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Summary: If an election were held today, we’d enter the evening with a lot of uncertainty about the outcome, both because the polling in the pivotal Blue Wall states (Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin) has been close since Biden dropped out of the race and because there’s some intrinsic uncertainty about where the race stands given how much news there’s been lately. The problem with the Blue Wall strategy is that Harris needs to win all three (while also avoiding surprising losses elsewhere like New Hampshire). Although these states’ outcomes are fairly strongly correlated in the model, that’s still harder than winning just one. And while Harris has a more viable path in Georgia and North Carolina than Biden, she and the campaign still have their work cut out there. Overall, the model thinks the Electoral College would be a tossup if Harris wins the popular vote by 2 to 3 percentage points. Put differently, she basically needs to win the popular vote by 2.5 points to beat the point spread.

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