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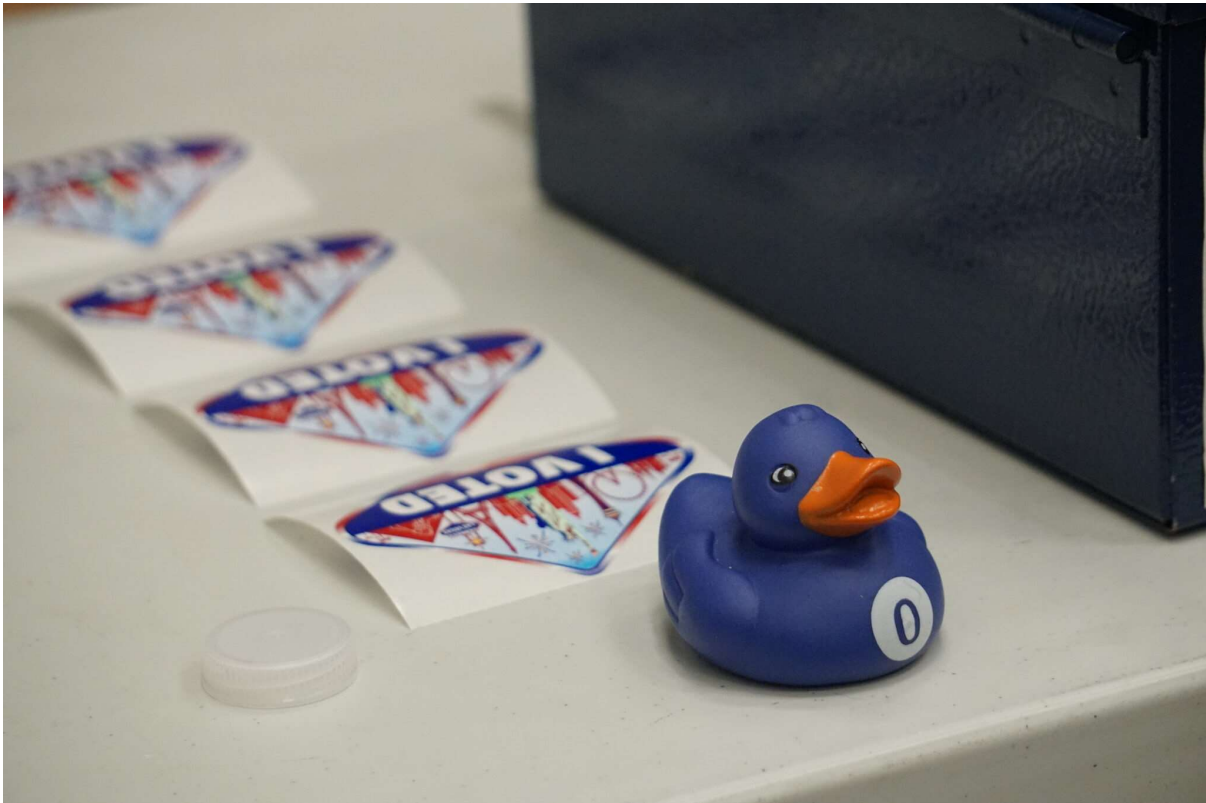
U.S. Supreme Court justices heard oral arguments last week on the Colorado Supreme Court's decision to bar former President Donald Trump from the state's primary ballot under a Civil War-era insurrection clause.

- Though the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court differed in the words they chose to describe it, justices were largely united in [questioning the potential repercussions](#) of upholding the Colorado court decision.
- The nation's highest court is currently deliberating on [specific legal issues raised by the case](#), like whether portions of the 14th Amendment require congressional action to be enforced and whether the First Amendment's right of association protects a political party's ability to nominate the candidate of its choice on a presidential ballot.
- The Supreme Court decision will have an impact on other states facing challenges to Trump's ballot eligibility. Trump [will remain on Maine's presidential primary ballot for now](#) as Maine Secretary of State Shenna Bellows, a Democrat, awaits the Supreme Court decision before making a new ruling on the ballot challenge to the former president.

Colorado Newline reporter Chase Woodruff [explains how the challenge to Trump's eligibility in Colorado went from a "long shot" court case to the Supreme Court](#).

TOP IMPACT *What to read this week*

What Nevada's primary and caucus turnout tells us: Voters prefer primaries



(Photo by Jeniffer Solis/Nevada Current)

More Nevada Republicans chose to cast ballots in the state-run presidential preference primary than participate in the party-run caucus, according to reported turnout numbers. And on the other side of the aisle, Democrats saw record levels of participation in their uncompetitive primary compared to their caucuses from previous, more competitive election cycles.

As the dust settles from Nevada's primary and caucus, voting access advocates are hoping one takeaway will be that the primary is more accessible to the general public, and that recent election reforms are popular among voters. | [Nevada Current](#)

Nikki Haley calls out Biden and Trump as bumbling, 'grumpy old men'



(Photo by Skylar Laird/SC Daily Gazette)

Nikki Haley once again made jabs at the current and former presidents' ages while campaigning in her home state Saturday, this time with examples of recent blunders as to why neither should be in the White House.

Repeating her call for competency tests for politicians over age 75, Haley said a federal report released Thursday on President Joe Biden and a flub last month by former President Donald Trump prove her point. After asking why Trump and Biden won't "let a new generational leader come in," Haley repeated a response from the crowd: "Because they are grumpy old men." | [SC Daily Gazette](#)

BIG PICTURE Election coverage across the country



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- **'None of these candidates' embarrasses Haley in Nevada primary** | [Nevada Current](#)
- **With absentee voting underway in Maine, Trump remains on ballot pending high court ruling** | [Maine Morning Star](#)
- **A look at President Biden's blowout in South Carolina and how it compares to 2020** | [SC Daily Gazette](#)

- **Biden sails to victory in 'first in the West' Nevada primary** | [Nevada Current](#)
- **Democrats might need a Plan B. Here's what it looks like.** | [Politico](#)

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- **Haley campaign says Thursday's Nevada caucus 'rigged for Trump'** | [Nevada Current](#)
- **Haley squeaks by on signatures but challenge could still come** | [Indiana Capital Chronicle](#)
- **Cornel West on Israel-Hamas war: 'Both parties are enabling genocide'** | [Michigan Advance](#)
- **DNC billboard in Harrisburg will feature comment Trump made after school shooting** | [Pennsylvania Capital-Star](#)

Voting and election security

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- **Black voters want congressional map lawsuit moved from GOP-stacked court** | [Louisiana Illuminator](#)
- **Language for 'Direct democracy' amendment submitted to ease Arkansas' ballot initiative process** | [Arkansas Advocate](#)
- **Ranked choice repeal group appeals big fine for violating Alaska campaign finance laws** | [Alaska Beacon](#)
- **Multiple threats to election systems prompt US cybersecurity agency to boost cooperation with states** | [Associated Press](#)
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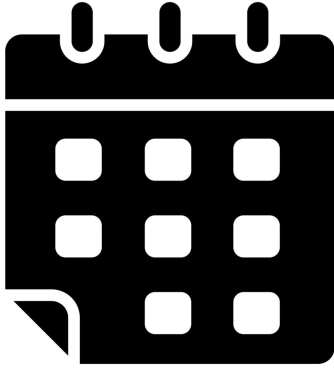
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- **Georgia Senate Republicans say probe of Fulton DA in 2020 election case will be free of bias** | [Georgia Recorder](#)
- **Trump claim of presidential immunity turned down by federal appeals court in D.C.** | [News from the States](#)



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- **Democrats allege RFK Jr. campaign took illegal help to collect signatures in states** | [News from the States](#)
 - **Trump expected back in court for classified documents hearing in special secure Florida facility** | [Fox News](#)
 - **Trump 'did not engage in insurrection' on Jan. 6, new U.S. House resolution claims** | [News from the States](#)
 - **Donald Trump's Pennsylvania supporters say they're happy to pay his legal fees** | [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
 - **Two cases. Two judges. One high-stakes week for Trump.** | [New York Times](#)
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COMING UP Calendar of events



- **Feb. 24, 2024, SOUTH CAROLINA** | The South Carolina Republican primary.
- **Feb. 27, 2024, MICHIGAN** | The Michigan Republican and Democratic primaries.
- **March 5, 2024, MULTIPLE STATES** | On "Super Tuesday," 15 states and one U.S. territory will vote in party nominating contests.

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