

## **Biden's Low Approval Ratings Bode Well for Republicans** in 2022

Despite efforts by major pollsters to make their president look good, the raw numbers from <u>RealClearPolitics</u> are dismal for Old Joe: He is tracking a good 15 points below the average of the last 14 presidents at the end of their first 100 days in office.

During an interview with Just the News AM on Wednesday, pollster John McLaughlin (who tracked Trump's ratings during the president's first term) said, "the fact he is only in the low 50s right now is a really bad sign for Joe Biden." According to ABC News, the average approval rating for the past 14 presidents polled at the end of their first 100 days is 66 percent.

The major problem Biden has is that he has lied, and lied, and lied to the American people, and they're already sick of it. McLaughlin explained:

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He's taken what should have been very popular issues — COVID relief, infrastructure — that Americans overwhelmingly support, and [he has] turned them into radical, left-wing pieces of legislation ... that's not where the American people are right now....

[Biden] is literally the Trojan Horse for this radical left-wing agenda and despite what the national media and the Democrats may tell you, that's just not where the American people are right now.

A key change in the national mood toward Biden is reflected in the eroding support for the president among Independents. McLaughlin quoted data from the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll, which states that 45 percent of Independents say Biden is too liberal, up from just 21 percent a year ago.

McLaughlin said these indicators bode well not only for a Republican takeover of the House in 2022, but it could be a rout, equivalent to what happened in the 2010 midterms when Republicans gained 63 seats in the House, seven seats in the Senate, six governorships, and made huge gains in state legislatures as well.

Rasmussen Reports, considered among the major pollsters to be the least influenced by the Left, has tracked Biden's performance since two days after his inauguration. At that point his approval index — measured as the difference between the percent of those who "strongly approve" and those who "strongly disapprove" of his performance — was 36 to 38 percent, or a -2 approval index.

His performance improved slightly two weeks later, breaking even. But it's been downhill ever since,



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with his approval index at Rasmussen now at -11 (only 30 percent strongly approve, while 41 percent strongly disapprove).

FiveThirtyEight predicted a Republican House takeover last November, just weeks after the fauxpresidential election put Biden into the White House:

Midterm elections historically go well for the party that's not in the White House, and the out-of-power party is especially like to do well in the House ... the presidential party has lost an average of 27 House seats in midterm elections.

At the annual GOP retreat in Orlando, House Minority Leader Keven McCarthy reminded his audience that the Republican Party has strong momentum leading into the midterms:

In the last election there wasn't one Republican to lose ... [the] first time since 1994. We were able to defeat 15 Democrats. Every single Democrat lost [either] to a Republican woman, a Republican minority, or a Republican veteran.

This greatly exceeded political forecasters' predictions, with some projecting that Republicans would lose 10 to 15 seats. Instead, they made gains that have narrowed the Democrat majority in the House to the slimmest in modern history.

If Biden continues to lose credibility, especially among Independents, Republicans could enjoy results equal to or even exceeding the 2010 "Republican wave" election. He could possibly set new record lows for approval, exceeding Harry Truman's (at 22 percent), Richard Nixon's worst (at 25 percent), Jimmy Carter's (at 28 percent), and George H.W. Bush's (at 29 percent).

For the record, President Trump's lowest approval rating, according to World Atlas, came in at 37 percent. Biden should easily beat that considering the way he's starting off.



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