

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Planning to Announce Independent Run

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2024 presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. plans to announce he will run as an independent on October 9 in Pennsylvania, Mediaite has learned.

Kennedy's campaign machine is now planning "attack ads" against the Democratic National Committee in order to "pave the way" for his announcement in Philadelphia about running as an independent, according to a text reviewed by Mediaite.

"Bobby feels that the DNC is changing the rules to exclude his candidacy so an independent run is the only way to go," a Kennedy campaign insider told Mediaite.

Kennedy, a [notorious anti-vaccine conspiracy theorist](#) challenging incumbent President Joe Biden for the Democratic nomination, has been flirting with a third party run in recent weeks. The [New York Times](#) reported last week that he met with the chair of the Libertarian Party, raising the prospect of a departure from the party that decades ago became synonymous with his family name.

Kennedy remains far behind Biden in the polls. Yet while the *Times* reported "Democrats worry that a third-party run by Mr. Kennedy could draw votes away from Mr. Biden and help elect former President Donald J. Trump," it's unclear whether such a run would hurt the current president more than the Republican nominee.

Indeed, polls show Republicans have a far more favorable view of Kennedy than Democrats. As the *National Review's* Jim Geraghty [pointed out](#) in July, when a survey asked New Hampshire Democrats to describe Kennedy in one word, the top responses were "crazy," "dangerous," "insane," "conspiracy," and "unknown."

Conservative media has been far more supportive of Kennedy's campaign as well. Fox News host Greg Gutfeld [proposed](#) that the political scion run as third party in July.

"I think he should run as a third party candidate because I do think he should, he would win, is because his party's radical elements, what we call the woke, have embraced this fascist clampdown on language," Gutfeld said.

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