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As President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump have already solidified their positions as likely party presidential nominees, the candidates are shifting focus to outreach efforts in states that were crucial in deciding the first Trump-Biden election in 2020.

- Biden's campaign [plans to have more than 40 campaign staffers](#) on the ground in Nevada and Arizona by the end of this month, states Trump's campaign focused on in 2020 with efforts to overturn duly held elections in several battleground states despite no evidence of mass voting fraud.
- Surrogates are also on the road: [Second gentleman Doug Emhoff sat down with local union leaders](#) in Denver on Thursday to talk about the Biden-Harris campaign's continued support of union work.
- While Biden's campaign has shifted to general election campaigning in swing states, [the Associated Press reports](#) that Trump is focused on fundraising as he faces financial shortfalls and growing legal bills.

TOP IMPACT *What to read this week*

[Trump, GOP-led states argue presidential immunity claim to Supreme Court](#)



(Photo by Jane Norman/States Newsroom)

Former President Donald Trump renewed his call to the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday to dismiss charges against him, asserting that presidents enjoy near-total immunity from criminal prosecution.

In addition, as a deadline loomed for briefs in the case, 18 Republican-led states filed an amicus brief Tuesday urging the Supreme Court to reverse the lower courts and grant Trump blanket immunity. Oral arguments before the high court on the immunity question are scheduled for April 25, and federal district court proceedings have been halted until the Supreme Court issues a ruling. | [News from the States](#)

[Biden campaign launches outreach for Latino voters in Pennsylvania and across the country.](#)



(Photo courtesy of the Biden campaign)

As President Joe Biden campaigned across the southwestern U.S. on Tuesday, members of the Pennsylvania Legislative Latino Caucus gathered in Harrisburg to urge Latino voters in Pennsylvania to support the president's reelection.

Although Biden won the majority of Hispanic votes nationwide in 2020, former President Donald Trump earned more votes from Latinos in 2020 than he did in 2016, according to an analysis by Pew Research. In hopes of garnering the united support of Hispanic communities nationwide, the Biden campaign launched its "Latinos con Biden-Harris" program. |

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- Biden, Trump clinch easy wins in Louisiana party primaries | [Louisiana Illuminator](#)
- Kansas voters pick Trump and Biden over dropouts and 'none' | [Kansas Reflector](#)
- LGBTQ+ voters in Michigan, other battleground states overwhelmingly support Biden | [Michigan Advance](#)

- Biden alone in Oregon voters' pamphlet after Trump declined to submit statement | [Oregon Capital Chronicle](#)
- Trump's latest 2024 campaign fundraising report shows him lagging behind Biden in cash | [Associated Press](#)
- Second gentleman says Biden wants second blue dot from Nebraska | [Nebraska Examiner](#)
- Biden, in Phoenix, says Latino voters helped him best Trump in 2020: 'Let's beat him again' | [Arizona Mirror](#)
- It's easy to tune out politics. Biden's campaign is using an app to get around that | [NPR](#)
- Robert F. Kennedy Jr. flirts with the Libertarian nomination | [Politico](#)

ELECTIONS AND VOTING

- To boost Trump, GOP attorneys general charge into battle over state election rules | [News from the States](#)
 - Fearing political violence, more states ban firearms at polling places | [Stateline](#)
 - Republicans want to ask voters to ban early voting, put 1,000-person cap on precincts | [Arizona Mirror](#)
 - State accidentally told independent candidates they needed hundreds more signatures than necessary | [South Dakota Searchlight](#)
 - Idaho open primaries supporters say they are on the brink of qualifying ballot initiative | [Idaho Capital Sun](#)
 - Nevada delays launch of statewide voter registration system | [Nevada Current](#)
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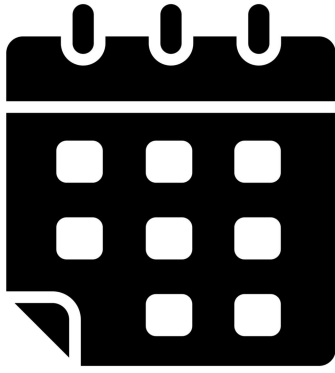
COURTS AND LAW

- **Michigan attorney charged in tabulator tampering case arrested Monday on bench warrant** | [Michigan Advance](#)
- **Georgia lawmakers could still tinker with election rules in waning days of 2024 legislative session** | [Georgia Recorder](#)
- **Age-limits advocate expects measure to pass, be challenged in court** | [North Dakota Monitor](#)
- **Montana Supreme Court says abortion ballot proposal can move forward** | [Daily Montanan](#)
- **How NM will enforce the new deepfake disclosure law** | [Source NM](#)
- **Bill criminalizing AI use in deceptive election ads advanced by Georgia Senate panel** | [Georgia Recorder](#)

DOWN-BALLOT RACES

- **Is there hope for bipartisanship when political extremism dominates?** | [Utah News Dispatch](#)
- **Alabama Democrat betting IVF will help her win a battleground special election** | [Politico](#)
- **A clean sweep: How Bernie Moreno became Ohio's Republican U.S. Senate nominee** | [Ohio Capital Chronicle](#)
- **Republican Nikki Snyder drops out of U.S. Senate race to seek congressional seat instead** | [Michigan Advance](#)
- **Incumbent U.S. Sen. Fischer a heavy favorite in GOP primary; Osborn likely awaits** | [Nebraska Examiner](#)
- **Man in the middle: Ferguson tries to strike a balance on policing** | [Washington State Standard](#)
- **Where Oregon Senate races stand ahead of the primary** | [Oregon Capital Chronicle](#)

COMING UP *Calendar of events*



- **March 30, 2024, NORTH DAKOTA** | The North Dakota Democratic presidential primary.
- **April 2, 2024, MULTIPLE STATES** | Five states, Connecticut, Delaware, New York, Rhode Island and Wisconsin will hold presidential primaries.
- **April 15, 2024, NEW YORK** | The [expected start date](#) for the Trump hush-money trial in Manhattan.

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