

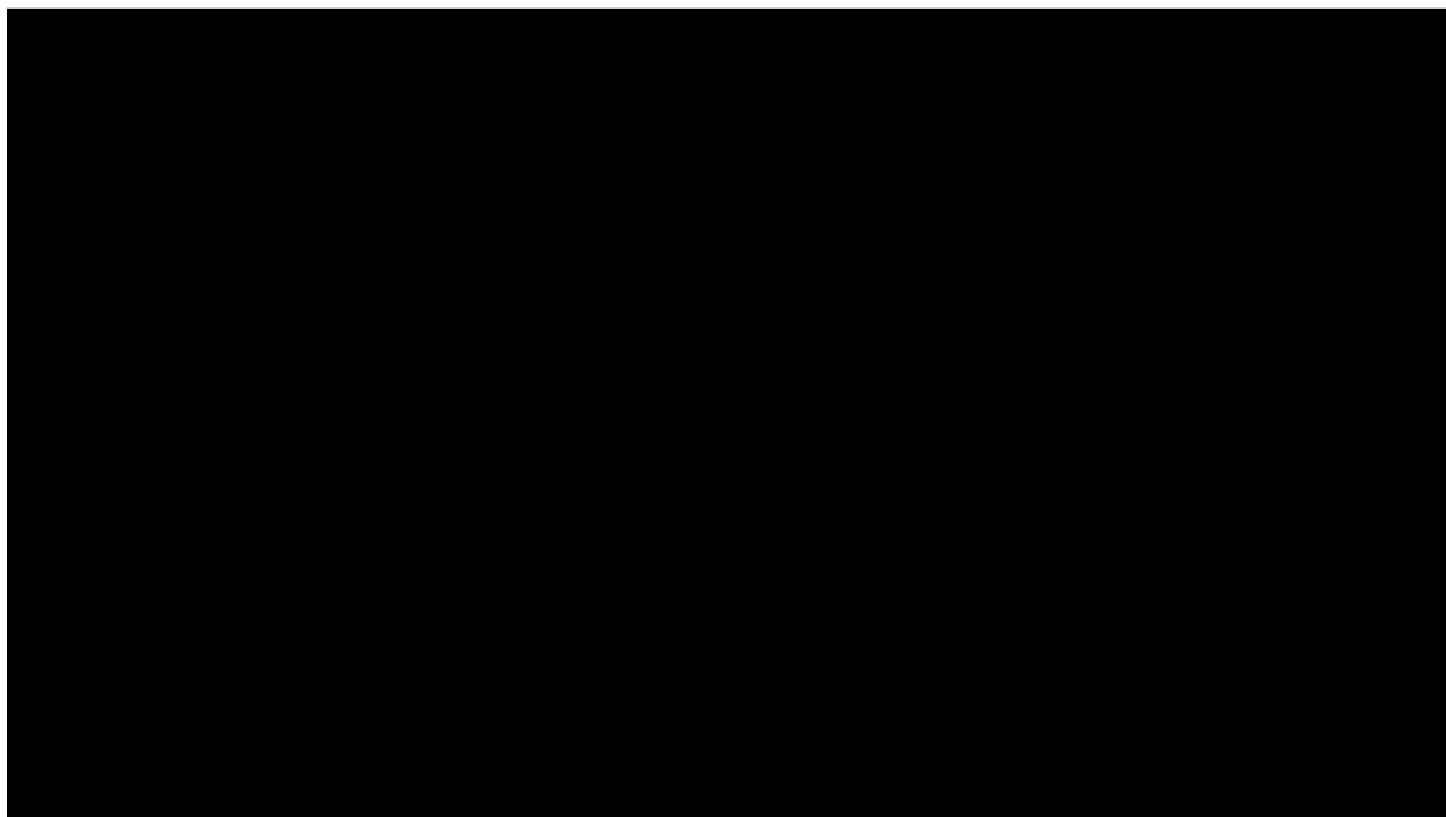


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Amish turn out for Pennsylvania vote in 'unprecedented numbers': source

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Republicans **could see a boost** in Pennsylvania from a demographic rarely seen at the polls: the Amish.

The state's famed "Pennsylvania Dutch" registered to vote in "unprecedented numbers" in response to a January federal raid on a local raw milk farm in Bird in Hand, Pa., a source familiar with the situation told The Post.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture stormed Amos Miller's farm Jan. 4 after reports of illnesses in children linked to raw dairy products purchased there, according to the local media outlet [Lancaster Farming](#).



An Amish horse and buggy makes its way toward a polling location at the Leacock Township municipal building in Intercourse, Pa., on Tuesday.

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An Amish man walks past supporters of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump outside the polling station at the Ronks Fire Department in Ronks, Pa., on Tuesday.

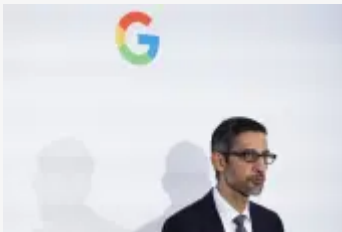
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An Amish family leaves a polling location at the Leacock Township municipal building.

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The Amish community saw the move as an overzealous reach by the government and was planning to vote for GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump, whose party favors less government intervention.

“That was the impetus for them to say, ‘We need to participate,’ ” the source said of local Amish voters. “This is about neighbors helping neighbors.”

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The Amish community rallied around Miller, who cited his religious beliefs as a reason for not adhering to Food and Drug Administration guidelines.

“If you think about Amish people and their connection to nature, I mean, some of these people work in the fields barefoot to be closer to the earth,” the source told The Post.

Actual numbers of Amish voters were unclear as of Tuesday night, though horse-and-buggy rigs were seen at polling locations in photographs from the region.

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