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## Nikki Haley takes on Donald Trump for 2024 U.S. Republican nomination

WASHINGTON, Feb 14 (Reuters) - Former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley on Tuesday kicked off her campaign for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, a tough challenge as her former boss Donald Trump holds a strong lead in a new Reuters/Ipsos poll.

“I’m Nikki Haley and I’m running for president,” Haley said in a video that her team sent out by email as she joined Trump as the only announced 2024 candidates.

Haley, a former South Carolina governor who served as the U.N. ambassador under Trump from 2017 to 2018, is set to lay out her campaign plans in a speech on Wednesday in Charleston, South Carolina.

The daughter of two Indian immigrants who ran a successful clothing store in a rural part of South Carolina, Haley, 51, has gained a reputation in the Republican Party as a solid conservative who has the ability to address issues of gender and race in a more credible fashion than many of her peers.

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Launching her candidacy more than 20 months ahead of the November 2024 election gives Haley more of a chance to draw attention and raise funds before the Republican field grows in the

coming weeks and months. But it also makes her an early target of the combative Trump.

A Reuters/Ipsos poll released on Tuesday that found that 4% of registered Republicans supported Haley. Trump received support from 43% of registered Republicans in the poll conducted from Feb. 6-13, while 31% said they supported Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, who is expected to launch a campaign but has not yet done so. Other high-profile Republicans looking at a 2024 run include former Vice President Mike Pence, U.S. Senator Tim Scott of South Carolina, New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu and former Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, among others. “It’s time for a new generation of leadership - to rediscover fiscal responsibility, secure our border and strengthen our country, our pride and our purpose,” Haley said in her video.

She also harked back to her foreign policy experience with a folksy flair.

“China and Russia are on the march. They all think we can be bullied, kicked. You should know this about me: I don’t put up with bullies. And when you kick back, it hurts them more if you’re wearing heels,” she said.

Trump, 76, has seen his campaign - launched in November - get off to a slow start. On Feb. 2 he mocked Haley on his Truth Social platform, noting she had earlier said she would support Trump if he ran in 2024.

Former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley announces her run for 2024 U.S. presidential election



“Nikki has to follow her heart, not her honor. She should definitely run!” he wrote.

Trump was defeated in his 2020 re-election bid by Democrat Joe Biden. Biden is expected to seek re-election in 2024.

Taylor Budowich, head of the pro-Trump Make America Great Again group, dismissed Haley’s announcement.

“Nikki Haley is just another career politician,” he said.

South Carolina is expected to host one of the first Republican nominating primaries in 2024 and will play an important role in picking the eventual candidate.

A day after Haley’s event, Scott will kick off a “listening tour focused on Faith in America” in Charleston, according to a campaign advisory. He will then swing through Iowa, another key early voting state.

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Haley has pitched herself as a stalwart defender of American interests abroad. During her stint as an ambassador to the United Nations, the United States pulled out of the Iran nuclear deal,

which was signed under Democratic President Barack Obama and was highly unpopular among Republicans.

One Haley associate said she chose to launch her campaign this early to try to grab voters’ attention and shake up the race.

Many key Republican donors and elected officials in South Carolina have been looking for alternatives to Trump amid concerns about his electability, according to conversations in recent weeks with more than a dozen party officials and strategists.

Several prominent Republicans, including Haley and Scott, opted to skip a Trump campaign appearance last month in Columbia that was intended to showcase his support in the state.

Among Haley’s major challenges will be nailing down a consistent message. Even in a field in which most candidates have changed their mind about key issues multiple times, Haley is particularly chameleonic. She has distanced herself from Trump several times, only to later soften her rhetoric, saying he has an important role to play in the Republican Party.

Former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley announces her run for 2024 U.S. presidential election, in this still image obtained from an undated social media video released on February 14, 2023. Nikki Haley via Instagram/ via REUTERSw

While she has criticized Republicans for baselessly casting doubt on the results of the 2020 election, she campaigned ahead of the 2022 midterm elections on behalf of multiple candidates who supported Trump’s false election fraud claims

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# WEA LEE'S GLOBAL NOTES

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## Our Anger Continues To Burn

In order to protest the Texas Senate’s proposed bill that would ban Chinese citizens from buying land in Texas, the Chinese community led by Ms. Lou Ling and many other leaders gathered last Saturday in front of the HMart grocery store in Chinatown. Hundreds of Chinese Americans marched down Bellaire Blvd. carrying signs of protest. Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and three congressmen and a congresswoman were among the crowd of supporters saying that this evil bill should be overturned, while some of the speakers were even openly shedding tears. The emotions were running very deep and it was all very touching. This was also the first time we have ever had such a large group of Chinese Americans marching in our community.

But after this hot-blooded moment, we should now think very carefully about how we can best help our people fight against this unfair law.

We really suggest two very important things: votes and money. We need to realize that all of the politicians depend on votes and donations to be elected. We must have a very strong organization to educate our people to let them know that unless we participate and take action, we will be out of the process and this bill will pass.

Today the relations between the United States and China face big challenges. The anti-China atmosphere in Washington politics is becoming more and more fierce and this is very worrying for all of us.

We as Chinese American citizens in this country need to get organized and united to fight for our constitutional rights. We must fight for justice today and for the future of our children tomorrow!



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## Editor's Choice



Israeli women wearing red capes demonstrate on the day Israel's constitution committee is set to start voting on changes that would give politicians more power on selecting judges while limiting Supreme Court's powers to strike down legislation, outside the Knesset, Israel's parliament in Jerusalem. REUTERS/Ammar Awad



Syrian woman Amina Raslan sits with her son and her grandchildren, at her son's partially damaged home, in the aftermath of a deadly earthquake, in Aleppo, Syria. REUTERS/Firas Makdesi



A woman sits on the rubble of her house in the aftermath of a deadly earthquake in Kahramanmaraş, Turkey. REUTERS/Nir Elias



A woman poses for pictures in front of giant rose installations on Valentine's Day in Beijing, China. REUTERS/Tingshu Wang



Grieving relatives embrace as rescuers work to extract the bodies of a father and his son from under the rubble in the aftermath of a deadly earthquake in Hatay, Turkey. REUTERS/Clodagh Kilcoyne



People sit as others search amid the rubble in the aftermath of a deadly earthquake in Kahramanmaraş, Turkey. REUTERS/Nir Elias



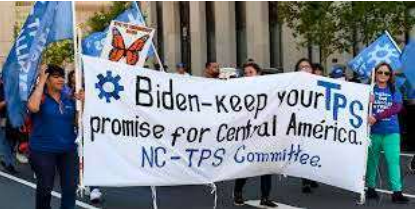
## U.S. Extends Temporary Legal Status Of 337,000 Immigrants Through 2024 Amid Court Battle

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Activists and immigrants with temporary protected status march toward the White House on Feb. 23, 2021, in Washington, D.C., in a call for Congress and the Biden administration to pass immigration reform legislation.

The Biden administration on Thursday said it would extend the deportation protections and work permits of an estimated 337,000 immigrants from El Salvador, Nicaragua, Nepal and Honduras through the summer of 2024, preempting a court decision that could have led to their legal status expiring next year. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) said in a notice that it will allow immigrants from these countries to continue living and working in the U.S. legally under the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) policy until at least June 2024. Created in 1990, TPS is a deportation relief program the U.S. can extend to nationals of countries beset by armed conflict, natural disasters or other humanitarian crises. Thursday's announcement comes two weeks after court negotiations between the Biden administration and lawyers representing TPS holders broke down, paving the way for the Trump administration's decision to terminate the legal status of hundreds of thousands of immigrants enrolled in the program to take effect.



But in its notice on Thursday, DHS said immigrants from El Salvador, Nicaragua, Nepal and Honduras would get to keep their work permits and deportation protections at least 365 days after the department is allowed to end the TPS programs in question, or until

June 30, 2024 — whichever date comes later. The June 30, 2024, extension also applies to certain Haitian and Sudanese immigrants, but they are also eligible to apply for work permits and deportation protections under expansions of TPS programs for Haiti and Sudan announced by the Biden administration that are not affected by the litigation in federal court. "DHS is well aware of the importance of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in providing stability to people's lives," a DHS spokesperson said in a statement to CBS News on Thursday. As of the end of 2021, 241,699 Salvadorans, 76,737 Hondurans, 14,556 Nepalis and 4,250 Nicaraguans were enrolled in the TPS program, according to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data. TPS allows beneficiaries to live and work in the country without fear of deportation, but it does not provide them a path to permanent residency or citizenship. Those who lose their TPS protections could become eligible for deportation, unless they apply for, and are granted, another immigration benefit.



As part of its immigration crackdown, the Trump

administration tried to terminate TPS programs for hundreds of thousands of immigrants from El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Sudan, Honduras and Nepal. But those terminations were blocked in federal courts by lawsuits that argued the terminations were rooted in racial animus and not properly justified. In September 2020, however, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals gave the Trump administration the greenlight to end the TPS programs, saying courts could not review DHS decisions related to the policy. The ruling, however, did not take effect, because attorneys representing the TPS holders asked the court to consider rehearing the case "en banc," or with all active judges participating. The Biden administration, which pledged to prevent the deportation of TPS holders to "unsafe" countries, entered into court negotiations to try to settle the litigation over the Trump-era termination decisions. It also formally extended the TPS programs for immigrants from Haiti and Sudan. After a year of court negotiations, attorneys for TPS holders announced on Oct. 26 that they had failed to reach a settlement with the Biden administration. Both parties are now waiting for the 9th Circuit to decide whether it will grant or deny the request to rehear the case. If the request is denied, the 9th Circuit's ruling from September 2020 will become binding, unless the Supreme Court intervenes.



Ahilan Arulanantham, one of the attorneys representing TPS holders in the litigation, said Thursday's announcement was an "important victory." But he called it an "interim one." "Despite today's extension, the Biden administration is still defending Trump's racist TPS termination decisions in court, which unless the Biden administration acts, will remain on the books," said Arulanantham, the co-director of the Center for Immigration Law and Policy at the UCLA School of Law. Arulanantham called on the Biden administration to create new TPS programs for El Salvador, Nicaragua, Nepal and Honduras, just like it has done for Haiti and Sudan. Democratic lawmakers have advocated for TPS holders to be allowed to apply for permanent residency as part of a proposal to legalize unauthorized immigrants who have lived in the U.S. for years. Many TPS holders have lived in the country for over two decades. The TPS program for El Salvador, for example, began in 2001. But congressional Democrats and Republicans have not been able to forge an agreement on immigration for decades, and GOP lawmakers have in-

creasingly opposed creating legalization programs, absent changes to U.S. border policy. (Courtesy <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/>) **Related** **Venezuelan Migration To The U.S. Border Decreased In October, But Overall Migrant Arrivals Remained High** Washington, DC — Recently announced U.S. immigration policies led to a significant reduction in Venezuelan migration to the U.S.-Mexico border in Oct., but overall migrant apprehensions remained high, propelled by the arrival of tens of thousands of Cubans and Nicaraguans, federal statistics released late Monday show. U.S. immigration officials encountered migrants 230,678 times along the southern border last month, a 1.9% increase from September, according to the Customs and Border Protection data. Roughly 19% of those encounters involved repeat crossings by migrants who had been previously processed by U.S. border agents. Border Patrol recorded 204,273 apprehensions of migrants who entered the U.S. illegally, a slight decrease from Sept., while the Office of Field Operations, another CBP agency, processed 26,405 migrants at official ports of entry, where the Biden administration has been admitting certain asylum-seekers.



Venezuelan migrants were processed 22,044 times in Oct., a 35% decrease from the record high of 33,804 reported the previous month. The drop comes after the U.S. on Oct. 12 began expelling Venezuelans to Mexico under a public health order known as Title 42. The Biden administration also launched a program to allow up to 24,000 Venezuelans to enter the U.S. legally if they have U.S.-based financial sponsors. But the drop in Venezuelan migration was offset by the arrival of 28,848 Cubans and 20,917 Nicaraguans, a monthly record for the latter nationality. Mexico has generally not allowed the U.S. to expel Cubans or Nicaraguans to its territory, prompting U.S. officials to allow most of them to seek asylum inside the country, since Cuba and Nicaragua do not accept regular U.S. expulsion flights. Troy Miller, who was named acting CBP commissioner last weekend following the resignation of Chris Magnus, said migration from Cuba and Nicaragua continued to be at a "historic high" due to political and economic turmoil in both countries, which are ruled by repressive regimes. "This reflects the challenge that is gripping the hemisphere, as displaced populations flee authoritarianism, corruption, violence, and poverty," Miller said in his statement.



The tally of unique migrants from Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela in Oct. collectively exceeded the number of migrants from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador taken into U.S. border custody, continuing an unprecedented demographic shift that the U.S. has struggled to respond to, according to CBP calculations. The U.S. carried out over 78,000 migrant expulsions in Oct. — including 5,855 expulsions of Venezuelans. Those expelled under Title 42 are barred from seeking asylum, which U.S. law allows migrants to request if they are on U.S. soil, regardless of whether they entered the country unlawfully. Migrants who are not expelled under Title 42 are processed under U.S. immigration law. Generally, that means they are transferred by Border Patrol to another agency, released with instructions to see a judge or an immigration office or processed under a fast-track deportation process known as expedited removal. While the U.S. struggles to expel many migrants who are not from Mexico or Central America because of diplomatic and logistical reasons, the Biden administration has exempted several groups from Title 42, including unaccompanied children and asylum-seekers identified as vulnerable.



The numbers released Monday show the migration wave to the U.S.-Mexico border during President Biden's administration continues to defy pre-pandemic seasonal patterns, during which migrant arrivals peaked in the spring and declined in the hot summer months and the fall. The statistics also suggest that migrant encounters along the southern border will continue to resemble, or perhaps surpass, the record levels reported in fiscal year 2022, when U.S. immigration officials encountered migrants nearly 2.4 million times, an all-time high. (Courtesy <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/>)

An endless flow of information is coming at us constantly: It might be an article a friend shared on Facebook with a sensational headline or wrong information about the spread of the coronavirus. It could even be a call from a relative wanting to talk about a political issue. All this information may leave many of us feeling as though we have no energy to engage. As a philosopher who studies knowledge-sharing practices, I call this experience "epistemic exhaustion." The term "epistemic" comes from the Greek word episteme, often translated as "knowledge." So epistemic exhaustion is more of a knowledge-related exhaustion. It is not knowledge itself that tires out many of us. Rather, it is the process of trying to gain or share knowledge under challenging circumstances. Currently, there are at least three common sources that, from my perspective, are leading to such exhaustion. But there are also ways to deal with them. **1. Uncertainty** For many, this year has been full of uncertainty. In particular, the coronavirus pandemic has generated uncertainty about health, about best practices and about the future. At the same time, Americans have faced uncertainty about the U.S. presidential election: first due to delayed results and now over questions about a peaceful transition of power.

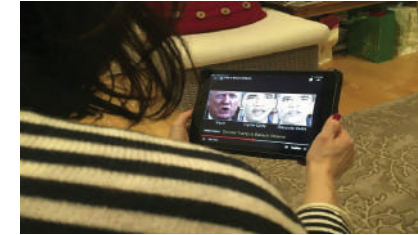


As Trump supporters denounce the 2020 election results, feelings of uncertainty can come up for others. **Karla Ann Cote/NurPhoto via Getty Images** Experiencing uncertainty can stress most of us out. People tend to prefer the planned and the predictable. Figures from

## Information Exhaustion – What Can We Do About It?

17th-century French philosopher René Descartes to 20th-century Austrian philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein have recognized the significance of having certainty in our lives. With information so readily available, people may be checking news sites or social media in hopes of finding answers. But often, people are instead greeted with more reminders of uncertainty. **2. Polarization** Political polarization is stressing many Americans out. As political scientist Lilliana Mason notes in her book, "Uncivil Disagreement: How Politics Became Our Identity," Americans have been increasingly dividing politically "into two partisan teams." Many writers have discussed the negative effects of polarization, such as how it can damage democracy. But discussions about the harms of polarization often overlook the toll polarization takes on our ability to gain and share knowledge.

That can happen in at least two ways. First, as philosopher Kevin Vallier has argued, there is a "causal feedback loop" between polarization and distrust. In other words, polarization and distrust fuel one another. Such a cycle can leave people feeling unsure whom to trust or what to believe.



A woman views a manipulated video

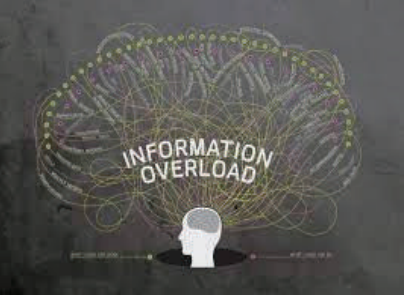


Viral misinformation is everywhere. This includes political propaganda, misleading messaging from private corporations, and misinformation about COVID-19.

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that changes what is said by President Donald Trump and former President Barack Obama. **ROB LEVER/AFP via Getty Images** Second, polarization can lead to competing narratives because in a deeply polarized society, as studies show, we can lose common ground and tend to have less agreement. For those inclined to take the views of others seriously, this can create additional cognitive work. And when the issues are heated or sensitive, this can create additional stress and emotional burdens, such as sadness over damaged friendships or anger over partisan rhetoric. **3. Misinformation** Viral misinformation is everywhere. This includes political propaganda in the United States and around the world. People are also inundated with advertising and misleading messaging from private corporations, what philosophers Cailin O'Connor and James Owen Weatherall have called "industrial propaganda." And in 2020, the public is also dealing with misinformation about COVID-19.

As chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov put it: "The point of modern propaganda isn't only to misinform or push an agenda. It is to exhaust your critical thinking, to annihilate truth." Misinformation is often exhausting by design. For example, a video that went viral, "Plandemic," featured a large number of false claims about COVID-19 in rapid succession. This flooding of misinformation in rapid succession, a tactic known as a Gish gallop, makes it challenging and time-consuming for fact checkers to refute the many falsehoods following one after another.



**What to do?** With all this uncertainty, polarization and misinformation, feeling tired is understandable. But there are things one can do. The American Psychological Association suggests coping with uncertainty through activities like limiting news consumption and focusing on things in one's control. Another option is to work on becoming more comfortable with un-

certainty through practices such as meditation and the cultivation of mindfulness.

To deal with polarization, consider communicating with the goal of creating empathetic understanding rather than "winning." Philosopher Michael Hanon describes empathetic understanding as "the ability to take up another person's perspective."



As for limiting the spread of misinformation: Share only those news stories that you've read and verified. And you can prioritize outlets that meet high ethical journalistic or fact-checking standards. These solutions are limited and imperfect, but that's all right. Part of resisting epistemic exhaustion is learning to live with the limited and imperfect. No one has time to vet all the headlines, correct all the misinformation or gain all the relevant knowledge. To deny this is to set oneself up for exhaustion. (Courtesy the-conversation.com)

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