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85 Battleground Districts Tipping Republican, Says NRCC

The National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) reported last week [the results of its latest poll of 1,000 voters](#) taken the week before. The result is bad news for Democrats.

Of the 435 congressional districts, just 85 of them are “swing” or “battleground” districts: As they go, so goes Congress. After tabulating the results, the NRCC said, “It’s not just that the Biden honeymoon is over. Voters are now having ‘Biden remorse’ due to the Democrats’ incompetence.”

Some observers might disagree with the word “incompetence,” replacing it with “deliberate intention to destroy the Republic.” Nevertheless, the poll’s results show, no matter how it is viewed, as potentially catastrophic for the Democrats in the midterms next November.

Biden’s overall job approval rate has flipped. In July, the NRCC poll showed 51 percent approving and 45 percent disapproving. Now, it has reversed: 51 percent of those polled disapprove of the job he is doing, while just 45 percent approve. For the record, that’s an astonishing 12-percent swing in just three months.

In generic balloting — Republicans versus Democrats in each district — Republicans now lead Democrats 43 percent to 40 percent, a swing of six percent since July.

The surprising news is that nearly all of this unhappiness with Biden and the Democrats is coming from independent and “swing” voters — Hispanic and college-educated white voters. Even though college-educated white voters tended to vote for Biden in 2020, they have switched, now favoring Republicans 43 percent to 40 percent. Among independents, however, the swing is even greater: Republicans are leading Democrats by eight percentage points.

On issues important to those polled, border security (or lack thereof) tops the list, ahead of the economy. When asked which party “can best handle these issues,” those polled gave the Republicans the advantage: 54 percent to just 27 percent who thought Democrats could do a better job.

When it comes to the economy — making the country prosperous, job creation, and inflation — those polled also gave the advantage to the Republicans. On the economy, 47 percent said Republicans could do a better job than the Democrats (35 percent). And on inflation — rising prices and the consequent higher cost of living — 43 percent of those polled said Republicans would do a better job than Democrats (36 percent).

Again, the real difference is among independents. The fear that government is “doing too much” is reflected by 62 percent of them. Among all voters polled, they are persuaded that Democrat policies will



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not only raise their taxes (57 percent), but also their cost of living (66 percent).

A majority (58 percent) believe that the Democrats' move to defund local police has caused crime to increase, while they trust Republicans to keep their communities safe from crime more than Democrats, 45 percent to 32 percent.

The NRCC poll squares with other recent polls showing growing dissatisfaction with Biden and the Democrat Party. The latest poll from Quinnipiac University shows 52 percent of voters disapproving of Biden's job performance, with the latest poll from Grinnell College shows 50 percent disapproving.

A poll conducted by McLaughlin and Associates revealed that nearly six out of 10 voters say America is on the wrong track, led by independents at nearly one of out three (66 percent). Remarkably, one out of five 2020 Biden voters now disapprove of the job he is doing. Noted McLaughlin: "Talk about buyer's remorse!"

Even Democrat pollsters are coming to the same conclusion. A poll commissioned by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer that focused on battleground states — Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Florida, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Georgia, and Nevada — showed Biden's approval rating coming in at a dismal 41 percent, with 52 percent disapproving.

The history of midterm elections reveals that when the president is under water with the voters, the president's party loses seats in Congress. With Biden so much further underwater than any of his Democrat predecessors, losses in November for the Democrat Party could be catastrophic — so devastating that some are saying the party won't recover from the disaster for a decade.

It's the Democrats' own doing. It's intentional. That may explain why they are proposing such outrageous — to say nothing of unconstitutional — policies and pushing to get them through Congress while they still have a chance. They can read the tea leaves as well as Republicans: This could be their last chance for a while to impose their totalitarian will on the country.

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