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Trump Takes the Midwest

Trump has opened up a breathtaking 11-point lead over Biden in Iowa, expanding on the 8-point margin by which he defeated Biden there last year. *The Des Moines Register* poll confirms that this key battleground state in the Midwest has turned solidly Republican, thanks to Trump.

The DMR poll, long considered the gold standard for the first-in-the-nation Iowa caucuses every four years, found that Trump is ahead by 76% to 15% among evangelical likely voters, 64% to 26% among rural likely voters, and 59% to 31% among likely voters without a college degree. Only 33% of Iowa adults say they approve of the job Joe Biden is doing, while 62% disapprove.

Other states in the upper Midwest will likely follow Iowa's lead. Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota are now ripe for Trump, because he champions the American worker and talks bluntly against the idiocy of the Left.

For the upcoming midterm elections in Congress, Republicans have attained their highest-ever 10-point lead (51-41%) over Democrats on a generic congressional ballot. That is a near-impossible deficit for Dems in swing districts to overcome in order to stay in office.

A whopping 59% of registered voters responded to this ABC News/*Washington Post* poll by saying they are looking for someone new to vote for in next year's congressional and U.S. Senate elections, rather than the incumbent. This is higher than in 1994 and 2010, when Republicans won landslide majorities in Congress during the presidencies of Clinton and Obama.

After two young Never-Trumpers in Congress from the Midwest announced they would not seek reelection, Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH) and Adam Kinzinger (R-IL), the Wyoming GOP defrocked Liz Cheney (R-WY) of the title "Republican." Its state party voted that it would no longer recognize the unhinged Trump critic as a Republican.

The possibility of energy shortages this winter due to Biden's war against traditional energy is pulling more people to pro-energy Trump. "Loss of natural gas service for some customers is a very real prospect," said Scott Carter, the president of Spire Missouri, about a looming shortage in

that state.

Radical environmentalists allied with Biden have caused a pipeline serving eastern Missouri to be shut down beginning December 13th. A panel of three Democrat-appointed judges on the D.C. Circuit ordered the unjustified shutdown of a new 65-mile pipeline that carries natural gas to the St. Louis area, which has no alternative source of fuel for home heating.

Homes could go cold in Missouri as a result. "Without STL (Pipeline) in a cold winter we don't have enough capacity in this region to serve our customers, and that's a real problem," added Carter.

Interference with access to energy is the result of the environmentalists who supported Kamala Harris in California, and now both her and Biden in the White House. The Midwest is squeezed by the Leftist agenda emanating from California, whose cool temperatures are nothing like the deep freeze that occurs each winter in the Midwest.

After first denying reports that the White House was considering shutting down Line 5, a 645-mile pipeline which delivers oil from Canada to Michigan, the White House then confirmed it is studying that possibility. This would create shortages this winter in the Midwest and drive energy prices even higher than they already are.

Biden's nominee for a position in the Department of Treasury, Saule Omarova, stated that she'd like to see coal, oil, and gas companies go bankrupt. A professor at Cornell University, Omarova declared about smaller energy companies that "we want them to go bankrupt if we want to tackle climate change, right?"

Although presidential nominees normally provide copies of all their published writings to the Senate committee considering their confirmation, Professor Omarova has not given the committee a copy of the thesis she wrote in Russian as a student at Moscow State University. Her thesis apparently admired Marxism, entitled "Karl Marx's Economic Analysis and the Theory of Revolution in *Das Kapital*."

Limiting our access to energy is now the principal

objective of the Left, because it creates dependency on government for essential needs of human life, including fuel to travel. Leftist policies for energy control have the effect of making people more beholden to public officials: support them or they shut off the pipeline serving your home in the winter.

Only a third of Americans prepared to go on road trips for Thanksgiving this year, because high gasoline prices have made it too expensive for many to travel. Biden's war against traditional energy has driven gas to near-record-high prices compared with the last decade. Meanwhile, Vice President Kamala Harris is being disparaged even by liberal CNN, whose website published an article that cited multiple anonymous Democrats sharply critical of her. The public disapproves of her job performance even more than Biden's.

Vaccine Oppression Stopped by Fifth Circuit

California Governor Gavin Newsom disappeared from public view for nearly two weeks after publicly receiving a Covid booster shot on October 27, leading some to wonder if he was concealing a vaccine injury. During Newsom's absence, which he later blamed on unspecified "family issues," a unanimous panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit blocked President Biden's nationwide mandate that private employers require their employees to be vaccinated.

Sitting in New Orleans, the Fifth Circuit presides over Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Trump-endorsed Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton led this latest charge to stop tyranny by Washington, D.C.

It used to be said that the D.C. Circuit is the most important court other than the U.S. Supreme Court, but it is increasingly apparent that the Fifth Circuit is more significant. The Fifth Circuit often acts more quickly and with greater clarity than the Supreme Court itself.

When the Supreme Court juggled its schedule last month to hold a special session demanded by abortion clinics, with nearly three hours of oral argument, some justices outdid each other looking for a way to allow clinics to invalidate the pro-life Texas law known as SB 8. With immense legal issues facing our country, surely the Supreme Court could have first addressed those that have long awaited resolution, such as illegal immigration.

The Fifth Circuit has no difficulty in upholding good Texas laws, which are attracting hundreds of thousands of Americans each year from the other 49 states. The Fifth Circuit does not favor abortion clinics when it schedules its oral arguments, and does not limit review to cases brought by the same small group of familiar practitioners as the Supreme Court seems to do.

Other federal appellate courts have received petitions challenging the Biden vaccine mandate, but it was the Fifth Circuit that acted. Other circuits have Trump-appointed

judges on them, as does the Supreme Court, but they seem lost as to which direction to head.

On the vaccine issue, the right side of the Supreme Court has been slow in recognizing that there is no constitutional authority for vaccine mandates by Biden or any federal agency. If justices do not want to find a constitutional right not to be vaccinated, they should at least recognize that there is no constitutional authority to order people to be vaccinated against their will.

The flaw in Biden's vaccine mandate includes a lack of any proper congressional authorization, a lack of validity under the U.S. Constitution, and an improper delegation of power to an obscure federal agency, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

OSHA was established to protect against on-the-job injuries to workers. It has no business ordering the health decisions of nearly 100 million Americans.

Yet that is what Biden's vaccine mandate purports to do, using OSHA as the hammer to pound his senseless nails. His approval rating and that of his vice president are plummeting as a result.

Kamala Harris's approval rating fell to a new low of only 28% in the latest USA Today/Suffolk poll. Biden's rating in that same poll was not much better, down to 38%.

He delayed until after the elections in Virginia and New Jersey before announcing his deadline by December 31 for this, which the Fifth Circuit properly blocked. Voters in those two states seemed to know what Biden was up to, and delivered some spectacular upsets against entrenched Democrats.

A Republican truck driver in southern New Jersey, Ed Durr, spent only \$153 on his campaign and yet defeated the most powerful Democrat in the state, Steve Sweeney. Southern New Jersey has turned from blue to red, showing that the GOP can retake the Northeast.

Sweeney was slow to concede his defeat, yet the liberal media did not blame him as it savaged Trump for questioning suspicious election results. Another New Jersey Democrat, Congressman Donald Norcross, predicts landslide Republican victories next year in the midterms.

In Virginia, Republicans swept into statewide offices and recaptured the lower House of Delegates, after years of control by Democrats. Transgender crime in public school bathrooms contributed to those surprise victories, while the oppressive vaccine mandates probably played a role too.

Back to California Governor Gavin Newsom, who has been among the worst of the worst in forcing vaccination on others. He took his booster shot in promotion of everyone else doing likewise.

But then he canceled appearances and vanished without fully explaining why to the public. Hardly anyone expected him to be truthful when he returned from his unscheduled vacation.

Most Americans do not have the luxury of taking off two

weeks from an adverse reaction to a vaccine or its booster shot. Truck drivers, for example, cannot typically afford to sit at home for two weeks while recovering from a vaccine-induced injury.

Perhaps that is why many truck drivers oppose vaccine mandates, as does the star NFL quarterback Aaron Rodgers. He declared the “woke mob” is after him now that he announced that he declined the Covid vaccine.

Biden Down to 38%

Joe Biden has declined to 38%, and not just in his mental capacity. The reliable Quinnipiac poll announced in October that 53% of Americans disapprove of the job he is doing as president, while only 38% approve.

Interviews of ordinary Democrats confirm the dismay, as reported by *Politico*, that many have about their own president and his inadequate performance. Their legislation on Capitol Hill has stalled, and nothing seems to be accomplished even though Dems control both Houses of Congress and the White House.

An historically low approval rating for a president means that the candidates in his party face landslide defeats in the midterm elections, as happened in 1946, 1994, and 2010. The governor’s race in Virginia, once considered safe for Democrats amid a sea of government workers, shifted to the Republican candidate.

Obama’s adviser Susan Rice is apparently making decisions in the White House now, but most of the public does not even know who she is. Biden is mentally incapable of giving a press conference or holding an event that might restore the lost public confidence in him.

No one, other than Trump supporters, is quite sure why Biden’s ratings have dropped so sharply. Some attribute it to a Covid-19 “malaise,” while others cite his mishandling of the Afghanistan pullout and flooding our country with migrants and refugees.

The Democrats’ plan to have Biden as a placeholder in the Oval Office until an electable liberal can be found is not working. No electable Democrat successor is on the horizon, and the party faces further decline until Trump will be on the ballot again.

Loud protesters greeted Biden when he went to Michigan recently, a state that he reportedly won without a meaningful audit. “We’re going to support Trump still until he’s put back in,” Philip Ludwig told the *Detroit News*, amid hundreds of sign-waving Trump supporters.

Trump seizes the day, in ways that only he can. On October 9 he held a spectacular rally at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, which liberals lament surpassed his earlier rallies this year.

Trump let it rip by emphasizing that he never conceded to Joe Biden in the presidential election last year, and that more audits should be ordered. Despite criticizing Trump

for his rhetoric, liberals are stunned that 91% of Iowa Republicans support Trump.

On stage with Trump was Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA), the 88-year-old Iowa farmer who leads his opponent by 15 points in the polls. The crowd went wild as Trump endorsed Grassley, who enthusiastically accepted the endorsement.

Everyone knows how important securing the border is to Trump, but he said that there is one issue that is even more important. That issue is ending election fraud by the Left as it steals elections.

Trump’s leadership in opposing election fraud puts him miles ahead of every other politician. The Never-Trumpers continue to deny the importance of this issue, which if not rectified will result in permanent one-party rule by Democrats.

Look no further than California, where a groundswell movement to recall its tyrannical Governor Gavin Newsom was shut down by a porous mail-in system that allows unverified ballots to be counted. Then California Dems made their anything-goes style of voting permanent, which ensures it will continue to be a one-party state.

Not so in Iowa and the rest of the Midwest, where election integrity is taken seriously and Trump is immensely popular. Trump enjoys a 53% approval rating in Iowa, the same number that disapproves of Biden nationwide.

Future presidential elections and key votes in Congress will be decided by the Midwest, stretching from Pennsylvania in the east to Oklahoma in the southwest. America’s most famous painting is “American Gothic,” which depicts a skeptical Iowa farmer standing next to his homely daughter, armed with a pitchfork if needed to defend their farmhouse.

That defense is needed now, as the East and West Coast increasingly rob the Midwest on energy and other issues. Drought-ravaged California just banned gasoline-powered lawnmowers, which are necessary in the fertile Midwest on a weekly basis.

There are virtually no oil, coal, or traditional car manufacturers in the eastern or western states, while all are basic to the Midwest and our Nation’s economy. Semiconductor production, harmful to the environment, is big in several western states while non-existent in the Midwest.

Donald Trump is no longer a New Yorker and increasingly looks like a younger version of Sen. Chuck Grassley, whose homespun common sense has repeatedly reelected him. Democrats will need to win three big states in the Midwest to hold onto the White House, while the bellwether state of Iowa goes strongly Republican.

Meanwhile, the Left Coast controls social media and continues to censor Donald Trump there, so he filed suit to restore his free speech rights. Monopolization by Big Tech has made it comparable to public utilities, which cannot refuse service to political adversaries.

The Great Resignation Due to Biden

Americans have long been among the hardest-working in the world. But Biden's mishandling of Covid has caused millions of our best workers to quit their jobs each month.

The "Great Resignation," as it's being called, should be by the occupant of the White House who lacks the mental capacity to do his job. Instead, top workers in every field are the ones resigning, which leaves America without the manpower necessary to keep our great country running.

Americans expect good service, and do not tolerate long waiting lines and shortages that are familiar to people in many other countries. When hundreds of thousands are stranded at our airports, as happened when pilots did not show up for work, millions of Americans were outraged by the disruption.

More than pilots are deciding not to show up at their jobs. Amid a substantial loss in uniformed officers in Los Angeles county, homicides are up by 44% and aggravated assaults have increased by 23%.

In August, a record 4.3 million Americans quit their jobs, which was a shocking 2.9% of our entire workforce. The percentage of able-bodied men who want to be in the workforce has dropped to only 67.7%, from 69.3% in January 2020, a loss of millions of workers.

Academic experts discuss this new phenomenon but ignore that Biden's vaccine mandates are a primary cause. Trucking and other companies are warning the federal government that they may stop doing business with it unless it backs off of its Covid vaccine mandates.

The last weekend of October American Airlines cancelled more than 1,900 flights, and then cancelled another 340 flights the following Monday morning. Pilots and other airline employees do not like being told to take an experimental vaccine or be fired.

The socialist mayor of New York City, Bill de Blasio, put 9,000 city workers on unpaid leave for being unvaccinated. An additional 12,000 applications for an exemption from the vaccine are pending in the Big Apple.

Despite the heavy promotion of Covid vaccination, it is estimated that up to 25% of New York's finest – their police, fire, and emergency workers – remained unvaccinated by choice. In Los Angeles, the county sheriff said that 44% of his 18,000 employees could quit, so he announced that "I cannot enforce reckless mandates that put the public's safety at risk" as the Covid vaccine mandate does.

Who is going to protect us against crime, save our buildings from fires, and arrive with ambulances in emergencies amid all these resignations? Not the handful of politicians and bureaucrats who are imposing the senseless Covid vaccine requirements.

As the Christmas shopping season begins, cargo companies may have the greatest leverage and Biden is

noticing their resistance. Our country depends on these cargo companies, particularly this time of year, and Biden should be blamed if shipments do not arrive in time.

Biden's mandate requires federal employees and contractors to be vaccinated, which affects most businesses having contracts with the federal government. But many of those companies can stop working with the federal government rather than comply with the vaccine mandate, and some will opt out by simply walking away.

That impacts military readiness because the federal government depends on private carriers to transport soldiers and deliver goods for them. It is hardly fair to the troops for Biden to impose arbitrary requirements that are so oppressive that private companies would rather shun the government business.

"As everyone enters their high season, the Administration's corporate Covid-19 vaccine mandate for government contractors threatens to be a major stumbling block in servicing our customers during the Holidays," said Stephen Alterman, president of the Cargo Airline Association, as reported by *Politico*.

Shortages in everything from new cars to specialty items in grocery stores already plague our economy. The December 8 deadline set by the Biden Administration for companies to have their employees vaccinated would cause shortages just in time for Christmas, so it was extended to January 4.

Trucking companies impacted by Biden's mandates could lose up to 37% of their drivers, the American Trucking Association has estimated to the White House. Truck drivers, like many occupations that form the backbone of our economy, value their independence and do not like being ordered to take an experimental vaccine.

Democrats have been confident of defeating legal challenges to the vaccine mandates, and so far most courts have rolled over and upheld whatever the public health autocrats onerously demand. But the court of public opinion is a different story, and workers are free to walk off the job at any time.

Millions are doing exactly that. Continuing to work or taking on a new job is a sacrifice of one's time and part of his life, and fewer want that if it means having to quit to avoid taking another experimental vaccine or booster shot.

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