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CONFLICTED SOULS CONFUSE THE POLLS

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President Trump is a conundrum wrapped in an enigma, and to add interest, he's trying extra hard to keep everyone guessing. And presidential preference polls are confounded.

"Never-Trumpers," whether democrat or republican, have lost all objectivity about anything Trump does. They're totally and predictably anti-Trump.

Trump's so-called "base" is enthused about almost anything he says or does, even his outrageous personality and combative nature. Nothing will push them away.

Then there are two groups of voters who are terribly conflicted by all of this swirling political contradiction and confusion. These groups are mostly republican, but also include many independent voters and a very few traditional democrats.

One group has already aligned itself with Trump, in spite of his antics, but they remain personally very conflicted, and aren't vocal about their choice. The polls aren't yet fully reflecting this group.

Finally, there are many who favor most of Trump's policies, but are so put off by his antics and conduct that they haven't yet admitted to themselves or to the polls their final choice.

How many of this last group will finally let policy preferences "trump" style and behavior? Many will settle on Trump. That final total will decide the election.