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COUNTDOWN '24

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In the lead-up to the 2024 election, some state lawmakers have ramped up efforts to protect GOP gerrymanders and curtail the power of both voters and election officials.

- In Wisconsin, Republican lawmakers are threatening to impeach both the state's election administrator and a state Supreme Court justice despite a ruling finding no wrongdoing by the state's judicial commission — effectively nullifying a recent statewide election she won, Democrats say.
- In North Carolina, a bill that would give the legislature control of state and local election boards — potentially allowing lawmakers to overturn results — could soon become law.
- And Alabama continues to defy the U.S. Supreme Court by refusing to draw a new congressional district with a Black majority.

Zachary Roth [reports on the surge of anti-democratic activity](#) by state lawmakers across the nation.

TOP IMPACT *What to read this week*

[Young voters in U.S. and Oklahoma less likely to vote in 2024 or pick a political side](#)



(Photo via Getty Images)

Young voters are more politically disengaged than older generations but also might be less polarized, national polling indicates.

About a third of young adults don't intend to vote or participate civically in the 2024 elections, and 61% said they don't align with either major political party, national polling of Americans age 18-24 by the civic-focused Institute for Citizens & Scholars found. Results showed young adults are more willing to have conversations with people of different views and identified themselves at or near the ideological center, creating optimism that Generation Z could help tackle polarization, the institute reported. | [Oklahoma Voice](#)

[Absentee ballot application outage frustrates some election officials, leaves others unaffected](#)



(Photo via Indiana Secretary of State's X account)

For more than two months, Indiana voters attempting to apply for an absentee ballot online were met with a block of bright red text informing them that the function was down while the state complied with new — and controversial — voter identification requirements.

The service went back online Friday, with just a month and a half before the ballots themselves are due for the November 7 municipal elections. Although voters could apply by other means, some county election officials — of both major parties — called the outage “concerning” and “inexcusable” for voters. Others said they encountered no problems. | [Indiana Capital Chronicle](#)

BIG PICTURE *Election coverage across the country*



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- Ramaswamy rouses Michigan GOP faithful on Mackinac, claims there is ‘a war in this country’ | [Michigan Advance](#)
- Newsom and DeSantis agree to debate on Fox News | [The Hill](#)
- Big GOP donors hoped for an alternative to Trump. Now some are giving up. | [Politico](#)

- Sen. Joe Manchin leaves the door open to potential third-party presidential run in 2024 | [Texas Tribune](#)
- UAW president, Biden push back against reported Trump visit with striking Michigan workers | [Michigan Advance](#)
- Democrats have pathways to replace Biden in 2024, but they are narrowing | [Fox News](#)
- In NH swing, Haley looks for momentum — and consensus — from Republican voters | [NHPR](#)

Courts

- Potential for threats from Trump in 14th Amendment case sways Colorado judge | [Colorado Newsline](#)
- Fulton 19 recap: 900 local residents to receive jury summons in election interference trial | [Georgia Recorder](#)
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Voting

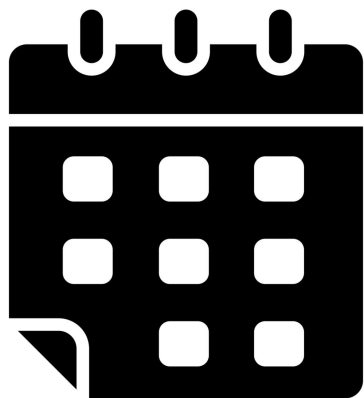
- Alabama Secretary of State unveils new voter roll management system after ERIC withdrawal | [Alabama Reflector](#)
- Louisiana Secretary of State candidates debate 2020 election denial, voting machines | [Louisiana Illuminator](#)
- NC House okays GOP bills to alter election board appointments, open voting records | [NC Newsline](#)

- After ERIC withdrawal, Virginia strikes deals with 6 states to share voter data | [Virginia Mercury](#)
- Democratic lawmaker seeks to reform Oklahoma's initiative petition process | [Oklahoma Voice](#)

Nominating contests

- State Senate votes to move up Pa.'s 2024 primary more than a month to March 19 | [Pennsylvania Capital-Star](#)
- Libertarian Party of Iowa announces it will hold caucuses Jan. 15 | [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)
- Republican presidential candidates mostly overlook New Hampshire in an effort to blunt Trump in Iowa | [ABC News](#)

COMING UP *Calendar of events*



- **Sept. 27, 2023, SIMI VALLEY, CALIFORNIA** | The second GOP presidential debate.
- **Oct. 23, 2023, FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA** | The trial date set for Trump codefendant Kenneth Chesebro.
- **Oct. 30, 2023, COLORADO** | The trial date set for a lawsuit in which [plaintiffs are suing to block](#) former President Donald Trump from the 2024 Colorado presidential ballot.

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