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***Warnock Cements Place as Top Democrat in GA Special Election:  
In Position to Defeat Loeffler***

Democrat Raphael Warnock is gaining ground ahead of the November 3<sup>rd</sup> all-party primary for the special election to fill former Senator Johnny Isakson's seat in the U.S. Senate. Reverend Warnock has moved far ahead of the other Democratic candidates as he continues to build support across Georgia.<sup>1</sup>

In an environment where Georgians are open to voting for Democrats statewide, Warnock's movement at the expense of the other Democratic candidates improves his chances to avoid a runoff and to be seated as the next U.S. Senator from Georgia as early as this November.

The following are key findings from the data:

- ***Warnock surges, setting him up as Loeffler's top challenger.*** Kelly Loeffler and Raphael Warnock now stand apart from their opponents in the race for Georgia's "B" seat. The dynamics of the race have changed significantly since early July. In particular, Warnock's surge stands out as he now has more of the vote than the other two Democratic candidates combined.

Warnock remains less well known than Loeffler, but his support is growing with Democrats and Independents, putting him in position to continue his advance in the coming weeks.

	<i>July 6-9</i>	<i>Sept 14-16</i>
<i>Kelly Loeffler</i>	21	29 (+8)
<b><i>Raphael Warnock</i></b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25 (+9)</b>
<i>Doug Collins</i>	26	19 (-7)
<i>Matt Lieberman</i>	19	11 (-8)
<i>Ed Tarver</i>	9	5 (-4)

- ***Georgia voters are not sold on Loeffler's performance as Senator.*** Currently, only 38 percent of likely voters approve of Senator Kelly Loeffler's job performance. Loeffler, who was appointed by the Governor, heads into November without the type of approval that incumbents typically require to win.
- ***Biden leads Trump in Presidential contest.*** In another sign that Georgia is truly in play at the Presidential level this year, Democratic nominee Joe Biden leads President Trump here 49 – 46 percent in a head-to-head matchup.

<sup>1</sup> Survey of 600 likely November voters in Georgia was conducted by live dialers between September 14-16, 2020 and carries a margin of error of +/- 4.0 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence interval.

