



Trump, DeSantis Beat Biden In ABC/WaPo Poll As Joe's Approval Hits Record Low

Description

USA: A new ABC News/Washington Post poll has thrown a big splash of cold water on President Biden's nascent re-election bid — showing him losing in match-ups with either Donald Trump or Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.

In two 2024 matchups, here's how things stack up among Americans who say they would “definitely” or “probably” vote for a given candidate:

- **Trump 44% Biden 38%.** Undecideds lean Trump 49-42.
- **DeSantis 42%, Biden 37%.** Undecideds lean DeSantis 48-41

That's not all: **Biden's approval rating took a 6-point dive from its February level to reach an all-time low of just 36%.** Against data going all the way back to Truman, that's the **worst score for any first-term president** at this point in his term. Three predecessors who were in same ballpark — Ford (40%), Carter (37%) and Trump (39%) — failed to win second terms.



Biden and DeSantis both top Biden — but given a choice of 6 best-known GOP prospects, Trump trounces DeSantis among GOP voters 51% to 25% (Getty Images via WESH)

The Biden administration's over-the-top emphasis on race in all manner of political nominations and appointments hasn't done a thing to improve his standing with blacks. In the most jarring of the new poll's results, **Biden's approval rating among blacks has fallen a staggering 30%** from his inauguration — plummeting from 82% to 52%.

Heading into 2024, **watch for Biden to dangle an empty commitment to reparations** over the heads of black voters, just as he hit younger Americans with a loan-forgiveness head-fake ahead of the 2022 midterms.

A hefty 56% of Americans disapprove of what Biden's done in office, and his perceived handling of the economy is a big reason why. **In a 54%-to-36% rout, Trump is perceived as having done a better job with the economy.** The economy ball-and-chain will only grow heavier for Biden as we move farther into the dark seas ahead.

Biden's age is clearly undermining public confidence. A full **68% of Americans think Biden is too old for a second term.** He's 80 today and would be 86 at the end of another term, assuming he lived to see it. While Trump is only four years younger, only 44% of American's think he's too old.



Biden was recently stumped when a child asked where he'd last traveled abroad — forgetting he'd been in Ireland just 13 days before (Win McNamee/Getty Images via Fox News)

It isn't just age that worries Americans — it's also Biden's observed condition. **Only 32% think he has the mental acuity to be an effective president.** Trump's score on having requisite sharpness has actually risen — to 54% today from 46% in 2020. On physical fitness, only 33% give Biden a thumbs-up. Trump almost doubles him up, with 64% saying he's sufficiently fit.

Even the Blue Team groans in anticipation of a Biden 2024 bid: **Only 36% of Democrats want Biden nominated again**, with 58% wanting someone else.

There's some bad news for Trump too, as 56% say he should face charges related to alleged illegal attempts to overturn the 2020 election results, and 54% think he should face criminal charges over handling of classified documents and his actions relative to the Jan. 6 riots. Forty-one percent think Biden is honest and trustworthy, compared to 33% for Trump.

As much as these new results are likely to dampen Democrat confidence, **those hoping for a Republican takeover of the White House should remember that many a midterm poll pointed to a red wave that never materialized.**

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