

NBC's *Today*

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Surprise Endorsement]

SAVANNAH GUTHRIE: And overnight a surprise endorsement from Oprah in one of the nation's closest races.

OPRAH WINFREY: If I lived in Pennsylvania, I would have already cast my vote for John Fetterman for many reasons.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Countdown to Midterms]

CRAIG MELVIN: One of the busiest battlegrounds? Pennsylvania. That is where three presidents are going to be on the trail and there is a major endorsement by Oprah Winfrey overnight in that state's key Senate race.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Oprah Endorses Oz Opponent]

PETER ALEXANDER: Heading to the final weekend before the midterms, a surprise endorsement overnight in the Pennsylvania senate race with Oprah Winfrey publicly backing Democrat John Fetterman over former TV star, Dr. Mehmet Oz.

WINFREY: I said it was up to the citizens of Pennsylvania, and of course, but I will tell y'all this. If I lived in Pennsylvania I would have already cast my vote for John Fetterman for many reasons.

ALEXANDER: Winfrey gave Oz his start in TV nearly 20 years before the heart surgeon launched his own talk show in 2009. The Oz campaign responding overnight, writing, "Dr. Oz loves Oprah and respects the fact that they have different politics. He believes we need more balance and less extremism in Washington."

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Presidents Hitting the Trail]

ALEXANDER: Mr. Trump returning to the trail into Iowa where 89-year-old Republican Senator Chuck Grassley is facing a tough re-election fight in four decades, clinging to a slim lead over Democratic Mike Franken.

DONALD TRUMP: This Tuesday, you must vote Republican in a giant, red wave.

ALEXANDER: Mr. Trump attacking his successor after president Biden blamed him for fueling a rise in political violence, centered around Mr. Trump's repeated lie that the 2020 election was stolen. Mr. Trump teasing another presidential run in 2024.

TRUMP: And now, in order to make our country successful and safe and glorious, I will very, very, very probably do it again. Okay? Very, very very —

ALEXANDER: With Democrats at risk of losing control of Congress, President Biden is steering clear of key battlegrounds out west, instead visiting typically blue strongholds, New Mexico and California in an effort to protect vulnerable incumbents.

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN: This is a choice — a choice — between two vastly different visions of America.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Oprah Endorses Oz Opponent]

ALEXANDER: A surprise endorsement overnight in that crucial Pennsylvania Senate race with Oprah Winfrey publicly backing John Fetterman, the Democrat here, over Mehmet Oz, the Republican candidate. Notably, She gave Oz his start in TV nearly 20 years ago. Oprah saying, if she lived in Pennsylvania, she would have already voted for Fetterman. Oz responding overnight, saying that he loves Oprah but respects that they have different politics.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Presidents Hitting the Trail]

ALEXANDER: Notably, in Iowa yesterday the former president teased a 2024 presidential run, saying he will, “very, very, very probably do it.