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Inside Track

Dems to Run Biden-Harris Ticket in 2024



(AP Images)

Despite low approval ratings and an administration currently under investigation by the House of Representatives for weaponizing the federal government, President Biden continues to assure America that he will run for reelection in 2024. His intention was confirmed by White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre.

According to Fox News, on February 12 Jean-Pierre told *The Sunday Show* on MSNBC, “What I can say is repeat what the president has said many times ... that he intends to run. And I leave it there.”

The statement by the press secretary is not the only indication that Biden will run. Following the State of the Union address on February 7, Jaime Harrison, chair of the Democratic National Committee, also claimed that Biden will run.

After two years in office — considered to be the homestretch where reelection is concerned — Biden’s approval rating is abysmal. In fact, the president — whose approval rating hovered in the low to mid-50s for the first few months in office — has not seen a positive rating in almost a year and a half. The last day he enjoyed an approval rating that was higher than his disapproval rating was August 25, 2021 — and even that “approval rating” was well below 50 percent.

Of course, the election is still a long way off, and Biden’s health — especially his mental health — is a major concern. Any further decline could put Democrats back to the drawing board where plans for 2024 are concerned. To complicate matters for Democrats, according to Fox News on February 13, it appears unlikely that they intend to replace Vice President Kamala Harris on the 2024 ticket.

That would mean that whoever gets the Republican nomination will be running against a Democratic ticket that boasts low approval ratings for both candidates. In a fair election, that would almost certainly spell a major Republican victory. But, given the recent electoral trends, anything could happen.

— C. Mitchell Shaw



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Dianne Feinstein, Oldest Senator, to Retire



Dianne Feinstein (AP Images)

On February 14, it was confirmed that California's senior senator, Dianne Feinstein, will not be running for reelection in 2024.

After 30 years in the Senate, at age 89, Feinstein is the oldest sitting U.S. senator and member of Congress. She has managed another record, too — the poorest voting record. On *The New American's* latest Freedom Index (FI) (January 30, 2023), [she scored 0 out of 100](#), with a lifetime score of just 12 percent, reflecting her utter disregard for the U.S. Constitution.

Feinstein has toed the liberal/socialist/progressive party line throughout her tenure. For instance, she succeeded in passing the 1994 Federal Assault Weapons ban. And when it expired 10 years later (without proof that it had any salutary impact on gun violence), she tried to have it renewed.

She has long pushed for granting citizenship to illegal immigrants, even those convicted of horrific crimes — aggravated felonies, domestic violence, stalking, violation of protection orders, crimes against children, and crimes relating to illegal possession of firearms.

She has repeatedly voted in favor of using taxpayer monies to fund abortions, both here and abroad. She voted against a ban on partial-birth/late-term abortions, and supported fetal cell tissue research.

On energy development, she voted consistently against approving the Keystone XL Pipeline, delaying its construction until the primary contractor finally gave it up.

She consistently voted to fund all manner of unconstitutional programs; voted for ObamaCare and against any suggestion of reining it in after it became operational; voted for the Real ID Act; voted against an amendment declaring English to be the national language; and voted against the Defense of Marriage Act.

Four far-left politicians are vying to replace Feinstein as the most liberal-communist-socialist-progressive senator: Adam Schiff (Freedom Index rating 16), Ro Khanna (FI rating 18), Barbara Lee (FI rating 27), and Katie Porter (FI rating 7). Prognosticators are so far predicting Porter will win the prize.

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Noem's Bid to Stop China's Land Purchases Defeated



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By a supermajority composed of both Democratic and Republican lawmakers, the South Dakota state Senate on February 21 voted down a bill, supported by Republican Governor Kristi Noem, that would have created a panel to review foreign land purchases within the state and given the governor's office authority to veto such purchases — to protect national security from foreign adversaries such as China.

Noem's bill would have established a state-level version of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), which under federal law has the power to approve or disapprove major U.S. transactions. CFIUS-South Dakota would review proposed purchases, and the legislation would empower Noem to unilaterally veto transactions reviewed by the committee.

Critics of the bill, such as Republican state Senator David Wheeler, said the plan would give the executive branch too much power, but Noem framed the issue as one of national security versus special interests.

As South Dakota Public Broadcasting reported on February 21, Senate Bill 185 was opposed by most of South Dakota's agricultural special interest groups, culminating in the bill's defeat by a 23-11 vote.

The idea of restricting or banning land purchases by foreign entities — especially Communist China and individuals or firms affiliated with it — has become popular in Republican circles.

Governor Greg Abbott of Texas has signaled support for similar legislation in his state, President Donald Trump has included in his 2024 platform a measure to ban China from purchasing American farmland, and Florida Republican Governor Ron DeSantis is looking to stop the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) from purchasing property in the Sunshine State.

Previous efforts of the CCP to influence U.S. agricultural policy include the work of an influence group with ties to Microsoft founder Bill Gates, which helped organize a 2022 event designed to convince U.S. government officials to partner with China on American agriculture. That event coincided approximately with Gates becoming the country's biggest private owner of farmland.

— *Luis Miguel*



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DeSantis Reveals Hardline Immigration Plan



Ron DeSantis (GageSkidmore)

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' new set of legislative proposals would go far in making Florida a sanctuary — not for illegal aliens, but for citizens.

In a plan unveiled February 23 in Jacksonville, the Republican governor blasted Joe Biden's "reckless federal open border policies" and presented a list of proposed policies that would increase human smuggling penalties, impose mandatory E-Verify, and ban counties from giving driver's licenses to illegal aliens.

"With this legislation, Florida is continuing to crack down on the smuggling of illegal aliens, stopping municipalities from issuing ID cards to people here illegally, and ensuring that employers are hiring American citizens or those here legally," said DeSantis in the news release. "Florida is a law and order state, and we won't turn a blind eye to the dangers of Biden's Border Crisis."

Under DeSantis' plan, which he is calling on the Florida Legislature to adopt in the upcoming legislative session, it would be a third-degree felony to knowingly conceal, harbor, or transport an illegal alien. If the alien is a minor, then the act of smuggling would be bumped up to a second-degree felony.

The plan not only would ban the issuance of driver's licenses in Florida counties, but would invalidate the driver's licenses of illegal aliens issued by other states.

The proposal would also tackle the issue of elections, requiring individuals registering to vote to affirm that they are both U.S. citizens and Florida residents.

One aspect of his plan that may elicit pushback from some of his allies is a proposed prohibition on illegal aliens from getting in-state tuition rates or out-of-state tuition waivers, as this would mean repealing the current policy allowing in-state tuition for illegal aliens, which was originally sponsored by DeSantis' own lieutenant governor, Jeanette Nuñez, back when she was a state representative.

If DeSantis' proposals make it into law, they will constitute one of the most aggressive state efforts in the country to combat illegal immigration.

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