



More telling is the finding that a stunning 80% believe he is too old and his cognitive strength too diminished for him to effectively serve a second term.

He has trailed Trump in matchup polling since last September — albeit often within the margin of error — but his ongoing failure to overtake or surpass the former president is a clear indication of a seriously weakened incumbent.

He faces as well a restive and alienated progressive wing of his party, angry over his unqualified support for Israel in its war with Hamas and his administration's inching closer to

administration have been largely unsuccessful.

Chronically high mortgage interest rates have placed homeownership out of reach for many, and families hope to squeeze one more year out of their car because a new model is unaffordable.

Dragging out traditional, boilerplate Democratic rhetoric — corporate greed, price gouging and millionaires who avoid paying their fair share in taxes — as the root cause of the high cost of living was a lame attempt to deflect arguments that massive government spending fueled inflation.

Biden old and frail? Nope. President delivers fiery State of the Union his campaign needed

His side foray into “shrinkflation” — higher prices for less quantity — was borderline silly, suggesting a greater concern that because a two-pack of smaller Twinkies now costs more money, some sort of government intervention is necessary to right this grievous wrong.

While cold statistics indicating recovery are noteworthy, the reality of significantly higher prices for everything from cars to a dozen eggs is even colder.

Declining inflation, low unemployment and job creation are small comfort to consumers in the supermarket checkout line hoping the final tally isn't too far into triple digits.

The blame-Trump strategy along with warnings he would impose an authoritarian government and deny basic fundamental rights to Americans may pay off for Biden.

Turning it into a referendum on Trump rather than Biden worked four years ago. It may again.