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## Manchin Not Running for Reelection

Senator Joe Manchin (D-W.V.) announced he will not be running for reelection in 2024, saying in a video on X — “I have made one of the toughest decisions of my life, and decided that I will not be running for reelection to the United States Senate. But what I will be doing is traveling the country and speaking out to see if there is an interest to create a movement to mobilize the middle and bring Americans together.” Some speculate he could possibly be [planning a presidential campaign](#).



AP Images  
Joe Manchin

To the West Virginians who have put their trust in me and fought side by side to make our state better – it has been an honor of my life to serve you. Thank you. My statement on my political future:

[pic.twitter.com/dz8JuXAYTL](https://pic.twitter.com/dz8JuXAYTL)

— Senator Joe Manchin  
(@Sen\_JoeManchin) [November 9, 2023](#)

Democrats will face a [difficult race with Republicans](#) to retain their 51-49 Senate Majority, as Manchin is West Virginia’s only Democrat in Congress. [The primary Republican candidates for Manchin’s Senate seat](#) include Representative Alex Mooney and Trump-endorsed Governor Jim Justice.



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