## The Race to the White House

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With both the democratic and republican parties debates beginning there is the looming question on who will be our next president. Therefore, with the presidential election coming up soon it's time to take a look into some of the candidates that are up for election in 2024.



The first candidate we have to focus on is the current president who said he will go up for re-election, Joe Biden. Even with people inside the democratic party calling for him to step down he is standing strong in his "finish the job" initiative. The main positions Biden has taken in his quest to return for four more years in the oval office are protecting social security and medicare, vetoing an abortion ban if one comes through congress, and to erect a billionaire minimum tax. Biden's approach to re-election in 2024 is remaining the same as it was in 2020, he still plans to fight for democracy against "MAGA extremists".

The republican candidate that is leading in the current polls is Former President Donald Trump. Trump has returned with a vengeance in this presidential race rallying his fans behind him by saying he had the

2020 election stolen from him. Trump is facing federal charges which could slow down his campaign but his supporters are back out in massive waves. His main positions he is taking is repealing many of President Biden's administration initiatives, support a record investment in the police, pardon a majority of people convicted in federal offenses, sign an executive order instructing federal agencies to stop all programs that promote learning about sex and gender transition at any age, and punish doctors who provide any gender affirming care to minors. He plans to use the same tactics as he used in the past, out talking his opponents.

The republican candidate that is second in the voter polls as of right now, Ron DeSantis. Insiders in the republican parties have said DeSantis is the strongest challenger to Former President Donald Trump. The positions that DeSantis has taken so far in his campaign are encouraging congress to take up a nationwide school choice legislation, implementing a six week abortion ban, and declaring a national emergency to mobilize resources to construct the wall on the southern border. He's been using similar tactics to Trump but with the backing of him winning the governor position in florida, saying he is a more politically fluent Donald Trump.

Finally the main democratic candidate that is running if President Biden decides to relinquish his position in the oval office is Marianne Williamson. The main positions Williamson has taken thus far is resisting any effort to restrict, limit, or diminish any reproductive rights, declare a national emergency around the "gun violence epidemic", and legalize "cannabis and psychedelics used for both recreational and medical purposes" as well as expunging past convictions for these same substances.

There are many options available with many more candidates in the running but these are the 4 candidates to really keep an eye out for. During this time it's important to stay updated on the candidates and listen to everything they say before you make a decision on who to vote for.