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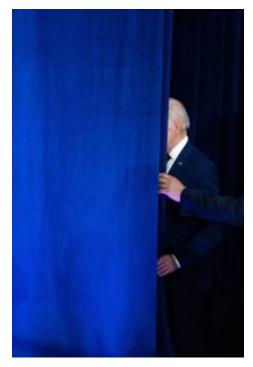
Rejection of Biden for his support for Israel grows

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Joe Biden Donkey Hotey Cartoon

Neither Donald Trump nor Joe Biden excites the electorate in the United States: a national poll by Decision Desk HQ/NewsNation indicates that 59 percent of registered voters are not enthusiastic or not at all enthusiastic about a rematch between the stubborn candidacies of the "gerontes", while disillusionment and rejection grow.



The Challenges of Joe Biden's Age and His Reelection

A few months before the elections, the Republican leads the polls more to discredit the Democrat than to his own merit, while the electorate, especially the youngest, expresses their despair: they do not see a better future.

Biden sees his chances fall as he persists with his warmongering policy in Ukraine and the Middle East and neglects priorities of young people and women. The Bloomberg/Morning Consult poll found that 58% of voters in major states of the Union have "a negative perception of Biden" and believe that Trump could handle the economy better.

The media and pollsters have chosen not to delve into such delicate issues as Biden's mental health, which repeatedly shows signs of imbalances that make it advisable for him to abdicate his whim to fight for reelection. But the media has had no qualms about talking and writing about the court cases that have Trump at the center of accusations ranging from coup plotting to bribery to acts of sexual corruption.

Top Democratic leaders in both legislative chambers don't like Biden's reelection appetites, but they remain loyal to the president and refrain from commenting on his neurological crises. But many of them spoke of surrender and surrender of principles when it became known how far Biden was willing to give in order for Republicans to vote for him in Congress a phenomenal increase in war allocations for Ukraine and Israel. It was 106 billion dollars that the Republicans denied, despite the fact that the president even offered them the revision of the historic Democratic position on exile, immigrants and the politically persecuted.

The growing opposition of workers and youth to Biden's policy in his unconditional support for Israel is politically dangerous, as unions are key to supporting the president, who is seeking another term. That official policy is also undermining Biden's support among young people, Muslim communities and Arab-Americans in key states on the electoral map, such as Michigan.

Analysts are concerned about the path chosen by 18- to 34-year-olds, a historically key group for the Democratic Party. From the surveys, it emerges that a timid but persistent shift towards the far right is beginning to be seen.



Those young people aren't thrilled about Biden's offer — they don't believe him — to forgive student debt. They have jobs but they are not satisfied. Among them, criticism of the stubborn and costly war adventure in Ukraine predominates, to which has been added since last October an unlimited reinforcement of military assistance – weapons and supplies – to Israel, the great partner of the Middle East.

94 percent of Democrats under the age of 30 want someone else to be their nominee. The U.S. president's approval rating is considerably low among his party's supporters: 33%, according to The New York Times. Despite the fact that the trend is clear, Biden insists on his war policy that, this time, the Americans reject.

Last July, Biden said guns are turning American neighborhoods into "killing fields" and pledged to reinstate a ban on assault rifles. "In recent years, our schools, places of worship, workplaces, shops, music festivals, nightclubs and so many other everyday places have become killing fields," he said.

He then cited the shootings that left 19 children and two teachers dead at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, 10 dead at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, and seven dead at a Fourth of July parade in Highland Park, Illinois.

Polls and more polls



Polls, polls, polls, just like four years ago

Polls indicate that if they voted today, 47% of the electorate in Arizona, Georgia, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan and Carolina del Note would vote for Trump, while 42% would vote for Biden. This is the first time the president appears to be losing in those districts and analysts say that losing there cannot dream of re-election.

A congressional majority in Washington still lends unconditional support to Biden's foreign policy, which includes blocking any attempt to impose a ceasefire, but some 60 lawmakers in the lower house have written to the secretary of state demanding that the administration strongly oppose the expulsion of Palestinians from Gaza that several Israeli leaders have pointed to as their goal.

Former President Barack Obama warned his former Vice President Biden about the erosion of support among young people: The truth is, we don't just need young people to vote in November, we require them to work hard, get in line, call their friends, and give themselves fully into this.

Workers

The two-million-member national service workers union SEIU called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, joining millions of teachers, autoworkers, human rights defenders, progressive Jewish and Muslim organizations, and other activists and artists demanding an end to Israel's war and genocide against Palestinians. even denouncing the complicity of the United States with what they describe as war crimes.



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The SEIU joined the national auto union UAW with its 350,000 members, which in December endorsed international calls for a ceasefire, along with several sections of teachers' unions in Chicago, San Antonio, Portland and Oregon, among others. The truth is that playing politics, part of the national leadership of several unions have not yet dared to pronounce themselves.

Unionized longshoremen in California, who have refused to load or unload ships destined for Israel, and the United Electrical Workers have called for an immediate ceasefire. Arab-American, Muslim and Jewish activists – both within unions and through various organizations – have been pushing demands in support of an end to the war as well as pressuring the Biden administration to halt its arms shipments to Israel.



If Not Now, an activist group of young Jews, unfurled a 15-meter banner from the famous tower on a hill in San Francisco with the message: Jews say: let Gaza live, and chanted "not in our name."

64% of Democrats do not want Joe Biden to be the party's presidential nominee in the 2024 elections, because of his age — he will be 81 at the time — and because of the current course of the economy, a poll by The New York Times and Siena College showed. But the truth is that the octogenarian president continues to be the best-valued politician of the Democratic Party, despite the rejection: the ruling party lacks a convening figure.

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