

Democrats Are Beginning to Panic Over Trump's Progress and Biden's Weakness

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Members of the Democratic party are beginning to panic because former President Donald Trump is ahead in the electoral polls in the lead-up to the November election in the United States, in which he will most likely face a weakened Joe Biden. This panic is likely to deepen now that Trump is directly calling for a debate with Biden, especially in the context of the president's clear cognitive decline.

According to an article in The Hill, the polls showing Trump ahead of Biden in electoral preferences and the lawsuits that the Republican has managed to win to avoid being banned from the presidential election have led the Democrats to "hit the panic button."

"Democrats are beginning to hit the panic button as an implosion in former President Trump's campaign fails to materialize and a series of polls suggests President Biden is weaker than he was four years ago," The Hill published.

On March 4, the Supreme Court ruled in favour of Trump in a unanimous decision involving the 14th Amendment. Other high-profile trials have been delayed, raising questions about whether they will reach verdicts before Election Day. All this occurs when most polls have already placed the former president above Biden in electoral preferences.

A recently published Bloomberg News/Morning Consult opinion poll showed Biden trailing Trump in several critical states, including Arizona, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, North Carolina, Nevada, and Wisconsin. Democrats received another wake-up call on March 2 when a <u>New York Times /Siena College poll</u> showed Trump leading Biden 48% to 43% among registered voters nationwide for November's presidential election.

Sen. Peter Welch told The Hill that the latest poll numbers are concerning and denounced as

"outrageous" the Supreme Court's separate decision to postpone a ruling on Trump's legal immunity claims until the summer.

"We're concerned. This is going to be a tough race, but it hasn't really begun yet, so a lot of the coverage is just about Biden's age, not about his policies," the Democrat told the outlet. "The president is going to get out on the stump and he's going to have an opportunity to show he's got the energy as well as the intellect and the acuity to do the job."

Another concern for Democrats is that criminal cases brought against Trump by special counsel Jack Smith in Washington and Miami and by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis in Georgia are stuck in limbo and may not be resolved by election day, highlights The Hill.

Senate Democratic assistant majority leader and assistant minority leader Dick Durbin complained about the Supreme Court's decision not to hear the arguments on Trump's immunity claims as "a disappointment."

"Their delay in considering this critical issue, this timely issue, is going to delay the resolution of these cases by months at least," he predicted on CNN's State of the Union.

Another concern for the Democrats is that Nikki Haley announced the end of her presidential campaign after being humiliatingly defeated in coast-to-coast Super Tuesday contests. This means it is all but confirmed officially that Trump and Biden are set for a rematch in the November election. Whilst Biden praised the "courage" he said Haley displayed to challenge Trump, the former president, in a social media post, accused her of drawing support from "Radical Left Democrats."

Following Haley's withdrawal from the nomination bidding process, Trump called on Biden to debate with him on issues that are "vital to America and the American people."

In a post on his TruthSocial platform, Trump said:

"It is important, for the Good of our Country, that Joe Biden and I Debate Issues that are so vital to America, and the American People. Therefore, I am calling for Debates, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, ANYPLACE!"

White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre declined to confirm whether Biden would participate in any debates this year, citing federal law barring federal employees from speaking about election-related matters, but the current president's campaign's communications director, Michael Tyler, told The Independent that Trump was "thirsty for attention" and said the likely Republican nominee is "struggling to expand his appeal beyond the MAGA base" while promising that the debate question would be addressed "at the appropriate time in this cycle."

Effectively, the "panic button" has been hit so hard that the Democrats cannot even give a clear response on when Biden will debate Trump. Given that the current president is evidently experiencing a cognitive decline, the Democrats want to avoid a debate if possible. For all intents and purposes, although elections are still eight months away, Donald Trump will likely be the next US president on current projections.

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