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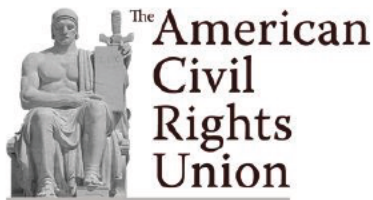
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American Civil Rights Union works every day on behalf of liberty-loving Americans like you. Whether we are working to prevent voter fraud or fighting against attacks on free speech and religious liberty, we are always grateful for the support of our members and followers.

Virginia's Governor works overtime to demonize gun owners

After years of a significant demographic shift in northern Virginia (and some meddling by outsiders like Michael Bloomberg), Democrats took control of the House of Delegates and State Senate in November 2019 while Democrat Governor Ralph Northam (notorious for his statement that a mother should determine whether her baby lives or not after birth, and for escaping any consequence from his "black face" scandal) has set his sights (irony) on lawful gun owners as enemy number one. As January 20th Virginia Lobby Day approached, thousands of law abiding gun owners headed to Richmond to inform legislators about the Second Amendment. Northam then banned guns in the government areas of Richmond in a state with open carry. With Soros' funded Antifa on its way, Northam stripped the responsible and law abiding of defensive weapons, even with reports of potential bad guys (who don't obey laws) possibly in attendance. Virginia's governor, by tyrannical fiat, endangered his citizens by stripping rights he had no right to strip. The media? Crickets. Jefferson, Madison, Washington and Monroe must be collectively rolling in their patriotic graves.

[Read the Article](#)

Gun owners win the day in Richmond

Despite efforts by Virginia Governor Ralph Northam to dishonestly paint lawful gun owners as lunatics and white supremacists, the truth won out in Virginia's capital on Monday, January 20th. Since taking over state government last November, Virginia Democrats have proposed no fewer than 87 gun ownership restrictions. Northam designated "rally square" as gun free, so gun owners cheerfully rallied on the streets outside the cordoned area-with their guns. Northam designated gun owners as a "threat"-so they cheerfully defended their rights with no negative incidents. Thanks to everyone who showed up to defend our freedom and proved once again that the safest place in America is beside a good guy or gal with a gun. Thanks to all the gun owning ladies and their signs noting, "Gun Rights are Women's Rights."

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Every day should be Religious Freedom Day in America

On January 16th, America celebrated National Religious Freedom Day. At ACRU, we list our Constitutional religious freedom where the Founders did-first. To commemorate the 1786 Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom authored by Thomas Jefferson, President Trump issued a

proclamation honoring our nation's founding in religious freedom but noting "the fundamental right to religious freedom is under attack." In America, there is room for everyone's rights. Freedom to worship or not worship. Freedom to make whatever life choices one wants to make. What should never be accepted is the "freedom" of one group to oppress the freedoms of others. Thanks to David Closson at the National Review for this great article about "a radical idea from the Founding Fathers that still works today."

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No quarter for anti-semitism

The disturbing rise in anti-semitism in the U.S. is unacceptable, and at ACRU, we have no intention of ignoring it. Religious freedom is for all faiths and those who enjoy the freedom to worship walk together in its defense. Since the horrific Tree of Life Synagogue shooting in October 2018, the reporting of anti-semitic attacks in the media has notably increased. Some of these disgraceful attacks come in the form of public insults and slurs, and there are also numerous cases of stabbings (even inside a rabbi's home), assaults, harassment and vandalism. Many of these hate crimes occurred in New York City where its hoodlum class seem to be using anti-semitism as a new form of "wilding." We know our Advocate readers will join us in acknowledging this heinous trend and calling it out every time it is found.

[Read the Article](#)

ACRU lights a birthday candle to celebrate Citizens United decision

In 2009, ACRU issued an Amicus Brief urging the Supreme Court to find in favor of Citizens United and constitutional freedom in the case of Citizens United v. FEC. The case began in 2007 when a political movie about Hillary Clinton was blocked for distribution by liberal activists who didn't like the subject matter and used the McCain-Feingold Act as a battering ram. The Supreme Court correctly decided in favor of Citizens United by applying Constitutional free speech provisions to ensure a broader, more level playing field for American political activity.

January 21, 2020 was the tenth anniversary of this landmark case, finalized in a 5-4 decision split along ideological lines with the more liberal justices on the Court arguing against free speech for any member of the public speaking through an entity. The framers of the Constitution made it clear that voters should fully be briefed on both sides of any policy or political issue and at ACRU, we concur. We are grateful to Citizens United and David Bossie for bringing this critical Constitutional case before the Supreme Court of the United States.

[Read the Article](#)

"Chicago Ignores ICE, Releases 1,070 Criminal Aliens"

The title of this article (above) says it all. Although we enjoy writing quippy summaries for our Advocate readers, it is difficult to expand on the headline. But we will give it a try - last year Chicago had 490 murders and nearly 2,200 shootings. The list of illegal alien violent crime is long. The FBI has reported that many of the guns available to Chicago criminals come over our southern border illegally, boxed up with cocaine, meth and marijuana, and given to street drug thugs for entrepreneurial enforcement (sarcasm) as Chicago is a hub for drug traffickers. Chicago is refusing not just to honor ICE detainees, but also refusing access to its criminal

database. Chicago's corrupt political class is turning its citizens into victims. Until they vote these irresponsible officials out of office ... well, at least its a gun free zone.

[Read the Article](#)

NYC liberals pick criminal aliens over innocent residents

New York City's unlawful and dangerous sanctuary city policy and refusal to cooperate with ICE detainers continues to collect victims. The latest list of crimes by criminal illegal aliens called out by ICE include a 92 year old woman raped and murdered on the street. Also, nine (alleged) criminal most recently released by Mayor de Blasio and his fellow liberals have a laundry list of crimes including: robbery, assault, harassment, weapons charges, assault with a vehicle and resisting arrest. These are just a few of the violent illegal aliens let loose on the legal residents of New York City. As with the Chicago story above, NYC's corrupt political class is turning its citizens into victims. Until they vote these irresponsible officials out of office they are all going to be at serious physical risk.

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Presidents who were right

"God created the mind free; attempts to influence it by temporal punishment or civil incapacitations beget habits of hypocrisy and meanness and are a departure from the plan of the Holy author."

Future President Thomas Jefferson, Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, January 16, 1786.

Is voter fraud a problem where you live? Do you have concerns about the integrity of your vote? Are you aware of a situation in your town where freedom of speech or religion was attacked? Are red flag laws being implemented in your area in an alarming manner? Email tips to info@theacru.org.

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ACRU IN ACTION

[ACRU Action President Lori Roman gives legislative testimony on the dangers of mail-only voting](#)

A member of the Ohio legislature recently read information specific to mail-in ballot fraud in our Election Integrity Bulletin and reached out for help in fighting universal mail-in ballots. ACRU/ACRU Action President Lori Roman then provided testimony on the dangers of mail only voting, and that testimony is linked in the headline above. If you are reading this week's EIB, know this is why we prepare our bi-weekly newsletter for you. Please contact us if you ever need assistance in fighting for vote integrity!

[If you can shop in person, you can vote in person](#)

In peak COVID-19, armed with masks, hand sanitizer and six foot measuring sticks, we went to grocery stores. Now as localities fully reopen - still with precautions - people are dining in and getting haircuts. Yet liberal Democrats claim it is not safe to vote in person and we must vote by mail only. ACRU's Lori Roman points out the real reason for this absurd notion in this Townhall editorial, and it's an ugly truth.

NATIONAL

[List of proven vote fraud cases continues to grow](#)

The Heritage Foundation keeps a record of proven, prosecuted cases of vote fraud in the United States. In May, the case number reached 1,285. Most cases have numerous fraud victims, making each a force multiplier for stolen votes. In the last ten years, there have been at least eight cases where a candidate won with fewer than 17 votes - three where the margin was one vote. Vote fraud is real, and it matters.

AROUND THE STATES

CONNECTICUT

[It's only fraud when we claim it isn't](#)

Recently in Connecticut, a Republican discovered a deceased man had "voted,"

and officials claimed someone just checked his name on voting day by mistake. In 2018, A Dem Connecticut state rep won election by 13 votes when 76 GOP voters were mistakenly given Dem ballots. In 2020, Connecticut admits it has not cleaned its voter rolls and will not before November. Despite this evidence, the biased Connecticut media biased claims there is no vote fraud in CT. Be mindful of what you read.

MARYLAND

Incompetent election officials as a protected class

In the 2016 and 2018 elections, Maryland's election administrator made a mess of things. Her stated excuse? "I have no control." This month, Maryland's mail-only primary was a bust - votes lost, uncounted (manipulated?). Yet no one can figure how to fire Dem Election Administrator Linda Lamone.

PENNSYLVANIA

Vote collection mobiles should be relegated to bad Saturday Night Live skits

This is one of those moments when there's not much we can say other than, "click, look at the picture, and ask, 'what can possibly go wrong?'" Not to offend modern day VW owners, but the original Volkswagen was a product of fascism. This Philadelphia "voteswagen" plays right back into that history of tyrannical government trampling liberty by making a mockery of safe and secure elections. With wheels.

And also, the dog ate my ballot

"I have determined it impossible/unreasonable to vote in-person due to COVID-19, therefore qualify as hospitalized, ill or disabled and unable to appear at my polling place." This ridiculous language is from a local Tennessee court to justify mail ballots for all. Tennessee is suing, hoping a higher court uses better judgement. Tennesseans are not too hospitalized or disabled to shop or attend church, so surely they can vote in person with a mask.

A citizen's reminder: absentee ballots have not gone extinct

We are grateful to Mr. Brian Glass of Virginia, who points out in clear prose; 1. A list of confirmed cases of mail-in vote fraud; and 2. The difference between universal mail-in ballots and intentionally requesting an absentee ballot. Yes, we all know this, but sometimes the obvious things are lost in the debate. Everyone in America can still request an absentee ballot. With their name on it. That comes to their actual house.

Framers Corner

I hope (our succeeding generation) will have the wisdom to know that honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom." Thomas Jefferson, letter to Nathaniel Macon, 1819.

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Texas

Texas judge appoints himself pretender king of absentee ballot island

ACRU Senior Fellow Hans von Spakovsky with Zack Smith writing for the Heritage Foundation notes the U.S. Supreme Court determined Americans do not have a right to vote by absentee ballot through the mail. But never mind all that, says Texas Judge Fred Biery. Judge Biery is widely known for his bias against religious freedom. Now he can also be famous for elevating his own biases against decisions made by our nation's highest court.

A vote integrity hero lives in Texas

Pro-vote integrity citizen activist Colleen Vera made a recording of Houston-area Democrat operatives bragging about swaying an election through nursing homes ballot harvesting, and she collected documentation to prove it. It's amazing what one hero like Ms. Vera can do. The state's AG is now investigating. Nursing home vote fraud is a primary reason for ACRU's Protect Elderly Votes project - please visit our PEV [website](#) and be part of the solution.

West Virginia

When the mailman commits vote fraud

This story is the week's best example of why universal mailed ballots are a welcome mat for fraud. After being caught changing ballot requests from Democrat to Republican, a West Virginia mailman claimed he did it as a "joke." Charged with felony vote fraud, we presume Mailman Cooper will find his fines and/or jail time as unfunny as his crime.

Pennsylvania

When the election judge commits vote fraud

A former Philly election judge has admitted accepting bribes from Democrat operatives to alter the results of a local primary. According to the US attorney prosecuting the case, the judge “(stood) in a voting booth, voting over and over, as fast as he could.” The criminal vote fraudster faces 15 years in jail where he can contemplate the political will he stole from his neighbors when he negated their votes through fraud.

Michigan

Michigan math: Detroit has 30K more registered voters than eligible voters

A few weeks ago, ACRU named MI Governor Whitmer “**Crisis Tyrant of the Week**.” We could add “Vote Fraud Promoter of the Year” to her credentials. Whitmer is sending absentee ballot request forms to both legal MI voters AND 30,000 ineligible voters still on voting rolls in Detroit alone. The state has records of who moved and who died. It would be an easy place to start protecting real voters casting legal votes. Whitmer, so far, is a “no” on integrity measures.

California

California mail ballots: tossing them from buildings would be just as secure

The number of registered voters is fluid. Voters move, they pass away, and in California, people can register to vote when applying for a driver’s license even if they are not citizens. Those residing in institutional settings are a revolving door of voters. Therefore, Governor Newsom’s directive to send a ballot to every “registered voter” is the opposite of vote integrity. The state’s GOP is suing to stop this travesty. We wish them the best in nipping this potential fraud in the bud.

Framers Corner

I hope that I shall always maintain what I consider to be the most enviable of all titles — the character of an honest man.

George Washington, Letter to Alexander Hamilton, 1788.

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ACRU's Roman:

[Elected officials must stop destruction by mobs](#)

ACRU President Lori Roman writes in her latest column that WE MUST hold public officials responsible for protecting our history and controlling violent mobs. She encourages discussion—not destruction. Election integrity matters. And so does the integrity of elected officials. We hope you'll visit our [Protect Monuments](#) project website and download the [Protect Our Monuments pledge](#) for your favorite elected official to sign and return to us.

ACRU's Blackwell:

[Nursing home vote fraud happens, and is preventable](#)

"Vote fraudsters recognize the unique challenges of some seniors, and exploit these to achieve their own despicable political ends. The fraud is real, institutionalized—and must be stopped." Amb. J. Kenneth Blackwell, member of ACRU Action Fund Board of Directors and ACRU Policy Board. Please visit our [Protect Elderly Votes website](#) and see what actions you can take to protect the votes of our greatest generation.



ACRU is the only organization focused on protecting the elderly from vote theft and suppression. Our ACRU Protect Elderly Votes project ensures our parents and grandparents in nursing homes are protected from staff and visitors who would manipulate or coerce votes from these unsuspecting elderly residents. Please help us support this vulnerable and oft forgotten group of citizens.

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**ACRU's Toloczko:
on ACRU's Protect Military Votes project**

"Military spouses are often unappreciated patriots. They serve us, and we must, in turn, serve them. Protecting their political voices should be a national priority." Kerri Toloczko, Vice President of Policy, ACRU. As the

September deadline approaches for military families to request absentee ballots, please visit our [Protect Military Votes website](#) for instructions about registering and voting from a military post.

A downloadable senior citizen voting resource for elected officials

Are you an elected official or staff to an official? Do you visit senior or assisted living centers in your area to discuss policy with residents? If so, we hope you will download our [Senior Citizen Voter Bill of Rights](#)—a great resource for you and your constituents that can be easily downloaded and copied to be used as a handout.

NATIONAL

[Mail-only voting is a vote stealer](#)

According to an analysis of this year's primaries by National Public Radio, at least 65,000 mail in votes were not counted in 17 states studied. Uncounted mail-only ballots, even without malfeasance by dishonest election activists, are a way to stifle American's political voices. Many elections have been determined by a handful of votes. 65,000 is a big handful.

[Inaccurate voter registration is an incubator for fraud](#)

The difference between absentee voting and mail-only voting is that absentee voting requires a request for a ballot, but mail-only voting means a ballot will be sent to a house where a voter once lived. This article provides a great primer on why this is an invitation for fraud, and also uses Honest Elections Project data to show how widespread voter registration inaccuracies truly are.

[Postal workers are not a replacement for in person voters](#)

Ironically, from the Washington POST: "Postal workers found three tubs of uncounted absentee ballots the day after the Wisconsin primary. Some Ohioans did not receive their ballots in time for the election because of mail delays. And in Dallas, absentee ballots some voters sent to the county were

returned just days before Election Day, with no explanation.”

[Liberals’ call for mail ballot security identifies its problems](#)

A leftist coalition and leftist former officials are asking the federal government for “security” funds for states advocating for mail-only elections. NO! But their request does identify important points. 1. The left is admitting there’s a problem. 2. What is stopping global bad actors from mailing perfect ballot facsimiles to American addresses? China counterfeits everything else - why not ballots?

IN THE STATES

GEORGIA



[Dead cats voting: funny, not funny](#)

Former Atlanta feline Cody Tims passed away in 2008 after a lifetime of service to his loving family. This cat apparently was signed on to a mailing list at one point that was then sold to vote activists (yet another mail-only voting problem.) Cody is a purrfect example of why voting lists need constant updating. It is appalling that

this cat not only was a registered voter but is still a registered voter after having passed away twelve years ago.

NEW YORK

[New York election officials skipped math class](#)

Many important things happen immediately after elections for outgoing, newly incoming, and even incumbent officials. Time wasted counting votes means constituents are ignored and fraud gains an edge. A month after New York’s mail in primaries, winners and losers are still in limbo. New York’s nearly mail-only election is a mess and it’s not going to get better by November.

CALIFORNIA

[USPS failures contribute to suppressing votes](#)

The current tally of mail in votes voided by California election officials in its March primary is 102,000+. Most were rejected because they arrived too late for counting. Combine the famous inefficiency of the post office with the potential of dishonest officials keeping ballots in the bottom drawer for a day or two, and what you’ve got is stolen votes.

ARIZONA

[Arizona’s Election Integrity Unit is a role model for other states](#)

Arizona recently upped its game on election integrity with significant improvements to its Election Integrity Unit. These changes include an easy online election fraud reporting system, and aggressive action on any necessary litigation (including a recent double voting case.) We are grateful that Arizona is actively working to prevent fraud, not just waiting to address it after it happens.

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"I have often been extremely mortified at the abuse of my right of transmission by mail."

--Thomas Jefferson, personal letter, 1811



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ACRU was the first national organization to name and shame the Covid Crisis Tyrants earlier this year. Our first press release named Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer as Crisis Tyrant of the Week. Later, the Michigan legislature tried to rein her in, but she was defiant. And now the Michigan Supreme Court has ruled against the governor indicating that she exceeded her authority. Her response? She just issued a new mask mandate and limits on public gatherings (You may remember that the governor participated in a large public demonstration earlier this year, while ridiculing a public gathering of business owners who wanted to open their businesses).

As a liberty-loving Michigander, I would appreciate your help in reaching out to Michigan citizens. We currently have radio ads running in Michigan for our Protect Elderly Votes campaign and we are about to launch a new campaign calling out the Governor for her attack on the constitutional rights of the great citizens of the Great Lake State. If you would like to support our radio campaigns, please click on the donate button below.

- For Liberty,

Lori Roman, President

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ACRU Action's Blackwell: Liberal mayors must stop putting politics over people

In his most recent ACRU Action editorial, Ken Blackwell makes a devastating case that liberal mayors, with complicit liberal governors, are putting politicking against President Trump above protecting their citizens' physical safety and property. Using crime statistics and specific examples of mayoral dereliction of duty, Amb. Blackwell notes his fear that our cities are becoming "killing fields," and calls all elected officials to uphold their oaths to serve—everyone.

[See article here.](#)

ACRU IN THE NEWS

ACRU project to safeguard senior votes highlighted in the Daily Signal

In response to numerous reports of organized ballot fraud, theft and manipulation targeting our nation's seniors, ACRU created its Protect Elderly Votes project. We are grateful to the Daily Signal for taking note of our efforts to educate seniors, their families, senior residence directors and CEOs. The Signal also calls attention to the nationwide threat to senior votes. [See article here.](#)

ACRU's von Spakovsky: Vote fraud is everywhere

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky and his colleagues at Public Interest Legal Foundation have done remarkable work in uncovering vote fraud. In a new report, PILF notes it "discovered 140,000+ instances of potential election fraud in 2016 and 2018, from individuals illegally voting in multiple states to people voting in the names of deceased citizens.



Read the feature story [here](#). Read the report [here](#).

ACRU's Roman: Beware of Stranger Danger in senior residences!

Local fraudsters and left-leaning organizations are targeting senior voters this year. We have received numerous confirmed tips on our vote fraud hotline that seniors in residential facilities are already being harassed about their votes, with some self-admitting liberal staff members offering to fill them out or deliver them. ACRU started a radio and social media "Stranger Danger" campaign in English and Spanish warning seniors and those caring for them — NEVER LET A STRANGER TOUCH YOUR BALLOT! [See the video here.](#)

Lori Roman, President, American Constitutional Rights Union



ACRU helps win Supreme Court hearing for Arizona case on vote security



On October 3, 2020, the Supreme Court announced it would agree to hear the *Brnovich v. Democratic National Committee* case and review a Ninth Circuit decision striking down two common-sense, non-discriminatory provisions of Arizona election law. The first provision, which Arizona shares with a number of states, does not count votes cast in the wrong precinct. The second provision limits the range of people who can legally handle another person's ballot, making it unlawful to harvest ballots. Because voting in another precinct and harvesting multiple ballots are threats to vote security, on June 1, 2020, ACRU attorney Jack Park filed a friend-of-the-court brief in this case, encouraging the Court to hear it. We are glad SCOTUS agreed with us on the importance of this case, and we trust it will rule in favor of protecting all Arizona voters.

ACRU Amicus brief [here](#). Feature story [here](#).



ACRU's Toloczko to military families: mail those ballots!

"Local election officials were required by law to send out absentee ballots requested by military members and spouses on or before September 16. If you are a member of the military, make sure you return those ballots NOW! Don't let COVID-related delays or the inefficiencies of the US Post Office stand between you and your political choice for Commander-in-Chief."

Please visit www.ProtectMilitaryVotes.org.

AROUND THE NATION

We are only as free as our elections are secure

Richard Graber is a Wisconsin attorney who served as Ambassador to the Czech Republic and is now President of the freedom-promoting Bradley Foundation. His international experience has given him a unique perspective and dedication to preserving and defending free people. His recent article on the upcoming election is a must read for all patriots who understand how much is at stake in keeping elections safe and secure. [See article here.](#)

Just say "YES" to Electoral College fairness



The framers brilliantly balanced the interest of voters in cities with those in states with wider population spread. Much contemplation was put into the creation of the Electoral College, and for good reason. Without the Electoral College, the Democrat liberal machine in our largest cities would control the outcome of everything, silencing the voices of suburbanites, and America's farmers and ranchers. Here is a clear explanation of why the Electoral College must never be abolished. [See article here.](#)

DC's religious freedom lawsuit will be a precedent-setter for the nation

The District of Columbia city government allows protests, monument

desecration and unlawful painting of public streets, but won't let churches open--even for outdoor services. This leaves no question about who is for religious freedom, and who is against it. The DOJ has weighed in on behalf of DC's Capital Baptist Church, and the Administration put the whole issue in a nutshell: "There is no pandemic exception in the Constitution." [See article here.](#)

AROUND THE STATES

OREGON

Even liberal-appointed sheriffs do not have jurisdiction over gun rights

When appointed by a liberal county commission in Oregon, Clatsop Sheriff Matt Phillips took an oath to uphold the Constitution. Sheriff Phillips then decided he has the right to restrict Second Amendment rights. In a nation with thousands of professional pundits, no one lays out a freedom case better than a ticked off gun owner whose 2A rights are threatened by local liberal government. [See article here.](#)



ALABAMA

But "so help me earth fairy" would be okay



Once again, our nation's faith traditions are under assault by atheists who fight against a God they claim does not exist. Alabama absentee ballots have a verification oath that ends with "so help me God." No voter of any faith seems to have complained—only the plaintiff atheist and his crew, once again wasting government and court time and taxpayer dollars on their oppressive, controlling agenda. [See article here.](#)

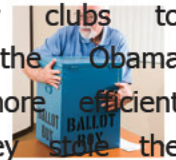
LATEST ELECTION ROUNDUP

Massive vote fraud is documented by video journalists

Project Veritas has done an extraordinary job recording self-confessing vote fraudsters in Minnesota, who seem proud of stealing seniors' votes (Watch for the Rep. Ihan Omar connection). This story has been "lost" in the media, but demands widespread attention and circulation among vote integrity proponents. We have linked both a YouTube video and the story in print for your review. So please review. And think about all the fraud we cannot see. See [video](#) and read article [here](#).

If I can't steal votes I don't like, I'll just delete them

In Philadelphia, where thugs previously used billy clubs to threaten voters (and were never charged by the Obama Administration), local vote fraudsters have found a more efficient way to steal or delete large quantities of votes. They stole the keys to the voting machines. But don't worry, the liberal Democrat city Commissioner for elections is on the case. See [article here](#).



The dead can't vote by themselves

The deceased cannot vote without help from the living. Florida Democrat Larry Wiggins requested a 2020 ballot for his wife who died in 2018. The leftist Brennan Center for "Justice" (emphasis ours) claims mailing unsolicited ballots to dead people will not increase fraud, but what about deceitful family members who request them? There are at least 350K dead people on voter rolls nationwide, making it easy for Larrys to negate the vote of a living person. Clean those rolls! See [article here](#).



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Presidents who were right

"Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged." Ronald Reagan, Speech to National Association of Evangelicals, 1983

Military Vote suppression is of particular concern this year. Please help ACRU continue its voter hotline. This 24/7 hotline has already proven critical to the 2020 election. Your gift will help us staff and monitor this important asset.

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Thanks for the response.
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Chris Harvey
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Lori Roman at the range

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In Leftist Land who will protect you?

Leftists have been telling us for years that we don't need guns because police have guns. But now those same activists and politicians want to disarm, defund and deter police. We are seeing increasingly dangerous conditions in many American cities controlled by the Left.

In my latest op ed written under ACRU Action Fund, I ask: [In Leftist Land who will protect you?](#)

- For Liberty,

Lori Roman, President

American Constitutional Rights Union and

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Please help ACRU continue its vote fraud hotline. We've already begun receiving reports of fraud, making it critical that we continue this important service. Click here to have 100% of your contribution go to operating this hotline.

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ACRU Action's Blackwell: Our call to protect elderly votes

"With liberal governors increasing the chances of vote fraud with unsolicited ballots and ballot harvesting schemes, ACRU continues to contact senior living facilities management by letter, email and phone to make sure elderly votes are protected. Our "Stranger Danger" initiative encourages residential operators to ensure those under their care are not victimized by ballot-assistance "volunteers" or even residence staff. Never let a stranger touch your ballot!"

Please visit www.ProtectElderlyVotes.org for more information on protecting senior's votes and to download our [Senior Citizen Voter Bill of Rights](#).



ACRU's Toloczko: ACRU vote fraud hotline

"With many states participating in early voting, it won't be long before citizens notice liberal shenanigans that threaten the true results of the upcoming election. The left and its political friends would not be pushing unsolicited ballots or ballot harvesting if it didn't benefit them. ACRU has created a vote fraud hotline that can be found on our [website](#), or by calling 877.730.ACRU. If you have demonstrable concerns about vote fraud, please let us know.

AROUND THE NATION

SCOTUS appointments are guided by the Constitution, not politics

With the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, we are reminded about the importance of keeping a full complement of Constitutionals on the high court. As noted by National Review editors, "Supreme Court nominations have become incendiary because the Court has strayed far from its proper constitutional role." True jurists in the spirit of the founding are concerned only with rule of law. Perhaps that's what unnerves liberals. [See article here.](#)

A quick primer on the Supreme Court of the United States

The Supreme Court nomination process is informed by Article II, Section 2 (the "Appointments Clause") of the Constitution, and this Senate website explains SCOTUS composition, duties and history. A "third branch" of government was unheard of in the late 1700s when royal authority reigned. Yet Founding Father John Jay was appointed first Chief Justice by President Washington in 1789 and its first session was held in New York City in 1790. [See article here.](#)

A timely quote from the Supreme Court's First Chief Justice



•This country and this people seem to have been made for each other, and it appears as if it was the design of Providence that an inheritance so proper and convenient for a band of brethren, united to each other by the strongest ties, should never be split into a number of unsocial, jealous, and alien sovereignties. •

John Jay, 1787

The Left can't even get its own deceitful history narrative straight

Every American should celebrate America's founding, its rights and liberties, as one of the greatest achievements of any group of humans. Slavery was an abomination and no justification of its cruelty is appropriate. But the left wants to rewrite our selves by forcing us to find our identity in victimhood. We didn't always get it right; but we eventually did — and only because of our Founding documents. We need to save our school kids from "1619's" dangerous revisionist indoctrination. [See article here.](#)

Liberal California judge elevates himself above our First Freedom

Grace Community Church in LA takes its orders from God, aided by the Bill of Rights. Pastor John McArthur refuses to let California liberals dictate its worship geography. After LA Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff (registered Democrat and Clinton donor) ruled the church could not hold services inside, McArthur quipped he would be happy to serve as a prison minister. With the good done by Chuck Colson, country singer Zach Wilson, and the apostle Paul, this would (hopefully) be a secular liberal's worst nightmare. [See article here.](#)

Florida's solution to rioting and police defunding: re-codify law and order

Liberal politicians who reign over citizens suffering from unchecked rioting and property damage willfully neglect their duty. They choose to keep their radical voting bloc happy rather than curtailing violence and protecting people. Florida Governor DeSantis is having none of it. He recently announced his Combating Violence,

Disorder, and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act—a map for other public officials who can’t find their way out of their own riots. [See article here.](#)



New Jersey: Where your in-person ballot may not count

Liberals try to dilute vote security through policy changes by tyrannical governors. Vote integrity proponents counteract those schemes by encouraging "Vote In Person!" With no authority to do so, New Jersey's liberal governor is sending out unsolicited ballots anyway. Worse, if you don't bring the unsolicited ballot (that you may or may not receive at your actual address) to the polling station when you Vote In Person, the ballot you will be given at the polling location will be considered provisional. It is un-Constitutional by any standard, and profoundly corrupt. [See article here.](#)

First we confiscate then we investigate

Liberals' "Red Flag" laws are presented as a way to deter domestic violence. But they don't allow courts to take away knives, baseball bats or fists - just guns. Domestic violence is real, and serious. The misuse of protection orders is as well. Virginia now provides aggrieved former partners with a tool for revenge, and dozens of people have had their rights revoked and firearms confiscated just on someone else's say-so. Political stunts have consequences. None of them good. [See article here.](#)

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Presidents who were right

"An elective despotism was not the government we fought for; the powers of government should be so divided and balanced among the several bodies that no one could transcend their legal limits without being effectually checked and restrained by the others." James Madison, Federalist Papers, 1788

While ACRU is hard at work protecting the rights of the military and elderly to vote, we continue to promote the Constitutional rights of all Americans. 2020 has required us to work harder than ever before which is why your donation today is so vital. Please click below to donate.

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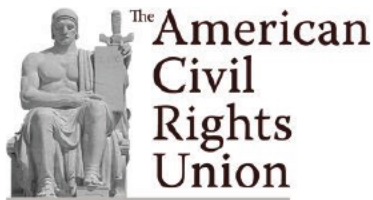
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For General George Washington, Christmas 1783 was pure joy. Just in time for Christmas, he rode into Mount Vernon after resigning his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army on December 23. He was now just a citizen, his new country was an ideal come true, and Martha was preparing a feast of traditional Yorkshire Pie and her famous Great Cake.

At the same time, other patriots were working on the new nation's guiding documents, basing their drafts on the principles of English jurist William Blackstone, whose presentation of moral law and Judeo-Christian values and their importance to government was the underpinning of what later became the United States Constitution. The key component in Blackstone's Commentaries on the Laws of England is that natural law - freedom that comes from God alone - must be the cornerstone of individual liberty over the tyranny of government.

Blackstone's instruction, the founders' wisdom and Washington's simple Christmas joys remain a source of encouragement and guidance. We still band together as citizens to celebrate our founding as a nation directly under God, and we do this through organizations like ACRU.

The American Civil Rights Union has been joining with patriots like you since it was founded in 1998 by Reagan welfare pioneer Robert "Bob" Carleson to protect the civil rights of all Americans - rights undermined by the socialist, oppressive, and anti-faith agenda of organizations like ACLU and other progressive groups and liberal elected representatives.

We are grateful for the support and patriotic friendship you have shown us as readers of the Advocate in 2019, and we look forward to continuing that relationship in 2020 and beyond as we face new Constitutional and cultural challenges. We also encourage you to share the Advocate with like-minded modern "Sons of Liberty" in your sphere of influence and to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

So, dear friends, enjoy your Christmas tree, nativity scene, and Menorah out in public for all to see and rejoice that our first Constitutional right still is the freedom to worship.

We wish you and yours a Merry Christmas, a joyous Hanukkah, and a prosperous New Year as we celebrate our long held freedoms together!

Lori Roman, President; Kerri Toloczko, Editor, ACRU Advocate; Board of Directors; Policy Board; and staff of ACRU.

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ACRU's Vote Fraud Hotline

"It appears obvious to anyone with even the slightest level of discernment that leftists are working hard to create conditions ripe for vote fraud. As they push for ballot harvesting, universal vote by mail, and no required identification at polling places, they are pushing the U.S. farther and farther from the world-wide election gold standard-- voting in person with identification. ACRU is working around the country to protect voting integrity and we have a vote fraud hotline (877-730-ACRU) we encourage Americans to use."

- For Liberty,
Lori Roman, President
American Constitutional Rights Union

ACRU needs your help to fight the suppression of military and elderly votes.
Please take a moment and send the most generous contribution you can.

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ACRU Action's Blackwell: Senior residences are a target for vote fraud

"The liberal push for universal Vote By Mail and legalization of ballot harvesting combines the worst threats to vote integrity and puts seniors' votes at risk," notes Amb. Ken Blackwell in his latest article for ACRU's Protect Elderly Votes project. If you are a senior, or care for one, make sure only a trusted family member renders ballot assistance, and NEVER let a stranger touch your ballot. [See article here.](#)

Please visit www.ProtectElderlyVotes.org for more information on protecting senior's votes and to download our [Senior Citizen Voter Bill of Rights](#).

ACRU's Toloczko: Military must act NOW to vote

We were honored to have a piece in American Military News on September 1, the day our Protect Military Votes project designated "Military Voter Readiness Day." Our ACRU VP of Policy (and Army Mom) Kerri Toloczko points out only 34% of our military was registered to vote in 2018, and that must change. Quotes she gathered from current service members show why it is so important to them to get to vote for their "boss." [See article here.](#)



Service members can visit <https://protectmilitaryvotes.org/resources/> for direct links to register to vote and request a ballot.



Business magazine misplaces ACRU's Prof. Walter Williams

Kudos to this history professor at The University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma for noting the gaping omission of ACRU Policy Board Member Walter Williams from the 2020 Fortune Magazine list of influential black economists, and for sharing Prof. William's amazing life story. Prof. Williams was in good company as Fortune forgot Thomas Sowell as well. You'd think Fortune would promote free market, liberty-loving economists regardless of race, but apparently not. [See article here.](#)

AROUND THE NATION

Texas county on notice after suppressing religious liberty

Texas AG Ken Paxton has sent a letter to the liberal Cameron County judge and health officials who are demanding faith-based schools stay closed. Paxton's letter reminds them (we are paraphrasing) that the Constitution is still the law of the land and that religious freedom still extends to religious schools. [See article here.](#)

Second Amendment Sanctuary movement forges ahead



Cities continue to descend into leftist chaos while people are attacked in their homes and in restaurants. August 2020 gun sales rose 58% over August 2019 gun sales. Even in California, lawful citizen activists are demanding 2nd Amendment Sanctuary laws so that the law abiding can defend themselves against lawless masses who seem to be increasing in numbers on a daily basis. [See article here.](#)

Constitution Day truths and the "three fourths" compromise

September 17th is the 233rd anniversary of our Constitution, and we hope you will join us in celebrating this magnificent document. This review of (actual) Constitutional history from the Acton Institute explains a largely ignored tact the Founders took to fight slavery. The "three fourths" law was a maneuver by Northern signers to reduce the political power of slave states. History only informs when all facts are revealed. [See article here.](#)

September 17: Constitution Day for kids



The American Constitutional Rights Union is happy to provide copies of the Constitution to homeschooling parents in celebration of Constitution Day. Please contact us at info@theacru.org to request a copy.



Democrats Just Say No to Trump judges

For judicial watchers, the Senate's inaction on approving Trump appointed Constitutional jurists has been frustrating and painful. As pointed out in this fact-filled Federalist article, Trump's judges have received half of the "no" votes ever given to judges in our entire history. These approval statistics are devastating, and meanwhile, the impact on citizens waiting for hearings and trials is — you guessed it — "Trump's fault." [See article here.](#)

It's good to be a leftist felon until the FBI steps in



New York State and City's bail "reforms" regularly release violent felons back into communities. Now, in Portland, a rioter arrested three times in four weeks, twice for assaulting police officers, was re-released. Portland doesn't even need bail "reform" to let leftists loose to inflict fear and economic calamity on the law abiding folks just trying to pursue life, liberty and happiness. [See article here.](#)

Obama judge rules against conservative speaker's free speech rights

Just ahead of conservative speaker Ben Shapiro's 2018 speech at the University of Minnesota, the school moved his event to a small room on a satellite campus citing "security concerns." Ben sued, claiming his free speech rights were violated, making an important First Amendment point. However, the liberal judge ruled against him. Minnesota rioters have full rights to speech and assembly, but not peaceful conservative speakers, apparently. [See article here.](#)

What is your favorite ACRU freedom initiative?

In addition to working full time protecting your freedom, ACRU also develops unique projects that focus on specific Constitutional rights and protections. We hope you use ACRU as a resource to educate family, friends and neighbors on these issues, going on record for liberty with our citizen petitions, and using the information we provide to influence officials to embrace founding principles.

Several ACRU projects are listed below, and we hope you will click on your favorite—which we hope is all of them!—and join us in the battle for the Constitution. Would you also consider supporting us financially at a level comfortable

for you?

ACRU is protecting monuments: www.ProtectMonuments.org

ACRU is protecting elderly votes: www.ProtectElderlyVotes.org

ACRU is protecting military votes: www.ProtectMilitaryVotes.org

ACRU is protecting your vote: www.votingintegrityinstitute.org

ACRU is also protecting your other constitutional rights: www.theacru.org

Presidents who were right

We must reject the idea that every time a law is broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions. -- Ronald Reagan. RNC Convention Platform Committee speech, 1968.

Ensuring each member of the U.S. military is able to have their vote counted matters greatly to the American Constitutional Rights Union. That is why we are dedicating time and resources to reaching military members, both at home and abroad. Your contribution, today, will allow us to continue our fight for these brave men and women. Please make the most generous contribution you can.

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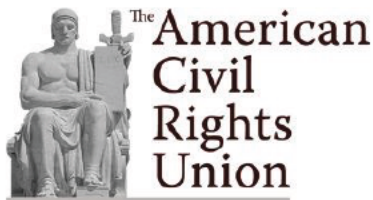
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American Civil Rights Union works every day on behalf of liberty-loving Americans like you. Whether we are working to prevent voter fraud or fighting against attacks on free speech and religious liberty, we are always grateful for the support of our members and followers.

ACRU Editorial: Bloomberg's Big Money Shenanigans in Virginia

Writing for RealClearPolicy, ACRU/ACRU Action Fund Senior Fellow Kerri Tolockzo identifies Virginia's 2019 elections as the canary in the liberal coal mine for the November 2020 elections. Michael Bloomberg spent \$2.5 million to turn the state blue by instilling fear in voters about lawful gun ownership-and it worked. Kerri notes that liberals are looking to turn the majority of state governments and the White House blue, and Virginia is now pushing an armful of leftist bills through the legislature after their win. Going forward, their VA plan deserves careful scrutiny.

[Read the Article](#)

You are invited to dinner! Meet Steve Moore and members of the ACRU team!

ACRU will be hosting its first event of the year, featuring noted economist Steve Moore at the Ritz Carlton Resort in Naples, Florida on the evening of February 21.

Steve will be providing insight into the economy for 2020 and beyond, and explain the Trump economy as no one else can. He will offer insights every observer of the U.S. economy and liberty-loving American should hear. ACRU President Lori Roman, Policy Board Member Ken Blackwell and Senior Fellow Kerri Tolockzo will also be on hand to welcome you.

Tickets start at \$185, and a premier ticket provides you with a photo op with Steve and a signed copy of his book, Trumponomics. We hope you will join us for this great event - and please feel free to share our invitation with other liberty loving friends in Florida!

Hope to see you there - sign up [here](#).

Two dangerous criminal illegal aliens walk free in NYC

In September, a Ukrainian illegally in the U.S. was charged with violent sexual abuse, attempted strangulation and rape. A 34-year-illegal immigrant from Mexico was arrested by NYPD in November and charged with violently assaulting a child. ICE issued detainers on both, both were ignored, both offenders were let loose back into the community because of NYC's sanctuary policy. Fortunately, ICE tracked them both down. Sanctuary policy destroys lives. Politicians who support it need to be stopped. By voters.

[Read the Article](#)

NM sheriffs raise red flag on red flag laws

New Mexico Sheriffs Association members take their oath to uphold the rule of law seriously. Last year they halted state red flag legislation. They plan on doing the same this year, as their spokesperson noted, "This bill violates (the Constitution) and due process. It violates the 4th Amendment and 5th Amendment without (the accused) committing a criminal act." They will refuse to enforce red flag warrants. Without law enforcement officers like these, liberal legislators would have full reign to restrict our rights.

[Read the Article](#)

The liberal plan to use government to punish faith-based schooling

Liberal progressives love to swing the axe of government tyranny over individual choice-particularly against people of faith. Anti-faith bias is flourishing amidst Democrat presidential candidates. Senator Elizabeth Warren has decided that if she becomes president, she will give herself the right to pick which private schools receive federal subsidies and which private school donors are allowed deductions. She has a simple calculation-if your school teaches "traditional family values" you are excluded. Liberals like Ms. Warren yell "separation of church and state!" while using government to punish church.

[Read the Article](#)

Current SCOTUS case could chip away at religious discrimination

Oral arguments were made last week in a Supreme Court case about equitable treatment of tax dollars for private schools. The case was brought by Kendra Espinoza, a Montana single mother struggling to keep her children in better (private) schools and thwarted by a state rule banning tax credit scholarships. This article by friend Star Parker summarizes immediate and broader issues in play, in particular for minority parents in districts with failing schools. We anticipate an outcome in *Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue* that upholds religious and education freedom.

[Read the Article](#)

Good guys with guns tour a state capitol and fun breaks out

We love the picture in this article, so make sure you look. Apparently in Kentucky, you can't bring an umbrella into the capitol building, but you can bring a gun. Irritated by Virginia Governor Ralph Northam, who tried to accuse VA lawful gun owners of being criminals before a fully armed, fully peaceful pro-2A rally on January 20th, KY gun owners decided to march on their capital in solidarity. The armed protestors loved the statues and paintings, had a great time, and not a single bad thing happened. Daniel Boone would be proud. We certainly are.

[Read the Article](#)

Presidents who were right

"We declared our independence 200 years ago, and we are not about to lose it now to paper shufflers and computers."

President Gerald R. Ford, Inaugural Address, August 1974.

Is voter fraud a problem where you live? Do you have concerns about the integrity of your vote? Are you aware of a situation in your town where freedom of speech or religion was attacked? Are red flag laws being implemented in your area in an alarming manner? Email tips to info@theacru.org.

We hope you consider invest our nation's freedoms and future by financially supporting the work of the American Civil Rights Union. We invite you to visit our donation page here: [Protect Your Vote](#)



Did you know the TRUTH about Gun Control? The ACRU provides this special report, "The Truth about Gun Control", as ammunition against the imposition of unconstitutional laws that benefit only tyrants and criminals.
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ACRU ALERT: The "Blue Coup" is horrifying and real; we must be ready

Fearful of a sweeping liberal election loss in November, the left and its political allies are trying to set up conservatives in a scheme to delegitimize "red" results. These two articles are frightening just by themselves, and more powerful together as they explain the "blue coup" and how the nation needs to be ready for a liberal overthrow of election results. Please read, be informed, be ready.

<https://americanmind.org/essays/the-coming-coup/>

<https://townhall.com/columnists/timothydaughtry/2020/09/14/red-mirage-or-blue-coup--democrats-and-the-mailin-ballot-campaign-n2576154>

ACRU's Blackwell calls for protecting elderly votes

"The liberal push for unsolicited Vote By Mail and legalizing ballot harvesting combines the worst threats to vote integrity and puts seniors' votes at particular risk. If you live in a senior residence and need assistance, only trust a family member to help you vote, mail your ballot yourself, and never trust a stranger - even a staff member — with your precious ballot."



Ambassador J. Kenneth Blackwell, ACRU Action Board Member and Former Ohio Secretary of State

To learn more about protecting senior's votes, reporting suspected fraud or downloading our Senior Citizen's Bill of Rights, visit our [Protect Elderly Votes website](#).



ACRU's Roman encourages every voter to be a "VIP"

"There is only one way to be 100% certain your vote is counted and your individual political choice is documented at the ballot box, and that is to Vote In Person. Although COVID restrictions are being eased in most states, we encourage you

to use all precautions required by local election officials and go to the polls."

Lori Roman, President of ACRU

ACRU's Toloczko to military members and spouses: vote TODAY!

"In 1856, Abraham Lincoln noted, 'the ballot is stronger than the bullet.'" Friday, September 18th is the last day states are required by law to provide absentee ballots to Armed Forces members and spouses. In the last presidential election, 20,000 military votes were rejected for being late. Don't let that be yours in 2020. Sign up now - it's easy!"



ACRU Vice President of Policy Kerri Toloczko

Visit our [Protect Military Votes resources page](#) and click through to the federal website that helps you register to vote and request a ballot all at the same time.

All gifts received by September 21 will be matched 100% As the election nears, ACRU needs every dollar we can get to help fight voter fraud. You can donate [here](#) or [here](#).

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The fraud we don't see is the most dangerous of all

Using conjured COVID "emergency powers," liberal NJ Governor Tim Murphy signed an executive order changing his state's method of voting. Every voter on the voting rolls in NJ will now receive an unrequested mail-in ballot. If a voter wishes to vote in person and leaves their unrequested ballot at home, the ballot they are given at the polling location for the in-person voting will be considered "provisional." A GOP lawsuit says the governor does not have this power. We agree. The notion that an in-person ballot is "provisional" is unconscionable.

[Read the article.](#)

IN THE STATES

NEW JERSEY

Garden State election forecast: cold, with a high chance of fraud

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NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Governor invents photo ID crisis then tries to “fix” it



7.5 million North Carolina residents have drivers licenses. Half that number - 4.6 million North Carolinians - voted in 2016. The charge for a non-driver photo ID is \$14 and is free to the homeless or disabled. Yet the liberal governor claims photo ID is disenfranchising. Perhaps it’s the state’s law requiring non-citizens to present legal residency proof (green card, etc.) for photo ID that is giving him angst, as two weeks ago 19 non-citizens in the state were charged with felony vote fraud. [See story here.](#)

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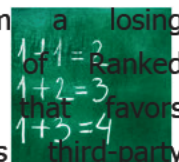
Liberal state official and an Obama Judge to citizens: you are too dumb for bulk mail

The U.S. Postal Service sent a flyer to all American mailboxes wisely advising voters to check their state's ballot requirements (with a link) and encouraging them to prepare in advance for the election. This seems like a good idea since new liberal universal mail-in ballot schemes across the country are confusing. Colorado’s Democrat Secretary of State and a liberal judge are suing over this postcard, in what can only be deemed a political stunt that is insulting to the state’s voters and a waste of the taxpayer’s money. [See story here.](#)

MASSACHUSETTS

Bay State liberals promote “Common Core” math for voters

That a Boston media outlet uses complaints from a losing congressional primary candidate as an endorsement of Ranked Choice Voting is perfect. RCV is a voting scheme that favors losers, many argue is un-Constitutional, and throws third-party candidates under the election bus. “Ranking” candidates is complicated, foolish and unnecessary. Liberal politicians have now put it on the state’s ballot for November. Just say no. Stick with traditional voting where voters cast one vote for one candidate and the one with the most votes wins. Traditional math works. [See story here.](#)



Mail-in voting becomes a campaign issue. Good.

Vinny Parlatore is the GOP candidate running for Florida House District 101 (South Broward) against Democrat Marie Johnson. What is interesting about this year's Sun Sentinel newspaper candidate questionnaire is the inclusion of "do you support widespread use of mail-in voting?" This is no longer just a voting issue, but a campaign issue. (A compare and contrast of the candidate's responses is also interesting.)

Candidate 1's response [here](#)

Candidate 2's response [here](#)

GEORGIA

Just one more pile of vote fraud cases liberals claim to be "rare"



The Georgia Secretary of State is investigating 1,000 cases of double voting in the state's summer primaries and another 100 potential cases going back a few years, including a mother using absentee ballots to "vote for" her two children incarcerated for felonies. We are a broken record, we know, but these are only a few of the cases we know about [See story here.](#)



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"National honor is the national property of the highest value."

--James Monroe, First Inaugural Address, 1817.



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ACRU's Ken Blackwell questions why we would trust leftists to protect your vote when they won't protect you or your property

Will Liberals Protect Your Vote When They Won't Protect You?

"The left and their chosen candidates have provided telling examples of their unwillingness to make ethical choices that protect citizens. Proving themselves willing to violate numerous critical social norms, they are unlikely to be concerned with violating just one more," states Blackwell. [See story here.](#)

**ACRU's Toloczko explains:
Absentee and universal mail-only ballots
are vastly different**

There is a critical difference between absentee ballots and universal vote by mail. Absentee ballots intentionally requested by voters are generally secure, but universal Vote By Mail is subject to incompetent processing and open to fraud. Voters and elected officials must understand the enormous difference to protect the election integrity. We hope you will use this article to spread the word. [See story here.](#)



ACRU's Blackwell calls for protecting elderly votes

"Our entire nation owes a great debt of gratitude to American seniors—those who served in the military, those who built our economy here at home, and those who raised us to love and honor our country. Please join ACRU through our [Protect](#)

[Elderly Votes website](#) to ensure the security of every senior vote."

Ambassador J. Kenneth Blackwell, ACRU Action Board Member

Do you have a friend or family member in a senior residence — independent or assisted living or nursing home? Do you work at one of these facilities? If so, we hope you will download our [Senior Citizen Voter Bill of Rights](#)—a great resource for you and those you care for to understand election protections for seniors in residential facilities.

ACRU is the only organization defending elderly and military voting rights. Please visit our websites to see what you can do. And please consider donating to help protect the voting rights of these deserving citizens. You can donate [here](#) or [here](#).

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Military absentee ballots should be requested NOW

The US Military recommends that to be sure your ballot arrives on time, absentee ballot requests should be made by our military by August 1. But you still have time! States are required to mail ballots to you no later than 45 days before an election, but cannot do so without a request. Please visit our ballot assistance information page at [Protect Military Votes](#).

AN IMPORTANT RESOURCE FOR OUR EIB SUBSCRIBERS

Mail-only voting: unreliable with a high chance of losing your vote

Have you been tirelessly trying to explain that mail-only voting is not absentee voting, not safe, and does not guarantee your vote will be counted? To that end, instead of providing you with one story on the subject, we are giving you a PARTIAL list of mailed vote failures from recent primaries. We hope you will use this list as a resource for debates with folks who either don't understand the problem, or claim it does not exist:

California - 100,000+ mailed ballots not counted - [Read article here](#)

Nevada - 223K mailed ballots not counted - [Read article here](#)

New York - 80,000 mailed ballots not counted - [Read article here](#)

Ohio - 300 mailed ballots not counted in one county - [Read article here](#)

Virginia - 6% of mailed ballots not counted - [Read article here](#)

Florida - 18K+ mailed ballots not counted - [Read article here](#)

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AROUND THE NATION

Democrat groups call for election month

The Constitution is a malleable document for liberals. When it suits their needs, they use it. When it doesn't, they ignore it. Article I makes it clear that the authority to determine the date and time of elections is not vested in liberal activists or their lawyers who now want to extend the national election to ... whenever. This is why judicial appointments matter. [See article here](#)

Here it comes: elections decided by liberal judges

If liberal activists can't extend voting to whatever random date they choose, perhaps their Plan B is to have liberal judges demand that disqualified votes become qualified. Before you know it, property destruction, looting and assault won't be crimes either. Oh, wait ... [See article here](#)



Framers Corner

“Government is instituted for the common good of the people; not for the profit or private interest of any one man, family, or class of men.”

--John Adams, draft of the Massachusetts Constitution
1780



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

What if monuments were used for reconciliation?

Willful destruction of American monuments is not only criminal, but a lost opportunity to discuss and debate every side of historical events. As ACRU President Lori Roman points out using her family's personal civil war story, even confederate monuments could be used for good for people with grace, forgiveness and an understanding of history. [See article here](#)

Please visit our [Protect Monuments website](#) to see how you can help!

- For Liberty,
Lori Roman, President
American Constitutional Rights Union

Any gift, of any size, contributed before 9pm on August 27, 2020 will be matched dollar for dollar. Additionally, 100 percent of your contribution will be used to Protect Elderly Votes. Please take a moment and send the most generous contribution you can. Thank you for helping us fight for free and fair elections.

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ACRU Policy Board Member Walter Williams' wisdom is timeless

"Prior to capitalism, the way people amassed great wealth was by looting, plundering and enslaving their fellow man. Capitalism made it possible to become wealthy by serving your fellow man."

ACRU's Action's Blackwell: Trust liberals to protect votes? No way.

Walking us through recent public examples of bad leftist behavior, ACRU Action Board Member Ken Blackwell exposes the lack of ethics by liberal activists and their political allies that show they can't be trusted with protecting the integrity of our elections. As Amb. Blackwell notes, they refuse to protect our safety and property, so why would they care about the security of our votes? [See article here](#)



ACRU's Roman issues a BOLO for ballot fraudsters at senior residences

"We are very concerned about ballot harvesters collecting multiple ballots in senior facilities. Be on the lookout for ballot collectors who are unknown to you — don't hand your vote to anyone you don't personally know and trust. If you suspect any fraud in a senior facility, please contact our [Protect Elderly Votes fraud hotline](#)."

Lori Roman, ACRU President

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ACRU IN THE NEWS

ACRU's Toloczko on protecting military votes



"The votes of our military service members and their families are a critical asset to freedom. As the deadline for military voting registration and submitting an overseas absentee ballot is nearly here, we hope our military will visit ACRU's [Protect Military Votes](#) for information on how to easily register and vote."

Kerri Toloczko, Vice President of Policy, Army Mom

One in six U.S. military voters didn't vote in 2018 because their absentee ballot arrived late or not at all, according to the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

AROUND THE NATION

Mailed absentee ballots stall out in motor city

Elected political liberals have been destroying Detroit since 1962 while overseeing the loss of 64% of its population. This month, mailed ballot counts in 72% of its precincts didn't match the number of ballots cast. "But the Post Office is swimmingly efficient, there's no vote fraud and we should believe Democrats who tell us they will take good care of our votes," we sarcastically note. [See article here](#)

What a difference Constitutional Justices make

For decades, Ninth Circuit Court leftist judges stood athwart Constitutional freedoms and yelled “stop!” Since President Trump replaced a third of its activist judges, its decisions have changed. This includes a recent pro-Second Amendment decision slapping down a magazine ban by California politicians. The “new 9th” has reminded California that its citizens are still protected by the federal Constitution. [See article here](#)

CA Court: If rioters can scream, worshippers can praise

Many people of faith want to get back to church, and some are too worried about COVID to attend in person. Both are Constitutionally protected choices. After California Gov. Newsom decided worshippers couldn’t sing, but rioters could “protest,” Sun Valley Community Church Pastor John MacArthur sued the Governor, State AG and LA Mayor over their anti-indoor service restrictions. A judge familiar with our first freedoms sided with the faithful. [See article here](#)

Celebrating Women's Constitutional right to vote on August 26

American women were granted the right to vote 100 years ago this week. On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was made law after Republicans regained control of Congress (the Democrat-controlled Congress had voted the amendment down four times). Twenty-six of the 36 states that ratified it had Republican legislatures. The movement was led by Republican women like Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth and Susan B. Anthony. Let’s hope their statues remain safe once the truth is out. [See article here](#)

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ACRU is also protecting your other constitutional rights: www.theacru.org

Presidents who were right

Women voters have a considerable influence on party platforms and governmental policy particularly on the conservative side of affairs. They will not follow radical proposals, but will be influenced by moral values. Nothing can be safer for the commonwealth than the informed judgment of the mothers of the land." *Calvin Coolidge, "Calvin Says" news column, 1930.*

A gift, today, of \$25 will help us monitor nursing homes around the country, as nefarious forces attempt to steal their votes. Please help us protect the most vulnerable voters this election cycle.

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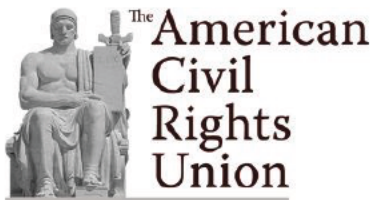
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We sure are, and we think you are too.

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Because you're receiving this email.

Because you have already shown your dedication to the American Civil Rights Union-and to your own individual, economic, and Constitutional freedoms-by investing your time in our Advocate newsletter or Election Integrity Bulletin.

Are we the ACLU?

Oh, heck no! We are the opposite. We like liberty--no--actually we LOVE liberty. And are sworn to protect it.

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Do we usually ask for funds via email?

No. But we really need it now. We are heading into a vicious political assault on our values, our founding, our culture-and we can't fight the battle without you.

2020. An election. Foolhardy socialists. Radical liberals and leftists. Progressives who fight for everything but progress. Coercive utopians who want to control every business, private, and consumer decision that an American citizen makes. Politicians who have no qualms lying and abusing their authority in a naked, selfish grab for power.

They are all coming for your freedom and they know that you - and ACRU - are in their way.

Last year, with your support ACRU ...

... was handed a win by the Supreme Court when it agreed with us (and not a gang of rabid atheists) that the Bladensburg, Maryland, Peace Cross must continue to stand and honor World War I veterans;
... spurred government officials in Florida, through our lawsuit against corrupt Broward County, to clean up their voter rolls;
... wrote an Amicus Brief supporting lawful gun owners of New York City against their anti-Second Amendment Mayor and City Council in favor of allowing them to carry their lawful firearms outside the confines of their own homes;
... published and promoted numerous influential editorials nationwide supporting freedom of speech, religious liberty, voter integrity, border security, and other Constitutional rights by President Lori Roman, Policy Board Members Ken Blackwell, Hans Von Spakovsky, Walter Williams and Senior Fellow Kerri Toloczko, just to name a few; and
... celebrated another SCOTUS win for states' rights after we filed an Amicus Brief leading to the Court's decision to take lower courts out of political gerrymandering.

This year, with your financial support ACRU will ...

... continue to positively impact the rights of all Americans to worship freely as they choose;
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... educate the American public of the deadly dangers of socialism;
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... submit Amicus Briefs on important cases protecting your Constitutional freedoms;
... invade the mainstream media with our Constitutional message;
... help you hang on to your Second Amendment Rights;
... send you witty, insightful, and critical analysis of timely news through the Advocate and Election Integrity Bulletin; and
... fearlessly take on voter fraud with a vengeance! One legal voter; one legal vote.

If you weren't able to donate to ACRU last year (especially if we didn't ask you to) that is just fine. We are grateful for your partnership and interest in our work.

But we are beginning a new year. Let's hit the ground running, together.

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Freedom matters, and so does every single contribution we receive, big or small. Because it comes from a fellow patriot-you.

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We hope your financial investment in ACRU will be one of the first things you do in this new year. ACRU is committed to your freedom in 2020 and beyond, and would be honored if you were committed to us as financial partners as well.

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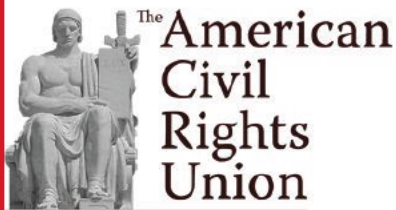
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As we approach this election, we ask those who have friends or family members in nursing homes or assisted living facilities to be on the lookout for activists stealing votes of vulnerable residents.

Many seniors, at home or in senior residences, are approached by "helpers" offering voting assistance. Some are honest; many are not. To assist seniors with understanding their rights and options, ACRU created its [Senior Citizen Voter Bill of Rights](#). If you are a senior, have senior loved one, or work in a senior residence, we hope you will download this important resource and if you are aware of fraud or abuse please call our Protect Elderly Votes hotline which can be found at www.protectelderlyvotes.org

Together we can help reduce vote fraud.

- For Liberty,
Lori Roman, President
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With just 82 days left until the 2020 election, we ask you to make the most generous contribution you can to ACRU. Your tax-deductible gift will help our strong, efficient and effective organization protect free and safe elections. Contributions made today will be applied entirely to ACRU's election efforts.

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ACRU IN THE NEWS

ACRU's Toloczko notes absentee voting and universal mail-in voting are vastly different



There is a critical difference between an absentee ballot and the new notion of universal vote by mail—and only one is safe. Absentee ballots requested by voters are secure in most instances, but universal Vote By Mail is subject to incompetent processing and open to fraud. Voters and elected officials must understand the enormous difference to protect the election integrity. We hope you will use this article to spread the word. [Read more here](#)



ACRU's Walter Williams and the insanity of leftist revisionist history

The destruction of historical monuments has not ceased, nor has ACRU efforts to protect them. In a new syndicated column, ACRU Policy Board Member Walter Williams notes, "a tyrant's first

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battlefield is to rewrite history” and shames the left by sarcastically suggesting a “Commission to Eliminate Bad Memories.” Please read this [great commentary](#) and visit our [Protect Monuments](#) website to join us in saving our national treasures.

ACRU's Blackwell: It is time for active duty military to request their absentee ballots



“The votes of military families are the heart of freedom. They are why ACRU created its [Protect Military Votes](#) project, full of resources and instructions to ensure all military votes are counted. But the first step is encouraging members of the military to request their absentee ballots as soon as possible.”

One in six U.S. military voters didn't vote in 2018 because their absentee ballot arrived late or not at all, according to the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

AROUND THE NATION Help us correct the Vote By Mail/Absentee ballot “equivalence” deception

Absentee ballots and universal vote by mail (“VBM”) schemes proposed by Democrats are not the same. Absentee ballots are requested by a voter and sent to that voter’s residence. With Universal VBM, the state sends applications or ballots to an address with no confirmation of recipients’ names or voting status. Even some Republican governors don’t get it. We hope you will help explain this critical difference to everyone you know. [Read more here](#)

Won't open church? Then we'll worship amongst the slot machines

The liberal governor of Nevada unilaterally decided casinos could hold thousands of people and churches (regardless of capacity) could only have 50. Liberal Supreme Court justices and Chief Justice Roberts threw religious freedom under the bus by agreeing. But a group of worshipers found a workaround to exercise their Constitutional rights. Perfect. Brilliant. [Read more here](#)

Who can teach history better than veterans who lived it?

We love our veterans and we love this idea. In the past, the American Legion and other veterans groups participated in civics education for young people. Now that civics education has gone the way of the Dodo Bird in public schools, why not bring this mission back? Are you involved in a local AL or VFW post? If so, we hope you'll consider some of the suggestions in this piece. [Read more here](#)

Liberal New York AG launches dishonest anti-2A campaign

With power vested in her by New York's political leftists, NY AG Letitia James is suing the NRA for what she's decided are too many executive "perks," over which she has no authority. NRA has a Constitutional right to conduct business according to its by-laws, and its members have a right to complain if they don't like it. But she wants to close down the NRA entirely, so it's not about specific executives. We suspect her blatant attempt to discourage Second Amendment voters will be a gross misfire. [Read More Here](#)

Wisdom from a regular gal

Ms. Elizabeth Ward Nottrodt likes to write letters to the editor, and for that we are grateful. We like to circle back to first principles at ACURU, and Ms. Nottrodt's latest Washington Times letter on foundational property rights vs. anti-rule of law destructive Marxism is right on the money. Property rights rule no. 1? "Don't touch other peoples' stuff." [Read the letter](#)

Is this journalist not just a progressive, but a communist?

In a perfect example of what Constitutional patriots are up against, a Washington Post reporter has written an article titled, "Trump views China's Communist Party as a threat. Young Chinese see it as a ticket to a better future" with a photo of cute, young Chinese girls in front of a Mao statue. Death toll, Mao: approximately 40 million Chinese. Some examples of media brainwashing are simply unforgivable. [Read the letter](#)

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Presidents who were right

•It is not the critic who counts; nor the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena. • - Theodore Roosevelt, Citizenship in a Republic speech, Paris, 1910.

A gift, today, of \$25 will provide materials to America's soldiers to ensure they can remit their ballot in time to count in the 2020 election. It is so critical that we work with our warriors to protect their freedoms, as they fight for ours.

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ACRU's Roman on explosive vote fraud

"We are exceedingly grateful to our colleagues at Project Veritas for the diligent investigative work indicating organized, criminal vote harvesting and ballot theft in Minnesota. This evidence continues to demonstrate that vote fraud appears to be widespread and organized not just by liberal activists, but elected liberal officials as well. This is the fraud we see. At ACRU, we remain focused on protecting every voter from this kind of fraud."

Lori Roman, President of ACRU

Watch the full report [here](#).

ACRU's Blackwell calls for protecting elderly votes

"We started our Project Elderly Votes project based on evidence that ballot harvesters were stealing seniors' votes in residential facilities. Now thanks to Project Veritas, there is further evidence on tape. ACRU continues to urge senior living CEOs, directors, staff and resident's families to take every effort to protect senior votes. NEVER let a stranger touch your ballot."



Ambassador J. Kenneth Blackwell, ACRU Action Board Member and Former Ohio Secretary of State

Read the full report [here](#).

To learn more about protecting senior's votes, reporting suspected fraud or downloading our Senior Citizen's Bill of Rights, visit our [Protect Elderly Votes website](#).

ACRU's Roman: In Leftist Land, who will protect you?

"For years, liberals have told Americans they do not need guns because the police have guns. But now many leftists advocate defunding police altogether. This brings serious public policy questions. In Leftist Land, who exactly would have guns? And who is responsible for protecting Americans?" [See article here.](#)

American Military News counts on ACRU when military ballots are found discarded

Nine military ballots were found discarded at the Luzerne County Board of Elections in Pennsylvania. The FBI and the Pennsylvania State Police have recovered the ballots and are investigating.

ACRU President Lori Roman: "American Constitutional Rights Union has been warning about dirty tricks by local election officials suppressing military votes through our Protect Military Votes Project. When we learned one in six U.S. military voters didn't vote in 2018 because their absentee ballot arrived late or not at all, according to the Federal Voting Assistance Program, we realized that some officials at the local level have been engaged in fraud." [See article here.](#)

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AROUND THE NATION

Liberals' documentable plan to destroy election security

Journalists Rebecca Mansour and Jim Pinkerton provide a remarkable and detailed overview of the specific steps liberals and their Democrat allies will take to try to win the 2020 election by cheating and creating chaos. This is an important read for anyone concerned with the integrity of our electoral process. [See article here.](#)

IN THE STATES

MICHIGAN



"People who already sent their ballots in will be destroyed"

With above referenced Freudian slip, the Newyago county clerk notified local voters that, whoops, a (Republican appointed) judge was "left off" absentee ballots already mailed. However this oversight occurred, it will surely cause — at best — confusion for voters. "Didn't I vote once already?" Just another example that mistakes can cause as much vote disruption as fraud. Vote In Person! [See story here.](#)

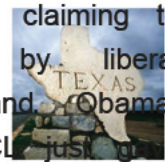
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County Commissioner accused of using disability protections to cheat

All fraud stories are awful, but some are absolutely disgraceful. An elected Democrat official in Texas and his buddies have been charged with illegal ballot harvesting — getting "voters" to pretend they were disabled and entitled to ADA guidelines. Let's hope being charged with 130+ felonies is a warning to other fraudsters thinking about using important disability community protections as a scheme to steal votes. [See story here.](#)

Liberal vote activist foundation, funds liberal vote activist foundation advisor

The Center for Tech and Civic Life is a leftist group claiming to use technology to "modernize" voting. Funded by liberal companies and run by self-identified progressive and Obama-affiliated staff, it is insinuating itself into elections. CTCL just gave Dallas County election administrator Toni Pippins-Poole \$15 million for "voting operations" after Gov. Abbott wisely halted the liberal push for unsolicited mail-only ballots. Coincidentally, Ms. Pippins-Poole is also a CTCL advisor. [See story here.](#)



PENNSYLVANIA

Liberal vote activist foundation, collect ballots thyself



Much like the CTCL described in the previous story, the Committee of Seventy is a PA-based liberal voting activist group masquerading as non-partisan. Its Director is a Clinton/Reno protégée, and is funded by liberal foundations. Now the City of Philadelphia has contracted with this group to help collect ballots.

[See story here.](#)

NEW YORK

Absentee ballot recipients worry they may have been drafted

Civilian voters in Queens got quite a surprise when they received military absentee ballots. Once again, we see absentee ballot errors corroding vote integrity. The only way to ensure your vote is counted is to Vote In Person. [See story here.](#)





Framers Corner

“The great source of free government, popular election, should be perfectly pure, and the most unbounded liberty allowed.”

-Alexander Hamilton,
Speech to New York delegates, 1788.



As COVID-19 has presented unique financial challenges to non-profit organizations such as ours, we hope you consider a financial donation to support these critically important initiatives. We can't do it without you! Please consider becoming our financial partner by donating at our [ACRU donation page](#) or [Voting Integrity Institute donation page](#).

To find more information and additional articles on vote security, visit [ACRU's Voting Integrity Institute](#) or the [ACRU home page](#).

Please support our efforts to maintain the integrity of military votes by visiting our [Protect Military Votes](#) project. To advocate for senior voting rights, visit [Protect Elderly Votes](#).

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You can also support members of our Armed Forces by visiting [PROTECT MILITARY VOTES](#) and learning more about ACRU's efforts to fight military vote suppression.

If you can shop in person, you can vote in person

In peak COVID-19, armed with masks, hand sanitizer and six foot measuring sticks, we went to grocery stores. Now as localities fully reopen - still with precautions - people are dining in and getting haircuts. Yet liberal Democrats claim it is not safe to vote in person and we must vote by mail only. ACRU's Lori Roman points out the real reason for this absurd notion in this Townhall editorial, and it's an ugly truth.

ACRU Action President Lori Roman gives legislative testimony on the dangers of mail-only voting

A member of the Ohio legislature recently read information specific to mail-in ballot fraud in our Election Integrity Bulletin and reached out for help in fighting universal mail-in ballots. ACRU/ACRU Action President Lori Roman then provided testimony on the dangers of mail only voting, and that testimony is linked to the title. We invite you to sign up for the EIB [here](#), and contact us if you ever need assistance fighting for vote integrity!

Work disincentives are abusive policies

We assume Federalist author Chris Jacobs was tongue-in-cheeky when titling his recent piece, “New Study Confirms The Welfare State Discourages Work.” Obviously. Nothing makes this more apparent than the \$600 “more than you made” weekly payment slipped into COVID-19 relief preventing businesses from opening because the feds pay furloughed employees more to stay home. ACRU founder Bob Carleson was a Reagan welfare reform chief who understood work and dignity are glued together. Right then; right now.

An orderly society protects low income communities

ACRU Policy Board Member Professor Walter Williams has a well-earned reputation for hitting the nail on the head. In his newest article “What Now?” he asks, “how does the destruction of black-owned business (‘by white anarchists and fellow black looters’) promote justice for the murder of George Floyd?” Addressing the importance of minority small business, he notes those protesting peacefully for justice are the ones harmed most by lawlessness as they benefit from social order, not riotous chaos.

Back to first principles and where to find them

Balint Vazsonyi, who passed away in 2003, survived Nazism and communism in Hungary and escaped to America. In his book “America’s 30 Years War” he warned of the dangers of “social justice” and called for a return to the founding and what he called the Four Points of the Compass: Rule of law, individual rights, property rights, and a common American identity. This 1997 essay Balint wrote for Imprimis Magazine is well worth review, and an answer to Walter Williams’ “what now?”

Mad Max’s Thunderdome takes hold in liberal cities

For many years, America’s constitutional conservatives and ACRU’s rule of law advocates warned about the steady drip of leftist assaults on what Balint Vazsonyi (above) called the Four Points of the Compass. Early progressivism brings decay and spreads unhappiness; the end result is Seattle. And Minneapolis. Chaos, anarchy, and tolerance of lawlessness. We hope when liberals move away from what they created they don’t create it again where they end up.

Fixing the real problems of crime and rogue police

America has too many cases of racial injustice and rogue law enforcement officers who abridge citizen's rights. And now is the time for those who advocate for justice and rule of law to call it out. But at this emotionally-charged moment, data matters. In this brilliant Congressional testimony, Manhattan Institute's Heather Mac Donald notes George Floyd's murder was horrific, hard numbers do not show systematic racist violence by police, and police unions are the largest barrier to firing abusive cops.

Presidents who were right

Peace is the climate of freedom.

Dwight D. Eisenhower. Second Inaugural Address, January 1957

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July 7, 2020

Dear elected official and staff:

Your constituents expect you to protect public and private monuments and buildings from destruction by criminals.

Public monuments belong to all Americans and are not to be torn down by rampaging mobs and power hungry bureaucrats. Citizens demand that you, our elected officials, protect our monuments. To that end, American Constitutional Rights Union's Protect Monuments Project educates and mobilizes citizens and encourages public officials to protect historic monuments and buildings from leftist criminals and vandals who seek to erase our national history.

Are you willing to go on record that you will protect America's monuments and history?

Are you a staff member of an elected official willing to present a Monument Protection Action Pledge to your boss?

We invite you to visit www.protectmonuments.org website and click "Action Pledge" to download and sign ACRU's Action Pledge. **We encourage every elected official to demonstrate their personal and public commitment to protect our monuments and our history.** Visit ProtectMonuments.org right away to:

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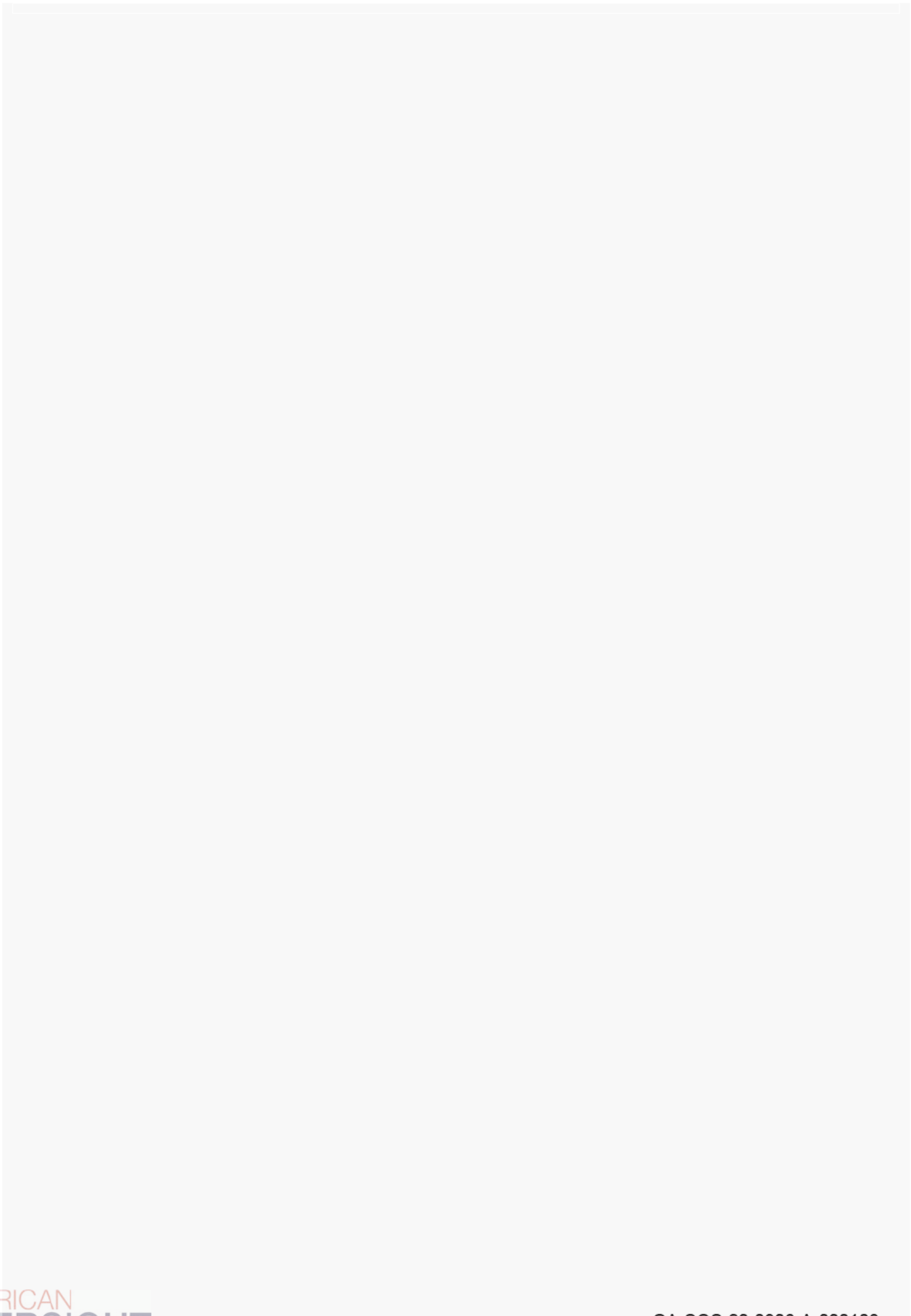
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ACRU IN ACTION

[ACRU's Protect Monuments action plan for elected officials](#)

Although EIB is dedicated to election issues, we want to update you on our latest project, designed to protect national monuments. Elections matter, and many officials have turned a blind eye to the destruction of our history. Our Protect Monuments initiative provides you with a petition to sign as a citizen, as well as an Action Pledge for officials to sign, noting their commitment to protecting our monuments. We encourage all citizens to download the Action Pledge and email it to your public officials asking them to sign the pledge.

If you work in the office of an elected official who cares about our monuments, we encourage you to have that official sign the pledge and use it to notify constituents of his or her concern for our monuments.

Soon, we will have a list on our website of public officials who have shown themselves to be cowards or patriots.

[ACRU's Blackwell: Nursing home vote fraud happens, and is preventable](#)

ACRU Action Board Member Ken Blackwell fearlessly takes on "all the fraud we cannot see" (and the fraud we can) in senior residences. Vote suppression and manipulation in these facilities is real, and a reason why ACRU created Protect Elderly Votes. Warning of union activism, and asking residence executives for help, Ken notes that the votes of our Greatest Generation are a target for fraudsters and we must protect them.

NATIONAL

[SCOTUS demands faith from faithless electors](#)

A signed pledge should be binding, unless you're a Democrat elector in Washington and Colorado trying to manipulate the system to block the election of Donald Trump in 2016. On July 6, in a rare unanimous decision, the Supreme Court ruled states can enforce electoral pledges ignored by rogue political activists. This is a win not just for voters, but affirms the critical need for the electoral college itself.

Note: the importance of the Electoral College to our democracy can be confusing, and the anti-electoral college National Popular Vote movement peddles a great deal of disinformation about its intent. For a precise and clear understanding of why we must defend the Electoral College, we recommend the book, "Why We Need the Electoral College" by Tara Ross. Mrs. Ross has also written "We Elect a President: The Story of Our Electoral College" to help children understand this important institution.

IN THE STATES

NEW JERSEY

[The Garden State's foursome of fraud](#)

Next time a liberal tells you there's no vote fraud (but it's only Republicans committing it), show them these fellows: Messrs. Jackson, Khaliq, Mendez and Kazyen. Not just activists, but two elected officials, all Democrats (not noted in the media, so we checked.) The fraud involved thousands of mailed ballots and one of the races in question was decided by one vote after a recount.

PENNSYLVANIA

[When voting by carrier pigeon no longer sounds outrageous](#)

Would you leave your passport in a random drop box in a parking lot or on a college campus? A treasured family photo? Your latest prescription? "Of course not! It's not safe!" is the correct answer. Incompetent liberal Pennsylvania election officials who fumbled a recent primary think drop boxes for ballots are a good idea. Republicans do not, and we wish them success with their recently filed anti-drop box lawsuit.

FLORIDA AND MINNESOTA

[State Court says "no" to counting votes after election day](#)

Democrats in Florida recently moved to allow ballots to be counted after election day and make ballot harvesting legal in the state. Florida Republicans sued to block these changes, and won. Democrats are also trying this anti-vote integrity maneuver in Minnesota, and we can expect to see it in other states as they try to change the ballot fraud mantra "vote early and often" to "vote early and often and afterward."

ALABAMA

[SCOTUS says "no" to relaxing vote security laws](#)

Alabama has long standing curbside voting rules and identification requirements for absentee ballots that safeguard the votes of its citizens. A group led by the Southern Poverty Law Center demanded these protections be overturned (Covid—the usual excuse) and an Obama appointed state judge agreed. Fortunately, the Supreme Court did not, and Alabama will be able to continue to ensure the integrity of its votes.

Framers Corner

Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become more corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters. Benjamin Franklin, personal letter to French associates, 1787.

As COVID-19 has presented unique financial challenges to non-profit organizations such as ours, we hope you consider a financial donation to support these critically important initiatives. We can't do it without you! Please consider becoming our financial partner by donating at <https://theacru.org/protect-your-vote/>.

To find more information and additional articles on vote security, visit ACRU's Voting Integrity Institute at <https://www.votingintegrityinstitute.org/> or www.theACRU.org.

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Will you ask your elected officials if they support protecting our monuments?

Will you sign a petition showing your support for protecting our monuments?

ACRU has a way for you to easily do both.

ACRU's [Protect Our Monuments](#) project is a way for citizen patriots to take very real steps to protect our nation's statues, monuments and history.

Marauding mobs don't just want to rewrite our history - they want to eliminate it completely and shut down any debate of our national story, either good or bad.

We invite you to visit our www.ProtectMonuments.org website and click "Sign the Petition" to demonstrate your personal and public commitment to protect our monuments and our history.

Do your local, state and federal representatives support protecting America's monuments? You can find a Protect Our Monuments Action Pledge for officials [HERE](#) that you can download and send to your officials and ask them to go on record as protecting our monuments.

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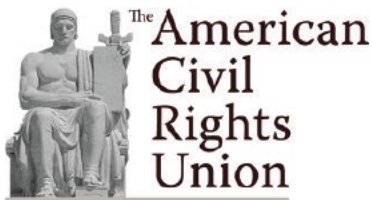
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ACRU Editorial: Religious Freedom: An Inconvenient Right To American Progressives

ACRU Policy Board member Ambassador Ken Blackwell recently penned a powerful editorial about the nature of religious liberty and the danger of infringing upon it. Ken notes that religious freedom is in jeopardy from leftist culture here and abroad. He provides data to show that when religious liberty is restricted, economic prosperity is restricted right along with it, cautioning "America must not follow the path of religious intolerance that leads to additional social and economic ills."

[Read the Article](#)

Florida. Dinner. February 21. Meet economist Steve Moore and the ACRU team!

We still have a few seats available as we host noted economist Steve Moore at the Ritz Carlton Resort in Naples, Florida for a dinner on the evening of February 21.

ACRU Board Chairman Susan Carleson, President Lori Roman, Policy Board Member Ken Blackwell and Senior Fellow Kerri Toloczko will be on hand to welcome the many friends of liberty in attendance. If you can't make it, we will provide an overview of Steve's remarks in a future Advocate.

Tickets start at \$185, and a premier ticket provides you with a photo op with Steve and a signed copy of his book, Trumponomics. We hope you will join us for this great event - and please feel free to share our invitation with other liberty loving friends in Florida!

Hope to see you there - sign up [here](#).

New Jersey Assembly confirms the Second Amendment protects people

Ken Blackwell's editorial for ACRU on religious freedom (above) notes an appalling increase in anti-Semitic violence. The NJ Assembly is now considering allowing one person in places of worship to carry a handgun to protect worshippers. Where to start? A state assembly has no business "allowing" or "disallowing" any citizen to carry a firearm for protection, or designating how many. Because, the Second Amendment. Perhaps it is progress that the NJ Assembly is at

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least acknowledging that a good guy with a gun saves lives.

[Read the Article](#)

Why can't anti-religious freedom activists just take up knitting?

The ironically named Military Religious Freedom Foundation is an anti-Christian activist group with nothing better to do than try to strip Christians in the military of religious liberty. Most recently, it has demanded a Navy chaplain not teach a class called "Lead Like Jesus." As the leader of MRFF pays himself at least \$325K per year plus expenses (nearly 50% of his organization's budget), we think perhaps he would benefit from the class himself.

[Read the Article](#)

Study shows faith-friendly U.S. corporations enjoy economic success

Another issue Ken Blackwell reports in his recent oped (still above) is the relationship between religious freedom and economic prosperity. The Religious Freedom & Business Foundation studies religious liberty as an asset to economic growth, and its "Corporate Religious Equity, Diversity & Inclusion" (REDI) index reviews this relationship for Fortune 100 companies. It found corporate "diversity" largely overlooks religion, but when it doesn't, its economic engine is powerful. Fascinating stuff; kudos to the top five: Google, Intel, Tysons, Target and American Airlines.

[Read the Article](#)

Faith restrictions are not just a walk in the park

Unless a public park is preaching to passers-by, there is no First Amendment violation. Liberal officials just keep getting "church and state" backwards. The 1A clearly states the government (e.g. the park) cannot establish religion. However, the person sharing his/her belief with others in the park is covered by the free exercise provision. A North Carolina evangelist is suing Greensboro for restricting his religious freedom in a local park, sparking local officials to point all kinds of fingers of blame at each other. "The good kind of lawsuit."

[Read the Article](#)

Presidents who were right

"The Founding Fathers and Mothers understood there is a divine order which transcends the human order. They saw the state as a form of moral order and felt that the bedrock of moral order is religion."

Ronald Reagan, Dallas Prayer Breakfast, 1984.

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American Civil Rights Union works every day on behalf of liberty-loving Americans like you. Whether we are working to prevent voter fraud or fighting against attacks on free speech and religious liberty, we are always grateful for the support of our members and followers.

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ACRU will be hosting its first event of the new year, featuring noted economist Steve Moore at the Ritz Carlton Beach Resort in Naples, Florida on the evening of February 21.

Will you join us? Steve will be providing insight into the economy for 2020 and beyond - delivered with his usual wit and sharp observation. Steve can explain the Trump economy as no one else can, and will offer insights every investor, observer of the U.S. economy, and liberty-loving American should hear. ACRU President Lori Roman, Policy Board Member Ken Blackwell, and Senior Fellow Kerri Toloczko will also be on hand to welcome you.

Tickets start at \$185, and a premier ticket provides you with a photo op with Steve and a signed copy of his book, *Trumponomics*. We hope you will join us for this great event - and please feel free to share our invitation with other liberty loving friends in Florida!

The full invitation is found at www.theacru.org and reservations or other questions can be mailed to laura.elliott@theACRU.org.

We hope to see you there!

Counties count when it comes to Second Amendment protections

The closer government is to the people, the more the people can ride herd on it when it misbehaves. Such is the case in Kentucky, where not only is the Second Amendment sanctuary movement on fire, but like Virginia, the brightest lights are happening at the county level. This article highlights pro-2A activity in Letcher County and a speech by a citizen named David Johnson who pointed out that a county Second Amendment Sanctuary law would be "a defense against possible federal or state legislation that could limit access to or possession of certain firearms, ammunition or gun accessories ... and any potential Red Flag Law." Although the report focuses on Kentucky, it is a great overview of why the Second Amendment Sanctuary movement is so important, and just how successful it has been so far.

Read the Article

University diversity bureaucrats take dollars away from actual teaching

Leave it to Walter Williams, ACRU Policy Board Member and economic professor at Virginia's George Mason, to point out the monumental foolishness and expense of a movement that most of us don't even realize exists. "Diversity staffing" is costing college students and their parents a fortune. As Prof. Williams points out, Penn State alone has 65 diversity staff members. University of Michigan has 95 diversity bureaucrats; Berkeley, 175. Diversity minions could cost the system (i.e. students) more than \$130 million year. These folks now even have their own trade association and have meetings. It is unfortunate that so many colleges are using minority students as an excuse to continue to increase their administrative staffing levels. Just teach the kids, for Pete's sake.

[Read the Article](#)

Religious liberty is sacrosanct and atheists don't get to limit it

Members of the U.S. Military put their lives on the line. Many pray for protection and success in defending the liberties of others. Not only are there "no atheists in foxholes" there are probably very few in today's modern aerial combat. Some USAF members from Peterson AFB in Colorado may be in harm's way over the next few months. They have every Constitutional right to buy Jesus candy if they wish. Our answer to the atheists who want to take away their right to buy Jesus candy? "Just don't buy any."

[Read the Article](#)

Free speech about free speech is the only way to keep free speech

Free speech is key to everything in a free society. Without the unfettered expression of opinion, views and beliefs, we might as well close up shop as a liberty-based nation. At ACURU, we are frank about identifying those who oppress and stifle the political speech of others. We also appreciate citizen warriors who call out this oppression with words like "thugs," "assassins," "wimps" and "Advertisers of the Apocalypse." Right on, David Foster of the conservative blog Ricochet. Mr. Foster identifies those on the left side of the media, academia, bureaucrats, and elected officials who abuse the power of their office to silence political opponents.

[Read the Article](#)

Presidents who were right

"Partisanship must end at the water's edge." President Harry S. Truman, Acceptance Speech at the Democratic Convention, July 1948.

Is voter fraud a problem where you live? Do you have concerns about the integrity of your vote? Are you aware of a situation in your town where freedom of speech or religion was attacked? Are red flag laws being implemented in your area in an alarming manner? Email tips to info@theacru.org.

We hope you consider invest our nation's freedoms and future by financially supporting the work of the American Civil Rights Union. We invite you to visit our donation page here: [Protect Your Vote](#)



Did you know the TRUTH about Gun Control? The ACRU provides this special report, "The Truth about Gun Control", as ammunition against the imposition of unconstitutional laws that benefit only tyrants and criminals.
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ACRU IN ACTION

[ACRU honors military spouses and protects their votes](#)

In her latest editorial, and with input from military spouses, ACRU's VP of Policy (and Army Mom) Kerri Toloczko honors military spouses and the importance of ensuring that their votes are never lost—either in the mail or to fraud. With our Protect Military Votes project, ACRU is working to ensure the voices of military spouses are heard -- both in the public square and in the voting process.

IN THE STATES

NEW JERSEY

[All-mail ballots all messed up](#)

Of the 2,400 Republicans in one New Jersey town requesting a GOP ballot for a July primary, nearly 700 received a Democrat ballot. When the Governor demanded an all-mail election, election clerks scrambled for print vendors. The owner of the printing company that made the mistake says it was "honest human error." Add "honest human error" to the reasons why universal mail-only voting is a bad idea.

CALIFORNIA

[California Court shuts down Governor's mail-only ballot edict](#)

California's Democrat Governor Gavin Newsom is not a legislator and has no legal authority to demand an all mail election—only the state legislature does. This was recently explained to him by a California judge who read the law. According to the Election Integrity Project of California, about 648K people who are dead, moved, never voted, or over 105 years old would receive ballots under Newsom's scheme. We call that open season for fraud.

MICHIGAN

More proof that mail-only voting is an electoral train wreck

When it comes to fighting against universal mail-only ballots, ACRU is a purposeful broken record. We have noted repeatedly these ballots go to 1. The deceased. 2. People who moved. 3. Non-citizens. In Michigan, hundreds returned universal ballot applications that went to 1. The deceased. 2. People who moved. 3. Non-citizens. Addresses don't vote, and politicians don't listen.

CONNECTICUT

Because you might be sick on election day

Connecticut law permits absentee voting for people away on election day, serving in the military, or disabled. The state's Democrat executive—with no legal authority—wants to expand that to anyone who thinks they might get sick. The state's GOP is suing to prevent this unlawful strategy. Perhaps people who know they are going to be sick on election day should be picking lottery numbers for the rest of us.

NATIONAL

A General's analysis of the dangers of mail-in voting

Leave it to an Army general to analyze, summarize and finalize the dangers of mail-only voting, succinctly, using data, and then give marching orders to the concerned. In a letter to the North Carolina Pilot, Lt. Gen. Marvin Covault (ret.) uses years of experience and all three of his stars to recognize that mail-only voting is the enemy of vote integrity.

The media's greatest power is the power to ignore

Sixty-two percent of Americans believe voting by mail increases fraud. So we reviewed mainstream media vote fraud stories and found nearly every story started with, "GOP to fight voter fraud that doesn't exist." The bias willingly ignores fraud despite reams of evidence. Author Gore Vidal once quipped, "Half the American people never read a newspaper. Half never vote for President — the same half?" Glad you read the EIB.

Framers Corner

Americans are the first people in history whom Heaven has favored with choosing the form of government under which they should live. John Jay, Charge to a New York Jury, 1777.

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ACRU's Toloczko calls for encouraging and protecting military voters

ACRU's Protect Military Votes Project designated September 1, 2020 as "Military Voter Readiness Day" to encourage military service members to register and vote in time to make sure their votes are counted. In this editorial for American Military News, our VP of Policy (and Army mom), Kerri Toloczko, notes we have an imperative as civilians not just to protect the votes of our Armed Forces, but to honor them. [See story here.](#)

Military absentee ballots should be requested NOW

At [Protect Military Votes](#), we designated September 1, 2020 as "Military Voter Readiness Day" to ensure military ballots have enough time for delivery both overseas and at home. We encourage service members and spouses to register to vote and request an absentee ballot **TODAY**. If you have a friend or family member in the Armed Services, please send them to [Protect Military Votes](#) for all the registration and request links they will need.

ACRU's Blackwell calls for protecting elderly votes

"As seniors transition into senior residences, they are a captive audience for fraud activists (noted by Amb. Blackwell [here](#).) As groups like the SEIU and the League of Women voters join liberal politicians to push for relaxing vote security and legalizing ballot harvesting, voters in institutional settings are most at risk. Please visit our [Protect Elderly Votes](#) website to find out what you can do to protect the votes of our greatest generation."

Ambassador J. Kenneth Blackwell, ACRU Action Board Member



An important resource from ACRU for America's voting seniors

Are you employed at a senior residence — independent, assisted living, or nursing home? Do you have a family member in one of these facilities? If so, we hope you will download our [Senior Citizen Voter Bill of Rights](#)—a great resource for you and those you care for to understand election protections for seniors in residential facilities.



ACRU's Roman encourages every voter to be a "VIP"

"Voting in Person is the only way to ensure your vote is delivered and counted in November. Despite liberal media claims, nearly 600,000 mailed ballots went uncounted in the primaries, and vote fraud activists want to take your ballot and "deliver" it to the polling station—passing trash cans along the way. We must never trust a stranger to deliver or handle our votes. Take precautions—and be a VIP."

Lori Roman, President of ACRU

ACRU is the only organization defending elderly and military voting rights nationally. Please visit our websites and consider donating to help protect the voting rights of these deserving citizens. You can donate [here](#) or [here](#).

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AROUND THE NATION

A shocking admission about institutionalized vote fraud



This story gave us chills. It proves what ACRU and our supporters have noted for months -- vote fraud is not just rampant — but organized. Voting in person is the solution to making sure someone doesn't slap a strip over duct tape over YOUR vote by fraudulently submitting others. We fear this unprecedented admission of felony vote tampering is just the tip of a very disturbing iceberg. As Lori says, "be a VIP!" [See story here](#).

Vote fraud is so real in New Jersey it caused a re-vote

A New Jersey ballot harvesting fraud case (perpetrated by candidates facing criminal charges) is costing taxpayers \$\$\$ and the angst of a re-vote. Ballots for this race were also magically found in other towns. Despite this evidence—and as Kerri recently wrote about [here](#) — liberals are making the realities of vote fraud a referendum on Trump instead of advocating for vote security. [See story here](#).

2020 Primaries show mail-only voting is anything but safe



According to National Public Radio, the 550,000 absentee ballots not counted in 2018 PRIMARIES is 42% higher than those not counted in the 2016 GENERAL election. Considering the bias of NPR, maybe it's even worse? When your liberal friends tell you that mail-only voting is safe, secure and counts every vote, just send them this link. [See story here.](#)

Mail-in vote system in Detroit deemed “a mess” by election officials

In a city (over)run by Democrats for decades, voting in Detroit's recent primary was utterly corrupted. When 72% of its precincts reported bad vote counts, the State Board of Canvassers called it “alarming.” Liberal Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson has so far ignored concerns. Within Detroit's 78% African American population, 40% live in poverty, and the unemployment rate is 21%. These citizens need their political voices heard and protected. [See story here.](#)

Another dead voter in New Mexico

It's not funny, actually. A grieving New Mexico widow visited her county election office to ask them to stop sending absentee ballots to her deceased husband who had passed away the year before in another state. That's when they discovered her husband had actually voted from the grave. But not only did he not vote; she didn't either despite having a vote registered in her name. Fraud times two because of universal vote by mail, only discovered when this lady took her civic duty seriously. [See story here.](#)



Washington State election expert recognizes looming VBM dangers

“Universal voting by mail is an attractive and easy unconventional warfare target for the creation of election chaos, causing civil unrest and destabilizing society in general.” From personal and professional experience, former deputy prosecuting attorney Barney Waldrop speaks up about the importance of voting in person and the dangers of universal vote by mail. [See story here.](#)

AN IMPORTANT RESOURCE FOR YOU - OUR EIB SUBSCRIBERS - ON MAIL-IN BALLOTS

Before voting, mass mailed ballot applications are already a problem

Are you confronted by liberal friends with claims that “mail-only balloting is safe?” It isn't. Even before voting, and in addition to mailed ballots left uncounted, bulk mailing of unverified and incorrect ballot applications sent out erroneously because of poorly maintained voter rolls is a problem. Here's some

evidence for you to help you help others understand.

Virginia - 500,000 incorrect applications send out. [See story here.](#)

Michigan - More registered Detroit voters than living adults all get applications. [See story here.](#)

Indiana - Democrat precinct chair accused of 'pre-marking' 300 ballot applications. [See story here.](#)

North Carolina and nationwide - liberal group mails applications partially filled out. [See story here.](#)

Pennsylvania - watchdog group finds 800K questionable registered on county voter rolls. [See story here.](#)

Florida - 18k+ ballots uncounted in Florida. [See story here.](#)



Framers Corner

"There is nothing so likely to produce peace as to be well prepared to meet an enemy. "

--George Washington, personal letter to Congressman Elbridge Gerry, 1780



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thank you for supporting the American Constitutional Right's Union's work to protect America's Constitution. Unfortunately, the past few weeks and months have seen ever increasing threats to the liberties that were cornerstones of the country built by our founding fathers. My team and I have been hard at work, striking back against those who destroy these freedoms. This edition of ACRU's Advocate provides a small taste of the immense effort we are putting forth to protect our nation. As you read, please know each of our achievements are possible because of support from friends like you. Thank you for all you do to advocate for freedom and liberty in your communities, at work, and across the nation.

- Lori Roman

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Help ACRU defend your constitutional liberties!

We work every day on behalf of liberty-loving Americans like you. From preventing voter fraud to fighting attacks on free speech and religious liberty, ACRU is one of the few groups fighting the good fight. Please encourage others to join with us by financially supporting our fight for liberty.

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ACRU IN THE NEWS

ACRU's Lori Roman calls for national discussion - not destruction

ACRU/Protect Monuments President Lori Roman asks an important question in her most recent editorial -- why can't Americans have a reasonable debate about history and the monuments that represent it without lawless destruction? Lori points out that we must hold public officials responsible for protecting our history as well as controlling violent mobs. [Read more here](#)



ACRU's Blackwell notes importance of ACRU Protect Elderly Votes project

"Seniors have made invaluable contributions to American freedom. In turn, we must ensure their political choices are respected and defend their right to be free of attempts to manipulate or steal their votes." ACRU Policy Board Member Ambassador J. Kenneth Blackwell. [Read more here](#)

ACRU works every day on behalf of liberty-loving Americans like you. But we cannot continue fighting voter fraud and attacks on free speech and religious liberty without your support. Please make a financial contribution today.

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ACRU President Roman discusses Protect Monuments project on national podcast

Speaking to The Daily Signal, Lori Roman makes critical points about mob destruction of our national treasures, and calls citizen patriots to action through ACRU's Protect Monuments citizen petition, pledge for officials, and hotline. She also makes a unique observation about national and personal forgiveness for history's wrongs. We hope you will listen to the podcast or read the interview, and take action. [Read more here](#)



What are conservative leaders saying about ACRU's [Protect Monuments](#) project?

"We cannot and will not relinquish our historic monuments to the progressive socialist leftists who seek to stamp out our collective memory of the fight for freedom in the United States. On the battlefield and at home I will always defend the honor of our great country against insidious criminals and vandals, and I call on every public official to join me in pledging to protect our historic monuments."

LTC Allen B. West (US Army, Retired), Member, 112th US Congress

What is your favorite ACRU freedom initiative?

In addition to working full time protecting your freedom, ACRU also develops projects (unique to us) that focus on specific Constitutional rights and protections. We look to you to join us in educating family, friends and neighbors on these issues, going on record for liberty with our citizen petitions, and using the information we provide to influence officials to embrace founding principles.

Several ACRU projects are listed below, and we hope you will click on your favorite—which we hope is all of them!—and join us in the battle for the Constitution. Would you also consider supporting us financially at a level comfortable for you?

ACRU is protecting monuments: www.ProtectMonuments.org

ACRU is protecting elderly votes: www.ProtectElderlyVotes.org

ACRU is protecting military votes: www.ProtectMilitaryVotes.org

ACRU is protecting your vote: www.votingintegrityinstitute.org

AROUND THE NATION

Compare and contrast: religious liberty

Last week the Supreme Court ruled in favor of religious liberty for the Little Sisters of the Poor and Our Lady of Guadalupe School. One decision upheld the right of religious groups to be exempt from providing contraceptive and the abortion coverage, and the other confirmed that faith based schools can make faith based hiring decisions. Meanwhile, in China, its government blocked three US congressmen and an ambassador from entry because they stand firm on religious liberty. [Read more here](#) and [here](#)

Heritage's Kay Coles James: Wild mobs are the opposite of liberty



In this piece by The Heritage Foundation President and champion of liberty Kay James, she notes that violent mobs—permitted to riot by spineless politicians—are not just breaking stuff, they are trying to destroy the very core of our democracy and our freedoms. She pulls no punches in identifying the dangers of “mobocracy” and calls for officials to take action and citizens to step in to make sure they do. [Read more here](#)

The 2nd Amendment is/should be equal among Constitutional rights

Another liberal city is attempting to restrict the rights of its lawful, gun owning citizens to arm themselves in public. Although Virginia has a right to open carry law, the city of Newport News doesn’t want to honor it and will vote on a restrictive new law in mid-July. Gun grabbers learned that a national gun grab is too loud and obvious, so they chip away at the local level. Heads up; don’t let them. [Read more here](#)

The cost of allowing riots comes home to roost

Many local and state officials ignored rioters and looters who pretended to care about racial injustice while destroying homes, monuments, and businesses. Liberal officials are now discovering the cost of their cowardly failure to enforce rule of law above mindless mob violence and turning to the president they fight at every turn for a bailout. The answer, so far, seems to be “you made your nest; now pay for it.” [Click here](#)

Presidents who were right

“Let us resolve to be masters, not the victims, of our history, controlling our own destiny without giving way to blind suspicions and emotions.” John F. Kennedy, speech to the University of Maine, 1963

America is at a crossroads and needs patriots like you, and hard-hitting organizations like ACRU to fight back against the people and the groups trying to destroy us. We're working around the clock to make sure we have the America you and I love to pass down to our kids. I truly need your financial support to keep fighting this important fight. Thank you, in advance, for investing in our future.

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 - Larry J. Sabato, *Pendulum Swing*

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Harvey: Thanks again to you and your team. Attached as promised.

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Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:18:22 AM
To: Kaylan Phillips; Logan Churchwell
Subject: RE: Meeting/Call with Georgia Secretary of State's Office

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To: Harvey, Chris ; Logan Churchwell
Subject: RE: Meeting/Call with Georgia Secretary of State's Office

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I am out of the office until Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020

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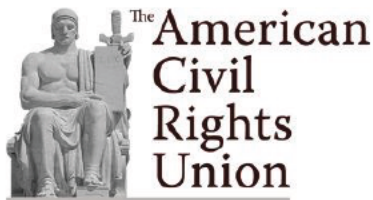
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ACRU's first annual Sunshine State dinner glowed with praise

On February 21, we welcomed economist Steve Moore to our first policy dinner since moving our offices to Naples, FL. With charts, insight and humor, Steve gave proof of our robust economy. ACRU President Lori Roman, Board Member Ken Blackwell, ACRU Action Board Member Michael Bowman, Senior Fellow Kerri Toloczko, and the ACRU team welcomed guests, including Army Major Kyle Key who discussed secure military voting. ACRU presented local leadership awards to FL House Member Byron Donalds and Bonita Springs Mayor Pete Simmons for their work in support of liberty. All who attended agreed it was a fantastic event.

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ACRU becomes the American Constitutional Rights Union

ACRU is proud to announce an organizational name change from American Civil Rights Union to American CONSTITUTIONAL Rights Union as we continue to honor the legacy of founder Bob Carleson to "to defend constitutionally-protected rights of all Americans." As President Lori Roman notes, "we were created as an antidote to the ACLU. We can think of no better way to punctuate that ACRU is the true defender of individual and economic freedoms that are unique and fundamental to our nation than to include "Constitution" in our name."

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ACRU proudly announces its Protect Military Votes Project

We have officially launched our Protect Military Votes project to ensure all military votes are honored and counted. Our site has a direct link for warfighters to register to vote and request Absentee Ballots. It provides them with a Military Voter Bill of Rights and all the info they need, including a Voting Problems Hotline if they suspect mishandling or fraud from local election entities. We also have a "DONATE" button and would be grateful for your financial support of this project-we hope you will partner with us to protect the votes of our heroes.

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Liberals can't fool us with tricky names for bad law

Liberals are really good at coming up with titles for horrible legislation to try fool people into thinking some bill is a good idea. Such is the case with New Mexico's "Extreme Risk Firearm Protection Order Act" just signed by the state's Democrat Governor. It's a red flag law. It takes away due process. It stomps on the Bill of Rights. Most New Mexico sheriffs (the people who are actually responsible for public safety) agree with us. They don't agree with this unconstitutional bill and they have plans to sue. Well done, sheriffs.

[Read the Article](#)

Sanctuary policy ruins lives one liberal jurisdiction at a time

Christopher Puente is a Mexican national convicted of numerous aggravated felonies, including sex crimes. Therefore, ICE asked Chicago to hand him over for deportation. Chicago refused. He then raped a three year old girl in a McDonald's. Did he feel above the law? There is nothing "racist" about enforcing laws and protecting the public. Politicians who push these policies should be held accountable.

[Read the Article](#)

The Ninth Circuit approves censorship for liberal tech giants

Does 9th Circuit not know what's in the Constitution, or just ignores it? Either way, now liberal billionaires at Google, Facebook, YouTube, etc. have been given a green light to censor anything (conservative) they find unhelpful. Like individual liberty, a secure border, conservative thought; that kind of thing. The 9th says these public forums are "private." Does the 9th Circuit squint when it sees daylight after spending so much time in the pockets of mega wealthy progressives?

[Read the Article](#)

Individual religious liberty gets a big "YES!" from the DOJ

While the 9th Circuit was explaining that liberal billionaires have a right to censor, the Department of Justice was explaining that government has no right to coerce an individual to engage, or not engage, in economic activity based on that person's religious belief. It's called religious "freedom." Perhaps that's the word that confuses progressive activists and their cadre of "victims" who deliberately target Christian wedding vendors just to make their wrong-headed, hypocritical point.

[Read the Article](#)

Presidents who were right

"If the immigrant comes here in good faith, becomes an American, and assimilates himself, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin."

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We hope you consider invest our nation's freedoms and future by financially supporting the work of the American Civil Rights Union. We invite you to visit our donation page here: [Protect Your Vote](#)



Did you know the TRUTH about Gun Control? The ACRU provides this special report, "The Truth about Gun Control", as ammunition against the imposition of unconstitutional laws that benefit only tyrants and criminals.
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Help ACRU protect America's national treasures. Visit protectmonuments.org and **sign the petition** to preserve American history.

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photo op from ACRU

ACRU newest project will protect monuments - are you in?

ACRU has created **Protect Monuments**, a project to protect our national treasures currently under assault by radical, America-hating leftists. In endorsing this initiative, Colonel Allen West notes, "We cannot and will not relinquish our historic monuments to the progressive socialist leftists who seek to stamp out our collective memory of the fight for freedom in the United States.

"On the battlefield and at home, I will always defend the honor of our great country against insidious criminals and vandals, and I call on every public official to join me in pledging to protect our historic monuments."

We have created a **tip line** to report monument destruction, a **petition** for citizen patriots, and a **Protect Monuments Pledge** for you to download and send to your national, state and local officials asking them to formally support the effort to protect our national treasures and history.

We would also be grateful for your financial help in this battle. You can provide meaningful support to protect American monuments by donating at <https://theacru.org/donate/>.
www.ProtectMonuments.org

ACRU's Blackwell: Nursing home vote fraud happens, and is preventable

ACRU Action Board Member Ken Blackwell fearlessly takes on "all the fraud we cannot see" (and the fraud we can) in senior residences. Vote suppression and manipulation in these facilities is real, and a reason why ACRU created Protect Elderly Votes.

Warning of union activism, and asking residence executives for help, Ken notes that the votes of our Greatest Generation are a target for fraudsters and we must protect them. [Read more here](#)

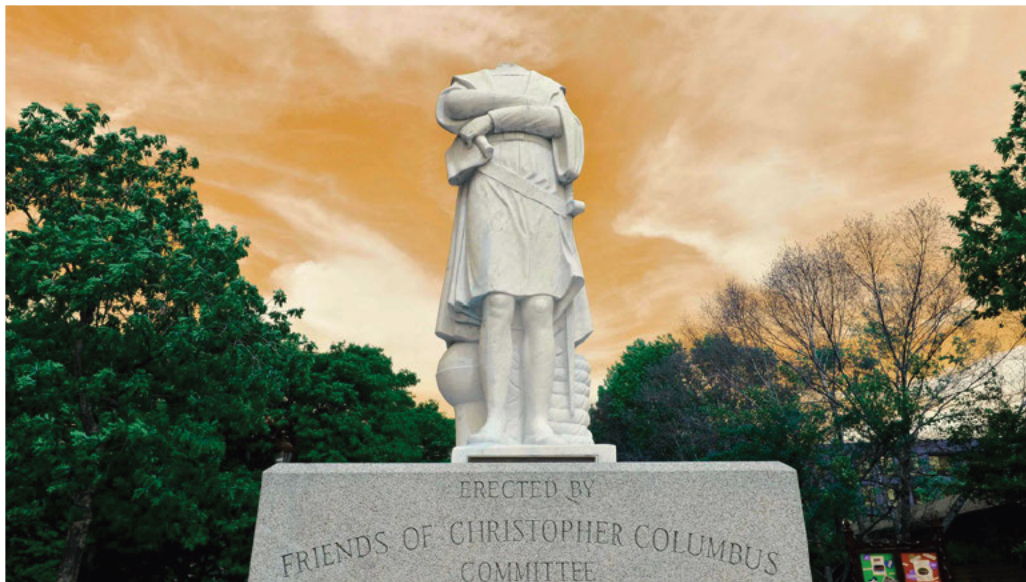
ACRU's Toloczko: Honor military spouses and protect their votes

In her latest editorial, and with input from military spouses, ACRU's VP of Policy (and Army Mom) Kerri Toloczko honors military spouses and the importance of ensuring that their votes are never lost—either in the mail or to fraud. With our Protect Military Votes project, ACRU is working to ensure the voices of military spouses are heard -- in the public square and in the voting process. [Read more here](#)

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The destructive seeds of the anti-monument movement

After the killing of George Floyd, good people of every race came together to protest against racial injustice wherever found. Those voices have been drowned out by radical leftists bent on even destroying statues of abolitionists and historical figures like Lincoln and Grant who fought valiantly against slavery. This article goes to the root of the fray to explain why this madness is so important to tyrannical anarchists. [Read more here](#)



Demonstrators pulled down statues of Christopher Columbus in St. Paul, Minn., and Richmond, Va., and decapitated another in Boston

New York politico's "Irrational targeting of houses of worship"

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio issued orders allowing indoor gatherings to open at 50% capacity — except religious gatherings—which could open with only 25% capacity. Fortunately, a federal court recognized these orders as discrimination against religious freedom and blocked them. We also are not aware of studies that show the virus spreads faster in pews than in stadium seats. [Read more here](#)

Not even campaign materials are safe from mail fraud

In recent months, there have been stories of absentee ballot requests and ballots themselves being manipulated or lost through the mail, and now we've worked our way to campaign mailers thrown away by postal workers. "No wonder people are skeptical of mail in voting." says the candidate who found his materials thrown in a dumpster. No kidding. [Read more here](#)

Violent illegal alien released by sanctuary judge now ICE "Most Wanted"

A Honduran national, here illegally, was recently charged with with assault on a peace officer, strangulation, felony menacing, three counts of assault, criminal mischief and resisting arrest. Despite an ICE detainer, he was let loose by a Colorado judge to commit violent crimes again. Anarchy and monument destruction are lead stories; liberal judges and sanctuaries cities are still quietly threatening the peace and security of our nation. [Read more here](#)

Got kids? Read the Declaration of Independence

Now that COVID-19 has rendered us a homeschooling nation, and the lack of civics education is on full display in our streets, what better time to share the Declaration and its principles with your children? Sure, yes, the little ones may not make it past the first few paragraphs, but between enjoying family and eating hot dogs, it's a great time to remember that it's not just the fourth day of July. [Click here for more!](#)



Got flag? Independence Day photo op from ACRU

Our flag is the most recognized symbol of our independence, our liberty and our unity "out of many, one." We hope you will proudly fly your stars and stripes on Independence Day, take a picture, and share it on American Constitutional Rights Facebook page. As you display your flag, we will too! [Click here](#)

Wishing you a **blessed** and **patriotic** Independence Day

The Board, leadership and staff of ACRU wish you a bountiful Independence Day dedicated to celebrating America and its unique and precious founding. In this time of political and public upheaval organized by forces with no appreciation of our freedoms or history, let us stand together for liberty by celebrating this important day. We also hope you will enjoy these "fun facts" and celebrate that the choosing of our national symbol was not left to Benjamin Franklin.

Presidents who were right

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution are covenants we have made ... with all mankind. Our founding documents proclaim to the world that freedom is not the sole prerogative of a chosen few. It is the universal right of all God's children.
Ronald Reagan, Captive Nations Conference; July, 1991.

PROTECT YOUR VOTE

Support the ACRU Today! Help defend your constitutional rights by [making a tax-deductible donation today](#).

CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES ALERT! Have you noticed an overreach of your governor or local official during the COVID-19 crisis? Is there a politician taking advantage of this crisis to push a progressive agenda? If so, please email us at info@theacru.org.

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- For Liberty,
Lori Roman, President
ACRU and ACRU Action Fund

Help ACRU defend your constitutional liberties!

We work every day on behalf of liberty-loving Americans like you. From preventing voter fraud to fighting attacks on free speech and religious liberty, ACRU is one of the few groups fighting the good fight. Please encourage others to join with us by financially supporting our fight for liberty.

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ACRU IN THE NEWS

ACRU's Blackwell: Cancel culture's goal is to destroy decency and freedom

ACRU Policy Board Member Amb. J. Kenneth Blackwell presents a no-hold-barred review of deadly cancel culture in this week's American Spectator. Addressing BLM's call to destroy the nuclear black family, Ken notes, "one of the greatest horrors of American slavery was the abhorrent and heartless break-up of nuclear black families when slaves were traded or sold. Why would this atrocity now be a goal?" From Nazism to ISIS to today's Marxist rioters and lawless vandals, Ken makes the case that we've seen cancel culture's devastation before, and it must not succeed here. [Read more here](#)



ACRU's Roman calls for protecting elderly votes

"There are numerous instances of political activists appearing on the doorsteps of residential units of our seniors with offers to 'help' fill out and deliver voter registration cards as well as ballots. Some of these persons, unknown to the elderly voter, have been prosecuted for checking a box that goes against the senior's wishes."

Lori Roman, ACRU President

Please visit our [Protect Elderly Votes](#) website to see what personal, active steps you can take to protect America's elderly.

ACRU's Protect Monuments project is doing the lion's share of work to ensure our children and grandchildren continue to see the beauty and majesty that men like Ulysses S. Grant and Patrick Henry created. Please help us protect America's legacy - your gift, of any size, will support this important effort.

[Donate](#)

ACRU still protects the military votes that once helped end slavery

We found this wonderful historical story about soldiers' votes tipping the 1864 election to Lincoln when Democrats were ready to give in to the Confederacy. The win resulted in freedom for America's slaves and the preservation of the Union after Lincoln's Secretary of War devised the first plan for military absentee voting. At ACRU, we are as passionate about the sanctity of military vote as was Sec. Stanton. You CAN help ... we hope you will visit our [Protect Military Votes](#) website to find out how. [Read the story.](#)



What are civil rights leaders saying about ACRU's Protect Monuments project?

"While we are protecting our history, we are overcoming our biases; this is happening simultaneously. There is no need to vandalize property and real estate in this process. We must remember the good; that's legacy. We must avoid repeating the bad; bad is sin. Remember, statues can be idols. As one blood, one human race; it's time to return to God."

Evangelist Dr. Alveda C. King

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AROUND THE NATION

Report says "Conservatism is down," but is it really?

Gallup reports that there are fewer self-identified conservatives now than there were in February. (Not at ACRU!) A July Cato Institute poll found that 62% of Americans are afraid to share their political views, including 77% of Republicans. We can all connect the dots between these two surveys. It is more important than ever for us to publicly express our shared Constitutional values as the left tries to shun and shame us into backing down. [Read more here](#)

Nearly 200 destroyed monuments and their stories

No monument destruction is acceptable, but some destruction is particularly painful, appalling and just stupid. Memorials to police officers killed in the line of duty? Union veterans (who ended slavery)? Famous Native American leader Hiawatha ... and, Jesus? It's not just a list, it's the stories, carefully put together by Federalist intern Jonah Gottschalk, that really matter. [Read more here](#)

Justice Roberts becomes the anti-religious freedom swing vote

An un-Constitutional and absurd ruling from the Supreme Court last week decided a Nevada church had to adhere to arbitrary and biased COVID guidelines from its liberal governor. Democrat Governor Sisolak is allowing hundreds of people into bars and casinos but only 50 souls per church without even considering church size. Casting the First Amendment to the wind, liberal justices were joined by Justice Roberts in pretending our first freedoms are less important than cocktails and Blackjack. [Read more here](#)

Police unions thwart justice in cases of true malfeasance

Unions, in general, are full of good people whose leadership is singularly power seeking and often corrupt. Police unions are no different. We honor and appreciate our law enforcement, but understand that every bushel has a few bad apples. Police unions protect the bad apples from accountability, thus

throwing the good fruit under the bus. If we want to change this, we need to start protesting union bosses, not the good men and women in blue protecting our lives on a daily basis. [Read more here](#)

Sandman v. CNN is a case about fundamental freedoms

Freedom of the press is an important protection, but does not extend to the media deliberately lying and defaming to make a political point. That CNN settled the lawsuit with a young man it inaccurately maligned is an important precedent. It shows the media's anti-pro life bias, but also that justice can prevail and reminds us that we must watch the watch dogs to ensure our rights to truth, free speech and assembly remain protected. [Click here](#)

What is your favorite ACRU freedom initiative?

In addition to working full time protecting your freedom, ACRU also develops unique projects that focus on specific Constitutional rights and protections. We hope you use ACRU as a resource to educate family, friends and neighbors on these issues, going on record for liberty with our citizen petitions, and using the information we provide to influence officials to embrace founding principles.

Several ACRU projects are listed below, and we hope you will click on your favorite—which we hope is all of them!—and join us in the battle for the Constitution. Would you also consider supporting us financially at a level comfortable for you?

ACRU is protecting monuments: www.ProtectMonuments.org

ACRU is protecting elderly votes: www.ProtectElderlyVotes.org

ACRU is protecting military votes: www.ProtectMilitaryVotes.org

ACRU is protecting your vote: www.votingintegrityinstitute.org

Presidents who were right

•Danger • (will) spring up amongst us, not from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time, or die by suicide. • Abraham Lincoln; speech to Young Men's Lyceum of Illinois, 1893.

America is at a crossroads and needs patriots like you, and hard-hitting organizations like ACRU to fight back against the people and the groups trying to destroy us. We're working around the clock to make sure we have the America we love to pass down to our kids. We truly need your financial support to keep fighting this important fight. Thank you, in advance, for investing in our future.

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ACRU's Blackwell:

Cancel Culture and the Soul of America

It is cliché, but accurate, to note elections have consequences, and the election of weak, liberal officials has terrible consequences for many U.S. cities. Cancel culture activists have intimidated some governors and mayors to purposefully look away as leftists destroy property and culture. In his latest ACRU editorial, Ambassador Blackwell takes them on, fearlessly.

ACRU's Roman:

Call for protecting elderly votes

"We hope every American will join us in our crusade to protect elderly votes by visiting our [Protect Elderly Votes](#) website and learning about the unique challenges senior voters face, signing the [Protect Elderly Votes petition](#) and by sharing our critically important [Senior Citizen Voter Bill of Rights](#). We are all in this together for our great American seniors." Lori Roman, ACRU President



ACRU is the only organization tackling the issue of elderly vote theft. We have put hundreds of nursing homes on notice that we will not tolerate staff or outsiders manipulating the votes of our elderly citizens. Overseeing this effort requires additional temporary staff and legal assistance. Your donation today will allow us to protect elderly votes. Please [give](#).

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NATIONAL

[Paper has improved its personal security since 2004](#)

Just for fun:

New York Congressman Jerry Nadler in 2004: "Paper ballots are extremely susceptible to fraud. Just paper with no machines? I can show you experience which would make your head spin."

New York Congressman Jerry Nadler in 2020 (we are paraphrasing, but you get the gist): "Paper ballots now create their own paper trail."

The hypocrisy might be funny if we were not talking about voting, our most sacred right as Americans.

IN THE STATES

CALIFORNIA

[The value of a stolen vote to vote fraud activists is \\$1.00](#)

"Four people admitted to offering homeless people money and cigarettes in exchange for false and forged signatures on ballot petitions and voter registration forms." Five others are awaiting trial. The slap on the wrist the confessed fraudsters received through an LA court included community service. The last place these fraudsters need to be is in the community. Vote fraud is real, and it is organized.

COLORADO

[Living fraudster tries to register deceased voter](#)

A key ACRU vote integrity message is calling for election officials to be on alert for fraud. Case in point, a Colorado official who noticed a deceased gentlemen reinstated "his" voter registration. Kudos to election coordinator Sandra Brown, whose eagle eye resulted in vote fraud charges against one Larry Talbert. Other officials take note - databases already exist for cross checking - you just have to use them.

PENNSYLVANIA

[The US Postal Service says cannot guarantee ballot delivery](#)

To make sure your vote counts, vote in person. Wear your mask, stay six feet behind your neighbors, wash your hands when you're done, and don't mail your ballot. With evidence coming in from mail-in ballot fails from several states, USPS admits it cannot handle the load. Because of postal drag, at least 92,000

votes in Pennsylvania's recent primary were not counted. Don't let that be you in November.

[Felonious former Congressman expanded his criminal career to vote fraud](#)

Former Philadelphia Congressman Michael "Ozzie" Myers went to jail for political bribery and conspiracy in the 1980s and became a political consultant for fellow Democrats when he got out. Now he has been indicted for bribing an election judge and ballot stuffing in three elections starting in 2014. He allegedly took money from candidates to pay the judge to add fake votes. Vote fraud and vote fraud conspiracy wrapped up in one case.

NEVADA

[Nevada's corrupted voter rolls revealed in new investigation](#)

On July 24th, Nevada's Election Integrity Project notified Nevada officials of grossly inaccurate voter rolls it uncovered that could undermine the integrity of the state's election results. Its report includes 10 categories of findings with myriad problems in more than 100K records. As Nevada liberals call for mail-only elections, this group demonstrates why this would be a huge mistake and a field day for fraud.

NEW JERSEY

[Pass or fail, legislators can make a point about photo ID for voting](#)

Things for which we need ID include buying alcohol and tobacco, opening a bank account and applying for welfare programs. Three New Jersey legislators want to change current state law to require photo ID for voting, and we agree — requirements to identify yourself for your most important citizen activity should be a no-brainer. Sometimes bills pass, sometimes they don't, but they always make a statement.

DONATE NOW



Please keep America's flag flying high! ACRU is fighting for a fair and safe 2020 election. We need your help to protect elderly and overseas military votes, as well as our effort against unverified mail-in ballots. We can't do it without you! Please consider becoming our financial partner by donating at our [ACRU donation page](#) or [Voting Integrity Institute donation page](#).

To find more information and additional articles on vote security, visit [ACRU's Voting Integrity Institute](#) at or the [ACRU home page](#).

Please support our efforts to maintain the integrity of military votes by visiting our [Protect Military Votes](#) project. To advocate for senior voting rights, visit [Protect Elderly Votes](#).



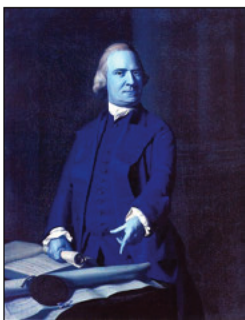
ACRU's Blackwell:

Call for protecting military votes

"All elected officials and private citizens should work to increase participation rates, and ensure the security of every warfighter vote." Amb. J. Kenneth Blackwell, ACRU Policy

Board Member and former Secretary of State for Ohio.

As the September deadline approaches for military member and their families to request absentee ballots, please visit our [Protect Military Votes](#) website for instructions about registering and voting from a military post.



Framers Corner

"The liberties of our country and the freedom of our civil constitution are worth defending against all hazards: And it is our duty to defend them against all attacks."

--Samuel Adams, The Boston Gazette, October 1771



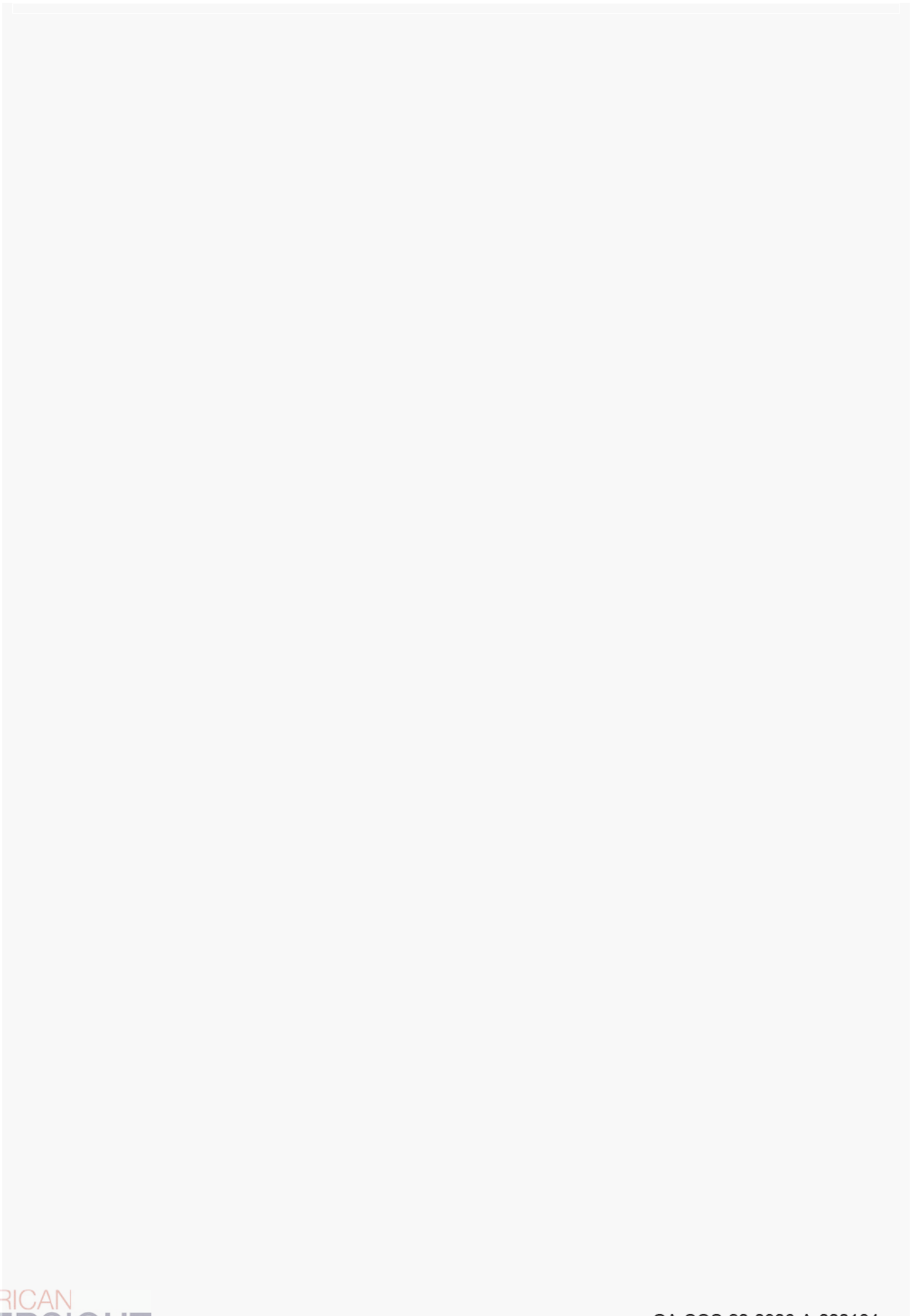
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ACRU works every day on behalf of liberty-loving Americans like you. Whether to prevent voter fraud or fighting against attacks on free speech and religious liberty, we are always grateful for the support of our members and followers.

ACRU launches Protect Elderly Votes

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[Read the Press Release](#)

New York Governor Cuomo is ACRU Action "Crisis Tyrant of the Week"

Just when we thought liberal governors couldn't get more dictatorial in COVID-19 edicts, ACRU Crisis Tyrant NY Governor Andrew Cuomo did. Never, in anyone's imagination, could we have foreseen a governor issuing an order to first responders to not resuscitate a patient in cardiac arrest, either in NYC which is full of COVID-19 or the 18 NY counties with no cases. Mainstream news ignored the story, but we thought you should know. After an uproar by first responders, the governor rescinded his order, but once again we see liberals showing their hand during this crisis.

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ACRU Protect Military Votes project featured on American Military News

ACRU thanks American Military News for covering our Protect Military Votes project, and we hope you will read and SHARE the article with family or friends serving in the military. We will always be champions for our military and their families, and work to ensure military ballots are

properly sent and counted. Please visit www.protectmilitaryvotes.org and join us in our fight to honor every military vote.

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ACRU's Blackwell on election "reform:" If liberals are for it, it must be bad

ACRU Policy Board Member Ken Blackwell, writing for the American Thinker, spells out what he calls "the left's crusade to radically transform the very nature of elections." Using the 2014 Ebola outbreak in Liberia during that country's election cycle as an example, Ken makes the case that in-person elections can happen amid viral outbreaks, and there is no need for Democrats to pass universal pro-vote fraud provisions in America.

[Read the Article](#)

ACRU policy experts identify mail-in ballots' demonstrable failures

Using COVID-19 as an excuse, liberal governors are pushing universal, unverified vote by mail as the best thing since hanging chads. ACRU policy experts Hans von Spakovsky and Christian Adams, through their own institute, analyzed government data and found 28.3 million mail ballots went missing since 2012 - 28.3 million citizens whose voices were not heard. Don't be one of the next 28 million. Oppose liberal vote by mail plans.

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Presidents who were right

"We must present to the world an America that is morally powerful, (where) all people have the right to self-government and personal freedom. American conservatives are uniquely equipped to present this vision of the future."

Ronald Reagan, Speech to the Heritage Foundation, 1983.

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Democrat Election Fraud Assistance Act of 2020 by ACRU President Lori Roman

ACRU is a champion of your voting rights. So we immediately noticed the pro-vote fraud provisions Speaker Pelosi and her fellow Dems tried to slide into COVID-19 relief. In this hard hitting editorial, ACRU Action Fund President Lori Roman calls out the liberal game plan to codify vote fraud, and notes that now we know their game and we will fight to protect voting integrity.

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ACRU is protecting votes of active duty military-from Speaker Pelosi

One destructive provision Congressional Dems tried to include in COVID-19 relief were changes to military voting protocols. Absentee ballots sent to service members overseas are printed with their names and state of residence. The Speaker wanted to switch to blank documents - no name, residence, or verification--a recipe for vote fraud. Please visit our Protect Military Votes website and Facebook page and help us protect military votes.

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Oregon's liberal Governor puts campaign donors over kids

Liberal politicians despise charter and faith based schools because most are non-union, so teachers do not pay campaign donationsum ... dues, to unions. Gov. Kate Brown (D-OR) received hundreds of thousands in campaign funds from American Federation of Teachers and Oregon Education Association. So in the middle of COVID-19, she closed the state's ONLINE charter schools that already operate by distance-learning, and blocked new enrollments. That, friends, is selfish, ideological tyranny.

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Restricted public policing and our basic rights

Numerous reports abound from cities and counties that officers will not be sent to "non criminal" or "non violent" complaints due to fears of COVID-19 contagion. It begs a question we've never had to ask before-the balance between crime, personal safety and restricted policing policy. As we ponder this balance, the Second Amendment is still in the Constitution, every citizen still has a right to self protection, and we pray for safety of our first responders.

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New York Times objects to DOJ protecting our first freedom

The Department of Justice is holding seminars on religious freedom law for its staff and attorneys. DOJ has been actively defending individual religious freedom in cases for Muslims, Christians and Jews, none of which infringe on the liberty of anyone else. Aiding the left in its unending battle against people of faith, the NYT wrote fake news smearing the program. Fortunately, constitutional voices fought back.

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A big thanks to our ICE Agents

We are sure you agree with ACRU that ICE agents are tireless heroes defending our border, citizens and legal residents from illegal aliens, particularly, criminal illegal aliens. Despite this, ICE is endlessly vilified in the liberal press. During the COVID-19 crisis, and as of this writing, ICE has stepped up and flown 466+ U.S. citizens back to safety from South America. ICE agents, you are the good guys, and we salute you.

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When liberty and security clash over a virus

The Coronavirus and its associated restrictions have been a great challenge to our civil liberties. We must remain vigilant against the virus, but we also must safeguard our freedoms against some governors and local officials who find the virus a great opportunity to commit tyranny. This piece by two medical experts helps draw the line between reclaiming our liberty and securing our safety.

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"Officeholders are the agents of the people, not their masters."

President Grover Cleveland, speech to federal employees, July 1886.

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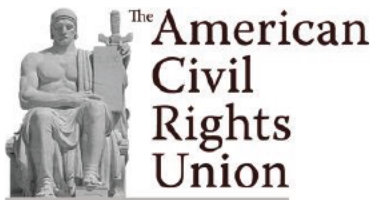
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Just a reminder that your ACRU recently had a name change to the American Constitutional Rights Union from American Civil Rights Union. If you are following us on our website, Facebook and Twitter (we hope you are!) you will note that we still working hard to defend the freedoms provided to us in the Constitution. As our founding document is our constant companion, we are excited it is now part of our name as well.

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Be our partner in ACRU's Protect Military Votes project

We hope you have visited our Protect Military Votes website or found us on Facebook and Twitter. In the 2018 election, only 53% of requested overseas absentee ballots were counted. Although an improvement over 2016 (only 30%) ACRU won't rest until that number is 100%. Not only do our soldiers, airmen, and their families overseas want to vote, their votes should be handled with the greatest care and respect. Become involved and help us help them!

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Free market healthcare performs better in pandemics too

Socialism in every iteration is harmful to all freedom, including the ability to access quality healthcare. Nowhere is the differentiation between free market healthcare and socialized medicine more apparent than during the COVID-19 outbreak. This report from the (Ludwig von) Mises Institute, comparing South Korea's more open system to Italy's fully socialized care could not make the difference more stark.

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ACRU v. Starr County, TX: We won, you comply

In 2016, ACRU successfully sued Starr County, TX for voting irregularities, and the County agreed to fix their corrupt system based on ACRU lawsuit guidelines. Yet according to reports, this 80% Dem county has not honored its commitment to clean up its act, as in the recent primary, GOP voters were shooed away by election officials or told to "just vote Democrat." Hey, Starr-we noticed.

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"I fear a government that fears our guns"

More and more, we are hearing reports of local officials "tabling" 2A sanctuary actions. It is a way for the elected to punt an important issue, where one side is for freedom and the other is not. We appreciate the GOP sponsor of this GA resolution who said, "we stand by the Second Amendment. I don't own a gun, but believe in the right to own one." Ultimately, it is respect for others' Constitutional rights that guarantees all freedoms for everyone.

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Limited government spawns workplace revolution

The Internet world (fortunately) still baffles regulators and politicians. Add to that tax activist Grover Norquist telling us to "leave it alone" and former House Majority Leader Dick Armey who always noted "freedom works." All of the above ensures our economy can help endure COVID-19 through telework. Whether we should be freaking out or not over the virus, a new era of work is peeping out in America, because "freedom works."

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Colorado public option healthcare will destroy the public's options

In 2012, Colorado was first in legalizing marijuana. That ushered in leaps in ER visits and medical costs shouldered by taxpayers. Therefore, liberal CO officials introduced "public option" state-based Obamacare-HB1349. Insurers must "participate," and hospitals are fined \$ 10K per day if they don't. The Centennial State may be doomed to 100 years of socialized, government rationed medical care if voters don't stand up and yell "no!" Quickly.

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Presidents who were right (about the water's edge)

A spin on our "Presidents who were right" segment this week. In the 1940s, President Harry Truman (Democrat) and Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman (Republican) Arthur Vandenberg sparred regularly, but came to agreement about the Truman Doctrine that countered Soviet aggression. Senator Vandenberg coined the phrase, "partisan politics must end at the waters' edge;" a quote Truman repeated in his 1948 convention speech.

Virus politics should end at the waters' edge as well. Despite those officials who have not embraced this doctrine, our republic is working as designed by the Founders, and we are grateful for those representatives, led by the Executive Branch, willing to put the health and safety of Americans over partisan politics. For those who shamelessly politic on COVID-19-November is coming and fingers are ready.

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ACRU launches Protect Elderly Votes

ACRU is dedicated to protecting the integrity of votes cast by our nation's seniors. Our newest voter protection initiative provides information and guidance for elderly voters and those who rely on others for voting assistance, or live in residential facilities. These circumstances expose them to potential vote manipulation or fraud. Visit Protect Elderly Votes, download our "Senior Citizen Voter Bill of Rights" for elderly family and friends, and sign the Elderly Voting Rights petition in defending senior votes.

Blackwell: The votes of Greatest Generation must be vigorously protected

In his column discussing the importance of protecting senior votes, ACRU and Protect Elderly Votes Policy Board Member Ken Blackwell notes the Greatest Generation has made incredible sacrifices and contributions to the prosperity and freedom of all Americans. Listing documented cases of vote fraud committed against the elderly, Ken proposes that we all we must defend the sanctity of seniors' voting choices and protect them from any attempted fraud.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo reverses voting protection for seniors

Governor Cuomo was named and shamed by ACRU as "Crisis Tyrant of the Week" for his outrageous order (rescinded after public outcry) instructing NY first responders to withhold CPR from patients in cardiac arrest during COVID-19. Cuomo also reversed a long standing law requiring only certified election officials assist voters in nursing homes with their ballots. With his changes, now "anyone" can. With a long history of vote fraud activists targeting elderly voters, we cringe to think who "anyone" might be.

ACRU celebrates May's Military Appreciation Month and pledges to protect military votes

At ACRU's Protect Military Votes project, we extend our deepest gratitude to all service members as we celebrate them during National Military Appreciation Month in May. While they protect our liberty at home and abroad, we must defend their right to ballot integrity no matter where they are voting. We hope you will visit our website and download the Military Voter Bill of Rights for family and friends currently serving, and sign our petition to defend military votes.

Blackwell: Liberal attempts to diminish military votes must not stand

ACRU and Protect Military Votes Policy Board Member Ken Blackwell calls out liberal politicians for trying to pass election changes making it more difficult to protect votes of our overseas service members from fraud and manipulation. Ken identifies “the liberal plan to dilute the integrity of the military vote” and calls us all to oppose any measure that diminishes the ability of warfighters to choose their elected officials and Commander in Chief.

House members propose changes to improve military voting procedures

A group of House Members has introduced the Counting All Military Votes Act to ensure all military overseas ballots are expedited to ensure timely receipt by the military voter and delivery to home voting locations. The bill currently has 25 original co-sponsors, including many retired military members. So far, no House Democrats have signed on. You may view the list of cosponsors here, and if your Member of Congress is not on it, you should pick up your phone and encourage them to pick up their pen.

Framers Corner

If an election is to be determined by a single vote that can be procured by a party through artifice or corruption, the Government may be the choice of a party for its own ends, not (for) the national good. - John Adams; Inaugural Address, March 4, 1797

To find more information and additional articles on vote security, visit ACRUs Voting Integrity Institute at <https://www.votingintegrityinstitute.org/>.

Please support our efforts to maintain the integrity of military votes by visiting our [Protect Military Votes Project](#). To advocate for senior voting rights, visit [Protect Elderly Votes](#).

As COVID-19 has presented unique financial challenges to non-profit organizations such as ours, we hope you consider a financial donation to support these critically important initiatives. We can't do it without you!

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NATIONAL IMPACT

Data provides blistering condemnation of mail-in ballots

"Taking into account the 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 federal general elections, 28.3 million mail ballots disappeared after officials gave them to the U.S. Postal Service." In a report for their legal foundation, ACRU Senior Fellow Hans von Spakosvky and Christian Adams use federal government data to make a powerful case against universal mail in ballots. A vote "lost" is a vote stolen and a citizen silenced.

Former Obama AG uses COVID-19 tragedy to push pro-fraud election changes

A prevailing Obama Administration theme was "never let a crisis to go waste." Now Obama AG Eric Holder is using COVID-19 as an excuse to "revamp our electoral system." Nothing is wrong with our constitutional voting system. It's fraud that's a problem. Holder is promoting policies that will make that fraud easier to commit. It would be better to fix a real problem than invent a new one.

Just say no to online voting

Does anyone believe the Internet is safe and secure? Can't be hacked? Your online data can't be breached? The disaster that was the Democrat Caucus in Iowa proved that the party's 2020 voting app was a disaster. Liberals blogs have been full of suggestions that Internet voting might be a good idea. Sure it is, if your only goal is to manipulate election outcomes.

Only photo ID can separate true votes from fraudulent votes

The right to vote is the greatest right and responsibility of citizens. Only a citizen of the United States can legally vote in the United States. Non-citizens who are legal residents cannot vote. Illegal aliens certainly cannot vote. The only way to discern the difference is through photo ID. We are grateful to the President for making what should be a self-evident point.

IN THE STATES

New Mexico

New Mexico Supremes halt liberal attempt at statewide ballot drop

The NM Supreme Court shot down voting changes suggested by its Dem Secretary of State for an all-mail ballot system for its June primaries. The Secretary wanted to send ballots to every household without requests for said ballots. Neither the invitation for fraud, nor violation of state law that only allows the legislature to make such changes, was a deterrent for the state executive. Congratulations to True The Vote for quick action and a critical brief that turned the tide back toward liberty on the case.

Virginia

Virginia Governor makes it easier for fraudsters to vote early and often

VA's progressive Governor Ralph Northam claims eliminating the state's previous requirements to present photo ID to vote will "expand access for voters." Indeed. He didn't specify "legal" voters. VA provides free Voter Photo ID to residents. They must have it to open a bank account or purchase marijuana—just not to exercise our nation's most sacred right.

California

California Progressive election activist heads to jail for vote fraud

April Atilano of Castroville (yes, really) pleaded guilty this week in CA to multiple counts of voter registration card fraud. She was paid by a liberal environmental group (EVP18) to find "green" voters. Instead, she found GOP or Independent voter registration cards and changed them to Democrat. The next time a liberal tells you there's no vote fraud, tell them about Ms. Atilano of Castroville.

Framers Corner

National honor is the national property of the highest value. - President James Monroe, First Inaugural Address, 1817.

To find more information and additional articles on this issue, ACRUs Voting Integrity Institute at <https://www.votingintegrityinstitute.org/>.

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ACRU's Blackwell: We must protect military votes from Dem's pro-fraud provisions

ACRU's Protect Military Votes project is dedicated to ensuring the security of military votes of service members overseas. ACRU Policy Board Member Ken Blackwell takes on House Democrats and reveals their plan to jeopardize the security of these votes. We are (somewhat) grateful they showed their hand during the COVID-19 relief bill debate, and grateful to Ken for fighting back.

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Socialism's nitwits and dangers in the time of pandemic

Larry Reed, President Emeritus of the Foundation for Economic Education, provides us with an important primer on socialism in the time of a pandemic - its hypocrisy, its foolishness, and its cruelty. Larry names and shames those who would use temporary, unique, unprecedented

COVID-19 financial relief as an excuse to fill liberal goodie bags with other peoples' money-in perpetuity. That's a big "no" for Larry, ACRU, and other thinking freedom lovers.

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Maybe we should move Michigan's Governor to the "closed" section

Calling Gretchen Whitmer "the worst Governor in America" while many governors are overstepping lawful and moral boundaries while blaming a deadly virus is quite a "compliment." This American Spectator piece details why so many are calling her restrictions, "insane." Michiganders, pick up your modern pitchforks (Letters to the Editor, emails to your Governor and legislators) and let everyone know the Governor's bridge is way too far.

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It may be your home but you can't live in it during COVID-19

Yet another liberty to take a hit during COVID-19 is property rights. Just as MI governor Whitmer blocks home owners from their second home-cabin-trailer up north in Michigan, the government of North Carolina is telling owners of beach homes that they can't live in their own residences. It is unlikely that either state will be sending rebates to home owners who can't access homes on which they pay taxes.

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Free exercise of religion cannot catch COVID-19

In a month of religious observances for Christians, Jews and Muslims, AG Bill Barr again shows his willingness to fight for religious liberty where it is NOT found. The left's hostility toward people of faith is not new, but liberals using a virus as a reason to tamp down freedom to worship is. As faith leaders find innovative ways to meet that pose no threat to viral spread, local authorities have no business ticketing people in cars during drive-in services, for example. We are glad that our AG agrees.

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Guns, fish and liberties are good to go in one California county

Unlike the Governor of Michigan who uses a top-down tyrannical approach to shutting down local industries, this CA county gets it right. In Del Norte County, local officials have made their COVID-19 decisions ... locally ... and deemed fishing and hunting essential, and decided that banning guns and fishing rods does nothing to halt the spread of a virus. Well done, Del Norte. We hope other officials take notice.

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Presidents who were right

"Socialism destroys nations. But always remember, freedom unifies the soul."

President Donald Trump, State of the Union Address, March 2020.

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Why Covington Teen Could Win His Lawsuit Against CNN

March 15, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

Nicholas Sandmann and his parents have followed up their defamation lawsuit against *The Washington Post* with one filed Tuesday against CNN. Sandmann, you'll recall, is one of the Covington Catholic High School students savaged by the left after attending this year's March for Life in Washington.

Can Sandmann prevail against the Cable News Network? Just as with *The Washington Post*, the answer is "yes."

The suit charges that CNN "has maintained a well-known and easily documented biased agenda against President Donald Trump and established a history of impugning individuals perceived to be supporters of the president." This is significant because his lawyers are alleging that CNN targeted Sandmann simply because he was "wearing a souvenir Make America Great Again cap."

For seven days in January, says the lawsuit, CNN "brought down the full force of its corporate power, influence, and wealth on Nicholas by falsely attacking, vilifying, and bullying him despite the fact that he was a minor child."

The lawsuit accuses CNN of at least four defamatory TV broadcasts and nine defamatory online articles falsely accusing Sandmann and his fellow students of "engaging in racist conduct by instigating a threatening confrontation with several African American men ('the Black Hebrew Israelites') and subsequently instigating a threatening confrontation with Native Americans who were in the midst of prayer."

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ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the four cases that the Supreme Court said they will hear in their current session, including an immigration case.

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ACRU Policy Board member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams explains why the college entrance scandal is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to inequality and corruption in higher education.

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If D-Day Were Today, Would Millennials Step Up to the Challenge?

June 6, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

As we celebrate the courage, determination, and resolve of the "Greatest Generation" on June 6-the 75th anniversary of the bloody Allied invasion of Normandy, France, that was the start of the liberation of Europe from Nazi tyranny and oppression-it brings to mind a crucial question.

Would today's millennials meet the same challenge if faced with a future war, one in which the U.S. and its allies were attacked?

Would they have the grit and fortitude to fight and win to preserve the freedom and liberty of the West that they seem to take for granted and the values that too many of them seem to treat with contempt?

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Klukowski: Federal Judge Throws Out Border Wall Suit

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on federal judge Trevor McFadden's ruling that Democrats had no standing to bring suit against the President for his use of emergency funds to pay for the border wall.

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Liberals Are Gunning for Your 401K

June 7, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

Trump-hating liberal activists know how to cause trouble. With record low unemployment numbers and a thriving economy, we have seen well-organized activists interrupting townhalls, blocking traffic in major cities, and using violence.

But there is an awful type of activism happening out there, and it affects us all. Even though this activity is underreported, it affects everyone's 401K retirement savings.

Shareholder activists are taking direct aim at companies----such as oil companies and gun manufacturers----by abusing rules that publicly traded companies must follow to promote a far-left agenda. Instead of trying to gun control pass laws through Congress, they are forcing public companies to bend to their will. What they are doing is dangerous.

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Klukowski: SCOTUS Passes on Transgender Rights Case, Will Decide on LGBT Protections

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the Supreme Court's decision not to hear a case about the rights afforded transgendered people but will make a decision on whether LGBTQ people are a protected class.

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Gay Wedding Controversy Rocks Elite Catholic Girl's School

May 30, 2019 | PJ Media

ACRU Policy Board Member J. Christian Adams

A Catholic high school for girls in Washington, D.C., has stepped right into a thicket that has plagued western Christianity for the last 500 years. Namely, what good are church teachings when someone has a better idea?

While the controversy that has erupted at Georgetown Visitation in Washington involves the contemporary question of gay marriage, the ramifications extend beyond that particular issue, and spotlight what can happen to a Christian institution when it is targeted for cultural transformation by a well-funded group of cultural transformers.

Georgetown Visitation is a Catholic all-girls school in Washington, D.C. It was formed by the Sisters of the Visitation. Tuition is \$31,200 per year.

The controversy started when the Georgetown Visitation Alumnae magazine decided to publish the weddings of graduates marrying other women with sacramental marriages, births, deaths and other news.

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Williams: Colleges Breed Intolerance in the Guise of Tolerance

ACRU Policy Board member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams explains why many colleges are hampering free speech with draconian tolerance policies.

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Voter ID Opponents Lose Again. This Time in North Dakota.

August 8, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky and Greg Walsh

Opponents of election integrity lost the latest in a long string of cases recently when a three-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated North Dakota's voter ID requirement and tossed out an injunction that had been issued by a lower court.

In *Brakebill v. Jaeger*, Judge Steven Colloton, writing for the 2-to-1 majority, concluded that the supposed burden of obtaining an ID by the less than 0.5% of all eligible voters who do not already have one did not justify a statewide injunction that prevented the state from implementing the ID requirement.

North Dakota is the only state in the Union that does not require citizens to register to vote.

You can show up on Election Day and vote in North Dakota----as long you show identification.

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What should we do with illegal aliens who break local criminal laws?

Most people would agree that, once they've served their time, they should be removed from the country rather than sent back into the community where they can commit more crimes.

But the Legal Aid Justice Center of Falls Church, Virginia, disagrees. So when Culpeper County Sheriff Scott Jenkins turned Francisco Guardado Rios over to the Department of Homeland Security, the center filed a class-action lawsuit against the sheriff, claiming his actions violated the Fourth and 14th Amendments to the Constitution.

Thankfully, a federal judge has now thrown out that suit. Here's how it went down.

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Klukowski: Democrats Threaten Scotus with Court Packing

Ken Klukowski reports on the Democratic politicians and presidential candidates threatening the Supreme Court with court packing if they do not offer liberal rulings on the Second Amendment.

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Spakovsky: Liberals Use Fake News to Influence Courts on Census

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky explains why liberals are resorting to using fake news to hurt the 2020 census case.

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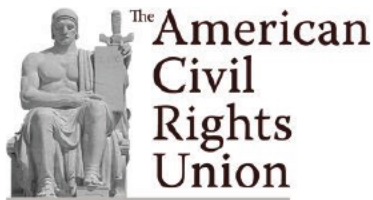
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Against Liberal Assaults, Barr Proves Unflappable

May 3, 2019 | Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee---some of them candidates for their party's presidential nomination and hungry for TV exposure---battered Attorney General William Barr Wednesday with hostile and often insulting questions when he testified about his handling of the report by special counsel Robert Mueller.

But Barr remained unflappable in his testimony about the Mueller report, which looked at Russian interference in our last presidential election and allegations that President Donald Trump obstructed the Mueller probe.

At the end of the day, Barr emerged unscathed from the Democratic assault. And the Democratic would-be presidents had their video clips for future campaign commercials, showing how tough they could be in battling the Trump administration.

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ACRU Policy Board member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams explains the myths behind popular Democratic talking points, like prejudices.

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Judges Can't Ignore Immigration Laws They Don't Like

May 6, 2019 | Daily Signal

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Remember when judges used to uphold the law? Unfortunately, that's not always the case today.

Consider the Massachusetts trial judge who is accused of helping a twice-deported illegal immigrant slip out the back door rather than hand him over to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent waiting to arrest him.

According to authorities, Massachusetts District Court Judge Shelley Joseph conspired with her bailiff and a defense attorney to set the illegal immigrant free. And most of the episode was recorded.

U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling charged Joseph and her bailiff last month with conspiracy to

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obstruct justice, perjury, and other crimes.

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Klukowski: Mick Mulvaney Addresses Federalist Society

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney's presentation outlining the President's achievements.

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House Democrats Show Their Contempt for Constitution, Rule of Law

May 8, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky and Cully Stimson

Last week, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., falsely labeled Attorney General William Barr a "liar." Our colleague and former Supreme Court litigator Paul Larkin debunked that baseless epithet, as did Harvard Law School professor Jack Goldsmith and Kim Strassel of *The Wall Street Journal*.

Now House Democrats are threatening to hold Barr in contempt of Congress because he hasn't turned over the entire Mueller report, even though he released 92% of the entire report to the public and more than 98% to Congress.

What's the 2% not available to congressional leaders? Grand jury information governed by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure (FRCP) 6(e), which prohibits disclosure of that information, even to Congress.

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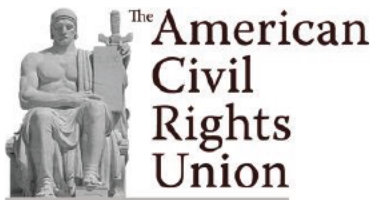
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The President's Promises, Made and Kept

May 14, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

During the 2016 election, President Trump made plenty of campaign promises, as does any candidate. But this president has done what his predecessors often fail to accomplish: he has kept his promises.

Perhaps the president's most important accomplishment so far is his restoration of the judicial branch---a big reason many otherwise wary voters supported him in 2016. You probably already know about his two appointees to the Supreme Court, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, who are poised to make sure that the Constitution isn't a rubber stamp for progressive policy preferences but a document whose meaning endures over time. But those justices are only the beginning: the Senate has confirmed more than one hundred judges to lower court positions in both the United States Circuit Courts and the Federal Court of Appeals.

Of course, refreshing our third branch of government isn't the only success Trump has under his belt. We shouldn't forget the phenomenal trade policies Trump has instituted, nor the agreements he's renegotiating. Trump has revised NAFTA and implemented the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, a better trade deal that strengthens America's job-creating ability. President Trump has also renegotiated trade agreements with South Korea to protect American companies. And while previous presidents have talked tough on China, Trump is backing his talk up with action. This administration has made aggressive moves to stop the trade abuses we suffer from China and finally level the playing field. Trump just raised the tariffs on China from 10 percent to 25 percent, a measure that will curb our trade deficit with the communist nation. Thanks to these measures, the U.S. trade deficit fell to an eight-month low in February.

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New York Times May Have Broken Law by Publishing Trump's Tax Returns

May 10, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

The New York Times no doubt considers it quite a coup to have obtained and published President Donald Trump's tax return information from 1985 to 1994. But doing so violated Trump's right under federal law to the confidentiality of his tax returns.

The Times---which reported that Trump's businesses lost \$1.17 billion during the 10-year period---has no more right to Trump's tax returns than it has to mine or those of any of you reading these words.

Confidentiality, as the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals held in 1991 in *U.S. v. Richey*, is essential to "maintaining a workable tax system."

Taxpayer privacy is "fundamental to a tax system that relies on self-reporting" since it protects "sensitive or otherwise personal information," said then-Judge (now Supreme Court Justice) Ruth Bader Ginsburg in 1986 in another case when she served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

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In the early stages of the 2020 presidential campaign, even as Democrat hopefuls have tried to distinguish themselves from their many rivals, one ideal they all seem to embrace is a disdain for wealthy people-other than themselves, of course. They consistently pander to the growing progressive base's desire to lurch toward socialism; in the process they show an embarrassing ignorance of how a modern economy actually works.

Bernie Sanders is notorious for his double standard on the wealthy. A centerpiece of his surprising 2016 campaign was his criticism of "millionaires and billionaires," yet he owns three houses and has earned over a million dollars each of the past several years. When challenged on the hypocrisy of this newfound wealth, he offered a remarkably condescending response: "I wrote a best-selling book. If you write a best-selling book, you can be a millionaire, too."

As coincidence would have it, now that he's a millionaire, he doesn't bash that income level as much as he used to, and focuses instead on the bracket above even him. To that end, his economic proposals include a 77% tax on billionaires.

Rising to the competition, Elizabeth Warren has proposed something called a wealth tax, which would be applied only to certain incomes-a policy of questionable constitutionality. But that hasn't stopped other Democratic candidates from embracing it, including Pete Buttigieg and Beto O'Rourke. And John Hickenlooper (yes, the former governor of Colorado is running) proposed a capital gains tax to "save capitalism."

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There was a time when there were real liberals on the Left. That is, people who believed in liberty. Their disagreements with conservatives were profound, but they shared a commitment to free speech, religious liberty, and more.

Today, however, those traditional liberals are nowhere to be found. The hard, authoritarian Left dominates Democratic politics. That is obvious on a number of issues, especially abortion.

Consider the argument of Alabama State Representative John Rogers: "You bring them in the world unwanted, unloved, you send them to the electric chair. So, you kill them now or you kill them later." Moreover, "some parents can't handle a child with problems." So apparently you kill those kids now as well. Rogers, a friend of accidental Democratic Sen. Doug Jones, up for reelection next year, claimed the latter agreed with him.

The 1859 Kansas constitution respected life and went so far as to include hallowed language from the Declaration of Independence—"All men are possessed of equal and inalienable natural rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." But earlier this month, the state supreme court turned that proposition on its head by discovering a "right" to abortion.

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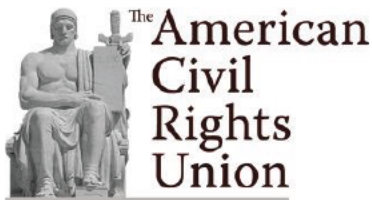
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Democrats Use the Specter of Racism to Sow Racial Discord

July 25, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

Democrats routinely blame Donald Trump for exacerbating racial tensions, but they're the ones who made the stoking of ethnic conflict a hallmark of their electoral strategy long before 2016.

President Lyndon Johnson, for instance, reportedly viewed the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act in purely cynical and racist terms, predicting that the new laws would enable Democrats to secure the black vote for generations to come. Democrats then spent the next several decades baselessly impugning their Republican opponents as racists, but the practice really ramped up during the administration of President Barack Obama.

As the militant Black Lives Matter movement began calling for violence against police officers and rioting in the streets, Obama added fuel to the fire with his pronouncements on race. When the nation was divided over the killing of black teenager Trayvon Martin, for instance, Obama remarked that if he had a son, he would look like Martin.

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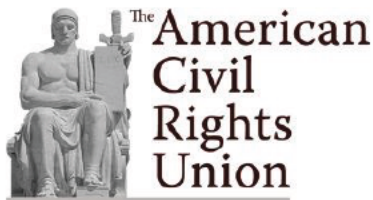
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Lori Roman, ACRU President

American Civil Rights Union works every day on behalf of liberty-loving Americans like you. Whether we are working to prevent voter fraud or fighting against attacks on free speech and religious liberty, we are always grateful for the support of our members and followers.

ACRU supports right to keep and bear arms in Supreme Court Case

On December 4th, the ACRU issued a strong statement in support of Second Amendment rights for New York City residents as the Supreme Court decides whether the NYC law criminalizing transport of registered guns outside the home is unconstitutional (it is.)

Our statement read in part, "The American Civil Rights Union has filed an amicus brief supporting the petitioners in the case *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. City of New York*. The city issued permits allowing authorized persons to register guns to keep at home for self-protection, but made it a crime to remove their registered firearms from that home for any reason except to transport them to one of seven city-approved firing ranges. The federal government has also filed a brief maintaining the ban violated the right to keep and bear arms.

The Supreme Court held in two landmark decisions in 2008 and 2010 that the Second Amendment is a fundamental right held by individual American citizens. But both of those cases involved citizens who wanted a handgun in their house for home protection, leaving other questions for future cases. This Supreme Court decision may weigh in on the larger question of whether the Second Amendment extends outside the home generally, and not just whether the Big Apple's law must be struck down as unconstitutional. To that end, it is a very important case affecting all Americans."

[Read the full ACRU Press Release](#)

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ACRU's Walter Williams: we serve each other through free markets, not socialism

We enjoy creating pithy synopses of the important news articles we bring you in the Advocate, but sometimes we can't improve upon the prose in the article itself. Such is the case with this brilliant review of the humanity of free markets by ACRU Policy Board Member Walter Williams, concerned about America's youth who, "led by academic hacks, have fallen prey to the siren song of socialism." Professor Williams notes, "Free markets are morally superior to other economic systems," and explains in simple terms, why. We would be all in for distributing thousands of copies of this column throughout America's college campuses, so many of which currently serve as indoctrination centers for destructive progressive ideas.

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Let's not be like China, please

Government censors in China are cracking down on the nation's Christians, already in hiding, who use offensive words like "God" while communicating on their cellular phones. In America, liberals who have read neither the First Amendment nor Thomas Jefferson's 1801 letter to the Danbury Baptists (where he writes that separation of church and state, although a phrase not in the founding documents, is about protecting people of faith from elected tyrants) continue to speak untruths about "the separation of church and state." As ACRU members know, the First Amendment protects people of faith FROM the government and not the other way around. Chinese Communists have a number of words they track that are "sensitive to the state." Words like "freedom," for example. There is a cohort of American leftists who would love to crack down on "God" and "freedom" here as well. We must be ever diligent to make sure these fundamental rights are never stolen from us in Chinese fashion. It is unfortunate that American leftists are just as befuddled by "freedom" as the Chinese Communists.

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Progress in Virginia for Second Amendment Sanctuary movement

As parts of Northern Virginia continue to devolve into a haven for disastrous liberal policy, most counties still like the Constitution and want to maintain the ability of their residents to hunt, shoot targets and defend loved ones and property against bad guys. After Democrats won majorities in the Virginia Assembly and Senate last month, freedom-loving suburban and rural counties took action, with a reported 30 jurisdictions passing Second Amendment Sanctuary laws. This will certainly be helpful to law abiding gun owners as liberal politicians in northern counties protect illegal aliens, including the criminals ones, above their legal residents. Fairfax County even pays the legal bills for illegal aliens who get sideways with the police. We've said it before and we'll say it again - it is distressing that local jurisdictions have to pass additional laws upholding existing Constitutional protections, but we are glad they are doing it nonetheless.

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Thumbs up for Trump Administration changes to welfare programs

ACRU founder, the late Robert ("Bob") Carleson, was considered the father of modern welfare reform. As an official in the Reagan Administration, he led the way on public policy solutions to promote work and prosperity for all Americans, with particular concern for those who President Reagan would call victims of "the soft bigotry of low expectations." To Bob, the best policies were those that encouraged people to lift themselves out of poverty. In early December, the Trump Administration made changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to help Americans on SNAP assistance move toward self-sufficiency and into employment. This article from Tim Andrews at the National Taxpayers Protection Alliance back in September is a great explanation of some of the changes and a counter to the liberal argument that once again, conservatives are mean. We can't help but think that Bob would approve of these actions to give SNAP recipients encouragement and hope.

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Young liberals wisely dismayed by their own crazed protesters

Matthew Mercier is a poli-sci major at Berkley and a Democrat. We would like to send him a Christmas card and a thank you note. Matthew attended an Ann Coulter event at Berkeley recently because he completely disagrees with her and wanted to hear her speak and answer questions. This letter he wrote for the college newspaper of his experience with violent and vicious liberal protestors is very disturbing. We are glad he and his other Democrat friends got out alive. He notes that Berkeley was once the birthplace of the free speech movement but "now, students aren't allowed to have opposing views. They are afraid to speak up in lectures." As we conservatives approach future elections, legislation, and public policy changes, it is important to understand how today's young people think-including young liberals. There is more insight in this piece than young Mr. Mercier perhaps realized. We do hope he considers conservatism and moves over to our side where we don't do stuff like that.

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"In America, teaching black children to read is an act of social justice." Amen.

Teachers in unions pay dues to the unions. Teachers unions then use the dues to buy off elected Democrats so that those self-same unions can retain their coercive monopoly status. In 2016, teachers unions made donations of \$32 million to politicians - 95%, Democrats. Teachers unions despise charter schools and faith based school choice initiatives because many teachers in charter and faith based schools are not in teachers unions; ergo, no dues, no political payoffs. So teachers unions and Democrats do everything they can to keep (mostly) minority black and Hispanic children in failing government schools to keep the cash flowing. This article calls upon black and Hispanic Democrat VOTERS to wake up and smell the success of charter schools. So let's be honest about all of it, the race bit, the payoff bit, and give our minority children a better chance of future success by educating them regardless of whether their teachers are part of the union payoff plan-or not.

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June 28, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

It was a hypothetical question about getting information on a political opponent from a foreign national. Yet President Donald Trump's response sparked a furor---one that was long on accusations and short on the actual law governing federal campaigns.

Here's the bottom line: A federal candidate who is freely given information is not receiving a "contribution" or "thing of value" and is thus not violating federal campaign finance law or the regulations issued by the Federal Election Commission. I know. I served as an FEC commissioner.

If getting dirt on an opponent were a "thing of value," then any adverse information concerning a candidate---even informed criticism of a rival's policy proposals---would also have to be considered a "thing of value," and both would have to be listed as a financial "contribution" to a campaign.

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Klukowski: SCOTUS Will Rule on DACA Before the Presidential Elections

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the Supreme Court's announcement that they would rule on the DACA case before the 2020 election.

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Faithless Electors Who Break Their Promise Rightly Can Be Punished

June 27, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

Long before discussions of impeachment became commonplace, a means of denying President-elect Donald Trump the White House was floated and circulated among liberal groups.

They formed a national alliance shortly after the 2016 election designed to manipulate the Electoral College by persuading and pressuring electors not to vote for Trump when members of the Electoral College met to cast their votes on Dec. 19, 2016, but to vote for an alternative candidate.

As we all know, they were not successful.

But what happened to the small handful of electors who broke their pledges? There were seven nationwide, including four in the state of Washington.

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Border Wall Construction Halted by Obama Judge

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the Obama-appointed judge who stopped construction of the border wall.

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Gerrymandering Symposium: Janus-Like Judicial Restraint in Political Gerrymanders and the Census

June 28, 2019 | SCOTUSblog

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski

Observers studying the partisan-gerrymander cases on the last day of the Supreme Court's term would have at least two takeaways: First, this is the Roberts Court in every sense of the word. Second, the judicial restraint central to the political-gerrymander cases was nowhere to be found in the census case.

June 27 brought newsworthy drama at the nation's highest court, with two of the biggest cases coming down in 5-4 split decisions. One was clearly a win for constitutional conservatives, the other a short-term win for the left, a long-term win for the right, and a remand that tosses the matter back to President Donald Trump to see if he can thread the needle of expedited court hearings coupled with a compressed printing schedule for 2020 census forms.

The win for originalists and textualists—to use the professional terms that describe the constitutional conservatives mostly found in the Republican Party base—came in the form of two partisan gerrymander cases that the court decided together in a single decision. The court held 5-4 that federal judges lack the tools to decide these cases. Chief Justice John Roberts wrote the majority opinion.

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Spakovsky: The Supreme Court Made the Right Decision on Gerrymandering

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky explains why the U.S. Supreme Court made the right decision, giving lawmakers the power over gerrymandering.

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That way you could be on the road by 3:00pm if you want to catch a 6:00pm or later flight. Any earlier flight might be pushing it with ATL check-in and security checkpoints.

We should have a small room at The Georgian Club that you will be able to meet in. Benita with GPPF is helping us with that. There may be a couple of other folks joining the meeting. They are the legislatures in the General Assembly. I will confirm with you those names as they reply back to me their confirmations.

Thank you and we look forward to meeting you. Safe travels.

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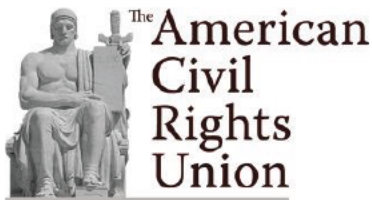
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ACRU Chairman and CEO Susan Carleson writes on why Founding Father Thomas Paine's advice on protecting religious liberty could save America from anti-religious groups and legislators.

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Once Again, a Liberal Activist Judge Is Halting a Sensible Immigration Policy

April 12, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

If you look up the phrase "activist judge" in the liberal lexicon, one of the names that will no doubt appear at the top of the list is Richard Seeborg, a federal district court judge in San Francisco appointed by President Barack Obama.

Earlier this month, Seeborg issued a nationwide preliminary injunction against the Trump administration's sensible asylum policy. This isn't Seeborg's first act of judicial activism: He is also the judge who issued a similar injunction against reinstating a citizenship question on the U.S. census based on the claim that to do so would violate the Constitution. That case is now before the U.S. Supreme Court..

When it comes to judge shopping, it is no wonder liberal advocacy groups keep going to his courtroom.

The Trump administration is now fighting Seeborg: A few days after the injunction, the Justice Department appealed to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and filed an emergency motion asking for a stay of Seeborg's order pending the appeal.

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Williams: Truth Behind the Push for Gun Control and Felons Voting

ACRU Policy Board member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams explains why the Democrats are pushing for gun control laws and felons voting.

Carson Fights Discrimination on Facebook and the Democrats Who Advocate for Big Tech

April 14, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under the direction of Dr. Ben Carson, is taking aggressive legal action against social media platforms for enabling online housing discrimination. Democrats, meanwhile, are pushing flawed legislation that would only increase the power and influence of their Big Tech allies.

The contrast highlights just how beholden Democrats have become to support Silicon Valley giants such as Facebook and Google.

Last August, HUD launched a Fair Housing Act complaint against Facebook based on its advertising practices. Facebook is the world's largest social media company and, together with Google, forms the great internet duopoly that controls the majority of online advertising.

The key product that Facebook offers advertisers is user data. Through its Facebook and Instagram platforms, the company's algorithms collect data that allows advertisers to target customers with incredible degrees of specificity.

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ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals temporarily reinstating the President's asylum policy.

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Too Little, Too Late?

April 13, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

The Labor Department's recent proposal to revamp the Obama administration's so-called "joint employer rule" is being lauded by Republicans and the business community. The long overdue proposed rule would limit businesses' joint legal liability with franchisees or contractors for workplace violations, revamping harmful economic regulations from the Obama administration.

However, praise for the proposal comes with an important qualifier: "long overdue." With the two-year anniversary of Labor Secretary Alex Acosta's confirmation approaching, it is hard not to wonder: why is this Obama-era regulation only now being rolled back? Unfortunately, the same question applies to other policy areas that desperately need Secretary Acosta's attention—or have even gotten worse under his leadership.

First, Acosta has expanded the use of drones by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), which could lead to invasive government oversight. OSHA, an agency within the Department of Labor, searches workplaces for safety infractions, and it has begun using drones to survey construction sites and even oil rigs. This policy is ripe for abuse. Under Acosta's new guidelines, OSHA must get permission from the employer supervising a work site,

but if permission is denied, OHSA can obtain a warrant. This policy will open work sites nationwide to an unprecedented level of video surveillance; it also raises legal questions regarding privacy and confidentiality, as OHSA will have open access to film work sites, as well as an opportunity to expand their citation-issuing capabilities.

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Spakovsky: Democrats Wrong to Attack Barr's Use of Term "Spying"

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After IRGC Blacklisting, It's Time to Engage the Iranian Resistance

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The Trump administration's decision to designate the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a foreign terrorist organization has prompted predictable debate. The president himself acknowledged that it was an "unprecedented" move, which leads some to assume that it will be dangerous to Western interests and to the future of American relations with countries where the Islamic Republic also wields influence.

But neither can we risk ignoring the fact that Iran's malign influence is growing, or that it is ultimately imperative to Western interests that Iran's imperialism be confronted and reversed. The IRGC terror designation has long been a possibility, though other administrations opted to focus their sanctions only on individual supporters and the special operations wing known as the Quds Force. But in recent years, an FTO designation has grown more imperative, due to the proliferation of IRGC-funded and facilitated extremist groups in Syria, Iraq, and elsewhere.

This trend reflects what President Trump described as the Iranian regime's commitment to using terrorism as statecraft, and the IRGC as the primary tool of that strategy. The Quds Force leads the effort to support foreign proxies, while its parent organization focuses on suppressing dissent within Iranian society as well.

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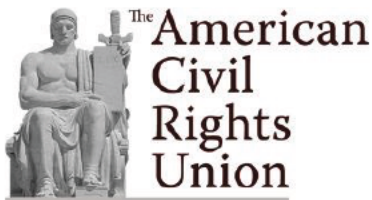
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July 15, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

Are Rep. Veronica Escobar, D-Texas, and her staff violating federal immigration law? If the information reported in the Washington Examiner is correct, then the answer could be "yes."

The National Border Patrol Council's El Paso chapter and Customs and Border Protection staff told the Examiner that Escobar has been sending members of her staff to the Mexican border town of Ciudad Juarez "to find migrants returned from El Paso, Texas, under the 'remain in Mexico' policy."

According to the Examiner, members of Escobar's staff are then "coaching them to pretend they cannot speak Spanish to exploit a loophole letting them ... return to the U.S."

Under the Migration Protection Protocols implemented by the Trump administration, non-Mexicans illegally crossing our southwest border who claim asylum are to be returned to Mexico while their asylum claims are being evaluated.

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New Bestseller Reveals Liberal Women Carried the Day for Kavanaugh

July 13, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

Pundits credit different events for turning the tide on now-Justice Brett Kavanaugh's contentious Supreme Court confirmation. Some point to Kavanaugh's impassioned testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Still others say it was Sen. Lindsey Graham's (R-S.C.) fiery speech, in which he lambasted his Democratic judiciary committee colleagues for withholding the allegations against Kavanaugh and then leaking those allegations at the most politically opportune time for Senate liberals.

As Mollie Hemingway and Carrie Severino detail in their just released bestselling book, *Justice on Trial*, Democrats might have succeeded in derailing Kavanaugh's nomination if it weren't for the courageous women who bucked the progressive groupthink and stood true to their moral compass---namely Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine), traditionally more moderate and left-of-center than her Republican peers, and registered Democrat Leland Keyser, a childhood friend of Kavanaugh accuser Professor Christine Blasey Ford.

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Trump Wins Big in Emoluments Lawsuits: 2 Down And 1 to Go

July 18, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

President Donald Trump has won the second of three lawsuits alleging he violated the

Constitution because foreigners and state officials patronize his businesses, such as the Trump Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed the claim by Maryland and the District of Columbia that Trump was violating the Constitution's domestic and foreign emoluments clauses.

The foreign emoluments clause reads:

No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.

The domestic emoluments clause reads:

The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his Services, a Compensation which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the Period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them.

In throwing out this latest suit, the 4th Circuit chastised the plaintiffs for wasting the court's time with a plainly meritless case.

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Swamp Tales: Unaccountable Federal Agency Uses Tax Dollars to Astroturf Crowds and Force Airborne Wheelchairs

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An obscure federal agency immune from executive branch oversight and managed by a director who was barely in the office half the time last year is spending hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars to design plans to compel airlines to mandate in-flight wheelchair accommodation and to generate astroturf crowds of activists at public events.

Formed in 1973 to ensure that federal buildings were accessible to the handicapped, the Access Board has grown into a little known corner of the swamp where rules, plans, and studies are developed to expand the reach of the federal government far beyond the agency's original mission.

The story of the Access Board provides a case study about how it is nearly impossible to drain the swamp, no matter how committed President Trump may be.

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Swamp Tales II: \$335k Government Salary, Picnics, and Free Yoga

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How about a \$150,000 per year government job where every week you can plan the "perfect picnic" for an obscure government agency? If you can organize free yoga classes and "cultural dance performances," you just might have what it takes.

Earlier this week my column was devoted to an obscure federal agency, the Access Board. This independent federal agency had a \$ 174,000 per year executive director who was not in the office for half the time during a five-month period, paid outside consultants thousands of dollars to astroturf activist crowds at agency town halls and yet wielded enormous influence in the crafting of federal civil rights policy.

While the \$8,000,000 budget of the Access Board might not seem like much by Washington standards, it is but one of dozens of obscure, barely known federal agencies that operate free from any executive branch oversight. Most don't even have an inspector general.

Like these other obscure independent federal agencies, the Access Board has a peculiar way to conduct an employee performance review. The Access Board executive director is reviewed by other officials at unrelated independent federal agencies, who then are reviewed by the executive director of the Access Board.

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What I Saw of the Apollo Program as a Kid in the 1960s

July 19, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

As we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the historic moon landing, I am not sure that today's generation quite understands just how exciting this was in 1969. Apollo 11 came before "Star Wars" and a raft of science fiction movies that have since made space travel seem almost mundane.

I was in elementary school when Neil Armstrong climbed out of the Apollo 11 lander and stepped onto the moon. I remember watching it live on the local television station (back when there were no cable or satellite channels) like it was yesterday. I would also be willing to bet that was the case for just about everyone else I grew up with.

Why? Because I lived in Huntsville, Alabama, known as Rocket City, USA—the home of the Marshall Space Flight Center, where the engineers and scientists who worked for NASA were intimately involved in the Apollo program.

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The ACRU Files Supreme Court Amicus Brief in Critical Redistricting Case

Civil rights group contends plaintiffs lack standing by failing to meet basic standards for action under the Constitution and voting rights law.

Washington, DC.-The American Civil Rights Union (ACRU), joined by the Southeastern Legal Foundation, has filed an amicus brief in favor of the defendants in the North Carolina redistricting case, *Rucho v. Common Cause*, to be heard by the Supreme Court on March 26.

The ACRU strongly disputes the claim that the 2010 North Carolina redistricting plan is unconstitutional after the plaintiffs, Common Cause and a number of North Carolina Democrats, contested its legality.

"The text of the First Amendment says nothing about voting," argues the brief against the complaint that the redistricting map, drawn by duly elected majority Republican members of the North Carolina House Redistricting Committee, is unconstitutional. Other Amendments do protect voting against discrimination because of race, gender, age, or poll taxes, none of which are affected by political gerrymandering.

"The North Carolina district court that upheld the claims of the plaintiffs was wrong on all counts," claims attorney John J. Park on behalf of the ACRU. "Established law, federal and state, is clear that redistricting is the responsibility of the legislative branch, and an incursion into state and voter rights by the judiciary should not occur."

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Spakovsky: El Chapo Conviction Shows Justice System Works

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky reports on how the conviction of cartel head El Chapo proves the US Justice System is one of the best in the world.

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The Green New Deal Is Coming to a Community Near You

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ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

Politicians in Washington are often immersed in endless political fights with little regard for the impact of the policies they are actually fighting over. We see this with taxes, regulations, spending, trade and other issues. The decisions they make often have unforeseen consequences in communities and small towns.

This week, the left's new rising star Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and her allies, introduced their far-reaching radical "Green New Deal." These ideas are not only being discussed in Washington, but they are actually well under way and causing great debate and conflict in many communities throughout the United States.

In New York, Governor Cuomo and his green energy bureaucrats have imposed mandates to reduce carbon emissions. Appealingly entitled Clean Energy Standards (CES), these mandates call for over 50 percent of the state's utilities to generate electricity through renewable sources

by 2030. In addition, Governor Cuomo issued an executive order mandating over 2,000 megawatts of energy be generated, also by 2030, using offshore wind.

How is all of this being paid for you might ask. Well, by the same folks who always pay---you, the taxpayer.

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Klukowski: White House Must Scrutinize Spending Bill

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski warns that the President must be careful that the new spending bill doesn't strip emergency powers from his office.

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William Barr Is Our New Attorney General. Here Are 4 Things He Should Focus on Right Away.

February 15, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

With the confirmation of William Barr as the 85th attorney general of the United States, we now have an experienced hand leading the Department of Justice.

At his confirmation hearing, Barr vowed to focus on violent crime, enforce our immigration laws, and protect the right to vote. But our country faces many additional challenges today, many of which require the active involvement of the attorney general. Barr, who also served in the post under President George H.W. Bush, is uniquely qualified to lead the department at this time.

It would have been hard for President Donald Trump to pick someone with a more detailed knowledge of the inner workings of the Justice Department and Capitol Hill. Barr also previously served as the deputy attorney general (the No. 2 slot) and the assistant attorney general of the Office of Legal Counsel. That office provides legal analysis and advice to the attorney general and the president.

In short, Barr doesn't need a monthslong learning curve to understand how the department operates.

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Adams Dismantles the Voter Fraud Myth

ACRU Policy Board Member J. Christian Adams spoke to Fox & Friends on studies proving that voter ID laws do not hurt voter turnout.

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ACRU Chairman and CEO Susan Carleson signed the Conservative Action Project's memo condemning the partisan sections of the Violence Against Women act, which would restrict Second Amendment rights and pose economic problems for many Americans.

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Democrats Should Put Up or Shut Up on Impeachment!

April 27, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

The Democrats are all hat and no cattle. It's time they put up or shut up with their saber rattling over impeachment.

Liberal lawmakers and fake media pundits have publicly promoted the idea of impeaching President Trump ever since he won the 2016 election, concocting cockamamie theories that he colluded with Russia and obstructed justice.

Former U.S. Representative and current Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, for instance, has argued that President Trump "has already done a number of things which legitimately raise the question of impeachment."

Last year, Senator Chuck Schumer insisted that the Democrats will impeach the President, saying, "the sooner the better," but adding that they "gotta get a few Republicans" to join them first.

And, of course, there's Rep. Maxine Waters, who is notorious for leading her followers in chants of "Impeach 45!"

The list goes on and on.

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Williams: GMU Should Stand by Kavanaugh

ACRU Policy Board member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams explains why George Mason University's response to those protesting the hiring of Justice Brett Kavanaugh is a disgrace to Kavanaugh and the Supreme Court.

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Senator Kennedy Colluded with Moscow, and CNN Doesn't Care

April 25, 2019 | PJ Media

ACRU Policy Board Member J. Christian Adams

Despite the Mueller report resolving the question of Russian collusion, some just can't let it go.

CNN still devotes extended coverage to the Russian menace. Democrats in Congress are keeping the dream alive, issuing subpoenas and frightening warnings about Moscow's meddling in a presidential election.

Give them credit. It is the first time Democrats have cared about Russian influence in American elections since 1917.

If CNN actually wanted a real story of direct collusion between a presidential hopeful and Moscow, it could look at the 1984 election.

Let's first set the world stage.

In the 1970s, America was on the run, with iconic scenes of rooftop helicopter evacuations. At home, service members were treated with disdain. Malaise, retreat, and moral ambiguity defined America's shrinking resolve.

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Klukowski: Mueller Report Redaction Required by Law

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski explains why Attorney General William Barr was required to redact parts of the Mueller Report by the law and how the report exonerates President Trump.

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Rucho v. Common Cause: A Significantly Modest Victory for Judicial Restraint

In *Rucho*, the Supreme Court concluded that political gerrymandering claims present the federal courts with nonjusticiable political questions. The Court noted that the Framers of our Constitution knew of problems with electoral districts and assigned the issue to state legislatures, subject to congressional oversight. "At no point was there a suggestion that the federal courts had a role to play." And, while the federal courts have addressed one-person, one-vote and racial gerrymandering issues, political gerrymandering claims were fundamentally different, in part because there is no constitutional bar to political gerrymandering.

Indeed, because some political gerrymandering is to be expected, the problem is identifying when there has been too much. That determination requires a test that has "especially clear standards," one that is precise, limited, clear, and politically neutral, or, as otherwise stated, judicially discernible and manageable. Since 1973, the Court has struggled to find such a test, and none appeared in this case. In particular, the Court rejected the lower court's invocation of the Equal Protection Law, the First Amendment, and two provisions of the U.S. Constitution, the Elections Clause and Article I, § 2.

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ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky reports on the fact that many people claiming to be families when crossing the U.S. border are actually lying to game the U.S. immigration system.

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ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the liberal media seemingly ignoring a well-sourced, bestselling book on what really happened during the contentious Brett Kavanaugh hearings.

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President Trump's Opportunity to School Qatar

July 4, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

Less than a week after the nation celebrates its 243rd birthday, President Trump has an opportunity to enhance---once again---America's international status and improve the lives of millions of people during an upcoming meeting with the Emir of Qatar---Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. The July 9 meeting presents an opportunity for President Trump to raise significant concerns with the Emir regarding Qatar's ongoing support of international terrorism, Qatar's blatant disregard of fair-trade policies designed to protect American airline workers, and Qatar's sad record of human rights abuses.

Qatar is seen internationally as a major funder of terrorist organizations like Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood. It was widely reported that human rights organizations have documented violent human rights abuses by the Brotherhood when its supporters were in control in Egypt in 2014, including the murder of nearly 30 Coptic Christians who were peacefully protesting the demolition of a church. The Trump administration has moved to designate the Muslim Brotherhood an international terrorist organization.

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Spakovsky Debunks Leftist Claims About Citizenship Questions on the Census

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky explains why the Left lies about what the citizenship question would mean on the 2020 census.

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I have extended an invite to Senator William Ligon (he lives in St. Simons). I don't believe that Senator Ligon will be able to make due to the 4 hour driving distance.

Benita Dodd will let us know what room you guys will be able to meet in.

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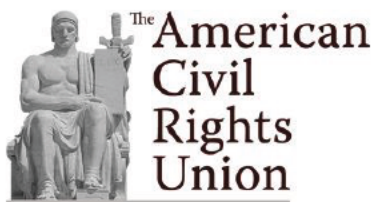
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The American Civil Rights Union Urges the Supreme Court to Protect Free Speech by Overturning *Hill V. Colorado*

Alexandria, VA---The American Civil Rights Union has filed an amicus brief in support of the petitioners in *Price v. Chicago*, encouraging the Court to agree to take the case. The petitioners challenged a Chicago ordinance prohibiting a speaker within 50 feet of an abortion center or other medical facility from approaching within eight feet of another individual without that person's consent "for the purpose of passing a leaflet or handbill, displaying a sign to, or engaging in oral protest, education, or counseling."

This ordinance is modeled on one the Supreme Court approved in its 2000 decision in *Hill v. Colorado*. That decision was roundly criticized after it came out. The Court has become more solicitous of the First Amendment right to free speech in ways that undercut the reasoning in *Hill*.

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ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the the long service of Justice John Paul Stevens, who passed away July 16th.

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Williams: Fighting for Free Speech

ACRU Policy Board Member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams explains why the Left is trying to eradicate free speech in America.

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Misrepresenting Themselves at the Border

July 10, 2019 | The Daily Signal
ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

It's not just the number of individuals crossing our southwest border illegally that's surging; it's the number of families. But many of those "families" turn out not to be families at all, but frauds trying to exploit loopholes in federal immigration laws that allow families to avoid detention and deportation back to their native countries.

In May, the Border Patrol intercepted more than 144,000 illegal aliens. That was the largest monthly total in more than a dozen years.

From Oct. 1, 2018, through May 31, 2019, the Border Patrol apprehended almost 600,000 illegal aliens, of which family units and unaccompanied minors represented 66 percent, also a significant increase.

Why has there been such an increase in family units?

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Blackwell: How Liberals Helped Confirm Brett Kavanaugh

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell reports on a new book that looks at how liberal women's outlandish behavior during the Brett Kavanaugh confirmation actually helped the future Supreme Court Justice.

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ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the courts granting President Trump a large victory in a liberal suit against him trying to cite the emoluments clause.

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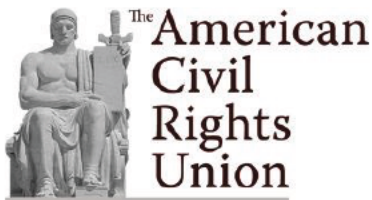
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In this week's The Advocate: casting sunshine on elites hiding in the swamp; good and bad news on red flag laws; and a Constitutional win for little kids and big kids.

Do you live in an area where voter turnout was higher than the number of registered voters? Are you aware of a situation in your town where freedom of speech or religion was attacked. Are red flag laws being implemented in your area in an alarming manner? Email tips to info@theacru.org.

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Swampy spinelessness vs. liberty-loving Trump supporters

In a recent Townhall column, Lori Roman, President of ACRU and ACRU Action Fund, takes the gloves off on cleaning the swamp and points out those in it as well as those who pretend not to be. She calls out political elites who too often stand athwart the will of the people and contribute to the slow creep of socialism for their own selfish purposes. Lori notes "when elitists wonder why Trump supporters forgive the behavior of the tweeter-in-chief, they display their misunderstanding of liberty-loving Americans who are not afraid to fight in the trenches to defeat socialism. They aren't looking for a commander in chief with manners." No indeed; to quote Larry the Cable Guy, they are looking for someone who can "git 'er done."

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Coffee with a side of confiscation

A nosy Martha's Vineyard breakfast waitress overheard school crossing guard Steve Nichols (an Army veteran and former police officer) discuss concerns that a school resource officer often left the school to go on coffee runs. Nichols stated someone could "shoot up the school" while the SRO was "leaving his post." The waitress called 911 to report the "threat," and Tisbury police Chief Mark Saloio had had no qualms about showing up at Nichol's home and confiscating the firearms he had legally owned for 60 years-without so much as a hearing. Once the obvious absurdity was cleared up, Nichols was welcomed back to his crossing guard position, but at last check was still waiting for the return of his legally owned firearms. Red flag laws are bad and no good deed goes unpunished by gun grabbers.

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President Trump restores religious freedom for adoption agencies

A few days before President Barack Obama left office, he passed a discriminatory rule against religious freedom by banning federal funds to faith-based adoption agencies whose religious beliefs prevent them from providing services for LGBT couples. In honor of November's National Adoption Month, President Trump reversed this biased rulemaking. As Boston Globe columnist Jeff Jacoby observes, this policy does not discriminate against the LGBT community as "legal discrimination against same-sex couples seeking to adopt or foster children is a nonissue. Same sex couples readily adopt children in all 50 states." This change only adds services back in. In Jacoby's home state of Massachusetts, the Obama rule forced Catholic Charities to cease its century-old adoption program, resulting in fewer adoptions and more kids stuck in foster care. Now all adoption agencies are (again) treated equally by the federal government—a big win for children seeking a forever family.

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Wisdom from just some patriotic guy

Americans benefit from a well known and well read class of print and online editorialists and pundits. Famous thought leaders who promote Constitutional and traditional values are often household names. But sometimes an ordinary guy hits the nail right on the head. We salute you, Marshall Kulp of Ogden, Utah, for this wonderful salute to the United States Constitution and explanation of "Why patriotism is important."

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Anti-ICE Mecklenburg, NC Sheriff feels a chill from the community

Last January, illegal alien Jose Barajas-Diaz was living in North Carolina, made an illegal u-turn, struck a motorcyclist while driving drunk, and decapitated the man. He had an open bottle of alcohol but no driver's license. He gave his victim a death sentence but Barajas-Diaz was given a five year suspended sentence with credit for time served. Mecklenburg County Sheriff Garry McFadden refused to honor a ICE detainer for Mr. Barajas-Diaz and instead released him into the community. Fortunately, ICE agents found and arrested Barajas-Diaz. Acting ICE Director Matt Albence released a statement on the case, "It defies logic how a sheriff would release dangerous criminals with outstanding federal warrants. Uncooperative jurisdictions like Mecklenburg should be on notice that as long as criminal offenders are released, they will see more ICE enforcement activity." Sanctuary policy kills. This county's voters should take notice. Many are already calling for the Sheriff McFadden to resign.

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One less college will be picking on conservative kids

Coercive progressive have had a chilling affect on free speech on college campuses by conservative speakers and students. We all know the disinvented conservative "professionals" - Ben Shapiro, Ann Coulter, and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos. These speakers have the experience and support to fight against deplatforming, but it is much harder for young college

students to fight for free speech while being harassed or bullied. After a settlement between Speech First and the University of Michigan, ACRU Policy Board Member Ken Blackwell writes, "This landmark victory for free expression means the University of Michigan can no longer intentionally chill student speech while ignoring guaranteed protections of the First Amendment. (It) paves the way for students too fearful or intimidated to express their opinions to finally embrace their free-speech rights and engage in true academic inquiry and discussion." As Ken points out, other oppressive college campuses need to take note-the eyes of freedom are upon you.

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Federalism, we hardly knew ye

Our friend John Hood, Chairman of North Carolina's free market think tank, the John Locke Foundation writes on federalism, the importance of keeping government as close to the people as possible (as the Founders intended,) and the danger of unfunded liabilities wherever they are found. John points out, "Washington busybodies have usurped countless powers that, according to the clear language of the Tenth Amendment, were "reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." OpEd primers on the originalist intent underpinning our fundamental freedoms are a great reminder for us to invoke our foundational principles even (or especially) when the crazy new cycle is deserving of a trip to Bedlam.

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Davy Crocket would be proud

Kudos to the (at least) ten counties in Tennessee getting in front of the anti-Constitutional train wreck that are proposed red flag laws with a great big "heck, no." These counties are passing Second Amendment Sanctuary laws that will pre-empt any attempts by law enforcement or judges to take anyone's lawful firearms without due process and legal representation. We can't help but think that had these laws been passed in Massachusetts (yeah, we know) that Mr. Nichols in today's Advocate story (above) would not have had his guns confiscated at the say-so of a waitress with hearing (and discernment) problems. It's ridiculous that local governments have to pass laws to protect what is clearly enshrined in the Constitution, but it's a wise policy that should spread to other liberty-loving locales.

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Next Up: Democrats Want Children to Vote

March 8, 2019 | PJ Media

ACRU Policy Board Member J. Christian Adams

Oregon legislation to allow children to vote should bring to an end our first reaction to crazy ideas involving our elections-namely laughter. It's dangerous to laugh at proposals like child-voting when the advocates are deadly serious.

Oregon Senator Shemia Fagan introduced legislation at a press conference to allow sixteen-year-olds to vote. She was flanked by teens wearing homemade T-shirts criticizing firearms. "Sixteen-year-olds are couch surfing with friends while their families are experiencing homelessness, and begging us to take action to protect their future and planet," Fagan said.

As long as democracies have existed, and as long as this democratic republic has existed, voters must be adults.

This, the latest in a long march of transformational rules over our elections, is a loud alarm that these efforts to change election process rules are really an effort to change America.

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Klukowski: Nadler Claims the House Can Impeach the President for Non-Criminal Acts

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler's claims that the House can impeach President Trump over non-criminal matters.

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Maxine Waters' War on Consumers

March 6, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

Every day we are reminded that congressional Democrats are on a warpath to derail President Trump and his administration's successful efforts to undo the regulatory state. One top Democrat who is helping to spearhead this charge is House Financial Services Chairwoman Maxine Waters (D-CA). Tomorrow, her wrath against this Administration will likely be on full display as Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) Director Kathy Kraninger is scheduled to appear before Waters' Committee. The Hearing is entitled "Putting Consumers First: A Semi-Annual Review of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau," but I suspect we will see something much more sinister unfold.

Earlier this year, Waters made no secret that she is on a mission to undo the good work started at the CFPB by then Acting Director Mick Mulvaney to return the Bureau back to an agency that fulfills its stated mission of protecting consumers and businesses.

On a television program earlier this year, Waters said of Mulvaney's tenure:

"The last two years have been very dangerous. I have been appalled and surprised at how

blatant it has been. This administration is not at all concerned about the welfare of the average family."

This is an incredibly rich and false statement by a woman whose actions in this area tell a far different story.

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Williams: The Left's Environmental Crisis

ACRU Policy Board member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams explains why our planet isn't nearly as fragile as the Left claims it to be.

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Iran Regime's Hardline Policies Will Not Prevail

March 11, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

The appointment of Cleric Ebrahim Raisi as head of the Iranian judiciary on Thursday was met with wide-ranging international condemnation. Statements from groups such as Amnesty International have highlighted Raisi's record as one of the most brutal figures in the modern history of Iranian jurisprudence, owing especially to his leading role in the massacre of 30,000 political prisoners in the summer of 1988.

The National Council of Resistance of Iran echoed this criticism. It has sought over the years to bring broader international attention to the massacre. This is to be expected, since the NCRI's main constituent group, the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (MEK/PMOI), was the main target of the bloodbath which sought to wipe out organized opposition to the theocratic system.

Raisi's ascendance to the head of the judiciary is just the latest example in a trend that the NCRI has also repeatedly sought to highlight. Tehran's worst perpetrators of human rights abuse have frequently been rewarded for their crimes with promotions to more influential positions, while facing no genuine consequences on the world stage.

There is another aspect to this trend that the NCRI emphasized in its statement on the Raisi appointment. By elevating the hardline judge and former presidential candidate, Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei "proves once again that as the head of the crisis-stricken theocratic regime, he finds no solution other than a hard turn towards further repression," the NCRI stated.

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Klukowski: Trump Judges Confirmed in Spite of Democratic Reticence

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the Senate confirming key Trump judicial nominees, in spite of no Democratic votes.

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How Open Borders and Sanctuary Policies Victimize (and Kill) Americans

June 10, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

The supporters of open borders and sanctuary policies that obstruct enforcement of our immigration laws must be overjoyed by the latest report from the Department of Homeland Security.

The Border Patrol intercepted more than 144,000 illegal aliens at the southwest border in May, the largest monthly total in more than a dozen years.

Those who push these policies should be ashamed of themselves.

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ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski speaks with Larry O'Connor on what recent Supreme Court decisions will mean for America.

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Despite Mainstream Media Claims: No Doom and Gloom Behind Low Interest Rates

June 11, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

The stock market is rebounding on the news that the Federal Reserve is considering an interest rate decrease, but some commentators are spinning this as a sign of economic calamity.

"We are closely monitoring the implications of these developments for the U.S. economic outlook and, as always, we will act as appropriate to sustain the expansion, with a strong labor market and inflation near our symmetric 2 percent objective," Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said Tuesday.

Experts widely interpreted this as an indication that the Fed may soon implement a rate cut after raising rates steadily over the entire course of Donald Trump's presidency.

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Blackwell: Obama-Era Debt Decision May Haunt College Grads

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell explains why the Obama administration's tinkering with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau could have long-lasting repercussions for student loans.

A Hub of Political Correctness Gets Hit with a Big Judgment

June 13, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

In what is hard to characterize as anything other than poetic justice, Oberlin College and its former vice president and dean of students, Meredith Raimondo, has been hit by an Ohio jury with a multimillion-dollar judgment for libel and intentional infliction of emotional distress against a local family business, Gibson's Bakery and Candy, which led to a boycott of the bakery over false charges of racism.

What began as a simple shoplifting incident took on a life of its own because of the bakery's proximity to one of the country's preeminent institutions of political correctness and progressive thought.

It demonstrates the dangers of jumping to conclusions before the facts are in and the damage done by false charges of racism.

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ACRU Policy Board member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams explains why the Democrats' fight against New York's Specialized High School Admissions Test won't help black students.

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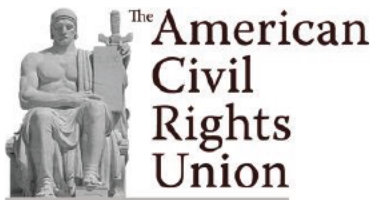
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Why Do Democrats Have a Secret List of Supreme Court Nominees?

June 19, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

If hypocrisy equals people, Democrats in Washington are China. The latest example of such bold duplicity by the Democratic Party is the secret "A-list" of potential Supreme Court (SCOTUS) judges Democrats refuse to reveal while they turn blue on Capitol Hill screaming for more transparency from the Trump administration.

Democrat leaders and activists working for Alliance for Justice are keeping their SCOTUS list under tight lock and key. Why? What do Democrats want to hide? Perhaps it's the fact that this list of potential Justices for SCOTUS contains the names of the most liberal, activist judges in the land? Maybe it's because this secret list of potential Justices would turn off moderate Democrat voters? If not, why hide the names from the public?

President Trump openly campaigned on the need for more conservative judges to serve on the nation's federal courts and the SCOTUS. The President never hid his intentions—he boldly embraced the issue. In fact, President Trump hosts a list of potential Supreme Court nominees on the White House website. If you want to check the names of people the President hopes to appoint to SCOTUS, it's right there for you to see. Also, GOP Senate Leader Mitch McConnell has been entirely forthcoming about discussing one of his top priorities—to work with the President to appoint, solid, conservative judges to federal courts in every district and region of the country.

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Klukowski: SCOTUS Rules First Amendment Doesn't Apply to Public Access Channel

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the Supreme Court's closely divided ruling that a privately owned public access TV station was not subject to First Amendment requirements.

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Making Trump's Tax Returns Public Could Endanger Privacy of Your Tax Returns

June 18, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

President Donald Trump won a victory Friday when the Justice Department said Congress does

not have the right to see his tax returns.

More importantly, all American taxpayers won a victory, because the Justice Department memo regarding Trump's returns has the effect of upholding the privacy and confidentiality of all our tax returns as well.

If Congress is allowed to examine the president's tax returns, the next step will be demands by lawmakers to examine the tax returns of others---political activists and opponents, members of unpopular groups, religious minorities, and who knows who else.

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Klukowski: Left Organizes Campaign to Sway Justice Roberts

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the Left's organized campaign to sway Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts in the census case.

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Lingering Obama-Era Move at CFPB Now Threatens Credit Markets

June 14, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

As college graduates have their commencement celebrations, they certainly hope their hard work will pay off. After all, in the booming Trump economy and with record low unemployment, there are countless opportunities for entrepreneurship and success.

Sadly, there is one reason why those dreams may never get off the ground: crushing school debt. As too many students and parents are painfully aware, there are more than 44 million borrowers in America who collectively owe \$1.5 trillion. Because of these obligations, young adults are putting off essential milestones in life---such as buying a home and getting married---while not accumulating savings.

They have been saddled with debt by a higher education industrial complex thanks to the assistance of the Federal Government. Now, thanks to some Obama administration decisions, the problem might become even worse!

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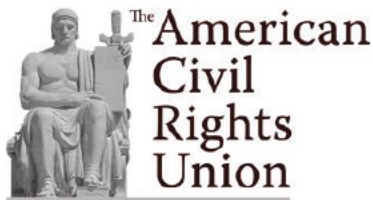
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American Civil Rights Union wishes all of you a very happy Thanksgiving! As we count our blessings, we are always thankful for our great country and Constitution. Our first post is simply an excerpt from President George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation:

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor, and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness. Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be.

George Washington

Socialism is bad; thinking it's good is worse

As our readers know, at ACRU, we love primers. Opinion pieces and news stories are fundamental to making informed decisions, but sometimes we need a reminder of the basics. In this column for USA Today, a young man named Jon Hartley (who may be the only conservative thinker at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government) provides a well reasoned, detailed and historical presentation of why socialism is bad, and why its embrace by so many young people is even more troubling. We hope you will share this piece with any young friends in your orbit who are being taught the "beauty" of socialism in their government schools.

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Ohio students are one step closer to religious freedom in government schools

The Ohio State House has passed a Republican sponsored bill that protects students wishing to express their faith (any faith, or no faith at all) through their reading, clothing and in science class. This bill, expected to pass the State Senate as well, allows students the freedom to express their views on creationism, or scientific thought from their books of faith, without being hauled to the principal's office. Democrats oppose the bill with their spokeslegislator noting "we already protect religious expression." Hardly, or there would be no need for any state to re-codify Constitutional provisions already enshrined in our founding documents. One might wonder what offends this spokeslegislator more, the "religious" or the "freedom."

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As so often happens, regular folks can have a better handle of ground level politics and policy than our renowned pundits and editorialists, even though we appreciate them as well. Hats off this week to Mr. Todd A. Leadbeater of St. Johnsbury, Vermont who lays out why conservative policies are good for him and for America; and why liberal policies laid out by this year's cattle call of Democrat presidential candidates is not. In addition to his logical walk through policy issues, Mr. Leadbeater requests rebuttals to his Letter to the Editor in the Caledonian Record in order to create open dialogue. His overview of the implications of policy for the citizenry and the problem of radical indoctrinators in the educator class make this a must read.

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Lying leftists against voter integrity

A coalition of liberal and far left "civil rights" groups have formed a less perfect union to fight for voter fraud. No, that's not a typo - we mean "fight for." It its manifesto, "Common Dreams" uses standard manipulative, thought warping leftist talking points in claiming that voter fraud isn't real but when it is, its because "white men" and Republicans are disenfranchising minorities. The left is taking a legislative approach to voter fraud, pushing for no ID laws, walk up voting, signatures that don't have to match, keeping minority polling stations open longer, and on and on. They claim to be promoting democracy when they are instead destroying it. The leaders of this group are the usual suspects, around for decades, birthed by the radical leftist groups of the 60s and 70s and supported by George Soros. ACRU will not be taking its eyes off this group while we are also countering its false rhetoric--we hope that you will too.

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Constitution battered by lack of intelligence of some on the Intelligence Committee

The impeachment movement by House Democrats against President Trump is such an overt, obvious and provable campaign strategy we are left wondering why they are not being charged with a great big Hatch Act violation. Not only that, but the Constitution is merely a distraction for the majority members of the House Intelligence Committee and their non-witness witnesses. Since 1789, only nineteen federal officials have been brought up on impeachment charges with eight convicted by Senate. Presidents Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton were impeached by the House but found not guilty by the Senate. It's a high and specific bar. On purpose. Impeachment was hotly debated and carefully crafted by the Founders, who feared that a rogue House could move to impeach based on politics and not law. Once again, our Founders have proven themselves to be right. About nearly everything.

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Sanctuary policy kills and Sanctuary sheriffs dishonor the lives of victims

Last July, Alejandro Maldonado-Hernandez of Mexico, was living illegally in Oregon. He was illegally street racing another car in a residential neighborhood at illegal speeds over 80 mph

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when he crashed into Patrick and Janace Ator, killing Janace and maiming Patrick. He was arrested for murder and reckless driving and ICE immediately issued a detainer on him. He posted bail and Washington County Sheriff Pat Garrett freed him-proudly ignoring the federal warrant-claiming honoring the detainer would be a "constitutional violation." As a criminal alien, Maldonado-Hernandez has no Constitutional rights, and there is nothing un-Constitutional about a signed, federal warrant. The killer immediately fled to Mexico and the Ator family is still grieving not just the loss of their loved ones, but the lack of justice after the Sheriff allowed their killer to sneak out of the country as quickly as he snuck in.

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Executive Branch moves to protect religious freedom around the world

A critical aspect of global religious freedom is that in many countries, the lack of liberty doesn't mean the perpetually offended waving placards outside certain churches. It means people are killed, massacred and are victims of genocide because of their faith. And its not just the killing of Christians in Nigeria or Sudan - China and Burma are allowing the slaughter of Muslim minorities as well. The Trump Administration recognizes that faith leads to death in many places, and is taking steps to put murderous tyrants and their regimes on notice while protecting US taxpayers from subsidizing slaughter. Our Constitutional freedoms are law in America, but they are also an ideal. Harnessing that spirit to protect others honors our founding principles.

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Is voter fraud a problem where you live? Do you have concerns about the integrity of your vote? Are you aware of a situation in your town where freedom of speech or religion was attacked? Are red flag laws being implemented in your area in an alarming manner? Email tips to info@theacru.org.

We hope you consider invest our nation's freedoms and future by financially supporting the work of the American Civil Rights Union. We invite you to visit our donation page here: [Protect Your Vote](#).



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ACRU vs. Snipes Proves Voter Fraud Persistent

(Alexandria, VA)---The American Civil Rights Union (ACRU) sued Broward County's election supervisor Brenda Snipe in 2016 for not adhering to federal law to keep accurate voter rolls. That landmark case, *ACRU v. Dr. Brenda Snipes*, was heard by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals on March 12.

Broward County's failure to conduct list maintenance to remove ineligible voters, as required by Federal Law (National Voter Registration Act and the Help America Vote Act) is at the heart of the case. Appellate judges focused in on two key areas of interest on Tuesday.

Broward County certified that not one person was removed from the voter registration rolls from 2013 to 2015 due to moving out of Broward County. In fact, list maintenance only appears to have started after the ACRU lawsuit was filed in 2016.

Broward County also maintains that their unusually high voter registration rate--they claim over 97% of citizens are registered---is accurate and not questionable, despite the fact that the average registration rate by county in the U.S. is between 65% and 70%.

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Williams: The Truth About Income Inequality

ACRU Policy Board member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams explains why the American economy allows for billionaires.

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Why the Commerce Secretary Shouldn't Testify to Lawmakers About the Census

*March 12, 2019 | The Daily Signal
ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky*

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross is scheduled to testify Thursday before the House Oversight and Reform Committee in a hearing on the Trump administration's reinstating a standard citizenship question on the U.S. census.

But with civil litigation over that very issue now before the Supreme Court, the House committee should cancel the hearing in recognition of the fact that having Ross testify is inappropriate and could, as the Justice Department has recognized in the past, jeopardize the government's litigation.

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments April 23 in *Department of Commerce v. New York*, in which the state of New York challenged the addition of the citizenship question to the 2020 census form.

The case presents two issues. First, whether a lower district court erred when it enjoined Ross, as secretary of the Department of Commerce, from reinstating the citizenship question. Second,

whether the district court could compel the testimony of Ross to, as the government's brief says, "probe the mental processes of the agency decision-maker" outside of the administrative record in the case.

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Klukowski: Trump Secures GOP Control of Federal Appeals Court

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on President Trump's successful transformation of the first federal appeals court to a Republican majority.

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Ocasio-Cortez and Top Aide Should Be Investigated for Possible Campaign Finance Violations

March 11, 2019 | The Daily Signal
ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

An investigation is needed to determine if socialist Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the media magnet on the far-left fringe of the Democratic Party, has broken federal campaign finance laws. If convicted of criminal conduct, she could get up to five years in prison for each violation.

We don't know at this point if the New York congresswoman has engaged in improper conduct. But she and her chief of staff and former campaign manager Saikat Chakrabarti are accused of serious charges in a complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission by the National Legal and Policy Center.

The accusations against Ocasio-Cortez are ironic because she has criticized the use of untraceable money in political campaigns and portrayed herself as a champion of campaign finance reform. Her Twitter biography says she is "100% people funded, no corporate PAC\$."

In addition, Ocasio-Cortez is a big supporter of H.R. 1, a bill with numerous new campaign finance law requirements that would severely restrict and burden political activity and speech.

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CAP Encourages the President to Stand Up for Citizenship Question on the Census

ACRU Chairman and CEO Susan Carleson signed the Conservative Action Project's memo encouraging the President to defend the citizenship question on the 2020 Census.

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The American Civil Rights Union Asks the Supreme Court for Clarity in the Tortured Lower Court Decision of New Jersey Second Amendment Case

(Washington, D.C.)---The American Civil Rights Union (ACRU) filed an amicus ("friend of the court") brief at the U.S. Supreme Court on Friday, February 1, 2019 in an effort to protect the Second Amendment and U.S. citizens depending on their personal constitutional rights to keep themselves and their families safe.

New Jersey law forbids carrying a firearm outside the home unless the government grants a special permit finding that the applicant has unusual reasons to fear for his or her personal safety. Lawyers for Plaintiff Thomas Rogers and the New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs, Inc., and supported by the National Rifle Association, are challenging the constitutionality of that law.

In 2018 the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit ruled against the constitutional right to bear arms, claiming to apply rigorous judicial scrutiny that should normally protect and not restrict citizens' civil rights. Attorney and ACRU Senior Fellow Ken Klukowski filed the brief supporting the petitioners, examining the type of judicial review the lower court applied to New Jersey's law, and showing that the Third Circuit is part of a growing list of federal appellate courts giving short shrift to what the Supreme Court has already deemed a fundamental right for law-abiding Americans.

"A citizen's Second Amendment rights should not be second class constitutional rights," notes Klukowski.

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Klukowski: Supreme Court Blocks Abortion Restrictions in Louisiana

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the Supreme Court's decision to grant a stay in a case involving a Louisiana law restricting abortions.

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Democrats Seek "Largest Transfer of Power" to Feds in History

*February 1, 2019 | PJ Media
ACRU Policy Board Member J. Christian Adams*

This week, the House Judiciary Committee held hearings on the top legislative priority of Congressional Democrats---H.R.1. This sweeping measure would radically transform American elections and functionally federalize control over them. It would also seek to revive federal approval powers over any state election law.

Unlike in previous years, Republicans were ready for a fight, and fought indeed. Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) put up one of the most impressive displays of fight I've seen in a committee hearing in a long time. He wrecked Vanita Gupta of the Leadership Conference for that organization's radical demand that federal law allow felons to vote, including on ballot measures related to their crimes. Watch Gaetz here.

I testified against the measure in the House Judiciary Committee. I am reprinting here my full written testimony for *PJ Media* readers:

I am President and General Counsel for the Public Interest Legal Foundation, a non-partisan charity devoted to promoting election integrity and preserving the constitutional decentralization of power so that states may administer their own elections. I also served as an attorney in the Voting Section at the Department of Justice. I have brought multiple enforcement actions under the Voting Rights Act and have litigated in a number of the areas addressed by H.R.1.

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Williams: The Dangers of Marijuana

ACRU Policy Board member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams explains the dangers of marijuana hidden by those pushing to legalize the drug.

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Stacey Abrams' False Claims About Election Integrity

February 11, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

In her response on behalf of Democrats to the State of the Union address, Stacey Abrams employed more of the over-the-top rhetoric that has come to characterize political opposition in the age of Trump.

After laying out her grievances against the president and offering few concrete policies, Abrams's speech pivoted to a harangue intended to perpetuate the liberal and media-driven myth that there is an epidemic of voter suppression going on in this country.

While Abrams said she "acknowledge[d] the results of the 2018 election" in Georgia, in which she lost the governor's race by over 50,000 votes, she then claimed "efforts to undermine" the right to vote are ongoing.

Abrams has continued to blame "voter suppression" for her loss, saying the gubernatorial election was "stolen from Georgians." The website for the advocacy group that Abrams heads, Fair Fight Action, says: "We know that the 2018 elections in Georgia were rife with mismanagement and irregularities."

A close look at the actual facts is in order.

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Spakovsky: Four Issues Facing Our New Attorney General

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky explains four major issues newly-confirmed Attorney General William Barr must deal with immediately.

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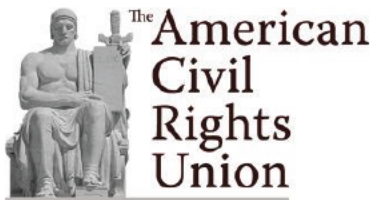
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Project Veritas uncovered three voters living and voting in Florida who had ballots cast in their name in New York.

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Tutoring Eric Holder on American Greatness

March 29, 2019 | PJ Media

ACRU Policy Board Member J. Christian Adams

Former Attorney General Eric Holder asked an MSNBC audience, "I hear these things about 'let's make America great again' and I think to myself, 'exactly when did you think America was great?'"

Holder went on to parrot progressive gripes about America: "It certainly wasn't when people were enslaved. It certainly wasn't when women didn't have the right to vote. It certainly wasn't when the LGBT community was denied the rights to which it was entitled."

When Holder served as Attorney General, he was found in criminal contempt of Congress.

While Holder's dismissal of American greatness might seem surprising to the vast majority of mainstream Americans, it is central to the progressive organizing philosophy of grievance with American norms, American success, and promotion of racial division.

The progressive left has converted American industrial might in the 20th century to an example of environmental degradation. The progressive left has converted American military superiority into tropes of imperialism. The progressive left has used America's now 154-year-old institution of slavery as an excuse for modern-day violence and criminality.

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Democrats Have Lost Their Impeachment Threats

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky explains why the Mueller Report has exonerated the President and ended Democratic threats of impeachment.

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ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

Foreign observers must be shaking their heads in disbelief that adding a citizenship question to the U.S. census has proved so controversial as to result in litigation. *Department of Commerce v. New York* will be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on April 23.

Predicting how the court will rule is always dicey. But given the broad authority of the secretary of the Department of Commerce under federal law to determine the questions on the census,

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and the extreme weakness of the legal arguments made by the lower-court judges to support their decisions against the government, it is highly probable that the challengers will lose and the citizenship question will appear on the census.

What is odd about the challenge by blue states and liberal advocacy organizations is that even the United Nations—an institution they often hold up as a model of progressivism that the United States should emulate—sides with the Trump administration on this issue. In its 2017 "Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses," the U.N. recommends that member countries ask census questions identifying both an individual's country of birth and country of citizenship.

A Commerce Department memorandum on this subject dated March 26, 2018, notes that countries asking a citizenship question on their census include Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Indonesia, Ireland, Mexico, Spain and the United Kingdom.

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ACRU Policy Board member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams explains why an increased police presence won't solve the rampant crime problem in Baltimore.

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Project Veritas Video: Election Worker Admits to "Tons" of Noncitizen Voters

Project Veritas recorded an election official in Texas admitting that "tons" of noncitizens vote in elections at their polling place.

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ACRU Chairman and CEO Susan Carleson signed the Conservative Action Project's memo encouraging politicians to sign on to the No Oil Producing and Exporting Cartels Act, which counters the corruption of OPEC.

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The Left's Hate Campaigns Against Trump Nominees

May 1, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

These are tough times if you are a big-government, economic liberal. Since President Trump has taken office, unemployment rates have remained below 4%, hiring among African Americans are at their highest levels in decades, our energy and manufacturing sectors are booming, and employers are scrambling to fill millions of job vacancies by offering competitive salaries.

So what can the frustrated liberal do if he wants to criticize the president's economic policies? He personally vilifies the people the president wants on his team to further improve our economy, protect American jobs, and generate greater wealth for all.

Enter Stephen Moore, who has been named as a potential nominee by President Trump to serve on the Board of the Federal Reserve. As soon as Moore's name was floated, he was savaged by the liberal press---and not for his economic knowledge or his views of domestic monetary policy---but via personal attacks on him and his family.

Ruthless attacks on Mr. Moore by the *Washington Post* and several other news outlets included descriptions of Moore's relationship with his ex-wife and their children. In a completely predictable move, *The New York Times*, CNN and other news outlets condemned Moore's humorous columns, written more than a decade ago, as sexist.

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Spakovsky: Barr Withstood Democratic Badgering Well

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky praises Attorney General William Barr for standing up to Democratic Senators playing to the camera during his testimony.

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Klukowski: Trump Gets 100th Judge Confirmed, More to Come

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Carleson: The Left's Quest to Tear Down a Historic War Memorial

ACRU Chairman and CEO Susan Carleson discusses why the ACRU joined the fight to protect the Bladensburg Peace Cross from leftists trying to tear it down.

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Warren's Comments on Racism Fail Again

February 20, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

Elizabeth Warren desperately wants to shift attention away from the racial controversies that have ensnared her and other Democrats.

Senator Warren turned heads recently during a campaign stop in Iowa when she said, "By the time we get to 2020, Donald Trump may not even be President," adding that, "In fact, he may not even be a free person."

The hot air garnered a lot of attention, but what she said just before that is much more interesting.

"Every day, there's a racist tweet, a hateful tweet, something really dark and ugly," Warren said of President Trump. "And what are we, as candidates, as activists, the press, going to do about it? Are we going to let him use those to divide us?"

As someone who literally stole the racial identity of indigenous people, then took the President's bait by taking a DNA test that showed she has minuscule traces of tribal ancestry, far less than the average white American, the irony behind Warren's underreported statement is dumbfounding.

It's also rather tone-deaf, in light of the blackface and sexual assault scandals surrounding Virginia's top three Democrat elected officials.

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Williams: The Liberal War Against White Men

ACRU Policy Board member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams explains the liberal push toward demonizing white men.

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Congressional Incompetence Forced Trump's Hand on National Emergency Declaration

February 19, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

Democrats are calling President Donald Trump every name in the book and threatening

multiple lawsuits to overturn his Friday declaration of a national emergency on our southern border.

The president is using the declaration to enable him to shift funds already in the federal budget to border security. The shifting of money from one set of priorities to the more urgent priority of border security will allow the president to spend over \$8.1 billion to build barriers along part of our border with Mexico and fund other border security measures.

But listen to the angry denunciations of the president by outraged Democrats. You'd think he's throwing out the Constitution, banishing every member of Congress to the wilderness, and proclaiming himself an all-powerful dictator for life---an American version of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

It should go without saying that Trump is doing no such thing. In truth, the president is using his constitutional authority in the same way other presidents have, in order to find money to deal with an emergency.

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Klukowski: Scotus Will Rule on Census Citizenship Question

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the Supreme Court's decision to rule on whether the 2020 Census can ask participants about their citizenship status.

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New Study Confirms Voter ID Laws Don't Hurt Election Turnout

February 26, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

Less than one week after Georgia Democrat Stacey Abrams made inflammatory claims in her State of the Union response about an epidemic of "voter suppression" jeopardizing the character of our nation, the National Bureau of Economic Research released a study that demonstrates once again that voter ID laws have no measurable impact on voting behavior.

In other words, voter ID laws don't "suppress" anyone's vote.

This latest study echoes the conclusion of others, including a landmark report by The Heritage Foundation in 2007 finding that voter ID laws don't reduce voter turnout, including among African-Americans and Hispanics. These voters were just as likely to vote in states requiring photo identification as in those that don't.

Researchers for the National Bureau of Economic Research found that between 2008 and 2016, voter ID laws had "no negative effect on registration or turnout, overall or for any specific group defined by race, gender, age or party affiliation."

The new study also concluded that these results "cannot be attributed to mobilization against the laws," contradicting critics who say election turnout has been sustained only by such campaigns.

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American Civil Rights Union Celebrates Legacy and Names New President

(Alexandria, VA)---For two decades the American Civil Rights Union (ACRU) has defended the constitutionally protected civil rights of all Americans through litigation and advocacy. ACRU was founded in 1998 by Bob Carleson, welfare reform pioneer under Ronald Reagan.

The non-profit has been led to many public policy victories by President Susan Carleson, also a former Reagan appointee, since Bob's death in 2006.

Recently, ACRU was part of a Supreme Court victory in the Bladensburg Cross decision, protecting the WWI memorial from a lawsuit that sought to destroy or remove the cross. ACRU filed an amicus brief in the case.

Also, ACRU's lawsuit against Broward County, Florida, charging that the government failed to properly maintain voter rolls thereby threatening election integrity, has had a positive effect. Since the lawsuit was filed (the decision is still pending), the County has begun to take measures to clean up the voter rolls.

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The Truth About Gun Control and Racism

August 9, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell and ACRU President Lori Roman

America's founders understood that the right to own firearms---the right to use effectual force to defend oneself, one's family, one's neighborhood, one's nation---was the difference between a mere subject and a free, independent, equal citizen. The United States was designed to enjoy a government of, by, and for the people, as President Lincoln put it. To that end every citizen was entitled, and often required, to own firearms. On the frontier, defending the community was the responsibility of every man.

For black communities, however, the threat has rarely come from invading Redcoats or marauding Indians. Few Americans remember today that the first task of the Ku Klux Klan was to disarm the black population in the South. Even fewer know that, in the days before the Civil War, citizen militias repelled white mobs that attacked black neighborhoods in many Northern cities. On at least two occasions, those militias were composed entirely of black gun owners. Few Americans realize that during the freedom struggles of the 1960s, civil rights workers of all races were protected by organized black militias in at least three Southern states.

Despite this heritage of responsible and effective use of firearms, equal citizenship has frequently been denied to black Americans through the use of gun control laws. Such laws were used to keep firearms out of the hands of African Americans---to deny their very equality as human beings---from the earliest colonial days through the end of Jim Crow in 1965. Many would argue that even today, blacks continue to suffer disproportionate harm from gun control laws, as major cities deny legal firearms to the residents of high-crime urban neighborhoods.

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Video: Tech Companies Can Push Voters to The Polls Without Regulation

Senior research psychologist for the American Institute for Behavioral Research & Technology, Robert Epstein, testified to the Senate about how Google pushed millions of votes to Hillary Clinton.

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Spakovsky Explains Why the Electoral College Is Essential to Small States

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky explains how the electoral college helps smaller states during elections.

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Williams: Baltimore's Problem Isn't the President

ACRU Policy Board Member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams outlines why President Trump's comments about Baltimore point to some truths about the beleaguered city.

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As promised, attached are two research papers I wrote on ranked choice voting and on felon voting. The first half of the felon voting paper is about why Congress has no authority over this issue, but the second half is about the policy issues involved.

I also published an op ed on felon voting in Florida when this issue was being considered there. I have pasted it in below.

Hope this is helpful.

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-ed-felons-vote-point-051316-20160512-story.html>

Restore ex-felons' vote? Waiting period essential

Hans von Spakovsky ©InsideSources.com

Ex-felons lose more than voting rights.

Felons should be allowed to vote — but not until they have completed their sentences (including any period of probation or supervised release), paid at least a part of any court-ordered restitution to their victims, and proved they are now willing to abide by society's rules.

To automatically restore voting rights the moment a felon walks out of prison is not in the best interests of the felon or the public. Instead, states should require a waiting period before felons can individually apply to a state review board or the governor's office to have their rights fully restored.

This process should apply to more than just voting rights. Proponents of automatic restoration of voting rights often conveniently ignore the fact that felons lose many other civil rights as well, such as the right to sit on a jury, own a gun, obtain various professional licenses, or work as public-school teachers or law-enforcement officials in many states.

That waiting period can vary, depending on the seriousness of the felony and whether violence was involved.

Why have a waiting period? The recidivism rate for felons is extremely high. The U.S. Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics found that more than two-thirds of released prisoners were re-arrested within three years; three-quarters were re-arrested within five years.

A three- to five-year waiting period gives ex-offenders a real opportunity to "start over" and establish a track record of responsible behavior. This would show that they've succeeded in jumping off the criminal treadmill.

A three- to five-year track record of law-abiding behavior would demonstrate effective rehabilitation of someone who previously had no compunction about violating the rules of civil society.

Automatic reinstatement of voting rights does not allow for this. Instead, it would give individuals who have intentionally broken the law the right to help decide, through the ballot box, what those laws should be and how they should be enforced. No showing of rehabilitation needed.

Do murderers, rapists, child molesters and armed robbers really deserve automatic restoration of their rights? They owe society and their victims a debt that can never be repaid.

The claim that felon disenfranchisement provisions are racist is incorrect. The majority of states restricted felon voting before the Civil War, when blacks were unable to vote in most states; at the time they were enacted, such laws applied predominantly, if not exclusively, to white males. In fact, the 14th Amendment gives states the authority to abridge the right to vote for "participation in rebellion, or other crime." Race doesn't cause you to lose your right to vote; it is your decision to break the law.

Recently, Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe granted a blanket restoration of voting rights (and the right to sit on a jury and run for elective office) to more than 200,000 felons. His executive action likely violates the state constitution as well as the previous requirement of a waiting period and individualized review of petitioners.

Doubtless, McAuliffe knows that a large percentage of those felons will be back in prison before the 2020 elections. He apparently has no interest in learning who among the 200,000 has really "turned over a new leaf" and taken responsibility for their actions.

Ironically, while McAuliffe apparently believes felons can be trusted to act responsibly in the voting booth and the jury box, he does not trust them in the community at large. He refused to restore their Second Amendment right to own or possess a handgun.

If felons deserve automatic restoration of their voting rights because they have "paid their debt" and it will help "reintegrate" them into civil society, shouldn't all their rights be restored? Advocates such as McAuliffe apparently don't think so. This has led some to infer that they are more interested in votes than the well-being of convicted felons.

Felons should have the ability — and an incentive — to prove they deserve to exercise their right to vote, serve on a jury and own a gun. But that can only happen if there is a waiting period after they are back in society and if there is an individualized review of their records.

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Felon Voting and Unconstitutional Congressional Overreach

Hans A. von Spakovsky and Roger Clegg

Abstract

Both the original Constitution and the Fourteenth Amendment specifically delegate to the states the right to determine the qualifications of voters and to disqualify anyone who participates “in rebellion, or other crime.” Congress cannot override the Constitution through legislation and has no authority to restore the voting rights of felons for federal elections. The American people and their freely elected state representatives must make their own decisions in their own states about when felons should have their civil rights restored, including the right to vote. Requiring a waiting period and an application process is fair and reasonable given the high recidivism rate among felons. Any legislation passed by Congress taking away that power is both unconstitutional and unwise public policy.

Whether—or when—felons should have their voting rights restored is a public policy issue that is open to debate, but there is no question that the authority to decide this issue lies with the states, not with Congress.

A federal bill such as S. 2550, sponsored by Senator Rand Paul (R-KY)—which would restore the right to vote to nonviolent felons after they have served their term of imprisonment and no more than one-year of probation¹—is a blatant example of congressional overreach that invades power specifically reserved to the states by the Constitution.

The Consequences of Felony Convictions

Various consequences attach to a criminal felony conviction.

- There may be (and usually are) prison or jail sentences.

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KEY POINTS

- There is no question that the authority to decide whether (or when) felons should have their voting rights restored lies with the states, not with Congress.
- A federal bill such as S. 2550, which would restore the right to vote to nonviolent felons after they have served their term of imprisonment and no more than one year of probation, invades power specifically reserved to the states by the Constitution.
- Automatic felon re-enfranchisement is unwise public policy. It sends the message that Americans do not consider criminal behavior so serious that the right to vote should be denied because of it. Those who are unwilling to follow the law cannot demand a right to make it. Not allowing them to vote tells criminals that committing a serious crime puts them outside the circle of responsible citizens until they show they have turned over a new leaf. Being readmitted to the circle should not be automatic.

- There are other direct penalties such as fines, court costs, restitution, and possible probation and parole requirements.
- In addition to losing the right to vote in 48 states,² felons face additional penalties imposed by states, such as the inability to work as a police officer, to hold certain elected offices, or to serve on a jury.³
- Under both federal and most state laws, felons also cannot possess a gun.⁴

In short, the initial time in prison is not and has never been the only way a felon “pays his debt to society.”⁵

Of the 48 states that disenfranchise individuals upon conviction for a felony offense, most do not return the right to vote until any term of probation or parole has been fully completed. Furthermore, some states, such as Florida, Iowa, Kentucky, and Virginia, require felons to apply for restoration of their civil rights, including voting, through the pardon process.⁶

The Proposed Federal Legislation

S. 2550 provides that the right of an individual to vote in any federal election:

shall not be denied or abridged because that individual has been convicted of a non-violent criminal offense, unless, at the time of the election, the individual

(1) is serving a sentence in a correctional institution or facility; or

(2) ... is serving a term of probation.

Accordingly, under this proposal, nonviolent felons must be allowed to vote once they are no longer in prison unless they are on probation, in which case they still get their right to vote restored:

(1) on the date on which the term of probation ends, if the term of probation is less than 1 year; or

(2) on the date that is 1 year after the date on which the individual begins serving the term of probation, if the term of probation is 1 year or longer.

The bill gives both the U.S. attorney general and private parties the ability to enforce this requirement through civil litigation.

Bills proposed in prior Congresses have gone even further. For example, in 2009, Representative John Conyers (D-MI) sponsored H.R. 3335, which would have restored the right of all felons to vote in federal elections the moment their prison sentence was completed.⁷ Just as in H.R. 3335, the definition of “correctional institution or facility” contained in Senator Paul’s bill does not include “any residential community treatment center (or similar public or private facility).”

Under S. 2550, if the felon is in a halfway house or other type of “residential community treatment center” but not under probation, or if he is past the one-year probation time limit but still has not completed other requirements of his sentence such as paying restitution to victims or criminal fines, he would still get to vote. In other words, states would be forced to allow individuals who intentionally broke the law to vote for those who make the laws—and in some cases enforce the laws—even though they have not completed all of the terms and conditions of their sentences.

1. S. 2550, Civil Rights Voting Restoration Act of 2014, 113th Cong. (2013–2014) (this bill is cosponsored by Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV); see also H.R. 5719, sponsored by Rep. Frederica S. Wilson (D-FL).
2. In Vermont and Maine, felons are allowed to vote from prison.
3. See U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF THE PARDON ATTORNEY, CIVIL DISABILITIES OF CONVICTED FELONS: A STATE-BY-STATE SURVEY (Oct. 1992), available at <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/Digitization/171656NCJRS.pdf>.
4. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g); see, e.g., TEX. PE. CODE ANN. § 46.04 (“A person who has been convicted of a felony commits an offense if he possesses a firearm”); VA. CODE § 18.2-308.2; and FL. STATUTES § 790.23.
5. One of the authors explains why this metaphor is a misleading one. See Roger Clegg, *The Fox Is Guarding the Henhouse*, Center for Equal Opportunity (May 6, 2013), <http://www.ceousa.org/issues/693-the-fox-is-guarding-the-henhouse>.
6. See National Conference of State Legislatures, *Felon Voting Rights*, <http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/felon-voting-rights.aspx> (last visited Jan. 13, 2015).
7. H.R. 3335, Democracy Restoration Act of 2009, 111th Cong. (2009–2010).

The Fourteenth Amendment and the (Non-Racist) History of Felon Disenfranchisement

S. 2550 represents an unconstitutional intrusion into the rights of the states. Congress does not have the authority to force states to restore the voting rights of convicted felons—even in federal elections. Section 2 of the Fourteenth Amendment specifically provides that states may abridge the right to vote of citizens “for participation in rebellion, or other crime.” The Fourteenth Amendment recognized a process that goes back to ancient Greece and Rome, as even opponents of felon disenfranchisement have recognized.⁸ The claim that state laws that take away the right of felons to vote are all rooted in racial discrimination is simply historically inaccurate: Even before the Civil War, when many black Americans were slaves and could not vote, most states took away the rights of voters who were convicted of crimes.⁹

It should be kept in mind that the Fourteenth Amendment, like the Fifteenth Amendment, was one of the key post-Civil War amendments sponsored and passed by Republicans, the party of Abraham Lincoln and abolition, to help secure the rights of black Americans. Those same Members of Congress deliberately protected the right of states to withhold the right to vote from citizens who were convicted of serious crimes against their fellow citizens, because “the framers of the Civil War Amendments saw nothing racially discriminatory about felon disenfranchisement. To the contrary, they recognized the power of the states to prohibit felons from voting.”¹⁰

A key source for proponents of felon voting, a 2002 article by University of Minnesota Professor Christopher Uggen and Northwestern University

Professor Jeff Manza, concedes that “[r]estrictions [on felon voting] were first adopted by some states in the post-Revolutionary era, and by the eve of the Civil War some two dozen states had statutes barring felons from voting or had felon disenfranchisement provisions in their state constitutions.”¹¹ That means that over 70 percent of the states had these laws by 1861—when most blacks could not vote because either they were still enslaved or they lived in northern states that denied them the franchise based on their race. In 1855, only five states, all in New England, did not exclude blacks from voting because of their race.¹²

While it is true that during the period from 1890 to 1910, five Southern states passed race-targeted felon-disenfranchisement laws, a graphic in the article by Uggen and Manza demonstrates that over 80 percent of the states in the United States (which was increasing in size as western territories became states) already had felon-disenfranchisement laws.¹³

Alexander Keyssar’s book *The Right to Vote*—cited in the Uggen and Manza article (Keyssar also supports felon enfranchisement)—notes that outside the South, the disenfranchisement laws “lacked socially distinct targets and generally were passed in a matter-of-fact fashion.”¹⁴ Even for the post-Civil War South, Keyssar admits that in some states, “felon disenfranchisement provisions were first enacted [by] Republican governments that supported black voting rights.”¹⁵ To quote Uggen and Manza, “In general, some type of restriction on felons’ voting rights gradually came to be adopted by almost every state, and at present 48 of the 50 states bar felons—in most cases including those on probation or parole—from voting.”¹⁶

8. HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH & THE SENTENCING PROJECT, LOSING THE VOTE: THE IMPACT OF FELONY DISENFRANCHISEMENT LAWS IN THE UNITED STATES (1998).

9. Roger Clegg, George T. Conway III, & Kenneth K. Lee, *The Case Against Felon Voting*, 2 U. ST. THOMAS J.L. & PUB. POL’Y 1, 4 (2008); for an exposition of this faulty claim, see Brentin Mock, *The Racist History Behind Felony Disenfranchisement Laws*, DEMOS (Feb. 13, 2014), <http://www.demos.org/blog/2/13/14/racist-history-behind-felony-disenfranchisement-laws>.

10. *Id.*

11. Christopher Uggen and Jeff Manza, *Democratic Contraction? Political Consequences of Felon Disenfranchisement in the United States*, 67 AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL REV. 777, 781 (2002).

12. Alexander Keyssar, THE RIGHT TO VOTE: THE CONTESTED HISTORY OF DEMOCRACY IN THE UNITED STATES 55 (2000).

13. Uggen & Manza, *supra* note 11, at 795.

14. Keyssar, *supra* note 12, at 162.

15. Alexander Keyssar, *Did States Restrict the Voting Rights of Felons on Account of Racism?* HIST. NEWS NETWORK (Oct. 4, 2004), <http://hnn.us/articles/7635.html>.

16. Uggen & Manza, *supra* note 11, at 781.

As for the five Southern states that tried to use these laws during Reconstruction and afterward specifically in order to disenfranchise black voters, those laws have all been amended¹⁷—as indeed they had to be since they otherwise would have been struck down, as the Supreme Court of the United States struck down Alabama’s law in *Hunter v. Underwood*.¹⁸

If there were evidence that such discriminatory laws were still on the books, there are many well-funded civil rights advocacy organizations, as well as the U.S. Department of Justice, that would be eager to challenge them. The fact that no such challenges are being brought indicates that such evidence likely does not exist.

One other important note: In the *Hunter* case, the Supreme Court specifically noted that “[p]roof of racially discriminatory intent is required to show a violation of the Equal Protection Clause.” No such showing of intentional discrimination can be made with regard to such state laws today, and it would not be sufficient for challengers to prove that such laws only have a “racially disproportionate impact.”¹⁹

For this reason, Congress also lacks authority to ban state felony disenfranchisement laws under either Section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment or Section 2 of the Fifteenth Amendment.²⁰ Under existing state laws, criminals lose their right to vote because of their own actions in violating the law, not because of their race.

Article I of the Constitution and Felon Voting

Under the U.S. Constitution, if Congress is not acting pursuant to a specific grant of power given to it in Article I or some other constitutional provision, it is acting unconstitutionally. The federal government does not have the inherent power to do whatever it wants: It is a government of limited and enumerated powers,²¹ and there is no authority in the Constitution for Congress to force states to allow felons to vote, particularly in light of the language and limitations of the Fourteenth Amendment.

In fact, the Constitution gives the states authority to determine the qualifications of voters in those states. Article I, Section 2, Clause 1 provides that voters for Members of the House of Representatives “shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.” The Seventeenth Amendment provides the same state qualification for voters for Members of the Senate. In other words, the qualifications or eligibility requirements that states apply to their residents voting for state legislators must be applied to those same residents voting for Members of Congress, thereby explicitly giving states the ability to determine the qualifications for individuals voting in federal elections.

Congress is given the authority under the Elections Clause in Section 4 of Article I to alter the “Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives,” but that power does

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17. See Roger Clegg, *Who Should Vote?* 6 TEX. REV. L. & POL. 159, 171 n.4 (2001). For more on the non-racist history of felon disenfranchisement in the United States—from the Founding, up to the Civil War, after the Civil War (with the limited exceptions noted), including the Reconstruction Congress, on to the present day—see Roger Clegg, George T. Conway III, & Kenneth K. Lee, *The Bullet and the Ballot? The Case for Felon Disenfranchisement Statutes*, 14 J. GENDER SOC. POL’Y & L. 1, 5–8 (2006); John Dinan, *The Adoption of Criminal Disenfranchisement Provisions in the United States: Lessons from the State Constitutional Convention Debates*, 9 J. POL’Y HIST. 282 (2007); Richard M. Re & Christopher M. Re, *Voting and Vice: Criminal Disenfranchisement and the Reconstruction Amendments*, 121 YALE L.J. 1584 (2012); Michael B. Mukasey, *What Holder Isn’t Saying About Letting Felons Vote*, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, Feb. 14, 2014; George Brooks, *Felon Disenfranchisement: Law, History, Policy, and Politics*, 32 FORDHAM URBAN L.J. 101 (2004). Much of this was presented to Congress in *Hearing on H.R. 3335, the Democracy Restoration Act of 2009 Before the Subcomm. on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties of the H. Comm. on the Judiciary*, 111th Cong. (2010) (testimonies of Roger Clegg and Hans von Spakovsky), available at <http://www.brennancenter.org/legislation/testimony-prof-burt-neuborne-support-hr-3335-democracy-restoration-act>; see also DEBATING REFORM: CONFLICTING PERSPECTIVES ON HOW TO FIX THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM 70–77 (Richard Ellis & Michael Nelson eds., 2013).
 18. 471 U.S. 222 (1985). This case involved Alabama’s 1901 Constitution, which disenfranchised persons convicted not just of felonies, but of misdemeanors “involving moral turpitude,” a catch-all phrase that was used by state officials specifically to target black Alabamians.
 19. A law may be entirely neutral in intention and yet affect some classes or groups of individuals more than others; thus, it may unintentionally have a racially disproportionate effect.
 20. See, e.g., *City of Boerne v. Flores*, 521 U.S. 507 (1997).
 21. See *U.S. v. Lopez*, 514 U.S. 549 (1995).

not extend to the “qualifications” of voters. James Madison and Alexander Hamilton in *The Federalist Papers* support this view, which is the most natural reading of the text. For example, in *Federalist* No. 52, Madison stated that to have left such qualifications open to “the regulation of the Congress” would be improper. Likewise, in *Federalist* No. 60, Hamilton argues that prescribing voting qualifications “forms no part of the power to be conferred upon the national government” by the Elections Clause, which is “expressly restricted to the regulation of the times, the places, and the manner of elections.”

Contrary to the claim made by some,²² the Supreme Court’s 1970 decision in *Oregon v. Mitchell* does not provide any support for a federal felon voting law.²³ In a fractured series of opinions, five Justices voted to uphold legislation that required states to allow 18-year-olds to vote in federal elections, but eight Justices rejected—four “specifically” and four “implicitly”—the argument that Congress had the authority under Article I, Section 4 to make such changes.²⁴ Only Justice Hugo Black thought Congress had that authority. Justice Black wrote one opinion, Justice William Douglas another, and Justice William Brennan a third, in which he was joined by Justices Byron White and Thurgood Marshall. None of those writing or joining one of these opinions joined any of the others, and four other Justices—John Marshall Harlan, Potter Stewart, Harry Blackmun, and Chief Justice Warren Burger—dissented.

Other than Justice Black, the remaining four non-dissenting Justices relied on interpretations of Congress’s enforcement authority under the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments that are inconsistent with the Supreme Court’s subsequent rulings in *Richardson v. Ramirez* and *City of Boerne v. Flores*.²⁵

- In *Richardson v. Ramirez*, the Court specifically rejected a challenge under the Equal Protection Clause to a state’s felon disenfranchisement law.

- In *City of Boerne v. Flores*, the Court ruled that since the Fourteenth Amendment bans only laws that are deliberately discriminatory, Congress cannot pass legislation under the Amendment’s enforcement clause aimed at laws that have only a disproportionate effect on a religious minority group: Congress’s exercise of power under the Amendment’s enforcement clause must have “congruence and proportionality” with the underlying constitutional guarantee.

In any event, the issue was superseded six months later with the ratification of the Twenty-Sixth Amendment, which provided that “[t]he right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.”

Misguided claims by a few proponents of felony enfranchisement notwithstanding, Congress cannot rely on Article I, Section 4 for any authority on felon voting. Any doubt on this point was laid to rest in 2013, when the Supreme Court confirmed in *Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council of Arizona* that only states, not Congress, have the authority to determine the qualifications of federal voters.²⁶ The majority opinion by Justice Antonin Scalia, which was joined by the Court’s four liberal justices as well as Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Anthony Kennedy, stated:

Arizona is correct that the Elections Clause empowers Congress to regulate *how* federal elections are held, but not *who* may vote in them. The Constitution prescribes a straightforward rule for the composition of the federal electorate. Article I, § 2, cl. 1, provides that electors in each State for the House of Representatives “shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature,” and the Seventeenth Amendment adopts the same criterion for senatorial elections. Cf. also Art. II, § 1, cl. 2 (“Each State shall appoint,

22. See, e.g., *Hearing on H.R. 3335, the Democracy Restoration Act of 2009 Before the Subcomm. on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties of the H. Comm. on the Judiciary*, 111th Cong. (2010) (testimony of Burt Neuborne).

23. *Oregon v. Mitchell*, 400 U.S. 112 (1970).

24. CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE, ANNOTATED CONSTITUTION (discussion of Article I, Section 4, at n.346), http://www.law.cornell.edu/anncon/html/art1frag18_user.html (last visited Jan. 13, 2015).

25. *Richardson v. Ramirez*, 418 U.S. 24 (1974); *City of Boerne v. Flores*, 521 U.S. 507 (1997).

26. 133 S. Ct. 2247 (2013).

in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct,” presidential electors). One cannot read the Elections Clause as treating implicitly what these other constitutional provisions regulate explicitly. “It is difficult to see how words could be clearer in stating what Congress can control and what it cannot control. Surely nothing in these provisions lends itself to the view that voting qualifications in federal elections are to be set by Congress.”

Prescribing voting qualifications, therefore, “forms no part of the power to be conferred upon the national government” by the Elections Clause, which is “expressly restricted to the regulation of the *times*, the *places*, and the *manner* of elections.” This allocation of authority sprang from the Framers’ aversion to concentrated power. A Congress empowered to regulate the qualifications of its own electorate, Madison warned, could “by degrees subvert the Constitution.” At the same time, by tying the federal franchise to the state franchise instead of simply placing it within the unfettered discretion of state legislatures, the Framers avoided “render[ing] too dependent on the State governments that branch of the federal government which ought to be dependent on the people alone.”²⁷

Moreover, although Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas dissented from the judgment on other grounds, they agreed with the majority that the Constitution gives states, not Congress, the authority to determine the qualifications of voters. Justice Thomas stated, “I think that both the plain text and the history of the Voter Qualifications Clause ... and the Seventeenth Amendment authorize States to determine the qualifications of voters in federal elections.”²⁸ Justice Alito added that “[u]nder the Constitution, the States, not Congress, have the authority to establish the qualifications of voters in elections for Members of Congress.”²⁹

Other Arguments Against Felon Voting

States cannot limit voting qualifications based on race or sex because of the explicit prohibitions of the Fifteenth and Nineteenth Amendments; however, the Fourteenth Amendment specifically allows them to limit those qualifications based on criminal convictions.

As suggested in the *Arizona* case, when it comes to presidential elections, Congress has even less authority. Article II, Section 1 provides that states “shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct,” the electors of the Electoral College. Congress can determine only “the Time of chusing the Electors, and the Day on which they shall give their Votes.” Thus, under these provisions, Congress has no authority to tell the states that they must allow felons to vote in presidential elections.

The Equal Protection Clause of Section 1 of the Fourteenth Amendment likewise provides Congress with no authority on this issue. The Supreme Court threw out an equal protection challenge to California’s felon disenfranchisement law in 1974, concluding, “Those who framed and adopted the Fourteenth Amendment could not have intended to prohibit outright in § 1 of that Amendment that which was expressly exempted from the lesser sanction of reduced representation imposed by § 2 of the Amendment.”³⁰

Finally, claims that state felon disenfranchisement laws violate the Voting Rights Act also have been dismissed in the courts. What is more, as the Eleventh Circuit said when it concluded that Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act did not apply to Florida’s voting rules for felons, any contrary view would raise “serious constitutional problems because such an interpretation allows a congressional statute to override the text of the Constitution.”³¹

The bottom line is that S. 2550 is unconstitutional and invades power specifically reserved to the states by the Fourteenth Amendment and by Article I and other sections of the Constitution. It is a telling point that Attorney General Eric Holder, who

27. *Arizona*, 133 S. Ct. at 2257–2258 (citations omitted).

28. *Id.* at 2262.

29. *Id.* at 2271 (citations omitted).

30. *Richardson v. Ramirez*, 418 U.S. 24, 43 (1974).

31. *Johnson v. Florida*, 405 F.3d 1214, 1229 (2005) (“Congress has expressed its intent to *exclude* felon disenfranchisement provisions from Voting Rights Act scrutiny.” *Id.* at 1234). See also *Hayden v. Pataki*, 449 F.3d 305 (2nd Cir. 2006); *Simmons v. Galvin*, 575 F.3d 24 (1st Cir. 2009); *Farrakhan v. Gregoire*, 623 F.3d 990 (9th Cir. 2010).

wants the voting rights of felons restored, has called on the states to act, not Congress.³² Apparently, even Holder recognizes that Congress clearly lacks this authority because, despite his own policy views, “the Obama administration has not advocated” for such congressional legislation.³³

It also must be noted that it makes good sense to leave the issue of felon disenfranchisement—and felon re-enfranchisement—to the states as a matter of federalism. As even S. 2550 recognizes, not all crimes are equal, even among felony offenses. Just as one cannot presume that all felons are to be mistrusted with the ballot, it would be wrong to assume that all convicted felons can be trusted to vote in a responsible manner and therefore should be allowed to vote. Rather, it would be more prudent to distinguish among various crimes, between crimes recently committed and crimes committed in the distant past, and among those who have committed many crimes and those who have committed only one.

Such line-drawing is precisely why the matter should be left to the states and why it should be addressed on a case-by-case or even a category-by-category basis. It would be impossible for Congress to undertake this effort even if it had the authority to do so, which it does not: Every state has its own array of criminal offenses with wide ranges of punishment, and these offenses are constantly changing. It would also be difficult for Congress to draft a statute that drew intelligent distinctions based on how recently a crime was committed or the number of crimes committed. Accordingly, it is prudent for Congress to leave such determinations to the states.

S. 2550’s crude attempt at line-drawing, allowing disenfranchisement only for a “crime of violence,” illustrates the problem. It would not allow disenfranchisement for treason, espionage, bribing public officials, or voter fraud and other election crimes—crimes that go to the heart of the democratic process—let alone, say, selling heroin or methamphetamine to minors.

Policy Arguments in Favor of Felon Disenfranchisement

Those who are not willing to follow the law cannot claim a right to make the law for everyone else.

And when an individual votes, he or she is indeed either making the law—either directly in a ballot initiative or referendum or indirectly by choosing lawmakers—or deciding who will enforce the law by choosing local prosecutors, sheriffs, and judges.

Not everyone in the United States may vote: Thus, children, noncitizens, and those who are adjudicated to be mentally incompetent are not allowed to vote. This nation maintains certain minimum, objective standards of responsibility, trustworthiness, and commitment to our laws for those who are allowed to participate in the solemn enterprise of self-government. It is not unreasonable to suppose that those who, regardless of their race, have committed serious crimes against their fellow citizens may also be presumed to lack this responsibility, trustworthiness, and commitment to America’s laws.

Is it too much to demand that those who would make the laws for others—who would participate in self-government—be willing to follow those laws themselves? While some may think it is, it is certainly not unreasonable for others to disagree.

In November 2000, for example, a ballot initiative removed Massachusetts from the list of states allowing felons in prison to vote, leaving only Vermont and Maine. Francis Marini, Republican leader of the state house at the time, criticized the state’s repealed practice because it made “no sense.” As Marini questioned, “We incarcerate people and we take away their right to run their own lives and leave them with the ability to influence how we run our lives?”³⁴

Thus, even if Congress had the constitutional authority to pass this legislation, there are sound public policy reasons why it should not do so. The loss of civil rights is part of the sanction that our society has determined should be applied to criminals. While some states automatically restore the right to vote after a felon has completed all of the terms of his sentence, others require individual applications. States are and should be entitled to make their own decisions on this issue—a prerogative that includes implementing procedures to ensure that those who injure or murder their fellow citizens, steal, or damage our democracy by committing election crimes or engaging in public corruption like bribery have dem-

32. Matt Apuzzo, *Holder Urges States to Lift Bans on Felons’ Voting*, THE NEW YORK TIMES (Feb. 11, 2014).

33. *Id.*

34. “Jailhouse Vote,” THE WALL STREET JOURNAL (Dec. 7, 1999), http://www.ncpa.org/sub/dpd/index.php?Article_ID=10780.

onstrated that they can now be trusted again to exercise all of the rights of full citizenship.

Virginia, for example, has set up an application process for certain felons to apply for the restoration of their civil rights, including the right to vote. The process applies to felons convicted of a violent crime, a crime against a minor, or an election law offense, and application cannot be made until three years after the sentence and any applicable probation or parole have ended.³⁵ Thus, Virginia's process allows for an individualized review in which the state can determine whether such felons have fully served their sentences and presented some evidence to demonstrate that they have changed their ways.

Such requirements are perfectly reasonable, particularly since a large percentage of felons are rearrested and reincarcerated within a short time after they are released from prison. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, a study of felons in 30 states revealed that two-thirds (67.8 percent) were arrested for a new crime within three years, and three-quarters (76.6 percent) were rearrested within five years.³⁶ In fact, more than a third of all prisoners who were rearrested within five years of release were arrested within the first six months after release, with more than half arrested by the end of the first year—within the very time that S. 2550 wants to automatically restore their right to vote. The high recidivism rate of felons provides strong support for states such as Virginia that require both a waiting period and an individualized application process.

In Virginia, felons applying for restoration of their voting rights must also show that they have paid “all court costs, fines, penalties and restitution.” S. 2550 would ignore and override this process, particularly at the expense of victims who are still owed restitution, and grant relief on a wholesale basis without considering whether someone deserves a restoration of his rights.

Finally, it is particularly odd that this proposed legislation is limited only to the restoration of convicted criminals' right to vote. Senator Paul has

stated that the effort to restore felon voting rights is “about helping people get their lives back on track, about enabling them to provide for their families, about breaking the cycle of violence and poverty.”³⁷ Similarly, the findings in H.R. 3335 state that this legislation would reintegrate “offenders into free society, helping to enhance public safety.” The findings also say that felon disenfranchisement laws serve “no compelling State interest” for felons “who are living and working in the community.”

If that is correct, then why does neither H.R. 3335 nor S. 2550 propose to restore all of the other civil rights that a convicted criminal loses in many states? A whole host of “collateral consequences” imposed by states and the federal government, such as limitations on types of employment, access to financial aid, and housing restrictions, arguably pose far greater impediments to reintegration into society than are imposed by felony disenfranchisement laws.

For instance, if convicted criminals can be trusted to exercise the right to vote, and if restoring that ability will help to integrate such criminals back into society, then why are their rights to public employment not restored? Many states prohibit felons from working as police officers or school teachers; if they can be trusted with the right to vote, why do the sponsors of these bills not trust them to work in law enforcement or as teachers in our public schools?

State and federal laws also prohibit felons from owning or even possessing a gun. If restoring the right of felons to vote helps to reintegrate them into society, why does Senator Paul's bill not also amend federal law to allow them once again to own a gun? In fact, Senator Paul has specifically said that it is “Absolutely, untrue” that his goal is also to restore Second Amendment rights for felons.³⁸

This proposed legislation assumes that felons can be trusted enough to require the automatic restoration of their right to vote but not enough to automatically restore their right to own a gun or all of the other rights that were taken away when they were convicted of a “nonviolent” crime. While plausible

35. See Commonwealth of Virginia, *Restoration of Rights*, <https://commonwealth.virginia.gov/judicial-system/restoration-of-rights/> (last visited Jan. 13, 2015).

36. ALEXIS D. COOPER, MATTHEW R. DUROSE, & HOWARD N. SNYDER, *RECIDIVISM OF PRISONERS RELEASED IN 30 STATES IN 2005: PATTERNS FROM 2005 TO 2010*, 1.

37. Sen. Rand Paul Homepage, *Courier Journal Response: Rand Paul Explains His Views on Restoring Felon Rights* (Sept. 23, 2014), <http://www.paul.senate.gov/?p=news&id=969>.

38. *Id.*

arguments could possibly be made for this differential, proponents of the restoration of voting rights for felons are silent on this issue and do not explain why felons can be trusted to exercise their right to vote properly but not to sit on a jury or work as a police officer or public school teacher.

Answering the Policy Arguments Against Felon Disenfranchisement

The policy arguments in favor of automatically restoring the rights of all felons to vote are unpersuasive.

“We let everyone else vote.” Again, this is simply not true. America also denies the vote to children, noncitizens, and the mentally incompetent because they, like felons, fail to meet the objective, minimal standards of responsibility, trustworthiness, and commitment to our laws that we require of those who want to participate in the government not only of themselves, but also of their fellow Americans.

“Once released from prison, a felon has paid his debt to society and is entitled to the full rights of citizenship.” This rationale would apply only to felons who are no longer in prison, of course, and might not apply with respect to felons on parole or probation, but even for these “former” felons, the argument is not persuasive. While serving a sentence discharges a felon’s “debt to society” in the sense that his basic right to live in society is restored, serving a sentence does not require society to forget what he has done or bar society from making reasonable judgments based on his past crimes.

For example, as noted, federal law prohibits felons from possessing firearms or serving on juries, which does not seem unreasonable. In fact, as also previously noted, there is a whole range of “civil disabilities” (known as collateral consequences) for felons after their release from prison that apply as a result of federal and state law, listed in a 144-page binder (plus two appendices) published by the U.S. Justice Department’s Office of the Pardon Attorney.³⁹ Soci-

ety is not required—nor should it be required—to ignore someone’s criminal record once he gets out of prison.

Finally, it should be noted that many of those who want felons re-enfranchised believe that even those who are still in prison should have the right to vote. For example, Marc Mauer, executive director of the Sentencing Project, the leading advocacy organization against disenfranchisement, believes that “people in prison should have the right to vote”—not just felons who have completed their sentences and been released.⁴⁰

This suggests that even those who favor felon re-enfranchisement do not believe that serving one’s time in prison automatically “earns” the restoration of one’s right to vote. They believe, as we do, that serving one’s sentence and being allowed to vote are separate issues. If they felt that one necessarily followed from the other, then they presumably would agree that if an individual has not paid his debt to society, then he should not be able to vote.

“These laws have a disproportionate racial impact.” Undoubtedly, the reason that there is heightened interest in this subject is that a large percentage of felons are African Americans, although in absolute numbers, more whites are affected by felon disenfranchisement than blacks. That is because whites represent a majority of the individuals in state and federal prisons, according to the U.S. Justice Department, and have held that majority since Justice began keeping such records in 1926.⁴¹

The racial impact of these laws is irrelevant as a constitutional matter. It should also be irrelevant as a matter of policy. Legislators should determine, based on non-racial considerations, what the qualifications or disqualifications for voting are and then let the chips fall where they may. In *The Souls of Black Folk*, W.E.B. Du Bois wrote: “Draw lines of crime, of incompetency, of vice, as tightly and uncompromisingly as you will, for these things must be proscribed; but a color-line not only does not accomplish this

39. U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of the Pardon Attorney, *supra* note 3. The American Bar Association has a useful map listing all collateral consequences imposed by the federal government and the states. See American Bar Association, Collateral Consequences Map, <http://www.abacollateralconsequences.org/map/> (last visited Jan. 13, 2015).

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purpose, but thwarts it.”⁴² As a federal court said in an unsuccessful lawsuit against Florida’s felon voting law:

[Black ex-felons had] not been denied the right to vote because of an immutable characteristic but because of their own criminal acts. This is also true of the non-African American class members. Thus, it is not racial discrimination that deprives felons, black or white, of their right to vote but their own decision to commit an act for which they assume the risks of detection and punishment.⁴³

The fact that these statutes disproportionately disenfranchise men and young people is not cited as a reason for changing them—as “sexist” or “ageist”—nor does it matter that some racial or ethnic groups may be more affected than others. That criminals are “overrepresented” in some groups at some point in time and “underrepresented” in others is no reason to change the laws. This will probably always be the case, with the groups changing over time and with the country’s demography. If large numbers of young people, black people, or males are committing crimes, then our efforts should be focused on solving those problems. The answer to that problem is not to increase the political power of criminals.

Much has been made of the high percentage of criminals—and, thus, disenfranchised people—in some communities, but the fact that the effects of disenfranchisement may be concentrated in particular neighborhoods is actually an argument in the laws’ favor. If these laws did not exist, there would be a real danger of creating an anti-law enforcement voting bloc in local municipal elections, for example, which is hardly in the interests of a neighborhood’s law-abiding citizens who are victimized by such felons.

Indeed, the people whose votes will be diluted the most if criminals are allowed to vote will be law-abiding people in high-crime areas—people who are themselves often disproportionately poor and minority. Liberal civil-rights groups lobbying against felon disenfranchisement seem to have less concern for those victims.

“We should welcome felons back into the community.” Because the racial and other arguments are so unpersuasive, it is more and more frequently argued that re-enfranchising felons is a good way to reintegrate them into society. Attorney General Eric Holder has even claimed that felon disenfranchisement laws promote recidivism. As former Attorney General Michael Mukasey has pointed out, however, that claim, which derives from a study in Florida, is flawed:

Florida has had, and indeed has broadened, a system that requires felons to go through an application process before their voting rights are restored. Obviously, those who are motivated to navigate such a process self-select as a group less likely to repeat their crimes. Suggesting that the automatic restoration of voting rights to all felons would lower recidivism is rather like suggesting that we can raise the incomes of all college students if we automatically grant them a college degree—because statistics show that people with college degrees have higher incomes than those without them.⁴⁴

Reintegration of felons into the community is an important goal, and this paper recognizes that restoration of voting rights can be a part of that process. Conversely, it is also important not to suggest to felons that it is hopeless for them to want to rejoin that community.

But restoration of voting rights should be done carefully and on a case-by-case basis once the felon can establish in fact that he has turned over a new leaf. When that has been shown, then holding a ceremony—rather like a naturalization ceremony—in which the felon’s voting rights are fully restored would be moving and meaningful. Restoration, however, should not be automatic, because the change of heart cannot be presumed. After all, the unfortunate truth is that most people who walk out of prison will be walking back in eventually.

Automatic felon re-enfranchisement sends a bad message: It says that Americans do not consider criminal behavior so serious that the right to vote should be denied because of it. Not allowing crimi-

42. W.E.B. Du Bois, *The Souls of Black Folk* 113 (Dover Publications 1994).

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nals to vote is also a form of punishment and a method of stigmatization that tells criminals that committing a serious crime puts them outside the circle of responsible citizens. Being readmitted to the circle should not be automatic.

While it is true that a disproportionate number of African Americans are being disenfranchised for committing serious crimes, their victims also are disproportionately black. The logical focus of an organization like the NAACP should be on discouraging the commission of such crimes rather than minimizing their consequences.

Conclusion

Congress does not have the power to force states to allow felons to vote in federal elections. The Constitution, including the Fourteenth Amendment, specifically delegates to the states the right to determine the qualifications of voters and to disqualify anyone who participates “in rebellion, or other crime.” Congress cannot override the Constitution

through legislation and has no authority to restore the voting rights of felons for federal elections.

Thus, the American people and their freely elected state representatives must make their own decisions in their own states on when felons should have their civil rights restored. This includes the right to vote. Requiring a waiting period and an application process is fair and reasonable given the high recidivism rate found among felons. Any legislation passed by Congress to take away that power is both unconstitutional and unwise public policy.

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Ranked Choice Voting Is a Bad Choice

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

Ranked choice voting is a scheme to disconnect elections from issues and allow candidates with marginal support from voters to win.

It obscures true debates and issue-driven dialogs among candidates and eliminates genuine binary choices between two top-tier candidates.

It also disenfranchises voters, because ballots that do not include the two ultimate finalists are cast aside to manufacture a faux majority for the winner.

You will not believe what “reformers” have devised to tinker with and manipulate our elections. It is called ranked choice voting (or “instant runoff voting”)—but it is really a scheme to disconnect elections from issues and allow candidates with marginal support from voters to win elections. Some jurisdictions in the U.S. have already replaced traditional elections with the ranked choice scheme.¹

Here is how it works. In 2008, instead of choosing to cast your ballot for John McCain, Barack Obama, Ralph Nader, Bob Barr, or Cynthia McKinney, all of whom were running for president, you would vote for all of them and rank your choice. In other words, you would list all five candidates on your ballot from one to five, with one being your first choice for president and five being your last choice.

If none of the candidates were chosen as the number one pick by a majority of voters in Round One,

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then the presidential candidate with the lowest number of votes would be eliminated from the ballot. People who selected that candidate as their top pick—let us say it was McKinney—would automatically have their votes changed to their second choice. Then the scores would be recalculated, over and over again, until one of the candidates finally won a majority as the second, third, or even fourth choice of voters.

In the end, a voter's ballot might wind up being cast for the candidate he ranked far below his first choice—a candidate to whom he may have strong political objections and for whom he would not vote in a traditional voting system.

Rigging the System

We do not often agree with former California Governor Jerry Brown Jr. (D), but he was right in 2016 when he vetoed a bill to expand ranked choice voting in his state, saying it was “overly complicated and confusing” and “deprives voters of genuinely informed choice.”² Such a system would present many opportunities to rig the electoral system.

Think about what ranked choice voting destroys. It destroys your clear and knowing choices as a political consumer. Let us call it the supermarket contemplation. In reality, you are choosing one elected official to represent you, just like you might choose one type of steak sauce to buy when you are splurging for steaks. At the supermarket you ponder whether to buy A1, Heinz 57, HP, or the really cheap generic brand you have never tried.

In the real world, you compare price, taste, mood, and maybe even the size of the bottle and then decide on your steak sauce. You know nothing about the generic brand, so you rank it last among your choices, while A1 is ranked a distant third. In your mind, it comes down to Heinz or HP, and you choose the Heinz. You buy that bottle and head home to the grill.

Now imagine if, instead, you had to rank-order all the steak sauces—even the ones you dislike—and at checkout the cashier swaps out your bottle of Heinz 57 with the cheap generic you ranked dead last. Why? Well, the majority of shoppers also down-voted it, but there was no clear front-runner, so the generic snuck up from behind with enough down ballot picks to win. In fact, in this ranked choice supermarket, you might even have helped the lousy generic brand win.

Ballot Exhaustion

How could this happen? Because of a phenomenon known as ballot exhaustion. A study published in 2015 that reviewed 600,000 votes cast

using ranked choice voting in four local elections in Washington State and California found that “the winner in all four elections receive[d] less than a majority of the total votes cast.”³

Going back to our original example of the 2008 presidential election, not all voters are going to rank all five presidential candidates on their ballot. Many voters may only list their top two or three candidates, particularly when there are candidates on the ballot for whom they would never even consider voting.

Thus, if a voter only ranks two of the five candidates and those two are eliminated in the first and second rounds of tabulation, their choices will not be considered in the remaining rounds of tabulation. This ballot exhaustion leads to candidates being elected who were not the first choice of a majority of voters, but only a majority of “*all valid votes in the final round of tallying.*” Thus, “it is possible that the winning candidate will fall short of an actual majority,” eliminating the “influence [of many voters] over the final outcome.”⁴

Cautionary Examples

Another example of this problem is demonstrated by what happened in Australia (which uses ranked choice voting) in the 2010 election. The liberal Labor Party won the Australian House despite receiving only “38 percent of first-place votes on the initial ballot, while the second-place Liberal-National coalition [the center right choice] captured 43 percent” of first-place votes.⁵ In other words, more voters wanted a center-right government than a left-wing government, but ranked choice made sure that did not happen.

Or consider the mayor’s race in Oakland, California, in 2010, in which the candidate that received the most first-place votes lost the election to “a candidate on the strength of nearly 25,000 second- and third-place votes” after *nine rounds* of redistribution of the votes.⁶

This also happened recently in Maine. In 2018, the first-ever general election for federal office in our nation’s history was decided by ranked choice voting in the Second Congressional District in Maine. Jared Golden (D) was declared the eventual winner—even though incumbent Bruce Poliquin (R) received more votes than Golden in the first round. There were two additional candidates in the race, Tiffany Bond and William Hoar. However, the Maine Secretary of State, Matt Dunlop, “exhausted” or threw out a total of 14,076 ballots of voters who had not ranked all of the candidates.⁷

Ranked choice obscures true debates, true issue-driven dialogues between and among candidates, and eliminates genuine binary choices between two top-tier candidates.

You never really know who will be running against whom in the final vote count with ranked choice. Your votes are thrown into a fictional fantasy in which no one knows which candidate is really a substitute for another candidate who may not survive the initial rounds. It is all a numbers gimmick. You, as a voter, are not given the opportunity to make the final decision between competing substitutes.

As Professor James G. Gimpel, an expert on voter behavior, testified in a recent case challenging Maine's ranked choice voting law, "unlike ordinary elections and ordinary runoffs, voters are required to make predictions about who will be left standing following an initial tabulation of the votes."⁸ He believes that "a portion of the voting public has insufficient interest and information to make a meaningful assessment about likely outcomes."⁹

Clarity Obstruction and Disenfranchisement

Ranked choice destroys clarity of political debate and forces voters to cast ballots in hypothetical future runoff elections. When we have Republicans versus Democrats versus Greens and Libertarians, we know who is running against whom and what the actual distinctions are between the candidates on issues. Second- or third-choice votes should not matter in America; they do not provide the mandate that ensures that the representatives in a republic have the confidence and support of a majority of the public in the legitimacy of their decisions.

Not only is ranked choice voting too complicated, it disenfranchises voters, because ballots that do not include the two ultimate finalists are cast aside to manufacture a faux majority for the winner. But it is only a majority of the voters remaining in the final round, not a majority of all of the voters who actually cast votes in the elections.

Ballot exhaustion is not just a minor problem with ranked choice voting. According to the 2015 study, "a substantial number of voters either cannot or choose not to rank multiple candidates, even when they have the ability to do so."¹⁰ Instead, many voters "opt to cast a vote for their top choice, neglecting to rank anyone else."¹¹

Additionally, some jurisdictions that have implemented ranked choice voting also limit the number of candidates that can be ranked. All of the localities in the study limited voters to ranking three candidates—even when there were more candidates in the race. Thus, "if each of a voter's top three candidates is eliminated, his or her ballot becomes exhausted and, as a result, is excluded from the final total."¹²

In other words, a ranked choice election will, in the end, boil down to only two opposing candidates, but many voters (not knowing how the roulette

wheel will spin) will not cast ballots between those two choices. That voter ends up with no say in the contest between the final two candidates in the black box elections governed by ranked choice voting.

Of course, had that election been between just those two candidates in the first place, that same voter would have heard debates, listened to the issues discussed, and made an informed choice between those two. With ranked choice voting, a candidate whose support was too marginal to get into public debates may end up winning—eliminating the process that informs the electorate and forcing average American voters into the world of mixed strategy game theory, where they are forced to try to predict the probability that particular candidates that they favor or do not favor will survive multiple rounds of vote tabulation.¹³

Tactical Gimmickry

Ranked choice voting also provides voters with an incentive to tactically game the system and falsify their preferences for candidates.

For example, if enough Ross Perot voters had listed George H. W. Bush as their second choice over Bill Clinton in 1992, Bush might have won that presidential election instead of Clinton. Since Perot came in third in the race, his votes with Bush as the second choice would have counted for Bush in the second round of vote tabulation.

If you could convince enough other voters to do that, you could potentially eliminate a viable candidate from the next rounds of ballot tabulations—even though he is one of the two candidates in a multiple-member field with the largest plurality of support. As one analyst says, the tactic is to “‘up-vote your lesser-evil candidate and ‘bury’ your lesser-evil candidate’s most viable opponent.”¹⁴

While this might sound farfetched, in today’s social media world, it would not seem that difficult to implement and coordinate such a strategy, particularly in local elections where there is a much smaller electorate. It is easy to imagine sophisticated insiders and campaign consultants creating and employing such a strategy to reach their candidate’s supporters and voters for second-, third-, or fourth-round recalculations of voting results.

The Solution: Runoff Elections

The answer to this gimmickry is runoff elections. In the normal electoral process in the vast majority of states, there is a runoff election several weeks after a general election in which no candidate won a majority of the vote.

It is true that some voters might not turn out for a runoff election that is held several weeks after the general election because their preferred candidate did not gather enough votes to be in the runoff. However, the added time window gives potential voters the opportunity to reexamine and reeducate themselves about the character and views on issues of the two candidates who received the largest pluralities in the general election. Voters have a greater opportunity to make an informed choice than with instant runoffs (i.e., ranked choice voting). Runoff elections guarantee that the winner of the runoff election has a genuine mandate from a majority of the voters—a crucial factor in a democratic system.

Runoff elections carry additional costs—but so do primary and general elections. Yet few people suggest abolishing them because of their cost. Consent of the governed matters.

Consent of the governed is what fosters domestic tranquility. When people believe that elections produce clear results between known opposing ideas, people learn to live with results even if they do not like the outcome. The vast number of Americans who are perfectly comfortable with how elections have been run for centuries will likely see ranked choice as a gimmick. When a body politic comes to believe election outcomes are a gimmick, beware.

A few years ago, there was a movement to add “none of the above” to ballots in some states. Ranked choice voting does the opposite—forcing voters who want to have any say to vote for “all of the above.”

Birds of a Feather

For over a decade, we have been warning about the people and institutions who want to fundamentally transform our elections.¹⁵ You should pay close attention to, and be highly skeptical of, anyone who wants to tinker with long-standing and revered electoral institutions, whether that is the people controlling redistricting, voter registration, citizen-only voting, or the Electoral College.

We have detected a pattern. Most of the time, when fundamental transformations to elections are proposed, the people proposing them have two characteristics. First, they think it will help their side win. Second, their ideological perspectives are usually rooted in a transformational extreme: They want to change the rules to manipulate elections outcomes in order to force the public into their distorted vision of a supposedly utopian society.

Foes of the Electoral College, for example, want to undo it because they want large, densely populated cities with their one-party control over

election administration determining who becomes the President of the United States. Foes of legislatures drawing district lines oppose the people having control over the process because they want friendly bureaucrats who sit on “independent” redistricting commissions and who are unaccountable to voters drawing lines instead.

Conclusion

In the end, it is all about political power, not about what is best for the American people and for preserving our great republic. So-called reformers want to change process rules so they can manipulate election outcomes to obtain power.

Ranked choice voting is no different.

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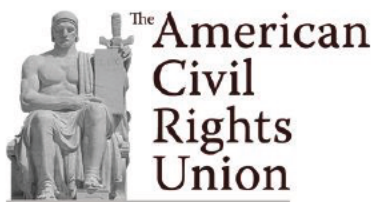
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The Supreme Court heard oral argument this week in two cases challenging congressional district lines drawn for partisan advantage. The question before the justices is whether state legislators violate the Constitution when they draw up district lines with politics in mind.

Partisan politics has been part-and-parcel of the redistricting process since Gov. Elbridge Gerry gave his name to the concept of partisan map drawing in 1812 with a state Senate district in Massachusetts. Even the challengers in Tuesday's two cases don't claim that there should not be any politics involved in redistricting.

So how much politics is acceptable, and how much politics is too much? It's the political corollary of Goldilocks' dilemma.

The challengers in this case are trying to convince the Supreme Court that there is some nebulous line marking the boundary of "too much politics"---a boundary that exists nowhere in the text of the Constitution.

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Virginia School Gives Award to 'Hooked-Nose' Anti-Semitic Art

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A Virginia public school district has given a student art award to a drawing portraying a hook-nosed Jewish person carrying a money bag and entitled "Jewish People." The drawing was made as part of a student art class and won an award from Fairfax County Schools. It was on display at the Northern Virginia Community College's Ernst Community Cultural Center, and celebrated at an awards ceremony.

The drawing portrays a hooked-nose man holding a money bag. The caption reads, "No Jew in the World Understands the Importance of Money."

When a school official was confronted by a concerned member of the local Jewish community, the official responded by blaming President Trump. The school's response said:

This work is not being displayed " by me". It was entered by the 17 yr old student and selected by a panel of judges consisting of professional artists, designers and curators. My student is using her freedom of artistic expression to respond to a president who calls Mexicans "rapists" African countries " Shit Hole Countries" and White Supremacists, "Very Fine People". She chose to create a portfolio of eight works which are ANTI stereotype. She focuses on Blacks, Whites, Italians, Pakistanis, Jews, Irish etc. Her intent is to point out implicit bias that exists and raises it to the surface in the form of racial ironies. She is pointing out how racism and ugliness is now NORMALIZED by our current president who intends to divide our nation for his own personal gain. Instead of jumping to conclusions and assuming the worst, take a breath. Instead of vilifying me and a 17 year old student, look at your president who is in "your own back yard."

The artist is a 12th-grade student at South County High School in Lorton, Virginia. The display shows that Fairfax County schools bestowed an award on the drawing.

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ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky and ACRU Director Edwin Meese III

With the passing of Ronald A. Zumbrun [a founding member of ACRU's Board of Directors], our nation has lost a legal warrior who helped start the conservative legal battle to restore the Constitution and the rule of law.

Zumbrun, a graduate of the University of California's Boalt Hall School of Law, was a co-founder and the first legal director of the Pacific Legal Foundation, continuing as its president and chief executive officer for 22 years.

As outlined in the book *Bringing Justice to the People: The Story of the Freedom-Based Public Interest Law Movement*, the Pacific Legal Foundation was founded in 1973 in Sacramento, California.

At the time, there were many public interest law firms across the country spending tens of millions of dollars to push the radical agenda of liberal litigators. The Pacific Legal Foundation was, according to the American Bar Association, the first conservative public interest law firm to part company with the liberal philosophy of those organizations.

Members of then-Gov. Ronald Reagan's staff helped form the Pacific Legal Foundation to protect individual and property rights and to enforce the principles of limited government through litigation and administrative proceedings.

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Klukowski: Justice Department Declares Obamacare Unconstitutional

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ACRU Supports Second Amendment Rights of New York Citizens in Supreme Court Case

(Alexandria, VA)---The American Civil Rights Union (ACRU) has filed an amicus brief supporting the petitioners in the case *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. City of New York* in the Supreme Court of the United States. ACRU supports the Second Amendment rights of New York City residents as the Supreme Court decides whether the New York City law criminalizing transport of registered guns outside the home is unconstitutional.

New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, represented by former Solicitor General Paul Clement, seeks to overturn a decision to uphold the New York City law by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

New York City issues permits allowing authorized persons to register guns to keep at home for self-protection, but the city's law makes it a crime to remove their registered firearms from that home for any reason except to transport them to one of seven city-approved firing ranges.

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Klukowski: Trump Is Right to Assert Executive Privilege

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski explains why President Trump is right to use executive privilege to deflect the Democrats' subpoena onslaught.

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The Trump Administration Can Bring Justice to Iran for Its Role in 1983 Beirut Bombing

May 20, 2019 | The Daily Signal
ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

It has been over three decades since 241 American servicemen serving as peacekeepers were killed and scores more wounded by a truck bombing in the Marine barracks in Beirut on Oct. 23, 1983. They deserve justice---something the Justice Department and the Trump administration can help them finally achieve in litigation now being considered by the Supreme Court.

The right thing to do here---legally, morally, and from a foreign policy perspective---is for the American government and the Justice Department to support our troops and their families and not allow the Iranian government to escape the consequences of its vicious actions.

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Obama Appointed Judge Rules Congress Can Subpoena President's Private Records

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on an Obama-appointed judge who ruled that Democrats can subpoena the President's private and business financial records.

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ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky explains why the Democrats have no legal reason to pursue charges against President Trump or his administration.

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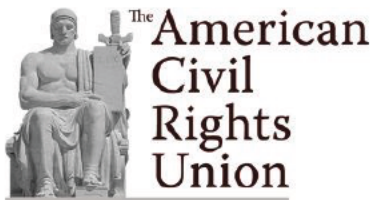
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Why the Supreme Court Got It Right on Gerrymandering

June 27, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

In a much-awaited decision, the Supreme Court held on Thursday in a 5-4 decision that partisan gerrymandering is a political question beyond the reach of the federal courts.

This should come as no surprise, since it's the same conclusion the court reached the last time this issue was before it in 2004 in a case out of Pennsylvania, *Vieth v. Jubelirer*.

This time, plaintiffs in both Maryland and North Carolina challenged congressional redistricting maps, claiming they discriminated against Republicans in Maryland and Democrats in North Carolina.

They argued that such partisan redistricting (i.e. engaging in politics when drawing legislative district lines to benefit candidates of one political party) violated the First and 14th Amendments, as well as the elections clause and Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution. District courts in both cases ruled in their favor.

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Williams: Liberals Downplay Western Civilization

ACRU Policy Board Member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams explains why Democratic presidential candidates are wrong to denigrate Western Civilization.

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Robert Mueller Show Comes to House Congressional Theater

June 27, 2019 | PJ Media

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The Robert Mueller Show won't catch the *Phantom of the Opera* as the longest-running performance on Broadway, but congressional Democrats may try. The latest extension of its run is the announcement that the Robert Mueller Show will be performing at the House Judiciary Committee on July 17.

Democrats want to push the Robert Mueller Show's run into the 2020 presidential race. Representatives Jerry Nadler (D-N.Y.) and Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), the chairmen of the House Judiciary and Intelligence Committees, and the deranged anti-Trump left, are convinced that after just a few more performances, the languishing story will finally break through.

So far, the Mueller Show resembles *Taboo*, the Rosie O'Donnell-Boy George Broadway flop that never connected with audiences and was a total loss despite high expectations on the cultural left.

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Klukowski: SCOTUS Blocks Citizenship Question from Census

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the Supreme Court's narrow decision to block the citizenship question of the 2020 census.

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Supreme Court: Bad Day for Everyone, Especially Roberts

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Today the Supreme Court issued two major opinions with profound implications for American politics. It blocked, for now, adding a question about citizenship on the 2020 Census in *Department of Commerce v New York*. In *Rucho v. Common Cause*, the Court permanently killed off allowing federal courts to decide that a legislative map gave one side too much of a partisan advantage.

It was a bad day for the right, a very bad day for the left, and an extremely bad day for Chief Justice John Roberts.

First, the very bad day for the left. For years, the institutional left has been trying to strip state legislatures of power and give it to federal courts. They wanted federal judges to have the power to say that a given legislative map helped one political party too much. For example, if a state voted 52 percent to 48 percent, then state and congressional legislative lines should apportion power in roughly the same percentages. If they didn't, federal courts should get to decide the legislative lines.

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SCOTUS Will Decide on War Memorial's Fate

The Supreme Court will decide whether the 94-year-old Bladensburg Peace Cross, which honors the fallen of WWI, should be allowed to remain on public land.

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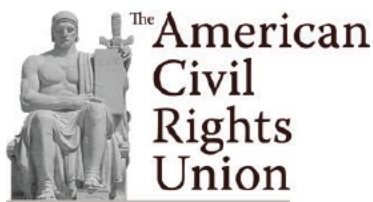
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The Fight Over Trump's Tax Returns Will End Up in the Supreme Court. Here's Why.

April 18, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

Should elected officials be allowed to gain access to the federal income tax returns of American taxpayers? When President Richard Nixon tried to do this to get dirt on his political opponents he was deservedly condemned and Congress passed a law in 1976 to bar the practice. But now Democrats want to ignore that law to get their hands on President Donald Trump's tax returns.

Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code guarantees the confidentiality of all our tax returns--yours, mine, and even Trump's.

A recent Congressional Research Service report notes that federal officials are prohibited from disclosing taxpayer returns and information without the taxpayer's consent. Criminal penalties apply to unauthorized disclosures.

According to the Congressional Research Service, Congress passed this provision because of "revelations that President Nixon sought to use tax return information for improper purposes."

What improper purposes? Partisan politics.

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Klukowski: SCOTUS Will Hear LGBTQ Discrimination Case

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Mueller Report Clearing Trump Should Prompt Congress to Halt Endless Investigations

April 22, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

The report by special counsel Robert Mueller released Thursday by Attorney General William Barr confirms that Barr was completely accurate when he told Congress in March that Mueller found no evidence of collusion or coordination between the Trump election campaign and

Russian officials.

The second half of the nearly 450-page report also confirms Barr's legal conclusion that there was no obstruction of justice by President Donald Trump.

Portions of the report have been redacted to protect the confidentiality of grand jury material, ongoing prosecutions, and national security. But these redactions affect only a relatively small part of the overall report.

Even with these redactions, the report makes it clear that no Americans—including no one in the Trump campaign—cooperated, coordinated, or colluded with Moscow's attempts to influence our 2016 election.

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ACRU Chairman and CEO Susan Carleson signed the Conservative Action Project's memo opposing the Democrats' H.R. 1 bill, which will federalize elections and undermine the constitution.

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What the Episode at the Lincoln Memorial Teaches Us About Media Standards

January 29, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

Nick Sandmann and some of his Covington Catholic High School classmates suddenly find themselves in a world of death threats, media smears, and pure vitriolic hate—all over something that they didn't even do. All because major media outlets saw a story that confirmed their worst suspicions about Trump supporters, Catholic-school students, and pro-life advocates—a story that was too good to fact-check and they just couldn't help themselves.

The episode was supposed to teach us a lesson about bigotry on the right. Instead, it's confirming our worst suspicions about the current media landscape.

The first video released of the confrontation at the Lincoln Memorial between the high school students, visiting DC for the March for Life, and Native American activist Nathan Phillips outraged people of all political stripes—it wasn't just liberals and progressives who were outraged at what seemed to be disrespectful behavior. Even the mayor of Covington condemned the students.

But when subsequent videos contradicted the media narrative, outlets with any semblance of integrity updated or recanted their first stories and reactions.

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ACRU Policy Board member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams explains why gender isn't a construct, it's a biological fact.

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Adams: Nancy Pelosi Is Trying to Federalize California's Bad Election Laws

January 25, 2019 | The Washington Examiner

ACRU Policy Board Member J. Christian Adams

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has made a gargantuan overhaul of election law, campaign finance, and ethics rules the top priority of House Democrats. Contrast this move with the Republicans in 2017—the Democratic Party and its allies understand there is a difference

between winning elections versus big idea debates.

H.R. 1, her proposal, is not likely to clear the Senate, but that's not the point. It is a marketing document intended to broach the idea of federalizing some progressive state policies while trying to squeeze more conservative locales into adopting them as well. Taken as a whole, the only saving grace to the bill is that it does not contain a prosecution shield for noncitizens who are automatically registered to vote---something California has done.

This bill also comes with the benefit of already exhibiting critical failures in the laboratories of bad ideas, like California and others. But automatic voter registration and relaxed voter roll maintenance standards are not a threat to the proponents, if they know how to massage the chaos before a big election.

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Public-Private Partnerships Value Effectiveness, Not Just Efficiency

January 31, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU's Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

Political showboating abounded on the Hill amid a government shutdown with the confirmation hearing for Attorney General nominee William Barr. Despite having served in the same position from 1991-1993 under President George H.W. Bush, Barr finds himself subject to left-field questions from the fringes. A particular line of questioning from Senator Kamala Harris stood out as she requested that Barr pledge to end the use of private prisons based on an Obama-era Department of Justice report that Barr had not yet read.

Senator Harris's creative partisan interpretation of the report is a deeper issue of concern than the report itself. At the root of Senator Harris's questioning is an assumption under which Democrats often operate, that public-private partnerships are inefficient at best, exploitative at worst, and bad business all around.

While serving as mayor of Cincinnati, I worked on expanding public-private partnerships to enhance not just efficiency but the effectiveness of government services. A leading example of partnering with private companies to serve the community is former Indianapolis mayor Stephen Goldsmith. In the early 1990s, facing soaring costs and inefficient services, Goldsmith offered municipal waste workers the chance to privatize and bid on government contracts. The result was wildly successful. Goldsmith brought to bear on the city of Indianapolis a valuable lesson in economics and the free market: entrepreneurs will deliver a better and more effective product or service than the public monopoly status quo.

How then does this play out in concert with Senator Harris's line of questioning?

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North Carolina Election Fraud Should Be a Wake-Up Call for the Left

March 5, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky and Jason Snead

Widespread fraud by a political operative working for a Republican is forcing a redo of the 2018 midterm race for North Carolina's 9th Congressional District.

The news confirms just how vulnerable our elections are to voter fraud, and how profound the consequences can be.

That should be the takeaway. Yet many on the left and in the media seem far more interested in spinning the situation for partisan gain than finding genuine solutions to the election insecurities that enabled this fraud in the first place.

They focus on the fact that this is "Republican" voter fraud, and accuse conservatives of "deafening" and hypocritical silence. They even refuse to call it "voter fraud" to avoid embarrassment after years of denying that voter fraud is a problem.

These claims debase the political process. They are cynical, politically motivated, and miss the point entirely. Election integrity is about much more than partisan politics—it is about preserving faith in the democratic process itself.

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Williams: The Left's History of Racial Hoaxes

ACRU Policy Board member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams breaks down the Left's long history of using hoaxes for political gain.

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Fiduciary Responsibility: How Far Does It Extend?

March 2, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

There is no greater duty than that of a fiduciary to make sound investments for the best interest of its beneficiary. The California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) has more than 900,000 participants (i.e. beneficiaries) and is the second largest pension plan in the U.S. As such a large plan, the fiduciary responsibility is truly great, and must be at the forefront of all investment decisions.

In late January, CalSTRS voted to oppose AB 33, introduced by State Assemblyman Rob Bonta. This bill proposes that the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) and the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) divest of all holdings in private corrections firms and prohibit future investments in those same companies. The opposition to this bill comes on the heels of CalSTRS voting in October to divest from private prison firms, a move that will negatively impact their retirees due to the nature of divestment. Seems hypocritical, or?

We can't ignore that such politically motivated divestment goes against their fiduciary responsibility considering that it would be costly for retirees. Private prison stocks have had positive effects for investors so divesting seems counterintuitive. Furthermore, the effects of politically motivated divestment can be devastating. For example, the board of CalPERS, the largest public pension fund in the country, made a decision to divest tobacco stocks from its portfolio. An analysis in 2015 found that the divestment cost the fund \$3 billion, and later calculations by Wilshire Associates show the "amount of foregone performance has continued to grow." Despite the losses, the CalPERS board rejected the advice of its staff in 2016 to reinstate tobacco stocks.

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China Is Poisoning America with Fentanyl

March 4, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky and Peyton Smith

Fentanyl is now the leading cause of fatal drug overdoses. In 2017 alone, 49,000 Americans lost their lives to fentanyl.

What is the source of the synthetic opioid, abuse of which leads to this senseless loss of life? China is the principal culprit.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has identified China as the primary source of illicit fentanyl and the painkiller's analogues that enter our country.

Drug traffickers use two primary techniques for delivering fentanyl manufactured in China: It is either shipped directly into the U.S. via international mail or shipped into Mexico to be smuggled into America.

Fentanyl is a unique drug in several ways. The profit margin is remarkable: A \$3,000 investment can produce \$1,500,000 in earnings.

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How Covington's Nick Sandmann Could Win His Defamation Claim Against *Washington Post*

March 4, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

Nicholas Sandmann is one of the Covington Catholic High School students caught in a media firestorm while attending the March for Life last month in Washington, D.C. Now, he is pushing back.

Last week, his lawyers filed a defamation lawsuit against *The Washington Post* for \$250 million--the amount that Jeff Bezos spent to buy the newspaper.

Does Sandmann have any chance of winning? The short answer is "yes." But it's not a sure thing. He's taking on a defendant with very deep pockets and absolutely no incentive to settle.

Sandmann has sent letters threatening legal action to more than 50 media organizations, celebrities, and politicians about their public statements condemning and attacking Sandmann. *The Washington Post* is the first media organization to be sued.

What's Sandmann's beef? He was accused of racist behavior toward Native American activist Nathan Phillips, based almost entirely on what his lawyers call a "deceptively edited" 59-second video clip. More complete videos of the incident show that the allegations were false.

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Project Veritas has uncovered another instance of double voting, tracking down a New Hampshire Man who cast two ballots in 2018 midterms.

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Facebook's New Policy Is Not About 'Standing Up to Hate'

April 10, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

Facebook's campaign of anti-conservative censorship took another step forward with the announcement that the social media giant will silence speech based on the guidance of left-wing activists and will help social justice warriors lecture users who search for content designated as "hate."

Democrats and the media are openly celebrating Facebook's decision to ban "white nationalist" and "white separatist" content from its main platform and its subsidiary, Instagram. The company's own announcement, titled "Standing Against Hate," is similarly triumphant and self-congratulatory.

But I'm not convinced that this is really about "standing against hate," as Facebook claims. Anyone genuinely concerned about free speech ought to be skeptical of the new policy, if not outright alarmed, because the people cheering it most loudly are the same ones who routinely use the term "white nationalism" as a blanket condemnation of mainstream conservative viewpoints.

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Williams: Millennials' Disastrous Love Affair with Socialism

ACRU Policy Board member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams explains why the Millennial generation's love affair with socialism is a disaster for the country.

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Lt. Col. Richard Cole, the Last Doolittle Raider, Dies at Age 103

April 9, 2019 | PJ Media

ACRU Policy Board Member J. Christian Adams

Sad news----the last Doolittle Raider has died. Lt. Col. Richard Cole passed away Monday at the age of 103.

Cole was the final surviving member of the daring raid on Tokyo by carrier-launched B-25s. As I wrote for his 100th birthday in 2015:

Col. Richard Cole was the co-pilot of "Crew 1," which means he sat alongside Col. Jimmy Doolittle at the tip of the tip of the American spear aimed at Imperial Japan. The Doolittle Raid on April 18, 1942, was a virtual suicide mission. It was a daring sea-launched bombing

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mission in the earliest days of World War II.

After Pearl Harbor, Americans were desperate to hit back, and that first hit was the Doolittle Raid. Sixteen Army Air Force B-25s took off from the USS Hornet to hit multiple Japanese cities. The plan was to fly to China because a B-25 could not land on an aircraft carrier. Only one of the 16 planes actually landed safely----in the Soviet Union. The fate of the rest of the crews was a story of heroism and sacrifice.

Many didn't survive. Some were beheaded by the Japanese. The Japanese burned entire towns in occupied China that helped the Raiders.

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Voting Rights Restored in Guam

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky reports on Arnold Davis, who was barred from voting in Guam because he is white, finally winning the right to vote with help from ACRU Policy Board Member J. Christian Adams.

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Shameless Union Attacks Threaten Future 5G Innovation in America

April 8, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

The speed of digital advancements is what drives our economy. Since President Donald Trump took office, America has enjoyed an economic boom, with astonishingly low unemployment numbers and record capital investments in new technology that would have once seemed like science fiction.

With our smartphones and wireless data plans, more workers can telecommute today than ever before. This technology advances at lightning speed, which is why America is currently in a race with China and other countries to have a robust 5G network. This would require a massive infrastructure investment to build a network that offers previously impossible connectivity speeds
----over 100 Mbps----over cellular wireless.

T-Mobile is one company who is pledging to build an impressive 5G network while hiring thousands of workers in the process, and they need to merge with Sprint to remain competitive. However, as expected in the Washington, D.C. swamp, some groups are working to block the proposed merger between Sprint and T-Mobile by spreading blatant falsehoods.

One of those groups is the Communications Workers of America (CWA).

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ACRU celebrates September 17th as Constitution Day with gratitude for the document that has protected our individual and economic liberty for over two hundred years.

Washington, DC.---Today Americans celebrate the 232nd anniversary of the completed signing of the United States Constitution in Philadelphia in 1787 by thirty-nine Founding Fathers. By ratifying this brilliant document, they made America a nation uniquely founded on liberty like no other country in the world.

At age 81, Benjamin Franklin was the oldest signer and 26-year-old Jonathan Dayton of New Jersey, who fought in the Revolutionary War at age 15, was the youngest. James Madison drafted the document and was its chief architect, but the final wording was a result of four months of impassioned debate among delegates from twelve states.

"The U.S. Constitution is the greatest friend to life, liberty and prosperity ever conceived," notes ACRU President Lori Roman.

"It is based on the ideal that because the rights of man come from our Creator, no government can usurp those natural rights. Our Constitution was designed to ensure the power of governance always resides in the people---that government is accountable to its citizens and not the other way around."

Roman continued, "modern challenges to our liberty come from socialism, progressivism and activists attacking voting integrity, free speech, religious expression, divergent opinion and foundational freedoms like the Second Amendment and the Bill of Rights. ACRU stands at the forefront of this continued battle for liberty with the Constitution as our guide."

Roman concludes, "ACRU is truly grateful for all our friends, partners and supporters who join us to 'form a more perfect union' by defending our founding freedoms on behalf of every American against harmful, anti-Constitutional ideologies in our nation's courts, culture and bureaucracies.

We hope every American will take time today to read the Constitution and learn its storied history."

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On Constitution Day, We Must Fight Social Media Censorship

ACRU Senior Fellow Kerri Toloczko honors Constitution Day by explaining how Founding Father Benjamin Franklin would react to the Left's current attempts at censorship in social media.

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Spakovsky: Democrats Try to Use the FEC Against Free Speech

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky reports on how Democratic Federal Election Commission chairwoman Ellen Weintraub is planning to use the board's regulatory power to hamper free speech from Republicans.

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Roman: ACRU Suit Forced Change in Broward County

ACRU President Lori Roman explains how the ACRU's lawsuit spurred Broward County, Florida to begin cleaning their notoriously inaccurate voter rolls.

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Wisconsin state legislator Rep. Joe Sanfelippo explains why gun control laws offer a false sense of security and ultimately endanger the law abiding.

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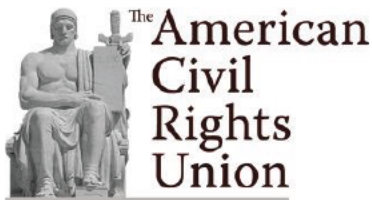
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ACRU Senior Fellow Kerri Toloczko outlines why proposed Red Flag Laws in 15 states and Washington D.C. are well-meaning, but dangerously flawed.

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ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky explains why liberals are attempting to use fake news in motions to keep the Supreme Court from deciding whether a citizenship question could be added to the 2020 Census.

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ACLU Scrapes Bottom to Stop Census Citizenship Question

June 6, 2019 | PJ Media

ACRU Policy Board Member J. Christian Adams

Some people will do anything to prevent us from knowing how many non-citizens live in the United States. Count the ACLU and Common Cause among those who will stoop to the lowest of the low to try to persuade one or two swing justices to block the simple question on the Census: Are you a citizen? This time a sleazy drama between an estranged daughter and her deceased father has given the ACLU a final desperate way to bully the Supreme Court into blocking the citizenship question, as well as personally smearing lawyers at the Justice Department.

Last year, the estranged daughter of the late Thomas B. Hofeller, a GOP redistricting guru, found something in her father's belongings some couldn't resist turning into a political weapon. After digging through her father's things, including flash drives and hard drives, Stephanie Hofeller made an offer to the activist group Common Cause they couldn't refuse----her father's property. See, Stephanie Hofeller didn't share her father's political beliefs, and neither does Common Cause.

And boy did the estranged daughter ever deliver for their common cause.

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Klukowski: Virginia Republicans Divided on Election Strategies

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the division between members of the GOP in Virginia as the party tries to find a strategy that will win back a state that is moving Left.

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ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky explains the legal requirements of the impeachment process and how likely it is that President Trump will face impeachment.

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A Disturbing Glimpse into the Manufacturing of Fake News

May 31, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

President Trump's enemies are providing yet another disturbing glimpse of the veritable fake news factory into which the mainstream media has morphed.

Late last week, Ian Bremmer, one of the most well-known foreign policy experts in America, tweeted a made-up quote from President Trump without offering any indication that the statement was fictitious. "President Trump in Tokyo: 'Kim Jong Un is smarter and would make a better President than Sleepy Joe Biden,'" Bremmer wrote, providing no further context.

Predictably, the fake news twitterverse took the quote at face-value. Journalists and lawmakers alike went on to share Bremmer's tweet, blasting President Trump for a statement he never made.

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U.S. Supreme Court Rules WWI Cross Memorial Does Not Violate the First Amendment

(Alexandria, VA)---The Supreme Court announced Thursday that the WWI memorial known as the Bladensburg Cross, or Peace Cross, does not constitute establishment of religion and therefore does not violate the First Amendment.

The American Legion, represented by First Liberty Institute, asked the Supreme Court to overturn the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit which had declared the cross unconstitutional. The American Civil Rights Union filed an amicus brief in this case asking the Court to protect the memorial.

The 7-2 decision allows the memorial to stand unaltered on public property. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor dissented, and Justice Samuel Alito offered the majority opinion.

"This is an important day for religious liberty in our country. The Court has dealt a blow to those who wish to remove all references of religion in the public square. Our founders never intended for us to erase our heritage or faith," stated Susan Carleson, President of the American Civil Rights Union.

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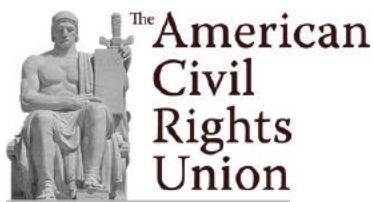
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In Opposing Trump Disclosure Order on Campaign Surveillance, Liberals Support Cover-Up

May 28, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

Acting in the interests of transparency and justice, President Donald Trump took exactly the right action Thursday night when he gave Attorney General William Barr new authority to disclose information dealing with what Barr has called "spying" on the Trump election campaign in 2016.

The president issued a memorandum authorizing Barr to "declassify, downgrade, or direct the declassification or downgrading" of any information relevant to "intelligence activities" connected to the "2016 Presidential election."

Trump's action is long overdue and should be welcomed by everyone who advocates more government disclosure about its activities---including journalists, who are always seeking such information.

Unfortunately, many Democrats and journalists immediately attacked the president for his new action favoring disclosure---in the same week they embraced the claim by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that Trump is engaged in a "cover-up" to hide information from the public.

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Williams: Misconceptions About American Slavery

ACRU Policy Board member and Professor of Economics Dr. Walter E. Williams explains how liberals have attempted to make the institution of slavery a uniquely American system, when it was in fact a practice all over the world.

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Shielding America Against Geopolitical Energy Shocks

May 29, 2019 | Townhall

ACRU Policy Board member and senior fellow Ken Blackwell

Despite America breaking records in oil production, consumers paid more for gasoline this spring, serving as a reminder that supply isn't the only factor affecting oil prices. Oil production by OPEC members recently fell to a four-year low. At nearly the same time, oil sanctions were imposed against Venezuela and sanctions against Iranian oil exports were tightened, sending shockwaves rippling through the world market.

The lesson for policymakers to take from recent gas pump price shocks is that, unless the nation is fully able to draw upon all of its energy resources when needed, American consumers will remain at the mercy of geopolitical currents. That means that we must begin the initial stages of exploring untapped areas right now. Energy development is not as simple as flipping a switch. It's a long process that involves many steps such as seismological surveys, obtaining mineral rights and securing permits before the drilling phase can even begin.

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Klukowski: SCOTUS Upholds Unborn Burial Laws

ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the Supreme Court's 7-to-2 decision to uphold laws requiring a dignified burial for unborn children and the court's decision not to make a ruling on sex-selection abortions.

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Liberals Seeking to Jail Top Trump Administration Officials Face Big Obstacles

May 25, 2019 | The Daily Signal

ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky

Some congressional Democrats want nothing more than to hand Attorney General William Barr and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin (among others) a "GO DIRECTLY TO JAIL" card like the ones you find in the game of Monopoly. But calls to lock them up are unjustified and uncalled for.

What would jailing two Cabinet members be based on?

The attorney general's handling of the report by special counsel Robert Mueller has been in accord with federal law, the federal rules of criminal procedure, and Justice Department regulations.

There is no "cover-up" by President Donald Trump going on, as wrongly claimed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. Nor are Cabinet officials engaged in a cover-up.

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ACRU General Counsel Ken Klukowski reports on the Supreme Court's decision to block lower court orders in Michigan and Ohio, pending their ruling on the constitutionality of the redistricting process.

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ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky explains how sanctuary cities protect criminal illegal aliens.

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New York City's Commission on Human Rights is suggesting that there should be \$250,000 fines for using terms like "illegal alien" or threatening to call ICE.

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The Democratic National Committee passed a resolution praising being "religiously unaffiliated", which was saluted by the Secular Coalition of America.

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ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky explains why the state of California's new law requiring presidential candidates to provide tax returns before qualifying to appear on the ballot is a partisan attack and frivolous.

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Arizona Court Sides with Religious Liberty

Arizona's Supreme Court ruled that two Christian artists could not be coerced into creating wedding invitations for a same-sex couple.

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Senate Considers Gun Control Law Authored by Attorney General

The senate is considering a gun control bill, authored in-part by Attorney General William Barr, which will expand background checks.

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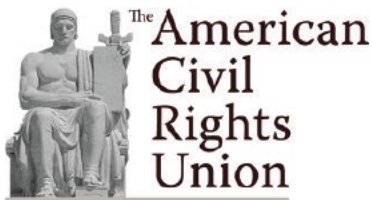
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How the Impeachment Process Works

*September 25, 2019 | The Daily Signal
ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky*

The announcement Tuesday by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that the House "is moving forward with an official impeachment inquiry" against President Donald Trump because she believes his actions "have seriously violated the Constitution" kicks off a complex and enormously consequential process.

But what exactly is impeachment? And how hard would it be to impeach the president and actually remove him from office?

The average American understandably isn't an expert on impeachment. Only two presidents have been impeached by the House-Andrew Johnson in 1868 and Bill Clinton in 1999. But neither man lost his job.

Impeachment is complicated and takes time. Parliamentary democracies can quickly remove a prime minister when a majority of lawmakers cast a vote of no-confidence in the leader. But in the U.S., the impeachment process is a much tougher task to accomplish.

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Suzanna Gratia Hupp, who survived a mass shooting in Killeen, Texas, lobbies congress for looser gun control laws, which she believes will make Americans safer.

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Immigration and Customs Enforcement has accused an illegal immigrant of running a sex trafficking ring comprised of other illegal aliens.

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Presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke is leading a campaign against the Second Amendment using lies and misinformation.

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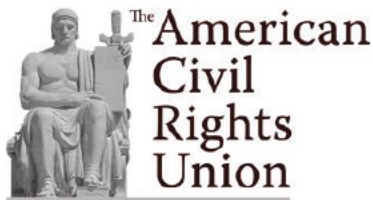
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Do you live in an area where voter turnout was higher than the number of registered voters? Are you aware of a situation in your town where freedom of speech or religion was attacked. Are red flag laws being implemented in your area in an alarming manner? Email tips to info@theacru.org.

ACRU congratulates Presidential Medal of Honor recipient and ACRU Board Member Edwin Meese II

Our treasured Board Member and former Reagan Administration Attorney General Edwin Meese III received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Donald J. Trump on October 8th. We cannot think of another defender of civil rights more deserving of this honor. In congratulating General Meese, ACRU President Lori Roman noted, "With the wisdom of a modern-day Founding Father, Meese has served as a guiding light for patriotism and the conservative movement for nearly eight decades." The full text of our congratulatory press release includes a fun story about his first act of patriotism at age 10.

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ACRU's Ambassador Ken Blackwell: No sanctuary for sanctuary policy

In an October 22 column published in The Hill, ACRU Policy Board member Ken Blackwell pulls no punches in calling out sanctuary policy for what it is -- "a threat to decent people." Noting that sanctuary jurisdictions are unconstitutional in the first place, Ken lists a few examples of the the murders and violent crimes among many committed on American victims; perhaps the only crimes that are 100% preventable.

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Oklahoma Sheriff's Office ignores ICE detainer; alleged rapist returns to home of victim

After being booked into jail for suspicion of rape, an Oklahoma county sheriff released an illegal alien from El Salvador back into the community, ignoring an ICE detainer. The accused went back to the home of his alleged victim, who called the police immediately. Fortunately, ICE

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tracked him down and arrested him. His alleged victim is now safe, no thanks to the Constitutionally-defiant sanctuary policies of law enforcement agencies in the area now scrambling to blame each other. Bottom line? ICE detainer ignored, victim endangered.

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ACRU's Senior Fellow Kerri Toloczko: Don't pick on church tax exemptions or good works

Democrat presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke swirled himself into dust devil of criticism from conservatives-and many liberals-when he called for churches to lose their tax exempt status if they don't support same-sex marriage. In this column, Kerri points out that neither Beto's personal beliefs nor "separation of church and state" are in the Constitution, and progressives who agree with him would be separating the needy, people suffering from mental health or addictions issues and prison inmates from much needed help if they had their way. There is a reason religious liberty is our first freedom, and so it should remain.

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San Francisco edict against "pro-life" states is just ... well, awful.

San Francisco politicians might consider cleaning the dust off their copy of the Bill of Rights and reading the part that forbids government from making laws prohibiting the free exercise of religion. If anyone bumps into San Francisco Mayor London Breed or City Supervisor Vallie Brown, who pushed this restriction, please let them know the First Amendment is at the beginning; they don't have to read too far to find it. We think they would do better to clean up the dirty needles, excrement (apologies, gentle readers) and typhus on their streets than worry about the pro-life choices of voters in other states.

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Making Vote Harvesting legal reaps a bad crop

ACRU Policy Board member and Heritage Foundation Senior Legal Fellow Hans von Spakovsky points out in a recent column for Washington Times that "vote harvesting" is a relatively new term but a very big invitation for voter fraud. Hans defines vote harvesting occurring "when third parties - like campaign workers - collect absentee ballots from voters and deliver them to election officials. It gives campaign and political party intermediaries the ability to influence voters while they are casting a ballot out of election officials' sight." He lists criminal cases that are already in the courts as a result of illegal vote harvesting.

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Citizens to County Sheriff enforcing local Red Flag Law: You're fired!

Humboldt County commissioners recently had the nerve to cite the Second Amendment itself

as an excuse to pass red flag laws in one Nevada county. Citizens have now initiated a recall petition for the Sheriff who says he will enforce the law. The Sheriff has noted he opposes the law while also stating his officers could take people's guns if they weren't at home. A group of 2nd Amendment supporters are also trying to recall Democrat Governor Steve Sisolak for his promotion of the anti-Second Amendment legislation he signed earlier in the year. Liberal politicians make the laws, law enforcement gets stuck in the middle and citizens lose their rights without due process under red flag laws.

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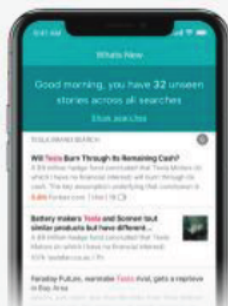
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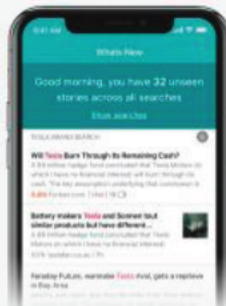


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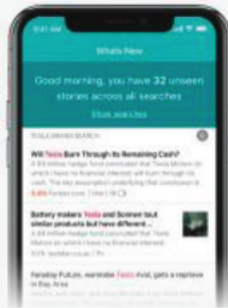


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Reading the federal government's new [case study](#) on the spread of the novel coronavirus in Chicago feels like watching the movie "Contagion," as Gwyneth Paltrow's character returns from Macao to Minnesota. It's a real-life reminder that a single person can trigger a deadly chain reaction.

The [story](#) laid out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention begins with a funeral in February. Patient Zero, a friend of the deceased who had recently traveled out of state and was experiencing mild respiratory symptoms, came to a dinner the night before the service. He shared a takeout meal from common serving dishes with two family members of the

deceased at a house.

Three days later, one of the dinner hosts started to show symptoms of the coronavirus. Two days after that, the other did too. A third member of the family, who hugged Patient Zero at the funeral, got sick.

A few days after the funeral, Patient Zero – still only experiencing mild symptoms – went to a birthday party with nine other people. Seven of them soon fell ill. Two have died.

Three of the seven people who would get sick after the birthday party then went to church. Someone sitting within a row of them in the pews during the service, who was passed the offering plate, soon developed symptoms.

The first host of the dinner from the night before the funeral was hospitalized as their condition deteriorated. A ventilator would not be able to save this person, but a family member who came to visit the hospital soon developed a fever and cough.

All these infected people unwittingly transmitted the disease to other loved ones, fellow parishioners, home health workers and so forth. This happened before Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker (D) banned gatherings of more than 50 people and, four days after that, issued a stay-at-home order.

This is how clusters form. Such seemingly innocuous person-to-person contact is the way places turn into hot spots. In New Orleans, it was Mardi Gras. In Italy, it was a soccer game. In France, it was a ski resort.

This is why it is so risky for the citizens they are supposed to serve that [seven](#) Republican governors persist in their refusal to issue [stay-at-home orders](#), even as the United States now has about 15,000 confirmed deaths, [including](#) at least 1,924 on Wednesday, and 432,000 confirmed cases. This is why it is reckless and irresponsible for those few pastors who are defying federal social distancing guidelines to hold in-person services during the Holy Week.

Six feet has never felt so far, but anyone can be an attack vector – a Trojan

horse carrying this invisible enemy inside. Even those who have no symptoms. As much as every Christian wants to share the Good News that's coming on Sunday, doing so in person this year could cause some very bad news.

Patient Zero “was apparently able to transmit infection to 10 other persons, despite having no household contacts and experiencing only mild symptoms for which medical care was not sought,” the report concludes. “These findings support CDC recommendations to avoid gatherings and reinforce the executive order from the governor of Illinois prohibiting all public and private gatherings of any number of persons occurring outside a single household.”



Kansas Republicans voted yesterday to revoke Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly’s order limiting religious gatherings to 10 people. “House and Senate leaders — meeting as a body called the Legislative Coordinating Council — voted along party lines to throw out the directive,” [the Wichita Eagle reports](#). “Their decision came as the number of reported COVID-19 cases in the state climbed to more than 1,000 and the death count ticked up to 38. Church gatherings have produced three case clusters across the state and health officials fear Easter gatherings could further spread the deadly coronavirus. ... Kelly denounced the legislators’ decision at a late afternoon press conference, calling it

‘shockingly irresponsible’ and one likely to cost lives.”

Complaints about social distancing violations make up about 30 percent of calls to New York City’s non-emergency number.

“There were swarms of food couriers and impatient customers with to-go orders outside Carbone, a Michelin-starred Italian restaurant,” [Jada Yuan and Richard Morgan report](#). “A 15-person house party in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, where a masked gunman shot the host to death. A Catholic wedding in Staten Island with 20 to 25 people in attendance, which was criticized by the Archdiocese of New York. ... [Hasidic Jews] are defying police and city officials by conducting funerals attended by hundreds of mourners.”

“Most of us hadn’t heard the term ‘flatten the curve’ before mid-March, and just a few weeks later, it’s already out of date. The new catchphrase in this coronavirus pandemic is ‘squash the curve.’ Or ‘quash.’ Or ‘crush.’ Pick your verb, the idea is the same: We should not end social distancing and reopen the economy until we know the infection rate is nearly zero,” [Joel Achenbach explains](#). “One number everyone looks at is the reproduction number, or R_0 (known as ‘R naught’), which is the number of new infections generated by each infected person. Estimates of the R_0 for this new virus have generally been higher than two. Only when the number is driven below one will the pandemic begin to wane.”

Vatican insiders worry that Pope Francis is not taking social distancing seriously enough. He’s postponed his first overseas trip of the year, to Malta, and he’s conducting the ceremonies leading up to Easter largely via live stream. But he’s also made clear that he has no interest in full-on papal social distancing, [Chico Harlan, Stefano Pitrelli and Sarah Pulliam Bailey report](#): “He continues to hold in-person meetings, sometimes sitting almost knee-to-knee with guests. He eschews wearing a mask ... He has tried to maintain a near-normal daily schedule even as the virus has reached closer — with one positive case discovered in late March in Santa Marta, the residence hall where Francis lives. Francis — 83 years old and missing part of a lung — has ... grouched in recent weeks about

feeling ‘caged,’ and his sociable, off-the-cuff personal style runs counter to the best guidance about how to contain the virus.”

“Let’s hope he doesn’t catch it,” said one Vatican official, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he did not want to be publicly critical of the pope. “Can you imagine a conclave in a time of epidemic? It would look like a sci-fi Vatican novel.”

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The Labor Department said 6.6 million Americans applied last week for unemployment.

“More than 17 million new jobless claims have been filed in the past four weeks,” [Heather Long and Andrew Van Dam report](#). “The 17 million figure includes new reporting from the Labor Department that even more people filed for unemployment in the prior week, pushing the jobless claims up during the week ending March 28 to a record 6.9 million, up from 6.6 million. ... Janet L. Yellen, one of the world’s top economists, said the U.S. unemployment rate has jumped to at least 12 or 13 percent already, the worst level of joblessness the nation has seen since the Great Depression. ‘It looks like the unemployment rate is headed to 15 percent,’ said Chris Rupkey, chief financial economist at MUFG Bank, in a note to clients. ‘This isn’t a recession, it’s the Great Depression II.’ ...

“Florida started handing out paper unemployment applications this week because the state’s jobless claims website kept failing. In New York, laid off workers are having to call hundreds of times to complete their applications. ... Modern day ‘bread lines’ have started appearing in cities like Orlando, San Diego, Pittsburgh and Cleveland where thousands lined up for free food.”

At least 759 Americans under the age of 50 have perished.

A Post analysis of state data found at least nine victims under the age of 20. “The risk appears to rise with every decade of age,” [Chris Mooney, Brady Dennis and Sarah Kaplan report](#). “The Post found at least 45 deaths among people in their 20s, at least 190 deaths among people in their 30s, and at least 413 deaths among people in their 40s. Determining a precise number for each category is difficult because of the divergent ways states present age groups. But The Post found at least 102 other deaths that occurred among people younger than 50. The true number of deaths among young people is probably even higher. Not all states provide data on coronavirus deaths sorted by age group. ... Even more young people are getting cases of serious disease that require hospital care to beat.” The CDC released an early demographic snapshot of the worst coronavirus cases, [confirming](#) heightened numbers for those with underlying conditions, men and African Americans.

Gen Z was already fed up with the status quo. The virus could reinforce their liberal politics. “As the pandemic and its economic havoc exacerbate disparities, some Gen Zers see grim validation of their support for the government-run programs and social-welfare policies less popular with their parents and grandparents,” [Hannah Knowles reports](#). “Seventy percent of them believe the government should be doing more to solve problems, compared with 53 percent of Gen Xers and 49 percent of baby boomers, according to Pew.”

Medical workers who have volunteered to help New York are sitting idle.

“Every day, he goes online and checks his messages again and again, and every day is the same: no response. George Weinhouse, a 67-year-old retired anesthesiologist, answered the call weeks ago for volunteers with medical experience to help New York weather the worst pandemic since 1918. ... Even as the coronavirus crisis approaches its peak in New York, straining the medical system like no other previous disaster, he’s still waiting,” [Kent Babb reports](#). “Weinhouse was among 89,456 medical volunteers ready to relieve exhausted front-line health providers. But just 7,000 have been assigned to a job, leaving about 92 percent yet to be

deployed. ... Hospitals are prioritizing certain specialties more than others, a state health department spokeswoman said ... Government officials added that a state database created for the effort compiles and automatically vets volunteers and checks professional licenses, but individual hospitals or systems are responsible for requesting and assigning staff, along with training and determinations for shifts and potential compensation. But some volunteers said they're willing to work for free and perform any task."

New York City is taking hundreds of body bags out of houses. Soon they could be added to the virus's death count. New York City Fire Department data [obtained by the Daily Beast](#) shows first responders reported 2,192 "dead-on-arrival" calls over the past two weeks. On average, the department handled about 453 of those calls over the same period last year.

Genomes show most New York coronavirus cases came from Europe. "New research indicates that the coronavirus began to circulate in the New York area by mid-February, weeks before the first confirmed case, and that travelers brought in the virus mainly from Europe, not Asia," [the New York Times reports](#). "'The majority is clearly European,' said Harm van Bakel, a geneticist at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, who co-wrote a study awaiting peer review. A separate team at N.Y.U. Grossman School of Medicine came to strikingly similar conclusions, despite studying a different group of cases. Both teams analyzed genomes from coronaviruses taken from New Yorkers starting in mid-March. The research revealed a previously hidden spread of the virus that might have been detected if aggressive testing programs had been put in place."

Flight attendants are growing fearful of flying.

Their union said more than 150 members have reported testing positive, another 300 suspect they have contracted the virus and at least two have died. ([Lori Aratani](#))

- The virus is unlikely to significantly diminish with warm weather,

- according to a National Academies of Sciences panel. ([Andrew Freedman](#))
- All 12 coronavirus fatalities in St. Louis have been African American. The city has more than 480 cases. ([Post-Dispatch](#))
- Hialeah, Florida's most Hispanic city, will probably become a hot zone. That suspicion is based both on the growing number of confirmed cases and the city's large senior population — a majority of whom live in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, public housing projects and rentals that are subsidized with Section 8 vouchers. ([Daily Beast](#))
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- A New York woman was charged with manslaughter after she allegedly pushed an 86-year-old patient in an emergency room because she was too close for social distancing. ([Teo Armus](#))
- California counties are scrambling to find ventilators as Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) sends 500 state-owned ones to New York and other hot spots elsewhere. ([Los Angeles Times](#))
- Hundreds of California fast-food workers will strike today to demand that McDonald's and other chains give them protective equipment and sick leave. ([Teo Armus](#))
- A nursing home in Riverside, Calif., where dozens have tested positive, was forced to evacuate after a majority of its staff failed to show up to work for a second consecutive day. ([Allyson Chiu](#))
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More than 10,600 cases were reported in the D.C. area.

"Maryland reported more than 20 deaths in a single day for just the second time," [Erin Cox](#), [John Harden](#), [Fenit Nirappil](#) and [Laura Vozzella](#) report.

"So far, 227 people had died in the [region], as hospitalizations for covid-19

continued to rise and experts said the area has yet to reach the peak of the pandemic. In just the D.C. metro region, the number of confirmed cases climbed 76 percent in 24 hours, from 494 to 869. The jarring spike was driven by Maryland's Prince George's and Montgomery counties, where the number of confirmed cases rose 179 percent to 507 patients diagnosed with the virus. Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) said the statewide spike — a record — has dual explanations: rising infections plus ramped-up testing that identified patients whose samples were collected a week or more ago.”

- D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) shut down golf courses and tennis courts and set new restrictions on food shopping, ordering that farmers and fish markets must shift to “grab and go” to operate. Grocery stores must both limit the number of shoppers inside and instruct them to cover their faces.
- Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) announced a two-week delay on the congressional primary election scheduled for early June and asked the Virginia General Assembly to postpone May's special and municipal elections until November. Northam warned that the outbreak could cost the state government at least \$2 billion over the next two years.
- A southwest Virginia man sued Northam because he cannot attend church on Easter. Larry Hughes, identified in his lawsuit as “a professing Christian who has regularly attended religious services for many years,” is asking the court to issue a temporary restraining order or to order the state not to enforce its measures on Easter Sunday.
- Jerry Falwell Jr., the president of Liberty University in Virginia, said arrest warrants have been issued for journalists from the NYT and ProPublica after the outlets published articles critical of his decision to reopen the university's campus amid the pandemic.
- The National Park Service finally closed Shenandoah National Park in Virginia.
- Officials also said it would take “at least three weeks” to update the District's unemployment system to increase benefits and allow claims from gig workers and independent contractors now eligible under federal relief legislation.
- Eight additional members of the D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department tested positive, bringing the total of infected emergency workers in the capital city to 46. The D.C. jail reported its

- highest one-day increase in positive virus cases Wednesday, adding nine more inmates to its tally of 37.

The federal response



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Resources for small businesses during the COVID-19 outbreak



We know it's a challenging time for small businesses. To help, Facebook set up a resource hub with information, from how to set up a customer service plan to experimenting with online events.

Visit our new Business Resource Hub for more.

Democrats and Trump are clashing over a measure to give more money to small businesses.

“The Trump administration’s demand for \$250 billion in new funding for small businesses provoked a high-stakes standoff Wednesday as congressional Democrats rejected the no-strings-attached request and made an expensive counter-offer,” [Erica Werner, Mike DeBonis and Seung Min Kim report](#). “Senate Republicans and Democrats planned to bring competing measures to the floor [today], virtually ensuring that neither measure would pass. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) said any package that included \$250 billion in new small-business funding would need to include more than \$250 billion in extra money for hospitals, state and local governments and food stamp recipients. ... The White House wanted the Senate to vote on the measure Thursday and the House to pass it by Friday, but as of late Wednesday it was unclear how Congress would proceed. ... Republicans, meanwhile, didn’t seem amenable to meeting Democrats’ demands.”

- Pelosi is urging the GOP to “come to the table” and continue these talks. “What they are proposing will not get unanimous consent in the House,” the speaker [told Bob Costa](#).
- Big banks that took taxpayer bailouts in 2008 are now turning their backs on small businesses, a Small Business Administration official alleged in a video of a teleconference leaked to [Aaron Gregg and Renae Merle](#).
- Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-Ga.) said she and her husband will liquidate their individual stock holdings amid accusations that she sought to profit from information she received at a closed-door coronavirus briefing in January. ([Felicia Sonmez](#))

The president is preparing to unveil a second coronavirus task force.

This one is “aimed specifically at combating the economic ramifications of the virus and focused on reopening the nation’s economy,” [Ashley Parker, Josh Dawsey and Yasmeen Abutaleb report](#). “The task force will be made up of a mix of private-sector and top administration officials, including chief of staff Mark Meadows — whose first official day on the job was last week — Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and national economic adviser

Larry Kudlow ... Meadows is likely to lead the task force, though no official decision has been made ... Kevin Hassett, Trump's former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, may also join the group."

- Attorney General Bill Barr said some of the government-imposed lockdown measures are "draconian" and suggested that they should be eased next month. "I think we have to allow people to adapt more than we have, and not just tell people to go home and hide under their bed," he told Fox News's Laura Ingraham. ([Matt Zapotosky](#))
- The Navy is poised to send another aircraft carrier to sea, the USS Nimitz, even after a coronavirus scare among its crew. ([Dan Lamothe](#))
- Acting Navy secretary Thomas Modly's trip to Guam, where he delivered [the rant](#) over the loudspeaker on the USS Theodore Roosevelt that would cost him his job, cost taxpayers at least \$243,000. ([Lamothe](#))
- Veterans Affairs hospitals are facing serious shortages of protective gear, according to internal memos leaked to the [Wall Street Journal](#).
- The U.S. government made a \$490 million deal with GM for emergency ventilators. ([Reed Albergotti and Faiz Siddiqui](#))

Trump's resistance to independent oversight is drawing bipartisan scrutiny.

"Trump's dismissal of Michael Atkinson, the intelligence community's inspector general, has in particular troubled influential Senate Republicans who are pushing the president for a more detailed explanation of why Atkinson was suddenly booted from his position late last week," [Seung Min Kim, Josh Dawsey, Tom Hamburger and Mike DeBonis report](#). "After firing Atkinson last week, Trump this week removed Glenn Fine, who had been the acting inspector general for the Pentagon and was to chair a federal panel overseeing the Trump administration's management of the \$2 trillion coronavirus rescue package ... The president also was critical of Christi A. Grimm, the principal deputy inspector general at the Department of Health and Human Services ... Many Democrats worry that oversight of the coronavirus stimulus will become the latest instance where the legislative and executive branches become bogged down in warfare over their respective powers, with the judiciary failing to resolve those disputes in a timely manner."

- “The coronavirus pandemic has crystallized several long-standing undercurrents of the president’s governing ethos: a refusal to accept criticism, a seemingly insatiable need for praise — and an abiding mistrust of independent entities and individuals,” [Ashley Parker and Anne Gearan note](#).
- [A Quinnipiac University Poll](#) finds that 55 percent of registered voters don’t think Trump has acted aggressively enough, with 31 percent giving him an F on the way he has communicated information about the virus. Tony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, received a 78 percent approval rating.
- U.S. intelligence agencies started tracking the outbreak in China as early as November, [CNN reports](#). The president’s daily brief began including intelligence about the contagion on Jan. 3.
- Trump’s company, suffering from virus-related closures, paid rent to Palm Beach County for one of its Florida golf clubs after inquiring about possible relief. ([Joshua Partlow and Jonathan O’Connell](#))

Coughing “attacks” may be prosecuted as terrorism.

“People are using the novel coronavirus itself as a threat by coughing on officers or one another, threatening to cough on those around them, or contaminating merchandise at stores,” [Chelsea Janes reports](#). “In one instance, Gerrity’s grocery store in Hanover Township, Pa., was forced to throw out \$35,000 worth of food when a woman allegedly coughed and spat on it on purpose and claimed to be infected with the virus. She was charged with making terroristic threats, among other things.”

“I just got a shot of a coronavirus vaccine. I hope it works.”

Ian Haydon, a public information specialist at the University of Washington, [wrote](#) about his experience as one of 45 volunteers taking part in Phase 1 of a clinical trial testing a potential cure: “Instead of injecting me with protein derived from the virus, the researchers jabbed me with genetic material encoding such a protein. If my body absorbs this code and carries out its instructions, some of my cells will produce a single protein from the virus. That should prompt my immune system to create antibodies against the viral molecule. The idea is that those antibodies would protect against the real virus.”

Quote of the day

“Please do not politicize this virus,” World Health Organization Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in response to Trump’s threat to cut off U.S. funding because he says the entity is too pro-China. “If you want to have many more body bags, then you do it. If you don’t want many more body bags, then you refrain from politicizing it.” (CNBC)

The foreign fallout



Doctors and nurses face growing abuse and attacks in the developing world.

“It’s hard enough being a doctor in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. But Sanjibani Panigrahi, a psychiatrist at a government hospital in western India, now finds her own neighbors turning against her,” [Mary Beth Sheridan, Niha Masih and Regine Cabato report](#). “We are sure you have corona,’ one woman recently shrieked at her, she says, — part of a torrent

of abuse from residents at her apartment complex. ‘We will not allow you in the building.’ In some cities, health-care workers are earning standing ovations for the long, life-risking hours they’re putting in to battle the coronavirus. But in others, they’re facing discrimination and even attacks. In Mexico, Colombia, India, the Philippines, Australia and other countries, people terrified by the highly infectious virus are lashing out at medical professionals — kicking them off buses, evicting them from apartments, even dousing them with water mixed with chlorine.”

More than 750,000 answered the U.K.’s call to help the NHS.

That’s four times the size of the British armed forces, [Karla Adam and Christine Spolar report](#). “Britain hasn’t seen such a surge in volunteers since World War II, when the country pulled together in a way still remembered with immense pride. Now — with more than 60,000 people here having tested positive for the novel coronavirus, and with the prime minister among those who have been hospitalized — organizers are figuring out how to deploy the army, while individuals and companies are engaged in informal volunteer activities throughout the British Isles. Michael Hayes, 55, is a taxi driver who joined the volunteer army and is awaiting his first official assignment. In the meantime, he spends about five hours a day driving NHS staff home, at no cost, from Newham University Hospital in East London, where his three children were born.”

As borders harden, some countries are looking to hold on to their own food.

“A steady rise in countries limiting or banning food exports has triggered warnings from U.N. food agency leaders about possible disruptions to the global food supply as the world retrenches amid the covid-19 pandemic — potentially making critical staples such as wheat and rice more costly and harder to find,” [Robyn Dixon, David Stern and Almaz Kumenov report](#). “For exporting countries, domestic reserves of grains and rice are generally good after years of relatively good harvests, according to the U.N.’s food and agriculture program. But reductions in exports could hit countries in Africa, the Philippines, the Persian Gulf and other regions that import

much of their food.”

- Saudi Arabia announced a cease-fire in Yemen, citing the virus. ([Kareem Fahim](#))
- Turkish authorities said they will begin tracking the cellphone location of people infected with the virus to make sure they’re isolated. ([Fahim](#))
- Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte warned that the E.U. could fall apart after European finance ministers failed again on Wednesday to agree upon an economic rescue plan for the bloc. ([Siobhán O’Grady](#))
- Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez said his country is approaching a decline in the crisis, with 683 deaths yesterday, down from 757 the day before. The country has 152,446 confirmed cases. ([Rick Noack and Pamela Rolfe](#))
- Japan set aside more than \$2 billion in its economic recovery package to help firms shift production away from China after the pandemic disrupted supply chains and exposed an overreliance on its neighbor. ([Simon Denyer](#))

As Wuhan’s lockdown ended, residents are leaving messages for the dead doctor who sounded the alarm.

“When the people of Wuhan and elsewhere across China have wanted to share lockdown anxieties, seek advice or simply vent, many have turned to one of the country’s most famous Wuhan hero: Li Wenliang, the whistleblower doctor who died Feb. 7,” [Gerry Shih reports](#). “In recent weeks, homebound Internet users have left hundreds of thousands of messages to ‘Brother Liang’ — or sometimes called ‘Old Li’ — as comments under Li’s final post from Feb. 1 on Weibo, the popular Chinese social media platform. In tones both casual and intensely personal, they have used Li as a kind of a silent confidant, therapist and muse.”

The general election is here



Bernie Sanders ended his presidential campaign.

“Sanders waved goodbye at the camera Tuesday night as he concluded an online discussion about the coronavirus. ‘Thank you very much, and we will see you all soon,’ he said. That casual farewell did not reflect the candidate’s intense deliberations off camera. By Wednesday morning, he would jump on a conference call with his staff to share words far more blunt: His five-year campaign to win the White House was over,” [Sean Sullivan, Matt Viser and David Weigel report](#). “In a later video address, he explained the conclusion he was not able to escape in the weeks he had spent grappling about his political future. ‘As I see the crisis gripping the nation,’ a slightly hoarse Sanders told supporters in a live stream from his home in Burlington, Vt., ‘I cannot in good conscience continue to mount a campaign that cannot win and which would interfere with the important work required of all of us in this difficult hour.’

“By midday, he had spoken privately to Joe Biden ... Sanders in his video pledged to support the former vice president, although he said he will remain on primary ballots in an effort to collect enough delegates to influence the party’s platform in negotiations this summer. In [an interview](#) on ‘The Late Show With Stephen Colbert,’ Sanders praised Biden, but said he hoped to ‘move him in a more progressive direction.’ Asked by Colbert if he was presenting a ‘full-throated endorsement,’ Sanders replied that his team was in touch with Biden’s team to work on ‘how we can best

go forward together.”

Trump's campaign greeted the end of the Democratic primary with conflicting messages.

“Biden became the presumptive nominee, they argued, because he was the choice of his party’s embedded establishment that disrespected the populist movement behind [Sanders]. ... But Biden also pulled it off, they said, because he embraced the far-left policies of the anti-establishment Sanders and is indistinguishable from the self-described socialist. ‘They’re both the same,’ tweeted Trump campaign manager Brad Parscale,” [Michael Scherer and Toluse Olorunnipa report](#). “The comments from Trump and his campaign Wednesday underscored how they plan to begin the general election by running two distinct campaigns against the presumptive Democratic nominee. One is a competition for the ideological center of the country, run through the tony, tax-skeptical suburbs of key swing states that rejected the GOP in 2018. The second is a fight for the mostly working-class populism of the left, which has rejected the establishment politics of both national parties.”

Biden earned a slew of new endorsements.

These include Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), a former Democratic presidential contender, as well as Anthony Scaramucci, Trump’s short-lived White House communications director, and the Lincoln Project, a group of anti-Trump Republicans run by George Conway, the husband of counselor to the president Kellyanne Conway. ([Felicia Sonmez and Colby Itkowitz](#))

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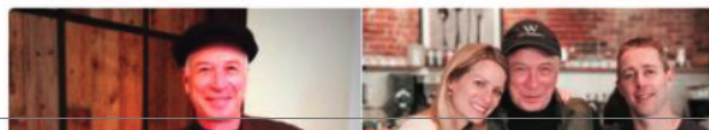
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Katie Jacobs Stanton
@KatieS



With the heaviest of hearts, I said goodbye to my dad today. He died from complications caused by Coronavirus. It was devastating to not be there in person, but I'm grateful for the caregivers & friends who helped me VC w/ him in the final hours to tell him how much he was loved.





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@DoctorChrys



He was larger than life
My advisor for every step of my road to becoming a
Physician
Amazing Uncle
Great Surgeon
My inspiration
a Surgeon all the way to end.
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pandemic and became a victim of it. [#devastated](#)
[#HealthCareHero](#)



Viola Davis
@violadavis



RIP Charles Gregory. He did my hair for the Academy
Awards, Lila and Eve and Madea Goes to Jail. Another
loss from the deadly Coronavirus. Rest well. May God's
peace be with your family. You were a jewel ❤️🙏🙏



Videos of the day

Trevor Noah looked at some of the reasons the virus is hurting blacks more than whites:



Seth Meyers took a moment to share a few positive stories from around the country:



And Sam Bee reviewed the administration's lackluster response to the crisis:



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Sean,

FYI for some reason, I didn't get your email on Wednesday with the pleadings. I just checked again to confirm that it didn't come through. Maybe it was too big.

Thanks,
Ryan

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Ryan,

I wanted to give you a quick update. In light of the postponed elections, Plaintiffs filed this short supplemental brief (see attached) stating our position on proposed timetables.

In addition, the attorney for DeKalb County Board of Registration & Elections contacted me by email yesterday. Pursuant to the Judge's instructions, I had to immediately tell the Judge that they had responded. Attached is the email correspondence between me and the court. The language I used to characterize DeKalb's response was pre-approved by their lawyers.

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EXHIBIT A

DECLARATION OF CLIFF ALBRIGHT

My name is Cliff Albright and I am over the age of 18 and fully competent to make this declaration. Under penalty of perjury, I declare the following:

1. I am the Executive Director of Black Voters Matter Fund (“Black Voters Matter”).
2. Black Voters Matter is a non-partisan civic organization whose goal is to increase power in communities of color. Effective voting allows a community to determine its own destiny. Communities of color often face barriers to voting that other communities do not, so we focus on removing those barriers. Black Voters Matter works on increasing voter registration and turnout, advocating for policies to expand voting rights and access, such as expanded early voting, resisting voter ID, re-entry restoration of rights and Strengthening the Voting Rights Act. We also advocate for policies that intersect with race, gender, economic and other aspects of equity.
3. Black Voters Matter is particularly active in the rural Black Belt of Georgia, which includes several counties in southwest Georgia. We focus on those communities because they tend to be the most neglected, and have higher rates of poverty than other places.

4. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we expect that the use of mail-in absentee voting will skyrocket this year. This means that our efforts will now focus almost exclusively on educating voters about the mail-in absentee ballot and application process, and helping voters cast mail-in absentee ballots this year.

5. We intend to start a texting and phone banking initiative to reach out to registered voters who are wrongfully considered “inactive” by the State of Georgia, among other voters. Although the Secretary of State recently sent absentee ballot applications to registered “active” voters, they did not send them to “inactive” voters.

6. We are using texting and phone banking to educate voters about the mail-in absentee voting process, including how to obtain an absentee ballot application, how to fill it out, how to fill out the absentee ballot, and how to get postage stamps.

7. Many voters, especially lower-income voters, do not have postage stamps because they do not use them, or cannot afford to buy a book of stamps just for elections.

8. Helping voters obtain postage stamps can be complicated and time-consuming because some voters do not have Internet access or credit cards to purchase them online, and they do not want to needlessly expose themselves to the COVID-19 virus to buy stamps at a post office. Many cannot even travel to a post

office or other public place because they do not have cars, there are no ride-sharing programs or public transportation in large parts of rural Georgia.

9. Making matters worse, voters do not even know how much postage is needed. 55 cents may not be enough because ballots can sometimes be long and therefore heavy. Almost no voters we work with have stamp scales. So we have to encourage the use of extra and potentially unnecessary postage just to make sure their vote is counted.

10. Dealing with the postage stamp issue takes up a lot of our time and resources, impeding our mission to increase voter participation in rural Black communities. Because effective voter education requires that instructions be clear and straightforward, the postage stamp barrier makes it harder for to effectively communicate to voters.

11. We are diverting resources towards the postage stamp issue when they could be used for our other activities. Such other activities include helping people obtain absentee ballot applications, when many do not have printers to print the application from online. Though voters are supposed to be allowed to ask for applications by calling election offices, we have already heard reports of several southwest Georgia elections offices not answering the phone. They also include helping voters submit those applications, and while it is possible to submit

applications by e-mail, many voters do not have Internet access. We must also educate voters about submitting the applications as soon as possible, because while technically any voter can ask for an application as late as the Friday before Election Day, it is impossible for such voters to send in an absentee ballot so that it arrives on Election Day.

12. Efforts also include helping people navigate the absentee ballot process itself. Lengthy absentee ballot instructions make it difficult for many voters, especially those with minimal schooling, to follow those instructions.

13. All of this work is time consuming and is being limited by the time we have to devote to dealing with postage stamp problems. We could help so many more voters if we were not sidelined by this issue.

14. Based on my experience, I also anticipate that we will receive many calls and questions about the absentee ballot process. This call volume will likely be higher because of the postage stamp issue.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct.


Cliff Albright

4/7/2020
Date

EXHIBIT B

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAILING OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION

In order to receive a ballot by mail for the election, you may vote the ballot you receive in lieu of vote.

If information is correct, signed portions of the application, **your application.**

On this instruction panel by cutting along

that the address to your county elections office is outside.

6. To secure the mailer and to protect your information, tab or tape shut using clear tape within 1 inch of the bottom edge. **This is required for the post office to accept it.**

7. In lieu of mailing, you can scan or take a picture of your completed and signed application and email it to: voterreg@dekalbcountyga.gov

TAPE OR TAB SHUT WITHIN 1" OF LEAD/TRAIL EDGE

Cut along line before returning form.

APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT

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(Failure to fill out the form completely could delay your application)

Election, or Runoff: 5/19/2020

Voter Registration #: 07985597

1	First: Megan Last: Gordon	Middle: Lane Suffix:
2	Street: [Redacted for privacy] City: Clarkston County: DeKalb	Zip: 30021-1059
3	Street: _____ City: _____ County: _____	Zip: _____

Address on file with election office
Which you are registered OR the one you have given your county elections office to use unless you provide otherwise in 3.

Address where you want your absentee ballot at an address other than the one in Section 2, fill it in here. This is optional.

AFFIX FIRST CLASS STAMP HERE

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DECATUR, GA 30032-1239

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EXHIBIT C



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Absentee Voting

A Guide for Registered Voters

2020

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This guide is an overview of Georgia's absentee voting process. Additional information is available on the Secretary of State's web site at www.sos.ga.gov. Please use this guide along with the Georgia Election Code and the Georgia State Election Board Rules. Citations in this guide refer to the United States Code (U.S.C.), Georgia Election Code (O.C.G.A.) or Georgia State Election Board Rules.

In all matters, the law and rule are the final authority.

THE WAYS TO VOTE IN GEORGIA

Election Day Voting

On Election Day, you must vote at your assigned precinct and present a photo ID. To check your precinct location online go to: www.mvp.sos.ga.gov.

Absentee Voting By Mail

Any voter registered in Georgia can vote absentee by mail. Just complete the application found in the back of this guide. Then, mail, fax, email (as an attachment), or drop the application off at your county registrar's office. We urge you to request your mail-in ballot and get it back to your county registrar's office as soon as possible. Mail-in ballots can be requested no earlier than 180 days prior to the election and must be received by your county registrar no later than close of the polls on Election Day.

There are special provisions for Georgia Military and Overseas Voters that can be found at: http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections/military_and_overseas_voting2.

Absentee Voting in Person

Any voter registered in Georgia may vote absentee in person. This allows you to vote on a day and time that is convenient for you. Beginning on the 4th Monday prior to Election Day, simply visit your county or municipality early voting site, fill out the application, and present one of the permitted forms of photo ID. As Election Day approaches, your county may have multiple early voting sites and even extended hours. Voting times and locations for your precinct can be found at: www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/.

Some counties offer ballot delivery for registered voters who are hospitalized. Contact your county registrar at least 5 days prior to the election for information regarding this option.

ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL

Applying For Your Absentee Ballot

Paper absentee ballots will be mailed to voters only upon request. All written requests must be submitted (by mail, fax, email) or personally delivered to the registrar office in the county where you are registered to vote. Addresses and contact information can be found at:

<http://sos.ga.gov/cgi-bin/countyregistrarsindex.asp>.

Written requests for absentee ballots can be made in the following ways:

1. Absentee applications can be downloaded from the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ga.gov/elections.
2. You can submit a written request for an absentee ballot by providing the following information to your county registrar or absentee ballot clerk:
 - Your name,
 - Date of birth,
 - Registration address,
 - Temporary out of county address to which the ballot should be sent,
 - Type of election (presidential preference primary, general primary, primary runoff, municipal, municipal runoff, special, general, general runoff),
 - Name of party ballot being requested (for primaries),
 - Date of election, and,
 - Your signature including the date of the request (or the dated signature and noted relationship of the person requesting the ballot on your behalf.

Except in the case of a physically disabled voter residing in the county or municipality or a voter in custody in a jail or other detention facility, no absentee ballot shall be mailed to an address other than the permanent mailing address of the elector as recorded on the elector's voter registration record or a temporary out-of-county or out- of-municipality address.

There are no restrictions on who may assist an elector in completing an absentee ballot application when the elector is personally submitting the application.

There are restrictions on who can apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of an elector and what must be contained within the application. See page 6 of this guide for more information.

Ballot Application Submittal Dates

Absentee ballots may be requested any time between 180 days prior to the election and the end of the business day on the Friday before Election Day. Under State law, ballots cannot be mailed to you on the day prior to Election Day. Please note that you should make your request early to allow enough time for the ballot to be mailed to you, voted, and be received back at the county registrar office before the close of polls on Election Day.

Receiving Your Absentee Ballot

Absentee ballots will be mailed:

Presidential Preference Primary	45 days prior to the election through the Friday before Election Day
General Primary	45 days prior to the election through the Friday before Election Day
General Election	45 days prior to the election through the Friday before Election Day
Special Election - Federal office	45 days prior to the election through the Friday before Election Day
Municipal General Primary	21 days prior to the election through the Friday before Election Day
Municipal General Election	21 days prior to the election through the Friday before Election Day
Special Election - Other	21 days prior to the election through the Friday before Election Day
Runoffs	As soon as possible

Voting Your Absentee Ballot

Follow the instructions that your county elections official provides with your ballot. You will receive all the forms and envelopes necessary for marking and return of the ballot. Failure to complete your ballot correctly could cause your ballot not to be counted.

If you registered by mail and did not submit a copy of one of the required forms of registration identification, you will receive notification with your ballot package. Copies of any ID's must be placed in the outer envelope. If you have any questions, please contact your county registrar.

Submitting a Voted Absentee Ballot

A ballot must be received by the county registrar no later than the close of polls on Election Day. Delivery can be either U.S. first class mail or hand delivered by the voter. If mailing, you must affix postage to the ballot envelope. Ballots received after the polls close cannot be counted.

Processing Your Voted Absentee Ballot

Once the absentee ballot is received by the county office, the registrar will compare your signature on your absentee ballot oath envelope to your signature on your voter registration card and your application for absentee ballots to verify your signature. If the signature on the absentee ballot oath envelope is missing or does not match the previous signatures, your county will contact you and provide a document whereby you can provide a signature and ID to verify your ballot.

ABSENTEE VOTING IN PERSON (ADVANCE VOTING)

Applying For Your Absentee Ballot and Voting

Voting any time prior to Election Day, even at a precinct, is absentee voting. You will complete an absentee ballot application in person at the early voting location immediately prior to casting your vote.

Photo Identification Required

You will need to provide proper photo identification anytime you vote in person. If you do not have photo identification when you go to vote, you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot. You will be required to provide proper photo identification to the registrar within three days after Election Day for your ballot to count. For more information on Georgia's photo identification requirements, please visit http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections/georgia_voter_identification_requirements2 or call the Secretary of State's Election Division at (404) 656-2871.

Advance Voting Will Be Available:

Presidential Preference Primary	4th Monday prior to election through the Friday before Election Day
General Primary	4th Monday prior to election through the Friday before Election Day
General Election	4th Monday prior to election through the Friday before Election Day
Special Election - Federal office	4th Monday prior to election through the Friday before Election Day
Municipal General Primary	4th Monday prior to election through the Friday before Election Day
Municipal General Election	4th Monday prior to election through the Friday before Election Day
Special Election - Other	4th Monday prior to election through the Friday before Election Day
Runoffs	As soon as possible

Early voting times and locations can be found for all elections on your personal voter information page at: www.mvp.sos.ga.gov.

Voting Your Ballot

After returning your paper absentee ballot or voting in-person during advance voting, you will be marked in the voter registration system as "voted" and your vote(s) will be tabulated on Election Day

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT ABSENTEE VOTING

If I lose the absentee ballot that was sent to me, can I get another one?

Yes; however, you must sign an affidavit affirming that you lost, destroyed, or did not receive the first absentee ballot. In this instance, another ballot will be issued. A new request is not required.

If I request an absentee ballot, can I change my mind and still vote at my regular polling place?

If the ballot has been voted and returned to and received by the board of registrars, then the absentee ballot shall be deemed to have been voted. No other ballot shall be issued.

If you still have the absentee ballot and give it to the poll manager of the precinct in which your name appears on the electors list, then the elector may vote a regular ballot.

If you have not received an absentee ballot, or if you have returned the absentee ballot, but the registrars have not received the ballot, you may cancel the absentee ballot by making a written request to have the ballot marked “cancelled.” The managers of your precinct shall permit you to vote in person at that precinct.

Canceled absentee ballots are handled in the same manner as those returned too late to be cast.

Can a third-party request an absentee ballot on my behalf?

A family member may request an absentee ballot on your behalf if you are residing temporarily out of the county or municipality or if you are a physically disabled voter residing within the county or municipality. The application for your absentee ballot may, upon satisfactory proof of relationship, be made by your mother, father, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sister, brother, spouse, son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of the age of 18 or over. Relatives applying for absentee ballots for you must also sign an oath stating that facts in the application are true.

The absentee ballot will be mailed directly to you at the permanent mailing address on record at the registrar’s office or to a temporary out-of-county or out-of-municipality address. A voter with a physical disability or a voter that is in custody in a jail or a detention facility may have the ballot mailed to a different address within the county.

The application must be in writing and must contain the name and relationship of the person requesting the ballot, if other than yourself.

Can I give my voted absentee ballot to someone else to return for me?

It depends on how the ballot is returned.

A voted absentee ballot can be returned, by mail or in-person, by a family member as designated on O.C.G.A. 21-2-385(a) or by a person living in the same house as the absentee voter.

If the absentee voter is physically disabled, their voted absentee ballot may be returned by a family member or housemate (as described above) OR by the voter's caregiver, regardless of whether the caregiver resides with the voter.

Can I vote by absentee ballot if I am confined to the hospital?

In some counties, a voter who is confined to a hospital on a primary or election day can vote an absentee ballot that is delivered by a registrar or deputy registrar. The ballot must be voted, sealed properly, and returned to the deliverer. If the voter registered to vote for the first time in Georgia by mail and has not previously provided proper identification, the voter will be allowed to vote by provisional ballot if he or she fails to provide proper identification. Once the identification and registration of the voter have been verified, the vote will be officially recorded. Please contact your county elections official to inquire about absentee ballot delivery, if you are in the hospital.

Do I have to apply for an absentee ballot for each election if I have a physical disability or I am 65 or over?

If a physically disabled voter or voters 65 years or older makes a written request to receive an absentee ballot for the primary, primary runoff, election, and election runoff he or she will receive ballots without having to ask again by specifically stating such on the written request or absentee application. Physically disabled voters 65 years or older must submit separate absentee applications for all Special Elections.

Can I receive assistance with my absentee ballot application?

Yes, but the person providing the assistance must sign the application for the absentee ballot.

May an absentee application that is pre-printed or filled out in advance by a third party be accepted if signed by the elector?

There is no prohibition against a third party assisting in the completion of the application provided that the voter personally signs the application, affirming that the information is true and correct.

May absentee applications be accepted in bundle?

Yes. They can be returned by fax, by mail, or in person. There are no restrictions on who may take possession of and transmit or deliver an application for an absentee ballot, or how those applications are transmitted or delivered.

Some of the important points of which you need to be aware, if you distribute applications for absentee ballots include:

- The voter must personally affix his or her signature to the application.

- Voters who use an absentee ballot application provided by an individual or organization must attest to the truth and correctness of the content of the application and sign the application.

May any organization provide campaign materials along with an absentee application?

There are no restrictions against campaign materials being distributed along with the absentee applications.

May I create my own absentee ballot application for others to use?

Any person or entity, except an election superintendent or registrar, that creates an application for an absentee ballot form for an elector, other than the elector themselves, shall ensure that the absentee ballot form is substantially in the same form as the application for the absentee ballot form made available by the Secretary of State. Such person or entity shall also clearly disclose on the face of the application for an absentee ballot form that they created the application for an absentee ballot form. Any nonconforming application for an absentee ballot shall still be processed if it meets the legal requirements of O.C.G.A. 21-2-381(a).

PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT ABSENTEE VOTING ACTIVITY

- An individual who votes more than once in an election is guilty of a felony.
- It is a crime to do any electioneering, or otherwise attempt to influence a voter, at the time he or she is voting an absentee ballot.
- It is a crime to intimidate or use or threaten to use violence to interfere with anyone's lawful right to vote.
- It is a crime to pay or offer to pay a person any amount of money or to give a person anything of value in exchange for voting for a particular person or issue. Similarly, it is against the law to pay someone not to vote.
- It is a crime to violate the secrecy of the ballot, or otherwise tamper with ballots or the voting system.

RESOURCES

County and city election officials can be a valuable source for absentee voting materials and information. They can assist you in answering specific questions about the absentee ballot process and can provide information to ensure the application and ballot is correct.

County contact information can be found at: <http://sos.ga.gov/cgi-bin/countyregistrarsindex.asp>

Georgia Election Code can be found at: <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/gacode/default.asp>

State Election Board Rules can be found at:
http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections/state_election_board

Absentee Ballot Applications can be found at:
http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/Elections/absentee_voting_in_georgia

COMPLETING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION

Prior to submitting an absentee ballot application, a voter must be registered in the county in which the voter resides. Voter registration status and county registrar information can be found at: mvp.sos.ga.gov

- Enter the name of the county or municipality
- Election dates can be found at: www.sos.ga.gov/elections
- Military or overseas voters, who are requesting Electronic Ballot Delivery, must provide an email address
- The following individuals may request multiple ballots with this single application:
 - 65 years of age or older
 - Physically Disabled
 - Military (including a spouse or dependent residing with member)
 - Overseas Citizens

Please check the appropriate qualification box when requesting multiple ballots.
- Military and overseas voters must also check this box when requesting Electronic Ballot Delivery.
- The application must be signed or marked by a voter.
- Anyone assisting a disabled or illiterate applicant must also sign in the appropriate section
- Family member must check the appropriate box and sign when completing an application on behalf of a relative who is either residing temporarily out of the county or who is physically disabled

COUNTY or MUNICIPALITY

APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT

PLEASE PRINT (FAILURE TO FILL OUT THE FORM COMPLETELY COULD DELAY YOUR APPLICATION)

Date of Primary, Election, or Runoff: ____/____/20__

FOR PRIMARY ELECTIONS ONLY (please check one): ☐ DEMOCRATIC ☐ NON PARTISAN ☐ REPUBLICAN

APPLICATION DATE	DATE OF BIRTH	DAYTIME CONTACT NUMBER (optional)	EMAIL ADDRESS (required for Voter requesting electronic transmission)
____/____/____	____/____/____	(____) ____-____	____@____.____

NAME AS REGISTERED	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE
____	____	____	____

ADDRESS AS REGISTERED	STREET #	CITY	ZIP CODE
____	____	____	____

☐ Mail the ballot to my temporary out-of-county address: (or alternate address for physically disabled voter).

# STREET	CITY	STATE
____	____	____

Note: You must file a separate application for each election for which you are requesting an absentee ballot exceptions below for voters over the age of 65, disabled, or military or overseas citizens. You may file you more than 180 days prior to the Date of the Election.

***EXCEPTIONS:**

If you meet the following criteria, you may choose to complete one application and receive a ballot for the General Primary/Runoff (if any), General Election, and General Election Runoff (if any) by checking one of the following:

☐ E - Elderly - I am 65 years of age or older.

☐ D - Disabled - I have a physical disability.

☐ U - UOCAVA Voter - Member of armed forces or Merchant Marines of the United States, commissioned corps member, or a United States citizen residing overseas. My current status is (please mark one):

☐ MOS - Military Overseas ☐ MST - Military Stateside

☐ OST - Overseas Temporary Resident ☐ OCP - Overseas Permanent Resident (federal offices)

For UOCAVA Voters Only - I would like to receive my absentee ballots by electronic transmission ☐

SIGNATURE OR MARK* OF VOTER - REQUIRED Signature of person preparing application if voter is disabled or ill

You may apply on behalf of another person only in the following circumstances: In the case of a voter residing temporarily out of the county, application may be made by mother, father, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, spouse, son, daughter, grandson, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law or sister-in-law of the age of 18 or over upon oath: I, the undersigned do swear (or affirm) that the above-named voter is (check one): ☐ residing temporarily out of the county or is a ☐ voter residing within the county and that the facts included in this application are true.

SIGNATURE AND RELATIONSHIP OF RELATIVE REQUESTING BALLOT

Voter Registration # _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

DIST. COMBO _____ PRECINCT _____

APPLICATION RECEIVED DATE _____

BALLOT # _____ ISS. DATE _____

CERTIFIED DATE _____ REJECTION DATE _____

ID SHOWN: GADL _____ OTHER _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NAMED VOTER ☐ IS ELIGIBLE ☐ IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

REASON FOR REJECTION: _____

Ballot to be: Mailed _____ Electronically Transmitted _____

Delivered to voter in hospital by Registrar/Deputy Registrar _____

Voted in office (Municipal Only) _____

Registrar Signature _____

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EXHIBIT D

DECLARATION OF MEGAN GORDON

My name is Megan Gordon and I am over the age of 18 and fully competent to make this declaration. Under penalty of perjury, I declare the following:

1. I am a registered Georgia voter and resident in DeKalb county.
2. I am a United States citizen and am over 18 years old. I have not been declared mentally incompetent by a judge, and I am not currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction.
3. Elections officials require voters to put postage stamps on mail-in absentee ballots and absentee ballot applications.
4. I am unwilling to put postage on mail-in absentee ballots and applications, because I do not feel like I should have to spend money to vote.
5. I also do not know how much postage to put on absentee ballots, because I do not have a stamp scale. Ballots change in size and weight depending on the election at issue.
6. As of this date, I only have two postage stamps. But even if I had plenty of postage stamps, I do not want to use postage that I have paid for out of my own pocket just to vote.
7. I do not want to vote in-person during the COVID-19 pandemic. If I have the virus, I do not want to endanger the lives of those around me, especially the elderly and those with chronic illness or compromised immunity. If I do not have

the virus, I do not want to catch it, increasing the risk of harm to others and to my own health as well.

8. While voters must use the mail to cast a mail-in absentee ballot, I understand that absentee ballot applications can be e-mailed (or faxed) if they are printed, signed, and scanned. The Secretary of State recently sent me (and other registered voters) a paper absentee ballot application. But if the Secretary of State does not send me an absentee voter application for the next election, I cannot e-mail it in because I do not have a printer or fax machine, so I can only mail it in and use a postage stamp.

9. I am experienced in voter engagement work and do that work currently, especially among lower-income populations.

10. Requiring voters to pay postage is a serious concern this year because many more Georgia voters are expected to vote absentee by mail this year in light of the pandemic.

11. I have learned the following from my experience in civic engagement. Many voters, especially lower-income voters, do not have postage stamps because people are increasingly relying on online transactions. Many people in rural areas and lower-income people do not have Internet access nor credit cards, making it impossible for them to purchase stamps online. Even if they could, they would be forced to spend around \$10 to buy a whole book of stamps because you cannot just

buy a single stamp. Many cannot afford this cost, especially since COVID-19 has so many people out of work. Voters can also buy stamps in-person at a post office or grocery store, but that needlessly exposes them to the deadly COVID-19 virus. Many voters do not have stamp scales (including myself). Only the few voters with stamp scales can know with any certainty how many stamps to put on their ballot.

12. Forcing voters to purchase their own postage complicates a procedure that is already confusing to many voters. Voter education becomes more difficult the more steps are required of voters.

13. Many voters like the elderly, those with physical disabilities, and out-of-town voters can only vote by mail, so it is extraordinarily difficult if not impossible for them to vote in person. Even for those who are able to vote in-person, taking time off work or child care to travel to a polling place can still be challenging.

14. I am willing to serve as a class representative for all mail-in absentee voters if need be. This issue is too important.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct.

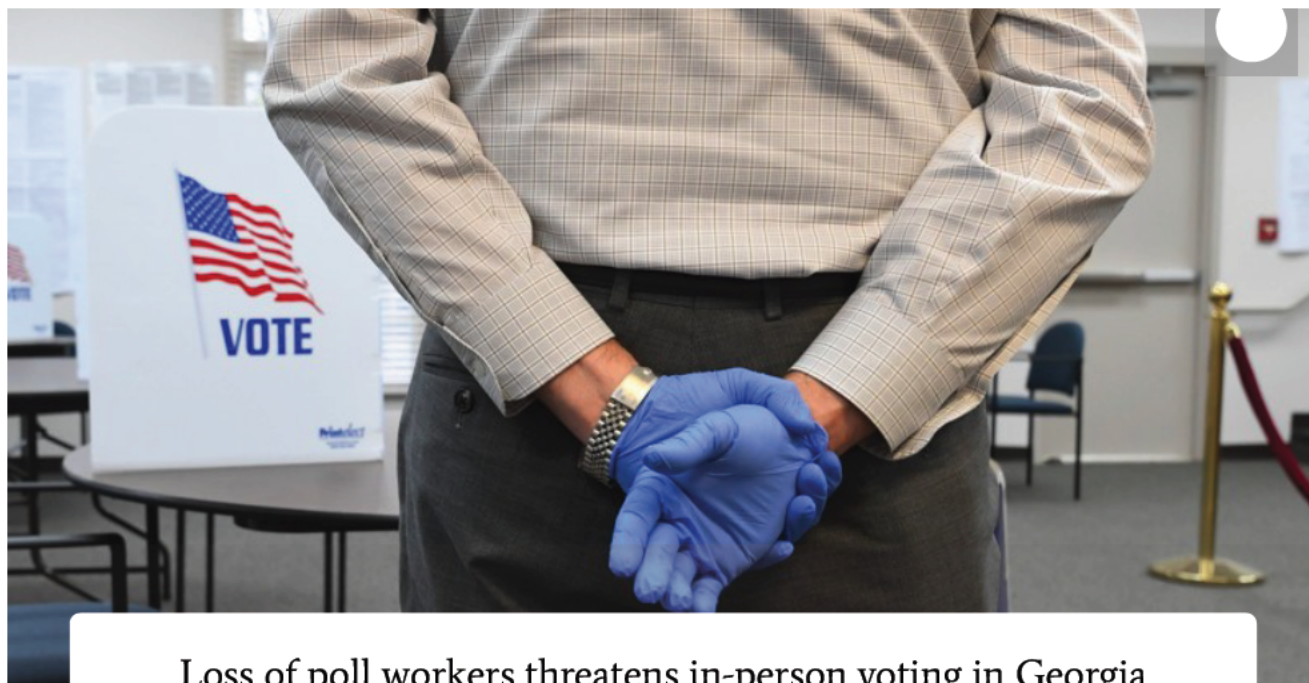


Megan Gordon

04/07/2020

Date

EXHIBIT E



Loss of poll workers threatens in-person voting in Georgia primary

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By Mark Niese, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Poll workers are quitting and precincts are closing across Georgia because of the coronavirus pandemic, dimming the outlook for in-person voting in the state's primary election.

The primary is still [scheduled](#) for May 19, but the situation is deteriorating, say several county election managers contacted by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

If the election moves ahead as planned, Georgia voters could be faced with long lines and limited options, similar to the situation that unfolded Tuesday in [Wisconsin's](#) primary.

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polling place and were putting the minimum number of poll workers out there, it's going to be difficult for voters."



Election officials are encouraging voting by mail, and Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger sent absentee ballot request forms to the state's 6.9 million active voters.

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That will present a health and safety dilemma for poll workers, who on average are over 70 years old and more at-risk of falling ill to the coronavirus. In addition, voters would have to keep 6 feet apart from each other, and fewer than 10 people would be allowed in a room at once.

In Fulton, fewer than 500 people have committed to working the election, Barron said. Normally, the state's most populous county has more than 1,600 poll workers at 199 polling places.

Raffensperger said he's hearing concerns from county election officials, but he said he lacks the power under Georgia law to postpone the primary unless Gov. Brian Kemp declares another public health emergency that includes the election period. Kemp's current state of emergency expires Monday, and early voting is set to begin April 27.

A decision on whether to change the primary date may be growing near.

"Looking at the situation on the ground, then we'll be able to make a determination at that time" if Kemp extends the public health emergency, Raffensperger said Monday. "We're very mindful of what is happening throughout Georgia right now and the ability to have in-person voting."

Deidre Holden, the elections supervisor for Paulding County west of Atlanta, said she has lost about one-third of her 325 poll workers.

"We're in the planning of the war stage right now," Holden said. "We're so in need for people to fill these spots. We'll pretty much pay anybody who's willing to be a poll

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pay generally starting at \$120 for more than 12 hours of work. Senior poll workers make more money.

Election managers say they'll try to recruit new hires in the coming weeks, possibly from people who have been laid off. The state processed nearly 134,000 applications for unemployment insurance last week, more than 10 times the average.

But hiring poll workers will likely be difficult, election officials said. Many are unwilling to risk exposure to the coronavirus.

In Cobb County, few poll workers have quit so far, but that could quickly change, Elections Director Janine Eveler said.

"Most people are saying they are willing to work, but they need to know what it looks like closer to the election. Everything can change day to day," Eveler said. "As the coronavirus progresses in April and if we don't see that curve start to flatten, I am sure many of the at-risk poll workers will end up dropping as we get closer to the election."

Besides the loss of poll workers, churches and assisted living centers that usually serve as voting locations have shut their doors. Voters who usually cast their ballot at those precincts will be reassigned.

In Fulton, five assisted living centers and two churches are unwilling to serve as precincts. The county will also likely reduce its planned 21 early-voting sites.

DeKalb County election officials said they hope to keep their 11 early-voting locations, and the county is asking whether those locations are still available to host in-person

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precincts in Georgia, that's about 8,000 poll workers needed.

In Lowndes County, Elections Supervisory Deb Cox said she's lost about 40% of her poll workers but still has enough to staff the county's 11 precincts.

She has about 90 poll workers willing to work. Still, some of those precincts might be unavailable for the May election.

"Our commission chair just walked in and I asked if he wanted a job. He politely declined," Cox said. "At this point, I'm not overly concerned. It's something to consider."

Some areas haven't lost poll workers yet, including places like Chatham, Macon and Muscogee counties. Their elections directors said they haven't been hit as hard by the coronavirus.

"It would be nice if everything is business as usual. We'd be fools to say it is," said Russell Bridges, the elections supervisor for Chatham County, where just three of 700 poll workers have expressed concerns. "You plan the best you can for what you know you've got to do and hope for the best when you get there."

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EXHIBIT F



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ENSURE A SAFE & HEALTHY GEORGIA

- WHEREAS:** On March 14, 2020, due to the impact of COVID-19 on the State of Georgia, I issued Executive Order No. 03.14.20.01, declaring a Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia General Assembly concurred with Executive Order 03.14.20.01 by joint resolution on March 16, 2020; and
- WHEREAS:** The number of COVID-19 cases in Georgia continues to rise; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Department of Public Health has determined that COVID-19 is spreading throughout communities, requiring the implementation of certain restrictions to limit the spread; and
- WHEREAS:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has determined that older adults, people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions, and certain other people groups may be at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS:** Code Section 38-3-51(c)(4) vests the Governor with the power to perform and exercise such other functions, powers, and duties as may be deemed necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population; and
- WHEREAS:** Code Section 38-3-51(d)(1) vests the Governor with the power to suspend any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency if strict compliance with any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency or disaster; and
- WHEREAS:** Code Sections 31-2A-4 and 31-12-4 vests the Department of Public Health with the power to segregate and isolate certain individuals with certain communicable diseases or conditions when said

individuals' exposure to the general population is likely to endanger the health of others; and

WHEREAS: In consultation with the Governor's Coronavirus Task Force and health and emergency preparedness officials, I have determined that the following temporary actions are necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Georgia's residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO AFOREMENTIONED GEORGIA LAW AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: All residents and visitors of the State of Georgia shall practice social distancing and sanitation in accordance with this Order and guidelines published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: No business, establishment, corporation, non-profit corporation, organization, or county or municipal government shall allow more than ten (10) persons to be gathered at a single location if such gathering requires persons to stand or to be seated within six (6) feet of any other person. This provision shall not apply to cohabitating persons outside of their homes, family units or roommates residing together in private homes, or entities defined as "Critical Infrastructure" by this Order.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That as used in this Order, the term "single location" shall be interpreted to mean a space where all persons gathered cannot maintain at least six (6) feet of distance between themselves and any other person. The term "single location" shall not include private residences.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all residents and visitors of the State of Georgia are required to shelter in place within their homes or places of residence, meaning remaining in their place of residence and taking every possible precaution to limit social interaction to prevent the spread or infection of COVID-19 to themselves or any other person, unless they are:

1. Conducting or participating in Essential Services;

2. Performing Necessary Travel;
3. Are engaged in the performance of, or travel to and from, the performance of Minimum Basic Operations for a business, establishment, corporation, non-profit corporation, or organization not classified as Critical Infrastructure; or
4. Are part of the workforce for Critical Infrastructure and are actively engaged in the performance of, or travel to and from, their respective employment.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That Essential Services permitted pursuant to the provisions of this Order are limited to the following:

1. Obtaining necessary supplies and services for family or household members, such as food and supplies for household consumption and use, medical supplies or medication, supplies and equipment needed to work from home, and products needed to maintain safety, sanitation, and essential maintenance of the home or residence. Preference should be given to online ordering, home delivery, and curbside pick-up services wherever possible as opposed to in-store shopping.
2. Engaging in activities essential for the health and safety of family or household members, such as seeking medical, behavioral health, or emergency services.
3. Engaging in outdoor exercise activities so long as a minimum distance of six (6) feet is maintained during such activities between all persons who are not occupants of the same household or residence.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That Necessary Travel permitted under this Order is limited to such travel as is required to conduct or participate in Essential Services, Minimum Basic Operations, or Critical Infrastructure as defined by this Order.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That Minimum Basic Operations are limited to:

1. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of a business, establishment, corporation, non-profit corporation, or organization, provide services, manage inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions. Such minimum necessary activities include remaining open to the public subject to the restrictions of this Order.

2. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees or volunteers being able to work remotely from their residences or members or patrons being able to participate remotely from their residences.
3. Instances where employees are working outdoors without regular contact with other persons, such as delivery services, contractors, landscape businesses, and agricultural industry services.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED:

That all businesses, establishments, corporations, non-profit corporations, or organizations that are *not* Critical Infrastructure shall only engage in Minimum Basic Operations as defined in this Order during the effective dates of this Order. Such entities shall also implement measures which mitigate the exposure and spread of COVID-19 among its workforce. Such measures shall include the following:

1. Screening and evaluating workers who exhibit signs of illness, such as a fever over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, or shortness of breath;
2. Requiring workers who exhibit signs of illness to not report to work or to seek medical attention;
3. Enhancing sanitation of the workplace as appropriate;
4. Requiring hand washing or sanitation by workers at appropriate places within the business location;
5. Providing personal protective equipment as available and appropriate to the function and location of the worker within the business location;
6. Prohibiting gatherings of workers during working hours;
7. Permitting workers to take breaks and meals outside, in their office or personal workspace, or in such other areas where proper social distancing is attainable;
8. Implementing teleworking for all possible workers;
9. Implementing staggered shifts for all possible workers;
10. Holding all meetings and conferences virtually, wherever possible;
11. Delivering intangible services remotely wherever possible;
12. Discouraging workers from using other workers' phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment;
13. Prohibiting handshaking and other unnecessary person-to-person contact in the workplace;
14. Placing notices that encourage hand hygiene at the entrance to the workplace and in other workplace areas where they are likely to be seen;
15. Suspending the use of Personal Identification Number ("PIN") pads, PIN entry devices, electronic signature capture,

- and any other credit card receipt signature requirements to the extent such suspension is permitted by agreements with credit card companies and credit agencies;
16. Enforcing social distancing of non-cohabitating persons while present on such entity's leased or owned property;
 17. For retailers and service providers, providing for alternative points of sale outside of buildings, including curbside pick-up or delivery of products and/or services if an alternative point of sale is permitted under Georgia law;
 18. Increasing physical space between workers and customers;
 19. Providing disinfectant and sanitation products for workers to clean their workspace, equipment, and tools;
 20. Increasing physical space between workers' worksites to at least six (6) feet.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED:

The term "Critical Infrastructure" shall refer to businesses, establishments, corporations, non-profit corporations, and organizations as defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as "essential critical infrastructure workforce," in guidance dated March 19, 2020, and revised on March 28, 2020, and those suppliers which provide essential goods and services to the critical infrastructure workforce as well as entities that provide legal services, home hospice, and non-profit corporations or non-profit organizations that offer food distribution or other health or mental health services. The operation of Critical Infrastructure shall not be impeded by county, municipal, or local ordinance.

Critical Infrastructure that continues in-person operation during the effective dates of this Order shall implement measures which mitigate the exposure and spread of COVID-19 among its workforce. Such measures may include, but shall not be limited to:

1. Screening and evaluating workers who exhibit signs of illness, such as a fever over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, or shortness of breath;
2. Requiring workers who exhibit signs of illness to not report to work or to seek medical attention;
3. Enhancing sanitation of the workplace as appropriate;
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IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Georgia Department of Economic Development is authorized to issue guidance to any business, corporation, organization, or industry trade group regarding its status as Critical Infrastructure. This guidance shall not require a finding of fact but shall be in writing and shall be considered a final agency action for the purpose of proceedings under Code Section 50-13-19.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: All restaurants and private social clubs shall cease providing dine-in services. Takeout, curbside pick-up, and delivery are permitted in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

This provision shall not limit the operation of dine-in services in hospitals, healthcare facilities, nursing homes, or other long-term care facilities; however, to the extent possible, such facilities should offer in-room dining.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all gyms, fitness centers, bowling alleys, theaters, live performance venues, operators of amusement rides as defined by

Code Section 25-15-51, body art studios permitted pursuant to Code Section 31-40-2, businesses registered pursuant to Code Sections 43-10-11 and 43-10-18, estheticians as defined by Code Section 43-10-1(8), hair designers as defined by Code Section 43-10-1(9), persons licensed to practice massage therapy pursuant to Code Section 43-24A-8, and businesses which possess a license to operate as or otherwise meet the definition of “bar” as defined by Code Section 3-1-2(2.1), shall cease in-person operations and shall close to the public while this Order is in effect.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED:

That persons required to shelter in place under any provision of this Order shall not receive visitors, except as follows:

1. Visitors providing medical, behavioral health, or emergency services or medical supplies or medication, including home hospice;
2. Visitors providing support for the person to conduct activities of daily living or instrumental activities of daily living;
3. Visitors providing necessary supplies and services, such as food and supplies for household consumption and use, supplies and equipment needed to work from home, and products needed to maintain safety, sanitation, and essential maintenance of the home or residence; or
4. Visitors received during end-of-life circumstances.

To the extent practicable under the circumstances, visitors shall maintain a minimum distance of six (6) feet between themselves and all other occupants of the person’s home or residence. Any visitors visiting for the sole purpose of delivering medication, supplies, or other tangible goods shall, to the extent practicable, deliver such items in a manner that does not require in-person contact or require the deliverer to enter the person’s home or residence.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED:

That the provisions of this Order related to visitors listed in the immediately preceding paragraph shall be strictly enforced against nursing homes or other long-term care facilities, including inpatient hospice, assisted living communities, personal care homes, intermediate care homes, community living arrangements, and community integration homes.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED:

That an exception to any shelter-in-place requirement set forth hereunder applies in the event of an emergency. In such cases,

persons are encouraged to leave their homes or residences and shelter in place in accordance with the rules included in this Order at a safe alternate location. Persons experiencing homelessness are urged to obtain shelter and to contact governmental and other entities for assistance.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Department of Public Health, the Department of Public Safety, or any other state department or state officer deputized by the Governor or the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency are, after providing reasonable notice, authorized to mandate the closure of any business, establishment, corporation, non-profit corporation, or organization not in compliance with this Order for a period not to extend beyond the term of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Adjutant General of the Georgia National Guard and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety shall provide resources as requested to assist in the enforcement of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That pursuant to Code Section 38-3-51, the powers of counties and cities conveyed in Titles 36 and 38, including those specific powers enumerated in Code Sections 36-5-22.1 and 36-35-3 are hereby suspended to the extent of suspending enforcement of any local ordinance or order adopted or issued since March 1, 2020, with the stated purpose or effect of responding to a public health state of emergency, ordering residents to shelter-in-place, ordering a quarantine, or combatting the spread of coronavirus or COVID-19 that in any way conflicts, varies, or differs from the terms of this Order. Enforcement of all such ordinances and orders is hereby suspended and no county or municipality shall adopt any similar ordinance or order while this Order is in effect, except for such ordinances or orders as are designed to enforce compliance with this Order.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That if one or more of the provisions contained in this Order shall conflict with the provisions of any previous Executive Order or Agency Administrative Order, the provisions of this Order shall control. Further, in the event of any conflict, the provisions of any quarantine or isolation Order issued to a specific person by the Department of Public Health shall control.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That nothing in this Order shall be construed to suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of firearms or ammunition, or any component thereof.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That pursuant to Code Section 38-3-7, any person who violates this Order shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Officials enforcing this Order should take reasonable steps to provide notice prior to issuing a citation or making an arrest.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: This Order rescinds and replaces Executive Order 03.23.20.01.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That if one or more of the provisions contained in this Order shall be held to be invalid, in violation of the Georgia Constitution, in violation of Georgia law, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, violation, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Order, but, in such case, this Order shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained within the Order.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: All provisions of the Order shall become effective for a period beginning at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, April 3, 2020, and expiring at 11:59 P.M. on Monday, April 13, 2020.

This 2nd day of April 2020, at 3:12 P.M.

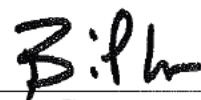

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NEW DETAILS: President Trump extends guidelines through April 30

CONTINUING COVERAGE: CORONAVIRUS March 29, 2020

By The Associated Press

Earlier Sunday, Fauci predicted 100,000 to 200,000 deaths in US

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Trump announces that the federal social-distancing and mitigation guidelines, which faced a renew/end date tomorrow, will be extended to April 30th.

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The initial 15-day period of social distancing urged by the federal government expires Monday, and Trump had expressed interest in relaxing the national guidelines at least in parts of the country less afflicted by the pandemic. But instead he decided to extend them through April 30, a tacit acknowledgment he'd been too optimistic. Many states and local governments have stiffer controls in place on mobility and gatherings.

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At the coronavirus task force news briefing Sunday night at the White House, the president said more details about the federal social distancing and mitigation guidelines will be released Tuesday night.

Trump also said Abbott Labs will begin providing 50,000 tests each day for the coronavirus. The president said the tests, which he said have been approved by the FDA, will provide results in about five minutes.

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hospital beds at the Javits Center in New York. The president said the project was completed in fewer than four days. He said other hospitals are planned in Louisiana, New Jersey and other states.

The president also said he is “working on” getting FDA approval for a system that sterilizes masks up to 20 times because health care workers say they have reused masks amid the pandemic, according to reporter Yamiche Alcindor.



Yamiche Alcindor
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President Trump says he is working on getting a system that sterilizes masks up to 20 times approved by the FDA.

Healthcare workers have said they have had to reuse masks while treating coronavirus patients and have said that's dangerous.

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Trump also said reporters should “look into” where hospital masks in New York are going. He suggested some might be “going out the back door” during the crisis, according to reporter Steve Herman.



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Some masks can be sterilized "up to 20 times," says @POTUS.

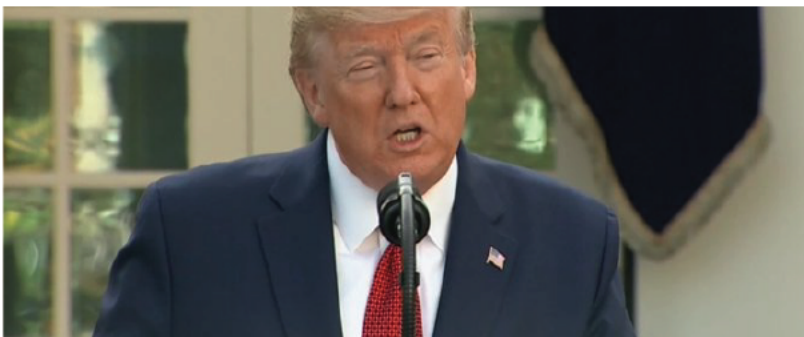


Steve Herman
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"Something's going on and you ought to look into it as reporters," says @POTUS about the surge in demand by NYC

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Earlier Sunday, the government's foremost infectious disease expert said the country could experience more than 100,000 deaths and millions of infections from the coronavirus pandemic.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, speaking on CNN's "State of the Union," offered his prognosis as the federal government weighs rolling back guidelines on social distancing in areas that have not been as hard-hit by the outbreak at the conclusion of the nationwide 15-day effort to slow the spread of the virus.

"I would say between 100,000 and 200,000 cases," he said, correcting himself to say he meant deaths. "We're going to have millions of cases." But he added, "I don't want to be held to that" because the pandemic is "such a moving target."

Trump, who has largely avoided talk of potential death and infection rates, cited projection models that said potentially 2.2 million or more could have died had the country not put social distancing measures in place. And he said the country would be doing well if it "can hold" the number of deaths "down to 100,000."

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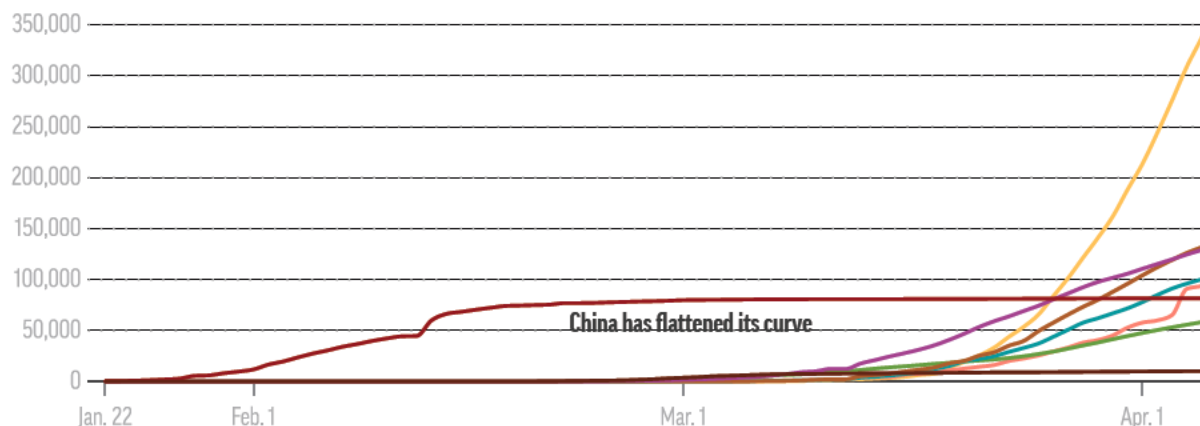


Chart updates at 8 p.m. Figures are as reported by governments and health authorities.

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"It's a horrible number," Trump said, but added: "We all together have done a very good job."

Brought forward by Trump at the outdoor briefing Sunday evening, Fauci said his projection of a potential 100,000 to 200,000 deaths is "entirely conceivable" if not enough is done to mitigate the crisis. He said that helped shape the extension of the guidelines, "a wise and prudent decision."

About 125,000 cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. had been recorded as of Sunday morning, with about 2,200 dead. It is certain that many more have the disease but their cases have not been reported.

One in three Americans remain under state or local government orders to stay at home to slow the spread of the virus, with schools and businesses closed and public life upended.

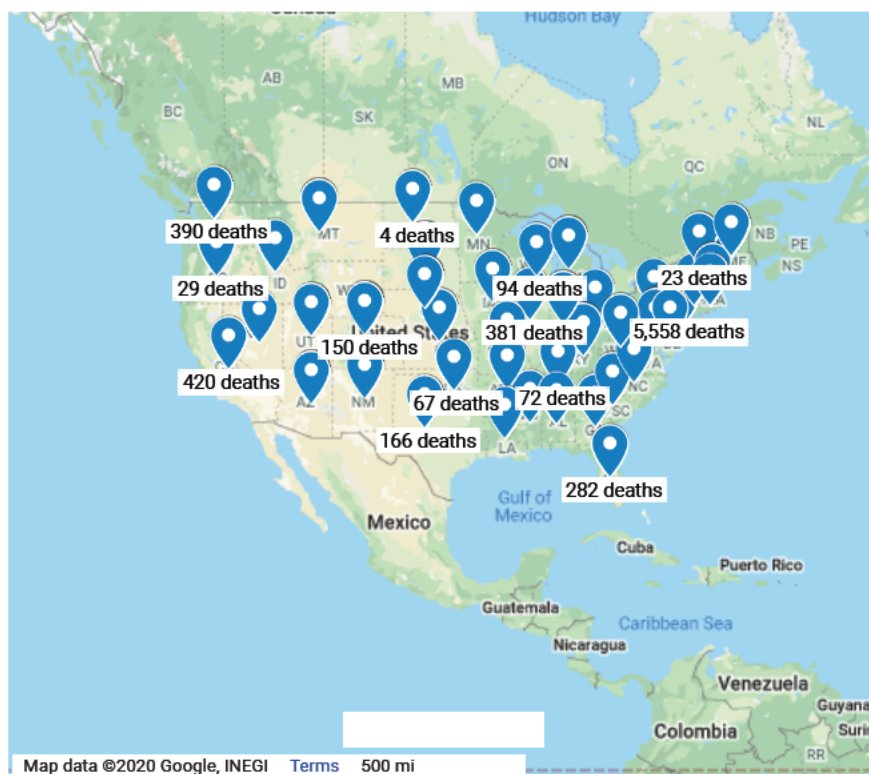
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area, will be opened, she said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Coronavirus deaths in the U.S. ☆



Fauci said he would only support the rollback in lesser-impacted areas if more testing is in place to monitor those areas. He said "it's a little iffy there" now.

Most people who contract COVID-19 have mild or moderate symptoms, which can include fever and cough but also milder cases of pneumonia, sometimes requiring hospitalization. The risk of death is greater for older adults and people with other health problems. Hospitals in the most afflicted areas are straining to handle patients, and some are short of critical supplies.

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heavily affected urban areas.

On Saturday, Trump was discussing tightening restrictions, suggesting then backing away from an “enforceable” quarantine of hard-hit New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. Instead, the White House task force recommended a travel advisory for residents of those states to limit non-essential travel to slow the spread of the virus to other parts of the U.S.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi suggested that Trump shouldn’t be so quick to reverse the social distancing guidelines, saying more testing needs to be in place to determine whether areas currently showing fewer infections are truly at lower risk.

Trump’s “denial” in the crisis was “deadly,” she told CNN.

“As the president fiddles, people are dying, and we have to take every precaution,” she said. She promised a congressional investigation once the pandemic is over to determine whether Trump heeded advice from scientific experts and to answer the question that resonates through U.S. political scandals: “What did he know and when did he know it?”

Trump played down the severity of the pandemic for weeks. Asked whether she is saying that attitude cost American lives, Pelosi said: “Yes, I am. I’m saying that.”

It put Pelosi out of lockstep with former Vice President Joe Biden, the likely Democratic presidential nominee, who said he wouldn’t go so far as to lay the blame for deaths on the president. “I think that’s a little too harsh,” he told NBC.

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medical supplies — and for making erratic statements about the pandemic.

“He should stop thinking out loud and start thinking deeply,” Biden said.

Meanwhile, governors in other hotspots across the country were raising alarm that the spread of the virus was threatening their health care systems.

“We remain on a trajectory, really, to overwhelm our capacity to deliver health care,” Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said on ABC’s “This Week.” “By the end of the first week in April, we think the first real issue is going to be ventilators. And we think it’s about the fourth or fifth of April before, down in the New Orleans area, we’re unable to put people on ventilators who need them. And then several days later, we will be out of beds.”

He said officials have orders out for more than 12,000 ventilators through the national stockpile and private vendors, but so far have only been able to get 192.

Around the world, doctors were forced to make tough choices about which patients to save with their limited breathing machines, and Spain and Italy demanded more European help as they fight still-surging coronavirus infections in the continent’s worst crisis since World War II.

The confirmed global death toll surpassed 31,000, and new virus epicenters emerged in U.S. cities including Detroit, New Orleans and Chicago. Even rural America has not been immune, as virus hotspots erupt in [Midwestern towns](#) and Rocky Mountain ski havens.

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Experts say, however, that virus toll numbers across the world are being seriously underrepresented because of limited testing and political decisions about which bodies to count. Unlike the U.S., France and Italy do not count deaths that take place at home or in nursing homes, even though nursing homes are known coronavirus incubators around the world.

“Europe must demonstrate that it is able to respond to this historic call,” Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte said late Saturday. “I will fight until the last drop of sweat, until the last gram of energy, to obtain a strong, vigorous, cohesive European response.”



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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a travel advisory, urging all residents of New York City and others in New York state, New Jersey and Connecticut to avoid all nonessential travel for 14 days.

Shocking as that is for Americans, that stopped short of the restrictions imposed in Europe or elsewhere. Parisians are fined if they try to leave the city, South Africans can't even buy liquor, and Serbians are upset about a ban on walking their dog. In Italy, burials are being held with only one family member.

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Spain moved to tighten its lockdown and ban all nonessential work Sunday as it hit another daily record of 838 dead. The country's overall official toll was more than 6,500.

Spain's health emergencies chief, Fernando Simón, said the country's infection rate fell Sunday to 9%, down from 18% three days before. But he said the number of people in intensive care units keeps rising and hospitals are at their limits in several regions.

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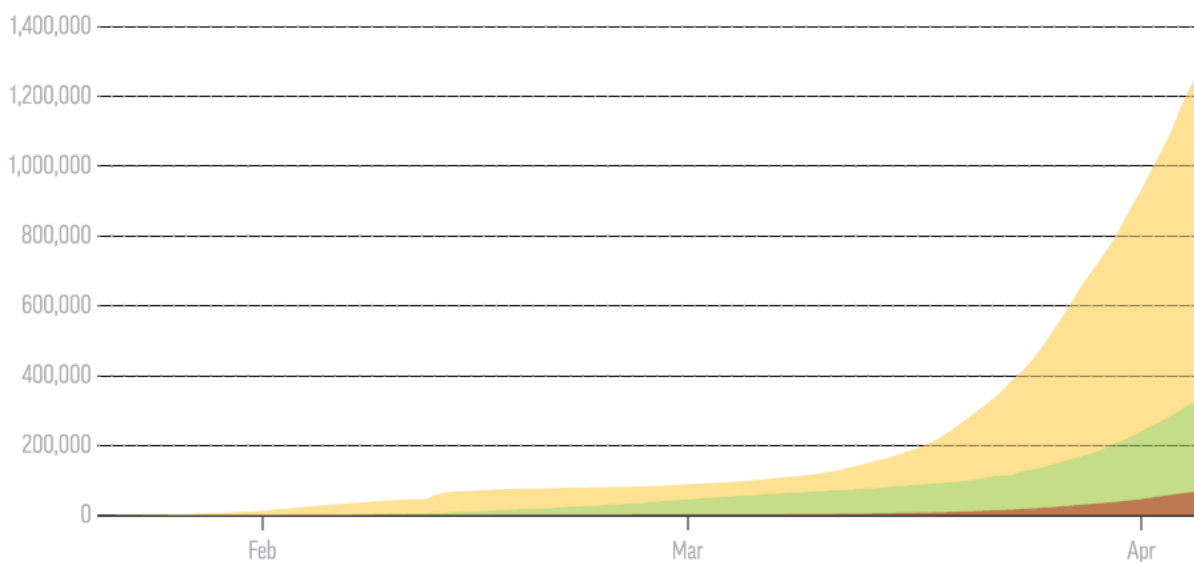
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“That is why we have to strictly apply the control measures,” he said.

The crisis is pummeling world economies and putting huge strains on national health care systems. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez called for a more vigorous response from the 27-nation European Union.

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"It is the most difficult moment for the EU since its foundation, and it has to be ready to rise to the challenge," he said.

Spain, Italy, France and six other EU members have asked the union to share the burden by issuing European debt, dubbed coronabonds, to help fight the virus. But the idea has met resistance from Germany and the Netherlands.

European countries have also resisted sharing masks with their neighbors for fear that they, too, will need them in mass quantities soon. Many countries have turned to China, where the outbreak is easing, flying in cargo planes to get protective medical equipment.

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These tensions have raised new fears about whether the EU will survive this crisis.

“It’s really, really important that we achieve better coordination,” German Finance Minister Olaf Scholz said.

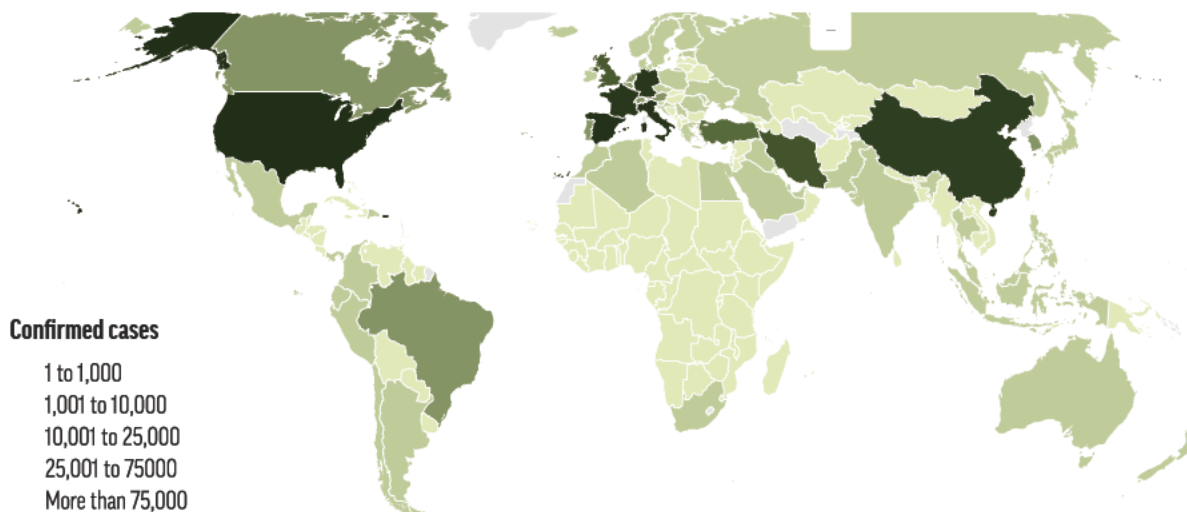
Worldwide infections surpassed 680,000, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University. The United States leads the world with about 125,000 reported cases, but five other countries have higher death tolls: Italy, Spain, China, Iran and France.

Italy has more than 10,000 deaths, the most of any country.

Egypt shut its beaches as cases in the Mideast surpassed 50,000. Police in the Philippines stepped up arrests of quarantine violators, and more tourists were evacuated from Mount Everest and the Indonesian island of Bali.

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Poland is considering delaying its May 10 presidential election, and Russia ordered borders to close Monday. A prominent French politician with the virus died, France's first death of a senior official.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who has the virus himself, warned: "Things will get worse before they get better."

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. But for others, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, the virus can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, and lead to death.

More than 145,000 people have recovered, according to Johns Hopkins.

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of those in nursing homes, military barracks and jails.

In Detroit, which has a large low-income population, the death toll rose to 31 with about 1,400 infections in a rate that shocked health officials.

“This is off the charts,” said Dr. Teena Chopra, medical director of infection prevention and hospital epidemiology at the Detroit Medical Center. “We are seeing a lot of patients that are presenting to us with severe disease, rather than minor disease.”

Some U.S. states began to try to limit exposure from visitors from harder-hit areas. Rhode Island National Guard troops were going door to door in coastal communities to find New Yorkers. Florida is setting up checkpoints to screen visitors from Louisiana.

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As others tightened controls, China eased more restrictions, following the ruling Communist Party’s declaration of victory against the coronavirus. Airline flights from Hubei province at the center of the coronavirus outbreak resumed Sunday. Subway and bus service resumed Saturday in the province’s hard-hit capital of Wuhan.

Rich Barak of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution contributed to this report.

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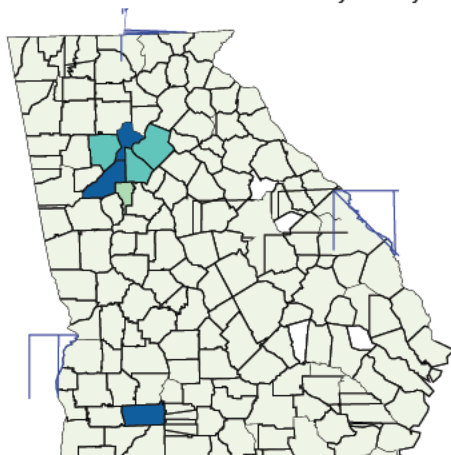
Georgia Department of Public Health COVID-19 Daily Status Report



Georgia Department
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COVID-19 Daily
Status Report For:
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These data represent confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported to the Georgia Department of Public Health as of 04/07/2020 18:28:13. A confirmed case is defined as a person who has tested positive for 2019 novel coronavirus.

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases by County





Count of COVID-19 Confirmed Cases *Based on patient
county of residence when known

☐ 0 1 - 237 238 - 474 475 - 711 712 - 948 949 - 1185

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases:	No. Cases (%)
Total	9156 (100%)
Hospitalized	1899(20.74%)
Deaths	348 (3.8%)

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases By County:	No. Cases	No. Deaths
Fulton	1185	39
Dougherty	973	56
Dekalb	673	11
Cobb	566	29
Gwinnett	540	13
Clayton	278	10
Hall	215	0
Henry	208	3
Lee	204	15
Bartow	191	12
Carroll	183	4
Sumter	162	6
Cherokee	147	6
Chatham	120	4
Douglas	117	5
Mitchell	100	11
Forsyth	99	1
Early	96	5
Floyd	92	3
Terrell	92	9
Rockdale	86	2
Houston	85	6
Randolph	83	4
Fayette	81	4
Coweta	80	2
Clarke	78	9
Richmond	75	3
Colquitt	70	5
Newton	67	3

Paulding	62	1
Worth	60	3
Muscogee	54	1
Spalding	54	4
Troup	47	3
B bb	46	1
Columbia	46	0
Crisp	46	0
Lowndes	45	1
Tift	45	1
Barrow	42	3
Thomas	42	2
Coffee	41	2
Ware	37	3
Oconee	33	1
Pierce	32	1
Calhoun	31	1
Glynn	30	0
Upson	29	0
Baldwin	27	1
Dooly	27	1
Bryan	26	2
Gordon	25	3
Walton	25	2
Laurens	24	0
Greene	23	1
Jackson	23	0
Decatur	21	0
Whitfield	21	2
Dawson	20	1
Meriwether	20	0
Peach	20	2
Polk	20	0
Turner	19	0
Butts	18	0
Effingham	18	1
Camden	17	0
Haralson	17	0
Mcduffie	16	2
Burke	15	0
Lamar	15	0
Liberty	13	0
Monroe	13	1
Seminole	13	0
Stephens	13	0
Washington	13	0
Clay	12	1

Harris	12	0
Bacon	11	0
Miller	11	0
Murray	11	0
Baker	10	2
Bulloch	10	0
Fannin	10	0
Macon	10	0
Morgan	10	0
Pickens	10	2
Pike	10	0
Schley	10	1
White	10	0
Irwin	9	0
Lumpkin	9	0
Madison	9	1
Dodge	8	0
Pulaski	8	0
Talbot	8	1
Toombs	8	1
Catoosa	7	0
Habersham	7	0
Jenkins	7	0
Jones	7	0
Appling	6	0
Ben Hill	6	0
Brooks	6	0
Grady	6	0
Jasper	6	0
Johnson	6	0
Lincoln	6	0
Warren	6	0
Brantley	5	1
Lanier	5	0
Putnam	5	0
Rabun	5	0
Wilkes	5	0
Atkinson	4	0
Banks	4	0
Berrien	4	0
Candler	4	0
Chattooga	4	1
Cook	4	0
Jefferson	4	0
Marion	4	0
Quitman	4	0
Screven	4	0
Stewart	4	0

Taylor	4	1
Telfair	4	0
Union	4	0
Walker	4	0
Webster	4	0
Charlton	3	0
Clinch	3	0
Emanuel	3	0
Franklin	3	0
Gilmer	3	0
Hart	3	0
Heard	3	1
Mcintosh	3	0
Tattnall	3	0
Wayne	3	0
Wilkinson	3	0
Chattahoochee	2	0
Elbert	2	0
Oglethorpe	2	1
Towns	2	0
Twiggs	2	0
Wilcox	2	0
Bleckley	1	0
Crawford	1	0
Dade	1	1
Echols	1	0
Hancock	1	0
Jeff Davis	1	0
Long	1	0
Treutlen	1	0
Wheeler	1	0
Unknown	441	6
*Based on patient county of residence when known		

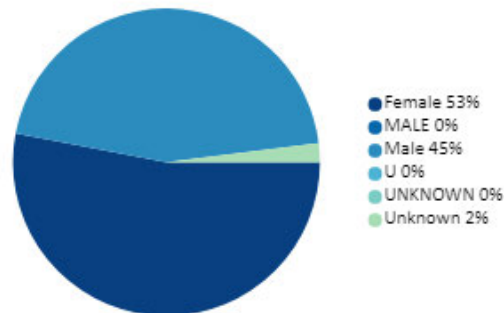
COVID-19 Testing By Lab Type:	No. Pos. Tests	Total Tests
Commercial Lab	8674	31065
GPH	482	2720

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases by Age Group





COVID-19 Confirmed Cases by Sex



COVID-19 Deaths in Georgia

Age	Gender	County	Underlying
65	FEMALE	BAKER	Unk
95	MALE	BAKER	Unk
53	MALE	BALDWIN	Yes
66	MALE	BARROW	Yes
64	MALE	BARROW	Yes
91	FEMALE	BARROW	Yes
90	FEMALE	BARTOW	Yes
90	MALE	BARTOW	Yes
88	MALE	BARTOW	Yes
87	FEMALE	BARTOW	Yes
78	MALE	BARTOW	Yes
72	MALE	BARTOW	Yes
90	MALE	BARTOW	Yes
56	MALE	BARTOW	Yes
69	MALE	BARTOW	Yes
93	MALE	BARTOW	Unk
71	FEMALE	BARTOW	Unk

85	MALE	BARTOW	Yes
96	FEMALE	BIBB	Yes
79	FEMALE	BRANTLEY	Yes
63	MALE	BRYAN	Yes
65	MALE	BRYAN	Unk
59	FEMALE	CALHOUN	Unk
80	MALE	CARROLL	Unk
64	MALE	CARROLL	Unk
71	FEMALE	CARROLL	Unk
86	MALE	CARROLL	Unk
37	MALE	CHATHAM	Unk
83	MALE	CHATHAM	Yes
84	FEMALE	CHATHAM	Yes
80	FEMALE	CHATHAM	Yes
82	MALE	CHATTOOGA	Yes
78	FEMALE	CHEROKEE	Yes
67	FEMALE	CHEROKEE	Yes
94	FEMALE	CHEROKEE	Yes
81	MALE	CHEROKEE	Yes
90	MALE	CHEROKEE	Yes
78	FEMALE	CHEROKEE	Yes
65	FEMALE	CLARKE	Unk
89	FEMALE	CLARKE	No
79	MALE	CLARKE	Yes
78	FEMALE	CLARKE	Yes
78	FEMALE	CLARKE	Unk
79	MALE	CLARKE	Yes
60	MALE	CLARKE	Yes
68	MALE	CLARKE	Unk
98	MALE	CLARKE	Yes
65	MALE	CLAY	Unk
49	FEMALE	CLAYTON	Unk
64	MALE	CLAYTON	Unk
83	FEMALE	CLAYTON	Yes
67	MALE	CLAYTON	Unk
47	MALE	CLAYTON	Yes
69	MALE	CLAYTON	Yes
50	MALE	CLAYTON	Yes
89	MALE	CLAYTON	Unk
56	MALE	CLAYTON	Unk
82	MALE	CLAYTON	Yes
65	MALE	COBB	Yes
71	MALE	COBB	Yes
75	FEMALE	COBB	Yes
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36	MALE	COBB	Yes
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93	MALE	COBB	Yes
33	MALE	COBB	Yes
81	FEMALE	COBB	Unk
75	MALE	COBB	Unk
51	MALE	COBB	Yes
66	MALE	COFFEE	Unk
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51	MALE	COLQUITT	Unk
76	FEMALE	COLQUITT	Unk
83	FEMALE	COLQUITT	Unk
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42	FEMALE	COWETA	Yes
77	MALE	COWETA	Yes
79	FEMALE	DADE	Yes
80	MALE	DAWSON	Unk
91	FEMALE	DEKALB	Yes
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70	MALE	PICKENS	Yes
76	FEMALE	PICKENS	Yes
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66	MALE	RANDOLPH	Unk
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83	MALE	RICHMOND	Yes
81	FEMALE	RICHMOND	Unk
44	FEMALE	ROCKDALE	Yes
57	FEMALE	ROCKDALE	Yes

Age	Gender	County	Test Result
61	MALE	SCHLEY	Yes
50	MALE	SPALDING	Unk
81	FEMALE	SPALDING	Unk
84	MALE	SPALDING	Yes
73	MALE	SPALDING	Yes
73	MALE	SUMTER	Yes
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74	MALE	TALBOT	Yes
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73	FEMALE	TERRELL	Unk
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87	FEMALE	THOMAS	Yes
62	FEMALE	TIFT	Yes
77	MALE	TOOMBS	Yes
61	FEMALE	TROUP	Yes
37	FEMALE	TROUP	Yes
66	FEMALE	TROUP	Yes
92	FEMALE	UNKNOWN	Yes
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53	MALE	UNKNOWN	Unk
68	FEMALE	UNKNOWN	Unk
84	FEMALE	UNKNOWN	Unk
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75	MALE	WALTON	Unk
74	MALE	WALTON	Unk
82	FEMALE	WARE	Unk
75	MALE	WARE	Yes
44	MALE	WARE	Yes
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75	MALE	WORTH	Yes
48	MALE	WORTH	Unk
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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

MAR 30 2020

JAMES N. HATTEN, Clerk
By: *[Signature]* Deputy Clerk

**IN RE: COURT OPERATIONS UNDER
THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES
CREATED BY COVID-19 AND RELATED
CORONAVIRUS**

**GENERAL ORDER 20-01
AMENDED**

ORDER

In its General Order 20-01, dated March 16, 2020, this Court addressed Court operations under the exigent circumstances created by the spread of COVID-19 and the related Coronavirus. General Order 20-01 directed that no jurors be summoned in any Division of the Northern District of Georgia for 30 days from the date of the Order and continued all jury trials, including any trial specific deadlines, for 30 days pending further Order of the Court. The Order similarly directed that no grand jurors be summoned and all grand jury proceedings in the District be continued for 30 days pending further Order of the Court.

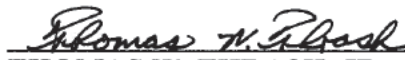
The exigent circumstances identified in General Order 20-01 having worsened with many citizens within the Northern District of Georgia now being under state and local government shelter in place instructions; and additional operations of the court needing to change in recognition of these circumstances, and

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that General Order 20-01 is amended to extend the specified 30-day time periods contained therein through and including the date of May 15, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time period of any continuance entered as a result of this Order (whether that continuance causes a pre-indictment delay or a pre-trial delay) shall be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), as the Court finds that the ends of justice served by taking that action outweigh the interests of the parties and the public in a speedy trial. Absent further Order of the Court or any individual judge, the period of exclusion shall be from March 23, 2020, through and including May 15, 2020. The Court may extend the period of exclusion as circumstances may warrant. This Order and period of exclusion are incorporated by reference as a specific finding under 18 U.S.C. § 3161 (h)(7)(A) in the record of each pending case where the Speedy Trial Act applies. See *Zedner v. United States*, 547 U.S. 489, 506-07 (2006). The period of exclusion in this Court's prior General Order 20-01 on this subject is likewise incorporated by reference as a specific finding under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) in the record of each pending case where the Speedy Trial Act applies.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that General Order 20-01 is amended to extend the specified 30-day time periods contained therein through and including the date of May 15, 2020.

Dated this 30 day of March 2020.

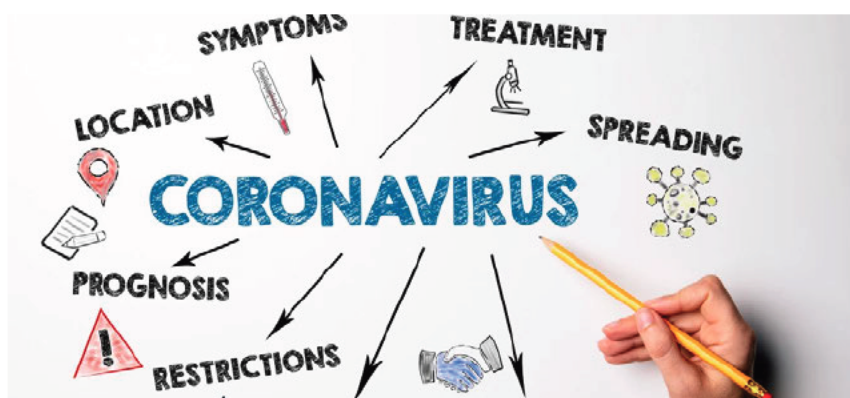


THOMAS W. THRASH, JR.
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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COVID-19 UPDATE: 139 Deaths in Georgia, Confirmed Cases at 4,638

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ATLANTA, Ga. (CW69 News at 10) — As of noon on April 1, 2020, Georgia's COVID-19 death toll reached at least 139, the number of confirmed cases was at 4,638. This was the latest data posted online by the Georgia Department of Public Health.

DPH records also show 952 people are currently hospitalized as a result of the virus. The website indicates the data is "based on the patient's county of residence when known."

Here is a breakdown:

COVID-19 Confirmed Cases:	No. Cases (%)	
Total	4638	(100%)
Hospitalized	952	(20.53%)
Deaths	139	(3%)
COVID-19 Confirmed Cases By County:	No.	No.
	Cases	Deaths
Fulton	624	19
Dougherty	480	27
Dekalb	365	4
Cobb	293	15
Gwinnett	250	4
Bartow	144	4

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Carroll	131	1
Clayton	122	3
Lee	94	7
Henry	90	2
Cherokee	83	4
Hall	69	0
Floyd	60	2
Douglas	55	2
Clarke	51	5
Fayette	48	4
Forsyth	48	1
Terrell	46	2
Rockdale	45	2
Coweta	42	2
Richmond	41	0
Mitchell	38	1
Sumter	37	2
Chatham	36	2
Houston	35	4
Early	34	1
Newton	32	0
Paulding	32	0
Worth	28	1
Columbia	24	0
Lowndes	24	1
Tift	24	0
Bibb	22	0
Muscogee	21	0
Barrow	20	2
Colquitt	20	1
Troup	19	1
Glynn	18	0
Gordon	18	1
Crisp	17	0
Oconee	17	0
Polk	16	0
Spalding	16	0
Laurens	14	0
Walton	12	0
Dawson	11	0
Thomas	11	0
Calhoun	10	1
Dooly	10	0
Ware	10	1
Whitfield	10	1
Coffee	9	0
Jackson	9	0
Bryan	8	1
Burke	8	0
Butts	8	0
Decatur	8	0
Greene	8	0
Lumpkin	7	0
Meriwether	7	0
Peach	7	1



COVID-19: CVS Health Opens Drive-Thru Rapid Testing Site at Georgia Tech



Resources For Local Businesses Needing Help During Coronavirus

Pickens	7	1
Bacon	6	0
Baldwin	6	1
Monroe	6	0
Seminole	6	0
Clay	5	0
Effingham	5	0
Fannin	5	0
Franklin	5	0
Haralson	5	0
Liberty	5	0
Murray	5	0
Pierce	5	0
Randolph	5	0
Stephens	5	0
Upson	5	0
Baker	4	1
Camden	4	0
Catoosa	4	0
Hart	4	0
Jones	4	0
Lamar	4	0
Lincoln	4	0
Miller	4	0
Pulaski	4	0
Schley	4	0
Turner	4	0
Warren	4	0
Washington	4	0
Banks	3	0
Ben Hill	3	0
Chattooga	3	0
Dodge	3	0
Harris	3	0
Heard	3	1
Irwin	3	0
Madison	3	1
Mcduffie	3	0
White	3	0
Berrien	2	0
Brooks	2	0
Bulloch	2	0
Chattahoochee	2	0
Habersham	2	0
Jasper	2	0
Jefferson	2	0
Macon	2	0
Morgan	2	0
Pike	2	0
Rabun	2	0
Screven	2	0
Tattnall	2	0
Taylor	2	0
Toombs	2	0
Twiggs	2	0

Walker	2	0
Wilkes	2	0
Wilkinson	2	0
Appling	1	0
Bleckley	1	0
Candler	1	0
Charlton	1	0
Clinch	1	0
Cook	1	0
Dade	1	0
Emanuel	1	0
Gilmer	1	0
Grady	1	0
Jenkins	1	0
Johnson	1	0
Long	1	0
Mcintosh	1	0
Oglethorpe	1	0
Stewart	1	0
Talbot	1	0
Webster	1	0
Wheeler	1	0
Wilcox	1	0
Unknown	516	2

*Based on patient county of residence
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COVID-19 Testing By	No. Pos.	Total
Lab Type:	Tests	Tests
Commercial Lab	4281	18226
Gphl	357	2100

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Governor Whitmer Signs Executive Order Expanding Absentee Voting in May 5 Elections

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 27, 2020

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LANSING, Mich. — Governor Gretchen Whitmer today signed Executive Order 2020-27, encouraging Michiganders to vote absentee by allowing the Department of State to assist local jurisdictions in mailing absentee ballot applications to every registered voter, and to provide absentee ballots directly to new registrants. Local jurisdictions will still need to keep at least one polling place open for those who wish to vote in-person or are unable to vote by mail.

“While we work to slow the spread of COVID-19, we must do everything we can to encourage Michiganders to stay home and stay safe,” **Governor Whitmer** said. “The fewer people we have lining up at polling places the better, ensuring Michiganders safely practice social distancing while allowing them to safely exercise their right to vote in local elections.”

Michiganders who want to register to vote in the May 5 election are strongly encouraged to do so by April 20. They can register online at mivc.sos.state.mi.us/register/voter or by mail using the form available at michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration_97046_7.pdf.

Those who miss the deadline are still able to register to vote and can do so at their township or city clerk's office, but should call ahead first. Clerks will also accept applications and proof of residency by mail, email or fax.

“I am grateful to Governor Whitmer for recognizing the critical need to protect public health while ensuring Michigan citizens are able to exercise their fundamental right as voters in our democracy,” said **Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson**. “Our sharpest tool to ensure citizens do not have to choose between casting a ballot and risking their health is the constitutional right they have to vote by mail, which voters themselves enshrined in our state constitution in 2018.”

"Canceling elections sets a dangerous precedent for our democracy. It signals that, in a time of great challenge and uncertainty, we would opt to give up on the fundamental building block of our republic - the ability to elect and hold our elected officials accountable," Benson said. "My administration will ensure that all voters eligible to participate in a local election on May 5 receive applications to vote by mail, and we will work with our local clerks to recruit staff and set guidelines to help ensure their health, safety - and our elections - are secure."

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

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Executive Order 2020-27 (COVID-19)

EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 2020-27

Conducting elections on May 5, 2020 using absent voter ballots

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. It is caused by a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spread from person to person. There is currently no approved vaccine or antiviral treatment for this disease.

On March 10, 2020, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services identified the first two presumptive-positive cases of COVID-19 in Michigan. On that same day, I issued Executive Order 2020-4. This order declared a state of emergency across the state of Michigan under section 1 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, as amended, MCL 30.401-.421, and the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act of 1945, 1945 PA 302, as amended, MCL 10.31-.33.

The Emergency Management Act vests the governor with broad powers and duties to “cop[e] with dangers to this state or the people of this state presented by a disaster or emergency” which the governor may implement through “executive orders, proclamations, and directives having the force and effect of law.” MCL 30.403(1)-(2). Similarly, the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act of 1945 provides that, after declaring a state of emergency, “the governor may promulgate reasonable orders, rules, and regulations as he or she considers necessary to protect life and property or to bring the emergency situation within the affected area under control.” MCL 10.31(1).



To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to vulnerable Michiganders, it is crucial that all Michiganders take steps to limit in-person contact. These critical mitigation measures include social distancing and limiting the number of people interacting at public gatherings. To that end, it is reasonable and necessary to temporarily suspend rules and procedures relating to the May 5, 2020 elections so that these elections may be conducted by absent voter ballot to the greatest extent possible. It also is reasonable and necessary to suspend rules and procedures relating to the withdrawal of ballot proposals from the May 5, 2020 elections to better enable jurisdictions to move those elections to the August 4, 2020 election date.

From history and experience, when elections are held at polling locations, a large number of people often gather, increasing the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Section 641 of the Michigan Election Law, 1954 PA 116, as amended, MCL 168.641, provides for the May regular election to be held on May 5, 2020. Numerous school districts, counties, and other local governments have scheduled elections on May 5, 2020 with in-person voting at polling locations. At this time, conducting an in-person election would force voters and poll workers to be exposed to an unacceptably high risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

Because all registered electors in Michigan have the right to vote by absent voter ballot under section 4 of article 2 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, conducting the May 5, 2020 elections by absent voter ballot provides a viable alternative to in-person voting at polling locations. Doing so permits Michigan voters to exercise their democratic rights while minimizing their exposure to the imminent and severe threat posed by COVID-19. And enabling jurisdictions to delay elections currently scheduled for May 5, 2020 where possible will further limit the disruption and harm caused by this pandemic.



Acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, I order the following:

1. To protect the public health, safety, and welfare of this state and its residents, strict compliance with rules and procedures under chapter 28 of the Michigan Election Law ("Election Law"), 1954 PA 116, as amended, MCL 168.641 to 168.799a (conducting an election at a polling place) and under chapter 29 of the Election Law, MCL 168.801 to 168.813 (canvassing of the vote by inspectors of an election at a polling place) is temporarily suspended for elections on May 5, 2020, so that those elections may be conducted as specified in this order.



2. Elections on May 5, 2020 must be conducted to the greatest extent possible by absent voter ballots issued and submitted without in-person interaction. Each jurisdiction must maintain at least one (1) location on election day where any voter can appear in-person to receive and submit a ballot, including an individual with a disability that inhibits the individual from voting an absent voter ballot remotely. A local clerk, county clerk, or election administrator with an election on May 5, 2020 must immediately begin preparations to conduct that election primarily by mail, including the preparation of postage-prepaid absent voter ballot return envelopes for the return of voted ballots.
3. An individual possessing the qualifications of an elector under section 492 of the Election Law, MCL 168.492, who is not registered to vote but wants to register and vote in the May 5, 2020 election, is strongly encouraged to register online or by mail not later than Monday, April 20, 2020, and is strongly discouraged from going in-person to the office of the clerk of the township or city in which the individual resides to apply to register to vote. An individual can register to vote either online (by visiting mivic.sos.state.mi.us/register/voter) or by mail (using the form available at michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration_97046_7.pdf).
4. Notwithstanding section 3 of this order, an individual possessing the qualifications of an elector under section 492 of the Election Law, MCL 168.492, who is not registered to vote but wants to register and vote in the May 5, 2020 election after

April 20, 2020, may apply to register to vote at the office of the clerk of the city or township in which the individual resides during any hours in which the clerk's office is open, as provided in chapter 23 of the Election Law, MCL 168.491 to 168.530, and as provided in sections 5 and 6 of this order.



5. An individual seeking to register to vote in-person at the office of the clerk of the city or township in which the individual resides is strongly encouraged to contact the clerk's office before doing so. To facilitate the timely processing of applications to register to vote and to minimize social interaction, beginning on April 21, 2020 and continuing through May 5, 2020, a township or city clerk may accept copies of applications to register to vote and residency verifications by mail, email, or facsimile for purposes of registration and verification by the clerk.



6. A clerk processing an in-person application to register to vote, any in-person voting in the clerk's office, and any individuals in the clerk's office must use best practices to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and must comply with any applicable restrictions or requirements to that effect.
7. Any application to register to vote that is properly submitted beginning on the effective date of this order and continuing through May 5, 2020 by a voter residing in a jurisdiction holding an election on May 5, 2020 must also be considered a request for an absent voter ballot for the May 5, 2020 election.
8. Strict compliance with rules and procedures under section 646a of the Election Law, MCL 168.646a, is temporarily suspended for the limited purpose of permitting a political subdivision of this state that has certified a ballot question for placement on the ballot on May 5, 2020 to withdraw the ballot question. Removal of the question must be by the same method used by the local legislative body to certify the question to the ballot (such as by the adoption or rescission of a resolution or ordinance). If the county clerk is notified of the withdrawal by March 27, 2020, the ballot question must not be canvassed for the May 5, 2020 election. Ballot questions removed from a May 5, 2020 election may be submitted to voters at the August 4, 2020 or a later election date.
9. The Department of State may assist local clerks, county clerks, and election administrators with: the mailing of absent voter ballot applications with a postage-prepaid, pre-addressed return envelope to each registered voter within any jurisdiction conducting a May 5, 2020 election; the preparation of postage-prepaid absent voter ballot return envelopes; the coordination of county and state assistance in processing ballots; changes to election dates; and other local clerk functions to the extent local jurisdictions are unable to perform them.



10. This order is effective immediately.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan.



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FYI• ..This is an email I received from Israel. Stay safe and have a great day.

Lisa Kinnemore
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From: Andee Gold
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 11:29 AM
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8. Consumption of health services:

A. If there is a health problem, it is advisable to consume medical services remotely and not physically reach the clinic as far as possible and in accordance with HMO guidelines online and in the media.

B. Immediately upon commencement of the quarantine, the communication channels with the cash register of which you are members must be established. If you need medical care, check the internet or family members if you need medical services (you need to make sure you know how to contact the HMO and follow the HMO guidelines).

third. If you feel that you are developing illness, fever, with or without respiratory symptoms, you should go into home isolation and avoid contact with family members. Heat should be measured twice a day. If you are concerned - Contact your doctor or the referral center of the HMO you are a member of.

D. In the case of a fever illness, the patient will be in isolation for up to two days after the fever has ended. The rest of the family is in isolation only in the case of Corona's diagnosis.

Additional rules of conduct

--Avoid physical contact including hugs and shakes

--Opening doors not in the palm of your hand

--Lowering touch

--Wash hands frequently

--Maximum ventilation of the house

--Handles and doors must be disinfected

--Avoid kissing mezuzahs and other sacred objects

--Avoid smoking cigarettes, e-cigarettes or hookahs - this is a good opportunity to stop smoking!

--Avoid using one tool for joint eating or avoiding sharing food here and there

--Healthy nutrition and exercise should be maintained while staying at home (separate guidelines).

Rules of Out-of-Home Behavior

1. When to leave

A. Urgent medical care needed - Patients with fever and respiratory symptoms are prohibited from leaving the home except in medical emergencies.

B. Employees - in accordance with government directives and regulations to be published separately.

third. Leaving for essential supplies if supplies cannot be delivered by or by a family member (in the case of elderly or chronically ill patients).

D. Funerals - reduce as much as possible to the required minimum and only close family members and keep a distance of 2 meters between people. Avoid staying in confined spaces.

God. A 10-minute walk can be taken in isolated locations or out in the yard. You should get off alone in the elevator or without proximity to other people.

and. Keeping children - Two families together regularly can keep toddlers.

2. How to behave while leaving home

A. Exit in a private vehicle - One person only in the vehicle or family members of the same household, except when an essential escort is needed such as evacuation for non-urgent medical care.

B. Public transport should be avoided as far as possible - detailed instructions have been issued separately.

third. Keeping a distance of two meters from each person when you reach a public place with people.

D. Ensure hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene.

3. How to behave at work

A. Employees must be kept at least two meters away in all places and descriptions where the employees are.

B. Heat should be measured before leaving for work. If there is a fever or signs of respiratory illness, no work should be done and insulation rules must be followed at home. We recommend keeping a heat log (morning and evening measurement)

third. Hands should be washed at the entrance and exit to work, and at most every 3 hours.

D. Try as hard as possible not to touch the nose and mouth, and wash hands after contact of this kind.

God. Tissue / toilet paper should be scattered close to all employees.

and. The rules of conduct as outlined above must be followed.

4. As of Sunday, March 22, elective activity in the public hospitals will cease. A detailed message will emerge.

5. Non-essential retail stores as defined in the order (such as food stores, pharmaceuticals and toiletries) must be closed.

Regards,

Eyal Basson

Ministry of Health spokesman

On Tue, Mar 17, 2020, 2:52 PM Kinnemore, Lisa <lkinnemore@sos.ga.gov> wrote:

Hi Andee,

I have never seen or experienced anything of this magnitude. I'm grateful that our President and Governor are taking precautions to protect the public especially those at high risk.

As we get more information, I will let you know. If you have questions contact me. Stay safe and have a wonderful day.

Best regards,

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Thank you for your email. I will forward to overseas voters.

Life now is something we have never experienced. It reminds me of stories that my beloved grandfather spoke about the Great Depression and WW1 and WW2. The uncertainty of life; yet, they survived like we will.

All the best to you and your family.
Andee

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Hi Andee,

Due to the concerns over the Covid-19 Virus and the current state of emergency, Secretary Raffensperger has moved the Georgia Presidential Preference Primary (and attached special elections) from March 24, 2020 to coincide with the State General Election Primary scheduled for May 19, 2020.

The important details are these:

1. The Presidential Preference Primary (and associated special elections) has been moved/postponed. It has not been cancelled.
2. Every vote already casted, whether by mail or in person, WILL be counted in May for the Presidential Preference Primary and any local special elections along with votes cast in the State Primary.

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B. Immediately upon commencement of the quarantine, the communication channels with the cash register of which you are members must be established. If you need medical care, check the internet or family members if you need medical services (you need to make sure you know how to contact the HMO and follow the HMO guidelines).

third. If you feel that you are developing illness, fever, with or without respiratory symptoms, you should go into home isolation and avoid contact with family members. Heat should be measured twice a day. If you are concerned - Contact your doctor or the referral center of the HMO you are a member of.

D. In the case of a fever illness, the patient will be in isolation for up to two days after the fever has ended. The rest of the family is in isolation only in the case of Corona's diagnosis.

Additional rules of conduct

- Avoid physical contact including hugs and shakes
- Opening doors not in the palm of your hand
- Lowering touch
- Wash hands frequently
- Maximum ventilation of the house
- Handles and doors must be disinfected
- Avoid kissing mezuzahs and other sacred objects
- Avoid smoking cigarettes, e-cigarettes or hookahs - this is a good opportunity to stop smoking!
- Avoid using one tool for joint eating or avoiding sharing food here and there
- Healthy nutrition and exercise should be maintained while staying at home (separate guidelines).

Rules of Out-of-Home Behavior

1. When to leave

A. Urgent medical care needed - Patients with fever and respiratory symptoms are prohibited from leaving the home except in medical emergencies.

B. Employees - in accordance with government directives and regulations to be published separately.

third. Leaving for essential supplies if supplies cannot be delivered by or by a family member (in the case of elderly or chronically ill patients).

D. Funerals - reduce as much as possible to the required minimum and only close family members and keep a distance of 2 meters between people. Avoid staying in confined spaces.

God. A 10-minute walk can be taken in isolated locations or out in the yard. You should get off alone in the elevator or without proximity to other people.

and. Keeping children - Two families together regularly can keep toddlers.

2. How to behave while leaving home

A. Exit in a private vehicle - One person only in the vehicle or family members of the same household, except when an essential escort is needed such as evacuation for non-urgent medical care.

B. Public transport should be avoided as far as possible - detailed instructions have been issued separately.

third. Keeping a distance of two meters from each person when you reach a public place with people.

D. Ensure hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene.

3. How to behave at work

A. Employees must be kept at least two meters away in all places and descriptions where the

employees are.

B. Heat should be measured before leaving for work. If there is a fever or signs of respiratory illness, no work should be done and insulation rules must be followed at home. We recommend keeping a heat log (morning and evening measurement)

third. Hands should be washed at the entrance and exit to work, and at most every 3 hours.

D. Try as hard as possible not to touch the nose and mouth, and wash hands after contact of this kind.

God. Tissue / toilet paper should be scattered close to all employees.

and. The rules of conduct as outlined above must be followed.

4. As of Sunday, March 22, elective activity in the public hospitals will cease. A detailed message will emerge.

5. Non-essential retail stores as defined in the order (such as food stores, pharmaceuticals and toiletries) must be closed.

Regards,

Eyal Basson

Ministry of Health spokesman

On Tue, Mar 17, 2020, 2:52 PM Kinnemore, Lisa <lkinnemore@sos.ga.gov> wrote:

Hi Andee,

I have never seen or experienced anything of this magnitude. I'm grateful that our President and Governor are taking precautions to protect the public especially those at high risk.

As we get more information, I will let you know. If you have questions contact me. Stay safe and have a wonderful day.

Best regards,

Lisa Kinnemore

Military Liaison

Georgia Secretary of State

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From: Andee Gold <votingfromabroad@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 6:30 PM
To: Kinnemore, Lisa <lkinnemore@sos.ga.gov>
Subject: Re: Georgia Presidential Preference Primary Moved to 5/19/2020

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Lisa

Thank you for your email. I will forward to overseas voters.

Life now is something we have never experienced. It reminds me of stories that my beloved grandfather spoke about the Great Depression and WW1 and WW2. The uncertainty of life; yet, they survived like we will.

All the best to you and your family.

Andee

On Mon, Mar 16, 2020, 11:47 PM Kinnemore, Lisa <lkinnemore@sos.ga.gov> wrote:

Hi Andee,

Due to the concerns over the Covid-19 Virus and the current state of emergency, Secretary Raffensperger has moved the Georgia Presidential Preference Primary (and attached special elections) from March 24, 2020 to coincide with the State General Election Primary scheduled for May 19, 2020.

The important details are these:

1. The Presidential Preference Primary (and associated special elections) has been moved /postponed. It has not been cancelled.
2. Every vote already casted, whether by mail or in person, WILL be counted in May for the Presidential Preference Primary and any local special elections along with votes cast in the State Primary.
3. Although we cannot know what the situation will be like in two months, our office strongly

encourages absentee voting by Electronic Ballot Delivery (EBD) and mailed ballots for the May election.

If you have questions or need additional assistance please contact me. Have a good night.

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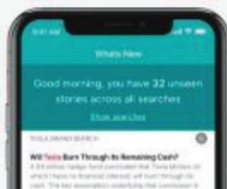
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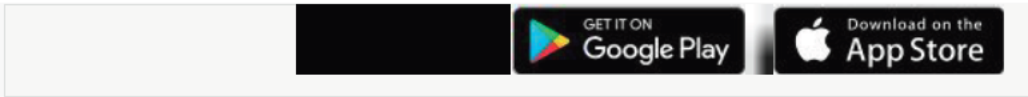
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Hello Brig:

Karen and I came up with a draft statement for the web site addressing the return to routine exams. For discussion on Monday. Also, an agenda item will be a discussion of modifying our rules to increase the 10-hour limit for online CE.

Thanks. Ta k to you on Monday.

Larry

COVID-19 Advisory to Optometric Licensees in the State of Georgia

History:

On March 14, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp signed a public health state of emergency to address the outbreak of the novel corona virus (COVID-19). On March 17, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued amended guidelines for health care professionals.

In support of these directives, the Georgia Board of Optometry advised its licensees to postpone all routine eye care visits and elective procedures until otherwise advised by the CDC and this Board. The vast majority of our licensees have been compliant and have helped to slow the progress of COVID-19 infections in Georgia.

April 23 Executive Order from Governor Kemp:

Governor Kemp has ordered that optometric practices that continue in-person operation during the effective dates of his order (immediately through May 13) shall adhere to the Georgia Guidelines for Critical Infrastructure, the American Optometric Association's Practice Reactivation Preparedness Guide, and the Georgia Optometric Association's COVID-19 Guidelines. Although not specifically referenced for optometry in his order, CMS has also issued guidelines for Reopening Facilities to Provide Non-emergent Non-COVID-19 Healthcare. Finally, the CDC has declared that the recommendation to postpone routine care is no longer in effect.

President Trump and the federal COVID-19 Task Force is giving state governors considerable latitude in deciding when to allow businesses to resume normal operations. Governor Kemp's order does not specifically address whether optometrists should start seeing patients for "routine exams." With all of this in mind, the Georgia Board of Optometry feels that the spirit of all these orders and guidelines is that optometrists take steps to begin seeing all types of patients in their practices. We encourage our licensees to use the following resources to educate themselves on COVID-19 and proceed slowly, cautiously, and in total compliance with these orders and guidelines. This situation will undoubtedly continue to change and the Board will do its best to monitor events and advise our licensees accordingly.

Gov. Kemp's Executive Order (note pages 10 and 18 in particular):

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CMS Statement:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-flexibility-reopen-essential-non-covid-services.pdf>

AOA Preparedness Guide:

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All,

Looking forward to our chat on Monday at 2:00pm ET.

I am sharing two documents here.

1. A white paper about *Accessing the Vote During a Pandemic*. Chris Thomas was the driving force for this document and I appreciate everything he has done to move the ball forward. Now you get a shot at adding your input too so that we can raise the bar that much more.
2. A table listing the public events and e-briefings the BPC Elections Team is planning over the next few weeks. We want your input about what would be useful, your thoughts on panelists and moderators, and your participation as panelists and moderators.

Enjoy the rest of the weekend!

Matt

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Dear Task Force members,

Please find attached the agenda for our video call on Monday at 2:00pm ET. The meeting will take place over Microsoft Teams using the link included in the agenda. You can also find the link in the calendar invitation sent earlier this week.

I look forward to the meeting and hope everyone has a nice weekend!

Sincerely,
Tim

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Task Force members,

We have heard from many of you that our initially proposed date won't work. I totally understand everyone is balancing overflowing schedules right now and apologize for getting ahead of ourselves with this initial meeting date. Thanks for your patience and sticking with us.

Based on your feedback, we want to propose a new date and time for an initial 30 minute call: April 27th at 2:00pm ET. We will send an updated calendar invite reflecting this date and time. Please respond to the calendar invite to let us know who is able to join. One of our goals for the call will be to schedule a few calls ahead so we have sufficient lead time to accommodate your schedules.

Thanks again and I look forward to working with you all in the coming weeks. Hope you all are staying safe and healthy and I look forward to speaking with you in the coming weeks.

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BPC Elections Task Force members,

I want to first thank you for agreeing to reengage with this effort• I am very proud of the work we did over the course of last year and I am excited for an opportunity to work with you all again on this new (socially distanced) project.

To kick things off, we have scheduled a video conference call for the entire Task Force next Wednesday, April 22nd at 12:00pm ET. A calendar invite will follow this email. Please accept that invitation so that we know who will be joining. The call will last no longer than 30 minutes.

Our goal is to build on the work we have already done and to tailor our efforts to the current crisis. Many of the recommendations put out previously have become increasingly important in addressing the challenges ahead. But new challenges have also emerged that will require new thinking. That is why we plan to add a few additions to the newly reconstituted task force, including experts in logistics and public health. We will introduce some of these additions on the call on Wednesday, including Charles Stewart and Nate Persily. We believe this group is uniquely positioned to be an effective voice for election officials at a time when advocates and politicians are quick to speak first and worry about facts later.

We will send along a full agenda for the call early next week. In the meantime, have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Tim and the BPC Elections team

Accessing the Vote During a Pandemic

Chris Thomas and Matthew Weil

Draft: April 26, 2020

State and local election administrators across the country are planning for voting in primaries and the November general election during the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic. These officials are guided by the deeply held belief that every eligible voter be afforded a safe opportunity to vote.

Election administrators are drafting realistic contingency plans for voting in real-time. They do not, however, have the power to implement these plans without state policymakers who may need to adjust—at least temporarily—state requirements to make voting work during a public health crisis.

Policymakers need to understand the full breadth of issues that can arise throughout the remainder of the primary season and the general election campaign if election administrators are not given the room to be flexible and meet voters where they are.

The authors come to the opinions in this document from decades of experience. Christopher Thomas was the state election director of Michigan for 36 years and served as a commissioner on the Presidential Commission on Election Administration in 2013. Matthew Weil has served on the research team at the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and is the director of the Elections Project at the Bipartisan Policy Center, which is responsible for the BPC Task Force on Elections.

The BPC Task Force on Elections released in January 2020 a full [report](#) on policy recommendations that would modernize the entire election ecosystem. Those recommendations remain relevant for states considering even temporary changes to confront this year's unexpected crisis.

There is limited time left this year to ensure election administrators have the support they need from policymakers to ensure a free and fair election. This document focuses on the considerations just for accessing the ballot. Separate documents will focus on new concerns about registering to vote during the pandemic and how the vote will be counted.

We submit that this should be considered the starting point for secretaries of state, state election officials, and state legislators who will decide thorny policy problems in the months to come.

Regardless of the decisions they make, we believe strongly that by November there will be high voter interest in the presidential election; voting by mail will represent well over half the ballots cast; and, some amount of Election Day voting will continue but may be very different than normal.

Primary Elections vs. the November General Election

Declared on March 11th, the COVID-19 pandemic manifested in the middle of the nation's presidential primary calendar. Luckily, many of the country's biggest contests and dates, including Super Tuesday, had already occurred before social distancing complicated each state's plans for 2020.

The immediate impact of the pandemic was to force many state election officials to postpone their states' primaries until later in the spring or to early summer. Some states—including Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Illinois, and Wisconsin—decided to hold their scheduled primaries, relying heavily on absentee and voting by mail in an effort to maintain social distancing guidelines.

States typically conduct either two or three statewide elections in a presidential election year, and 2020 is no different. There is the statewide presidential nominating contest, state and congressional nominating contest, and

the November general election. Some states combine all of their primaries. As of May 1st 2020, 31 states still had at least one state or presidential primary remaining before the fall's general election.¹

States will not necessarily conduct their remaining primary elections in the same manner as the November general election. Extreme social distancing mandates are likely to remain in place in some areas for the duration of the primary calendar, which will necessitate a shift to primarily voting by mail. There may be more ability to plan for a larger amount of in-person voting options by November if the more severe social distancing mandates have been lifted by November.

We expect states with remaining primaries to rely heavily on absentee voting paired with limited in-person voting options, without substantive changes to the mail ballot process. The remaining primaries, though, are likely to be relatively low turnout elections that are not as likely to be overwhelmed, even where mail ballots become an extremely large proportion of all ballots cast.

The November general election is different. General Election Day cannot be postponed like the primaries, and voter turnout will be significantly higher. It is the anticipated high volume and continued uncertainty that will present the biggest challenge to election administration this November.

Voting by Mail

Regardless of what policy changes are made, we predict that vote by mail ballots will represent more than half of all ballots cast in 2020, which would be at least a 190% increase over 2016.²

The public debate has at least initially coalesced around whether all-mail elections should be held nationwide in November. Five states had already transitioned to all-mail elections before 2020, but election administrators from these all-mail election states uniformly caution that standing up an all-mail election is difficult and must be planned over a number of years, phasing in lower turnout elections first and expanding over time.

One reason to seriously consider an all-mail option is to streamline the administrative process for sending absentee ballots. There are significant administrative consequences of a high volume of voters requesting absentee ballots through the regular methods. Administrators have struggled to accommodate both the requests for and issuing of absentee ballots in a timely manner during low turnout primaries – during a high turnout General Election, these are likely to overwhelm jurisdictions, causing huge delays in sending and subsequently counting absentee ballots. To only plan for a 'normal' election in hopes the virus will be gone by November will likely result in chaos. Realizing the scale of absentee and vote-by-mail increases now gives administrators time to prepare before November.

There are three distinct options for how voting by mail could work this November. First, states can attempt to maintain limited vote by mail by requiring voters to provide a reason to obtain a mailed ballot. Second, states with no-excuse absentee voting, which allow any voter to vote by mail upon request, can ramp up voting by mail while still requiring applications. Third, states can choose to forgo the application process entirely and deliver a ballot to every voter. Each option has a unique set of administrative difficulties and implications for voters that must be considered prior to implementation.

Option One: Require a Reason to Vote Absentee

Excuse-required absentee voting is currently the norm in 16 states.³ To cope with reduced in-person voting options, these states must consider whether to drop the excuse requirement altogether, or to merely add fear of contracting COVID-19 as an acceptable reason.

¹ "2020 State Primary Election Dates." *National Conference of State Legislatures*. Accessed: 16 April 2020. Available at: <https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/2020-state-primary-election-dates.aspx#Chronological>.

² "EAVS Deep Dive: Early, Absentee And Mail Voting." U.S. Election Assistance Commission. 17 October 2017. Available at: <https://www.eac.gov/documents/2017/10/17/eavs-deep-dive-early-absentee-and-mail-voting-data-statutory-overview>. Note: Only 2016 vote by mail (not absentee) totals were used to determine the 190% estimate.

³ "Voting Outside the Polling Place: Absentee, All-Mail and other Voting at Home Options." *National Conference of State Legislatures*. 14 April 2020. Accessed: 16 April 2020. Available at: <https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/absentee-and-early-voting.aspx>.

All 16 excuse-required states list illness and disability as reasons to vote absentee. One way to go about this is to issue guidance to clarify that health concerns over COVID-19 is a legitimate reason to apply for an absentee ballot using the illness or disability excuse. Doing so can help states reduce in-person voting while relying less on state legislatures (many of which are out of session) to approve major policy changes. Several states have already done this for the primary season. States must act now to protect the health of their citizens and the legitimacy of their elections; expanding acceptable excuses is the first step towards a successful socially distanced election.

Option Two: Allow All Voters to Vote Absentee Without an Excuse

Currently in practice in 34 states and DC, no-excuse absentee voting allows any voter who applies to vote by mail without providing a reason.⁴ This option generally allows election administrators the flexibility to allow for more voting by mail without a formal switch to an all-mail election (which typically requires legislative action). However, a rapid increase in no-excuse absentee voting can be administratively difficult to manage and comes with its own set of [hurdles, especially with respect to the ballot application process](#).

Administrators relying on this option must assess whether they can handle the additional workload of processing absentee ballots amounting up to 75% of turnout, determine choke points and mitigation adjustments, and understand the challenges this will pose to a large number of first-time absentee voters.

Assessing Workload

While officials in no-reason absentee states typically know generally how many voters will vote absentee in a given election, the uncertainty of COVID-19 will greatly increase the number of absentee ballots that a jurisdiction must process. The primary planning focus is on managing the flow of applications in and ballots out to give voters enough time to vote and return their ballots by the deadline.

The application process varies from state to state. Typically, states rely on one of the following options: requiring voters to apply separately for each election, allowing a dual application for both the primary and the general, requiring only one application annually, and offering voters permanent absentee status with a single application. Each state will need to calculate the application processing workload based on its respective application scheme.

Determine Choke Points and Mitigation Strategies

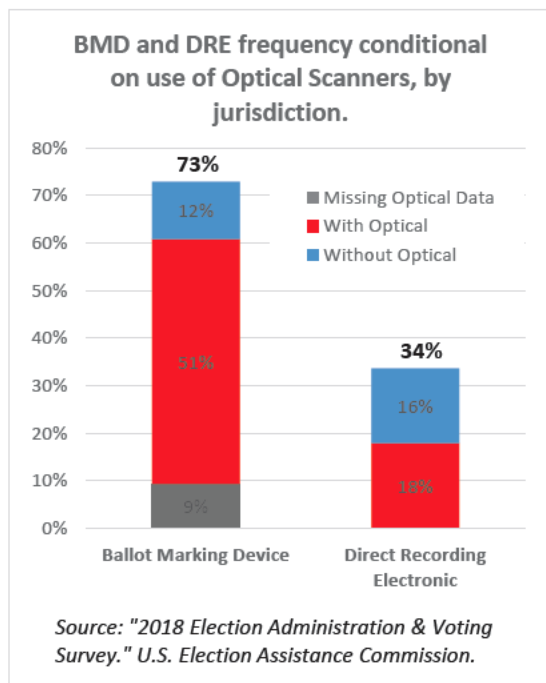
Election officials may consider several adjustments to the application process to reduce the impact on local offices. These adjustments might include:

- Mailing an application to every voter with returned postage paid. Placing an application in every voter's hand will encourage them to submit the application early allowing for more time to process the application and get a ballot in the mail.
- Streamline signature verification by only checking the signature on the returned ballot, thereby reducing work on the application and maintaining integrity.
- Utilizing Online Voter Registration (OVR) portals as a secure vehicle to apply for an absentee ballot.
- Removing additional hurdles from the application process. 5 states currently require applicants to include additional materials in their absentee ballot request application, such as an ID, or require additional steps when submitting the application, such as requiring the application to be notarized. Removing these from the application process will streamline the number of verifications officials must conduct on the backend.

One of the major difficulties involved with a large increase in absentee voting involves procuring, printing and processing ballots. States' current in-person voting methods will impact their abilities to print and process large numbers of absentee ballots, applications, and return envelopes.

⁴ Ibid.

Most states currently use optical scan tabulation with paper ballots. Ballot printing should not be a problem for these states, as they currently print a number of ballots to sufficiently cover the turnout with a cushion for spoiled and replacement ballots.



States using touchscreen voting systems (Direct Recording Electronic or Ballot Marking Devices) with optical scan ballots for their absentee voters may have a tougher time, since they usually deal with much smaller volumes of paper and printing. According to data from the 2018 Election Administration and Voting Survey, 51% of jurisdictions rely on both ballot marking devices and optical scanners. 18% of jurisdictions rely on both direct recording electronic voting machines and optical scanners. 68.9% of all jurisdictions surveyed reported the use of BMD and/or DRE technology in conjunction with optical scanners. Many voters in touchscreen states have never used a paper ballot, which adds another level of complication that could create ballot marking errors and will require heightened voter education programs.

States with touchscreen systems will also need to consider how much additional tabulation equipment will be needed to process a higher volume of absentee ballots and whether to purchase or lease the equipment. In states with optical scan voting equipment, local officials may divert tabulators from shuttered polling places to absentee ballot tabulation.

As absentee voting rates increase nationwide, high speed tabulators will be in high demand throughout this year, a demand that is likely to outstrip supply and remain unfulfilled in large part. Any attempt to purchase or lease this equipment must be made quickly. It is incumbent upon election officials to build relationships with vendors and use existing and new tools to quantify their tabulation needs early to have enough time for procurement.

Similarly, in anticipation of high mail ballot volumes, other supplies—including envelopes for sending and returning ballots—should also be ordered within the next month. To jurisdictions' benefit, envelopes have a long shelf life and any that are left over following November can be used in future elections.

Case Study: *No-Excuse Absentee Voting in Wisconsin's Presidential Preference Primary*

Wisconsin's April 7 presidential preference primary demonstrates the difficulties of a dramatic shift from Election Day polling places to absentee ballots in a short timeframe. Through a confluence of forces from inside and outside the state, Wisconsin's election officials conducted this spring's election under untenable conditions.

Wisconsin has seen absentee ballots as high as 27% of the vote in general election.⁵ However, up to 80% of those absentee voters are walk-ins – when a voter requests, receives, and votes their absentee ballots in their clerk's office.⁶ Walk-ins reduce the administrative burden of first mailing and then processing returned applications and ballots.

The high volume of mailed absentee applications seen in Wisconsin's spring election significantly altered the existing workflow and allocation of resources. Municipal clerks were swamped with applications and did their best to keep up with high demand. The major challenge concerned timing: clerks had to mail ballots early enough for voters to mark and return or postmark their ballots by close of polls on April 7.

⁵ General Election Voter Registration and Absentee Statistics 1984-2016.xlsx. "Elections and Voting Statistics." Wisconsin Elections Commission. Accessed: 17 April 2020. Available at:

https://elections.wi.gov/sites/elections.wi.gov/files/page/general_election_voter_registration_and_absentee_s_40046.xlsx.

⁶ "Absentee Ballot Report." Wisconsin Elections Commission. 14 November 2016. Available at: <https://elections.wi.gov/node/4414>.

Unofficial returns report 73% absentee turnout: Out of 1.5 million total ballots cast, 1.1 million were absentee ballots.⁷ When applied to the 2016 November Presidential election, a 73% absentee voting rate would amount to over 2 million absentee ballots, nearly twice the number processed in this spring's election. We anticipate that other no-reason absentee states will face similar rates of absentee voting come November, likely in the 70% range.

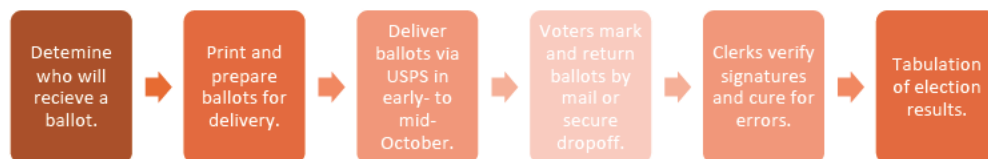
States relying on no-excuse absentee voting this fall must begin preparing now for the high equipment, personnel, and resource demands associated with a rapid increase in absentee voting.

Option Three: All-Mail Elections

Currently in use in just five states (Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Utah, and Washington), all-mail elections have received extensive media attention as the public grows increasingly concerned about in-person voting during this pandemic.

The reasons to consider an all-mail election are the chaos and complexity of the absentee process and the desire to offer voters a better opportunity to participate. Election officials will be considering the obstacles to standing up an all-mail election on the fly.

The vote by mail process is fairly straightforward:



First, jurisdictions must determine who will receive a ballot. States currently conducting all-mail elections typically distinguish between active and inactive voters; active voters are then sent a ballot while inactive voters are sent a notice. However, for states rolling out vote by mail on a short timeframe, both active and inactive voters should be sent a ballot. Whereas existing vote by mail states already have a legal process for making a distinction between active and inactive voters, as well as a history of mailings to inform this decision, this is not the case for states newly making a transition to vote by mail. Without the meticulous voter files that usually define vote by mail states, states should expect to receive a large number of returned ballots marked undeliverable. This is especially true in states that traditionally have alternatives such as election day registration which reduce the need for voters to regularly update their registration through government agencies such as the DMV. Accordingly, election officials and state legislators will need to make tough decisions on how to handle these undeliverable ballots.

Second, ballots must be printed and prepared for delivery. In Oregon, the first vote by mail state, ballots must be mailed to voters between October 16th and 20th. This requires ballots to be printed and delivered to election officials no later than October 7, thereby allowing for time to prepare ballot envelopes for mailing. Any state considering an all-mail November election will need to keep a similarly tight production and dissemination timeline.

The 20 states with August and September primaries will have difficulty meeting the early October ballot printing deadline due to the need to count and certify primary results. Some August primary states do not have a final ballot until Labor Day, which means that printing cannot happen until the end of the second week of September. This shortens the timeframe between printing, preparing, and mailing ballots – demanding even greater personnel and resource investments. Furthermore, it is unlikely that states with September primaries could meet an all-mail election printing and distribution schedule.

⁷ Richard H. Pildes and Charles Stewart III. "The Wisconsin primary had extraordinarily high voter turnout." *The Washington Post*. 15 April 2020. Accessed: 17 April 2020. Available at: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/04/15/wisconsin-primary-had-extraordinarily-high-voter-turnout/>.

Third, ballots must be mailed to voters. The most important new relationship jurisdictions must make is with the USPS: the lifeline of democracy in an all-mail election. Additionally, election officials must analyze the workload and resource shift for the preparing and mailing of ballots. Most offices do not have space or staff to perform this major distribution; instead, jurisdictions may swap out the majority of polling places for warehouses for the distributing, processing and counting of mail ballots.

Fourth, once voters receive their ballots in the mail, they must mark and return them by the posted deadline. Especially in states new to mail voting, election officials should expect voters to make mistakes on their absentee ballot envelopes, which are used for verification of eligibility. This brings us to step five: verifying signatures and curing signature errors. While voter mistakes in signing their ballot envelopes may result in rejected ballots, errors can be corrected in most states. A good eligibility verification will include an agile error correction process to give as many voters as possible a chance to correct problems. States should consider adding phone or email contact information on documents to make corrections feasible by shortening the time it takes to contact voters about errors.

The sixth and final step of the vote by mail process is the tabulation of election results. The same challenges apply here as are faced by no-excuse absentee voting states. Jurisdictions must ensure that they have the personnel, resources, and equipment necessary to count all vote by mail ballots.

Conclusion

State and local election officials have no choice but to prepare for expanded mail voting this November. Whether states have the resources for an all vote by mail scheme, or settle for a modified absentee process, they must act now or risk resource shortages and public embarrassments in the fall.

Elections e-Briefing and Event Pipeline

April 27, 2020

Topic	Potential Date	Potential Guests	Other Notes
When Women Vote Book Event	April 30 2-3:30 pm	- Amber McReynolds - Stephanie Donner - Sec. Benson (MI) - Sec. Wyman (WA) - Aimee Allison (She the People), Moderator	
Counting the Vote Panel	Week of May 4 (target)	- Task Force members - BPC moderator	- Issues: COVID preparations for states with high v low VBM rates - Machinery issues (buying/renting scanners) - Policy considerations (pre-processing ballots, curing signatures, etc)
Reworking of SXSW Panel: Conversation between CO and OH Secretaries of State	Week of May 11 (target)	- Moderator: Galen Druke (538) - Sec. Griswold (CO) - Sec. LaRose (OH)	- CO and OH SoSs are interested; needs to be scheduled - Ari following up to lock-in Galen Druke
Discussion with House Admin Ranking Member Rodney Davis on Election Funding	TBD	- Rep Rodney Davis (IL) - Moderator: Matt Weil	Matt in contact with staff
Voter Registration Series	TBD		Some issues: - 10 without OVR - How will list quality impact states ability to perform heavy mail voting? - DMVs are closing, but strict voter ID requirements remain. Could this create some of the same legal challenges that led courts to overturn Alabama's closure of DMVs in 2017? But is there a remedy since social distancing is a good reason for closures?

Accessibility and Vote-by-Mail Series	TBD	Michelle Bishop, Diane Golden	Topics could include: 1. Accessibility in disability rights sense 2. Address concerns (college students, Native populations) 3. Language concerns
List Maintenance: How List Maintenance Requirements Differ Under VBM		Oregon/Colorado TF Members	Having inaccurate addresses
The Renewed Importance of Signature Curing Under VBM			
The Role of Localities in Administering a Vote-by-Mail Election			

Completed E-Briefings:

1. 3/25/2020: "Voting in the Age of Corona"
2. 4/20/2020: Distributing Emergency Election Grants to States

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Final drafts attached! We're planning to publish this Thursday and the attached drafts are embargoed until April 30. In case it's helpful, I've also pasted the summary (and small chart) below. I'll keep you updated. Thanks so much!

Liz

Estimated Covid-19-Related Election Administration Costs: A Review of State and Local Costs

SUMMARY

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First, what Congress has so far provided state and local officials to run elections during the pandemic does not come close to what is needed to run safe and healthy elections in 2020. Indeed, our review shows that the March 27 grants will likely cover anywhere from 10% of what officials need in Georgia to around 18% of what is needed in Ohio.

Second, local election jurisdictions bear the heaviest burden for protecting voters and workers during the election. Indeed, in a majority of the states we examined, local governments must cover over 90% of the costs needed to ensure safe and secure elections this year, and in all five states they will bear the overwhelming

share of such expenses.

The measures that we appraise in this document should not be considered optional. They come from our discussions with multiple election officials in each of the five states we examined, and can be broken into three main categories: (1) building the infrastructure necessary to adopt to changed voter behavior based on the COVID 19 pandemic (for instance, more voters choosing to register on-line or vote by mail); (2) steps that must be taken to protect voters and election workers during elections; and (3) public education (including notice of changed elections, polling sites, and new options for voters to reduce density at in-person voting locations).

The accompanying report represents the consensus of members from an ideologically diverse group of organizations (the Alliance for Securing Democracy, the Brennan Center, Pitt Cyber and R Street Institute). After interviews with election officials, as well as the vendors who must supply most of the products and services these election officials need, it is clear that additional appropriations are necessary to fulfill the goal of fair and safe elections in 2020. Without Congressional leadership, the risk of repeating the problems experienced in recent primaries increases dramatically. These problems include: an inability to timely process ballot applications, closed polling places, and unnecessary sickness and even death for voters and election workers performing their civic duties.^[3] Congress has the resources to ensure state and local governments can run free, fair and safe elections this fall. We urge them to do so as soon as possible.

Estimated COVID19-Related Election Administration Costs					
(estimates reported in millions except where indicated)					
	Georgia	Michigan	Missouri	Ohio	Pennsylvania*
State Total	\$110.7 - \$124.4	\$94.9 - \$103.8	\$59.4 - \$67.0	\$70.0 - \$82.2	\$79.1 - \$90.1
State costs	\$42.4 - \$49.0	\$13.5 - \$17.6	\$600k - \$800k	\$4.2 - \$4.4	\$17.5 - \$17.9
Local costs	\$68.3 - \$75.4	\$81.4 - \$86.2	\$58.8 - \$66.2	\$65.8 - \$77.8	\$61.6 - \$72.2
Securing On-line Systems	\$600k - \$900k	\$600k - \$800k	\$600k - \$800k	\$600k - \$800k	\$800k - \$1.2
Mail Ballot Distribution	\$45.5 - \$58.9	\$21.5 - \$30.2	\$20.1 - \$27.5	\$26.5 - \$38.5	\$28.2 - \$38.9
Mail Ballot Processing and Tabulation	\$28.9	\$36.5	\$17.3	\$20.5	\$16.1
In-person Voting	\$12.8	\$17.3	\$12.9	\$12.7	\$26.6
Public Education	\$21.3	\$9.0	\$7.3	\$8.4	\$5.1
Secure Remote and Offsite Infrastructure	\$1.7	\$10.0	\$1.2	\$1.2	\$1.1
Notes:					
*Pennsylvania - Total and state costs include the cost of implementing a remote ballot marking tool at a cost of \$1.2 million.					

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Yes, sir!

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On Apr 23, 2020, at 8:38 PM, Rayburn, Kevin <krayburn@sos.ga.gov> wrote:

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Hey Liz,

Could you change Gabriel Sterling's title to Voting System Implementation Manager? He isn't COO right now.

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Liz

State officials are committed to serving Georgia voters and working in conjunction with local election officials through these unprecedented circumstances.^[1] They are planning ahead to ensure that all upcoming elections are safe and secure and that Georgia has a resilient election infrastructure that can withstand attack or major spikes in absentee voting.^[2] If necessary, state officials are prepared to continue their voter outreach and absentee ballot and absentee ballot distribution efforts.^[3] Assuming Georgia has five elections this cycle, the absentee ballot application printing and mailing costs will be \$15.5 million and we estimate the printing, packing and mailing of absentee ballots will be \$16 - \$22.4 million.

Georgia has a comparatively centralized election administration system in which the state is responsible for some infrastructure costs and decisions, including voting equipment selection and procurement, left to local election officials in many other states. However, Georgia state officials have worked closely with local officials over the past two years to make key infrastructure improvements across the state.^[4] When making these investment decisions, it was reasonable for election officials to assume that absentee voting turnout would remain relatively stable as no-excuse absentee voting has been available in Georgia for almost 20 years. For example, 3 percent of registered voters voted absentee in 2018 and 2016.^[5]

But the current infrastructure is not sufficient for the needs of election officials who are bracing

for the flood of absentee ballots.^[6] Local election officials will need additional machinery and equipment, including absentee ballot tabulation machines, to assist with managing the significant spike in absentee turnout. The state has already invested approximately \$2.1 million in the tabulation equipment necessary to centrally tabulate a significant percentage of total votes cast.^[7] With additional federal funding, additional centralized tabulation equipment, to be distributed to county officials across the state, would be a priority.^[8] We estimate the total voting tabulation equipment costs will be \$10.3 million.^[9]

[1] Kevin Rayburn (Deputy Elections Director and Deputy General Counsel, Georgia Secretary of State), Gabriel Sterling (Chief Operating Officer, Georgia Secretary of State), Chris Harvey (Elections Director, Georgia Secretary of State), interview with Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 17, 2020.

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Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2020 4:25 PM
To: Rayburn, Kevin <krayburn@sos.ga.gov>
Subject: RE: Federal coronavirus funding request REVISED draft

Kevin,

Thank you (and Chris and Gabe) again for your time and feedback! I have attached a revised GA narrative, which includes the methodology section we plan to include in the paper. I have also attached the spreadsheet with cost estimate breakdowns for GA & MI. I revised the narrative to reflect the new rule authorizing drop boxes and additional steps the Secretary's office is taking /preparing to take, etc. I have included a citation to our conversation for the sentences highlighted in the excerpt below (and on the attached). Just let me know if anything is inaccurate /out of context/not quite right/anything else. We're happy to make revisions of any kind, so just let me know! Also, in case it's helpful, here are the topline costs for GA;

Total costs: \$ 110.7 - \$ 124.4 million

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Excerpt:

State officials are committed to serving Georgia voters and working in conjunction with local election officials through these unprecedented circumstances.^[1] They are planning ahead to ensure that all upcoming elections are safe and secure and that Georgia has a resilient election infrastructure that can withstand attack or major spikes in absentee voting.^[2] If necessary, state officials are prepared to continue their voter outreach and absentee ballot and absentee ballot distribution efforts.^[3] Assuming Georgia has five elections this cycle, the absentee ballot application printing and mailing costs will be \$ 15.5 million and we estimate the printing, packing and mailing of absentee ballots will be \$ 16 - \$ 22.4 million.

Georgia has a comparatively centralized election administration system in which the state is responsible for some infrastructure costs and decisions, including voting equipment selection and procurement, left to local election officials in many other states. However, Georgia state officials have worked closely with local officials over the past two years to make key infrastructure

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Thank you!!

Liz

From: Rayburn, Kevin <krayburn@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Liz Howard <howardl@brennan.law.nyu.edu>; ldanetz@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Federal coronavirus funding request

Good Morning Liz,

I have forwarded the draft to front office staff to see if we have any comments or feedback.

I have attached an emergency rule that was adopted by our state election board yesterday, authorizing drop boxes for absentee ballots. I saw that you mention drop boxes in the report and may want to acknowledge this rule or the action of the state election board. Here is a news story you could cite to: <https://www.ajc.com/news/state-regional-govt-politics/ballot-drop-boxes-approved-for-georgia-voters-during-coronavirus/4Bir3Ymx1zLQZOGsXMazEO/>

Sincerely,

Kevin Rayburn
Deputy Elections Director and Deputy General Counsel
Georgia Secretary of State
Main: 404 656 2871
Direct: 470 312 2752

From: Liz Howard [<mailto:howardl@brennan.law.nyu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:18 PM
To: Rayburn, Kevin <krayburn@sos.ga.gov>; ldanetz@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Federal coronavirus funding request

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Kevin,

I just wanted to reach out with an update on our state coronavirus-related election administration costs estimate. We're getting really close to a final draft so I wanted to share our current draft and give you update. We've been working on putting together state specific coronavirus-related cost estimates for the following states: GA, MI, MO, OH & PA. For the estimate narrative, we broke down the aggregate state estimates into 2 sections: 1) state costs, and 2) local costs. Total estimated local costs in GA are \$89.8-99.7 million and state costs are estimated at \$26.2-27.3

million. For the narrative, we intend to promote the amazing work being done by state and local officials and drew extensively on Secretary Raffensperger's public comments, so please let me know if anything is out of context and/or not accurate and/or you have any other feedback. We'd love feedback about the state cost estimates, in particular, but would be appreciative for any feedback/time you have. Please feel free to call my cell, 202-740-5431, anytime.

We are always grateful for your service, but never more so than under the current circumstances. Hope all is well with you and yours.

Liz

Additional detailed information

In case it's helpful, the Georgia section will be included in a larger paper that includes detailed cost estimates for five states. (It will be similarly formatted to [this report](#) we put out about unfunded election security needs last year.) There will be an attached spreadsheet, and a separate methodology section which will provide additional information on the estimates, e.g., our total turnout estimate for the November election will be based on historical GA data. We're still working to finalize these documents (and would be happy to revise if necessary to ensure accuracy). Once those documents are finalized, I'll share them as well.

From: Liz Howard

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 6:14 PM

To: Rayburn, Kevin <krayburn@sos.ga.gov>; ldanetz@hotmail.com

Subject: Federal coronavirus funding request

Kevin,

Thank you so much for everything that you, Secretary Raffensperger, and the whole office and all the locals are doing right now for our democracy. I cannot imagine being an election official right now. I know you're crazed so please accept my apologies for reaching out, but I promise it's for a good cause! While financial resources are not a panacea, they are an important component of election officials' ability to plan a safe and secure election in this environment. I know you all have already done so much at the state and federal level to ensure that Georgia election officials have the resources that they need and I also know that you're currently focused on managing in state issues. Congress is trying to do their part, but the [\\$400 million in elections funding](#) included in the most recent federal coronavirus stimulus package (•Corona 3•) is simply not enough to ensure that election officials can properly protect the vote and their voters. (E.g., the Bipartisan Policy Center estimated that it will cost at least [\\$1.5 billion](#) and we've estimated at least [\\$2 billion](#).) Congress has more to do on several fronts, and we expect them to take up the next coronavirus funding package (•Corona 4•), shortly after the senate returns from recess on April 20.

We are planning to advocate for additional elections funding in Corona 4. As part of these efforts, we are working on a paper/report that will provide detailed coronavirus related cost estimates for 36 states. The format will likely look much like our [Defending Elections](#) report from last summer, in which we profiled/did a deep dive into six states and the unfunded election security needs in each. For that report, we worked closely with state and local officials to get the most accurate information possible. As we have selected Georgia as one of the states that we plan to profile for our new coronavirus costs paper/report, we would love to work closely with your office. We're trying to complete data collection calls within the next week. And I hope you'll forgive me for requesting an opportunity to discuss some potential coronavirus related costs as soon as you can pencil us in for a call. In order to get something out that can have an impact on the Hill, we have an exceptionally tight turn around and plan to reach out to local Georgia election officials to discuss costs/cost estimates with them later today, but wanted to give you a heads up!

Lisa and I will make our schedules work anytime that works for you and we're happy to speak with

anyone you suggest. Feel free to call me at 202 740 5431 anytime. Thank you for considering our request!

Liz

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State costs	\$42.4 - \$49.0	\$13.5 - \$17.6	\$600k - \$800k	\$4.2 - \$4.4	\$17.5 - \$17.9
Local costs	\$68.3 - \$75.4	\$81.4 - \$86.2	\$58.8 - \$66.2	\$65.8 - \$77.8	\$61.6 - \$72.2
Securing On-line Systems	\$600k - \$900k	\$600k - \$800k	\$600k - \$800k	\$600k - \$800k	\$800k - \$1.2
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Public Education	\$21.3	\$9.0	\$7.3	\$8.4	\$5.1
Secure Remote and Offsite Infrastructure	\$1.7	\$10.0	\$1.2	\$1.2	\$1.1
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	Low End Estimate	High End Estimate	Low End Estimate	High End Estimate	Low End Estimate	High End Estimate	Low End Estimate	High End Estimate	Low End Estimate	High End Estimate
State Total	\$110,741,555	\$124,430,160	\$94,945,253	\$103,778,403	\$59,412,659	\$67,013,321	\$70,001,871	\$82,166,652	\$79,054,774	\$90,104,119
State costs	\$42,403,860	\$49,034,290	\$13,540,937	\$17,595,693	\$590,000	\$790,000	\$4,201,913	\$4,401,913	\$17,480,000	\$17,870,000
Local costs	\$68,337,695	\$75,395,870	\$81,404,316	\$86,182,710	\$58,822,659	\$66,223,321	\$65,799,959	\$77,764,740	\$61,574,774	\$72,234,119
Securing On-line Systems										
Online absentee request systems (development and maintenance)	\$360,000	\$470,000	\$360,000	\$470,000	\$360,000	\$470,000	\$360,000	\$470,000	\$152,000	\$750,000
Ballot tracking systems & voter notification	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
OVR capacity & testing	\$150,000	\$170,000	\$150,000	\$170,000	\$150,000	\$170,000	\$130,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$170,000
Voter lookup tools & vulnerability testing	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$50,000
Mail Ballot Distribution										
Mailing absentee applications										
Absentee ballot applications (November)	\$3,102,000	\$3,102,000	\$4,481,900	\$4,481,580	\$2,385,217	\$2,385,217	\$4,730,203	\$4,730,203	\$3,300,000	\$3,300,000
Return postage (November)	\$1,569,750	\$2,982,520	\$1,115,366	\$3,069,195	\$901,578	\$1,712,998	\$1,888,595	\$3,588,330	\$4,700,000	\$4,700,000
Absentee ballot applications (Other elections)	\$12,408,000	\$12,408,000	\$4,481,580	\$4,481,580	\$4,770,434	\$4,770,434				
Return postage (Other elections)	\$2,421,900	\$2,421,900	\$745,554	\$745,554	\$686,276	\$686,276				
Mailing absentee ballots										
Absentee ballots (November)	\$4,540,200	\$10,920,630	\$4,782,639	\$9,087,013	\$4,439,896	\$8,435,803	\$6,711,603	\$12,752,047	\$6,802,425	\$12,924,608
Return postage (November)	\$1,690,500	\$6,423,900	\$839,668	\$3,240,595	\$755,834	\$2,872,169	\$1,026,644	\$3,901,246	\$1,077,201	\$4,093,363
Absentee ballots (Other elections)	\$11,463,660	\$11,463,660	\$2,207,372	\$2,207,372	\$3,379,623	\$3,379,623	\$5,872,653	\$5,872,653	\$5,539,118	\$5,539,118
Return postage (Other elections)	\$5,216,400	\$5,216,400	\$787,189	\$787,189	\$1,150,672	\$1,150,672	\$1,796,626	\$1,796,626	\$1,754,298	\$1,754,298
Dropboxes	\$2,128,000	\$3,040,000	\$1,106,000	\$1,580,000	\$1,113,000	\$1,590,000	\$3,150,000	\$4,500,000	\$3,549,000	\$5,070,000
Dropbox maintenance	\$912,000	\$912,000	\$474,000	\$474,000	\$477,000	\$477,000	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000	\$1,521,000	\$1,521,000
Mail Ballot Processing and Tabulation										
Automated letter opener	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$293,000	\$293,000	\$102,000	\$102,000	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$64,000	\$64,000
Mail sorting equipment	\$4,600,000	\$4,600,000	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000	\$2,900,000	\$2,900,000	\$6,400,000	\$6,400,000	\$5,100,000	\$5,100,000
High speed scanners	\$10,250,000	\$10,250,000	\$17,350,000	\$17,350,000	\$7,250,000	\$7,250,000	\$7,600,000	\$7,600,000	\$5,900,000	\$5,900,000
Processing & storage facilities	\$2,050,000	\$2,050,000	\$3,470,000	\$3,470,000	\$1,450,000	\$1,450,000	\$1,520,000	\$1,520,000	\$1,180,000	\$1,180,000
Processing staff (all elections)	\$11,491,200	\$11,491,200	\$9,424,800	\$9,424,800	\$5,359,200	\$5,359,200	\$4,636,800	\$4,636,800	\$3,616,200	\$3,616,200
Computers & technology	\$326,300	\$326,300	\$521,300	\$521,300	\$226,200	\$226,200	\$280,800	\$280,800	\$219,700	\$219,700
In-person Voting										
Cleaning/PPE Supplies										
PPE and Health (all elections)	\$2,256,750	\$2,256,750	\$1,630,980	\$1,630,980	\$1,908,420	\$1,908,420	\$1,513,680	\$1,513,680	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000
Plexiglass Sneeze Guards (one time expenditure)	\$796,500	\$796,500	\$1,439,100	\$1,439,100	\$1,122,600	\$1,122,600	\$2,671,200	\$2,671,200	\$2,746,800	\$2,746,800
Post-election cleaning services (all elections)	\$796,500	\$796,500	\$575,640	\$575,640	\$673,560	\$673,560	\$534,240	\$534,240	\$1,098,720	\$1,098,720
Single use pens (all elections)	\$0	\$0	\$5,735,777	\$5,735,777	\$3,105,320	\$3,105,320	\$2,103,441	\$2,103,441	\$4,444,606	\$4,444,606
Poll worker pay increase (all elections)	\$5,073,300	\$5,073,300	\$5,373,750	\$5,373,750	\$3,315,400	\$3,315,400	\$3,886,700	\$3,886,700	\$6,842,700	\$6,842,700
Interpreter services (all elections)	\$327,600	\$327,600	\$9,450	\$9,450	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,157,750	\$2,157,750
elections	\$3,547,500	\$3,547,500	\$2,578,500	\$2,578,500	\$2,806,500	\$2,806,500	\$2,028,500	\$2,028,500	\$6,865,500	\$6,865,500
Public Education										
Informational Mailers to All Voters (all elections)	\$16,200,000	\$16,200,000	\$6,987,033	\$6,882,033	\$5,589,575	\$5,589,575	\$7,263,825	\$7,263,825	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000
Media Outreach (all elections)	\$5,059,952	\$5,059,952	\$2,149,533	\$2,149,533	\$1,745,863	\$1,745,863	\$1,134,401	\$1,134,401	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Secure Remote and Offsite Infrastructure										
Remote working devices, security protections, and maintenance	\$1,735,543	\$1,735,543	\$10,000,442	\$10,000,442	\$1,208,491	\$1,208,491	\$1,243,960	\$1,243,960	\$1,095,756	\$1,095,756

Notes:

Georgia - The costs of return postage during the primary election was not included.

Ohio - estimates do not include costs associated with absentee applications and in-person voting for the April 28 primary election.

Pennsylvania - total and state costs include the cost of implementing a remote ballot marking tool at a cost \$1.2 million

	Georgia	
	Low End Estimate	High End Estimate
State Total	\$110,741,555	\$124,430,160
State costs	\$42,403,860	\$49,034,290
Local costs	\$68,337,695	\$75,395,870
Securing On-line Systems		
Online absentee request systems (development and maintenance)	\$360,000	\$470,000
Ballot tracking systems & voter notification	\$100,000	\$200,000
OVR capacity & testing	\$150,000	\$170,000
Voter lookup tools & vulnerability testing	\$30,000	\$5,000
Mail Ballot Distribution		
Mailing absentee applications		
Absentee ballot applications (November)	\$3,102,000	\$3,102,000
Return postage (November)	\$1,569,750	\$2,982,525
Absentee ballot applications (Other elections)	\$12,408,000	\$12,408,000
Return postage (Other elections)	\$2,421,900	\$2,421,900
Mailing absentee ballots		
Absentee ballots (November)	\$4,540,200	\$10,920,630
Return postage (November)	\$1,690,500	\$6,423,900
Absentee ballots (Other elections)	\$11,463,660	\$11,463,660
Return postage (Other elections)	\$5,216,400	\$5,216,400
Dropboxes	\$2,128,000	\$3,040,000
Dropbox maintenance	\$912,000	\$912,000
Mail Ballot Processing and Tabulation		
Automated letter opener	\$138,000	\$138,000
Mail sorting equipment	\$4,600,000	\$4,600,000
High speed scanners	\$10,250,000	\$10,250,000
Processing & storage facilities	\$2,050,000	\$2,050,000
Processing staff (all elections)	\$11,491,200	\$11,491,200
Computers & technology	\$326,300	\$326,300
In-person Voting		
Cleaning/PPE Supplies		
PPE and Health (all elections)	\$2,256,750	\$2,256,750
Plexiglass Sneeze Guards (one time expenditure)	\$796,500	\$796,500
Post-election cleaning services (all elections)	\$796,500	\$796,500
Single use pens (all elections)	\$0	\$0
Poll worker pay increase (all elections)	\$5,073,300	\$5,073,300
Inte p e t e r s r v i c e s (a l e l e c t i o n s)	\$327,600	\$327,600
e l e c t i o n s)	\$3,547,500	\$3,547,500
Public Education		
Informational Mailers to All Voters (all elections)	\$16,200,000	\$16,200,000
Media Outreach (all elections)	\$5,059,952	\$5,059,952
Secure Remote and Offsite Infrastructure		
Remote working devices, security protections, and maintenance	\$1,735,543	\$1,735,543

Notes:

Georgia - The costs of return postage during the primary election was not included.

	Michigan	
	Low End Estimate	High End Estimate
State Total	\$94,945,253	\$103,778,403
State costs	\$13,540,937	\$17,595,693
Local costs	\$81,404,316	\$86,182,710
Securing On-line Systems		
Online absentee request systems (development and maintenance)	\$360,000	\$470,000
Ballot tracking systems & voter notification	\$50,000	\$100,000
OVR capacity & testing	\$150,000	\$170,000
Voter lookup tools & vulnerability testing	\$30,000	\$50,000
Mail Ballot Distribution		
Mailing absentee applications		
Absentee ballot applications (November)	\$4,481,580	\$4,481,580
Return postage (November)	\$1,615,366	\$3,069,195
Absentee ballot applications (Other elections)	\$4,481,580	\$4,481,580
Return postage (Other elections)	\$745,554	\$745,554
Mailing absentee ballots		
Absentee ballots (November)	\$4,782,639	\$9,087,013
Return postage (November)	\$839,668	\$3,240,595
Absentee ballots (Other elections)	\$2,207,372	\$2,207,372
Return postage (Other elections)	\$787,189	\$787,189
Dropboxes	\$1,106,000	\$1,580,000
Dropbox maintenance	\$474,000	\$474,000
Mail Ballot Processing and Tabulation		
Automated letter opener	\$293,000	\$293,000
Mail sorting equipment	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000
High speed scanners	\$17,350,000	\$17,350,000
Processing & storage facilities	\$3,470,000	\$3,470,000
Processing staff (all elections)	\$9,424,800	\$9,424,800
Computers & technology	\$521,300	\$521,300
In-person Voting		
Cleaning/PPE Supplies		
PPE and Hand (all elections)	\$1,630,980	\$1,630,980
Plexiglass Sneeze Guards (one time expenditure)	\$1,439,100	\$1,439,100
Post-election cleaning services (all elections)	\$575,640	\$575,640
Single use pens (all elections)	\$5,735,777	\$5,735,777
Poll worker pay increase (all elections)	\$5,373,750	\$5,373,750
Interpretation services (all elections)	\$9,450	\$9,450
Transportation (all elections)	\$2,578,500	\$2,578,500
Public Education		
Informational Mailers to All Voters (all elections)	\$6,882,033	\$6,882,033
Media Outreach (all elections)	\$2,149,533	\$2,149,533
Secure Remote and Offsite Infrastructure		
Remote working devices, security protections, and maintenance	\$10,000,442	\$10,000,442

	Missouri	
	Low End Estimate	High End Estimate
State Total	\$59,412,659	\$67,013,321
State costs	\$590,000	\$790,000
Local costs	\$58,822,659	\$66,223,321
Securing On-line Systems		
Online absentee request systems (development and maintenance)	\$360,000	\$470,000
Ballot tracking systems & voter notification	\$50,000	\$100,000
OVR capacity & testing	\$150,000	\$170,000
Voter lookup tools & vulnerability testing	\$30,000	\$50,000
Mail Ballot Distribution		
Mailing absentee applications		
Absentee ballot applications (November)	\$2,385,217	\$2,385,217
Return postage (November)	\$901,578	\$1,712,998
Absentee ballot applications (Other elections)	\$4,770,434	\$4,770,434
Return postage (Other elections)	\$686,276	\$686,276
Mailing absentee ballots		
Absentee ballots (November)	\$4,439,896	\$8,435,803
Return postage (November)	\$755,834	\$2,872,169
Absentee ballots (Other elections)	\$3,379,623	\$3,379,623
Return postage (Other elections)	\$1,150,672	\$1,150,672
Dropboxes	\$1,113,000	\$1,590,000
Dropbox maintenance	\$477,000	\$477,000
Mail Ballot Processing and Tabulation		
Automated letter opener	\$102,000	\$102,000
Mail sorting equipment	\$2,900,000	\$2,900,000
High speed scanners	\$7,250,000	\$7,250,000
Processing & storage facilities	\$1,450,000	\$1,450,000
Processing staff (all elections)	\$5,359,200	\$5,359,200
Computers & technology	\$226,200	\$226,200
In-person Voting		
Cleaning/PPE Supplies		
PPE and Hand (all elections)	\$1,908,420	\$1,908,420
Plexiglass Sneeze Guards (one time expenditure)	\$1,122,600	\$1,122,600
Post-election cleaning services (all elections)	\$673,560	\$673,560
Single use pens (all elections)	\$3,105,320	\$3,105,320
Poll worker pay increase (all elections)	\$3,315,400	\$3,315,400
Inte p eter s rvices (a l elections)	\$0	\$0
elections)	\$2,806,500	\$2,806,500
Public Education		
Informational Mailers to All Voters (all elections)	\$5,589,575	\$5,589,575
Media Outreach (all elections)	\$1,745,863	\$1,745,863
Secure Remote and Offsite Infrastructure		
Remote working devices, security protections, and maintenance	\$1,208,491	\$1,208,491

	Ohio	
	Low End Estimate	High End Estimate
State Total	\$70,001,871	\$82,166,652
State costs	\$4,201,913	\$4,401,913
Local costs	\$65,799,959	\$77,764,740
Securing On-line Systems		
Online absentee request systems (development and maintenance)	\$360,000	\$470,000
Ballot tracking systems & voter notification	\$50,000	\$100,000
OVR capacity & testing	\$130,000	\$150,000
Voter lookup tools & vulnerability testing	\$30,000	\$50,000
Mail Ballot Distribution		
Mailing absentee applications		
Absentee ballot applications (November)	\$4,730,203	\$4,730,203
Return postage (November)	\$1,888,595	\$3,588,330
Absentee ballot applications (Other elections)		
Return postage (Other elections)		
Mailing absentee ballots		
Absentee ballots (November)	\$6,711,603	\$12,752,047
Return postage (November)	\$1,026,644	\$3,901,246
Absentee ballots (Other elections)	\$5,872,653	\$5,872,653
Return postage (Other elections)	\$1,796,626	\$1,796,626
Dropboxes	\$3,150,000	\$4,500,000
Dropbox maintenance	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000
Mail Ballot Processing and Tabulation		
Automated letter opener	\$88,000	\$88,000
Mail sorting equipment	\$6,400,000	\$6,400,000
High speed scanners	\$7,600,000	\$7,600,000
Processing & storage facilities	\$1,520,000	\$1,520,000
Processing staff (all elections)	\$4,630,000	\$4,630,000
Computers & technology	\$280,800	\$280,800
In-person Voting		
Cleaning/PPE Supplies		
PPE and Hand (all elections)	\$1,513,680	\$1,513,680
Plexiglass Sneeze Guards (one time expenditure)	\$2,671,200	\$2,671,200
Post-election cleaning services (all elections)	\$534,240	\$534,240
Single use pens (all elections)	\$2,103,441	\$2,103,441
Poll worker pay increase (all elections)	\$3,886,700	\$3,886,700
Inte p eter s rvices (a l elections)	\$0	\$0
elections)	\$2,028,500	\$2,028,500
Public Education		
Informational Mailers to All Voters (all elections)	\$7,263,825	\$7,263,825
Media Outreach (all elections)	\$1,134,401	\$1,134,401
Secure Remote and Offsite Infrastructure		
Remote working devices, security protections, and maintenance	\$1,243,960	\$1,243,960

Notes:

Ohio - estimates do not include costs associated with absentee applications and in-person voting for the April 28th primary election.

	Pennsylvania	
	Low End Estimate	High End Estimate
State Total	\$79,054,774	\$90,104,119
State costs	\$17,480,000	\$17,870,000
Local costs	\$61,574,774	\$72,234,119
Securing On-line Systems		
Online absentee request systems (development and maintenance)	\$500,000	\$750,000
Ballot tracking systems & voter notification	\$100,000	\$200,000
OVR capacity & testing	\$150,000	\$170,000
Voter lookup tools & vulnerability testing	\$30,000	\$50,000
Mail Ballot Distribution		
Mailing absentee applications		
Absentee ballot applications (November)	\$3,300,000	\$3,300,000
Return postage (November)	\$4,700,000	\$4,700,000
Absentee ballot applications (Other elections)		
Return postage (Other elections)		
Mailing absentee ballots		
Absentee ballots (November)	\$6,802,425	\$12,924,608
Return postage (November)	\$1,077,201	\$4,093,363
Absentee ballots (Other elections)	\$5,539,118	\$5,539,118
Return postage (Other elections)	\$1,754,298	\$1,754,298
Dropboxes	\$3,549,000	\$5,070,000
Dropbox maintenance	\$1,521,000	\$1,521,000
Mail Ballot Processing and Tabulation		
Automated letter opener	\$64,000	\$64,000
Mail sorting equipment	\$5,100,000	\$5,100,000
High speed scanners	\$5,900,000	\$5,900,000
Processing & storage facilities	\$1,180,000	\$1,180,000
Processing staff (all elections)	\$3,616,200	\$3,616,200
Computers & technology	\$219,700	\$219,700
In-person Voting		
Cleaning/PPE Supplies		
PPE and Hand (all elections)	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000
Plexiglass Sneeze Guards (one time expenditure)	\$2,746,800	\$2,746,800
Post-election cleaning services (all elections)	\$1,098,720	\$1,098,720
Single use pens (all elections)	\$4,444,606	\$4,444,606
Poll worker pay increase (all elections)	\$6,842,700	\$6,842,700
Inte p e t e r s r v i c e s (a l e l e c t i o n s)	\$2,157,750	\$2,157,750
e l e c t i o n s)	\$6,865,500	\$6,865,500
Public Education		
Informational Mailers to All Voters (all elections)	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000
Media Outreach (all elections)	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Secure Remote and Offsite Infrastructure		
Remote working devices, security protections, and maintenance	\$1,095,756	\$1,095,756

Notes:

Pennsylvania - total and state costs include the cost of implementing a remote ballot marking tool at a cost \$1.2 million

Introduction

The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has changed voting behavior and poses an extraordinary challenge for state and local officials as they seek to ensure that elections in 2020 are fair, safe and secure. As officials in Washington D.C. argue over how people should vote in light of the pandemic, elections themselves have already changed. Millions more are requesting mail ballots, and many fewer are updating registrations at government offices, instead finding alternative means like on-line voter registration portals, to do so. At the same time, jurisdictions are saddled with the unforeseen cost of investing in personal protective equipment and sanitation supplies to reduce the risk of illness and even death for their workers and voters.¹ Even without any changes to the rules for elections this year, the costs for running them credibly and safely will be enormous.

Congress has already provided some help. On March 27, President Trump signed into law a \$2 trillion economic relief package that included \$400 million in grants to the states to make adjustments necessary to run their elections during the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, we now know this is not enough.²

In this document we examine the difference between the March 27 federal investment in the electoral process and what is needed to ensure safe and healthy elections for 2020 unless Congress steps up and confronts this emergency. Our analysis focuses on five states – Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Pennsylvania. These states have diverging election administration systems and needs, from the number of elections this cycle to the requirements for absentee voting, and the full range of challenges facing election officials and voters. Nevertheless, we identify two common themes in all cases.

First, what Congress has so far provided state and local officials to run elections during the pandemic is a first step, but it is not enough to run safe and secure elections in 2020. Indeed, our review shows that the March 27 grants will likely cover anywhere from less than 10% of what officials need in Georgia to around 18% of what is needed in Ohio.

Second, local election jurisdictions bear the heaviest burden for protecting voters and workers during the election. Indeed, in a majority of the states we examined, local governments must cover over 90% of the costs needed to ensure safe and secure elections this year, and in all five states they will bear the overwhelming share of such expenses.

The measures that we appraise in this document are critical. They come from our discussions with multiple election officials in each of the five states we examined, and can be broken into three main categories: (1) developing the infrastructure necessary to support changed voter behavior based on the COVID-19 pandemic (for instance, more voters choosing to register on-line or vote by mail); (2) taking steps to protect voters and election workers during elections (i.e., providing personal protective equipment to poll workers, allowing curbside voting, cleaning polling places, and ensuring that election staff can work off-site as needed without exposing election offices to cyberattacks); and (3) educating the public on changes made to election procedures and polling locations (including notice of changed elections, polling sites, and new options for voters to reduce density at in-person voting locations).

The accompanying report represents the consensus of members from an ideologically diverse group of organizations (the Alliance for Securing Democracy, the Brennan Center, Pitt Cyber and R Street Institute). After interviews with election officials, as well as the vendors who must supply most of the products and services these election officials need, it is clear that additional appropriations are necessary to fulfill the goal of fair and safe elections in 2020. Without funding from the

¹ There have been several instances of poll workers testing positive for COVID 19 soon after elections. See e.g., John Keilman, “After Chicago poll worker dies from COVID-19 and others test positive, city warns voters they might have been exposed to virus at polling places,” *Chicago Tribune*, Apr. 13, <https://www.chicagotribune.com/coronavirus/ct-chicago-poll-worker-dies-covid-cornavirus-20200413-rz55vqpo6ifbxn7e4i6vki6n2y-story.html>; Gary Fineout, “2 Florida primary poll workers test positive for coronavirus,” *Politico*, Mar. 26, 2020, <https://www.politico.com/states/florida/story/2020/03/26/2-florida-primary-poll-workers-test-positive-for-coronavirus-1269261>.

² Moreover, some states are concerned that they will not be able to access the federal funds because of constraints put on the money. National Association of Secretaries of State, “NASS President Paul Pate & President-elect Maggie Toulouse Oliver Open Letter to Congress and American Voters on COVID-19 Election Preparations,” Mar. 25, 2020, <https://www.nass.org/node/1824>.

federal government, there is little chance state and local governments will shoulder the financial burden. Indeed, nearly every state and local government in the country faces severe budget challenges this year.³

Without Congressional leadership, the risk of repeating the problems experienced in recent primaries increases dramatically. These problems include: an inability to timely process ballot applications, closed polling places, and unnecessary sickness and even death for voters and election workers performing their civic duties.⁴ Facing an economic downturn, states may soon tighten their belts further on many nonessential services. Congress has the resources to ensure state and local governments can run free, fair and safe elections this fall. We urge them to do so as soon as possible.

How We Arrived At Our Estimates.

Our estimates of the expenses state and local jurisdictions incur come from (1) interviews with election officials in each of these states about the costs they have already incurred; (2) interviews with vendors and service providers on the costs for other needed products and services that election officials identified, as well as publicly available information about these costs; and (3) projections of voter behavior, based on prior history, as well as changes we have already seen in recent elections. In all cases, we have documented the sources and assumptions behind our estimates, which are described and discussed in detail in the methodology section found on pages - of this document, although they are not included in the individual state profiles for readability purposes.⁵

Georgia:

Total registered voters: 6.9 million active voters⁶

2020 cycle elections: Primary (June 9); State/Federal/Local Runoff (August 11); General (November 3); State Runoff (December 1); Federal Runoff (January 5)

Total costs: \$110.7 – \$124.4 million

State costs: \$42.4 – \$49 million

Local costs: \$68.3 – \$75.4 million

Federal grant: \$10.8 million⁷ (9% – 10%)

In response to ongoing warnings by federal and state health officials, Georgia recently delayed the primary election, originally scheduled for March 24, for the second time. The primary is currently scheduled for June 9.⁸

³ Stateline Article, “‘We Have No Money’: Coronavirus Slams State Taxes,” *Pew Charitable Trusts*, Apr. 2, 2020, <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2020/04/02/we-have-no-money-coronavirus-slams-state-taxes> (“Few state economists and budget analysts have calculated the fiscal impact of the pandemic so far, and it’s hard at this early stage to say how big the drop off in tax collections will be, said Brian Sigritz, director of state fiscal studies for the National Association of State Budget Officers, a Washington, D.C.-based membership organization. But the early estimates don’t look good, he said. ‘It looks like the drop-off that states could be facing this time could be more severe than the Great Recession’”).

⁴ See e.g., Keilman, “After Chicago poll worker dies from COVID-19 and others test positive, city warns voters they might have been exposed to virus at polling places”; Fineout, “2 Florida primary poll workers test positive for coronavirus”.

⁵ All totals and subtotals listed in state profiles reflect cost estimates in the state estimate chart. Because of rounding, estimates listed in state profiles may not add up to the subtotals listed in state profiles.

⁶ “Active Voters by Race and Gender as of April 1, 2020 (By County with Statewide Totals),” Voter Registration Statistics, Georgia Secretary of State, accessed Apr. 16, 2020, https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/Elections/voter_registration_statistics.

⁷ “2020 Cares Act Grants,” U.S. Election Assistance Commission, accessed Apr. 16, 2020, <https://www.eac.gov/payments-and-grants/2020-cares-act-grants>.

⁸ Georgia Secretary of State, “Raffensperger Announces Postponement of Primary Election Until June 9,” Apr. 9, 2020, https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections/raffensperger_announces_postponement_of_primary_election_until_june_9.

Georgia state election officials have taken a leading role during this unprecedented situation. While Georgia was already a “no-excuse” absentee voting state, this option was not heavily used by the state’s voters in the past – during the 2018 general election, 3% of registered voters cast their vote by mail.⁹ That is almost certain to change. In response, Secretary Raffensperger’s office has stressed the importance of mail voting, which relieves crowding on election day, for public safety reasons: “With social distancing as one of the most important tools for limiting the spread of coronavirus, providing alternatives to voting in person is crucial.”¹⁰

To alleviate the resource burden on county election officials caused by absentee voting spikes during the primary, Georgia state officials have taken on some of the costs and election administration duties normally the responsibility of local officials in the primary. Specifically, the state is paying for the printing, packing and postage costs to send prepopulated absentee ballot applications to every active voter and absentee voter whose application is approved by local officials.¹²

These proactive steps have been well-received by local election officials,¹³ many of whom are faced with staffing stresses¹⁴ or much worse, such as the death of a Fulton County elections employee,¹⁵ and government office closures.¹⁶ However, county officials remain primarily responsible for the majority of increased costs associated with administering elections during a pandemic and its aftermath. These increased costs may be a bigger concern in Georgia than any other state because Georgia could have up to five elections this cycle.¹⁷

Georgia election officials need additional federal funding now to help cover increased election administration costs related to coronavirus. Multiple local Georgia officials, who are primarily responsible for these costs, joined others from around the country in stating that federal funding provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act is “simply not enough,” and additional federal funding is critical as they prepare for the elections ahead.¹⁸

⁹ U.S. Election Assistance Commission, *Election Administration And Voting Survey 2018 Comprehensive Report: A Report to the 116th Congress*, 29 and 55, Jun. 2019, https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/eac_assets/16/2018_EAVS_Report.pdf, see also Mark Niesse, “Voters mailed absentee ballot request forms for May 19 Georgia primary,” *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, Apr. 10, 2020, <https://www.ajc.com/news/state-regional-govt-politics/absentee-ballot-request-forms-for-may-19-georgia-primary/tcXDJ2abTq6u6r1qEv8L/>.
¹⁰ Georgia Secretary of State, “Raffensperger Takes Unprecedented Steps to Protect Safety and Voter Integrity in Georgia,” Mar. 24, 2020, <https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections/raffensperger-takes-unprecedented-steps-to-protect-safety-and-voter-integrity-in-georgia>.
¹¹ Janine Eveler (Director of Elections, Cobb County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Deidre Holden (Elections Supervisor, Paulding County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Joseph Kirk (Elections Supervisor, Bartow County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.
¹² Georgia Secretary of State, “Raffensperger Takes Unprecedented Steps to Protect Safety and Voter Integrity in Georgia,” Niesse, “Voters mailed absentee ballot request forms for May 19 Georgia primary.”
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¹⁴ Mark Niesse, “Elections employee dies of COVID-19 ahead of Georgia primary,” *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Apr. 23, 2020, <https://www.ajc.com/news/state-regional-govt-politics/elections-employee-dies-covid-ahead-georgia-primary/tcXDJ2abTq6u6r1qEv8L/>.
¹⁵ County Office Buildings Temporarily Closed, “Alert Center, Camden County Georgia, Mar. 20, 2020, <https://www.co.camden.ga.us/AlertCenter.aspx?AID=County-Office-Buildings-Temporarily-Clos-101>.
¹⁶ “2020 State Elections and Voter Registration Calendar,” Georgia Secretary of State, accessed Apr. 13, 2020, https://sos.ga.gov/admin/uploads/2020_Short_Calendar.pdf. Isaac Sabatel, “Election 2020: Inside Georgia’s Senate Races,” *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, Apr. 9, 2020, <https://www.ajc.com/news/state-regional-govt-politics/election-2020-inside-georgia-senate-races/OO1k28vHPHhJgEzndL/> (noting “7 Democrats qualified to run” in the primary for U.S. senate democratic nominee), Jessica Taylor, “Georgia Senate Special Election Moves From Likely to Lean Republican,” *Cook Political Report*, Jan. 31, 2020, <https://cookpolitical.com/analysis/senate/georgia-senate-special-election-moves-likely-lean-republican> (“If no candidate receives a majority (which seems all but certain), the top two finishers will advance to a runoff on January 5, 2021”).
¹⁷ Georgia election officials have signed a letter in support of additional federal elections funding: Deidre B. Holden (Supervisor of Elections and Registration, Paulding County), Joseph Kirk (Director of Elections, Bartow County). See Brennan Center for Justice, “Election Officials Call for More Election Funding in Next Stimulus Bill,” last updated Apr. 16, 2020, <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/election-officials-call-more-election-funding-next-stimulus-bill>.

State costs

- **\$42.4 - \$49 million**

- Printing and mailing absentee ballot applications to all registered voters
- Packing and mailing absentee ballots to all voters approved by local officials
- Purchasing and deploying centralized vote tabulation machines (“high speed scanners”)
- Investing in state election infrastructure

Georgia officials have already made significant investments to increase the adoption rate of absentee voting to help minimize the spread of COVID-19, promote poll worker and voter safety, and minimize voter issues on election day due to polling place closures and consolidations resulting from a potential lack of poll workers. For example, at a cost of \$3.1 million, state officials are sending absentee voting applications to every active voter in the state.¹⁹ The state is also paying the \$1.88 - \$2.38 in postage costs and handling costs per absentee ballot mailed to approved absentee ballot applicants.²⁰ For the primary election, we estimate the cost of mailing absentee ballots will be \$3.1 - \$3.9 million.²¹

State officials are committed to serving Georgia voters and working in conjunction with local election officials through these unprecedented circumstances.²² They are planning ahead to ensure that all upcoming elections are safe and secure and that Georgia has a resilient election infrastructure that can withstand attack or major spikes in absentee voting.²³ If necessary, state officials are prepared to continue their voter outreach and absentee ballot distribution efforts.²⁴ Assuming Georgia has five elections this cycle, it is estimated that the absentee ballot application printing and mailing costs will be \$15.5 million and the printing, packing and mailing of absentee ballots will be \$16 - \$22.4 million.²⁵

In Georgia, the state is responsible for some infrastructure costs and decisions, including voting equipment selection and procurement. However, state officials have worked closely with local officials over the past two years to make key infrastructure improvements across the state.²⁶ When making these investment decisions, it was reasonable for election officials to assume that absentee voting turnout would remain relatively stable as no-excuse absentee voting has been available in Georgia over 10 years.²⁷ For example, 3 percent of registered voters voted absentee by mail in 2018 and 2016.²⁸

¹⁹ Niese, “Voters mailed absentee ballot request forms for May 19 Georgia primary”.

²⁰ Niese, “Voters mailed absentee ballot request forms for May 19 Georgia primary”; Kevin Rayburn (Deputy Elections Director and Deputy General Counsel, Georgia Secretary of State), Gabriel Sterling (Voting System Implementation Manager, Georgia Secretary of State), Chris Harvey (Elections Director, Georgia Secretary of State), interview with Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 17, 2020.

²¹ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

²² Kevin Rayburn (Deputy Elections Director and Deputy General Counsel, Georgia Secretary of State), Gabriel Sterling (Voting System Implementation Manager, Georgia Secretary of State), Chris Harvey (Elections Director, Georgia Secretary of State), interview with Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 17, 2020.

²³ Kevin Rayburn (Deputy Elections Director and Deputy General Counsel, Georgia Secretary of State), Gabriel Sterling (Voting System Implementation Manager, Georgia Secretary of State), Chris Harvey (Elections Director, Georgia Secretary of State), interview with Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 17, 2020.

²⁴ Kevin Rayburn (Deputy Elections Director and Deputy General Counsel, Georgia Secretary of State), Gabriel Sterling (Voting System Implementation Manager, Georgia Secretary of State), Chris Harvey (Elections Director, Georgia Secretary of State), interview with Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 17, 2020.

²⁵ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

²⁶ Brad Raffensperger (Georgia Secretary of State), Jordan Fuchs (Deputy Secretary of State, Georgia Secretary of State), Ryan Germany (General Counsel, Georgia Secretary of State), Kevin Hamilton (Deputy Elections Director, Georgia Secretary of State), Kelvin Williams (Elections Coordinator, Gwinnett County), Joseph Kirk (Elections Supervisor, Bartow County), Deb Cox (Supervisor of Elections, Lowndes County), Georgia Election Cybersecurity Roundtable, Georgia Secretary of State, Feb. 19, 2020.

²⁷ 2005 Georgia Laws Act 53 (H.B. 244).

²⁸ See U.S. Election Assistance Commission, “2016 EAVS Data Brief: Georgia,” accessed Apr. 13, 2020,

[https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/eac_assets/1/6/Georgia - EAVS 2016 Data Brief - 508.pdf](https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/eac_assets/1/6/Georgia_-_EAVS_2016_Data_Brief_-_508.pdf); U.S. Election Assistance Commission,

But the current infrastructure is not sufficient for the needs of election officials who are “bracing for the flood of absentee ballots.”²⁹ Local election officials will need additional machinery and equipment, including absentee ballot tabulation machines, to assist with managing the significant spike in absentee voting. The state has already invested approximately \$2.1 million in the tabulation equipment necessary to centrally tabulate a significant percentage of total votes cast at the county level.³⁰ With additional federal funding, additional centralized tabulation equipment, to be distributed to county officials across the state, would be a priority.³¹ We estimate the total voting tabulation equipment costs will be \$10.3 million.³²

Additional infrastructure investments, including an online absentee ballot application tool to increase absentee voting security and election integrity, improved absentee ballot tracking systems, and additional load and vulnerability testing for current online systems (which we expect will experience unanticipated spikes in usage rates) will cost an estimated \$640,000 - \$890,000.³³

Local costs

- **\$68.3 - \$75.4 million**

While state officials are playing an important role in the current crisis, local election officials retain primary responsibility for the majority of election administration costs and responsibilities. Local officials are preparing for a surge in absentee voting with a populace that has historically voted in-person and infrastructure that was geared towards this preference for years to come. For example, in 2016 and 2018, around 95% of voters cast their ballots in-person.³⁴ Local election officials we interviewed know these numbers are likely to be much lower in the primary election and believe that COVID-19 will likely continue to impact voting preferences in the general election, even if the virus has been contained.³⁵ Additional infrastructure investments, described below, will be required to accommodate the expected surge in absentee voting.

Conducting absentee ballot education and outreach: \$21.3 million

While the state is mailing important information to all voters in the primary, some county officials may decide to supplement these educational outreach efforts at the local level, as some local Iowa officials are doing, where the Secretary of State is overseeing the state's elections in a manner similar to the Georgia Secretary of State.³⁶ We estimate that reasonable media outreach would cost \$5.1 million for the year, and that sending informational mailers to all voters would cost \$3.2 million per election.³⁷

²⁹ “2018 EAVS Data Brief: Georgia,” accessed Apr. 13, 2020,

https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/eac_assets/1/6/EAVS_2018_Data_Brief_GA.pdf.

²⁹ Mark Niesse, “Georgia elections chief launches effort against mail-in voting fraud,” *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, Apr. 6, 2020,

<https://www.ajc.com/news/state-regional-govt-politics/georgia-elections-chief-launches-effort-against-mail-voting-fraud/uKcFoPbbLnFC0A4nXihAlJ/>.

³⁰ Kevin Rayburn (Deputy Elections Director and Deputy General Counsel, Georgia Secretary of State), Gabriel Sterling (Voting System Implementation Manager, Georgia Secretary of State), Chris Harvey (Elections Director, Georgia Secretary of State), interview with Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 17, 2020.

³¹ Kevin Rayburn (Deputy Elections Director and Deputy General Counsel, Georgia Secretary of State), Gabriel Sterling (Voting System Implementation Manager, Georgia Secretary of State), Chris Harvey (Elections Director, Georgia Secretary of State), interview with Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 17, 2020.

³² See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

³³ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

³⁴ Around 95% of overall turnout was in person. See “2016 EAVS Data Brief: Georgia”; “2018 EAVS Data Brief: Georgia”.

³⁵ Janine Eveler (Director of Elections, Cobb County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Deidre Holden (Elections Supervisor, Paulding County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Joseph Kirk (Elections Supervisor, Bartow County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

³⁶ Paul Pate (Iowa Secretary of State), “Paul Pate on States Considering Voting Changes Amid Coronavirus Pandemic,” interview by Steve Scully, *Washington Journal C-SPAN*, Apr. 5, 2020, <https://www.c-span.org/video/?470912-3/washington-journal-paul-pate-discusses-potential-voting-amid-coronavirus-pandemic>.

³⁷ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

Processing absentee ballot applications and providing prepaid return postage: \$4 - \$5.4 million

Although the state has assumed responsibility for sending prepopulated absentee ballot applications to all voters, voters remain responsible for the postage required to return the absentee ballot application to the appropriate local official. However, local election officials we interviewed would support paying these postage costs if they received assistance from the federal government to do so.³⁸ We estimate that prepaid return postage for applications would cost \$1.6 - \$3 million for the general election, and \$2.4 million total for the runoff elections. While not included in our estimates as voters did not receive postage prepaid envelopes to return absentee ballot applications, we estimate that the postage costs would have been approximately \$1.1 million to do so.³⁹

Local officials are currently tackling the deluge of incoming paper applications.⁴⁰ Georgia state officials played an important role in minimizing the time required for local officials to process these applications when it voluntarily centralized absentee ballot application printing and mailing by prepopulating the forms with voters' information and, importantly, including a bar code that local officials can scan to greatly expedite processing times.⁴¹

However, between office closures, the spread of the coronavirus and an infrastructure built for the state's traditionally low absentee by mail turnout, there may be application processing backlogs across the state. "The courthouse may be closed, but I'm at the office and my staff must keep working," said Deidre Holden, Paulding County supervisor of elections and voting.⁴²

Processing and tabulating absentee ballots: \$28.5 - \$34.2 million

Once local election officials approve an absentee ballot application, the state's vendor will mail absentee ballot packages to individual voters. In Georgia, absentee ballot packages will include one privacy (inner) envelope, instructions for voting, the paper ballot, and an (outer) envelope in which to return all required materials. The package will be mailed to the voter in one large envelope,⁴³ as is standard in all the states we profile in this paper.

Currently, as with ballot applications, Georgia voters are responsible for the postage costs to return their absentee ballots.⁴⁴ Local officials we interviewed would also support providing absentee voters with postage pre-paid envelopes to return their ballots if they received assistance from the federal government to do so.⁴⁵ We estimate that the total postage costs to return absentee ballots in the primary will be approximately \$2.3 million, but did not include this cost in these estimates even though local officials will be responsible for some postage costs as USPS delivers absentee ballots marked as official election mail even if the envelope does not include sufficient postage and subsequently bills the local official recipient.⁴⁶ We estimate that return postage could cost \$6.9 - \$11.6 million for the remainder of the cycle.⁴⁷

³⁸ Janine Eveler (Director of Elections, Cobb County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Deidre Holden (Elections Supervisor, Paulding County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Joseph Kirk (Elections Supervisor, Bartow County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

³⁹ Although USPS has agreed to deliver voted absentee ballots to election officials if the voter failed to provide sufficient postage, "the Postal Service didn't answer questions about whether it would deliver absentee request forms without postage." See Mark Niese, "Mailed ballots in Georgia will be counted, even without a stamp," *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Apr. 14, 2020, <https://www.ajc.com/news/state-regional-govt-politics/mailed-ballots-georgia-will-counted-even-without-stamp/4P04UcxpZuJ1jZVXgDbixO/>.

⁴⁰ Joseph Kirk (Elections Supervisor, Bartow County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

⁴¹ Joseph Kirk (Elections Supervisor, Bartow County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

⁴² Deidre Holden (Elections Supervisor, Paulding County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020.

⁴³ Janine Eveler (Director of Elections, Cobb County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Deidre Holden (Elections Supervisor, Paulding County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Joseph Kirk (Elections Supervisor, Bartow County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

⁴⁴ Although voters are asked to pay postage to return their absentee ballot, USPS "mail carriers are told to deliver ballot envelopes labeled as 'official election mail' even if they don't have sufficient postage. USPS will subsequently bill county officials for the postage costs. See Niese, "Mailed ballots in Georgia will be counted, even without a stamp".

⁴⁵ Janine Eveler (Director of Elections, Cobb County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Deidre Holden (Elections Supervisor, Paulding County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Joseph Kirk (Elections Supervisor, Bartow County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

⁴⁶ Niese, "Mailed ballots in Georgia will be counted, even without a stamp".

⁴⁷ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

Ballot drop boxes allow voters to securely and conveniently return their voted absentee ballots without incurring postage costs, and are standard in almost all states with a high percentage of mail ballots.⁴⁸ On April 15, the State Board of Elections voted unanimously to allow drop boxes, “an option that [allows voters to avoid] human contact during the coronavirus pandemic.”⁴⁹ In addition, drop boxes ensure that voters can return their ballot by the deadline, even if the post office experiences service interruptions or the voter does not receive their ballot in sufficient time to return it via the United States Postal Service (USPS) under normal delivery circumstances. Drop boxes have proven exceptionally popular in other several other states, including Colorado, where approximately 75% of ballots are returned to drop boxes.⁵⁰ With sufficient funding, Georgia election officials we interviewed would consider widespread deployment of ballot drop boxes.⁵¹ Statewide secure ballot drop boxes will cost approximately \$3 - 4 million to purchase, install and maintain.⁵² For these estimates, we assume that drop boxes will be deployed prior to the general election and the percentage of voters who return their ballot by mail may be much lower in the general than in the primary election. The estimated return postage for absentee ballots costs reflect this assumption.

Once an absentee ballot is received, local officials must sort, process and verify the voter’s signature on the outer envelope. To manage the expected significant spike in incoming mail, local election officials will need equipment to assist with automating this process. The equipment needs, which will vary based on the size of the locality, may include mail sorting equipment and automated letter openers. After election officials open outer envelopes on election day, inner envelopes are opened, and ballots are aggregated and tabulated. While the significant spike in the number of ballots to be counted centrally means that many local officials will need additional centralized absentee ballot tabulators (“high speed scanners”), in Georgia these costs are generally paid by the state. Some counties will also need additional space for secure ballot processing and storage.⁵³ Statewide, the staffing, facilities, non-tabulation equipment and software that will likely be needed to process returned absentee ballots will cost approximately \$18.6 million for the year, including one-time equipment costs.⁵⁴

Building secure remote, offsite or additional infrastructure: \$1.7 million

Election officials’ work must continue despite stay-at-home (SAH) orders, social distancing recommendations, limits on non-essential travel, building closures and public health concerns. To do so, many local election officials may have staff who need to work at home or in temporary office space for periods of time throughout the election cycle. Working remotely can present significant security risks as malicious actors seek to exploit weaker networks and general disruption in routine.⁵⁵ In addition, officials may need to add additional secure workstations to accommodate additional processing

⁴⁸ Ten states provide ballot drop boxes in some or all counties: Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington. See “Voting Outside the Polling Place: Absentee, All-Mail and other Voting at Home Options,” National Conference of State Legislatures, last updated Apr. 14, 2020, <https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/absentee-and-early-voting.aspx#provide>.

⁴⁹ Mark Niesse, “Ballot drop boxes approved for Georgia voters during coronavirus,” *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Apr. 15, 2020, <https://www.ajc.com/news/state-regional-govt-politics/ballot-drop-boxes-approved-for-georgia-voters-during-coronavirus/4B8r3Ymx1zL0ZOGsXMazEO/>.

⁵⁰ Judd Choate (Director of Elections, Colorado Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 31, 2020; see also Charles Stewart III, *2016 Survey of the Performance of American Elections: Final Report*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2016, <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/file.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/Y38VIQ/2NJD19&version=1.0> (according to 2016 survey data, 73% of Colorado voters returned their ballots to some physical location such as a drop box or local election office); Moreover, according to Judd Choate, Colorado has over 400 drop boxes statewide and has dedicated another \$125,000 in the 2018 HAVA funds to more boxes.

⁵¹ Janine Eveler (Director of Elections, Cobb County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Deidre Holden (Elections Supervisor, Paulding County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Joseph Kirk (Elections Supervisor, Bartow County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

⁵² See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

⁵³ Janine Eveler (Director of Elections, Cobb County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Deidre Holden (Elections Supervisor, Paulding County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Joseph Kirk (Elections Supervisor, Bartow County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

⁵⁴ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

⁵⁵ “UK and US Security Agencies Issue Covid-19 Cyber Threat Update,” Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Apr. 8, 2020, <https://www.cisa.gov/news/2020/04/08/uk-and-us-security-agencies-issue-covid-19-cyber-threat-update>.

associated with the spike in absentee voting. We estimate that it will cost local election authorities \$1.7 million to purchase secure devices and to implement proper cybersecurity protections.⁵⁶

Ensuring healthy and secure in-person voting options: \$12.8 million

State and local officials are committed to offering in-person voting options to voters.⁵⁷ Local election officials we interviewed are also committed to protecting their poll workers and their voters on election day.⁵⁸ Reasonable measures to ensure a healthy and safe polling place in a pandemic include sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE) for poll workers, hand sanitizer, gloves and other cleaning supplies.⁵⁹ These measures also include providing plexiglass sneeze guards for poll workers, and thorough cleaning at all polling locations after use.⁶⁰ Statewide, these materials will cost approximately \$3.8 million total for all elections this cycle.⁶¹

In addition, local election officials must be prepared for significant poll worker attrition and voter demand for curbside voting options on election day. State officials in Alabama have already announced poll worker pay raises, and if they received assistance from the federal government to do so, local Georgia officials we interviewed would also support poll worker pay raises.⁶² The total cost for these measures will be approximately \$8.9 million total for all elections this cycle.⁶³

Michigan:

Registered voters: 7.7 million⁶⁴

2020 cycle elections: Municipal (May 5); Primary (August 4) and General (November 3)

Total costs: \$94.9 – \$103.8 million

State costs: \$13.5 – \$17.6 million

Local costs: \$81.4 – \$86.2 million

Federal grant: \$11.2 million⁶⁵ (11% – 12%)

Michigan's presidential primary was held on March 10. Less than two weeks later, Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued a SAH order,⁶⁶ which was recently extended through May 1, 2020.⁶⁷

⁵⁶ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

⁵⁷ See e.g., Georgia Secretary of State, "Raffensperger Takes Unprecedented Steps to Protect Safety and Voter Integrity in Georgia".

⁵⁸ Janine Eveler (Director of Elections, Cobb County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Deidre Holden (Elections Supervisor, Paulding County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Joseph Kirk (Elections Supervisor, Bartow County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

⁵⁹ Janine Eveler (Director of Elections, Cobb County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Deidre Holden (Elections Supervisor, Paulding County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Joseph Kirk (Elections Supervisor, Bartow County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

⁶⁰ Alabama Secretary of State, "Congress Appropriates \$400 Million to Prepare States for Election Day amid Coronavirus Concerns," Mar. 30, 2020, <https://www.sos.alabama.gov/newsroom/congress-appropriates-400-million-prepare-states-election-day-amid-coronavirus-concerns>; City of Madison Clerk's Office, "Twelve Things for Voters to Know on Election Day," Apr. 5, 2020, <https://www.cityofmadison.com/news/twelve-things-for-voters-to-know-on-election-day>.

⁶¹ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

⁶² Janine Eveler (Director of Elections, Cobb County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Deidre Holden (Elections Supervisor, Paulding County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020; Joseph Kirk (Elections Supervisor, Bartow County, Georgia), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

⁶³ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

⁶⁴ "Registered Voter Count by County," Michigan Voter Information Center, Department of State, accessed Apr. 13, 2020, <https://mivc.sos.state.mi.us/VoterCount>.

⁶⁵ "2020 Cares Act Grants," U.S. Election Assistance Commission, <https://www.eac.gov/payments-and-grants/2020-cares-act-grants>.

⁶⁶ Eric Lloyd, "Breaking: Gov. Whitmer Issues Stay-at-Home Order," *9&10 News*, Mar. 23, 2020, <https://www.9and10news.com/2020/03/23/breaking-gov-whitmer-issues-stay-at-home-order/>.

⁶⁷ "Gov. Whitmer extends Michigan's stay-at-home order until May 1," *WXYZ*, Apr. 13, 2020, <https://www.wxyz.com/news/coronavirus/gov-whitmer-extends-stay-at-home-order-until-may-1>.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson acted quickly in the wake of the SAH order to address issues associated with the state's upcoming local elections on May 5.⁶⁸ First, the Secretary encouraged local communities to delay tax and bond proposals until the August election, unless such a move would cause existing critical funds to expire.⁶⁹ Next, she took several steps to promote absentee voting for the local elections, including mailing voters an absentee ballot application with a postage prepaid envelope.⁷⁰

Over the past year, Michigan officials have upgraded key infrastructure in response to the successful 2018 ballot initiative that authorized "no excuse" absentee voting starting in 2019. However, consistent with trends in other states that have made this transition,⁷¹ election officials made infrastructure investments assuming only a modest uptick from prior absentee turnout, which was approximately 14% of registered voters in 2018.⁷²

These recent improvements are not sufficient to meet election officials' needs associated with the expected massive spike in absentee voting due to COVID-19.⁷³ As Michigan election officials prepare for a surge in absentee voting in 2020,⁷⁴ it needs prompt and significant federal investment to ensure that the state's election infrastructure is sufficiently resilient against pandemics or other disruptions.

Michigan election officials need additional federal funding now to help cover increased election administration costs related to coronavirus. More than a dozen local Michigan election officials, who will be primarily responsible for these additional costs, joined others from around the country in stating that the federal funding provided in the CARES Act is "simply not enough," and additional federal funding is critical as they prepare for the elections ahead.⁷⁵

⁶⁸ Office of Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, "Secretary of State to mail absent voter ballot applications to all May 5 voters," Mar. 23, 2020, <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-93094-522761--,00.html>.

⁶⁹ Gus Burns, "Michigan sending absentee ballot applications to all May 5 election voters because of coronavirus outbreak," *MLive*, Mar. 23, 2020, <https://www.mlive.com/public-interest/2020/03/michigan-sending-absentee-ballots-to-all-voters-for-may-5-election-because-of-coronavirus-outbreak.html>.

⁷⁰ Office of Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, "Secretary of State to mail absent voter ballot applications to all May 5 voters"; see also Gus Burns, "Michigan sending absentee ballot applications to all May 5 election voters because of coronavirus outbreak," *MLive*, Mar. 23, 2020, <https://www.mlive.com/public-interest/2020/03/michigan-sending-absentee-ballots-to-all-voters-for-may-5-election-because-of-coronavirus-outbreak.html> ("Voting by mail protects public health, is highly accessible, and was clearly mandated by Michiganders when they overwhelmingly voted in 2018 to amend our state constitution and afford everyone this right.").

⁷¹ See for e.g., Katie Galioto, "1.1 million Illinois voters have cast ballots so far, surpassing 2014 early vote counts," *Chicago Tribune*, Nov. 5, 2018, <https://www.chicagotribune.com/politics/elections/ct-met-illinois-early-voting-20181018-story.html> ("There was a slight increase in the rate of people voting early in 2014 compared with 2010. This could be a product of the state's efforts to make voting more convenient...The state also introduced "no-excuse" mail voting in 2010 to give residents the chance to vote from the comfort of their own home without specifying a reason for being absent from the polls.").

⁷² 14% of registered voters in Michigan voted by mail in 2018. See U.S. Election Assistance Commission, *Election Administration And Voting Survey 2018 Comprehensive Report: A Report to the 116th Congress*, 29 and 55, Jun. 2019, https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/eac_assets/1/6/2018_EAVS_Report.pdf.

⁷³ Ronald Brownstein, "The Most Important 2020 States Already Have Vote by Mail," *Atlantic*, Apr. 11, 2020, <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2020/04/voting-mail-2020-race-between-biden-and-trump/609799/> ("Jocelyn Benson, Michigan's secretary of state and a Democrat, expressed a broad consensus among local officials when she told me, 'We will certainly see people voting by mail more than ever before in our state.'").

⁷⁴ Tina Barton, (City Clerk, Rochester Hills, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 27, 2020; Chris Swope (City Clerk, Lansing, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020.

⁷⁵ Many Michigan election officials have signed a letter in support of additional federal elections funding, including: Michelle L. Anzaldi (Clerk, Pittsfield Charter Township), Erica Armstrong (City Clerk, City of Midland), Tina Barton (City Clerk, Rochester Hills), Judy A. Bigney (Clerk, Algoma Township), Lisa Borgacz (City Clerk, City of Mount Clemens), Cynthia A. Bower (City Clerk, Taylor), Louise D. Burke (Deputy Clerk, Charter Township of York Washtenaw County), Sarah J. Bydalek (City Clerk, City of Walker), Jill A. Domingo (City Clerk, City of Albion), Kathy Funk (Clerk, Charter Township of Flint), Mary Gillis (Deputy Clerk, Scio Township), Lisa Kay Hathaway (City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Woods), Evan Hope (Clerk, Delhi Township), Cathy Lane (Township Clerk, Charter Township of Grand Blanc), Lisa Lawitzke (Deputy Clerk, Bellevue Township), Richard LeBlanc (City Clerk, City of Westland), Janice Pockrandt (Deputy City Clerk, Center Line), Sheila Reitz (Clerk, Township of Buchanan, Berrien County), Melanie D. Ryska (City Clerk, Sterling Heights), Lawrence S. Stec (City Clerk, City of Wyandotte), Julia K. Stonestreet (Clerk, Spring Arbor Township), Chris Swope (Clerk, Lansing), Elizabeth Whitt (Township Clerk, Conway Township), Sandy Winans (Clerk, Woodhull Township). See Brennan Center for Justice, "Election Officials Call for More Election Funding in Next Stimulus Bill," last updated Apr. 16, 2020, <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/election-officials-call-more-election-funding-next-stimulus-bill>.

State costs

- **\$13.5 - \$17.6 million**

- Printing and mailing absentee ballot applications to eligible voters
- Providing postage prepaid envelopes for absentee ballot application return
- Assisting with prepaid postage for voters to return absentee ballots
- Investing in state election infrastructure

State officials quickly identified absentee voting as an important component of safely managing the May local elections.⁷⁶ “To help ensure both public health and democratic rights are protected,” in jurisdictions that go forward with these elections, state officials “will mail absent voter ballot applications to all [May 5 election eligible] voters with postage-paid return envelope.”⁷⁷ In addition, the state will assist counties with providing postage prepaid envelopes in which to return their absentee ballot.⁷⁸

State officials continue to coordinate with state executive and health officials and are prepared to launch similar efforts in all subsequent elections this year if necessary,⁷⁹ which will cost an estimated \$6 million in the primary and \$6.9 - \$10.8 million in the general.⁸⁰

Additional infrastructure investments to make absentee voting more secure and easier for eligible voters and more secure, including an online absentee ballot application tool to increase absentee voting security and election integrity, improved absentee ballot tracking systems, and additional load and vulnerability testing for current online systems (which we expect will experience significant spikes in usage rates) will cost an estimated \$590,000 - \$790,000.⁸¹

Local costs

- **\$81.4 - \$86.2 million**

While state officials play an important role in the current crisis, local election officials retain primary responsibility for administering and paying for Michigan elections. With over 1,600 jurisdictions, elections are highly decentralized and the resource needs, and concerns, vary across the state. The uncertainty facing election officials is a significant concern. For many local clerks, this will be the very first cycle with no-excuse absentee voting. And, for all clerks “this is the very first cycle in a pandemic.”⁸² What election officials do understand is that mail ballot turnout is likely to be dramatically higher than 14% for the upcoming elections; those we interviewed believe that COVID-19 will likely continue to impact voting preferences in the primary and general elections, even if the virus has been contained.⁸³ Election officials across the state need additional infrastructure and other resources to manage the expected surge in absentee voting.

Conducting absentee ballot education and outreach: \$9 million

While the state is mailing important information to all May voters, some local officials may decide to supplement these educational outreach efforts. Separately, local officials will need to continue these education outreach efforts ahead of the primary and the general election through informational mailers and media outreach. We estimate that sending informational

⁷⁶ Office of Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, “Secretary of State to mail absent voter ballot applications to all May 5 voters”.

⁷⁷ Office of Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, “Secretary of State to mail absent voter ballot applications to all May 5 voters”.

⁷⁸ Office of Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, “Secretary of State to mail absent voter ballot applications to all May 5 voters”.

⁷⁹ Jonathan Brater (Director of Elections, Michigan Secretary of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 17, 2020.

⁸⁰ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

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⁸² Chris Swope (City Clerk, Lansing, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020.

⁸³ Tina Barton, (City Clerk, Rochester Hills, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 27, 2020; Chris Swope (City Clerk, Lansing, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020.

mailers to all voters will cost \$3.4 million per election, and that reasonable media outreach will cost \$2.1 million for the year.⁸⁴

Processing absentee ballot applications

Once an application is received, local officials must sort, open and process the paper applications. As in Georgia, the processing time in Michigan will vary based on whether the application was prepopulated and included a bar code programmed with the applicant's information. While new to Georgia, local Michigan officials we interviewed have sent prepopulated applications, with a bar code, to voters on the permanent absentee ballot application list for several years.⁸⁵

Even with the increased efficiencies associated with prepopulated absentee ballot applications, "You can't undercount the resource needs associated with the absentee ballot applications" warned Tina Barton, Rochester Hills clerk.⁸⁶ In Michigan, where officials conduct signature verification not only on the returned absentee ballot envelopes but also the absentee ballot applications, and individually file and store individual paper applications, the additional workload is especially challenging as "there's a lot of work required."⁸⁷ Also important, this responsibility comes on top of the local official's other ongoing duties. In Michigan, that list is long.⁸⁸

Processing and tabulating absentee ballots: \$45 - \$49.8 million

Once an absentee ballot application is approved, officials mail a standard absentee ballot package to individual voters. We estimate that associated printing, packing and mailing costs would be \$7 - \$11.3 million for the year.⁸⁹ Michigan voters are currently responsible for the return postage on voted absentee ballots. However, state officials expect to continue assisting locals with providing postage prepaid envelopes for returned ballots and these postage costs are included in the state cost section above.

As in Georgia and other states, Michigan municipalities and townships will also want to deploy drop boxes for several reasons, including decreasing long-term postage costs (accounted for in these estimates) and increasing voter convenience. With sufficient funding, local Michigan election officials we interviewed would consider widespread deployment of ballot drop boxes.⁹⁰ Statewide secure ballot drop boxes will cost approximately \$1.6 - 2.1 million to purchase, install and maintain.⁹¹

Absentee ballot processing and tabulation requires multiple steps, and officials will need additional resources to handle the expected spike in incoming mail. As Tina Barton notes, "While I consider our office lucky because we have four high-speed tabulators, I still need a long list of supplies, additional equipment and other resources, from additional crates for absentee ballot and absentee ballot applications storage, ballot bags, storage space, envelope openers to election officials who are willing to potentially work overnight to assist with absentee ballot tabulation."⁹²

⁸⁴ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

⁸⁵ Chris Swope (City Clerk, Lansing, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020; Tina Barton, (City Clerk, Rochester Hills, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 27, 2020.

⁸⁶ Tina Barton, (City Clerk, Rochester Hills, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 27, 2020.

⁸⁷ Tina Barton, (City Clerk, Rochester Hills, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 27, 2020.

⁸⁸ Tina Barton (City Clerk, Rochester Hills, Michigan), "Interview 5: Handling Absentee Ballot Requests for Increased Voting by Mail," interview by Ben Hovland (Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission), Apr. 15, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cvp7K4-VoE&feature=youtu.be> ("My current staff isn't going to be able to handle 30,000 absentee ballot applications all coming back at the same time. We're also issuing death certificates, (currently at a higher than usual rate), providing administrative support for city council and boards and commissions, overseeing and managing all city FOIAs (Freedom of Information Act), issuing liquor licenses after reviewing applications, managing local cemeteries, issuing passports, and this year, I'm in charge of the census.... [And] in some smaller communities, the local clerks also have municipal or township accounting responsibilities.").⁸⁸

⁸⁹ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

⁹⁰ Tina Barton, (City Clerk, Rochester Hills, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 27, 2020; Chris Swope (City Clerk, Lansing, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020.

⁹¹ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

⁹² Tina Barton, (City Clerk, Rochester Hills, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 27, 2020.

Election officials may also need to review the basic logistics of their absentee processing and tabulating plans due to the current social distancing requirements. “We normally have teams of five people at one six foot table who process absentee ballots. If I can only have two people at a table, then we’ll have to set up an assembly line with multiple tables, so instead of six tables, I’ll easily need 20. But if this will give my staff and workers the space they need to stay safe, we’ll find a way.”⁹³

Statewide, the staffing, facilities, equipment and software that will likely be needed to process and tabulate returned absentee ballots is approximately \$36.5 million, including one-time equipment purchase costs.⁹⁴

Building secure remote, offsite or additional infrastructure: \$10 million

Election officials’ work must continue despite stay-at-home (SAH) orders, social distancing recommendations, limits on non-essential travel, building closures and public health concerns. To do so, many local election officials may have staff who need to work at home or in temporary office space for periods of time throughout the election cycle. Working remotely can present significant security risks as malicious actors seek to exploit weaker networks and general disruption in routine.⁹⁵ In addition, officials may need to add additional secure workstations to accommodate additional processing associated with the spike in absentee voting. We estimate that it will cost local election authorities \$10 million to purchase secure devices and to implement proper cybersecurity protections.⁹⁶

Ensuring healthy and secure in-person voting options: \$17.3 million

Local officials “are committed to protecting every voter and every vote” and every poll worker.⁹⁷ Although local election authorities are facing poll worker attrition, polling location site issues and other challenges, local officials we interviewed believe it is critical to offer safe in-person voting options.⁹⁸ Reasonable measures to ensure a healthy and safe polling place in a pandemic include sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE) for poll workers, hand sanitizer, gloves, single use pens and other cleaning supplies (collectively, “healthy polling location materials” or “HPLM”).⁹⁹ These measures also include providing plexiglass sneeze guards for poll workers, and thorough cleaning at all polling locations after use.¹⁰⁰ In addition to these health and safety needs, local officials support increasing the number of poll workers and pay as a way to support increased demand for Michigan’s limited curbside voting assistance services and mitigate the impacts of attrition due to COVID 19 we have seen in other states, but could only do so with sufficient federal support.¹⁰¹ Statewide, these materials will cost approximately \$17.3 million across all elections this year.

Missouri

Total registered voters: 4.2 million¹⁰²

2020 cycle elections: Municipal (June 2); Primary (August 4); General (November 3)

⁹³ Tina Barton, (City Clerk, Rochester Hills, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 27, 2020.

⁹⁴ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

⁹⁵ “UK and US Security Agencies Issue Covid-19 Cyber Threat Update,” Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Apr. 8, 2020, <https://www.cisa.gov/news/2020/04/08/uk-and-us-security-agencies-issue-covid-19-cyber-threat-update>.

⁹⁶ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

⁹⁷ See Brennan Center for Justice, “Election Officials Call for More Election Funding in Next Stimulus Bill,” last updated Apr. 16, 2020, <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/election-officials-call-more-election-funding-next-stimulus-bill>.

⁹⁸ Tina Barton, (City Clerk, Rochester Hills, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 27, 2020; Chris Swope (City Clerk, Lansing, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020.

⁹⁹ Tina Barton, (City Clerk, Rochester Hills, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 27, 2020; Chris Swope (City Clerk, Lansing, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020.

¹⁰⁰ Alabama Secretary of State, “Congress Appropriates \$400 Million to Prepare States for Election Day amid Coronavirus Concerns”; City of Madison Clerk’s Office, “Twelve Things for Voters to Know on Election Day”.

¹⁰¹ Tina Barton, (City Clerk, Rochester Hills, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 27, 2020; Chris Swope (City Clerk, Lansing, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020.

¹⁰² See “Registered Voters in Missouri,” Missouri Secretary of State, accessed Apr. 13, 2020, <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/registeredvoters/2018>.

Total costs: \$59.4 – \$67 million

State costs: \$590,000 – \$790,000

Local costs: \$58.8 – \$66.2 million

Federal grant: 7.6 million¹⁰³ (11% – 13%)

On March 18, Governor Mike Parson postponed Missouri's municipal elections, originally scheduled for April 7, until June 2, 2020. "Postponing an election is not easy, but we are all in this together. We are thankful to Secretary [of State Jay] Ashcroft and our 116 election authorities for their leadership, cooperation, and commitment to doing what is best for their communities during this time," said Governor Parson.¹⁰⁴

Secretary Ashcroft requested this postponement after working closely with local election officials who expressed concerns about poll worker attrition, the number of sites no longer willing to serve as polling locations, and voter safety.¹⁰⁵ As some local election officials had petitioned the court for individual county election extensions prior to the executive order, the postponement will ensure that all municipal elections will be held on the same day across the state.

Although Missouri is one of a small number of states that require voters to meet certain qualifications to cast an absentee ballot, voters want the option¹⁰⁶ and many believe that voters concerned about coronavirus qualify under current law.¹⁰⁷ With multiple local officials now promoting absentee voting as a safety measure,¹⁰⁸ absentee voting is expected to be much greater than past elections, such as the November 2018 general election, in which 5% of registered voters cast an absentee ballot by mail.¹⁰⁹

Missouri election officials need additional federal funding now to help cover increased election administration costs related to coronavirus. Multiple local Missouri election authorities across the state, who will be primarily responsible for these additional costs, joined others from around the country in stating that the funds provided in the CARES Act are simply not enough, and additional federal funding is critical as they prepare for the elections ahead.¹¹⁰

State costs

¹⁰³ "2020 Cares Act Grants," U.S. Election Assistance Commission, <https://www.eac.gov/payments-and-grants/2020-cares-act-grants>.

¹⁰⁴ Missouri Governor, "Governor Parson Announces April 7 Municipal Elections Postponed Until June 2 in Response to Covid-19," Mar. 18, 2020, <https://governor.mo.gov/press-releases/archive/governor-parson-announces-april-7-municipal-elections-postponed-until-june-2>.

¹⁰⁵ Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, "This Week in Missouri Politics Coronavirus Update with Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft," interview by Scott Faughn, *Missouri Times*, Mar. 31, 2020, <https://www.facebook.com/themissouritimes/videos/290768858576590/>.

¹⁰⁶ Eric Fey (Democratic Director of Elections, St. Louis County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020; Brianna Lennon (County Clerk, Boone County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020; Shane Schoeller (County Clerk, Greene County, Missouri), Madison McFarland (Elections Coordinator, Greene County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 30, 2020.

¹⁰⁷ Jason Hancock, "Will coronavirus outbreak mean more Missourians can cast absentee ballots?," *Kansas City Star*, Mar. 17, 2020, <https://www.kansascity.com/news/politics-government/article241275436.html>; see also, Mo. Code § 115.294 ("Other provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding, no absentee ballot shall be rejected for failure of the voter to state on the ballot envelope his reason for voting an absentee ballot.").

¹⁰⁸ See e.g., Kevin Jenkins, "County clerk says 'vote absentee'," *Daily Journal Online*, Mar. 30, 2020, https://dailyjournalonline.com/news/local/county-clerk-says-vote-absentee/article_7e3b74e2-fbdc-52bc-b610-9e8c2219fb7e.html (St. Francois County); Rudi Keller, "Missouri municipal elections delayed to June 2," *Examiner*, Mar. 18, 2020, <https://www.examiner.net/news/20200318/missouri-municipal-elections-delayed-to-june-2> (Boone County).

¹⁰⁹ U.S. Election Assistance Commission, *Election Administration And Voting Survey 2018 Comprehensive Report: A Report to the 116th Congress*, 29 and 55, June 2019, https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/eac_assets/1/6/2018_EAVS_Report.pdf.

¹¹⁰ Many Missouri election officials have signed a letter in support of additional federal elections funding, including: Kay Brown (Clerk/Election Authority, Christian County), Christina Buie (Clerk, Monroe County), Batina Dodge (Clerk, Scotland County), Lauri Ealom (Director, Kansas City Board of Elections), Eric Fey (Director of Elections, St. Louis County), Jared W. Kutz (Clerk/Election Authority, Perry County), Stephanie Lebron (Clerk, Iron County), Brianna Lennon, Clerk, Boone County; Jackie Morris, Clerk, Sullivan County; Shane Schoeller, Clerk, Greene County; Susette M. Taylor (Clerk/President Elect of MO Assn. of Counties, Atchison County), Diane Thompson (Clerk and Election Authority, Johnson County). See Brennan Center for Justice, "Election Officials Call for More Election Funding in Next Stimulus Bill," Mar. 31, 2020, <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/election-officials-call-more-election-funding-next-stimulus-bill>.

\$590,000 – \$790,000

- Investing in state election infrastructure

State officials have already initiated contingency planning to ensure the safe and secure administration of elections in Missouri and are planning to conduct elections even if the situation is “worse than it is now.”¹¹¹ In fact, Secretary Ashcroft believes that his “job is to make [Missouri elections] happen and make [Missouri elections] happen safely under whatever circumstances we have.” As part of these efforts, state officials are having discussions with local election authorities weekly, “if not more often.”

Additional infrastructure investments, including an online absentee ballot application tool¹¹² to increase absentee voting security and election integrity, improved absentee ballot tracking systems, and additional load and vulnerability testing for current online systems (which we expect are likely to experience significant spikes in usage rates) will cost an estimated \$590,000 - \$790,000.¹¹³

Local costs

- \$58.8 - \$66.2 million

In Missouri, local election authorities will be responsible for the majority of coronavirus-related election administration cost increases. The majority of these costs, and administration challenges, stem from an infrastructure that was built for the state’s historically low absentee voting turnout. Missouri local officials we interviewed expect that absentee voting turnout will be much higher in the primary and believe that Covid-19 will likely continue to impact voting preferences in the general, even if the virus has been contained.¹¹⁴ Additional infrastructure investments will be required to accommodate the expected surge in absentee voting during the entire election cycle.

Conducting voter education and outreach: \$7.3 million

Election officials will need to engage in a variety of forms of voter education and outreach. The state has not committed to conducting such outreach, so local educational efforts will be critical. Voters with questions about absentee voting are already inundating local officials with questions about absentee voting. One employee at the St. Louis County Board of Elections received over 100 voicemails in a single day from voters and local officials are now implementing a plan to distribute the additional voter response workload across the office.¹¹⁵ We estimate that reasonable media outreach will cost \$1.7 million for the year, and that sending informational mailers to all voters will cost \$1.9 million per election.¹¹⁶

Mailing and processing absentee ballot applications: \$8.7 - \$9.6 million

Since Missouri is not adopting an all vote-by-mail model,¹¹⁷ all voters who qualify and wish to vote absentee must submit an application for an absentee ballot. If Missouri were to follow other states and mail absentee ballot applications to all voters, printing, postage, envelopes and other needs associated with distributing these applications will cost approximately

¹¹¹ Ashcroft, “This Week in Missouri Politics Coronavirus Update with Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft,” interview by Faughn.

¹¹² At least one Missouri county has already developed an online absentee ballot application that enables voters to securely apply for an absentee ballot paperlessly. Brianna Lennon (Clerk, Boone County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020.

¹¹³ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

¹¹⁴ Eric Fey (Democratic Director of Elections, St. Louis County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020; Brianna Lennon (County Clerk, Boone County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020. Shane Schoeller (County Clerk, Greene County, Missouri), Madison McFarland (Elections Coordinator, Greene County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 30, 2020; The potential impact in Missouri could be greater than in other states because the deadline to request an absentee ballot is two weeks prior to the election (compared to one week in many other states). Voters are now aware of how fast the health environment can change and may opt to request an absentee ballot in higher percentages in Missouri because of the longer period during which circumstances can change drastically.

¹¹⁵ Eric Fey (Democratic Director of Elections, St. Louis County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 18, 2020.

¹¹⁶ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

¹¹⁷ Ashcroft, “This Week in Missouri Politics Coronavirus Update with Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft,” interview by Faughn.

\$2.4 million for each election. If Missouri election authorities were to provide prepaid postage for absentee application returns,¹¹⁸ as they currently do for absentee ballot returns, the return postage would be approximately \$686,000 for the municipal and primary elections, combined, and an additional \$900,000 - \$1.7 million for the general election.¹¹⁹

Mailing, processing and tabulating absentee ballots: \$28.6 - \$35.2 million

Once an absentee ballot application is approved, officials must prepare a standard absentee ballot package for each individual voter.¹²⁰ Sufficient and well-trained staff, or experienced contractors, are essential to ensuring that every approved applicant receives all the necessary materials and the correct ballot.¹²¹ The estimated cost for necessary materials, staffing, postage out and return postage for all upcoming elections is \$9.7 - \$15.8 million,¹²² which includes \$338,000 in the municipal, \$812,000 in the primary, and \$756,000 - \$1.2 million in the general for return postage.

As in Georgia and other states, Missouri election authorities will also want to deploy drop boxes for several reasons, including decreased return postage costs (accounted for in our cost estimates) and increased voter convenience. Missouri election authorities we interviewed would consider widespread deployment of ballot drop boxes if they received assistance from the federal government to do so.¹²³ Statewide secure ballot drop boxes will cost approximately \$1.6 - 2.1 million to purchase, install and maintain.¹²⁴

Once an absentee ballot is returned, local Missouri officials undertake a multi-step process to ensure election integrity and accurate tabulation similar to the process we see in other states. As in Georgia and all other states we interviewed, while the specific needs will vary by county, local officials will need additional equipment, office or warehouse space, staff and other supplies to manage the surge in incoming absentee ballots and applications.¹²⁵ We estimate these costs will be approximately \$17.3 million, including one-time equipment purchase costs.¹²⁶

Building secure remote, offsite or additional infrastructure: \$1.2 million

Election officials' work must continue despite stay-at-home (SAH) orders, social distancing recommendations, limits on non-essential travel, building closures and public health concerns. To do so, many local election officials may have staff

¹¹⁸ Although some counties currently provide voters with prepaid postage envelopes to return their absentee ballot applications, county budget makers did not assume that there would be a significant spike in absentee voting as is expected due to coronavirus. Eric Fey (Democratic Director of Elections, St. Louis County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020.

¹¹⁹ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

¹²⁰ Eric Fey (Democratic Director of Elections, St. Louis County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020; Brianna Lennon (County Clerk, Boone County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020; Shane Schoeller (County Clerk, Greene County, Missouri), Madison McFarland (Elections Coordinator, Greene County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 30, 2020; Cameron Gerber, "Missouri elections during the coronavirus pandemic: Q&A with a county clerk," *Missouri Times*, Apr. 9, 2020, <https://themissouritimes.com/missouri-elections-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic-qa-with-a-county-clerk/>.

¹²¹ Eric Fey (Democratic Director of Elections, St. Louis County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020; Brianna Lennon (County Clerk, Boone County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020. Shane Schoeller (County Clerk, Greene County, Missouri), Madison McFarland (Elections Coordinator, Greene County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 30, 2020.

¹²² Although state law requires local officials to provide return postage for absentee ballots (Mo. Stat. § 115.285), local appropriators did not plan for a significant spike in absentee voting, and associated local costs, due to coronavirus. Eric Fey (Democratic Director of Elections, St. Louis County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020; Brianna Lennon (County Clerk, Boone County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020. Shane Schoeller (County Clerk, Greene County, Missouri), Madison McFarland (Elections Coordinator, Greene County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 30, 2020. As Missouri's absentee turnout is traditionally low, our estimates include the total expected costs and do not subtract what we expect will be the small amount local officials have allocated for return postage. See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed information.

¹²³ Eric Fey (Democratic Director of Elections, St. Louis County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020; Brianna Lennon (County Clerk, Boone County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020. Shane Schoeller (County Clerk, Greene County, Missouri), Madison McFarland (Elections Coordinator, Greene County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 30, 2020.

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Ensuring healthy and secure in-person voting options: \$12.9 million

Although local election authorities are facing poll worker attrition, polling location site issues and other challenges, those we interviewed believe that it is essential to offer their voters safe in-person voting opportunities.¹²⁹ Several have signed a letter that asks Congress to ensure they have the resources to protect all of their voters, votes and poll workers.¹³⁰

They also agree that reasonable measures include HPLM and support increasing the number of poll workers and pay as a way to support increased demand for curbside voting and mitigate the impacts of attrition due to COVID 19 we have seen in other states, but could only do so with sufficient federal support.¹³¹ Statewide, we estimate that the total cost for these measures will be approximately \$12.9 million total for all elections this cycle.¹³²

Ohio

Total registered voters: 7.8 million¹³³

2020 cycle elections: Primary (April 28)¹³⁴ Special (August 4); General (November 3)

Total costs: \$70 – \$82.2 million

State costs: \$4.2 – 4.4 million

Local costs: \$65.8 – \$77.8 million

Federal grant: \$12.8 million¹³⁵ (16% – 18%)

¹²⁷ “UK and US Security Agencies Issue Covid-19 Cyber Threat Update,” Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Apr. 8, 2020, <https://www.cisa.gov/news/2020/04/08/uk-and-us-security-agencies-issue-covid-19-cyber-threat-update>.

¹²⁸ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

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¹³¹ Eric Fey (Democratic Director of Elections, St. Louis County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020; Brianna Lennon (County Clerk, Boone County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020; Shane Schoeller (County Clerk, Greene County, Missouri), Madison McFarland (Elections Coordinator, Greene County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 30, 2020.

¹³² See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

¹³³ Ohio Secretary of State, “Larose Announces Latest Early Voting Numbers of the 2020 Primary,” Mar. 3, 2020, <https://www.ohiosos.gov/media-center/press-releases/2020/2020-03-03/>.

¹³⁴ Zach Montallero, “Ohio to run all-mail primary through April 28,” *Politico*, Mar. 25, 2020, <https://www.politico.com/news/2020/03/25/ohio-vote-by-mail-primary-election-149012> (Ohio lawmakers “have extended mail voting in the state’s primaries until April 28”).

¹³⁵ “2020 Cares Act Grants,” U.S. Election Assistance Commission, <https://www.eac.gov/payments-and-grants/2020-cares-act-grants>.

State grant: \$7 million

Ohio voters and election officials faced exceptionally challenging circumstances in the leadup to the primary, originally scheduled on March 17. After a brief legal battle, and hours before the polls were scheduled to open, Dr. Amy Acton, director of the Ohio Department of Health, ordered all polling locations closed¹³⁶ to “avoid the imminent threat with a high probability of widespread exposure to COVID-19.”¹³⁷ Ohio lawmakers subsequently rejected Governor DeWine and Secretary of State Frank LaRose’s legislative proposal calling for a new election day with “limited in person voting” and decided to only “extend[] mail voting in the state’s primaries until April 28.”¹³⁸

As only voters who require assistance or do not have a mailing address will be able to vote in person in April, most voters who were planning to vote in-person on primary day no longer have that option.¹³⁹ In light of the public health concerns associated with COVID-19, Secretary LaRose is promoting many commonsense and innovative measures and tools to make absentee voting more secure and to increase the voter adoption rate.¹⁴⁰ For example, he worked with newspapers across the state to include absentee ballot applications which voters can “cut out of the newspaper, fill[] in and mail[].”¹⁴¹ Most recently, he has announced partnerships with dozens of public and private companies, including the Ohio Grocers Association, AFL-CIO and Cox Inc., that are “stepping up” to promote absentee voting.¹⁴²

These are important steps, but there is much more to do in Ohio as local election officials work to manage the current huge spike in absentee voting.¹⁴³ In Ohio, as in most states across the country, the costs associated with coronavirus-related changes in voter preference will primarily be the responsibility of local election officials. And officials believe that COVID-19 will likely continue to impact voting preferences in the general election, even if it has been contained.¹⁴⁴

Secretary LaRose has predicted that the 2020 election will see “the highest turnout in our state’s history.”¹⁴⁵ Although the state legislature appropriated \$7 million for costs associated with extending the primary,¹⁴⁶ to properly prepare Ohio election officials still need additional federal funding to help cover increased election administration costs related to coronavirus. Several local Ohio elections, including the President and Vice President of the Ohio Association of Election Officials, joined others from around the country in stating that the funds provided in the CARES Act are “simply not enough,” and additional federal funding is critical as they prepare for the elections ahead.¹⁴⁷

¹³⁶ Dan Merica, “Ohio governor announces polls will be closed Tuesday over coronavirus,” *CNN*, Mar. 17, 2020, <https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/16/politics/ohio-primary/index.html>.

¹³⁷ Veronica Stracqualursi, “Ohio secretary of state: ‘It was simply untenable’ to tell Ohioans go to the polls amid coronavirus,” *CNN*, Mar. 17, 2020, <https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/17/politics/ohio-secretary-of-state-primary-polls-close-cnnv/index.html>.

¹³⁸ Montallero, “Ohio to run all-mail primary through April 28,” (Ohio lawmakers “have extended mail voting in the state’s primaries until April 28”).

¹³⁹ See 2020 Ohio Laws File 30 (Am. Sub. H.B. 197); see also Gannett Ohio, “Action required: Ohio voters must take the first step to obtain mail-in ballot for primary,” *Daily Record*, Apr. 4, 2020, <https://www.the-daily-record.com/news/20200404/action-required-ohio-voters-must-take-first-step-to-obtain-mail-in-ballot-for-primary>.

¹⁴⁰ See e.g., Ohio Secretary of State, “LaRose Announces Latest Early Voting Numbers of the 2020 Primary,” (LaRose promotes providing voters with postage pre-paid envelopes to return their absentee ballot applications).

¹⁴¹ Josh Sweigart, “Absentee ballot request forms to be printed in local newspapers,” *Dayton Daily News*, Apr. 2, 2020, <https://www.daytondailynews.com/news/absentee-ballot-request-forms-printed-local-newspapers/Nw8P1F5Fm7pnKADdaHDeoL/>.

¹⁴² Frank LaRose (@FrankLaRose), “Throughout this crisis, Ohio has once again cemented its place as a national leader. We’re at our best when we work together, and these organizations have stepped up to make sure Ohioans will have their voice heard,” Twitter, Apr. 9, 2020, 5:11 p.m., <https://twitter.com/FrankLaRose/status/1248357961682092037?s=20>.

¹⁴³ Megan Alley, “Ohio’s primary election moves to April 28 all-mail vote amid COVID-19 pandemic,” *Clermont Sun*, Apr. 4, 2020, <https://www.clermontsun.com/2020/04/04/ohios-primary-election-moves-to-april-28-all-mail-vote-amid-covid-19-pandemic/>.

¹⁴⁴ Kimberly Smith (Deputy Director, Defiance County Board of Elections, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 29, 2020; Amber Lopez (Deputy Director, Clark County, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020.

¹⁴⁵ Bonnie Meibers, “Is your vote safe? Secretary of State says Ohio is ‘best prepared’ state in nation,” *Dayton Daily News*, Jan. 14, 2020, <https://www.daytondailynews.com/news/local-govt--politics/your-vote-safe-secretary-state-says-ohio-best-prepared-state-nation/84XTxXZxEd1L5zxcNslhYI/>.

¹⁴⁶ See 2020 Ohio Laws File 30 (Am. Sub. H.B. 197).

¹⁴⁷ Many Ohio election officials have signed a letter in support of additional federal elections funding, including: Jason Baker (Director, Clark County Board of Elections), Sally Krisel (Deputy Director, Hamilton County Board of Elections), Amber Lopez (Deputy Director, Clark County Board of Elections), Sherry Poland (Director, Hamilton County Board of Elections), Kimberly Smith (Deputy Elections Director, Defiance County), Tonya

State costs

- \$4.2 – \$4.4 million
 - Printing and mailing voter informational postcards for primary
 - Investing in state election infrastructure

Working closely with local officials, state officials have led a significant election infrastructure investment program over the past year and a half. Many of these election security improvements will be critical as Ohio voters are more likely to take advantage of online election services, such as online voter registration, over the coming year.

State officials have recommended various additional infrastructure investments, aimed at making absentee voting more secure, cheaper to administer, and easier for eligible voters. For example, Secretary LaRose has proposed an online absentee ballot application tool, which would allow for Ohioans to request absentee ballots online, with no paper form involved.¹⁴⁸ We estimate that this tool will cost approximately \$360,000 - \$470,000 to develop and maintain, and additional state level infrastructure investments, including improved absentee ballot tracking systems, and additional load and vulnerability testing on online systems, will cost approximately \$210,000 - \$300,000.¹⁴⁹

Voter education and outreach efforts will also be critical over the coming year. To ensure that voters are aware of the extended absentee voting period for the primary, state officials are planning to “design, print and mail approximately 7.8 million informational postcards to every registered Ohioan that explains to them how to obtain the form necessary to request an absentee ballot.”¹⁵⁰ We estimate the associated costs to be \$3.6 million.¹⁵¹

Local costs

- \$65.8 - \$77.8 million

In Ohio, local election authorities will be responsible for the majority of coronavirus-related election administration cost increases. The majority of these costs, and administration challenges, stem from an infrastructure that was built for the state’s current absentee by mail voting turnout.¹⁵² Ohio local officials we interviewed know the level of absentee voting will be much higher in the primary and believe that COVID-19 will likely continue to impact voting preferences in the general, even if it has been contained.¹⁵³ Additional infrastructure investments will be required to accommodate the expected surge in absentee voting during the entire election cycle.

Conducting voter education and outreach: \$4.8 million

While the state is mailing important information to all voters before the primary, local election officials are usually responsible for the costs associated with mailings and voter education outreach. They will need to engage in a variety of

Wichman (Elections Director, Defiance County), Michelle L. Wilcox (President of the Ohio Association of Election Officials, Auglaize County), Lisa Welch (Director, Holmes County Board of Elections). See Brennan Center for Justice, “Election Officials Call for More Election Funding in Next Stimulus Bill,” Mar. 31, 2020, <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/election-officials-call-more-election-funding-next-stimulus-bill>.

¹⁴⁸ See S.B. 318, 133rd Gen. Assemb., Reg. Sess. (Ohio 2018).

¹⁴⁹ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

¹⁵⁰ See e.g., Ohio Secretary of State, “Larose Announces Latest Early Voting Numbers of the 2020 Primary”.

¹⁵¹ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

¹⁵² In Ohio, 11 percent of registered voters voted by mail in 2018. See U.S. Election Assistance Commission, *Election Administration And Voting Survey 2018 Comprehensive Report: A Report to the 116th Congress*, 29 and 55, June 2019, https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/eac_assets/1/6/2018_EAVS_Report.pdf.

¹⁵³ Kimberly Smith (Deputy Director, Defiance County Board of Elections, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 29, 2020; Amber Lopez (Deputy Director, Clark County, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr.14, 2020.

forms of voter education and outreach for the general, at minimum. For the general election, we estimate that reasonable media outreach will cost \$1.1 million, and individual voter outreach through information mailers will cost \$3.6.¹⁵⁴

Mailing and processing absentee ballot application requests and applications: \$6.6 - \$8.3 million

As Ohio is not adopting an all vote-by-mail model,¹⁵⁵ all voters who qualify and wish to vote absentee must submit an application for an absentee ballot. If local Ohio officials follow other states and mail absentee ballot applications to all voters,¹⁵⁶ printing, postage, return postage, envelopes and other needs associated with distributing these applications will cost approximately \$6.6 - \$8.3 million for the general election.¹⁵⁷

Although Governor DeWine and Secretary LaRose supported a proposal to provide all voters with postage prepaid envelopes to return absentee ballot applications, the legislature refused to fund this request. If they received assistance from the federal government to do so, local officials we interviewed would also support providing voters with postage prepaid envelopes to return absentee ballot applications and these costs are included in the above total.¹⁵⁸

Mailing, processing and tabulating absentee ballots: \$40.4 - \$50.7 million

Once an absentee ballot application is approved, officials must prepare a standard absentee ballot package for each individual voter.¹⁵⁹ Sufficient and well-trained staff, or experienced contractors, are essential to ensuring that every approved applicant receives all the necessary materials and the correct ballot.¹⁶⁰ The estimated cost for necessary materials, staffing, and postage is \$5.9 million in the primary and \$6.7 - \$12.8 million in the general election.¹⁶¹

In Ohio, voters will receive a postage prepaid envelope in which to return their ballot for the primary, but local officials are not required to provide postage prepaid envelopes for absentee ballot return in the general. In fact, under current state law, locals are prohibited from providing postage.¹⁶² However, if they received assistance from the federal government to do so and if another exemption is granted for the general, local election officials we interviewed would support providing postage prepaid envelopes to voters.¹⁶³ For the primary, we estimate that local officials will incur an additional \$1.8 million in return postage costs for the April 28 primary and an additional \$1 - \$3.9 million for the general.¹⁶⁴

As in Georgia and other states, Ohio counties will also want to deploy drop boxes for several reasons, including decreased postage costs (accounted for in these estimates) and increased voter convenience. If they received assistance from the federal government to do so, Ohio election authorities we interviewed would consider widespread deployment of ballot

¹⁵⁴ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

¹⁵⁵ Ohio, "Action required: Ohio voters must take the first step to obtain mail-in ballot for primary".

¹⁵⁶ OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 3501.05 (Westlaw through File 30 of the 133rd General Assembly 2019-2020) ("The secretary of state may mail unsolicited applications for absent voter's ballots to individuals only for a general election and only if the general assembly has made an appropriation for that particular mailing. Under no other circumstance shall a public office, or a public official or employee who is acting in an official capacity, mail unsolicited applications for absent voter's ballots to any individuals.").

¹⁵⁷ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

¹⁵⁸ Kimberly Smith (Deputy Director, Defiance County Board of Elections, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 29, 2020; Amber Lopez (Deputy Director, Clark County, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr.14, 2020.

¹⁵⁹ Kimberly Smith (Deputy Director, Defiance County Board of Elections, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 29, 2020; Amber Lopez (Deputy Director, Clark County, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr.14, 2020.

¹⁶⁰ Kimberly Smith (Deputy Director, Defiance County Board of Elections, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 29, 2020; Amber Lopez (Deputy Director, Clark County, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr.14, 2020.

¹⁶¹ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

¹⁶² OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 3509.03 (Westlaw through File 30 of the 133rd General Assembly 2019-2020); OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 3511.02 (Westlaw through File 30 of the 133rd General Assembly 2019-2020); Ohio Secretary of State, Election Official Manual, 2019, 194, https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/elections/directives/2019/dir2019-11_eom.pdf ("No board is permitted to pre-pay return postage for any type of absentee ballot application.").

¹⁶³ Kimberly Smith (Deputy Director, Defiance County Board of Elections, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 29, 2020; Amber Lopez (Deputy Director, Clark County, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr.14, 2020.

¹⁶⁴ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

drop boxes.¹⁶⁵ Statewide secure ballot drop boxes will cost approximately \$4.5 – 5.9 million to purchase, install and maintain.¹⁶⁶

Once an absentee ballot is returned, local Ohio officials undertake a multi-step process to ensure election integrity and vote tabulation accuracy. As in other states we interviewed, local officials will need additional equipment, office or warehouse space, staff and other supplies to manage the surge in incoming absentee ballots and applications.¹⁶⁷ We estimate the costs will be approximately \$20.5 million, including one-time equipment purchase costs.¹⁶⁸

Building secure remote, offsite or additional infrastructure: \$1.2 million

Election officials we interviewed in Ohio are considering various options to immediately expand their capacity of their infrastructure to continue their vital work as absentee ballot applications and returned ballots continue to pour into their offices.¹⁶⁹ Kim Smith, the deputy director of elections in Defiance County, is considering increasing the number of workstations at their office by 50% so temporary staffers can assist with the processing. New workstations cost approximately \$2,000, including the licensing fees for the state absentee ballot processing software and equipment costs.¹⁷⁰

Ensuring healthy and secure in-person voting options: \$12.7 million

Several local election officials have joined to argue that more federal funds are needed to ensure the safety and security of all voters, poll workers and votes.¹⁷¹ Although local election authorities are facing poll worker attrition, polling location site issues and other challenges, those we interviewed are committed to offering in-person voting in subsequent 2020 elections and agree that HPLM are reasonable measures.¹⁷²

Keeping poll workers safe is of particular importance to Defiance County Director of Elections, Tonya Wichman, who relies on many friends and family members to serve as poll workers.¹⁷³ She explained, “[Poll workers] make my job possible, they make democracy possible and work from 5:30 am in the morning until at least 8:00 at night for not what they deserve but what we can offer them as a paycheck.”

¹⁶⁵ Kimberly Smith (Deputy Director, Defiance County Board of Elections, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 29, 2020; Amber Lopez (Deputy Director, Clark County, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr.14, 2020.

¹⁶⁶ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

¹⁶⁷ Kimberly Smith (Deputy Director, Defiance County Board of Elections, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 29, 2020; Amber Lopez (Deputy Director, Clark County, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr.14, 2020.

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¹⁶⁹ Kimberly Smith (Deputy Director, Defiance County Board of Elections, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 29, 2020; Amber Lopez (Deputy Director, Clark County, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr.14, 2020.

¹⁷⁰ Kimberly Smith (Deputy Director, Defiance County Board of Elections, Ohio), email message to Derek Tisler, Apr. 2, 2020.

¹⁷¹ Many Ohio election officials have signed a letter in support of additional federal elections funding, including: Jason Baker (Director, Clark County Board of Elections), Sally Krisel (Deputy Director, Hamilton County Board of Elections), Amber Lopez (Deputy Director, Clark County Board of Elections), Sherry Poland (Director, Hamilton County Board of Elections), Kim Smith (Deputy Elections Director, Defiance County), Lisa Welch (Director, Holmes County Board of Elections), Tonya Wichman (Elections Director, Defiance County), Michelle L. Wilcox (President of the Ohio Association of Election Officials, Auglaize County). See Brennan Center for Justice, “Election Officials Call for More Election Funding in Next Stimulus Bill,” last updated Apr. 21, 2020, <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/election-officials-call-more-election-funding-next-stimulus-bill>.

¹⁷² Kimberly Smith (Deputy Director, Defiance County Board of Elections, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 29, 2020; Amber Lopez (Deputy Director, Clark County, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr.14, 2020.

¹⁷³ Tonya Wichman (Director, Defiance County Board of Elections, Ohio), letter emailed to Dr. Amy Acton (Director of Health, Ohio Department of Health), Mar. 27, 2020 (forwarded to Liz Howard on Mar. 17, 2020), (noting Defiance County poll workers include “my father with a heart condition, my mother with respiratory issues, my aunt/godmother with health issues, my boss from my part time job I work on the side with heart issues, my son who [has to take] a vacation day from his job to help me before he [goes] home to his wife and one year old son, our choir accompanist from my church, three of my former teachers from school, a high school student I work with at the local dairy bar, two former teammates of my college daughter, friends from outside of work and an entire group of people that I truly consider to be friends not just people who work at the polls. These people make my job possible, they make democracy possible and work from 5:30 am in the morning until at least 8:00 at night for not what they deserve but what we can offer them as a paycheck.”).

For reasons similar to those described by local officials in Michigan and Georgia, local Ohio officials we interviewed would support increasing the number of poll workers and pay, but could only do so with sufficient federal support.¹⁷⁴ The total cost to locals for these changes is estimated at \$12.7 million for the general election.¹⁷⁵

Pennsylvania:

Registered voters: 8.5 million¹⁷⁶

2020 cycle elections: Primary (June 2) and General (November 3)

Total costs: \$79.1 - \$90.1 million

State costs: \$17.5 - \$17.9 million

Local costs: \$61.6 - \$72.2 million

Federal grant: \$14.2 million¹⁷⁷ (16%–18%)

On March 25, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf and the state legislature agreed to postpone the state's primary election, which was originally scheduled for April 28, until June 2. In response to local election officials who were "pulling fire alarms all over the place"¹⁷⁸ about the election administration challenges facing their offices, such as government office closures and poll worker attrition, the legislation postponing the election also provided local officials with decision-making authority over several election administration matters, such as the establishment of vote centers and polling location consolidation, in the primary.¹⁷⁹

In the wake of the postponement, Governor Wolf issued a statewide SAH order through April 30.¹⁸⁰ that has since been extended through May 8.¹⁸¹ Voter registration and absentee ballot¹⁸² applications windows are currently open for the primary, but in the last month, with some local offices still closed and others facing residual staffing effects, furloughs, or other challenges,¹⁸³ "[t]hat means voters aren't being registered, absentee ballot applications aren't being processed, and other

¹⁷⁴ Kimberly Smith (Deputy Director, Defiance County Board of Elections, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 29, 2020; Amber Lopez (Deputy Director, Clark County, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 14, 2020.

¹⁷⁵ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

¹⁷⁶ "Voter registration statistics by county," Voting & Election Statistics, Pennsylvania Department of State, last updated on Mar. 14, 2020, <https://www.dos.pa.gov/VotingElections/OtherServicesEvents/VotingElectionStatistics/Pages/VotingElectionStatistics.aspx>.

¹⁷⁷ "2020 Cares Act Grants," U.S. Election Assistance Commission, <https://www.eac.gov/payments-and-grants/2020-cares-act-grants>.

¹⁷⁸ Jonathan Lai, "Pennsylvania elections officials are pleading with the state to move the primary: 'We're pulling fire alarms all over the place,'" *Philadelphia Inquirer*, Mar. 17, 2020, <https://www.inquirer.com/health/coronavirus/postpone-pa-primary-election-coronavirus-20200317.html>.

¹⁷⁹ 2020 Pa. Legis. Serv. Act 2020-12 (S.B. 422).

¹⁸⁰ Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, "Order for Individuals of the Commonwealth to Stay at Home," Apr. 1, 2020, <https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/20200401-GOV-Statewide-Stay-at-Home-Order.pdf>; see also Office of Governor Tom Wolf, "Gov. Wolf, Sec. of Health Pennsylvania on Statewide Stay-at-Home Order Beginning at 8 PM Tonight," Apr. 1, 2020, <https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-sec-of-health-pennsylvania-on-statewide-stay-at-home-order-beginning-at-8-pm-tonight-most-prudent-option-to-stop-the-spread/>.

¹⁸¹ Ron Southwick, "Gov. Tom Wolf extends Pa. stay-at-home order to May 8 but plans to ease some restrictions," *Penn Live*, Apr. 20, 2020, <https://www.pennlive.com/coronavirus/2020/04/update-on-coronavirus-in-pa-watch-gov-tom-wolf-and-secretary-of-health-live.html>.

¹⁸² Pennsylvania uses two distinct types of mail voting: absentee ballots and mail-in ballots. Voters with a qualified excuse may use absentee ballots, while voters without a qualifying excuse use mail-in ballots. This report uses the term "absentee ballot" to refer to both types of ballots.

¹⁸³ Lai, "Pennsylvania elections officials are pleading with the state to move the primary"; Nick Custodio (Deputy Commissioner, Office of Philadelphia City Commissioner Lisa Deeley, Chairwoman), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 3, 2020; Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020.

election preparations aren't moving forward."¹⁸⁴ Only with sufficient resources will election officials be able to manage the backlog that is likely being created.¹⁸⁵

In the past year, Pennsylvania upgraded key infrastructure to accommodate the change in the state law in 2019 to allow no-excuse vote by mail. However, consistent with trends in other states,¹⁸⁶ election officials made infrastructure investments assuming only a modest uptick from prior absentee by mail turnout, which was 2% of registered voters in 2018.¹⁸⁷ These recent improvements are not sufficient to meet election officials' needs, or voter expectations, associated with the expected massive spike in absentee voting due to COVID-19.¹⁸⁸ Without immediate additional resources, one local official we interviewed expressed concerns that the primary could be a "catastrophe."¹⁸⁹ Given the fundamental shift in voting preferences in 2020 expected by the Pennsylvania officials we interviewed¹⁹⁰ and the likelihood of unprecedented turnout in November, there must be prompt and significant federal investment in the state's election infrastructure to ensure a system that is sufficiently resilient against pandemics or other emergencies.¹⁹¹

State costs

- \$17.5 - \$17.9 million
 - Mailing voter information notices
 - Launching voter education efforts
 - Investing in state election infrastructure
 - Purchasing COVID-19 precinct protection kits
 - Implementing accessible ballot marking tool for voters with disabilities to utilize mail-in voting

Working closely with local officials, state officials have led a significant election infrastructure investment program over the past year and a half. Many of these election security improvements will be critical to safely and securely administering upcoming elections as Pennsylvania voters are more likely to take advantage of online election services, such as online voter registration, over the coming year.

Most importantly, in September of 2019, the Department of State deployed a new online absentee ballot application tool (OABAT). Not only does the OABAT make the absentee voting process more secure, through an indirect connection with

¹⁸⁴ Lai, "Pennsylvania elections officials are pleading with the state to move the primary".

¹⁸⁵ Jonathan Lai (Journalist, Philadelphia Inquirer), "Something I'm watching: More than ⅓ of Philly absentee ballot applications have not yet been processed. 23,888 processed. 12,909 pending. Elections staff might have to work the weekend to keep processing ballots, executive director Joe Lynch said at meeting today," Twitter, Apr. 15, 2020, 12:31pm, <https://twitter.com/Elaijuh/status/1250461783392956417>.

¹⁸⁶ See for e.g., Katie Galioto, "1.1 million Illinois voters have cast ballots so far, surpassing 2014 early vote counts," *Chicago Tribune*, Nov. 5, 2018, <https://www.chicagotribune.com/politics/elections/ct-met-illinois-early-voting-20181018-story.html> ("There was a slight increase in the rate of people voting early in 2014 compared with 2010. This could be a product of the state's efforts to make voting more convenient...The state also introduced "no-excuse" mail voting in 2010 to give residents the chance to vote from the comfort of their own home without specifying a reason for being absent from the polls.").

¹⁸⁷ U.S. Election Assistance Commission, *Election Administration And Voting Survey 2018 Comprehensive Report: A Report to the 116th Congress*, 29, June 2019, https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/eac_assets/1/6/2018_EAVS_Report.pdf.

¹⁸⁸ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology,, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020; Nick Custodio (Deputy Commissioner, Office of Philadelphia City Commissioner Lisa Deeley, Chairwoman), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 3, 2020; Jeff Greenburg (Director of Elections, Mercer County, Pennsylvania), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

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the state voter registration database, but it also significantly reduces the county staff time required to process applications. A paper absentee ballot application takes approximately 7-10 times longer to process than a paperless application.¹⁹²

However, state officials have much work to do to prepare for elections in a pandemic. First, Pennsylvania officials are planning to invest in substantive voter education and outreach efforts. These efforts are of particular importance in Pennsylvania, given that “no excuse” voting by mail was only introduced recently and, historically, only a small percentage of Pennsylvania voters have cast their vote by mail.¹⁹³

These efforts are also important to public – and poll worker – safety on election day.¹⁹⁴ With state and local election officials bracing for polling location consolidations and closures across the commonwealth,¹⁹⁵ voters who vote by mail and absentee will decrease in-person election day turnout and thereby make it easier to conduct in-person voting in compliance with health officials’ social distancing and recommendations. Due to limited resources, state officials plan to spend in advance of the primary election approximately \$1 million on modest, but critical, educational outreach efforts and an additional \$1.3 million to send informational mailers to every eligible voter household in the commonwealth.¹⁹⁶ In addition, state officials plan to provide COVID-19 precinct protection kits to the counties at a cost of approximately \$1.2 million.¹⁹⁷ For these estimates, we assume that the state will also provide these kits to local election officials in the general.

Additional outreach will be required before the general election and, with sufficient federal resources, state officials would likely double or triple these efforts.¹⁹⁸ Reasonable media outreach for the general election will cost at least \$1.5 million, and that informational mailers will cost another \$1.3 million.¹⁹⁹ State officials will continue to monitor the public health conditions in conjunction with healthcare experts in the coming months, and if necessary, would consider mailing vote by mail applications with postage prepaid envelopes to voters in the fall, at an estimated cost of \$8 million.²⁰⁰ State officials would also need at least \$780,000 - \$1.2 million to obtain ballot tracking software, enhanced voter lookup tools, additional load and vulnerability testing for its online voter registration database, and upgrades to their online absentee ballot application.²⁰¹ They are also working to implement an accessible, remote ballot marking tool for voters with disabilities to

¹⁹² Nick Custodio (Deputy Commissioner, Office of Philadelphia City Commissioner Lisa Deeley, Chairwoman), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 3, 2020.

¹⁹³ Jonathan Lai and Julia Terruso, “Voting by mail is a safe option during coronavirus. Here’s what you need to know about absentee ballots in Pennsylvania and New Jersey,” *Philadelphia Inquirer*, updated Apr. 1, 2020, <https://www.inquirer.com/politics/election/coronavirus-vote-by-mail-absentee-ballots-pennsylvania-new-jersey-20200401.html> (“most voters have never [cast an absentee by mail ballot]”).

¹⁹⁴ Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020; Nick Custodio (Deputy Commissioner, Office of Philadelphia City Commissioner Lisa Deeley, Chairwoman), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 3, 2020; Jeff Greenburg (Director of Elections, Mercer County, Pennsylvania), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

¹⁹⁵ See 2020 Pa. Legis. Serv. Act 2020-12 (S.B. 422) (authorizing polling location consolidation during the primary); Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020; Nick Custodio (Deputy Commissioner, Office of Philadelphia City Commissioner Lisa Deeley, Chairwoman), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 3, 2020; Jeff Greenburg (Director of Elections, Mercer County, Pennsylvania), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

¹⁹⁶ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020 (noting that voter education and outreach are an important priority, and if they received assistance from the federal government to do so, they would supplement these voter education and outreach efforts).

¹⁹⁷ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020.

¹⁹⁸ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020.

¹⁹⁹ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

²⁰⁰ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 23, 2020.

²⁰¹ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020.

utilize mail-in voting, which will cost approximately \$1.2 million.²⁰² Given the limited time to develop and deploy these tools and the difficulty of integrating them with existing legacy systems, these costs could be as high as \$2.5 million.²⁰³

Local costs

\$61.6 - \$72.2 million

In Pennsylvania, local election authorities will be responsible for the majority of coronavirus- related election administration cost increases. While they are appreciative of the recent federal financial assistance, multiple local Pennsylvania officials joined others from around the country in stating that it was “simply not enough.”²⁰⁴ The majority of these costs, and administration challenges, stem from an infrastructure that was built for the state’s historically low absentee by mail voting turnout²⁰⁵ as officials reasonably assumed that its move to no excuse absentee would result in a gradual increase in its use, as we have seen in states across the country.²⁰⁶ Pennsylvania has already seen a vast increase in absentee applications more than six times the previous presidential primary in 2016.²⁰⁷ Officials we interviewed know the level of absentee voting will continue to grow in the primary and believe that COVID-19 will likely continue to impact voting preferences in the general, even if it has been contained.²⁰⁸ Additional infrastructure investments will be required to accommodate the expected surge in absentee voting during the entire election cycle.

Mailing and processing absentee ballot applications

Although the state sent voter informational postcards to all eligible voter households, it is possible that local election officials are printing and mailing absentee by mail applications to voters before the primary. However, we are not including estimated costs for doing so in the primary as, due to the availability of the online absentee ballot application tool in Pennsylvania, some localities may decide against mailing out applications to all voters, or decide to only mail paper applications to universes of voters who might not be eligible to use the OABAT.²⁰⁹

²⁰² Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020.

²⁰³ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020.

²⁰⁴ Nick Custodio (Deputy Commissioner, Office of Philadelphia City Commissioner Lisa Deeley, Chairwoman), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 3, 2020; Jeff Greenburg (Director of Elections, Mercer County, Pennsylvania), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020; see also Brennan Center for Justice, “Election Officials Call for More Election Funding in Next Stimulus Bill,” last updated Apr. 21, 2020, <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/election-officials-call-more-election-funding-next-stimulus-bill>.

²⁰⁵ Absentee by mail turnout accounted for just 2 percent of overall turnout in Pennsylvania in 2018. See U.S. Election Assistance Commission, *Election Administration and Voting Survey 2018 Comprehensive Report: A Report to the 116th Congress*, 29 and 55, June 2019, https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/eac_assets/1/6/2018_EAVS_Report.pdf.

²⁰⁶ See for e.g., Katie Galioto, “1.1 million Illinois voters have cast ballots so far, surpassing 2014 early vote counts,” *Chicago Tribune*, Nov. 5, 2018, <https://www.chicagotribune.com/politics/elections/ct-met-illinois-early-voting-20181018-story.html> (“There was a slight increase in the rate of people voting early in 2014 compared with 2010. This could be a product of the state’s efforts to make voting more convenient...The state also introduced “no-excuse” mail voting in 2010 to give residents the chance to vote from the comfort of their own home without specifying a reason for being absent from the polls.”).

²⁰⁷ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020 (supplemental information provided April 24, 2020).

²⁰⁸ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020; Nick Custodio (Deputy Commissioner, Office of Philadelphia City Commissioner Lisa Deeley, Chairwoman), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 3, 2020; Jeff Greenburg (Director of Elections, Mercer County, Pennsylvania), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020; Some Pennsylvania local officials have even pushed for the June primary to be conducted entirely by mail. Emily Previti, “Counties home to more than a third of Pennsylvania voters calling for mail-only primary,” *PA Post*, Apr. 17, 2020, <https://papost.org/2020/04/17/counties-home-to-more-than-a-third-of-pennsylvania-voters-calling-for-mail-only-primary/>.

²⁰⁹ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section. Because Pennsylvania has an online absentee ballot request system, low-end estimates assume that only voters without a PennDOT ID return their applications by mail. High-end estimates assume that all voters return their applications by mail. Low-end estimates provided by Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of

Mailing, processing and tabulating absentee ballots: \$36.3 - \$47 million

Once an absentee ballot application is approved, officials must prepare a standard absentee ballot package for each individual voter.²¹⁰ Sufficient and well-trained staff, or experienced contractors, are essential to ensuring that every approved applicant receives all the necessary materials and the correct ballot.²¹¹ The estimated cost for necessary materials, staffing, postage out and return postage is \$7.3 million for the primary election and \$7.9 - \$17 million for the general.²¹²

As the other states we profile, localities will also want to deploy drop boxes for several reasons, including decreased postage costs (accounted for in these estimates) and increased voter convenience. If they received assistance from the federal government to do so, Pennsylvania officials we interviewed would consider widespread deployment of ballot drop boxes.²¹³ Statewide secure ballot drop boxes will cost approximately \$5.1 – 6.6 million to purchase, install and maintain.²¹⁴

Once an absentee ballot is returned, local officials undertake a multi-step process to ensure election integrity and accurate vote tabulation similar to the process we see in many other states and face similar struggles. In Pennsylvania, as in every state we interviewed, while the specific needs will vary by county, local officials will need additional equipment, office or warehouse space, staff and other supplies to manage the surge in incoming absentee ballots and applications.²¹⁵ Statewide, the staffing, facilities, equipment and software that will likely be needed to process and tabulate returned absentee ballots is approximately \$16.1 million, including one-time equipment purchase costs.²¹⁶

Building secure remote, offsite or additional infrastructure: \$1.1 million

Election officials' work must continue despite stay-at-home (SAH) orders, social distancing recommendations, limits on non-essential travel, building closures and public health concerns. To do so, many local election officials may have staff who need to work at home or in temporary office space for periods of time throughout the election cycle. Working remotely can present significant security risks as malicious actors seek to exploit weaker networks and general disruption in routine.²¹⁷ In addition, officials may need to add additional secure workstations to accommodate additional processing associated with the spike in absentee voting. We estimate that it will cost local election authorities \$11. million to purchase secure devices and to implement proper cybersecurity protections.²¹⁸

Ensuring healthy and secure in-person voting options: \$24.2 million

While local officials are authorized to consolidate up to 60% of existing polling places in the primary due to the pandemic or further if approved by the Department of State,²¹⁹ every locality is still required to conduct in-person voting. State and local election officials we interviewed are dedicated to protecting their poll workers and their voters on election day and

Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020.

²¹⁰ Nick Custodio (Deputy Commissioner, Office of Philadelphia City Commissioner Lisa Deeley, Chairwoman), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 3, 2020; Jeff Greenburg (Director of Elections, Mercer County, Pennsylvania), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

²¹¹ Nick Custodio (Deputy Commissioner, Office of Philadelphia City Commissioner Lisa Deeley, Chairwoman), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 3, 2020; Jeff Greenburg (Director of Elections, Mercer County, Pennsylvania), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

²¹² See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

²¹³ Nick Custodio (Deputy Commissioner, Office of Philadelphia City Commissioner Lisa Deeley, Chairwoman), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 3, 2020; Jeff Greenburg (Director of Elections, Mercer County, Pennsylvania), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

²¹⁴ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

²¹⁵ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020; Nick Custodio (Deputy Commissioner, Office of Philadelphia City Commissioner Lisa Deeley, Chairwoman), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 3, 2020; Jeff Greenburg (Director of Elections, Mercer County, Pennsylvania), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 2, 2020.

²¹⁶ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

²¹⁷ "UK and US Security Agencies Issue Covid-19 Cyber Threat Update," Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Apr. 8, 2020, <https://www.cisa.gov/news/2020/04/08/uk-and-us-security-agencies-issue-covid-19-cyber-threat-update>.

²¹⁸ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

²¹⁹ 2020 Pa. Legis. Serv. Act 2020-12 (S.B. 422).

agree that HPLM are reasonable measures.²²⁰ For these estimates, we assume that the state is taking on the costs associated with these materials for both the primary and the general elections.

For reasons similar to their colleagues in other states, local Pennsylvania officials we interviewed support increasing the number of poll workers and pay, but could only do so with sufficient federal support.²²¹ And as Berks, Lehigh, and Philadelphia counties are required to provide language assistance at the polls,²²² they may need to contract for remote interpreter services to ensure compliance on election day. The state also provides remote interpreter services to improve language access on election day.²²³ The total cost to locals for these changes is estimated at \$24.2 million for both elections.²²⁴

METHODOLOGY

Our estimates of the expenses state and local jurisdictions confront come from (1) interviews with election officials in each of these states about the costs they have already incurred; (2) interviews with vendors and service providers about the costs for other needed products and services that election officials identified, as well as publicly available information about these costs; and (3) projections of voter behavior, based on prior history, as well as changes we have already seen in recent elections. Below are the assumptions and sources of our cost estimates:

Securing On-line Systems:

Costs included: online absentee ballot request systems, ballot tracking systems, and added capacity, vulnerability testing, and maintenance for all online election systems.

Based on interviews with state election officials, we determined whether each state currently has all of the necessary systems for online absentee ballot requests and ballot tracking. When unable to obtain confirmation from state election officials, we used publicly available information about state systems to make our assumptions.²²⁵ Even where these systems

²²⁰ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020; Nick Custodio (Deputy Commissioner, Office of Philadelphia City Commissioner Lisa Deeley, Chairwoman), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 3, 2020.

²²¹ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020; Nick Custodio (Deputy Commissioner, Office of Philadelphia City Commissioner Lisa Deeley, Chairwoman), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 3, 2020.

²²² "About Language Minority Voting Rights," U.S. Department of Justice, accessed Apr. 17, 2020, <https://www.justice.gov/crt/about-language-minority-voting-rights>.

²²³ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020.

²²⁴ See attached state estimate chart and methodology section for detailed calculations.

²²⁵ For an overview of which states have online absentee ballot request systems, see "Preparing for an Election Under Pandemic Conditions," Brennan Center for Justice, last updated Apr. 23, 2020, <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/preparing-election-under-pandemic-conditions>. For more information on available methods for requesting absentee ballots in each state analyzed in this report, see "Absentee Voting in Georgia," Georgia Secretary of State, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/Elections/absentee_voting_in_georgia; "Absentee Voting," Michigan Secretary of State, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670_7-127_1633_8716_8728-21037_00.html; "Absentee Voting," Missouri Secretary of State, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/howtovote#absentee>; "Absentee Voting," Ohio Secretary of State, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-voting/>; "Ballot Request Application," Pennsylvania Voter Services, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/#/OnlineAbsenteeBegin>. For an overview of which states have online systems for tracking absentee ballots, see "Voting Outside the Polling Place: Absentee, All-Mail and other Voting at Home Options," National Conference of State Legislatures, last updated Apr. 14, 2020, <https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/absentee-and-early-voting.aspx#systems>.

are already in place in some form, additional resources for vulnerability testing will be needed given the importance of these remote tools if in-person interaction becomes difficult or impossible. Existing systems will also need upgrades to meet the increased demand for mail voting, and states will require additional server space and IT support. Cost estimates were based on interviews with election officials and information from technology vendors.

We estimate that secure online absentee ballot request systems will cost \$300,000 - \$350,000 to develop and another \$60,000 - \$120,000 to maintain.²²⁶ Of the states that we analyzed in this report, only Pennsylvania has an online absentee ballot request system already.²²⁷ However, Pennsylvania officials plan to spend \$500,000 - \$750,000 on needed upgrades and enhancements to this system before November.²²⁸

For Georgia and Pennsylvania, we estimate that it will cost \$100,000 - \$200,000 to purchase and improve absentee ballot tracking systems that notify voters when their ballot has cleared each step in the delivery and counting process.²²⁹ Because Michigan, Missouri, and Ohio have more extensive ballot tracking systems in place already,²³⁰ we estimate that only \$50,000 - \$100,000 will be needed to add additional notification features and prepare these systems for increased use.

Online voter registration (OVR) capacity and vulnerability testing costs generally depend on whether the state's voter registration database is a "top-down" or "bottom-up" system. Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, and Pennsylvania all have "top-down" systems and Ohio has a "bottom-up" system.²³¹ We estimate that capacity and vulnerability testing will cost \$150,000 - \$170,000 for each "top-down" state and \$130,000 - \$150,000 for each "bottom-up" state.²³²

Finally, we estimate that vulnerability testing for voter lookup tools – including for registration status and polling place location – will cost \$30,000 - \$50,000 for each state.²³³

Mail Ballot Distribution:

Costs included: mailing absentee applications and absentee ballots (including materials, envelopes, postage, and staffing), and additional drop boxes for ballot return.

- **Mailing absentee applications**

We estimated how much it would cost for each state to mail an absentee ballot application with prepaid return postage to every voter for each election. For the cost of return postage, we assumed that election officials would pay only for applications actually returned by mail.

Where available, we used 2020 voter registration statistics for each state to determine the number of voters that would receive an absentee application. In Ohio, where we could not find publicly available voter registration numbers for 2020,

²²⁶ Dave Leichtman (Director, Program Strategy, Defending Democracy at Microsoft), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 15, 2020; Matt Davis, (Former Chief Information Officer, Virginia Department of Elections), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 27, 2020. Our estimates assume that higher costs may be faced by states to develop and implement these tools given the short time frame before the general election and the anticipated high use of these systems.

²²⁷ "Ballot Request Application," Pennsylvania Voter Services, <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/#/OnlineAbsenteeBegin>.

²²⁸ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020.

²²⁹ Matt Davis (Former Chief Information Officer, Virginia Department of Elections), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 27, 2020.

²³⁰ See "Voting Outside the Polling Place: Absentee, All-Mail and other Voting at Home Options" (absentee ballot tracking systems are mandated by state law in Michigan and Missouri); "Track Your Ballot," Ohio Secretary of State, accessed Apr. 23, 2020, <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/ballot-tracking/>.

²³¹ "Statewide Voter Registration Systems," U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), Aug. 31, 2017, <https://www.eac.gov/statewide-voter-registration-systems>.

²³² Matt Davis (Former Chief Information Officer, Virginia Department of Elections), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 27, 2020.

²³³ Matt Davis (Former Chief Information Officer, Virginia Department of Elections), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 27, 2020.

we used 2018 voter registration numbers from the Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS).²³⁴ Because Georgia has already committed to sending absentee applications to all active registered voters for the primary election, we used active registered voters as the baseline for this state rather than total registered voters.

For most states, we assumed that the number of applications returned by mail would be equal to the number of mail ballots cast in each election. We assumed that turnout in each election would be consistent with corresponding elections in 2016. For Georgia, we assumed turnout would be 32% in the primary, 10% in the primary runoff, 70% in the general, 22% in the state runoff, and 40% in the federal runoff. For Michigan, we assumed turnout would be 20% in the primary and 65% in the general. For Missouri, we assumed turnout would be 10% in the municipal, 24% in the primary, and 67% in the general. For Ohio, we assumed turnout would be 42% in the primary and 72% in the general. For Pennsylvania we assumed turnout would be 38% in the primary and 70% in the general. We also assumed that mail ballots would be 75% of votes cast in primary, runoff, and local elections, and 50% - 95% of votes cast in the November general election. This range reflects how much uncertainty there is regarding what the public health threat will be this fall.

Based on interviews with election officials, the cost of printing and sending out absentee ballot requests ranged from \$0.45 per voter to \$0.60 per voter.²³⁵ The cost of prepaid return postage was estimated at \$0.65 per voter, which includes an estimate of the processing and handling fee charged by USPS.²³⁶ Where states have already committed to certain practices or funds associated with mailing absentee applications or ballots for an upcoming election, we used those available cost estimates. For Pennsylvania, we used an \$8 million estimate for mailing applications with return postage that was provided by state officials.²³⁷

- **Mailing absentee ballots**

For the cost of mailing absentee ballots, we first set projected baselines for the amount of resources each state would need in an election under “normal” circumstances – that is, with no public health crisis. We determined the number of absentee ballots cast as a percent of registered voters using 2018 EAVS data and used this to determine the number of absentee ballots that would be cast in 2020 with similar absentee ballot use patterns. For Pennsylvania, which recently expanded to no-excuse absentee voting, we used a 10% absentee vote rate. We then subtracted this number from the total number of registered voters to determine the supply of additional absentee ballot materials that would be needed to have enough for all voters.²³⁸ These numbers were then multiplied by absentee ballot material costs per voter and reduced by expected turnout, as explained below.

We also set projected baselines for the number of paper ballots that would be printed under normal circumstances. These baselines were set according to the number of ballots that would be printed for absentee voting (same methodology as for absentee ballot materials above) and for in-person voting. To determine the number of ballots that would be printed for in-person voting, we used the number of voters in jurisdictions that use hand-marked paper ballots as their primary voting

²³⁴ U.S. Election Assistance Commission, *Election Administration And Voting Survey 2018 Comprehensive Report: A Report to the 116th Congress*, 55, Jun. 2019, https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/eac_assets/1/6/2018_EAVS_Report.pdf.

²³⁵ The State of Georgia is spending \$480,000 to print absentee ballot requests and \$2.6 million to mail absentee ballots to 6.9 million active voters. Niesse, “Voters mailed absentee ballot request forms for May 19 Georgia primary”; Kevin Rayburn (Deputy Elections Director and Deputy General Counsel, Georgia Secretary of State), Gabriel Sterling (Voting System Implementation Manager, Georgia Secretary of State), Chris Harvey (Elections Director, Georgia Secretary of State), interview with Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 17, 2020; Green County, Missouri estimates that it will cost \$0.56 per voter to print and mail absentee applications. Shane Schoeller (County Clerk, Greene County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 30, 2020; Defiance County, Ohio estimates that it will cost \$0.50 per voter to print and mail absentee applications. Kimberly Smith (Deputy Director, Defiance County Board of Elections, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 29, 2020.

²³⁶ Eric Fey (Democratic Director of Elections, St. Louis County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020.

²³⁷ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020.

²³⁸ Using this methodology, we determined the following baselines for absentee ballot materials and postage: 6,559,909 (Michigan); 3,923,862 (Missouri); 7,129,470 (Ohio); 7,694,291 (Pennsylvania). For Georgia, we used the full number of active registered voters (6.9 million), so that total estimated costs would be consistent with estimates publicly released by the state.

system²³⁹ and the minimum number of ballots that these jurisdictions must print under state law.²⁴⁰ We then subtracted this number from the total number of registered voters to determine the supply of additional absentee ballot materials that would be needed to have enough for all voters.²⁴¹ These numbers were then multiplied by absentee ballot costs per voter and reduced by expected turnout, as explained below.

We then estimated the costs associated with the measures, equipment and other accommodations state and local officials will need to best manage the expected significant increase in mail voting due to COVID-19. We conducted interviews with local election officials to obtain estimates for many of the discrete costs we relied on to create these estimates. When necessary and possible, we used averages drawn from multiple election officials.

Based on interviews from election officials and publicly available sources we estimate the cost of materials for absentee ballots (ballots, envelopes, instructions, etc.) will range from \$1.25 per voter to \$1.89 per voter.²⁴² To estimate the additional staffing costs needed to address the spike in absentee voting, we assumed that jurisdictions with under 25,000 voters would need one additional temporary worker (\$1,200) and jurisdictions with 25,000 or more voters would need three additional temporary workers (\$3,600) for a period of approximately two weeks to assist with absentee ballot packets assembly.

For the cost of mailing absentee ballots, we assumed that turnout for each election would be consistent with recent corresponding elections. For Georgia, we assumed turnout would be 32% in the primary, 10% in the primary runoff, 70% in the general, 22% in the state runoff, and 40% in the federal runoff. For Michigan, we assumed turnout would be 20% in the primary and 65% in the general. For Missouri, we assumed turnout would be 10% in the municipal, 24% in the primary, and 67% in the general. For Ohio, we assumed turnout would be 42% in the primary and 72% in the general. For Pennsylvania we assumed turnout would be 38% in the primary and 70% in the general.

We also assumed that mail ballots would be 75% of votes cast in primary, runoff, and local elections, and 50% - 95% of votes cast in the November general election. This range reflects how much uncertainty there is regarding what the public health threat will be this fall.

Election officials we interviewed emphasized that postage costs vary based on several variables, including the length of the ballot. For these estimates, we assume that postage costs for sending absentee ballots ranged from \$1.15 - \$2.38 per voter for each ballot sent, and \$0.80 - \$1.40 per voter for each ballot returned.²⁴³ When estimating the cost of return postage for the November general election, our lower range estimates assume that half of voters who vote by mail return their ballot using a drop box. Specifically, we assumed that 50%-95% of the total number of estimated voters will cast an absentee ballot, but to determine our estimated postage costs for the November, we assumed that only half of this population, or as few as 25%, will return their ballot by mail.

²³⁹ "The Verifier – Polling Place Equipment – November 2020," Verified Voting, <https://www.verifiedvoting.org/verifier/>.

²⁴⁰ Mich. Admin. Code R 168.774 (Michigan); V.A.M.S. 115.247 (Missouri); Directive 2016-22, Election Official Manual 4-14, https://www.sos.state.oh.us/globalassets/elections/directives/2016/dir2016-22_eom-ch_04.pdf (Ohio); 2019 Pa. Laws 77 (Pennsylvania).

²⁴¹ Using this methodology, we determined the following baselines for absentee ballot materials and postage: 1,559,341 (Michigan); 1,007,141 (Missouri); 3,653,556 (Ohio); 1,846,807 (Pennsylvania). These numbers represent the additional ballots that would be needed for a total supply equal to 120% of registered voters, to account for ballot spoilage and the need to allocate resources between mail and in-person voting.

²⁴² Rochester Hills, Michigan spends \$0.30 per voter for ballots and \$0.85 per voter on envelopes. Tina Barton, (City Clerk, Rochester Hills, Michigan), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 27, 2020; Greene County, Missouri spends \$1.50 per voter on envelopes and \$0.10 per voter to print absentee ballot instructions. Shane Schoeller (County Clerk, Greene County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 30, 2020; Defiance County, Ohio spends \$1.70 per voter to outsource ballot printing and absentee packet assembly. Kimberly Smith (Deputy Director, Defiance County Board of Elections, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 29, 2020.

²⁴³ The State of Georgia is spending \$1.88 - \$2.38 per absentee ballot sent in postage and handling costs, and officials estimate that return postage could cost up to \$1.40 per ballot. Niesse, "Voters mailed absentee ballot request forms for May 19 Georgia primary"; Kevin Rayburn (Deputy Elections Director and Deputy General Counsel, Georgia Secretary of State), Gabriel Sterling (Voting System Implementation Manager, Georgia Secretary of State), Chris Harvey (Elections Director, Georgia Secretary of State), interview with Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 17, 2020; Boone County, Missouri spends about \$1.15 per ballot in return postage. Brianna Lennon (County Clerk, Boone County, Missouri), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 13, 2020; Defiance County, Ohio estimates that each ballot sent costs \$1.20 in postage. Kimberly Smith (Deputy Director, Defiance County Board of Elections, Ohio), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Mar. 29, 2020.

- **Mailing absentee ballots**

For ballot drop boxes, we estimate that each election jurisdiction will need one drop box for every 15,000 voters.²⁴⁴ We assume that the county (or jurisdiction) office can operate as one secure drop-off site for each of these jurisdictions at minimal cost, and determined the number of drop boxes that would be needed in addition to the county office to meet the one drop-off site per 15,000 voter ratio. Drop boxes were estimated at \$7,000 - \$10,000 to purchase and install, plus another \$3,000 to maintain. These estimates are taken from costs associated with drop boxes in Washington, where use is widespread.²⁴⁵ While some drop boxes can be found at lower costs, we chose this price point because these drop boxes offer structural protection against physical damage, fires, ballot theft, and tampering.²⁴⁶

Mail Ballot Processing and Tabulating:

Costs included: automated letter openers, mail sorting equipment, high speed scanners, additional processing and storage facilities, and additional processing staff.

Local jurisdictions will need more equipment, space and staff to handle a substantial increase in absentee ballot use. We determined the estimated cost for each jurisdiction based on the number of voters.²⁴⁷

We estimate that automated letter openers will cost \$1,000 per unit²⁴⁸ and that every jurisdiction with more than 5,000 voters will need one. We estimate that mail sorting equipment will cost \$100,000 per jurisdiction and will be needed for every jurisdiction with more than 25,000 voters.²⁴⁹ We estimate that high speed scanners will cost \$50,000 for every jurisdiction between 5,000 and 25,000 voters and \$100,000 for every jurisdiction with more than 25,000 voters.²⁵⁰ We estimate that expanded facilities will cost \$10,000²⁵¹ for every jurisdiction between 5,000 and 25,000 voters and \$20,000²⁵² for every jurisdiction with more than 25,000 voters. We estimate that additional processing staff will cost \$16,800²⁵³ for every jurisdiction between 5,000 and 25,000 voters and \$42,000²⁵⁴ for every jurisdiction with more than 25,000 voters.

²⁴⁴ The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Elections Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council and Sector Coordinating Council's Joint COVID Working Group recommends that jurisdictions have one drop box for every 15,000–20,000 registered voters. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, "Ballot Drop Box," https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/ballot_drop_box_final-508.pdf. The State of Washington, where drop boxes are widely used, requires one drop box per 15,000 registered voters. Washington Secretary of State, *Ballot Drop Boxes in All Communities*, May 19, 2017, <https://www.sos.wa.gov/assets/elections/auditorsctp/17-01%20ballot%20drop%20boxes%20in%20all%20communities.pdf>.

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²⁴⁶ See, e.g. Melissa Santos, "These ballot boxes keep your vote safe from fire, rain and rampaging SUVs," *Crosscut*, Oct. 17, 2019, <https://crosscut.com/2019/10/these-ballot-boxes-keep-your-vote-safe-fire-rain-and-rampaging-suvs>.

²⁴⁷ 2018 EAVS data was used to determine the number of voters in each county for Georgia, Missouri, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. In Michigan, where elections are administered at the city and township level, we used data from the Michigan Department of State. Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections, *2020 Biennial Precinct Report*, https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/Biennial_Precinct_Report_for_2020_683154_7.pdf.

²⁴⁸ Automated letter openers sold by Pitney Bowes range from \$400 - \$2700. State of Ohio Procurement, *State of Ohio Equipment Catalog*, Sept. 9, 2015, <https://procure.ohio.gov/pricelist/800051revpricelist.pdf>; Pitney Bowers, *State of New Jersey Catalog*, updated Jan. 15, 2014, <https://www.pb.com/docs/us/pdf/microsite/state-and-local-government-solutions/new-jersey/nj-2014-price-book.pdf>.

²⁴⁹ The cost of mail sorting equipment varies considerably depending on the capacity and speed needed. For example, when Hawaii switched to a vote-by-mail system, counties spent between \$50,000 and \$250,000 on mail sorting equipment. "Implementing Elections by Mail," Hawaii Office of Elections, Nov. 6, 2019, <https://elections.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/Report-to-Legislature-20191104.pdf>.

²⁵⁰ State of Ohio Procurement, *Election Systems & Software Price Sheet*, https://procure.ohio.gov/pdf/OT902619_MAC113_ESSPriceSheet.pdf (costs of high-speed scanners range from \$44,925 - \$108,270); Aquene Freechild and Hamdi Soysal, *Cost of Counting the Vote: The Price of Upgrading Voting Systems in 43 U.S. Counties*, Public Citizen, May 31, 2018, https://www.citizen.org/wp-content/uploads/voting_equipment_pricing_mini-report_05_31_18_final-1.pdf (counties in survey paid \$49,950- \$53,000 for an ES&S DS450 high speed scanner and \$94,503-\$111,500 for an ES&S DS850 high speed scanner).

²⁵¹ An estimated rental cost of \$5,000 per month for two months.

²⁵² An estimated rental cost of \$10,000 per month for two months.

²⁵³ 10 additional workers for 14 days at \$15 per hour.

²⁵⁴ 25 additional workers for 14 days at \$15 per hour.

Finally, we estimate that additional computers for processing will cost \$1,300 for every jurisdiction between 5,000 and 25,000 voters and \$3,900 for every jurisdiction with more than 25,000 voters.

Even where jurisdictions have some of this technology such as high speed scanners in place, election officials will likely need to purchase additional units or units that can handle higher capacity, given that each of these states has had relatively low rates of mail voting currently in the past.

In-person Voting:

Costs included: PPE for poll workers, cleaning supplies, plexiglass sneeze guards, post-election cleaning services, single use pens, poll worker pay increases, remote interpreter services, and expanded curbside voting.

We determined cost estimates for a set of polling place cleaning and health supplies recommended by health professionals, and estimated costs for each state based on the number of precincts and poll workers in recent elections.²⁵⁵ Based on interviews with election officials, information from vendors and publicly available information, we estimate that personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies would cost an additional \$170 per precinct, that plexiglass sneeze guards would cost an additional \$300 per precinct, and that post-election cleaning services would cost an additional \$60 per precinct. The cost for PPE and cleaning supplies is set to the amount that Pennsylvania officials will spend per “kit” that includes various PPE supplies and other cleaning products,²⁵⁶ and the estimated costs of plexiglass sneeze guards²⁵⁷ and post-election cleaning services²⁵⁸ was determined from looking at a sample of prices from vendors of these services and equipment as well as guidance from health experts. We also estimate the cost of single use pens for all voters using hand-marked paper ballots to cast their vote at a rate of \$0.50 each.²⁵⁹ This estimate was also determined based on a sample of prices from election supply vendors. We used the estimated number of voters in jurisdictions that use hand-marked paper ballots as the baseline for single use pen estimates.²⁶⁰

For the cost of PPE and cleaning supplies in Pennsylvania, we use a \$1.2 million per election estimate that was provided to us by state officials.²⁶¹

²⁵⁵ We used EAVS 2018 data for the number of precincts and poll workers.

²⁵⁶ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020; “Election Operations During COVID-19,” Pennsylvania Department of State, https://www.dos.pa.gov/VotingElections/OtherServicesEvents/Documents/PADOS_ElectionOperationsDuringCOVID19.pdf (“[The State] has ordered polling place protection kits and will be distributing them to counties prior to the primary, which include supplies such as masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and other cleaning sanitizers, and tape to mark the floor for distance markers.”).

²⁵⁷ Polling places will need at least two plexiglass sneeze guards for poll workers at check-in tables. ShopPopDisplays, a supplier in New Jersey, sells plexiglass sneeze guards for \$130-\$214 per unit. “Sneeze Guards,” ShopPopDisplays, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, <https://www.shoppopdisplays.com/>; Displays2Go, a supplier in Massachusetts, sells plexiglass sneeze guards for \$90 - \$110 per unit. Displays2Go, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, <https://www.displays2go.com/>; DGS Retail, a supplier in Massachusetts, sells plexiglass sneezeguards for \$55 - \$189 per unit. DGS Retail, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, <https://www.dgsretail.com/>; McDonald Paper, a supplier in New York, sells plexiglass sneeze guards for \$176-\$230 per unit. McDonald Paper, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, <https://mcdonaldpaper.com/>.

²⁵⁸ The mean hourly wage for building cleaning workers in local government buildings is \$18.62. “Occupational Employment and Wages, May 2019, Building Cleaning Workers,” U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes372019.htm>. For community facilities, such as those that would be used for polling places, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends extensive cleaning and disinfection procedures that go beyond what cleaning services would ordinarily entail. “Detailed Guidance for Disinfecting Facilities,” Center for Disease Control and Prevention, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>.

²⁵⁹ Print Elect sells ballot marking pens at a cost of \$0.33-\$0.66 per unit. Print Elect, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, <https://www.printelect.com/>. Election Source sells ballot marking pens at a cost of \$0.78 per unit. Election Source, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, <https://electionsource.com/>. Government Forms & Supplies sells ballot marking pens at a cost of \$0.81 per unit. Government Forms & Supplies, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, <https://www.governmentformsandsupplies.com/>.

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²⁶¹ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020.

We assumed a \$100 pay increase for every poll worker in order to help with recruitment. We relied on 2018 EAVS data to determine the estimated number of poll workers in each state.²⁶² Election officials we interviewed expressed broad agreement that poll workers are currently underpaid, that pay increases would be helpful for recruitment, and that \$100 pay increases would reasonably further these efforts.

We also determined the cost of providing language interpretation services by phone to every precinct covered under section 203 of the Voting Rights Act. We estimated that these services would cost \$700 per precinct based on information from vendors. This estimate was determined by looking at a sample of rates from professional interpreter services.²⁶³

Finally, we estimated costs associated with expanded curbside voting at an additional \$500 per polling location to cover two additional poll workers and needed materials.²⁶⁴ This estimate takes into account best practice, which requires a bipartisan team of two poll workers to meet voters outside of polling locations for curbside voting. While poll worker pay varies considerably from state to state and sometimes even county to county, \$200 per poll worker represents an approximate nationwide average when taking into account desired pay increases.²⁶⁵

Public Education:

Costs included: informational mailers to all voters and media outreach.

We estimate the costs of sending every registered voter an informational mailer for each election at a rate of \$0.45 per voter,²⁶⁶ and the costs of general media outreach for the election cycle at a rate of \$0.14 per voter. The costs were determined from interviews with election officials, as well as comparable outreach efforts such as for the 2020 census.²⁶⁷

For Pennsylvania, we used total cost estimates for informational mailers and media outreach that were provided to us by state officials.²⁶⁸

²⁶² See U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 2018 *Election Administration And Voting Survey Codebook*, Jun. 2019, <https://www.eac.gov/research-and-data/datasets-codebooks-and-surveys>.

²⁶³ The U.S. District Court for the District of Maine pays certified interpreters \$55 per hour. “CJA Quick Guide: Interpreter Services and CJA 21 Voucher Preparation,” U.S. District Court for the District of Maine, https://www.med.uscourts.gov/pdf/Informational_Handout_re_Interpreter.pdf; Rates for a collection of interpreter service vendors used by the Rhode Island Department of Education cost \$45–\$165 per hour. “Translation and Interpretation Services,” Multilingual Learners (MLLs) / English Learners (ELs), Rhode Island Department of Education, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, <https://www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/EnglishLearners.aspx#40321621-translation-and-interpretation-services> and <https://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/OSCAS/English-Learner-Pages/RI%20Translation%20and%20Interpretation%20Services.pdf>; In 2012, the Virginia Department of Health contracted for interpreter services at a rate of \$38 per hour. Office of Purchasing and General Services, Virginia Department of Health, Contract 120020-501AA with Propio Language Services LLC (Virginia, 2012), <http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/library/administration/adm-Contract%201200020-501AA%20Language%20Interp%20Transla%20Propio%20April%202012.pdf>; A school district in Washington, D.C. received quotes for interpreter services from two providers at \$45/hr or \$95/hr. Cobb County School District, 20120033, *Interpretation and Translation Services Tabsheet*, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, http://www.cobbk12.org/centraloffice/purchasing/Tabsheetsv3/InterpretationandTranslationServices,Q20120033_tabsheet.pdf.

²⁶⁴ We used 2018 EAVS data for the number of polling locations.

²⁶⁵ “Election Poll Workers,” National Conference of State Legislatures, last updated Aug. 19, 2019, <https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/election-poll-workers637018267.aspx>.

²⁶⁶ \$0.45 is the cost of printing and mailing one postcard. “Mailing & Shipping Prices,” USPS, accessed Apr. 22, 2020, <https://www.usps.com/business/prices.htm>.

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²⁶⁸ Kathy Boockvar (Pennsylvania Secretary of State), Jonathan Marks (Deputy Secretary of Elections, Pennsylvania Department of State), Michael Moser (Director of Election Security and Technology, Pennsylvania Department of State), interview by Brennan Center for Justice, Apr. 10, 2020.

We recognize that voter education and outreach costs used for the purpose of this analysis are conservative estimates.²⁶⁹ Election procedures are likely to undergo substantial changes over the year, during an evolving and unprecedented public health crisis. Given the low rates of absentee use in these states, many voters will be voting by mail for the first time. We fully support a robust education campaign to ensure that all voters understand how to safely cast their vote in 2020.

Secure Remote and Offsite Infrastructure:

Costs included: computers, endpoint protection, multi-factor authentication, VPN, and tech maintenance.

These estimates include the costs of setting up and maintaining a Virtual Private Network (VPN) in each election jurisdiction, as well as the cost of providing a secure device with endpoint protection and multi-factor authentication to access state election networks.

We estimate that these purchases and upgrades will cost \$4,733 for jurisdictions with less than 3,500 voters, \$8,870 for jurisdictions between 3,500 and 100,000 voters, and \$32,040 for jurisdictions with more than 100,000 voters. Costs were determined based on interviews with state cybersecurity staff and technology vendors.²⁷⁰

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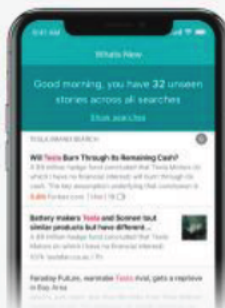
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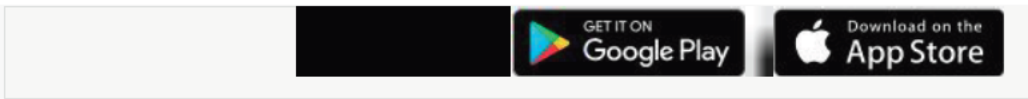
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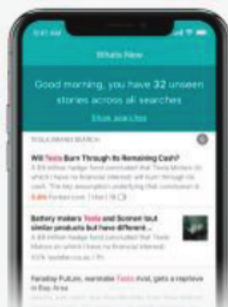
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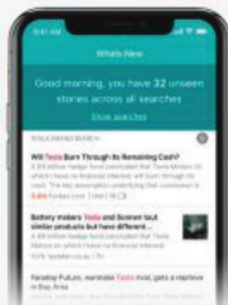


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@HoarseWisperer He also implemented **Georgia's** controversial "exact match" system for voter registration.[5] Critics have described Kemp's actions as **secretary of state** as an example of democratic backsliding.[6] Kemp denies that he actively engaged in voter suppression. <https://...>

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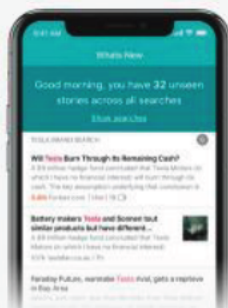


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Losing a job can also mean losing health coverage, adding to anxiety amid coronavirus pandemic

Ramona Valdez is one of the more than 10 million Americans who filed for unemployment benefits last month. The 64-year-old was laid off on March 10 after 22 years as a housekeeper at the Sheraton in Stamford, Conn., when occupancy rates plummeted at hotels because of the coronavirus contagion. Her employer-sponsored health insurance coverage ended effective April 1. This is especially problematic because she broke her right wrist after falling at home, and she has a doctor's appointment scheduled for April 15 to get the cast removed.

"I have to get it removed, but I don't have the money," she said in Spanish.

“On top of that, they might tell me to do physical therapy. I don't know how I'd pay for that. I don't know what I'm going to do.”

Losing a job doesn't just mean losing a paycheck. For millions, it will also mean losing employer-covered health care. Valdez immigrated to the United States in 1984 from Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic, and does not speak English. Her daughter and union steward have been trying to help figure out a way for her to get insured again, but they've found the process byzantine and the options costly.

Making it harder is the uncertainty of not knowing when she might get rehired. When will people begin traveling again? When will life return to normal? “I can only rely on God,” Valdez said. “I just pray every single day that people will stay home so this will be over quickly.”

She is a member of Unite Here, a union of hotel, casino, restaurant and cafeteria workers. “We represent 300,000 people. My bet is about 280,000 have lost their jobs,” said union President Donald “D.” Taylor. “That might be a low number. It might be 290,000.”

The Labor Department, which [reported](#) this morning that the jobless rate rose to 4.4 percent in March, said almost two-thirds of job losses occurred in the leisure and hospitality sector.



Bartender Jessie Klenke, who is out of work because of closures caused by the coronavirus, holds her cat Tito outside her home in Las Vegas on Thursday. (Ronda Churchill/AFP via Getty Images)

Taylor, calling from his home in Las Vegas, expressed disgust that last week's \$2 trillion stimulus bill did not include insurance subsidies for the unemployed or mandates that companies receiving government assistance provide health coverage for workers who get laid off. He said many of his members are covered by labor agreements that allow for extending coverage through June 30, but others who depend on company plans – and millions who are not unionized – have already lost coverage.

“What I cannot understand is how, in the midst of a health-care crisis, we have millions of people losing health care and no one's talking about it,” said Taylor. “It's the epitome of an ironic situation that a \$2 trillion bailout, the largest bill ever passed by Congress, contains nothing about continuing or expanding people's health care.”

The Trump administration has decided not to reopen the enrollment period under the Affordable Care Act, but losing a job qualifies as a significant life event. That starts a 60-day window during which people can register for a new insurance plan at [healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov). Quality coverage in these marketplaces can still be costly, as well.

Most people who lose employer-based coverage are eligible to extend it for

up to 18 months under the COBRA program, but this can be prohibitively expensive – especially if you have little savings and need to buy food and other necessities. People on COBRA are required to pick up their employer’s full share of the monthly premium. Congress subsidized these payments during the Great Recession but did not do so in last week’s legislation, known as the CARES Act.

To be eligible for Medicaid, many states require people's income to be at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty line. States typically want to see their tax returns from the previous year, and many laid-off workers will be above the threshold. President Trump said during his Wednesday evening news conference that he is looking into expanding Medicare and Medicaid eligibility to cover some of the newly uninsured, but he was quite [vague](#) about the details. And Vice President Pence signaled that this idea is not under serious consideration. Trump even joked with a Fox News reporter about how Pence had ducked the topic. “Mike was able to speak for five minutes and not even touch your question,” the president said. “That’s what you call a great professional!”

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin emphasized on Thursday that millions of Americans will receive their \$1,200 (or less) stimulus check via direct deposit in about two weeks while others will see them a few “weeks” after that.

“The \$1,200 check won’t cover rent in any major metropolitan area in America. If you walk into an emergency room, that's gone,” said Taylor, who added that many of his members earned too much last year to qualify for Medicaid this year. “Listen, extending unemployment is good. But if you get sick, that's not going to cover any medical bills. ... Co-pays are not the issue if you don’t have coverage.”

Jose Guerra lost his job as a bartender in a Houston airport restaurant called Ember last Tuesday. Initially, the 61-year-old said he felt relieved because he’s been terrified that he’d contract covid-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, from one of the travelers who cycle through from all over the world. But then he panicked when he realized he would lose his

health insurance.

The recovering alcoholic celebrated his birthday alone this week, sheltering in place at his apartment, and he's been joining Alcoholics Anonymous meetings via Zoom to get support. In the past year alone, he's had three surgeries: hand surgery because his fingers kept locking into place at work, nasal surgery because he was struggling to breathe and knee surgery because he tore his meniscus. He said the Cigna insurance he had until Wednesday was good and covered everything above his \$1,000 deductible. Some friends have told him to apply for Medicaid, but he thinks his income is too high to qualify. He said he does not know what his options are under the ACA.

"I'm in uncharted territory," he said. "I don't know what I am going to do."



People wait in line to get help applying for unemployment benefits at a career center in Las Vegas on March 17. (John Locher/AP)

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Galiv Shishir, 31, was laid off along with 20 of his colleagues on March 12 as a bartender at Charmaine's in San Francisco. After two years of working at the trendy rooftop spot, he got a severance check for \$1,500, not enough to even meet rent in the Tenderloin neighborhood where he lives. He said he had a stroke two years ago, at 29, and the doctors were not able to fully understand why. But his insurance covered tens of thousands of dollars in medical bills.

"So I am constantly worrying in the back of my mind," he said. "I really don't know where things will go past May for me. I know that it would not be the right decision, probably, with the way the virus is spreading and how people are interacting, but because I'm so anxious, and I'll be out of money soon, I just want everything to open again."

Shishir's asthmatic wife, who works in retail and doesn't get insurance through her job, also depended on his lapsed insurance to get the inhalers she needs. He's collecting unemployment benefits, and he's looking into signing up for COBRA, but he said no one has explained to him how it works. As he sat at home, he's found himself missing his home country of Bangladesh, which he emigrated from in 2008.

"In Bangladesh, we have a lot of floods and everything and we are kind of prone to disasters all the time," he said. "But I never felt very insecure back

there, ever. To be frank, being in America right now, I really don't feel secure. ... I sort of think that I should have been home for all this, and that it might have been better, because people are much more communal. Capitalism has left so many holes here in this country that are being exposed. It makes people like me feel really helpless."

I also spoke with an engineer, a member of a different union, who was laid off in Las Vegas by the casino where he has worked for more than two decades. He said he has not been able to file for unemployment benefits yet because he has been stuck on hold for hours each of the three days he called. "I've only got enough money to pay my mortgage for a couple of months, and I don't know what I'll do about health care," he said.

He spoke on the condition of anonymity because he does not want his longtime girlfriend to know that a desire to get on her employer's health insurance might be what prompts him to finally pop the question and take the plunge toward matrimony. "That's a [messed] up reason to do it," he explained. "But even if I took a menial job, there's really nothing I can do. Everyone in Vegas got laid off at the same time."

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More on the cascading economic calamity



Mercedes Addington lost her job in Kansas City, Kan., on March 23. She was approved for unemployment, but her benefits were subsequently suspended without an explanation. (Christopher Smith for The Washington Post)

“The Economic Policy Institute predicts nearly 20 million Americans will be out of work by July, which would be the worst unemployment situation the United States has faced since the Great Depression,” [Heather Long and Abha Bhattacharai report](#). “Even the normally cautious Congressional Budget Office predicts the unemployment rate will exceed 10 percent. ... The massive aid packages Congress passed in March will help, many say, but Goldman Sachs still predicts a 9 percent contraction in the first quarter and a 34 percent contraction in the second quarter. ... Economists think the true number of laid off workers is probably higher than the nearly 10 million who filed jobless claims in March, since so many people have not been able to complete their application as state unemployment office websites crash and phone lines are swamped. ...

“Hotels, restaurants, malls, hair salons and theaters have been among the hardest hit. ... Also, **industries often considered recession-proof, including white-collar education, health care and transportation, also are experiencing furloughs and layoffs.** Aerospace giant Boeing on Thursday began offering buyouts to its nearly 100,000 U.S. workers.”

“Uber drivers and other gig economy workers were promised unemployment benefits. It may be a long wait,” [Tony Romm reports](#). “In California, Illinois, Washington and a slew of other states, local unemployment officials are signaling they aren’t yet ready to start processing aid for laborers in what is known as the gig economy. Already inundated with record numbers of jobless claims and lacking federal guidance, many states say they need more time to set up a new system that can process additional benefits — and some say they may not be able to accept applications until later in April. Until now, many gig workers were ineligible for traditional unemployment benefits, even if driving passengers or delivering goods was their primary source of income. That’s because they are often categorized as independent contractors, not full-time employees, for companies such as Airbnb, Uber, Lyft and Postmates.”

“The day before the scheduled launch of the federal government’s massive new small-business lending program, banks being tapped to dole out the money questioned whether it was ready to launch,” [Aaron Gregg and Renae Merle report](#). “The \$349 billion Paycheck Protection Program is a key element of the \$2 trillion economic rescue package. ... Administration officials have said money from the emergency loan fund will start flowing to small businesses affected by the coronavirus outbreak Friday, delivering a sharply streamlined, same-day approval process unheard of in the history of federally backed small-business lending. But JPMorgan Chase, the country’s largest lender, said Thursday it did not expect to begin accepting applications for the program Friday, as scheduled. ...

“Some banking officials have warned that the abbreviated review process — which allows borrowers to attest to their own eligibility without the government’s approval — will make the program a magnet for fraud. **Although the SBA will be able to audit lenders and borrowers later, it will fall primarily to private bankers to make decisions about who should receive taxpayer-backed loans.**”

“The forced closure of businesses nationwide ... would seem to be the perfect scenario for filing a ‘business interruption’ insurance claim. But

most companies will probably find it difficult to get an insurance payout because of policy changes made after the 2002-2003 SARS outbreak,” [Todd Frankel reports](#). “SARS, which infected 8,000 people mostly in Asia and is now seen as foreshadowing the current pandemic, led to millions of dollars in business-interruption insurance claims. ... As a result, many insurers added exclusions to standard commercial policies for losses caused by viruses or bacteria. Now, the added policy language will potentially allow insurance companies to avoid hundreds of billions of dollars in business-interruption claims.”

“As renters and homeowners grapple with mass layoffs and business closures, **housing advocates are growing increasingly concerned the country will soon face a housing crisis to rival the one that nearly took down the economy a decade ago,”** [Merle reports](#). “Federal officials have imposed a nationwide halt to foreclosures and evictions for more than 30 million Americans with home mortgages backed by the Federal Housing Administration or two government-controlled companies, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. But the federal moratoriums do not cover more than 40 million renters or 5 million homeowners with mortgage loans not backed by the government. And while the halt to foreclosures and evictions will keep many people in their homes temporarily, a bigger financial shock is brewing as people fall behind on their payments, industry analysts say. Mortgage servicers, which collect homeowners’ monthly loan payments, say they have already begun to see an uptick in borrowers seeking help and could quickly become swamped.”

It's no wonder alcohol consumption has [surged](#).

More on the federal response



U.S. coronavirus deaths topped 1,000 in a single day.

“The United States cemented its position as the new front line of the outbreak Thursday as it tallied a total of more than 240,000 infections and 5,800 virus-related deaths. The number of people infected worldwide passed 1 million, and the number who have died of the disease rose above 52,000,” [Matt Zapotosky, Isaac Stanley-Becker and John Wagner report](#).

“The hard-hit areas inside of the United States continued to see virus-related casualties rise precipitously Thursday. New York added more than 430 to its death toll, bringing the total there to more than 2,300. Neighboring New Jersey added more than 180, bringing its total to 530. Michigan, which is drawing increasing concern, added 80 deaths on Thursday, bringing its total to more than 410.” Louisiana saw a 42 percent increase in known cases on Thursday, a spike Gov. John Bel Edwards (D) [attributed](#) to backlogs in testing. The state has 9,150 confirmed cases and 310 deaths.

The administration shoots the messenger.

“Navy Capt. Brett Crozier, the commanding officer of the USS Theodore Roosevelt, was relieved of command at the direction of acting Navy secretary Thomas Modly. The Navy had become increasingly convinced that Crozier was involved in leaking the letter to the news media to force the service to address his concerns over the outbreak on his ship,” [Dan Lamothe, Missy Ryan and Paul Sonne report](#). “Modly said the letter, first

reported by the San Francisco Chronicle on Tuesday, undermined more senior Navy leaders and could have emboldened adversaries of the United States in the Pacific region. ... Crozier asked that 90 percent of the crew, comprising more than 4,800 sailors, be removed to allow for testing, quarantining and disinfecting of the ship. ... Some 113 members of the crew had tested positive as of Thursday, Modly said, predicting that ‘hundreds’ ultimately could.”

The Navy's hospital ship in New York has only 20 patients.

On Thursday, the U.S.N.S. Comfort “sat mostly empty, infuriating executives at local hospitals. The ship’s 1,000 beds are largely unused, its 1,200-member crew mostly idle. Only 20 patients had been transferred to the ship, officials said, even as New York hospitals struggled to find space for the thousands infected with the coronavirus,” [the Times reports](#). “Another Navy hospital ship, the U.S.N.S. Mercy, docked in Los Angeles, has had a total of 15 patients. **‘If I’m blunt about it, it’s a joke,’ said Michael Dowling, the head of Northwell Health, New York’s largest hospital system.** ... On top of its strict rules preventing people infected with the virus from coming on board, the Navy is also refusing to treat a host of other conditions. **Guidelines disseminated to hospitals included a list of 49 medical conditions that would exclude a patient from admittance to the ship.** Ambulances cannot take patients directly to the Comfort; they must first deliver patients to a city hospital for a lengthy evaluation — including a test for the virus — and then pick them up again for transport to the ship.”

- New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) said if his state continues to use ventilators at the current rate, its stockpiles would be depleted in just six days.
- New data shows New York, in desperation, is paying enormous markups for supplies, including almost \$250,000 for a single X-ray machine. Laws against price gouging generally don’t apply to government purchases. ([ProPublica](#))
- New York’s aging gay population survived the HIV crisis. Now they’re confronting a new plague that has brought flashbacks of what they once endured: Fury at the government over its haphazard initial

- response, suspicion about abatement or promises of a vaccine, and anxiety about how much worse this could get for the marginalized. ([Richard Morgan and Jada Yuan](#))
- New Yorkers have become the face of the fearsome infection in America. The city's residents have become virtual pariahs whose potential arrival has spurred anxious demands for roadblocks up and down the East Coast. ([Paul Schwartzman](#))

The White House will soon urge Americans to wear face coverings in public.

Trump said "that 'a recommendation is coming out,' but 'I don't think it will be mandatory. If people want to wear them, they can,'" [Lena Sun and Dawsey report](#). "Later, however, a White House official ... said that the guidance being considered is 'narrowly targeted to areas with high community transmission' and that the matter remains under discussion."

Trump invoked the Defense Production Act for 3M.

The president announced he's using the Korean War-era law to compel 3M to provide more N95 masks for medical workers, a sharp turnabout in the administration's posture toward the company. "The confluence of a slow initial response by the Trump administration, its wariness of compelling the industry to produce gear and a long-running debate about granting manufacturers legal protection in a health emergency contributed to a critical shortage of masks to front-line workers," [Jeanne Whalen, Rosalind Helderman and Tom Hamburger report](#). "The need to dramatically ramp up U.S. production and distribution of masks should have been apparent early on in the crisis, former disaster preparedness officials said. For years, public health advocates had warned that the U.S. national stockpile of medical supplies was woefully inadequate. The dearth of masks for medical workers ... has become symbolic of the nation's wider failure to properly prepare for the pandemic."

Virginia, Maryland and the District received a fraction of what was requested from FEMA.

The District got zero hospital ventilators and Maryland got none of the

nasal swabs used for testing. D.C. also got none of the safety goggles and hand sanitizer it asked for and received less than 1 percent of a requested 663,760 gloves and 1,132,478 respirator masks. “Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) said the equipment delivered ‘isn’t close to enough,” [Antonio Olivo, Jenna Portnoy and Fenit Nirappil report](#). “The White House referred questions to FEMA, which said the stockpile was never intended to fulfill all state and local needs.” The information became public as the region reported hundreds of new cases, totaling 4,698, with Maryland seeing its biggest per-day increase and Virginia and D.C. seeing big jumps. “The number of regional fatalities attributed to covid-19 reached 90, underscoring officials’ concerns that the national capital region will become a new epicenter of infection in coming weeks.”

Experts and Trump’s own advisers doubt the White House’s official death estimates.

“Leading disease forecasters, whose research the White House used to conclude 100,000 to 240,000 people will die nationwide from the coronavirus, were mystified when they saw the administration’s projection this week. The experts said they don’t challenge the numbers’ validity but that they don’t know how the White House arrived at them,” [William Wan, Josh Dawsey, Ashley Parker and Joel Achenbach report](#). “White House officials have refused to explain how they generated the figure — a death toll bigger than the United States suffered in the Vietnam War or the 9/11 terrorist attacks. They have not provided the underlying data so others can assess its reliability or provided long-term strategies to lower that death count. ...

“Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, told others there are too many variables at play in the pandemic to make the models reliable ... Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the vice president’s office have similarly voiced doubts about the projections’ accuracy ... Another key question is what time period the White House’s 100,000-to-240,000 projection covers. Imperial College’s worst-case scenario calculated the toll exacted by the virus over a couple of

years. But if the White House's projection covers only the next few months, ... the true death toll will almost certainly be larger because the United States will probably see additional waves of covid-19 until a vaccine is deployed."

Debbie Birx, the coordinator of the White House task force, said the government is still not receiving the results of 50 percent of coronavirus tests being administered. "I have 660,000 tests reported in. We've done 1.3 million," she said. When asked about the possibility 1 in 3 tests produced false negatives, Birx said, "I haven't seen that kind of anomaly." ([CNN](#))

Quote of the day

Trump tested negative a second time for the coronavirus, using the new test that takes less than 15 minutes to reveal results. "I think I took it out of curiosity to see how quickly it worked and fast it worked," the president said. "I've done them both. And the second one is much more pleasant, I can tell you that." ([Politico](#))

Jared Kushner is squarely in the middle of the administration's chaotic response.

The president's son-in-law and senior adviser "has made himself the point of contact for many agency officials who know that he can force action and issue decisions without going to the president. But while Mr. Kushner and his allies say that he has brought more order to the process, the government's response remains fragmented and behind the curve," [the New York Times reports](#). "Some officials said Mr. Kushner had mainly added another layer of confusion to that response, while taking credit for changes already in progress and failing to deliver on promised improvements. He promoted a nationwide screening website and a

widespread network of drive-through testing sites. Neither materialized. ...

“Normally out of public view, Mr. Kushner made a rare appearance on camera on Thursday, joining his father-in-law’s daily briefing on the virus to describe his own efforts ... [and] adding a complaint that states had been imprecise in their estimates of needed supplies. ... Mr. Kushner has embedded dozens of political appointees and recruits from the private sector in critical spots like FEMA. His ‘impact team,’ as he calls it, has been nicknamed the Slim Suit Crowd for its sartorial preferences by khaki-wearing FEMA veterans. ... **(A) senior official described the Kushner team as a ‘frat party’ that descended from a U.F.O. and invaded the federal government.**”

The National Security Council is preparing for contingencies.

Deputy national security adviser Matt Pottinger, who covered SARS in China in the early 2000s as a reporter for the Wall Street Journal, moved out of his old office in the West Wing two-and-a-half weeks ago into an isolated part of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, [Politico reports](#). “Pottinger also took half of the NSC’s front-office support staff with him. Although Pottinger is on frequent phone calls with [his boss Robert] O’Brien, he doesn’t interact with him much in person anymore in case one of them is infected. And Pottinger, as the deputy, is ready to step in temporarily should O’Brien get the virus.”

A nursing home faces a \$611,000 fine over lapses.

Life Care Center of Kirkland, Wash., the nursing home tied to at least 37 covid-19 deaths, could also lose Medicare and Medicaid funding if it does not correct a slew of deficiencies by September that led to the country’s first major outbreak. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services wrote that the nursing home failed to report an outbreak of respiratory illness to local authorities for two weeks as required by law, gave inadequate care to its residents during the outbreak and failed to provide 24-hour emergency doctor services, [Maria Sacchetti and Jon Swaine report](#).

Nancy Pelosi created a committee to conduct oversight of Trump's virus response.

"Where there's money, there's also frequently mischief," the House speaker said as she announced the creation of the special bipartisan panel she said would be focused on rooting out waste, fraud and abuse. "Without specifically mentioning Pelosi or her new committee, Trump bristled Thursday at the prospect of additional congressional investigations," [Erica Werner and Paul Kane report](#). "'Here we go again. ... It's a witch hunt after a witch hunt,' Trump said ... The House Select Committee on the Coronavirus, as Pelosi called it, will be chaired by Rep. James E. Clyburn (D-S.C.), who is the No. 3 Democratic leader as majority whip."

American carnage



The virus is devastating Americans of every age.

Jason Hargrove, a bus driver in Detroit, posted a video on March 21 complaining of picking up a passenger who was coughing openly, exposing him to the virus. Now he's dead at 50. While there's no way of knowing for sure whether Hargrove got the illness from the rider he mentioned, his foreboding words have rocked the city. ([Timothy Bella](#))

- Caroline Saunby, the mother of 6-year-old twins, died at 48 even

- though she had no underlying health problems. She was described by family members as a “germophobe and obsessive hand-washer.” ([New York Post](#))
- Urszula Osborne, 41 and nearly eight months pregnant with her second child, is isolating in her Boston home with her 3-year-old son after testing positive. Her husband Ray, 40, is intubated on a ventilator and in a coma after contracting the virus. She’s a Polish immigrant with no family here. ([Boston Globe](#))
- Jessica Beatriz Cortez, 32, died a day after being diagnosed in Los Angeles. She emigrated from El Salvador three years ago. ([L.A. Times](#))
- Conrad Buchanan, a healthy 39-year-old DJ, died in Florida after being denied a test because he was young and lacked preexisting health issues, his wife said. ([CNN](#))
- Andrew Jack, an actor known for his role as Caluan Ematt in “Star Wars,” died at 76. ([Hollywood Reporter](#))
- Bert Argo, a mortgage banker who attended a birthday party at Trump’s seaside golf club in Los Angeles on March 8, died at 75. His wife fell ill as well, their daughter said, but has since recovered. ([David Fahrenthold](#))
- Ken Shimura, a beloved comedian in Japan, died at 70. ([NYT](#))
- Noel Sinkiat, a nurse who worked at Howard University Hospital in D.C. for 41 years, died of the virus at 61. His wife, Lourdes Gerardo, tested positive after his death, which meant she couldn’t pick up his body or mourn his death with anyone else. ([Rachel Weiner and Justin Wm. Moyer](#))
- Kenneth Moore, who worked for D.C. Youth Rehabilitation Services for 16 years, died at 52. ([Tom Jackman](#))

Good news: A 104-year-old in Oregon beat the virus.

“When William ‘Bill’ Lapschies celebrated his 104th birthday with his family over chocolate cake and his favorite pizza on Wednesday, he wasn’t just marking another annual milestone in his long, full life. He was also celebrating a full recovery from the [virus] as one of the oldest-known survivors,” [Katie Shepherd reports](#). “Lapschies’s illness played out like a roller-coaster ride. ... By Wednesday, his 104th birthday, Lapschies was feeling healthy again, able to remove his mask and step outside for the first

time in weeks. ‘He is fully recovered. He is very perky,’ daughter Carolee Brown told the Oregonian. ‘And he is very excited.’”

Widespread resistance to stay-at-home orders has exposed cultural rifts.

“Kay Ivey, the Republican governor of Alabama, put down a marker last week in affirming that it was ‘not the time to order people to shelter in place.’ ... In Missouri, Republican Gov. Mike Parson said he was not inclined to ‘make a blanket policy,’ adding, ‘It’s going to come down to individual responsibilities,’” [Isaac Stanley-Becker and Chelsea Janes report](#). “And in Florida, where Gov. Ron DeSantis issued a statewide stay-at-home order this week under growing pressure as his state’s death toll mounted, a Tampa-area megachurch pastor who was arrested for holding services in violation of a local order announced Thursday he was considering reopening the church in time for Easter.” Brian Kemp, Georgia’s Republican governor who resisted a statewide order until Wednesday, said he did not learn until Tuesday that the virus was “transmitting before people see signs.” This has been common public knowledge for weeks. The CDC, which is based in Atlanta, and other experts have been loudly warning about the disease’s spread in asymptomatic people.

Fauci said last night on [CNN](#) that he “doesn’t understand” why every state hasn’t issued a stay-at-home order and urged governors to “reconsider.”

Many in Florida wonder if the latest restrictions came in time.

“Calle Ocho, the vibrant Miami street once bustling with Cuban restaurants and Latin music, is silent amid a nightly curfew. And in The Villages, a sprawling senior-living community near Ocala, town square concerts have ceased and the pools have closed. Slowly and reluctantly over the past month, as coronavirus infections grew from almost none to nearly 8,000 and more than 125 residents have died, Florida has sobered up,” [Cleve Wootson, Lori Rozsa and Brady Dennis report](#). “Florida’s bout with the virus is likely to peak in early May, when an estimated 175 people will die of

covid-19 every day, according to the University of Washington Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. ... In total, it predicts 6,897 Sunshine State residents could eventually die of the coronavirus.”

The Coral Princess cruise ship bound for Fort Lauderdale confirmed 12 cases aboard. But only 13 people have been tested on a vessel that has 1,020 guests and 878 crew. It's coming into port on the heels of the Zaandam and Rotterdam ships, which arrived in Port Everglades yesterday and [started disembarking passengers](#) after a clash between federal and local authorities. Between those two ships, 250 guests and crew have reported flu-like symptoms since March 22. Four people died on the Zaandam, including two who tested positive. Most passengers are expected to leave South Florida by tonight. ([Hannah Sampson](#))

Democrats delayed their national convention until August 17.

The decision puts the gathering in Milwaukee one week before the Republican convention, which both Trump and the RNC said will go forward in Charlotte, per [Michael Scherer and Annie Linskey](#). But a federal judge declined to postpone next Tuesday's Wisconsin's primary, [Amy Gardner reports](#). In other political news: The president's reelection campaign called former Attorney General Jeff Sessions “delusional” for linking himself to Trump and asked in cease-and-desist letter that he stop attaching himself in an attempt to win back his old Senate seat in Alabama's runoff, per the [Times](#).

Zoom users are at risk.

Security researchers who've analyzed the programming code said the videoconferencing software many of us are using to communicate with coworkers relies on techniques that could expose some people to breaches. The company apologized for falling short on privacy expectations. ([Drew Harwell](#))

The foreign fallout



Coronavirus patients are in a temporary hospital inside a conference center in Madrid. (Sergio Perez /Reuters)

Italy and Spain are seeing their first positive indicators.

"The Italian and Spanish ambassadors to the United States reported signs of improvement in the coronavirus situation in their countries Thursday, where numbers of confirmed infections, hospitalizations and deaths remain high but are beginning to stabilize," [Karen DeYoung reports](#).

"These are just the first positive signs, and they have to be taken cautiously,' Italian Ambassador Armando Varricchio said. 'But they show that measures taken both nationally and at the local level have started to pay off.' ... Both Varricchio and Spanish Ambassador Santiago Cabanas ... stressed the need for international solidarity and cooperation. But they cited the risk of growing authoritarianism ... The virus, Cabanas said, is 'putting pressure not just on the health of our citizens but also on the health of our democracies.'"

European leaders fear the epidemic could lead to the break up of their union.

Countries have begun to coordinate their efforts to procure supplies, and

they have sent more aid to hard-hit Italy than China has. But the past week has seen a reemergence of a north-south rift over how to handle the economic response. The union is also being pulled east and west, as Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban has used emergency powers to effectively suspend democracy, riding roughshod over Europe's basic principles of the rule of law. Collectively, these tensions could overwhelm the alliance, [Loveday Morris and Michael Birnbaum report](#) from the continent.

- Portions of Paris's sprawling Rungis food market – the largest wholesale meat and vegetable market in the world – were turned into a temporary morgue to accommodate the surplus of corpses. France has reported 5,400 fatalities from the virus. ([James McAuley](#))
- The U.K. government announced an effort to produce 30,000 ventilators. Just 30 will be delivered to British hospitals next week, officials warned, with the other 29,970 coming in the following weeks, [William Booth and Christine Spolar report](#).
- Britain is expected to reach peak infection this month. The [Financial Times estimates](#) 1 in 15 Londoners may be infected. One of the dead is Areema Nasreen, a mother of three and a 36-year-old nurse who worked for the National Health System. ([Jennifer Hassan](#))
- A refugee camp in Greece was quarantined after 20 displaced people there tested positive. The European Union called this a stark “warning signal” of the calamity that could ensue on the Greek islands, where facilities for over 40,000 asylum seekers are poorly equipped. ([Miriam Berger](#))

Chinese leaders are preparing for their [second wave](#).

Saturday is Tomb-Sweeping Day in China, in which families remove weeds and brush away dirt from the graves of their ancestors. But few will be tending to graves this year. In fact, thousands of families, especially those in Wuhan, have still been unable to bury their dead. ([Anna Fifield](#))

- A top Chinese Communist Party official in Wuhan, Wang Zhonglin, warned the outbreak could soon return and ravage the city again. He is urging higher-level officials to provide more guidance, including telling residents to only leave home when it's necessary. ([Adam Taylor](#))

- The CIA is hunting for China's authentic virus totals. Obtaining a more accurate count is critical to better understand how the virus will impact us. So far, however, intelligence agencies have concluded that the Chinese government itself doesn't know the extent of the spread. (NYT)
- Beijing told foreign diplomats not to return to China. The foreign ministry said officials are aware of cases of the virus among the diplomatic corps and announced it would stop issuing new identification cards to foreign emissaries. (Taylor)

India is confronting its first "super-spreader."

More than 400 members of a Muslim missionary group are infected. This represents about one-fifth of India's total confirmed cases, sparking a frantic effort to track down anyone who attended their meetings. (Joanna Slater, Niha Masih and Shams Irfan)

- Schools in Singapore and other nonessential businesses will close as cases jump tenfold in a month. (Shibani Mahtani)
- Canada became the latest country to pull its military trainers out of Iraq because of the outbreak. (CBC)
- The virus's latest casualty in Mexico is Corona beer. Modelo, the Mexican brewing company behind the top-selling pale lager, said it will no longer be produced because it is considered a "nonessential" product. (Teo Armus)

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Michelle Obama reminded us to avoid buying products with the label WIC on their price tag so people who depend on food assistance can buy them:



Videos of the day

Seth Meyers looked at some of the ways Jared Kushner has already failed:



Stephen Colbert thinks he's a bad roommate to the rest of his quarantined family:



And Trevor Noah talked to Bill Gates about the epidemic:



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Dems Want Rule Comment Periods Paused Amid Outbreak

A group of Democratic leaders in the U.S. House of Representatives have asked that the White House pause comment periods on active rulemakings across the federal government, saying the coronavirus pandemic is hurting the public's ability to voice opinions on regulations.

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US Uses Wartime Law To Get Ventilator Materials, Masks

President Donald Trump invoked the wartime Defense Production Act twice Thursday, both to bolster private manufacturers' ventilator production and to force 3M Co. to supply an undetermined number of N95 respirators.

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coronavirus pandemic with a bench trial in a battle over a requirement that ex-felons pay all fines and fees before being able to vote, despite concerns from the state about the video conference format.

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Calif. Judge Opens Up Discovery In ‘Public Charge’ Challenge

A coalition that includes four states challenging the Trump administration’s “public charge” rule scored an early-stage victory when a California federal judge gave it the green light to request documents from the government that the states say may help prove their allegations of constitutional violation.

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Full Fed. Circ. Rejects Another Arthrex-Related Rehearing Bid

In one fell swoop, the full Federal Circuit on Thursday denied three petitions in the same case to rehear a decision stemming from the court’s explosive Arthrex decision finding that the structure of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board is unconstitutional.

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Analysis

Lawmakers Mull Small-Biz Tax Relief For Next Pandemic Bill

The two federal tax-writing committees are examining new tax incentives aimed at helping small businesses and their workers weather the economic storm unleashed by the new coronavirus as they weigh plans for a potential new relief package on Capitol Hill.

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BANKING & SECURITIES

Feds Will Take Late Comments On Volcker Funds Proposal

Federal financial regulators said Thursday that they’re letting the public take some more time to weigh in on their proposal to pare back Volcker rule restrictions on banks’ fund investment activities, citing the “potential disruptions” of the coronavirus pandemic.

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SEC Urged To Ease Private Funding Rules Amid Pandemic

Small-business advocates on Thursday urged regulators to ease rules on online capital raising methods such as crowdfunding and other private markets tools amid the coronavirus pandemic, concerned that federal loans could take too long to arrive to satisfy urgent funding needs.

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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

DOJ Tells 5th Circ. Texas Power Grid Law Is Unconstitutional

The U.S. Department of Justice’s antitrust arm has thrown its weight behind NextEra Energy’s constitutional challenge to a Texas law affecting the construction of the state’s electric grid, telling the Fifth Circuit that the statute illegally discriminates against out-of-state companies.

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EPA Orders Hawaii To Redo Plastic Pollution Analysis

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has asked Hawaii to take a second look at coastal waters the state reported were free of plastic pollution, saying it failed to gather and evaluate all the relevant data that would prove such a conclusion.

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Landowners' Appeal Of Permit Order Moot, EPA Tells 9th Circ.
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency told the Ninth Circuit it dropped a requirement for Idaho landowners to get a Clean Water Act permit to build on their property, which it said moots the landowners' appeal in a dispute already heard once by the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Enviros Threaten Suit Over EPA Delay On Denver Smog Regs
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is lagging in making a decision about whether to approve important ozone compliance plans from the Denver region, environmentalists said Thursday in a letter threatening the agency with a lawsuit.

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HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

Pa., NJ Blast Trump's New Birth Control Coverage

Exemptions

The attorneys general of Pennsylvania and New Jersey told the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday that the Trump administration has no legal ground to create "sweeping" new religious and moral exemptions to the Affordable Care Act's requirements that employer health plans cover birth control.

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French Minister Wants EU Fund For Coronavirus Recovery

France's finance minister said Thursday that he wanted a common European Union fund to issue bonds to finance the economic recovery from the coronavirus crisis, and that the program could be supported by an EU-wide solidarity tax.

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Judge Weighs Elderly Prisoners' Bid For Relief Amid COVID-

A federal judge in Texas on Thursday encouraged the state to work quickly toward a resolution of Texas prisoners' request for increased access to sanitizers and social-distancing measures amid the coronavirus pandemic.

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House Dems Pushing Forward On 4th COVID-19 Response Bill

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Thursday that Democrats are moving forward on a fourth coronavirus response bill regardless of Republican participation, fleshing out her vision for using infrastructure spending as a stimulus while expanding unemployment benefits and allowing health insurance enrollment.

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Brooklyn Prison Urged To Settle At-Risk Inmates' Release Bid

A New York federal judge on Thursday urged the Federal Bureau of Prisons to settle with vulnerable inmates seeking release from a Brooklyn facility because of the deadly threat coronavirus poses to them, instructing the agency to consider compassionate release.

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Split NY High Court Spikes Retroactivity In Rent Recovery Law

New York's recent law overhauling tenants' ability to recover overcharged rent does not apply retroactively, New York's highest court found in a split opinion favoring the building owners.

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NJ Developer Beats Challenge Over Town Engineer's Conflict

A municipal engineer on a local New Jersey planning board didn't have inappropriate communications with a developer seeking a construction permit, a state appellate court said Thursday in upholding a trial judge's decision.

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EMPLOYMENT

NY Passes Guaranteed Paid Sick Leave Beyond COVID-19

Just weeks after New York lawmakers passed legislation guaranteeing workers some measure of coronavirus-related paid sick time, they enacted permanent paid sick leave to most workers starting next year through the state budget, which passed Thursday.

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Dems Demand Rewrite Of DOL's Coronavirus Leave Guidance

Democratic lawmakers urged the U.S. Department of Labor on Thursday to rewrite guidance it issued last week to help workers and employers navigate leave provisions of the coronavirus relief package, saying the agency created new loopholes that limit who can get paid leave due to COVID-19.

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COMPETITION

Ranch Profits Dip Despite COVID-19 Market Surge, Sen. Says

Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley wants the U.S. Department of Agriculture to investigate why cattle prices are down even though Americans are buying more meat amid the coronavirus pandemic, saying ranchers aren't getting a fair shake.

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MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Ex-Boxing Champ Challenges Calif.'s Med Mal Damages Cap

Former boxing champion "Sugar" Shane Mosley has lodged a challenge to California's \$250,000 cap on pain and suffering damages in medical malpractice cases, arguing that the 1975 law is unconstitutional because it hampers an individual's right to legal redress.

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TAX

Tennessee To Require Sales Tax From Marketplace Facilitators

Tennessee will require out-of-state marketplace facilitators with more than \$500,000 in sales to customers in the state during the previous 12 months to collect and remit sales and use tax, under a bill recently signed into law by the governor.

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Seattle Officials Call For Moving Up 'Amazon Tax' Start Date

Two Seattle council members pushing a proposed payroll tax on the city's largest companies, called the Amazon tax, have said they are aiming to move up the tax's start date to fund relief for the novel coronavirus pandemic.

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Anti-Tax Group Turns To 9th Circ. In CalSavers ERISA Fight

A tax cut advocacy group that says the CalSavers Retirement Savings Program is preempted by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act is challenging a district court's decision that axed its legal challenge to California's auto-IRA program.

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NY Budget Moves Toward Borrowing \$11B, No New Taxes

New York lawmakers on Thursday were headed toward approving a budget that won't increase taxes on the wealthy, doesn't legalize and tax cannabis and would authorize \$11 billion in borrowing because of projected revenue decreases caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

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IMMIGRATION

Trump Escapes Border Wall Funding Suit As Claims Trimmed

President Donald Trump won an exit on Thursday from advocacy groups' legal challenge to the White House's diversion of federal funding for the southern border wall, with a D.C. federal judge also trimming claims against other elements of the administration.

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DHS Halts Extra Guestworker Visas As Unemployment Jumps

Businesses will no longer be able to bring on new migrant workers under the H-2B visa program, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security said Thursday as the spread of the new coronavirus spurred 10 million initial unemployment claims.

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NATIVE AMERICAN

DOI Approves Land-Into-Trust Move For Grand Traverse Band

The U.S. Department of the Interior has granted the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians' request to have off-reservation land in Michigan taken into trust by the federal government, saying the tribe's long-standing treaties secured the approval.

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Lawmakers Urge Trump To Protect Tribes Under COVID-19 Act

A bipartisan group of 19 U.S. senators and 12 representatives has asked President Donald Trump to ensure that agencies will uphold federal trust and treaty responsibilities to Native American tribes when implementing provisions of the newly enacted COVID-19 spending package.

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Navajos Seek Enhanced FCC Subsidy Program Amid Outbreak

The Navajo Nation has pressed the Federal Communications Commission to increase its support for a subsidy program that offers discounts on phone and

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broadband service to low-income consumers, arguing its citizens need more data access amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FCC Says Gov'ts Can Send COVID-19 Stay Home Reminders

Be on the lookout for stay-at-home text reminders — they may be coming if local and state governments take advantage of the Federal Communications Commission's notice that emergency alerts may be used to share "life-saving information" during the coronavirus pandemic.

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Despite Rising Web Traffic, FCC Says Carriers Keeping Up

U.S. carriers are keeping pace with the 10% to 35% traffic increases on internet networks as Americans work, learn and are entertained exclusively at home during the coronavirus pandemic, Federal Communications Commission chief Ajit Pai said Thursday.

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Sens. Renew Call For Internet Learning In COVID-19 Funding

A coalition of Democratic senators expressed disappointment Thursday that the \$2 trillion coronavirus rescue package failed to include direct funding for distance learning, telling congressional leadership that the next bill must include \$2 billion for an FCC program focused on schools and libraries.

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TracFone Wireless Faces \$6M FCC Fine Over Fake Customers

The Federal Communications Commission proposed a \$6 million fine against TracFone Wireless on Thursday for allegedly claiming federal funds for fictitious low-income customers, with FCC Chairman Ajit Pai saying he believes a new rule prohibiting carriers from paying workers commissions based on the number of Lifeline customers they enroll will deter fraud.

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Cut Inmate Call Fees Over Virus, Prison Phone Co. Urges FCC

A major prison phone call provider is urging the FCC to slash federal service fees tacked onto inmate phone calls, due to growing needs resulting from the coronavirus locking visitors out of prisons.

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Dems Press FCC Head To Debunk Trump's Broadcast Threats

A week after Trump's campaign told TV stations their broadcast licenses were at risk by airing an ad critical of the president, a pair of Democratic lawmakers have called on the Republican head of the Federal Communications Commission to assure broadcasters that their licenses are safe.

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CANNABIS

Senators Push To Include Pot Loan Access In Spending Bill

Eleven senators asked the head of the U.S Senate budget-writing committee to add to an upcoming spending bill a provision allowing cannabis companies to access small business loans from the federal government.

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IRS May Have Missed \$243M In Pot Biz Taxes, TIGTA Says

The IRS may have missed out on \$242.6 million in unassessed taxes against marijuana businesses in three states that likely claimed prohibited business expense deductions, according to a report by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration released Thursday.

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Mass. Cannabis Attys Fear 'Disaster' As Gov. Closes Shops

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker's decision to shutter adult-use cannabis stores in the state during the COVID-19 pandemic has left many dispensaries fearing financial ruin while frustrating attorneys and experts who say the move could reverse the industry's early gains.

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EXPERT ANALYSIS

Opinion

COVID-19 Shows Need For Stronger Diagnostic IP Protection

Despite the bad optics created by Labrador Diagnostics' suing a test manufacturer for patent infringement amid the COVID-19 crisis, robust incentives for the development of diagnostic inventions are much-needed, so Congress should enact patent reform after the crisis subsides, says Michael Harlin at Neal Gerber.

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How COVID-19 Relief Law Will Aid Small Businesses

Franco Furmanski and Carlos Loumiet at Nelson Mullins highlight the benefits of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act's Paycheck Protection Program for small businesses, as well as what to expect in terms of the loan-qualification process.

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Inside The CARES Act's Key Tax Code Modifications

Attorneys at Eversheds explain how the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act modifies core federal tax provisions — including payroll tax requirements, net operating loss carrybacks and the corporate alternative minimum tax — in order to help businesses weather the current economic downturn.

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Fla. Construction Industry Faces Unique COVID-19 Challenges

In light of the new statewide edict Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has issued in response to COVID-19, Robert Alfert and Lacey Corona of Nelson Mullins set forth practical guidance and recommendations on how the state's construction and development industry can adapt to the labyrinth of state and local executive orders.

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State Telemedicine Rules Remain Murky Amid COVID-19 Crisis

In the vast majority of states, the regulatory environment remains unclear or hostile to telemedicine services by out-of-state physicians, limiting their capacity to help during the coronavirus pandemic, say attorneys at Polsinelli.

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Emergency Laws Protect Cos. Enlisted In COVID-19 Fight

The Defense Production Act and the Public Readiness and Emergency

Preparedness Act, recently invoked by the Trump administration to aid in fighting COVID-19, can provide special legal defenses to businesses producing essential supplies — which could protect companies against future tort liability, says Kelly Belnick at Tanenbaum Keale.

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CFPB Whistleblower Program Could Plug Enforcement Gaps

Recently proposed legislation to establish a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau whistleblower reward program could help fill an enforcement void left by forced arbitration agreements and class action waivers included in most contracts between consumers and financial services companies, say Zac Arbitman at Youman & Caputo and Jason Zuckerman at Zuckerman Law.

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How COVID-19 Will Affect DOJ's White Collar Enforcement

To help address fraudulent conduct amid a slowing of the U.S. Department of Justice's prosecution and enforcement efforts, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act grants the DOJ some emergency powers, subject to important limitations related to defendants' constitutional rights and public access to hearings, says James Petkun at Klehr Harrison.

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Calif. Privacy Law Considerations For Private Funds

Reece Hirsch and Brian London at Morgan Lewis explore when private investment funds and their managers are subject to the California Consumer Privacy Act and similar state laws, when they are exempt, and what they need to do to comply.

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9 Reasons to Avoid Annuities

Buying an annuity might seem like a safe option for your retirement, but what are you leaving on the table? If you have a \$500k portfolio and own an annuity, you have a lot at stake.

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LEGAL INDUSTRY

'Really Rough': Top Litigator Reflects On Battle With Illness

Walden Macht & Haran LLP managing partner Jim Walden has taken on some intimidating foes during his 27-year career as a federal prosecutor and litigator in New York, and now he can say he has beaten illness as well after a grueling bout with a presumed case of COVID-19.

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Analysis

COVID-19 Financial Storm Lashing Settlement Deals

With the economic tsunami of the pandemic starting to take shape, lawyers' phones are ringing with requests from opposing parties to delay their clients' scheduled settlement payments or to reopen talks on already-signed deals.

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Analysis

COVID-19 Could Be Make Or Break For Legal Tech Cos.

The economic upheaval caused by the COVID-19 pandemic is likely to make or break legal technology companies, snuffing out some and creating

opportunity for others, particularly those that operate on the cloud.

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Loeb & Loeb To Slash Atty, Staff Pay To Avoid Layoffs

Loeb & Loeb LLP is hitting its lawyers and staff with temporary pay cuts of up to 20% as the firm grapples with the economic fallout of the coronavirus pandemic, a move designed to stave off layoffs and furloughs, the firm confirmed Thursday.

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Cahill Gordon Tells Associates No Pay Cuts Are Planned

As some law firms take steps to cut salary costs amid the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP has reportedly reached out to associates to assure them that the firm has no plans to furlough attorneys or reduce salaries.

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Law Firms Postpone, Shorten Summer Associate Programs

Amid growing concern over the coronavirus outbreak, Cooley LLP, Vinson & Elkins LLP, DLA Piper and Sidley Austin LLP have all delayed their summer associate programs, deferring the start dates to at least June.

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GCs Forced To Shift Priorities Amid COVID-19 Crisis

Increased workloads and shifting priorities to address urgent needs are just some of the effects that general counsel across industries are facing because of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, according to a new survey released Thursday.

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Renowned Ex-SDNY Judge Duffy Dies Of Apparent COVID-19

Retired U.S. District Judge Kevin T. Duffy, a "legend" in the Southern District of New York who presided over a number of notable terrorism and mobster cases, passed away Wednesday, reportedly from COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus.

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Q&A

Coping With A Pandemic: ECOstrats' Elizabeth Ortega

As self-isolation and social distancing become the norm during the COVID-19 pandemic, Law360 is sharing reactions from around the business and legal community. Today's perspective comes from Miami-based Elizabeth Ortega, principal of legal industry consulting firm ECO Strategic Communications.

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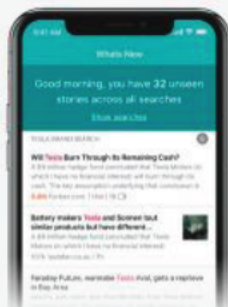
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Ancillary Casualties, Part I: Exit Polling. Today, Edison Research, which has long conducted the exit polling used by networks and major news outlets to predict electoral outcomes, and by journalists like me to analyze who voted for whom and why, has [this statement](#) on its website:

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, the National Election Pool will not be conducting in-person Exit Polls for the primaries on Tuesday March 17th. We will still look to report counted vote totals as they are made available by elections officials and explore other options for reporting the views of voters in the states holding primaries. The National Election Pool remains committed to delivering the most comprehensive coverage of elections in the U.S.

Plainly, the absence of exit polls ranks way, way down the list of unanticipated adversities inflicted on us by COVID-19. Moreover, the turnout in today's three primaries (in Florida, Illinois, and Arizona) may be so reduced that it wouldn't really reflect an accurate measure of voter preferences. Of course, one way to determine that would be an exit poll. If the turnout of voters over 65 collapses, which could diminish Joe Biden's support, we have no way save the anecdotal to know that. Nor can we know if Biden is doing any better in the constituencies where he's been weakest: Latinos (who are a sizable share of the Arizona Democratic electorate) and the young.

The completely understandable (and, if I may, correct) suspension of the practice of asking voters as they exit polling places how they voted and who (demographically, economically, and ideologically) they are is just one example of

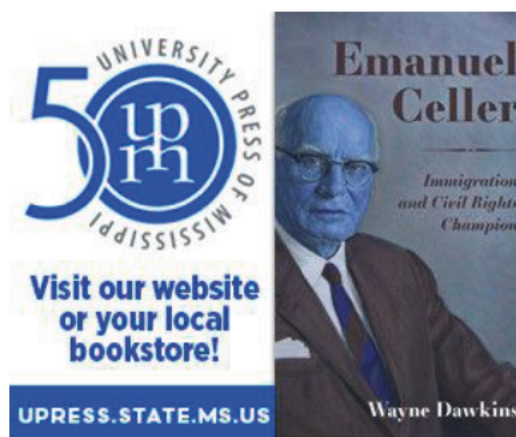
the casualties that *don't* spring to mind when we think of the havoc that the coronavirus is inflicting on our economy. Industries that rely on their consumers' obsessive-compulsive behavior, however, are apparently trying to find a way to indulge those consumers' addictions. Today, among the gazillion unsolicited emails that pop up at random in my in-box, I got one from a leading sports betting company, informing me that, "With most sporting events cancelled/postponed for an indefinite period of time because of the coronavirus, the site is now offering gamblers the ability to bet on the weather, for real." As an example, they offer bettors the chance to wager whether the maximum temperature in Philadelphia tomorrow will be over or under 59 degrees.

I'm not a betting man, but I am somewhat addicted, I guess, to exit polls. Oh well.

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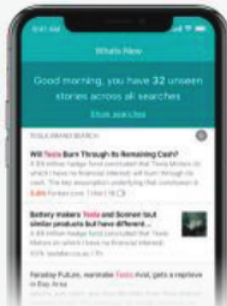


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Nice. I used the "Life in the Time of Corona" in an email to the Chiro Board last week. I think I continued with a Forrest Gump reference. DL3 used to be one of my favorite golfers. My brother drank with his wife at the bar in SSI one night about 25 years ago. Be safe!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2020, at 3:47 PM, Susan Watts wrote:

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Friday Reflections —

Proud of the work being done here. Thought you might like a little break from the "charts"... Emily Ellison, in her own right, is a force in the non-profit community nationally — and she continues her work now, here locally. Be like Emily! ☺

Stay well and enjoy your weekend,
Susan

PS: The hometown hero reference below is about Davis Love III (pro golfer — look him up). He and his family lost their home last night to a devastating fire. Fortunately — no one was injured. But everything they had in their home is gone. His foundation DLFoundation serves many non-profit organizations in our area. The community is rallying — I'm sure many of the concepts discussed here can be, or already are, working in your area. Thinking of you.
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Dear Friends,

Recently I read that cataclysmic change often comes slowly. Then suddenly.

Less than a month ago, many of us had never used the term "social distancing" or heard of an N95 mask. In mid-March, we were still trying to decide whether or not the Land Trust should postpone its annual Live Oak Society Reception on March 20. And then within hours, the decision was obvious: of course we shouldn't host an event with 350 people in a packed ballroom. The Corona virus, while impacting so much of the rest of the world for many weeks, moved into our reality slowly. Then suddenly. And for some, irrevocably.

There have been times in the last week when, hiking on Land Trust properties, the only sounds I've heard are my own footfalls and bird calls. It is a surreal experience to be out in nature, where everything seems as always -- the same sun and sky overhead, the familiar smells of pine and marsh, the fetterbush (pictured above) blooming as it always does this time of year -- and yet know that so much has changed.

All of us at the Land Trust (whether we're working remotely at dining room tables, out on porches or balconies, or on a trail at Cannon's Point Preserve) are more passionate than ever about this organization's mission of protecting and preserving St. Simons. We are thankful that as long as there is no "shelter in place" order, our neighbors, friends, and visitors are able to hike and bike on Land Trust properties. We are grateful beyond measure that this community has partnered with us in conserving land for the past twenty years and has helped protect more than 1,000 acres on thirty properties.

We are also thinking about those who are being impacted far more negatively than we: those who have been sickened by the virus or lost loved ones; those who are on the front lines of providing health care; those whose jobs may be eliminated or hours reduced; those managers and business owners who have had to make heartrending decisions; those hometown heroes who lost their home to fire this morning; and those who are elderly and alone.

But as Gabriel García Márquez wrote in *Love in the Time of Cholera*,
"the heart's memory eliminates the bad and magnifies the good,
and that thanks to this artifice we manage to endure the burden of the past."

In this e-newsletter, we wanted to share some of the things that are helping our team endure the burden of

this pandemic. Whether it's exploring Land Trust properties virtually with our Membership Manager Raleigh Kitchen as she videotapes trails and vistas on her daily walks, or whether it's out at Cannon's Point Preserve where our dedicated volunteers and staff members Stephanie Knox and Marty Moody are still holding down the fort, we hope you'll be comforted and calmed by the natural beauty of St. Simons as much as we are.

The tide always comes back in -- often slowly. Then suddenly. Until it does, thank you and be well.

Emily Ellison
SSLT Executive Director

VIRTUAL EXPLORATION

For those of you who are unable to travel to St. Simons or enjoy Land Trust properties at this time, and for those who may be on the coast but are unable to get outside, we want to provide you with a virtual visit.

Click the video below to experience part of Polly's Trail inside Gule Preserve.

And watch the remainder of our "Visit" series on YouTube<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001GRRHeqS_6TmlQZj8Z2wyYMEZBjPztzZdvQCRJOweL1I_HekP3Z8Zsuq4exKPUhyP9gPygWvluH93gE_OWLli_KYliJc5KkFYtHos-VcCUrA-uNKQs4giJTqsj9vMMjY0MiFT_zo7SU8I3vRATckrhe8V70c09O_SLW45WDWeleXiyrl9MHICJX2BjrVtmm_r&c=FP_kvfiq8DqOfXBjNMBYzcJWBa_mqsT9cM3U4VTcKGjLy2SzYkWaw==&ch=pUKEwhP4232vwifLip8cfw4s_w65Xv8iuiWA-9kUTdsNhaW_ozJf8g==>

And be on the lookout for other virtual visits that we'll be sending on a regular basis. Enjoy!

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IN-PERSON EXPLORATION

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CPP docents practicing social distancing while inside the Georgia-Pacific Education Pavilion.

Even during a pandemic, the Land Trust's incredible team of volunteers continue to show their love of protected places by helping to keep properties like Cannon's Point Preserve open to Golden Isles' residents and visitors.

The Land Trust is grateful that at this time of social distancing, combined with people's desire to be outdoors, we have been able to keep our properties available for passive recreation including hiking, biking, birding, and exploring.

"I am so happy that the Land Trust is keeping Cannon's Point Preserve open . . . It's just vitally important to our physical and mental health."

--Margaret Lane, CPP Volunteer

Currently, all Land Trust properties are operating as usual. However, we have initiated new health and safety protocols to insure the well-being of our volunteers, staff, and guests. You can find those

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We love seeing photos of visitors enjoying the great outdoors. Whenever you're on a Land Trust property, be sure to let us know and share with us details of your adventures.

Email photos to rkitchen@sslt.org<<mailto:rkitchen@sslt.org>>

or tag us on social media @stsimonslandtrust<[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001GRRHeqS_6TmlQZj8Z2wyYMEZBjPztzZdvQCRJOweL1I_HekP3Z8ZsrYMLrIkIQs9GdLC_mbcRT9Bvt eftHXjj7bSRrJrEteVtiuDOxUdiS3786xVyKTCzS0wahINyWZePKb4w0ztsbpd7aUIZWHFNoomlBikTw--IJRLuOFSOOI=&c=FP_kvfiq8DqOfXBJNMBYzcJWBa_mqsT9cM3U4VTcKGjLy2SzYkWaw==&ch=pUKEwhP4232vwifLip8cfw4s_w65Xv8iuiWA-9kUTdsNhaW_ozJf8g==>)

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Special members of the Callaway and Baker families
hiking and biking along Polly's Trail at Gualala Preserve.

MARITIME FOREST RESTORATION - RESEARCH UPDATE

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Earlier this month, the Land Trust and researchers from Purdue University (PU) and New Mexico State University (NMSU) implemented Phase 5 of Cannon's Point Preserve's ongoing maritime forest restoration project by planting over 700 live oak saplings in a research site on the northern end of the CPP peninsula. This site had been previously clear-cut due to a past southern pine beetle outbreak.

The saplings needed for this phase of the research project were grown from acorns collected by teams from NMSU, PU, and Fort Frederica National Monument (FFNM). The acorn collection sites were all on St. Simons Island and included those dropped from 300-year-old live oaks at Cannon's Point Preserve and Fort Frederica. The saplings were then grown in nurseries at NMSU and carefully transported this month to St. Simons for planting.

Researchers will monitor soil conditions, vegetative competition, and performance of planted oaks across several growing seasons. As with the previous phases of the project at CPP, we expect that the results of this research will provide information directly relevant to the application of maritime forest restoration along the southeastern Atlantic Coast.

THANK YOU to the many partners who assisted with the implementation of Phase 5 of this important scientific research at Cannon's Point Preserve:

- Purdue University
- New Mexico State University
- Fort Frederica National Monument
- St. Simons Land Trust's Volunteers
- Jekyll Island Authority
- College of Coastal Georgia Students
- Pearson's Lawn Maintenance
- Forest View Tree Service

For more information regarding the ongoing reforestation research project at CPP, please visit our website <<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?>

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1% FOR ST. SIMONS

During this "season of uncertainty," many of our St. Simons Island businesses and their staffs are being dramatically impacted and need the community's support more than ever. Please remember to join us in supporting those close to home. Let's keep it local!

Here are some of the ways we can support our neighbors:
Order local meals through take-out or delivery.
Purchase gift cards from local merchants.
Shop local businesses online.
Check in on and thank our local businesses and service providers whenever possible.

Below are some of our 1% for St. Simons Partners who we hope you will join us in supporting.

Thank you to all participating businesses, their staffs, and their patrons!

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Wonderful 1% Wednesdays!

Every Wednesday, the Land Trust is proud to feature and show extra special support to one of our 1% Partners. We encourage our community, supporters, volunteers, board, and staff to show appreciation by supporting these businesses. As suggested above, currently you can order take-out meals, purchase gift cards, place an order online, or pick up the phone and ask how our hometown entrepreneurs are doing.

Here are the March 1% Wednesday preservation partners:

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Nice. I used the "Life in the Time of Corona" in an email to the Chiro Board last week. I think I continued with a Forrest Gump reference. DL3 used to be one of my favorite golfers. My brother drank with his wife at the bar in SSI one night about 25 years ago. Be safe!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2020, at 3:47 PM, Susan Watts wrote:

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Friday Reflections •

Proud of the work being done here. Thought you might like a little break from the charts... Emily Ellison, in her own right, is a force in the non profit community nationally • and she continues her work now, here locally. Be like Emily! ☺

Stay well and enjoy your weekend,
Susan

PS: The hometown hero reference below is about Davis Love III (pro golfer • look him up). He and his family lost their home last night to a devastating fire. Fortunately • no one was injured. But everything they had in their home is gone. His foundation DLFoundation serves many non profit organizations in our area. The community is rallying • I'm sure many of the concepts discussed here can be, or already are, working in your area. Thinking of you.

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ST. SIMONS LAND TRUST

TWENTY YEARS OF PRESERVING THE NATURAL AND SCENIC CHARACTER OF OUR ISLAND

Dear Friends,

Recently I read that cataclysmic change often comes slowly. Then suddenly.

Less than a month ago, many of us had never used the term "social distancing" or heard of an N95 mask. In mid-March, we were still trying to decide whether or not the Land Trust should postpone its annual Live Oak Society Reception on March 20. And then within hours, the decision was obvious: of course we shouldn't host an event with 350 people in a packed ballroom. The Corona virus, while impacting so much of the rest of the world for many weeks, moved into our reality slowly. Then suddenly. And for some, irrevocably.



There have been times in the last week when, hiking on Land Trust properties, the only sounds I've heard are my own footfalls and bird calls. It is a surreal experience to be out in nature, where everything seems as always -- the same sun and sky overhead, the familiar smells of pine and marsh, the fetterbush (pictured above) blooming as it always does this time of year -- and yet know that so much has changed.

All of us at the Land Trust (whether we're working remotely at dining room tables, out on porches or balconies, or on a trail at Cannon's Point Preserve) are more passionate than ever about this organization's mission of protecting and preserving St. Simons. We are thankful that as long as there is no "shelter in place" order, our neighbors, friends, and visitors are able to hike and bike on Land Trust properties. We are grateful beyond measure that this community has partnered with us in conserving land for the past twenty years and has helped protect more than 1,000 acres on thirty properties.

We are also thinking about those who are being impacted far more negatively than we: those who have been sickened by the virus or lost loved ones; those who are on the front lines of providing health care; those whose jobs may be eliminated or hours reduced; those managers and business owners who have had to make heartrending decisions; those hometown heroes who lost their home to fire this morning; and those who are elderly and alone.

But as Gabriel García Márquez wrote in *Love in the Time of Cholera*,
*"the heart's memory eliminates the bad and magnifies the good,
and that thanks to this artifice we manage to endure the burden of the past."*

In this e-newsletter, we wanted to share some of the things that are helping our team endure the burden of this pandemic. Whether it's exploring Land Trust properties virtually with our Membership Manager Raleigh Kitchen as she videotapes trails and vistas on her daily walks, or whether it's out at Cannon's Point Preserve where our dedicated volunteers and staff members Stephanie Knox and Marty Moody are still holding down the fort, we hope you'll be comforted and calmed by the natural beauty of St. Simons as much as we are.

The tide always comes back in -- often slowly. Then suddenly. Until it does, thank you and be well.

Emily Ellison
SSLT Executive Director

VIRTUAL EXPLORATION

For those of you who are unable to travel to St. Simons or enjoy Land Trust properties at this time, and for those who may be on the coast but are unable to get outside, we want to provide you with a virtual visit.

Click the video below to experience part of Polly's Trail inside Gualala Preserve.

And watch the remainder of our "Visit" series on [YouTube](#). And be on the lookout for other virtual visits that we'll be sending on a regular basis. Enjoy!



IN-PERSON EXPLORATION



CPP docents practicing social distancing while inside the Georgia-Pacific Education Pavilion.

Even during a pandemic, the Land Trust's incredible team of volunteers continue to show their love of protected places by helping to keep properties like Cannon's Point Preserve open to Golden Isles' residents and visitors.

The Land Trust is grateful that at this time of social distancing, combined with people's desire to be outdoors, we have been able to keep our properties available for passive recreation including hiking, biking, birding, and exploring.

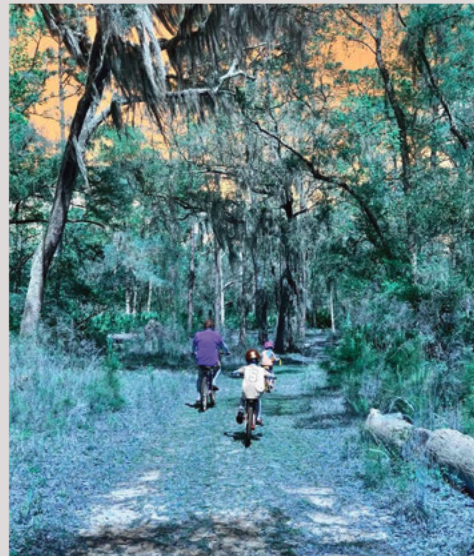
"I am so happy that the Land Trust is keeping Cannon's Point Preserve open . . . It's just vitally important to our physical and mental health."

--Margaret Lane, CPP Volunteer

Currently, all Land Trust properties are operating as usual. However, we have initiated new health and safety protocols to insure the well-being of our volunteers, staff, and guests. You can find those [HERE](#).

We love seeing photos of visitors enjoying the great outdoors. Whenever you're on a Land Trust property, be sure to let us know and share with us details of your adventures.

Email photos to rkitchen@ssl.org or tag us on social media [@stsimonslandtrust](https://www.instagram.com/stsimonslandtrust).



Special members of the Callaway and Baker families hiking and biking along Polly's Trail at Gualala Preserve.

MARITIME FOREST RESTORATION - RESEARCH UPDATE



Earlier this month, the Land Trust and researchers from Purdue University (PU) and New Mexico State University (NMSU) implemented Phase 5 of Cannon's Point Preserve's ongoing maritime forest restoration project by planting over 700 live oak saplings in a research site on the northern end of the CPP peninsula. This site had been previously clear-cut due to a past southern pine beetle outbreak.

The saplings needed for this phase of the research project were grown from acorns collected by teams from NMSU, PU, and Fort Frederica National

Monument (FFNM). The acorn collection sites were all on St. Simons Island and included those dropped from 300-year-old live oaks at Cannon's Point Preserve and Fort Frederica. The saplings were then grown in nurseries at NMSU and carefully transported this month to St. Simons for planting.

Researchers will monitor soil conditions, vegetative competition, and performance of planted oaks across several growing seasons. As with the previous phases of the project at CPP, we expect that the results of this research will provide information directly relevant to the application of maritime forest restoration along the southeastern Atlantic Coast.

THANK YOU to the many partners who assisted with the implementation of Phase 5 of this important scientific research at Cannon's Point Preserve:

- < Purdue University
- < New Mexico State University
- < Fort Frederica National Monument
- < St. Simons Land Trust's Volunteers
- < Jekyll Island Authority
- < College of Coastal Georgia Students
- < Pearson's Lawn Maintenance
- < Forest View Tree Service

For more information regarding the ongoing reforestation research project at CPP, please visit our [website](#).

1% FOR ST. SIMONS

During this "season of uncertainty," many of our St. Simons Island businesses and their staffs are being dramatically impacted and need the community's support more than ever.

Please remember to join us in supporting those close to home.

Let's keep it local!

Here are some of the ways we can support our neighbors:

Order local meals through take-out or delivery.

Purchase gift cards from local merchants.

Shop local businesses online.

Check in on and thank our local businesses and service providers whenever possible.

Below are some of our 1% for St. Simons Partners who we hope you will join us in supporting.

Thank you to all participating businesses, their staffs, and their patrons!



Wonderful 1% Wednesdays!

Every Wednesday, the Land Trust is proud to feature and show extra special support to one of our 1% Partners. We encourage our community, supporters, volunteers, board, and staff to show appreciation by supporting these businesses. As suggested above, currently you can order take-out meals, purchase gift cards, place an order online, or pick up the phone and ask how our hometown entrepreneurs are doing.

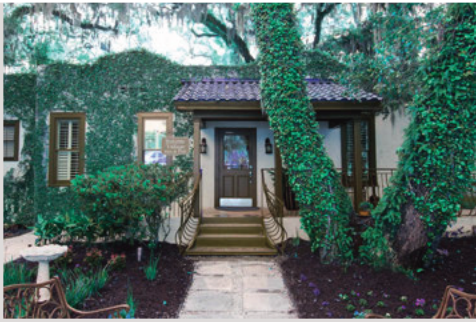
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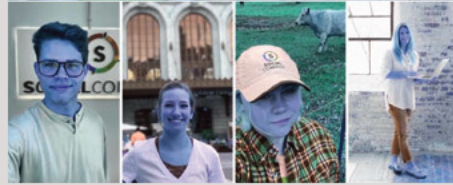
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From: Kristie Walden <[REDACTED]>
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To: Raffensperger, Brad <brad@sos.ga.gov>

Subject: Election ballots mailout

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Dear Sir, Have you lost your mind?! Mailouts are a terrible idea! You have no way of knowing who really is voting and who is voting for them. Please move election til after Corona 19 is over. Yes, I am sure it will mean more work for everyone BUT this America we are used to hard work & getting the job done please be mindful these are perilous times and the basic right to vote needs to be kept as clean & sacred as possible!

Thankyou,

Kristie Walden an American Voter

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-----Original Message-----

From: Doug Garwood <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, March 27,
To: Raffensperger, Brad <brad@sos.ga.gov>
Subject: Election

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Dear Sir, I am sending this message to ask you to postpone any election until at least June due to the Corona-Virus. Every other measure taken by our Federal Government is being postponed including due date for Federal Income tax.

Your co-operation will be noted by voters as you make your decision !

V/R

Doug Garwood

Dalton, Ga.

From: Microsoft Outlook
<MicrosoftExchange329e71ec88ae4615bbc36ab6ce41109e@sos.ga.gov>
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 3/29/2020 4:25:16 PM
Subject: RE: Election ballots mailout
Attachments: RE: Election ballots mailout.msg

Sender: brad@sos.ga.gov
Subject: RE: Election ballots mailout
Message-Id: <e8d06146b39c4dbd9e802efa98b815d3@ATLMAIL01.sos.state.ga.us>
To: [REDACTED]

From: Raffensperger, Brad <brad@sos.ga.gov>
To: Kristie Walden <[REDACTED]>
Date: 3/29/2020 4:25:09 PM
Subject: RE: Election ballots mailout

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From: Kristie Walden
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:28 AM
To: Raffensperger, Brad
Subject: Election ballots mailout

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Dear Sir, Have you lost your mind?! Mailouts are a terrible idea! You have no way of knowing who really is voting and who is voting for them. Please move election til after Corona 19 is over. Yes, I am sure it will mean more work for everyone BUT this America we are used to hard work & getting the job done please be mindful these are perilous times and the basic right to vote needs to be kept as clean & sacred as possible!

Thankyou,

Kristie Walden an American Voter

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Kristie Walden

From: Microsoft Outlook
<MicrosoftExchange329e71ec88ae4615bbc36ab6ce41109e@sos.ga.gov>
To: Karl Hughey [REDACTED]
Date: 3/29/2020 4:14:01 PM
Subject: RE: May election
Attachments: RE: May election.msg

Sender: brad@sos.ga.gov
Subject: RE: May election
Message-Id: <7e92349046fc403ba184cb5b7c36bfc7@ATLMAIL01.sos.state.ga.us>
To: [REDACTED]

From: Raffensperger, Brad <brad@sos.ga.gov>
To: Karl Hughey [REDACTED]
Date: 3/29/2020 4:14:00 PM
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From: Karl Hughey [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:49 PM
To: Raffensperger, Brad <brad@sos.ga.gov>
Subject: May election

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I am hearing rumors that the Democrats are planning to use the corona virus as an excuse to mount a massive absentee ballot campaign in the May election. I fear that these ballots will be impossible to keep track of and will be a source of voter fraud. Please consider moving the election to June or even July to help insure a fair election.

Karl Hughey
Wilkes County, Ga.

Sent from my iPad

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<MicrosoftExchange329e71ec88ae4615bbc36ab6ce41109e@sos.ga.gov>
To: Zimmerman, Brigjzimmerman@sos.ga.gov
Date: 3/23/2020 11:58:35 AM
Subject: CC
Attachments: CC.msg

Sender: [REDACTED]
Subject: CC
Message-Id: <CAO_vwP__NG7FEt4KWK6Fg4TSZVboo6tKn3=ykZzWz+nzt-5wKw@mail.gmail.com>
Recipient: jzimmerman@sos.ga.gov

From: Karen Canupp <kcanuppod@gmail.com>
To: Zimmerman, Brigjzimmerman@sos.ga.gov
Date: 3/23/2020 11:58:21 AM
Subject: CC
Attachments: Board Statement, COVID-19.docx

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Would you upload this statement to the Bridge for discussion please?

Karen Mitchell Canupp, O.D., COO
Board Chair, Georgia State Board of Optometry

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COVID-19 Advisory to Optometric Licensees in the State of Georgia

On March 14, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp signed a public health state of emergency to address the outbreak of the novel corona virus (COVID-19). On March 17, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued the following amended guidelines for health care professionals:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/index.html>

One of the CDC recommendations specifically states, "**postpone routine dental and eye care visits.**" It is clear that this recommendation is directed toward dentists, ophthalmologists and optometrists. **Accordingly, the Georgia State Board of Optometry urges all of our licensees to postpone all routine eye care visits and elective procedures consistent with these recommendations.** This should begin immediately and continue until advised otherwise by the CDC and this Board. The postponement of routine eye care visits does not require that all optometry services stop as the guidelines do not include continuing care for ocular urgencies and emergencies. The Board further advises that licensees should take all reasonable measures to be available for their patients that require these services.

If the Board is called upon via consumer complaint to decide whether a licensee has acted inappropriately under these circumstances, compliance with CDC recommendations may be one of the factors that will be used to determine whether unprofessional conduct has occurred.

One question that has come up is whether the Board will consider increasing the number of continuing education hours that can be obtained via alternate media (online courses for example). Since we are only in the first few months of our licensing biennium, the Board does not feel it would be necessary to make such a change at this time.

We understand that the decision of the CDC regarding routine eye care will cause financial difficulties with many of our licensees and their employees. On the other hand, solving this world-wide health crisis and bringing the pandemic under control will require sacrifices by all Americans. The sooner we conquer this disease, the sooner we all can get back to serving our patients and our communities.

From: Microsoft Outlook
<MicrosoftExchange329e71ec88ae4615bbc36ab6ce41109e@sos.ga.gov>
To: Schaffer, Ariaschaffer@sos.ga.gov
Date: 3/23/2020 8:18:06 AM
Subject: Daily Report: 540 New Results
Attachments: Daily Report: 540 New Results.msg

Sender: report@meltwater.com
Subject: Daily Report: 540 New Results
Message-Id: <1584963946630-2d9bc54b-e1933a9d-d7f8417b@meltwater.com>
Recipient: aschaffer@sos.ga.gov

From: Meltwater <report@meltwater.com>
To: Schaffer, Ariaschaffer@sos.ga.gov
Date: 3/23/2020 7:45:46 AM
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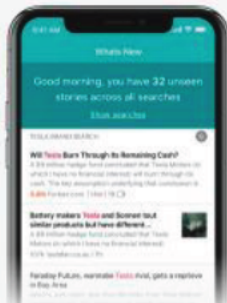
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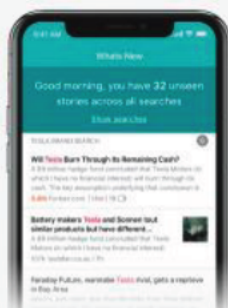


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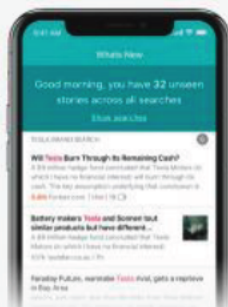
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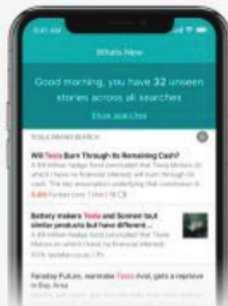


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