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2024 showdowns: Biden tops Trump but trails DeSantis in national poll's potential match ups

New poll suggests Republicans by a 56%-33% margin prefer Gov. Ron DeSantis over former President Trump as 2024 GOP presidential nominee

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A new national poll suggests [Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida](#) topping Democratic President Biden in a hypothetical 2024 presidential election matchup.

However, the same poll suggests that Biden leads former President Trump.

The survey from the Suffolk University and USA Today also indicates that Republican voters would prefer DeSantis over Trump as their standard-bearer in 2024 by double digits.

DeSantis would edge Biden 46.6%-42.7% if both faced off against each other in the 2024 general election, according to the poll, which was conducted Dec. 7-11.

However, Biden tops Trump 47.3%-39.5% in a potential rematch of their 2020 presidential election showdown, the survey of 1,000 registered voters nationwide indicates. Biden's lead is up from four-point margin in Suffolk University survey in October.

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President Biden and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis arrive to tour an area impacted by Hurricane Ian on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022, in Fort Myers Beach, Florida. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

While the poll points to Biden's favorable ratings ticking up in recent months — although they are still underwater — support for him seeking a second term has declined from 45% in autumn to 40% now. Among all voters, less than a quarter of those questioned said they wanted to see Biden seek a second term in the White House, with just over two-thirds saying no.

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Former President Trump launched his third White House bid last month with an announcement at his Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach, Florida. Only a quarter of all respondents wanted Trump to seek the White House again.

Among Republicans, 47% wanted him to run again, down from 60% in July. Forty-five percent of GOP voters do not want him making another presidential bid.



Former President Trump, during an announcement at his Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, Florida, Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022, launches a third campaign for the White House. (Eva Marie Uzcategui/Bloomberg via Getty Images)

DeSantis, who last month won a landslide re-election, tops Trump 56%-33% among Republican voters when asked whom they prefer as the 2024 presidential nominee.

For over a year, DeSantis has routinely discounted talk of a 2024 White House run as he stayed focused on his 2022 gubernatorial re-election. However, he has become a major force in the GOP as he has built a political brand that stretches from coast to coast, and political prognosticators view him as a potential presidential contender.

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The poll indicates that by a two-to-one margin, Republicans and GOP-leaning independents now say they want Trump's policies but a different standard-bearer to lead them in 2024.

"Republicans and conservative independents increasingly want Trumpism without Trump," [Suffolk University Political Research Center](#) director David Paleologos said.

Two years after his 2020 election defeat at the hands of Biden, Trump remains the most popular and influential politician in the Republican Party and the clear polling front-runner in the burgeoning 2024 GOP nomination race.

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Suffolk University/USA TODAY poll of registered voters

The one demographic that prevented a red wave in the 2022 midterms, Indy women, would sink Donald Trump in

2024.

Independent Women
Biden 51%
Trump 28%
Someone else 8%
Wouldn't vote 5%
Undecided 7%

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However, his latest campaign launch was anything but spectacular. Trump's candidacy kick-off event last month at his Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach, Florida was widely criticized not only by Democrats but also by fellow Republicans.

Some in Trump's political orbit told Fox News the early announcement was intended in part to clear the field of potential rivals and help the former president avoid the growing net of legal entanglements, but it appears to have failed on both accounts.

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Trump also appears to be the victim of self-inflicted wounds, from his heavily criticized dinner at Mar-a-Lago with the antisemitic rapper Ye — formerly known as Kanye West — and White nationalist and Holocaust denier Nick Fuentes to a widely panned social media post which appeared to

suggest the "termination" of the U.S. Constitution in order to overturn the 2020 presidential election results.

Additionally, the defeat of Trump-endorsed Herschel Walker to Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock in Georgia's crucial Senate runoff election one week ago was the latest setback of a Republican nominee handpicked and supported by the former president in the midterm elections. Walker's loss followed high-profile defeats by Pennsylvania's Mehmet Oz, Arizona's Kari Lake and Blake Masters, Wisconsin's Tim Michels, Nevada's Adam Laxalt and Michigan's Tudor Dixon.

Trump has yet to hold any campaign rallies — unlike during the launch of his successful 2016 presidential campaign. However, aides tell Fox News that is by design and that the former president will increasingly hold public events starting next month.

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"President Trump entered the race three weeks ago ready to win and he is going to do exactly that — no amount of wishful thinking from the media or consultant class will change it," Taylor Budowich, spokesman for the Trump-aligned MAGA Inc. super PAC recently told Fox News.

Budowich touted that Trump is "building one of the most ruthless and talented teams in American politics, and he is the only person in the country who is ready and capable of reversing America's decline."

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georgiaboy

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If Trump wins the primary and he is the candidate for the Republicans I WILL VOTE FOR HIM. I'd vote for any candidate that doesn't have a "D" behind his name. I'll NEVER vote for a Democrat until the party changes and I don't see that happening.

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J justpassingas938

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If it comes down to a choice I'd vote for DeSantis before Trump but there's no way I'd ever vote Democrat

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S SUZON

2 hours ago

It won't matter. By 2024, Democrats will make sure that they, by whatever means, will control election outcomes.

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T tpb469

2 minutes ago

I sadly have to agree with you. We've seen this movie over and over.

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F fumducker

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Maybe. But what will the republican house do to fix it? They must fix ballot fraud.

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C chrisnottain

1 minute ago

The circus has left town and the only thing left is the monkey begging for peanuts. Trump is done, so best hitch your wagon to DeSantis, at least for now. We have some more bright stars to chose from.

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M michaelg201

4 hours ago

I voted for Trump twice because he was the best option given the choices. I liked his policies but he behaved as too much of a bully. It was not presidential and it turned off many people who would otherwise support him. He has not changed and will not likely

change. DeSantis has demonstrated his ability to handle complex social issues without these kinds of insults that turn away potential supporters.

DeSantis 2024 please!

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R respectpeople-

2 hours ago

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We need what's best for the country and not for a candidate and I voted for Trump twice. He has to go now. Lots of independents won't vote for him.

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R rt65

2 hours ago

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You are spot on. Republicans are finally (finally!) coming to the realization that Trump cannot win again. He lost too many independents and they aren't coming back. The good news is that the GOP will likely win in 2024 armed with this knowledge.

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B BillyJackwasaliberal

3 minutes ago

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You voted for trump twice? I could see once by mistake but the second time you were just ruining America!...As soon as Trump drops the dirt on DeSantis along with the slew of reporters that will soon go after him, then DeSantis will be at the same Poor level as Trump! America is just simply sick and tired of crazy conspiracy theory hate filled republicans. They said it loud and clear on election day. History Inflation and Biden's lower approval numbers should have given republicans a huge huge red wave but the American people said no no no. Republicans have lost the last 3 major elections They are finished Because the American people are finished with them and they're craziness.

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T toomuchfakeoutrage

2 hours ago

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Sure, Fox is trying their best to erase Trump, but best believe, Trump is NOT going away that easy.

He might not win, but he's bringing gasoline and a box of matches to the party.

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P **ProudDeplorable2022**

2 hours ago

And that's the problem. He'd rather torch the GOP than lose.

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B **benjimaximus**

43 minutes ago

Exactly. He doesn't care if he hurts the country or the party its all about him.

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independentvoter2257

1 minute ago

as is his mentality and childish behavior. Standing by with a fire extinguisher

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w **WouldlikeDemded**

5 hours ago

Two years is a long way down the road. A lot can happen in between.

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s **shockedcanuck**

4 hours ago

You're right. At their respective ages, both Biden and Trump could expire from natural causes in less than 2 years.

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chuckM495

4 hours ago

Especially when so many voters have attention span issues.

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H **hwy66cynic**

5 hours ago

73% of the public believe the country is headed in the wrong direction but there is a sizable amount of the public that would still support Biden? We are in deep trouble... It is obvious that President Trump is toxic among some Republicans and a great amount of the public at large.. It is time for him to step aside and see a united party compete in 24.... Right now it appears that DeSantis could be the person to bring it all together...

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c **chinlewitt**

1 hour ago

A significant factor you are not considering is that the major economic issues we've been dealing with stem from global problems created by the pandemic, not by any one party, and that those problems have negatively affected virtually every nation on earth. The toxic political environment that divides our country is definitely pushing our country in the wrong direction, but most people recognize that both parties are responsible.

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M **mr.bear**

4 hours ago

73% of the country thinking we're heading in the wrong direction does not mean a large portion don't support Biden and the democratic policies.

It just means most Americans are not happy. You could blame that on both parties and partisanship politics

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w **wherearethetommccalls?**

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Trump would be lucky to win this time. He's just done too much to damage his cause. DeSantis is the new frontrunner for sure. And for good reason. He is way more professional and intelligent.

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N **Notbuyingit325** 

4 hours ago

This sounds like another attempt to convince voters that President Trump cannot win re election.

There's no way Biden can be leading anyone in any legitimate poll with the possible exception of Harris.

The Dems are so terrified of Trump they'll do anything to try to keep him from running.

If the last two years doesn't convince most voters in this country that Trump is the best person for the job then we are in serious trouble.

Love him or hate him, most of his policies were good for the country - period.

If voters would use logic instead of emotion Trump would win in a landslide.

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o **old-school-patriot** 

1 hour ago

Neither side can win on base alone and will have to pull a majority of the middle which Trump can no longer provide. The sooner the only-Trump crowd can accept this fact the better.

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D **darwinalwayswins** 

1 hour ago

No attempt to convince anyone is necessary. We all saw him lose to the weakest Dem candidate in history. We all saw him lose the Senate twice. We all saw his 2022 endorsed candidates dismal results. Trump is done.

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M **mickey1976** 

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I don't believe that Biden leads Trump by that margin.

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s **shockedcanuck**

4 hours ago

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Keep with that thought. Please please please get Trump the nomination. We are praying hard.

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This poll really doesn't tell us anything. Anyone with a reasonable amount of intelligence knows that given his physical and mental condition Biden is not going to run in 2024. Biden will be lucky if he is able to finish his present term. A more relevant poll would be to compare possible Democratic candidates against Trump and DeSantis. One thing this poll does indicate is that Trump has run his course and it is time for the GOP to move on with someone like DeSantis.

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L **LiesLiesLies**

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Anyone who runs against Trump would win. That's essentially what the poll says.

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New poll suggests Republicans by a 56%-33% margin prefer Gov. Ron DeSantis over former President Trump as 2024 GOP presidential nominee

That's a wide enough margin to split the party and ensure Democrats continue winning for the foreseeable future.

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morerightthanleft

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How are they splitting the party? If I vote for Trump in the primary and DeSantis wins the primary, I go and vote DeSantis, and vice versa.

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R **read4all**

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The GOP needs to get united, as Democrats have. Splitting the party is counterproductive, yet Trump loyalists want to go down with the ship.

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