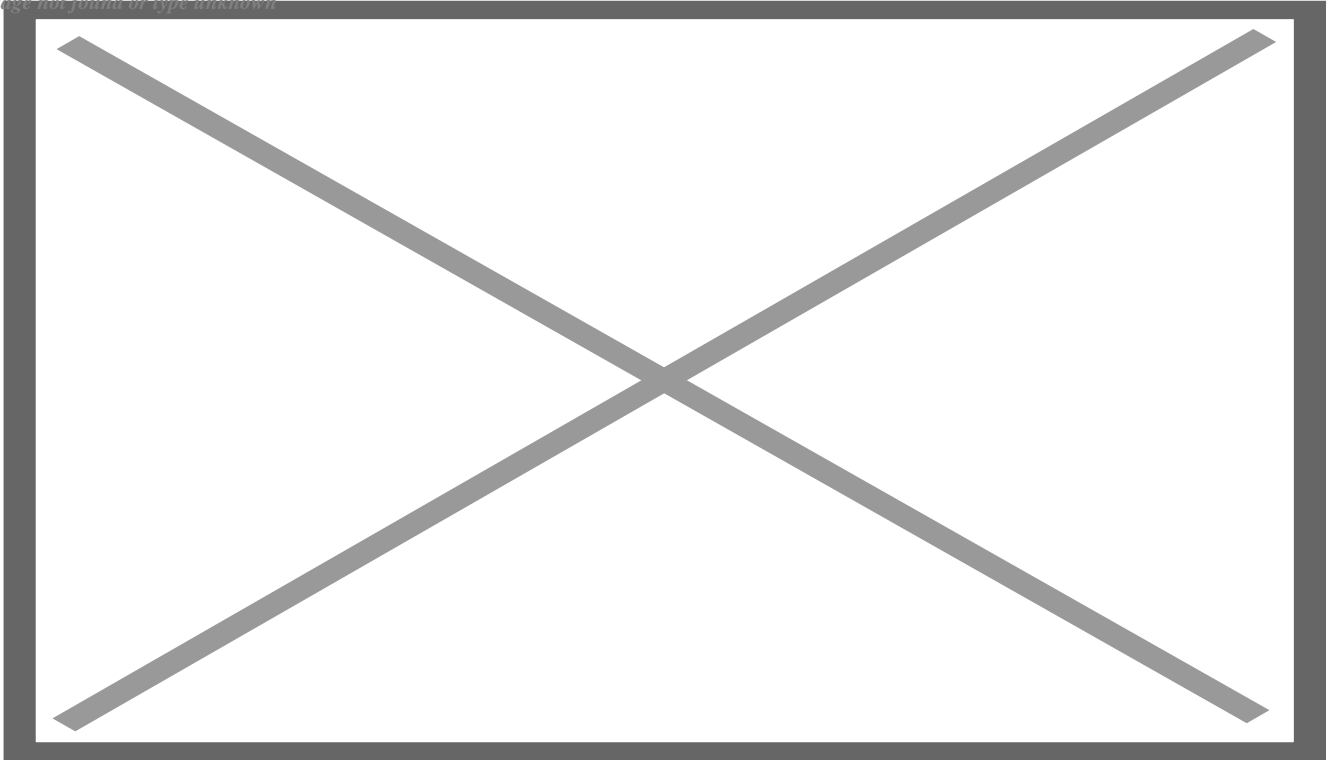


Harris: Victory without advantage

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The debate between the candidates for the presidency of the United States, Kamala Harris for the Democratic Party and Donald Trump for the Republican Party, did not translate into a significant movement in the voting intentions of the citizens, as the experts had previously warned.

This is because this type of debate is more of a show, an exhibition where the candidates take advantage of the opportunity to project their image, rather than an in-depth analysis of the most pressing problems or needs of the people or the country.

General topics are touched upon, such as the economy, without detailing possible government programs, or migration, with Trump's catchphrases or ideas, without addressing its root causes, which often lie in the United States and its regional and global policies.

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So far, there is no evidence that this has had any impact on the polls for the November 5 elections.

The endorsement of Harris by popular singer Taylor Swift has not had much of an impact either, as only six percent of those polled said the artist's gesture made them more inclined to vote for the Democratic candidate.

On the other hand, 13 out of 100 said the opposite, and 81 percent said the data made no difference in their sympathies.

The real estate magnate has another fact in his favor: 42 percent of the population considers him too conservative, while 47 percent consider Harris too liberal, a condition that is not exactly advantageous in a country like the United States.

Almost 50 days before the elections, the Five Thirty-Eight portal, which averages the different polls, gives Kamala Harris 48 points compared to Donald Trump's 45.4.

It is not a big difference, but in any case, in an electoral system as complex as the American one, it is not this trend that determines the outcome.

Let's remember that the winner is not the one who gets the most votes nationally, but the one who gets the majority of the 538 electors, who are proportionally drawn from the 50 states plus the District of Columbia. So, the battle is centered in the states with the most electors, such as California, Texas, Florida, New York, or Pennsylvania, where nothing is decided.

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