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COUNTDOWN '24

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With the first-in-the-nation caucuses and primary done, former President Donald Trump [held a rally in Nevada](#) asking supporters to caucus for him in the next GOP nominating contest.

- Last week, Trump [won the New Hampshire Republican primary](#) – a victory many political analysts say shows a viable path forward is unlikely for challengers like former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley.
- Haley [congratulated Trump](#) on his New Hampshire win Tuesday night, but told supporters the race is not over. The former ambassador said, “After Super Tuesday, we will have a very good picture of where this race stands.”
- A New Hampshire political science professor [said the results show](#) that Haley supporters may play an important role in the 2024 general election if Trump wins the nomination, potentially voting for President Joe Biden over Trump in a rematch.
- Biden [won the New Hampshire Democratic primary](#) despite his choice to not appear on the ballot because of the primary falling outside the Democratic National Committee's revised presidential nominating order.

TOP IMPACT *What to read this week*

[Supreme Court flooded with amicus briefs in Trump 14th Amendment case from Colorado](#)

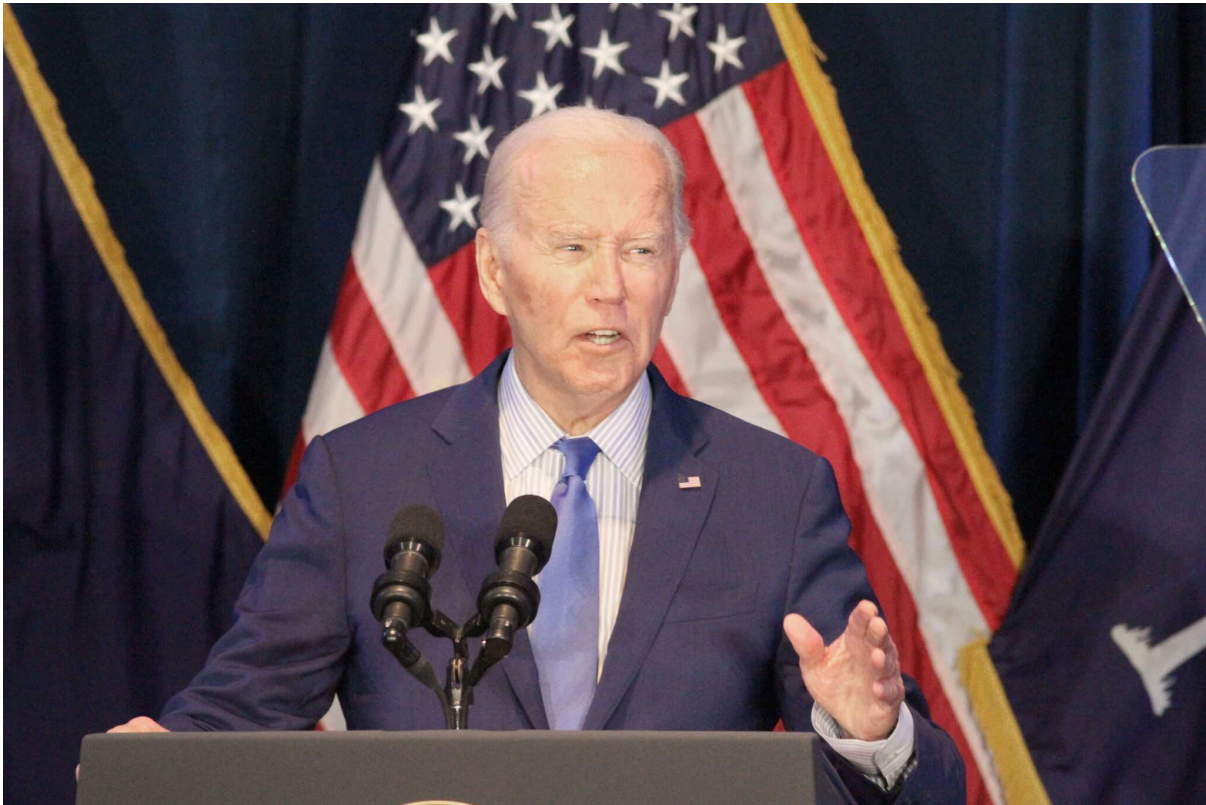


(Photo by Quentin Young/Colorado Newsline)

Constitutional law experts, state elections officials and a long list of Republican political figures are among those who have flooded the U.S. Supreme Court with their views on a landmark Colorado ruling blocking former President Donald Trump from the state's 2024 ballot under a Civil War-era insurrection clause.

Hundreds of pages of amicus — or friend-of-the-court — briefs have been filed by outside parties since the nation's highest court agreed to take up Trump's appeal of the Colorado Supreme Court's Dec. 18 ruling, which found that the Republican presidential frontrunner is ineligible to hold office under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution. | [Colorado Newsline](#)

President Biden to SC Democrats: 'You're the reason Donald Trump is a loser'



(Photo by Mary Ann Chastain/Special to the SC Daily Gazette)

Seeking another slingshot from South Carolina to the White House, President Joe Biden pitched a list of successes to the party faithful with the refrain of “promises made, promises kept.” His speech ended with a simple request: “Vote!”

Biden headlined the state Democratic Party’s “First-in-the-Nation Celebration” dinner as part of an all-out effort to jumpstart sagging enthusiasm for his re-election in the state that bolted his 2020 campaign from fifth place to first. | [SC Daily Gazette](#)

BIG PICTURE *Election coverage across the country*



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- **Harris in Las Vegas warns Trump poses ‘profound threat’ to democracy, individual rights** | [Nevada Current](#)
- **Why Nikki Haley Has So Few Friends Left in South Carolina Politics** | [New York Times](#)
- **SC taxpayers didn't foot the flights of McMaster, Evette to rally with Trump. But security costs?** | [SC Daily Gazette](#)
- **UAW delivers rousing presidential endorsement for Biden over ‘scab’ Trump** | [News from the States](#)
- **U.S. Senate Republicans insist they won’t bow to Trump demands to quit immigration talks** | [News from the States](#)
- **Trump responds to Romney’s criticism: ‘Our country will be a better place’ when he retires** | [Utah News Dispatch](#)
- **Biden campaign holds Michigan meetings amid voter anger over Middle East** | [Politico](#)

- **First lady Jill Biden skips to November, asks teachers to choose her husband over Trump** | [SC Daily Gazette](#)
- **Koch officials tell donors Nikki Haley was the right candidate to back, despite early losses to Trump** | [CNN](#)

Courts

- **Trump's 14th Amendment defense 'less legal than political,' plaintiffs tell Supreme Court** | [Colorado Newsline](#)
- **Obama-era ethics czar says Fulton prosecutor should quit Georgia 2020 election interference case** | [Georgia Recorder](#)
- **Maine's top court maintains decision to await U.S. Supreme Court ruling on Trump's eligibility** | [Maine Morning Star](#)
- **Iowa secretary of state seeks to limit ballot objections after Trump cases in Colorado, Maine** | [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)
- **Federal judge dismisses lawsuit seeking to bar Trump from Alaska election ballots** | [Alaska Beacon](#)
- **E. Jean Carroll says courtroom was a 'campaign stop' for Trump** | [CNN](#)
- **Pennsylvania GOP lawmakers file suit against Biden and Shapiro over election authority** | [Pennsylvania Capital-Star](#)

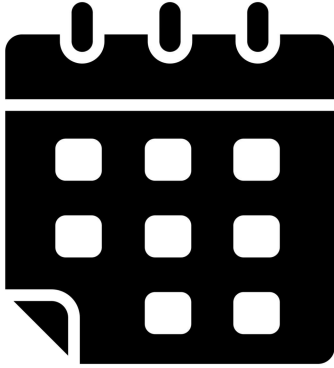
Election integrity

- **'Somehow exploitable': Election security debate returns to Kansas Statehouse** | [Kansas Reflector](#)
- **Revised version of AI electioneering manipulation bill heading to Idaho House** | [Idaho Capital Sun](#)
- **Colorado secretary of state wants legislation to address AI and fake elector threats** | [Colorado Newsline](#)
- **Governor directs lawmakers to consider fake elector crimes** | [Source NM](#)
- **Nonpartisan watchdog releases report outlining top election security threats for 2024: 'A lot can go sideways'** | [Fox News](#)

Voting, elections and nominating contests

- **Civil rights department forum tackles the rising confluence of violence and voting** | [Michigan Advance](#)
 - **Iowa GOP allocates delegates for 2024 presidential nomination** | [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)
 - **State Senate panel presses ahead with bill that would ban ranked choice voting in Georgia** | [Georgia Recorder](#)
 - **Medicaid work requirement authorization takes first step toward the ballot** | [South Dakota Searchlight](#)
 - **Arkansas transparency group will collect signatures for proposed amendment OK'd by AG** | [Arkansas Advocate](#)
 - **Assembly approves amended maps, sending them to Evers for expected veto** | [Wisconsin Examiner](#)
 - **Ohio business leaders support redistricting reform amendment** | [Ohio Capital Journal](#)
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COMING UP Calendar of events



- **Feb. 3, 2024, SOUTH CAROLINA** | The South Carolina Democratic primary, the first DNC-sanctioned contest in the Democratic nominating cycle.
- **Feb. 6 and 8, 2024, NEVADA** | The Nevada primary will take place Feb. 6, but Nevada Republicans have the option to caucus on Feb. 8.
- **Feb. 24, 2024, SOUTH CAROLINA** | The South Carolina Republican primary.

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