure this is but what the people on stage didn't do as they're trashing you know, the greatest legislative achievement of the Democrats over eight years, the ACA was compared what Obama did even on deportation, which as your other guest said you know, 3 million is not something that to be proud of.

But no one compared to what Trump is doing. I mean, by comparison, you know Gallop finds Barack Obama the most admired person in the world and in our

fractious times 66 percent of Americans across all parties approve of Barack Obama.

How much better can you get them to be associated with Barack Obama.”

3. “SHARPTON: No, I think - I think that Margaret is right. I think that - my problem is that clearly the Affordable Care Act was absolutely one of the greatest achievements of that time and we need to go further. Clearly many of us questioned the deportation at that time and if you`re going to say that I didn`t see it then but I see it now, then you also got to give Joe Biden opportunity to say the same thing.

You can`t have it both ways.

Neutral

1. “MELBER: Let me bring Margaret in and Margaret, take a listen to one of these exchanges where Biden tried to get ahead of it and say Hey I have Google too. I have Wikipedia too and if we want to go through anything anyone`s ever done, let`s talk about it and got back and forth with Cory Booker on some of these related issues which really to be to be clear, we`re talking about the treatment and the rights and due process for black and brown people in America. Take a look.”
2. “SHARPTON: Last night and I don`t think he did denied it when Joe Biden said you hired Giuliani`s guy and you all did stop and frisk and he went on into the 94 crime bill.”
3. “CARLSON: I want you to learn something at my knee. There is that sleeper candidate that I saw Tuesday night and that was Governor Steve Bullock and

he tried to pull the progressives back when he said it used to be that Republicans wanted to repeal and replace Obamacare and now it's Democrats and you know, if he makes it to the next debate, I think we if we end up looking for say a Biden if Biden falters and I'm not wishing that he does, it could be somebody a blue man, a blue governor in a red state that Trump won by 20 points."

Sanders

Neutral

1. "MELBER: How about that because there is a difference we maybe someone like Bernie Sanders who said he's always been pushing left and at least has that history, whether you like him or not and some of what Rev is calling the converts."

August 5

Sanders – 0:1:0

Neutral

1. "And there's something else I want to point out here. There's a bill sitting in the Senate right now, Senate bill 894. It's been signed by Sanders, and Booker, and Klobuchar and Harris that is supposed to approach domestic terrorism specifically targeting white nationalists and it hasn't moved at all."

August 7

Biden – 0:4:0

Sanders – 0:1:0

Warren – 0:1:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “CARLSON: Almost every word out of his mouth in the White House driveway

before he got on the Marine One was disgraceful and hurtful and a lie and

spreading blame otherwise to Beto O'Rourke and Joe Biden.”

2. “And then the callousness of the first time his handlers let him out of

their sight, he's not under wraps and he gets on the plane at noon and he

tweets an insult to Joe Biden saying how boring he is and how his ratings

are down which is the only thing Trump cares about are ratings as if he's

still a reality star.”

3. “No big headlines, but the President made a point of basically trying to

rebut a reporter who asked about his alleged politicking. The president

turning that around and re-airing some of his criticism, political in

nature, of Sherrod Brown, the Ohio Senator out there, something we

discussed early in the hour as well as Joe Biden.

So that is the way Donald Trump has wrapped up much of this busy and

controversial day. We wanted to show you that as it came in. Now, the

other thing I want to tell you before we go tonight is we're living in a

week where much of America has been upended by this weekend's mass

shootings.

And that would include as we just heard from the President going toe to toe

with Biden, that would include American politics.”

4. “Cory Booker is at Mother Emanuel Church in South Carolina. That's, of

course, the predominantly black church where a white supremacist, convicted

murderer Dylann Roof killed nine people in 2015. Booker invoking Trump's

climate of anti-immigrant hate, while today Joe Biden, who the president

just name-checked was speaking in Iowa along similar lines.

... [CLIP]...

MELBER: That is strong rhetoric and unusual for the vice president. It's part of the heat we're seeing come out of this week. The other thing coming out of this week are stories that would normally be much bigger, if not obviously for the import of what we've been covering. And here is an update on one.

Sanders and Warren

Same one, neutral:

"CARLSON: Almost every word out of his mouth in the White House driveway before he got on the Marine One was disgraceful and hurtful and a lie and spreading blame otherwise to Beto O'Rourke and Joe Biden.

He practically blame the Dayton shooting on Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders because the Dayton shooter had expressed admiration for them in some tweet or other - you know something they wrote."

August 9

Biden – 0:1:0

1. "MELBER: Congressman, I suppose my question is one, do you consider that as stick and burn and 2, do you think he wrote it in advance? And 3, what does it tell you of the President's taking shots at Mueller and Joe Biden?

CICILLINE: Look, I think the President is worried about Robert Mueller, he's worried about Joe Biden and he should be. "

August

August 13

Biden – 0:0:1
Warren – 2:0:0

Biden

Negative

1. “JOHNSON: Well, I like the fact, Ari, in all honesty, I think most of the Democratic candidates Warren, Buttigieg, Castro, Booker, there`s been a bit of hedging from Harris and Biden, but most of them have been very clear.”

Warren

Positive

1. “ I

know our viewers have heard a lot of your great analysis on this, which is what does it mean in 2019 to deal with a president who acts this way, this blatantly, this repeatedly from Charlottesville to El Paso?

Senator Warren coming out here and making this as far as I could tell something she is not sugarcoating. It`s a theme now of her current battles with the President and it echoes what Castro is doing. “

2. “JOHNSON: Well, I like the fact, Ari, in all honesty, I think most of the Democratic candidates Warren, Buttigieg, Castro, Booker, there`s been a bit of hedging from Harris and Biden, but most of them have been very clear.

Look, the President is a racist. The President is a white supremacist and there are negative consequences to this. And that`s what I think is important about what Warren just said. She`s like look, it`s not just that he`s a bad guy. It`s not just that he`s putting forth white nationalist policies, but the people, the violent organizations that had these beliefs see him their leader. And I think that`s a very important message not just

for the soul of this country which is important but to make people recognize especially white America, hey this is dangerous for everybody.”

August 15

Sanders 1:0:0

Sanders

Positive

1. “MELBER: There`s been a lot of buzz about the relationship between Bernie

Sanders the candidate, and Cardi B the very popular rapper. She`s made her

interest in politics, well-known for a long time. In fact, on the 2016

election night, she was doing political coverage with Desus and Mero. ... So when she post, she actually reaches more people than most T.V. channels.

And that`s why her new interview which puts some of those questions to

Bernie Sanders isn`t just kind of a cultural moment, although it is that,

it`s also really a political and media event.”

August 16

Biden – 0:1:0

Sanders – 1:0:0

Warren — 1:0:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “PELS: Well, first of all, my audience and I find it thrilling that there

is a record-breaking number of female candidates for president. But what`s

interesting is that in the last debate, my audience 66 percent of them said

that gender is actually not a deciding factor in who they will vote for in

the election. For the majority of them, age and race are not either.

What they`re most concerned about our policies and a candidate who can get

Trump out of office. Right now, for my audience, that seems like Biden.

We'll see – we'll see if he can stay in the lead.”

Sanders

Positive

1. “He’s not alone. While Bernie Sanders

made news this week for the interview he did with the rap star Cardi B,

Kamala Harris has been showing her familiarity with Cardi B’s hit “I like it” during a staff meeting.”

Warren

Positive

1. “These moments tend to work best for candidates when they’re real. You lean

into the song you know, you don’t just do it for the gram. Now that

appears to be the case in this moment we want to show you. Elizabeth

Warren backstage before an Ohio speech loosening up to the 1964 classic

Hang On Sloopy. This video uploaded by former Obama digital director who

Warren hired for her campaign.”

August 19

Biden – 1:2:2

Sanders – 3:3:0

Warren – 1:5:0

Biden

Positive

1. “Now Biden has not been in the race for as long time. And he, you know, is

in some ways starting from scratch. He has not run for re-election in

recent years like some of these candidates have, but he you know, he had

this huge launch day. He raised more than \$4 million and a big launch week

where he raised more than 60 percent of the money that was raised online.”

Neutral

1. “MELBER: Right. And — which is — which was good for him then, but the shape that we see on the screen that is so fascinating is the shapeshifting.

SEVERNS: Yes, that’s where I’m going though.

MELBER: We’ll put up those first-week numbers that you mentioned because that’s where the shape of the race was. And Sanders had a big first week, we can put this up. Biden had a big first week as you mentioned. And Warren and Harrison didn’t. And yet what you’re saying walk us through is that now that’s going the other direction.”

2. “SEVERNS: Yes. And what you want to see, you know, for Biden is you want to see a big first week, and then you want to see him having campaign moments where people are really paying attention to him. And then you want to see his campaign really capitalizing off of those moments, and you want to see them raising hundreds of thousands, if not, you know, a million dollars.”

Negative

1. “The data you’re going to see here reveals the preferences of some of the most engaged Democratic voters, and it shows how they’re flocking right now to Harris, Warren, and Sanders, and cooling on Biden.

Politico’s Maggie Severns crunch all these online donations from grassroots Dems and found that over the past few months, Joe Biden’s fundraising there has tumbled looking more like a flash in the pan opponent O’Rourke than top-tier rivals who are surging.”

2. “Now, Joe Biden`s best day of online enthusiasm is long over. He came with a big pop that you see here from his April announcement. It`s been downhill or flat ever since. And that shows grassroots Democrats really had to come back to him. Biden`s slump all the more striking compared to the other candidates. This is where you see what`s happening.

Take this chart when all the top candidates are in the race. Here you see Elizabeth Warren. She`s picked up momentum in small donors in June. Now, look at Kamala Harris, an upward trend through June and that pop after what you might remember a big June debate moment when she clashed with Biden raising more online in those last days of June than any other candidate except, boom Bernie Sanders.

You see him there above all. And look at what Sanders is doing. Big grassroots support climbing and that`s the trend. Those three pulling ahead with these key engaged Democratic donors. And now look at that red line again for Joe Biden at the bottom, no movement, no surge during the debates which tells you a lot about where grassroots Democrats are.”

Sanders

Neutral

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2. "Yes, you know, so like you said these

numbers are really important in a primary because donors on the left have

not only managed to pump tens and tens of millions of dollars into

campaigns in recent cycles but they've also managed to you know, really be

a bellwether for which candidates are going to surge.

Sanders really famously did this in 2016 when he was just raising tens and

tens of millions of dollars online and he's doing that even better this

cycle. So we're seeing that he is managing to kind of beat his figures

from last time around."

3. "MELBER: Yes. So with – I got 20 seconds left. Who would you say has the

most activist enthusiasm right now?

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3. “Elizabeth Warren, you know she started the year slow but she’s really

learning how to build and engage a grassroots donor base. So that’s

something that we’ve seen in May and in June when she started doing things

like calling for impeachment of President Trump or doing other contests and

things online. She was able to start pulling in hundreds of thousands of

dollars a day from her donors who are increasingly signing up for her e-

mail list and following her and kicking in money.”

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August 22

Biden – 0:1:0

Biden

Neutral:

1. “And now tonight’s news help from Ukraine if they’re willing to do basically what? Free oppo work on Joe Biden and his son. Now America’s diplomats apparently getting roped into this attempted collusion. It’s not normal, it’s out in public and appears to be getting worse.

We turn now to the former U.S. Ambassador Russia, Michael McFaul. I suppose we begin with the obvious. Is this an appropriate role for the President’s attorney and the U.S. state department to try to get Ukraine to help go after the Bidens?”

August 26

Biden – 0:1:0

Sanders – 0:1:0

Warren – 0:1:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “MOHYELDIN: Let me get your final thoughts on a debate that is taking place among the Democratic Party. Last week, Jill Biden said that her husband, Joe, is the most electable, even if he is not the Democratic voters favorite. I’m curious to get your thoughts. Is electability simply enough of an argument for voters to go out and choose a candidate? Is it enough to

just say, “Can you beat Donald Trump or should you represent something bigger than that?””

Sanders & Warren have the same neutral mention

“At the same time, others appearing to pick up steam. Elizabeth Warren drawing an estimated 15,000 people to rally in Seattle this week. And Bernie Sanders grabbing headlines with sharp attacks on Mitch McConnell while Sanders campaigned in Kentucky. “

August 28

Just Warren, one neutral:

“MOHYELDIN: Ronnie, you talked about the coalition of organizations helping you. I’m curious to get your thoughts, if there are any on Capitol Hill, who you are working with to try and stop or even reverse this, whether or not senators, or members of Congress have come forward to try and help your organization and try to reverse this.

MILLAR: Yes. Senator Markey and Senator Warren have already spoken out about this.”

August 30

I count this as one neutral for Biden and one positive for Warren:

“And, of course, they`re talking about the first ever battle between Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren as her rise in the polls has some other contenders nervous. “

September 5

Warren – 1:1:0

Positive

1. “MELBER: But it doesn’t grow on trees. You could say it falls from trees, along with some very heavy burdens for paying that money back, which is why as you may remember then Professor, Elizabeth Warren, proposed a bureau to protect against exactly this kind of abuse. And then President Obama embraced it. ... MELBER: Now, that was the bureau that President Obama tasked Warren to run. Republican senators though blocked her nomination, which actually, in a footnote to history, it freed up her time to run for office where she defeated a Republican senator and paved the way for her current presidential campaign. As a side note it’s one Mitch McConnell strategy that totally backfired on him.

But meanwhile, on these policies, you have the Trump administration trying to limit that same bureau that Warren helped create from continuing this work that Warren and Obama and other experts said is so vital to protect so many Americans.”

Neutral

1. “Now, Warren has a view here. She argues these lenders shouldn’t even be allowed to loan out what they know people cannot afford to pay back. Basically, the argument is they’re using their financial power to trap you, potentially in loan fees, that are larger than the original loans that people even ask for.”

September 9

Biden — 0:1:0

Sanders — 0:1:0

Warren — 0:2:0

Biden & Sanders have the same neutral mention:

“VOSSOUGHIAN: – in his re-election bid. He said he`s an ideas guy. He said he would vote for the person who is most in line with his ideas, which you would naturally assume – let`s say, for instance, in a general election it were Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, or Joe Biden up against Donald Trump. Donald Trump would be more in line with Mark Sanford`s ideas than those other three candidates that I just named. What does that say.”

Warren has that, plus this one:

“WELCH: Let`s be clear about this. He`s either not going to vote, or he`s going to vote for a libertarian, or maybe he`s going to, depending on how things are going in South Carolina, he would vote for a Democrat, but I doubt that. But he`s running in a Republican primary, so he`s not going to say, I`m going to vote for President Warren. It`s just not how you`re going to even get four or five –“

September 10

Biden and Warren have one neutral mention each:

“TODD: All right. Well, it will be interesting then to ask you the question if it ends up Trump and Biden, versus Trump or Warren. Mark Sanford, thank you, sir. Stay safe on the trail.”

September 11

One neutral for Warren:

“So in the coming weeks, we`re going to zero in on a range of candidates like Kamala Harris, Elizabeth Warren”

September 12

Biden – 0:6:1

Warren – 2:3:1

Biden

Neutral

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Warren, will share the debate stage for the first time here tonight, that`s

new, as long with - along with a lot of other Democrats. “

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first time on the debate stage. There`s a quite a history here. ...

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going to see Senator Warren face off with Joe Biden. They will be standing

next to each other and they could clash on all kinds of issues. Remember

they have a history that goes back before Warren even joined the U.S.

Senate.”

4. “SHARPTON: I think it`s different for many reasons. One, it is smaller. It`s

the first time we`re going to see the 10 top candidates that qualify. And

in one night and we`re going to see Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren on the

same stage for the first time.

And there are policy clashes. We`re also going to see how those that are

polling lower, are they going to try and do something that will make their

presence felt and go after either Biden. “

5. “I`m curious what you think about how Joe Biden, who may

not be the frontrunner, no one really knows. But it`s certainly a very

famous person on the stage. How he takes a punch?

Because we talk so much about who can do the attack and get themselves in.

But a lot of the great debaters, certainly Obama, they really knew how to

take a punch and not get rattled and keep on their message. I wonder if you

think Joe Biden struggled with that before and how that plays into tonight

where he`s still a famous target.”

6. “SHARPTON: I think we have seen him rattled a little when Senator Kamala

Harris went after him on busing. I think the second debate he did not seem as rattled. But a boxing champion once told me, you choose a champion by who can take a punch, not just throw one.

And I think the risk is if that people start throwing too many punches, they can turn what could be a contender that seems to be off into a martyr. You don't want to look like you just came to beat up on Joe Biden. So you've got to be able to thread that needle to where you can say I have something to say. This is my policies. I'm not just here to beat up on somebody."

Negative

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And there are policy clashes. We`re also going to see how those that are polling lower, are they going to try and do something that will make their presence felt and go after either Biden. And a big question around here is whether anyone goes after Elizabeth Warren, because she has not been attacked policy wise or otherwise. “

Positive

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2. “SHARPTON: I think there`s clearly the image that she`s been among the cleanest we`ve seen, but she`s going to have to dress it, so it doesn`t look like she`s ducking it. As she has now grown in the polls, she`s been the only one that has advanced every poll just about.

She`s going to have to get used to the fact - she becomes a target. And she is definitely going to face scrutiny. She didn`t face before and if you can`t take that scrutiny and answer it in a succinct way and an effective

way, then you can begin to erode. And I don't think she's been in that position yet.

We're going to see it continue to have that kind of scrutiny, if in fact, she continues to have this growing support. And I know, I've been controversial, I didn't get a lot of scrutiny till I started doing "Ari Melber Show".

Negative

1. "MELBER: Yes. And I want to ask you one more thing that's been a scuttlebutt about Elizabeth Warren. I'm sure you remember the great group "OutKast", and to paraphrase them when they said. "I know you like to think your campaign. Don't stink but lean a little bit closer."

Fair or not that's the kind of attack she's getting from some Democratic establishment figures. And you've been down this road when people go into the fundraising and they take their hits. Take a look at what the former Chairman of the Democratic Party is saying. Of course, he's endorsed her competitor.

But he says, "Warren transfer 10 million from her Senate campaign to the presidential one. 6 million came from those big contributions, thousand up". And arguing that Senate appears to be trying to have it both ways, get the upside from a skewing donations from the high level donors, while then using that money in 2018.

Do you think she needs to address that? And is that a strong hit? Or does that look desperate because Elizabeth Warren, to many voters, seems like

one of the cleaner candidates who avoids the big money.”

September 13

Biden – 1:4:5

Sanders – 1:0:2

Biden

Negative

1. “Joe Biden making that comment about record players, which was confusing at

least; Andrew Yang, on doctors; Kamala Harris’ Wizard of Oz joke, and then

of course, Julian Castro who really was calling out his view of Joe Biden’s

fitness for office. “

2. And we saw Joe Biden get kind of tripped up on that question - lied

actually is what he did, when he responded to we didn’t put people in

cages, we didn’t separate families. They did do some of those things. So

you see this divergence in the party.

3. “MELBER: I think that’s true ideologically. But did you notice that Sanders

and Biden both seem to recede last night.”

4. “MELBER: Right. Let me bring in Matt on Joe Biden, because the other thing

that happens, people say, well, what do you get out of these debates? And a

good governing president does a lot of things that are not really

illustrated by debates, so let’s stipulate they have their limits.

But it is a testing ground and then I’m hearing from a lot of folks,

including folks who love Joe Biden, that they they’re concerned about

whether this is going the right way.[CLIP] MELBER: Your view of this. He is someone who charitably always had verbal

gaffes. But what I’m hearing from some people now is more of a question

about fitness, that’s what Castro at least alluded to.”

5. “WELCH: It seems like he’s lost five miles per hour off his fastball, I

think there’s no question about that. He’s just not as quick. I mean, three

sentences later he was like I know Maduro. What does this have to do with a phonograph and the kids and the words? I mean, it didn't make sense. It was pure word salad. It's unclear on - in some levels where he was talking about - Afghanistan or Iraq and dividing things up.

It's a problem and one of the benefits about having a competitive Democratic primary, which is a lot different than what we had last time in 2016, which is basically had two candidates beating each other up. Is that, he's got to go through this. He's got to cook throat go through this gauntlet.

He's polling well so far and managing, because I think people see him as kind of a rusty weather vane. He's not going to go full socialist who will just kind of blow in the direction of the wind a little bit and they know who he is.

MELBER: So complimentary.

SMIKLE: But the only question is does he bring in - does he bring together those younger voters, because right now all of his support is trending older. There are so many young voters right now that want to get activated, that want to be energized and that was disappointing what I heard last night.

And that's, I think, one of the biggest challenges for him, because if you were in 2008, you had a lot of young people bringing their parents and grandparents to go vote for Barack Obama. Now his Vice President and

running, are those young people going to have that same energy for him and bring their parents and grandparents to go vote for him? I don't see that that's happening right now."

Positive

1. "Some of it is good from the civil libertarian point of view, but a lot of it to me - the moment that struck with me is when Kamala Harris laughed at Joe Biden when Joe Biden dared to say, "You can't just do everything. There is a constitution. It has to be constitutional."

Joe Biden was about the only person on stage to introduce any kind of notion of a restraint about what the federal government can do. That is new and kind of different from six years ago."

Neutral

1. "So you've heard all of the other candidates - Biden's probably the exception. But you've heard other candidates adopt in some way, shape or form his talking points from 2016."
2. "Biden is also interesting, because if you look at his numbers over the course of the polling, he's still at about a third. He hasn't gained a whole heck of a lot. But I also think that Biden's—

MELBER: You think Biden is in trouble?

SMIKLE: I don't think he's in trouble, because I - because of the other point I was going to make the - which is that these debates have not resulted in long term bumps for any candidate.

MELBER: Yes.

SMIKLE: Afterwards, it seems like the voters kind of settle with their preferred. No candidate has been able to convince a voter to step away from their preferred candidate.”

3. “Watch how candidate Joe Biden actually touch on a very similar idea in a different debate, a different race over a decade ago.”

4. “MELBER: I’ll start with that comparison. On the one hand we’ve seen the rising tide on the issue. On the other, the Joe Biden sound from ’07 is pretty striking, because you had a debate where you’ve got submitted questions from the public, you get all kinds of questions.”

Sanders

Positive

1. “Because what voter - the way the Democratic base is situated now - just sort of referring to your point earlier, is largely influenced by how Bernie Sanders ran in 2016, quite frankly.

So you’ve heard all of the other candidates - Biden’s probably the exception. But you’ve heard other candidates adopt in some way, shape or form his talking points from 2016.”

Negative

1. “MELBER: I think that’s true ideologically. But did you notice that Sanders and Biden both seem to recede last night.”

2. “SMIKLE: I did. So I thought it was interesting that Bernie has. But I’ve been seeing that throughout this cycle in part, because #1, I think, is he’s been running for the last couple of years and his base seems to be built in. I don’t really see a tremendous amount of growth, not in terms of

his policies or in terms of his appeal to other voters and other constituencies.”

September 19

Sanders – 1:1:0

Warren – 1:0:0

Sanders

Neutral

1. 'HAYES: You know, the biggest things, I think, are two things. One, is that the difference between this race and the last - the last race in 2016 between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders. And then the last sort of wide open contestant primary that we saw back in 2008. The centrality of climate to this race is - there`s just never been anything like it from the Democratic field.”

Positive

1. “MELBER: We have 30 seconds, which candidates have the strongest plans?

HAYES: I don`t know. I mean, it is definitely the case that the most ambitious is Bernie Sanders plan, and I don`t even think that`s a sort of dispute. I mean, it`s a \$16 trillion plan. It would be the equivalent as a percentage of GDP to something that looks like World War II mobilization.”

Warren

“And Elizabeth Warren, who has been surging in the Democratic primary, announced up - I should say announced her plan to break up big tech, including Facebook, on this very show.”

September 20

Biden – 0:5:0

Neutral

1. "In a latest break in this story that we have been tracking, comes from "The Wall Street Journal", fleshing out explosive details from the call that appears to be at the center of that reported whistleblower complaint that Trump administration has been trying to hide. This is all about reports that President Trump made an unusual and potentially illegal request that a foreign leader go after Joe Biden."

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3. "You see this combination of - you see the secretiveness, but there there's also a part of it that's all out in the open. Right? It's not been a secret that Giuliani has been in Ukraine urging this investigation into what are completely bogus and debunk charges. And I think that needs to be emphasized about Joe Biden's son - or at least the investigation of Joe Biden's son."

4. "MELBER: But it does matter. And when you look at the law, well it matters a lot. "The Wall Street Journal" reporting in a late Friday story that Donald Trump was pressing Ukraine to investigate his opponent - potential opponent Joe Biden and White House counsel is also involved according to "The Washington Post".

Trump, today, dodging the questions about if it's related to getting dirt on Biden. All of this reviving questions about collusion, and of course, the more legal term of all when you try to do something illegal, conspiracy."

5. "MELBER: Rudy Giuliani is back at it, resuming his role has Trump's damage

control guy. He muddied the waters too. First, claiming that he didn't ask Ukraine to investigate Biden, before admitting it."

September 23

Biden – 0:8:0

Warren – 1:1:0

Biden

Neutral

1. "But the President is admitting, open now to begin the week, that he sought election help from a foreign government, pressing Ukraine to go after a potential rival Joe Biden. Now, we're tracking several responses right now.

Congress dialing up the pressure with new calls for impeachment, including from some unlikely places, and some Republican rivals you see right here against Donald Trump going on "Morning Joe" together to argue this time today is different.

And in some ways it is clearly different. The President admitted a key and incriminating part of this story that he was pressing Ukraine and may continue to do so to investigate Joe Biden's family, which stokes questions about what else the President stands accused of and what else is this White House hiding."

2. "With that in mind, I want to play Joe Biden who's obviously in the thicket of this, but who is not exactly with Richard and you I think on the constitutional remedies. Take a look.

...

MELBER: Walter can he beat anyone like a drum if there is enough interference to call in to question the propriety of the election and does

that mean that - in your view Joe Biden is wrong to not go further?

SHAUB: Yes, I don't know. I don't tend to think in political terms and

those are the words of the candidate."

3. "MELBER: President Trump admitting, asking the Ukrainian President to

investigate Joe Biden. There's new pressure to impeach Donald Trump given

all of this. Obama's former top DOJ official Neal Katyal is here live and

he's making waves with this new piece on how to address Trump's actions.

Arguing, if this whistleblower complaint involves Trump withholding

military aid from Ukraine, in order to get them to investigate Biden it

would be quote "the ultimate impeachable act" and noting Democrats waiting

are effectively emboldening Trump, something we were just discussing at the

top of the hour with some of our experts."

4. "I mean, at this point there is something that still sounds sort of vague

about the slush funds whereas if Donald Trump had had basically moved you

know weapons around one way or the other to get this pay back to Biden it

might feel bigger, but is it just as bad?"

5. "Even if you think Biden did

something wrong, the Justice Department has all sorts of protocols for

dealing with that. You send the prosecutors out there. You don't send the

President's private attorney out there."

6. "MELBER: That is the sound of a Republican and a Republican primary

challenger specifically, against Donald Trump, Governor Bill Weld making

those provocative statements, issuing a basically constitutional conclusion

about what it means that Donald Trump has admitted, at least, to part of

this plot to get Ukraine to go after Joe Biden."

7. "ROTHKOPF: No. For minute it shows a little bit more spine than we're used

to seeing. But the reality is, of course, the President admitted he did it.

He admitted he had the conversation. He admitted he brought up the Biden thing. So we're kind of past where Mitt is. He's kind of getting in two, three, four days ago."

8. "Richard Painter what is your view of these reports of Donald Trump's attempted collusion with Ukraine to go after Biden? If this alone were the only thing on the table, would you view it as an abuse of power, as potentially impeachable on its own?"

RICHARD PAINTER, CHIEF WHITE HOUSE ETHICS LAWYER UNDER GEORGE W. BUSH:

Well, first, there's actually no evidence that Vice President Biden and his son have contributed to the corruption in the Ukraine. What the President said was just false."

Positive
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Warren

Positive

1. "I take someone who has been surging in the Democratic field, Elizabeth Warren saying, Congress will become complicit in Donald Trump's actions if they don't impeach him. "

Neutral

1. "And he's flipping it and saying, if you don't impeach then then the House leaders, starting with Speaker Pelosi would appear complicit. That's the language we're seeing now from Senator Warren as well, whereas if you do, it's McConnell and others that appear complicit."

September 24

Biden – 0:3:0

1. "MELBER: –on such a big news night I don't want to make light. But I don't

remember Joe Biden running in 2016.”

2. “GREER: Right, which is what some of the Democrats were concerned Trump did

in 2016 against Hillary Clinton. And we know that Trump pretty much assumes

that Biden will be the Democratic nominee.”

3. “That was

exactly 2 months ago today, but who say they are moved by the reports that

Trump abused his power and pushing Ukraine to target Biden and abused his

control over taxpayer funds to use it as a bargaining chip within that

scandal.”

September 25

Biden – 0:6:0

1. “That is the kind of thing that’s not allowed the United

States to investigate a political rival Joe Biden. And that is what the

notes from the call reveal.

Throughout tonight’s broadcast I am going to stay on the facts of the law.

But when I say certain things that sound like there are criticism of the

President, I will remind you, we are reporting the news of the facts that

have emerged about the President.

So when I say he’s doing something that would be illegal for most people to

do inside the United States, sounds bad, it’s actually just what is in

these notes - highly incriminating. They reveal a President asking for what

he calls a quote “favor”, an investigation into Joe Biden who at the time

of this call in July was one that looked like they might be the opponent to

Donald Trump in the general election. At least he may have thought so, and

that the President was willing to strike a deal together.

It shows immediately after the Ukrainian President discussed this defense money that was so vital, Donald Trump says he would like you to do us a favor. And then asks about, what appears to be a reference to Clinton's e-mails that alone would just sound strange."

2. "But then the Ukrainian President

goes on - this is from the brand-new notes we have to say something very specific.

He spoke with Rudy Giuliani recently and plans to meet with him again.

Donald Trump then brings up Biden, saying, it would be great if the

Ukrainians would work with Attorney General Bill Barr to investigate Biden.

The President responds that he has a new prosecutor in Ukraine and that

will be a 100 percent his person who will look into the situation."

3. "This is one of the gravest examples of an abuse of government power. It

doesn't matter if that prosecutor that is being pressured to do a political

probe to take out a arrival or Joe Biden. It doesn't matter whether they're

here in the U.S. or overseas."

4. "MAYA WILEY, FORMER COUNSEL TO MAYOR OF NEW YORK: These call notes, I think,

as you already stated Ari, make it very clear that Donald Trump spent most

of a call - almost all of the notes focused specifically on asking the

Ukrainian President to reopen an investigation on Joe Biden and Hunter

Biden and to essentially do it as he is dangling."

5. "MELBER: Do you think that you're now at a point where the President is

openly orchestrating international collusion to go after Democrats. And if

so, who's to believe that it would stop only with Joe Biden? Do you think

others are in danger? What is the level of risk to democracy in your view

tonight, now that unlike yesterday, we've actually seen the darn notes and

they're pretty serious?"

6. "The White House notes show Trump urging Ukrainian President to work with, as mentioned, Barr to try to get this corruption investigation going against Biden. In fact, Barr's name is mentioned you see here five times."

September 26

Biden – 0:8:0

1. "The whistleblower complaint about President Trump's plot and call with the President Ukraine. This is damning stuff. It lays out in detail allegations that the President quote "abused his power for his own personal gain and re-election", pressing a foreign government Ukraine to go after his domestic rivals, Joe Biden and his family."

2. "I'm going to read to you one passage from this new complaint. I'm curious what you think. Quote "The President pressed Mr. Zelensky to initiate an investigation of the activities of Biden." If the President orders a domestic attorney general or prosecutor do that - is that even legal?"

3. "This is a country that is under attack from Russia at this very moment. The President clearly wanted to use that aid in the sensitive position that Ukraine was in, in order to extract an investigation targeting Joe Biden and the Biden family for political gain. That all falls within the jurisdiction of the Intel Committee and that's why the Intel Committee will be taking the lead because of this subject matter."

4. "Can you help us understand, as people get ready for this race, why after years of no collusion claims your campaign now has the White House basically admitting Donald Trump colluded with Ukraine to go after Biden? I wonder is the President now basically running from no collusion - is he now running on pro-collusion?"

5. "MELBER: So how does it work for you when you have your President that

you're seeking reelection, he is seeking to do that. So you're telling me today you're not looking for foreign help, but the Ukraine call notes - even before you get to the whistleblower, have the President saying do me a favor go after a domestic rival Joe Biden."

6. "MELBER: Let me read to you again and it's important that we deal with the facts. Let me read to you from the administration of Donald Trump describing what this is quote "The President wanted allegations of corruption involving an American official - that's Biden - to be investigated by Ukraine. Do me a favor investigate Biden.'"

7. "LOTTER: And I'll reiterate to you what the actual phone call said. It talked about looking into Ukrainian meddling in the 2016 election and it also talked about investigating the former Vice President of the United States—

MELBER: Right, investigating Joe Biden as a rival, so that is the position—"

8. "MELBER: So the President ran on investigating Hillary last time and you're admitting here tonight, you're running on investigating Biden this time."

September 27

Biden – 0:2:0

1. "You have President who withholds \$400 million in military aid to Ukraine, so he can use that as leverage to get the President of Ukraine to order the prosecutors to dig up some dirt on President Trump's political opponent Joe Biden."

2. "Trump's saying the U.S. does a lot for Ukraine, so now it's time to do us a favor and it's quote "Very important you do it". And then getting to the point all the talk he said about Biden's son. Adam Schiff said it was more like a mob boss than a President."

September 30

Biden – 0:4:0

1. “And meanwhile, there are also these new details emerging about Donald Trump’s secret effort to pressure Ukraine into targeting his political rivals. Fox News reporting, Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani was not acting alone in these efforts to get dirt on Biden and saying Trump knew about it.”

2. “MELBER: Ambassador, at what point do you see this as going beyond the President’s competence where his own people say they - tell him something’s false, he believes it to be true. And gets into the propriety or the abuse of power that what he believes to be true or false comes second to him trying to abuse basically the power of his office to go after Biden or anyone else for his own reelection.”

3. “MELBER: Well that’s what we’ve seen in our reporting. And I make it a point, as you may know to have, all people on and we had a Trump campaign official on last week and - Marc Lotter, and he’s welcome to come back. But he started the interview by denying that there was an effort to go after Biden. By the end of the interview said, yes, maybe there was an effort, and if Biden did something wrong, that’s OK.”

4. “Tonight Rudy Giuliani the President’s lawyer - sometimes lawyers, sometimes fixer, sometimes doing things that are obviously not legal work - hit with subpoenas. Other Fox News analysts who primarily say that they are lawyers and we’re doing potential legal work, they claim for the President, exposed by Fox News is also being a part of this this effort to go after Biden.”

CHRIS HAYES

August 1

Biden – 3:2:8

Sanders – 1:2:0

Warren – 1:1:0

Biden

Positive and Negative

1. “HAYES: Good evening from New York I’m Chris Hayes. We have now gone through two of these rounds of debates. The first time the big moment was between Senator Kamala Harris and former Vice President Joe Biden where the front-runner struggled to respond to Kamala Harris’ criticism of his past opposition to federally mandated school integration through busing.

That was the big takedown moment and it showed up in the polling. It definitely hurt Biden standing. You can see a bit of a dip in Biden’s polling after the first debate at the end of June. But you can see the further away we got from the debate, the better things start to look for him. In fact, Biden clawed back and came into last night’s debate as the front-runner again, again by a pretty wide margin.”

2. “ALTER: My wife compares it to watching a six-year-old riding a two-wheeler and just praying is he going to go in the bushes? Is he going fall off the bike? Like I hope he doesn’t fall off the bike. But it might not matter.

Like –

HAYES: That’s the other thing that I was saying.

ALTER: I was – I was with Biden interviewing him the day after the Sarah Palin debate in 2008. He did not mop the floor with Sarah Palin. She sort of held her up. He actually did better against Paul Ryan in 2012. But you know, Trump lost all the debates and he got elected. So it’s not – it’s not necessarily axiomatic that the person who’s the best debater is

the best candidate.”

Negative

3. “And while most people believe Biden was better than the first time around,

he did not have the sharpest performance. He was maybe a bit steadier but

not particularly forceful and lacking the command that you might expect

from someone with his years in public service and the front-runner.”

4. “AYES: Right. Biden’s performance.

DANIELLE MOODIE-MILLS, HOST OF WOKE AF, SIRIUS XM: I mean, it was better

than it was a couple of weeks ago. He seemed a bit more prepared but he

just does not seem like the Biden that we saw during the Obama era. He is

not relaxed. He is not – I don’t know if it’s because Trump has labeled

him sleepy Joe that the question that I keep asking and a lot of my

listeners keep asking is why doesn’t he have the energy? Why doesn’t he

seem to have the vigor that a Bernie Sanders who was in the same age range

seemed to have?

And I don’t know if it’s because Trump has – Trump has planted those seeds

to make us believe that he is but he’s just not showing up.”

5. “MOODIE-MILLS: And I will just say this, that one of the things that I

think also set the tone for Joe Biden was his go easy on me kid to Kamala

Harris. That kind of said to me – and again, I tweeted this, and people

said, why don’t you like Casablanca? Like why can’t you just be nostalgic

and that was joyful.

And I said, won’t it seem very patronizing and condescending? And I said,

but also it seemed to me again, to signal, I’m not ready. So please –

HAYES: Or I don't want to do it. Right.

MOODIE-MILLS: Right. So please, please, please don't make me look like an old fool."

6. "GOLDBERG: Right. But to me the – that's where the danger of his sort of – the fact that he seems a little bit slower, the fact that he seems a little bit off his game, right, because I think a lot of the concerns – and I believe you tweeted this earlier, but a lot of the concerns that people have about Biden, the people who follow it very closely – I mean, there's people like me who disagree with him ideologically, we could live with those differences if he seemed like a strong and vigorous candidate, right.

So it's the – it's the fact that he doesn't necessarily seem like he would be particularly formidable on a stage with Donald Trump that gives – that gives me pause and that I think people pause after the last debate was Kamala Harris. I don't think it was that people said, oh my God, Joe Biden was opposed to busing, I change my mind.

HAYES: No, it was not an ideological determination.

GOLDBERG: Right. I said, Joe Biden doesn't look strong."

7. "GOLDBERG: I think that's true, but I think that there are other – but it's – to me it's not just about the debates, it's also about his sort of willingness to own his prior positions, it's about his defensive, it's about his 40 years in public life."

8. "MOODIE-MILLS: And it's also about the fact that Donald Trump has positioned himself as the strong man, right. He's also positioned himself

and his base believes that he is strong, that he's vigorous. He will hammer people down whether it's name-calling or what have you.

So to think about the Biden that we're seeing right now on the stage with Donald Trump, that gives me so much pause because I think that Donald Trump could wipe the floor with him the Biden that we're seeing right now. “

Neutral

1. “Do you want the person who you believe is the sharpest, the best fighter, the person whose views are closest to your own whether or not that's Joe Biden? It's a question Democratic voters are ultimately going to answer.”

2. “We're with this very weird situation where you – where it was very ideologically polarized, right. So you had Bernie and Elizabeth Warren, and then a bunch of these sort of ringer moderates, right? We're standing in for Joe Biden.

And then you have the reverse the next night where you had you know, Biden, Warren, Booker, and then Bill de Blasio over there basically trying and kind of failing to channel what Bernie Sanders might say.”

Positive

3. “there is a gap I think between the like most intensely following this and particularly like the vanguard most on social media and the most invested, and what the polling says about voters.

And I think that gap can both be ideological and that there's a lot more moderate and self-described conservative primary voters than there are and the sort of like most active parts of the party, and also I think it can

just be like in a – in a it's sort of attentional dispositional level.

Like Joe Biden continues to pull highly because a lot of people feel like they like Joe Biden and they have his politics more or less.”

Sanders

Neutral

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Warren, Booker, and then Bill de Blasio over there basically trying and

kind of failing to channel what Bernie Sanders might say. And so in some

ways the this debate –“

2. “JAYAPAL: Well, I think it's just once again shows that this bill, this

idea Medicare-for-all, this plan, 120-page plan in our House bill, Bernie

Sanders bill in the Senate, this has tremendous support. Remember, Chris,

that we have now had for the first time in the history of the House of

Representatives three hearings in the House of Representatives.”

Positive

1. “DANIELLE MOODIE-MILLS, HOST OF WOKE AF, SIRIUS XM: I mean, it was better

than it was a couple of weeks ago. He seemed a bit more prepared but he

just does not seem like the Biden that we saw during the Obama era. He is

not relaxed. He is not – I don't know if it's because Trump has labeled

him sleepy Joe that the question that I keep asking and a lot of my

listeners keep asking is why doesn't he have the energy? Why doesn't he

seem to have the vigor that a Bernie Sanders who was in the same age range

seemed to have?”

Warren

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Positive

1. “HAYES: You know what, one thing I thought – I want to play this clip.

There's a certain kind of like happy warrioriness that I thought few people exhibited particularly Elizabeth Warren and Cory Booker in the second night which was like I'm psyched to be here, let's do it. Let's have it out. I won't argue. That's what politics is partly about.”

August 6

Sanders – 0:1:0

Warren – 0:1:0

Sanders and Warren

One neutral each:

“HAYES: Final point, Angelo. You know, there's – on the right, there they're looking at the Twitter feed of the alleged shooter in Dayton who called himself leftist, who tweeted supporting things about Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren who sort of part of a scene that had kind of leftist politics in terms of his band.”

August 7

Biden – 0:1:0

“This afternoon, Democratic presidential frontrunner Vice President Joe

Biden gave a speech in which he pointed out the insidious double game the president likes to play.”

August 12

Biden – 0:1:0

“The fact that The Washington Post has this tracker is amazing, but we’re numb to it. The public doesn’t even care. We have more stories about Joe Biden’s gaffes that he’s having than we do about the fact that the president of the United States lies to the American public every day multiple times a day.”

August 13

Biden – 1:0:0

Sanders – 1:0:0

Warren – 1:0:0

Biden

Positive

1. “But I think this race comes down to three

people, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, and Vice President Biden.

They are consistently in the lead in the early states. They’ve got a strong showing in South Carolina. And I think ultimately it’ll be one of those three.”

Biden

Neutral

“KHANNA: Well, I’m biased. I am one of the cultures for Bernie Sanders and

I think he's running a phenomenal campaign. He's out in front in New Hampshire, an apologist today. But I think this race comes down to three people, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, and Vice President Biden.

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Warren

Same as above.

August 14

Biden – 0:2:1

Sanders – 0:2:0

Warren – 0:2:0

Biden

Neutral

1. "Only nine candidates have qualified so far – Joe

Biden, Cory Booker, Pete Buttigieg, Kamala Harris, Amy Klobuchar, Beto

O'Rourke, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, and Andrew Yang."

2. "VELSHI: Let's look at recent Economist/YouGov poll for the Democratic

primary. You know, you can put up any of these polls, Cornell, they show

similar things – Biden, Warren, Sanders, Harris up there, Buttigieg

usually up there. "

Negative

1. "And we pay a

lot of attention to these national polls where Biden's running really far

ahead, but if you look at some of the state-by-state polls, you know, Biden

is in a dogfight and a tossup in a lot of these states and it matters who

wins Iowa, and it matters who wins New Hampshire and it's really, really, really going to matter who wins South Carolina.”

Sanders

Same as Biden's neutrals.

Warren

Same as Biden's neutrals.

August 15

Sanders – 0:1:0

Counting the interview as one single mention.

August 16

Biden – 0:4:0

Sanders – 0:4:0

Warren – 0:4:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “A poll conducted by none other than Fox News finds the Trump isn’t cracking even 40 percent support in matchups against the leading Democratic presidential candidates. He trails Joe Biden 50 percent to 38 percent.

He’s down to Bernie Sanders – he’s down – Bernie Sanders is at 48 to

Donald Trump’s 39. He’s losing to Elizabeth Warren 46 percent to 39

percent. He’s trailing Kamala Harris 45 percent to 39 percent. And his

approval ratings continue to be pretty terrible.”

2. “Republicans are trying to put the best possible face on the disastrous poll

numbers after a conservative think-tank released a poll showing that Trump

barely leads the Democratic contenders in North Carolina. Republican

National Committee Chair Ronna Romney McDaniel posted a celebratory tweet

crowding that Trump is “beating every leading 2020 Democrat.”

That prompted a data journalist for The Economist to respond with this. “A poll from right-leaning think-tank shows Trump within the margin of error versus Biden Sanders and Warren in a state that leans six points to the right of the nation, and the Republican chairwoman thinks this is good news?””

3. “So look, we have to look at this president. We have to uphold the Constitution. The Congress does. They take that oath. And if it leads to impeachment, so be it. But there’s lots of other things out there including a backdrop of you know, chaos, and diversion, and narcissism. And as Vice President Biden says, the soul of our country is really on the ballot.”

4. “Of course, because it was a Trump event, he bragged about the economy and he attacked Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren, the media, and the Academy Awards for good measure. “

Sanders

Neutral

1 & 2 same as Biden's

3. “But historically,

no one is even close to Israel as a recipient of American money.

Last night Bernie Sanders was on the show and had a few that maybe this is the opportunity to rethink whether that’s a good return on investment.

Let’s listen to what he said.”

4. “HASAN: So I remember interviewing Bernie Sanders a couple of years ago when he first floated the idea of making U.S. aid conditional on behavior, which it really should be.

And, by the way, Ali, you mentioned the U.S. gives aid, it's congress, really, who gives that aid. And it's two members of congress who are being blocked. Ilhan Omar has said that we should use U.S. aid as leverage, to get Israel to stop violating international law, stop building illegal settlements. Bernie is saying similar things. I'm sure Elizabeth Warren and others will soon follow."

Warren

First three neutrals are #s 1, 2 and 4 of Biden's.
Fourth is Sanders' fourth.

August 19

Sanders – 0:2:0
Warren – 2:1:4

Sanders

Neutral

1. "HAYES: Senator Elizabeth Warren has been in a slow and steady ascent in the Democratic primary. Just last week a Fox News poll had her in second place with 20 percent of the vote, although she's also polled as third place in a lot of polls as well behind Senator Bernie Sanders."
2. "BELCHER: That is spot on, Chris. And, quite frankly, the most important thing. And it's why I say time and again if you can't compete for the votes of minorities, which Sanders struggled with against Hillary, you can't be the Democratic nominee. "

Warren

Neutral

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Negative

1. "Still, she continues to be shadowed by questions about for an "electability" or perceived political weaknesses. The biggest of which appears to be tied to the question of her ethnic background to one having once identified as a Native American during her career as a law professor. Warren says she based that on an ancestral claim, on stories that were passed down by her family.

Now, Trump turned that into a racist trope to mock her. In fact, just last week in New Hampshire, the President was once again ranting that he was going to bring that racist trope back because it's a silver bullet to destroy Elizabeth Warren in the general election.

The following day, Warren released a detailed plan on how to aid Native communities and today appeared at a presidential forum in Iowa on Native American issues ten months after she released a DNA test trying to put that ancestry issue to rest, A test which rubbed a whole lot of people in those very communities the wrong way.

Today she apologized for her handling of the issue and talked about her plans to help indigenous communities."

2. "HAYES: Cornell, you know, part of – there's sort of two things happening, right? So substantive issue here about – well, there are three things,

right? Substantive issue that a lot of indigenous communities, I think particularly members of Cherokee Nation felt like this was – the way she handled this DNA which has this really ugly history and how appropriation has happened in the past, that that was a sort of substantive critique with it. And then there is a sort of broader issue for the senator about like what that means for her electability. And I wonder how you think about the second order thinking of Democratic primary voters about, like, will other people care about this thing?”

3. “How do you – Julian, how do you – as Cornell says that, I always wonder – I’ve been

reading a lot of – I’ve been reading some Cherokee writers who have been critical of Senator Warren.

Rebecca Naegel (ph) who has been tweeting about this, you retweeted her today, who is still critical. Felt that she has not done enough.

How do you sort of conceptualize the sort of good faith objections obviously by people in indigenous and native communities and like this monstrously racist bad faith hammer that the president is wielding against her. How do you think about that?”

4. “NOISECAT: Look, I think that there are two issues here. The first is that native people are grossly underrepresented and misrepresented by the media and American culture.

HAYES: Yep.

NOISECAT: And, unfortunately, I don’t think that this was the senator’s intent, but the original handling of the DNA test added to that long history of underrepresentation and misrepresentation. You know, whether

that will matter to voters who are not native, you know, I can't say, but I do think that this is an important learning opportunity for people to understand the complexity of identity, especially for indigenous peoples, and what it means to firstly claim tribal citizenship, which is standing within a tribe, and then the distinguish between that and having some form of ancestry that many people in the United States can say they have."

Positive

1. "JULIAN BRAVE NOISECAT, JOURNALIST: The atmosphere in the room, Chris, was wonderful. Indian Country is on the rise, and we are trying to hold the candidates to account. Our votes matter. Our tribes are strong advocates on Capitol Hill. And we received the candidates warmly, and I think that that included Senator Warren, who came out front and apologized for the mistake that she made in the roll-out of her campaign with regards to the DNA test.

So I think it was a really positive day for Indian country and a positive day for the candidates."

2. "CORNELL BELCHER, DEMOCRATIC POLLSTER: You know, on the first issue, look, she – to those who are in fact would be most offended by this, she apologized and she's trying to make amends. I don't take – I don't put a lot of credence in this idea that like if he's attacking her on Pocahontas, something clearly that is racist, if he's making – if he's attacking her as Pocahontas, that means she's losing.

Let's be clear, if Donald Trump's best line against her is, you know, Pocahontas, she's probably going to be doing quite well. I mean, and who is this – who is this voter that is going to be on the fence? I'm

thinking about Trump or I'm thinking about Elizabeth Warren, but if she had just been more transparent about the whole Indian thing, so I got to vote for Trump. That voter does not exist."

August 22

Biden – 1:2:1
Sanders – 2:3:0
Warren – 0:3:0

Biden

Positive

1. "HAYES: Although I will say this about Joe Biden. I mean, it's early but like there's been a lot of news cycles that maybe the Biden team isn't psyched about that have been critical and he – Joe Biden is still there at the top of the field. Like it is – it is – there is a constituency for Joe Biden that is powerful and strong."

Neutral

1. "He put out a plan which Greenpeace is called the gold standard for dealing with a crime and emergency but partly because I think of his presence many of the other Democratic candidates for president have produced really quite ambitious climate plans like Beto O'Rourke, and Senator Elizabeth Warren, even the front-runner Joe Biden."

2. "1. "HAYES: You know, there's – the Biden campaign put out there sort of a big electability argument and it is striking. When you look at – I mean, really it is the case right now that there's three people who are polling at above say 15 percent which is Joe Biden in the lead and then usually sometimes not always Sanders in second and Warren and close, right. So – and then there's everyone else.

I mean, then there's Harris and Buttigieg and they have respectable numbers, and then you're down to like the sort of two percent, right. So there's a huge field of the bottom which I think is going to get sheared off.

But it is true that when you look at those three, it's like Joe Biden's like I'm Joe Biden and I work with Barack Obama. You know who I am.'"

Negative

1. "COBB: I'll tell you – I'll tell you this, though. Here's the thing that scares me. We had this conversation four years ago and when we talked about Hillary Clinton and she had a – she was a known quantity. They either loved her or hated her and as it turned out, there were people who -
- a lot more people who hated her than maybe we even thought.

And so when we look at Joe Biden, he has that long track record. And when you look at politicians who have that much time in Washington, it is easy for them to get whipsawed by changing values. We're having a conversation a few weeks ago about busing.

HAYES: Right.

COBB: Busing, and you're having to explain that. And so I worry that in a general election, there can be that kind of whiplash where you always bring up a kind of –"

Sanders

Neutral

1. “COBB: It’s exactly the kind of nice Anglo-Saxon surname, I mean first name insert last name here and it becomes almost like a kind of elevator music version of American politics like – and none of that has caught on. I also think if we look back to 2016, there’s a reason why Bernie Sanders did so much better than Martin O’Malley did.

You know, when there was a clear distinct difference in what Bernie Sanders was saying versus what Hillary Clinton was saying and people understood that there were these distinctions. In a field of 24 people now 22 people, you’re necessarily going to have some kinds of replication –“
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Positive

1. “And today, Senator Bernie Sanders unveiled a plan of his own, a Green New Deal, a \$16 trillion plan on how to fight climate change. Joining me now Democratic presidential candidate Senator Bernie Sanders, Independent from Vermont.

Senator, it’s a long plan. It’s like – you know, it’s pages and pages and I read it today, and the biggest thing I was taken by is the sheer ambition. It is enormous in scope for what it imagines.”
2. “I know how young people are

thinking. And the thinking is that we want someone that not only uses Latinos and black people and women as pawns to beat Donald Trump, we want someone that uses us and that inserts us in the future of this country and that`s the difference.

And that`s why I think as you just talked to Senator Sanders, like she is talking about people of color when he rolls out climate change. There`s a difference.”

Warren

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August 26

Biden – 0:7:2
Sanders – 1:7:0
Warren – 0:8:0

Biden

Neutral

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of been there. Bernie Sanders has been around number two through most of

this. The most movement it seems is

with this campaign.”

5. “HAYES: The question of that coalition, and this is where I think the

question about Biden, where does he go from here, right, is, Karine, is

where are the voters that he adds, right? And also, this sort of

generational question. A lot of us talked about in terms of race. He`s

been pulling far ahead with African-American voters. But there`s a big

generation gap.

I mean, white and black voters above a certain age favor Biden quite

heavily, under a certain age, that does not appear to be the case. And if

you`re Biden, and you`re choosing between those two age demographics, the

older ones are the ones that come out in primaries, so that`s probably the

one you`d bank on.”

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the screenshot for one

second, which is the head-to-head polling he has in his first ad. I mean,

they`re really leaning into this argument, like the Biden message right now

is it`s electability, it`s decency and it`s normalcy. And that`s it, that`s

the message. It`s much more than it`s policy, like those are the three

things. And look, I can beat Trump, and you know me, and I'm a decent guy, and all this nightmare might end. Short and sweet."

Negative

1. "But, yeah, this was pretty shocking, right, what we saw today with the Monmouth poll is pretty shocking. It's a lot of what people have been saying that Joe Biden is the front-runner but not the runaway front-runner, right? "

2. "JEAN-PIERRE: Yeah, it's incredibly problematic for Biden. In that Monmouth poll he was at 6 percent, I think with voters 50 and under. That is not where you want to be.

HAYES: Just to caution, that's a small – that's a very small – a cross sample size. I'm not going to take this as gospel.

JEAN-PIERRE: Margin of error, 5 percent to 7 percent, yes. Absolutely, we need to put that out there. But just using that because that's what we have at the moment with that snapshot, that's pretty terrible. And here's the thing here, you know, it's like we're going to need a movement to beat Donald Trump, not just a candidate who could beat Donald Trump. You're going to need a movement and that includes a coalition that we've seen a Barack Obama do twice, and that includes young people. And think that is the problem.

And, yes, older people are more likely to vote. We see that. They're more consistent voters.

But you have to put together a coalition. And I think that is the problem that Biden could foresee."

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than nominal support. As the candidates narrow down, we're now getting to

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Positive

1. “And actually this poll, I think, is the best for Bernie Sanders. You get

a real. This is really good poll for Bernie Sanders. You get a real sense

that he has a solid 15 percent to 20 percent support where in 2016, that would not have worked with really a two-person race. But right now with a multi-candidate race, that's really impressive for him. And that is going to be helpful, because as we are trying to figure out who's going to stay and who's going to be out as you were just talking about, Chris."

Warren

Neutral

1, 2 & 3 same as Sanders' first three.

4. "It's a lot of what people have been

saying that Joe Biden is the front-runner but not the runaway front-runner, right? Or that we've been seeing with these crowds with Elizabeth Warren that she's been getting these crowds, but this poll tells you a little bit more about why she's getting this

crowd. "

5. "HAYES: Yeah, I mean, Elizabeth Warren – I mean, the one thing that seems clear to me – like there's literally one story that all of the data points out. Like if you're going to tell a single story so far, which is that there's one candidate who has made the most gain, and that's Elizabeth Warren. That just seems to me borne out by all of the polling, all of the anecdotal data, the reporting, and then these crowds – you know, 15,000 people in Seattle.

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August 28

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Sanders – 0:3:0
Warren – 0:4:0

Biden

Neutral

1. "The six Democratic primary polls released since that Monmouth poll averaged out to show a race in which Joe Biden is in first, still relatively comfortably, followed by Bernie Sanders in second, and Elizabeth Warren close behind in third."

2. "And I think lot bet that Elizabeth Warren, but would be weaker than she is, or Joe Biden would be weaker than he is, and their bet has not come through."

3. "We have a clear top tier with Joe Biden, Elizabeth

Warren, Bernie Sanders, kind of a medium-sized second tier and then all the other ones who are still praying for that Hail Mary"

4. “The way I look at the other 12 candidates we keep referring to, these kind of ghosts fading out on the outside of the debates, is I feel that a lot of people got into this with a big trapeze net waiting for voters to abandon Joe Biden, waiting for voters to decide that Bernie was too old, waiting to decide that Elizabeth Warren couldn’t hack it, and they’ve been wrong.”

Positive

1. “HAYES: Olivia, you were at a Biden event today, who remains at the top of this race, according to polling. Your impressions?

NUZZI: Well, you know, today – I’ve been with him for the last two months on the road on and off. And it was remarkable today I think because the poll – the general perception of the polls that it was an outlier, and because he wasn’t defensive, he wasn’t explaining away a gaffe or clarifying something today, which is pretty rare for him on the road, he was in a really good mood, and he was a lot clearer. He wasn’t meandering as much as I’m doing right now. And he wasn’t – he seemed to be in really good spirits, and just seemed to relate to people in a deeper way and didn’t really have a big misstep.

And I think – I don’t know what that really tells us, other than he was in a good mood because he didn’t have any bad news for a few days, but it was interesting to see – it was kind of a glimpse in a slightly different side of him than I think reporters see when he is kind of a little bit annoyed, feeling like he shouldn’t have to be explaining himself as much as the reporters want him to, yeah.”

Sanders

Three neutrals, same as Biden's #s 1, 2 and 4.

Warren

Four neutrals, same as Biden's.

September 3

One mention of Warren solely:

“HAYES: And you’re specific in the plan like – Elizabeth Warren also did this and a few others have broken outright, where there’s – where you can take executive actions, right, as president and where there’s legislative need.”

September 5

Biden – 3:1:2

Positive and negative:

1. “HAYES: Well, there’s a question there, right, senator, which is about how

much that itself matters, right. Like how much do the policy details

matter? And one thing I’ve struck by is Joe Biden has had a very stable

lead from basically when he announced to now. He is – there is tremendous

amounts of respect and affection for him among Democratic primary voters,

both for him personally and his long career, and for his adjacency to

Barack Obama whose vice president he was. But it does strike me that like

in these kinds of forums where you’re talking about just like political

communication, he is not the best, I think, of a lot of people, like that

does not seem to be his strength in this.”

2. “MCCASKILL: Well, I think he struggles when he gets on defense. And since

he is the frontrunner, and has been the stable frontrunner, as you said,

from day one, he is going to be on defense a lot. And I think he is going

to have to learn how to pivot and stay true to the message he wants to

deliver.

Frankly, he made a really good point last night. Yes, the United States

has to lead on this issue. Yes, we have to be bold. But we have to re-establish our leadership in the world on this issue, that's what Trump has done, in my opinion, in one of the most immoral acts that he did was walking away from the Paris Accord.

And Joe Biden does have a good point, and people do understand that he is going to have the kind of resume that gives him credibility on the world stage instantaneously. He has that, and most of the rest of them don't."

Neutral

1. "HAYES: But. There's this thing that's happening – and true I think in terms of his resume, right, like he knows world leaders, but there's this thing that's happening in the campaign where it's like there's Joe Biden, and you know he is Joe Biden. And so Joe Biden projects something, because he is a well-known figure and such a fixture.

But if you were to do like a blind taste test, which is not a thing that can happen, but it's get to your point, Joshua, right, about the message versus the messenger and ask people like are they listening to what these people are saying and what their plans are? "

Positive

3. "JOHNSON: Well, here is the think, Senator McCaskill is right that Joe Biden made the point about American leadership around the world. Other candidates made the same point in the town halls, but at least that's a consensus in the field.

Here is the way I'm looking at this, did you see The Avengers movies?

MCCASKILL: Yes.

JOHNSON: OK, Joe Biden is Robert Downey Jr. They are all super heroes.

But he is Robert Downey Jr. He says things that may be a little off, he does things that may be a little off, but he is bankable.”

September 6

One Warren neutral:

“HAYES: You can’t do everything. You’re not running for office.

MAXWELL: I’m not doing everything, I’m doing anti-corruption and public integrity. So, Elizabeth Warren has a bill in the Senate...

HAYES: Which she says would be her first bill.

MAXWELL: It would be her first priority. She’s one of five candidates, actually, still in the primary that have said this is going to be their priority. And the reason is because we need to overturn Citizens United and reform our democratic processes so that they actually are democratic.”

September 13

One Warren mention, neutral:

“538 is finding

that Elizabeth Warren was the clearest overall winner and the only candidate among the top four who emerged with more Democrats considering voting for her.”

September 16

Biden – 0:1:0

“MOORE: The auto workers did not vote for him. And this has been a real thing – and I said this a few weeks ago, when you think working class, he and the pundit class and Joe Biden all talk about the working class like it’s lunch bucket Joe. And that’s who we’ve got to win next November. But the majority of working class are women, and they’re of color, and they’re young.”

September 17

Biden – 1:4:1

Sanders – 2:6:0

Warren – 3:5:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “This time around, the front-runner in the Democratic primary is very clearly Joe Biden. It has been him since the day he announced. He has not significantly declined, in fact he continues to lead, and according to the latest NBC poll out today, he has even gained.

NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll shows Biden with 31 percent support, followed by Elizabeth Warren with 25 percent, and Bernie Sanders with 14.”

2. “ And right now

Warren is at the top with those two numbers, right, so 35 percent enthusiastic, and 35 percent comfortable. Bernie Sanders 25 percent enthusiastic, 27 percent comfortable, and Joe Biden 23 percent enthusiastic and 41 percent comfortable.”

3. “ I think people were trying to put an ideological frame onto the race that maybe didn’t quite match what was happening. You saw a lot of voters who were sort of Biden/Bernie voters, or choosing between them, comfortable with both, but as the race has gone on, that the ideological lanes have gotten a bit clearer. And again that’s sort of borne out I think interestingly in the NBC poll today that Joe Biden is winning 19 percent of liberal voters, but 42 percent of those who consider themselves moderate or conservative and Warren is getting sort of the inverse, 36 percent of liberals, 15 percent moderate or conservative. It’s – and Sanders there more liberals than moderate/conservatives.”

4. “HAYES: Yeah, she has a lot of work to go on African-American voters where Joe Biden still holds a commanding lead.”

Positive

1. “ So both she and Biden should feel pretty good about their position. Bernie should feel decently well.”

Negative

1. ““But it is also very noteworthy that Biden does not draw enormous crowds, whereas the two people who round out the top three in the field do. Tens of thousands came out to see Sanders at his campaign launch in Brooklyn, and at rallies like this one last month in Long Beach, California.”

Sanders

Positive

1. “And by the way, Warren is doing pretty well in the polls, including polls that ask voters, hey, how enthusiastic are you? How solid is your vote? How much attention are you paying to the campaign. So both she and Biden should feel pretty good about their position. Bernie should feel decently

well.”

2. “NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll shows Biden with 31 percent support, followed by Elizabeth Warren with 25 percent, and Bernie Sanders with 14.

But it is also very noteworthy that Biden does not draw enormous crowds, whereas the two people who round out the top three in the field do. Tens of thousands came out to see Sanders at his campaign launch in Brooklyn, and at rallies like this one last month in Long Beach, California.

And last night in Washington Square, Warren got her biggest crowd yet, her campaign estimating that 20,000 people showed up for the rally.”

Neutral

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3. “You had the Spidey sense for Mitt Romney in 2012. You had Bernie drawing larger crowds in 2016 than Hillary Clinton, but not winning the nomination, although he did very well, obviously.”

4. "SILVER: Yeah, she has that combo of both the enthusiasm and the comfortability, which maybe Bernie has less of, for example."
5. "I should say there's no guarantee that momentum continues. Bernie, for example, gained ground throughout most of the run-up to 2016, and then finally when he hit Iowa and New Hampshire he came close, won those states, but could not quite get over the hump."
6. "I think people were trying to put an ideological frame onto the race that maybe didn't quite match what was happening. You saw a lot of voters who were sort of Biden/Bernie voters, or choosing between them, comfortable with both, but as the race has gone on, that the ideological lanes have gotten a bit clearer."

Warren

Neutral

1. "NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll shows Biden with 31 percent support, followed by Elizabeth Warren with 25 percent, and Bernie Sanders with 14."
2. "HAYES: After the rally, Warren stuck around, as is her wont, to take pictures with supporters for nearly four hours, ending with this..."
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And I think that is also, as just a polling indicator, says that there's

room there for her.”

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NBC poll today that Joe Biden is winning 19 percent of liberal voters, but

42 percent of those who consider themselves moderate or conservative and

Warren is getting sort of the inverse, 36 percent of liberals, 15 percent

moderate or conservative. It’s – and Sanders there more liberals than

moderate/conservatives.”

5. “SILVER: Yeah, as voters become more interested in the campaign and things

do become a bit more like rational in terms of left versus right. Although

I think Harris has also – although Warren has gained at the expense of

Harris as well. Because Harris is trying to split the difference and now

voters are saying, you know what I like Warren a little better. She’s

doing better than Harris. She’s a little bit bolder. I don’t see any –

I mean, she actually does better on electability questions than Harris does

according to Democratic voters, and so I think that’s been a big source of

votes for her as well.

She got the kind of – the left-wing vote early on, the kind of college

educated white left-wing vote, I should say, which is not the entire left-

wing by any means at all. But now she’s picking up not

the centrist vote, but the center of the party, Kamala Harris kind of, Beto

O’Rourke voters, because those candidates are not doing very well in the

polls lately.

Remember, she started out with all these doubts about Pocahontas and very

negative coverage. So the second impression I think has been a lot better

for voters than their first impression six months ago.”

Positive

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that ask voters, hey, how enthusiastic are you? How solid is your vote?

How much attention are you paying to the campaign. So both she and Biden

should feel pretty good about their position. Bernie should feel decently

well. “

2. “But still, there is maybe a

narrative, which I would at least put some stock in that like as people get

to know Warren better, they like the message, they’re more comfortable.

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3. But it is also very noteworthy that Biden does not draw enormous crowds,

whereas the two people who round out the top three in the field do. Tens

of thousands came out to see Sanders at his campaign launch in Brooklyn,

and at rallies like this one last month in Long Beach, California.

And last night in Washington Square, Warren got her biggest crowd yet, her

campaign estimating that 20,000 people showed up for the rally.”

September 18

Biden – 0:1:3

Sanders – 0:1:2

Warren – 6:2:1

Biden

Neutral

1. “When she declared her candidacy back in February, she was polling at 6

percent. She rose to nearly 12 percent by June, was averaging about 17

percent at the start of this month. IN the newest NBC poll she’s at 25

percent, just 6 points behind Joe Biden.”

Negative

1. “Warren has come out with this you

can leave the room thinking this is possible attitude that I think other people have struggled to capture. In the case of Joe Biden, who is still ahead of her in the States, you leave kind of sad about where the country has gotten with a couple of ideas a work ago, and it's very different – I think it's been potent because of the attitude Democrats wake up with and live with every day contrasted with what they want from their candidates.”

2. “Elizabeth Warren right now is very low on the ruled out, like if you look at the polling recently, only 21 percent have ruled her out, other people have much higher numbers than that, which sort of makes it higher for Bernie Sanders and Joe Biden to grow.”

3. “I'm worried that she's not electable, whereas I might not like Joe Biden or I might not be excited about Joe Biden, but I think other people are going to like him.”

Sanders

Negative

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2. “I think that presentation has been helpful for her. And having Sanders – Sanders has more plans than her, he has more bills than her that have been introduced. She has has – he has been for years. But he's tended to one-up her with something that is more expensive, that is more comprehensive, that doesn't always work with the voter who is worried that Donald Trump would run against big spending socialists. They want somebody who is tough, but they don't necessarily need somebody that far left to be satisfied.”

Neutral

1. “HAYES: And I should say the point Michelle made there about sort of bridging the Sanders/Hillary camps from the last time, I do think she is helped by the fact that because of Sanders` presence, because Sanders is a Democratic Socialist, because he has a very strong, committed following – and, by the way, is not going anywhere in polling, like he is in the top tier of this race, no question, that she could be like not the furthest left candidate, which sort of helps her in this almost triangulating way.”

2. ““HAYES: You know, Michelle, one of the things – and you`ve written about Warren and her campaign, the polling numbers that keeps jumping out at me is the ruled out portion, right. So, when you ask voters like would you be OK with this person for second choice, or is there a person you ruled out? And, you know, Elizabeth Warren right now is very low on the ruled out, like if you look at the polling recently, only 21 percent have ruled her out, other people have much higher numbers than that, which sort of makes it higher for Bernie Sanders and Joe Biden to grow.””

Warren

Positive

1. “HAYES: That was Senator Elizabeth Warren with Rachel last night, talking about the many innovations Warren has brought to this race. She stays and takes pictures with attendees after her speeches and townhalls no matter how long it takes, no matter how long the line lasts.

We saw her do this at the town hall we held with her back in June. There she is in the background while I was chatting with Rachel well after the

town hall. Her staffers snapping pictures until every single person who wanted one had gotten a picture with the candidate.

People remarked that this is a brilliant piece organizing and viral marketing because everyone posts the pictures on social media and you see it from your friends and everyone comes away feeling invested.

But the other thing about it is, there is no shortcut to do it, it is just her putting in the work. If she's going to take four hours of photos, that means she stands there for literally four hours after giving a speech to what her campaign estimated was 20,000 people.

In some way that sort of embodies the spirit of that campaign so far. Warren has an almost Terminator like ability that is clearly working for her. She just keeps taking pictures and rolling out plans and steadily rising in the polls.

When she declared her candidacy back in February, she was polling at 6 percent. She rose to nearly 12 percent by June, was averaging about 17 percent at the start of this month. IN the newest NBC poll she's at 25 percent, just 6 points behind Joe Biden."

2. "If you hang out at the edge of the door in Iowa where people are signing caucus cards, you see people more interested signing up. You see them a little bit more glum at other events, and not that the candidates are going in there to make everyone depressed, but Warren has come out with this you can leave the room thinking this is possible attitude that I think other

people have struggled to capture. “

3. “MICHELLE GOLDBERG, NEW YORK TIMES: Right. And so before I talk about Elizabeth

Warren, I have to say full disclosure, my husband is working for this campaign or is consulting for this campaign, so I’m not completely dispassionate. But that’s not the only poll that’s showing the same thing, there was another poll asked would you be disappointed if this candidate was the nominee. And the lowest number of people said they would be disappointed by Elizabeth Warren.

And so she’s emerging as the consensus candidate for a lot of Democrats.

You know, she, in some sense, is the only one, I think, that can span the Bernie/Hillary divide, right, because she gets not those entire coalitions, but she gets a lot of people from both of those coalitions very, very excited.”

4. “And I think that one of the keys to her appeal, or at least her rising appeal, is this sentence

that you’ve heard her say at the debate and then you heard her say it again at the Washington Square

speech which is I am not afraid, right, because people out there,

Democrats, are terrified. They’re demoralized. And they feel like there’s no leadership anywhere. And so she is stepping up and saying she can see past this horrible moment into a better future.”

5. “Building on what Michelle said, I think she also has benefited from frustration that Democrats

who lead congress are, to use a high and might word, wimpy and they’re not

opposing the president

the way they could, that they took power, they're not doing everything they could with it. I think she's benefited from that.

But in a way that seems tough without seeming furious – and I don't want to get too touchy-feely and theater criticy about it – but I think that presentation has been helpful for her. And having Sanders – Sanders has more plans than her, he has more bills than her that have been introduced. She has has – he has been for years. But he's tended to one-up her with something that is more expensive, that is more comprehensive, that doesn't always work with the voter who is worried that Donald Trump would run against big spending socialists. They want somebody who is tough, but they don't necessarily need somebody that far left to be satisfied.”

6. “GOLDBERG: Yeah, and I certainly worry about that, too. But it's very interesting that what people are worried about is not I don't like Elizabeth Warren. I'm worried about Elizabeth Warren. It's always I think that these other people aren't going to like Elizabeth Warren. I'm worried that she's not electable, whereas I might not like Joe Biden or I might not be excited about Joe Biden, but I think other people are going to like him.

And so when people's I think reservations about Elizabeth Warren are based in them kind of playing pundit as opposed to any lack of real excitement or enthusiasm.”

Neutral

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and, by the way, is not going anywhere in polling, like he is in the top tier of this race, no question, that she could be like not the furthest left candidate, which sort of helps her in this almost triangulating way.”

2. ““People don’t go in with hard ideologies to a lot of these. The average voter does not. And the way that Warren has presented herself is that she is less of a revolutionary, she’s more of a person interested in what can be done and how you break through the logjam in congress.”

Negative

1. “HAYES: I think there’s now – in the beginning I think there was a lot of criticism the way she handled her previous claims about having indigenous heritage, there was the DNA test, which I think was panned widely both by indigenous communities and others, and then I think the campaigns made people forget that, and there’s a little bit of Donald Trump is going to hit her with one note and that’s gone away.

But I’ve seen resurfacing people being like, OK, let’s look at the data about how appealing she has been to say white working class voters in Massachusetts, how effective she has been. And you’re seeing that like there are arguments people are making that she does have some political liabilities.”

September 19

Biden – 0:1:0
Sanders – 4:3:0
Warren – 1:1:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “Obviously he, Vice President Joe Biden, Senator Elizabeth Warren recently

participated in a different climate town hall. But today was a great opportunity to hear more from a leading Democratic contender.”

Sanders

Neutral

1. “We`re going to hear for

another five tomorrow, including meet Mayor Pete Buttigieg and Senator Cory

Booker. We invited every single Democratic candidate, in fact, all the

candidates, but the only one of the Democratic candidates polling in the

top three who took us up on the offer was Senator Bernie Sanders.”

2.

3. “HAYES: But do you worry about – I mean, how much do you think about the

political constraints, which I think a lot of people get obsessed with,

including myself, understandably, but how much do you think about when

you`re hearing whether it`s Bernie Sanders or others do you think,

like, oh, well, is Mitch McConnell going to go for that, and we`ll be able

to get the votes for that?”

Positive

1. “HAYES: Anyone particularly strong to you today, is anyone sort of you felt

stood out?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I have to say Bernie Sanders. I mean, it`s clear

that everyone is passionate about climate change – thank you – but it has

to be Bernie Sanders who is the most passionate out of all.”

2. “HAYES: Was there a policy or an answer that was given today that stuck out

to you particularly?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I would say more of, like, Bernie Sanders was very

much hard on climate change which I think is good. “

3. “HAYES: Do you feel – we`re pushing everyone on is it a top priority, and

some people said yes, and some people kind of wavered. Did you feel – did anyone convince you clearly, yes, this will be the first issue, this is the first piece of legislation they`re going to move, this is the first thing they think of when they wake up in the morning.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I think Senator Sanders did. “

4. “HAYES: All right, very quickly, you`re wearing a Pete shirt, but did anyone impress you today?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Senator Sanders talked about climate justice today.”

Warren

Neutral

1. “Obviously he, Vice President Joe Biden, Senator Elizabeth Warren recently participated in a different climate town hall. But today was a great opportunity to hear more from a leading Democratic contender.”

Positive

1. “HAYES: Do you have a – are you an undecided voter or you have a candidate that you`re looking at?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I am. I`m stuck between Elizabeth Warren and Castro, so I`m – let me see what happens with both.”

September 23

Biden – 1:8:0

Warren – 0:2:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “The reporting and overtime

President Trump himself acknowledging that in a phone call Donald Trump

pressured the head of Ukraine to investigate his political rival Joe Biden

with the possibility hanging over his head the U.S. would not release

hundreds of millions of dollars in military aid the country says it needs

to defend itself against the Russians who have already invaded.”

2. “HAYES: So throughout the day he hit all three major parts of the

contention, right? An investigation pertaining to Biden or you don’t get

the money. And that is an obviously impeachable abuse of power. “

3. “August, the Ukrainian president’s aide in Madrid, September he admits he

asked Ukraine to look into Biden. Independent of what the president’s

doing, is what Giuliani doing appropriate and should we hear from him on

Capitol Hill.”

4. “Here’s the president today talking about Biden again copping to the basic

underlying points here that he’s like pushing the Ukraine to investigate –

the president to investigate Biden. But here’s what he said about the

great conversation he had with Zelensky. Take a listen.

5. “You know, everyone has looked at the Biden thing and tried to look at it

carefully in a non-partisan way, has basically come away saying there’s no

there there. And there clearly is there to the President of the United

States trying to use the power of his office to help his own reelection

campaign in concert with a foreign government.”

6. “The president’s personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, has also admitted he asked

Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden. “

7. “On Wednesday, all this will be before our eyes. President Trump will be

meeting with the man that he apparently pressured in that abuse of power,

which is why we can expect Trump with the Ukrainian president there to just

say in front of the cameras, you should really investigate Joe Biden, kind

of like he did in front of the cameras the last time around.”

8. “HAYES: When Robert Mueller testified before congress that his report did

not exonerate the president, Trump claimed it did. He even said it was,

quote, a great day for me. And the very next day in the midst of the

perception that maybe he'd gotten away with it, Trump gets on the phone with Ukraine's president and apparently repeatedly pressed him to investigate Joe Biden's son."

Positive

1. "HAYES: The Democratic presidential candidates flocked to Iowa this weekend for the annual steak fry. And the extra fun thing about the steak fry is that everyone makes a really grand entrance. Joe Biden came in with a fire truck and a marching band, his supporters shouting "fired up. Ready for Joe.""

Warren

Neutral

1. "And then there's Senator Elizabeth Warren, Democrat of Massachusetts obviously running for president who was already on the record supporting impeachment sending an unmistakable message directly to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi with this tweet. "After the Mueller report, Congress had a duty to begin impeachment. By failing to act, Congress is complicit in Trump's latest attempt to solicit foreign interference to aid him in U.S. elections. Do your constitutional duty and impeach the president.""

2. "Now, Elizabeth Warren on the other hand, well, she was all business. Here she is flipping steaks on the grill, which, of course, triggered the soy boys over at Breitbart because, oh, I thought Dems hate meat."

Positive

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September 24

Biden – 0:5:0

1. "It's probably in light of all of this, all of these developments, the

president decided to try to make an omelet out of some broken eggs. He announced today that he would be releasing the transcript of that very controversial July phone call with the Ukrainian president hoping he can point to a transcript where there is no explicit open quid pro quo. We'll give you the money if you investigate Biden."

2. "SEN. CHRIS MURPHY (D-CT): Well, I started to get visits to my office and calls in the spring right after President Zelensky had been sworn in after a resounding election victory with concerns that Rudy Giuliani had begun to pressure Zelenski and his team to launch these investigations into Vice President Biden."

3. "DOBRIANSKY: Well, that's not – I don't see Donald Trump going through, you know, old newspapers and actually end up saying, oh, maybe I should go with, you know, Biden and stuff."

4. "CAROL LEONNIG, NATIONAL REPORTER: Well, I'm so glad you asked, Chris, because I think the time-line is really interesting. I mean, everybody is really focused on the president's call with Zelensky and on July 25 when he admitted today he asked him multiple times to open this investigation to get to the bottom of corruption in their country and to look at Biden's son.

That call is followed by a meeting that the president has, or the conversation he has with State Department. His ambassador then meet with Zelensky and talks with him the next day, ambassador to Ukraine. And then the ambassador to Ukraine from the United States helps arrange a meeting for

Giuliani to go meet with a Zelensky aide in Madrid, Spain where Giuliani has told us he was pressing and saying, look, you know, you really need to investigate this stuff, it's important to the United States.

How odd, though, for the president's personal attorney to be conducting this kind of diplomacy that is like half diplomacy and half what can you do for us about dirt on Biden?"

5. "HAYES: Yeah, we talked about the Bidens and also you don't want to send money to these people."

September 25

Biden – 0:7:0

1. "The other thing. There's a lot of talk about Biden's son that Biden stop the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that. So whatever you can do with the Attorney General, meaning William Barr would be great.

Biden went around bragging he stopped the prosecution. So if you look into it, it sounds horrible to me. Now, just to be clear, that's a mischaracterization of what Biden did. The prosecution he did not stop.

He got a widely viewed prosecutor removed from office."

2. "HAYES: You mentioned Attorney General William Barr. Barr's office the Department of Justice put out a statement today saying in effect that Barr was not instructed to investigate Biden. He says, Kerri Kupec say – the spokesperson says, Attorney General Bill Barr never spoke to Trump or Giuliani about having Ukraine investigate anything relating to former Vice

President Biden or his son. First, do you believe that?"

3. "That is doubly harmful from the constitutional point of view. First, it's interference with our capacity for self-government, and second, it's an interference with the liberty of an American citizen that is former Vice President Biden and his son."

4. “And helpfully, just like a Bond villain, or Shakespeare’s Iago, Giuliani came on stage back in May and explicitly told the audience what his villainous plot was, that he was going to use his proximity to the president to work over and pressure Ukraine to open up an investigation to Joe Biden’s family, part of which he was doing while Trump was withholding aid from Ukraine.

Giuliani literally told The Times that he was planning a Ukraine trip to push for inquiries that could help Trump and that, quote, “we’re meddling in an investigation.” His words.

And meddle he did. Giuliani has been working for months to push the Ukrainians to dig up dirt on Biden.

5. “Does that – is that in the context of the idea that the investigation into Biden itself would be an essentially unlawful thing of value?”

6. “HILL: Yeah, I mean, look, Volker’s interest should be to get these supply of arms moving. Presumably he’s been concerned about the fact that there’s been this hiccup, to put it mildly, and so tries to perhaps find out what’s going on, but in the meantime, according to this extraordinary report in The Daily Beast, he’s talking about Biden, which is just way out of bounds.”

7. “BANCO: Yeah. And he continued to sort of lay out to us that the State Department, including Volker and Sondland, had spoken to him what else could be done in Ukraine in the future, whether it was relations with Ukraine or work with Biden. And he would not answer very specific

questions about exactly what was relayed in some of those conversations today.”

September 26

Biden – 0:3:0

1. “SEWELL: Well, you know, they only released it, Chris, because they were forced to release it. It’s clear that there was this whole scheme has been going on for months by the Trump administration that Donald Trump wanted dirt on Biden. And the fact that the State Department and White House officials knew about it and put – chose to put the readout in a separate server just to me shows how complicitous they are.”

2. “I mean, there are a series of State

Department officials who are trying to gingerly, you know, help the Ukrainian officials, quote unquote, navigate the president’s demand in the July 25 phone call. Hey, we help you out a lot, now can you investigate this Biden situation for me?”

3. “And just to get a sense of taking the

temperature of Republican senators, this is a tweet from journalist Matt Laslo today who said I just overheard a Republican senator tell a reporter on background that Trump discussing Joe Biden with a foreign leader was inappropriate.”

September 27

Biden – 0:2:0

1. “It is established the President’s personal attorney was actively both publicly and privately browbeating various Ukrainian officials including various prosecutors to meddle in the 2020 election by opening investigation

into Joe Biden.”

2. “After holding back nearly \$400 million in military aid to Ukraine, Trump

pointedly asked Zelensky for two things, right. One to work with Rudy

Giuliani and William Barr to drum up a scandal around Joe Biden. “

September 30

Biden – 0:5:0

1. “HAYES: Good evening from New York I’m Chris Hayes. The scandal that is

threatening to swallow Donald Trump’s presidency hole just keeps getting

bigger. A ton of news today, first, the President’s personal lawyer Rudy

Giuliani was issued a subpoena from House Democrats demanding he turn over

documents related to his attempt to pressure Ukraine into investigating Joe

Biden.”

2. “I mean, you know, there’s the Jedi mind tricks scene in Star Wars where you

know these are not the droids you’re looking for. It does seem like really

– like lame attempts at Jedi mind trick. You know, it’s all hearsay.

Well, we have the notes. No, he never said he never has to investigate

Biden. No, he did. It’s in the notes. What do you make of the haphazard

nature of how the pushback has happened so far, David?”

3. “JOLLY: And we can’t let Republicans distract us with quid pro quo, with

attacks on Hunter Biden, or attacks on the whistleblower. The President at

the U.N. last Monday said, of course, I pressured them to investigate

corruption. The transcript identifies one person. He asked the Ukraine to

investigate, and it’s Joe Biden and his family.”

4. “And he’s using his military muscle, he’s using his foreign policy authority

to hold up \$400 million of desperately needed aid from a vulnerable ally in

order to benefit not only himself by digging up dirt on Joe Biden, but to

benefit his benefactor Vladimir Putin because Putin is the aggressor

against Ukraine. That’s a simple story. It doesn’t have to go into 100

different directions as the way the Mueller report did.”

5. “As it happens, I also had a chance to talk about the president’s phone call

with Senator Ted Cruz of Texas in the first stop for our fall podcast live

tour. The whole interview with the senator was a trip, but after some

pressing, I got him to admit at the very least the president asking about

Biden was not a good look”

CHRIS MATTHEWS

August 1

Biden – 9:2:1

Sanders – 1:0:1

Warren – 4:1:1

Biden

Positive

1. “After spending two hours on defense last night, former Vice President Joe

Biden today went before the press and cameras to make a positive case for

the legacy of the last democrat to occupy the White House, Barack Obama. A

short time from now, the man, Biden, would like to defeat President Trump

will speak in Cincinnati at his first campaign rally since the racists send

her back chants directed at a Somali-born congresswoman broke out at his

last rally.

But we begin tonight with the democratic frontrunner, Joe Biden, who

weathered an onslaught of attacks on his record at last night’s debate as

some of his challengers even tried to call into question his association

with the former president. In this afternoon, in Detroit, the former Vice

President fired back with a reminder of what the 2020 election should be about.

....[CLIP]

MATTHEWS: Well, Vice President Biden fended off attacks. They came from all sides actually last night as several of his challengers liked to try on, certainly tried to land a strong punch against him. Here it goes.

.....[CLIP]....

MATTHEWS: Well, today, Vice President Biden was asked if the attacks on the Obama legacy were a sign the party is being pulled too far to the left.

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2. “The other thing that struck me was it was a little bit like 1988 and Joe Biden is in the George H.W. Bush position, being dinged for everything he could be dinged for, being attacked for not taking responsibility for the things that might not have been so wonderful in the Reagan administration. But one thing to remember about that year is that Vice President Bush became President Bush, and Vice President Biden, it seems to me, going to his case, still, it seems to me, has the best chance at this distance to go all the way.”

3. “COSTA: They got the healthcare. But the rank and file, when I go to South Carolina and go to a historically black church or go to a suburban area, the energy is more with Vice President Biden, for someone who is just going to be a change from President Trump.

I was up on Capitol Hill today at the Senate, pulled aside some Democratic

Senators for private conversations. They said they were happy to see Vice President Biden talk about President Obama last night, not to be talking about segregationists, not to be talking about busing, but to be talking about President Obama. That to them is the safest zone if he wants to be the nominee.”

4. “MATTHEWS: Zerlina, you know, I watched Biden today. He was ten times better than last time. Last night, he was twice as good as he was the first time.”

5. “And the other thing that I would just say about Biden, and the excitement factor is Thomas Jefferson once wrote a love letter called the Head and the Heart to a woman, not his wife. But anyway, and it was the argument between the head and the heart. And that seems to be what’s going on here. And the heart of the Democratic Party may be with Warren and Sanders, but the head, I think, is with Vice President Biden.”

6. “PAYNE: We’ve seen Biden uptick over the last few weeks. I would say there is a straight line between the president being more erratic and Biden going up in the polls.

MATTHEWS: The stakes are rising, and the higher the stakes, the safer the bet most people want to make.”

7. “MATTHEWS: Today, I saw a splash of sunlight in what’s been a grim Democratic tussle for president.

Joe Biden went out into the streets of Detroit today, his face toward the sun, took questions from a gaggle of reporters. In an instant, something was different. In place of the mean backbiting of last night, the nasty nitpicking shots back and forth between him and an assortment on both sides, I saw optimism today, optimism that Democrats, the party of

opposition, had the good humor, the hopeful nature to show daylight to a country so dismally denied it by the dark curtain of the Trump era.

Hope. Hope itself is the heart of the Democratic Party. Hope that things will get better. Hope for all the families that came here over the decades. Hope for all the families who have pulled themselves up over the generations with the help of government programs like the G.I. bill and Social Security and low interest student loans and Medicare. Hope that because of this combined effort, the government and the country itself will become a better place for all its many peoples.

I understand politics too. I understand what the challenges and why the challenges to the front-runner Joe Biden have to hurt him and his legacy to get their shot. I understand the people now getting 1 percent or less in the national polls need to get up to 2 percent, and the surest way to score a goal is to attack the front-runner. I know that that being the goal, the front-runner Joe Biden has to spend his valuable debate time defending his old record rather than posting an agenda for the future. “
8. “So count me in. I like more of the Joe Biden I saw today with his sun in the face facing that gaggle of reporters than I did watching him as a halting target in last night’s human crow shoot. And besides, I’ve argued for years, the historic fact that the person who wins presidential elections is the one outside facing the American people, talking about the future with the sun in their face.”

Positive and Negative

1. “MATTHEWS: Let me go to Robert Costa. Political analysis here, not just reporting, there are two ways to look at this fight for the democratic

nomination. One is we run the safest bet we've got, Biden. I know the argument. It may be wrong. But that's one argument and other people will disagree with that. Some people think that's the argument. He is the safest bet. He may not be. He may be too old. He may not be strong enough on the argument."

Neutral

1. "JON MEACHAM, PRESIDENTIAL HISTORIAN: Two things in terms of analogies.

One is it began to feel a little bit like 1976 on the other side with the Ford and the Reagan forces juking it out. In this case, you have the more progressive folks who are trying to pull the party to the left. In '76, it was pulling to it the right, in that cast, Joe Biden in the Gerald Ford role."

2. "BEN RHODES, FORMER DEPUTY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER: Yes. Well, Chris, I think the reason that Joe Biden was out there today embracing essentially this contrast is it's good for him. It is bad politics and bad policy to criticize someone who has a 97 percent approval rating with the democratic electorate and is the most admired man in America.

Sanders

Positive

1. "ROBERT COSTA, NATIONAL POLITICAL REPORTER, THE WASHINGTON POST: The energy in the democratic ranks among activists is with those on night one, Senator Sanders, Senator Warren, who won overall on healthcare.

MATTHEWS: They got the applause."

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Positive

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2. "MATTHEWS: Zerlina, you know, I watched Biden today. He was ten times better than last time. Last night, he was twice as good as he was the first time. But I still think this campaign is going to get down to probably Elizabeth Warren winning in Iowa, and her number one challenger in the weeks ahead is going to be Kamala Harris. I just think that. I've just been watching that. I just see that pattern."
3. "So the fact of the matter is if we pick a candidate who isn't going to drive turnout to match those Obama coalition numbers, then we're not going to win.

But there are candidates in this race that can do that. I believe that Kamala Harris can build that coalition. Elizabeth Warren has been showing signs that she can build a coalition of diverse set of communities, and we don't have to rely on those Midwestern white Trump/Obama switch voters."

4. "But I think Elizabeth Warren is charismatic. Anybody who can argue with me on that point, I mean, I'll see you outside, because I think Elizabeth Warren is incredibly charismatic. And I don't think she gets enough credit for that, frankly."

Neutral

1. "But you're not always going to have a thrilling, charismatic African-American person of either gender or any background to come on and say, I am

the candidate for president. Does it take that or can Elizabeth Warren running with, say, Buttigieg or something, could they excite the inner city? Could they excite people of color to the degree you're talking about that needs to win?"

Negative

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August 2

Biden – 5:5:0

Sanders – 0:1:1

Warren – 1:2:1

Biden

Positive

1. ““RALSTON: Well, I thought that Biden was terrible in the first debate, and I thought he did much better.””

It was a low bar. But I thought, considering the guy was taking fire from everywhere, sure, there was a couple of fumbles, Chris, but as those polls show – and I'm not sure how much they mean in August of 2019 – but I thought Biden did much better in that second debate.””

2. “I wanted to – Biden came out better I think in part because he wasn't tainted by the comparisons with Obama. He was enhanced by it.

And he wasn't Muellered. He came off just fine. He did not – he did not have a senior moment at all. And the thing about the texting, all the numbers we have to remember in life, I don't think him not remembering.

So, I think he came out of it just fine. “

3. “I don't think he can make Joe Biden into Hillary Clinton, at least not with

the time he has. “

4. “GIBSON: I think it’s important. You look at that clip from him in

Cincinnati last night, where he says any Democrat is a socialist.

MATTHEWS: That’s not true.

GIBSON: Like, he’s not hiding his strategy here.

MATTHEWS: Joe Biden has been around for 40 or 50 years. We know his

voting record. He is not a socialist. “

5. “MATTHEWS: Who is he afraid of? I hate to interrupt. We’re late.

Who is he afraid – is he afraid of Biden by calling him a socialist?

GIBSON: I think he is afraid of Biden.

I think you can’t help but look at the polls and see Biden winning

Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania. Those three states flip and the

president is in a lot of trouble, because he’s got to find somewhere else

to get Electoral College votes. “

Neutral

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Warren, of course, the senator from Massachusetts, and Joe Biden, the

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4. “MATTHEWS: Well, if Biden was surprised by being hit by her, she was surprised by being hit by Tulsi Gabbard, of all people... “

5. “MATTHEWS: How about Kamala?

GORMAN: He’s too well-defined.

I think Kamala is not as well-defined as Joe Biden, but also Kamala stepped in it a bunch with all her positions on health care and busing and border crossing. She is not helping herself right now. “

Sanders

Neutral

1. “MATTHEWS: Jon, I got a theory about this. But it’s only what politics is.

The people on the hard left who want real revolutionary change, starting with, of course, Bernie Sanders, they want big change. They want a big national health program. They want a lot of things different, a lot of things student loans, private – public colleges basically being free. Big stuff.

To make their point, I think they have to make a really drastic case of how bad things are now. So part of that, it seems to me, there`s some collateral damage, Obama.”

Negative

1. “RALSTON: ... saying that they want to – right. For them to be saying they want to tear that all apart, I think you`re right that there could be some collateral damage.

And there is also a case to be made, and we have seen this in polling, that the Democratic electorate is not as left as Bernie might think it is. And so I`m not sure that that`s how that`s going to work out. “

Warren

Positive

1. “And I thought Warren did very well on the first night. And I have to tell you, I thought Harris, after having that viral moment in the first debate, did not look good at all in the second debate. “

Neutral

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Negative

1. "MATTHEWS: Can he make Elizabeth Warren into Hillary Clinton?

GORMAN: Time will tell.

MATTHEWS: In about six months?

GORMAN: Maybe.

MATTHEWS: If she's the nominee.

GORMAN: Maybe Elizabeth Warren, yes. Some other people, probably not. "

August 5

Biden – 0:1:0

Sanders – 1:0:0

Biden

"How did you react when you heard those what I call phony baloney, like Joe Biden here, full malarkey, or whatever it is? What do you make of what he was saying today?"

Sanders

"After this weekend's mass shootings in Dayton and, of course, down in El

Paso, Democratic presidential candidates were quick to condemn President Trump for his rhetoric on immigrants and minorities.

...

MATTHEWS: I think Bernie was the best of all of this. “

August 6

Biden – 0:1:0

“So, as Joe Biden likes to say, here’s the deal. You Democrats go out there and pick up a net three Senate seats. Then if a Democrat beats Trump, it’s enough for the new president to govern, to begin to meet some of the promises he or she has made. “

August 7

Biden -1:3:0

Positive

1. “On a day meant for mourning, the president spent much of his time airing political grievances and taking cheap shots at his political enemies. In between Dayton and El Paso, for example, Trump Tweeted, watching sleepy Joe Biden making a speech. So boring. Our country will do poorly with him.

He wishes. It certainly wasn’t sleepy Joe we saw today.”

2. “Just listen to Joe Biden today in a very strong speech out in Iowa.

Neutral

1. “MATTHEWS: Jill, what’s his story on this? Can he stay on – he can’t stay on one – the tune today was grief, sorrow, consolation. His tune, as I, again, like Jack Nicholson as the Joker in Batman, jumping in, jumping in with these cheap shots against Beto, against Biden. He just can’t stop.”

2. “Look, there is enough things that are being said about him that are rather harsh from Joe Biden and Beto O’Rourke. But it was odd. It was an indication of his lack of mental discipline. He couldn’t even focus on

what he ought to be addressing, what he ought to be doing, what the moment

required of him.”

3. “MATTHEWS: Well, former Vice President Joe Biden today said that Trump had

no moral leadership. Let`s listen to him. “

August 8

Biden – 8:4:2

Warren – 2:1:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “I was on that trip with him yesterday. And he went into it, he and his

staff saying this is a time for healing and unity, and it was a time for

those things. But then he sort of couldn`t resist taking political digs

and going after anyone who he felt had slighted him, and that included

yesterday Vice President Biden, Senator Sherrod Brown, the Dayton mayor and

members of the media, and he just cannot resist.”

2. “Well, former Vice President Joe Biden has been campaigning on Trump`s dire

lack of moral authority since he first announced for president.

...

MATTHEWS: Well, yesterday in Iowa, Biden unleashed a scorching attack on

the man he hopes to replace.

Positive

1. “MATTHEWS: For more, I`m joined by Symone Sanders, senior adviser to the

Biden campaign.

Well, I will give the credit where it`s due. And Vice President Joe Biden

made the issue moral from the beginning. He didn`t say it`s about more –

different kinds of health insurance, although he has a plan on that. He

said the central question is getting rid of this immoral man from the White House. “

2. “SYMONE SANDERS, BIDEN CAMPAIGN SENIOR ADVISER: Yes.

Vice President Biden, I think unlike anyone else in this race, Chris, uniquely understood from day one the moment that we`re. And we were criticized, if folks will remember, when we launched the campaign, for making a general election argument, for being too forceful against President Trump.

But I think what we have seen, unfortunately, this week is that now, more than ever, Vice President Biden`s message rings true. We are in a battle for the soul of this nation. “

3. “And voters sent a resounding message in 2018. Vice President Biden was one of the most requested folks on the campaign trail in 2018. He went out and campaigned for more than 60 people. And we won in some very red places.

And so our strategy, Chris, is to speak frankly and directly and plainly to the American people about the issues that they care about. It`s to lay it on the table. That`s what he did in that speech yesterday and that`s what he is doing in Iowa right now. “

4. “MATTHEWS: That was a good speech. No, it was good. I said to you during the break I thought it was a good speech. “

5. “SANDERS: He said he was fanning the flames of white supremacy.

Today, Vice President Biden said that everything Donald Trump does contributes to white supremacy. And that is, frankly, probably more dangerous than anything else.

And so what the American people, I believe, are looking for is someone that uniquely understands the moment that we're in, that will lay it all on the table for them, but also talk to the American people and tell them how we plan to work through and work out of this. And that's Vice President Biden."

6. "MATTHEWS: OK, I will say this, as an observer. He was better in the second debate than he was in the first. He was still better the next day with that gaggle of reporters outside on that Thursday.

And he was still better in his speech yesterday. He knows how to read a prompter with heart. And Trump can't.

SANDERS: Well, he knows how to read a prompter. But he doesn't – Donald Trump definitely...

(CROSSTALK)

MATTHEWS: You argue with me when I am praising the guy. I'm sorry."

7. "SANDERS: I know he's – praising.

But not only does he just know how to read a prompter. Vice President Biden was out on the stump today. And what – one thing he does really well is retail politics. So we look forward to getting out there a little bit more."

8. "SANDERS: I think we are growing our numbers.

Look, Vice President Biden, again, we're in Iowa right now. And I think

there is a tendency for folks to look at these national polls and forget that the Democratic primary is a game of counting. It's a game of delegates. It's an election of delegates. And it's a game of individual states.

And so, right now, we're in Iowa, and everyone is focused on Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Nevada, and then people are looking at California.

But I will say, in polling in Iowa, for example, which, as you just noted, is a progressive place, there are more – some extremely progressive people. And Vice President Biden...

My point about Iowa, though, is that, in Iowa, in polling right now, if you ask folks about the various health care plans, more than 56 percent of Iowans, Democratic voters, in that state will say that they favor building on Obamacare.

MATTHEWS: I agree.

SANDERS: And they're not in favor of Medicare for all.

Neutral

1. "But yet the Biden voter strikes me – I looked at all the statistics coming out of Pennsylvania today. They tend to be women. They're older people. They tend to be people with less money, not all first-class college educations.

They're regular people.

SANDERS: Well...

MATTHEWS: How do you get them energized, these regular people, like the activists are, progressives are?"

2. "President Trump must have been watching your – Biden`s speech yesterday.

He tweeted: "Watching sleepy Joe Biden making a speech, so boring. Our country will be do poorly with him."

In other words, is he going to be president?

NBC`s Mike Memoli caught up with Biden after that tweet from Trump. "

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4. "So, here is where the race appears to be heading by the time of the first big test that would be the Iowa caucuses in early February. If Biden`s numbers starts to grow, look out. He is unlikely to be caught. But that`s the big if.

If not, the Massachusetts senator will continue at her current rate catch

the former vice president by the critical days of Iowa. This is how it's headed in the race to take on President Trump. It's a two-person race, and it's going to be close.

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SANDERS: Well, we don't know, Chris. It's still early. But what I will say...

MATTHEWS: Unless you grow – unless you grow your numbers. "
2. "Your candidate, the former vice president, is holding back from accusing the president of being a white supremacist. The other candidates have said that. Where is he?

SANDERS: Well, I think we saw – he dedicated 35 minutes yesterday.

MATTHEWS: But he is not calling him a white – he is not calling him a white supremacist. “

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Sanders – 0:2:2
Warren – 3:4:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “We have been talking for months about Joe Biden, the front-runner in the Democratic race for president, but some new polling putting a spotlight on Elizabeth Warren, who has been moving up in the Democratic race in some very interesting ways.

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3. “Among white voters, she is neck and neck with Joe Biden. Among black

voters, you see she is back in single digits, Biden up there near 50

percent. “

4. “Others haven’t gone quite as far. Biden has said that Trump encourages

white supremacists. Kamala Harris said that Trump empowers them. “

Negative

1. “Here’s where things get interesting, because, if Warren – let’s imagine a

world where Warren actually catches Biden in Iowa, where she beats Biden in

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Positive

1. “I think that the sounder strategy is Kamala Harris’ tragedy, is Joe Biden’s

tragedy, which is to say that this president is far too comfortable with

white nationalists, is giving them a lot of succor. And you don’t approve

of that. I don’t approve of that. So, what are we doing here? “

Sanders

Neutral

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And there she is, right? She is in third place right now. Remember, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, the shared media market, all of that. She is seven points behind Joe Biden. A world where Elizabeth Warren wins Iowa, where Bernie Sanders falls back far in Iowa, and where Joe Biden, the front-runner, loses Iowa, is that a world where Elizabeth Warren can make up that seven points and win New Hampshire?

In a world where Elizabeth Warren wins Iowa and New Hampshire, well, guess what, folks? This is the history. Candidates who put that one-two punch together on the Democratic side in modern times, if you win Iowa and New Hampshire, you win the nomination.

Now, I'm not saying any of this is going to happen."

3. "But the polling now suggesting there is at least for Elizabeth Warren a real pathway potentially to the Democratic nomination, not something we were saying six months ago. "

Neutral

1. "This is among self-described very liberal Democrats in Iowa, Warren doubling up Bernie Sanders. You see Biden, he is back in single digits. Warren has moved up significantly in Iowa.

Also, this poll suggests those who are most likely who are to go out for the caucuses – you have got to be there for hours – those who are most likely to go out and put that time commitment in, a little bit more

supportive of Warren than sort of more general interests of voters.

So, Warren moving up in Iowa, in striking distance.”

2. “And, of course, that

would leave – if this does happen for Warren, that would leave the big question mark. Iowa and New Hampshire do not have a lot of nonwhite voters. That is the big question mark with her campaign nationally.

Among white voters, she is neck and neck with Joe Biden. Among black voters, you see she is back in single digits, Biden up there near 50 percent.

That’s the question. If Warren can put Iowa and New Hampshire together, can she also build her black support, her nonwhite support? That becomes the million-dollar question for her. “

3. “Many 2020 presidential candidates have now escalated their criticism of President Trump following last weekend’s mass shootings, with eight candidates, eight candidates, including Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, now explicitly calling the president a white supremacist. “

4. “In fact, we asked Elizabeth Warren that question today, because she is one of the candidates who has said, has called him a white supremacist. We said to her, what does that say to the people who support him? And she blew right by it. She knew it was not a place where she wanted to go. “

August 12

Biden – 0:3:1

Sanders – 0:0:1

Warren – 0:0:1

Biden

Neutral

1. “MATTHEWS: Former Vice President Joe Biden there followed up on his appearance with an op-ed in “The New York Times” on Sunday. Biden promised to ban assault weapons if elected, writing, if we cannot rise to meet this moment, it won’t just be a political affair, it will be a moral one. It

will mean that we accept the next inevitable tragedy. “

2. “LROD: Yes, I absolutely do – think he does and I also think that there’s been some questions, should Democratic candidates call him a white supremacist or a white nationalist or even a racist, is that taking it too far. I don’t think it is, because I think –

MATTHEWS: Well, Biden won’t do it and I don’t think Harris will either.

ELROD: Biden is right straddling on the line.

MATTHEWS: Harris won’t do it.

ELROD: Well, the tier ones are not doing it for most part, but I think –

MATTHEWS: Well, I’m certain Biden’s a tier one”

3. “MATTHEWS: OK, I think people are afraid. Let’s talk about November, 2020, when you would like to be on the Republican ticket as president. Suppose the ticket is instead led by the president, current president, and also the choices – say something like Joe Biden, a moderate Democrat.

Who would I vote for right now? Trump or Biden? Who would you vote for?”

Negative

1 "MATTHEWS: You go Trump over Biden?

SANFORD: I would. "

Warren & Sanders

Negative

1. "SANFORD: I believe in the sanctity of the ballot box, Chris. And so, I

think it's not going to be Bernie Sanders. It's not going to be Elizabeth

Warren. It's not going to be a variety of different folks. "

August 13

Biden – 5:0:3

Biden

Negative

1. "MATTHEWS: And let's talk about the other (INAUDIBLE) here. Vice President

Joe Biden still leads the pack of Democratic presidential contenders, but a

series of recent gaffes which we all know about might weaken Biden's

standings. According to the New York Times, some of his advisers said an

interview is that they were privately, no wait, we're not privately, they

said it to the news at this rate. But his recent gaffe spree would become

cemented to the larger narrative of the presidential race. Juanita, I like

it when people say private, don't tell anybody."

2. "SWAN: I would say that Trump people have been surprised at how resilient

his polling, Biden's polling has been particularly after his first debate

performance was a catastrophe in almost everyone's eyes. And his polling

barely moved."

3. "PAGE: Yes. So I think that it's a problem for Biden actually. It has

been surprising that his polling hasn't eroded given the amount of trouble he has had, the amount of negative press, but every time he makes a gaffe like this, it reminds us that he makes gaffes which he's always done, it also reminds us that he's 76 years old. And if Cory Booker made these gaffes it would not raise questions about his age, and his vigor, but when Joe Biden does, it does, and he keeps making them and it's hard to imagine he will stop making them."

Positive

1. "TOLLIVER: I think one, I think it's the gaffes are being a little overplayed, but they are important because we must remember that he served under Obama who would not be afforded this type of leeway if he was repeatedly making mistakes on (INAUDIBLE) like this.

MATTHEWS: Here it go.

TOLLIVER: So I think it comes down to impact, how has this impacted in the next series of polls, how many voters are going to move away from selecting him as their number one pick as a result of these gaffes. I'm not sure it's going to be much."

2. "MATTHEWS: You know – you know, I'd say if – or Biden, I think about it all the time, what I'd say if I were Biden.

STEELE: Go ahead.

MATTHEWS: Something that says, yes, I got a lot mileage on me, but I know the directions now.

STEELE: Yes.

MATTHEWS: I know how to get there.

STEELE: Yes.

MATTHEWS: It make me a designated driver, I'm going to get there.

STEELE: I think that's Biden's.

MATTHEWS: He's got to play on his mileage, because he's got a lot of miles on him."

3. "STEELE: He's got a lot of miles, he's been in the Senate since he was 29.

And I think the country knows him. The core constituencies of the

Democratic Party know him that's why he's sitting it, you know, plus 15, 20

points ahead of everybody else, I think the gaffes are baked in, I don't

know how you see it when you cover the campaigns or stuff. But I just

think that a lot of voters right there just don't really see that as a

weight for him as much as maybe as the established order and some of the

special interest."

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barely moved.

MATTHEWS: It's like the stock market, if you're a moderate, where else are you going to put your money?

SWAN: Right.

MATTHEWS: Well I mean moderate.

SWAN: It's hard to think that people's minds are being – are changing

about Joe Biden at this point.”

5. “STEELE: Yes, I see your point Susan, I just don't – I don't feel that on

the street, I just don't feel that from folks when I talk about Joe Biden

and the gaffes they laugh, they're like yes it's Joe.”

August 14

Biden – 9:5:2

Sanders – 0:2:2

Warren – 0:4:1

Biden

Neutral

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3. "MATTHEWS: We don't say he is losing it. We don't say he doesn't have a full deck. We don't make comments about his IQ like he does about Biden. He is talking competence with Biden."

4. "The President of the United States knows he is lying where as how we contextualize where we often hear from Joe Biden and other candidates as well, not just Biden are what we have historically considered gaffes of a candidate."

5. "In Donald Trump we see lies based on manipulation, malice, rooted in division and often ignorance frankly dangerous ignorance where as what we see from Joe Biden and others are truly gaffes but gaffes that need an explanation and follow-up."

Negative

1. "And my question then – I think they could do it. The question is the failure of Biden in the last couple of weeks to exploit the opening he has as a moderate, because he's got that lane all to himself, what's going on? What do you see happening here? He's not played the game effectively in the last couple of weeks again."

2. "GOLDBERG: I think he'll make that argument if he is running against Elizabeth Warren. He'll probably make that argument if he is running against anyone. But I also think he can make the converse argument about Biden. You'll see a lot of trolling about Biden's records, a lot of, you know, sort of efforts to depress voter turnout, to disillusion the base. You might see a lot of kind of trolling about his lack of energy in his

campaign. So any of these candidates are going to have vulnerabilities.”

Positive

1. “MCCASKILL: Well, I think, first of all, there is a lot of time left.

Second of all, I think he probably doesn’t see anybody encroaching in that

lane. If you’re just looking at this from a cold political standpoint, I

think he feels like he’s got it staked out. I don’t know. I haven’t

talked to him about it.”

2. “HOWE: This is anecdotal, but I’m from South Carolina and that hasn’t been

my experience. The experience I’ve had is not that Elizabeth Warren and

Joe Biden aren’t that far apart from one another, if that’s what’s being

said. Joe Biden is much more appealing to people where I’m from who don’t

like Trump, but I don’t think not liking Trump is a great strategy to begin

with.”

3. “MATTHEWS: Anyway, for a Democrat to win, even Biden against Trump, in

South Carolina?

HOWE: Yes, I think Biden actually could do well.

MATTHEWS: Could win the general?

HOWE: I think he could win the general, yes.

MATTHEWS: Wow.”

4. “MATTHEWS: Do you believe Biden looks like a socialist?

ALCINDOR: I think the president is going to continue to make that

argument. I’m not saying that it’s correct.

MATTHEWS: Do centrists play golf?

ALCINDOR: He is continuing to –

MATTHEWS: I'm serious. There's is nothing about him culturally that looks like a leftist.

ALCINDOR: I mean, his message to his voters is these are – Democrats are going to destroy your way of life. And it's Democrats who are going to have to say that's not clear. But I think that that's the argument that they –

MATTHEWS: A lot of people I know are dying for a winner, and they want somebody who look likes a winner. They don't want to put up somebody who might win. They want to pick up somebody they think will win.”

5. “MATTHEWS: Welcome back to HARDBALL following a series of gaffes by Former Vice President Joe Biden, President Trump and his allies are trying to shape the narrative that the Democratic front-runner isn't fit to be President.

However, the President has his own problems, don't you think, gets facts right, don't you think? Here are some of the false claims Trump has made just yesterday during his speech in Pennsylvania.”

6. “EDWARDS: It wasn't on purpose. It was deliberate. There are things that he does are that are really deliberate that are harmful and are dangerous and

that his people act on. I think it's important really to call this out. I

hate the comparisons between Joe Biden and Donald Trump because to me there

is like not as until a comparison between somebody who makes an occasional

couple of mistakes."

7. "MATTHEWS: How you hear it when Biden makes comments like poor kids and

white kids, and then he realizes somewhere in his head a bell goes off and

oh, God, I just made an ethnic comment about who the wealthy kids are. No,

there is wealthy black people and Hispanic people. So he corrects it. He is

hearing it as he makes the mistake."

8. "EDWARDS: When I hear the difference between candidates who was there and

then he self-corrects. And frankly if you look at that room and the

comments coming out of that room, the people in that room actually were not

offended. Look, I think most people are - most Democrats are giving Biden a

pass. You can't see that that's really having a deep in path."

9. "They see the defensiveness. The opportunity, I think, for Biden and any

other Democrat running, and to be fair, every single one of these Democrats

will make a gaffe at some point. We also get to evaluate how they handle

it. Your colleague Nicole Wallace yesterday talked about how Bush 43 leaned

in to some of his misstatement on statutory and other comments he made, made

light of them, made fun of himself.

I think the opportunity for somebody like Joe Biden because we know where

his heart is in contrast to Donald Trump, when he makes the comment about

poor kids and white kids, there is a leadership moment that he can embrace

and the American people will embrace him for to say you know what.

I did misspeak, and it actually was important. And here's why and here is

how I want to clarify. On the simple gaffes, acknowledge them, make light

of them. What we see in Donald Trump is more obfuscating than lying and we pick up on that on a very human level. This is a President with a thin skin who is defensive. And the American people see that right away.”

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August 15

Biden – 1:2:2

Biden

Negative

1. “MATTHEWS: The Cory Lewandowski is not going to be a United States senator. This guy’s got too much stuff on him. Let me ask you about Joe Biden.

ROBINSON: Yes.

MATTHEWS: There`s a conversation of all my friends. They`re all worried.

They wonder. Can he get it together?”

Neutral

1. “ROBINSON: Yes. Well, they`ll probably continue worrying and wondering,

you know. I mean, we`ll see how – we`ll see how Biden goes, how he does.

MATTHEWS: You sound like my friends.

ROBINSON: No..

MATTHEWS: I mean, you`re incremental, it`s unknown.

ROBINSON: Well, it is unknown. There`s a whole lot that`s unknown, Chris,

in this cycle, right? I mean, mostly –

MATTHEWS: He is the front-runner and people just don`t know. That`s

what`s strange about it.

ROBINSON: But he maintains his lead in the polls. And people, you know,

are sticking with him, so.”

2. “MATTHEWS: By the way, the guy I am very wary of my heart, I`ve known Joe

forever. I`m a lot like him in background. So there`s always the

tendency. But I got to tell you, anybody in the Democratic Party that this

president can win and anybody can lose.”

Positive and negative

1. “GIBSON: When I talk to Democrats, there`s this nervousness, this

nervousness that is overtaking him. They`re afraid about nominating the

wrong candidate. They're afraid about making a misstep.

And I think when you look at how Biden has fared in this first part of the cycle, he had a not so great first debate, and not even much better second debate, and his numbers didn't even go down. The voters are not as nervous as the Washington cocktail circuit."

August 16

Biden – 2:1:1
Sanders – 0:1:0
Warren – 6:1:1

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2. "I respect somebody like Joe Biden, who says nice things about Republicans

like me during the primary, when it doesn't help them. That speaks to character.

The future could be Joe Biden and Mitch McConnell working together, and I think that's all right. We can renew some of the old Reagan-Tip O'Neill back-and-forth. “

Negative

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MATTHEWS: You mean miles per hour. You're actually being crueler than you sound. He has lost some MPHs there, right?

LEMIRE: Yes, exactly.

MATTHEWS: He is not throwing 95 MPH.

LEMIRE: Well, he could still bring it to like 88, 89 maybe that the White House thinks. But he is not doing 95 anymore.

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1. “MATTHEWS: Let me go to Susan, because it seems to me apart from all of that is the surprising resilience of Elizabeth Warren. Not just resilience, but she continues to climb, step by step for the last several months. There`s a consistency to her ability to get past the Pocahontas crap and all that. She is shaking that off pretty well. And the president seems to know that. Talk about that. “

2. “SUSAN DEL PERCIO, REPUBLICAN STRATEGIST: Well, she has that populous message that some folks see. I personally don`t. But there is a populist message that she has that`s playing over, saying to some middle of the road Democrats and Republicans she may not be that bad, and that scares Donald Trump.

What also scares him is when you show these polls at the top, he is stuck at 39 percent no matter who he is running against. So that`s already baked in.

But there is also something else about Elizabeth Warren which I think

really has helped her a lot. And I think, Chris, you'll appreciate this being on the trail. She enjoys what she's doing, and I think Donald Trump sees that and it irks him. She is out there enjoying herself, working hard the way he enjoyed it when he was first running as a candidate before he was running for re-election."

3. "LEMIRE: There's no question that Senator Warren has really caught the president's attention and impressed him. In our reporting, he is, in the recent weeks, had private conversations with several aides sort of taken with the idea that Warren survived a punch, that he felt like he delivered a deathblow with that Pocahontas slur and the way she tried to handle the ancestry test of a few months ago. It really seemed it did hurt her in the polls initially. There's no question there. It really stepped on her rollout.

But since then, she has really been grinding away. And as Susan said, she seems like she is enjoying it. She has really gotten good at connecting with the individual voters. She's just maybe the best political athlete perhaps with Mayor Pete Buttigieg on the trail right now for the Democrats.

She is very talented and she has connected with voters. The idea of having a plan for everything is resonating with folks. And that's paying off in the polls.

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4. “SIMMONS: One second on this Pocahontas thing. I put my adviser hat on for a second. If anybody asks for Pocahontas, I would just love for Elizabeth Warren to say, listen, we can spend the rest of this campaign talking about my family or we can spend the rest of this campaign talking about yours. And I'm focused on your family, your kids and your livelihood. And that's the end of the conversation.”

5. “Okay, let me ask you about this. Trump was physically confident enough of his dominance of Hillary Clinton when he ran against her to walk up behind her physically, this is a lot of the primordial behavior, let's be honest. And it's not just about male/female, whatever that is, in this case, but it's about somebody who thinks I can physically walk up behind her like The Phantom in those comic books and loom over her and get away with it. I wonder if he would feel that confident going against Warren to pull that number.

SIMMONS: I don't know if he would or not. I don't think Hillary –

MATTHEWS: Because I get the feeling she`s an offensive – she – like – Susan said this. The person, they enjoy what they`re doing and they like campaigning which obviously Elizabeth likes. Hillary did it sort of as necessary, I`ve got to eat my spinach, just like Al Gore did, people like that. They did it because they had to. But they didn`t go into politics to campaign, right?”

6. “

SIMMONS: But the problem was who was going to learn something new about Hillary Clinton in a debate they had known for ten years, if they were paying at all, 15, 20 years. I think for Elizabeth Warren, she`s got two things going for her. One, she seems unflappable. She just seems like come do it, I`m fine, I`m good. The second thing is she knows why she wants to be president. This is the fundamental difference between Elizabeth Warren and so many of these other candidates. She knows why she wants to be president. So you ask her a question, she doesn`t have to do math and think about what –

MATTHEWS: Right. She also doesn`t –

SIMMONS: She tells you what she thinks.”

Negative

1. “MATTHEWS: She also doesn`t answer the question anyway. How much is Medicare for all going to cost, ask it three times, I know you`ll give up, which we`ll keep asking, what it`s all going to cost.”

August 19

Biden – 0:3:0
Sanders – 0:1:0
Warren – 2:1:1

Biden

Neutral

1. “By the way, the Fox poll is a good poll. We’ve always used it here.

It’s a good poll. It’s been independent for years. It’s solid. And he

didn’t like this number, Biden beating him by 12.

Among other things, the polls show Trump losing to Biden by 12 in a

hypothetical matchup. “

2. “What we’re seeing in this NBC poll is

voters who don’t like Biden and don’t like Trump, they’re saying pretty

overwhelmingly in our poll they’d go for the Democrat now. “

3. “COSTA: You see inside the administration real adjustments on the economy.

They’re trying to pressure the Federal Reserve to cut the interest rate.

They see on the left, it’s not just about a seasoned hand and Vice

President Biden, economic populism just like it took hold in the Republican

Party is taking hold in the Democratic Party to some extent. “

Sanders

Neutral

1. “MATTHEWS: Thank you. Well, Barney, Bernie Sanders wants the Denmark economic model and this president wants to buy half the country.”

Warren

Positive

1. “And, by the way, speaking of tribalized, I have to tell you, I think I have

never seen a candidate shake off a bad start as much as Elizabeth has,

Elizabeth Warren.

The whole thing of Pocahontas and all that nonsense, the slurring and everything, it seems like even Trump's impressed with that. She just shook it off. She went out there and gave herself to the public, gave proposal after proposal, totally transformed, out there every day campaigning, showing herself.

And, finally, people say, I will make my own judgment about that candidate, Mr. Trump. I will make my own judgment.

Fascinating bit of campaigning by her. It may well take her to the nomination. I don't know."

Neutral

1. "MATTHEWS: I agree about Nikki. I agree about Nikki. If Elizabeth Warren or Kamala doesn't win, I think she might be the first woman president. I mean, I don't know, I look at Nikki, I said, I think she's figured it out. She has the right sort of posture to win. "

Positive and Negative

1. "And Senator Warren is really gaining and I think the White House is paying attention.

MATTHEWS: So, they see – she's as good as he, not as good as him yet, but she is scary to him, I think, right?

PETTYPIECE: I think it's split. They know that she's authentic. She's on message. She's on brand. She's a good debater, but they also think that her policies are too far to the left. "

August 20

Biden – 4:8:2

Sanders – 0:3:3

Warren – 3:5:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “I don’t know what’s a big story anymore and what isn’t. I say that as somebody who covers this administration every day. But I do think that it’s clear what Michael is talking about, this is a guy who wants people to look at the Democratic Party and see these four very progressive women of color, he wants people to see them, he wants them to see them as militant. He doesn’t want them to see Joe Biden or some of the people running for president.”

2. “And they found people who dislike both Joe Biden and Donald Trump went for Joe Biden by a 43-10 margin.”

3. “And with Biden locking down the moderate lane, which candidate is best positioned to take over the progressive left lane? “

4. “A new national poll out today by CNN shows former Vice President Joe Biden pulling well ahead of the Democratic field to double digits now. Twenty-nine percent of Democrats say they will or do prefer the former vice president. That’s a 7-point increase for Biden just since June.

Well, late this afternoon, Biden was asked about his standing in the polls.

Here’s what he had to say. “

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have a default position somewhere around 30.

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the anti-Biden vote or non-Biden vote. “

8. “GIBSON: No, I don’t think there are. I mean, look at the numbers, when

you see that Joe Biden’s got 30 percent of the decided Democratic

electorate, that means there aren’t enough people, and look at the CNN

poll, the most interesting number in that poll was the division on age

about whether they cared more about electability. “

Positive

1. “MATTHEWS: Well, Danielle, how much of this is we want a designated driver

to get us home tonight, and that would be Joe Biden. Designated driver, no

excitement, he’s sober. He’ll be at the wheel, and get us home. We’ll be

safe in our bed at night.

How much of that is his appeal?”

2. “DANIELLE MOODIE-MILLS, SIRIUS XM PODCAST HOST: I don’t know if it really

is Joe Biden’s appeal or it’s the appeal of nostalgia that he’s trying to

conjure up. I have said this before, Joe Biden is like a comforter. He’s

like America’s safety blanket and everybody wants wrap themselves up in it

because you have been beaten up and bruised by Donald Trump.”

3.

“Anyway, the Biden campaign launched its first TV ad in Iowa. The ad makes

the case for Biden’s electability. Let’s watch that.

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MATTHEWS: Just yesterday, Biden’s wife Jill, Dr. Jill Biden, made a

similar pitch to voters up in New Hampshire.

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MATTHEWS: That`s amazingly not defensive. It`s amazingly generous to the other way of thinking. You may not like my husband`s health care plan, you may not like this or that, but you`ve got to take him. “

4. “GIBSON: I think that the Bidens collectively are making the argument that this is the best-case scenario, that he would bring best-case scenario.

I was surprised with him at a fundraiser last night in northern Virginia.

He told the crowd, if it`s not me, I`ll fight for another person. I mean, it`s really remarkable when someone is running for president. I`m also OK if it isn`t me.

They`re trying to be pragmatic. They think there`s a pragmatic piece of America that wants to see him.”

Negative

1. “But the reality is when you look at his policies and how – and what he has to offer, he has to offer more of the same, and to your point.

MATTHEWS: More of the same of who?

MOODIE-MILLS: More of the same for the moderate, middle, I`m going to work across the aisle. He said over the weekend there are an awful good amount of Republicans, and I`m asking him where, where are the good Republicans? Because they haven`t stood up against Trump.

(CROSSTALK)

MATTHEWS: If you've got a Senate that's roughly 50/50 Democrat and Republican how else do you deal without dealing with the other side? How else to get 60 votes?

MOODIE-MILLS: Chris, Mitch McConnell is the Grim Reaper, he doesn't want to deal. He wants no deal. “

2. “MOODIE-MILLS: We have to go through the – you see people are organizing all around the world right now. They are saying that they have had enough of these regimes and people need to be organized. I just don't think that Joe Biden conjures that kind of action that are going to get people into the streets.

MATTHEWS: OK, well, that's your opinion. “

Sanders

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1. “And Warren is making big strides in her efforts to take over the party’s left lane from Sanders. She seems to be eating his lunch every day.”
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Is that something you think will be good for the progressive side to see

her to overtake Bernie?”

3. “And she said, you know, in the last debate, why is it – if you’re going to run for president, why are you going to tell me about all the things you can’t do. She is a can-do candidate and she’s showing us that she can continually rise in the polls. And I think that she’s going to over take Bernie Sanders. She’s the progressive we need to be watching right now.”

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5. "GINGER GIBSON, REUTERS POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT: I think this is really getting at to the heart of this Democratic primary debate process. Do you want the guy that feels stable and safe or do you want something that feels revolutionary and new? And really, Elizabeth Warren has gained the support by being sort of the nerdy candidate with all of the policies. The challenge to her now is convincing people to vote for her who aren't voting for just her policies, or maybe even they don't care."

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3. "MOODIE-MILLS: Absolutely. I think Elizabeth Warren has been the only candidate in this race that has been on a steady incline since she's announced. She has a plan for everything, she's offering people exactly what it is that they need.

She's looking at the full picture and she's saying, we have to take on Wall Street, we have to adjust our health care plans, we have to understand the

racial health care gap through the eyes of white supremacy. We have to do these big, bold things.

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August 21

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Sanders – 0:1:0

Warren – 1:1:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “More than half the presidential contenders were in Iowa, there they are, speaking to union members at the Iowa labor convention. According to the new Morning Consult poll, former Vice President Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders are right now on head-to-head matchups with the president and doing quite well. Biden up by 7. Sanders up by 5. Both ahead of the president. Every other Democrat is either tied with the president or trails them in this poll. But they are all close.”

Sanders

Same as Biden.

Warren

Neutral

1. “It's

very possible he could lose to Elizabeth Warren if she's the nominee next

year. The polls are showing it's very possible. So he's miserable."

Positive

1. "MATTHEWS: Because I think the guy is scared. He gets up in the morning and he realize he could lose the next election to a woman and he sees how good a campaign Elizabeth is running, Elizabeth Warren is running. And he sees the trends in all the numbers. He studies numbers like nobody. "

August 22

Biden – 4:2:2

Sanders – 1:4:2

Warren – 5:5:0

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Neutral

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Positive

1. "Regardless of who qualifies further on now, the topic of electability, which Biden has centered his campaign on, will likely come up during the next debate.

Here was Biden yesterday:

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MATTHEWS: I think that's a good format for Biden to talk one-on-one with somebody like that. "

2. "JOHNSON: I have always said that Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren, probably Beto O'Rourke are electable. Whether or not they're viable, which is you can win your party's nomination, is something different.

I think Joe Biden has a better chance of winning a general election than he does of actually winning the nomination."

3. "SUSAN PAGE, WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF, "USA TODAY": Well, I think there are other things to look at besides polls. Polls are one thing to look at.

But you look at intensity of support. You look, who gets crowds that turn out? Do they connect with the crowds? Do the crowds get excited? Are the crowds more excited after the event than they were before the event?

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MATTHEWS: They're leaving Bernie, right? Bernie, it's Biden and Bernie who are doing the best with black voters. "

Negative

1. "MATTHEWS: You know what I think is a problem with the Biden thing?

Jill Biden said it the other day. And I never knock anybody's family

members, but she basically said, even if you don't like his health care – she should have said it a little more elegantly, of course, and said, if it's not progressive enough for you, which is just a measure.

But people don't like being told what they can't do.

JOHNSON: Right.

MATTHEWS: I – and that's always been my experience. When people say, you can't vote for Reagan, he is too right. Oh, yes? I will make up my mind.

(LAUGHTER)

MATTHEWS: Oh, yes? You can't vote for these other candidates because they can't win in a general. Oh, yes? I will make up my mind. Don't tell me I got to vote for Biden.

PAGE: Also...

MATTHEWS: And I think that is the strategy they're saying right now: You have to vote for me.

2. "PAGE: It's somebody they like, they believe in, and they're enthusiastic about. So, I think that is not – I think that attitude does not serve Vice President Biden well. "

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Positive and negative

1. “If you’re talking about intensity and ground game, Bernie Sanders has a great ground game. He has intensity. The issue that I – the reason I question whether or not he’s electable is because I don’t know if Bernie Sanders has already hit his ceiling.

The people who like him love him. And they don't really want to support anybody else. But I don't see Bernie Sanders – Elizabeth Warren has jumped because she ate all Kamala Harris' support. She ate all of Pete Buttigieg's support.

I don't see Bernie Sanders pulling away from – supporters from other people and gaining in this lead. “

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3. “MATTHEWS: Look, I think she’s the favorite right now to win Iowa. And I think, once you win Iowa, it’s a whole new ball game. “

4. “MATTHEWS: African-American women, they’re not breaking for Buttigieg. They’re not breaking for even Kamala yet.

JOHNSON: Nope.

MATTHEWS: So, they’re breaking for Trump.

(CROSSTALK)

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August 23

Sanders only, one neutral:

“MATTHEWS: Well, what are the billionaire – they use that Sanders` accent,

what are the billionaires and millionaires doing with it all? They got it

in their bank accounts? Do you know where the money is?”

August 26

Biden – 6:7:7

Sanders – 1:3:0

Warren – 2:4:0

Biden

Negative

1. “The poll shows a virtual three-way tie

right now. It could be an outlier but it`s fascinating, except for Joe

Biden because Biden in big trouble here. He`s now slipping behind the two

progressives on the left, behind Bernie, behind Elizabeth.”

2. “MOODIE-MILLS: Designated drivers are important. Security blankets are

security for a reason.

I think that this particular election needs more than that. I think it

needs vibrancy. I think it needs passion. I think it needs focus.”

3. “KORNACKI: So, you`ve got this Monmouth poll, you can go beginning to

summer and end of summer. It looks like she hasn`t moved. But some

pollsters who tracked it sort of regularly through the summer did see big

movement towards her after that first Democratic debate.

MATTHEWS: Yes, because she blew him away. Biden was on the floor. “

4. “MOODIE-MILLS: I think for the first time voters are really going to pay

attention because they`re going to see everybody on stage together, they`re

going to see how they play together. And, frankly, Biden two debates down,

he has not been doing well. He`s not showed up.

MATTHEWS: What's his problem?

MOODIE-MILLS: He has not shown up. I think he's unprepared. Why does Biden, every time he's asked a question, why doesn't he follow through? Why does he cut himself off, right? A debate is an opportunity for you to show your message.

MATTHEWS: To exploit. He doesn't exploit the moment.

MOODIE-MILLS: He stops himself. He says, oh, I'm out of time.

MATTHEWS: He did it the first time.

MOODIE-MILLS: He did it twice. Before the moderators say to you, you know what, you're out of time or the light comes up on his stand, he stops himself. He needs to run through the tape like it's a race because it is and he hasn't done that yet. “

Neutral

1. “Heading into the first presidential debate in June, former Vice President Joe Biden had a big lead in the national polls. We all know that.

According to the Monmouth University poll, in fact, Biden was at 32 percent in June, followed by Elizabeth Warren at 15, well down, Bernie at 14 and Kamala Harris at 8.

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Senator Kamala Harris, a mystery to me, has stayed exactly at 8, despite her very impressive performances, 8, 8, 8. She doesn't change.

We're going to have to wait and see if the poll is an outlier. All polls can be different. There's a margin of error of 5.7, a big margin of error.

But it could be a sign of a significant shift away from Biden."

2. "KORNACKI: I think it's what they receive from him, because when you look inside the numbers here, what jumps out at me the most is a massive – I mean in a way I don't – can't remember seeing before – generational divide on this thing.

MATTHEWS: You said today – I was watching you all day – you said people over 50...

KORNACKI: Fifty, yes.

This is basically half the Democratic Party is over 50 years old.

MATTHEWS: Is over 50.

KORNACKI: Half is under 50. So, use that as a dividing line. Over 50, Biden is running away with this.

MATTHEWS: Are they more politically moderate, or more cautious, or more aware of what happened in the past with people like McGovern? Are they – do they have a memory of disaster when the party goes too left?

KORNACKI: Yes, my sense of it is, it's about caution. It's about – it's a strategic sort of thing.

I sense that's what it is. The electability argument is going to play with 50-plus more than it's going to play with 18 to 49. He's at 6 percent with Democratic voters under 50 years old in this poll.”

3. “KORNACKI: Right. So, in almost like she that in one moment there with Biden. And I think you saw something about Kamala Harris, she is a prosecutor. She is prepared. “

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5. “MATTHEWS: You were hitting on something. I'm the history guy around here.

So I remember 1979, Roger Mudd, one of the greatest reporters ever in television, asked Ted Kennedy, a very attractive candidate, why do you want to be president? He didn't have the answer. And that's the Biden question.”

6. "MOODIE-MILLS: That is the Biden question, and I think that he wants to be president because he thinks that he's electable. I think he wants to be president for the same reason that Dr. Jill Biden came out and said

sometimes you got to swallow a pill. "

7. "MATTHEWS: OK, give me your preview. If you jumped the line again and jumped Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders and Joe Biden and you're at the top of that and you win the nomination, and you're sitting right here next to Trump. "

Positive and Negative

1. "MATTHEWS: What's going on with Biden?

MOODIE-MILLS: I think that Biden is doing what he has done in the past two times that he has run for president. He comes in very strong. He has hard name recognition. People are very excited by him.

In this particular election, he is the security blanket. He's the nostalgia candidate. He reminds us of a forgotten time, eight years ago. He reminds us of eight years of President Obama, eight years of a new Camelot.

And I think that what is happening is that, as the candidate – as people are getting closer and closer to understanding who he is, differentiating him from the field, we're asking ourselves, what is his policy initiatives?

MATTHEWS: Yes.

MOODIE-MILLS: What are his great big ideas? And we are unsure of what

those are. “

2. “KORNACKI: But the contrast. When you think back, why was Joe Biden vice president in the first place? Why did Barack Obama turn to him in 2008?

One of the reasons, you remember those Democratic debates in 2007, 2008, Biden stole the show at half of them. He was impressive on that stage.

MATTHEWS: I know.

KORNACKI: And the Obama campaign saw something in that. The guy – the question to me is, is this a politician who’s got – is he in prevent defense. Is he there to avoid giving up the big play? Or is there something else going on? “

3. “MOODIE-MILLS: The reality is that I think that, again, Joe Biden shows himself to be a security blanket. He shows himself to be –

MATTHEWS: That’s so negative.

MOODIE-MILLS: It isn’t negative. Everybody loves a security blanket, right? It’s part of –

MATTHEWS: When you’re 1 year old you do.

MOODIE-MILLS: No, many people wrap themselves in that and they move forward with it. But the idea is this, that he’s not offering anything that is a spark. “

Positive

1. “MATTHEWS: I like the guy. I mean, I’m a moderate, so I’m – moderate

left.

I think he`s been running as the designated driver. I can get you home tonight. I`m being – I`m literal. What is a designated driver? Somebody who drives safely, gets you home. They don`t take you somewhere.

MOODIE-MILLS: Sure.

MATTHEWS: They take you home. “

2. “MATTHEWS: OK. So, everybody has an equal chance? Everybody has an equal chance?

MOODIE-MILLS: Everybody has an equal chance.

MATTHEWS: OK.

MOODIE-MILLS: There are some that, right now, 435 days away, have a little bit better.

Biden is one of those people that has a little bit of better of a chance.”

3. “No, it`s a great question because I think Biden – Biden actually worked for the white working class guy. He was – as I always say, he put the apostrophe in Obama. He made him one of the boys. He wasn`t aloof intellectual like Obama. You know what I mean?”

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DE BLASIO: And that's a good thing.

MATTHEWS: That's passion. “

August 27

Biden – 4:1:2
Sanders – 0:2:1
Warren – 3:0:0

Biden

Positive

1.

Former Vice President Joe Biden's front-runner status was questioned yesterday after a Monmouth poll showed him one point behind Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren. See those numbers? A little scary for Biden.

But that poll, which only surveyed less than 300 registered voters – less than 300 people were asked – appears clearly to be an outlier.

In a new Morning Consult poll out today which surveyed over 17,000 registered voters – notice people always say, nobody polls me. Well, a lot of people were polled there. Biden holds a commanding lead, 13 points ahead of Bernie Sanders, 18 ahead of Elizabeth Warren. So, that's sort of where he has been all this time.

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GLUECK: He does that on the campaign trail.

MATTHEWS: So, in terms of authenticity, he might pull this thing out. “

Neutral

1. “MATTHEWS: Let’s start with the polling. They have been pretty consistent, Biden ahead.

Why? What’s his strength?

KATIE GLUECK, “THE NEW YORK TIMES”: So, part of it, of course, is driven by name I.D.

This is the former vice president of the United States. He has been on the international stage, on the national stage a long time. Certainly, he is bolstered by that.

Then, a lot of other voters with whom I have spoken point to this idea of

electability. They're thinking ahead to the general election. They're thinking about who in their mind could...

MATTHEWS: And they hate Trump?

GLUECK: Their number one priority is to defeat Donald Trump.

And it's very interesting. You hear all kinds of voters who are sort of in pundit mode themselves, gaming out who they think would be best positioned to win a general election. And you do hear from some of those voters talking about why, in their view, Biden would be well-positioned.

And there's other voters who have a genuine soft spot for him. He's someone that they have respected and admired for quite some time. “
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GLUECK: Well, certainly, it's important to note that.

A lot of political strategists say, at this point in the campaign, it is far too early to actually tell who could beat Donald Trump in a hypothetical general election matchup in November of 2020.

However, the Biden campaign has really been seizing on a number of these polls that suggest that he is better positioned. That was actually featured in his first campaign ad of the cycle released last week in Iowa.

So they're really leaning in hard on this electability argument. And so far, a number of polls have spoken to that. But the problem is, if he does start to slip in the polls, especially in some of these hypothetical matchups, then that argument faces a little bit of a bigger challenge. “

Positive and Negative

1. “Anyway, Former Vice President Biden today put out a very personal campaign ad. Let's watch a bit.

...

MATTHEWS: People tell me, in my experience, back it up. Biden's not that great on a stage. He is not – for whatever reason, not good in these debates.

But off the stage – this, I do know – he is a great schmoozer.

Have you been able to report that or see that? “

2. “GLUECK: Well, no doubt, on the stage, on camera, in front of big groups, this is someone who will be the first to tell you that he has a history of being gaffe-prone.

We, of course, him stumble significantly in that first presidential debate earlier this summer. But, at the same time, one on one, the voters who would wait in line to take a moment to shake hands with him and hug him, take pictures with him, often, they do come away saying that they felt that they had a real personal connection with him.

And that's especially true for voters who can relate to his stories of

personal tragedy and family grief and loss. “

Sanders

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At the same time, she is working diligently to protect her left flank.

Warren's been drawing huge crowds in the campaign trail with – look at this – with her campaign claiming at least 15,000 people were out there for her in Seattle over the weekend.

That's Trump style, Trump size.

Anyway, late today Trump tweeted: “They do stories so big on Elizabeth Pocahontas Warren's crowd sizes, adding many more people than are actually there. And yet my crowds, which are far bigger, get no coverage at all. Fake news.”

Anyway, he's desperately – he's envious.”

2. “GLUECK: He is someone who has paid quite a bit of attention to Elizabeth Warren for months and months and perhaps years.

(CROSSTALK)

MATTHEWS: Does he recognize her political strength?

GLUECK: Well, certainly, he has been tweeting about her.

And I think that no doubt that she is someone who is drawing really big crowds right now. And certainly that is something that breaks through to Donald Trump.

What has been interesting is to see how she has made some of these overtures to more centrist Democrats, who have some questions about whether she is best positioned to take on Donald Trump in a general election. “

3. “MATTHEWS: Well, that’s a great – I think she’s dynamite, but I do think it’s going to be amazing if she can keep the hard left.

She beats Bernie on the hard left, very liberal, very left. And then she’s also trying to appeal to the establishment, saying, I will share my data with the DNC. I will build up the DNC. I will give my data to the state parties, all this sort of smart transactional stuff. “

August 28

Biden – 6:3:0
Sanders – 0:5:0
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Positive

- 1.. “MATTHEWS: Coming up, Joe Biden says, we told you so, because the new polls are out showing a much different story than an earlier one, that outlier poll that showed him, really, in a tie with the rest of the top frontrunners. Well, even that polls report at that outlying poll is now admitting it was an outlier.
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2. “Well, yesterday, the vice president sat down with a dozen African-American reporters, and he addressed his strong support among African-American voters, telling reporters: “People know me, or at least they think they know me. After all this time, they have to think they have a sense of what my character is and who I am, warts and all. That doesn`t mean it will stay that way. In 2008, I got blown out in Iowa and all of the sudden everything changed. Same thing could happen again.”

Well, that`s pretty humble.”

3. “What is it for Biden? Why is he holding on that one-third?

NEERA TANDEN, PRESIDENT, CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS: I think, actually, the issue for the president is that he has weathered a fair amount of negative press.

He`s had two debates, the first one very tough. The second one, he

performed well – or performed better. And I think the truth is that he still is doing pretty well against Trump. And, also, Trump hasn't figured out a way...

MATTHEWS: I think he's 16-point spread against him right now.

TANDEN: He does – now, they're all doing pretty well against Trump, but he does the best against Trump.

And, also, I think, really importantly, Trump has not figured out a way to take him down. And I think all of those things together, a lot of Democrats are very comfortable with him. They do – Democrats do like the vice president.

MATTHEWS: Yes.

TANDEN: Those things make him a very comfortable and strong choice for a lot of base Democratic voters. “

4. “But, actually, Biden appeals to – even though we're in very partisan, polarized times, there is still an election-deciding amount of voters who voted for Obama and then Trump, or Romney and then Hillary.

Biden appeals to those people. And Trump has a hard time, like you're saying, of demonizing him. And I think that electability is what is one of the things, not the only thing, that is doing him well in the Democratic primary.

MATTHEWS: I think he just talks about him being sleepy, slow, sleepy Joe.

TANDEN: Yes, so I think the idea – I think the fact that the best he can come up with, the best that Trump can come up with against Joe Biden is sleepy Joe, and I think most people think that's just pathetic.

Like, compared to all the names he has come up with...

MATTHEWS: Yes.

TANDEN: ... he just really hasn't been able to take down Joe Biden, like he has other people.

And I just – and Biden feels very comfortable going right at Trump. “
5. “MATTHEWS: How do you feel about Biden? When – you're kind of a live person. I think I am too, a type A.

(LAUGHTER)

TANDEN: I am only kind of a live person? I am actually a live person.

MATTHEWS: Do you think he is slow? Do you think he is slow on the uptake?
Do he is a little nothing comes to mind kind of person? Do you think he is?

TANDEN: Joe Biden?

MATTHEWS: Yes, I'm just asking you.

TANDEN: No.

I mean, this is the thing that I think is odd about it, which is, Twitter and the media hyperfocus his, like, gaffes and words he gets wrong.

The assuring thing to Democrats is the guy was vice president of the United States for eight years and didn't humiliate us on the world stage on an hourly basis.

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6. “TANDEN: A circus for a month.

I think one of the challenges Trump really has is, a never-ending circus for four years is exhausting. And there are...

MATTHEWS: I think that's the new word. That's the new word. That's the word we're hearing.

TANDEN: And so people are exhausted. And people are tired.

MILLER: Yes.

TANDEN: And they're – and I think this is an issue for Biden, actually.

It goes to this.

People are like, I could just not pay attention to the news for a day with Joe Biden. It would be...

(CROSSTALK)

MATTHEWS: Thank you. I think that..."

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August 30

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His support among African-Americans and older white men and women, which were the two most heavily voting constituencies in the Democratic Party, still remains exceptionally strong. So I still think this is his race to lose. But the debates are going to be everything, and they're going to tell us a lot."

6. "GIBSON: I was with him. I worked at the news journal in Wilmington. I was with him the day he boarded the train with Barack Obama to come to D.C. for the inauguration. That crowd was quite diverse. I mean, those were the people that were there to see Obama and Biden. And he is beloved in Delaware. And I think that's really what those memories are what's helping drive that"

7. "MATTHEWS: Well, now to the other side of Joe Biden. Here is how former Vice President Biden and former Vice President Biden told that war story last week up in New Hampshire.

...

MATTHEWS: Well, in The Washington Post today, based on interviews with more than a dozen troops and commanders, quote, it appears as though the former vice president has jumbled elements of at least three actual events into one story of bravery, compassion and regret that never happened.

In an interview with Washington Post Columnist Jonathan Capehart afterwards, Biden tried to argue away the relevance of the details of his story.

...

MATTHEWS: Well, Biden was also asked by Capehart if he is hurting himself with these ongoing mistakes.

8. "MATTHEWS: What's the role of a staff? If you're walking around, male or female, Democrat or Republican, socialist or whatever, you got a bunch of people around you, the corner guy in the boxing match. Aren't they supposed to say, put your arms and get it straight? Aren't they supposed to give you advice? Mr. Vice President, that story is not accurate. Well, you've got to start telling it accurately or you're going to get nailed on this, which is – are the staff people told Biden don't interrupt me in my storytelling, because there is a real problem here. Why have a staff if they don't help you get it straight?"

9. "You're certainly going to see Senator Harris do that again.

It seems like forever ago now, right, when she went after Biden. And Biden survived that and Harris went down afterwards. So I just – I don't think you're going to see these candidates playing nice with each other."

10. "We're still more than 150 days away from the first contest of the 2020 election, the Iowa caucuses. And right now, former Vice President Joe Biden is in the clear front-runner position in the polls, leading most

candidates by double digits.

But history shows that polling this early doesn't always spot the winner.

Candidates who follow – who poll early on sometimes do go on to win the party's nomination and the election.

As we know, Jimmy Carter won the presidency in 1976. But in January of 1976, Carter was polling at 4 percent, while Hubert Humphrey was at 29 percent, George Wallace at 20. In 1988, Democrats – also in January, Democrats nominated Michael Dukakis. But in January that year, Dukakis was polling at 10 percent, behind Gary Hart, who was at 25 percent. Jesse Jackson was at 19 percent.

In 2004, John Kelly won the nomination, but in January of that year, he was only polling at 9 percent, while Howard Dean was at 26 percent. In December, by the way, of 2007, right before 2008, Hillary Clinton was beating Barack Obama by 18 points. Clinton was at 45 percent, Obama just 27. We know how that turned out.

In the current race, Joe Biden himself is rejecting the idea that he is the only one that can win this time because he is an old white guy, as he put it. Let's watch. “

11. “I think it's interesting, Chris, in the sense that Biden has taken some blows, and he still has a sizable lead, except for that one outlier

Monmouth poll, over everybody else.”

12. “ELROD: I think it honestly depends on who wins Iowa this time around.

I think if it's somebody like Joe Biden or Elizabeth Warren...

Positive

1. "GIBSON: That's the tough part. I mean, he is a quintessential campaigner.

We talk about all of his flaws, but at his core, he is a man who can connect with voters. And it's a ground game in Iowa, it's about getting out there and shaking hands and kissing babies, which Iowa still is, that does favor Biden on the ground."

2. "But I would sort of say this is Joe Biden's summer that he won. I mean, Elizabeth Warren, of course, has made incremental movement in the polls and that's been good for her. But Joe Biden has had a number of situations that might normally sink a candidate, but he has risen above. His poll numbers are still outstanding.

MATTHEWS: Do you like his press strategy?

ELROD: Yes, I do."

3. "EDWARDS: And that's what they've decided, I think, at this stage about Joe Biden. And, you know, I get all of my information from my hair salon. And the ladies in the hair salon tell me that they like Joe Biden because they trust him, because they know him, and because they feel comfortable with him. And as long as that holds, it's going to be tough for any of these other candidates to break into that vote."

4. "MATTHEWS: It may well be chemistry, because he's had a large African-American constituency for his whole career. Try drive through Wilmington. It's a minority town, and it's on the Amtrak. You drive through it and that's his people. And I think I've seen him in action. I think he does know how to talk to people."

5. "MATTHEWS: Jon Ralston, he never seems to hurt anybody really with these

gaffes. This was really kind of – I’ve told this story a thousand times and I’ve congealed it into one story rather than three different stories. I don’t know whether – the trouble is you don’t know whether there ever was a conversation with the former vice president and the four-star general where he said we can lose a vice president. We don’t know if that ever happened. I mean, he’s not Ernest Hemingway. You don’t get to make it up based upon facts. You have to have the facts.”

6. “You know who’s benefit inures to, I think, Chris, is Biden. Biden likes talking about healthcare. He likes talking about Obamacare. He likes it, mend it, don’t end it. And then he thinks that as long as they talk about healthcare, that’s going help him, and he may be right.”

Negative

1. “RALSTON: Well, the problem is, Chris, that this is the kind of thing, this last thing, The Washington Post story, I mean, if it were Joe Biden analyzing that story said the whole thing is a bunch of malarkey, right? A guy made up, conflated three different stories. It’s different than saying you were in Vermont when you were in New Hampshire or having a slip of the tongue. Sometimes I walk into a room and I can’t remember what I walked into the room for. Those are things that everybody does.

But Jonathan Capehart is right, as it feeds into that narrative that Biden maybe is too old for yet another campaign. And the real problem, I think, Chris, is if this gets up to the decibel level or keeps happening where he is seen as a fabulous, as someone who makes things up, think about who the Democrats are running against. They are running against a guy who has been proven to make things up, to be a pathological liar. They don’t want that

issue diluted in a general election.”

Positive and Negative

1. “ELROD: No. I think they are, Chris. But you’ve got to remember, he has run for president three times.

MATTHEWS: Lost.

ELROD: And he’s lost the first three times.

MATTHEWS: Because of this stuff.

ELROD: This is the first time he has ever been the frontrunner so he is being more scrutinized rightfully so because he is the frontrunner. And it’s different this time. But, look, I think we’ve got to keep in mind, take a couple of steps back. He was trying to describe a story. He was coming from a place of passion, from a place of compassion about veterans and soldiers who have put their selves in harm’s way for our country. He was trying to use this as a moment to show positivity. He wasn’t coming from a bad place.

MATTHEWS: Why didn’t he describe it as it happens?

ELROD: Well, I mean, he should have. And I hope he learns from this because I do think there will be some problems for him going forward. But

I think we are also maybe overly analyzing this because –“

2. “MATTHEWS: No. I thought it was a beautiful story in The Washington Post.

I don’t know this guy, but the reporting was really good in The Post. It

went through point by point by point all these totally different events and how they got them all botched in together.

GIBSON: And he took real life events and mixed them up and took pieces.

MATTHEWS: A reporter would be fired over this stuff.

GIBSON: I agree with you. And let`s be clear though, that was a great story. Joe Biden is not a journalist. He is a politician. And voters –

MATTHEWS: Remember Janet in The Washington Post? Remember Janet? They made up a story, putting together all the pieces?

GIBSON: Absolutely. We would get fired for that. Let`s be clear though, the measure that voters are using are not journalism ethics that they`re applying to these candidates. And we should look back at 2016 and say we told voters the times that President Trump wasn`t truthful or the times he wouldn`t answer questions or the things he wouldn`t tell the voters, and they didn`t care. They still elected him.”

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Today, Biden continues to hold a double-digit lead with 29 percent followed by Sanders and Warren at 17 percent together. Warren has steadily climbed in the polls, however, over the summer, gaining 5 points in the past three months.”

2. “As for Warren, Politico reports her steady rise could make for a tougher road ahead. Quote, fellow liberal icon Bernie Sanders and Warren have long had a non-aggression pact, and various polls have shown overlap between backers of Kamala Harris and Warren. But one campaign adviser added, if

Warren attacks someone else's record on the debate stage, she will get it

back in return."

3. "But I think Elizabeth Warren, as you mentioned, six months ago, even three

months ago, wasn't looking as strong as she is now. But there is, as you

also mentioned, a consequence to that. Whatever non-aggression pacts

existed in this race are about to evaporate, maybe starting as early as

next week."

4. "GINGER GIBSON, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, REUTERS: It's not Bernie Sanders'

voters that Elizabeth Warren needs to get first. It's Joe Biden's. She's

embracing Sanders, his ideas, his opinions. His voters aren't going to

simply be won over, even if she attacked him. In fact, she'll probably

repel his supporters even more by going on the attack against Bernie

Sanders.

If she starts to show that she can build even more consensus, that she can

be the really close competitor to Biden, that she can take Biden's voters

away, that's how she wins."

5. "ADRIENNE ELROD, DEMOCRATIC STRATEGIST: Yes. I mean, it's early but it's

not early. And what we're seeing, Chris, of course, is the frontrunner of

that field is really starting to gel. Poll after poll, real clear politics

average says Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders are really the

top three to beat.

But I would sort of say this is Joe Biden's summer that he won. I mean,

Elizabeth Warren, of course, has made incremental movement in the polls and

that's been good for her. But Joe Biden has had a number of situations

that might normally sink a candidate, but he has risen above. His poll

numbers are still outstanding."

6. “EDWARDS: Well, look, I think that what Elizabeth Warren is going to face in this next round of debates is that everybody is going to be on this stage, and you’ve got people in the second and third poll positions. In order for some of those below to leap forward, they’re going to have to go on the attack. They’re going to have to knock away either number two or number three. And they’ve seen what happens when they go after number one. It doesn’t actually seem to really matter. So I think we’re going to see, and I think that her plans are going to be put to the test.

The one thing that they can’t do is they can’t go after her in a way Donald

Trump goes after her. But they will legitimately question those proposals.”

7. “MATTHEWS: Jon, last night – I had Amy Klobuchar on last night, a very impressive legislator. And I say, who is the better legislator, you or Warren? And she said I’m the best legislator there is. Basically, she didn’t want to get personal. Is that what we’re going to watch in two weeks, people saying, I’m better than her, but I’m not knocking her, or what, on Warren?”

8. “But Warren’s problem, I think, in becoming a frontrunner is that she doesn’t want to explain certain things. You mention when you asked her how to pay for it, she was at a forum here in Las Vegas, and I asked her the question about, okay, you’re for Medicare for all. There are a lot of people worried what the transition looks like. How are you going to reassure people? She doesn’t have a good answer for that.”

9. “ELROD: I think it honestly depends on who wins Iowa this time around.

I think if it’s somebody like Joe Biden or Elizabeth Warren...”

Positive

1. “MATTHEWS: Well, Ginger, she has – Elizabeth Warren, Senator Warren has

been – my term, has been loving Bernie to death. I love his Medicare for life thing. It's all great. Everything he says I like, because she is younger and she may think a better, more attractive candidate, more appealing candidate for next year."

Negative

1. "MATTHEWS: Let's get to this. Elizabeth Warren, Senator Warren, of course, from Massachusetts, has a steady climb this summer, a very good summer for her. Apparently, people are going to start challenging her now, according to Politico, which reported, the Democrats are already opening up new lines of attack against Warren, calling her celebrated policy proposals, quote, a fraud, that's the word used, challenging her to say how she would pay for the massive healthcare plan, highlighting a lack of diversity in her supporters, that's another attack on her, and dropping reminders of Warren's long span as a Republican.

Anyway, the report adds that aides of three rivals privately complain she has gotten fawning treatment in the media as she unveiled a litany of ambitious plans without being pressed on where the money would come from, boy, I tried to get that out of her, Donna. I asked the question three times. You can only ask the question three times. How much money will your Medicare taxes go up to pay for Medicare for life? It's going to go up. Tell us an estimate. And people say, well, why should she tell you that? It's going to hurt her. It's a good question. I don't like the answer. "

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September 3

Biden – 1:0:0

Biden

Positive

1. "You know, sometimes the mainstream media will amplify what his opponents may do. There's a lot of amplification of Joe Biden's gaffes. But what about Trump's? And this is one that is was very dangerous and could have really impacted people's lives."

September 4

Biden – 1:0:0

Sanders – 0:1:0

Warren – 0:1:0

Positive

1. "And then check this out, Joe Biden against Trump, here you go, Biden over 50 percent, up by nine points. This is exactly – remember, Joe Biden running on electability. Here he is in Wisconsin, running nine points ahead of Trump. Four for Sander, tied for the others.

This is what – when Joe Biden says electable, he wants people thinking of this poll. See this holds, see if that has some value to his campaign. "

Sanders and Warren

One neutral each:

"How about Elizabeth Warren? There we go. Elizabeth Warren tied, 45-45.

Bernie Sanders, we can show you he leads Trump in the poll, 48-44. “

September 5

Biden – 0:3:0
Sanders – 0:0:2
Warren – 5:4:1

Biden

Neutral

1. “Perhaps the biggest development in the Democratic presidential race this

summer has been the steady rise of Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren.

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Sanders

Negative

1. “MAXWELL: I don`t see the parallels because of the substance she is putting

together with the vision. And it`s not just that she`s exciting the base

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more bold vision like a Bernie Sanders, but coupling that with a specific

policy proposals that you can look at and say, not just where Elizabeth

Warren wants to go, but how we`re going get there. “

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Republicans the most concern about Warren is that she takes the economic

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She talks about big structure reform, where Bernie Sanders talks about revolution. So, she takes a policy agenda that is frankly just as progressive, just as sort of to the left as Bernie Sanders, but she tries to match it with rhetoric that might be a little bit more palatable to those voters who are either closer to the center or were part of that economic populist coalition that Trump put together last time around”

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Meanwhile, a Monmouth University poll in the critical early state of Iowa last month showed Warren in second place there as well, 19 percent for her. That is up from just 7 percent support that Warren had back in April. In other words, she jumped 12 points basically over the summer in Iowa, according to “The Daily Beast”.

President Trump has taken notice of this. Quote: The president has specifically highlighted what he views as her surprising political and populist talents during the Democratic primary, and has told multiple advisers and associates that he hears she could be tougher in a general election than many initially expected.

2. “Zerlina, we have a newsletter here from NBC News. Our politics team every morning, “The First Read” newsletter, they were talking about potential

parallels between Warren, and here is a blast from the past, Howard Dean. “

3. “KORNACKI: So, we’ll see if her numbers continue to rise. Kristen Soltis

Anderson, that piece of reporting there that is potentially Warren and this

rise she’s had in the polls has caught the attention of the president. I

think there is a school of thought if you’re an incumbent president, your

approval ratings is in the 40s, you should be nervous about any potential

challenger because you have some clear vulnerabilities there.

But I think relative to all the other Democratic candidates, how worried

should Trump and Republicans be about Warren? And I ask that because we

had another one this week, this Wisconsin poll this week. Warren was tied

with Trump. Biden was nine points ahead. We’ve seen that sort of

disconnect a bunch of times. “

4. “KORNACKI: Well, so, let me – Kristen, let me ask you quickly, what do you

make of that? If Warren has weathered it with Democratic primary voters,

we will see, does it play – we’re just talking about those swing voters in

the last segment. Does it play differently potentially, Trump going after

her like that with swing voters?

ANDERSON: I think it’s way too soon to tell how this will affect a lot of

voters in the middle. I think a lot of folks that are not folks are sort of waiting for the Democratic primary to resolve itself before they really tune in. At the moment, Trump tweeting, making fun of people, that's noise that they're kind of tuning out.

So, I think it will take a couple of months for us to know if Elizabeth Warren is ultimately the nominee, it will take a little while for us to see if that has an impact. But I do think the fact that she weathered it at the beginning and has risen in the polls by just sort of doing the good things structurally and sticking to policy is a sign perhaps she can weather the strong longer term. “

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And I think that's something that voters really – it resonates with voters, because they can say well I know what she's going to do as president. It's not necessarily a black box where you say, well, she has all of these policies that seem radical, and I don't know what that will look like. She is laying out a vision.

I also think that she has this ability to speak in a way that doesn't sound like a politician. I don't know if that's because she was an educator and

a professor, and she is really adept at being able to explain difficult policy nuance in a way regular Americans can understand. And that's something I think can gain traction. Because when you have somebody who is really a compelling speaker, I think she actually gets hit a bit because there is something about women on television. It doesn't translate in the same way with men.

And I think that on the stump, she is one of the most charismatic candidates. And I think that the more that people see her. She is doing town hall after town hall. She is going into those Trump counties. People are really connecting with that message and I think the specifics of that message. “

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3. "MAXWELL: Well, it depends who you're thinking will care about that kind of issue, Steve. I think that the folks that could use that as fodder, they'll continue to do that. Donald Trump is not going to stop calling her Pocahontas, even though that in itself is racist and much more offensive than anything dealing with a DNA test.

So, I would say that, you know, in this particular moment, she has shown that she has tough skin. She can survive that onslaught of the Trump attack, the nicknames, that even the Republican candidates in 2016 couldn't stand up against. So, she has shown that she can weather that storm.

What I think is most interesting about her campaign in this moment is that I think we forget when we talk about 2016 that we have not elected a woman yet. We still have not done that. And so we are distracted every day by Donald Trump and his antics. And the fact still remains that we have not elected a woman in the history of the United States of America.

And so, whatever Elizabeth Warren does in this particular primary and in a general election will be unprecedented in the sense that if she is successful, she will be the first. And that will still be a hard thing to do, but she has shown that she can weather that storm, the nicknames and the name-calling, and she's shown that she has that resilience that I think will warrant voters to take a second and third look at her.

And it shows that she can be elected, right? That electability chemical weapon can be answered if she's able to weather these storms through this campaign and still seem viable come general election time. "

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Positive and Negative

1. “KORNACKI: Well, Warren’s rise comes after her campaign initially got off to a rocky start. It was last October that she released the results of the DNA test, indicating strong evidence she said of Native American heritage in an effort to blunt the president’s derogatory Pocahontas slur.

Then in February this year, Warren apologized to the Cherokee Nation for how she handled the situation. According to “The Daily Beast”, GOP operatives had a field day and figured they’d feast off that misstep for some time. The report adds that now, quote, with few punches landing, the worry is Trump may have already taken his best shot and that Warren will end up looking increasingly formidable for having bounced back.

So, Zerlina, what do you make of that? There’s – on the one hand, there’s for Elizabeth Warren, a potentially triumph narrative. She went through the worse of it late last year. She’s been rising since.

Is there a flip side potentially where if she gets the nomination, this comes back against Trump in a general election where the dynamics are just different? “

September 9

Biden – 0:2:0
Sanders – 0:1:0
Warren – 0:1:0

Biden

Neutral

1. "I never met you before, Madam. It's an honor to meet you. You have the best press of anybody I know in politics. I want to know the secret to your greatness, but you – you seem like a great person.

So let me ask you about it. Let me get – I'm going right to the chase here tonight. This Thursday night, we're going to have a real debate, all the top front runners of Democratic Party, all the way from Biden, to Warren, Sanders, Buttigieg, Harris, altogether on the same stage. These are the top potential candidates for president."

2. "Well, let's see the Democratic ticket next year going into November is Biden and Abrams, and that's the ticket going into Georgia, just as an example.

Sanders and Warren

One neutral each, same as Biden's #1.

September 10

Just Biden, a neutral:

"MATTHEWS: And you put her on the ticket with somebody, it looks to me like a smart move.

ROBINSON: Well, and it could happen, right? She's available.

MATTHEWS: She said so with Biden."

September 11

Biden – 0:5:2
Sanders – 0:2:3
Warren – 4:4:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “Among registered voters, Biden is ahead of Trump by 15 points, with Bernie

Sanders ahead by nine. Elizabeth Warren and Kamala Harris both ahead by

seven. Look at them, all the leaders ahead of them. “

2. “MATTHEWS: But if she – here’s the catch-22. If she attacks Biden, she’s

back in the old corner again. Who’s going to attack who tomorrow night?

Who’s going to go on the offense?”

3. “TOLLIVER: I feel like Biden is going to try to go after Warren because

that’s the person who’s surging most. So, let’s watch that dynamic. But

here’s the thing –

MATTHEWS: You think so? Was that smart?

BRABENDER: I don’t. I think what Biden is going to do is play the why are

we attacking each other, this is about taking back America and our

policies, this is shameful, and I think he’s going to shut it down because

I don’t think he wants to be a punching bag. “

4. “TOLLIVER: Well, it’s not about him wanting to be a punching bag, but the

thing is, if he goes after Warren, he’s also going to get hit by Sanders,

because we saw how they were in the July debate. Sanders and Warren were

complementary. They both were tag-teaming on the progressive lane.”

5. “BRABENDER: It doesn’t matter. I think once the Democrats say it’s not

Biden, he’s done. And so I think that’s the real thing to watch.

The other thing to love about Democrats in these debates, they attack

differently than Republicans do. They always start by saying, you know,

Joe, you're a very good friend of mine and I respect you a lot, but now,
I'm going to kick you in the groin. "

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Postive

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2. “MATTHEWS: Who`s winning it? Looking at the numbers we`re looking at right

now.

TOLLIVER: Elizabeth Warren is coming into this with a surge in money, in polling, in just energy. And people are going to latch onto this and she can leverage tomorrow morning to really differentiate herself from the field.”

3. “MATTHEWS: Elizabeth Warren has been ingenious.

TOLLIVER: Absolutely.

MATTHEWS: Because she loves – there’s a term in politics I learned years ago, loves someone to death. She’s saying how great Bernie is, he’s wonderful, we agree on everything, I’m just younger and I’m going to beat him. “

4. “MATTHEWS: Tell me who. Who’s got the best chance? Who’s got the best chance?

TOLLIVER: At her upward trajectory, I’m looking at Elizabeth Warren very closely. “

September 12

Biden – 7:8:2
Sanders – 2:4:3
Warren – 5:3:3

Biden

Neutral

1. “Good evening. I’m Chris Matthews in Houston, Texas, and something is going to give tonight. Can the Democratic left like Joe Biden continue to dominate the 2020 nomination fight? Can Biden show the stuff he needs

tonight that he can win this thing?

Well, it's the first time former Vice President Joe Biden takes the stage with both of his two closest rivals. He'll be up there on stage, there he is, joined center stage by Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders right next to him."

2. "All eyes will be on the first face-off between those two, Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren. It will not only pitch the Democratic frontrunner against the race's hottest climate right now, it also brings the divide within the moderate and the progressive wings of the parties front and center literally right on the stage tonight for three hours."

3. "Biden and other candidates have taken thinly veiled shots at her in recent days saying the party's nominee must have more than just ambitious plans.

Former Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell today got hot. He endorsed Biden and, of course, he took aim at Warren today. In an op-ed in The Washington Post, Governor Rendell called Warren a hypocrite for swearing off big money fundraisers. He wrote, Warren attacked former Vice President Joe Biden for holding a kick-off fundraiser in Philadelphia in April, which he criticized as a, quote, swanky private fundraiser for wealthy donors."

4. "ALEXI MCCAMMOND, POLITICAL REPORTER, AXIOS: Right. Well – and his campaign has already been out sort of telegraphing these various strategies that they have, saying things like the Democratic primary electorate is not made up of everyone on Twitter. It tends to be older, which is what we know.

MATTHEWS: But the people in Twitter in the audience.

MCCAMMOND: Well – exactly, right. But he is thinking, I think, longer term strategy. So what he's planning on trying to do, as we've seen in the past, is build on that Obama sort of reputation that he has built up. But what I've heard from other campaigns, especially a Kamala Harris adviser, is that she's going to make this argument that it's not – if we want transformational change, we can't look to the past and have this nostalgia –

MATTHEWS: We'll she go after him again tonight?

MCCAMMOND: That's exactly who she's alluding to.”

5. “MATTHEWS: Okay. She got a lot of points back in June for going after Biden in the first debate. Then she seemed to have sort of a fall after that. Is that a danger this time?

MCCAMMOND: Well, I think that's exactly right. We saw that she had this sort of small boost right after it happened. But she since has stumbled in the polls, whereas Joe Biden has stayed sort of relative to where he's been all along.

I think it's a tricky strategy, especially for someone like Kamala Harris, who didn't really work out for her in the second debate. But I don't think that means we're not going to see her try it again.”

6. “MCCAMMOND: I think that they could team up to go against someone like Joe Biden because that's where the voters are they could pull from. Not necessarily from each other but from someone like Joe Biden. And that's what the polls show time and time again.”

7. “MATTHEWS: I love my favorite question. How`s that? Who`s got the most at stake tonight? Biden?”

8. “Tonight – well, it won`t be the first time former Vice President Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren have faced off, because back in 2005, 14 years ago, then Harvard Law Professor Elizabeth Warren and Senator Biden sparred in the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing over the bankruptcy bill. Let`s watch the old fight.”

Negative

1. “Let me ask you guys about the fight tonight. Is Biden going to go on the offensive?”

JONATHAN ALLEN, MSNBC NATIONAL POLITICAL REPORTER: I think he is. I think what he has to do right now is show that he is aggressive. I mean, it`s beyond just going after one candidate or two candidates.

Folks are looking to see whether the former vice president has mojo, if he`s got this energy, if he`s got the stamina. And also you`ve been watching Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren continue recently to have bigger poll numbers combined than Biden has had. This is not a candidate who is just holding to a lead, he`s one who is holding on to a shrinking lead.”

2. “Isn`t Biden better off taking a punch and defending himself? You first on that one?”

MCCAMMOND: We`ve seen the ways in which he`s tried and, I think, failed to defend himself in the past. He admitted that he ran out of time in the first debate. And I think that was sort of a –

MATTHEWS: He was the timekeeper.

MCCAMMOND: Well, exactly. And I think that's because he couldn't really defend his record because the record is there. That is something hard to argue against when that's what you have to show for yourself."

Positive

1. "MATTHEWS: Tonight is the third debate. How is it going to be different for Joe Biden? The first one, it didn't look good and looked a little bit better in the second one. Is he in his game yet? Is this his top game yet?

BEDINGFIELD: He is ready tonight, absolutely. And he's going to make the case about the difference between talking about big plans and getting things done. And I think he's the person on that stage who has the longest track record, the strongest track record of getting real progressive change done.

And so you're going to hear him tonight make a case for not just talking big things but getting them done."

2. "BEDINGFIELD: But we know that Senator Sanders has said it is going to mean a tax increase on middle tax families, I think about \$6,000 for a family of four making \$60,000 a year, so a significant cost. And I think you're going to hear Vice President Biden draw those policy distinctions tonight. He believes that building on Obamacare and adding a public option is the way to get help to people who need it now quickly and that also is not going to mean additional tax burden on middle class families. So that's definitely something that you're going to hear him draw that important

distinction on tonight.”

3. “BEDINGFIELD: Well, that’s exactly right. I mean, we fought an election in

2018 largely on this very issue. And part of the reason that Democrats were able to win the House back was because they were making the strong case for the protections that Obamacare has meant for working people, for middle class families.

And so that’s certainly something obviously Vice President Biden was integral in getting that done and that’s been a cornerstone of his campaign and something you’re going to hear him talking about tonight.”

4. “BEDINGFIELD: Well, look, I think that what you’re seeing in the polls today is that actually more Democrats are aligned with the kind of policies and the argument that Joe Biden is making than they are with, you know, as you would describe, the far left of the party.

Although I would say another point that Vice President Biden will make tonight is to reject the notion that the things that he’s putting forward are incremental. I think there is this kind of preoccupation about a divide between candidates on the left and candidates on the center. And I think when we’re out on the campaign trail talking to voters, they’re not coming up and asking Joe Biden, where do you fall on the ideological spectrum. They’re asking him, how are you going to help me get healthcare, how are you going to help up shore up my retirement, how are you going to combat climate change?

So I think one of the things you’re going to hear him do tonight is reject the notion that the ideas that he’s putting forward are incremental or

anything less than progressive.”

5. “MATTHEWS: But just the argument on the other side is going to come. And you know if he gets into the general against Trump, he’s going to accuse all the Democrats of being socialists, big spenders, open borders, of late term abortionists, the whole thing, but Joe Biden is not going to say, I’m part of them. At that point, he’s going to separate from the other Democrats.

6. BEDINGFIELD: That is part of the reason that Joe Biden is the best candidate to take on Donald Trump next fall because people know him. They know what he stands for. They believe he has character and empathy. They believe he’s the polar opposite of what Donald Trump is offering right now.”

7. “MATTHEWS: Iowa has been the decider now for a long – many, many cycles now. Can Joe Biden win if he doesn’t win in Iowa?

BEDINGFIELD: Yes, absolutely. But, look, I think this is a – I think it’s very clear that this is going to be a long campaign. You have a lot of candidates who have said that they are looking to go the distance. We think that, you know, the nomination runs through South Carolina and Super Tuesday, and that, you know, a diverse coalition is an important part of becoming the Democratic nominee.”

Sanders

Neutral

1. “Well, it’s the first time former Vice President Joe Biden takes the stage with both of his two closest rivals. He’ll be up there on stage, there he is, joined center stage by Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders right next to him.”

2. “MCCAMMOND: I feel like tonight is too early for Bernie Sanders.

MATTHEWS: Who's going to keep the –

MCCAMMOND: I think that they could team up to go against someone like Joe Biden because that's where the voters are they could pull from. Not

necessarily from each other but from someone like Joe Biden. And that's

what the polls show time and time again."

3. "ALLEN: All of the (INAUDIBLE), everybody below the top five, everybody

below by Sanders or – yes, they've got to make something."

4."MATTHEWS: So a lot of weekends with Bernie from now on. See that movie?"

Positive

1. "Folks are looking to see whether the former vice president has mojo, if

he's got this energy, if he's got the stamina. And also you've been

watching Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren continue recently to have

bigger poll numbers combined than Biden has had. "

2. "That's going to take some punches. He's going to have to get out there and

make a vibrant case for his candidacy and something that is – even if he

says it's not incremental, it's something less than what Elizabeth Warren

and Bernie Sanders are selling."

Negative

1. "MATTHEWS: First to Alexi. How long can this little sweetheart relationship

between her – and it's clever politics. She keeps loving Bernie to death.

I know he's older and he was a yesterday's man. But I really like him. So

she's all the time absorbing Bernie's voters, pulling them over.

At some point, Bernie is going to recognize maybe tonight she's stealing my

lunch. What's he going to do?"

2. "BEDINGFIELD: But we know that Senator Sanders has said it is going to mean

a tax increase on middle tax families, I think about \$6,000 for a family of

four making \$60,000 a year, so a significant cost. And I think you're going to hear Vice President Biden draw those policy distinctions tonight. He believes that building on Obamacare and adding a public option is the way to get help to people who need it now quickly and that also is not going to mean additional tax burden on middle class families. So that's definitely something that you're going to hear him draw that important distinction on tonight."

3. "MATTHEWS: How do you keep Bernie alive for three or four months? Because as long as Bernie and Elizabeth are dividing up the progressive vote, you guys can win. But the minute Bernie drops out or Elizabeth drops out, it's you against the progressive left, which is beating you right now two to one."

Warren

Neutral

1. "Well, it's the first time former Vice President Joe Biden takes the stage with both of his two closest rivals. He'll be up there on stage, there he is, joined center stage by Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders right next to him."

2. "MATTHEWS: How do you do that, Alexi, when these audience are seeing filled with progressives? I mean, you've got Bernies people out there somewhere.

You've got Elizabeth Warrens. You've got Kamala Harris' people out there. "

3. "Tonight – well, it won't be the first time former Vice President Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren have faced off, because back in 2005, 14 years ago, then Harvard Law Professor Elizabeth Warren and Senator Biden sparred in the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing over the bankruptcy bill. Let's watch the old fight."

Positive

1. "We begin tonight with the fight here in Houston. All eyes will be on the

first face-off between those two, Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren. It will not only pitch the Democratic frontrunner against the race's hottest climate right now, it also brings the divide within the moderate and the progressive wings of the parties front and center literally right on the stage tonight for three hours.

According to the RealClearPolitics average of polls right now, Senator Warren has risen seven points since Memorial Day. That's a good climb for the summer. And the Boston Globe reports Warren's successful summer makes her a target tonight. Quote, she will arrive with momentum on her side and a bullseye on her back."

2. "Folks are looking to see whether the former vice president has mojo, if he's got this energy, if he's got the stamina. And also you've been watching Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren continue recently to have bigger poll numbers combined than Biden has had. This is not a candidate who is just holding to a lead, he's one who is holding on to a shrinking lead."

3. "He's going to have to get out there and make a vibrant case for his candidacy and something that is – even if he says it's not incremental, it's something less than what Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders are selling."

4. "MATTHEWS: Let me ask you about Warren. She is winning. I mean, if you just do a projection line from now to next February, this February, she's going to be on top if she runs at this rate for now, right?

ALLEN: Yes. I mean –

MATTHEWS: But is it in her interest to just let it go the way it's going,

don't attack, just keep surfing up higher and higher, so that by the time

it's February 3rd in Iowa, she's number one?"

5. "ALLEN: She's the only candidate in this race who is consistently talking

about other people, meaning the voters, and what she wants to do for them.

And I think you're going to continue to see that in this debate. You saw

in the last two debates, she didn't have to get into fights with anybody

else. So that question who gets hurt when there's a fight between two

candidates is the one that does the punching and the one who takes the

punch. She hasn't had to deal with that yet.

And she talk about what she wants to do with the other voters. She's not

saying, this candidate is bad, that candidate is bad, I'm doing great, I'm

the best person in the world. She's been able to float above it all this

time. So I think you're right, she's got a pretty good crew so far."

Negative

1. "Biden and other candidates have taken thinly veiled shots at her in recent

days saying the party's nominee must have more than just ambitious plans.

Former Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell today got hot. He endorsed Biden

and, of course, he took aim at Warren today. In an op-ed in The Washington

Post, Governor Rendell called Warren a hypocrite for swearing off big money

fundraisers. He wrote, Warren attacked former Vice President Joe Biden for

holding a kick-off fundraiser in Philadelphia in April, which he criticized

as a, quote, swanky private fundraiser for wealthy donors.

Here's more from Rendell. Warren didn't seem to have any trouble taking

our money in 2018. But suddenly, we were power brokers and influence

peddlers in 2019, the year before we were wonderful. I co-chaired one of the events for the senator and received a glowing handwritten thank you letter from her for my hard work.”

2. “MATTHEWS: Well, the hottest candidate right now in the polling going up is Elizabeth Warren, but she’s talking about Medicare for all. And yet, so far, she hasn’t answered the question of what it will cost. Right now, you pay \$1.50 for every \$100 you make for the Medicare tax, everybody of them. How much you make or how little you make, \$1.50 for every \$100 you make.

How much do you think her program will cost the average taxpayer?

3. BEDINGFIELD: Well, we know that she actually hasn’t really said how she’s going to pay for it.”

September 13

Biden – 4:2:0
Sanders – 0:1:1
Warren – 2:2:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “And, you know, the other thing, he makes this argument with a lot of energy. You know, he spoke for 78 minutes last night. What candidate goes out – what president goes out and speaks to a crowd for 78 minutes?

MATTHEWS: Could he wear out a Biden?

PAGE: I think –

MATTHEWS: On a platform, could he wear him out?

PAGE: I think he could wear out a candidate, Biden or other candidates as well.”

2. “Did you think your colleague from Texas, Julian Castro, do you think it was fair to suggest that Joe Biden has lost it?

O’ROURKE: No.

Positive

1. “MATTHEWS: An attempt to show dementia on the part of the leading

Democratic candidate, Julian Castro caught himself looking incompetent.

We’re going to show you that in the tapes when we come back. He was wrong in this case. Vice President Biden was correct. He did not say what he accused him of.”

2. “And while the storyline heading into last night’s debate centered on Joe Biden sharing the stage for the first time with Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders, it wasn’t the battle between the moderate and the progressive wings of the party that brought the most contentious moment of the night.

That came when former HUD Secretary Julian Castro took a shot, a nasty one, at the former vice president, falsely accusing Biden of saying his healthcare plan wouldn’t automatically enroll people in its is public option and hinting that Biden was old and forgetful. He was charging him with short-term memory loss and dementia.

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MATTHEWS: A short time ago, Secretary Castro told my colleague, Chuck Todd, it was a disagreement over healthcare policy and not Biden’s age, he says....”

3. “There are legitimate questions you can raise about Joe Biden and his vigor and his age and his tendency towards gaffes. That is not inappropriate. But this was an inappropriate hit. This came across as mean-spirited and pre-cooked and toxic.

And I do not think that Julian Castro is going to be the either the nominee or a member of Joe Biden`s Cabinet if he...”
4. “PAGE: So I think Biden wasn`t perfect, but he was good enough.

MATTHEWS: Did he save himself for the next fight?

PAGE: I think he did, yes. “

Sanders

Negative

1. “MICHAEL STEEL, FMR. SPOKESMAN FOR HOUSE SPEAKER BOEHNER: He wants to win the news cycle every single time. And I think the way to think about it is he`s never polled above 50 percent. He cannot win this presidential election. Democrats can lose it. And he`s going to be out there – whatever candidate you guys nominate, he will be out there saying, this candidate will take your healthcare, take your guns, raise your taxes, wreck the economy. I`m the only thing standing between you and –

MATTHEWS: Well, he got some help last night from Beto, didn`t he? We`re going to confiscate all the AR-15s –

STEEL: He got help from Beto. He got help from Bernie Sanders. He got

help from every –“

Neutral

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Warren

Neutral

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1. 2. “MATTHEWS: Was he gunning for vice president under Elizabeth Warren?

Positive

1. MATTHEWS: She was untouched last night.”
2. ““And I think Elizabeth Warren continued to do exactly what has brought her
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3. success so far, which is make her progressive case, but get above – stay
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5. above the fray.
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8. That’s what I think he was doing.”

September 16

Biden – 4:3:0
Sanders – 0:1:1
Warren – 1:2:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “Meanwhile, yesterday, former Vice President Joe Biden delivered what NBC describes as his most significant speech yet on race at the historic 16th

Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, which was, of course, bombed by the KKK in 1963. “

2. “MATTHEWS: Well, Biden picked up the endorse endorsement yesterday of Texas Congressman Vicente Gonzalez who switched his support from Julian Castro after Castro picked that fight with Biden last debate. Let`s watch. “

3. “Today, that`s doubled to half the Democrats. Well, this explains why the progressive left of the party, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, are showing more combined support in the polls than the moderate Joe Biden is. “

Positive

1. “KEN SALAZAR, FORMER SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR: Chris, I`m honored to endorse Joe Biden for president of the United States. Joe is a uniter. He is results-oriented and he is one of the guys – I mean, we need to have him in the White House today because the country more than ever before needs somebody that can unite our country. And right now, we live in a very dangerous world, both here at home and across the world, and there`s nobody that knows the world issues or the national issues as Joe Biden does.

I had the honor working with him in the U.S. Senate, serving alongside him in the Barack Obama cabinet. I know how effective he is at delivering results for the American people.”

2. “MATTHEWS: Do you think he has the political stamina to fight it through all the way to Milwaukee?

SALAZAR: Absolutely he does. When you think about his life and the suffering that he has encountered and persevered, he`s picked himself up and he`s kept on going because he has a heart of a public servant. He

wants to make sure that our world delivers on that covenant that we so believe in America that we're on the arc of progress as Dr. King would say.

And that's the arc of progress that Joe Biden has been working on for all of his life. When you think about what happened in his own family life, more recently with his son Beau, and back when he was 29 with the death of his wife and his daughter, the car wreck, in all those circumstances, he's always pulled himself back up and he's always persevered and he's going to persevere again.

So, I'd look more forward to working with him on this campaign and I look forward to him being president of the United States. “
3. “I'm here in Denver, Chris, and I remember very well in February of 2009, I flew out with President Obama on Air Force One. He signed the recovery bill to save the country from a second Great Depression. And on the way back, Joe Biden on Air Force Two received a call from President Obama. I want you to run this recovery.

And so, Joe Biden did that, and because of that, the United States avoided a second Great Depression and the economic foundation which was set forth by President Obama and Joe Biden is essentially the economic strength that we have here in this country today.

So, he knows how to get to results. Here home, on the domestic front, but then also around the world, dealing with issues from the Middle East, to Latin America. I watched him close up as he has dealt with issues that would escape resolution for most people. “

4. “You know, today, health care. We have health care in America, Obamacare, the Affordable Care Act because Joe Biden was out there working with the members of the House and the Senate who were not sure they wanted to vote for it. At the end of the day, we have more than 20 million Americans who have health insurance because of the fact that Joe Biden fought for it.

So, when you have those kinds of results and that kind of a track record, that`s what the United States needs today. We need to avoid the huge divisiveness and the hate that we see being promulgated by the White House and around this country, and have somebody like Joe Biden who can really bring the United States of America and its people together to solve the challenges that we face in this country.“

Sanders

Negative

1. “Yet another sign that Warren stealing some of Bernie Sanders thunder on the progressive left, Warren has picked up the endorsement of the Working Families Party, a progressive group that backed Sanders back in 2016.“

Neutral

1. “Today, that`s doubled to half the Democrats. Well, this explains why the progressive left of the party, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, are showing more combined support in the polls than the moderate Joe Biden is.“

Warren

Neutral

1. “Right now, Elizabeth Warren is holding a big rally up in New York`s Washington Square Park where she`s detailing her new anti-corruption plan

in front of a crowd of several thousands. There it is, that's in

Washington Square, right in the Greenwich Village there.”

2. “Today, that's doubled to half the

Democrats. Well, this explains why the progressive left of the party,

Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, are showing more combined support in

the polls than the moderate Joe Biden is. “

Positive

1. “Yet another sign that Warren stealing some of Bernie Sanders thunder on the

progressive left, Warren has picked up the endorsement of the Working

Families Party, a progressive group that backed Sanders back in 2016. “

September 19

Biden – 0:6:0

Sanders – 0:2:0

Warren – 1:5:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “There's also the Ukrainian president who might have information on who

knows who, perhaps the Bidens. Who knows? I mean, we have lots of

speculation today about this all around town that this may be a partisan

move by the president uncovered by a career bureaucrat who said presidents

shouldn't be using intelligence, they shouldn't be using communication with

foreign leaders for partisan negative oppo.”

2. “President Trump says his standing is the best it's been, looking ahead to

2020. But a new poll from Fox News suggests otherwise. The polls show

Vice President Joe Biden widening his lead over President Trump in a

hypothetical head to head by 14 points. So, 52, a solid majority against

38 percent. “

3. “STEELE: But I don't see how that concern manifests in those numbers. I

don't see if I have a concern about Russia's interfering in my poll, that's

going to affect how I answer that question. You know, if who's going to

win the election, Trump or Buttigieg, Trump or Biden. “

4. “STEELE: And what it signals for this upcoming debate is that Elizabeth

Warren better find the flak jacket because now in these numbers show that

really, there's a greater separation between where Pete and others are

positioned, they're now going to be shooting up at her. And so, this is a

warning. Just as we've seen other warnings come against Biden –“

5. “And this explains why Kamala Harris, who has failed to rise in national

polls has decided to put it all on Iowa. Another reason is a new poll

conducted by her pollster, taken among those voters most likely to attend

the Iowa caucuses on February 3rd. The poll shows Biden with a narrowing

lead that's dropped from 37 percent, down to 25 over just one year.

Elizabeth Warren rising from 16 percent to up 23 percent in that span of

time, putting her 2 points from Biden. “

6. “Harris' number in the poll just two months ago right after that first

Democratic debate in which she tore into the former vice president was at

the top of the field at 18 points, Biden with 17.

Think about this. I can only assume what the California senator is up now.

She's looking to do to Biden in Iowa what she did to him in Miami in that

first debate, toppling him and taking over the lead in the Democratic fight

for the nomination. “

Sanders

Neutral

1. “Well, the prez also loses by eight points to Bernie Sanders and six points

to Elizabeth Warren and also Harris, Kamala Harris beats him by a couple of

points. It's all negative for him. “

2. “MATTHEWS: Bernie’s been direct. Bernie says it will raise taxes.”

Warren

Neutral

1. “Well, the prez also loses by eight points to Bernie Sanders and six points

to Elizabeth Warren and also Harris, Kamala Harris beats him by a couple of

points. It’s all negative for him. “

2. “TOLLIVER: And it’s important that Democrats show that they can go toe to

toe with Trump. I think that’s the message we’ve heard from a lot of

campaigns like Elizabeth Warren, Senator Harris have all been pointing out,

I can stand up to him, I’m not afraid of him, I’m going to hold him to task

and I’m not going to back down. “

3. “MATTHEWS: Well, here’s – excuse me, here’s a Democrat holding another

Democrat to task. Pete Buttigieg took a shot at Senator Warren today. In

an interview with CNN, Buttigieg was asked if he thinks Warren was being up

front about how she would pay for her Medicare-for-All proposal. Let’s

watch Pete.”

4. “STEELE: And what it signals for this upcoming debate is that Elizabeth

Warren better find the flak jacket because now in these numbers show that

really, there’s a greater separation between where Pete and others are

positioned, they’re now going to be shooting up at her. And so, this is a

warning. Just as we’ve seen other warnings come against Biden –“

5. “Elizabeth Warren rising from 16 percent to up 23 percent in that span of

time, putting her 2 points from Biden. Another factor is the Iowa race in

that race is Mayor Pete Buttigieg who has risen from nowhere to 12 – 12

percent. “

Positive

1. “TOLLIVER: He’s gaining in Iowa, and he’s punching up, because he knows

that’s the field he needs to play, and if he’s going to position himself to

have nearly as much momentum like Elizabeth Warren has. She's got a bullet under her in every way right now. And so, him going after her in this way seems like a natural progression for his campaign. “

September 20

Biden – 0:14:0

Biden

1. “The Washington Post tonight has revealed crucial new information, that, quote, President Trump pressed the leader of Ukraine to investigate the son of former Vice President Joe Biden in a call between the two leaders.

That's according to two people familiar with the matter who say that Trump used the July 25th conversation with Ukraine President Zelensky to pressure him to more aggressively pursue an investigation that Trump believed would deliver potential political dirt against one of the president's political adversaries, Joe Biden.

Again, just to reiterate, a president who spent three years denying that he colluded with a foreign power to get dirt on his political enemies has been caught red-handed doing just that. And this comes after the president today declined to say whether he discussed the former vice president, Joe Biden's family in that phone call with the Ukrainian president, a call he insists was appropriate.”

2. “We already know that since May, Giuliani has been working outside official channels to push the Ukrainian government to investigate Biden's family.

In fact Giuliani confirmed it himself just last night.

In a bizarre performance on CNN, Giuliani first denied that he asked

Ukraine to investigate Biden only to admit it just seconds later. Watch

this.”

3. “This is the biggest story I’ve seen in months. The president of the United

States, as I said, spent three years denying he colluded with a foreign

power to get dirt on Hillary Clinton. And now says – excuse me, I’m out

there doing it again this time to get it on Joe Biden, I’m working for 2020

here.”

4. “Anyway, in a statement just moments ago, former Vice President Joe Biden

said, if these reports are true, then there’s truly no bottom that

President Trump’s willingness to abuse his power and abase our country.

This behavior is particularly abhorrent because it exploits the foreign

policy of our government and undermines our national security for partisan

purposes.”

5. “MATTHEWS: Yamiche, in this case, he didn’t have something come over the

transit. He went over the transit. He went to another government and

said, you want that \$250 mil, you need to protect yourself? You’ll get it

if you give me the dirt on Biden.”

6. “MATTHEWS: Welcome back to HARDBALL.

That bizarre performance is the latest from President Trump’s personal

attorney, Rudy Giuliani, attempting there to explain his months-long

efforts to get the government of Ukraine to help dig up dirt on one of the

president’s political rivals, former Vice President Joe Biden, and his son

Hunter.

Well, those efforts have come under new scrutiny, as multiple news outlets

tonight are reporting that, in July, President Trump himself pressured the

new Ukrainian president eight times, by the count of “The Wall Street

Journal,” to help Giuliani in his efforts to get the dirt.

According to “The Wall Street Journal,” Giuliani met with Andriy Yermak, a top aide to Mr. Zelensky, the president, in Madrid in August. Mr. Giuliani told “The Journal” earlier this month that Mr. Yermak assured him the

Ukrainian government would get to the bottom of the Biden matter.

7. “For more, I’m joined by himself, Ken Vogel of “The Times,” Evelyn Farkas, former deputy assistant secretary of defense.

Ken, give us a sense of your sense of Rudy, Rudy Giuliani’s last chapter perhaps of his public life here. What’s his role? It seems to be oppo.

Get me the dirt on the guy I may have to run against, Joe Biden. It seems to me that is the number one job for the number one guy.”

8. “In the course of looking at Ukraine and pushing the Ukrainians to investigate that, he says he stumbled upon this potential investigation or this matter involving Joe Biden, and Joe Biden’s diplomacy in Ukraine and how that intersected with Joe Biden’s son Hunter and his work in Ukraine for a Ukrainian oligarch-owned gas company.

I use the air quotes stumbled there because we had written about that back in 2015. It wasn’t like he discovered anything new. What he was doing more was pushing the Ukrainians to investigate it to give fodder to Trump

to be able to potentially run against – run against Joe Biden. “

9. “MATTHEWS: Well, what we’re talking about tonight is this breaking story tonight, which really has come to full bloom, which is the latest reporting of “The Wall Street Journal” and “The Washington Post” that what’s going on here is the president of the United States, Donald Trump, is out there dealing with the president of Ukraine to get dirt, saying, I will give you

the latest military aid we owe you if and only if you get me some dirt on

Joe Biden and his kid Hunter. “

10. “That is I admit, odd, because he was clearly on there for some reason. He

was trying to make some point to the public about the president’s dealings

and about President Trump and about, of course, the Biden fake conspiracy

that he’s trying to make up. “

11. “I want to get back to you. One last question. It looks to me like Rudy is

out here doing something that Bill Casey did for Ronald Reagan, prove

himself before he gets elected by doing the dirt work for him. This is big

casino, isn’t it, for Trump?

He has to get rid of Joe Biden’s threat. “

12. “VOGEL: I mean, yes, that’s clearly what’s going on here.

I mean, he sees Joe Biden as a real threat. And we have reporting on this,

that he sees him as potentially the most viable Democratic candidate, and

this is a potential liability that Rudy in some ways is sort of muddling

up. “

13. “Republicans on Capitol Hill have come to the president’s defense again on

this whole thing we’re talking about tonight, this blockbuster story about

the president in bed with the Ukrainians to get dirt on Joe Biden.”

14. “Guess what? We at least have some constraints on U.S. law enforcement when

we’re criminally investigating people. I had to abide by the Constitution

as a prosecutor. If Ukraine sends agents to the United States, whether

overt or covert, to start investigating Biden and his family, they’re

unconstrained by our laws.”

September 23

Biden – 0:22:0

Sanders – 2:3:5

Warren – 3:4:0

Biden

Neutral

1. Donald Trump has admitted this weekend to having offered the president of Ukraine his goodwill and that of his office for negative information on former Vice President Joe Biden. And right now, the former Governor of Illinois sits in a federal penitentiary, seven years into a 14-year sentence for basically the same behavior, and his case, for trying to trade his power to fill Barack Obama's Senate seat for personal gain.

How is this different from a transaction between a president using military aid with the visit to the White House thrown in to get negative material on a partisan opponent?

It follows multiple reports that revealed that in a phone call on July 25th of this year, President Trump repeatedly pressured the president of Ukraine to investigate Biden and his family. In fact, Trump urged Ukrainian President Zelensky to open a probe about eight times, according to The Wall Street Journal."

2. "MATTHEWS: But when it comes to Ukrainian dirt on Joe Biden, he's now admitted to doing just that. Trump yesterday confirmed the reports that he discussed going after Joe Biden on that phone call."

3. "Meanwhile, as he met today with world leaders, President Trump continued to deflect questions about Ukraine while attacking Joe Biden with unsubstantiated claims of corruption.

4. "So even if he didn't say explicitly, if you don't investigate the Biden's on this B.S. charges I'm making, you're not going to get the aid, of course, Zelensky would consider that if he didn't accede to the president's direct personal request to him, that there would be consequences. And I

think as far as we know, Zelensky did not instigate an investigation of the

Bidens. And guess what happened, the aid got cut off.”

5.”And here he is, the president of the United States – just your thoughts on

the history here. Here’s the president of the United States saying, okay,

we know you’re vulnerable to the Russians, they have taken part of your

country already effectively. Do you want our help or don’t you? If you

want our help, give me the dirt on Biden.”

6. “MATTHEWS: What do you make of that, Senator? Because what he’s doing

there is tying together the idea that going after Biden is part of his job,

going after Biden is part of his job to remove corruption.”

7. “MURPHY: Right. Well, he’s making up the allegations against the vice

president. And I think that’s really important to understand. This

prosecutor that Biden and the entire world community, the IMF, the G7, all

of our European partners were asking to be let go. This prosecutor was

corrupt to the bone. And by the way, this prosecutor was not undertaking

an investigation or a prosecution of the company that Hunter Biden was

associated with. And so there was no investigation to shut down or to

stop.

Yesterday, Mike Pompeo went on T.V. and accused Joe Biden of election

interference, which is a brand new preposterous charge, I guess, alleging

that Biden somehow interfered in the American election in 2016. It just

shows that they are literally making it up as they go along.

And let’s see the transcript of the phone call. Maybe the president of the

United States lays out 10 or 20 different corruption investigations that he

thinks the Ukrainians should be prosecuting and Biden is on that list. I

doubt that’s the substance of that call. I bet the only single

investigation that the president raises in that call is the one against his

likely 2020 presidential opponent.”

8. MATTHEWS: It doesn't matter that the allegations are untrue or not even

spelled out by this crowd. They keep hammering away at it without actually

saying what's wrong. What did Biden do wrong, please tell us?

9. “Giuliani also continued to alleged misdeeds committed by former Vice

President Joe Biden.

...

MATTHEWS: But the facts are not in Giuliani's corner.

As “The Washington Post” reports: “No evidence has surfaced that Biden

acted inappropriately, and Trump's allies did not provide such evidence.””

10. MATTHEWS: Well, “The Washington Post” notes again there is no evidence

that Biden played any role in election interference efforts by foreign

governments in 2016. “

11. “The prosecutor was corrupt, tied to the old pro-Russian government. The G7

and the E.U. and everybody wanted this guy gone. He was a corrupt remnant

of the old regime, and everybody wanted him out. And Biden managed to

dislodge him. That's what happened. “

12. “MATTHEWS: Just say, do you like Hillary? Do you hate Hillary? Yes, we

will say the Benghazi. We will say – with this guy – with Biden, it's

going to be Ukraine. “

13. “Republicans have also been relatively silent on the implications of Trump

discussing Biden with the Ukrainian president.

...

14. “What do you think, Charlie they're up to with Biden? I mean, Giuliani has

been so – he calls Vice President Biden's son a drug addict. The line is

being thrown out. The stuff, what used to consider dirtball in politics,

just – this is the weekend to dump it.

Are they trying to get Biden to react? Is that what they`re up to, to get

it – to ignite him? “

15. “And so, yes, I think he thinks that Joe Biden poses the greatest threat to his reelection. This is a way of doing to him what he did to Hillary Clinton, toxifying him. And if he derails his campaign, great.

If Biden goes on and gets the nomination, you will be hearing about this throughout 2020. “

16. “MATTHEWS: Welcome back to HARDBALL.

President Trump`s brazen solicitation of dirt on a political adversary, Joe

Biden, under the guise of conducting foreign policy, has reignited the

debate over impeachment within the House Democratic Caucus. “

17. “KRISHNAMOORTHY: Well, we know, at a minimum, that he talked about – according to the reporting, if it`s accurate, that he talked about investigating Vice President Biden.

The other fact which is also in the mix, which we`re not sure about, was

whether there was a quid pro quo. Namely, we will give you aid, which you

were already obligated to receive, in return for conducting this inquiry in

Biden. “

18. “Des Moines Register” poll, first time she`s ahead of Biden, way ahead of schedule. Is she the new front runner? Of course. The question is, will

she be the frontrunner come February 3rd when they vote in Iowa. “

19. “ With Senator Elizabeth

Warren overtaking former Vice President Joe Biden for the first time.

She`s in first place.

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leading at 22 points, 22 percent, a seven-point increase since June. Biden

follows closely behind at 20 percent, down three points since June. “

20. “One thing I have noticed over the last week, and I think – it’s not that

she’s going to get bashed like Biden may get bashed by this president, but

she’s going to be under scrutiny. Front runners get a lot of scrutiny. “

21. “RYAN WILLIAMS, REPUBLICAN STRATEGIST: He could be the sleeper if Warren

and Biden and Sanders blow each other up in the debates heading into the

caucuses. “

22. “You’ve been following this story of Donald Trump for months and for all

these months since it came out that he’d accepted help from a foreign

government to get elected. And now, we all see, clearly, he’s doing it

again. He admits talking with the president of Ukraine to get dirt on Joe

Biden.

Sanders

Negative

1. “Senator Bernie Sanders not doing so well, he’s in third place at 11

percent, down 5 points since June. Mayor Pete Buttigieg, and Kamala Harris

rounding out the top five. “

2. “WILLIAMS: Yes, Massachusetts. I think that’s right.

Bernie Sanders is Bernie Sanders. He’s a disheveled guy that says what

he’s going to say and that’s what he’s on issue – “

3. “MATTHEWS: OK, is Bernie done?

TANDEN: It’s always good to be ahead.

MATTHEWS: Is Bernie done? I want to have fun here. Is Bernie done?

(LAUGHTER)

MATTHEWS: I thought Bernie – people love him and you`ve got to give him his authenticity. It is – this guy has been selling this point of view, Democratic socialism for most of his adult life. But I didn`t think he was in control of the last debate. I thought he looked like Christopher Lloyd in “Back to the Future,” he was all over the place.

TANDEN: I think –

MATTHEWS: He didn`t look like a president. “
4. “Bernie`s not self-aware. He`s just Bernie.”

Neutral

1. “RYAN WILLIAMS, REPUBLICAN STRATEGIST: He could be the sleeper if Warren and Biden and Sanders blow each other up in the debates heading into the caucuses.

2. “TANDEN: I think a really important difference between Warren`s numbers in the “Des Moines Register” poll and Sanders is that Warren is playing both Clinton voters and from Sanders voters. “

3.”TANDEN: I mean, that`s what – that`s what his campaign sells. And he says, you know, the same thing no matter what.

WILLIAMS: Not message testing or anything.

TANDEN: Like for his supporters, a boon for him. A big question for him has always been, can he expand beyond his base? “

Positive

1, TANDEN: Sanders hasn`t pulled any Clinton voters to his side. I think he

doesn't so far have a campaign to expand, but maybe he will. I mean, he's a stern campaigner. I do not want to take that away from him.

Positive and Negative

1. "MATTHEWS: Yes, disheveled was never a calculation, he just is. I think everyone would say, that's authentic. "

Warren

Positive

1. "Senator Elizabeth Warren is surging in Iowa right now, narrowly overtaking former Vice President Joe Biden in the latest "Des Moines Register" poll out this weekend. In Michigan on Sunday, Senator Warren was asked about her new presumptive front runner status. "

2. "MATTHEWS: What do you think of David Brooks' comment this week? I'm not usually a big – he's more conservative than me.

But Brooks said the point that he said Senator Warren is very self-aware.

She knows how she comes across. She knows what just to correct, which is very smart in a politician. You can see, well, that's a least I got to fix that. "

3. "WILLIAMS: I think that's right.

Look, she's trying to play up her Midwest background, senator from Harvard.

MATTHEWS: Okie.

WILLIAMS: You know –

MATTHEWS: Oklahoma.

WILLIAMS: Yes, Massachusetts. I think that's right."

Neutral

1. "The Democratic presidential candidates now begin a four-month race to win the first presidential test in Iowa. Seventeen of the candidates were in Iowa this weekend for the annual steak fry, as a new poll showed a significant shake up among the race's top tier. With Senator Elizabeth Warren overtaking former Vice President Joe Biden for the first time. She's in first place.

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2. "RYAN WILLIAMS, REPUBLICAN STRATEGIST: He could be the sleeper if Warren and Biden and Sanders blow each other up in the debates heading into the caucuses. "

3. "WILLIAMS: And there's a long way to go. If Warren is having a moment, she's definitely the front-runner at this point.

MATTHEWS: A bit too early.

WILLIAMS: It's a little early. If this was November or December, I think she would feel better about it, but she does have a good organization in place to capture the voters that are coming --

4. "TANDEN: I think a really important difference between Warren's numbers in the "Des Moines Register" poll and Sanders is that Warren is playing both Clinton voters and from Sanders voters.

MATTHEWS: What are Clinton voters?

TANDEN: People who voted in 2016 for Hillary.

MATTHEWS: Yes.

TANDEN: Both – Warren is getting basically equally from both sides.”

September 24

Biden – 0:7:0

1. “Speaker Pelosi’s decision to pursue a formal impeachment proceeding marks a break for months of her resistance to such a course. It was a decision that did not come likely what it was triggered by last week’s revelation that the president had attempted to trade the power of his office to get dirt from the president of Ukraine on a political opponent, former Vice President Joe Biden.”

2. “MATTHEWS: Well, as Congressman Heck just mentioned tonight, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed a Democratic resolution calling for the whistleblower’s complaint to be turned over to Congress. Worst yet for Trump, he’s actually admitted to the conduct that could bring about his impeachment that he asked the president of Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden and his family.”

3. “MATTHEWS: That was The Wall Street Journal report, eight times President Trump brought up his need, his demand for dirt on Joe Biden with the president of Ukraine. It’s an amazing bit of news.”

4. “We know the president withhold – withheld that. And then we also know,

because he told us, that the president talked about corruption with Ukraine

and the Bidens. “

5. “And he said, you can get it, apparently, if you give me some political help

with beating Biden.”

6. “Today, President Trump confirmed that he personally ordered his

administration to freeze U.S. military aid to Ukraine. Multiple reports

said that aid was frozen just a few days before he reportedly pressured the

president of Ukraine to dig up dirt on Joe Biden. “

7. “The fast developments today prompted Joe Biden to join the chorus of voices

holding Trump accountable. Here he is.”

September 25

Biden – 0:7:0

1. “Not only does the memo confirm reports that Trump asked for an

investigation of Joe Biden, it suggested the president of the United States

conditioned defense of a U.S. ally on delivering the dirt on Biden. Was it

true or false?”

2. “Trump goes onto make another request, saying, the other thing, there`s a

lot of talk about Biden`s son, that Biden stopped the prosecution. So if

you can look into it, it sounds horrible to me.

Well, President Zelensky assures Trump that his next prosecutor general

will look into this situation. Only after receiving that assurance does

Trump then offer Zelensky a personal meeting at the White House.

Throughout the telephone call, Trump repeatedly urged Zelensky to speak to

Rudy Giuliani, who was known to be pushing Ukraine to investigate Biden.”

3. “And one other thing, he said, Rudy Giuliani, you should talk to him. But

he also said that I want you to talk to the attorney general of the United

States of America. So he was using every implement of government to also reinforce this political goal of his to get dirt on Joe Biden.”

4. “And some senior officials worked behind the scenes to hold off a Trump meeting or even a phone call with Ukrainian President Zelensky out of concern that Trump would use the conversation to press Kiev, that’s the capital over there, for damaging information on Joe Biden and his son.”

5. “Today, we learned that the White House notes of that July 25 phone call between the president and the president of Ukraine that Trump conditioned - - that’s where he conditioned whether U.S. military support was going to get there if they gave us dirt on the president’s political rival Joe

Biden. “

6. “That was President Trump’s personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, last night defending his interactions with Ukraine. Giuliani’s efforts to dig up dirt on the Bidens is a central focus now of President Trump’s July phone call with the Ukrainian president himself. “

7. “It had to do with getting dirt, getting dirt on Hillary, getting dirt especially on Joe Biden, who, at that time, in the early parts of the summer, really looked like a threat, more than he does today, in fact, to this president. That’s what this is about. “

September 26

Biden – 0:4:0

1. “Good evening. I’m Chris Matthews on Capitol Hill, where the case for impeachment escalated today as the whistleblower’s report landed like a bombshell. The complaint released today portrays a White House that recognized the president’s wrongdoing and covered it up. It centers on Trump’s attempt to extort a U.S. ally for dirt on Joe Biden, a shakedown delivered in his July phone conversation with Ukrainian President Zelensky.”

2. “So, Senator, we know about the quid pro quo, we know about the president

saying, if you want your Javelin missile, the anti-tank missiles, if you want them to keep the Russians from invading your country more, help me with this stuff I need to get on Biden. And now today, we find out that basically the term was if you don't play ball, you can't even get on the phone with our president."

3. "'The New York Times' reports that, just hours after President Zelensky's victory, on April 21, President Trump placed a congratulatory call to him and – quote – 'urged Mr. Zelensky to cooperate' – actually, 'coordinate with Mr. Giuliani and to pursue investigations of corruption, according to people familiar with the call.'"

They were going after Joe Biden back then."

4. "MATTHEWS: ... saying, you give this guy the dirt on Biden, who I think I'm going to have to run against. This is two, three months ago. Or else I'm screwing you guys. "

September 27

Biden – 0:8:0

1. "The favor Trump wanted was a commitment from Ukraine to deliver dirt, whether true or not, on Democratic frontrunner Joe Biden. Trump has admitted to the conduct in question. The White House has confirmed with notes of his conversation. And officials around the president showed consciousness of guilt by attempting to hide it."

2. "MATTHEWS: Well, the news is breaking now. Among those implicated in the Trump-Ukraine scandal is Ambassador Kurt Volker, a special envoy to Ukraine, who late today resigned from the State Department. According to The New York Times, it was Volker who introduced Rudy Giuliani to a key Ukrainian official as Giuliani sought dirt on Joe Biden."

3. “And I’d like to really hear from Secretary Mike Pompeo. I don’t know if he’s going to answer that subpoena. But he’s trying to serve his audience of one with the president but at the same time trying to get this policy ahead. And he is frustrated that Rudy Giuliani kept coming in and trying to, you know, make it about Joe Biden.

And there was this kind of covert effort to try and contain the damage, try and help the Ukrainians navigate this. I think they were really upset.

They don’t want to say no to Trump because they need Trump and need the aid, but they also don’t want to say yes to Trump because they like Biden.

They didn’t really find anything, any evidence of wrongdoing and they know that they’re going to need the Democrats later on.”

4. “I don’t think many of the professionals at the NSC or the White House were in on the conspiracy. They want to look into dig up dirt on Joe Biden. I think they were looking to try to figure out how to contain the damage.

But –“

5. “And late today, Trump’s special envoy to Ukraine, Kurt Volker, resigned from his position. It was Volker who introduced Rudy Giuliani to a key Ukrainian official as Giuliani sought dirt on Joe Biden.”

6. “MATTHEWS: Well, we have the document. We have the notes put out in that hearing, that conversation with the president of Ukraine.

It’s pretty much there in the – what the president is saying: I want the dirt on Biden.

BRENDAN BUCK, FORMER ADVISER TO PAUL RYAN: Yes.

MATTHEWS: You want your missiles, I want my dirt on Biden. Got it?”

7. “And a lot of these people are hearing, nothing wrong, what’s the big deal?

Mostly, they're hearing it's Joe Biden's – Joe Biden's fault, and that's

who we need to be talking about.”

8. “MATTHEWS: Well, they can go after Joe Biden, and it's fair game. But

here's the question. They don't hear that the press was holding up a

foreign leader to get dirt on a political opponent? They don't know that

part of it yet?”

September 30

Biden – 1:5:0

Warren – 0:2:0

Biden

1. “We have breaking news tonight on impeachment. The Wall Street Journal is now reporting that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo was among the Trump officials listening in on that July phone call when the president pushed Ukrainian President Zelensky to dig up dirt on Joe Biden. That's according to a State department official.

And though NBC News has not spoken to the official cited in the story, even though Pompeo had firsthand knowledge what was said on that call, as we've now learned, he was evasive when asked about that conversation just a week ago.

...

MATTHEWS: He was listening in. Well, this means the U.S. Secretary of State knew it all from the get-go about Trump holding up an arms deal to a desperate Ukraine, about Trump asking dirt on Joe Biden, about Trump tying one to the other, the arms to fight Russian tanks, the dirt for him to fight Joe Biden.”

2. “MATTHEWS: That’s what he’s saying about living in Boston, either you’re in with the Sox, into the whole religious aspect of that baseball team, or you don’t belong there. You can’t fake it. And it seems like if you’re in this White House, this White House, you have to be completely in on the skullduggery. We have to hear – we’re here to screw Joe Biden if he’s the frontrunner, then we’ll screw with Elizabeth Warren if she’s the frontrunner, but that’s what we’re here for.”

3. “MATTHEWS: Look at that picture smiling together. Anyway, on Saturday, Giuliani said he was acting at the behest of the State Department when he tried to get dirt on Biden from Ukraine and that Secretary Pompeo was aware of what he was doing. I don’t know if I believed it then, I believe it now. Here we go, Rudy nailing –“

4. “Here’s my question, strategically, on the Democrats’ side, are better off of these guys, just these people refusing to honor these subpoenas. Because if they don’t honor the subpoena, it’s all part of an obstruction, it fits a pattern. If they show up and pull off a Corey Lewandowski, and they’ve got their Republican auxiliary asking stupid questions about Biden, maybe that doesn’t work so well.”

5. “GIBSON: It’s pretty consistent with the argument they’re making to the American public. I think the presidential candidates are in a little bit of a tougher position in trying to figure out what to do with this whole thing, how to talk about – how to talk about Biden in this conversation. “

Positive

1. “Suppose this summer, he saw Biden’s numbers go up. Biden’s numbers have come down, of course. And Elizabeth Warren’s going up. We know all that.

But, back then, two or three months ago, when this whole thing got run up to, he sees himself losing to Mr. Good Guy, Joe Biden, Mr. Rogers, almost, regular guy. He says, I am scared. I am so desperate, I’m going to call a

foreign leader and ask for some dirt, and actually hold up arms shipments to them to fight the Russians to save my keister, right? “

Warren

Neutral

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2. “MATTHEWS: Let’s try this.

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BRIAN WILLIAMS

August 2

Biden – 2:3:0
Sanders – 0:1:1
Warren – 1:1:1

Biden

Neutral

1. “WILLIAMS: That man, Joe Biden, was forced to fend off waves of attacks at that debate the other night, in Detroit, some of them because he was

Obama's partner for eight years in the White House.

Susan Page of USA Today summed it all up this way writing "He was forced to defend his record on health care, criminal justice, immigration, working mothers, the war in Iraq and even his service in the Obama White House, a badge he has brandished as his biggest asset. The common and critical thread was the portrayal of the Democratic frontrunner as a candidate from another era, beloved but outdated, and with a decidedly mixed record that gave him both experience and baggage.'"

2. "Yet today, a new poll from the folks at Morning Consult conducted the day

after the debate notably finds Biden's front-runner status unabated at 32%,

Bernie Sanders at 18, Elizabeth Warren at 15, and so on."

3. "JON MEACHAM, PRESIDENT HISTORIAN: Yes, George H.W. Bush used to call it

the Van Buren thing. It went from 1836 to 1988, before a sitting vice

president was actually elected president. Somebody like Nixon had to wait

eight years after he lost in 1960. And functionally, Biden even though

he's not an incumbent vice president, is kind of is, for all of the reasons

we've talked about.

And I think that is a blessing and a burden. The burden, obviously, is, as

Susan was saying, he feels that people could portray him as a man out of

time. The benefit is this is a world where Donald Trump is president. So

do any of these rules really matter anymore?"

Positive

1. "SUSAN PAGE, USA TODAY WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF: Well, you know, Joe Biden

did definitely better in this second debate than he did in the first

debate. In Miami, where he seemed a little bit unsettled by the idea that

other candidates would attack him. He was better prepared this time. But

he wasn't so commanding as to settle every question there is about his campaign and his respective nomination.

Nobody else did so great though that they surged. And that's why I think when you look at that Morning Consult poll, what strikes you is how steady it is, how almost no one has gained – the bottom hasn't fallen out for Joe Biden or anybody else. Nobody has really surged, the candidate who shows the greatest growth of the past week is Elizabeth Warren who had a good debate both times and both adding three so far. But this is a contest that's going to go on for a while, and the test for Joe Biden, did OK this time, he is going to face some more.”

2. “And so far, at least, the polling seems to suggest that the head of the Democratic Party, the head part, is with Biden. I suspect the heart is with Warren and Sanders and with the much bigger liberal ideas, progressive ideas, but that's not the way, at least, we think, broadly put, to carry states like Pennsylvania and Michigan, these states that Trump went through, the blue wall of 2016.

So my money right now would be on Biden going through and getting the nomination, and then, you know, maybe it's Jurassic Park with these two septuagenarians runs against each other next year, but I suspect, suspect that's where we end up.”

Sanders

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August 6

Biden – 0:1:0

Sanders – 0:1:0

Warren – 0:1:0

Biden, Sanders and Warren

“A new post debate, POLITICO/Morning Consult

poll out today shows most Democrats, 44 percent of them still think Joe

Biden is their best guy to unseat this president. Bernie Sanders is

polling at 17. Warren and Harris third and fourth, 13 and 6. Pete

Buttigieg rounds out the top tier at 2 percent.”

August 7

Biden – 2:1:0

Positive

1. “Biden today the way he addressed the country is right on. We are stronger

when we`re together. We have a brighter future. And this President, the

reason he cannot meet the moment as a man is because he created this moment

where we are today.”

2. “WILLIAMS: Tim, Joe Biden was strong today. Corey Booker was strong today.

As someone with better than working knowledge how Donald Trump works, how -

- and you`re not advising the Democrats but how would you advice candidates

to come at them, to handle things being called racist by Donald Trump?”

Neutral

1. “And that is something that is so different than what we have seen not only

in my lifetime but before that we heard Joe Biden before talk about

President Trump being closer to George Wallace than to George Washington

and I think for a lot of Americans, I mean I`m 43. I was born in 1975. I

know who George Wallace is but I didn`t watch him in action.”

August 8

Biden – 2:5:0

Warren – 2:0:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “Warren, Harris,

Bullock, and Biden were among those in Iowa today. Biden was asked at the

fair today what many candidates have been asked in recent days, whether or

not he thinks President Trump is a white supremacist.”

2. “WILLIAMS: Meanwhile a new Monmouth poll out of Iowa shows Biden leading

the field at 28 percent. Warren is in second with 19. That’s up 12 points

notably since April, Harris in third with 11 and so on.”

3. “News media love a theme. So for years, the key on every political

reporter’s keyboard has been gaffe prone Joe Biden, and indeed some of the

coverage in the last few hours have been he’s done it again. This year the

Dems are pushing back a little bit warning against gaffe normalization

saying don’t somehow what Biden says in a spare moment to the president’s

day yesterday for example. With that in mind, Mike, I’m going to this.

This is from an event tonight. We’ll discuss it on the other side.”

4. “MEMOLI: Absolutely. There’s one reason that we’re going to see two dozen

presidential candidates, including one Republican by the way, in William

Weld, attend the State Fair, speak at that soap box. This is an excellent

opportunity for the hand-to-hand retail campaigning that certainly we know

Joe Biden loves well.”

5. “We saw, I think, if Joe Biden could run for president every day like he did

yesterday in delivering what he felt was the sort of presidential moment

type speech focused on the president, but also a moment like today where he

went, walked in through those turnstiles, went straight to an ice cream

stand, was doing a lot of handshakes and selfies, and so that is the kind

of campaign that Joe Biden wants to wage day in and day out, but of course

he’s got to do an awful lot more than that, including those debate

performances that have been so scrutinized as well.”

Positive

1. “MIKE MEMOLI, NBC NEWS CORRESPONDENT: Brian, I was actually at that event tonight where the vice president made those remarks and you did some good job putting this larger conversation into context. Let me talk about that specific event tonight as well.

That was part of a 40-minute stump speech that the former vice president gave to a crowd tonight before then launching into a Q&A session that itself lasted longer than 40 minutes, followed by what you know well would be another 20 to 30 minutes of handshakes and photos and selfies.

And I’m willing to bet that if you asked all of those who were in attendance after the event about that moment you just played it may not have even registered to many in the room. I’m willing to bet even for some of the reporters who were with me today after a long day at the State Fair, it barely registered.”

2. “But, in the political moment that we’re in and the scrutiny that is on Joe Biden and his performance specifically throughout this campaign, it’s not a moment that’s going to be lost to his opponents, both Republican and Democrat, and very quickly, of course, the Trump campaign, the Trump War Room at its put, circulated even more abbreviated version of the clip, leaving out that split second where you can sense that the vice president caught his words that may have been a bit of a poor choice of words or – maybe not put it in the full context as well.

So, this I think speaks to the fact that especially after yesterday when in Burlington, the vice president delivered a stinging rebuke of Trump’s presidency, his lack of moral leadership, they’re very eager to turn the

focus back on to Joe Biden.”

Warren

Neutral

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Bullock, and Biden were among those in Iowa today. Biden was asked at the

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not he thinks President Trump is a white supremacist.”

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August 9

Sanders – 0:1:1

Warren – 0:3:1

Sanders

Negative

1. “WILLIAMS: And Eliza, what is the 32nd version of what`s going on with

Bernie Sanders and his campaign?

COLLINS: Well Bernie Sanders is one of the candidates that Republicans are

saying is too far left out of the mainstream. But what he has really done

is he is kind of created that what he was talking about in 2016 has

actually become a reality for much of the field. And so he`s not

necessarily very unique. And while he is in second or third place in most

polls, he`s not really rising but we are seeing people like Elizabeth

Warren who has very similar policies, she is rising.”

Neutral

1. “So Sanders is trying to kind of do something different here and one of

those things is actually talking about himself. So, looking at all these candidates, a lot of politicians are able to tell their personal story.

You know, I've been to a lot of these speeches. They talk about growing up lower class or, you know, their parents struggling to make ends meet. This is something Bernie Sanders does not talk about a lot but is starting to just sort of distinguish himself.

He is – his father was an immigrant from Poland and so we saw him talk about it this week with this anti-immigrant manifesto coming out of the El Paso shooting. He was connecting that saying, you know, I know what it's like to grow up in an immigrant family. And it's something that is really rare for Bernie Sanders and so we may be seeing that more as he tries to stand out.”

Warren

Neutral

1. “WILLIAMS: Elizabeth Warren today in Iowa. “
2. “And I think Trump supporters are hoping that

something like this will – they can open it up to the base by saying, you know, by saying that this President that you support is white supremacist, they are saying you are white supremacist.

Now, I – we saw Elizabeth Warren, she is not saying that. “

3. “And while he is in second or third place in most

polls, he's not really rising but we are seeing people like Elizabeth Warren who has very similar policies, she is rising.”

Negative

1. “I'm

not sure necessarily there`s any other Republicans out there who are going to hear, you know, Elizabeth Warren call him a white supremacist and therefore change their minds.”

August 12

Biden – 0:1:0

“In addition to the conspiracy theories, they are worthy attacks against the fake news media, China, other nations that are quote “ripping off the U.S.”, Joe Biden, even a short-lived communications director, Anthony Scaramucci after the mooch appeared on Bill Maher which the President apparently accidentally watched on Friday night.”

August 13

Biden – 1:0:0

Sanders – 0:2:3

Warren – 0:2:0

Biden

Positive

1. “We know that the market is volatile. We are coming to our ninth year of economic expansion and interest rates are already low. Think about all of those people who say, “listen, I don`t like his rhetoric. I maybe don`t like him as a person, but at least my 401K is safe.” And Trump says “we`re going to get a socialist on the other side.” What happens if you get Joe Biden and Iraqi stock market? That`s a bad combination for President Trump.”

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Sanders

Neutral

1. “WILLIAMS: So that was Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders on Monday. It quickly caught the attention of “The Washington Post”. The executive editor Marty Baron issued a statement that read, in part, “Contrary to the conspiracy theory the senator seems to favor, Jeff Bezos allows our newsroom to operate with full independence, as our reporters and editors can attest.”

Well, today Sanders scaled back his criticism a bit during interview at CNN saying, “My criticism of the corporate media is not that they are anti-Bernie, that they wake up, you know, in the morning and say, what could we do to hurt Bernie Sanders? That’s not the case, that Jeff Bezos gets on the phone to “The Washington Post”. There’s a framework of what we can discuss, what we cannot discuss, and that’s a serious problem.”

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trail, come home, Texas needs you.”

Negative

1. “Eliza, the tweet from last night that caught my attention from the political Twitter site called The Hoarse Whisperer, “OK, since this is trending, here’s my Bernie story. The year was 2016 and Bernie was already long eliminated from contention. An actual Democrat would have stop torpedoing the nominee and work to defeat Trump, but Bernie had books to sell. The end.”

That kind of nicely sums up how some Democrats feel about Bernie when they hear him using a Trump talking point. What is the state of the Sanders campaign as you know it?”

2. “ELIZA COLLINS, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL POLITICS REPORTER: Well, the Sanders campaign is very frustrated right now with coverage, and they’re not alone. Democrats, Republicans, politicians generally, start to blame the media when they don’t like coverage. What is new and what is sort of a Trump-like attack line is tying “The Washington Post” to Amazon with no – you know, he has no evidence here. And we saw him tone this down a little bit, but we saw Marty Baron come back and say this is a conspiracy theory.

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So while Sanders is stagnant, his campaign is frustrated by coverage that they view is not talking about all of the great things he's doing and all of the support he has, which he certainly does have support. He's got lots of donors, he's got grassroots support. But political campaigns want to talk about the good and not any of the bad."

3. "ROBERT COSTA, THE WASHINGTON POST NATIONAL POLITICAL REPORTERS: I've never heard from Mr. Bezos about my coverage. Marty Baron's statement says it all. "The Washington Post" is a news organization, a reporting organization. It's also a news organization, a newspaper that recently had an event with Senator Sanders. I sat down with the Vermont senator for an hour to talk policy, a productive conversation.

I was one of the first reporters to report on his presidential ambitions in 2014, long before he even announced. Took him seriously as a candidate, someone who was changing the Democratic Party with his proposals for Medicare for all, eliminating college debt. I've always seen him as a serious person and a serious candidate. But these recent comments were not serious. He knows "The Washington Post" reporters. He knows how we operate. And we operate as reporters."

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August 14

One neutral mention for all:

“WILLIAMS: We mentioned the new numbers out tonight. We always try to deliver them to you. This is polling out of South Carolina. Post and Courier poll puts Joe Biden way ahead there, 36%. That`s a lot of running room. Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders are neck and neck, 17 and 16. Kamala Harris third at 12. Pete Buttigieg rounds out the top five with five points after that. It`s off a cliff as is most of the Democratic polling.”

August 15

Biden – 1:2:0
Sanders – 0:2:0
Warren – 0:2:1

Biden

Neutral

1. “IBUMILLER: It`s really hard for this sort mid tear candidate – the Democratic candidates to get that kind of attention. As we all know

President Trump sucks up all the oxygen in the room most of the time. And it is one thing after another. It is, you know, you can see the top tier

Joe Biden, you know, Elizabeth Warren, Kamala Harris, Bernie Sanders get attention. Those in the single digits just don't."

2. "Hey, let's look at this Fox News poll. This is the net change from July to August of again, national poll at summer. We don't have national elections. We have 50 state elections. Biden up 12 now as opposed to July. Sanders up 9 but Warren jumps. Harris jumps head to head versus this president. Does that tell you anything? Is it worth a bucket of warm spit, as they used to say?"

Positive

1. "The thing is these priorities, the devotion of time, resources, debate discussion, all of that gets lost in the fact they are quibbling over whether or not they want to reorder society with a huge revolution or stabilize the country with normalcy with Joe Biden. "

Sanders

Same two neutrals as Biden.

Warren

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Negative

1. "STODDARD: This is a – He does believe in it. The problem is the Democrats don't want you to know they have a huge rift in their party not only from the people who believe that Elizabeth Warren is electable on a general election which I disagree with. But to the fact that, you know, they're in denial about the fact that they – without the Senate they can do nothing. They could get Donald Trump out of the White House, but on judges and everything else, legislation, they would be paralyzed."

August 16

Biden – 2:3:0

Sanders – 0:1:0

Warren – 0:1:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “But here are the head to heads. And they do kind of snap your attention back into focus.

Biden puts Trump way underwater, Sanders, Warren, Harris and so on. What does any of this mean to you?”

2. “WILLIAMS: Jonathan Allen, I have a piece of reporting from “The New York Times” to read you about Obama/Biden, and this went up tonight. “While initially skeptical of Mr. Biden`s decision to run, Mr. Obama driven by affection and loyalty has been more active in advising his campaign than previously known, going so far as to request a briefing from the campaign before his friend officially joined the fray, according to people close to both men.” Jon, do you buy it, and to what end?”

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Positive

1. “ALLEN: Well, look, the fact that this is out there at this point and that

folks talked about the interaction between these two men suggests to me that there was some interest in having it known that Mr. Obama was not so keen on the idea that Mr. Biden run in the first place, but also that he recognizes that Vice President Biden is, in fact, still the front-runner here. And that it's a possibility that Vice President Biden will, in fact, be the Democratic nominee. And that's still kind of playing both sides of this.

President Obama did not set up vice President Biden to be his successor. When Hillary Clinton wanted to move forward and run in 2016, Vice President Biden did not have President Obama's support. It's important to remember even after President Obama had twice told the nation that Joe Biden was the next best person to be president, gone out and campaigned with him that way, he wasn't ready to endorse him back then.

So I don't think it's shocking that President Obama didn't think Biden should run this time in the first place and suggested that to him, maybe not in so many words. But there is a reality here, and I think that President Obama would like to be influential with whoever the Democratic nominee is going to be and would like to be helpful to them to try to defeat Donald Trump."

2. "WILLIAMS: What are we watching in realtime with Joe Biden that has echoes in your life's work of history?

BESCHLOSS: Well I think one thing is that it reminds me a bit of Ronald Reagan at the beginning of 1980 where Reagan was extremely popular within

the Republican Party. Some people said that he had perhaps been there too long but in the end he was the one nominated, although there were other candidates running against him who seemed to be more brisk and adventurous. And I think we may see the same thing happening here. Who knows.”

Biden and Sanders

One neutral each, same as Biden's #1.

August 19

Warren – 0:5:0

Neutral

1. “WILLIAMS: Remember that right there because it’s important. Elizabeth

Warren reaffirming her support for her fellow Massachusetts Democratic

Senator Ed Markey. The video endorsement was released amid growing

speculation that Markey, the KG veteran, would face a primary challenge

from a much younger candidate from a very famous family that would be the

young man on the right hand side of your screen.”

2. “Number two, let’s talk about Elizabeth Warren. Joe Kennedy was there for

her announcement. He introduced her when it came time to make in a

commercial, she’s got to side with her brother senator from Massachusetts.”

3. “MCGRANE: Well, a couple of things in the Warren endorsement. First of

all, my reporting has been that Kennedy has kept this very, very close and

it hasn’t been until recently with the news that broke about the poll, that

even other people in the delegation were necessarily aware that he was

seriously looking at this.

So we don’t know exactly when that video was cut. But it was cut before

the news broke that Kennedy is weighing this seriously. So it’s hard to

know, you know, exactly what to make of it.

Certainly, Warren gave some comments over the weekend. She was asked if she was still endorsing Markey. She said yes. Ed has been a great partner. Joe has also been a great partner. I've been – I've known him since before we got in politics. He is an amazing guy, you know, I'm paraphrasing here.

So she clearly has great affection for both of them. And at the end of the day, an endorsement like this when you have the Kennedy name, he doesn't need the name recognition that these sort of endorsement are helpful with.

4. "WILLIAMS: Sioux City, Iowa, 2020 candidate Elizabeth Warren offered a direct apology today for his past claims of Native American heritage. The comments came during that forum on Native American issues, a venue chosen seemingly in an attempt to put the controversy to rest, at least talk about it. President Trump made clear last weekend he has no intention to let it go."

5. "WILLIAMS: It was last Thursday up in Manchester, New Hampshire. Tonight, Elizabeth Warren drew her largest campaign event crowd yet, an estimated of 12,000 people showed up to hear her speak at a town hall, the outdoor kind in Saint Paul, Minnesota."

August 20

Biden – 1:6:1
Sanders – 0:1:1
Warren – 0:1:1

Biden

Neutral

1. "WILLIAMS: Late today former Vice President Biden responded to Trump's

suggestion.”

2. “It’s just – especially on the eve of

the G7 meeting Putin was kicked out for a reason as Vice President Biden

just explained. He annexed and invaded Crimea.”

3. “WILLIAMS: To presidential politics now, new polling out today shows Joe

Biden maintaining his lead among Democrats. CNN poll has Biden sitting at

29 percent up seven points since June. Sanders and Warren in a virtual tie

for second place.”

4. “Biden is campaigning in Iowa today. As we mentioned, his

campaign is out with a new ad. WILLIAMS: So the decidedly general election feeling ad goes on to say Joe

Biden will restore the soul of America. Meanwhile, Donald Trump getting a

lot of attention for these remarks he made today while continuing his feud

with the four congresswomen.”

5. “KEN THOMAS, POLITICAL REPORTER, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL: Yes. The sub

text is almost like maybe he’s not the candidate of your dreams but these

are unique times and we have to look at what’s most important which is in

the Biden campaign view is electability. I mean, I thought what was

interesting in the ad that they put out today, the tag line has this idea

of steady leadership and I think that is really the Biden campaign response

to the comments the President made, you know, about Jewish voters. And the

way that they are trying to make the argument that he is someone you

wouldn’t have to feel concerned about. You could, you know, trust that he

would be able to have a steady hand for the country, you know, after fairly

tumultuous times that we live in.”

6. “THOMAS: These are two things that just don’t pull that well. It just

raises concerns from more of the moderate, middle of the road Democrats who

are probably more in the Biden camp right now. And what’s interesting is

we’ve seen some of the Democrats sort of walk back specially Medicare for

all.”

Positive

1. “Hey Ken, on the Biden campaign, the most interesting development so far this week in addition to this very gauzy, good look and good sounding general election ad, let`s not bring G.E. into this, it was Dr. Jill Biden talking yesterday about the campaign kind of – her message was don`t let the great be the enemy of the good – trying to indicate they get it and talking about electability. “

Negative

1. “In fact I`m not sure he owns one. But this is classic Harry Reid, Brian. He clearly is worried about how Medicare for all or decriminalizing the border will play in the general election. He talked about Joe Biden in that same interview and talked about Biden having a good operation here in Nevada. Biden really is not here in Nevada at all.”

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August 23

Warren – 0:3:0

Neutral

1. “KORNACKI: And, Phil, very quickly, it occurs to me too, Elizabeth Warren this week coming out and endorsing Ed Markey. And if Elizabeth Warren were to be successful in her presidential campaign, opens up a Senate seat. And so, you could forget the Markey seat at that point, maybe for Joe Kennedy, you’re getting a little trial balloon out there now and you have another opportunity if Warren somehow win the presidential election.”

2. “ELLIOTT: Yes, definitely that is something that’s a possibility. Or if Warren retires, that’s also a possibility. I mean, I don’t see her being in the Senate forever.

The one thing I notice, we all notice on the day Elizabeth Warren did her formal announcement, Congressman Kennedy was among those introducing her.”

3. “KORNACKI: That’s right. And they have a history, too. Elizabeth Warren, I think was his professor for a class back then. So – but no, that did not translate into an endorsement this week. As we’ve mentioned Warren getting out there behind her Senate colleague Ed Markey.”

August 26

Biden – 0:6:3

Sanders – 0:5:0

Warren – 2:6:0

Biden

Negative

1. “I’m going to show you that first. Got a lot of people talking because, look, Joe Biden, we’ve seen Joe Biden all year running in first place in the Democratic race in a Monmouth poll that came out this afternoon, Joe Biden running behind Bernie Sanders, behind Elizabeth Warren, sitting there

at 19 percent. Obviously, best poll Bernie Sanders has basically had since Biden got in the race.

Great news for Elizabeth Warren, she's been steadily climbing in this race. And obviously for Biden that a big drop, a big drop from what we've seen in other polls. That's a big drop from what we've seen in the Monmouth poll before this.

Now what in this Monmouth poll was fueling that drop for Joe Biden? A couple things. First, the question of ideology. We've seen him struggling among liberal voters in the Democratic race. You see him in the third place here. But in this Monmouth poll, moderates and conservatives in the Democratic Party, there are still moderates. There are still some conservatives in the electorate.

Biden has been clinging up among them in other polls. And this one, only 22 percent, barely ahead of Bernie Sanders. So he was struggling there.

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2. "In the under 50 in older category, Biden leading by double digits in this poll, we've seen that before. But in the under 50 category, Biden falling all the way down to 6 percent. We've seen him struggling with these voters. In this, this Monmouth poll today, that's as bad as it's been, tied with Andrew Yang, the former Vice President among Democrats under 50. So that's the poll.

If you don't like Joe Biden, that's the poll you want to be talking about right now. "

3. “ORNACKI: And just quickly, Mike, I’m curious but there was this – a widely publicized I think most folks have probably seen the video over the weekend, Joe Biden in Keene, New Hampshire talking as if he was in Vermont. What do you hear from the Biden campaign about that and about the concerns that it raises about whether he’s up to this?

MEMOLI: Yes. I was there for that. It was, frankly, a baffling moment. Reporters there in that gaggle looking at each other wondering how he could make that kind of mistake. And this is the kind of thing where the Biden campaign will respond to say we make too much of an issue out of this, that there are other candidates making mistakes on the campaign, but we’re just trying to play into this issue. But that’s why, as I said, this is a matter of making that electability case, that exposes you to these kinds of issues. The candidate as I say who can most disqualify Joe Biden likely is Joe Biden himself.”

Neutral

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Again, Morning Consult’s been doing a weekly poll for months now. This is where it’s been for a while in the Morning Consult thing. So you got one poll that’s got really alarming news for Biden. You’ve got one that kind of looks like status quo.

If you average everything together, Biden still in the lead in this race in the average, probably in about the high 20s if you average every poll that’s out there. But really you got two polls today. You can pick your

poll depending on the narrative you want to craft.”

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3. “KORNACKI: And Mike, again, look, there is that Morning Consult poll that’s now out tonight, so the Biden camp I’m sure is pointing to that one energetically.

MIKE MEMOLI, CORRESPONDENT, NBC NEWS: Yes, they are.

KORNACKI: But if you look inside that Monmouth poll, if you take the horse race number out of it, one thing they also did find in there was that Elizabeth Warren, they found among Democratic voters to now be the most popular candidate, and they – just popular in terms of the favorable rating. And Biden’s negatives to have risen over the last few months. Again, where the exact horse race stands here? It does seem that Biden has taken some hits in among at least some Democratic voters. Is negatives have gone up a little bit?”

4. “MEMOLI: Yes, Steve. I mean, the Biden campaign, as you say, forcefully pushing back on this Monmouth poll saying it’s an outlier, looking at the very small sample pop size, pointing out that in August it’s sort of a dead period for polling to begin with. This was conducted over a summer weekend. And you’re not going to get the kind of response rate that you like.

But they also think that the fundamentals, the theory of the case for them

is really still strong, that the number one issue for Democratic voters continues to be Donald Trump and who is the best candidate to beat Donald Trump. And they still believe and voters do show so far in this polling still that they think Joe Biden is that candidate. But the risk of this kind of electability focus strategy is that it exposes them to these kinds of media new cycles that they hate, frankly, which is an emphasis too much on a bad poll. And emphasis as well on the kind of gas, verbal miscues, whatever you want to call them that we've seen mounting over the past month."

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candidates get those giant crowds. Sometimes it seems to mean something.

You can remember Barack Obama, sometimes it doesn’t translate when they actually start voting. I remember Howard Dean back in 2003, early 2004.

What does it look like when it comes to Elizabeth Warren?

NATASHA KORECKI, NATIONAL POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, POLITICO: Well, there’s no question. There’s a huge contrast with what Warren was showing, the people that were showing up to Warren’s events back in January in Iowa and so forth, even in Massachusetts. They were nothing like this. She’s creating a movement bit by bit. She is. And it didn’t start off this way,

but it's growing.

You know, will someone be able to take her down? Will she lose some of her own momentum? That remains to be seen, but so far what's interesting about it, it wasn't like she shot up quickly. She had actually a very difficult, bumpy rollout in January, but she overcame that and steadily she's growing. Not just in the polls, but in crowd size."

August 27

Biden – 0:1:2

Sanders – 0:2:0

Warren – 1:5:0

Biden

Neutral

1. "Robert Costa, I guess what I'm curious about there is the President's decision to go after Elizabeth Warren. Obviously he's been attacking Joe Biden quite a bit lately. Does that say anything about how the White House, how this President is viewing the Democratic race?"

Negative

1. "KORNACKI: That's a major variable potentially to keep an eye on. Eliza, in terms of the front-runner in this race, Joe Biden, you've seen two different polls come out in the last day offering two different trajectories for his candidacy, one putting him back in third place actually, a point behind Warren and Sanders, the other putting him comfortably in first place, still low 30s, double-digit lead. What is the mood around his campaign right now? Certainly, there have been some issues on the campaign trail with him up in New Hampshire over the weekend. He was in Keene, New Hampshire, seemed to refer to it as Vermont. It's raised

some questions about, you know, at 76, 78 on inauguration day whether he's fully up to this."

2. "COLLINS: Well his campaign is certainly pointing to that poll that has him higher up and dismissing the other poll as political campaigns tend to do. They like polls when they're good. They don't like them when they're bad. But this really shows that his lead, he is the leader in most polling, is tenuous and it is not as strong as people may have believed early on in his campaign. He has had a series of gaffes. But he is still the front-runner. So I think his campaign is taking this seriously, more seriously than they may be saying in public.

And they're going forward and trying to get him out. We've seen him out with an ad today talking about his personal story and the loss of his wife and daughter and his son later on. Basically talking about health care and how it's personal to him. And so he's coming out trying to be sort of on offense rather than defense, which he has been on a series of instances over the past few days. And I think part of that is polling. They're looking at the numbers and realizing that he needs to sort of harden up his lead if he wants to continue his front-runner status."

Sanders

Neutral

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Warren

Neutral

1. “KORNACKI: The President also had on Twitter tonight he had 2020 on his mind. He attacked – this might be potentially interesting here. He attacked Elizabeth Warren, Democratic presidential candidate, he said, “They do stories so big on Elizabeth “Pocahontas” Warren`s crowd sizes, adding many more people than are actually there, and yet my crowds, which are far bigger, get no coverage at all. Fake news.

Robert Costa, I guess what I`m curious about there is the President`s decision to go after Elizabeth Warren. Obviously he`s been attacking Joe Biden quite a bit lately. Does that say anything about how the White House, how this President is viewing the Democratic race?”

2. “COSTA: It means he`s taking her candidacy seriously. I remember as a reporter back in 2015, traveling with President Trump, he paid close attention to all of his Republican rivals, their crowd size. He would always talk about his own crowd size. It was not so much policy debate with him, among him and his rivals. It was about asserting himself as someone who`d draw huge crowds. And so when he sees a Democratic contender like Senator Warren, drawing thousands, over 10,000 in some places, that is something that perks the head of this president. Someone who pays attention to celebrity populism, crowds, as much as he does that political issues.”

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5. “Actually that was his attack on Elizabeth Warren right there but I can tell

you what he said about his Republican challengers. He said, “I’m at 94

percent approval in the Republican Party and I have Three Stooges running

against me. One is Mr. Appalachian Trail who was actually in Argentina for

bad reasons.” “

Positive

1. “KORNACKI: Yes. And A.B., just given the reality of American politics,

Democratic Party politics today, if you’re Elizabeth Warren, you’re trying

to win the Democratic presidential nomination, getting attacked by

President Trump might actually help you in this moment?

STODDARD: Absolutely. That he sees her as a potential threat.”

August 28

Biden – 2:4:0

Sanders – 0:1:0

Warren – 1:3:1

Biden

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The head says send Biden in there, see what you can do. You got to carry Pennsylvania. You got to get Michigan, Wisconsin back, you know, all the familiar arguments. But Warren does seem to be with her policy ideas where the heart at least of the Democratic base is and so that battle is going to be fascinating. And, you know, whether Biden can continue to make this argue that he's the one who can, as the Vice President would say, can take Trump out behind the barn and beat him up, that's going to be a very, very interesting dynamic.”

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August 30

Biden – 0:1:0

Sanders -

Warren

Biden

One neutral:

“As you might imagine, a number of lawmakers are not happy with this news.

Senator Chris Murphy, Democrat from Connecticut, released a statement that said, “There have also been reports of Rudy Giuliani, acting as a representative of the President, personally asking the Ukrainians to investigate President Trump’s political opponents, namely Joe Biden. “

September 3

Biden – 2:3:0
Sanders – 0:0:1
Warren – 0:1:1

Biden

Positive

1. “This is a state of nature. This is hubs, the state of nature. And the question is going to be, will the Democratic Party send their head, which is Joe Biden or their heart, which is either – I think Warren or Sanders, probably, into this battle. That`s going to be ferocious. Just absolutely ferocious.”
2. “If it`s Joe Biden and he is the Democratic front runner, the campaign will have a harder time making that case that they`re running against a socialist. But for now, it is strategy – it is part of their campaign strategy to say that this is a fight against socialism and these women are the face of the Democratic Party. That just won`t be true next year when there is a nominee.”

Neutral

1. “Front-runner Joe Biden who tripped off on the subject of guns this weekend, we`ll get to that later. Today made clear his view that there`s no room for compromise on this topic.”
2. “WILLIAMS: And, Juana, here we are again with the issue of Democrats never knowing how to talk about guns. I mentioned this earlier, Joe Biden over the weekend talked about how we need to ban magazines that can hold multiple bullets. That just known as a magazine, every police officer in this country has one and most handgun owners like a nine millimeters have a magazine. It`s a conveyance of bullets to the gun, perfectly legal.

It`s assumed the former vice president was talking about illegal extended magazines. But how often does this come up in your coverage of politics 2019? “

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September 4

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Sanders – 0:1:0
Warren – 0:1:1

Biden

Neutral

1. “WILLIAMS: Peter Baker on that note I’m hoping to count on your wisdom as

we look at the Marquette match-ups, having nothing to do with final four

season and everything to do with the latest presidential poll match-ups.

And there are the numbers right there. Biden in a head to head with Trump

51-42. Bernie 48-44. Warren and so down the line.”

2. “And the front-runner’s Biden, he’s above 50, but the rest of

these Democrats are all within the margin of error where Donald Trump is.

And so, I think, you know, there’s obviously the Presidential comes into

this re-election campaign historically – in a historically weak position.”

Positive and Negative

1. “ALLEN: Yes, Joe Biden’s not hyper woke. So there are a lot of Democrats

that are listening to him and not hearing what they want to hear whether

it’s on climate change, on health care, on sort of modern Democratic speak.

And at the same time there are a lot of Democrats who look at him and say

that might be the guy to put up against Donald Trump in an election where

they’re hoping to just sort of revert to some kind of normalcy.”

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Warren

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Negative

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- is even more unlikely. But you can still pull the inside straight. And then those numbers against the right opponent, you could, you know, you’re looking at Donald Trump, you’re going I see the way I could win here.

WILLIAMS: Thanks –

HEILEMANN: I see how to win against Elizabeth Warren in that race.”

September 6

Biden – 1:4:0
Sanders – 0:5:0
Warren – 0:4:0

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2. “The Real Clear Politics average of polls gives us a snapshot of where the race stands. Joe Biden slightly ahead with 21 percent in New Hampshire, Senators Bernie Sanders 19 percent at second, Elizabeth Warren rounding out the top three with 15 percent.”
3. “TOM BEVAN, REAL POLITICS CO-FOUNDER & PRESIDENT: Well, that’s a tough question. I mean, look, the last poll out of New Hampshire, actually, had Bernie Sanders leading by six percentage points, and that’s different from

the other polls that we've seen, all those have had Joe Biden leading. So it may be an outlier, we don't know. We need to get more polling from New Hampshire.

But it certainly looks like it's competitive. It's the most competitive early state of all of them right now. And the fact that Joe Biden's campaign was sort of downplaying New Hampshire and talking up the fact that this other new Englanders in the race, I think, speaks to the fact that it's competitive up there right now."

4. "WILLIAMS: And Mike, let's go a bit deeper on something people might have heard this week, the Biden camp downplaying Iowa and New Hampshire.

MEMOLI: Well, it's interesting, Brian. I think – you've actually heard the vice president himself say of Iowa, that it is a must-win, frankly, that he does have to perform well there. I think this idea that he's the most electable Democrat in the race takes a real hit if he doesn't perform well in Iowa. But New Hampshire absolutely, they have been downplaying expectations partially for the reason that you articulated which is that neighboring candidates tend to do well here. We saw John Kerry in 2004, Bernie Sanders, Hillary Clinton was somebody with a very well-known identity. The Clinton's have a special affinity for New Hampshire and yet Bernie Sander beat her handily here.

And so, they do want to make it, you know, seem as if they come in here with the advantage Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warrens, of course he has that firewall in South Carolina so we can endure (ph) that. But I say Tom makes a great point not just because he was my old boss at Real Clear

Politics, because he's right on the nose, that Joe Biden has been making a case for the moderate vote, for the independent voter. And I think that's sort of a sleeper here in New Hampshire that they think they can win over not just because he's making angle argument about Donald Trump but, in fact, he's making a more pragmatic case to voters."

Positive

1. " "But I think what's interesting is as big as the field still is, by

historical comparisons, it does feel increasingly like a three person race.

We have Joe Biden occupying that center, moderate lane, very much playing

up that electability argument. And you have Elizabeth Warren and Bernie

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September 9

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Sanders – 1:3:0

Warren – 1:3:0

Biden

Neutral

1. "This is a CBS/YouGov poll out in the last day or so. So start in Iowa.

Biden is still in the lead in this poll in the leadoff state. But you can see, look at that, Bernie Sanders right behind him. Only a couple points behind him. Elizabeth Warren within striking distance.

Nobody else, by the way, you see here, in double digits that massive

Democratic field. Really the only three candidates popping in Iowa in this poll, Biden, Sanders, Warren. "

2. "Here, they have Elizabeth Warren, remember, next door neighbor, Massachusetts, that Boston media market goes into southern New Hampshire. They got Warren at 27. Look at this for a three-way race. Biden with 26

and Sanders with 25. Again, nobody else in double digits”

3. “Then you go Nevada, again, Biden not in first in this poll in Nevada. It’s

Sanders, very tight with Biden, Warren in striking distance. Nobody else

popping. “

4. “ You have to go all the way to South Carolina. This is where

fortunes change for Joe Biden in this poll. Way out in front here, Biden

is, in South Carolina. We’ve seen this in a number of polls.

What’s the big difference? South Carolina of all these four states, easily

the largest African-American population. About 60 percent of the

electorate in South Carolina will be black in the Democratic primary. That

is a group who Biden’s been strongest with. This is Biden’s strongest

early state.”

Negative

1. “You just see, though, when you look at these four, you go back to the

beginning, this is the danger scenario for Biden. He’s not losing yet in

Iowa, but if he were to lose to a Sanders or to a Warren, especially, and

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September 11

Biden – 5:4:2

Sanders – 0:2:1

Warren – 1:5:1

Biden

Positive

1. "JONATHAN ALLEN, NBC NEWS NATIONAL POLITICAL REPORTER: I think certainly

Democratic voters would like to hear the Democratic candidates spend more time showing contrast with Trump than Obama. I think after the last set of debates there was a lot of criticism about just how much they were distancing themselves from Obama. Certainly gives the front-runner Joe Biden an opportunity to punch back, to frame himself as closer to the

former president than the rest of the field.”

2. “TARINI PARTI, NATIONAL POLITICS REPORTER, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL: Right.

So any direct engagement between those two candidates. Now, these are two candidates we have not seen on the debate stage together. This is something that voters have been waiting to see. So any direct engagement between the two will be one to watch but especially on health care.

Now, we know Joe Biden has been pushing for incremental change. Elizabeth Warren, as she likes to put it, pushes for big structural change. This is the kind of ideology that’s, you know, at the root of what’s dividing the Democratic Party right now. So, any sort of discussion between those two candidates will be one that could help a lot of voters decide who they’re supporting, what kind of nominee they think could beat Donald Trump in the end.”

3. “WILLIAMS: And Tarini, indeed it’s your number three item. What happened one of the last times out? By way of going after Biden they end up criticizing the Obama administration. Barack and Michelle Obama are probably the – well, likely the most popular couple in the world. Former First Lady I think by polling is the most popular human on the planet. It is a rich eight-year legacy for very proud Democrats in the business. Can you believe that it’s your third item that they need to remember not to attack Barack Obama?”

4. WILLIAMS: Will the Joe Biden false equivalents gaffe reporting, the FAK on every political journalist, is Joe Biden gaffes –

HEILEMANN: Yes.

WILLIAMS: – compared to say, today in the Trump presidency, that just continue unabated. The President went to the Pentagon, a 9/11 target today, and talked about the Taliban –

HEILEMANN: Yes.

WILLIAMS: – as house guests.”

5. “HEILEMANN: Yes. It will continue unabated. I say that not approvingly but I believe it will happen because – I do think one of the things the reasons why it’s happening is that, we’ll see what happens if Joe Biden is the nominee and he goes against Donald Trump. That is when we’ll worry about it. Right now part of the reason people are focused on Joe Biden’s gaffes is because Democrats want someone who can beat Donald Trump, and every Democrat in the field is trying to say to reporters don’t pick that guy. Look at those gaffes.”

Neutral

1. “Also the first time Elizabeth Warren and Joe Biden will have a chance to debate each other. Good timing for her with new CNN polling showing her up four points, give or take, since last month. Notably, Joe Biden is the only top-tier candidate whose numbers have ticked down a bit since August.”

2. “How will Biden’s series of gaffes affect him? Will Democrats lay off ought the Obama administration? Is punching up a good break-out strategy for lower-polling candidates? Will proposals about gun buybacks divide the field?

Tarini, start with number one. What is likely, what is possible to happen

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2. “But right now, Joe Biden, supposedly the most electable

one, 46-45. Unfavorable 46-45 favorable. And it gets worse from there for

the other Democrats. And I just say right now the Democrats – most voters

don’t know that much about them, positive or negative.

But the war to define that candidate going forward, the Trump campaign is

going to try to define them in negative terms. The Democrats, whoever is

the nominee, is going to try to define themselves in positive terms. But

starting in this place, especially with someone like Joe Biden, who a lot of

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1. “The test is Election Day. And in 90 percent of

the election days, we've done badly with Trump. So unless Donald Trump

becomes really good at changing things up and the Democrats nominate a

competitive candidate, big if, the odds are he'd lose. But a lot of loose

ends, particularly who they nominate.

Elizabeth Warren is no Dan McCready down in that North Carolina special.

She would not do as well in that district as the Democrat candidate did holding it to only two just based on ideology.”

September 12

Biden – 6:9:3
Sanders – 1:2:5
Warren – 2:4:2

Biden

Positive

1. “Steve, specifically on the advanced billing of tonight by some as Biden versus Warren, because debates have a funny way of deciding what their personality is going to be.

STEVE KORNACKI, MSNBC NATL. POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT: Yes, I mean, you know, this is the match-up everybody had been waiting for or most people, I’d say, had been waiting for after those first two debates. We finally saw Biden, finally saw Warren together. They would probably be together in the subsequent debate.

Why it’s so interesting, not just the fact that Warren has kind of been surging that Biden obviously is the front-runner. The coalitions that each of them represent very opposite sides of the Democratic Party. We can say this is going to be a big story, I think, going forward.”
2. “WILLIAMS: And what are the folks around Joe Biden saying about what we watched transpire tonight?

COSTA: Biden allies are texting and calling and they’re saying they feel good about tonight because he emerged with some nixed to be sure, but relatively unscathed. He apologized for one of his top problems on the

campaign trail, his vote to authorize the use of force in Iraq. But he didn't get really pulled down into that hour after hour. He was able to make the case that he was the representative of the Obama legacy."

3. "And I think when he said – it really helped Joe Biden when he said "I trust Americans to make a choice." That's the essence of this debate. Are you going to give Americans a choice? Are you going to say the government is going to decide for you and you cannot have insurance at work?"

4. "MCCASKILL: Well, yes, I just think this idea

(CROSSTALK)

MCCASKILL: – that everyone is just going on and on. Well, if Biden collapses, when Biden collapses, fragile fragment. I mean, all of this stuff. He has been the one in the cross hairs from the beginning of this race. And he has with stood all of these attacks.

And I don't think tonight – I think what Castro did to him will help him.

I think he seemed presidential. I don't think he's going to move after

tonight. So we'll see. Maybe I'll be wrong."

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O'ROURKE: No.

MATTHEWS: That wasn't fair.

O'ROURKE: No. I didn't like that."

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(CROSSTALK)

MCCASKILL: Barack Obama had a very good debate tonight.

REID: Yes.

ROBINSON: Yes.

REID: Yes.

MCCASKILL: And standing center stage –

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MCCASKILL: – was, in fact, Barack Obama, I’m going to talk about him a lot. I’m going to defend him. I’m going to say I stood with him. Who is more – Is it better for that base – I totally agree with you.

REID: Yes.”

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over the center left coalition inside the Democratic Party."

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2004 on the Bush campaign when everyone of the more than dozen Democrats

came after Bush every time they were together on a stage like that. And it

took a toll. That didn't happen. I mean there was a pointed attack from

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You went very up – that’s not good English – you went up quickly – you went after Biden in the first debate. Then you settled back. You didn’t go after him in the second or this one.”

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WALLACE: He called him a skunk.

WILLIAMS: – at Joe Biden. So we’ll have that when we come back.

Otherwise, this is our live continuing post-debate coverage. “

Negative

1. “Steve Kornacki, as promised, a little something about Joe Biden the front-runner.

KORNACKI: Yes, we just thought we would take a look, you know, Biden, of course, entered tonight's debate. He is the leader on the Democratic side. Likely still will be when the polling comes out after this we will see.

We're asking here, though, is he a fragile front-runner? It's for two reason, one, you know, his national poll numbers, he's a leader in the high 20s, maybe low 30s. We've seen front-runners in the past that are higher. But the other big challenge for Biden that we're starting to see with polling.

Now, it has to do with the calendar. Remember, of course, there are four contest, four standalone contest in the first month of the Democratic race, they start in Iowa, they have that very quick turn around, eight days between Iowa and New Hampshire, then they go Nevada, South Carolina. In those first four contests are all about winning the field.

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ROBINSON: Right.

REID: So they're waiting to see who wins those two states. And if Biden

loses one of those, that support is paper thin."

3. "REID: And if Biden doesn't do well in Iowa and Hampshire –

ROBINSON: Exactly.

REID: – the field is wide open for not Biden. And I really am convinced that not Biden will be a woman because I think the hungry constituents your women. And I can tell you, black women will think about her very differently if Biden does not seem viable.

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WILLIAMS: Yes.

MCCASKILL: – five times.

EUGENE ROBINSON, THE WASHINGTON POST COLUMNIST: Yes.

WILLIAMS: Yes.

MCCASKILL: That, in this environment, in Texas, I was shocked that he was not taken to task for a very – you know, you want to talk about authorizing force in Iraq. Right now voting against the Brady Bill five times is a tough thing for Bernie Sanders.'

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STEVE KORNACKI, MSNBC NATL. POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT: Yes, I mean, you know, this is the match-up everybody had been waiting for or most people, I’d say, had been waiting for after those first two debates. We finally saw Biden, finally saw Warren together. They would probably be together in the subsequent debate.

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Biden – 1:2:0
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1. "Consensus was the biggest moment kind of back fired a bit on a former Secretary Castro who went after Joe Biden. It appeared to all of us on memory. It appeared to all of us it was something he had in

his back pocket and ready to go. Before we talk about it, here`s both men reacting to that today.”

2. “WILLIAMS: Jon Allen, question to you, was real damage done last night and/or is this just something for us, for the chattering classes to chatter about?

ALLEN: It will be interesting to see, Brian. I think most voters probably aren`t into the weeds of the policy and certainly don`t – probably don`t care a whole lot about the personality pieces of this. But there are important dynamics going on here about the differences between these healthcare plans. And I think there are some things the voters care about in terms of, you know, which candidates are attacking, which ones might be trying to get in cheap shots, and also whether the vice president, you know, is having somewhat difficulties that some of his rivals are suggesting.

You know, I watched it happen live. I went back over the transcript. You know, I think, it looked like these two were talking past each other a little bit. The point that Castro makes about the vice president`s healthcare plan that would require some people to buy in and, therefore, there would be fewer people insured under his plan is an accurate distinction between the Biden plan and the Castro plan and the Biden plan and many of the other plans.

And Biden`s point that some of the other healthcare plans would be extremely costly because they won`t cover everybody is also a second point.

I think we ought to wait and see what voters` reactions are to this before we judge who`s going to be hurt by it and who might be helped. I would say this, if you`re Julian Castro and you`re polling at two percent or three percent, somewhere along those lines, the likelihood that this is going to be devastating to you beyond, you know, stocking away a little bit of what you have seems pretty small compared to the possibility that you might bring in some attention, bring in some money and maybe attract a few people to your campaign.”

Positive

1. “KARNI: I mean, it hasn`t changed along with his status. Biden is still among the people I talked to that are connected to the campaign seen as the most difficult challenge for them to take on. It would be the candidate who is the hardest to make the socialist argument against, and they think that is a good and winning message for them. It`s a candidate who could eat at Trump`s numbers with working – white working class voters in the Midwest and the rust belt (ph) and states that he has to win and states he won in 2016.

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Biden – 0:1:1

Neutral

1. “Trump basically saying on the campaign trail in `16 you have to vote for me because of the judges, it’s all about the judges. You never hear this from anyone on the trail, even Biden. And it’s really should be their primary goal.”

Negative

1. “I applied for asylum in 27 different countries around the world, traditionally U.S. allies. Places like France and Germany, places like Norway, that I felt the U.S. government and the American public could be comfortable, that was fine for a whistleblower to be in, and yet every time one of these governments got close to opening their doors, the phone would ring in their foreign ministries and on the other end of the line would be a very senior American official. It was one of two people, then Secretary of State John Kerry or then Vice President Joe Biden.

And they would say, look, we don’t care what the law is, we don’t care if you can do this or not, we understand that protecting whistleblowers and

granting asylum is a matter of human rights and you could do this if you want to. But if you protect this man, if you let this guy out of Russia, there will be consequences. We`re not going to say what they`re going to be, but there will be a response. ...”
WILLIAMS: I`m guessing Joe Biden is not your candidate for 2020.

September 17

Biden – 3:6:2
Sanders – 0:4:2
Warren – 3:7:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “STEVE KORNACKI, NATIONAL POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, NBC NEWS: Yes, Brian. I think there is. Let`s start with this Joe Biden. Obviously, our new poll here nationally, still the leader, but you could say in this poll he is hearing some footsteps. Look at this, Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, we`ve been talking for a long time now about how there`s sort of been a battle for second place between them.

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So you’ve got Biden the lead, you’ve got Warren in second, you’ve only got three candidates in double digits.”

3. “We can show you a couple of the major divides in this race. Number one, it continues to be race. White voters, take a look at this, Elizabeth Warren now in first place over Joe Biden among white voters. If you break that down even further, white college educated, Warren running away with it, Biden doing a little better non-college.

Biden’s biggest source of strength continues to be African-American voters. Warren, though, she has not always been this high. I say these high, but double digits for Warren with black voters, that’s not always been the case. Age continues to be a major divide as well.

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Major divides on race, major divides on age, Biden still ahead. But Warren got to be encouraged by this one, Brian."

4. "WILLIAMS: Trump campaign goes there on Joe Biden's age as a means to discredit him. It's an interesting means of attack, and Biden's camp is understandably frustrated over what they complain is a false equivalence in coverage of their guy given what the President is capable of on a regular basis.

5. "If you remember the conversation though that we were having there that night of the debate, I also pointed out that this conversation about Biden's gaffes, his performance on the trail has primarily been one that's quiet among his rivals, for the most part. It's been a delicate conversation.

And what you see with the Trump campaign doing tonight is a very effective strategy that they employed in 2016 as well, which is to look for those vulnerabilities among Democrats with Hillary Clinton and try to magnify them. So that's what they're trying to do, is put a megaphone to those quiet conversations."

6. "ELIZA COLLINS, POLITICS REPORTER, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL: Well, the Trump campaign didn't get this from nowhere. This followed the debate where we did see Castro on stage go at Biden on this and then later Cory Booker did back him up. A lot of Democrats were shocked, in particular, that Castro brought this up sort of in public, the idea of going after your own,

they`re all on the same team but it did come out and we`re starting to see that, especially from younger candidates.”

Positive

1. “Mike, how will the Biden campaign respond to this latest attack that just, as I said, goes there on age, even though the word gaffes had been kind of retired when we saw what Trump was doing was very next level. So it`s only kind of an FA (ph) key lazy journalism thing to use the word, however many missteps he makes.”

2. “The Biden campaign is not responding to this video, I should say today, but what they are repeating is simply this that this is not – that, you know, negative coverage, and they say no Democratic candidate has had more negative coverage than him, is not moving voters and you see that in the poll numbers that we put out today. That number, that 31 percent number is remarkably consistent, Brian.”

3. “And you`ve heard me say before about Biden that his biggest strength is his perceived strength. I think we`re starting to see with Warren that, you know, momentum begets more momentum. And the moment is largely coming at the expense of Bernie Sanders.

And it`s interesting among the Biden advisers, they`re very quietly starting to push more in her direction this question of electability. And if you look at Biden`s strongest poll numbers are among African-Americans. Hillary Clinton won the nomination, a delegate race against Bernie Sanders, because she swamped him in states with majority African-American electorates in Democratic primaries. And until somebody can show that they`re going to dent Biden`s standing in that category, he`s really still in the driver`s seat.”

Negative

1. “I talked to some Democrats afterwards who said, will Trump’s going to go there, let’s hash it all out. So I think this is not going away. I don’t think it’s going to come up in the same way the Trump campaign with this, you know, big video montages but Democrats are talking about it behind the scenes because they are concerned about Biden’s ability to go up against the President, though as – still beating all of these Democrats consistently in polling and he’s also beating the president in most polls, or in all polls at this point.”

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2. “Look at this, Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, we’ve been talking for a long time now about how there’s sort of been a battle for second place between them.

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Well, now in our new poll, first poll for us out after the debate last week, look at that, Warren now clearly attaining some separation from Sanders for second place. And notably, she’s six points behind Biden for first, 11 points ahead of Sanders in that second or third there. She’s closer to Biden for the lead in this poll than she is to Sanders for third

place.

So this is something to look at going forward. Are there other polls that show this? Is Warren beginning to separate herself from Sanders and to start getting closer to Biden? Why has Warren been able to do this?"

3. "It

looks like two things are going on here.

Number one, we've talked about these similar messages between Warren and Sanders. There are a lot of differences in their coalitions. There is some overlap too. There has been some overlap. Where there's been overlap, Warren now seems to be getting the better of Sanders."

4. "Also, another reason Warren's been able to do this, right here, Kamala Harris, you see, falling all the way back to 5 percent, 5 percent for Kamala Harris in this. Remember after that first debate a couple months ago, there were national polls that had Kamala Harris moving up to within striking distance of Joe Biden now. She's all the way back to 5 percent.

Warren, it appears has been a major beneficiary of Harris, it slide back."

5. "So you've got Biden the lead, you've got Warren in second, you've only got three candidates in double digits. We can show you a couple of the major divides in this race. Number one, it continues to be race. White voters, take a look at this, Elizabeth Warren now in first place over Joe Biden among white voters. If you break that down even further, white college educated, Warren running away with it, Biden doing a little better non-college.

Biden's biggest source of strength continues to be African-American voters.

Warren, though, she has not always been this high. I say these high, but

double digits for Warren with black voters, that's not always been the

case. Age continues to be a major divide as well."

6. "COLLINS: Right. 20,000 people is impressive. It is a large number. It

does show Elizabeth Warren has momentum. We talked about that poll in the

last round. But she needs to win in states like Pennsylvania, in Michigan,

in Wisconsin and she's probably – she's not drawing 20,000 people at this

point so she'll have to go out and campaign and the other Democrats are

also campaigning in those states. And that's where it really matters.

7. "Major divides on race, major divides on age, Biden still ahead. But Warren

got to be encouraged by this one, Brian."

That's what could flip the election."

Positive

1. "People who walked by last night thought they saw the crowd and

thought they might be giving something away as you heard there. It's

estimated 20,000 strong packed Washington Square Park here in New York to

hear Elizabeth Warren speak. And when she was done, she stood there for

four full hours and took pictures with everyone who wanted a photo. 4,000

people a fifth of the total crowd in a one-woman retail politics marathon."

2. "So the Biden campaign feels better, I guess, about them vis-a-vis Bernie

but they do see the excitement deficit between them and Warren."

3. "MEMOLI: Yes, that's right, Brian. I mean, the two pieces of evolving

conventional wisdom that have really started to harden, one is really

reinforced by our own poll tonight. One is that Elizabeth Warren is the

candidate of enthusiasm and momentum. And you've heard me say before about

Biden that his biggest strength is his perceived strength. I think we're

starting to see with Warren that, you know, momentum begets more momentum.

And the moment is largely coming at the expense of Bernie Sanders."

September 18

Biden – 1:1:0
Sanders – 0:1:1
Warren – 1:1:0

Biden

Positive

1. “Biden is still in the fight. He’s going to be in the fight until the last dog dies because he’s got high name ID. He’s got a lot of resources. He’s got a lot of relationships. He’s very strongly polling with African-Americans right now.”

Neutral

1. “And we all know folks who are, you know, vital into their 80s and what do we have on the slate here? We’ve got Trump, Biden, Sanders, and Elizabeth Warren 70 or over.”

Sanders

Negative

1. “RICK WILSON, REPUBLICAN STRATEGIST: Well, I can give you the least apt thing right now. It would be the – I would least like to work for communist Ron Paul, Bernie Sanders. I think the guy’s a recipe for electoral disaster. And I know what’s going to happen now. My twitter feed’s about to turn into a hot radioactive stew of Bernie bots.”

Neutral

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Warren

Positive

1. “WILSON: No, not at all. Look, I think the candidate right now who is

having her breakout moment is Elizabeth Warren. She may be having that moment she needs to sort of establish herself as the front-runner, but we'll see. "

Neutral

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September 19

Biden – 1:4:2

Sanders – 0:1:1

Warren – 2:1:1

Biden

Neutral

1. "Democrats earlier this month demanded records related to what they say are Trump and Giuliani's efforts to coerce the Ukrainian government into pursuing two politically-motivated investigations. One to help Trump's former campaign chairman Paul Manafort, a second to target the son of former Vice President Joe Biden."

2. "I do want to emphasize what Carol emphasized earlier which is that, if you look at the July 25th phone call between Trump and Zelensky, this is really potentially about a – holding out the prospect that we would withhold military assistance from Ukraine unless the Ukraine investigated Joe Biden. Of course, Trump believes is the most threat to his reelection. That's what this is about."

3. "WILLIAMS: We are fortunate around here to have a number of former U.S. attorneys of counsel to us. I already quoted one of them Joyce Vance earlier in the hour and now I'd like to quote you back to you, this is you

on Twitter tonight. “We need more facts, but if Trump threatened to withhold military aid unless Ukraine digs up dirt on Biden, that could be extortion.” And I guess, Barb, that’s among the things it could be.”

4. “WILLIAMS: We talk about polling because it’s fun after all. So a new poll from Fox News out today shows Joe Biden maintaining his lead among his Democratic rivals at 29 percent. Bernie Sanders in second with 18, followed quickly by Elizabeth Warren at 16 and so on. This same poll shows President Trump losing to Biden, Sanders, Warren and Kamala Harris in hypothetical matchups. The former Vice President has the largest margin against Trump at 14 percent.”

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1. “There’s an old thing called the words mean ruler, it was an old Kennedy delegate counter. And it was, don’t believe any national poll deeply until the first voting contest. But it gives us a whiff now who is selling tickets and who isn’t, who adds something. Biden has a junk. Warren has been going up for 10 months. So it gives you some hints. But it’s written in pencil until people start voting, the national polls.”

2. “MURPHY: Yes, the Taiwan’s trade, there are a million loose ends here. If that blows up, it may change the way Democrat voters look at who they’re shopping for. And it could give Biden the life line he could use right about now as Warren has most of the energy and he’s got all those under study candidates secretly (ph).”

Positive

1. “.So – But we don’t know until it happens. And then when it happens, how you handle it can create a star out of somebody who may not be a natural foreign policy fit. You know, (INAUDIBLE) of veteran they’re all going to be breaking those moves but it could be good for Joe.

Sanders

Neutral

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Negative

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Warren

Neutral

1. Same as 1st Sanders neutral.

Positive

1. "MURPHY: Yes. But I'll tell you, the national polls are a bit of a hustle. Because if the Iowa caucus pops for somebody, maybe it will be Warren, she's got the energy there. But we have a lot of time left, it moves late. It will throw the national polls inside out in two days.

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September 20

Biden – 4:10:0

Warren – 2:0:0

Biden

Neutral

1. “WILLIAMS: On Wednesday “The Washington Post” reported that the whistleblower complaint about Trump`s communication with a foreign leader included a promise. There have been questions about whether Trump`s push for an investigation into the Biden`s was tied to a package of military aid to Ukraine. This package of aid has been approved by Congress meant to defend Ukrain against, wait for it, Russia.”

2. “ou may be wondering how Rudy Giuliani and the Biden`s figuring all of this. Giuliani has alleged Biden tried to have Ukraine`s top prosecutor ousted in 2016 because of an investigation into Ukrainian natural gas company. At the time Hunter Biden was serving on that company`s board. While Biden was opposed to the prosecutor because of issues involving corruption, there is no proof that his – he was trying to protect his son with that action.

Last night on CNN, Giuliani first denied asking Ukraine to investigate

Biden, only to then admit it seconds later.

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WILLIAMS: Today Joe Biden called Trump and Giuliani`s allegations not credible, and he added this.

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WILLIAMS: Late this afternoon, Biden further issued a statement about these latest reports on Trump`s conversations with the Ukrainian leader which said in part and we quote, “If these reports are true, then there is truly no bottom to President Trump`s willingness to abuse his power and abase our country. Donald Trump should immediately release the transcript of the call in question and direct the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to stop stonewalling and release the whistleblower notification to the Congress.”

3. “The very next day it

appears that President Trump was seeking foreign interference, foreign help, against another political rival, in this case, Joe Biden.”

4. “Then he will deflect. There`s always seems to be some subplot at play here. In this case there is the subplot. He`s trying to divert attention to about and what the Bidens` might have been up to in Ukraine. Very similar to the Russia investigate the investigators narrative that they were trying to push.

And I feel Giuliani in the CNN interview got exactly what he wanted for months because he has been pushing to reporters for months and months this story about the Bidens` and the Ukraine and corruption there. “

5. “The President just talked about Biden. It doesn`t matter. It can be

implied or indirect. There`s a problem here legally for the President.”

6. “WILLIAMS: The investigation the President is referring to dates back to when Joe Biden was vice president and his son Hunter was working for a

Ukrainian energy company.

Here to explain how we got where we are, someone who has spoken extensively with Hunter Biden, Adam Entous, the veteran journalist and staff writer for the New Yorkers.

So Adam, make the turn from hunter gatherer, you'll forgive me, to hunter whisperer and tell us about Hunter Biden. What was he doing in Ukraine?

Was it on the up and up in your view? And how much did Joe Biden know?"

7. "But it's unclear whether Joe Biden even saw the reports at the time. And

it wasn't until much later that one of his state department advisers

briefed him on Hunter's role with the company."

8. "WILLIAMS: And what did the people around – was anyone saying, look, Mr.

Vice President, this is a bad look, notwithstanding any agreement you have

with your son, don't ask/don't tell?

ENTOUS: No, they didn't feel comfortable saying that to Joe Biden. They

knew that Joe's relationship with his two sons was very personal for him.

And frankly, I think they were afraid to raise it with him. So they

largely kept it to themselves as far as I could tell except for one state

department official which raised it shortly before a newspaper published a

story detailing this relationship that Hunter had with Burisma. And it was

sort of a head's up that he was giving to Joe Biden in case he was asked

questions about it by the media during a visit to Kiev."

9. ". You know, many people at the

state department who were working on Ukraine thought that it was very

problematic because here we were, Joe Biden in particular, taking the lead

trying to tell the Ukrainians that they needed to combat corruption. And

here you had, you know, the son of the vice president who was – had this lucrative role with this company. So, it was – you know, I think it is definitely was a questionable decision that Hunter made accepting this position on the board when his father was playing such a key role.”
10. “You got Joe Biden, look, if he could

win Iowa, you could see that setting off a cascade of victories for him.

He proves his legitimacy as the front-runner. But if he loses, you could see it turning on him the other way pretty fast.”

Positive

1. “WILLIAMS: I’m going to show you something along with members of our audience. This is Joe Biden today in Iowa speaking to reporters when an eagle flew overhead. The rest will be self-explanatory.”

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“WILLIAMS: So, Adam, that was Joe Biden today. And for better or worse, by way of explaining the guy to all those of us who have been around him, that’s Joe Biden. And that’s why I’m sure this story does hit him hard.”

2. “ENTOUS: Yes. There’s no question that, you know, his relationship with his two boys was incredibly intense and the relationship between the two brothers was incredibly intense.

You know, when he decided not to run in 2016, I think, you know, the public explanation for that was that it was because of Beau’s death and that he hadn’t completed the mourning process. But I think part of the decision that Biden made was also his concerns about his other son, Hunter, who was going through some very difficult personal struggles at the time with drug addiction.

And you know, seeing, I think, you know, from talking to Hunter about this, you know, the relationship between Hunter and his father is very important to both of them. And, you know, there was one moment – I can't remember if it was in the piece that I did. It might have been cut out. But they, you know, would apologize to each other because Joe Biden, you know, knew that the only reason that Trump was going after Hunter was because Joe Biden was running for president. And Hunter would apologize to his father because he knew that, you know, his business activities were causing his father political problems. So, that's the nature of the relationship between the two of them."

3. "WILLIAMS: Last question, do either of you see anything, for good or ill, involving the Biden campaign because he is in play right now, vis-a-vis Donald Trump, in this huge whistleblower story. Is it too early to say whether this will blow back or give him an odd kind of boost?

LIVINGSTONE: Maybe an odd kind of boost because it might be good to be up against Trump. But this does not appear to be a good story for the family. But Hunter Biden was eventually going to come up maybe just sooner rather than later."

4. "KORNACKI: Yes. No, it's the same thing. I think it's a complicated one because let's see what the full details there on the Biden side. But just in terms of how outraged Democrats are by the story about Trump's behavior, to be the phase of the other side of that, there's got to be some benefit from that I would think."

Warren

Positive

1. "LIVINGSTONE: And so, but the one on everyone's mind and I wouldn't – I

don't know if it's specifically with Iowa, but the name on every Democratic consultant's list right now is Elizabeth Warren. And it started in June where it was this sort of sheepish I think she might be the dark horse.

And now, there's almost a sense that there's so much momentum in her favor right now, that while she may not be at the top of the polls, everything is going in the right direction for her."

2. "I mean, so caucuses, not a primary, what you think about

people who have to go out there and show up for three hours, stay in the room, they have those multiple rounds of voting.

So it takes a little bit more commitment. It tends to attract the Iowa caucuses do on the Democratic side, a much more liberal, more activist-oriented electorate. So think of candidate who are more, you talk about Elizabeth Warren starting to move up there.

That's a pretty natural constituency for her in a lot of ways. And, you know, the cliché is that Iowa is an important state. I think the importance is even more so in 2020."

September 23

Biden – 1:15:3

Sanders – 0:3:0

Warren – 2:7:1

Biden

Neutral

1. "And just in the last hour, "The Washington Post" is also reporting that

Trump ordered a hold on military aid to Ukraine days before his call to

that country's president. "The Post" reports, "Trump told his acting chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, to hold back almost \$400 million in military aid for Ukraine at least a week before a phone call in which Trump is said to have pressured the Ukrainian president to investigate the son of former president Joe Biden, according to three senior administration officials.'"

2. "But first to recap where we stand at this point. On Sunday, the President acknowledged he discussed Biden with Ukraine's president. Today upon his arrival at the U.N. the President was asked again about the phone call in question."

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KORNACKI: We should point out there is no evidence of wrongdoing by either Joe Biden or his son. While meeting with the president of Poland later today, Trump denied there was ever any quid pro quo during his conversation.

3. "And you have at the same time the President's lawyer really freelancing diplomatically and much more directly and explicitly prodding the Ukrainian government to restart an investigation that they hoped would bring political dirt on the Biden family."

4. "And this is his skill set and it involves his trademark shamelessness. But take this issue and make it less about him, less about what he did or did not do or say, and use that media spotlight to focus on Biden and his son and Ukraine.

And, again, you said in the intro of the show that there is no evidence that there was any wrongdoing there, but that has not stopped Trump and his allies. We saw this in the last 24 hours of trying to say that Biden and his son did something untoward, did something corrupt that needs to be

investigated. So from the President's point of view and you saw this in his public comments today up in New York, he is sort of loving this moment."

5. "And there is also the risk that is there trying to shine the spotlight on

Biden and his son that this narrative of the President yet again

potentially asking a foreign country to intervene to help in an election,

help with a political foe is not a narrative they want to harden in the

public consciousness."

6. "I will say, though, that they are feeling pretty good about one thing,

which is that they feel this is very, very negatively affecting Joe Biden.

They feel very strongly that – everybody I talked to today says, you know,

this is damaging him. And they feel good about that part of it, obviously

not about the other part."

7. "Just to give you a sense of what that might look like. The polls so far

that have come out, Biden, Warren, Sanders, Harris, Buttigieg. They've hit

all those thresholds in the polls right now that are part of the criteria.

There will be more to come in the coming weeks. But right now there are

five who look like they're going to be on course to qualify for that new

criteria."

8. "That is a seven-point jump for her from June and that is

ahead of Joe Biden who comes in at 20 percent in this poll. Bernie Sanders

back at 11 percent. No one else cracking into double digits."

9. "And she wouldn't be the first person who opened up a lead

however small in this case, a statistical tie essentially with Joe Biden. "

10. "KORNACKI: So, Alex, how is the Biden campaign processing this? What is it

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electability, running on the idea that he is a winner, but if he can't win

in Iowa, that could potentially set off a pretty devastating domino

reaction for his campaign. How is his campaign processing the rise of

Warren in Iowa?"

11. "ALEXANDRA JAFFE, POLITICAL REPORTER, ASSOCIATED PRESS: Yes. And as you know we've seen Iowa sort of end Biden's presidential hopes in the past. So it's not beyond the realm of possibility. But we have seen not just Biden but Pete Buttigieg go a little bit harder after Warren now that we're seeing her rise in a number of polls including this one this weekend.

Earlier this week in Iowa, Joe Biden said, you know, you got to ask Elizabeth Warren what's going to happen when she raises your taxes if we are in the middle of a recession."

12. "So, while Elizabeth Warren is going to face attacks as she continues to rise in the polls as we saw from Joe Biden, I think that the way she's engaging with this or really refusing to engage with it is going to help her sustain that rise."

13. "KORNACKI: So we know the Iowa poll over the weekend. The Des Moines register poll puts Warren ahead by two points. We can also look at this. You vote from Iowa, eight days later in New Hampshire, here's the average of the polls right now in New Hampshire. Biden on average head there but again very close. Sanders is right behind him and Warren only a couple points behind both of them."

14. "But multiple Democratic aides tonight say that Pelosi is asking colleagues whether they believe President Trump's own admission that he pressured his Ukrainian counterpart to investigate Joe Biden is a tipping point. Pelosi's office is refusing to comment on the record."

15. "JAFFE: It's interesting. It's not a question that comes up from the crowd. I mean, it seems like pretty universally agreed upon among most of the Democrats in the field that it's time to move towards impeachment. Of course, Joe Biden is not in that sort of group but voters don't bring it up. They're asking about healthcare. They're asking about issues."

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2. "KORNACKI: And Alex, what are you hearing from voters when it comes to

Biden obviously, electability as we say is his campaign. They think that's

their strongest selling point. What are the concerns and reservations?

What's holding them back? A former Vice President at 20 percent. What's

holding him back from being higher out there?"

3. "JAFFE: Well, the question is, is he the most electable? And I think as

you increasingly see, you know, negative headlines about gaffes he has made

during the debates or the more folks see him on sort of the trail and there

are times when you can tell he's a little bit tired and may make some

stumbles and I think as Iowans see that more and more and as that narrative

picks up in the media, there are some questions that are lingering.

Particularly, I've found it fascinating to speak to older Iowans who say,

you know when I'm 70, I couldn't be president right now. I'm slowing down

and they say I can see that happening in Joe Biden a little bit as well."

Positive

1. "I think what sort of saving him is there is no other clearly electable

candidate. No one else has picked up that mantle, that's still a big

concern with Elizabeth Warren. And so for now he does seem like the most

broadly unifying candidates despite some challenges that he may face."

Sanders

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that have come out, Biden, Warren, Sanders, Harris, Buttigieg. They've hit

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2. "KORNACKI: With a little more than 130 days to go, the best pollster in

Iowa says that Senator Elizabeth Warren is the new leader in the first in

the nation caucus state. Warren coming into the Des Moines register poll

at 22 percent. That is a seven-point jump for her from June and that is

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Warren

Neutral

Same as Sanders' neutrals.

4. "Steve, let me just go with you first. In terms of the meaning

and the significance of this poll, there's been all this talk for a while

now that Warren has momentum, that Warren is climbing. Now here is a poll,

a quality poll showing her in the lead in the first in the nation caucus

state. I guess here's the skeptical question to ask you. Is she peaking

too soon?”

5. “Look, the caucuses are still in early February. They’re a

long way away. And she wouldn’t be the first person who opened up a lead

however small in this case, a statistical tie essentially with Joe Biden.

She wouldn’t be the first candidate to open up a lead in the fall leading

up to the caucuses and see that lead not hold up by the time you got to

caucus time.

There’s a lot of campaigning to go between now and February. I think it’s

unclear if she is speaking too soon. But the one good news for her is that

this has been a slow and steady climb. Really since she got in on New

Year’s Eve, she has really, especially since the spring, been climbing

steadily and slowly and so this is not a sugar rush or a sugar high. This

seems to be genuine momentum built especially at the grass roots level.”

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Biden but Pete Buttigieg go a little bit harder after Warren now that we’re

seeing her rise in a number of polls including this one this weekend.”

7. “SHEPARD: Yes, winning in Iowa would be rocket fuel for her campaign. The

one he said like he coming back to and just kind of analogue for this

campaign might be 2004. And we were – In the fall of 2004 – fall of 2003

rather, looking at Howard Dean Vermont Governor really gaining strength and

tapping into a lot of grass roots support. But for Democratic voters, the

most important thing in that campaign came beating George Bush. That

became a dominating issue.

We all think of Howard Dean screen, the night of the Iowa caucuses is what undid (ph) in his campaign. But he just finished third that night. This is – His campaign was sputtering long before that. That was the final nail in coffin. Eventually, Democratic voters decided they wanted somebody who could beat George Bush. And they went with John Kerry. Now John Kerry didn't beat George Bush.

But that's a lesson that I'm just think about a lot as I think about what Iowa could mean and what that could mean for New Hampshire. These are places where – Elizabeth Warren, if she can go the distance in Iowa, she will be set up really well in New Hampshire (INAUDIBLE)."

Positive

1. "Earlier this week in Iowa, Joe Biden said, you know, you got to ask Elizabeth Warren what's going to happen when she raises your taxes if we are in the middle of a recession. And what was interesting about that, though, and one of the reasons I think Elizabeth Warren is going to have some sort of lasting staying power is when she was asked about these attacks she refused to sort of engage. She ignored the attacks. She said that's not what I'm talking about. I'm talking about lowering costs for Americans when it comes to healthcare and sort of pivoted back to her message.

So, while Elizabeth Warren is going to face attacks as she continues to rise in the polls as we saw from Joe Biden, I think that the way she's

engaging with this or really refusing to engage with it is going to help

her sustain that rise.”

2. “You know, Steve, it is not – we play these things out too far in advance I know. But if Elizabeth Warren were ever to win Iowa, the track record of a Massachusetts candidate in New Hampshire is pretty good and the track of a candidate winning Iowa in New Hampshire getting the nomination is also pretty good.”

Negative

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Septmeber 24

Biden – 0:3:0

1. “Pelosi announced her moved in the wake of revelations that Trump pushed the president of Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden and his son, Hunter Biden during a phone call in late July. Reports alleged Trump may have linked aid to Ukraine to the government’s willingness to conduct an inquiry into the Biden’s.”

2. “Out of concern that Trump would use the conversation to press Kiev for damaging information on Trump’s potential rival in the 2020 race, former vice president Joe Biden and Biden’s son, Hunter.” That, again, from “The Washington Post” this evening.”

3. “We should note, however, they did ask in this poll, had folks heard about this Trump/Biden Ukraine story. Forty-four percent said they had heard little or nothing about it so far.”

September 25

Biden – 2:9:1

Warren – 3:2:1

Biden

Neutral

1. “The document, which is not a verbatim transcript, but is based

off of notes and recollections of a conversation, the document confirms

reports that Trump asked for an investigation of Joe Biden and his son.”

2. “There is a lot of talk about Biden`s son, that Biden stopped the

prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that. So whatever

you can do with the attorney general would be great.”

Note that there is no evidence that either Vice President Biden or his son

Hunter were guilty of any wrongdoing in Ukraine.”

3. “ We need to know exactly and hear

precisely from the attorney general himself what, if any, instructions,

guidance, requests, solicitations came from the White House to him to open

a case on Biden or to pressure Ukraine to start looking at Biden? We need

to understand that because that would be outside the realm of the attorney

general`s duties.”

4. “KORNACKI: Sam, in addition to the requests here for the investigation into

the Bidens from the President, there is also this reference to 2016 to his

suspicious –

SAM STEIN, THE DAILY BEAST POLITICS EDITOR: Right.”

5. “But there were also people inside the President`s team who felt like it

wasn`t that bad, that what they saw there did not contain a explicit quid

pro quo, that press reports had said eight instances of the President Trump

pressuring the Ukraine President on Biden. In fact, there were not eight. “
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that Elizabeth Warren could be at least equaling Biden as a co-front runner
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conversation tonight before this about this phone call was rooted in part
at least in the President’s belief that Joe Biden was his biggest threat.”

8. “O’BRIEN: Well, and I think, you know, every time you saw Joe Biden, he saw
that sort of blue wall of the upper Midwest that was key to him beating
Hillary Clinton. And I think he felt very vulnerable in states like
Michigan and Wisconsin to Biden. And I think that they’ve identified him
very early on as the person that was the greatest threat to them. I think
in the end Donald Trump is the greatest threat to himself.”

9. “KORNACKI: Yes. And Gene, just very quickly. Biden has been running on
this idea of electability that concerns you here from some Democrats, are -
- is Elizabeth Warren electable, because her politics are a bit more to the
left perhaps than Joe Biden’s. “

Positive

1. “And a

central theme of this inquiry in this impeachment will be the President’s
attempt to get dirt on Joe Biden. What’s going to be the political impact
of that? Will that potentially help Biden? I don’t see it hurting him
among Democrats. And maybe it won’t have an impact on the dynamics of the

race. But I kind of think maybe it might.”

2. “ROBINSON: Well, yes, these numbers move up, she seems to look more electable. So it’s kind of a self-fulfilling prophecy I think. If she wins a couple of primaries, she’ll look more electable than to some people than perhaps she did before. But does the impeachment dynamic sort of confirm Biden’s electability because he’s one Trump most afraid of so maybe is the one we are to go with. And so I think, you know, those forces are going to be sort of at odds with one another.”

Negative

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Warren

Neutral

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Tim O’Brien and Eugene Robinson are still with us. Gene, in California we have the national poll also recent polls have Warren first in Iowa and New

Hampshire.

ROBINSON: Yes.

KORNACKI: Do we have a new front-runner?"

2. "ROBINSON: I wouldn't say yet we have a new front-runner. Let's wait for a few more polls. Let's wait until we get some averages that show her as a front-runner. But it looks now more like a two-person race than it looked before. And clearly Warren has been on the way up. However, there's now a new factor."

Positive

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So I don't think they know yet how to take on Elizabeth Warren. I think they had an idea, you know, sleepy Joe, he's a holdover, et cetera, et cetera. The best he's been able to do so to fight with Elizabeth Warren is to slur her as Pocahontas. And I don't think that's going to get him any

traction with voters.”

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But you got to give Warren credit for just sort of plugging ahead and steadily moving up. And you give her credit for that.”

Negative

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- is Elizabeth Warren electable, because her politics are a bit more to the left perhaps than Joe Biden’s. What is your sense? Is that electability calculation changing it all as Warren’s numbers have moved up among Democrats?”

September 26

Biden – 0:1:0

“That included an investigation of Joe Biden and his son, Hunter.

The complaint released today corroborates that. The complaint also lays out Rudolph Giuliani’s contacts with Ukrainian officials about the Bidens and says multiple U.S. officials were, “deeply concerned by what they viewed as Mr. Giuliani’s circumvention of national security decision-making process – processes to engage with Ukrainian officials and relay messages back and forth between Kyiv and the President.””

September 30

Biden – 0:4:0

Neutral

1. “In the breaking news we are covering tonight, it has to do with that phone call between Donald Trump and the President of Ukraine. When Trump pushed the Ukrainian President Zelensky to do him a favor and look into his likely Democratic rival Joe Biden.”

2. “WILLIAMS: Also today the President’s globe trotting personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, received a subpoena from the House Intelligence Oversight and Foreign Affairs Committee. Giuliani has been at the center of efforts to get Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden’s family and he’s mentioned in the whistleblower’s complaint multiple times.”

3. “And we’re learning more and more about the role of the State Department in this whole Ukraine episode because Rudy Giuliani is talking about how he has been coordinating some of his work with Ukraine, his conversations with Ukraine through the State Department, and it begs the question of whether the State Department, which is supposed to be conducting foreign policy on behalf of the nation is instead focused on the President’s sort of personal political interests in doing the President’s bidding when it comes to the investigation of Joe Biden that Trump has so wanted.”

4. “CAROL LEE, NBC NEWS CORRESPONDENT: Well, what we know about what was happening at that time, which Ambassador Bolton would have been aware of, keenly aware of was that there was this effort by the President to hold up the military aid for Ukraine and there was concern among people in the White House and elsewhere that that was somehow – that the President was tying that to what he wanted the Ukrainian government to do in terms of investigating the former Vice President Joe Biden and his son Hunter. So

Bolton would have been aware of that obviously. And so, you know, you can't separate that from the fact that he was concerned about the President making this call."
