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Headline: Tuesday Was Great for Democrats. It Doesn't Change the Outlook for 2024

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Summary: The polls showed the Democrat winning Kentucky. They showed abortion rights and marijuana legalization prevailing in Ohio — and showed them to be popular in many red states all over the country. They also show that voters disapprove of Mr. Biden and that Mr. Trump leads in the battleground states. If the polls were right about Ohio, Kentucky, and elsewhere, perhaps they're right about the president as well. Tuesday night's Ohio exit poll was a good example. Mr. Biden had a 39% approval rating among the voters who made abortion and marijuana legal in the state. Only 25% said he should even run for re-election, less than the 35% who said the same for Mr. Trump. Democratic advantage in low-turnout elections is a big deal. It probably explains the entire Democratic overperformance in special elections over the last year, based on an analysis of the nearly two dozen special elections with sufficient data for analysis, using a combination of Times/Siena polling and records from L2, a voter file vendor. The Ohio exit poll offers yet another piece of evidence: Self-reported Biden voters outnumbered Trump voters by two points, even in a state Mr. Trump won by eight points.

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