## Schiff Says Democrats Are Going To Lose As Party Votes As Party Fights Over Voting

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Adam Schiff has rarely been considered a truthteller, especially when it comes to discussing Joe Biden or Donald Trump. During his time in the House of Representatives, the California Senate nominee was caught in so many lies that Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy <u>kicked him off</u> of the House Intelligence Committee.

During a recent fundraising event, however, Schiff accidentally confirmed what most liberals—<u>even Biden supporters</u>—have been thinking: the Democrats are screwed.

The New York Times <u>reported</u> that Schiff has finally admitted the truth for once, at least in private.

Representative Adam B. Schiff, the California Democrat who is running for Senate, warned during a private meeting with donors on Saturday that his party was likely to suffer overwhelming losses in November if President Biden remained at the top of the ticket, according to two people with direct knowledge of Mr. Schiff's remarks at the meeting.

If Mr. Biden remained, not only would he lose to former President Donald J. Trump, he could be enough of a drag on other Democratic candidates that the party would most likely lose the Senate and miss an opportunity to win control of the House, Mr. Schiff said at a fund-raiser in New York.

"I think if he is our nominee, I think we lose," Mr. Schiff said during the meeting, according to a person with access to a transcription of a recording of the event.

"And we may very, very well lose the Senate and lose our chance to take back the House."

Mr. Schiff's remarks underscore the depth of the concerns in the president's party about the prospects for downballot Democrats if Mr. Biden remains in the race, even if most senior Democrats are still unwilling to express such dire warnings in public.

The comments from Schiff come as a new fight within the Democratic Party has bubbled to the surface between strident Biden supporters in control of the party and Democrats desperate to push the old man aside.

Party leadership has become determined to nominate Biden virtually before the entire party meets in Chicago this August, assuring that there is no embarrassing fight over nominating the president televised by all the major networks.

Axios <u>writes</u> that "once Biden receives votes from a majority of the nearly 4,000 delegates, it will become exceedingly difficult to remove him from atop the Democratic presidential ticket.

The DNC's current plan is to train state party chairs next week on how to conduct the electronic voting in a secure way. The window for voting is likely to open on July 29 and conclude by Aug. 5, according to people familiar with the matter."

Jamie Harrison, the chairman of the DNC, told Axios, "We look forward to nominating Joe Biden through a virtual roll call and celebrating with fanfare together in Chicago in August alongside the 99 percent of delegates who are supporting the Biden-Harris ticket."

Despite <u>objections</u> from several Democrats in the House, the party's chairman said that Ohio Republicans could keep Biden off the ballot in the Buckeye State, an argument that has infuriated Republicans and anti-Biden Democrats because the state legislature there recently accommodated the Biden campaign to ensure the Democrats could nominate the president at the convention.

Nate Silver <u>wrote</u> that Jaime Harrison was "blatantly lying" about the Ohio situation and claimed that "this election has the potential to become a train wreck for Democrats, but it's a slow-moving train wreck where there will be a lot of

receipts about who's operating with integrity, courage and the country's best interest in mind."

Harrison fired back at Silver, doing what he does best: blaming Republicans for his own incompetence and developing conspiracy theories.

Silver has been urging Democrats to drop Biden for months, but those who want to toss the sitting president aside, however, may be facing another problem besides party leadership. Despite arguing that Vice President Kamala Harris would be better than Biden, recent polls in vital swing states have shown the opposite.