

# Opinion: Brace for the years of nonstop political campaigning and posturing

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In the coming three years, New Jersey voters will elect members of Congress twice, state legislators twice, a governor, a U.S. senator and will help choose a president.

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This smorgasbord of political campaigns may turn out to be more than the body politic can digest safely.

While the issues, personalities and ideologies will stream across the board, two individuals will cast long and dark shadows over the landscape and likely impact many of the outcomes—President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump.

It's unclear

Generally competitive House seats are relatively rare in New Jersey (Senate contests are less so), but this year — thanks to redistricting and the exceptionally high level of volatility in the political environment — four incumbent Democrats are considered at risk in varying degrees.

Two-term 7th District Rep. Tom Malinowski is thought to be the most vulnerable, primarily due to his one-point victory in 2020 over former State Sen. Tom Kean Jr., his

Republicans believe that these issues will overwhelm any misgivings and concerns over handing control of Congress over to a party controlled in substantial measure by Trump.

## **Trump looms**

The former president's two-year-long insistence that

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