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DNC 'autopsy' dissects 2024 loss



Chair of the Democratic National Committee Ken Martin was reluctant to release the report outlining the issues that led to the Democrat loss of the 2024 presidential election ahead of midterms. KYLIE COOPER/REUTERS

Biden, Harris campaign pitfalls at top of the list

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USA TODAY

The Democratic National Committee released a much-anticipated draft "autopsy" report May 21 attempting to explain the 2024 presidential election loss to Republican Donald Trump that has vexed liberals ever since.

The 192-page document, which is unfinished, outlines existing conven-

tional wisdom about the contest and leaves blank entire sections, such as the conclusion. But it does assign some blame, in particular to former President Joe Biden's political operation for failing to properly set up then-Vice President Kamala Harris as the party's standard-bearer.

The report also dings the Harris campaign for failing to distance the candidate from Biden in light of his

unpopularity at the time.

And it says both Biden and Harris' campaigns failed to slow Trump's momentum.

"There was a decision in the 2024 Democratic leadership not to engage in negative advertising at the scale required," the report says. "The supporters of this approach argued

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Outrage over DOJ fund delays action on ICE

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump is digging in over the Justice Department's \$1.8 billion "anti-weaponization" fund as Senate Republicans revolt over a pot of money that could funnel payments to the president's allies, including Jan. 6 defendants.

Trump, in a May 22 post on Truth Social, said he "gave up a lot of money in allowing the just announced Anti-Weaponization Fund to go forward," adding that he could have settled his family's now-withdrawn lawsuit against the IRS for "an absolute fortune."

"Instead, I am helping others, who were so badly abused by an evil, corrupt, and weaponized Biden Administration, receive, at long last, JUSTICE!" Trump said.

The president's comments came after Senate Republicans left Washington

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Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche was summoned to the Capitol to assuage lawmakers' concerns with what critics have characterized as a "slush fund."

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Navigate Memorial Day traffic

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As Ocean City gears up for the big Memorial Day weekend, the Maryland Department of Transportation is warning of heavy Chesapeake Bay Bridge traffic, and offering some tips to hopefully beat it.

Chesapeake Bay Bridge traffic will be heavy, best times to use it

More than 335,000 vehicles are expected to cross the Bay Bridge between Friday, May 22, and Memorial Day Monday, May 25, according to the MDOT. Motorists should stay on Route 50 on both sides of the bridge, it stated, to keep local roadways open for first responders and residents.

Expect travel delays in both directions — often simultaneously — at the bridge and along the Route 50 corridor throughout the holiday travel period during peak travel hours. The best times to travel across the Bay Bridge this holiday period include:

Eastbound

Thursday, May 21 – before 10 a.m. and after 10 p.m.

Friday, May 22 – before 8 a.m. and after 10 p.m.

Saturday, May 23 – before 7 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 24 – before 10 a.m. and after 5 p.m.

Memorial Day Monday, May 25 – before 11 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26 – before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m.

Westbound

Thursday, May 21 – before 11 a.m. and after 6 p.m.

Friday, May 22 – before 8 a.m. and after 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 23 – before 11 a.m. and after 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 24 – before 11 a.m. and after 5 p.m.

Memorial Day Monday, May 25 – before 9 a.m. and after 10 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26 – before 6 a.m. and after 6 p.m.

Weather and traffic permitting, two-way traffic operations will be implemented to help prevent eastbound delays from becoming gridlock at the

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The Chesapeake Bay Bridge is lit by a sunset. SALISBURY DAILY TIMES FILE PHOTO

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