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## Kamala Harris' Approval Ratings Lag Behind Mike Pence's

**55% had an unfavorable opinion**

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**USPA NEWS** - As the 2024 elections draw nearer, recent poll results are sounding alarm bells for the Biden-Harris campaign. As Vice President Kamala Harris continues to face lower approval ratings compared to Mike Pence and other predecessors, President Biden is also grappling with deeply negative public sentiment, especially because of his handle of Israel-Gaza war as well as his handle of the economy and inflation. These alarming indicators underscore the urgency for the administration to reassess its strategies, address voter concerns, and mobilize its base as it navigates the increasingly complex political landscape leading up to the election.

A recent report by the LA Times sheds light on Vice President Kamala Harris' approval ratings, indicating a challenging landscape for the vice president as she navigates her role in the Biden administration. According to the report, as of April 3, only 40% of registered voters held a favorable opinion of Harris, while a significant 55% viewed her unfavorably, resulting in a net rating of -15 percentage points.

These figures place Harris' net favorability slightly lower than that of former Vice President Mike Pence at a similar point in their respective tenures. Moreover, Harris falls well below the ratings of three previous vice presidents, indicating a notable disparity in public perception. Criticism of Harris extends beyond her current role, with mentions of her tenure as a district attorney in Californian with many Californians disapproving her role as a state prosecutor.

Additionally, a wave of commentary on social media has emerged, with some users expressing the view that Harris primarily aligns herself with President Biden's agenda without showcasing independent leadership. Critics have gone so far as to label her as more of an influencer assistant than a vice president, questioning her effectiveness in driving policy initiatives.

According to CNN, the survey suggests a narrowing margin between the approval ratings of Harris and Pence, a notable observation given the significance of vice presidential approval in shaping public perception of the administration.

The poll reveals that while President Trump led by 5 points in the last Times/Siena survey in late-February, the current numbers show a more balanced contest, with 48% of respondents supporting each candidate. This parity is reflected in the CNN Poll of Polls average, which incorporates the new survey results.

Despite the shift in specific poll numbers, the overall perception of the country remains largely unchanged. A significant majority of voters, 64%, still believe that the United States is heading in the wrong direction. Furthermore, President Biden continues to face deeply negative approval ratings, with only 38% of respondents approving of his performance while 59% disapprove.

Economic indicators also paint a bleak picture, with 79% of respondents rating economic conditions as either only fair or poor. These figures underscore the challenges facing the Biden administration as it navigates complex economic issues amidst a backdrop of widespread discontent.

These observations underscore the multifaceted challenges confronting Biden-Harris campaign as they seek to solidify a better place within the 2024 elections. As public scrutiny intensifies and expectations remain high, Biden-Harris face the daunting task of navigating both internal and external pressures while shaping their legacy.

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