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New York Times Declares Democrats Are in Trouble

The New York Times assigned four of its political journalists to see just how much trouble the Democratic Party is in, going into the midterms. On Saturday their verdict came in: serious, bordering on disastrous.

The party is not only losing the support of many of its most loyal supporters, but it's also losing the support of the critical independent voter who has traditionally supported the party.

The *Times* journalists reported that "Democrats across the party are raising alarms about sinking support among some of their most loyal voters ... [because Biden and the Democrat Party] are falling short on campaign promises and leaving their base unsatisfied and unmotivated ahead of next year's midterm elections."

This, despite the expectation that passage of the massive trillion-dollar infrastructure bill and the House's passage of the even larger "Build Back Better" bill would galvanize their support. Instead, reported the *Times*, "The president's central promise of healing divisions and lowering the political temperature has failed to be fruitful."

While RealClear Politics continues to chronicle the collapse in support for Biden, the damage he is doing to the vital independent voter support is staggering: "Among some of his core constituencies ... [there are] double-digit declines among Black, Latino, female and young voters."

Those voters are unimpressed with Biden's so-called legislative "victories" and are instead dealing with everyday challenges such as rising inflation at the grocery store and the gas station and the controversy over who has the right to determine who will educate their children (and how).

The *Times* has a poll to prove their point:

According to a survey conducted by Global Strategy Group, a Democratic polling firm, only about a third of white battleground voters think that either the infrastructure or the broader spending bill will help them personally.

The reporters' conclusion was dismal:

The national environment looks difficult for Democrats, who [in addition] may lose seats in redistricting [as well as facing] the historical trend of a president's party losing seats during his first term in office.

On the other hand, Republicans see what's happening and are seizing the opportunity to turn out House



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Democrats next year. The National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) reported last Friday that, as of that date, nearly 1,000 Republicans have filed candidacy papers in 379 of the 435 House districts across the country, up significantly from the same time in 2019.

That number includes 196 women, 179 veterans, and 177 who are minorities. As Representative Tom Emmer (R-Minn.), chairman of the NRCC, exuded:

In this environment, no Democrat's seat is safe, and vulnerable Democrats have a choice to make: retire, or lose.

As of this writing, 17 Democrats have done just that, raising further alarm bells for Miles Coleman, the associate editor of Sabato's Crystal Ball published by the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. Said Coleman, "Swing district members like Ron Kind (D-Wisc.) [and] Cheri Bustos (D-Ill.) leaving ... [is] a potential warning sign for Democrats."

This was echoed by Michael McAdams, a spokesman for the NRCC: "The writing is on the wall: Democrats' majority is doomed, and smart Democrats are calling it quits while they still can."

The history of midterms doesn't treat the president's party kindly, especially one whose job approval ratings continue to decline. The party of a president with an approval rating under 50 percent loses an average of 37 House seats in the midterms, according to Gallup. Biden's approval is anywhere from 36 to 45 percent, report the most recent polls. RealClear Politics reports its average is under 42 percent for Biden, versus 53 percent disapproving, an 11-point negative spread.

As Biden goes, so goes the Democrat Party. When Rasmussen quizzed 1,200 likely voters over whether they think Biden should run for reelection in 2024, less than a third agreed. They said that in a rematch with Trump, Biden would lose by double-digits, 45 to 32 percent. Among independents — the key Democrat demographic — Biden would lose, 47-20 percent.

The polling firm Fabrizio, Lee & Associates conducted a poll in five key "swing" states — Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin — asking voters how they would vote in 2024. Trump won in a walk, by 12 points in Michigan, 10 points in Wisconsin, eight points in Arizona, six points in Pennsylvania, and three points in Georgia. This, it seems, would be more than enough to overcome even the most egregious voter manipulations conducted by the Democrat Party in those states. As Tony Fabrizio said, "This new data clearly shows that today the voters in these five key states would be happy to return Trump to the White House and send Biden packing."

Even the poll from Redfield & Wilton Strategies showed Trump leading Biden in their rematch in 2024, the first time Trump has led Biden in their polling.

It's no wonder that the *New York Times* can find no good news for Democrats in the midterms. There just isn't any.



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