

# Biden's Approval Rating Slumps in Nevada amid Crucial Senate Race (Newsweek)

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**Just 30 percent of registered voters in the state of Nevada approve of President Joe Biden** ahead of crucial midterm elections that will determine control of the House of Representatives and the Senate. A Civiqs presidential approval tracking poll showed that **60 percent of Nevada's registered voters disapproved of how Biden is handling his job as of July 1**, while 10 percent neither approved or disapproved.

The poll showed a **steep decline in approval** for Biden since August, 2021 when U.S. forces pulled out of Afghanistan and the [Taliban](#) retook control of the country. This is in line with other polling. The Civiqs poll found that Biden's approval rating in Nevada was 48 percent on August 16, 2021 with 45 percent disapproving. On that day, Taliban forces seized the Afghan capital of Kabul.

**Biden's approval in the state has slumped since inauguration day**, when he enjoyed 49 percent approval and 42 percent disapproval. His approval rating was 33 percent on June 1, according to Civiqs, while disapproval stood at 58 percent and 9 percent neither approved nor disapproved.

**There is a key U.S. Senate race taking place in Nevada this year** as Democratic Senator Catherine Cortez Masto faces a strong challenge from Republican Adam Laxalt, former attorney general of the state. Poll tracker FiveThirtyEight rates the race as a toss-up and the outcome could prove to be extremely important in determining [control of the Senate](#). [Democrats](#) currently have 51 votes in the Senate when two independent senators and Vice President [Kamala Harris'](#) tie-breaking vote are included.

**If Masto loses her seat to Laxalt, it will be seen as a major victory for [Republicans](#) and could be a crucial step toward the GOP taking control of the Senate in 2023.**

There are **also four races for the House of Representatives** in Nevada. One of those contests—Nevada's 3rd district—is rated as a toss-up by FiveThirtyEight. The incumbent is Democratic Representative Susie Lee, and with narrow margins in the House, the race could be **critical in determining control of the chamber**.

In another potentially concerning sign for Democrats, the Civiqs poll found that **74 percent of independents in Nevada disapproved of Biden**, while 16 percent approved and 10 percent neither approved nor disapproved. Independent voters are likely to be key in close races.

The president's approval rating [is just one factor in the midterms](#) and voters are likely to take other issues into account, including high inflation, the economy and the recent landmark [Supreme Court](#) ruling on abortion. However, [Biden's unpopularity remains a worrying sign](#) for the [Democratic Party](#), especially in a state that he won in 2020. The president carried Nevada with 50.1 percent of the vote compared to former President [Donald Trump's](#) 47.7 percent.