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## Dem Primaries Postponed by Corona Scare, Worrying Dems About Election

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With the fear-inducing overreaction of the mainstream media over Coronavirus in full bloom, it now appears to be backfiring on their Democrat masters. According to multiple reports, as the Democrat party is being forced to postpone primaries, many in the party are concerned that it will make it harder to defeat President Trump in November.

One day before voters in Ohio were set to vote on March 17, that primary was pushed out to June 2. Other states, such as Connecticut, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Georgia have also postponed their primaries, some as far as late June. That will not bode well for Democrats — still reeling from their failed (read: vain) attempt to remove President Trump from office by impeachment.

The *Hill* is [reporting](#):

As more and more states postpone their primaries — delaying their elections as far back as June — some Democrats say that it will make the job of defeating President Trump more difficult.

“I think there’s a desire for closure to the primaries and getting on with the business of beating Donald Trump,” said Addisu Demissie, who served as campaign manager on Sen. Cory Booker’s (D-N.J.) presidential campaign.

Former Vice President Joe Biden holds a big delegate lead over Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), and is widely seen as the inevitable Democratic nominee. But it could still take a number of contests for Biden to win enough delegates to clinch the nomination, and the scheduling delays would only push that back further.

That could hamper Biden’s candidacy, say Demissie and other observers.

And the Associated Press is [reporting](#):

U.S. elections have been upended by the coronavirus pandemic. At least 13 states have postponed voting and more delays are possible as health officials warn that social distancing and other measures to contain the virus might be in place for weeks, if not months.

The states that have yet to hold their primaries find themselves in a seemingly impossible situation as they look to balance public health concerns with the need to hold elections. While election officials routinely prepare for natural disasters such as hurricanes and wildfires, the virus outbreak poses a unique challenge.



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To have any chance of winning in November, Biden needs to secure the nomination sooner rather than later, so he can focus on running against President Trump. Instead, it appears that he will continue to be bogged down in competing with Bernie Sanders for the nomination.

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The *Hill* article quotes Demissie as saying, “In theory, the Biden campaign could spend the next seven months with a singular focus instead of keeping one eye on a primary opponent whose chances of victory are virtually zero.” And Democratic strategist Joel Payne said, “It would be hard to divorce the anxiety associated with the coronavirus outbreak from the anxiety some Democrats are feeling about the need to settle on a nominee,” adding, “For practical reasons, Democrats would like to get on with the business of uniting behind a candidate to streamline fundraising and grassroots operations and create a big tent message that allows the best opportunity to beat Donald Trump in November.”

And if Biden — who has not shown the greatest tact and presence of mind lately — doesn’t tread carefully in winning the nomination over Sanders, he could lose the votes of Sanders’ base. Demissie also said, “I think the concern is that as long as the primaries are active, Biden must be seen and must actually not be dismissive of Sanders, lest the Sanders die-hards turn against him in the fall,” adding, “So it’s forcing the Biden team to walk a tightrope across a canyon when the bridge is right there.”

Given President Trump’s approval rating and his loyal base of MAGA Americans, it was questionable whether Biden could have found that bridge in the first place. With the Democratic primaries suffering through the pandemic scare along with the rest of us, it now looks as if he will likely slip off that “tightrope” and fall headlong into the canyon dug by his own party and their mainstream-media accomplices.

It couldn’t happen to a nicer bunch of people.

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