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There's been a raft of reporting this week on Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden's possible problem with Hispanic voters. "Trump is doing better with Hispanics than he did four years ago," CNN's Harry Enten reported. There are a number of reasons for this — as Derek Thompson noted in The Atlantic, those reasons include Florida's "historically conservative Cuban American cohort" moving toward Trump and the fact that "young Latino men born in the United States seem to be inching toward Trump," a nationwide shift.

Another possible contributor to Biden's lack of success with Hispanic voters may be an onslaught of anti-Biden disinformation that "is inundating Spanish-speaking residents of South Florida ahead of Election Day, clogging their WhatsApp chats, Facebook feeds and even radio airwaves at a saturation level that threatens to shape the outcome in the nation's biggest and most closely contested swing state," Sabrina Rodriguez and Marc Caputo reported in Politico this week.

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