

★ ELECTION 2024 UPDATE ★

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK - JULY 8, 2024

BIDEN COMMITS TO STAYING IN AS UNREST GROWS

Nearly two weeks after his poor debate performance, President Biden continues to vow he will not exit the presidential race. In a Monday morning letter to congressional Democrats he said he is "firmly committed to staying in the race." The Chairs of the Congressional Black Caucus and Congressional Hispanic Caucus have voiced strong support for the President. Governors, including Newsom (CA) and Whitmer (MI) continue to strongly back his candidacy.

Congress is returning to Washington after a week away. At least five House Democrats have publicly called on Biden to drop out of the presidential race. Others have said so on internal calls. Whether or not the chorus grows remains to be seen.

Former President Trump has been remarkably quiet as the question of Biden's continued candidacy consumes the Democratic party. He may break cover soon to announce his VP pick ahead of the GOP Convention which begins next week.

DEMS CALLING FOR BIDEN TO STEP ASIDE

At least five House Democrats have publicly called on President Biden to step aside as the Democratic nominee.



BIDEN'S BUSY WEEK

President Biden will have an exceptionally busy week with the leaders of NATO coming to Washington for the alliance's annual summit.

NATO SUMMIT

President Biden will be front and center at the NATO summit in Washington. He will lead a 75th anniversary celebration and serve as host to world leaders.

WH PRESS CONFERENCE

President Biden will hold an official White House press conference on Thursday at the conclusion of the NATO Summit. His performance will be closely watched.

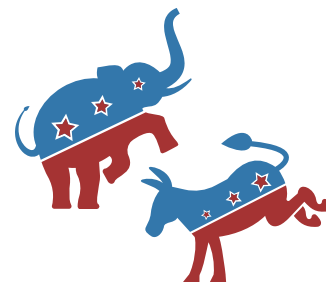
ON THE TRAIL

Following a hectic week in Washington, President Biden will hit the campaign trail again with a trip to Detroit, Michigan.

ELECTION
COUNTDOWN:

120

DAYS UNTIL NOV. 5



★ STATE OF PLAY ★

Presidential Election 2024

POLLING AVERAGE

Trump leads polls +3.3



47.5%



44.2%

Source: [Real Clear Politics](#) as of 7/8/24

BATTLEGROUND STATES



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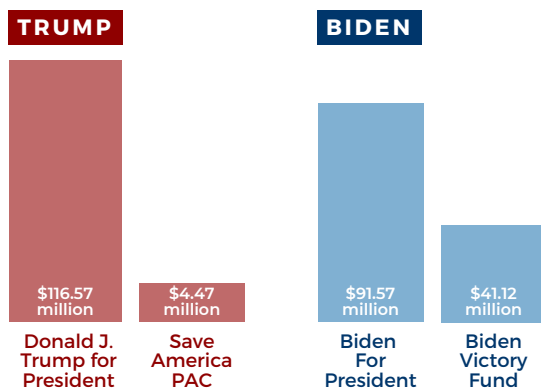
SWING STATE SPOTLIGHT: MINNESOTA

Minnesota holds the record as the longest-running Democratic state in the country at the presidential level, with the last GOP victory dating back to Richard Nixon's landslide win in 1972. In recent elections, Minnesota has remained competitive. In 2016, Hillary Clinton narrowly secured the state by just 1.5 points. However, in 2020, the state shifted toward Democrats, with Joe Biden winning by 7 points, largely due to strong support in the Minneapolis metro area. Despite this shift, the Trump campaign views Minnesota as potentially winnable, particularly if President Biden's party favorability declines further. Their strategy focuses on increasing margins in rural areas and small towns while aiming to reduce Democratic turnout in Minneapolis and the Iron Range region centered around Duluth.



POLLING AVG:
Biden +3.0 as of 07/8/24

FUNDRAISING



Source: [FEC.gov](#) as of 7/8/24

LOOKING AHEAD



NEXT DEBATE

September 10



CONVENTIONS

RNC: July 15-18

DNC: August 19-22