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Summary: A reasonable guess is working-class class voters will be half again as large as college voters in 2024. That means that slippage in the working-class vote can have on outsize effect on the outcome. In 2020, Trump carried the overall working-class vote by 4 points. In 2022, Republicans carried the nationwide House vote by 13 points. If Trump replicated that 2022 margin in 2024, he would be very hard to beat. Absent a countervailing Democratic improvement in the college vote—which the Democrats already carried by 18 points in 2020—Trump would likely carry Arizona, Georgia, Nevada, Wisconsin, and even Pennsylvania and Michigan. A counter trend among the smaller college-educated group could still cancel these effects out but to completely do so it would have to be larger than the working-class shift, spiking Biden's advantage among the college-educated to over 30 points. Possible, but a very heavy lift. Since Trump is regularly showing double digit advantages among working-class voters in trial heats and has a proven track record in attracting working-class support, the challenge for Biden's campaign seems clear. They must at all costs prevent the kind of working-class slippage that could put Trump once again in the Oval Office.

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