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COUNTDOWN '24

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Republican presidential candidates are preparing for the third GOP debate in Miami Nov. 8. Florida, the home state of both former President Donald Trump and Gov. Ron DeSantis, has become a central battleground for the two candidates.

- Trump has set his sights on taking momentum away from DeSantis by winning over support from Florida Republicans. Several Republican state lawmakers who previously endorsed DeSantis joined the former president in Kissimmee Saturday, [the Florida Phoenix reported](#).
- U.S. Sen. Rick Scott also announced his endorsement of Trump last week, [according to the Miami Herald](#). Trump has repeatedly touted the support of Florida surrogates on the campaign trail: He brought an entourage including U.S. Reps. Matt Gaetz, Byron Donalds and Anna Paulina Luna [to the Iowa State Fair](#) as he competed for attention with DeSantis.
- President Joe Biden also plans to campaign in Florida during the debate, [NBC News reports](#), placing billboards around Hialeah, where Trump plans to hold a rally Wednesday.

A fourth debate has been announced by the Republican National Committee, [according to the Associated Press](#). The next debate will take place Dec. 6 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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[Trump criticizes Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds for 'disloyalty' as she plans to endorse DeSantis](#)



(Photo by Robin Opsahl/Iowa Capital Dispatch)

Former President Donald Trump made a flurry of social media posts criticizing Gov. Kim Reynolds Sunday as the Iowa Republican is expected on Monday to endorse Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination.

Reynolds, popular with Iowa Republicans, may be an influential factor in the 2024 Iowa caucuses as DeSantis hopes to solidify his position as the most viable Trump alternative in the GOP presidential nomination process. In response to news of the endorsement, Trump fired back on Truth Social, saying “if and when” Reynolds endorses DeSantis, “it will be the end of her political career.” | [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)

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The last time America elected a president, it led to a deadly assault on the U.S. Capitol and a failed coup that gravely damaged the political system and marred the peaceful transfer of power for the first time in U.S. history.

A year from now, the nation's voters will decide another presidential contest — likely one that pits the same two candidates against each other. Despite a slew of arrests and felony convictions stemming from the events of Jan. 6, 2021, there's little sign that those who attacked democracy last time have significantly moderated their outlook, Zachary Roth reports. | [News from the States](#)

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- **Christie to pro-Trump crowd in Florida: 'Your anger against the truth is reprehensible'** | [The Hill](#)

Campaign trail

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- **Vivek Ramaswamy rents apartment in Des Moines as campaign plans to focus on Iowa** | [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)
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Candidates

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- **Extremism expert testifies on Trump’s ‘violent’ rhetoric in Colorado 14th Amendment trial** | [Colorado Newswire](#)
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- **Georgia to appeal order to add Black districts to state’s political maps, but special session still set for Nov. 29** | [Georgia Recorder](#)
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- **Trump 2024 Election Ballot Challenges Could Go to Supreme Court** | [Bloomberg](#)
- **Judge chides Trump as ex-president testifies in civil fraud trial: ‘This is not a political rally’** | [Associated Press](#)

Polls

- **Majority of likely GOP caucusgoers disagree with Trump’s abortion comments** | [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)
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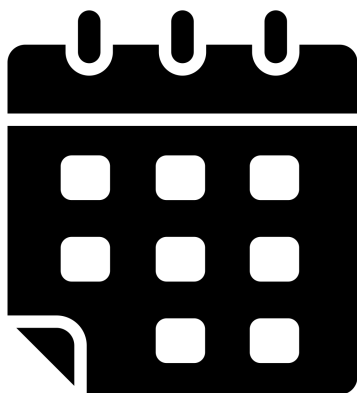


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- **National study shows Ohio suffers from health disparities, impacting voting ability** | [Ohio Capital Journal](#)

- **Kansas might have an answer to Democrats' rural voter problem** | [Politico](#)
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COMING UP Calendar of events



- **Nov. 6, 2023, DES MOINES, IOWA, 6 p.m.** | Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds is [expected to endorse DeSantis](#) at a Monday event.
- **Nov. 8, 2023, MIAMI, FLORIDA** | The [third GOP presidential debate](#).
- **Nov. 8, 2023, HIALEAH, FLORIDA** | Trump plans to [host a rally](#) 15 miles away from the presidential debate.

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