

# ★ ELECTION 2024 UPDATE ★

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK - JUNE 27, 2024

## DEBATE PREVIEW

President Biden and former President Trump are squaring off in their first presidential debate of the 2024 election at CNN's Atlanta studios on Thursday. The stakes are high for both candidates as the race for president remains extremely tight. President Biden, who has been prepping all week at Camp David, will be working hard to convince voters he is up to a second term. In contrast, former President Trump will likely make the case that the country was better off economically during his first term. The events of January 6th, the Dobbs decision, and former President Trump's recent conviction in New York will likely be raised by President Biden. Inflation, overseas conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East, and Hunter Biden's conviction will likely be raised by President Trump.

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*"Right now, former President Trump has a slim lead and a chance to win in November. So what does he need to do in the first debate to make it happen? He knows he blew it during the first debate of the 2020 election cycle by being too argumentative and not discussing substance. During the second debate he was much more controlled and policy-centric in his style, but it was too late to reverse the damage done. Trump knows what he needs to do...the question is, will he actually do it?"*

## VEEPSTAKES

Former President Trump is teasing his Vice Presidential pick. Among the rumored finalists are:



**DOUG BURGUM**  
NORTH DAKOTA  
GOVERNOR



**MARCO RUBIO**  
FLORIDA SENATOR



**J.D. VANCE**  
OHIO SENATOR



**DR. BEN CARSON**  
FORMER HUD  
SECRETARY



**TIM SCOTT**  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
SENATOR

## PRIMARY RECAP

A Trump endorsement wasn't enough for several candidates on Tuesday. Establishment candidates prevailed in Utah and South Carolina.

### COLORADO'S 4TH

After a razor-thin victory in 2022, Rep. Lauren Boebert (R) switched districts to former Rep. Ken Buck's (R) seat and pulled out a victory in the primary. She is expected to win the seat in November.

### SOUTH CAROLINA'S 3RD

In a Republican runoff for an open seat, nurse practitioner Sheri Biggs defeated televangelist Mark Burns, who was backed by former President Trump.

### NEW YORK'S 16TH

Incumbent Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D), a high profile progressive member of Congress, was defeated by moderate Westchester County Executive George Latimer in the most expensive House primary ever. Latimer prevailed handily and is favored to win in November.

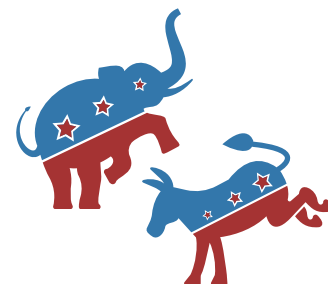
### UTAH SENATE

Rep. John Curtis (R) won the GOP primary to replace retiring Senator Mitt Romney. Curtis defeated the Trump-endorsed candidate and is favored to win in November.

## ELECTION COUNTDOWN:

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DAYS UNTIL NOV. 5



# ★ STATE OF PLAY ★

Presidential Election 2024

## POLLING AVERAGE

Trump leads polls +1.5



46.6%



45.1%

Source: [Real Clear Politics](#) as of 6/27/24

## BATTLEGROUND STATES



Source: [Real Clear Politics](#) as of 6/27/24

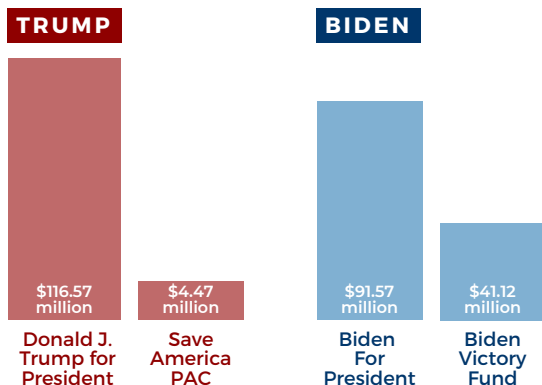
### SWING STATE SPOTLIGHT: MICHIGAN

Michigan is one of the three states comprising the Rust Belt's tossup states essential to both candidates' campaigns. Polling has the state at a pure tossup in November between Biden and Trump and both candidates are making hard pushes to drive up base support and persuade voters to choose them. President Biden is hoping to keep the Midwestern "blue wall" intact after flipping Michigan back from Donald Trump in 2020. Engaging with high Democratic support in the Detroit metro area and smaller cities are essential to his campaign strategy. Donald Trump continues to make a play for the white, working class and rural populations of the state, while trying to keep Biden's numbers elsewhere to a minimum.



**POLLING AVG:**  
Trump +0.2 as of 06/27/24

## FUNDRAISING



Source: [FEC.gov](#) as of 6/27/24

## LOOKING AHEAD



### NEXT DEBATE

September 10



### CONVENTIONS

RNC: July 15-18

DNC: August 19-22

# ★ STATE OF PLAY ★

## Congressional Election 2024

### POLLING AVERAGE

Republicans lead polls +0.6

**44.8%**      **44.2%**

Source: [Real Clear Politics](#) as of 6/27/24

### FUNDRAISING

Republican  
National  
Committee

\$54.12  
million

Democratic  
National  
Committee

\$65.16  
million

Source: [FEC.gov](#) as of 6/27/24

### SENATE RACES TO WATCH



Ohio  
D+5



West Virginia  
R+33



Montana  
D+2



Arizona  
D+5.3



Nevada  
D+5.8



Michigan  
D+2.2



Pennsylvania  
D+5.3



Texas  
R+7.8

Source: [Real Clear Politics](#) as of 6/27/24

#### SENATE SPOTLIGHT: MICHIGAN

Incumbent Senator Debbie Stabenow (D) is retiring after completing her fourth term. In the race to succeed her, Rep. Elissa Slotkin of Michigan's 7th District, anchored by the Lansing area, is the clear frontrunner for the Democratic primary. Slotkin will likely go head-to-head with Trump-endorsed former Rep. Mike Rogers, who is leading the GOP field, in the general election. Slotkin has consistently tied or led Rogers in polls conducted so far. This, along with her substantial fundraising advantage, has led several election forecasters to rate this race as Lean Democratic.

### HOUSE RACES TO WATCH



NY-17



NY-04



NY-22



CA-27



CA-41



WA-03



PA-08



ME-02

#### HOUSE SPOTLIGHT: WASHINGTON - DISTRICT 3

Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D) won this GOP-friendly southwestern Washington district in 2022 by a nail-biting .8%. Her win was largely attributed to her strong campaign, a positive environment for Democrats due to the Dobbs decision, and a weak opponent in far-right challenger and former Green Beret Joe Kent. This seat will be a rematch and is virtually tied according to polls. Kent is hoping for higher GOP turnout in a presidential year while Gluesenkamp Perez is likely to use Kent's political positions and her incumbency status to her advantage in this district that voted for Donald Trump in 2020 by 4 points.

### LOOKING AHEAD TO PRIMARY DATES

July 30: Arizona

Aug. 1/Aug. 31: Tennessee

Aug. 6: Kansas

Aug. 6: Michigan

Aug. 6/Aug. 27: Mississippi

Aug. 6: Missouri

Aug. 6: Washington

Aug. 10: Hawaii

Aug. 13: Connecticut

Aug. 13: Minnesota

Aug. 13: South Dakota

Aug. 13: Vermont

Aug. 13: Wisconsin

Aug. 20: Alaska

Aug. 20: Florida

Aug. 20: Wyoming