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## COUNTDOWN '24

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By **Robin Opsahl**, [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)

While President Joe Biden is far in the lead for the 2024 Democratic nomination, some Democratic voters are considering an alternative — but not necessarily one of the other candidates in the race.

- Speaking in front of banners that read “ABANDON BIDEN,” activists told a crowd of about 50 people gathered at the Michigan Capitol on Friday [to vote “uncommitted” in Michigan’s Democratic presidential primary](#) on Feb. 27.
- In Colorado, Democratic primary voters will [have the option to vote for a “noncommitted delegate”](#) to send to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago who will not be pledged to support Biden or any other candidate.
- These efforts come as Democratic Party faces a divide over the Biden administration's response to the conflict in Gaza. [USA Today reported](#) that the president's support for Israel could lead to lost support from Arab American voters, a key demographic in states like Michigan.

**TOP IMPACT** *What to read this week*

**[For many SC voters, Haley’s job as governor doesn’t matter. A look at why.](#)**



*(Photo by Abraham Kenmore/SC Daily Gazette)*

For many South Carolina voters choosing who they want to challenge President Joe Biden, Nikki Haley's six years as governor here factors far less into their decision than who she's trying to topple — former President Donald Trump. Three-fourths of South Carolina voters say it makes no difference at all that Haley's from South Carolina, according to a recent CBS News Poll.

Other results of the poll suggest why: Four of every five people likely to vote in the GOP primary said Trump “fights for people” like them, compared to just over half believing Haley does. Three-fourths said Haley is not part of Trump's “MAGA” movement. Voters' answers also suggest Haley's attacks on Trump may backfire among the MAGA faithful, with nearly two-thirds calling her criticism of Trump's mental fitness unfair. | [South Carolina Daily Gazette](#)

## **Trump rails against legal charges, caters to global manufacturing fears during Waterford visit**

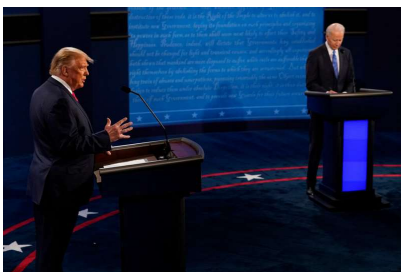


*(Photo by Kyle Davidson/Michigan Advance)*

Former President Donald Trump railed against his many legal charges while continuing to stoke fear about migrant workers, China and the southern border during a visit to Michigan, 10 days before the state's Feb. 27 presidential primary.

Hundreds of people packed into a hangar in Waterford Township in Oakland County on Saturday as the former president took shots at President Joe Biden, spoke out against clean energy, electric vehicles, and continued to tout false claims that the 2020 election had been stolen, which have been repeatedly disproven. | [Michigan Advance](#)

### **BIG PICTURE** *Election coverage across the country*



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- **Trump is going to win, Utah governor says. But both parties are 'making a huge mistake'** | [Utah News Dispatch](#)
- **Pennsylvania activist is source of false and flawed election claims drawing national attention** | [Pennsylvania Capital-Star](#)
- **Trump tells SC crowd it's a 'great compliment' that Putin prefers Biden** | [South Carolina Daily Gazette](#)
- **Harris to talk about reproductive rights in Grand Rapids** | [Michigan Advance](#)
- **Trump makes surprise appearance at Sneaker Con in Philadelphia** | [Pennsylvania Capital-Star](#)

- **In long-shot bid for GOP nomination, Nikki Haley turns to Texas** | [Texas Tribune](#)
- **Manchin floats Romney or Portman as hypothetical VP picks for a third party bid** | [Politico](#)
- **Some GOP senators shy away from Trump threat he won't aid 'delinquent' NATO allies** | [News from the States](#)
- **Nikki Haley calls Trump's jab at her husband's whereabouts an attack on U.S. military** | [South Carolina Daily Gazette](#)
- **Meredith College pollster David McLennan on what voters are thinking ahead of the March primary** | [NC Newslines](#)
- **Trump's Clemson-Carolina game appearance added upwards of \$17,000 to security costs** | [South Carolina Daily Gazette](#)

## Courts

- **Trump asks U.S. Supreme Court to pause federal trial over presidential immunity question** | [News from the States](#)
- **What the Law Says in 3 Cases That Could Decide Trump's Fate** | [New York Times](#)
- **Fulton DA delivers fiery testimony against Trump, co-defendants quest to disqualify her** | [Georgia Recorder](#)
- **Georgia 2020 election interference case sidetracked by courtroom drama over DA's romance** | [Georgia Recorder](#)
- **Federal judges seem split on ordering new Senate districts Black voters are challenging** | [NC Newslines](#)
- **Arguments in redistricting appeal still months away** | [North Dakota Monitor](#)

## Elections and nominating contests

- **Idaho GOP won't allow news media inside upcoming Republican presidential caucus** | [Idaho Capital Sun](#)
- **What to expect at the Idaho GOP's presidential caucus on March 2** | [Idaho Capital Sun](#)
- **How does Arizona vote for presidential nominees? Your questions answered.** | [Arizona Mirror](#)
- **Michigan's era of early in-person voting officially starts Saturday** | [Michigan Advance](#)
- **Voter registration deadline nears for presidential primary election** | [Louisiana Illuminator](#)
- **NC Board of Elections endorses adjustments to voter ID rules for use after the primary** | [NC Newslines](#)
- **Bill would cut Nebraska's early voting period to 22 days** | [Nebraska Examiner](#)
- **Open primaries effort attracts big contributions from South Dakotans and Colorado group** | [South Dakota Searchlight](#)

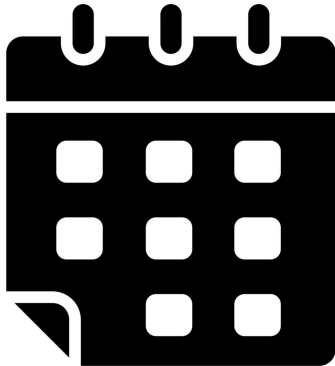
## Election security

- **Fueled by 'conspiracy theory,' Republicans are pushing for strict rules on ballot tabulators** | [Arizona Mirror](#)
- **Controversial elections security bill could see changes** | [Indiana Capital Chronicle](#)
- **Deepfakes bill clears state Senate, loses impact on 2024 primary** | [South Dakota Searchlight](#)



- **Bill would criminalize publication of AI-generated campaign materials without disclosure** | [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)
  - **Idahoans could receive state voter guides under new bill** | [Idaho Capital Sun](#)
  - **What's on the ballot and how to vote in 2024 Spring elections** | [Wisconsin Examiner](#)
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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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