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# Washington

*Essential U.S. political news & intel to start your day.*

AUGUST 5, 2021

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## **Vaccine Hesitancy Among Fox News Viewers Hits New Low**

This newsletter has been highlighting a renewed and concerted effort among conservatives in the media to promote vaccination for COVID-19. Our new polling suggests those efforts are paying off, with vaccine hesitancy among Fox News viewers dropping to a record low of 27 percent this week. [Read more here](#) from Gaby Galvin.

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## Top Stories

- Democrats are unlikely to try and suspend or raise the debt ceiling via their forthcoming reconciliation bill, a Democratic aide close to budget negotiations said, and instead will look to tie the measure to bill funding the government past Sept. 30. Such a reliance on

GOP votes to address the debt ceiling would raise the prospect of a government shutdown. ([Politico](#))

- The Biden administration approved its first arms sale to Taiwan amid rising tensions with China. The agreement, which is potentially worth as much as \$750 million upon completion of the congressional review process and negotiations between Taiwan and British security contractor BAE Systems PLC, drew a rebuke from the Chinese Foreign Ministry, which said Beijing would respond in some form. ([Bloomberg](#))
- Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin is expected to seek authorization to mandate vaccination for COVID-19 among active-duty troops, according to an unnamed Pentagon official, with several officials saying a decision could come as soon as this week. ([CNN](#))
- Attorneys for former President Donald Trump asked a federal judge to block the Treasury Department from providing his personal tax returns to the House Ways and Means Committee, arguing that turning over the records would be a violation of his privacy and other constitutional rights. ([The Hill](#))

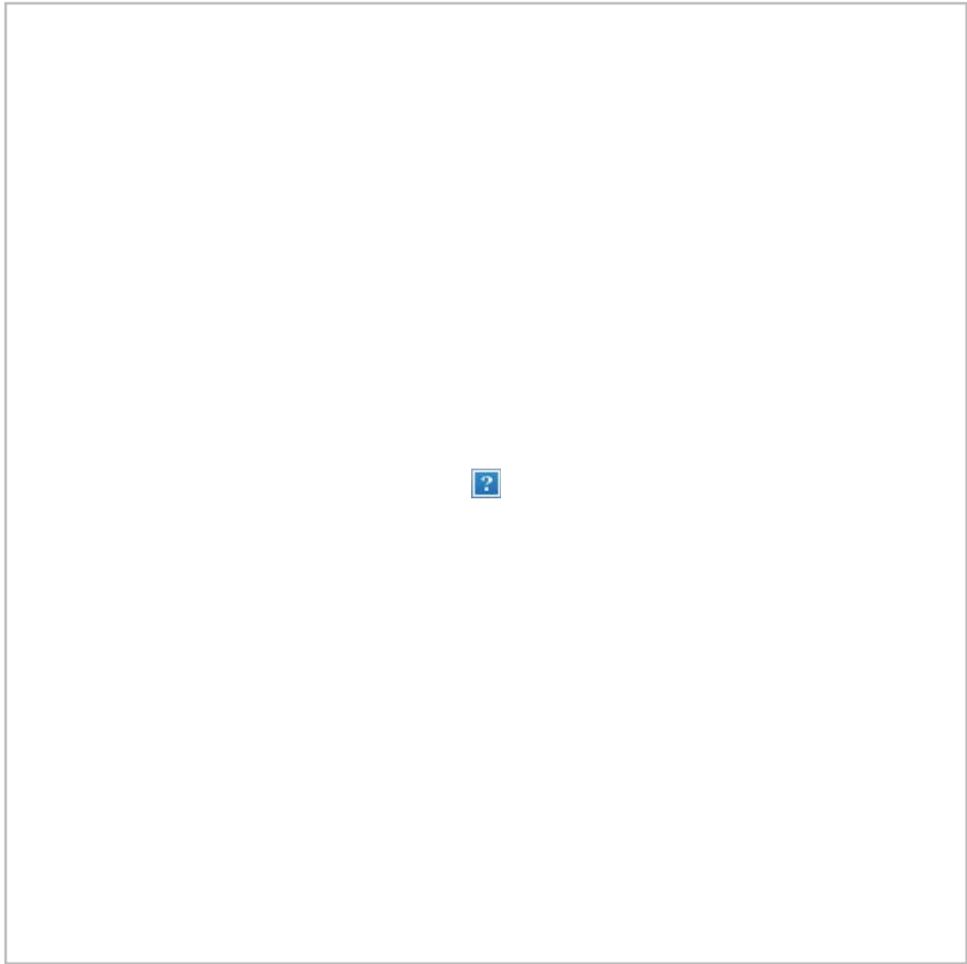
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## Chart Review

[Rising Delta Variant Cases, CDC Indoor Mask Guidance Are Taking a Toll on Consumer Comfort Levels](#)

*Morning Consult*



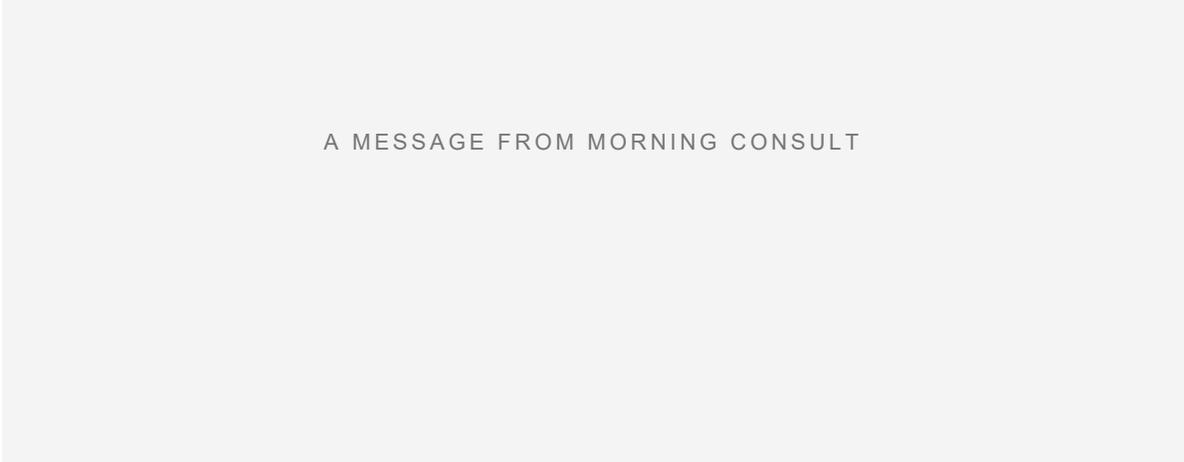
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## WHITE HOUSE & ADMINISTRATION

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[White House trying to beat back bipartisan Cornyn infrastructure amendment](#)

*Alexander Bolton, The Hill*

The White House is pushing back on a bipartisan amendment sponsored by Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) that would give state and local governments broad latitude to tap unspent federal COVID-19 relief money to use on infrastructure projects. The amendment, which has Democratic support, would allow states to spend tens of billions of dollars in relief money allocated by the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, which Congress passed in March, to fulfill state matching requirements for federal-state infrastructure projects.

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[Biden Sets U.S. Goal for Clean Cars to Be Half of 2030 Sales](#)

*Ari Natter and Keith Laing, Bloomberg*

President Joe Biden plans to call for half of all vehicles sold in the U.S. to be capable of emissions-free driving by the end of the decade, an ambitious goal that automakers say can only be achieved with bigger government investment in charging stations and other infrastructure. Biden will be joined at the White House Thursday by representatives of Detroit automakers and the United Automobile Workers union as he unveils an executive order establishing the goal for half of all cars sold to be battery-electric, plug-in hybrid or fuel cell-powered by 2030, according to senior administration officials and a White House fact sheet.

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[Immigration detentions soar despite Biden's campaign promises](#)

*Philip Marcelo and Gerald Herbert, The Associated Press*

Alexander Martinez says he fled from homophobia, government persecution and the notorious MS-13 gang in El Salvador only to run into abuse and harassment in America's immigration detention system. Since crossing the border illegally in April, the 28-year-old has bounced between six different facilities in three states.

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[White House pushes back against WHO's call for moratorium on COVID-19 vaccine booster shots](#)

*Joseph Guzman, The Hill*

The White House on Wednesday pushed back against the World

Health Organization's (WHO) call for wealthier nations to halt booster shots until more of the world becomes vaccinated against COVID-19. The United Nations health agency called for a moratorium on boosters until at least the end of September to allow 10 percent of the population of every country to be vaccinated.

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[Psaki blames Republicans for holding up ATF nominee](#)

*Maeve Sheehey, Politico*

White House press secretary Jen Psaki on Wednesday accused Senate Republicans of "moving in lockstep" to block the Biden administration's pick to lead the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms. But that nominee, David Chipman, has yet to secure the support of all 50 members of the Senate Democratic caucus, which would allow him to be confirmed without any Republican support.

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[\\$5,800 Whiskey Bottle, a Gift From Japan to Pompeo, Is Missing, U.S. Says](#)

*Michael S. Schmidt, The New York Times*

The State Department is investigating the whereabouts of a \$5,800 bottle of whiskey the Japanese government gave to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in 2019, according to two people briefed on the inquiry and a document made public on Wednesday. It was unclear whether Mr. Pompeo ever received the gift, as he was traveling in Saudi Arabia on June 24, 2019, the day that Japanese officials gave it to the State Department, according to a department filing on Wednesday in the Federal Register documenting gifts that senior American officials received in 2019.

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## CONGRESS

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[As Infrastructure Bill Inches Forth, a Rocky, Slow Path Awaits in the House](#)

*Emily Cochrane, The New York Times*

As senators grind through votes this week on a \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill, discontent about the legislation is building among progressive Democrats, signaling a potentially bitter and prolonged intraparty fight to come over the package in the House. Liberals who have bristled at seeing their top priorities jettisoned from the

infrastructure talks as President Biden and Democrats sought an elusive deal with Republicans have warned that they may seek to change the bill substantially when they have the chance.

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[Liberals look to build off successful effort on eviction moratorium to shape Democrats' agenda in coming months](#)

*Marianna Sotomayor et al., The Washington Post*

House liberals buoyed by their successful push to get a moratorium on evictions extended said they plan to keep pressuring the Biden administration to chart a leftward course while vowing to hold party leaders to their promise to move an infrastructure plan only if it is accompanied by trillions of dollars in new social-safety-net spending.

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[Senators Pitch More Targeted Crypto Measure in Infrastructure](#)

*Laura Davison, Bloomberg*

A bipartisan group of lawmakers released an alternative cryptocurrency revenue-raising plan that could replace a current section in the infrastructure bill now under consideration in the U.S. Senate. The amendment, filed by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden and Republican Senators Pat Toomey and Cynthia Lummis, offers a more targeted approach to requiring cryptocurrency exchanges and other virtual currency entities to report information to the Internal Revenue Service.

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[How one Republican is struggling to get to yes on Biden's big deal](#)

*Burgess Everett, Politico*

The microscope on Jerry Moran reflects the ongoing push-and-pull between Mitch McConnell's Republican Party and Donald Trump's.

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[Debate Over Presidential War Powers Sets Up Test for a Divided G.O.P.](#)

*Catie Edmondson, The New York Times*

A growing bipartisan consensus to repeal decades-old military authorizations is driven partly by a shift among Republicans toward Donald J. Trump's "America First" approach.

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[Senate panel advances Texans tapped to lead Census Bureau, ICE](#)

*Benjamin Wermund, Houston Chronicle*

The Senate Homeland Security Committee on Wednesday advanced

the nominations of two Texans tapped by President Joe Biden to lead Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Census Bureau. While San Antonio native Rob Santos, Biden's nominee to lead the Census, advanced easily on a 10-3 vote, Republicans on the committee unanimously opposed Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez's nomination to lead ICE - a sign Democrats may need to bring in Vice President Kamala Harris to break a tie in the Senate and get him confirmed.

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[Top Republican wants even 'more money' for defense](#)

*John M. Donnelly and Jennifer Shutt, Roll Call*

The top Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee said Tuesday he wants more funding for defense next year than the Armed Services Committee recommended last month, a glimpse at how the debate about fiscal 2022 spending levels could play out over the coming weeks.

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[Let down by infrastructure bill, climate hawks eye reconciliation](#)

*Benjamin J. Hulac and Joseph Morton, Roll Call*

With significantly less funding for climate programs than the White House requested in the Senate's nearly \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill, climate advocates are pinning their hopes on a budget reconciliation bill likely to pass only if Democrats can hold disparate wings of their party together. And even as Democrats are struggling to maintain party unity in support of the tandem bills, conservative Republicans are trying to peel away support for the infrastructure bill among GOP moderates, comparing it to progressive Democrats' 2019 Green New Deal, which they derided as a socialist manifesto.

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[Rep. Mo Brooks seeks immunity from suit accusing him on inciting Jan. 6 insurrection](#)

*Eugene Scott, The Washington Post*

Rep. Mo Brooks (R-Ala.) asked a federal judge to grant him immunity from a lawsuit accusing him of inciting the Jan. 6 insurrection on the U.S. Capitol that resulted in five deaths and hundreds of people being injured.

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## GENERAL

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[Lawyers sanctioned for 'conspiracy theory' election fraud lawsuit](#)

*Katelyn Polantz, CNN*

Lawyers who attempted a class action lawsuit claiming voter fraud in the 2020 election were sanctioned by a federal judge in Colorado on Wednesday for the frivolous, meritless case, a major condemnation of pro-Donald Trump allies' attempts to use the courts to vet right-wing conspiracies.

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[Sturgis bike rally revs back bigger, despite virus variant](#)

*Stephen Groves, The Associated Press*

Crowds of bikers are rumbling their way towards South Dakota's Black Hills this week, raising fears that COVID-19 infections will be unleashed among the 700,000 people expected to show up at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The rally, which starts Friday, has become a haven for those eager to escape coronavirus precautions.

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[CNN's Cuomo Conundrum: A Star Anchor With a Brother in Trouble](#)

*Michael M. Grynbaum, The New York Times*

Chris Cuomo, the top-rated host, left some colleagues confused after he did not acknowledge the calls for Gov. Andrew Cuomo's resignation during his Tuesday show.

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## CAMPAIGNS

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[A recap of a very special election season](#)

*Kirk A. Bado, National Journal*

The dust has all but settled on the last blockbuster special elections, with just one competitive House contest remaining in 2021 along with two perfunctory general elections in safe Ohio districts that just selected their nominees Tuesday. Although the special elections aren't a useful litmus test of President Biden's agenda more than a year before the midterms, they did allow Democrats and Republicans an opportunity to test their messages and provide influential political figures a chance to reaffirm their kingmaking powers.

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[In String of Wins, 'Biden Democrats' See a Reality Check for the Left](#)

*Alexander Burns, The New York Times*

Progressives are holding their own with moderates in fights over policy. But off-year elections suggest they need a new strategy for critiquing President Biden without seeming disloyal.

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[House GOP Campaign Chair Won't Rule Out Backing Candidates Who Attended Jan. 6 Riot](#)

*Amanda Terkel, HuffPost*

At least two Republican congressional candidates were part of the mob that went to the Capitol to overturn the election results.

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[Sexist comments followed by silence mar Alabama Senate race](#)

*Nathan L. Gonzales, Roll Call*

While Republicans are still celebrating electing a record number of women to the House in 2020, former President Donald Trump and a sitting member of Congress have resorted to sexist attacks in a Senate primary that won't take place for another 10 months. Yet no one seems to care enough to condemn the comments publicly.

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## STATES

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[Tennessee could withhold millions from schools found to violate guidelines on teaching critical race theory](#)

*Andrew Jeong, The Washington Post*

Tennessee has laid out plans to withhold millions of dollars in state funding from schools found to violate a recently passed state law that regulates the teaching of critical race theory, an academic framework examining how policies and laws may perpetuate systemic racism. The potential penalties were listed in guidance recently released by state education officials, which are open for public comment through Aug. 11.

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[Newsom can reference Trump in argument against recall, judge says](#)

*Jeremy B. White, Politico*

Gov. Gavin Newsom can keep references to Republicans and former President Donald Trump in his official argument against the recall, a judge tentatively ruled Wednesday. Recall proponents argued that Newsom's allusions were misleading and asked a court to strike

them from the state's official voter information guide.

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[Opposition grows to DeSantis school mask edict. 'One size does not fit all.'](#)

*Jeffrey S. Solochek, Tampa Bay Times*

District officials call for local control to contain the delta variant as pro-mask parents increase pressure.

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## ADVOCACY

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[How Cuomo's office sought help from prominent liberal advocates as it pushed to discredit an accuser](#)

*Michael Scherer and Josh Dawsey, The Washington Post*

Days after the first accusation of misconduct surfaced last year against New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo (D), his staff began reaching out to a prominent advocate for sexual harassment victims and the head of the largest gay rights group for guidance as they mulled how to discredit his accuser.

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[Trumpworld is being tormented by this tiny legal office that almost nobody's heard of](#)

*C. Ryan Barber, Insider*

When Brandon Van Grack left the Justice Department in January, stepping down from a top role policing foreign influence, his government colleagues sent him off with a curious going-away present: a pink cat piñata. Before becoming a gag gift, the piñata sat in the office as a mascot of sorts for the Justice Department unit tasked with enforcing a decades-old federal law requiring the disclosure of foreign lobbying.

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## OPINIONS, EDITORIALS AND PERSPECTIVES

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[Let the moratorium on evicting renters die. Trump should not have let the CDC enact it](#)

*Scott Jennings, Louisville Courier-Journal*

A lot of us were left scratching our heads at some governmental proclamations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Among the strangest

was the decision to cede national housing policy authority to the unelected bureaucrats at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who again this week have well overstepped their constitutional bounds.

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[A permanent Child Tax Credit expansion will yield dividends to taxpayers](#)

*Reps. Rosa DeLauro and John Yarmuth, The Hill*

Wednesday, July 15, was a historic day for our country. For the first time, the United States joined our peer nations, sending tax relief to poor, working, and middle class families in the form of an Advanced Monthly Child Tax Credit: \$250 per child, \$300 for younger children, each month.

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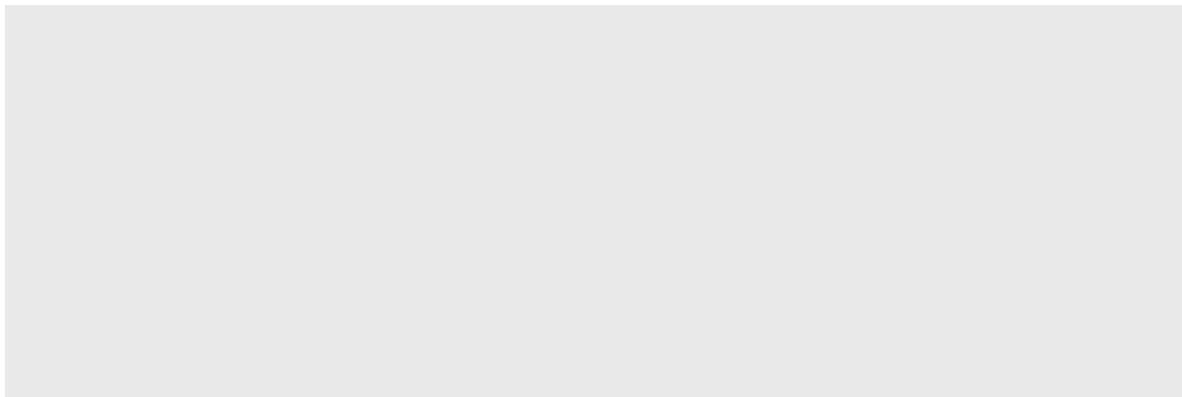
## RESEARCH REPORTS AND POLLING

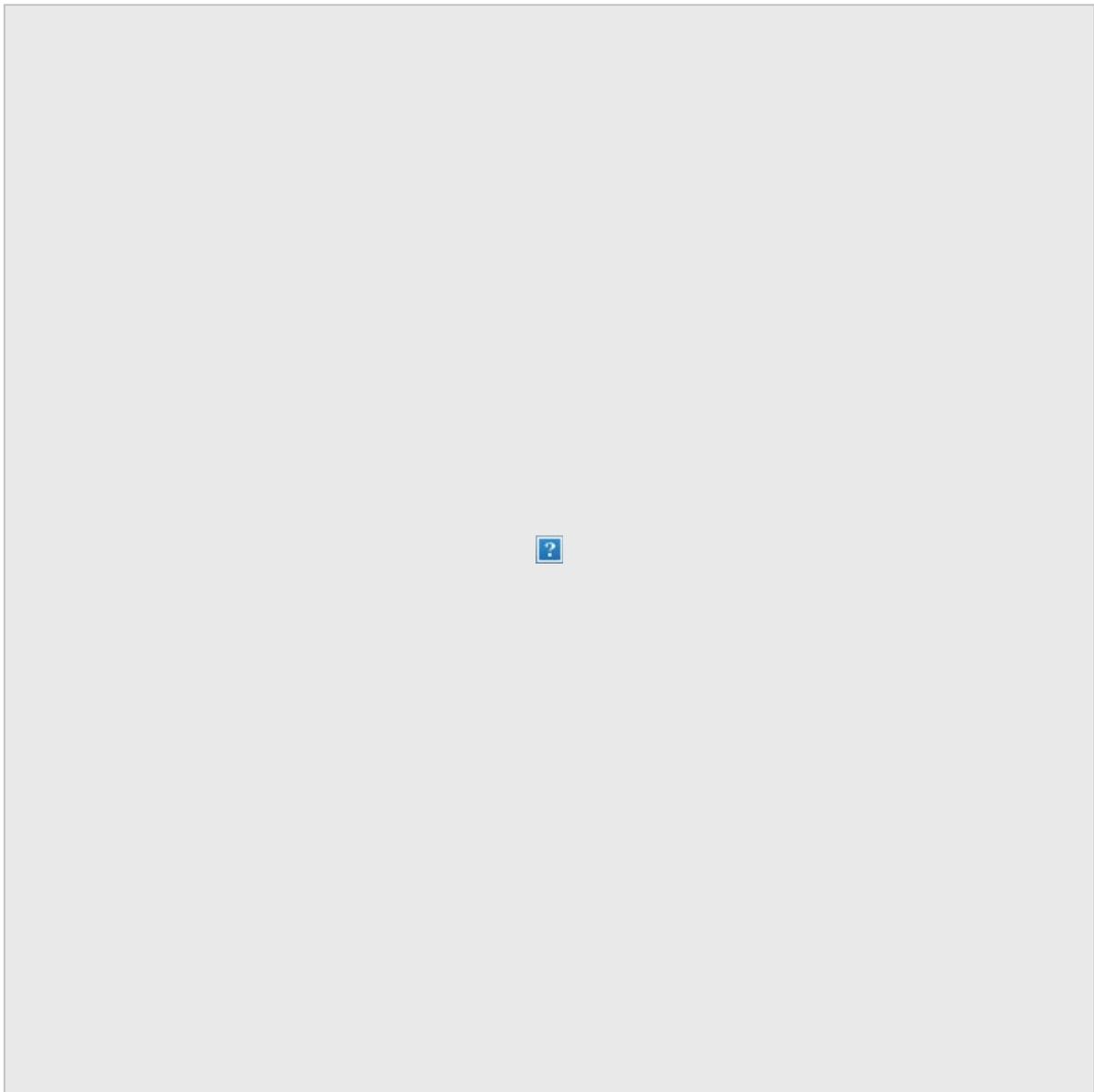
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[The Role of Anti-Establishment Orientations During the Trump Presidency](#)

*Adam M. Enders and Joseph E. Uscinski, De Gruyter*

Growing levels of polarization and out-group hostility have become fashionable explanations for the caustic politics of the Trump presidency. However, partisan and ideological identities cannot explain popular attraction to Trump's anti-elite and populist rhetoric, nor can polarization and sorting account for rising levels of mass identification as political independents. In light of these discrepancies, we offer an explanation for the Trump era unrelated to traditional left-right identities and ideologies: anti-establishment orientations.





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## Top Stories

- House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) reiterated during a call to Democratic lawmakers that the House will not take up the Senate-passed bipartisan infrastructure package until the Senate finishes the party's \$3.5 trillion social spending package, bucking calls from moderates for a quick vote. During the call, Pelosi said the votes to pass the bipartisan deal and the partisan social spending bill rely on both bills advancing. ([Politico](#))
- A federal judge in Washington ruled that the House Oversight and Reform Committee can subpoena former President Donald Trump's accounting firm for documents related to his federal lease for a hotel in Washington as well as other financial records dealing with his overseas income. The ruling marked a victory for the

Democratic-led panel as part of its probe into Trump and his potential violation of the Emoluments Clause, though it limited the scope of the query. ([NBC News](#))

- The Food and Drug Administration is expected to authorize COVID-19 vaccine booster shots for people who are immunocompromised following the urging of doctors and a panel of advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, according to two people familiar with the plans. ([NBC News](#)) The CDC has now updated its guidance and is recommending that pregnant people be vaccinated against the coronavirus after previously expressing neutrality on the issue. ([The Washington Post](#))
- The Census Bureau is set to release detailed population data today that will serve as the basis for congressional redistricting. Republicans need to win five seats to take a House majority next year, something experts believe could be done just by redrawing districts based on the forthcoming data. ([The Associated Press](#))

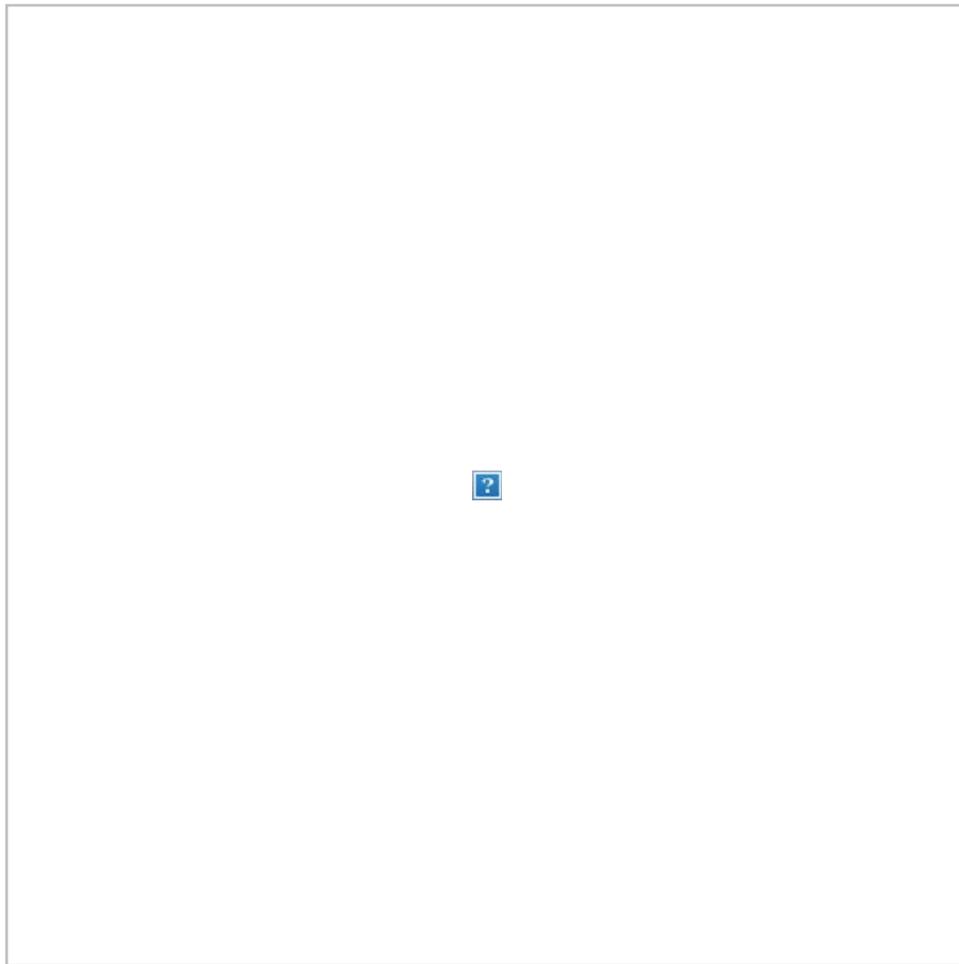
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## Chart Review

[Failures' Fallout: Predicting Politics & Policy in the Post-Pandemic Era](#)

*Mehlman Castagnetti Rosen & Thomas*



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A MESSAGE FROM MORNING CONSULT



## **The Delta Variant Drives Off Hope For Economic Recovery**

As coronavirus cases fell over the spring and early summer, companies hoped for a speedy return to normal. But, the spread of the Delta variant and increase in COVID-19 cases has slowed economic activity and added uncertainty to the longer-term outlook.

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Morning Consult's August U.S. Economic Outlook report takes a look at the effect of heightened economic uncertainty, the start-and-stop recovery and the future of economic growth. [Download the report.](#)

## What Else You Need To Know

**WHITE HOUSE & ADMINISTRATION**

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[Biden administration tries to mobilize international diplomatic effort to halt Taliban](#)

*Karen DeYoung, The Washington Post*

The Biden administration has mounted a last-ditch effort this week to convince the Taliban, as it continues its relentless march across Afghanistan, that the world will reject it if it takes over the entire country by force.

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[Biden team is seeking ways to address rising energy prices](#)

*Zeke Miller, The Associated Press*

President Joe Biden's administration is moving at home and abroad to try to address concerns about rising energy prices slowing the nation's recovery from the pandemic-induced recession.

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[Intel officials draft classified report as they near finish of 90-day Covid probe](#)

*Kylie Atwood et al., CNN*

Intelligence officials are nearing the end of a 90-day investigation into the origins of Covid-19 that was ordered by President Joe Biden, and have drafted a classified report that is now in the preliminary review process, according to three sources familiar with the probe.

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[NSA quietly awards \\$10 billion cloud contract to Amazon, drawing protest from Microsoft](#)

*Aaron Gregg, The Washington Post*

The National Security Agency has quietly awarded a contract worth up to \$10 billion to Amazon Web Services, setting off another high-stakes fight among rival tech giants over national security contract dollars.

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[Janet Yellen Weighs Visit to China, Her First as Treasury Secretary](#)

*Saleha Mohsin and Jennifer Jacobs, Bloomberg*

Janet Yellen is weighing a trip to China in the coming months that would be her first as U.S. Treasury secretary, people familiar with the matter said, as the Biden administration engages in a broad review of policy toward the Asian power and the tariffs on imported goods enacted under former President Donald Trump.

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[Kamala Harris summons C.E.O.s to talk child care](#)

*Andrew Ross Sorkin, The New York Times*

The day after Senate Democrats passed their "big, bold" \$3.5 trillion budget blueprint, Vice President Kamala Harris is bringing business leaders to the White House to build support for one of the plan's key pillars, child care, a White House official told DealBook.

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**CONGRESS**

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[What Rosen told U.S. senators: Trump applied 'persistent' pressure to get Justice to discredit election](#)

*Ann E. Marimow and Josh Dawsey, The Washington Post*

Former president Donald Trump's last attorney general has told U.S. senators his boss was "persistent" in trying to pressure the Justice Department to discredit the results of the 2020 election.

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[Democrats Ready a Tricky Legislative Two-Step. It's Been Done Before.](#)

*Carl Hulse, The New York Times*

Passing a far-reaching partisan social policy measure and a bipartisan infrastructure bill almost simultaneously will strain the abilities of congressional Democrats in the coming weeks, forcing them to hold their members together on complex and costly policy as they seek to thread a legislative needle.

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[Dems plot last-ditch voting rights push as midterm clock ticks](#)

*Heather Caygle et al., Politico*

Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer are preparing to take one more big swing at voting rights. They may end up hitting their base with a huge letdown.

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[How Schumer's kept his Democrats in array - so far](#)

*Marianne Levine and Burgess Everett, Politico*

Chuck Schumer got his progressives to swallow a bipartisan deal that tasted about as good to them as wilted spinach. Now he'll need to bring his leery moderates along for the whole meal.

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[White House presses Senate to move more quickly to confirm](#)

[political ambassadors: 'What is the holdup?'](#)

*Felicia Sonmez, The Washington Post*

White House press secretary Jen Psaki on Wednesday criticized the Senate for not moving more quickly to confirm President Biden's ambassadorial nominees, as only one of Biden's political ambassadors has been confirmed more than six months after the inauguration.

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[Gaetz associate providing feds intel, documents as probe into congressman continues](#)

*Will Steakin and Katherine Faulders, ABC News*

As the federal investigation into Florida Rep. Matt Gaetz continues into the summer, sources tell ABC News that Gaetz's one-time wingman has been steadily providing information and handing over potential evidence that could implicate the Florida congressman and others in the sprawling probe.

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[Rand Paul discloses 16 months late that his wife bought stock in company behind covid treatment](#)

*Isaac Stanley-Becker, The Washington Post*

Sen. Rand Paul revealed Wednesday that his wife bought stock in Gilead Sciences - which makes an antiviral drug used to treat covid-19 - on Feb. 26, 2020, before the threat from the coronavirus was fully understood by the public and before it was classified as a pandemic by the World Health Organization.

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[Rand Paul suspended from YouTube for 7 days after COVID mask claims](#)

*Christopher Brito, CBS News*

U.S. Senator Rand Paul has been suspended from YouTube for seven days after posting a video claiming masks are ineffective against COVID-19, a spokesperson for the platform said.Â

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## GENERAL

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[Taliban take 10th Afghan provincial capital, squeezing Kabul](#)

*Tameem Akhgar et al., The Associated Press*

The Taliban captured a strategic provincial capital near Kabul on

Thursday, the 10th the insurgents have taken in a weeklong sweep across Afghanistan just weeks before the end of the American military mission there.

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[Potential Al Qaeda resurgence in Afghanistan worries U.S. officials](#)

*Courtney Kube, NBC News*

With the Taliban steamrolling across Afghanistan, U.S. defense officials are concerned that a Taliban takeover of the country will allow Al Qaeda to rebuild and consolidate, creating security concerns well outside Afghan borders.

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[Inflation Stayed High in July as Economy Rebounded](#)

*Gwynn Guilford, The Wall Street Journal*

Inflation remained elevated in July as the economic recovery continued, but prices showed evidence of cooling amid pandemic-related supply problems and signs that the recent rise in coronavirus infections is starting to crimp some business activity.

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[Trump Keeps Rejecting Pleas From Allies for Pro-Vax Campaign](#)

*Asawin Suebsaeng and Adam Rawnsley, The Daily Beast*

It's been more than six months since Donald Trump left office and, despite pleas from multiple friends and advisers, the former president has kept refusing to mount anything resembling a real effort to get his supporters vaccinated.

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[Dominion's Suits Against Trump Allies Can Proceed, Judge Rules](#)

*Alexa Corse and Brent Kendall, The Wall Street Journal*

A federal judge ruled that Dominion Voting Systems Corp. can proceed with three lawsuits alleging that lawyers and supporters of former President Donald Trump defamed the company with false accusations that it rigged the 2020 election.

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[Giuliani told agents it was okay to 'throw a fake' during political campaign](#)

*Devlin Barrett, The Washington Post*

Rudolph W. Giuliani's promise of a "big surprise" to help Donald Trump's election in October 2016 led to Democratic accusations the FBI was feeding him secrets about an investigation of Hillary Clinton.

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[Emails: Senior DOJ officials wrangled over baseless Trump voter fraud allegations](#)

*Betsy Woodruff Swan and Nicholas Wu, Politico*

During Donald Trump's final weeks in office, top Justice Department officials wrangled over how the FBI should handle a particularly wacky voter fraud allegation promoted by the then-president and his allies. Unreleased emails obtained by POLITICO show just how tense the episode got.

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## CAMPAIGNS

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[The Threat of a Cuomo Comeback](#)

*Edward-Isaac Dovere, The Atlantic*

Dealing with Andrew Cuomo, I wrote after interviewing him in early 2019, is like playing a manic chess game. He tries to guide every move, constantly recalculating and recalibrating.

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[Trump to meet with former Cheney ally about Wyoming primary challenge](#)

*Alex Isenstadt, Politico*

Former President Donald Trump is expected to meet Thursday with a new potential challenger to Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney, his Republican nemesis in the House.

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[Gary Black moves to outflank Herschel Walker in Georgia Senate race](#)

*David M. Drucker, Washington Examiner*

Gary Black is dashing to fill a void in the Georgia Senate race created by Herschel Walker, but Republican insiders are split on his viability versus Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock.

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[DNC members grow frustrated over increasing White House influence](#)

*Hanna Trudo and Amie Parnes, The Hill*

Democratic National Committee (DNC) members are growing increasingly frustrated by the White House's influence on their political operation, causing friction between aides to President Biden and the leading party organization promoting its agenda.

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## STATES

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[Andrew Cuomo is resigning, but the investigations into his conduct will continue](#)

*Jon Campbell and Kevin McCoy, USA Today*

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is giving up the powerful job he's dedicated most of his life to keeping within his family, but his resignation won't end a bevy of pending investigations into him and his administration.

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[Republicans risk becoming face of delta surge as key GOP governors oppose anti-covid measures](#)

*Felicia Sonmez and Hannah Knowles, The Washington Post*

In Texas, Gov. Greg Abbott has banned local governments from implementing mask requirements even as he pleads for emergency medical help in combating a surge in coronavirus cases from the delta variant. In South Dakota, Gov. Kristi L. Noem welcomed hundreds of thousands of revelers to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally that last year bore characteristics of a superspreader event for the virus.

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[With Mississippi Hospitals Near Calamity, Gov. Reeves Left State For GOP Political Event](#)

*Ashton Pittman, Mississippi Free Press*

"Hospitals and healthcare workers need you to help us," Neshoba General Hospital CEO Lee McCall tweeted desperately at Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves yesterday as COVID-19 continued to overwhelm the state's least vaccinated county. "Where are you?"

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[California Teachers Must Be Vaccinated or Tested Weekly for Covid-19](#)

*Christine Mai-Duc and Ben Chapman, The Wall Street Journal*

California will require schoolteachers and staff to show proof of vaccination or submit to regular coronavirus testing, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Wednesday.

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['We are in harm's way': Election officials fear for their personal safety](#)

[amid torrent of false claims about voting](#)

*Tom Hamburger et al., The Washington Post*

In preparation for a vote on local tax assessments last week in Houghton County, Mich., county clerk Jennifer Kelly took extraordinary precautions, asking election staff in this remote northern Michigan community to record the serial numbers of voting machines, document the unbroken seals on tabulators and note in writing that no one had tampered with the equipment.

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[Texas GOP hits new roadblocks in push for voting restrictions](#)

*Eva Ruth Moravec and Elise Viebeck, The Washington Post*

Texas Republicans hit fresh roadblocks Wednesday in their effort to enact new voting restrictions, facing a Democratic filibuster in the state Senate and signs that legal maneuvering could protect House quorum breakers from arrest.

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[NC lawmakers move to bar the use of racial, election data in drawing election districts](#)

*Lucille Sherman, The News & Observer*

Republican lawmakers proposed rules this week that would bar them from using racial demographic and election data to draw political maps that will be used for the next decade of North Carolina elections.

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[Lawmakers, chip industry fret as semiconductor subsidies stall](#)

*Brendan Bordelon, National Journal*

Democrats and Republicans, senators and representatives, Capitol Hill and the White House-few issues unite official Washington more thoroughly than support for America's slipping semiconductor industry.

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[Why Public Health Experts Aren't Reaching Conservatives on Covid](#)

*Harold Pollack, Politico*

As American public health officials wring their hands over how to reach resolutely unvaccinated people, one glaring disconnect has emerged: Politically speaking, the people spreading the message about the Covid vaccine don't look or sound much like the people who need to heed this message.

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[Democrats' pick for the top staffer on the January 6 Capitol attack investigation sends an ugly message to potential witnesses](#)

*Mark S. Zaid, Insider*

Whistleblowers are critical to exposing illegal activity within the federal government. In fact, every federal employee has an affirmative obligation to do so.

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[Bipartisanship for infrastructure is great. Don't expect it for much else.](#)

*E.J. Dionne Jr., The Washington Post*

The bipartisan infrastructure bill the Senate passed Tuesday is a big deal, but let's say it upfront: Not everything that's bipartisan is good, and not everything that's good is bipartisan. Bipartisanship should be a method, not a fetish.

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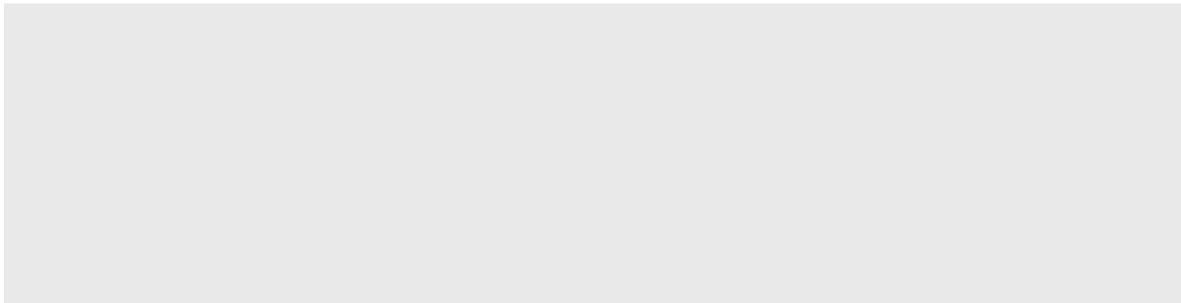
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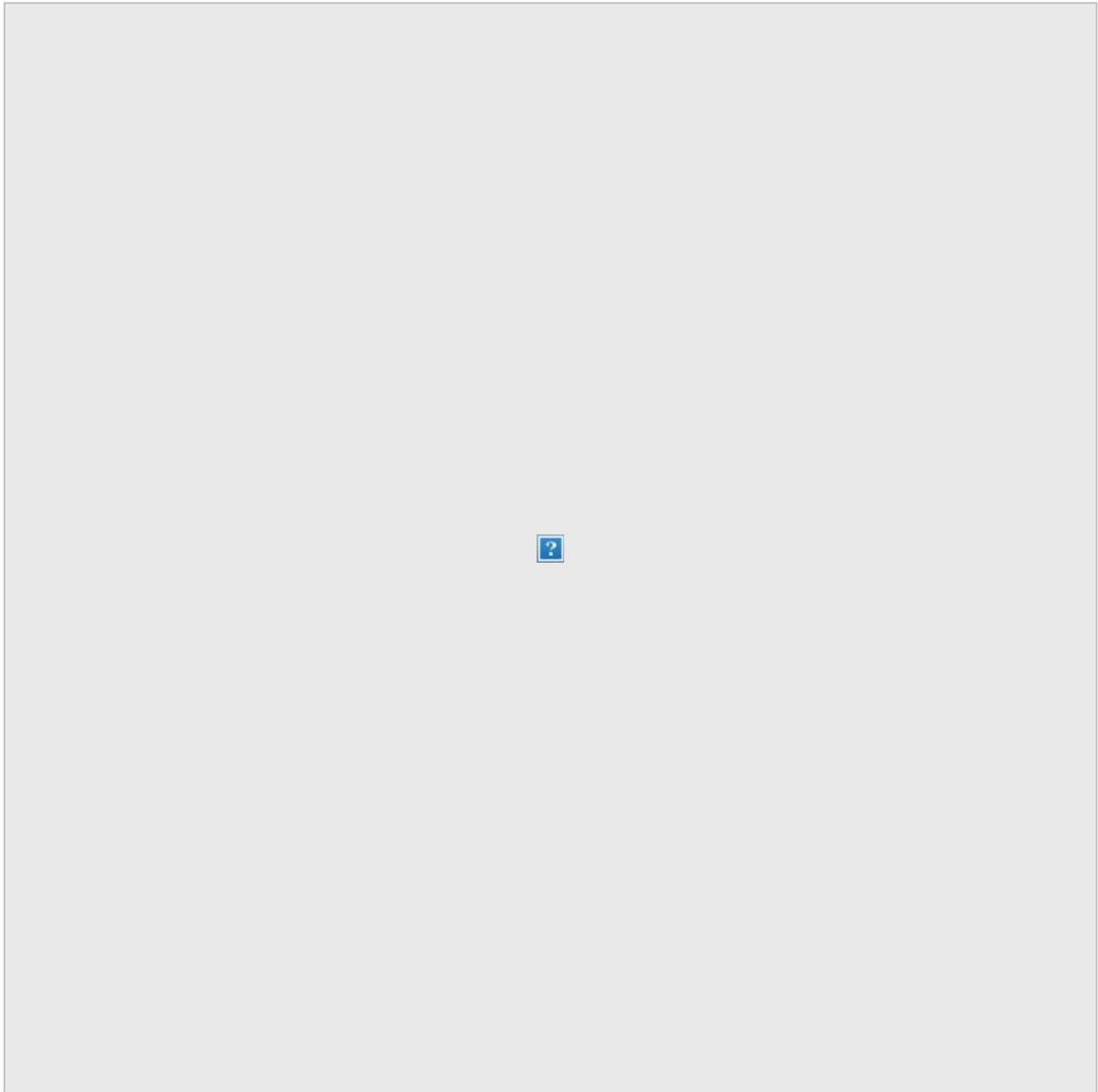
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[Candidates have visited Trump properties more than 60 times since he left office](#)

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Though Donald Trump is no longer the president, he's still the de facto leader of the Republican Party. While in office, Trump made it clear that the best way to get into his good graces is by spending money at his properties.





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**Good afternoon STAT members,**

Thank you for joining this week's STAT network meetings.

In this week's All States Testing call, we discussed lessons learned from recent major events and planning strategies that states across the country can use to mitigate risk during events. **Dr. Tim Southern (South Dakota)** and **Suzanne Trotter (Virginia)** discussed their recent experience preparing for the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and

distributing at-home test kits at Floyd Fest, respectively.

In our K-12 Action Network call, **Heather Schwartz from RAND** presented the results and implications of the "[Will Students Come Back?](#)" study and answered questions from state leaders. This is the second survey of parents' concerns about returning to in-person learning. The original report from earlier this year can be accessed [here](#).

This week's Vaccine Action Network call was driven, in part, by [worrying results](#) from Israel about waning vaccine efficacy over time and the necessity of third doses and boosters. Our discussion was led off by **Kody Kinsley (North Carolina), Dr. Coleman Cutchins (Alaska), and Heidi Clark (Illinois)** who spoke of their states' current planning and challenges for vaccine third-doses. We were also joined by **Jennifer Layden from the CDC** who provided insight and answered questions about recent and upcoming federal guidance on the boosters. Mr. Kinsley has provided [additional data](#) on North Carolina's forecasting and vaccine efforts.

Click [HERE](#) to read the notes and takeaways from this week's STAT sessions.

**Network Request for Support:** We received a request from a network member who is seeking information from any state that has experience with a centralized, state-wide electronic parental consent form for immunizations. If any of our members have experience with such a form (COVID-19 related or otherwise) please reach out to Ryan at ([c-rflynn@rockfound.org](mailto:rflynn@rockfound.org)).

Thank you,

RF STAT Team

**STAT All States  
Testing  
Action Network**  
Every other Tuesday  
12:00 PM ET

On **Tuesday, September 7 at 12:00 PM ET** we will host a follow-up discussion to our session

**K-12 Reopening  
Action Network**  
Every Tuesday  
4:00 PM ET

On **Tuesday, August 31, at 12:00 PM ET (Please note the change in time for next week's special session)** we are hosting

**Vaccine Action  
Network**  
Every other  
Wednesday  
2:00 PM ET

We plan to use the **Wednesday, September 8, 2:00PM ET** session to address the implications

earlier this month with Dr. Mike Osterholm to provide updates and answer questions on the Delta variant and updates on ACIP decisions.

**\*Note: we will host a special combined K-12 Reopening Action Network and All States Testing Call on Tuesday, August 31 at the normal All States Testing call time, 12:00 PM ET.** Please reach out if you do not receive the meeting invitation and would like to attend.

a combined session of the All States/Testing and K-12 Action Networks during the 12-1pm EDT timeslot to discuss the availability of rapid POC tests (primarily BinaxNOW) for K-12 and other critical testing programs.

The conversation will provide insight into the current supply/demand situation and share any mitigation strategies being considered to ensure availability of testing. In addition to a roundtable of state leaders, we will be joined by Carole Johnson, the White House Testing Coordinator, and Mara Aspinall, Co-Lead of the Covid-19 Diagnostic Commons at Arizona State University.

of additional guidance related to 3rd dose vaccinations from the upcoming ACIP meeting, or other topics as relevant.

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**Good afternoon STAT members,**

Thank you all again for your continued dedication to the STAT network, especially during this busy period of school reopening and the myriad challenges of the Delta variant. Starting next we will resume the weekly sessions of the K-12 Reopening Action Network with a discussion of the RAND "Will They Come Back" survey of parents' concerns about the return to in-person learning this Fall. The call will feature takeaways from several states,

including Utah and Washington. We encourage states to come with questions as we will be joined by Heather Schwartz from RAND.

The survey found that even with rising Covid-19 cases from the Delta variant, 9 out of 10 parents plan to send their child to school for in-person learning this fall. This survey shows that while parents want to send their children to in-person instruction, 1 in 3 parents do not feel informed on their schools' Covid-19 safety measures and 6 in 10 parents said they want more information about the specific safety measures in their schools. [Read the full report "Will They Come Back" here.](#)

Additionally, the All States Testing call will feature lessons learned from states who utilized testing at mass events, such as music festivals, etc. The Vaccine Action Network will feature CDC experts and a round-robin discussion with states on boosters and revaccination programs.

To help us ensure that the network is providing maximum value to you, please keep us informed of how STAT has helped drive action and decision-making for you, or areas where you need help. Please reach out to Ryan ([c-flynn@rockfound.org](mailto:rflynn@rockfound.org)) or any of the Rockefeller STAT team members with your suggestions, ideas, and requests.

Thank you,

RF STAT Team

<b>STAT All States Testing Call</b>	<b>K-12 Reopening Action Network</b>	<b>Vaccine Action Network</b>
Every other Tuesday, 12:00 PM EST	Every Tuesday 4:00 PM EST	Every other Wednesday 2:00 PM EST
This call will feature insights from <b>Tim Southern</b> , South Dakota Public Health Laboratory, and <b>Suzanne Trotter</b> ,	This meeting will feature key takeaways from several states who have begun reopening schools and a presentation	We will hold a roundtable discussion about vaccine boosters and revaccinations for

Virginia Department of Health, who will reflect on their states' recent experience with the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and a 10,000 person music festival, respectively. This topic was developed in response to states' requests concerning planning for large-scale events and sports seasons.

from **Heather Schwartz** on the second round of results from RAND's survey of a national sample of more than 3,000 parents about their attitudes towards in-person learning and COVID-19 safety measures at school.

immunocompromised individuals. **Coleman Cutchins**, Alaska Department of Health a Social Services, and **Kody Kinsley**, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, will share their experiences planning to deliver additional doses of the mRNA vaccine per updated CDC guidance and the challenges they are encountering early in the process. We encourage attendees to come prepared with questions for our state presenters and CDC partners.

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Brentwood residents are opposed to a school-bus terminal in the area, and the city has denied the neighborhood's request for an environmental impact assessment

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