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Former President Donald Trump and President Joe Biden have long focused on one another on the campaign trail as presumptive party nominees, and results from Super Tuesday nominating contests have left them both with clear leads as focus shifts to the November general election.

- While Trump [netted the lion's share of delegates](#), Republican challenger Nikki Haley pulled her second upset in recent days in [Vermont](#).
- Haley [ended her presidential campaign](#) the following day, ending her increasingly long-shot bid of besting Trump without endorsing him.
- Biden also extended his winning streak on Super Tuesday, including in [Iowa](#), which announced the results of Democrats' first mail-in presidential preference contest.

Following the contests, Biden [delivered a fiery State of the Union address Thursday](#), where he portrayed himself as a defender of democracy and criticized Trump for his comments on Ukraine's war against Russian invasion.

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[Biden keeps energy of SOTU address in campaign stop near Philly](#)



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Biden returned to Pennsylvania on Friday for his fourth visit of the year and his first campaign event after his State of the Union address. The president underlined the stakes of the upcoming election and largely echoed the message he had shared with the nation the night before, setting the stage for the likely rematch in November with Trump.

The president said that Trump wants to pass a national abortion ban. If reelected and if Democrats win the majority in Congress, Biden said he would make *Roe v Wade* “the law of the land again.” | [Pennsylvania Capital-Star](#)

Trump, Biden hold competing rallies in Georgia ahead of Tuesday’s primary contests



(Photo by Jill Nolin/Georgia Recorder)

Biden and Trump, separated by less than 100 miles in Georgia, took turns attacking each other in front of friendly crowds Saturday as voting wraps up Tuesday in the battleground state.

The presence of both presidential front-runners in Georgia at the same time was a nod to the decisive role Georgia will play once again in determining who leads the nation. While the dueling visits came before Georgians cast their ballots for the state's presidential primary Tuesday, Haley's exit from the race means there will not be much competition for either candidate on the path to the presidential nomination. | [Georgia Recorder](#)

BIG PICTURE *Election coverage across the country*



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- **Early vote looks sluggish two weeks from Ohio's primary election** | [Ohio Capital Journal](#)
- **Biden plans campaign stop in Saginaw** | [Michigan Advance](#)
- **Kamala Harris to appear in Parkland later this month to discuss gun violence** | [Florida Phoenix](#)
- **In Dearborn Heights speech, Jill Stein calls for end to 'genocide'** | [Michigan Advance](#)

Super Tuesday round-up

- **Visual Analysis: Trump wins more votes each time he competes in Tenn., even with lower turnout** | [Tennessee Lookout](#)

- **Texans headed to the polls with a mixture of duty and frustration** | [Texas Tribune](#)
- **Caucus ‘fiasco’: Registration issues frustrate Utah GOP voters** | [Utah News Dispatch](#)
- **Biden, Trump projected to win Colorado presidential primaries** | [Colorado Newslines](#)
- **Maine voters back Biden, Trump in Super Tuesday primaries** | [Maine Morning Star](#)
- **Trump, Biden easily win victories in Oklahoma’s Super Tuesday presidential primary election** | [Oklahoma Voice](#)
- **Biden overwhelmingly wins Utah’s Democratic presidential primary** | [Utah News Dispatch](#)
- **On a busy Super Tuesday, most NC races went as expected** | [NC Newslines](#)

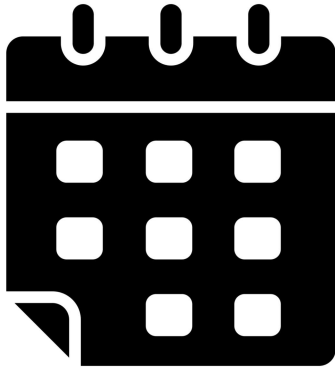
Election security and voting

- **‘Dark day for democracy’: Coloradans highlight election threats in wake of 14th Amendment ruling** | [Colorado Newslines](#)
- **Impeachment effort launched by Colorado House Republicans against secretary of state** | [Colorado Newslines](#)
- **Petitions circulate in at least 18 counties to eliminate vote tabulators and require hand counting** | [South Dakota Searchlight](#)
- **Montgomery County Board of Registrars: 4,600 people received erroneous voting information** | [Alabama Reflector](#)
- **Major Colorado election overhaul battles ‘single subject’ hurdle at Title Board** | [Colorado Newslines](#)
- **Bill addressing AI-created misleading content pass Iowa House** | [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)

Courts

- **Lawyer accusing Fulton DA of conflict details accusations of misconduct at Georgia Senate hearing** | [Georgia Recorder](#)
- **Trump gets \$91.6 million bond while he appeals verdict in E. Jean Carroll defamation case** | [Politico](#)
- **Trump trial dates put legal cases in way of White House run** | [Bloomberg](#)
- **Here are all the legal bills Trump has faced since last year — surpassing \$540 million** | [Forbes](#)
- **Indiana Supreme Court issues 3-2 opinion upholding party affiliation statute in Rust case** | [Indiana Capital Chronicle](#)

COMING UP Calendar of events



- **March 12, 2024, MULTIPLE STATES** | Georgia, Mississippi and Washington will hold primary elections for both parties, in addition to the Hawaii Republican caucus and Democratic primaries for voters abroad and in Northern Mariana.
- **March 19, 2024, MULTIPLE STATES** | Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Kansas and Ohio will hold primary elections.
- **March 25, 2024, NEW YORK** | Trump's first [criminal trial](#) on charges related to hush money payments to Stormy Daniels, is set to begin.

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