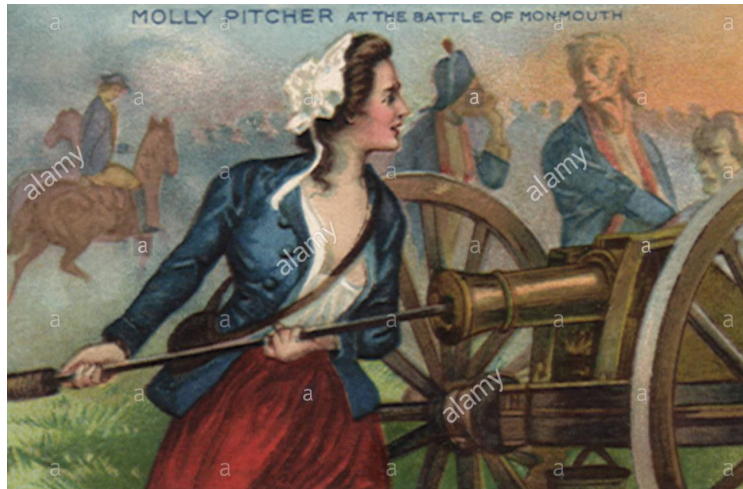


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Dear Friends and Fellow Republicans

Trump Leads Biden, As Does DeSantis, Haley Behind Biden

After 2022, I lost a lot of respect and interest in poll numbers, but Rasmussen has always had good data and has been fairly reliable over the years. One thing that we have been told from the talking head so called experts is that Nikki Haley is the only Republican who can beat Biden. However Rasmussen, who has been historically accurate (even when I disagree with them vehemently) says in their latest poll, that Trump is ahead by 8 (49-41), DeSantis is ahead by 1 (42-41) yet Nikki Haley is behind (38-36).

There are several things that can and should be taken from this data.

1. Most people do not know who Nikki Haley is. Nikki Haley is not known by most voters, and polling this early is very dicey. This does not mean that Nikki Haley cannot win if she's the nominee. But it does mean that Nikki Haley is not the shoo in that the GOP ruling class wants you to believe, and that she has a lot of work to do.
2. Ron DeSantis is not looking good. He's almost as well known as is Trump. And DeSantis is the best of Trump, without having some of Trump's negatives. However DeSantis has run a lackluster campaign, and may be finished after the Iowa caucuses. If DeSantis doesn't have the same or better numbers than does Trump nationwide, it's clear that what he's selling, the voters are not buying. I take no pleasure in saying this – as DeSantis has been a great governor and would be an excellent President.
3. The GOP base has fundamentally changed in the past 10 years. The War Hawk leg of the Reagan coalition is fading from being part of the GOP coalition, and is being replaced. This is because of the bungling of the Iraqi War, and the fact that more and more people no longer trust the foreign policy intelligentsia to manage a world crisis (and believe these same self appointed geniuses are very likely to start a war that could be avoided)

where Biden has bungled Afghanistan, and funded the war in Ukraine. They remember the great economy we had before COVID. As the meme once said – I'll take mean tweets over \$4.00 gas and inflation. This does not mean Trump is a shoo in. Biden has a lot of built in advantages – such as getting a free pass from the corporate media, that we still take for granted. And this cannot be overstated – polling this far out is faulty at best. The issues that will drive the 2024 election may be quite different in October than they are now.

Again I don't care who you're supporting here. If you're supporting DeSantis, Nikki Haley, or Ramaswamy, that's awesome, and I'm glad you're a part of Team GOP. I've already endorsed Trump as most of you are aware, but at the end of the day, one of the above mentioned names will be the nominee, and we'll need to be supporting each other. It's important for me to take a moment and thank each one of you for keeping your powder dry against fellow Republicans. So far this has been a pretty clean campaign, and while there has been sniping back and forth between the candidates, this has not gone on between the volunteers. Those of you who are supporting Ramaswamy, DeSantis, or Haley are doing so for reasons that are to be admired

I remain

your servant

JM

S John Massoud
6th District Republican Party Chairman



Upcoming Events:

January 13 – Republican Women's Club of Shenandoah County Meeting 10 AM –
Battlefield Office New Market. Guest Speaker will be yours truly.

January 20 – 6th Congressional District GOP Meeting – 10 AM. Waynesboro Elks Lodge Waynesboro.

January 20, 21 – Salem City Gun Show – Salem Civic Center

January 22 – RARC Meeting – 7 PM – Magnolia Avenue Buena Vista

January 22 – Botetourt GOP Meeting. 7 PM Bailey Wick Farm Fincastle

January 23 – Salem City GOP Meeting – 6 30 PM Salem City Library

February 8 – Warren County Republican Party Mass Meeting – Warren County Community Center 538 Villa Avenue Front Royal – 7 PM (Tentative)

February 27 – Salem City GOP Meeting. 6 30 PM Salem Library

May 11 – 6th Congressional District Convention – 10 AM – Rockingham Fair Grounds. (Tentative)

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