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COUNTDOWN '24

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Former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley hoped for a GOP primary victory in her home state of South Carolina Saturday to show viability as a candidate against front-runner former President Donald Trump.

- Trump [won South Carolina](#) by a large margin — 59.8% to Haley's 39.5%, according to unofficial results from state election officials. But Trump's margin of victory was smaller than predicted: A earlier poll from Winthrop University put voter support for Haley at 29%, compared to 65% for Trump.
- Despite losses in early primaries and low poll numbers in her home state, Haley is [looking ahead to Michigan](#), with a scheduled Grand Rapids stop today ahead of Michigan's primary Tuesday.
- She's also running an ad in Michigan and last week [announced her leadership team](#) in the state.
- Haley vowed to stay in the race "until the last person votes" in a South Carolina campaign stop last week, [according to CNN](#).

TOP IMPACT *What to read this week*

Trump triumphs over former SC Gov. Nikki Haley in SC GOP primary



(Photo by Alex Wong/Getty Images)

Trump won an expected blowout victory over Haley Saturday in the South Carolina Republican presidential primary. The Associated Press called the race at 7 p.m. with zero percent of the precincts reporting.

“This is a little sooner than we anticipated” and “an even bigger win than we anticipated,” Trump said as he took the stage to Lee Greenwood’s “God Bless the USA.” He told supporters who had been gathering at the fairgrounds in Columbia all day, “You can celebrate for about 15 minutes and then we have to get back to work.” | [SC Daily Gazette](#)

Beto O’Rourke supports uncommitted campaign in Michigan’s Tuesday presidential primary.



(Photo by Andrew Roth/Michigan Advance)

Former U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke expressed support Friday for a campaign asking Democratic voters unhappy with President Joe Biden's handling of the Israel-Hamas war to vote "uncommitted" in Michigan's Democratic presidential primary on Tuesday.

O'Rourke said in an interview with Michigan Advance that he read an opinion piece by Dearborn Mayor Abdullah Hammoud endorsing the campaign that was published in the New York Times this week, which he said was "well-written and well-argued." The campaign has also been endorsed by Michigan Democrats like U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib and former U.S. Rep. Andy Levin. | [Michigan Advance](#)

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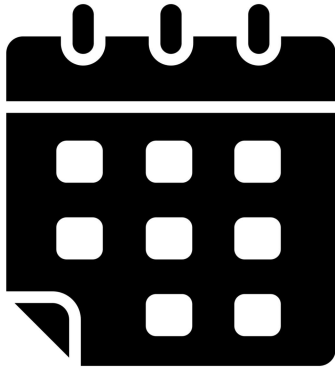
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