## Opinion

## **Trump Could Win the US Presidency**

President Joe Biden continues to stumble in his press conferences and interviews with American media. The latest was on Thursday, July 11, when he refers to Vice-President Kamala Harris as "Vice-President Trump". Earlier on that day he made another blunder by referring to Ukrainian President Zelensky as "President Putin."

Polls conducted by various organizations show that while in some states the race is close, however, overall, they show that Biden is losing to Trump, even though Trump is a convicted felon.

In response to questions from reporters on Thursday, Biden seems to be in denial about what the polls are saying in key battleground states, which have him losing to Trump. However, at the same time Biden seemed to give democratic delegates permission to defect. "They're free to do whatever they want," he said. "If all of a sudden I show up at the convention and everybody says, "We want somebody else, that's the democratic process. It's not gonna happen."

"It's interesting that the share of voters who think President Biden should not run for reelection has not budged much, at least since March 2024". Costas Panagopoulos, a political science professor at Northeastern University, told Newsweek last week.

"This finding suggests his weak performance at the debate and the worries it has caused voters has not put much dent in support for Biden to run for re-election. Among alternatives to Biden, support has also not changed for specific prospects since March, except for Vice-President Harris, for who support has strengthened somewhat," he added.

Trump continues to show a steady increase of voter support in battleground states. While Biden continues stumbling, since the disastrous debate performance, and sinking in poll numbers.

Between now and the Democratic Convention set for August 12 to 22 if Biden continues to stumble and the call from the democrats and fundraisers is increasing for him to step aside, the most likely scenario would be for Biden to gracefully drop out of the race at the Convention and designate his replacement, most likely Kamala Harris, or if the Convention chooses one of the democratic governors.

A new democratic candidate could be a game changer and will make it extremely difficult for Trump and his allies - the Heritage Foundation and the neo-conservatives – to continue their strategy of lies and bulling, and this could alter the results in the battleground states.

Trump wants Biden to stay in the race because he will be an easy pick, given that his whole campaign has been focused on "crooked Joe," same as he did in 2016, with Hilary Clinton.

If this does not happen, and Biden stays in the race, Donald Trump could win the Presidency. Unless some miracle occurs and the American voters come to their senses and reject a pathological liar and a convicted felon as their President, and if Biden can overcome Trump in battleground states.

Otherwise, the autocrats from the Hungarian President Orban to Erdogan, Putin and Xi will celebrate, and God help the rest of us. The world will see a new order for the next 4 years based on fear and threats.

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