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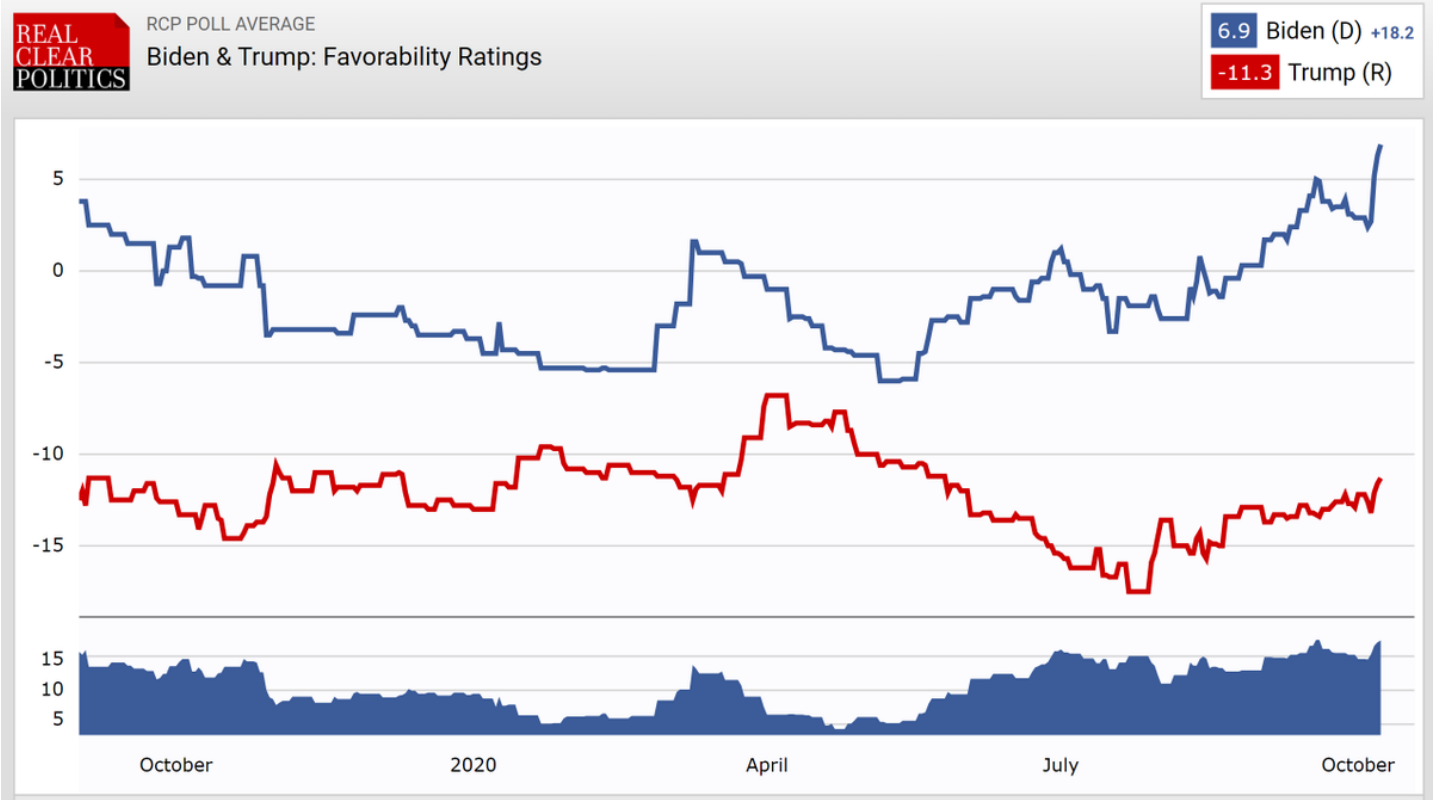
Old folks are not on Twitter. They don't drive the social media conversation. Most campaign reporters are young, and naturally gravitate towards the issues of their generation. But this leads to reporting that doesn't align with the driving concerns of much of the electorate. https://t.co/fczhCHGh8c

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This is convenient, but wrong. Biden has been polling this well against Trump since late 2019. Other Democratic candidates like Warren and even Bernie (who polled pretty well) did not. This difference requires explanation if we are being honest and not projecting our preferences. https://t.co/aQrPWbZ3Cv

> Alternative:
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> Biden is not that good at this, Trump is just deeply unpopular right now
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> — tetrakis[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]borate (@betaturn) October 12, 2020

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Too long, didn't read: Contrary to what you might have heard on this web site, people are not just voting against Trump, they are voting FOR Biden. https://t.co/AbUmVTo99I

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Stop and appreciate for a moment that Biden's favorability has gotten BETTER since the presidential campaign began and Republicans turned their weapons on him alone. Candidates typically go down once they are nominated and attacks and polarization kick in. Biden reversed gravity. https://t.co/AbUmVTo99I

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