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Office of the Executive Director

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1-31-2022

Dear Taylor:

Please find attached the results of your two public records requests for Rep. Steve Gunderson dated December 1, 2021:

MT-REP-21-1725:

The results for the American Oversight Public Information Request #1 (PIR1) for the 26 different entities in Representative Gunderson's MindCentric account are on the respective folders.

Each of the 26 searches is listed in a separate folder. The criteria for each search is stored in the respective folder in a text file named "PIR1 – SEARCH NAME - search criteria.txt".

The request was for "All email communications ... between Representative Gunderson and each of the email addresses or domains listed" but the requestor did not include the email addresses of the 26 listed entities. The only way to search for the respective criteria is to search for the occurrences anywhere in the email account. There may be more search results returned than are desired.

If there were no matches found for a particular search that result is noted in a "PIR1 - Rep Gunderson – SEARCH NAME – no results.txt" for the respective search.

MT-REP-21-1721:

The results for the American Oversight Public Information Request #2 (PIR2) for the 26 different entities in Representative Gunderson's MindCentric account are on the respective folders.

Each of the 26 searches is listed in a separate folder. The criteria for each search is stored in the respective folder in a text file named "PIR2 – SEARCH NAME – search criteria.txt".

The request was for "All email communications ... between Representative Gunderson and each of the email addresses or domains listed". Because the requestor included the email addresses of the 26 listed entities these results have returned any email message in Representative Gunderson's account w/ the respective email address in either the To: or the From: field.

The search process does not require that Representative Gunderson has to be the originator or the sole recipient of an email message to match the criteria, only that the email address in the criteria is found in the either the To: or From: field. There may be messages that were sent from another sender to both Representative Gunderson and the email address in the respective search criteria – that message will be returned as a match for the criteria.

If there were no matches found for a particular search that result is noted in a "PIR2 - Rep Gunderson – SEARCH NAME – no results.txt" for the respective search.

Attached is an invoice for payment. You were only charged for the IT staff time, not for any administrative time. I apologize for the delay. If you need further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan B. Fox".

Susan B. Fox
Executive Director

The date range is June 1, 2020 to the date the search is conducted.

The steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov account should be searched on the date range against each of the criteria in the list below. The search request is for "email communications from" so the field to search will be "email address", not the body of the email message.

NOTE: The search request is for "email communications from" so the field to search will be "email address", not the body of the email message. However, email addresses were not given for the requested names. Therefore the search was conducted on the entirety of the email messages.

1. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-LINDELL. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Mike Lindell")
2. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-GABLEMAN. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Michael Gableman" OR "mgableman@yahoo.com" OR "wispecialcounsel@gmail.com")
3. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-POWELL. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Sidney Powell" OR "@federalappeals.com")
4. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-FLYNN. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Mike Flynn" OR "@generalflynn.com" OR "Joseph Flynn" OR "America's Future")
5. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-GIULIANI. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Rudolph Giuliani" OR "Jo Ann Zafonte" OR "Christianne Allen" OR "Beau Wagner" OR "@giulianisecurity.com" OR "@giulianipartners.com" OR "@gdcillc.com")
6. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-MITCHELL. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Cleta Mitchell" OR "cleta@cletamitchell.com" OR "cmitchell@foley.com" OR "@bradleyfdn.org")
7. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-DATWYLER. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Thomas Datwyler" OR "tcdatwyler@gmail.com" OR "American Voting Rights Foundation")
8. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-KLINE. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Phill Kline" OR "phillklineva@gmail.com" OR "Jacqueline Timmer" OR "American Voter's Alliance" OR "@gotfreedom.org")
9. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-ELLIS. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Jenna Ellis" OR "Liberty University's Falkirk Center" OR "@falkirkcenter.com" OR "Thomas More Society" OR "@thomasmoresociety.org" OR "American Greatness Fund" OR "@americangreatnessfund.com")
10. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-LEWANDOWSKI. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Corey Lewandowski")
11. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-KERN. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Earl Eugene Kern" OR "Wake Technology Services, Inc." OR "@waketsi.com")
12. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-COTTON. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Ben Cotton" OR "CyFir" OR "@cyfir.com")

13. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-HONEY. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Heather Honey" OR "Haystack Investigations" OR "@haystackinvestigations.com")
14. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-LOGAN. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Doug Logan" OR "Cyber Ninjas" or "@cyberninjas.com")
15. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-WALDRON. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Colonel Phil Waldron" OR "phil@onewarrior.com" OR "JWRLLC@gmail.com" OR "p@bonfiresearch.org" OR "Russell Ramsland" OR "ryuks9sq@alliedspecialops.us" OR "James Keet Lewis III" OR "keet@jkeetlewis.com" OR "Allied Security Operations Group" OR "@alliedspecialops.us")
16. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-PULITZER. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Jovan Hutton Pulitzer" OR "jovanhuttonpulitzer@gmail.com")
17. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-BYRNE. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Patrick Byrne" OR "America Project" OR "@americaproject.com")
18. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-DEPERNO. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Matthew DePerno" OR "DePerno Law Office" OR "@depernolaw.com")
19. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-ENGELBRECHT. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Catherine Engelbrecht" OR "True the Vote" OR "@truethevote.org")
20. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-EASTMAN. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("John Eastman" OR "jeastman@claremont.org" OR "@attorneyeastman.com")
21. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-WOOD. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Lin Wood" OR "lwood@fightback.law")
22. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-AYYADURAI. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Shiva Ayyadurai" OR "vashiva@vashiva.com")
23. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-GIDLEY. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Hogan Gidley" or "Ken Blackwell" OR "kennethblackwell693@gmail.com" OR "America First Policy Institute" OR "@americafirstpolicy.com")
24. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-FARAH. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Barry Farah" or "barry@barryfarah.com")
25. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-FRANK. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Douglas Frank" or "drdouglasfrank@protonmail.com")
26. Folder name: 20220121-Rep Gunderson-PIR1-WATKINS. Search criteria: (after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Ron Watkins")

(after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Shiva Ayyadurai" OR "vashiva@vashiva.com")

Rep Gunderson - PIR1-AYYADURAI - no results

(after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Patrick Byrne" OR "America Project" OR "@americaproject.com")

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Fwd: Public Records Act Request (MT-REP-21-1725)

From : Gunderson Steven <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>
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To : Susan Fox <sfox@mt.gov>

Fri, Dec 03, 2021 08:53 PM
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Susan, Could you please fill this records request?

Thanks!

Steve

From: "AO Records" <records@americanoversight.org>
To: "steve gunderson" <Steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 11:23:21 AM
Subject: Public Records Act Request (MT-REP-21-1725)

1/21/22, 1:12 PM

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Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Montana's public records laws.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Wishingrad

Pronouns: she/her

Paralegal

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To : Steve gunderson <Steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>

Wed, Dec 01, 2021 11:23 AM

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Collapsing Currents, Nearshoring Supply Chains, and Big Lie, Big Lawsuit

From : The Well News <sftw@thewellnews.com>
Subject : Collapsing Currents, Nearshoring Supply Chains, and Big Lie, Big Lawsuit
To : steve gunderson <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>
Reply To : sftw@thewellnews.com

Wed, Aug 11, 2021 05:09 AM

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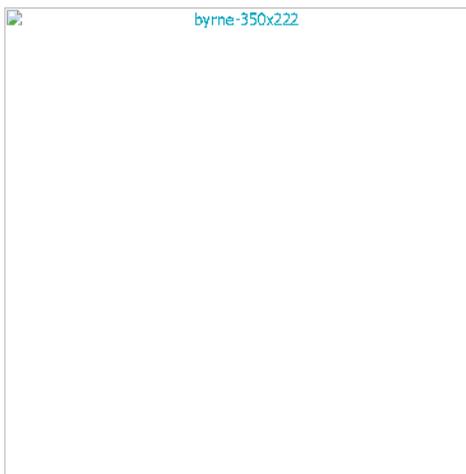
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Dominion Voting Systems Files Flurry of Defamation Suits

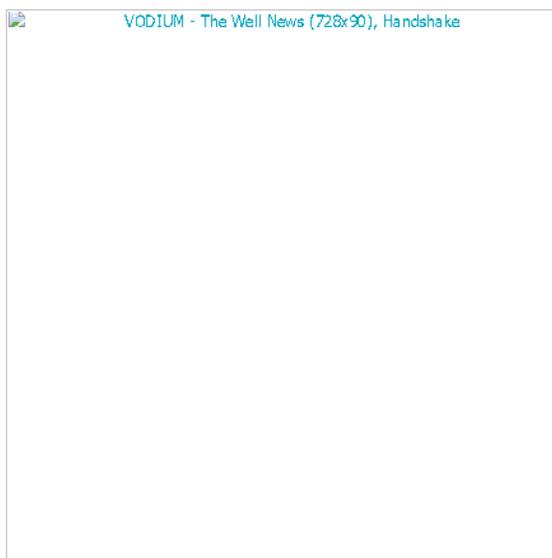


Dominion Voting Systems has filed a series of defamation lawsuits against One America News Network, Newsmax and Patrick Byrne, the former CEO of Overstock.com, over their roles in advancing conspiracy theories that Dominion rigged the results of the 2020 presidential election.

The lawsuits against Herring Networks, the parent company of One America News Network and Byrne were filed Tuesday morning in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

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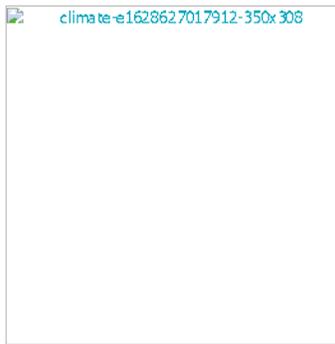


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ENVIRONMENT

Climate Change Could Cause Gulf Stream Currents to Collapse



A new study published in the journal 'Nature Climate Change' indicates man-made climate alterations could be causing instability in Atlantic Ocean currents which may lead to irreversible changes to the Earth's ecosystem.

The study, entitled 'Observation-based early-warning signals for a collapse of the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation,' suggests the currents have gradually weakened over the last few decades. Because of the complex nature of the currents' circulation, it is difficult for climate scientists to pinpoint the 'critical transition point' wherein they will remain permanently changed.

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MORE FROM THE WELL



[CISA Encouraging Computer Users to Deploy New Microsoft, Intel Updates](#)

Both Microsoft and Intel have released updates to multiple vulnerabilities in their product and users, and system administrators should think seriously about installing them, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency said Tuesday.



[DC Mayor Says Executive Agency Employees Must Be Vaccinated](#)

District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser on Tuesday gave all government employees whose agencies report to her office until Sept. 19 to be fully vaccinated, calling it a 'job requirement.'



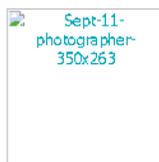
[Biden Officials Give Assurances U.S. Has Strong Mideast Influence](#)

The Taliban continued retaking control of Afghanistan Tuesday as U.S. forces withdrew, but Biden administration officials told the Senate the American political position in the Middle East remains strong.



[Inter-American Development Bank Creates Toolkit for Nearshoring Supply Chains](#)

Everything from consumer products to pharmaceuticals and health and safety equipment experienced delays and shortages as a result of China dominating so many aspects of global supply chains.



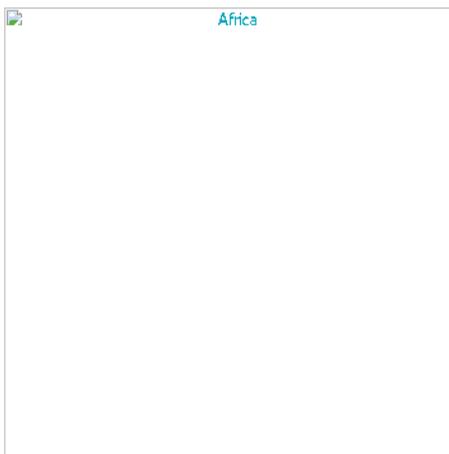
The Justice Department on Monday committed to conducting a fresh review of documents related to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks the government had previously deemed privileged and unreleasable to the public.

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Re: what is Gianforte's position re CCP intrusions at the state level?

Mon, Dec 21, 2020 10:46 AM

From : Harry and Mo Disney <hddvm71@yahoo.com>

Subject : Re: what is Gianforte's position re CCP intrusions at the state level?

To : Rep. Steve Gunderson <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>

And you thought as a legislator you'd only have to deal with 'MT issues' =>

As early as Feb 2020 we knew what China was up to:

China's Hacking Spree Will Have a Decades-Long Fallout

<https://www.wired.com/story/china-equifax-anthem-mariott-om-hacks-data/>

2015 Obama's OMB was hacked...and it went on from there...

<https://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/10/us/office-of-personnel-management-hackers-got-data-of-millions.html>

and don't forget Mitch McConnell's China connections: wife's family are big China shipping company magnates and his sister in law sits on the board of the Bank of China...one doesn't get such positions without real ties to the CCP. (yet another reason to put someone new, brighter and more vibrant in Mitch's place). Of late, Mitch has 'instructed' (ie pressured) all GOP senators to NOT contest the electoral college vote. Thanks for nothing, Mitch.

THIS is sad news: Trump's staff betrays him (swamp dwellers) We Eeat Greg may face the same problem...

<https://conservativechoicecampaign.com/betrayed-from-within-patrick-byrne-blasts-white-house-staff-after-attending-election-meeting-with-president-trump-sydney-powell-and-gen-flynn/>

The battle with the deep state (at all levels) is real.

thanks,
dizzys

On Monday, December 21, 2020, 8:01:43 AM MST, Rep. Steve Gunderson <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov> wrote:

His response will be interesting as we have a few trade agreements for Montana beef, wheat, etc with them.

Steve

Sent from my iPhone
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 Steve Gunderson
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On Dec 21, 2020, at 7:50 AM, Harry and Mo Disney <hddvm71@yahoo.com> wrote:

Greg wouldn't have been one of the 50 governors polled (only 3 answered) but we surely hope he is addressing the China issue...

like he doesn't already have enough on his plate! Interestingly, a spokesman for *Nebraska* Gov. Pete Ricketts' office provided a comprehensive response, pointing to a series of efforts demonstrating the Republican's desire to engage with like-minded allies and partners over Beijing and deter the CCP's efforts. (one response = Directing the state's *Department of Administrative Services* neither to "procure services from companies linked to the CCP [n]or support investment in CCP affiliated companies) and 2) barring the use of CCP-influenced app TikTok on state-owned devices;
 = Greg could probably use/piggy back on these efforts as a starting point. (there are 5 good & specific points) Mississippi's governor also had useful points/plans.
 But here's why we should care what governors are doing to counter the CCP's malign efforts....it becomes clear that the regime's covert activities persist far outside the corridors of Washington, D.C. Communist China's nefarious activities directly intersect with a number of areas over which governors can effect change...
 Thanks.

Disneys

P.S. Additionally, Chinese diplomats have launched anti-Taiwan pressure campaigns against *state legislators*... and to target institutions from the [New York Police Department](#) to local parent-teacher associations. Pompeo: "Protecting American interests requires vigilance. Vigilance starts with ... *all state legislators*," and continues necessarily with the *chief executive of every state*. Every governor should want to be on record countering this threat, on the merits and the [politics](#).
 If America reverts to a soft-on-China commander-in-chief, (BIDEN) who reprises an agenda of CCP integration and appeasement, *every other branch of government and sector of society is going to have to marshal its resources to halt the CCP's march for hegemony.*

[What Are Governors Doing To Counter Communist China? The Answer Is Disturbing](#)

"These stories raise, punctuating China's history of domestic oppression and international aggression, one would think our elected officials would be doing everything they can to defend the homeland against the interference of rich, strong, and powerful China. These troubling realities should stir the American public to demand action and leadership from their governors..."

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 Are they taking up the charge? Judging by the author's survey of all 50 governor's offices across the country, the answer is at best inconclusive and thus highly troubling.

<https://thefederalist.com/2020/12/17/what-are-governors-doing-to-counter-communist-china-the-answer-is-disturbing/>

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Re: Montana Election Integrity

From : Gary C's Cadwallader <woodentrout@live.com>
Subject : Re: Montana Election Integrity
To : Gunderson Steven <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>

Sat, Aug 14, 2021 01:57 PM

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Hi Steve,
Just a followup to my last email:
I am reaching out to back Rep. Theresa Manzella in requesting a FULL FORENSIC AUDIT of every county in MT, but especially Flathead, Cascade, Missoula, Ravalli, Gallatin, Yellowstone and Lewis & Clark Counties, to uncover any and all election irregularities.
I am attaching a copy of the forensic audit guidelines used in Arizona for educational purposes.

Thank you again,
Peggy Cadwallader

From: Gary C's Cadwallader <woodentrout@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 7:42 AM
To: Gunderson Steven <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>
Subject: Re: Montana Election Integrity

Thank you, Steve.
Your attention to my email is heartening, and I am going to forward it on to the Telegram Montana First Audit Chat group.
Bless you and the ".38 Special" soon to ".45 Special" "Peeps".
Peggy

From: Gunderson Steven <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 11:33 PM
To: Gary C's Cadwallader <woodentrout@live.com>
Subject: Re: Montana Election Integrity

Peggy,

Yes, I am on board with a 50 state audit. The folks in your list are part of the Conservative Republican group known as the ".38 Special" in the 2019 session and with the new freshmen in 2021 we were closer to the ".45 Special". My hope is that we can put targets on the backs of more RINO's next election cycle and make us a 51 majority! Best way to put it is that these folks are my "Peeps" and we share a lot of the same values and think along the same lines.
I have been tied up with many different projects including the bogus "Selenium" issue that is being forced down our throats. This interim I have my hands full trying to keep abreast of Fires and all the normal things that occupy my time till we start into the next election/session cycle. My "Peeps" keep me apprised of happenings and we share a text string of 20 of us that enables us to each focus on our individual projects and to be kept in the loop on other activities such as voter integrity and voter rights. Brad Tschida is focused on the election fraud that took place in Missoula. When needed, I

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will sign on to Brad's call for an audit.

Concerning Lincoln County, I don't believe there was any organized fraud..... having said that, I believe that Mr. Keshel has come to some misconceptions of the population growth. I have talked to many new folks that moved out of heavily Blue States due to their Red leanings. My opinion, but I don't believe we have had any organized voter fraud in Lincoln County.

I do feel there was organized voter fraud that put Senator Tester back into his office. Judge Christianson in Missoula stated "there is no voter fraud in Montana". I hope we can make him eat those words and prove there is fraud at most levels in "Blue" areas of the State.

I'm pretty amazed at the Tribal members trying to say our new election bills are racist and are designed to deny Tribal members the right to vote by requiring Voter ID and to remove same day voter registration. It's simply amazing what the Federal Government is attempting to do by removing State rights to set our own voter laws. If they succeed in passing the current law they are trying to shove down our throats, they are attempting to sew up their "Steal" and to continue to steal elections for decades.

In Liberty,

Steve

From: "Gary C's Cadwallader" <woodentrout@live.com>

To: "steve gunderson" <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>

Sent: Sunday, August 1, 2021 2:36:59 PM

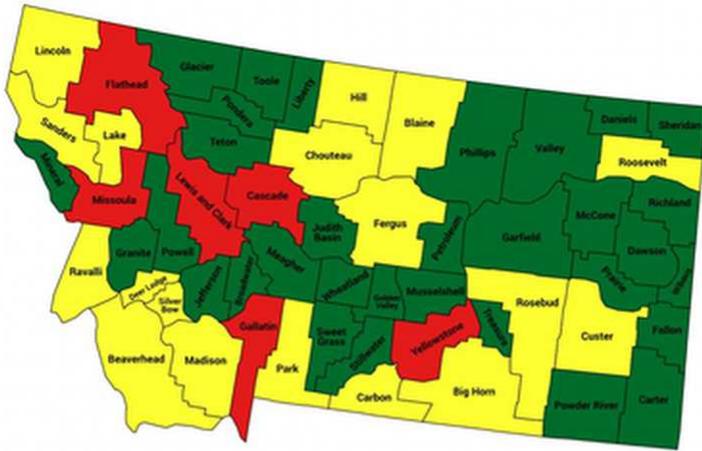
Subject: Montana Election Integrity

Hi Steve,

I'm writing to you today as a concerned Montanan about the 2020 elections and the grass roots push to promote Election Audits in all 50 states. I first learned of this attempt to have audits in all 50 states elections from the "Steve Bannon Warroom" broadcast where I have been following the activity of the 2020 Forensic audit in Arizona. Mainstream media is either ignoring or demonizing anyone who is even asking questions or has concerns. There is much going on at the grass roots activity, however. I don't know if you are dialed in any of this, but wanted to contact you about it.

An abundance of data and more information is available on the TELEGRAM app in the groups "America First Audit" and "Montana First Audit" channels. All 50 states are represented in Telegram's America First Audit channel. I would humbly suggest you investigate what is going on there if you haven't already done so.

I'm including a few samples of some of the information there - a breakdown of suspicious (needs to be investigated) activity surrounding the 2020 election in Montana. The map and chart here were put together by Seth Keshel, he is analyzing all 50 states to identify where counties have irregularities in the 2020 election. If you are not aware of his work, Seth Keshel has been analyzing irregularities between population growth, historic trends, and registered voters. Lincoln County is shown as "Yellow" on the Map he put together.



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
	2008 R	2008 D	2012 R	2012 D	2016 R	2016 D	2020 R	2020 D	Pop Growth Decade	New RVs	
Beaverhead	3	2	3	1	3	1	4	2	3%	383	
Big Horn	2	4	2	3	2	2	2	2	2%	-496	
Blaine	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1%	236	
Broadwater	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	1	15%	801	
Carbon	3	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	8%	562	
Carter	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	7%	5	
Cascade	17	18	18	15	20	12	23	15	0%	-3,406	
Chouteau	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	-2%	204	
Custer	3	2	3	2	4	1	4	1	-4%	88	
Daniels	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-6%	-13	
Dawson	3	2	3	1	3	1	4	1	-5%	0	
Deer Lodge	2	3	1	3	2	2	2	3	-2%	471	
Fallon	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-2%	-121	
Fergus	4	2	4	2	4	1	5	1	-4%	113	
Flathead	26	16	28	14	30	13	38	20	16%	9,170	
Gallatin	23	24	24	22	24	24	32	37	31%	13,072	
Garfield	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5%	16	
Glacier	1	3	1	4	2	3	2	3	1%	571	
Golden Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6%	-16	
Granite	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	8%	101	
Hill	3	4	3	3	3	2	4	3	2%	-286	
Jefferson	4	3	4	2	4	2	5	3	8%	1,089	
Judith Basin	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-4%	66	
Lake	6	7	7	6	8	5	9	7	8%	1,982	
Lewis & Clark	15	17	17	16	17	15	21	20	11%	5,289	
Liberty	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1%	55	
Lincoln	6	3	6	3	7	2	9	3	3%	991	
Madison	3	2	3	1	3	1	4	2	17%	935	
McCone	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-5%	-15	
Meagher	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-3%	15	
Mineral	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	8%	281	
Missoula	21	37	23	33	22	32	26	43	11%	7,350	
Musselshell	2	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	3%	559	
Park	4	4	5	4	5	4	6	5	7%	1,298	
Petroleum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1%	-35	
Phillips	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	-8%	118	
Pondera	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	-6%	313	
Powder River	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-4%	38	
Powell	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	1	3%	347	
Prairie	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-10%	1	
Ravalli	13	8	14	7	15	6	19	9	12%	3,620	
Richland	3	1	4	1	4	1	5	1	13%	658	
Roosevelt	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	5%	233	
Rosebud	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	-4%	67	
Sanders	4	2	4	2	4	1	6	2	7%	909	
Sheridan	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	-4%	94	
Silver Bow	5	12	5	11	6	9	8	10	3%	1,460	
Sitllwater	3	2	3	1	4	1	4	1	9%	714	
Sweet Grass	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	1	1%	169	
Teton	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	1	3%	145	
Toole	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	-12%	-44	
Treasure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3%	-9	
Valley	2	2	2	1	3	1	3	1	0%	291	
Wheatland	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-1%	-72	
Wibaux	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-8%	-8	
Yellowstone	36	32	41	26	41	22	51	31	10%	7,809	

According to Keshel (and also backed by national attention-- Missoula County especially) there is significance evidence to support looking into the 2020 elections in every state. Montana has been identified as having at least six counties where irregularities have been identified as "red". Also, even more concerning are the Zuckerbergs Grants to fund local elections. Ordinary citizens in some of the counties have been researching and reporting in the Montana First Audit Chat on Telegram, the following counties have applied for and awarded Zuckerbergs' "CTCL" Election grants.

Montana Counties Awarded Grants from Zuckerberg-Funded Center for Tech & Civic Life (CTCL) for use in 11/2020 Election with Seth Keshel's Analysis Indicating Potential Election Fraud

<https://www.techandcivillife.org/our-work/civic-data/how-its-used/>
<https://www.techandcivillife.org/grants-awards/>
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1E7P3ow1O6U8pMY1GaeI8n7wZw6e-19d37NEE5ZA/>

Jurisdiction	Entity	State	CTCL Grant Award Amount	Keshel Chart Color*	Keshel Estimated Excess Voters*
"Park"	County	Montana		yellow	
Anaconda-Deer Lodge	City-County Combined	Montana		yellow	
Blaine	County	Montana		yellow	
Cascade	County	Montana	\$294,128	red	3,000
Custer	County	Montana		yellow	
Daniels	County	Montana		green	
Gallatin	County	Montana	\$292,839	red	7,000
Glacier	County	Montana		green	
Hill	County	Montana		yellow	
Jefferson	County	Montana		green	
Lake County	County	Montana	\$272,932	yellow	
Lewis And Clark	County	Montana		red	3,000
Liberty	County	Montana		green	
Madison	County	Montana	\$5,000	yellow	
Missoula	County	Montana	\$312,818	red	6,000
Phillips County	County	Montana		green	
Pondera	County	Montana		green	
Powell County	County	Montana		green	
Prairie	County	Montana		green	
Ravalli	County	Montana	\$19,593	yellow	
Sanders	County	Montana	\$0	yellow	
Sheridan	County	Montana		green	
Stillwater	County	Montana	\$5,000	green	
Sweet Grass	County	Montana		green	
Teton County	County	Montana		green	
Toole	County	Montana		green	
Valley County	County	Montana		green	
Wheatland	County	Montana		green	
Wibaux	County	Montana		green	
Yellowstone	County	Montana		red	6,000
30 of 56 MT counties awarded CTCL funds			\$1,202,310		

Steve, it would be easy to sit back and think that Lincoln County is immune from this kind of outside influence, unlike Missoula, Yellowstone, Flathead, Gallatin and the others. But it has been flagged by Keshel (who is doing analysis on all 50 states) as "Yellow" - showing at least potentially suspicious tendencies. I believe outside influencers like Zuckerberg should not be funding our administration of elections at all, ever. Period. The chart above is just beginning to be filled in (as of end of July so far) as people contact their election administrators... But supposedly over \$1.2 million dollars was granted to 30 of Montana's 56 counties. I don't know if Lincoln County received any of that funding, do you?

Again, Lincoln County is not on this list for 2020, but if election integrity is not established - and to my way of thinking a forensic audit, in at least the "Red" counties, for one will not have faith that the elections in 2022, 2024 and beyond will not be similarly compromised. That means state representatives and senators, federal house & senate elections, Governor, Secretary of State, etc. I remember watching the state elections last year and the harrowing changes to the "late" counts that came in from many of those "Zuckerberg" counties.

If left unchecked - and if there's a simpler method than a forensic audit I'd love to hear of it - Montana - with all its natural resources - will be subject to, in my opinion, the interests of "big business" and "Political Elites" and no longer of Montanans. Montana matters to the nation, and obviously to its citizens.

So again, are you aware of the so-called "November 3rd" movement to get to the bottom of election integrity and to have audits of 2020 elections? How do you stand on it? I understand that as of the end of July, the following Montana Reps have said that they support the audits. Do you? And are you willing to go on the record with that? I'd like to see you added to that growing list:

- (HD-97) - Brad Tschida
- (HD-85) - Theresa Manzella
- (HD-11) - Derek Skees
- (HD-95) - Michele Binkley
- (HD-87) - Ron Marshall

I thank you for the service you are doing for HD 1, and glad that you have stepped up so boldly on so many issues. Thank you in advance for a response to my inquiry, and if you are already aware of the work on election integrity, I thank you for your patience with my contacting you.

Sincerely,
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Fri, Jul 16, 2021 05:26 PM

The Honorable
 Ms. Jena Griswold
 Colorado Secretary of State

Dear Madam Secretary,

I was given a copy of your correspondence to Representatives Hanks, Neville, Williams, Ransom, and Sandridge dated 7/13/2021, 8:49 pm.

I have no doubt at this time that your communication was with all honest and good intentions. However, there are some serious misconceptions in your letter and would advise you to carefully review your position and their justifications. A revised letter could help your image. Simply repeating popular major media sound-bites will not work as citizens become more informed from other much more reliable sources.

The engineering science of electronic voting machines, as reported from Democratic voices in the HBO documentary *Kill Chain – The Cyber War on America's Elections*, released March 2020, raised some serious questions that have yet to be answered. I caution you to stop using the phrase "unfounded conspiracy theories," because the uncertainties come from cyber security, computer security and world-class hackers reporting on real problems months before the 2020 election. In fact their Democratic-flavored evidence strongly suggests the current Georgia Republican governor, Brian Kemp, stole his seat in the 2018 election. (I believe there is growing consensus that any party that stole their position should be prosecuted.) You can download this video for \$3 rental version, but advise you add \$2 more to own it. It's about a 90-minute documentary. You will not catch all the details in one viewing.

Some of the engineering details include: ES&S model TSx has wireless ICs on motherboards that are wirelessly hack-able from parking lots and no one, not even Bill Barr, would ever know about it. Without full forensic audits no one would know. Even the University of Michigan computer science professor, Dr. J. Alex Halderman, almost overlooked the wireless functionality of one model. Without full forensic audits, inclusive of Jovan Pulitzer's paper kinematic inspections, no one would really know if an election is honest now. It was reported from these Democratic voices that the TSx model was to be used in 20 states in the 2020 election. The documentary also showed another unidentified black model being wirelessly hacked at DEF CON while observers around it were completely dumbfounded and confused. The hacker explained how this can be done automatically as the hacker simply drives by voting places and no paper trail would be left for discovery. World-Class hacker, Harri Hursti, admitted this type of hacking is trivial now and the hacker doesn't even need to see the voting machine. So if all this is "unfounded conspiracy theories," it appears to have started with the Democrats in March 2020.

The claim that's unfounded now is "The machines were not connected to the internet." Mr. Hursti explains why this is false even when machines are not connected during the election-voting period. Dormant malware can always be loaded and become active later. The machine used to elect Brian Kemp was actually hacked by Harri Hursti years earlier by a similar process.

Then there's Matthew Deperno of DePerno Law that showed how a tabulabr's software was manipulated in seconds with vote switching outcomes and no one would be wiser for it without full forensic audits of the actual paper ballots. See DepernoLaw.com and watch "How we cracked Dominion."

On the Dominion topic: The Secretary of State of Texas released a report dated January 24, 2020 signed by Jose A. Esparza, Deputy Secretary of State, explaining why Texas was rejecting Dominion voting machines. Concerns were raised "... about whether the Democracy Suite 5.5-A system ... is safe from fraudulent or unauthorized manipulation." (page 2) So Dominion once had offices in Denver and our voting systems were never messed with by Dominion? The general public has very good reasons to doubt this claim.

If Colorado is the "gold-standard election system," then a full forensic audit should put everyone at ease. Any resistance will be viewed now with motives of something to hide.

It's absolutely shameful for anyone to receive any threat for any reason from anyone. But it is equally shameful to leave the impression that only election officials or political winners are the only ones receiving threats. Attorneys, who desire to represent the losing side, are also threatened to not take up cases, rejected poll monitors wanting to testify of mistreatment, neighborhood canvassers and others simply wanting full forensic audits are also threatened. Altercations and physical conflicts outside the Western Conservative Conference in Denver were recently reported. I would ask that you stop the relaxations in your

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correspondence to help build American unity. We should be able to work together for full forensic audits and let the outcome be whatever it is. For you to communicate that only the losers want this is another major mistake and is polarizing. The U.S. Constitution gives election authority to the Colorado Legislature and not to you anyway.

Physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer once said, "*The scientist must be free to ask any question, to doubt any assertion, to seek for any evidence, to correct any errors.*" So should all citizens be granted the option of full forensic audits with Jovan Pulitzer's technology of paper kinematic inspections to fully verify our elections are as claimed. With 30% Democrats doubting the 2020 election, we should do all we can to affirm we are the government of the people, by the people, and for the people. That doubting percentage and negative views of anyone who resists audits are sure to increase without full forensic audits inclusive of Jovan Pulitzer's technology of paper kinematic inspections to prove now our elections are clean.

Sincerely,

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PS. Military & Aerospace had an email cyber security seminar add this past April. One special session was titled: "*Why we'll never keep the bad guys out.*" If the military is having this problem, who else is?

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response to Sen. Manzella's open letter on Convention of States

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Rep. Usher, Chair House Judiciary
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 Members of the House

All,

With due respect to my Senate colleague, Sen. Manzella, I would like to address the open letter she sent out to legislators and constituents and posted on Facebook. The letter states 3 points in opposition to a convention for proposing amendments under article V. They are:

1. "I think the evidence clearly shows that the constitutional convention of 1787 was a 'runaway' and therefore legal precedence has been set and stands today".
2. "I think the evidence clearly shows that Congress (that currently has a 11% approval rating) will play a much larger role in an Article V Convention than the COS would like to admit; including establishing rules for the convention, as well as how the Delegates will be chosen."
3. "and finally, again, it was my personal experience in attending the mock Article V Convention hosted by the COS that the process did, in fact "runaway" and usurped the U.S. Constitution in a significant way.

My response:

The state of Virginia was the first state to give instructions to delegates to the 1787 Philadelphia convention. Virginia's instructions were to send their delegates to join with delegates from other states in "devising and discussing all such Alterations and farther Provisions as may be necessary to render the Foederal [sic] Constitution adequate to the Exigencies of the Union and in reporting such an Act for that purpose to the United States in Congress". Madison in Federalist 40 also states "The sum of what has been advanced and proved is, that the charge against the convention of exceeding their powers, except in one small instance little urged by the objectors, has no foundation to support it". The VA instructions were mirrored by 10 other states which represented 48 of the 55 delegates to the convention. Two states (NY and MA) had more limited instructions. Of the 7 commissioners with limited instructions, 4 did not sign the constitution.

The evidence, when read, shows that the charge that the delegates went beyond their authority fell (and falls) flat. The constitution was popularly ratified by all 13 states in conventions. Ratification was hardly the act of a people abused by rouge commissioners usurping authority unlawfully. Second, the idea that congress would control A convention of states has been floated repeatedly. In fact, Sen. Sam Ervin, a Democrat from NC, repeatedly sought to pass legislation in the 60s that would put congress in control of the convention. This legislation was rejected multiple times because it:

1. Does not square with the power given to the states in Article V to amend the constitution. Just as the states have no power over congress when it proposes amendments, congress has no power over the states in proposing amendments.
2. The power given to the states at the constitutional convention to amend the constitution was given expressly to keep congress from controlling the process. Anything to the contrary would be inconsistent with Article V and the purpose stated by multiple founders to KEEP congress from controlling this process.

Finally, the charge that the mock Convention of States convention held in 2016 was a runaway is refuted by Professor <https://www.americanoversight.org/document/2016-02-22-16-000029>

I have attached source materials:

1. Prof. Natelson letter refuting Sen. Manzella's claim of a runaway mock convention.
2. Michael Ferris' article in the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy on "The Constitution was not the Product of a Runaway Convention". Prof. Ferris is the president of Alliance Defending freedom, a legal organization defending our first amendment freedoms.

Prof. Ferris' article is outstanding scholarship, and if read, will give the historical details to put to bed the false claim that our founding fathers acted dishonorably in devising our constitution.

I realize time is short for such extensive reading, but I urge you to save this for future study. This subject is urgent to address the delicate and critical situation of our nation.

The opposition only has a NO solution. It is the responsibility of state legislators to act boldly, not to cower in fear of "what if". We offer a well thought out, constitutional solution given by our founders to check a runaway government. We can stop it and we must.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sen. McGillvray

PS: Check the debt clock in my footer. Time is running out.

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5G Delay, Threats to Religious Groups, and SG Calls Out Cruz

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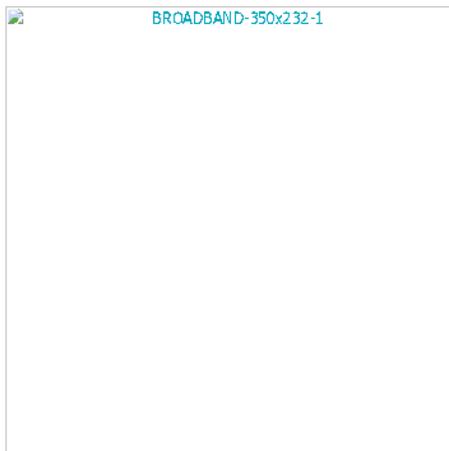


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Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Read to the end of this email to learn about how pudgy pandas stay so pleasingly chubby despite their strict bamboo diet...

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

AT&T, Verizon to Delay 5G Rollout Near Airports



AT&T and Verizon on Tuesday agreed to delay their rollout of new 5G services near some unspecified airports over ongoing concerns that moving those services to a new band could cause flight disruptions.

Debate has been raging for months over whether — and if so, to what extent — moving the 5G services to a bandwidth airlines use to navigate in low-visibility situations would be a problem.

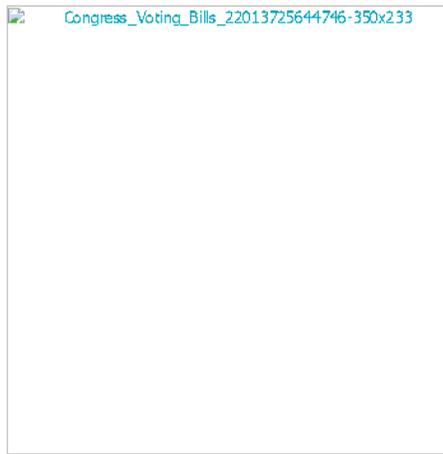
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'Eye of the Nation Watching' as Voting Rights Bill Appears Headed for Defeat



With the defeat of sweeping voting rights legislation all but certain in the Senate this week, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer stressed a different goal as he opened the chamber's session on Tuesday, forcing all senators to go on the record about where they stand on the issue.

"The eyes of the nation will be watching what happens this week in the United States Senate," Schumer said.

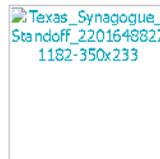
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The FBI and Department of Homeland Security sent a letter to faith-based organizations Monday warning them they remain potential targets of violent extremists.

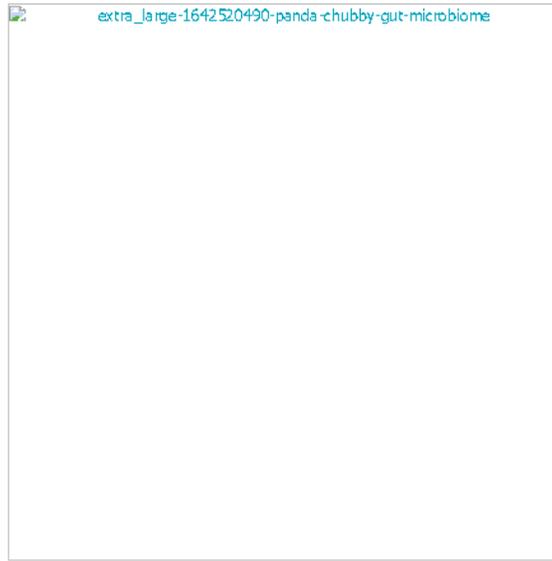


[Solicitor General Calls Out Cruz in Supreme Court Case](#)

The Ted Cruz for Senate campaign committee's First Amendment challenge to a key campaign finance law should be tossed by the Supreme Court as the campaign committee's alleged injuries were self-inflicted, the U.S. solicitor general claimed in a court filing on Tuesday.

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Electoral college deadlines aren't set in stone?

"An election integrity watchdog said the current Electoral College deadlines not only have "zero constitutional basis" but are preventing states from fulfilling their legal and ethical obligations to ensure free and fair elections...says The Amistad Project of the nonpartisan Thomas Moore Society released the study ([pdf](#)) on Dec. 4, making the case that the only constitutionally set date in the election process is Jan. 20, when the next president of the United States will be sworn in....

https://www.theepochtimes.com/electoral-college-deadlines-not-set-in-stone-election-integrity-watchdog_3606047.html?utm_source=news&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=breaking:2020-12-05-3

"With the fraud case, the Dec. 8 deadline doesn't apply," Powell [told Newsmax](#) in a Dec. 4 interview. "We have at least until Dec. 14."

Sure hope 'they' can get 'er all done' in time to stop the steal...& just HOW much more evidence do 'they' need?

And how about this:
<https://oelreport.com/2020/12/georgia-county-cant-find-chain-of-custody-records-for-absentee-ballots-exist.html/>

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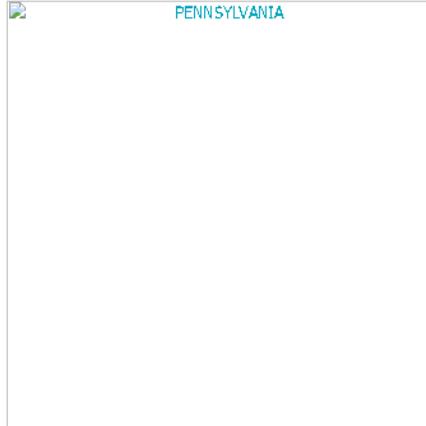
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Pennsylvania Secretary of State Certifies Presidential Election Results



HARRISBURG, Pa. – Pennsylvania Secretary of State Kathy Bookvar certified the results of the 2020 presidential election Tuesday, after all 67 counties in the state certified their individual results late Monday night.

A short time later, as required by federal law, Gov. Tom Wolf signed the Certificate of Ascertainment for the slate of electors for Joseph R. Biden as president and Kamala D. Harris as vice president of the United States.

"Today's certification is a testament to the incredible efforts of our local and state election officials, who worked tirelessly to ensure Pennsylvania had a free, fair and accurate process that reflects the will of the voters," Wolf said.

The certificate was submitted to the Archivist of the United States.



The vote totals were as follows:

Electors for Democratic Party candidates Joseph R. Biden and Kamala D. Harris – 3,458,229

Electors for Republican Party candidates Donald J. Trump and Michael R. Pence – 3,377,674

Electors for Libertarian Party candidates Jo Jorgensen and Jeremy Spike Cohen – 79,380

Bookvar said her office was "tremendously grateful" to election officials in all 67 counties "who have been working extremely long hours to ensure that every qualified voter's vote was counted safely and securely."

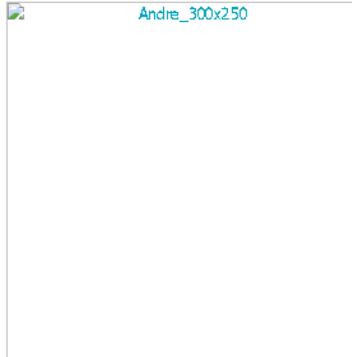
"The county election officials and the poll workers are the true heroes of our democracy, enabling us to vote in record numbers, amid challenging circumstances,

so that every eligible voter's voice could be heard," she said.

Neither the Trump campaign or the White House immediately commented on the development.

On Monday, Jenna Ellis, a senior legal advisor to the Trump re-election campaign, said in a statement, "certification by state officials is simply a procedural step.

"We are going to continue combating election fraud around the country as we fight to count all the legal votes. Americans must be assured that the final results are fair and legitimate."



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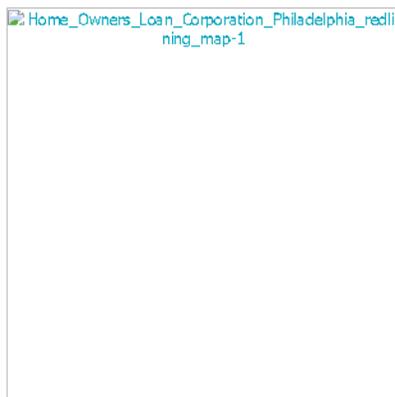
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House Votes To Block Controversial Rewrite Of Decades-Old Anti-Redlining Laws



WASHINGTON — The House on Monday voted to block the Trump administration from overhauling rules that affect how banks make loans to people in lower to moderate-income communities.

The resolution, introduced by Rep. Maxine Waters, challenges a recent ruling by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency that amends the Community Reinvestment Act. It will now head to the Senate, where Republicans are expected to block the measure.

Congress passed the CRA in 1977 to reverse the effects of widespread redlining, a discriminatory practice by which banks avoided lending money to mostly-minority communities in lower-income neighborhoods.

But last month, then-OCC Commissioner Joseph Otting announced a long-expected overhaul of the rule without support from other banking regulators, just one day before abruptly stepping down.

Otting's resignation was condemned on Monday by Waters, who accused the former banking CEO of steamrolling through changes that would benefit the banking industry while hurting consumers.

"Despite the warnings of a wide range of stakeholders, former Comptroller Joseph Otting rushed to finalize this rule in his final days on the job," Waters said on Monday.

"Mr. Otting appears to have been determined to undermine the Community Reinvestment Act ever since the law complicated his efforts to quickly obtain regulatory approval for OneWest Bank, a bank he ran with Treasury Secretary Mnuchin, to merge with another bank in 2015."

At the core of the OCC rule is a change to performance metrics used by federal regulators to grade banks on their ability to provide financial services to lower-income communities.

Every two to five years, banks receive a CRA "rating" that is calculated based on a set of factors that varies depending on an institution's size and mission. The grades, which are posted publicly, are meant to encourage banks to meet the borrowing needs of people in underserved communities.

Critics of the OCC rule say it waters down the CRA by pushing banks to pursue large financial deals with corporations instead of incentivizing smaller loans that benefit individuals in lower-income communities.

"I am deeply concerned that the OCC's final rule will harm low-income and minority communities that are disproportionately suffering during this crisis, effectively turning the Community Reinvestment Act into the Community Disinvestment Act," said Waters, who chairs the House's Committee On Financial Services.

Last week, advocates filed a federal [lawsuit](#) against the Trump administration and OCC Acting Comptroller Brian Brooks in response to the OCC ruling. The complaint, filed on June 25 by the National Community Reinvestment Coalition and the California Reinvestment Coalition, alleges that OCC violated federal laws by hastily issuing a final rule that "eviscerates" the CRA without community input.

"The new rules weaken requirements for banks to lend to lower-income borrowers and communities, which is the whole point of the law," said Jesse Van Tol, CEO of NCRC, in a statement. "To make matters worse, it is clear that the OCC ignored the vast majority of community organizations' dissenting comments. Even most banks don't want these new rules put into place, and they still are unsure what it will take to implement them."

The OCC billed the final rule as a move to "strengthen and modernize" the CRA, but the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, one of two federal agencies that insure bank loans, declined to back the changes.

"While the FDIC strongly supports the efforts to make the CRA rules clearer, more transparent, and less subjective, the agency is not prepared to finalize the CRA proposal at this time," said FDIC Chairman Jelena McWilliams in a [statement](#) on May 20.

Banking industry groups like the American Bankers Association have long advocated for a modernization of the CRA, arguing that the decades-old regulations are no longer relevant in the era of digital banking.

"Stakeholders on all sides have acknowledged that the current CRA regime has failed to keep pace with the evolution of banking and community needs," said ABA President Rob Nichols in a statement in May. "We appreciate that today's final rule identifies a list of activities that qualify for CRA credit that will be effective immediately. Banks and the communities they serve will benefit from this certainty."

Nichols expressed concern, however, that the rule was not backed by other federal regulators, and said that the proposed performance metrics "present significant data collection challenges for banks."

Research shows that decades of redlining in U.S. cities have led to widespread economic blight that is still being felt by minority communities in metropolitan areas today.

According to a 2018 [report](#) by the Brookings Institution, "majority black neighborhoods suffer from lower quality housing and limited access to good schools and neighborhood amenities."

The study, which examined the legacy of redlining and other exclusionary housing policies, found that homes in neighborhoods where 50% of the population is Black are today worth roughly half the price of homes in neighborhoods with no Black residents.

On average, homes in majority-black neighborhoods are undervalued by \$48,000, which amounts to \$156 billion in cumulative losses across the country, the report found.

TODAY ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Declared candidates: The Trump re-election campaign will hold a "The Right View" online event hosted by Trump 2020 campaign senior advisors Lara Trump and Kimberly Guilfoyle, Trump for President campaign official Mercedes Schlapp, and communications consultant and Trump 2016 presidential campaign national spokesperson Katrina Pierson. Their special guests include Trump 2020 senior legal advisor Jenna Ellis and Georgia State Rep. Vernon Jones.

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May 'this' investigation be the 'straw that broke the camel's back'?

"All of it came together in 2020, under the fog of COVID. *It was planned. It was purposeful.*
True the Vote has gathered extensive cell phone GPS pinging data in 6 states: Georgia, Arizona, Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Texas

"We'd watched the mass mail out of paper ballots to highly inaccurate voter records, the haphazard installation of ballot drop boxes *privately funded by billionaire tech magnates*, and the hundreds of legislative changes, lawsuits, and consent decrees that fundamentally altered election processes..."
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"...From this we have thus far developed precise patterns of life for 242 suspected ballot traffickers in Georgia and 202 traffickers in Arizona,"
True The Vote's document says. "According to the data, *each trafficker went to an average of 23 ballot dropboxes.*" We are successfully finding video evidence that corroborates the digital data and supports the need for full investigations by law enforcement.

"Make no mistake, what we have found will be made known," Engelbrecht wrote.
If law enforcement doesn't initiate investigations, we have plans to release all data, all video, publicly," she added.
Hopefully, this will 'prompt' certain state officials to take a real, hard look at their 2020 election and election process.

A glimmer of hope?
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Happy New Year! We hope you are feeling refreshed and more dedicated than ever to helping high school students be college, career, and future ready.

To encapsulate the past year, we've created the 2020-2021 Impact Report so that you can look back at the incredible work of the NAF network - students, alumni, educators, employer partners, policymakers, and so many others committed to empowering young people to take control of their futures. Check out page 10 for a highlight of NAF's key policy initiatives and wins!

We are truly grateful for your support of this critical work. We look forward to working with you this year to champion policies that increase work-based learning opportunities for students and build diverse, skilled talent pipelines.

See NAF's 2020-2021 Impact Report

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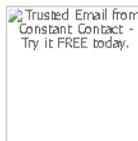
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Please [reach out to me](#) if you have any questions or would like to talk further about how you can partner with NAF to develop a talented and diverse future workforce.

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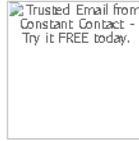
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Dear Governor Gianforte, et al:

Thank you for taking the time to carefully read and consider this letter, its purpose, the overwhelming supportive evidence, and the subsequent signatures and remarks. As you will find, there is no valid reason why any schools in Montana should be forcing our kids to wear masks. In fact, the science on mask efficacy is settled, and has been for a long time. "We know today that the face cloth coverings that people wear are not very effective in reducing any of the virus' movement in or out." - Michael Osterholm, former COVID-19 adviser and top epidemiologist under President Biden.

Furthermore, included in this letter are current statistics showing that right here, in Gallatin County, masked schools have a higher percentage of COVID outbreaks than unmasked schools.

The school boards have an excessive amount of authority and control upon which they rely, when mandating that our kids cover their faces throughout the day. When questioned, specifically with regard to the science and evidence used when imposing their mask mandates upon our children, we generally receive a response predicated around "...the Board of Trustees has the exclusive authority under Montana law..." They have no valid response, simply a reminder that they are in control.

The truth of the matter is that the school boards are ignoring the current facts/science/data which clearly and indisputably show that masks are ineffective in reducing the spread of COVID-19. Simultaneously, they are also ignoring the very harmful effects that masks are having on our children, including a demonstrated reduction in oxygen levels and dangerous increase in carbon dioxide levels in our children, as measured by pulse oximeters (resulting in dizziness, fatigue, inability to concentrate...etc), constant exposure to bacteria, difficulty communicating (inability to adequately speak or hear, see facial expressions...etc) and a measurable increase in anxiety and depression.

Governor Gianforte, thank you for your time and your careful consideration. We, the parents and constituents from all around the great state of Montana, trust that you will do what is right for our children.

Sincerely,

David Dickey

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Dear NRI Committee Members,

Good morning. We are looking forward to seeing you in a few days in Tampa! In preparation for the [2021 NCSL Legislative Summit](#), please find attached final copies of the committee's workbook and policy book.

Included in the Workbook are:

- Committee Roster
- Committee Agenda
- Committee Resource Links
- Summaries of all policies and amendments
- All policies and amendments

Included in the Policy Book (which is the document we will use for the committee business meeting) are:

- All policies and amendments

Please be aware that the 2021 Legislative Summit is a digital meeting so NCSL staff **will NOT** have paper copies of either the workbook or policy book available. It will be accessible through the NCSL app which you can download [here](#), or the [online agenda](#) (sorted by the Infrastructure track). As a reminder, the **Committee's business meeting is Wednesday, Nov 4, 7:30 – 8:45 a.m.** – grab and go breakfast will be served. Additionally, to view all the policies and amendments that all NCSL Standing Committees will consider next week, [click here](#).

Finally, when you check in to get your badge, it should indicate on the back side that you are a member of the NRI Committee (in addition to any other committees you may also be a member of). If for some reason it does not, please let us know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know – our cell phone numbers are listed in the workbook. Thank you and see you soon!

- Kristen, Ben, and Jen

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Legislature**AP | [State appeals decision to block Montana's new abortion laws](#)**

Montana's Attorney General is appealing in the state Supreme Court against a decision by a district court judge to block several laws restricting abortion access while a legal challenge is underway. Republican Attorney General Austin Knudsen filed the notice of appeal on Tuesday, after Yellowstone District Court Judge Michael Moses issued a preliminary injunction earlier this month that temporarily stopped the laws from going into effect.

MTN | [Order blocking abortion-restriction laws goes to MT Supreme Court](#)

Knudsen filed the appeal Tuesday to overturn the Oct. 7 order from state District Judge Michael Moses of Billings, who not only blocked the laws from taking effect but also strongly indicated that he would ultimately find them unconstitutional. Emilee Cantrell, a spokeswoman for Knudsen, said the attorney general is appealing the ruling "to protect women and their unborn children and reverse the lower court's order."

Lee Newspapers | [Attorney general appeals injunction halting new abortion laws](#)

Republican Attorney General Austin Knudsen filed the notice of appeal with the state Supreme Court on Tuesday. The office did not respond to an email Wednesday seeking comment about the filing.

MTPR | [Attorney General will appeal the temporary pause on Montana's new abortion laws](#)

The filing comes after a Yellowstone County judge approved Planned Parenthood of Montana's request to temporarily stop the anti-abortion laws passed by the Republican-led Legislature and signed into law earlier this year...Emilee Cantrell, a spokesperson for Knudsen, has said stopping the laws from going into effect prevents "common sense health protections."

Daily Montanan | [PSC chair: 'No more lip service,' agency addressing audit findings](#)

The Montana Public Service Commission received praise Wednesday for shoring up internal regulations and restructuring after a financial audit earlier this year showed abuses and led legislative auditors to call for better controls and an improved culture at the regulatory agency. "I just wanted to thank Mr. Brown (Chairman James Brown) for some really great responses to that previous audit and (thank) other commissioners as well," said Sen. Mary McNally, a Billings Democrat. "There's been a lot of good work done. It looks much better."

Daily Montanan | [Audit: Montana Lottery security issues could put personal bank, credit card info at risk](#)

A new audit of the Montana State Lottery found that with the new services added to the lottery with the introduction of sports betting in 2020, security requirements are not being met, possibly compromising people's credit card and bank data...The auditors made five recommendations to the lottery to beef up security, and the lottery concurred with all five...On Wednesday, the report was presented to the Legislative Audit Committee, which unanimously voted in favor of the lottery implementing the five recommendations outlined in the report to boost security.

AP | [Montana media groups appeal ruling over closed GOP meeting](#)

Members of the Montana media are appealing a state judge's ruling in a lawsuit over whether Republican members of a legislative committee legally held a secret meeting before voting on bills involving abortion and transgender health care...Usher said he supports the public's right to observe what its government is doing. "Montana's Constitution and state law spell out what is and isn't a meeting that's open to the public," he said in a statement. "I was glad to see the District Court agree with the very clear fact that a fraction of a quorum is not a quorum and the members of my committee talking together followed Montana law. I'm hopeful the Montana Supreme Court will uphold that common sense ruling."

Opinion: Rep. Derek Skeas

Helena IR | [Above the law](#)

After a recent Redistricting Commission meeting, it was obvious the Democrat commissioners were determined to craft a victory for their party. The previous six meetings saw Montana citizens demanding that the commissioners adhere to Montana law (MCA 5-1-115 new section 4) and create two districts that were contiguous, compact and not favoring a political party. The Democrat commissioners decided that an undefined measure of "competitive" would replace the law.

Opinion: Rep. Mark Thane

Flathead Beacon | [It's Time to Help Working Montanans](#)

In a recent guest column, Sen. Greg Hertz, R-Polson, decried the Biden administration's call to restore the federal corporate tax rate to a reasonable level, still lower than it was prior to 2017...Hertz and his Republican colleagues show us their priority is to cling to the failed policies of the past where a nurse pays more in taxes than a big corporation or its executives. Now, however, is the time to invest in America's future.

Opinion: Rep. Seth Berglee

Montana Standard | [How will Tester vote on Office of Civil Rights nominee?](#)

As the Senate's deciding vote, will Senator Tester stand with Montana parents and children, or will he stand with the far-left extremists who want to divide our country along racial lines? Parents across Montana and our country are standing up for the principles of Lincoln and Dr. King and rejecting the ideas of Ibram Kendi and Robin DiAngelo. Will Jon Tester?

State government**Lee Newspapers | [Sheriff disputes MT attorney general's claim to jurisdiction in hospital incident](#)**

The Lewis and Clark County sheriff raised questions Wednesday about whether state Attorney General Austin Knudsen overstepped his Department of Justice's jurisdiction when dispatching a Montana Highway Patrol trooper to St. Peter's Health in Helena last week...After previously pointing to a different segment of state law when asserting jurisdiction, Knudsen's office said Wednesday it has the power to investigate "patient abuse or patient neglect" through its Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. The office has also defended the attorney general's actions and has disputed the hospital's description of events...Dutton said no one from the Attorney General's Office or the Montana Highway Patrol contacted him before dispatching a trooper. He added that he reached out to Knudsen, who agreed to meet and discuss the matter...It's unfortunate that the hospital and members of the Montana media are trying to turn the focus away from the serious allegations regarding the mistreatment of a patient," Nerison said.

MTN | [U.S. acting attorney for Montana sends letters of statutes to state law enforcement](#)

Letters from the acting US attorney for Montana arrived at the county attorney's offices, law enforcement agencies and school boards across Montana. The letters offer federal help—including help from the FBI—in any case of threats against school boards and teachers. The letter included three pages of statutes ranging from conspiracy to depriving a person of their civil rights, to stalking and cyberstalking, and a statute related to false information or hoaxes...Lewis and Clark County Sheriff Leo Dutton says the help is not needed.

AP | [Montana reaches deal in Colstrip coal ash cleanup dispute](#)

The state of Montana has reached a settlement with a coal plant operator that gives the company two years to come up with an alternative plan to clean up water polluted with coal ash. Ponds meant to contain the toxic ash from the Colstrip power plant in southeastern Montana have been leaking for years, contaminating underground water supplies.

KULR 8 | [Gov. Gianforte opens Montana Asia Trade Office in Taiwan](#)

Alongside Director General Daniel Chen of the Seattle Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office, Governor Greg Gianforte officially opened the Montana Asia Trade Office in Taipei, Taiwan on Wednesday.

Opinion: Commissioner Troy Downing

Miles City Star | [Insurance may not cover a hail damaged roof](#)

When it comes to insuring your home it is important to know there is a significant difference between "Replacement Cost" and "Actual Cash Value" coverage. We'll get to that shortly.

Opinion: Darrell Ehrlick (editor)

Daily Montanan | [The real election fraud in Montana](#)

Montana, we've been duped. There has been election fraud, just not the sort that has made headlines in Georgia or Arizona. Montanans were promised a governor and attorney general capable of leadership, governing and fulfilling the positions outlined by the state's constitution. What we have received from the governor instead is vacuous, absentee leadership that makes strong statements on national cable news networks, but remains too chicken to answer questions from the reporters or even face a public that's not hand-picked and carefully selected for adoration and well-placed applause. Montanans need leadership from an attorney general who is dedicated to protecting residents and consumers, not engaged in conspiracy theories, fighting causes that help politicians more than they benefit Montanans, and using the position as a cudgel to intimidate, bully and punish...Instead, we have received frauds – two men who have not done their duty or job, while Montanans suffer and die. There just is no other nicer, more diplomatic way to say it.

Other Montana news**Montana Free Press | [Public school enrollment shows fall uptick](#)**

After pandemic-induced declines last year, preliminary data from the Office of Public Instruction suggests Montana students are returning to public school.

Daily Inter Lake | Kalispell restricts pot dispensaries to industrial zones

The Kalispell City Council on Monday approved new rules regarding marijuana, restricting the sale, cultivation and manufacture of marijuana to the city's industrial zones. Council members Chad Graham, Tim Kluesner, Ryan Hunter, Sam Nunnally and Kari Gabriel, as well as Mayor Mark Johnson, voted for an amended motion that approved marijuana businesses in the industrial zones...

KBZK | As recreational marijuana approaches, Bozeman businesses prepare

Just two short months away from the start of recreational marijuana sales in the state of Montana and businesses like Collective Elevation in Bozeman are starting to get ready for an influx of people and worry about more competition. "A lot more dispensaries are going to be popping up and that's going to lead to more competition," said Adam Arnold, co-owner of Collective Elevation in Bozeman... "The legislature has done a good job protecting some of our interests and recognizing some of the hoops and hurdles that we have had to go through," says Arnold.

KGVO | Daines on Biden Mandate – OSHA Fines and Rigged Redistricting

When asked about President Biden's proposed nationwide vaccination mandate for all businesses employing more than 100 people, Daines said the fight is brewing. "I saw chilling images just last night," said Senator Daines. "I think it was in Seattle, where you're watching firefighters walking up the steps at City Hall to turn in their boots. I mean, Peter, it's outrageous..." Daines is also concerned about what he sees as a biased Montana Redistricting Commission that is drawing the new Congressional map. "I'm very concerned because this Redistricting Commission is controlled by the Democrats," he said. "It's supposed to be nonpartisan but it's not, because our Supreme Court in Montana is controlled by the trial lawyers and we've got to change because we've got a Supreme Court that is to the left of where most Montanans are."

Flathead Beacon | Glacier Park Partners Examine Reservation System's Ripple Effects

According to the most recent data available, 2.35 million visitors passed through Glacier's gates in the eight-month period through August 2021, amounting to fewer people than were recorded during the same periods in 2017, 2018 and 2019. But for neighboring public land agencies and stakeholders in gateway communities, the most telling figure isn't the number of visitors who did access Glacier, but the number of visitors who did not.

MTN | Some U.S. House candidates already raising big from out-of-staters

Two Republicans running for Montana's two new congressional seats in 2022 are crushing it on fundraising so far – but they're getting a majority of their money from outside the state. Both Rep. Matt Rosendale and former Congressman Ryan Zinke are tapping into national fundraising networks... In contrast, Zinke's GOP primary challenger, former state Sen. Al Olszewski, has culled most of his \$300,000 in campaign funds from Montana – at least 78 percent, and likely more... Among the three Democratic candidates running for the open seat, public-health expert Cora Neumann of Bozeman is the fundraiser leader so far – but she, too, has raised a substantial portion of her \$466,000 in campaign funds from outside Montana. At least 27 percent, or \$125,000, is from California, where she formerly lived and worked.

National**NPR | Organizing online, Covid skeptics drive public health professionals from their jobs**

When Nick Lawyer, a physician assistant in Sanders County, Mont, was asked by local leaders to take on the voluntary position of county public health officer, it felt like the right thing to do to serve his community in a crisis... Several months later Lawyer would lose his volunteer post, becoming just the latest county health officer in the rural state to be forced out, resign or retire early in this pandemic.

The Hill | GOP blocks Senate Democrats' revised elections bill

Senate Republicans on Wednesday blocked Democrats from advancing a revised bill to overhaul federal elections, marking the latest blow to hopes of getting voting legislation to President Biden. The Senate voted 49-51 to end debate on whether to bring up the bill, known as the Freedom to Vote Act, falling short of the 60 needed... The new bill was negotiated by Klobuchar, King, Padilla and Sens. Tim Kaine (D-Va.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), Jon Tester (D-Mont.) and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), who was the party's biggest holdout on the For the People Act.

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Please find the following research reports.

- 1) Attached is a 7 page letter (Word document) regarding election machines in Lake County Election Department, Polson Montana.
- 2) Also please find linked my latest continually updated research report - [Election Fraud in America – A National Disgrace](#)
 - If you have seen this research before, please start at the back of the report and read forward until it looks familiar.
 - There is much new information on the 2020=2021 election fraud.

I have received no response from the Montana Secretary of State Elections Office since I sent this letter nearly 3 weeks ago at the advice of Tone Kramer our Lake County Election Administrator.

Sincerely,

Jack Venrick

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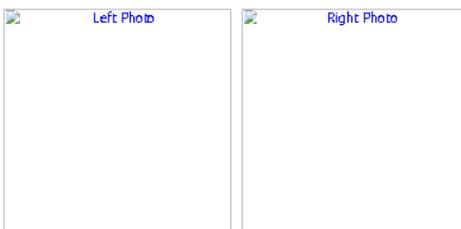
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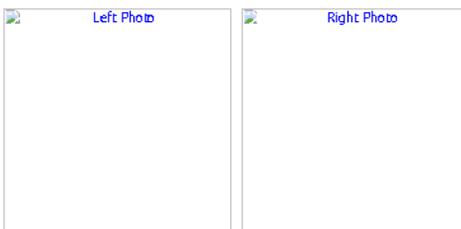
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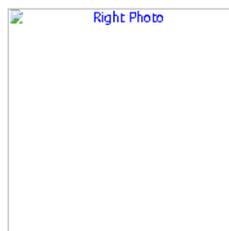


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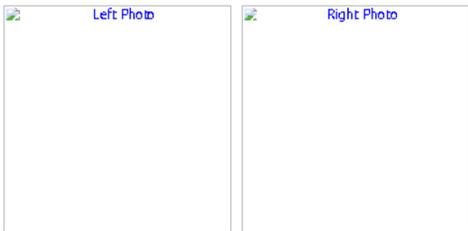
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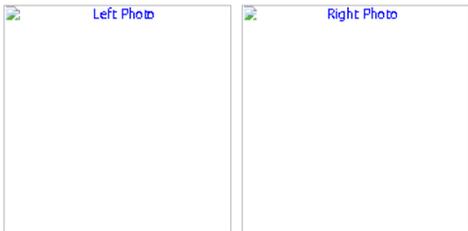
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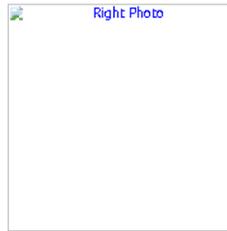
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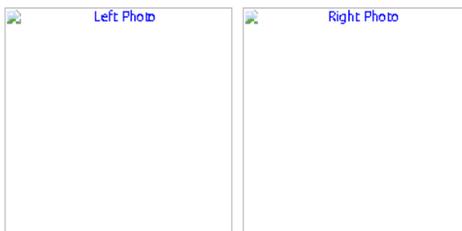
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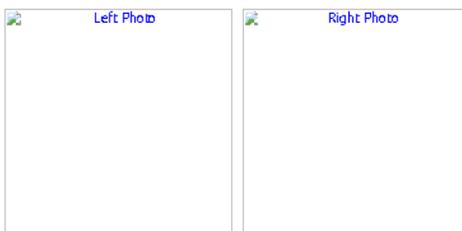
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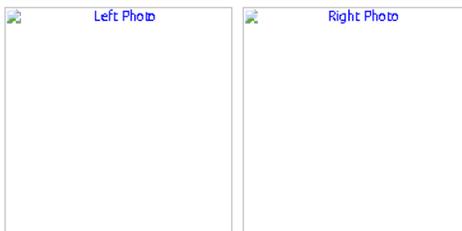
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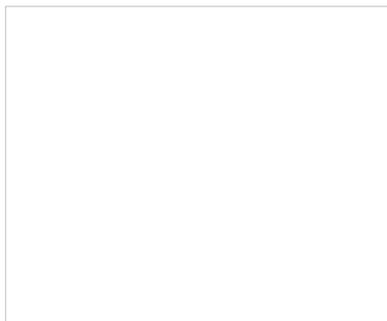
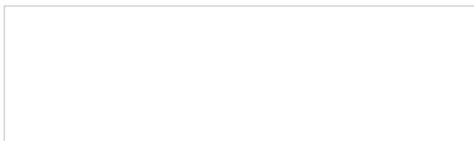
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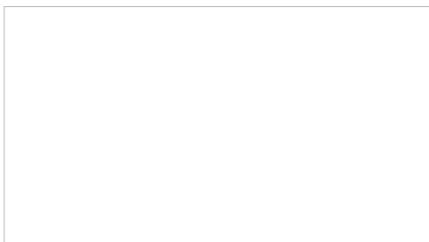
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Siltronic, one of the world's leading chip makers, is moving Germany's top high-tech company to Asia.



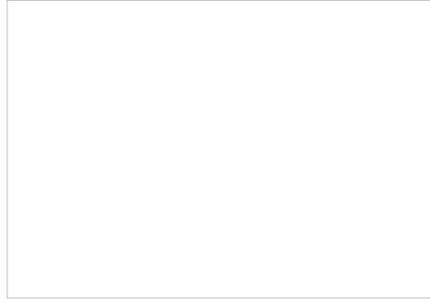
Siltronic boss Christoph von Platho blames Germany's high energy costs for the decision: "The high electricity price makes the location unattractive," he said in an interview with the Handelsblatt.

His company pays "less than half the electricity price" in Singapore.

The main cost driver in Germany is the green energy levy under the Renewable Energy Sources Act (EEG) which has cost energy consumers more than 30 billion euros last year.

Germany's largest semiconductor producer Infineon told Handelsblatt that the growing risk of an insecure power supply was also a major factor in reconsidering industrial production in Germany and Europe.

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2) Chipmakers lament high taxes and green levies on electricity in Germany

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Several chip and semiconductor manufacturers have criticised high taxes and levies on electricity as a disadvantage for Germany as an industry location in global competition, reports business daily Handelsblatt.

"The high electricity price makes the location unattractive," Christoph von Plotho, head of chip supplier Siltronic, told Handelsblatt. Another main reason were high personnel costs in Germany.

At the same time, a spokesperson of Germany's largest semiconductor producer Infineon told Handelsblatt that a secure power supply without fluctuations was also a major factor in keeping production in Germany and Europe.

The comments showed that the issue of high power costs extended beyond the traditional industry companies like chemical factories, to high tech sectors, writes Handelsblatt.

The reason for high power prices are taxes and levies on electricity, such as the [renewables levy](#) to finance the expansion of wind and solar energy. Many companies are partly or fully exempt from certain levies. In addition, the government has started to use state budget funds, such as revenues from the new CO2 price for transport and heating fuels, to help cap the levy and it plans to further decrease it over coming years.

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3) 'China is going to play them': Trump energy secretary says Biden plan won't work

[Washington Examiner, 21 February 2021](#)

Dan Brouillette, the Energy secretary in the Trump administration, says President Biden's climate envoy John Kerry is "misguided" to think he can set aside the biggest confrontations with China to cooperate on combating climate change.

"China is going to play them," Brouillette told the Washington Examiner in a wide-ranging interview.

Brouillette, in office from 2019 until January, has spent the weeks since he left vacationing with his family in Tennessee as he decides his next plans. But that hasn't stopped him from watching Biden's first weeks in office.

The Biden administration has signaled it wants to continue former President Donald Trump's tough line on China over issues such as trade, intellectual property theft, and market access. But Kerry, who celebrated the U.S. return to the Paris Agreement on Friday, is banking on treating climate as a "standalone issue," given China's importance in enabling the world to meet emissions reduction goals.

Kerry has compared the scenario to President Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev negotiating over nuclear arms in 1986. China and the United States, the world's top emitters and largest economies, represent as much as 45% of global emissions.

However, Brouillette doesn't trust China's pledge to reach carbon neutrality by 2060. To get on that path, critics say, China should be aiming to reduce emissions this decade, not just stop growing them, by reducing its consumption of coal.

"They will agree to some 2060 target and have no intention of meeting any of it," Brouillette said. "If they can get relief on the trade side and make some cockamamie commitment for 2060, they will do it. The Chinese are pretty sophisticated players and see through these comments [from Kerry]."

Brouillette also criticized Biden's executive action to [pause oil and gas leasing](#) on public lands and waters. Lost production, he said, would be replaced elsewhere, meaning emissions won't fall much globally.

"If we end production in the U.S., you will slow the transition of

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places like China and India [from coal] to natural gas,” Brouillette said. “As a result, we won’t have anywhere near the carbon reductions we think we’ll have.”

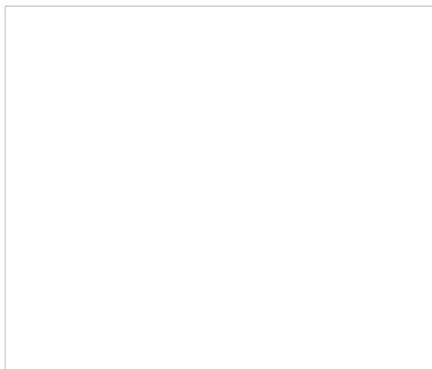
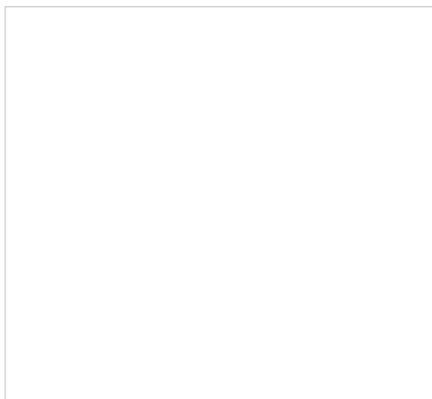
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4) Latest computer climate models run almost as hot as before
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The narrative that global warming is largely human-caused and that we need to take drastic action to control it hinges entirely on computer climate models. It’s the models that forecast an unbearably hot future unless we rein in our emissions of CO2.

But the models have a dismal track record. Apart from failing to predict a recent slowdown in global warming in the early 2000s, climate models are known even by modelers to consistently run hot. The previous generation of models, known in the jargon as CMIP5 (Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 5), overestimated short-term warming by more than 0.5 degrees Celsius (0.9 degrees Fahrenheit) above observed temperatures. That’s 50% of all the global warming since preindustrial times.

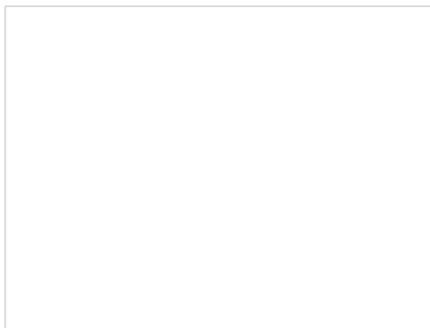
The new CMIP6 models aren’t much better. The following two figures reveal just how much both CMIP5 and CMIP6 models exaggerate predicted temperatures, and how little the model upgrade has done to shrink the difference between theory and observation. The figures were compiled by climate scientist [John Christy](#), who is Director of the Earth System Science Center at the University of Alabama in Huntsville and an expert reviewer of the upcoming sixth IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) report.



Both figures plot the warming relative to 1979 in degrees Celsius, measured in a band in the tropical upper atmosphere between altitudes of approximately 9 km (30,000 feet) and 12 km (40,000 feet). That’s a convenient band for comparison of model predictions with measurements made by weather balloons and satellites.

The thin colored lines indicate the predicted variation of temperature with time for the different models, while the thick red and green lines show the mean trend in degrees Celsius of warming per decade for models and observations, respectively.

The trend for CMIP6 models is depicted more clearly in Christy’s next figure, which compares the warming rates for 39 of the models. The average CMIP6 trend in warming rate is 0.40 degrees Celsius (0.72 degrees Fahrenheit) per decade, compared with the actual observed rate of 0.17 degrees Celsius (0.31 degrees Fahrenheit) per decade – meaning that the predicted warming rate is 2.35 times too high.



These CMIP6 numbers are only a marginal improvement over those predicted by the older CMIP5 models, for which the warming trend was 0.44 degrees Celsius (0.72 degrees Fahrenheit) per decade, or 2.75 times higher than the observed rate of 0.16 degrees Celsius (0.29 degrees Fahrenheit) per decade (for a slightly different set of measurements).

It's seen that the warming rates for any particular model fluctuate wildly in both cases, much more so than the observations themselves. [Christy says](#) the large variability is a sign that the models underestimate negative feedbacks in the climate system, especially from clouds that I've discussed in [another post](#). Negative feedback is stabilizing and acts to damp down processes that cause fluctuations. There is evidence, albeit controversial, that feedback from high clouds such as cirrus clouds – which normally warm the planet – may not be as strongly positive as the new models predict, and could even be negative overall.

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Texas crisis will reshape energy policy-making everywhere as wind-power collapse puts renewables under scrutiny

The North American energy policy community, a space already filled with plenty of hot air streaming in from the global warming conflict, now faces a new jet stream of cold winds blowing down via the polar vortex. There's no point getting bogged down in the climatic origins of the polar vortex; suffice to say that its recent acceleration has had a devastating impact on North American weather patterns.

What's most interesting and important is the energy politics triggered by the polar vortex and its impact on the Texas power grid. Indeed, the Texas power wipeout instantly generated an explosion of hype, conflict and debate that will shape energy policy-making for some time. The key question: What are the risks in renewable power, especially wind?

Over the past week, shares of key renewable corporations have dropped, presumably brought on by reports that a collapse in the Texas wind-power sector was one of the main factors behind the failure of the Texas electricity grid. Among the until-now high-flying wind power firms to take a hit are [NextEra Energy Partners](#), down 10 per cent over the past week. Other renewables in different sectors ([Brookfield Renewable Partners](#) down six per cent, [Renewable Energy Group](#) down 20 per cent) seemed to be part of a sudden ice storm downdraft that struck just as the sector was hitting a likely over-bought peak.

Another indicator of a potential energy policy-making turnaround was the renewable clash generated by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott. On Feb. 9, before the polar vortex descended on his state, Abbott [received an award](#) recognizing his commitment to wind development. "Clean and renewable energy are a valuable part of America's future and are closely tied with Texas' prosperity and success," said Abbot. "While Texas continues its leadership in production in our oil and gas sector, the Lone Star State also is a national and international leader in wind energy."

A few days later after the blackouts spread across Texas, Abbott blamed the grid meltdown and blackouts on the failure of the state's renewable wind power to operate through the storm. Fierce attacks followed. That brought on a round of [counter attacks](#) from the media and green activists who, with some accuracy, noted that the Texas power failure was not solely a product of the collapse of wind power.

In reality, the fierce storms and cold locked down other power sources, although it is clear that wind-generated power all but collapsed, with much of the burden taken up by natural gas. In the end, [according to](#) the U.S. Energy Information Administration, much power kept flowing thanks to fossil fuels, nuclear and coal production.

What seems to be clear is that the Texas grid system was not prepared for a wave of equipment-freezing cold and soaring demand from people wanting to keep warm and operate their household equipment.

The failure of renewable wind supply was not the sole cause of the Texas blackouts. What were the [other causes](#)? Clearly a full review of the state's energy policies is needed to get to the overall political, economic and technological background that created the conditions for massive failure. This is where the real lessons from the Texas ice storm will emerge and where the future of energy policy will be shaped, and not just in the United States.

Renewable advocates are scrambling to the defence of wind and solar, but the Texas case joins others around the world that

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suggest the great stampede to build wind and solar, fuelled by massive government subsidies and price-fixing regimes, comes with risks.

In Germany, a 2019 McKinsey report on the state of the nation's power grid warned that "Germany has enjoyed a highly secure electricity supply for decades, but the tide is beginning to turn. The German power grid repeatedly faced critical situations in June of this year: significant shortfalls in available power were detected on three separate days. At its peak, the gap between supply and demand reached six gigawatts — equivalent to the output of six major power plants."

The German problems continue. A Foreign Policy magazine [commentary](#) last week asked whether Germany is making too much subsidized renewable energy, risking more blackouts and price distortions. The McKinsey report warned of blackouts, continued high prices and of the need to increase electricity imports to offset the inconsistency in renewable power.

The German problem is in part the same one confronting Texas, which includes the same risks that are building in Britain, Australia and Canada, where the push for renewables keeps growing.

In Ontario, the latest renewables movement comes from city governments that are being cajoled by activists into shutting down natural gas plants — of the kind that are keeping Texas supplied with power today — and replacing them with wind and solar plants.

The Texas disaster has given American green activists a new sense of anxious urgency to keep their movement on track. U.S. Democrat Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez quickly [pounced](#) on the governor of Texas for blaming wind for the grid crisis, claiming it all could have been avoided if her Green New Deal had been adopted. In other words, she argued, more wind power would have saved the state from its wind power collapse.

Two weeks ago, smart money was [betting big](#) on renewables as a sure thing, pushing share values to new highs. Now, the ice storm has come and a new policy debate is just beginning.

6) Duggan Flanakin: The Myth (And Phony Math) Of 'Green' Jobs [Eurasia Review, 22 February 2021](#)

Governments are killing real jobs and conning us about 'millions of good green jobs'

"Fool me once," Stephen King wrote, "shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. Fool me three times, shame on both of us." His adage certainly applies to the myth (and fake math) of green jobs.

During the 2020 election campaign, [Joe Biden asserted](#) that more than 3 million Americans are already "employed in the clean energy economy." He then boasted that, "if executed strategically, our response to climate change can create more than 10 million well-paying jobs in the United States that will grow a stronger, more inclusive middle class ... and not just in cities along the coasts."

That would make Joe twice as boastful as his former boss, who promised the 2009 \$787 billion [stimulus package](#) would create "over five million" green jobs. Four years later, the [Brookings Institution](#) reported that, "of the nearly 2.7 million 'green jobs' [the Obama-Biden Administration] identifies, most were bus drivers, sewage workers and other types of work that don't fit the 'green jobs of the future' description.

Energy analyst [David Blackmon later reported](#) that Obama's own Department of Labor acknowledged the initial failure to launch. DOL's September 2011 report, "Recovery Act: Slow pace placing workers into jobs jeopardizes employment goals of the Green Jobs Program," noted that only a third of the allocated funding had been spent; a fifth of the "degrees" and "certifications" went to people with a single day of training; and half of the "graduates" had five or fewer days of training. Just 2% of program participants held their jobs for at least six months.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics counted oil industry lobbyists as holding "green" jobs! The [septic tank and portable toilet](#) servicing industry had 33 times more "green" jobs than solar electric utilities. The BLS had to admit in a June 2012 report, "Green Technologies and Practices – August 2011," that they could identify only 854,700 "green" jobs, including janitors and cleaners.

What a sham! Shame on them for trying to con us.

David Kreutzer pointed out in a [Heritage Foundation report](#) that steel workers had the most "green" industrial jobs. Why? Most U.S. steel is recycled scrap, and some steel gets used in making wind turbines. The next largest groups were bus drivers, waste collectors and used-merchandise store employees — followed finally by engineering and architectural services. The much hated nuclear industry accounted for over 80% of the 44,000 "green" electric utility jobs. There were five times as many "green" jobs in social advocacy (environmentalist group lobbyists) as in renewable electric power. Ah, but that was then — and this is now, you say. Right.

In January, [the Associated Press reported](#) on "Biden's fuzzy math" regarding his claim of creating 1 million new auto industry jobs — even if he actually replaces the 650,000-government vehicle fleet with electric cars and installs 500,000 new EV charging stations — all at taxpayer expense. Theoretically, a huge government buying program will lower EV costs, and the myriad of charging stations will lessen fears of being stuck in a hurricane evacuation in a vehicle you cannot quickly gas up. Theoretically.

But hold on! Every electric vehicle job will likely come at the expense of a gasoline-engine vehicle job, and every EV charging station will diminish jobs in pipeline, refining, gasoline retail, gasoline delivery, and other sectors. The AP story adds that industry analysts and the United Auto Workers union agree that EV manufacturing will likely mean fewer automotive jobs. One reason is that EVs have far fewer parts and are simpler to build, thus require fewer workers, and often just need a new \$6,000 battery module. Another is that battery manufacturing is easily automated. But that is hardly the whole story.

Back in 2019, while losing over a fifth of its U.S. market share of sales over a 3-year period, [General Motors admitted](#) it already employed more non-union auto workers in China than union workers in the USA. The harsh reality is that there are 10 times more [electric vehicle battery](#) manufacturing facilities in Asia than in all of North America. Maybe Jinping Joe Biden is talking about the number of Chinese “green” jobs. Especially child and near-slave labor in China’s mines and processing plants. [Other fact checkers](#) have also found Biden Administration green jobs claims are “mostly false.”

Electric vehicles are just part of the Green New Biden Deal. Surrendering our economy to the Paris climate accords and its draconian environmental restraints is another. Abandoning oil, gas and coal – and very likely nuclear energy – and all the jobs those industries create is a third. Mr. Biden is merely following Germany and other European Union countries down the primrose path to economic suicide.

[According to Deutsche Bank](#), climate policy regulation of Germany’s automotive sector is triggering “the biggest structural break in the industry in decades.” A bank report explains that strict carbon dioxide limits for new passenger cars in the EU for 2021 and 2030 are forcing manufacturers to prematurely switch to higher cost electric vehicles. The resultant price increases, the bank predicts, will have a very negative effect on future employment in the Germany auto industry.

One reason is that the EU’s CO2 limits for passenger cars and subsidies for electric vehicles are “extremely inefficient [expensive] and hardly effective instruments” to achieve emission reduction in the transport sector. While government incentives and mandates may push people toward buying government-favored vehicles, radical climate and energy policies decrease investment in energy-intensive sectors such as metals and chemicals. This will further increase the cost of new German cars.

Despite the push for green energy and electric vehicles, the German Trade Union Association reports that the number of “green” jobs in the German renewables sector had fallen from 300,000 in 2011 to just 150,000 in 2018. Many of these lost jobs were due to the collapse of Germany’s solar power industry, as companies were forced out of business by Chinese manufacturers that undercut German prices – and had much easier access to raw materials.

The track record for American renewable industry jobs vis-à-vis Chinese competition has mimicked the German experience. A primary reason is China’s near-monopoly on rare-earth metals essential for the Green revolution. Despite these realities, Biden “climate envoy” John Kerry recently said displaced American oil and gas workers can simply and easily go to work making solar panels.

[Energy economist Tilak Doshi](#) agrees the West’s fascination with renewables-only de-carbonization, and ultimately de-industrialization, is a recipe for economic suicide. He notes that Germany’s “green” world involves behemoth wind turbines with blades made of petroleum-based, fiberglass-reinforced resins; motors built with iron and rare earths extracted, processed and smelted using fossil fuels; concrete that also requires fossil fuels; and factories run on coal and natural gas. Solar panels have the same pedigree.

The result of this save-the-planet zeal? Germany has a burgeoning 17% poverty rate, thanks largely to its shutdown of reliable nuclear and fossil fuel power plants and the resultant skyrocketing electricity prices for homes, factories, businesses and hospitals over the past 15 years.

[Full post](#)

7) Walter Russell Mead: The Polar Bear Paradox

[The Wall Street Journal, 23 February 2021](#)

President Biden laid down a climate marker in his inaugural address: “A cry for survival comes from the planet itself. A cry that can’t be any more desperate or any more clear.”

He returned to the theme in his speech last week to the Munich Security Conference, calling the climate crisis “existential.”

For environmentalists, those are welcome words. The Trump years saw the U.S. leave the Paris Agreement while pursuing aggressive deregulation at home. Climate change is now back on the national agenda.

There are two mistakes observers can make about this new era of climate diplomacy. The first is to think it won’t last or will be limited to rhetoric. Climate skeptics and fossil-fuel interests should brace themselves. The fight to reduce global greenhouse-gas emissions and to shift the world’s energy systems toward much lower emissions isn’t going away. Key positions up and down the government bureaucracy will be filled by committed greens who have thought long and hard about how to use the powers of the regulatory state to achieve green goals. A host of new policies—and new regulations—are sure to come.

Those who dismiss ideas like the "green new deal" as mere left-wing fantasies miss the enormous appeal of these programs for corporations looking for new business opportunities. It isn't only renewable energy companies looking for government mandates and funding. It's major auto manufacturers dreaming of replacing every gasoline-powered car and truck on the planet with an electric vehicle—and reaping the public-relations reward of looking virtuous. It's construction companies looking to replace the existing energy infrastructure.

But if skeptics underestimate the effect the climate movement will have on the world's economy, greens are in danger of overestimating how much their efforts will help the polar bears. Paradoxically, as climate change assumes a more prominent place on the international agenda, climate activists will lose influence over climate policy.

Geopolitics and greed will get in the way. Greens see climate change as an existential threat to all humanity against which every country should unite. That is not how the world works. Countries inevitably see even the most urgent global problems through the lens of their own interests.

Countries don't look at the climate problem with the same urgency or in the same way. Russia likes to sell oil and gas, wants the Arctic to become a major shipping route, and—despite some issues with tundra melt—doesn't worry that Siberia will grow too warm.

Germany is locked into high-cost energy policies by domestic politics and the facts of geography. German industry would like to protect itself from imports made in countries where energy remains cheaper. The U.S. is so rich in cheap oil and gas that climate policy is a heavy political lift—and no binding climate treaty is likely to gain the two-thirds Senate majority for ratification. In New Delhi, no government can accept international agreements that slow India's economic rise. Many Brazilians believe that the development of the Amazon basin is essential to their national future and won't accept international limits on their activities there.

Westerners don't need to bribe Beijing into environmentalism with political or economic concessions. China has more to fear from climate change than any other great power. Some of its major river systems depend on vulnerable Himalayan glaciers; its agricultural areas depend on rainfall patterns that climate change threatens to disrupt; its coast is exposed to devastating typhoons. Reducing China's dependence on imported fuel eases Beijing's fear that American sea power could cut it off from necessary resources in the event of a major crisis. China stands to benefit from a shift to electric cars and has invested heavily in solar panel and battery technology.

Yet this green zeal comes with "Chinese characteristics," to use Deng Xiaoping's phrase. China's booming solar-power industry is heavily coal-dependent and based in Xinjiang. Are solar panels built with forced labor OK? Who decides?

Industry will also gain power over climate policy as climate moves up the world's priority list. Business lobbies around the world are experts in regulatory capture and in diverting subsidies and mandates to serve corporate interests. It won't be the greenest possible grid that wins the political contest; it will be the system that provides the most-entrenched interests with the highest rents that the best P.R. firms can present as sufficiently green. As lobbyists and green entrepreneurs rush to cash in on one of history's greatest bonanzas, pigs will be adorned in green lipstick and white elephants dipped in green dye.

When it comes to determining priorities in our new green world, one thing's for sure. The polar bears won't get a vote.

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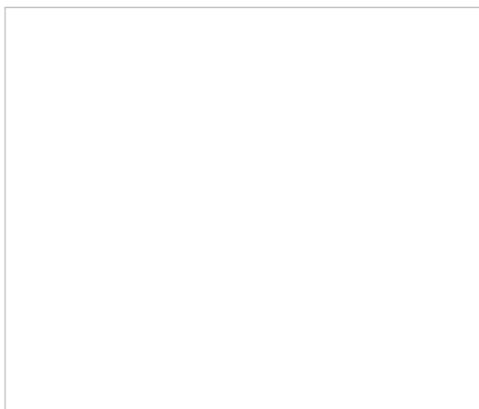


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1) **Andrew Montford: The good news on climate**
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As I watch the snow blow past my window, it's hard not to scoff at the idea of a 'climate emergency'. However, I'm probably in a minority. The idea that we are currently experiencing a dangerous deterioration in

our weather has been pushed so hard, and for so long, that the man in the Clapham Uber is now thoroughly convinced.

Those of us who have the time and inclination to look at the evidence for such claims, on the other hand, realise that they are largely overblown. The Global Warming Policy Foundation, where I work, has just published a review of the impacts of climate change and it's a valuable antidote to the relentless alarmism pushed by some academics.

The [paper](#) is written by Indur Goklany, an American whose involvement in the climate field goes back 30 years when he was involved in the first United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) review of the world's climate. So he knows what he is talking about, and the story he tells is one of almost unmitigated good news. There is a great deal of evidence that mankind is able to take the effects of climate change in its stride.

Take extreme weather for example. For 30 years, everyone from the Met Office to Al Gore has been telling us that global warming is going to make things much worse. But as Goklany shows, it just hasn't happened; three decades of shirt-tearing, tears and wailing on the subject have changed things barely at all. In most areas, this should mostly be uncontroversial: the IPCC said in 2013 that it has 'low confidence' that droughts and hurricanes have become worse globally, and the best it can say of extreme rainfall is that it thinks there have been more areas with increases than decreases. On heatwaves it goes further, saying that it has 'medium confidence' of a global increase. But while we shouldn't shy away from discussions over how to tackle these issues, it is not the impending catastrophe that some might make it out to be.

Goklany's report isn't just about refuting the bald claim that extreme weather has become worse across the board. It also deals with the broader suggestion that worsening weather will adversely affect human welfare. As he shows, mortality from extreme weather events is almost a thing of the past, having fallen by 99 per cent over the last century. Similarly, mankind now seems much better equipped to deal with the impact of weather and climate. Once you have adjusted for rising population and growing wealth, records of weather damage show, if anything, a long-term decline too.

When you look at the broader impacts of climate change, it's the same story. Take sea-level rise, for example. While it's possible to argue about how fast it's happening, and the relative merits of satellites and tide gauges for measuring the rate, Goklany points to a recent study that showed that siltation and reclamation are giving us new land around our coasts faster than any sea-level rise is removing it. In other words, we are taking sea-level rise in our stride — perhaps unsurprising since we have been [building](#) sea defences for the last 7,000 years.

Similarly, a few years back, we were regularly assailed by stories of the disappearance of coral atolls, but the excitement seems to have died away, no doubt prompted by a series of studies showing that most atolls are actually stable or getting bigger. Amusingly, just as global warming was previously said to cause the atolls to disappear, it is now [said](#) to be the cause of their growth. Whatever the truth, it's surely hard for any reasonable person to portray growing atolls as an emergency.

And on it goes. Rates of death from climate-related disease — another favourite of the doom-mongers — haven't just got better, they have collapsed, with astonishing falls in almost every category over the last 30 years. As an example, the death tolls from malaria and diarrhoea have both fallen by around a half. Of course, this is not a function of climate change; it's all down to better medical care and the deployment of simple preventative measures such as insecticide-treated mosquito nets. The conclusion is hard to avoid: climate-related disease can be addressed with a little money and even less fuss. Like sea-level rise, it's simply not an emergency. Global warming doesn't seem to have damaged crops either. The food supply continues to grow, with fossil-fuel-derived fertilisers and the beneficial effects of higher carbon dioxide levels delivering new record yields across the globe almost every year. This is not to say that it hasn't got warmer, but simply that any deleterious effects have been swamped by the benefits of carbon dioxide and by the technological advances that mankind has deployed.

Fertilisers — both manmade and natural — have also had the beneficial side effect of reducing pressure on the natural world. Since the 1960s, the global population has more than doubled, but the area devoted to farmland has increased by only 8 per cent. Indeed, if it were not for environmentalists persuading governments that biofuels were a good idea, we might have seen countless thousands of hectares returned to nature already.

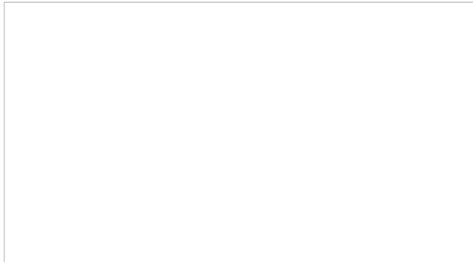
Of course, Dr Goklany's pointing this out will make not the slightest difference to the scientists, whose livelihoods depend on keeping politicians firm in a belief that the world is about to end. It's easy enough for them to come up with new measures that seem to be getting worse. 'Rising crop yields? Pah, take a look at the fall in crop yield potential!' they say. 'Millions no longer dying from malaria? But look at the... erm... couple of thousand dying from dengue fever!'

Or they can predict that things will get worse — or more often, much worse — in the future. Soils will degrade they say, new diseases will arise, and of course extreme weather will get worse too. They say we should play it safe, therefore, altering the world's economies and industrial practices to alleviate carbon emissions, just in case they are a threat to global climate stability. But as we career headlong into our net-zero emissions future, there is every sign that the costs of what is proposed will not only reverse many of the gains we have made in the last half-century but make things far worse than if we simply adopted a policy of adapting to what the climate throws at us. As Goklany shows, we are good at adaptation; we have been at it for a long time.

And with the government stubbornly refusing to release an array of financial figures supporting their decarbonisation plans, there is a strong suggestion that they know the course they have started us down is unsupportable on any rational grounds. Their plans to 'build back better' are therefore likely to be a hammer blow to an economy that is already reeling from the pandemic. So if in a few year's time you find you are worrying about paying the heating bill, or you can't sell your house because you can't afford the government-mandated insulation measures, you might like to cast your eye back over Dr Goklany's paper and wonder why we set out on the course we did.

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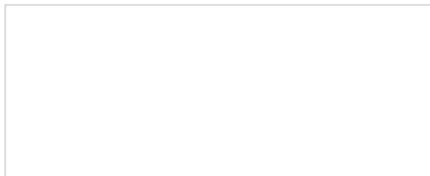


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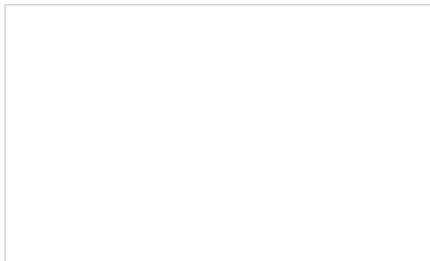
Stewgreen has tracked down the NOAA climate disaster website, which the BBC used for their video [yesterday](#).



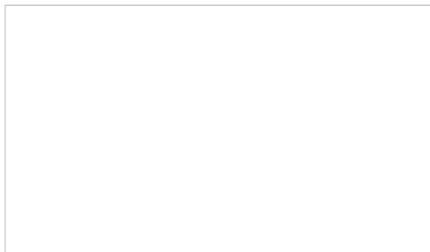
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It is evident just by looking at it that the whole thing is totally fraudulent.

First a look at the map:



When a hurricane hits a populated stretch of coast, which is almost invariably, it is inevitable losses will be big. But while last year was a busy year for hurricanes, we do know that the frequency of US hurricanes has not been unusual in the last decade, and if anything the long term trend is down. (Though it is worth noting that the 1980s and 90s were below average, making the choice of 1980 as a start date statistically inappropriate):



https://www.aoml.noaa.gov/hrd/hurdat/All_U.S._Hurricanes.html

However, the vast majority of these wrongly named "climate" disasters are either tornadoes, hailstorms or severe weather (which are almost all thunderstorm/tornado outbreaks).

Again, we know that tornado activity has declined significantly since the 1970s. But we are expected to believe that tornadoes

and thunderstorms nowadays are far more catastrophic than in the past.

The answer to this riddle lies in how NOAA determine what a billion dollar disaster is.

The key is this sentence:

"The U.S. has sustained 285 weather and climate disasters since 1980 where overall damages/costs reached or exceeded \$1 billion (including CPI adjustment to 2020)."

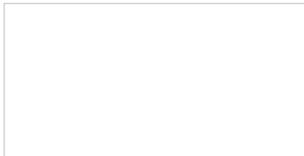
So, they rightly allow for inflation, but is that enough?

The simple truth is that Americans have much more "stuff" than they did back in the 1980. Bigger houses, more cars, latest technological gadgetry, expensive furniture and clothes, and all the rest of it.

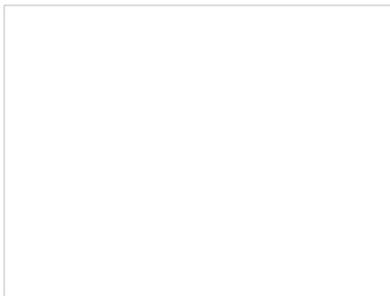
If a house burns down, the cost of rebuilding it and replacing contents will have increased by much more than inflation since 1980.

The same goes for local infrastructure and services.

The best way to monitor this is by looking at GDP, not CPI, which says that \$1 in 1980 is now worth \$3.32:

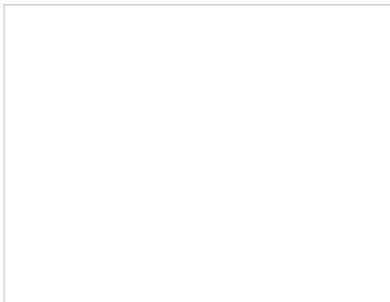


GDP however has risen from \$2857bn in 1980, to \$21433bn in 2019, which is 7.3 times as big.



<https://countryeconomy.com/gdp/usa>

We can see the impact of rising wealth better by looking at constant GDP, which has been adjusted for CPI:



This index of GDP, which measures real growth, has jumped from \$6.5 trillion in 1980 to \$18.3 trillion, nearly trebling.

So when a billion dollar disaster in 1980 is equivalent to a \$3 billion one now.

[Full post](#)

4) EU falling short on 2030 climate target

[Bloomberg, 18 February 2021](#)

The EU's current CO2 emissions trajectory is significantly off course to hit the 55% target

Europe will need to accelerate the pace of its energy transition and expand the region's carbon market to reach an ambitious emissions reduction goal by 2030.

The European Union is currently on track to deliver emissions cuts of 46% on 1990 levels by the end of the decade, short of its 55% target, according to energy consultant Wood Mackenzie Ltd.

Accelerating the EU's energy transition in line with the Paris climate deal goals will help, and would require increased wind and solar capacity, retiring more coal-fired plants and electric transport making up almost all passenger vehicle sales by 2030. However this scenario would only reach a 53% emissions cut and take a further two years to reach the bloc's target.

“To hit the 2030 target, Europe will have to do everything we have assumed, but quicker,” said Murray Douglas, a research director at Wood Mackenzie.

Crucial to meeting the EU’s carbon reduction goal is reforming and broadening its Emissions Trading System, a key plank in the bloc’s strategy of putting a price on pollution and spurring investment in green technology.

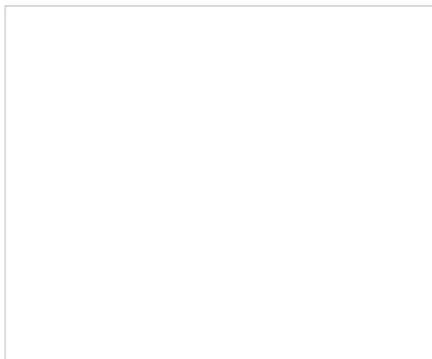
“The fact that ETS sectors will only deliver a third of the targeted reductions by 2030 underscores the need for reform,” Douglas said.

[Full story](#)

5) Editorial: Why Beijing Loves Biden and Paris

[The Wall Street Journal, 22 February 2021](#)

The U.S. rejoins a climate pact that gives China a free carbon ride.



The U.S. officially rejoined the Paris climate accord on Friday to much media and European applause. Our guess is that China is the most pleased because it knows the accord will restrict American energy while Beijing gets a decade-long free ride.

Paris is a voluntary agreement, and nations submit their own commitments to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions. The Obama Administration vowed to slash emissions 26% or more from 2005 levels by 2025, but the Trump Administration withdrew from the accord. President Biden has now pledged to [] (<https://joebiden.com/climate-plan/>) reach “net-zero emissions no later than 2050.”

Like Mr. Obama, Mr. Biden is committing the U.S. without submitting the Paris agreement to the Senate as a treaty. They know it would never get a two-thirds vote for approval, and probably not even a simple majority. Yet the Administration will cite Paris to justify sweeping environmental regulations to raise the cost of fossil fuels and subsidize renewable energy and electric vehicles. It will bypass Congress for much of this.

The economic damage will be real. A [2017 analysis](#) of the Obama Paris commitments, by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the American Council for Capital Formation, predicted a \$250 billion reduction in GDP and some 2.7 million lost jobs by 2025. [] (<https://www.lomborg.com/press-release-research-reveals-negligible-impact-of-paris-climate-promises>)

Meanwhile, China emitted nearly twice as much CO2 as the U.S. in 2018. Yet under Paris, Beijing gets a pass to increase its emissions until 2030. In 2020 China’s coal plants produced some 4,874 terawatt hours of energy—an increase of nearly 15% since it joined the pact, according to S&P Global Platts.

A [new report](#) by the nonprofit Global Energy Monitor highlights that “in 2020, China built over three times as much new coal power capacity as all other countries in the world combined—the equivalent of more than one large coal plant per week.” Last year Beijing also initiated more than 73.5 gigawatts “of new coal plant proposals,” five times as much as “the rest of the world combined,” the report says.

The U.S. generated an estimated 788 terawatt hours of coal-fired energy in 2020 as cheaper natural gas replaced coal. Thanks to natural gas—a fossil fuel—the U.S. has outpaced most of the world in reducing emissions, and in 2019 emissions reached their lowest level since 1992. Market forces, not Paris, drove that reduction.

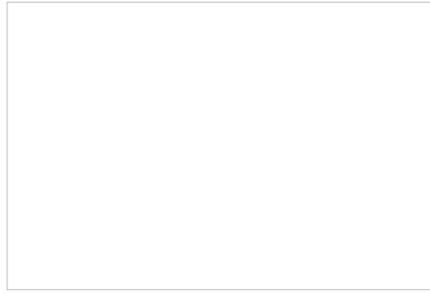
Paris will have zero effect on the climate even if every nation meets its commitments. Mr. Biden will dispatch John Kerry, his climate envoy, to lobby China and everyone else to reduce emissions, which will also please President Xi Jinping. Mr. Xi will be happy to make promises about the future while demanding U.S. concessions today on Taiwan, trade and more. The Chinese Communists must sit back and marvel as they watch the U.S. undermine its own economic strength.

see also [The Red and the Green: China’s Useful Idiots \(pdf\)](#)

6) Texas blackouts warning to Biden and all of us: Renewables do play a role in grid problems

[John Hayes, USA Today, 22 February 2021](#)

Common-sense has already lost to political considerations — and people across Texas and the Great Plains are paying the price.



It's not just a cold front. Over a decade of misguided green energy policies are wreaking havoc in Texas and the lower Midwest right now — despite non-stop claims to the contrary.

The immediate cause for the power outages in Texas this week was extreme cold and insufficient winterization of the state's energy systems. But there's still no escaping the fact that, for years, Texas regulators have favored the construction of heavily subsidized renewable energy sources over more reliable electricity generation. These policies have pushed the state away from nuclear and coal and now millions in Texas and the Great Plains states are learning just how badly exposed they are when extreme weather hits.

Renewable's defenders retort that Texas' wind resource is "reliably unreliable." Translation: It can't be counted on when it's needed most. The state has spent tens of billions of dollars on wind turbines that don't work when millions of people desperately need electricity. As the cold weather has gotten worse, half the state's wind generation has sat frozen and immobile. Where wind provided 42% of the state's electricity on Feb. 7, it fell to 8% on Feb.11.

The Texas power outage was inevitable

Unsurprisingly, the failure of wind has sparked a competing narrative that fossil fuel plants were the real cause of power outages. This claim can be quickly dispelled with a look at data from ERCOT, the state's electricity regulator. Even though the extreme cold had frozen cooling systems on coal plants and natural gas pipelines, the state's coal plants still upped their output by 47% in response to increasing demand. Natural gas plants across the state increased their output by an amazing 450%. Fossil fuels have done yeoman's work to make up for wind's reliable unreliability.

Sadly, even these herculean efforts weren't enough. The loss of wind has been compounded by the loss of some natural gas and coal generation, and one nuclear reactor, which experienced a cold-related safety issue and shut down. Things are improving, but rolling power outages are still impacting millions. Had the state invested more heavily in nuclear plants instead of pushing wind power, Texans would have ample, reliable, safe, emission-free electricity powering their lives through the cold. Instead, over 20 have died.

This sad outcome was inevitable. Renewable energy sources have taken off in popularity largely because of state mandates and federal subsidies. As they've become more popular, reliable energy like nuclear power and coal have felt the squeeze.

Last year, wind overtook coal as Texas' second largest source of electricity generation. The most recent federal data indicates that, in October last year, natural gas provided 52% of the Lone Star state's electricity, while wind generated about 22%, coal kicked in 17%, and nuclear added 8%. The rise of wind means unreliable energy is increasingly relied on for the energy grid.

This won't be the last power crisis

The Texas energy crisis isn't a one-off, either. The same thing happened in 2019 when Michigan endured the Polar Vortex. Extreme cold paired with limited natural gas supplies and non-existent renewable energy. Residents all received text messages warning them to reduce their thermostats to 65° or less to stave off a system wide failure.

California's rolling blackouts last summer are another example. Dwindling solar generation in late afternoon, shuttered nuclear plants, and insufficient supply from gas plants could not compete with rising energy demands due to extreme heat.

As more states mandate unreliable renewables, incidents like this will become more frequent, not less. Every new wind turbine and solar panel means less reliable energy — the energy Americans need to weather the coldest nights and the hottest days.

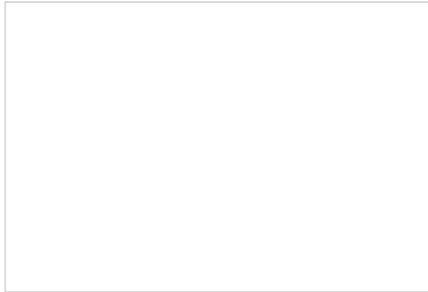
And then there's Joe Biden's \$2 trillion promise to wean America off reliable energy. If Biden's aggressive climate plan is enacted, it will push tens of thousands of wind turbines and millions of solar panels in an expensive effort to achieve net zero emissions from the nation's electricity sector by 2050. But doing this will only further spread the problems that Texans are currently experiencing.

America can't go down this foolish road. Common-sense has already lost to political considerations — and people across Texas and the Great Plains are paying the price. They aren't the first victims, and they certainly won't be the last, if politicians continue to push unreliable renewable energy instead of the reliable sources families need to stay warm and live their lives. A green future shouldn't be this dark.

7) William Murray: Environmentalism, Trumpism, and the Working Class

[Quillette, 20 February 2021](#)

There is strong evidence that America's environmental policies and practices over the past half-century—and their contribution to lower economic growth and rising income inequality—have brought class tensions to a breaking point.



April 2019: President Donald Trump signs an executive order on energy and infrastructure during a campaign event at the International Union of Operating Engineers International Training and Education Center. Credit: REUTERS/Carlos Barria

The inauguration of President Biden as the 46th US President hasn't produced quite the catharsis that Democrats (and others) had hoped for. After only a few months of one-party rule in Washington, DC—and the sputtering finale of impeachment—there should be fear among Democrats that attention will return to the signs of real damage done to the progressive/liberal project in the wake of its collision with the Trump train.

The shifting of both American political parties into one another's former political spaces has been head-spinning. The trend of Republicans turning into the party of labor and Democrats becoming a party of capital looks to continue in the 2020s—something few people outside of Pat Buchanan and Ross Perot would have guessed 30 years ago. And it turns out that the promise of a Democrat-voting bloc made up of well-educated whites, blacks, and the growing Hispanic population delivering a decades-long progressive era in American politics is not coming to pass.

For nearly 20 years, this promised "coalition of the ascendant" has coalesced but failed to ascend. In 2009, with the inauguration of Barack Obama, Democrats in the House of Representatives controlled 256 seats and 58 seats in the Senate. In 2021, Democrats under Biden/Harris hold 221 seats in the House, while the Senate is split 50/50.

To be fair, a major caveat to the "coalition" argument involved keeping white working-class voters in the Democrat column while the promised growing populations of Hispanic and urban singleton voters delivered on its demographic determinism. Instead, the raw numbers from the 2020 general election suggest that Trump's class rhetoric captured parts of the working classes that the Democratic Party had previously thought were untouchable.

So, what changed in America's politics that would cause working class [Hispanics and black voters](#) to move toward Trump? The most common answer is that Trump's populist attacks on the status quo of immigration and trade policy broke thorough to the non-white working class in the same way it broke through with important parts of the white working class in 2016. But there is strong evidence that the country's environmental policies and practices over the past half-century—and their contribution to lower economic growth and rising income inequality—have brought class tensions to a breaking point.

Since the Income Tax Amendment was ratified in 1913, political fights in the US have become largely about the redistribution of wealth and with it, social power. And nothing redistributes wealth more from the real, physical world and into cyber space—away from labor unions and skilled labor and into algorithmic code (where there is no regulation)—than environmental regulation.

As wide as the partisan gaps are concerning illegal immigration and free trade, none can compare to those on environmental protection and global warming. In 2019, Gallup [found that](#) 86 percent of Democrats say the government is doing too little in terms of environmental protection, while only 25 percent of Republicans believed the same. A poll by Resources for the Future [found it](#) "particularly intriguing" that 76 percent of Democrats believe that unchecked global warming will hurt them personally, but only 26 percent of Republicans believe the same.

Exit polls from the New York Times and others [found that](#) roughly 18 percent of black men voted for Trump in 2020, up from 13 percent in 2016. The same poll found 36 percent of Hispanic men voted for Trump in 2020, compared to 32 percent. And in the Midwest, the historical base of industry in the US, one in three black men voted for Trump, according to an [NBC Exit Poll](#) taken on November 3rd. Some [26 percent](#) of Republican votes came from non-white voters in 2020, up five percent [from 2016](#) and just below George W. Bush's 2004 showing of [28 percent](#)—itself the highest since Richard Nixon garnered [32 percent](#) in the knife-edge 1960 loss to John F. Kennedy.

Trump's populist, anti-progressive rhetoric included a climate skepticism unprecedented in the history of American politics. His climate statements served as an epiphany for many voters, who now believe that the environmental gains in the country from

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past industrial damage are largely complete, and that undermining job creation through climate-change policies hurts American workers in the future more than it helps.

It turns out that class warfare in America never went dormant; it has been going on for decades. Yet it has remained largely unnoticed, disguised as cultural conflict and cloaked in talk of political correctness and social justice. This would explain why environmental policy is often overlooked and undersold as the independent variable of this country's underlying cultural battle. Why else would Trump's rejection of the Paris Climate Accord, allowing lease activity in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge and promoting the Keystone XL pipeline, do no net damage to him at the polls?

It's worth repeating: A climate skeptic and Arctic driller received 10 million more votes in 2020 than in 2016. And President Biden's reversal of all three of these policies on his first day in office won't bring new voters into the party, but will serve as a sustaining policy for true believers. Trumpism has left a mark, and it's deep. [...]

Biden's campaign platform calls for zero emissions from power plants by 2035 and reaching net-zero emissions economy-wide by 2050. This action implies a dramatic upending of potentially millions of working-class jobs—not just in manufacturing and energy production, but also in transportation, utilities, and business services as well. By returning to the Obama Administration's focus on climate regulations that includes carbon markets and cap-and-trade, the Biden White House will simply produce another market for financial speculation and another round of factory reshuffling, leaving American workers poorer and less well employed.

A cynic might even suggest the language of identity politics that drives so much elite political debate in this country is simply a diversion by the winners of the last decades of policy decisions to distract from the legitimate grievances of the losers. It turns out that Trump's powerful class rhetoric could compete and even win votes against the progressive preoccupation with identity that has grown throughout the past decade.

The next four years will decide whether this shift of working class voters toward Republicans can outlast Trump, and with it a more explicit rejection of the uneven, unfair environmental policies pushed so aggressively by the Left. A "multiethnic, multiracial, working-class coalition" as [described by Senator Marco Rubio](#) and others in the wake of last November's election would be "narrative changing" to say the least, and of great consequence to the country's long-term social stability.

That such a new coalition would influence America's future environmental policy choices is a forgone conclusion, and a weakened saliency of environmental policy would again surprise every determinist pundit in this country over the past 20 years.

[Full essay](#)

8) Cost of offshore wind power is high and barely dropping?

[Greentechlead, 19 February 2021](#)

The cost of offshore wind power is high and barely falling, a new [paper from the Global Warming Policy Foundation \(GWPF\)](#) shows. GWPF is calling for ministers and officials to come clean with the public.

Since 2017, renewables advocates have argued that offshore wind power is now very cheap. However, closer examination of their claims reveals a different story.

"Wind farm developers announce their budgets before they start work, so we can see that almost all the forthcoming developments are just as expensive as anything built in the last few years. Even if these new wind farms perform much better than the older ones, they are only going to give us slightly cheaper power," the report's author Andrew Montford said.

Beatrice, commissioned in the Moray Firth in 2019 is supposed to be 40 or 50 percent cheaper than other recent wind farms, but we now know for sure that its capital costs were higher than the average, while its operational performance is only marginally better."

The GWPF study is the third recent review of the accounts of the UK's offshore wind fleet to find little if any sign of cost reductions. The levelised cost (LCOE) remains 3-4 times that of a gas turbine running flat out.

9) And finally: 'Downing Street is working hard to bring the Tory press in line with Boris Johnson's climate strategy'

[GWPF, 22 February 2021](#)

If you wonder why Britain's once vibrant and diverse newspapers have turned into promoters of the governments climate and Net Zero agenda, this piece explains part of the reason:



In face of global warming, the climate scepticism of the UK press is finally starting to melt

[iNews, 21 February 2021](#)

Like a shrinking Antarctic ice shelf, collapsing into the sea in the

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face of global warming, the climate scepticism of large parts of the UK press is finally starting to melt away.

Earlier this month, The Times, which had caused scientists to despair at its apparent support for climate change denial, ran an editorial in support of Government proposals for [new taxes to combat carbon emissions](#). "It is the right approach," the paper concluded.

On 30 January, Natasha Clark, political correspondent at The Sun, tweeted that she was "delighted to be taking on environment, green and climate news ahead of COP26", the UN change conference in Glasgow in November. In October The Sun launched a Green Team campaign so that "every reader can help save the planet" (and maybe win some vegan sausages).

Most surprisingly, the Daily Express, for so long the loudest-ranting climate denier on the UK newsstand, turned its Crusader icon the colour of an avocado on 8 February and implored its readers to "Join our green Britain revolution!"

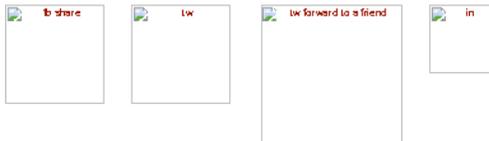
Alongside that front-page headline were logos of such unlikely Express bedfellows as Greenpeace and Solar Energy UK, and a photo of Boris Johnson and Rishi Sunak larking around with an electric vehicle charging gun.

Here is a clue to what's going on. The new green face paint of the British press is not simply a consequence of public opinion. It's also a response to new Government policy.

Downing Street is working hard to bring the Tory press in line with Boris Johnson's strategy for a "green industrial revolution" to underpin economic recovery and establish the UK's reputation as a champion of clean energy ahead of the UN summit.

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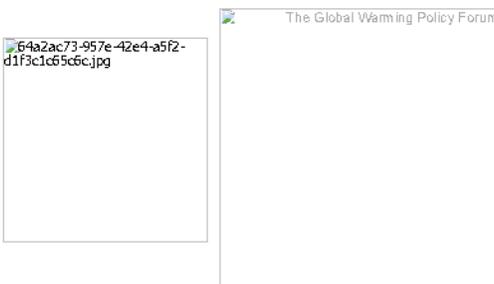
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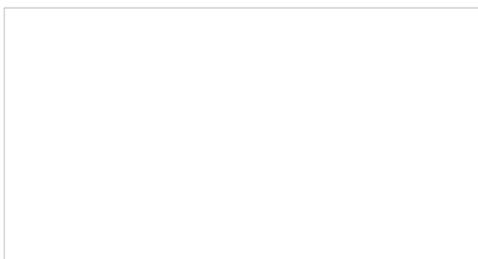
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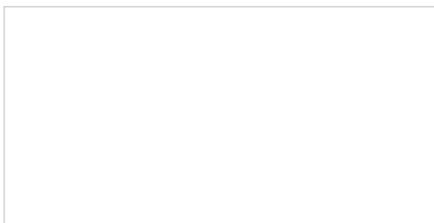
9) And finally: How coal and oil prevented US blackouts in 2018

[GWPF Energy, April 2018](#)

1) Frozen wind turbines, surging demand trigger Texas blackouts

[Austin American-Statesman, 15 February 2021](#)

Nearly half of Texas' installed wind power generation capacity has been offline because of frozen wind turbines in West Texas, according to Texas grid operators.



Wind farms across the state generate up to a combined 25,100 megawatts of energy. But unusually moist winter conditions in West Texas brought on by the weekend's [freezing rain and historically low temperatures](#) have iced many of those wind turbines to a halt.

As of Sunday morning, those iced turbines comprise 12,000 megawatts of Texas' installed wind generation capacity, although those West Texas turbines don't typically spin to their full generation capacity this time of year.

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2) Frozen turbines and surging demand prompt rolling blackouts in Texas

[The New York Times, 15 February 2021](#)

The storm is taking a heavy toll on electric service in Texas. An estimated 2.6 million homes and businesses in the state had their power interrupted Sunday night and Monday morning because of storm damage or in rotating outages ordered by regulators.

Many of the interruptions were fairly short, lasting between 15 and 45 minutes, but some customers have lost power for hours and are unsure when it will be back on.

Part of the problem arose when wind turbines in West Texas became frozen. Roughly half of the state's wind generating capacity was knocked offline, shutting off as much as 10,500 megawatts of wind power, a significant chunk of the state's total electricity supply. Authorities were expected to de-ice the turbines through the day.

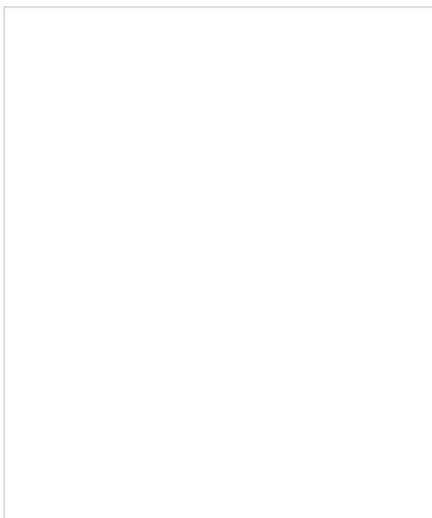
The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which manages the state's power grid, said in a statement that the rotating outages were a "last resort to preserve the reliability of the electric system as a whole."

[Full story](#)

3) Almost 5 million across America plunged into darkness as energy crisis spreads in unprecedented deep freeze

[Bloomberg, 16 February 2021](#)

The energy crisis crippling Texas's power system continued to spread, with nearly 5 million people across the U.S plunged into darkness as authorities fought to avoid a total collapse of the grid.



Homes and businesses from North Dakota to Texas are losing power in the middle of an unprecedented deep freeze that has broken daily temperature records in hundreds of places. The blackouts are likely to continue throughout Tuesday with no firm end in sight as the cold weather is forecast to remain through Wednesday.

Officials have reported two people dead, likely from cold, according to the AP news agency. Medical centers are rushing to administer vaccines before they go bad. Flights are grounded. More than a million barrels a day of oil and 10 billion cubic feet of gas production are shut while pipelines have declared force majeure and massive refineries have halted gasoline and diesel output.

"I've been following energy markets and grid issues for a while, and I cannot recall an extreme weather event that impacted such a large swath of the nation in this manner — the situation is critical," said Neil Chatterjee, a member of the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The cold blast is just the latest in a chain of severe weather events that have shaken power grids and upended energy markets globally from Japan to Pakistan and France in recent months. They've all underscored how vulnerable the world has become in the face of increasingly unpredictable weather brought on by climate change and it's raising questions about the global push to electrify everything from transportation to heating and cooling.

About 4 million homes and businesses were without power across Texas on Tuesday, based on utility outage data compiled by Poweroutage.us. Another 400,000 were down in a swathe of states stretching from Louisiana to Ohio and Virginia. About 250,000 were without power in Oregon.

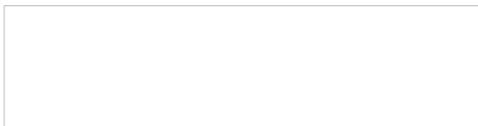
In Mexico, over 4.7 million homes and businesses went dark after Texas's shortages triggered cascading failures. But about 65 per cent of those affected in Mexico had seen their power restored by midday, according to grid operator Cenace.

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4) A Deep Green Freeze: An existential threat to America's future

[Editorial, The Wall Street Journal, 16 February 2021](#)

The Biden Administration's plan to banish fossil fuels is a greater existential threat to Americans than climate change.



Gas and power prices have spiked across the central U.S. while Texas regulators ordered rolling blackouts Monday as an Arctic blast has frozen wind turbines. Herein is the paradox of the left's climate agenda: The less we use fossil fuels, the more we need them.

A mix of ice and snow swept across the country this weekend as temperatures plunged below zero in the upper Midwest and into the teens in Houston. Cold snaps happen—the U.S. also experienced a Polar Vortex in 2019—as do heat waves. Yet the power grid is becoming less reliable due to growing reliance on wind and solar, which can't provide power 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

While Texas is normally awash in gas and oil, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which oversees the state's wholesale power market, urged residents this weekend to conserve power to avoid power outages. Regulators rationed gas for commercial and industrial uses to ensure fuel for power plants and household heating.

Texas's energy emergency could last all week as the weather is forecast to remain frigid. "My understanding is, the wind turbines are all frozen," Public Utility Commission Chairman DeAnn Walker said Friday. "We are working already to try and ensure we have enough power but it's taken a lot of coordination."

Blame a perfect storm of bad government policies, timing and weather. Coal and nuclear are the most reliable sources of power. But competition from heavily subsidized wind power and inexpensive natural gas, combined with stricter emissions regulation, has caused coal's share of Texas's electricity to plunge by more than half in a decade to 18%.

Wind's share has tripled to about 25% since 2010 and accounted for 42% of power last week before the freeze set in. About half of Texans rely on electric pumps for heating, which liberals want to mandate everywhere. But the pumps use a lot of power in frigid weather. So while wind turbines were freezing, demand for power was surging.

Gas-fired power plants ramped up, but the Arctic freeze increased demand for gas across the country. Producers couldn't easily increase supply since a third of rigs across the country were taken out of production during the pandemic amid lower energy demand. Some gas wells and pipelines in Texas and Oklahoma also shut down in frosty conditions.

Enormous new demand coupled with constrained supply caused natural gas spot prices to spike to nearly \$600 per million British thermal units in the central U.S. from about \$3 a couple weeks ago. Future wholesale power prices in Texas for early this week soared to \$9,000 per megawatt hour from a seasonal average of \$25.

Prices jumped in the Midwest too, though less dramatically because there are more coal and nuclear plants. Illinois and Michigan have more gas storage than Texas, which exports much of its shale gas to other states and, increasingly, around the world in liquefied form.

Europe and Asia are also importing more fossil fuels for heat and power this winter. U.S. LNG exports increased 25% year-over-year in December while prices tripled in northern Asian spot markets and doubled in Europe. Germany's public broadcasting recently reported that "Germany's green energies strained by winter." The report noted that power is "currently coming mainly from coal, and the power plants in Lausitz" are now "running at full capacity."

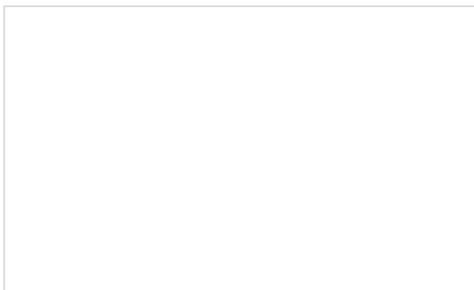
Coal still accounts for 60% of China's energy, and imports tripled in December. China has some 250 gigawatts of coal-fired plants under development, enough to power all of Germany. Unlike Democrats in the U.S., Chinese leaders understand that fossil fuels are needed to support intermittent renewables. "Power shortages and incredibly high spot gas prices this winter are reminding governments, businesses and consumers of the importance of coal," a Wood Mackenzie consultant told Reuters recently.

California progressives long ago banished coal. But a heat wave last summer strained the state's power grid as wind flagged and solar ebbed in the evenings. After imposing rolling blackouts, grid regulators resorted to importing coal power from Utah and running diesel emergency generators.

Liberals claim that prices of renewables and fossil fuels are now comparable, which may be true due to subsidies, but they are no free lunch, as this week's energy emergency shows. The Biden Administration's plan to banish fossil fuels is a greater existential threat to Americans than climate change.

5) World's 'solar and wind capital' freezing due to snow 'blanketing millions' of solar panels
[Sky News Australia, 14 February 2021](#)

Germany is held up as the world's solar and wind capital by "renewables luvvies" but Germans are freezing through winter due to "millions of solar panels blanketed in snow" and turbines sitting idle, according to Rowan Dean.



"Germany's long been held up by the likes of these renewable luvvies, they say Germany's the world's great wind and solar capital," Mr Dean said.

"But as we speak millions of solar panels are blanketed in snow and 30,000 wind turbines are sitting idle because there's no wind.

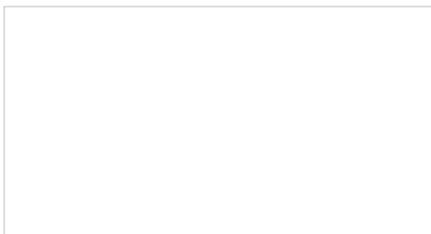
"Freezing Germans shivering in their lederhosen's are desperate for coal fired power to heat up their wurst and sauerkraut."

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6) Tucker Carlson: The great Texas climate catastrophe is heading your way

[Fox News, 16 February 2021](#)

'Tucker Carlson Tonight' host slams the Green New Deal after a winter storm freezes Texas wind turbines



Tucker Carlson: [Elites pushing 'green energy' are out of touch with America](#)

The Green NewDeal has come, believe it or not, to the state of Texas. How's it working out so far?

Well, the good news is all that alternative energy seems to have had a remarkable effect on the climate. Sunday night, parts of Texas got the temperatures that we typically see in Alaska. In fact, they were the same as they were in Alaska. So global warming is no longer a pressing concern in Houston.

The bad news is, they don't have electricity. The windmills froze, so the power grid failed. Millions of Texans woke up Monday morning having to boil their water because with no electricity, it couldn't be purified.

The ironically named Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which oversees the grid, had no solution to any of this. They simply told people to stop using so much power to keep warm. So in Houston, hundreds of shivering Texans headed to the convention center like refugees to keep from freezing to death. Some Texans almost certainly did freeze to death. Later this week, we'll likely learn just how many more were killed as they tried to keep warm with jury-rigged heaters and barbecues and car exhaust.

That happens every time when the power goes out; even advanced societies become primitive and dangerous, and people die. We've seen it happen repeatedly in California for years now, rolling blackouts in a purportedly First World state that is slipping steadily into chaos.

But who saw that coming in Texas? If there's one thing you would think Texas would be able to do, it's keep the lights on. Most electricity comes from natural gas and Texas produces more of that than any place on the continent. There are huge natural gas deposits all over the state. Running out of energy in Texas is like starving to death at the grocery store: You can only do it on purpose, and Texas did.

Rather than celebrate and benefit from their state's vast natural resources, politicians took the fashionable route and became recklessly reliant on so-called alternative energy, meaning windmills. Fifteen years ago, there were virtually no wind farms in Texas. Last year, roughly a quarter of all electricity generated in the state came from wind. Local politicians were pleased by this. They bragged about it like there was something virtuous about destroying the landscape and degrading the power grid. Just last week, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott proudly accepted something called the Wind Leadership Award, given with gratitude by Tri Global Energy, a company getting rich from green energy.

So it was all working great until the day it got cold outside. The windmills failed like the silly fashion accessories they are, and people in Texas died. This is not to beat up on the state of Texas - it's a great state, actually -- but to give you some sense of what's about to happen to you.

[Full video](#)

7) Robert Bryce: This blizzard exposes the perils of attempting to 'electrify everything'

[Forbes, 15 February 2021](#)

The massive blast of Siberia-like cold that is wreaking havoc across North America is proving that if we humans want to keep surviving frigid winters, we are going to have to keep burning natural gas — and lots of it — for decades to come.

That cold reality contradicts the “electrify everything” scenario that’s being promoted by climate change activists, politicians, and [academics](#). They claim that to avert the possibility of catastrophic climate change, we must stop burning hydrocarbons and convert all of our transportation, residential, commercial, and industrial systems so that they are powered solely on electricity, with most of that juice coming, of course, from forests of wind turbines and oceans of solar panels.

But attempting to electrify everything would concentrate our energy risks on an electricity grid that is already breaking under the surge in demand caused by the crazy cold weather. Across America, countless people don’t have electricity. I’m one of them. Our power here in central Austin went out at about 3 am. I am writing this under a blanket, have multiple layers of clothes on, and am nervously watching my laptop’s battery indicator.

This blizzard proves that attempting to electrify everything would be the opposite of anti-fragile. Rather than make our networks and critical systems more resilient and less vulnerable to disruptions caused by extreme weather, bad actors, falling trees, or simple negligence, electrifying everything would concentrate our dependence on a single network, the electric grid, and in doing so make nearly every aspect of our society prone to catastrophic failure if — or rather, when — a widespread or extended blackout occurs.

This blizzard proves that we have not been taking our energy security seriously enough. The concept of energy security has many aspects. But the most fundamental one is that we all have enough reliable and affordable energy (of whatever type) so that we don’t freeze to death during cold spells like the one now wreaking havoc across the continent.

This blizzard proves that during extreme weather winter, solar panels and [wind turbines](#) are of little or no value to the electric grid.

This blizzard proves that our natural gas grid is part of our critical infrastructure and that we shut it down at our peril. The natural gas network is essential because it can deliver big surges in energy supplies during periods of peak demand. In January 2019, U.S. natural gas demand set a record of 145 billion cubic feet per day. That record will be smashed during this blizzard, and daily volumes will exceed 150 Bcf. That is an enormous amount of energy. In fact, on the coldest days of winter, the amount of energy delivered by the gas grid is roughly three times as great as the energy consumed during the hottest days of the summer.

During peak cold events like this one, the gas grid delivers about 80 Bcf/d to homes and businesses. In energy equivalent terms, that’s roughly 83 trillion Btu, or the energy output of about 1 terawatt of electric generation capacity for 24 hours. Put another way, to equal the 80 Bcf/d of gas delivered during cold snaps, the U.S. would need an electric grid as large as all existing generation in the country, which is [currently about 1.2 terawatts](#).

Thanks to excellent geology, a century of gas production, and a fully developed transmission and distribution grid, the domestic natural gas sector can deliver surges of the fuel that are, in fact, lifesaving. That is due, in large part, to the fact that we can store vast amounts of gas and only tiny quantities of electricity. In short, our electric grid simply cannot deliver the massive amounts of energy needed during the winter to keep us from freezing to death. That means we need to keep burning natural gas. If you prefer to rely on batteries, be my guest.

[Full post](#)

8) Sal Gilbertie: Texas outages put reliability of renewable energy in the spotlight

[Forbes, 15 February 2021](#)

Everyone wants clean energy, but reliability is what really counts in a crisis. As renewably sourced energy captures a larger share of the power grid, outages become inevitable.

Renewable energy is great, but it just can’t compete with traditional sources. Texas just became the poster child for the consequences of change that happens too rapidly.

Take wind power as an example; just ten years ago wind power accounted for under ten percent of electricity production in Texas. Now its share is [approaching 25 percent](#), which seemed like a good thing until the current record breaking arctic blast came along. Freezing rain ahead of plunging temperatures has literally frozen some wind turbines solid, meaning there [isn’t enough electricity being produced](#) at the very time when it’s needed the most. Incidental reports coming out of Texas indicate that as many as half of Texan wind turbines may have been rendered temporarily inoperable by icy weather.

This is the problem with renewable energy; it isn’t always there when the going gets tough. The ramifications of changing our current electric grid from carbon and nuclear based sources to

wind, solar and other more environmentally and politically correct sources are not esoteric; they are real, consequential, and life threatening.

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9) And finally: How coal and oil prevented US blackouts in 2018

[GWPF Energy, April 2018](#)

Dr John Constable, GWPF Energy Editor

New data and analysis from the US government shows that during the Bomb Cyclone storm of late December 2017 and early January 2018, the electricity system of the eastern half of the country avoided blackouts only because of increased output from conventional sources, particularly coal and, incredibly enough, oil. The performance of renewables was disappointing. The warning for Europe is loud and clear.

From the 27th of December 2017 to the 8th of January 2018, the eastern half of the United States was severely affected by a major winter storm, referred to as a [Bomb Cyclone](#). The high winds and low temperatures resulted in a substantial increase in consumer demand for energy, putting the electricity system, in particular, under major additional pressure.

The system succeeded in meeting this demand, but the way it did so, through increased use of conventional energy, and in spite of mediocre to poor performance from renewables, has raised serious questions about the country's ability to withstand similar shocks in the future, when much conventional capacity, mostly coal, will have retired without replacement.

The story is told in detail in a [new study by the US government's National Energy Technology Laboratory \(NETL\)](#). [...]

In the wake of this very narrow escape, the United States government will be doing some hard thinking. Improvements in natural gas pipelines in the New England area are now, obviously, a priority. Storms such as the Bomb Cyclone are thankfully infrequent, but, as the report notes they are not that unusual and indeed are "periodically certain" (p. 3). This will happen again. The question that the NETL study correctly raises is whether the conventional electricity sector in the US will be of sufficient scale in the future to guarantee security of supply as it did this winter.

As in Europe, and also thanks to decades of climate-dominated energy policy, the US power markets have weak to non-existent investment signals for conventional power, and NETL underlines the importance of rectifying this problem. President Trump's support for coal, dismissed by many as mere politics, will certainly be reinforced by the experience of the Bomb Cyclone, and may even seem now to be rather prudent and far-sighted.

For European analysts and policy makers, the practical performance of the US system serves to bring into sharp focus what has been long suspected on theoretical grounds. In practice, the contribution of renewables to security of supply at times of extreme difficulty is negligible. Indeed, it is worse than that, since the presence of renewables imposes what the NETL authors drily term a "resilience penalty" (p. 15). The US electricity system would actually have been more robust without renewables. There is no reason for thinking that the European case is any different.

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2021 Legislative Priorities to Set Children Up for Success

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Dear Representative Gunderson:

Please find attached and linked here [a new research report](#) from Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Montana. [Fight Crime: Invest in Kids](#) is a nationwide, bipartisan, non-profit organization of more than 5,000 police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors, and violence survivors—including over 70 here in Montana—who are committed to research-based solutions that prevent crime.

As State Director of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, I look forward to working with you during the session to help ensure kids in Montana have the resources they need to succeed. Fight Crime: Invest in Kids members' experiences in their communities have taught them that research-based investments in kids help prevent later crime, make our communities safer, and save money on corrections and other law enforcement costs over time. Research suggests that high-quality early childhood care and education, out-of-school time programs, youth intervention programs, and programs that provide voluntary parent coaching and support, such as Healthy Montana Families, are all essential for long-term public safety.

As you know, however, providers and families in Montana are struggling in the current economic environment. Without additional financial support from the state, many child care, pre-K and afterschool providers will be unable to sustain their compounding operating losses. Considering that 70 percent of kids have all available parents in the workforce, working families—and our economy—cannot afford to lose these providers.

So, as you move through the 2021 legislative session, I urge you to prioritize the approximately 230,000 children in Montana, each of whom deserves a start in life that prepares them for later success, no matter their family's income.

In the [attached report](#), you will find the research underlying Fight Crime: Invest in Kids' four priorities:

- 1. Making high-quality early childhood education programs available to kids ages birth-to-five.** As it stands, Montana is one of only a handful of states that does not have a state-funded preschool program. And 60 percent of Montana families who live in a child care "desert," where there are more than three children for every licensed child care slot.
- 2. Offering voluntary parent coaching to at-risk parents of young children through home visiting programs.** These programs can help to dramatically reduce cases of child abuse and neglect, which has been linked to later involvement in crime.
- 3. Providing effective school-day and out-of-school time programs to children and youth to help keep them on track.** An evaluation of Montana's 21st Century Community Learning Center programs showed it improves academic performance, conflict resolution skills, and graduation rates. However, access is very limited, with 49,000 Montana kids currently on waiting lists, unable to participate.
- 4. Helping kids who have had contact with the juvenile justice system by providing them and their parents effective interventions.** We know that when kids who have had contact with the juvenile justice system and their parents have access to intensive family therapy or diversion programs, the kids are less likely to reoffend than following traditional juvenile justice programs.

The way children start their lives has a direct bearing on their development into successful members of society. We hope we can count on you to make investments in children a continued priority.

Thank you for your service to our great state.

Sincerely,

Martha Phelps Brooks
Montana State Director
Fight Crime: Invest in Kids

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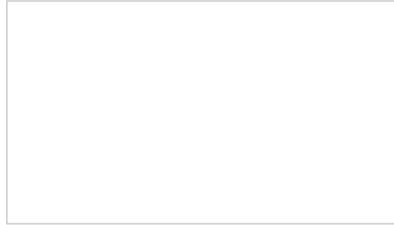
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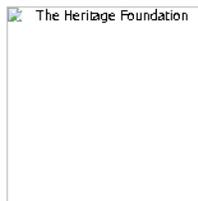
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Let's be united, tough and focused in 2021.

God bless Montana and God bless America.

Gary and Joan

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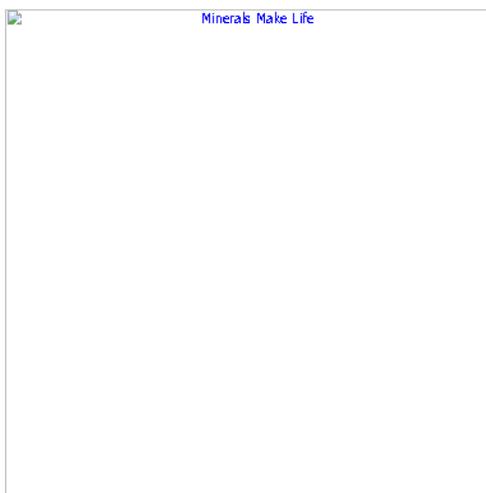
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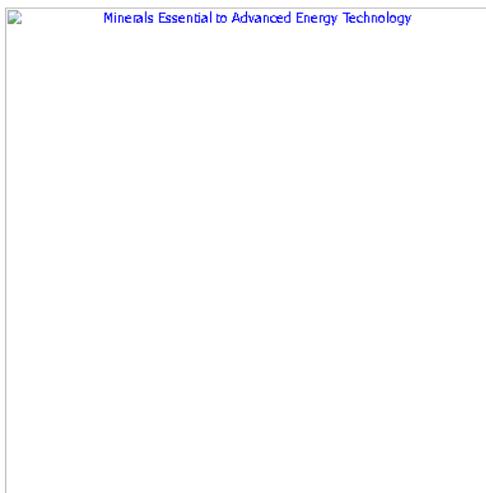


LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO JANUARY 14, 2021

Dear Steve,

Accelerated developments in energy technologies present a strong opportunity for American progress in the post-COVID-19 global economy. As nations compete to lead the future of advanced energy technologies, minerals mining and strong domestic supply chains will be an essential foundation for success.

The amazing properties of metals like copper, cobalt and lithium are essential for the construction of electric vehicles and charging stations. Other forms of alternative energy require considerable amounts of metals. Together, these emerging markets are deeply linked with mining – a relationship that has [The World Bank](#), [Wood Mackenzie](#) and [Depline](#) projecting a surge in metals demands that far exceeds current levels of output. The U.S. is waking up to this reality and must work quickly to secure its mineral supply chains and maintain its place as a leader in advanced energy technology and manufacturing.



While the U.S. has vast amounts of untapped mineral resources, [mineral demand](#) will quickly outpace U.S. mining's ability to respond. On average it takes seven to 10 years to get a mining permit in the U.S. while in Canada and Australia it takes two to three years, placing the U.S. in a position that is ripe for action from your members.

In fact, President-elect Biden has committed \$2 trillion over his first term to rebuild American infrastructure and establish the U.S. as a leader in alternative energy technologies. Policy changes and investments into domestic mining must occur in parallel to ensure the success of those efforts.

Other countries are already acting on this reality. They have worked to prioritize domestic mining to secure their own supply chains. In fact, a Chinese government-funded report noted that if trade tensions between the U.S. and China persist, [China will not rule out using its dominance in the rare earth minerals market as leverage](#). Given the more than \$6.2 trillion in mineral reserves that are currently underdeveloped due to cumbersome permitting laws, there is action we can take to ensure this doesn't happen.

It's time for your members to take control of [America's future](#). With commonsense policies in place, the U.S. can begin to secure the foundation of

economic growth.

Thank you,
Rich Nolan
NMA President and CEO

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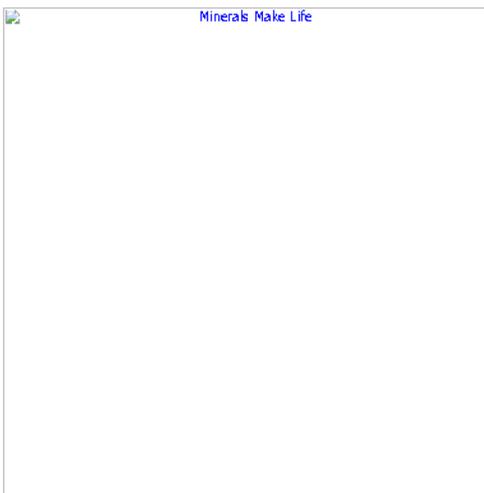
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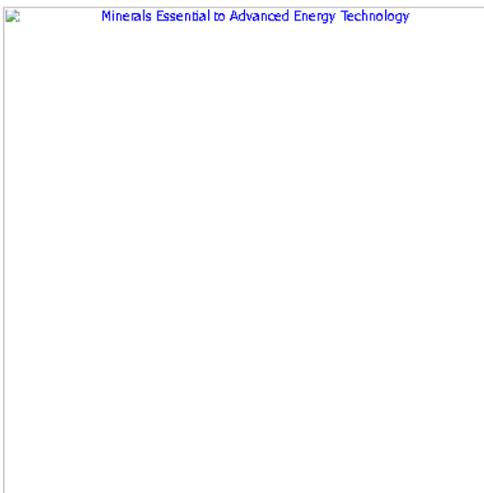


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Thank you,

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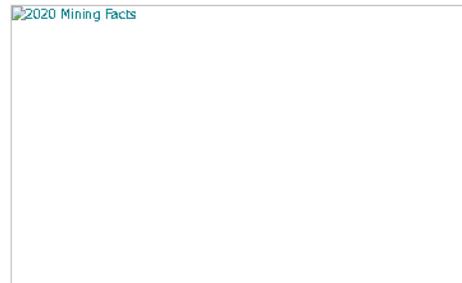
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All eyes are on the U.S. Senate race in Georgia. Both seats are facing runoffs on January 5th, and the outcome may shape America's future.

If Joe Biden is in the White House, and Nancy Pelosi is leading the House, the Senate will be our LAST LINE OF DEFENSE against the left's progressive agenda. They've already said they want to pack the courts with liberal judges, enact the Green New Deal, end the electoral college, and more.

Who knows what else they are capable of with free reign in Washington?

We have to do everything we can to support Republicans Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue in the Georgia Senate races. That's why our team has organized a money bomb fundraising event to SAVE THE SENATE!



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There is \$100 million in dark money flowing into Georgia to help the Democrats, and we have to fight fire with fire. Every single dollar helps us fight back against socialist rule, and we are counting on you!

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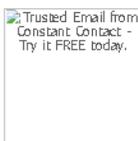
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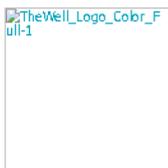
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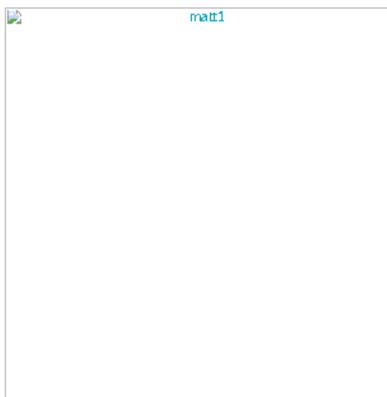
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If You Like Political History, Being House Historian Can't Be Beat



It happens like clockwork, every two years. Whenever one Congress ends and another is about to begin, House Historian Matthew Wasniewski and his staff of nine know the next several weeks will be busy indeed.

Not only do they do what Wasniewski described as a "tremendous" amount of updates to the House history website, but there are always scores of new entries to make to the Biographical Directory of Congress, a directory that goes back to 1860.

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Supreme Court Temporarily Shuts Down Census Data Collection



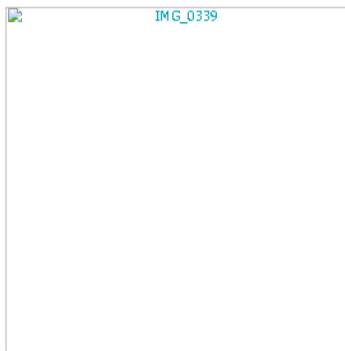
The case is *Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Commerce, et al. v. National Urban League, et al.* The majority of justices decided the lower court order should be stayed to allow the Census Bureau to file an appeal either to the full 9th Circuit or the Supreme Court itself.

Should the petition for review by the high court be denied, the stay would terminate automatically. In the event the petition is granted, the stay will end upon a ruling from the court.

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Long Lines, Computer Glitches Greet Many Early Voters in Georgia



A record 128,590 voters cast ballots on the first day of early voting in Georgia Monday, but for many of them it was a day of long waits, sometimes for hours and frustration as computer woes repeatedly took down polling places, including inside the State Farm Arena in downtown Atlanta.

Monday was the start of three weeks of early voting in the Peach State and elections officials believe that more than 5 million Georgians will cast ballots in this year's general election.

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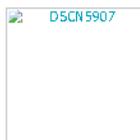
[Federal Judge Throws Out Trump Lawsuit in Pennsylvania](#)

A federal judge has thrown out a lawsuit filed by President Donald Trump's re-election campaign in Pennsylvania, tossing out a challenge to the state's drop boxes and poll-watching law. The ruling is notable not just for how it related to the election to be held three weeks from today, but also because the judge who handed it down — U.S. District Judge J. Nicholas Ranjan — was appointed by the president.



[Survey: 80% of Small Businesses Want Economic Relief Prioritized Over SCOTUS Nomination](#)

A national survey by the Small Business for America's Future coalition found that roughly eight in ten respondents identified something other than the Supreme Court nomination when asked about Congressional priorities. The survey, conducted from Oct. 2 through Oct. 5, took input from 1,511 small business owners in SBAF's national network.



[Supreme Court Declines to Hear Enrolments Case Against Trump](#)

The Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to revive a lawsuit filed by members of Congress that accused President Donald Trump of illegally profiting from his presidency. The decision means the earlier dismissal by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit of the lawsuit filed by 215 members of Congress will stand.



['Critical Fix' Gives Klamath Irrigators Access to Up to \\$10 Million in Emergency Drought Relief](#)

U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., and U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., and Ron Wyden, D-Ore., announced recently that the U.S. House of Representatives passed a critically needed fix to the 2018 Water Resources Development Act that would provide relief to Klamath Basin irrigators who have been hard-hit by drought. The legislation was passed by the Senate in July of this year and is now headed to President Trump's desk to be signed into law.



[Sen. Sherrod Brown Advocates for Worker Protection Landmark Legislation](#)

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, hosted a news conference call to discuss landmark legislation he introduced to protect workers as corporations increasingly classify them as independent contractors and use sub-contractors, temporary (temp) agencies, and corporate franchises to avoid labor laws. Brown's legislation, the Worker Flexibility and Small Business Protection Act, would help workers at app-

based businesses like Uber and Instacart, as well as Amazon delivery workers, home health aides, workers classified as "temp's" at plants like GM, and more.



[California Emerges as Leader on Climate Crisis, According to Next 10](#)

California has served as a market leader in driving environmentally sensitive changes to the auto industry for decades. A new brief from the nonpartisan group Next 10 found that expanding equitable access to clean transportation choices is critical, particularly in rural communities and urban settings, to address the climate crisis and protect public health in areas with historically high air pollution levels.

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[Battleground State Doctors Call for TV Stations to Remove Misleading Trump Ad](#)

A television ad the Trump reelection campaign is featuring in key battleground states across the country has inspired the wrath of scores of Michigan physicians who want it pulled from the air due to its misleading use of a quote from Dr. Anthony Fauci.

The Wall News tried to confirm the veracity of two attributed statements in the ad for which the phrases used could not be found.

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ADS

Reckless Reopenings

The DCCC released a new television ad in Texas' 24th Congressional District, stating politician Beth Van Duyne's alliance with President Trump amid a pandemic is hurting North Texas. The ad began reaching voters in the Dallas/Fort Worth media market on broadcast and cable on Oct. 8.

"President Trump and Beth Van Duyne only stand to make North Texans sicker with their reckless support for reopening without a plan and a dangerous health care agenda that would gut protections for people with pre-existing conditions like COVID-19," DCCC spokesman Avery Jaffe said.

Wagner Accused of Voting with Special Interests

The DCCC released its latest TV ad in MO-02, "[World](#)." The ad is airing now on broadcast in St. Louis and claims Congresswoman Ann Wagner has continuously voted with special interest allies who have given her campaign millions, while her net worth has grown by over four million dollars since she was first elected.

"Since she's been in Congress, her net worth has increased by over four million dollars, and she's voted time and again with special interests to finance her high-class lifestyle. But Missourians are over Ann Wagner and her swamp politics, and are cutting her off this November," said DCCC Spokesperson Courtney Rice.

Republican Rodimer Defends Himself in New Ad

A new ad in which Nevada Congressional District 3 Republican candidate Dan Rodimer describes a 2018 incident when his then-girlfriend, now wife, twice called 911 on him as "a verbal argument, plain and simple" has begun running online and on broadcast and cable TV.

In the ad, framed by the camera with her husband and children eating behind her, Rodimer's wife accuses attack ads from opponent Susie Lee of "exploiting our family" before touting endorsements from a number of Nevada police unions.

A campaign spokesperson did not respond to requests for comment on the amount of money spent on this most recent ad buy according to [The Nevada Independent](#).

Insee Ad Touts Strong, Steady Leadership

Insee for Washington has released a new ad, "[Decisive Leadership](#)" stating that when COVID-19 hit Washington state first, Governor Insee worked with public health experts to take decisive action and save countless lives. The ad states his strong, steady leadership and economic preparedness have Washington state poised to rebuild stronger than ever.

DCCC's Dozen

The DCCC IE released [12 ads](#) which continue to attack Republicans for fighting to eliminate protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions while taking campaign contributions from drug and insurance companies. "House Republicans are putting the interests of their drug and insurance company donors over the economic well-being of the working families they swore they would represent. We're not done reminding voters that Republicans and their special interest donors are on a crusade to take away their health coverage during a deadly pandemic," said DCCC Spokesperson Robyn Patterson.

POLLS

A recent poll conducted by The Economist/YouGov found only 26% of respondents felt the country was headed in the right direction, 66% felt it is on the wrong track and 8% were not sure. The same poll found an even split when asked if respondents were feeling optimistic or pessimistic about the future of the country, with 40% for each, twenty percent said they were not sure.

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A recent Pew Research Center Poll shows Joe Biden leading Donald Trump by 10 points, 52% to 42% among registered voters who were asked for whom they would vote if the election were held today. The same poll showed Biden leading in five of six areas when respondents were asked about their confidence level in each candidate being able to: make good decisions on the economy (Trump 52%, Biden 51%); effectively handle law enforcement and criminal justice (Biden 49%, Trump 46%); select good nominees for the Supreme Court, (Biden 55%, Trump 43%); make good decisions about foreign policy (Biden 54%, Trump 45%); handle the coronavirus (Biden 57%, Trump 40%) and bring the country closer together (Biden 50%, Trump 30%).

According to a YouGov tracker survey, in Britain, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Sweden, in only one of these countries – Italy – are more than a tenth of voters confident that the American electoral process will prove irreproachable according to The Guardian newspaper. In the other six, support for the view that the Nov. 3 elections will be "completely free and fair" ranges from 2% in Germany to 7% in Spain. In no country do more than 44% feel the vote will even be "completely or mostly" free and fair.

The survey, with a representative sample of 1,000-plus people in each country, found Europeans overwhelmingly eager for a Biden victory, despite not rating him very highly or knowing much about him.

About 80% of Danes say they want the Democratic challenger to win, followed by 71% in Germany, 64% in France and 61% in the UK, while support across the same four countries for a Trump victory ranges from 6% to 14%.

A recent ABC News/Washington Post Poll asked "As you may know, abortion law in the United States is based on the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling known as Roe v. Wade. Do you think the Supreme Court should uphold Roe v. Wade or overturn it?" A majority of those surveyed, 62% said it should be upheld, 24% said overturn it and 14% were unsure.

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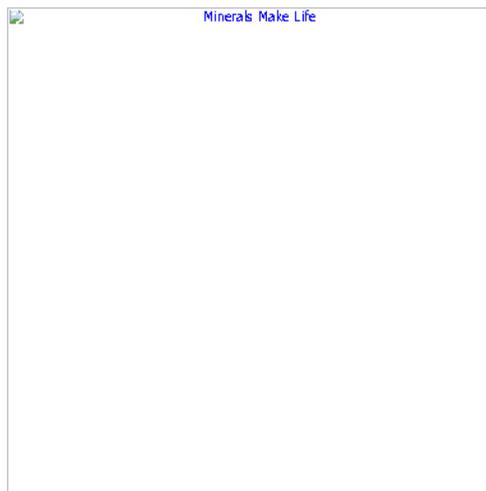
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

SEPTEMBER 24,
2020

Dear Steve,

The digital economy has advanced rapidly amidst the global pandemic. Across every sector of our nation's economy – communications, transportation, energy, healthcare, manufacturing and national security – digital technologies are advancing new innovations and driving economic growth. Underpinning the digital economy are minerals – many of which are at the bottom of the periodic table and unnoticed for their importance. They advance medical innovations, enable data capture and processing at volumes never imagined, and are the building blocks of our nation's defense. The last several months have highlighted the weaknesses in our supply chains, and the consequences of overreliance on foreign nations for our mineral needs. In the years to come, our international competitiveness and economic growth will depend on our ability to produce and refine the metals that are currently imported.

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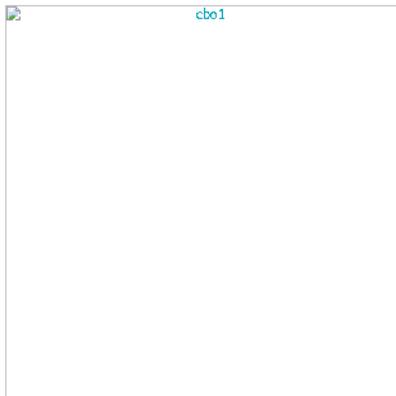
Straight from The Well

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

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FEDERAL BUDGET

Federal Deficit Could Balloon to 13% by 2050, CBO Report Says



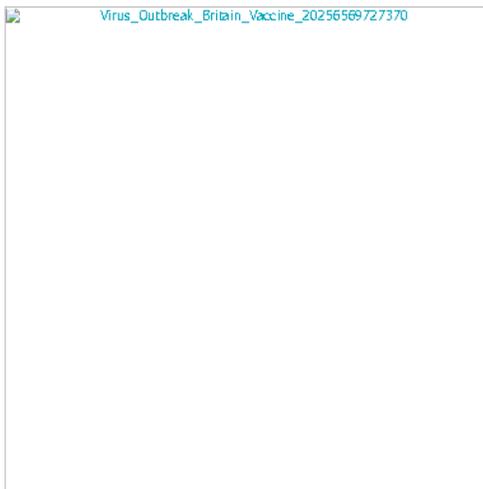
The federal debt owed by the United States government is expected to grow over the next 30 years to almost twice the size of the nation's economy, according to the Congressional Budget Office's Long-Term Budget Outlook report.

While the average deficit over the past 50 years has been around 3% of GDP, federal deficits are forecasted to grow from 5% of GDP in 2030 to 13% by 2050, according to the report. However, revenues measured as a percentage of GDP are estimated to increase after pandemic-induced economic disruption has been quelled.

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BUSINESS

Fortune Magazine Highlights 50 Companies Changing the World



According to Fortune's introduction of this year's list, those featured are highlighted based on their collaboration with other companies.

Highlighted at the top of Fortune's list is "The Vaccine Makers", a title covering companies like big pharma company AstraZeneca, which has led the world in bringing a COVID-19 vaccine from lab to human trial thanks to its partnership with the University of Oxford.

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2020 ELECTIONS

Ohio Secretary of State Reports Surge in Absentee Ballot Requests



With just 42 days to go before Election Day, Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose said Tuesday that 1,784,004 absentee ballot applications have been received by the county boards of election, including a whopping 385,657 in the past week. At the same time in 2016, a total 805,844 absentee ballots had been collected.

Ohio has already begun sending absentee ballots to the 17,217 residents who are currently in the military or overseas. Absentee ballots will be sent to the rest of those who requested them beginning Oct. 6.

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IN THE NEWS

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MORE FROM THE WELL



[ROKK Solutions Launches New Practice Area: Social Impact Communications](#)

Lindsay Singleton, longtime managing director at ROKK Solutions, will now also serve as lead of its new practice area: social impact communications. The practice, launched Tuesday by the bipartisan political communications firm, will assist organizations in amplifying their social impact efforts and messaging to policymakers. "Social impact communications is a key part of a long-term public affairs strategy, and one that many businesses overlook," said Singleton, who has been with the firm since 2018.



[The Atlantic Festival Features Women in Washington](#)

As part of the kickoff of its four-day festival, the Atlantic Festival featured a panel of women leaders in areas of media, economics, government and more discussing the pandemic's impact on their professions and America's future. Moderated by staff writers and editors of The Atlantic, the "Women in Washington" panel featured three separate discussions in its one-hour time slot. Starting off with moderator Annie Lowrey, a staff writer for The Atlantic, the first panel featured White House correspondents from CBS News, ABC News and NBC News.



[Justice Ginsburg to Lie in Repose at Supreme Court, Wednesday and Thursday](#)

Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will lie in repose at the Supreme Court building on Wednesday and Thursday, the court announced today. A spokeswoman for the court said Ginsburg's casket will arrive in front of the court just before 9:30 a.m. Wednesday morning and a private ceremony will take place inside the Great Hall of the court shortly thereafter. Additionally, Justice Ginsburg is also expected to lie in state at the U.S. Capitol on Friday.

EVERY DAY IS SOME DAY

Source: National Day Calendar

National Checkers Day



On September 23, 1952, Vice Presidential candidate Richard Nixon gave a speech that was called the "Checker's Speech." Thanks to Checkers, Nixon made the ticket that year, and we celebrate Dogs in Politics Day, also known as National Checkers Day on this day. More dogs than presidents have lived in the White House and you can learn more about them by visiting the Presidential Pet Museum [website](#).

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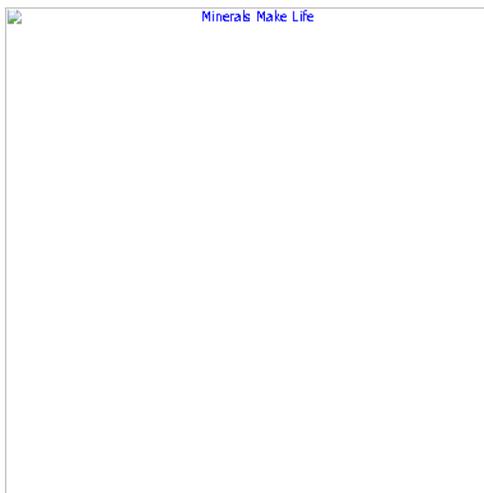
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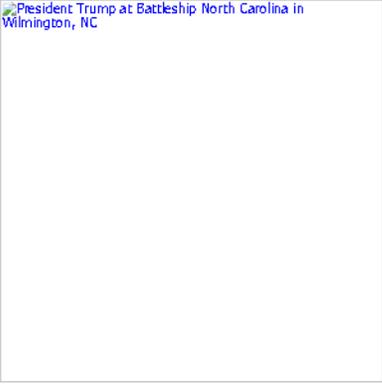


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September 8, 2020

Secretary's Update

On September 2, with President Donald J. Trump at the U.S.S. North Carolina, U.S. Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt [designated the city of Wilmington, North Carolina as the first American World War II Heritage City.](#)



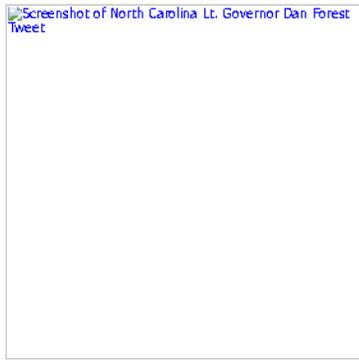
The designation recognizes the countless contributions of the women and men who stepped into the workforce to support America's successful war effort during World War II.

"I congratulate Wilmington on being designated the nation's first American World War II Heritage City," said **Secretary Bernhardt**. "During World War II, all Americans sacrificed and contributed immeasurably to the war efforts whether in combat or from the home front. Cities like Wilmington, North Carolina were essential to the success of the Allied Forces."

Also known as, "The Defense Capital of the State," Wilmington was home to several strategic defense industries, including the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company, and served as a training hub for each branch of the military. In addition to the battleship USS North Carolina, today the city hosts a variety of resources related to the home front story, including an adaptively used USO Building and several parks and monuments that interpret the period.

The John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, signed into law by President Trump in March of 2019, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to annually bestow this honorary designation on at least one city or local jurisdiction annually in each state and territory, in order to recognize and ensure the continued preservation and importance of the history of the United States involvement in World War II.

[Screenshot of North Carolina Lt. Governor Dan Forest Tweet](#)



President Trump and Secretary Bernhardt were joined at this event by U.S. Senator Thom Tillis, Congressman David Rouzer, Wilmington, NC Mayor Bill Saffo, and United States Navy Reserve Captain Wilbur D. Jones. North Carolina Lieutenant Governor Dan Forest was unable to attend the event, but he [thanked President Trump](#)

[and Secretary Bernhardt for honoring North Carolina, the Wilmington area, and all the brave men and woman who served.](#) Lt. Governor Forest also wrote an op-ed published in the [North State Journal](#) regarding this event.

Bureau Highlight: Bureau of Reclamation

On August 24, 2020, the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of Energy's Water Power Technology Office and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers signed a [Federal Hydropower generation memorandum of understanding](#) at Hoover Dam. The MOU provides for a collaborative working relationship that prioritizes similar goals and aligns ongoing and future renewable energy development efforts among the three agencies.



Hydropower Day is sponsored annually by the National Hydropower Association and celebrates 127 years of hydropower's renewable and reliable contributions to our nation's clean energy infrastructure. Hydropower is a unique resource, critical to America's future, which supports the integration of other renewables like wind and solar onto the grid.

The Bureau of Reclamation is the nation's largest wholesale water supplier and second largest producer of hydroelectric power. Bureau of Reclamation facilities also provide substantial flood control, recreation opportunities, and environmental benefits. Reclamation's hydropower program supports Administration and Department of the Interior domestic energy security initiatives to develop hydropower on federal water resource projects through collaborative regulatory reform, innovation, and outreach. Learn more about Reclamation's role in hydropower at <https://www.usbr.gov/power/>.

Pictured above is the Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Brenda Burman, the Department of Energy's Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Daniel Simmons, and the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) Ryan Fisher with the signed MOU.

[Trump Administration Seized More Than 2,600 Pounds of Illegal Narcotics in Indian Country Last Year](#)

Today, the Trump Administration highlighted the efforts made in 2019 by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Joint Opioid Reduction Task Force in Indian Country, as law enforcement officials successfully led 14 operations across seven states, resulting in more than 313 arrests and the seizure of 2,607 pounds of illegal narcotics with an estimated street value of \$19.6 million, more than double the price tag from the previous year. President Donald J. Trump has made it a [priority of his administration](#) to end the drug overdose epidemic that kills approximately 70,000 Americans each year.

[Trump Administration Adds James Weldon Johnson Park in Jacksonville to the African American Civil Rights Network](#)

Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt issued a [proclamation](#) designating James Weldon Johnson Park in Jacksonville, Florida, which was the site of Ax Handle Saturday, to be a part of the [African American Civil Rights Network \(AACRN\)](#). "On this 60th anniversary of the tragic events in Jacksonville, it is my honor to designate the site of Ax Handle Saturday as the 31st addition to the African American Civil Rights Network," said Secretary Bernhardt. "President Trump enacted the American Civil Rights Network legislation to tell the complete and often painful story of the struggle for civil rights to foster healing, tolerance and understanding among all Americans."

Validating Interior's Unprecedented Ethics Initiatives. Office of Government Ethics Program Review Contains Zero Findings or Recommendations

In stark contrast to the 14 recommendations issued in 2016 to the Department of the Interior, the U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) issued no findings or recommendations for Interior's ethics program. This is the first time in the Department's history that it has received such a report after a Program Review by the OGE. Since the day he arrived at Interior as the Deputy Secretary on August 1, 2017, now U.S. Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt has been laser focused upon improving Interior's ethics program, prioritizing and investing significant resources into the Departmental Ethics Office (DEO) to establish a culture of ethical compliance. This 2020 Ethics Program Review recognizes the progress of the Department's transformational efforts.

Breonna Taylor, John Lewis and Rosa Parks are among the people Americans have nominated for Trump's garden of American heroes
FOREST: Wilmington and North Carolina's battleship have earned their national praise
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ICYMI: Nominate your city! Any city, or other local jurisdiction, may be eligible for recognition as an American World War II Heritage City. For further information, including program information and nomination guidance, please visit, www.nps.gov/AWWIIHC.



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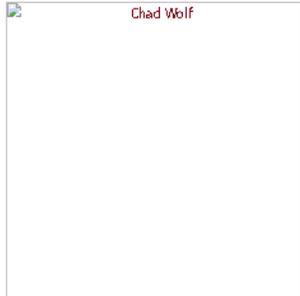
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Again, welcome to the America First Agenda. Our work is a promise for tomorrow.



Last week, AFPI announced the newest addition to our leadership team—The Honorable Chad Wolf will serve as Executive Director and Chief Strategy Officer. Learn more.



Larry Kudlow, Vice-Chair of the Board, announced Dr. Kevin Hassett will lead AFPI's Board of Academic Advisors. Read Kudlow's statement and learn more about the Board of Academic Advisors here.



On Monday, AFPI remembered the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Visit the Center for the American Dream, chaired by Dr. Alveda King, to learn how AFPI is advancing policies that enhance civil rights, human dignity, and the sanctity of life to ensure that all Americans have equal access and opportunity to achieve the American dream—from the womb to the tomb!



Dr. Alveda King

Be sure to read **Dr. Alveda King's** recently published Fox News op-ed, **[Words my uncle, Martin Luther King Jr., would share in our troubled times.](#)**

Learn more about:

- **[Letting Dr. King's Holiday Ring for Freedom — Each Year, Every Day](#)** in a Newsmax op-ed by **Dr. Alveda King**, Chair of AFPI's **Center for the American Dream**
- **[The Freedom to Cheat Act: The Radical Left's Latest Attempt to Undermine Our Democracy](#)** in a Breitbart op-ed by **Ken Blackwell**, former Ohio Secretary of State and Chair of AFPI's **Center for Election Integrity**
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- **[The Importance of the Filibuster and Its Long-Standing Tradition in the United States Senate](#)** in a piece by **Miles Johnson**, AFPI's Government Affairs Manager
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- **[Ending the COVID-19 Emergency](#)** in a Washington Examiner op-ed by **Bobby Jindal**, former Governor of Louisiana and Chair of AFPI's **Center for a Healthy America**, and **Dr. Heidi Overton**, Director of AFPI's **Center for a Healthy America**
- **[Falling as Predicted: Joe Biden's Presidency Is Shaping Up to Be a Historical Disaster](#)** in an op-ed in The American Mind by **Brooke Rollins**, former Director of the Domestic Policy Council for President Trump and AFPI President and CEO
- **[President Biden Missing in Action on Human Trafficking](#)** in a piece by **Chad Wolf**, former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security, Executive Director and Chief Strategy Officer for AFPI, and Chair of AFPI's **Center for Homeland Security and Immigration**, and **Bill Woolf**, Director of AFPI's **Center for Law & Justice**
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Kudlow's Corner

Larry Kudlow serves as both Vice-Chair of the Board and Chair of AFPI's Center for American Prosperity.

The **New York Sun**: *America to Biden: It's Time To Start Singing 'It's Over...'* [Read here](#)

The **New York Sun**: *Biden's Rhetoric Echoes the Fact That His Presidency Is Unraveling* [Read here](#)

ICYMI: AFPI In The News

As we work every day to challenge media narratives, here are just a few of our most recent appearances:

Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg on Fox News

Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security, joined 'America Reports' on Fox News to **[discuss the situation in Russia and Ukraine.](#)**

Chad Wolf on Fox News

Chad Wolf, former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security, Executive Director and Chief Strategy Officer for AFPI, and Chair of AFPI's Center for Homeland

Security and Immigration, joined 'America Reports' to [discuss border security and immigration](#).



Pam Bondi, former Florida Attorney General, Chair of AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership, and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for Law & Justice, joined 'Hannity' to [discuss the surge of violent crime in America](#).



Dr. Alveda King, Chair of AFPI's Center for the American Dream, joined 'America Reports' to [celebrate the ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.](#)

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- [President Biden's Latest Inflation Scapegoat: Meatpackers](#) in a Wall Street Journal op-ed by Andy Puzder, Senior Fellow for AFPI, and Will Coggin, Managing Director of the Center for Consumer Freedom
- [Senator Manchin's Gain of Support After Opposing the Big Government Socialism Bill](#) in a survey conducted by the Save America Coalition
- [A Federal Court Issued A Stay Against President Biden's Vaccine Mandate for Navy SEALs](#) in a piece by AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership
- [Alveda King's Staunch Challenge—and Warning—to Liberal Politicians](#) in a Charisma News op-ed by Alveda King, Chair of AFPI's Center for the American Dream
- [The Biden Administration's Magic Wand for Energy Prices](#) in a Real Clear Energy op-ed by Rick Perry, former Secretary of Energy and Chair of AFPI's Center for Energy Independence, and Jason Isaac, Director of Life:Powered, an initiative of the Texas Public Policy Foundation
- [Fred Fleitz Joining AFPI's Center for American Security](#)
- [What Covid-19 Relief Funding Means for Children](#) in a piece by Governor Phil Bryant, former Governor of Mississippi, and Senior Advisor for AFPI's Center for 1776, and Mr. Scott Turner, Chair of AFPI's Center for Education Opportunity



Fixing the border crisis is within the powers of the Executive Branch. It was done before during the Trump Administration and can be done again. Unfortunately, the Biden Administration has put illegal immigrants over the American people.

[Watch AFPI's Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Video >>](#)



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Laurie Todd Smith, Ph.D., Director of AFPI's Center for Education Opportunity, [joined](#) the Gallo Show to discuss Critical Race Theory and education.

Scott Rasmussen [joined](#) Talkline with Hoppy Kercheval on WV MetroNews Radio to discuss Senator Manchin's rising support after opposing the Big Government Socialism Bill.

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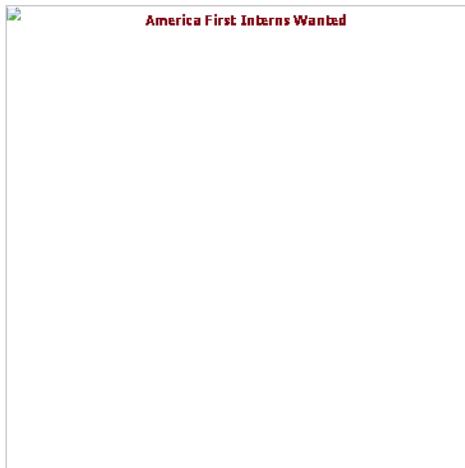
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Josh Campbell is from Camilla, Georgia, and serves as an attorney for the Constitutional Litigation Partnership at AFPI. Most recently, Josh served as the Senior Advisor and Counselor to the Deputy Secretary of Energy, where he advised on a broad range of national and international litigation and energy law matters. Over the past 15 years, Campbell has handled over 100 civil or criminal trials or hearings. Campbell spent over a decade trying cases in Savannah and Atlanta, Georgia, litigating cases across not only the state but also across the United States.

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BREAKING UPDATE: FEDERAL COURT ISSUES STAY AGAINST VACCINE MANDATE FOR NAVY SEALs

January 4, 2022

(Washington, D.C.) – Yesterday, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas issued a Preliminary Injunction against Biden’s federal vaccine mandate for Navy SEALs who were seeking a religious exemption.

Judge Reed O’Connor, the U.S. District Court Judge presiding over the case stated: **“The Navy service members in this case seek to vindicate the very freedoms they have sacrificed so much to protect. The COVID-19 pandemic provides the government no license to abrogate those freedoms. There is no COVID-19 exemption to the First Amendment... and there is no military exclusion from our Constitution.”**

America First Policy Institute’s Constitutional Litigation Partnership supported this case, brought on by First Liberty, by filing an Amicus Curiae in support of the service members.

The court’s order can be read [here](#).

Statement from The Honorable Pam Bondi, Chair of AFPI’s Constitutional Litigation Partnership:

“The opinion issued in this case is a victory for our Constitution, our active-duty military members, and our institutions. It is our responsibility to protect our servicemen and women from this outrageous mandate that was set in place by their own Commander in Chief. No American, especially our service members, should be required to choose between violating their religious beliefs and serving our country.”

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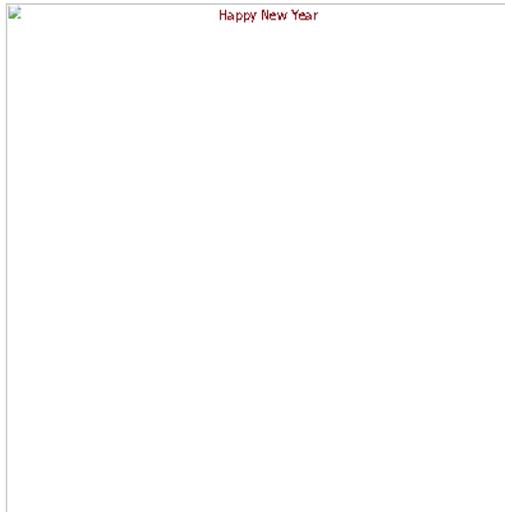
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 AFPI Welcomes Andy Puzder

AFPI is proud to announce **Andy Puzder** will serve as a Senior Fellow and work closely with AFPI's policy teams to advance economic policies that put American families, workers, and communities first. Read the press release [here](#).

Learn more about:

- [How President Biden may have finally realized that shutting down America over COVID is the wrong move, as commonsense "red state" governors have known all along](#) in a Daily Mail op-ed by **Andy Puzder**, Senior Fellow for AFPI
- [AFPI President & CEO Brooke L. Rollins's Statement on the 4th Anniversary of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act](#)
- [An American Success Story: Celebrating the 4th Anniversary of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act](#) in a piece by AFPI's **Center for American Prosperity**
- [A Supreme Court Case Update on Vaccine Mandates](#) in a piece by AFPI's **Constitutional Litigation Partnership**
- [AFPI's Emergency Application for Stay on President Biden's Unconstitutional Vaccine Mandate](#) by AFPI's **Constitutional Litigation Partnership**
- [Why Democrats Shouldn't Build Back Bitter](#), in a Wall Street Journal op-ed by **Bobby Jindal**, former Governor of Louisiana and Chair of AFPI's **Center for a Healthy America**
- [AFPI's Amicus Brief in West Virginia v. EPA](#) from AFPI's **Constitutional Litigation Partnership**
- [The Bin Government Socialism Bill Losing Democrat Support](#) in statements by **Steve Moore**, economist and Chair of the **Save America Coalition**, and **Brooke L. Rollins**, President and CEO of the **America First Policy Institute**
- [How the Conservatives 'Save America Coalition' Helped Kill Build Back Better](#), in a piece by **National Review**
- [Christmas in America](#) in a Newsweek op-ed by **Phil Bryant**, former Governor of Mississippi and Senior Advisor for AFPI's **Center for 1776**
- [How President Biden Plays Checkers While Putin Plays Chess](#) in a Fox News op-ed by **LT General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg**, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chair of AFPI's **Center for American Security**



Friend, with supporters like you, we know that the spirit of the American people can never die. That is why we firmly believe that America has a bright future ahead with your continued support. In the words of President Donald J. Trump: "The best is yet to come."

On behalf of the entire team at AFPI, we wish you a joyous and prosperous 2022!

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 [Pam Bondi on Fox News](#)

Pam Bondi, former Florida Attorney General, Chair of AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership, and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for Law and Justice, joined 'Hannity' on Fox News to [discuss Washington, D.C.'s new State of Emergency and mask mandate.](#)

 [Lt. General \(Ret.\) Keith Kellogg on Fox News](#)

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Rachel Jag

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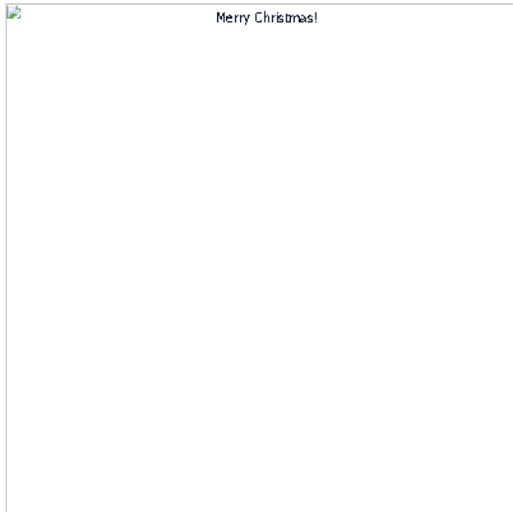
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Fellow Patriot,

On behalf of the AFPI Board of Directors, our 22 amazing Center Chairs, 105 staff members, and more than 22,000 investors, we wish you a very Merry Christmas. The holiday season is a time of joy and thankfulness, spent in warm appreciation of family and friends, and—beyond the lights, the gifts, and the decorations—gratitude for the promise of redemption unearned yet freely given.



Even as we enjoy our blessings, we remember those Americans who spend Christmas away from home: the essential worker who must cover a shift, the laborer whose task stops for no holiday, and the military service members and first responders who stand watch so we may celebrate in peace and security. We are forever grateful to them for their sacrifice. They stand in a long tradition of Americans defending our sacred ideals at Christmas. America's very first Christmas, after all, on December 25, 1776, saw the battered but undeterred Continental Army crossing the icy Delaware River to shock the world with a victory at Trenton.

We who enjoy the freedom they won have a duty to defend it.

That is exactly what the America First Policy Institute has done in this first year of our existence. Our first Christmas is not spent on a forlorn and frigid mission to save the Revolution, but it is spent preparing for the task ahead. Having accomplished so much — staffed 22 policy centers, published over 100 op-eds, released 90 policy papers, filed a lawsuit against the Big Tech oligarchs of Silicon Valley and fought for the more than 100,000 Americans who shared their stories of censorship, helped stop the Big Government Socialism Bill with over 100 pieces of original content and a traveling band of freedom fighters around the country, went boots on the ground in 15 states fighting for election integrity, and reached millions and millions of Americans — we know it is just a start. In the year to come, in the face of a White House that is singularly bent upon undoing all that is great and good about our country, we will carry the banner forward and inspire the change that America needs.

That means restoring hope to American communities, reviving American entrepreneurship and industry, and returning the American government to the American people. It is simple to say, but it is a big job. AFPI is up to it— because the American people are up to it. We have always been up to it. A generation ago, a newly inaugurated President, Ronald Reagan, reminded Americans that “[w]e have every right to dream heroic dreams.” We have, and we do.

Our work now is to make the dream real. It is the American Dream. And it is worth the fight.

From our family to yours: Merry Christmas.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We pray a special blessing be upon you and your family this Christmas season. As you spend time with friends and family, we hope you will make time to read the Christmas story in [Luke Chapter 2](#) and reflect upon the importance of Jesus Christ to all of humanity.

On behalf of all the members of the National Association of Christian Lawmakers (NACL) we thank all of you who have supported the formation of our nation's first national association of Christian lawmakers ever to be formed in our country. Since our charter meeting in August of 2020, the NACL now has elected officials serving as state chairs in 26 states and we now have members and donors from 49 states across the country. This has all been made possible by people like you who are taking a strong stand for God in our nation.

Throughout 2021 the NACL has been growing and expanding our impact across the country. In July we met for our second national meeting in Dallas, Texas where we heard from many conservative Christian leaders including Pastor John Hagee, former Kansas Governor and Trump Ambassador At Large for International Religious Freedom Sam Brownback, former Trump White House Deputy Press Secretary Hogan Gidley, former Congressman Bob McEwen, Bible teacher, author and President of Charis College Andrew Wommack, and many others. You can view a picture gallery from our 2022 meeting here: [NACL 2022 DALLAS MEETING](#).

We also passed our first [model resolution and model laws](#) which included support for Israel, declaring a need for greater election integrity, and urged state legislatures to pass the Texas-style Heartbeat Bill which is saving the lives of babies everyday as well as the National Motto In God We Trust Act. We are uniting Christian elected officials and lawmakers together at the local, state and federal level to debate and discuss the major policy issues facing our nation and propose solutions through model laws, ordinances, statutes and resolutions all from a Biblical worldview.

COME CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR AND SUPPORT TORNADO VICTIMS!

We're hosting a new event to help raise funds for Arkansas tornado victims, and we'd love to see you there. Join us for Bluegrass, Boots & Blue Jeans - Arkansas New Year's Eve 2022, December 31, 2021 at 6:00 PM near Greenbrier, Arkansas. Register soon because space is limited.

All net proceeds are being donated to Arkansas Tornado Victims Relief Funds to help those suffering from the recent storm damage.

We hope you're able to join us for a great night supporting a good cause! Click the link below to order your tickets today!

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Bluegrass, Boots & Blue Jeans - Arkansas New Year's Eve 2022!
 The Castle at Harmon Ranch, Greenbrier

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Our prayer and goal is for elected officials and believers to come together in support of clear Judeo-Christian values and Biblical principles to do our best to ensure that our nation lives up to our national motto "In God We Trust". We will be sharing our plans for 2022 and our national meeting details in the near future. We hope that you will be able to join with us at our next conference and consider [becoming a member of our organization today](#).

Former President Ronald Reagan once said,

"Without God there is no virtue because there is no prompting of the conscience...without God there is a coarsening of the society; without God democracy will not and cannot endure...if we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under".

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, Psalm 33:12.

Once again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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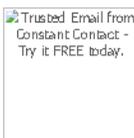
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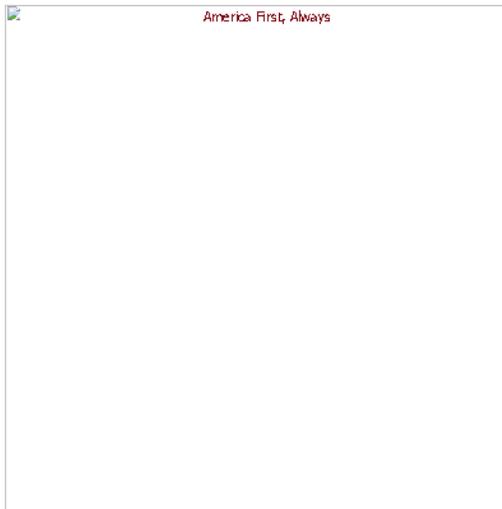
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Thanks to Senator Manchin, Christmas came early when he announced that he would not support President Biden's Big Government Socialism Bill. [Click here](#) to learn more about AFPI and the Save America Coalition!

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- **No Law and No Order, the Policies of the Left**, in a piece by AFPI
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- **The President that Stole Christmas** in a piece by Josh Orlaski, Policy Analyst for AFPI's Center for the American Worker
- **Runaway Inflation and the Big Government Socialism Bill** in a paper by AFPI's Center for American Prosperity
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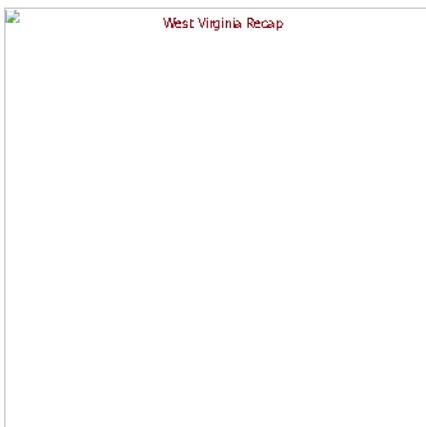


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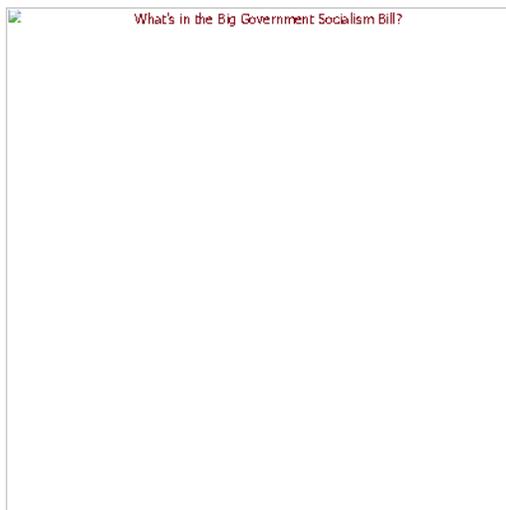
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Polling Update

According to a Monmouth University [poll](#), 6 in 10 Americans say they feel “worn out” by the pandemic, and nearly half of Americans are “angry” about it.

A Politico [poll](#) found that 58% of registered voters do not think Joe Biden should run for a second term in 2024.

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 Hogan Gidley Fox Business

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Chad Wolf, former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security and Immigration and Chair of AFPI’s Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, joined the [Vince Coolianese Radio Show on WMAL](#) to discuss border security.

Linda McMahon, former U.S. Small Business Administrator, AFPI Chair of Board, and Chair of AFPI’s Center for the American Worker, joined [Philadelphia’s Morning Answer with Chris Sigall](#) to discuss inflation and the supply chain crisis.

John Zadrozny, Director of AFPI’s Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, joined [The Information Edge Podcast with Darren Yancy](#) to discuss the news of day and immigration.

Hogan Gidley, Director of AFPI's Center for Election Integrity, joined News Talk STL on 'The Tim Jones and Chris Ares Show' to discuss election integrity efforts.

Matthew Whitaker, former Acting Attorney General and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for Law and Justice, joined the Michael Berry Show to discuss rising crime across the country.

AFPI Team Highlight



Venetia Resciniti

Staff Assistant, Constitutional Litigation Partnership

Venetia Resciniti is from Binghamton, New York, and serves as a Staff Assistant for AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership. Resciniti previously interned at the White House in the Domestic Policy Council, where she assisted staff in policy research and drafting policy materials. Resciniti also interned at the State Department on the Policy Planning Staff, where she contributed to policy research, verified facts for speechwriters, and aided in office management. [Click here](#) to learn more about AFPI's team.

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The Biden Administration's failures at the border are being felt across the country. Local sheriffs have been picking up the slack as they work tirelessly to uphold the rule of law and protect their communities.

Join us on Wednesday, December 15 at 5 PM ET, for our livestream discussion on the manufactured border crisis.



Join me and prominent sheriffs Chuck Jenkins of Frederick County, Maryland and Sam Page of Rockingham County, North Carolina, for an engaging discussion about the ongoing crisis at the border. This is a must-watch event for everyone who cares about protecting our borders and keeping Americans safe.

You can register to watch the livestream [here!](#)

We look forward to you tuning in, and please visit our website to see all the research and policies that put America First, always.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Chad Wolf
Chair, Center for Homeland Security and Immigration
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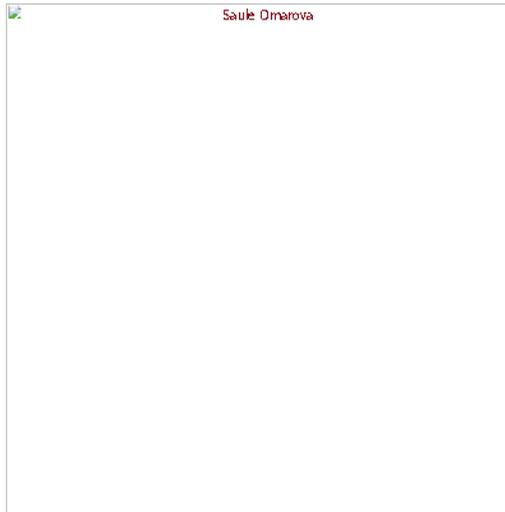


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Marxist radical Saule Omarova withdrew from consideration after Sherrod Brown credited AFPI research. Be on the lookout at AmericaFirstPolicy.com for the TRUTH on the rest of this Big Government Socialism Agenda.



President Trump's Operation Warp Speed was so successful, the mainstream media is now calling on President Biden to implement his own as a result of his failure to successfully curb the Coronavirus as he promised during his campaign. [Read more on calls for a second Operation Warp Speed in Politico >>](#)

• **Learn more about**

- [AFPI President and CEO Brooke Rollins's statement on Bob Dole's Passing.](#)
- [AFPI's Statement on Historic Inflation Rates by President and CEO Brooke Rollins.](#)
- [The historical amendment](#), in a paper by [James Baehr](#), Senior Fellow for AFPI's Center for 1776.
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- [Curriculum adoption](#), part of AFPI's Center for 1776's [School Board Member Toolkit](#).
- [Supporting America's heroes who continue to hold the line – in spite of it all](#) in a Real Clear Policy op-ed by [Pam Bondi](#), former Florida Attorney General, Chair of AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership, and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for Law and Justice, and [Matthew Whitaker](#), former Acting U.S. Attorney General and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for Law and Justice.
- [The deadly consequences of emboldening criminals and undermining police](#) in a piece by [Chad Wolf](#), former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security and Immigration and Chair of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, and [Scott G. Erickson](#), Senior Fellow for AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.
- [The anti-tyranny case for a smaller federal government](#) in a piece by [John Zadrozny](#), Director of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, and [Alex Caro Campana](#), Director of Stewardship and Policy Analyst for AFPI's Center for 1776.
- [Covid-19 relief funding for K-12 education - the essential role of integrity and accountability](#) in a paper by [Laurie Todd-Smith, Ph.D.](#), Director of AFPI's Center for Education Opportunity.
- [How high inflation could wreck the federal budget](#) in a Daily Caller op-ed by [James Carter](#), Director of AFPI's Center for American Prosperity.
- [How President Biden's immigration payout puts Americans last](#) in a Washington Times op-ed by [Chad Wolf](#), former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security and Immigration and Chair of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, and [Lt. General \(Ret.\) Keith Kellogg](#), former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security.
- [AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership's lawsuit with Alliance for Free Citizens to challenge the Biden Administration's unconstitutional OSHA vaccine mandate.](#)
- [How inflation is continuing to rapidly erode Americans' paychecks](#) in a paper by AFPI's Center for American Prosperity.
- [Learning and employment records, a pathway for restoring America's workforce](#) in a paper by [Laurie Todd-Smith, Ph.D.](#), Director of AFPI's Center for Education Opportunity. For a quick, abbreviated read, check out this paper's one-pager [here](#).
- [School choice advances in states](#) in a piece by [Laurie Todd-Smith, Ph.D.](#), Director of AFPI's Center for Education Opportunity.

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Polling Update

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According to a recent [poll](#) from the Associated Press, more than a third of Americans aged 13 to 56 cite the pandemic as a major source of stress. 46% of Americans aged 13 to 24 say the pandemic has made it harder to pursue their education or career goals.

According to a Politico [poll](#), only 2% of Hispanic voters preferred referring to themselves as "Latinx," while 68% preferred "Hispanic" and 21% favored "Latino" or "Latina." 40% said Latinx bothers or offends them to some degree, and 30% said they would be less likely to support a politician who uses that term.

Kudlow's Corner

Larry Kudlow serves as both Vice-Chair of the Board and Chair for the Center for American Prosperity for AFPI.

The **New York Sun**: *How Bob Dole Would Have Loved the Fight To Save America From Biden's Socialist Spending Bill* [Read here.](#)

The **New York Sun**: *The Newest Washington Game: Where's Mark Kelly?* [Read here.](#)

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Pam Bondi on Fox News

Pam Bondi, former Florida Attorney General, Chair of AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership, and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for Law and Justice, joined 'Fox News Primetime' on Fox News to [discuss schools giving students vaccinations without parental consent.](#)

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Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security, [joined](#) The Mark Reardon Show to discuss Pearl Harbor.

Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security, [joined](#) The Michael Medved Show to discuss the Olympics in Beijing and Biden/Putin phone call.

Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security, [joined](#) WMAL on 'O'Connor and Company' to discuss the diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Winter Olympics and Ukraine.

AFPI Team Highlight



Chase Forrester

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Events Manager

Virginia Chase Forrester is a native of Greenwood, South Carolina, and serves as AFPI's Events Manager. Chase previously served as Operations Manager on the Trump-Pence 2020 presidential campaign, where she spearheaded all event operations for the Vice President of the United States and the Second Family. [Click here](#) to learn more about AFPI's team.

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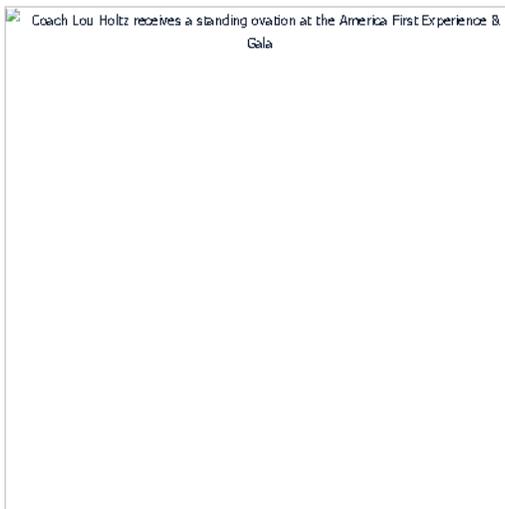
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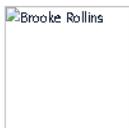
Last night, the National College Football Awards Association honored one of the great Americans of our time, and one of my closest friends, Coach Lou Holtz — a leader, a mentor, and a patriot — with the Contributions to College Football Award. The award's name doesn't quite capture the reasons he received it. Lou Holtz, after all, did not so much *contribute* to college football as he *defined* it. When the history of his sport is written in generations to come, his name will not be attached to a team nearly as much as it will invoke an era.



Today, Coach Lou Holtz leads a new team. At the America First Policy Institute, he brings his inspiration, his passion, and his patriotism to securing the American future. As Chairman of our Center for 1776, he leads the fight against the forces that diminish and disparage our inheritance — and he brings to that task the same winning spirit he brought to the gridiron.

A special congratulations to my sweet friend Coach Holtz for a well-deserved recognition by his peers in the football world. We know that it's just the beginning for him: because the day will come when all Americans remember him with gratitude, not for winning a game, but for winning the country.

We love you Coach!!



Brooke Rollins
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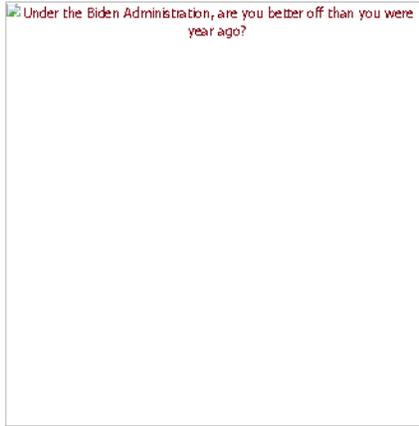
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Learn more about

- [The hard truths of abortion and the sanctity of human life](#) in a Washington Times op-ed by **Paula White-Cain**, Chair of AFPI's Center for American Values.
- [Abortion myths v. truths – the U.S. Supreme Court's relook at Roe v. Wade](#) in a piece by AFPI's Center for American Values.
- [The top 13 reasons Americans oppose the Big Government Socialism Bill](#), in a joint letter from **Steve Moore**, economist and Chair of the Save America Coalition, and **Brooke Rollins**, President and CEO of the America First Policy Institute and Co-Chair of the Save America Coalition.
- [Another way President Biden pushes gasoline prices up](#) in a Wall Street Journal op-ed by **Andrew Wheeler**, former Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Chair of AFPI's Center for the Environment.
- [Using executive action to secure the border](#) in a paper by **Chad Wolf**, former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security and Immigration and Chair of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.
- [AFPI's Amicus Brief to support Navy Seals with vaccine religious exemptions](#) by AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership.
- [How the Biden Administration attempted to destroy religious freedom on the 400th anniversary of Thanksgiving](#) in a piece by **Bethany Kozma**, Director of AFPI's Center for American Values.
- [How election integrity starts with voter ID](#) in a Washington Times op-ed by **Hogan Gidley**, Director of AFPI's Center for Election Integrity.
- [The rise and fall of the right to a jury trial](#) in a paper by **James Baehr**, Senior Fellow for AFPI's Center for 1776.
- [AFPI, TPPF, CFI, and Heritage Action's recently filed comments opposing the Biden Administration's move to reverse historic NEPA permitting reforms Trump Administration made to advance infrastructure to help families and small businesses.](#)
- [How in Rittenhouse's case, against the court of public opinion, justice prevails](#) in a piece by AFPI's Center for Law and Justice.
- [Twenty years after 9/11: strong federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration remains essential in the fight against terror and to protect communities – but it's under attack](#) in a paper by **Scott G. Erickson**, Senior Fellow for AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.
- [How states are the last line of defense against Big Tech](#) in a Washington Examiner op-ed by **James Sherk**, Director of AFPI's Center for American Freedom.
- [Protecting the role of state and local law enforcement in the Nation's collective effort to prevent terrorism](#) in a piece by **Scott G. Erickson**, Senior Fellow for AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.
- [How another month of disappointing jobs growth delivered a lump of coal to America's workers](#) in a piece by AFPI's Center for the American Worker.



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Polling Update

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According to Rasmussen Reports, just 42% of Americans approve of the job Joe Biden is doing as President, while 57% disapprove.

A **poll** from the LA Times found that just 41% of Americans have a favorable impression of Vice President Kamala Harris, while 52% have an unfavorable opinion.

Just 24% of Americans think the country is on the right track, while 60% think it is on the wrong track, according to a recent Reuters/Ipsos **poll**.

Kudlow's Corner

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The **New York Sun**: *Voters Oppose Biden's Latest Spending Plan, and Democrats Lack the Votes* **[Read here.](#)**

The **New York Sun**: *Biden Falls Into the Economic Mudhole That He Dug Himself* **[Read here.](#)**

The **New York Sun**: *While Biden Blames Trump for Everything Under the Sun, Inflation Is Now Higher and Growth Lags* **[Read here.](#)**

The **New York Sun**: *Two Pieces of Good News Emerge Amid Mixed Blessings on the Economic Front* **[Read here.](#)**

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Linda McMahon Fox Business

Linda McMahon, former U.S. Small Business Administrator, AFPI Chair of the Board and Chair of the Center for the American Worker, joined Fox Business Tonight to **[discuss the supply chain crisis and rising inflation.](#)**

Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg on Fox Business

Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security, joined 'The Evening Edit' on Fox Business with Elizabeth MacDonald to **[discuss growing hostility from China and Russia.](#)**



Pam Bondi, former Florida Attorney General and Chair of AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership, joined 'Hannity' on Fox News to **discuss New York City's "supervised shooting galleries."**

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Dr. Alveda King, Chair of AFPI's Center for the American Dream, joined the **John Solomon Reports podcast** to discuss the Mississippi abortion law being heard by the United States Supreme Court.

AFPI Team Highlight



Travis Shirkman

Director of Donor Relations

Travis Shirkman is from Williamsburg, Virginia, and serves as the Director of Donor Relations at AFPI. Shirkman previously served as the Senior Assistant to the President for Donor Relations at The Heritage Foundation, where he worked with major gift donors in the Northeast and Southwest regions of the country. He holds a degree in Criminal Justice and Strategic Intelligence from Liberty University, along with a master's degree in International Relations. **Click here** to learn more about AFPI's team.

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STATEMENT: AFPI President and CEO Brooke Rollins on Bob Dole's Passing

December 5, 2021

Washington, D.C. – The passing of Senator Bob Dole marks the end of a lifetime of faithful service. As a United States Senator in four distinct decades, he made himself into a giant of that distinguished institution. For that alone, he will be remembered as a pivotal figure of America's twentieth century. As a Vice Presidential nominee, and then as a Presidential nominee, he offered America a vision of its best self — in

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both cases, a road not taken that in time saw the visionary vindicated in full. Senator Dole was a man of the heartland who brought its values and priorities to Washington, D.C., mastering the latter while keeping faith with the former.

Bob Dole will be remembered for one more thing, perhaps surpassing the others. As a young man, he willingly joined the millions of Americans who put themselves in harm's way to defeat the Axis. On a battlefield in Italy, facing down the forces of the Third Reich, Bob Dole was grievously wounded. He survived, and because of men like him, his cause prevailed. In his passing we remember him, and those like him — the heroic generation who left home and comfort in small towns like Russell, Kansas, and went forth to save the world.

Senator Bob Dole, an American in full: 1923-2021.

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Please find attached a request for records under Montana's public records laws.

Sincerely,

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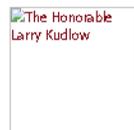
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Join us **TOMORROW, November 30th, at 12:00 PM ET** to hear about this critical legislation. I'll be joined by Stephen Moore, Chairman of AFPI's Save America Coalition and Scott Rasmussen, national pollster.

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Dear Friend,

On this Thanksgiving, there is a lot for which I'm thankful: family, friends, faith, this great country. And I'm thankful for one other big thing:

The America First Policy Institute is 240 days in.

What is the significance of 240 days? It's an unusual marker for an anniversary. It's more than six months, and considerably less than a year. But I'm marking it now because it falls alongside a holiday meant for gratitude — and good heavens, we have so much to be grateful for.



In just 240 days, what have we done? We've launched one of the most consequential policy organizations in America. We've taken on Big Tech head-on. We've seized back the narrative on a dozen fronts, from minorities in America, to crime, to national security, and beyond — and we're just getting started. We've gathered together the leadership of the American future at our first-ever annual gala. We've launched a C4 that will bring forth action from our ideas. We've been in media from coast to coast, from local outlets to the largest networks.

Most policy organizations would regard this as a strong record of achievement. For AFPI, it's a good start.

And we've done it all while America has endured a year like no other. Tragedy upon tragedy has beset our country in this opening year of the Biden Administration, from lost wars, to national humiliations, to economic breakdowns, to monetary inflation, to the specter of civic violence, and more. It's made the more terrible with the realization that all this is simply the record of this President's first year: he has three to go.

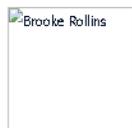
There is a better way, for our country and our countrymen. AFPI is lighting the path.

I'm thankful for all of it. I'm thankful to our Board, whose counsel, vision, and support make it all possible. I'm thankful to our Center chairmen, who do the hard work of shaping the American future in their spheres. I'm thankful for the veterans of the Trump White House, whose moral and spiritual counsel continues to guide and sustain us. I'm thankful for President Donald J. Trump, who brought us all together — and whose achievements and vision animate us still.

And of course, I'm thankful for you: a fellow American, a fellow warrior in the fight for our country. It's company I'm glad to keep. And it's a mission I wouldn't miss.

We are 240 days in — and it is just the beginning.

For America,



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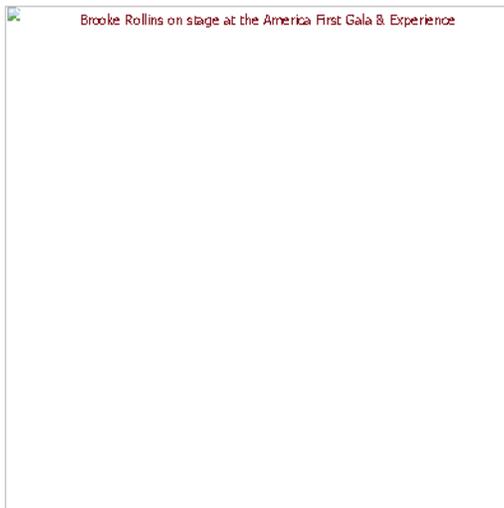


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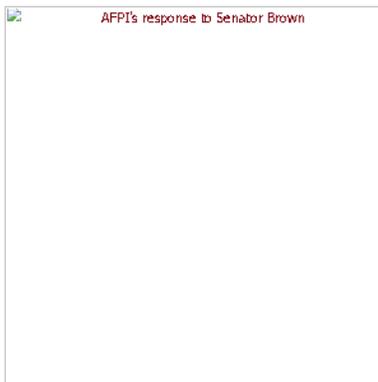


America First Policy Institute released "The best is yet to come...", a recap of the extraordinary evening of November 4th when the America First movement coalesced at the home, and in the presence, of the man who created and catalyzed it: President Donald J. Trump.

[Watch "The best is yet to come..." >>](#)

• Learn more about

- [Preventing Bio-Tech Censorship and how states can defend free speech online](#), in a paper by James Sherk, Director of AFPI's Center for American Freedom.
- [How Biden Administration policies hamper infrastructure projects](#) in a piece by Andrew Wheeler, former Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Chair of AFPI's Center for the Environment.
- [The anti-American agenda of President Biden's nominees](#) in a Washington Times op-ed by Linda McMahon, former U.S. Small Business Administrator, AFPI Chair of the Board and Chair of the Center for the American Worker.
- [How in President Biden's world, parents are the threat](#) in a piece by AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.
- [Wasteful spending, carve-outs for special interests, and tax-breaks to the wealthy](#) in statements by Steve Moore, economist and Chair of the Save America Coalition, and Brooke Rollins, President and CEO of the America First Policy Institute and Co-Chair of the Save America Coalition.
- [AFPI's lawsuit against the Biden Administration's vaccine mandate on private businesses](#) in a case update from AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership.



This week, Senator Brown dished out some **revisionist history** about President Biden's **RADICAL** nominee for Comptroller of the Currency, Saule Omarova. [AFPI responded to Senator Brown >>](#)

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America is on the decline, and instead of focusing on solving problems, the far-left is fanning the flames. Recklessly selfish spending that makes government bigger, carve-outs for special interests, and obscene tax-breaks for the rich, among others, are a few of the radical provisions in the Big Government Socialism Bill that cleared the House of Representatives this past week on its way to the Senate.

Members of Congress were only given minutes to review changes before voting on a bill that tops 2,400 pages.

We saw liberal leaders in Congress cheering on the House floor while American families are struggling with a rising inflation crisis that's felt every time they fill up at the pump or buy groceries, and chaos on the southern border that is only getting worse.

AFPI experts continue to examine the Big Government Socialism Bill and its worst provisions as the bill moves to the Senate. See the following for more.

- Save America Coalition Statement: [Wasteful Spending, Carve-outs for Special Interests, Tax-Breaks to the Wealthy](#)
- AFPI Expert Analysis: [Inflation is Continuing to Rapidly Erode Americans' Paychecks](#)
- AFPI Expert Analysis: [Anti-Family Policies in the Big Government Socialism Bill](#)

Read the following memo from Stephen Moore and Brooke Rollins to Save America Coalition members about the [top 13 reasons why Americans oppose the Big Government Socialism Bill](#).

Polling Update

Here at AFPI, we are tracking the pulse of the American people.

According to a [poll](#) from Monmouth University, two-thirds of Americans say their Thanksgiving Day gathering will return to pre-Covid levels this year, after half of the country said they planned to spend the holiday alone or with their immediate household last year.

61 percent of Americans say the Supreme Court is motivated by politics, while only 32 percent say its motivated by the law, according to a recent Quinnipiac [poll](#).

According to a recent [poll](#) from Rasmussen Reports, just 21 percent of likely voters approve of a provision in Biden's "Build Back Better" bill that would grant 10 years of work permits and legal status to approximately 8 million illegal immigrants.

Kudlow's Corner

Larry Kudlow serves as both Vice-Chair of the Board and Chairman for the Center for American Prosperity for AFPI.

The [New York Sun](#): *Amid the Hoohah Over Budget Scoring, Better To Simply Kill the Tax and Spend Bill.* [Read here.](#)

The [New York Sun](#): *Modern Romance: It's Manchin and Yellen, Arm in Arm, All the Way to the 2022 Mid-Term Election* [Read here.](#)

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Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chairman of AFPI's Center for American Security, joined 'Cavuto: Coast to Coast' on Fox Business to [discuss U.S./China tensions and President Biden's summit with President Xi](#).

This week the AFPI team remained busy hitting the airwaves. Additional media highlights of AFPI's leadership teams include:

Hogan Gidley, Director of AFPI's Center for Election Integrity, joined Chris Stigall on [Philadelphia's Morning Answer](#) to discuss the latest news on election security in Pennsylvania.

Chad Wolf, former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security and Immigration and Chair of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, joined [Bloomdaddy Radio Show](#) to discuss the Mayorkas hearings.

John Zadrozny, Director of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, [joined](#) the Matt Locke Show to discuss infrastructure bill and immigration.

Alveda King, Chair of AFPI's Center for the American Dream, [joined](#) the Mike Essen Radio Show Regional.

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AFPI Team Highlight



Gloria McDonald

Policy Analyst, Center for American Security

Gloria McDonald is from Virginia Beach, Virginia, and serves as a Policy Analyst for the Center for American Security at AFPI. Gloria most recently interned with the State Department, serving two consecutive summers at the United States Embassy Kyiv, Ukraine in the Security Attaché division. In this role, she worked alongside American and Ukrainian security operators to develop intelligence and security policies on the Russia-Ukraine conflict. [Click here](#) to learn more about AFPI's team.

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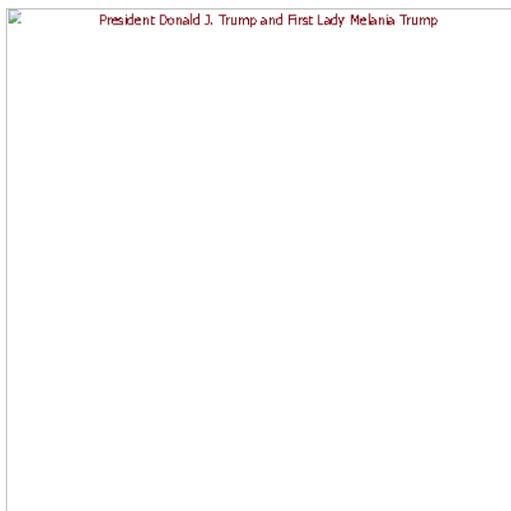
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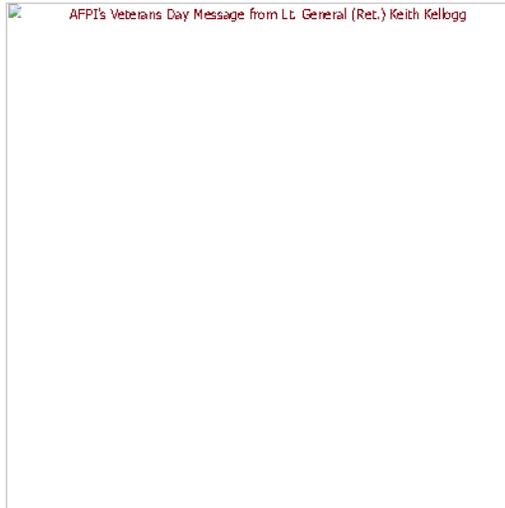
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- [AFPI's congratulations of Governor-elect Glenn Youngkin](#) in a statement by **Brooke Rollins**, former Director of the Domestic Policy Council and AFPI's President and CEO.
- [AFPI's Announcement of Alveda King as Chair of the Center for the American Dream.](#)
- [The toll of Critical Race Theory on our children](#), in a Newsweek op-ed by **Alveda King**, Chair of AFPI's Center for the American Dream.
- [How critical race theory resegregation is undoing all of MLK's gains](#) in a New York Post op-ed by **Alveda King**, Chair of AFPI's Center for the American Dream.
- [President Biden's Federal Bureau of Intimidation](#) in a Washington Times op-ed by **John Zadrozny**, Director of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.
- [The costs and burdens of inflation and its relationship to policy](#) in a paper by **Cale Clingpeel**, AFPI's Chief Economist, and **Aaron Hedlund**, AFPI's Director of Research.
- [The importance of 1776 today more than ever](#) in a Washington Times op-ed by **Brooke Rollins**, former Director of the Domestic Policy Council and AFPI's President and CEO, and **Dr. Carol Swain**, former Vice Chair for President Trump's 1776 Commission, and **Phil Bryant**, former Governor of Mississippi and Senior Advisor to AFPI's Center for 1776.
- [How supporting BIF is a gateway to the Big Government Socialism Bill](#) in a letter to Republicans in Congress by **Newt Gingrich**, former Speaker of the House, and **Stephen Moore**, economist and Chairman of the Save America Coalition, and others.
- [Anti-family policies in the Big Government Socialism Bill](#) in a paper by the **Center for American Values**.
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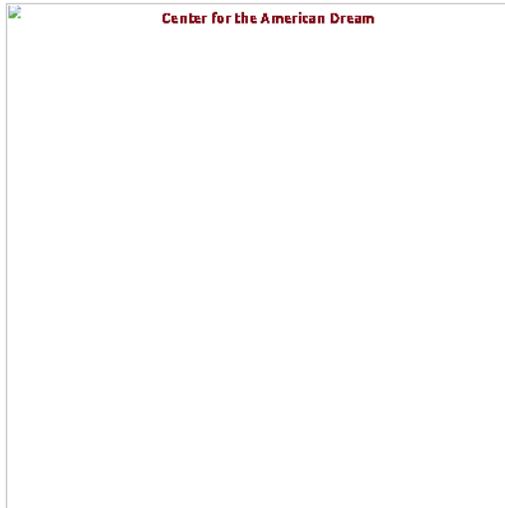
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- [How President Biden's immigration pay-out puts Americans last](#) in a Washington Times op-ed by **Chad Wolf**, former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security and Immigration and Chair of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, and **Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg**, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security.
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- [Learning and employing records: a pathway for restoring America's workforce](#) in a paper by **Laurie Todd-Smith, PH.D.**, Director of AFPI's Center for Education Opportunity. For a quick, abbreviated read, checkout this paper's One-Pager [here](#).
- [School choice advancing in states](#) in a piece by **Laurie Todd-Smith, PH.D.**, Director of AFPI's Center for Education Opportunity.
- [How veterans can remind us of how to love our country, again](#) in a Fox News op-ed by **Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg**, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security.



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The **New York Sun**: *Stunning News on Inflation Shatters the Illusion of a Transitory Problem* [Read here.](#)

The **New York Sun**: *The Wyden's Father-Son Story Bolsters Hope for the American Dream* [Read here.](#)

The **New York Sun**: *The Secret Democrats Refuse To Acknowledge: America's Emissions Are Dropping Faster Than Paris Targets* [Read here.](#)

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Rick Perry, 47th Governor of Texas, 14th U.S. Secretary of Energy, and Chair of AFPI's Center for Energy Independence, joined 'Kudlow' on Fox Business to [discuss President Biden's reversal of U.S. Energy Independence](#).

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Andrew Wheeler, former Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Chair of AFPI's Center for the Environment, joined [The Matt Locke Show](#) for AFPI's weekly segment, to discuss the rising energy costs and Michigan pipeline.

Hogan Gidley, Director of AFPI's Center for Election Integrity, joined [Todd Starnez Radio Show](#) today to discuss news of the day.

LT. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chair of AFPI's Center for American Security, [joined](#) Fox News Rundown Podcast to discuss China as tensions continue to rise.

Andrew Wheeler, former Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Chair of AFPI's Center for the Environment, [joined](#) The Rita Cosby Show tonight to discuss the Michigan pipeline and energy crisis.

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John Zadrozny, Director of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, joined the [John Solomon Reports](#) to discuss border and immigration, and payments to illegal immigrants.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 3:30 PM Eastern—[Register for a Constitutional Litigation Partnership Lawsuit Update Call with Chair Pam Bondi](#)

AFPI Team Highlight



Jordan Kittleson

Western Regional Policy Director, Center for Election Integrity

Jordan Kittleson is originally from Monrovia, California, and currently serves as the Western Regional Policy Director of The Center for Election Integrity at AFPI. Kittleson most recently served as National Field Director for the Club for Growth, where he recruited new conservative talent and secured political intelligence vital to the electoral decision-making needs of the organization. [Click here](#) to learn more about AFPI's team.

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Friend,

It's a day to remember — and to give thanks. Veterans Day is not a holiday like any other. It is one of *three* public holidays for the commemoration of the Americans who defend America.

For the fallen, Memorial Day.

For those still serving, Armed Forces Day.

For those who served, today: Veterans Day.

Three commemorations for America's defenders may seem like a lot. The truth is it isn't enough. Service to our country for the past two and a half centuries has too often meant hardship and sacrifice — often including the ultimate sacrifice. In its most benign form, it has meant long separation from loved ones, or the challenges of raising a family on inadequate government pay and benefits.

In its most extreme form, it has meant enduring things most of us never think of facing: A fearful night patrol in the highlands around Pleiku. Freezing in the snowy wastes of the Chosin, or Marye's Heights. Wading onto a fire-strewn beach at Tarawa. Staring down bayonets at Bunker Hill.

We ask Americans to do these things, to serve, and sometimes to die, for America. At some points in our history, we have had a draft to fill those ranks. But here is the remarkable thing about our republic: the overwhelming number of Americans who have served, in the past two hundred fifty years, have been *volunteers*.

They saw something worth defending in America. Something worth themselves. That's them doing their part. Our part is to remember, sustain, and expand that thing worth themselves. We honor them most when we deserve them most.

Today is Veterans Day, Friend. At the America First Policy Institute, we remember. We know you do too.

If you served: thank you.

If you did not, please join us in thanking them.

Let's keep this a country worth their sacrifice.

In gratitude —



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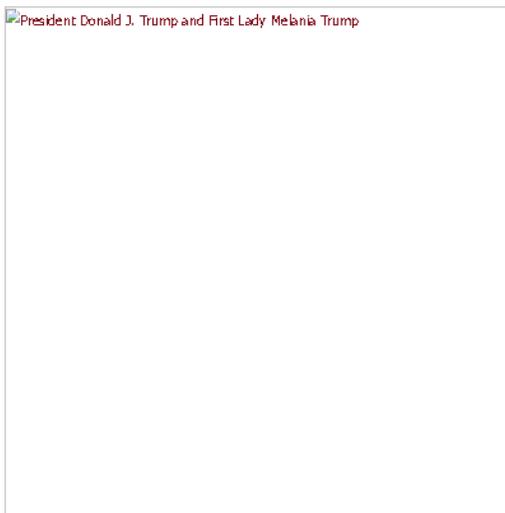
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Close in the wake of Tuesday's tremendous election victories, Thursday's gathering of the America First movement was a resounding note: that the work is already bearing fruit — and also that it has only just begun.



If you were with us, you know what it was like. If you weren't, then please enjoy this video of the President's remarks. We hope you can join us next year. For us at the America First Policy Institute, just 250 days in, we are at the end of the beginning — and what a beginning it's been.

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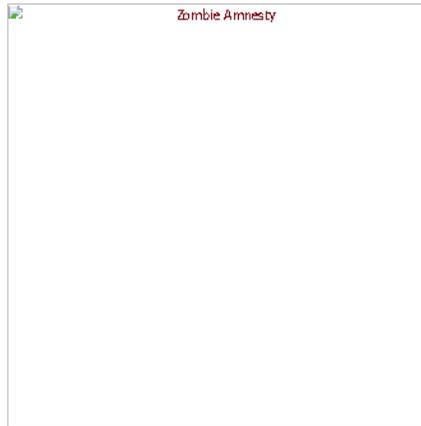
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- [AFPI's announcement of the addition of Matthew Whitaker, former Acting U.S. Attorney General, as Co-Chairman for AFPI's Center for Law & Justice.](#)
- [Big Tech canceling more than just your voice](#), in a Townhall op-ed by Ken Blackwell, former Ohio Secretary of State, Chairman of AFPI's Center for Election Integrity.
- [The Biden Administration's answer to energy costs: even higher prices](#), in a piece by Andrew Wheeler, former Environmental Protection Agency Administrator, Chairman of AFPI's Center for the Environment.
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- [Loudoun County putting children in harm's way](#), in a Washington Examiner op-ed by Bethany Kozma, Director of AFPI's Center for American Values.
- [How America's pro-work, pro-family consensus is under attack](#), in a piece by Cale Clingenpeel, AFPI's Chief Economist, and Dr. Laurie Todd-Smith, Director of AFPI's Center for Education Opportunity.
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The FiveThirtyEight polling average [shows](#) Joe Biden's approval rating continuing to sink, now sitting at just 43.7%, compared to 51.1% of Americans who say they disapprove of the job Biden is doing.

According to a recent [poll](#) from Rasmussen Reports, 57% of likely U.S. voters say the economy has gotten worse under Biden.

Another [survey](#) from Rasmussen found that 47% of Americans think Dr. Fauci should resign.

Kudlow's Corner

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The [New York Sun](#): *Biden's Blind Spot: Government Should Reward Success* [Read here.](#)

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Chad Wolf, former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security and Immigration and Chairman of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, joined 'America Reports' on Fox News to [discuss the migrant caravan headed to the United States.](#)



Pam Bondi, former Florida Attorney General and Chairman of AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership, joined 'Kudlow' on Fox Business to [discuss the illegality of the wealth tax.](#)

This week the AFPI team remained busy hitting the airwaves. Additional media highlights of AFPI's leadership teams include:

Linda McMahon, former U.S. Small Business Administrator, AFPI Chair of the Board and Chair of the Center for the American Worker, [joined](#) The Michael Berry Show to discuss how the big government socialism bill will affect small businesses and the supply chain crisis.

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LL General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, former Assistant to President Trump and Co-Chairman of AFPI's Center for American Security, [joined](#) the Terry Maxwell Radio Show

Steve Moore, Co-Chairman of the Save America Coalition, [joined](#) Hoppy Kercheval MetroNews to discuss the Big Government Socialism Bill.

Hogan Gidley, Director of AFPI's Center for Election Integrity, [joined](#) Kevin McCullough Radio Show.

Rick Perry, 47th Governor of Texas, 14th U.S. Secretary of Energy, and Chairman of AFPI's Center for Energy Independence, [joined](#) the Michael Berry Show to discuss the energy crisis of the Biden Administration.

Andrew Wheeler, former Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Chairman of AFPI's Center for The Environment, [joined](#) the John Soloman Reports Show to discuss his AFPI piece on energy prices, "[Biden Administration's Answer to Energy Costs: Even Higher Prices.](#)"

AFPI Team Highlight

[The Honorable Matthew Whitaker](#)

The Honorable Matthew Whitaker

Co-Chairman, Center for Law & Justice

Matthew G. Whitaker is from Des Moines, Iowa, and serves as the Co-Chairman for the Center for Law & Justice at AFPI. Whitaker was the acting Attorney General of the United States (2018-2019). Prior to becoming acting Attorney General, Mr. Whitaker served as Chief of Staff to Attorney General Jeff Sessions. [Click here](#) to learn more about AFPI's team.

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Friend,

There is something scary lingering in the shadows this Halloween...

...The Liberals' Zombie Amnesty

John A. Zadrozny, AFPI's Director of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, wrote an op-ed on **The Democrats' Zombie Amnesty** (so-called "temporary" amnesty for illegal immigrants that NEVER expires) and the dangerous policies in the spending bill:

Click [HERE](#) to read the full Op-Ed



Join AFPI and STOP Zombie Amnesty

Gas prices are on the rise, food prices are on the rise, utility costs are on the rise, and taxes are going up, but the **LIBERALS STILL WANT TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS USING YOUR TAX DOLLARS.**

Friend, we have to STOP the radical socialist agenda at work in our country.

WE MUST UNITE TO END Zombie Amnesty.

Join AFPI and STOP Zombie Amnesty

By adding your name to join AFPI, you will **directly** help out American families and help us continue our work to promote **America First values.**

Join AFPI to keep the horror confined to Halloween >>>

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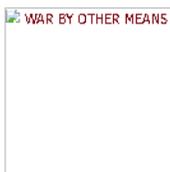


Friend,

My dearest friend and AFPI colleague, Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, is one of the greatest Americans I have ever known. What an honor and a great joy to have served side by side with him for almost three years in the West Wing. He was the ONLY senior national security advisor to serve for all four years alongside President Trump and Vice President Pence.

General Kellogg just released his new book: *War by Other Means: A General in the Trump White House*, which provides a unique, unfiltered look into the TRUTH of our White House. I saw first-hand the incredible imprint he made on all decisions coming from the Oval Office, and will be forever in awe of his insight and total dedication to putting America First, always.

It has been an honor to have General Kellogg, one of our true **great American heroes**, with the America First Policy Institute since day one. We want YOU to witness his story, so **we are giving you a chance to secure your exclusive copy NOW >>>**

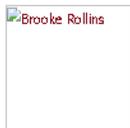


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General Kellogg is a lifelong patriot who has **fought for America First principles for decades**. Every day, just two doors down from me, his fight continues at the America First Policy Institute.

We are so proud of him and this book, and we recommend every American patriot pick up a copy of *War by Other Means: A General in the Trump White House* for an exclusive inside look into one of the **most iconic** White Houses of our lifetimes.

Congratulations Keith. You are a true national treasure.



Brooke Rollins
President and CEO
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Big Government Socialism Bill Alert

Friend,

As you read this, Democrats in Congress are **bulldozing** their massive socialist bill through the House and Senate.

Joe Biden and Nancy Pelosi are trying to deceive Americans by insisting the bill will cost \$0, but the American people know that through hidden tax increases, inflation, lower wages, or diminished retirement savings, the American people will pay for the socialist agenda.

That's in the middle of an economic crisis that has cost Americans so much already.

Our CEO, Brooke Rollins, wrote an Op-Ed for The Washington Times that outlines the damages of this bill. Read it [HERE](#)

Under this bill, low and middle-income Americans will spend **years** paying for the **wealthy to stay wealthy** while they **struggle under huge inflation** and tax hikes.

[Stand with AFPI AGAINST the Socialist Policies TODAY >>>](#)

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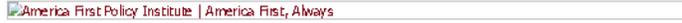
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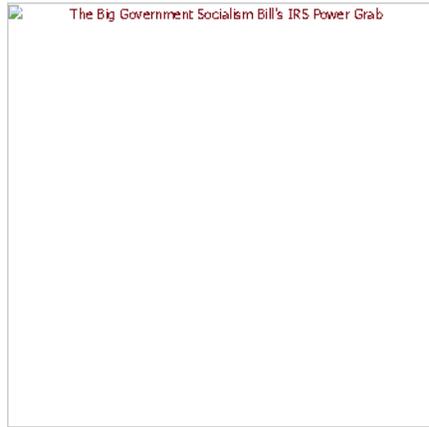
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Again, welcome to the America First Agenda. This is our work: not just a look back to yesterday, but a promise for tomorrow.



• Learn more about

- [The new segregation that is dividinn Colorado schools](#) in a The Gazette op-ed by **David Bernhard**, former Secretary of the Interior, Chairman of AFPI's Center for American Freedom.
- [Critical Race Theory already in schools and the duty of parents to fight against it](#) in a Houston Chronicle op-ed by **Brooke Rollins**, former Director of the Domestic Policy Council, AFPI President and CEO.
- [The existential threat of CRT: state-sponsored racism](#), in a Townhall op-ed by **Ken Blackwell**, former Ohio Secretary of State, Chairman of AFPI's Center for Election Integrity.
- [Why local school board elections are so important](#) in a Washington Times op-ed by **Lou Holtz**, legendary college football coach, Chairman of AFPI's Center for 1776.
- [The truth behind President Trump's COVID response](#) in a Newsweek op-ed by **LT General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg**, former Assistant to President Trump, Co-Chairman of AFPI's Center for American Security.
- [Our military and the alarming disappearance of accountability](#) in a Fox News op-ed by **LT General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg**, former Assistant to President Trump, Co-Chairman of AFPI's Center for American Security.
- [An invasive IRS provision in the Big Government Socialism Bill and its six problems for American families.](#)
- [The reality behind the Biden Administration's talking points on the border security crisis](#) in a piece by AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.
- [AFPI President & CEO Brooke Rollins's statement on the passing of General Colin Powell.](#)
- [AFPI President & CEO Brooke Rollins's congratulations to the Texas Public Policy Foundation on naming Greg Sindelar as its new CEO.](#)



Do you want the government snooping in your bank account? Congress and President Joe Biden want to provide federal agents with data on accounts with transactions totaling as low \$600 — from internet purchases to nonprofit donations and everything in between. [Learn more about the Big Government Socialism Bill's IRS Power Grab >>](#)



Polling Update

Here at AFPI, we are tracking the pulse of the American people.

According to a recent [survey](#) from Rasmussen Reports, 83% of American adults say they're paying more for groceries than they were a year ago, and most say they expect prices to continue rising.

After news broke that Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg has been absent during the supply chain crisis, Rasmussen Reports surveyed 1,000 likely U.S. voters and [found](#) that only 37% had a favorable view of Buttigieg, while 47% viewed him unfavorably.

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The [New York Sun](#): *Liberal Press Starts Jabber Walking as Biden Tax, Spending Plan Begins To Collapse* [Read here.](#)

The [New York Sun](#): *Here's to the New Washington Power Couple. He Hates Spending, She Is Loath To Tax* [Read here.](#)

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This week, **Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg**, Co-Chairman of AFPI's Center for American Security unveiled his book, [War by Other Means](#). As part of this launch, he appeared on many outlets, including [Fox News](#) and others featured below.

 Linda McMahon joined Dana Loesch

Linda McMahon, former U.S. Small Business Administrator, AFPI Chair of the Board and Chair of the Center for the American Worker [joined](#) Dana Loesch to discuss the \$3.5 trillion spending bill, small business, the American Workforce and supply chain issues.

Newsweek wrote an article highlighting the success of **Lt. General (Ret.) Kellogg's** new book titled, [Pro-Trump Book Becomes Best-Seller After Ex-President Praises It as 'Historical Standard.'](#)

In advance of AFPI's inaugural America First Experience and Gala, Real Clear Politics gave an inside look at the event: ["Trump to Headline 'America First' Policy Summit."](#)

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Chad Wolf, former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security and Immigration, Chairman of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration [joined](#) the [Kevin McCullough Radio Show](#) to discuss the border and immigration (New York City).

Chad Wolf, former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security and Immigration, Chairman of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration [joined](#) [Tom Perkins](#) on [Washington Watch](#) to discuss the failures of the Biden Administration's immigration policies.

John Zadrozny, Director of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration [joined](#) [Natalie Harp](#) on [DAN's "The Real Story"](#) to discuss immigration and the border.

Ken Blackwell, former Ohio Secretary of State, Chairman of AFPI's Center for Election Integrity [joined](#) [Breitbart News Daily](#) with [Alex Marlow](#) to discuss the legacy of General Powell.

Hogan Gidley, Director of AFPI's Center for Election Integrity [joined](#) [Henry Hinton](#) on ["Talk of the Town" in N.C.](#) to discuss election integrity and the overall state of the country.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 3:00 PM Eastern—[Register for a Center for American Security China Accountability Stakeholder Call with Lt. General \(Ret.\) Keith Kellogg](#)

AFPI Team Highlight



Preston Parry

Strategic Assistant to the President & CEO

Preston Parry is from Tucson, Arizona, and serves as AFPI's Strategic Assistant to the President & CEO. Parry most recently served at the White House as the Executive Assistant to the Director of the Domestic Policy Council, Brooke Rollins. In this role, he managed Director Rollins's schedule and assisted her with the overall operations for over 40 members of the Council. [Click here](#) to learn more about AFPI's team.

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Friend,

The coronavirus pandemic was a true wake-up call for the American people, just as it was to other nations, about the threats from China. It also serves as the beginning of a new chapter in U.S.-China relations, an era of "great tragedy accountability" during which China must face the consequences of the lives lost and changed by the global pandemic, as well as for the gamut of China's transgressions – from human rights violations, to intellectual property (IP) theft to violations of international standards.

Join us for a Zoom conference call this **Tuesday, October 26th, at 3:00 PM ET** to hear directly from myself and Dr. Jacob Ollidort, Director for the Center for American Security at AFPI.

[Join us by registering for the call here!](#)

We will be discussing [AFPI's research report](#) outlining the "Era of Great

Tragedy Accountability," and ways for America to both stand up for its people while leading other nations in a new and needed policy approach to China.

RSVP [Here!](#)

In the meantime, see the latest coverage of this major issue in the [Washington Free Beacon](#): **"Biden Should Force China To Pay the World Restitution for Coronavirus Damage, Retired General Says."**

We look forward to this discussion and hope you're able to join us.

In service,



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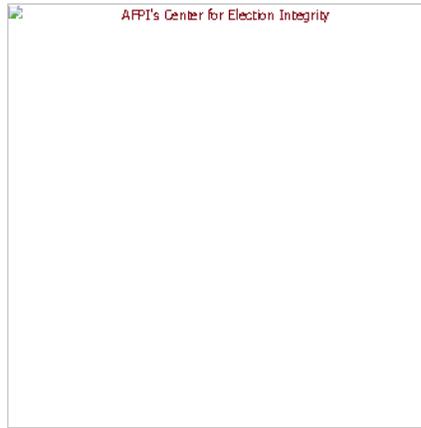
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- [President Biden putting job security over airport security](#) in a Wall Street Journal op-ed by **Chad Wolf**, former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security, Chairman of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration and **James Sherk**, Director of AFPI's Center for American Freedom.
- [Congressional Democrats' thirst for amnesty that just won't die](#) in an op-ed by **John Zadrozny**, Director of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.
- [Brooke Rollins](#), AFPI's President and CEO, [issued a statement congratulating the Heritage Foundation on naming Kevin Roberts as its new president.](#)
- [Warfighting and military readiness after the post-9/11 wars](#) in a paper by **Javon Price**, Policy Analyst for AFPI's Center for Opportunity Now, Center for Second Chances, and Center for American Security.
- [The era of great brazenly accountability](#) in a paper by **Lieutenant General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg**, former Assistant to President Trump, Co-Chairman of AFPI's Center for American Security, **Jacob Olidort, Ph.D.**, Director of AFPI's Center for American Security, and **Javon Price**, Policy Analyst for AFPI's Center for American Security.



Learn more about AFPI's **Center for Election Integrity** and the Center's objective to make elections free, fair, and secure by making it **easy to vote, but hard to cheat**. Join our movement and watch the Center's launch event recap video [here](#).

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Save America Coalition

Democrat leaders in the White House and Congress are hoping to pass a **Big Government Socialism Bill** that would add trillions in higher taxes and new entitlement programs to forever change the United States into a woke welfare state. President Biden extended the U.S. debt ceiling on Thursday, signaling that more backroom deals and talks between liberal leaders will likely continue into December. These talks include the use of reconciliation, a parliamentary procedure to expedite passing the bill.

AFPI analysts have examined The Big Government Socialism Bill and its worst provisions since its introduction. Read below about how the bill outsources American jobs to China, increases taxes on families across America, includes carve-outs for special interests and billionaires, and cuts funds to develop life-saving drugs in the future.

The Big Government Socialism Bill:

- **Statement: Brooks Rollins, AFPI's President & CEO, on the Budget Resolution**
- **Op-Ed: America deserves better than what Congressional Democrats are offering**
- **Blog: Read the Entire Big Government Socialism Spending Bill Before Voting**
- **Read the Dam Bill**

Energy and the Economy:

- **Blog: Some in Congress Want Bookkeepers and Secretaries to Be Personally Liable for Oil Companies' Royalty Payments**
- **Op-ed: President Biden's War against Work**
- **White paper: Tax Cuts and Jobs Act**
- **White paper: The Biden Administration's Proposed Global Minimum Tax**
- **Blog: America's pro-work, pro-family consensus is under attack**
- **Job Growth in September Stalls, Marking the Worst Month of Growth in 2021**
- **Supporting Working Parents, Not Providing Free Income, Is the Way to Help Families Get Ahead**

Unions and Labor:

- **Op-ed: Democrats' Big Government Socialism Bill denies employees choice in the workplace**
- **Op-ed: Democrats' Big Government Socialism Bill could stop Americans from becoming their own boss**
- **Op-ed: Big Government Socialism Bill Makes Small Businesses an Offer They Can't Refuse**
- **White paper: Big Government Socialism Bill's Labor Provisions Undermine Workers' Freedom**
- **Op-ed: How The Big Government Socialism Bill Would Further Injure Curb-Stomped U.S. Small Businesses**
- **Op-ed: House tax bill subsidizes union political campaigns**

Healthcare:

- **Op-ed: The Danger of Expanding Medicare (Tweet thread)**
- **Op-ed: Lawmakers' Latest 'Infrastructure' Scheme Is a Takeover of American Health Care**
- **Issue Brief: Expanding Medicare Would Fail Seniors Who Depend On The Program**
- **Issue Brief: Expanding Medicaid Would Have Unintended Negative Consequences**

Education and Childcare:

- **White paper: The Folly of Free Community College for All**
 - **Quick Read: The Folly of Free Community College for All**
- **White paper: Reimagining Child Care in America**
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Immigration:

- **Statement: Chad Wolf on August Border Apprehension Numbers**
- **Op-Ed: Democrats' Big Government Socialism Bill amnesty push puts Americans last**

The Big Government Socialism Bill and the Economy by Vice-Chairman Larry Kudlow

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- [The \\$3 Trillion Forecast for Biden: 'Go Woke, Go Broke'](#)
- [Woke Budgeting Emerges as More Than an Abject Failure](#)
- [It's the \\$5 Trillion Big Government Socialism Bill That Needs to Be Stopped](#)
- [The Democrats' Budget: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly](#)
- [The Green New Deal Crossroads — America First vs. America Dependent](#)
- [Democrats' Vote-a-Rama Will Trap the Middle Class with Big New Taxes](#)
- [Biden Launches His Tax-Spending Surge on the 40th Anniversary of Reagan's Historic Tax Cuts](#)
- [The Sum of All Fears](#)
- [The Democrats' Leviathan Is on the Loose](#)
- [Could Common Sense Yet Prevail Over Biden's Plan for Taxing and Spending?](#)
- [Biden's Class Warfare Pitch Is Full of False Charges](#)
- [Biden's Budget: The Road to Serfdom](#)
- [How I Yearn for a Calm, Prosperous, Orderly America](#)
- [Democrats Back on Their Heels, As Biden's Polling Plunges and Manchin Presses for His 'Strategic Pause'](#)
- [Dynamic Duo: Manchin Is Loath to Spend, Sinema Resists Raising Taxes](#)
- [Big Government Socialism Bill, as We Know it, Is Dead, Thanks To Senators Manchin, McConnell — and Schumer](#)
- [Trick or Treat: Biden, Pelosi, Dressed as Socialists, Seek Showdown by Halloween](#)
- [Biden Finds Himself Crosswise with American Common Sense](#)
- [Take a Second Look at the Jobs Report — Private Sector Jobs Are Booming](#)

Polling Update

Here at AFPI, we are tracking the pulse of the American people. Below are some statistics we think you will find fascinating and numbers you should know:

A recent [poll](#) from Rasmussen Reports found that just 43% of Americans approve of the job Biden is doing, while 56% disapprove.

A recent [poll](#) from Morning Consult and Politico found that:

- 62% of Americans think the country is on the wrong track.
- 39% of Americans *strongly disapprove* of the job Biden is doing.
- 36% of Americans say economic issues are the most important issue to them when voting for members of Congress. 19% say security issues, 12% say healthcare, and 13% say senior's issues.
- 47% of respondents would vote for Donald Trump in a theoretical 2024 presidential primary.

According to a [poll](#) from the Chicago Council, only 46% of Americans say the United States is stronger than China in terms of military power.

Economic confidence fell to 96.6 in this month's [Rasmussen Reports Economic Index](#), down more than seven points from September, the fifth consecutive monthly decline. This is the lowest index level since May 2020.

According to a recent [poll](#) from Rasmussen Reports, 65% of Likely U.S. Voters believe that wider use of mail-in voting will lead to more cheating in elections, including 51% who say it's Very Likely.

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Hear about [the new migrant caravan and the Biden Administration canceling border wall contracts](#) from **Chad Wolf**, former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security, Chairman of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, with John Roberts and Sandra Smith on Fox News.

Governor Rick Perry, Chairman of AFPI's Center for Energy Independence, joined Julie Mason Mornings on SiriusXM to discuss the [rising gas prices around the country and how the Green New Deal will make the United States dependent on OPEC, Russia, and China for energy.](#)

John Zadrozny, Director of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, joined **Monica Matthews** on *Life, Love & Liberty* to discuss [open borders and immigration](#).

Ken Blackwell, Chairman of AFPI's Center for Election Integrity, joined **John Solomon** Reports Podcast to discuss [HR9 and the importance of election integrity](#).

Linda McMahon, Chairman of AFPI, joined the Philadelphia's Morning Answer with **Chris Stigall** to discuss [how the Big Government Socialism Bill will affect small businesses and the American worker](#).

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 3:00 PM Eastern—[Register for a Center for American Security China Accountability Stakeholder Call with Lt. Gen. \(Ret.\) Keith Kellogg](#).

AFPI Team Highlight



Alex Campana

Director of Stewardship and Policy Analyst, Center for 1776

Alex Campana is from Fort Collins, Colorado, and serves as AFPI's Director of Stewardship and as a Policy Analyst in the Center for 1776. Campana most recently served three years in the Trump White House, first at the Office of Management and Budget and later at the Domestic Policy Council (DPC). She led space policy and child welfare policy for DPC and helped coordinate various activities of the DPC team. [Click here](#) to learn more about AFPI's team.

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The coronavirus pandemic was a true wake-up call for the American people, just as it was to other nations, about the threats from China. It also serves as the beginning of a new chapter in U.S.-China relations, an era of "great tragedy accountability" during which China must face the consequences of the lives lost and changed by the global pandemic, as well as for the gamut of China's transgressions – from human rights violations, to intellectual property (IP) theft to violations of international standards.

Join us for a Zoom conference call next **Tuesday, October 26th, at 3:00 PM ET** to hear directly from myself and Dr. Jacob Olidort, Director for the Center for American Security at AFPI.

[Join us by registering for the call here!](#)

We will be discussing [AFPI's research report](#) outlining the "Era of Great Tragedy Accountability," and ways for America to both stand up for its people while leading other nations in a new and needed policy approach to China.

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In the meantime, see the latest coverage of this major issue in the [Washington Free Beacon](#): "Biden Should Force China To Pay the World Restitution for Coronavirus Damage, Retired General Says."

We look forward to this discussion and hope you're able to join us.

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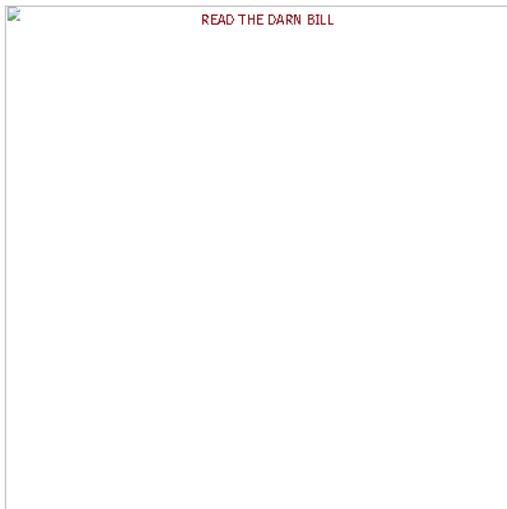
- **Stalling job growth**, with September marking the worst month for job creation in 2021, in a piece by **Cale Clingenpeel**, AFPI's Chief Economist.
- The Biden Administration's decision to **cancel border wall contracts** and the Admin's continued perpetuation of the crisis at the Southern border in a statement by **Chad Wolf**, Chairman of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.
- **President Trump's lawsuit against Big Tech** in a **Case Update from AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership**. Be sure to share your story of Big Tech censorship and more.



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up for case updates at [TakeOnBioTech.com](https://www.TakeOnBioTech.com).

- How the [House's tax bill subsidizes union political campaigns](#) in a piece by James Sherk, Director of AFPI's Center for American Freedom.
- [Facebook putting profits over youth mental health](#) in a piece by Catharine Cypher, Chief of Staff for AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership, and Venetia Resciniti, Staff Assistant for AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership.



Polling Update

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- [President Biden received his lowest marks ever](#) according to a recent Quinnipiac poll that put his approval rating at just 38%. Just 32% of independents approve of the job Biden is doing, compared to 60% who disapprove.
 - According to the same Quinnipiac poll, President Biden received his lowest marks on immigration, with just 25% approving.
- A recent Economist/YouGov poll found that just [17% of Americans approve of the job Congress is doing](#).
- A recent poll from Rasmussen Reports found that just [33% of American adults now say the country's best days are in the future](#).
- As the Biden Administration continues to encourage the construction of multi-unit housing projects in suburban neighborhoods, Rasmussen Reports [found](#) that 49% of American homeowners still think the value of their home is likely to go up, while just 17% think it will go down.

Kudlow's Corner

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The [New York Sun](#): *Biden Turning Justice Department Against Parents in Battle Over Curriculum* [Read here.](#)

The [New York Sun](#): *Trick or Treat Biden, Pelosi, Dressed as Socialists, Seek Showdown by Halloween* [Read here.](#)

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Chad Wolf, Chairman of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, joined [Eric Bolling on Newsmax](#) to discuss the Southern border crisis as a result of the Biden Administration's open borders policy.

Linda McMahon, AFPI's Chair of the Board and Chairman of the Center for the American Worker, joined Lars Larson to discuss the [big government socialist bill](#) moving through Congress and the [haves it would wreak on America's small businesses](#).

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Cale Clingenpeel
Chief Economist

Cale Clingenpeel is from Anchorage, Alaska and serves as AFPI's Chief Economist. Clingenpeel most recently served as the Senior Advisor to the Chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers (CEA). Clingenpeel started at the CEA in 2018 and worked predominately on tax, energy, labor, international & domestic macroeconomic policy, and the economic response to the pandemic. [Click here](#) to learn more about AFPI's team.

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- **AFPI hosted the inaugural America First Leaders Summit** with guests from over 20 states: doctors, sheriffs, state legislators, mayors, teachers, and more. The group interacted with experts in their field at AFPI and met with members of Congress on issues important to their communities.

Linda McMahon, AFPI's Chair of the Board and Center for the America Worker, addresses the America First Leaders Summit.

State and local leaders from across the country at the America First Leaders Summit on Capitol Hill.

• **Learn more about**

- The Democrats' big government socialist spending bill **would further injure curb-stomped U.S. Small Businesses** from Linda McMahon.
- How **America's pro-work, pro-family consensus is under attack** from Cale Clingenpeel, AFPI's Chief Economist and Dr. Laurie Todd-Smith, Senior Fellow for AFPI's Center for Education Opportunity and Center for the American Worker.
- **Democrats' big government, socialist bill amnesia push** puts Americans last from John Zadrozny, Director of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.
- **The need to read the entire big government socialist spending bill** before Congress votes on it from Doug Hoelscher, AFPI's Chief Operating Officer.

- [The Biden Administration's attack on U.S. Border Patrol](#) from **Chad Wolf**, Chairman of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.
- How Democrats' big government socialist [spending bill makes small businesses an offer they can't refuse](#) from **Linda McMahon** in Real Clear Policy.
- [The importance of voting in school board elections](#) from AFPI's **Center for 1776**.
- The [provisions undermining worker freedom](#) in the Democrats' big government socialist spending bill in a paper by **James Sherk**, Director of AFPI's Center for American Freedom.
- What the [Fourth Amendment's clause](#) regarding "unreasonable" search and seizure means from **James Baehr**, Senior Fellow for AFPI's Center for 1776.

Case Update: President Donald J. Trump's Lawsuit Against Big Tech

President Donald J. Trump's legal team, led by **John P. Coale**, filed responses in opposition to motions from Twitter, Inc., Jack Dorsey, YouTube, LLC, Sundar Pichai, Facebook, Inc., and Mark Zuckerberg to transfer venue from the Southern District of Florida to the Northern District of California.

In addition to these responses, the America First Policy Institute applauds the legal team for filing a Motion for Preliminary Injunction in the lawsuit against Twitter, Inc., and Jack Dorsey in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Judge Robert N. Scola presiding. This legal motion is designed to immediately halt Twitter's censorship of President Trump, giving him the CHOICE to reinstate his account.

President Trump's legal team expects all three judges will rule on the motions to transfer venue soon, as all responses from Plaintiffs and Defendants have been filed.

Since the initial filing on July 7, 2021, nearly 95,000 individuals have joined President Trump in his effort to protect the First Amendment rights of all Americans.

The America First Policy Institute (AFPI) remains committed to ensuring all censored American voices are heard and represented in this lawsuit. Share your Big Tech censorship story or sign up for case updates on these historic efforts at [TakeOnBigTech.com](https://www.TakeOnBigTech.com).

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67% of voters believe [the situation at the Southern border is a crisis](#) and only 22% think the Biden Administration is doing a good or excellent job dealing with the situation.

BIG BUCKS FOR BIG MEDIA — Did you know the big government socialist bill has a tax credit of up to \$50k for journalists? Only 19% of voters think that is a good idea and 54% oppose it!

INFLATION — If the federal government raises taxes on large corporations, 76% of voters think it is likely that consumers will end up paying higher prices.

SPECIAL INTERESTS — 77% of voters expect that the reconciliation bill will include inappropriate provisions inserted by lobbyists and 80% think it's likely that some Members of Congress would insert special favors for their donors that couldn't pass if others knew about them.

HAND UP NOT A HAND OUT — 78% of voters believe people should be required to seek a job in order to receive financial support from the government.

Another [poll](#) from Rasmussen found that only 25% of Americans believe electric cars today are practical for most drivers. That figure is only up 6% from 2013, when 19% of those surveyed said electric cars were practical.

According to the RealClearPolitics [average](#), President Biden's job approval is at 45%, while 49% disapprove.

According to a Reuters/Ipsos [poll](#) released on Thursday, 61% of Americans think the country is on the wrong track, while only 25% say it's on the right track.

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The New York Sun: *Dynamic Duo: Manchin Is Loath To Spend, Sinema Resists Raising Taxes* [Read here.](#)

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Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, Co-Chairman of AFPI's Center for American Security, [joined several programs this week](#) to discuss **America's national security posture**.

 Chad Wolf on Fox News

Chad Wolf and **John Zadrozny** from AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration [joined FAIR Radio Row this week](#) to discuss the continuing situation at the Southwest Border.

Hogan Gidley, Director of AFPI's Center for Election Integrity, [joined](#) the Brett Winterble Show to discuss Biden Administration and the need for common sense Election Integrity laws.

Trump Lawyers Argue Twitter Terms of Service Do Not Apply to Govt Officials, [Newsmax](#)

John P. Coale joins 'Cortes & Pellegrino' on [Newsmax](#) to discuss why Twitter's rule doesn't apply to the former President

The Honorable Pam Bondi joins 'Wake Up America' on [Newsmax](#) to discuss Facebook's secret rules for elite users.

The Honorable Katie Sullivan joins 'Under the Influence' on [Right Side Broadcasting](#) to discuss Trump's Big Tech Lawsuit

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Twitter Seeks to Transfer Trump's Class-Action Censorship Lawsuit from Fla. to Calif., [Headline USA](#)

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The Honorable Andrew Wheeler

Chairman, Center for the Environment

Andrew Wheeler is originally from Ohio and he previously served as the 15th Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Under his leadership, the Agency conclusively proved that they could reduce regulatory burdens while improving environmental indicators across the board. He graduated with a BA from Case Western Reserve University, an MBA from George Mason University and a JD from Washington University in St. Louis. Andrew Wheeler is an Eagle Scout. [Click here](#) to learn more about AFPI's team.

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AMERICA NEEDS A REAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN, AND THIS LEGISLATION DOESN'T CUT IT.

Nearly every American agrees that our Nation's infrastructure needs improvement. Who hasn't driven on a road pocked with potholes, sat frustrated in endless traffic on roads designed for fewer cars, experienced recurring internet connectivity issues, or lost power because of an aging and overtaxed power energy grid? Infrastructure improvement is a bipartisan issue. However, the media-heralded "bipartisan" Senate bill distorts the meaning of infrastructure by shepherding through corporate welfare, social engineering, and inflationary spending, thereby missing out on the opportunity to address genuine infrastructure needs for the American people.

Based on the text of the Senate bill, one must conclude that the definition of "infrastructure" has changed. Out of a bill totaling more than \$1 trillion, only \$110 billion goes to roads, bridges, highways, ports, waterways, and major projects, despite the American Society of Civil Engineers reporting that 20 percent of America's more than 4 million roads are in poor shape and that the U.S. faces a \$800 billion repair and maintenance backlog. If the bill chooses not to address these pressing needs, what creative notions of infrastructure does it prioritize instead? Some particularly egregious examples are:

- A down payment on the Green New Deal:
 - \$21.5 billion to the Department of Energy for what amounts to a green venture capitalist investment fund;
 - \$7.5 billion for EV charging stations, with the Department of Transportation deciding where to locate them;
 - \$7.5 billion for electric buses and ferries;
- Includes \$66 billion for Amtrak and other rail, which is 60% of the amount spent on roads and bridges, even though only 5% of people rely on public transportation to get to work, and the 100 largest metros, particularly in the Northeast and West, accounting for a disproportionate 90% of Amtrak's ridership. The bill also explicitly eliminates taxpayer accountability from Amtrak's mission;
- Corporate welfare, including a \$6 billion handout to nuclear companies, \$28 billion for electric transmission lines, and more money for flying electric taxis and hydrogen-powered trucks to transport freight;
- And a pilot program for a national per-mile user fee, including testing potentially invasive tracking methods to determine individual vehicle miles traveled.

With what little money it dedicates to roads and bridges despite the pressing need, the bill also undermines any genuine effort at improving infrastructure by earmarking dollars to further the Administration's liberal social justice agenda to fix what Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg has described as the "racism physically built into some of our highways." It is telling that the term "equity" is used a total of 64 times in the bill and economic growth only 7 times.

The bill also fails to address barriers that create a disconnect between infrastructure spending and the process of actually physically building infrastructure. For example, one glaring omission is meaningful permitting reform. The average highway takes 7 years to permit (which is before construction even begins), and the cost per mile of interstate construction has more than tripled in inflation-adjusted terms since the 1960s. This distinction is important, because it is actual infrastructure that can improve long-term growth, not mere infrastructure spending.

While the legislation does not make the needed reforms to improve the modernization of the permitting process, the Biden Administration is simultaneously working to make permitting much harder. Multiple agencies are attempting to repeal the reforms of the previous administration while launching regulatory expansions of nearly every environmental statute, including the **NEPA rule** and the Waters of the United States Rule. The federal government's barriers to infrastructure development will delay and prevent investment from creating real, tangible results for American communities, families, and small businesses. This means, without meaningful regulatory and permitting reform, the bill will result in plenty of spending and corporate welfare and very few of its promised roads and bridges.

Proponents of the bill also claim that the \$1.2 trillion in proposed spending is **entirely** paid for with new revenue or repurposed funds; that it will not increase the federal deficit nor saddle the American people with an even greater amount of debt. These claims, however, are outright false. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) analyzed the legislation and **concluded** that it will add over a quarter trillion to the deficit over the next decade. What is more, the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget (CRFB) **determined** that—after accounting for both direct and indirect effects—the actual deficit impact could be as high as \$400 billion. This deficit-funded spending spree is misguided given the low-return investments the funding is directed towards, as outlined above. But it is especially reckless amidst a federal debt burden **approaching** historic levels and comes as unchecked inflation has completely **eroded** the wage gains of Americans and reduced purchasing power in each month of 2021. By increasing the deficit even further, the senators advancing this

legislation are complicit in risking higher and longer-lasting inflation that harms low- and middle-income Americans the most.

This infrastructure bill is a missed opportunity for America. It will likely set the stage for even worse legislation through the budget reconciliation process. The bottom line is that America needs a real infrastructure plan, and this legislation doesn't cut it.

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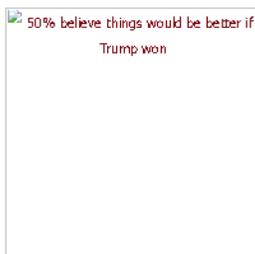
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• **Learn more about**

- AFPI's [Center for Energy Independence](#) and why energy independence is important to maintain low energy costs for families and small businesses.
- [Why U.S. Energy Policy Must Promote American Energy Dominance](#) in a paper by AFPI's Center for Energy Independence.
- [Engaging with Local School Boards](#) and [Tips for Meeting with Local School Board Members](#) in publications by AFPI's Center for 1776.
- [The Biden Administration's Proposed Global Minimum Tax](#) in a paper by AFPI's Center for America Prosperity.
- [The Folly of Free Community College for All](#) in a paper by Rachel Craddock, Policy Analyst for AFPI's Center for the American Worker and Center for Education Opportunity.
- [Reimagining Child Care in America](#), a paper by Dr. Laurie Todd-Smith, Senior Fellow for AFPI's Center for Education Opportunity and Center for the American Worker. For a quick read, see [Two-Part: Reimagining Childcare in America](#).
- How [Expanding Medicare Would Fail Seniors Who Depend On The Program](#) in an Issue Brief by AFPI's Center for a Healthy America.
- How [Expanding Medicaid Would Have Unintended Negative Consequences](#) in an Issue Brief by AFPI's Center for a Healthy America.

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The [New York Sun](#): *Witches Brew Starts To Bubble in Communist China, as Xi Jinping Edges Into Maoism* [Read here.](#)

The [New York Sun](#): *How I Yearn for a Calm, Prosperous, Orderly America* [Read here.](#)

The [New York Sun](#): *Biden's Budget: The Road to Serfdom* [Read here.](#)

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 [Chad Wolf on Fox News](#)

Hear about [the surge of illegal migrants crossing the Southern border and the failure of Secretary Mayorkas to protect the homeland](#) from **Chad Wolf**, Chairman of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, with John Roberts on Fox News.

Learn about [the peril playing out at the border](#) from **Chad Wolf**, Chairman of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, on [the Dom Giordano show.](#)

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 3:00 PM Eastern—[Register for an AFPI stakeholder call with Chair Linda McMahon and President & CEO Brooks Rollins](#)

AFPI Team Highlight

 [The Honorable Rick Perry](#)

The Honorable Rick Perry
Chairman, Center for Energy Independence
Rick Perry was born in Haskell, Texas, and raised in Paint Creek, Texas, as the son of dryland cotton farmers, and serves as AFPI's Chairman of the Center for Energy Independence. Perry served as the 14th Secretary of Energy, where he advanced America's dominance in energy production to help American businesses, workers, families, and farmers. Previously, Perry served as the 47th Governor of Texas. [Click here](#) to learn more about AFPI's Center for Energy Independence.

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Friend,

Gold Star Families Day serves as a reminder of the losses suffered by thousands of military families. Today, America comes together to recognize those closest to our fallen military service members.

Our Armed Forces represent the *very best* of our country, and their families and loved ones are their closest equals.

The honor of becoming a Gold Star Family is one no military family wants to receive.



America First Policy Institute understands that the families of our fallen service members have suffered incredible losses. *As American citizens, the least we can do is recognize the families of the fallen.* It is a small step in the journey towards healing and peace.

Join us in honoring them today.

Thank you,



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Good morning,

Next week, the America First Policy Institute is hosting the Inaugural America First Leaders Summit. This will be an intimate group of community leaders who are passionate about the America First Agenda.

Will you be there?

Space is limited, so be sure to confirm your seat today. The [America First leadership team](#) outlined in the schedule below you will find nowhere else. You don't want to miss this! We'll send you the FINAL schedule later this week, but here is a preview of the program:

Tuesday, September 28, 2021*

- 9:00 AM Welcome Breakfast with Remarks by AFPI Chief Operating Officer **Doug Hoelscher**
- 9:15 AM to 10:00AM Center for a Healthy America Conversation with **Dr. Heidi Overton**
- 10:00 AM to 10:50 AM **Former EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler** discussion on the Environment
- 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM Border and National Security Discussion with **Secretary Chad Wolf**
- 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM Lunch with Special Guest Chair **Linda McMahon**
- Meetings on Capitol Hill with Members of Congress and/or Staff
Time: 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Location: Capitol Hill
- America First Leadership Summit Reception
Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Location: AFPI Event Hall

Wednesday, September 29, 2021*

- 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM Breakfast and National Security Discussion with **LL Gen. (Ret.) Keith Kellogg**
- 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM Briefing on Constitutional Litigation Partnership with **Hon. Pam Bondi**
- 10:00 AM to 10:50 AM Discussion on American Freedom and the Administrative State with **Secretary David Bernhardt**
- 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM Economic Update with Chief Economist **Cale Clingenpeel**
- 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM Election Integrity Update with **Hogan Gidley**
- 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Closing Lunch with President & CEO **Brooke L. Rollins**
- Meetings on Capitol Hill with Members of Congress & Staff (**OPTIONAL**)
Please let us know if you are interested in attending additional meetings.
Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location: Capitol Hill

Register today by clicking here:
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We look forward to seeing you next week!



Chad Wolf
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Welcome to the America First Agenda. This is our work: not just a look back to yesterday, but a promise for tomorrow.

The America First Agenda

• AFPI announced:

- A new coalition to [Save America](#).
- [Andrew Wheeler](#) will serve as **Chairman of the Center for the Environment**.

• Learn more about

- [Record high apprehension numbers at the southern border](#), highlighted by **Chad Wolf**, Chairman of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.
- [The Biden Administration using censorship to inhibit freedom of press and conceal the crisis at the southern border](#), written by **John A. Zadrozny**, Director of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.
- AFPI's [Constitutional Litigation Partnership Case Update on President Donald J. Trump's lawsuit to Take On Big Tech](#). Share your story of Big Tech censorship at [TakeOnBigTech.com](#).
- How General Mark Milley has [damaged our democracy](#) by undermining civilian control of the military in an op-ed by **LT. Gen. (Ret.) Keith Kellogg**, Co-Chairman of the Center for American Security.
- The one year anniversary of the [Abraham Accords](#) in a statement by **LT. Gen. (Ret.) Keith Kellogg**, Co-Chairman of the Center for American Security.
- The policies that paved the way for a [new highpoint in space](#) in a piece by **Steven M. Smith**, AFPI Chief of Staff and Director of the Center for New Frontiers.
- The Democrats' attempt to [prevent Americans from becoming their own boss](#) in an op-ed by **James Sherk**, Director of the Center for American Freedom.
- [New threats facing the U.S. 20 years after 9/11 following the disastrous exit from Afghanistan](#) in a piece by **LT. Gen. (Ret.) Keith Kellogg** and **John Ratcliffe**, Co-Chairmen of the Center for American Security, and **Chad Wolf**, Chairman of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.
- [The 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act](#) in a paper by **Joseph A. Lavorgna**, Chief Economist of the Americas at Natixis.
- [Constitution Day messages](#) from the America First Policy Institute team, celebrating more than 200 years since our Founding Fathers established the American experiment of self governance.



[Watch AFPI's Constitution Day video here.](#)

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President Biden's Class Warfare Pitch Is Full of False Charges [Read here.](#)

Could Common Sense Yet Prevail Over Biden's Plan for Taxing and Spending? [Read here.](#)

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Pam Bondi, Chairman of the Constitutional Litigation Partnership, joined 'Wake Up America' on Newsmax to **provide an update on President Trump's lawsuit against Bio Tech.**



Hear about **the security concerns associated with the Biden Administration bringing unvetted Afghan refugees into the United States** from **John Zadrozny**, Director of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, with **Natalie Harp** on OAN.

Learn about **America's greatest threats from within and the liberal agenda's fundamental rejection of the American Dream** from **Bobby Jindal**, Chairman of the Center for a Healthy America, on **John Solomon Reports.**

One fraudulent vote is one too many! Listen about the work being conducted by the **Center for Election Integrity** to ensure strong laws are in place at the local level making it **easy to vote but hard to cheat**, showcased by **Hogan Gidley**, Director of the Center for Election Integrity, on the **Dom Girodano radio show.**

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AFPI Team Highlight



John A. Zadrozny

Director, Center for Homeland Security and Immigration

John A. Zadrozny is originally from New York and serves as the Director of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration. Prior to joining AFPI, Zadrozny served in several roles in the Trump Administration, including most recently as Deputy Assistant to the President in the Office of the Senior Advisor for Policy. **Click here** to learn more about the AFPI team.

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September 17, 1787, the Founding Fathers signed the United States Constitution, giving birth to a government never seen before, one founded on the principles in its first three words – “We, the People.” The Founders declared that the future and stability of the country hinged upon our leaders preserving, protecting, and defending the Constitution that binds us together. Since that day, every elected official and service member in our Nation takes that same oath, to support and defend the Constitution. Though it has been threatened throughout history, the United States Constitution is the oldest constitution still in use today, and each year we, the people, get to come together and celebrate this document on September 17th.

Sadly, today our leaders are faltering on their oath by fomenting distrust in the principles that our Constitution and our Nation were built on. Our children are being taught that America, from its founding, was embedded with racist systems that prevent us from ever achieving equality. The Center for 1776 exists to reunite Americans with the teaching of America’s true, patriotic founding. A vision of our history that upholds what the Constitution has symbolized for so many, the light of democracy. We, the People, must pass along these values and the love of this nation to our children.



As Samuel Adams said: *“The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil constitution, are worth defending against all hazards: And it is our duty to defend them against all attacks.”*

This week, in honor of Constitution Day, we should all take time to share with our children and each other the principles first espoused in that document over 230 years ago that hold this nation together.

Click [here](#) to view the first of many AFPI Freedom Factsheets
Click [here](#) for our educational document on the Constitution of the United States.

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Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

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Friends,

Hispanic Heritage Month has presented an opportunity for Americans to come together to celebrate Hispanic culture and achievements.



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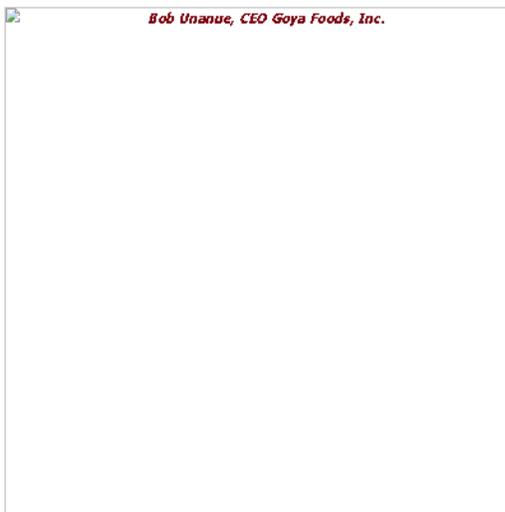
America First Policy Institute is proud to continue this tradition.

I am excited to invite YOU to join me and AFPI to celebrate the accomplishments of every Hispanic American and the influence of Hispanic Americans on the history and culture of the United States.

My family emigrated to the United States from Spain in 1918. Because of the **opportunities awarded to us in America**, our small business has grown into one of the most successful Spanish-owned businesses in the world.

Goya Foods' purpose is to do well, to thrive, and to **give back to the community**. Our food nourishes the body, but our outreach **nourishes the soul and the prosperity of the country**.

I sat down with AFPI to discuss Goya's mission and the growing role of Latinos in America. Check out the interview below:



I am proud to be Hispanic and am honored to extend this invitation to you to commemorate the innumerable accomplishments of Hispanic Americans.

Join me and AFPI in observing Hispanic Heritage Month from now through October 15.

Thank you,

Robert Unanue
CEO Goya Foods, Inc.
Board Member, America First Policy Institute

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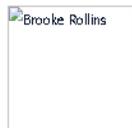
At this summit, you will meet with our Policy Directors on various issues, including energy, immigration, healthcare, and the economy. Our Chairs and Policy Directors will share the latest research on policies important to your region. We will also be scheduling educational meetings with stakeholders on Capitol Hill. You can find a complete roster of AFPI [here](#).

Further, during this time, we would like to discuss the opportunity to not only amplify your voice as a leader, but expand this important coalition.

If you are interested in attending, please register at your earliest convenience by clicking [here](#). Unfortunately, space will be limited, and we cannot accommodate additional attendees as we reach the threshold for RSVPs.

Thank you for your service, and please let us know if you have any questions in the meantime.

Sincerely,



Brooke Rollins
President & CEO
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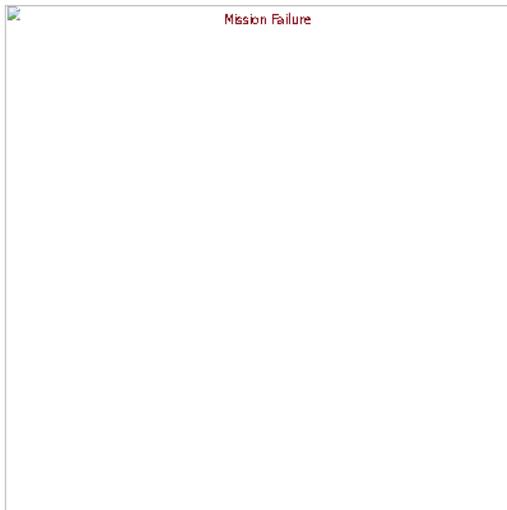
- Stacy Washington moderated a panel discussing **American Security 20 years after 9/11** with **LT General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg** and **John Ratcliffe**, Co-Chairs of the Center for American Security and **Chad Wolf**, Chairman of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.



Watch the **Center for American Security 20 Years After 9/11 Livestream** [here](#).

• **Learn more about**

- Statements on the **Biden Administration's vaccine mandate** from:
 - [AFPI President and CEO Brooke Rollins](#)
 - [Chairman of the Center for a Healthy America Bobby Jindal](#)
- **Combating Critical Race Theory (CRT)** in schools with the Center for 1776's Parent Toolkit:
 - [Parent Toolkit: Advocating for Quality Curriculum](#)
 - [Critical Race Theory In Schools: Why You Should Be Concerned](#)
 - [Critical Race Theory In Schools: Why You Should Be Concerned - Spanish](#)
- [A New Generation of Lost Hope: America's Exit and the New National and Humanitarian Crises](#) in a piece by **Alex Campana**, Director of Stewardship and Policy Analyst for the Center for 1776, and **Jacob Ollidort**, Director of the Center for American Security.
- [President Biden's War Against Work](#) in an Op-Ed by **Cale Clingenpeel**, Chief Economist for AFPI.
- [The Men and Women We Must Not Forget Still Left Behind in Afghanistan](#) in a piece by **Javon Price**, Policy Analyst, and **LT General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg**, Co-Chairman of the Center for American Security.
- [AFPI's Center for Election Integrity commending the Texas state legislature and governor for passing and signing common sense election reforms into law to ensure it is easy to vote, but hard to cheat.](#)
- [The Danger of Expanding Medicare](#) in a recently published Wall Street Journal Op-Ed by **Bobby Jindal**, Chairman of the Center for a Healthy America.
- [HBCU Week](#) as AFPI celebrated the occasion in a piece by **Javon Price**, Policy Analyst, and **Gail Wilson**, Engagement Officer.



[Watch and read about declining American security as our adversaries gain strength following the failed mission in Afghanistan.](#)

Polling Update

Here at AFPI, we are tracking the pulse of the American people. Below are some statistics we think you will find fascinating and numbers you should know:

64% of Americans are personally concerned about the coronavirus threat, an increase from late June according to a recent [poll](#) from Rasmussen Reports. Only 11% say they are not concerned at all.

Just **17% of Americans** approve of the job Congress is doing, compared to 61% who disapprove.

As the country commemorates the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, 8 in 10 Americans say the events of that day changed the country in a lasting way. 46% say it changed the country for the worse, while only 33% say it was for the better, according to a [Washington Post-ABC News poll](#).

A recent [poll](#) from Rasmussen Reports found that 45% of likely US voters believe that many Americans have forgotten the impact of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Another [poll](#) from Rasmussen Reports found that 46% of likely US voters support the new Texas abortion law, while 43% oppose it and 11% are undecided.

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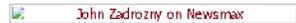
The Democrats' Leviathan Is on the Loose [Read here](#).

The Sum of All Fears [Read here](#).

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Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, Co-Chairman of the Center for American Security, [joined several programs this week](#) to discuss **the ongoing situation in Afghanistan**.



Hear about [the failed evacuation of Americans from Afghanistan and ongoing security concerns](#) from John Zadrozny, Director of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, on Newsmax.

[Read about America 20 years after Afghanistan](#) in a Fox News op-ed by **Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg** and **John Ratcliffe**, Co-Chairmen of the Center for American Security, and **Chad Wolf**, Chairman of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.

Learn about the **future of American elections** from **Ken Blackwell**, Chairman of the Center for Election Integrity, with [Dr. Gina Primetime on Real America's Voice](#).

AFPI Team Highlight



Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg
Co-Chairman, Center for American Security

General Keith Kellogg was born in Dayton, Ohio, grew up in California and 23 global and stateside military moves later, settled in Virginia where he serves as AFPI's Chairman of the Center for American Security. Kellogg is a highly decorated, retired three star General and has extensive experience in the military and international businesses. Most recently, he was the National Security Advisor to former Vice President Mike Pence and served as a key advisor to the President all four years of the Trump Administration. [Click here](#) to learn more about the AFPI team.

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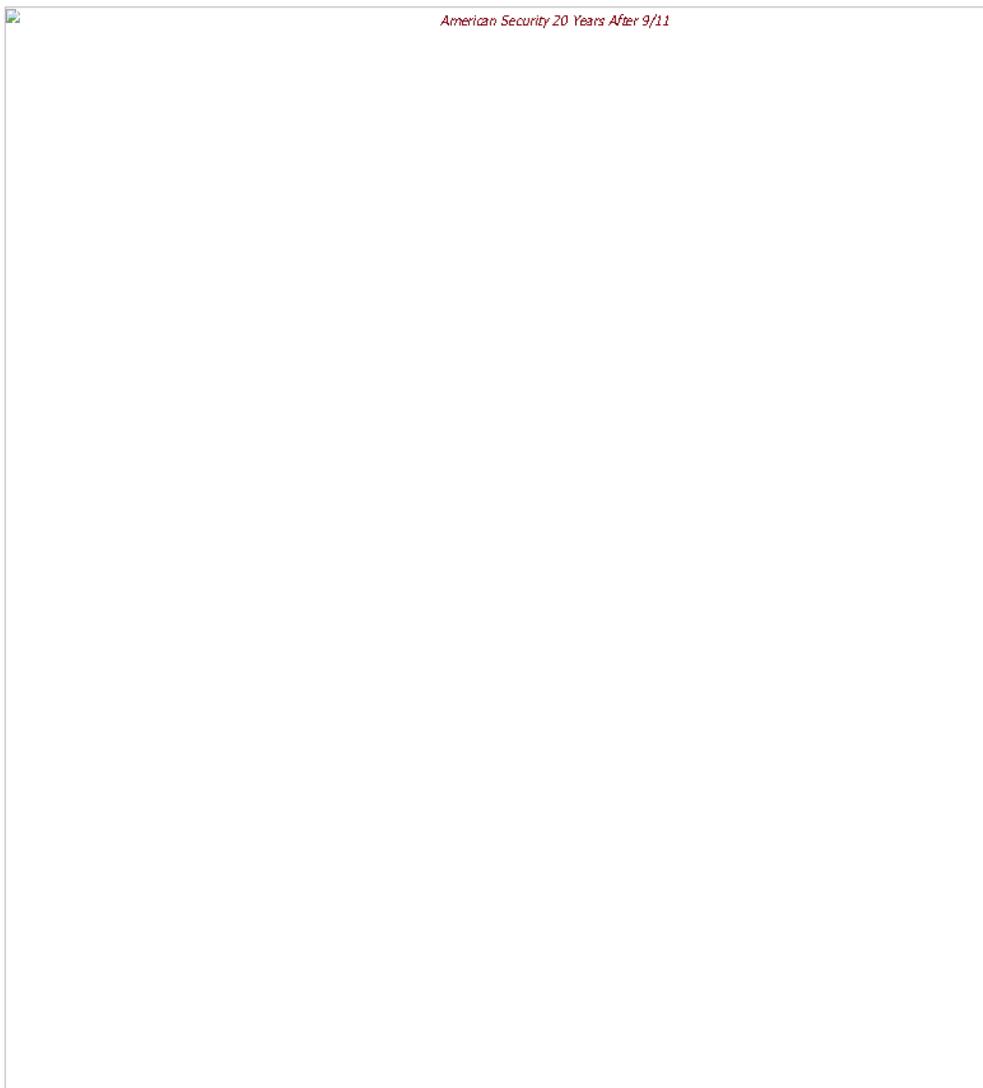
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Friends,

Twenty years ago today, America faced the most devastating attack on U.S. soil since Pearl Harbor. The September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, as well as the those aboard United Airlines Flights 175 and 93 and American Airlines Flights 11 and 77, **took nearly 3,000 people from us and affected the way of life of every single American.**

Today, we remember the innocent civilians and first responders who lost their lives.



American Security 20 Years After 9/11

Watch the closing remarks of our **American Security 20 Years After 9/11** panel [here](#).

9/11 proved that our security and our way of life is fragile, and requires unwavering vigilance.

America First Policy Institute is dedicated to promoting national security to make sure an attack like September 11, 2001 *never happens again*.

Join us today in taking a moment of silence to honor the lives lost on 9/11. We must never forget!

Thank you,

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Read about America 20 years after Afghanistan in a Fox News op-ed by **LT General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg** and **John Ratcliffe**, Co-Chairmen of the Center for American Security, and **Chad Wolf**, Chairman of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.

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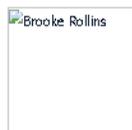
At this summit, you will meet with our Policy Directors on various issues, including energy, immigration, healthcare, and the economy. Our Chairs and Policy Directors will share the latest research on policies important to your region. We will also be scheduling educational meetings with stakeholders on Capitol Hill. You can find a complete roster of AFPI [here](#).

Further, during this time, we would like to discuss the opportunity to not only amplify your voice as a leader, but expand this important coalition.

If you are interested in attending, please register at your earliest convenience by clicking [here](#). Unfortunately, space will be limited, and we cannot accommodate additional attendees as we reach the threshold for RSVPs.

Thank you for your service, and please let us know if you have any questions in the meantime.

Sincerely,



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ICYMI: President Biden's War against Work

By Cale Clingenpeel in [National Review | Capital Matters](#)

LABOR DAY this year marked not only the end of summer and an opportunity to celebrate American workers but also the first week since the onset of the pandemic in which millions of jobless Americans will no longer receive overly generous unemployment benefits that pay them **more** to remain unemployed and make it excessively difficult for employers to hire. Unfortunately, these employers' woes may persist despite the expiration of these supplemental unemployment benefits. Amid a continued gulf between firms' demand for workers and workers' willingness to meet that demand, the Biden administration continues to propose, enact, and extend a web of policies that tax work — explicitly through statutory hikes and implicitly by reducing the economic return to work — and incentivize continued unemployment.

The federal government's Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program — the \$300 weekly supplement to state-provided unemployment benefits — expired over the holiday weekend. While roughly half of U.S. governors moved to end this supplement months ago, the nationwide expiration comes after total unfilled job openings reached an all-time high in June of 10.1 million, exceeding the total number of unemployed Americans by **nearly** 600,000. The pervasiveness and seriousness of worker shortages is evident to most Americans and is acutely felt by small businesses, half of whom **report** openings they are unable to fill. While the FPUC program **contributed** to these issues, a number of other government policies that remain in effect will continue to limit the ability of the labor market to fully and rapidly recover.

These policies implicitly tax work by increasing the amount of government assistance to jobless Americans while not requiring the beneficiaries to work or look for work. Most recently, the Biden administration announced a massive permanent expansion of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which will result in food-stamp benefits **increasing** by nearly 30 percent in October. This influx of additional cash transfers comes on top of the numerous **temporary** pandemic-related expansions of food-stamp benefits. The increase in benefits alone represents a move toward a more permanent cradle-to-grave welfare state that separates income from work, made worse by the **continued** suspension of work requirements for Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) that stemmed from what was supposed to be yet another temporary pandemic measure. This combination of increased benefits and suspension of work requirements will only serve as additional incentive to remain unemployed and sidelined from the workforce, slowing the labor market's recovery.

President Biden's war on work began early in his administration. Following the Trump administration's pro-work efforts to **authorize** states to implement work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries, the Biden administration has moved over the past six months to rescind those work-requirement authorizations in multiple **states**. Further, as part of the party-line American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Democrats transformed the Trump-expanded child tax credit (CTC) from a pro-work family-support provision of the tax code — aimed at encouraging labor-force participation at the lower end of the earnings distribution — to one that flirts with universal basic income through the federal government's provision of monthly de facto welfare checks to millions of Americans with children, regardless of their work status. Now, Democrats are seeking to make these monthly Biden administration CTC payments **permanent** as part of their ongoing budget negotiations. This effort stands in stark **contrast** to the bipartisan consensus, ushered in by the 1996 welfare reform under President Clinton and House speaker Gingrich, that transformed the safety net from an open-ended entitlement to a policy that encouraged work.

The deluge of pandemic and post-pandemic cash-transfer programs infused into Americans' bank accounts has already increased income dependence on the federal government to historic heights, tying family and federal financial fortunes closely together in a fashion not seen before in modern U.S. history.

This dependence, when paired with the untethering of receipt of benefits from the requirement to work or to search for

work, **reveals** some of the same post-Great Recession policy mistakes that resulted in a weak and prolonged recovery. This year, government-provided social benefits as a share of aggregate personal income hit a record high. On average, since the onset of the pandemic, roughly a quarter — 22.5 percent — of aggregate personal income **consisted** of these government cash transfers.

In the early months of the pandemic, when households were prevented from making a living by excessive government mandates and lockdowns, the economic, moral, and practical rationales for this type of support were more grounded. Now, however, these policies are hurting the workers and families they were originally intended to help by implicitly taxing their ability to work. Instead of returning toward their pre-pandemic level, government-provided social benefits as a share of aggregate personal income have maintained a steady and heightened rate over the course of the summer; even **increasing**, in July as a result of the first round of monthly Biden administration CTC payments. The consequence of Democrats' efforts to make permanent many of these pandemic-era policies is a reorientation of the American economy away from self-sufficiency and toward endless government dependence. As of August, the economy still faces an employment shortfall of 8.7 million workers relative to the pre-pandemic trend. The increased dependence on government for income and diminishment of the expectation to work threatens the ability of the labor market to recover.

The expiration of the FPUC program is an important step toward resuming the robust recovery from the pandemic that began in 2020, though it remains only one step to returning the labor market to its historic pre-pandemic prosperity. Prime-age labor-force participation **remains** far below its pre-pandemic rate and over the course of the past 14 months has risen just 0.3 percentage point. The American workers and families who have sacrificed through an unprecedented health and economic crisis deserve pro-growth policies — proven **successful** in the few years prior to the pandemic — to encourage domestic job creation, higher worker productivity, and robust real wage growth. Instead, President Biden — through his party's complete control of the federal government — has implemented a web of policies that amount to nothing short of a war on America's ability to work. Unfortunately, as Congress returns to the Capitol to debate a multitrillion-dollar budget, there is a clear danger that some of the **proposals** contained within it will only serve to expand and solidify President Biden's war on work.

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As our Nation commemorates the 20th anniversary of 9/11, and with the withdrawal of Afghanistan now complete, we now have an opportunity to discuss the impact of America's longest war. On **Thursday, September 9th at 10 AM EST**, YOU are invited to join us for our livestream discussing the future of American national security after Afghanistan.

Moderated by Air Force veteran, Stacey Washington, the panel will consist of Co-Chairmen for the Center for American Security Lt. Gen. (ret.) **Keith Kellogg** and former Director of National Intelligence, **John Ratcliffe**, and Chairmen for the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration **Chad Wolf**.

You can register to watch the livestream [here](#)

As these former high-ranking Trump Administration officials explore the future of American security, this is a livestream you won't want to miss.



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We look forward to you tuning in and please visit our [website](#) to see all the research and policies that put America First, always.



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Welcome to the America First Agenda from the America First Policy Institute (AFPI). Every single day, the men and women of AFPI work to change America for the better. We're out there crafting policy, counseling policy makers, amplifying activists, battling the media, and doing absolutely everything we can to build an America where Americans come first. It's in the name, of course — and it's in our actions. What you read here isn't just another policy institution's list of activities: every single item here is a spark that will, inevitably, start a fire for freedom.

Welcome to the America First Agenda. This is our work: not just a look back to yesterday, but a promise for tomorrow.

The America First Agenda

- AFPI launched the **Center for the American Worker** with [Linda McMahon](#), former Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, who is currently serving as Chairperson of both the Center and the Board of AFPI. The Center launched with six policy papers:

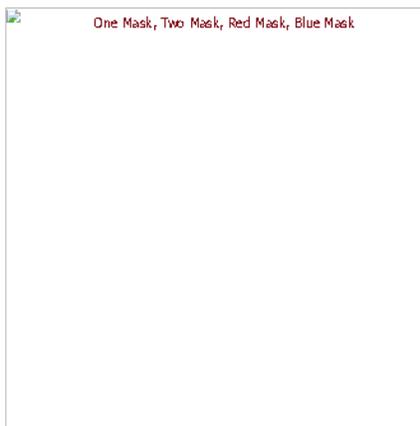
- [Center for the American Worker Overview](#)
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Watch the **Center for the American Worker launch video** [here](#).

• Learn more about

- [The Secret History of the Second Amendment as an African-American Civil Right](#), written by [Jack Brewer](#), Chairman, Center for Opportunity Now and [James Baehr](#), Senior Fellow, Center for 1776.
- [The Forgotten Political Theory of the Third Amendment](#), written by [James Baehr](#), Senior Fellow, Center for 1776, and [Alexandra Campana](#), Policy Analyst, Center for 1776.
- [How Gold Star Mother Shana Chappell was censored by Big Tech](#), written by [Catharine Cypher](#), Director of Strategic Communications, Constitutional Litigation Partnership and Advisor, Center for the American Child.
- [The Texas state legislature's passing of common-sense election reforms](#) highlighted by [Hogan Gidley](#), Director of the Center for Election Integrity.
- [When American security decreases, our adversaries gain strength](#), a piece by [Chad Wolf](#), Chairman of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration.
- [Some in Congress wanting bookkeepers and secretaries to be personally liable for oil companies' royalty payments](#), a legislative alert from [David Bernhardt](#), Chairman of the Center for American Freedom.
- [The first college football game after the tragic terror attacks of September 11, 2001](#), and the role college football played in uniting the country, from [Lou Holtz](#), Chairman of the Center for 1776.
- [Critical Race Theory \(CRT\) is NOT what the people want](#), from the [Center for 1776](#) discussing the realities of CRT and how you can fight against it.



[Watch and read about better pandemic leadership and why communication is needed.](#)

Polling Update

Here at AFPI, we are tracking the pulse of the American people. Below are some statistics we think you will find fascinating and numbers you should know:

54% of U.S. adults still say that withdrawing from Afghanistan was the right move, but only 26% said the Biden administration did an excellent or good job handling the withdrawal, according to a [Few Research poll](#). 69% of respondents said the U.S. mostly failed in achieving its goals in Afghanistan.

A USA Today/Suffolk [poll](#) found 3 in 4 respondents believe Afghanistan will once again become a haven for terrorists targeting the United States.

A Rasmussen [poll](#) from Thursday, September 2nd found that less than a third of voters consider the U.S. military withdrawal from Afghanistan to be a success. In addition, 62% of likely U.S. voters believe Congress should investigate how the withdrawal was handled.

According to a recent Rasmussen [poll](#), only 44% of American adults have a favorable view of Dr. Fauci, while 42% have an unfavorable opinion, and 29% have a very unfavorable opinion of him.

A survey from August 20th from Pew Research Center found that Republicans increasingly have negative views of major U.S. institutions like banks, large corporations, and tech companies:

- Just 50% of Republicans view the banking sector as having a positive impact on America, compared to 63% in 2019. That figure for Democrats increased from 37% to 48% over the same period.
- 30% of Republicans view big business as having a positive impact on America, compared to 54% in 2019. Democrats' numbers went from 23% in 2019 to 26% today.
- 77% of Democrats say K-12 schools have a positive impact on America, while only 42% of Republicans say the same. 57% of Republicans say public elementary and secondary schools have a negative effect on the country.

Kudlow's Corner

Larry Kudlow serves as both Vice-Chair of the Board and Chairman for the Center for American Prosperity for AFPI.

Coup d'Etat Regime In Afghanistan Unworthy of Recognition [Read here.](#)

Solidarity Forever: Capitalism and Labor [Read here.](#)

ICYMI: AFPI In The News

[Lt. General \(Ret.\) Keith Kellogg on Fox News](#)

Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, Co-Chairman of the Center for American Security, [joined several programs this week](#) to discuss **the ongoing situation in Afghanistan.**

[Chad Wolf on Fox Business](#)

Hear about [the failed evacuation of Americans from Afghanistan and ongoing security concerns from Chad Wolf](#), Chairman of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, with Elizabeth MacDonald on Fox Business.

Listen about the **American economy under President Biden and the bleak economic outlook under his leadership** from **Brooke Rollins**, AFPI President and CEO, on [Newsradio KTRH 740](#).

Learn about the work being conducted by the **Center for Election Integrity** to ensure strong laws are in place at the local level making it **easy to vote but hard to cheat**, showcased by **Hogan Gidley**, Director of the Center for Election Integrity, on [Philadelphia's Morning Answer](#) with Chris Stigall.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 12:00 PM Eastern—[Register for AFPI's Center for the American Worker Stakeholder Call with The Honorable Linda McMahon](#)

Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM Eastern—[Register for AFPI's live-stream panel discussion on American Security 20 Years After 9/11](#)

AFPI Team Highlight



Kweku Boafa

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Director of Policy and Research, Center for Election Integrity

The son of a U.N. diplomat, Kweku Boafa, was born in Ghana, reared in France, and currently resides in the Commonwealth of Virginia. He serves as Director of Policy and Research for AFPI's Center for Election Integrity. [Click here](#) to learn more about the AFPI team.

"...never give in, never give in, never in nothing, large or petty [...] never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy."

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

Careers

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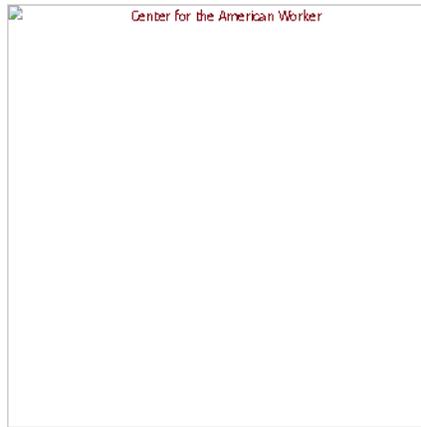
The spirit of the American worker is the very foundation of our Nation. When left to be free, creative, and industrious, there is no force more potent. To that end, the America First Policy Institute (AFPI) is putting the Nation's most critical asset FIRST—the American worker.

America has long been the leader in innovation fueled by the skills and fortitude of our students and workers. Preparing our workforce for the jobs of today and tomorrow will restore hope for the futures of countless hardworking Americans.

As an entrepreneur and business owner, I have experienced owning and growing a business in the American economy. While serving as the 25th Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration during the Trump Administration, I advocated on behalf of the 30 million small businesses in America—the backbone of our Nation's economy. I understand firsthand what it means to put the American worker first, and I look forward to ensuring that AFPI cultivates pro-growth, pro-worker, and pro-family policies that directly benefit and sustain our greatest asset—the American worker. Check out the latest from the [Center for the American Worker](#):

- [Center for the American Worker Overview](#)
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- [Investing in our Most Critical Asset: the American Worker](#)
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The time is NOW to put the American worker FIRST and restore our American greatness on the global economic stage.



AFPI is reigniting the focus on the dignity of work. The American workforce, innovators, and entrepreneurs who bring our Nation's businesses to life must have the necessary tools and skills to continue bolstering the most robust economy in the world. And that means putting the American worker FIRST!

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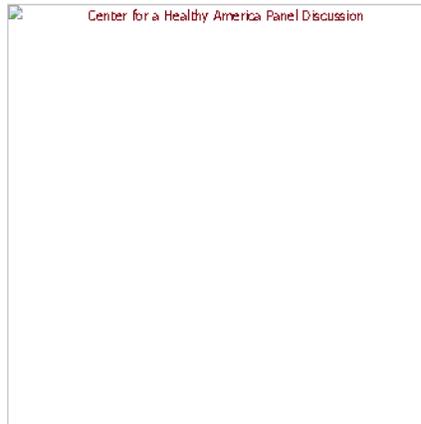


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THE AFPI RUNDOWN

POLICY UPDATES

- AFPI launched the **Center for a Healthy America** with **Former Governor Bobby Jindal** serving as Chairman and **Heidi Overton, M.D.** as Director and held a panel discussion with Governors Greg Abbott and Tate Reeves, along with other prominent special guests, outlining the Center's Treatment Plan for America. The Center launched with five policy papers:
 - Center for A Healthy America Overview**
 - Executive Summary: Achieving a Healthier America**
 - An Answer That Raises Questions - The "Wuhan Lab Leak" Theory and Implications for Biodefense and Public Health**
 - Operation Warp Speed**
 - Hospital Price Transparency**



Re-watch the **Center for a Healthy America Panel Discussion** [here](#).

- Additional Center for a Healthy America launch products can be viewed under the "latest" tab [here](#) and include:
 - Recent *Wall Street Journal* op-eds by Chairman Jindal:
 - The Danger of Expanding Medicare**
 - Texas Provides a Model for Conservative Healthcare Reform**
 - Republicans Can Lead on Healthcare Reform**
 - Joint National Review op-ed** by **Chairman Jindal** and Tim Phillips, President of Americans for Prosperity, regarding how Senator Bernie Sanders's proposed \$3.5 trillion 'infrastructure' package will overtake American healthcare with an increased role of the federal government, a large price-tag, and negative effects on healthcare outcomes.
 - Blog** by **Chairman Jindal** and **Director Overton** on the need for improved communication and leadership surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Blog** by **Director Overton** on the importance of hospital price transparency for patients and doctors.
 - LT General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg**, Co-Chairman of the Center for American Security, **issued a statement** about the attacks in Afghanistan.
 - Ken Blackwell**, Chairman of the Center for Election Integrity, **issued a statement** on the power grab of HR 4 and its attempt to federalize elections.
 - Chad Wolf**, Chairman of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, **issued a statement** on the Supreme Court victory for border security having reinstated the Remain in Mexico policy.
 - Ken Blackwell**, Chairman of the Center for Election Integrity, **published an op-ed** about how far America has come since 1965 regarding voting rights and debunks the falsehoods echoed by politicians.
 - AFPI's **Constitutional Litigation Partnership** **issued a case update** on President Trump's lawsuit against Big Tech, and Chairman Pam Bondi **released a statement**.

POLLING UPDATE

Here at AFPI, we are tracking the pulse of the American people. Below are some statistics we think you will find fascinating and numbers you should know:

A **poll** from USA Today revealed several key trends related to the coronavirus and the economy that are severely harming President Biden's approval rating, which now stands at 41%, compared to 55% who disapprove.

The same USA Today poll found Biden's approval rating to be just 32% among Independents.

Even before the tragic events of this past week, a CBS News **poll** found that 74% of Americans said the removal of the troops had been poorly handled, and

67% said that the Biden Administration did not have a clear plan for evacuating American civilians.

A Rasmussen [poll](#) found that 59% of likely US voters believe that the Biden administration is not doing enough to evacuate Americans from Afghanistan.

Another Rasmussen [poll](#) from this past Monday found that just 33% of likely US voters believe the country is headed in the right direction, down a point from one week ago.

Only 39% of likely US voters believe that President Biden is really doing the job of President, down from 47% in March, while 51% say someone else is making decisions for Biden behind the scenes, according to a recent Rasmussen [poll](#).

KUDLOW'S CORNER

Larry Kudlow serves as both Vice-Chair of the Board and Chairman of the Center for American Prosperity for AFPI.

A Fight for America's Honor [Read here >>](#)

ICYMI: AFPI IN THE NEWS

LT. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, Co-Chairman of the Center for American Security, joined several programs this week to discuss **the ongoing situation in Afghanistan**:



General Kellogg joins America's Newsroom on Fox News
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General Kellogg joins The National Desk
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General Kellogg joins America Reports on Fox News
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General Kellogg joins Kudlow on Fox News

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Linda McMahon, AFPI's Chair of the Board, joined Maria Bartiromo to discuss President Trump's lawsuit against Big Tech and the newly filed Preliminary Injunction.

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AFPI TEAM HIGHLIGHT



Javon Price

Policy Analyst, Center for Opportunity Now, Center for Second Chances, and Center for American Security

Javon Price is from Fairfax, Virginia, and serves as a Policy Analyst in the Center for Opportunity Now, the Center for Second Chances, and the Center for American Security for AFPI. Price most recently worked in the United States House of Representatives as a Staff Assistant for Congressman Byron Donalds (FL-19). [Click here](#) to learn more about the AFPI team.

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Thank you for your interest in the discussion with Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Keith Kellogg. Due to recent events, we will be rescheduling this call at a later date.

Our prayers are with the families of the American heroes who lost their lives in today's attack in Afghanistan.

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We must **never** forget the sacrifice of our men and women who fought in Afghanistan, and who served our Nation honorably.

Sadly, the tragic endgame we are seeing in Afghanistan was entirely predictable and preventable. Ending America's longest war is appropriate, and the implementation of our exit was critical. The prior administration developed a conditions-based withdrawal. According to this plan, no final withdrawal would have occurred until final successful peace negotiations took place between the Taliban and the Ghani government.

The current administration has abandoned that plan and, in return, has left the United States in an unthinkable situation. Furthermore, these decisions have grave ramifications on urgent issues, from threats to the homeland and to the standing and credibility of the United States in the world.

Please join me this **Thursday, August 26th at 3:30 PM ET** as we discuss lessons learned on the Afghanistan withdrawal, strategies to create a path forward, and its implications for U.S. national security.

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YOU are invited to watch our livestream:

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You won't want to miss our conversations with Governors Greg Abbott of Texas and Tate Reeves of Mississippi as well as leading physicians and employers. You also will hear impactful patient stories that may resonate with your own personal experiences. Please join the discussion to learn how we hope to work with a variety of stakeholders to apply a customized Treatment Plan for Americans based on research and education.

The livestream panel discussion will be led by our President and CEO, Brooke Rollins, the Center for a Healthy America Director, Dr. Heidi Overton, and myself.

Don't Miss It

[Register Here](#)

Please also see the Washington Examiner [article](#) today about the Center's launch and visit our website to [read more](#) about our policy priorities and research.

Thank you,



Governor Bobby Jindal
Chairman, Center for a Healthy America
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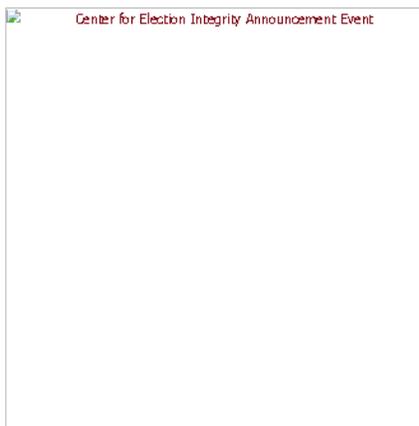


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THE AFPI RUNDOWN

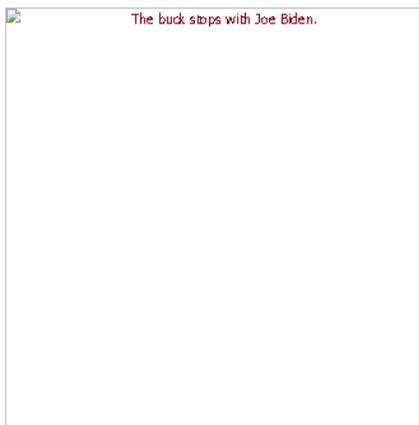
POLICY UPDATES

- AFPI launched the **Center for Election Integrity** with **The Honorable Ken Blackwell** serving as Chairman and **Hogan Gidley** as Director and [held an event in Atlanta, Georgia](#), which highlighted the overarching principle that our election system should make it "Easy to Vote and Hard to Cheat." The Center launched with four policy papers:
 - [Center for Election Integrity Overview](#)
 - [The Case Against Mass-Mail In Ballots](#)
 - [Voter ID: Easy To Vote And Hard To Cheat](#)
 - [Voter Roll Integrity](#)

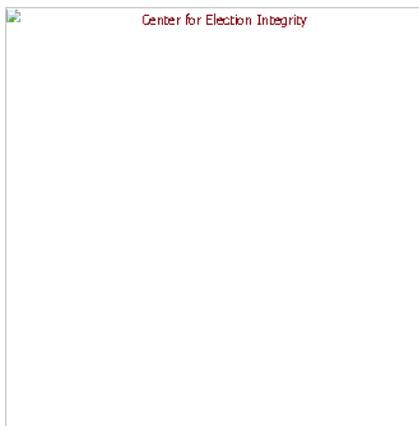


Re-watch the **Center for Election Integrity Announcement Event** [here](#).

- **Linda McMahon**, AFPI's Chair of the Board, **Brooke Rollins**, AFPI's President and CEO, **Paula White-Cain**, Chairman of the Center for American Values, and **Pam Bondi**, Chairman of the Constitutional Litigation Partnership, celebrated the 101st anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment in a joint blog post titled **Fighting for the Forgotten Woman**.
- **LL General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg**, Co-Chairman of the Center for American Security, **John Ratcliffe**, Co-Chairman of the Center for American Security, and **Chad Wolf**, Chairman of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, **issued a joint statement** regarding the unfolding events in Afghanistan.
- **LL General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg**, Co-Chairman of the Center for American Security, **published an op-ed** on the lessons learned from 20 years in Afghanistan and the mission our military must remain focused on.



[Click here](#) to watch **The buck stops with Joe Biden.**



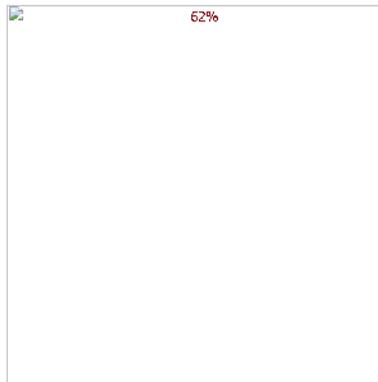
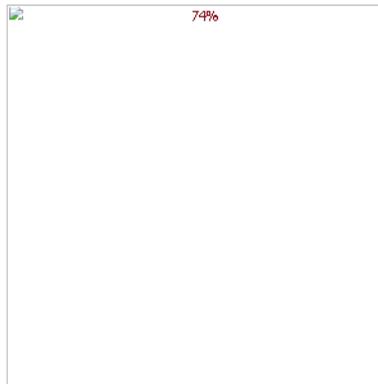
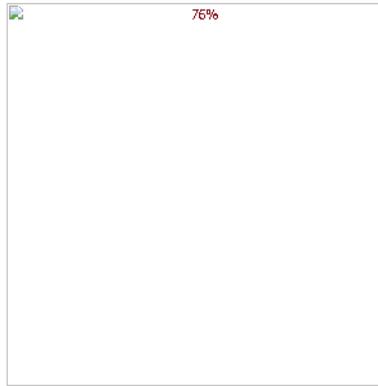
[Click here](#) to watch the **Center for Election Integrity Overview with The Honorable Ken Blackwell, Chairman.**



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POLLING UPDATE

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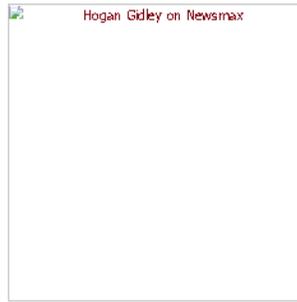


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The Secret of Statecraft That the Gipper Understood and Biden Fails To Grasp [Read here >>](#)

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Hogan Gidley, Director of the Center for Election Integrity, joined Wake Up America on Newsmax to discuss the **launch of CEI and the objectives of the Center.**

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Linda McMahon, AFPI's Chair of the Board, joined The National Desk to discuss the **importance of free and fair elections and the work the Center for Election Integrity will be conducting to achieve that goal.**

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Ken Blackwell, Chairman of the Center for Election Integrity, **published an op-ed** to discuss **election integrity and its vital role in preventing a socialist takeover.**

Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, Co-Chairman of the Center for American Security, joined several programs this week to discuss **the current situation in Afghanistan:**



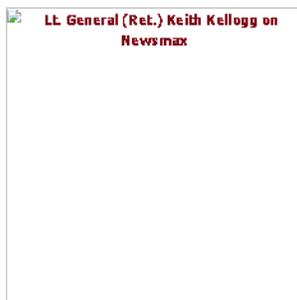
General Kellogg Joins Mark Levin on Fox News

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General Kellogg joins Harris Faulkner on Fox News

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General Kellogg joins Cortes and Pellegrino on Newsmax

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General Kellogg joins Natalie Harp on OANN

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 1:00 PM Eastern—[Register for the AFPI Livestream event with prominent special guests!](#)

AFPI TEAM HIGHLIGHT



Heidi Overton

Heidi Overton, M.D.

Director, Center for a Healthy America

Dr. Heidi Overton is from Gallup, New Mexico, and serves as AFPI's Director of the Center for a Healthy America. Overton recently served as a White House Fellow in 2019-2020 in both the Office of American Innovation and the Domestic Policy Council and is a PhD candidate in Clinical Investigation at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. [Click here](#) to learn more about the AFPI team.

"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord and not for people."

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Dear Friend,

This past week, AFPI announced our strategy to preserve a key element of our democracy—free and fair elections. The foundation of the American system of self-governance is liberty — and the core expression of the people's liberty is the ability to vote in free and fair elections. Safeguarding the integrity of our elections is paramount to preserve our republic. If you haven't had the opportunity to view the press conference, you can watch it [here](#).

This upcoming week, we will be announcing another crucial effort for our nation. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, August 25th at 1 PM EST** for an impactful livestream with prominent guests, including current and former Governors, about another top issue for Americans. **More to come early this week!**

[Sign-Up Here For More Details](#)

On behalf of AFPI, I want to thank you for your continued engagement in our mission to conduct research and develop policies that put the **American people first**. It is truly our honor to fight for America First, *always*.



The Honorable Brooke Rollins
President & CEO
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ACRU Action ALERT: ACRU's Ken Blackwell chairs the America First Policy Institute's Center for Election Integrity

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ACRU's Ken Blackwell chairs the America First Policy Institute's Center for Election Integrity in Cooperative Effort to Protect America's Election System

Naples, FL-- The American Constitutional Rights Union (ACRU) announced today that ACRU Policy Board Member and former Ohio Secretary of State, Ken Blackwell, is chairing the America First Policy Institute's Center for Election Integrity in a cooperative effort to encourage citizen involvement in protecting American elections.



Blackwell, also the former mayor of Cincinnati, Ohio, discussed the importance of citizen participation in protecting election integrity on [Friday's edition of SiriusXM's Breitbart News Daily](#) with host Alex Marlow. He emphasized the need for citizens to become poll workers as a first line of defense.

"What we're trying to do is to make sure that folks understand that whether it is open borders, whether it is the advancement of state-sponsored racism, or whether it's crime wave associated with this effort to 'defund the police,' all of this comes together as a leftist movement that demands we push back. Because as Frederick Douglass said, those who are whipped easiest are whipped most often," Blackwell states.

Lori Roman, President of the American Constitutional Rights Union, praised Blackwell's leadership in fostering cooperation between like-minded organizations to protect elections. "It is a good sign for the country that many organizations are working cooperatively to ensure it is easy to vote and hard to cheat. ACRU Policy Board Member Ken Blackwell is a great leader and role model in these efforts."

To listen to Ken Blackwell's interview on this subject: <https://www.breitbart.com/radio/2021/08/20/ken-blackwell-defeating-globalelm-starts-protecting-election-integrity/>

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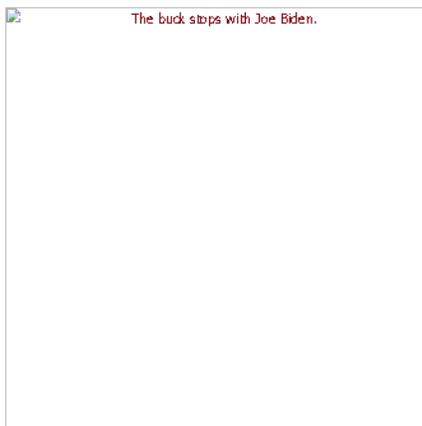
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Dear Friend,

Like all of you, I am watching with shock and disbelief what is taking place right now with the clumsy and calamitous withdrawal from Afghanistan. What is happening right now was entirely predictable and preventable, and reflects gross negligence and an absence of presidential leadership.



That the United States needed to withdraw from Afghanistan was clear, but equally important was how that withdrawal was to take place. We left a plan in place for the Biden Administration, and I'm not sure what he did with it. The Trump administration developed a conditions-based withdrawal. According to this plan, no final withdrawal would have occurred until final successful peace negotiations took place between the Taliban and the Ghani government.

Read my op-ed today in Newsweek, where I discuss some of the lessons learned from our twenty year engagement in Afghanistan, and my op-ed in The

Hill earlier this year warning of the consequences of Biden's arbitrary approach to the Afghanistan withdrawal.

I also appeared on **Fox & Friends** today to discuss these difficult developments.

Yours Sincerely,



Lieutenant General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg
Co-Chairman, Center for American Security
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P.S. Be sure to read my just published Newsweek op-ed on lessons learned from our twenty year engagement in Afghanistan now.

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Friends,

Join us LIVE as America First Policy Institute makes a MAJOR announcement in Atlanta, Georgia this **Thursday, August 19 at 10 AM EDT.**

YOU are invited to watch our livestream:



You won't want to miss the official launch of the Center for Election Integrity. Join our announcement about the new national effort to make it **easy to vote and hard to cheat.**

The press conference will be led by our Director, **Hogan Gidley**, and myself.

Don't Miss It



Thanks,



Ken Blackwell
Chairman, Center for Election Integrity
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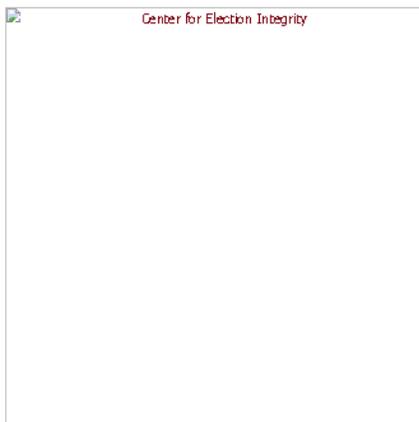
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This Week's AFPI Rundown

- **Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg** discusses how all President Biden had to do was follow the Trump Administration's withdrawal plan for Afghanistan:
 - **Op-Ed: The Hill: The Afghanistan withdrawal that could have been**
 - **Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg joins Your World with Neil Cavuto**
 - **General Kellogg Joined Dan Ball on OANN to Discuss Cuba's Fight for Freedom and the Afghanistan Withdrawal**
 - **Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg joined The National Desk**
- **Cale Clingenpeel**, Chief Economist for AFPI, **published a blog** discussing July's job growth and the continued inflation eroding the wage gains of Americans.
- **Brooke Rollins**, AFPI's President and CEO, **issued a statement** on the Senate's flawed infrastructure bill.
- AFPI **published a blog** discussing the need for a real infrastructure plan.
- **Rick Perry**, Chairman of the Center for Energy Independence, and Jason Isaac, Director of Life:Powered, a national initiative of the Texas Public Policy Foundation, **published an op-ed** discussing Biden's race to undo Trump environmental reforms and its violation of public trust.
- **John Zadrozny**, Director of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, **published an op-ed** discussing the states' rights issue of border enforcement.
- **Ken Blackwell**, Chairman of the Center for Election Integrity, **published an op-ed** discussing the adverse effects of passing the Senate's infrastructure trap.
- **James Sherk**, Director of the Center for American Freedom, **published an op-ed** discussing the Biden Administration's diversion of Veterans Affairs doctors and nurses from patient care to work for federal unions.
- **Jack Brewer**, Chairman for the Center for Opportunity Now, **published an op-ed** discussing woke criminal justice reform advocates and why they continue to fail inmates and communities.
- **John Zadrozny**, Director of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, **published a blog** discussing House Oversight Republicans demand for a hearing on border security, COVID-19, and Title 42 implementation.



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Polling Update

Here at AFPI, we are tracking the pulse of the American people. Below are some statistics we think you will find fascinating and numbers you should know:

- A **poll** from Monmouth University found that 80% of Americans support requiring a photo ID to vote. That figure includes 91% of Republicans, 87% of Independents, and 62% of Democrats.
- Seventy-three percent of respondents to a recent Rasmussen **poll** said they thought the Chinese government actively covered up its role in releasing COVID-19. Just 13% said a coverup was unlikely.

- Another Rasmussen [poll](#) found that 62% of Americans oppose new lockdowns, while only 31% want them. Seventy-six percent of Republicans and 58% of Independents are against new lockdowns, while Democrats are more evenly divided at 48% who want more lockdowns and 46% who do not.
- According to a composite of polling from Real Clear Politics, 54% of Americans think the country is on the wrong track, compared to 37% who think it is headed in the right direction.
- President Biden's approval rating continues to drop, and currently [hovers](#) around 50%, down from a high of nearly 55% as late as May.
- According to a recent [poll](#) from Quinnipiac University, a majority of Americans, 54%, said they think Joe Biden will not run for president in 2024, compared to just 33% who said they think he will.
- Sixty-nine percent of respondents to another Rasmussen poll [said](#) they agreed with the following statement: "America was founded on the ideals of freedom, equality, and self-governance. Our nation has a tragic history of racial injustice, but we have made and continue to make progress."

Kudlow's Corner

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Biden Launches His Tax, Spending Spree on the 40th Anniversary of Reagan's Historic Tax Cuts [Read here >>](#)

Democrats' 'Vote-a-Rama' Will Trap the Middle Class With Big New Taxes [Read here >>](#)

ICYMI: AFPI in the News



Brooke Rollins, AFPI's President and CEO, joined Fox News @ Night on Fox News to discuss **what Governor Cuomo cannot escape despite his resignation.**

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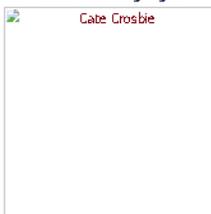
Chad Wolf, Chairman of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, joined American Agenda on Newsmax to discuss **the border, Title 42, and amnesty in the Infrastructure Bill.**

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LT General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, Co-Chairman of the Center for American Security, joined **WMAL's O'Connor and Co.** to discuss **what is currently happening in Afghanistan and the newest mandate requiring members of the U.S. military to get the COVID-19 vaccine.**

Hogan Gidley, Director of the Center for Election Integrity, joined **Philadelphia's Morning Answer with Chris Stigall** to discuss **the work being conducted by the Center to ensure strong laws are in place at the local level making it easy to vote but hard to cheat.**

AFPI Team Highlight



"AFPI has given me one of the most valuable experiences I could have ever asked for. With a focus working with the Constitutional Litigation Partnership, I have assisted in completing research projects, developing internal tracking systems, coordinating meetings of stakeholders, and supporting AFPI's national

communication efforts. It has been an absolute honor and privilege to be a part of the AFPI team.”—**Cabe Crosbie, Intern**

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STATEMENT: GENERAL KELLOGG, JOHN RATCLIFFE, AND CHAD WOLF ON THE LATEST IN AFGHANISTAN

AFPI's Co-Chairs of the Center for American Security, Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg and Former Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe, and Chairman of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, Former Acting Secretary of DHS Chad Wolf offered the following statement:

"For the past 20 years, our men and women have served heroically in Afghanistan. We must never forget their sacrifice.

Sadly, this tragic end game in Afghanistan was entirely predictable and preventable. Ending America's longest war is appropriate, and how it needed to be done was critical.

The Trump administration developed a conditions-based withdrawal. According to this plan, no final withdrawal would have occurred until final successful peace negotiations took place between the Taliban and the Ghani government.

President Trump personally engaged with Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, who led the Taliban delegation, and clearly laid out what would happen in the event of any Taliban intransigence. They understood and respected this approach because we had established credible deterrence in the preceding years, which is why no U.S. soldiers were killed in Afghanistan in the final 11 months we were in office.

Similar engagement was made with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani. This laid the groundwork for Afghans to take the future of their country into their own hands.

The difference between then and now is leadership. The Biden Administration alone owns this failure, adding Afghanistan to Biden's long history of, as President Obama's Secretary of Defense Robert Gates said, being "wrong on nearly every major foreign policy and national security issue over the past four decades."

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This Week's AFPI Rundown

- **John Ratcliffe**, Co-Chairman of the Center for American Security, [published an op-ed](#) stating that China must forfeit the 2022 Winter Olympic Games due to their intentional coverup of the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- AFPI's Center for 1776 published [The True Palladium of Liberty](#), discussing how the legal view of the Second Amendment has evolved towards further protecting the rights of the individual.
- **Hogan Gidley**, Director of the Center for Election Integrity, [issued a statement](#) on the Biden Administration's Department of Justice's threats to state governments.
- AFPI [published a blog](#) regarding the Biden Administration's Council on Environmental Quality's proposed rule to delay a major reform action taken by the Trump Administration that would have sped up infrastructure deployment in the U.S.
- **Cale Clingenpeel**, Chief Economist for AFPI, [published a blog](#) discussing July's job growth and how continued inflation erodes the wage gains of hardworking Americans.
- Critical Race Theory teaches:
 - ✗ America is irredeemably racist
 - ✗ Your most important trait is the color of your skin
 - ✗ Society is divided into two groups: oppressors and the oppressed
 Rather than bringing America together, Critical Race Theory is ripping us apart. Watch the video from our Center for 1776 above!

Take On Big Tech

Fourteen years of Libby Albert's Facebook memories were GONE without warning or prior notice. Libby joined President Trump on July 7, 2021, as he announced his lawsuit to #TakeOnBigTech

Share your story of Big Tech censorship at [TakeOnBigTech.com](https://www.TakeOnBigTech.com)

Kudlow's Corner

Larry Kudlow serves as both Vice-Chair of the Board and Chairman for the Center for American Prosperity for AFPI.

The Green New Deal Crossroads — America First vs. America Dependent [Read here >>](#)

The Democrats' Budget: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly [Read here >>](#)

Will Schumer 'Go Pelosi' on Masks? And Other Mysteries of the Democrats [Read here >>](#)

ICYMI: AFPI in the News



Pam Bondi, Chairman, Constitutional Litigation Partnership, joined Wake Up America on Newsmax to discuss **President Trump's lawsuit to Take On Big Tech and her prediction that the case will make its way to the Supreme Court.** [Watch here >>](#)

Center for Election Integrity Chairman **Ken Blackwell joined John Solomon Reports Podcast** to discuss election integrity.

Center for American Freedom Chairman, **former Secretary David Bernhardt, joined America's Voice Live** to discuss the impacts of regulation.

AFPI Team Highlight



The Honorable Pam Bondi
Chairman, Constitutional Litigation Partnership

Pam Bondi is from Tampa, Florida, and serves as the Chairman for the Constitutional Litigation Partnership. A fourth-generation Floridian, Bondi spent more than 18 years as a prosecutor, trying cases ranging from domestic violence to capital murder. She served as Florida's 37th and first female Attorney General. [Click here](#) to learn more about the AFPI team.

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- AFPI announced [Ken Blackwell](#) will serve as Chairman of the Center for Election Integrity and [Hanan Gidley](#) will serve as Director.
- AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership [provided a case update](#) on President Trump's lawsuit against Big Tech and noted that over 65,000 Americans have submitted stories of censorship.
- John Zadrozny, Director of the Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, [published an op-ed](#) discussing the necessity for President Biden to maintain Title 42 at the southern border as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.
- AFPI and the Texas Public Policy Foundation's Life Powered initiative [submitted joint comments](#) to the Biden Administration's Council on Environmental Quality's proposed rule to delay a major reform action taken by the Trump Administration that would have sped up infrastructure deployment in the US.
- AFPI's Center for 1776 published [A Brief Look: Curricula: What Parents Need to Know to Get More Involved](#).

Polling Update

Here at AFPI, we are tracking the pulse of the American people. Below are some statistics we think you'll find fascinating and numbers you should know:

- A [Washington Post](#) column suggests that there are [five factions within the GOP](#). However, voters are far [more likely to support Trump-like policies than traditional Republican approaches](#).
- A [Pew Center](#) survey found that just 56% of voters are confident that those not legally qualified to vote are prevented from casting a ballot. A much larger number—77%—believe that everyone who is eligible and wants to vote is able to cast a ballot. Just 23% disagree.
- [76% of Americans want significant restrictions on abortion](#). A [Columbus/Marist](#) poll showcased that more than three quarters of Americans, including a majority who identify as pro-choice, want significant restrictions on abortion.
- [53% of Americans believe having the police crack down on gang activity would be more effective than furthering gun control laws](#) according to a recent [Rasmussen](#) poll.
- An [ABC News](#) survey reports a [20-point decline in optimism about the country's direction](#). That may be tied to a [collapse in optimism about the pandemic](#). A plurality (38%) now believes the worst is yet to come. That is the most pessimistic assessment since the rollout of the vaccines.
- On other pandemic related topics, [55% now believe the lockdowns did more harm than good](#). Also, [63% want schools to re-open this fall](#).
- [Black Americans and Hispanic Americans are less likely to be vaccinated than White Americans](#). As of July 2021, [48% of White Americans have received one dose the COVID-19 vaccine, which is 1.3 times higher than Black Americans and 1.2 higher than Hispanic Americans](#).
- Voters think the [Green New Deal is more likely to destroy the economy instead of stopping climate change](#).
- [Consumer confidence held steady](#) last month. The confidence of small business owners increased.

Kudlow's Corner

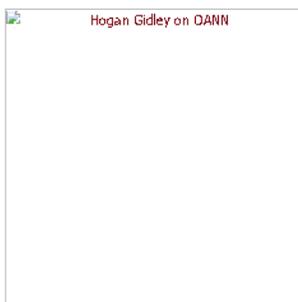
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It's the \$5 Trillion Reconciliation Package That Needs To Be Stopped [Read here >>](#)

Delta Force: Restore Trump's Twitter Account [Read here >>](#)

Woke Budgeting Emerges as More Than an Abject Failure [Read here >>](#)

ICYMI: AFPI in the News



Hogan Gidley, Director for AFPI's Center for Election Integrity, joined The Real Story with Natalie Harp on OANN to discuss **how the Center will play a vital role in ensuring free, fair, and secure elections for every American.**

[Watch here >>](#)



Brooke Rollins, AFPI President & CEO, joined Steve Hilton on Fox News to discuss **the importance of a thriving America First agenda.**

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AFPI Staff Highlight



**The Honorable Ken Blackwell
Chairman, Center for Election Integrity**

Ken Blackwell is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and serves as the Chairman of AFPI's Center for Election Integrity. Blackwell has an extensive career in public service and is widely regarded as a leading expert on elections and election security. [Click here](#) to learn more about the AFPI team.

"A NATION OF SHEEP WILL BEGET A GOVERNMENT OF WOLVES!"

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- AFPI **celebrated 100 days** of putting America First, always.
- Pam Bondi, Chairman for AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership, **published an op-ed** discussing the class action lawsuit to defend the First Amendment rights of every American – Visit [TakeOnBigTech.com](https://www.TakeOnBigTech.com) to learn more.
- Cale Clingenpeel, Chief Economist for AFPI, and Tyler Goodspeed, **wrote an op-ed** to set the record straight regarding wealth inequality.
- Pastor Paula White, Chairman for AFPI's Center for American Values, **published a blog** discussing the state of religious freedom in America.
- John A. Zadrozny, Director for AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, and Emily Tubby, Policy Analyst for AFPI, **published a blog** highlighting how Americans are paying for the southern border disaster and a display of government abuse.
- AFPI **published a blog** about the First Amendment freedoms of Americans that are under relentless attack from a government bent on control.

Kudlow's Corner

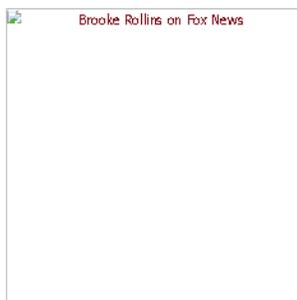
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Biden's Pipeline To Nowhere: It'll Build Back Russia Better [Read here >>](#)

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Boom. Trump Clobbers Biden, Big Tech — With the Constitution [Read here >>](#)

ICYMI: AFPI in the News



Brooke Rollins, AFPI's President & CEO, joined Fox News at Night with Shannon Bream to react to **President Biden's town hall performance and discuss the highly political January 6th Commission.**

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Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, Co-Chairman of AFPI's Center for American Security, joined Dan Ball on DANN to discuss **vaccine mandates imposed on American military personnel.**

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AFPI Staff Highlight



Miles Johnson
Government Affairs Manager

Miles Johnson is from Tupelo, Mississippi, and serves as AFPI's Government Affairs Manager. Most recently, Johnson served as a Policy Advisor to Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves where he tracked and provided analysis on state and federal legislation and worked with local officials, state agencies and leaders, and federal partners to advance shared priorities. [Click here](#) to learn more about the AFPI team.

"This country is bigger than the Taylors, or you, or me, or anything else. Great principles don't get lost once they come to light; they're right here! You just have to see them again."

JEFFERSON SMITH IN MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON

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Friend,

The America First Policy Institute is proud to celebrate 100 DAYS of putting America First, always.

In the past few months, our family has expanded to more than 70 employees, taken on Big Tech alongside more than 50,000 cancelled Americans, published nearly 30 policy products with over 60 more in production, and had thousands of media hits; in short, we have begun at warp speed our relentless crusade to change hearts and minds and win this country back. I can promise you this, we will never give up.

Our mission is even more crucial as we continue to fight to put America First in policy discussions and ensure the American people are not forgotten in *their* Nation's capital and in every capital and governing hall across America.



As our policies and advocacy work continue to grow and be recognized on the national stage and at every level of government, we are the vanguards for America's founding principles and for freedom everywhere. Our battle to save America has only just begun. As we have already proven, we are not a think tank; we are a do tank! We are problem solvers, fixers, and entrepreneurs. This is what sets us apart from other organizations. I am proud and humbled to be working with the most accomplished conservative freedom warriors in America, like you, that are helping to chart a brighter future for our Nation and Her people.

I am so happy to share this moment with you and am excited for what the future holds for AFPI.

It's been an unprecedented 100 days, but truly the best is yet to come.



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- AFPI's Center for 1776 published two research papers this week on [First Liberties](#) and [Curricula: What Parents Need to Know to Get More Involved](#).
- [Martin Gillespie](#), former Director of Donor Relations and Senior Advisor to the President for Corporate Relations at the Heritage Foundation, will now serve as Chief Development Officer for AFPI.
- [Former Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant](#) has joined AFPI as a Senior Advisor for AFPI's Center for 1776.
- Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, Co-Chairman of the Center for American Security, [issued a statement](#) on Cuba's fight for freedom.
- Brooke Rollins, AFPI President & CEO, [published an op-ed](#) discussing the threat Big Tech censorship poses to the constitutional rights of Americans.
- Emily Tubb, Policy Analyst for AFPI, [published a blog](#) discussing trafficking and oversight issues regarding R-1 visas.

Kudlow's Corner

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Biden, Psaki Attack Communism — While Struggling the Internationals [Read here >>](#)

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Call It the Critical Trump Theory: Free Enterprise Is a Miracle for Minorities [Read here >>](#)

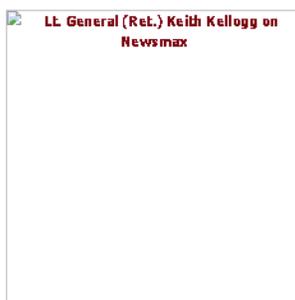
ICYMI: AFPI in the News



Linda McMahon, AFPI's Chair of the Board, joined The Evening Edition Fox Business to discuss [how every American can join over 50,000 who have already shared their stories of censorship at TakeOnBigTech.com](#).
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Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, Co-Chairman of AFPI's Center for American Security, joined Dan Ball on OANN to discuss [Cuba's Fight for Freedom and the Afghanistan Withdrawal](#).
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Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, Co-Chairman of AFPI's Center for American

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Security, joined Grant Stinchfield on Newsmax to discuss **woke culture in the military under the Biden Administration.**

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AFPI Staff Highlight



Martin Gillespie
Chief Development Officer

Martin Gillespie is a proud native of South Jersey and is currently the Chief Development Officer for the AFPI. Gillespie previously served as Director of Donor Relations and Senior Advisor to the President for Corporate Relations at The Heritage Foundation. [Click here](#) to learn more about the AFPI team.

"It ain't about how hard you hit. It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward; how much you can take and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done!"

ROCKY BALBOA

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- AFPI launched its first case from the [Constitutional Litigation Partnership](#) to **Take On Big Tech** by holding the Big Tech monoliths accountable for silencing the First Amendment rights of Americans. YOU can join our fight or sign up for urgent updates about our efforts by [clicking here](#).



Fox News: Trump to sue Facebook, Twitter, Google over alleged censorship, says they've 'ceased to be private'

Breitbart: Donald Trump to Sue Masters of the Universe Jack Dorsey, Mark Zuckerberg

USA Today: Donald Trump sues CEOs Jack Dorsey of Twitter and Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook

New York Post: Trump sues Facebook, Twitter, Google for 'censorship of the American people'

Bloomberg: Trump Sues Facebook, Twitter, Google Over Social Media Bans

Associated Press: Trump files lawsuit against Facebook, Twitter and YouTube

The Hill: Trump's Big Tech lawsuit: Freedom of speech vs. the First Amendment

Daily Mail: Trump files a class-action lawsuit against Facebook, Twitter and Google for censoring him, demands an end to Big Tech's 'silencing and blacklisting' of conservative voices and calls for punitive damages for 'cancel culture' victims

One America News Network: President Trump Announces Class Action Lawsuit Against Google, YouTube, Twitter And Their CEOs

Forbes: Trump Sues Facebook's Zuckerberg, Twitter's Dorsey, Google's Pichai In Class Action Lawsuits

- AFPI's Center for Education Opportunity published a paper on Reimagining Child Care in America. [Click here](#) to read the paper.
- Scott Turner, Chairman for AFPI's Center for Education Opportunity, published an op-ed in National Review discussing the exceptional economic success that bolstered black American families during the Trump Administration, thanks to policies that put ALL Americans FIRST. [Read here >>](#)
- Lou Holtz, Chairman for AFPI's Center for 1776, commemorated the July 4th weekend with an op-ed published in Fox News. [Read here >>](#)

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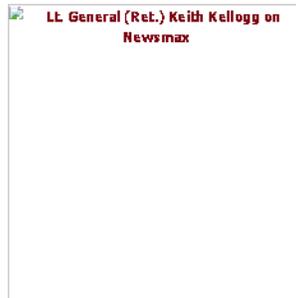
The Honorable Linda McMahon, AFPI's Chair of the Board, joined Judge Jeanine on Fox News
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The Honorable Brooke Rollins, AFPI's President & CEO, joined The National Desk with Scott Thuman.
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John P. Coale, Lead Counsel for the Big Tech class action lawsuit, joined The Ingraham Angle on Fox News
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Catharine Cypher

Director of Strategic Communications, Constitutional Litigation Partnership and Advisor, Center for the American Child

Catharine Cypher is a Hilton Head Island, South Carolina native, but calls Fenton, Michigan, home and serves as Director of Strategic Communications for the Constitutional Litigation Partnership and Advisor for the Center for the American Child at AFPI. [Click here](#) to learn more about the AFPI team.

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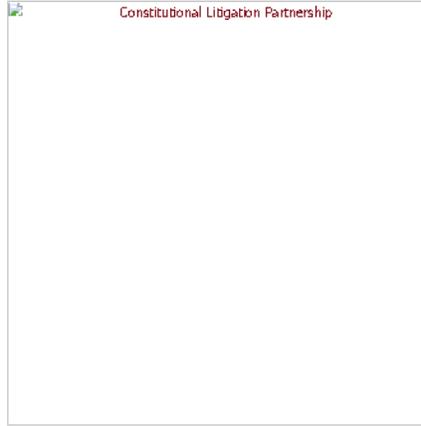
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"One of the gravest threats to our democracy today is a powerful group of Big Tech corporations that have teamed up with government to censor the free speech of the American people. This is not only wrong—it is unconstitutional. To restore free speech for myself and for every American, I am suing Big Tech to stop it." —President Donald J. Trump

Did you see this?!

President Trump announced he is **Taking On Big Tech** at an EPIC press conference with the America First Policy Institute. [Click here](#) to watch the recap video with President Trump and me.



If you want to help us fight this injustice through the judiciary on behalf of the American people, please [donate here](#).

The American way of life, including federalism, free speech, and the rule of law, is being undermined and distorted by Big Government, Big Tech, and Big Media. **The America First Policy Institute established the Constitutional Litigation Partnership, Chaired by former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, to restore the most fundamental rights of all Americans.** The Partnership will fight to rebuild a government that is of the people, for the people, and by the people. Today, that starts with holding Big Tech accountable and restoring the First Amendment rights of EVERY American.

We are so grateful for our former President, but more importantly for the tens of thousands of Americans who have already responded. If you continue to believe in the Constitution and our sacred First Amendment, join us at [TakeOnBigTech.com](#) and share your story or sign up for urgent updates on our work.

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The Honorable Brooke Rollins
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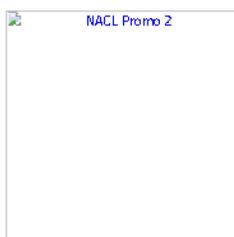
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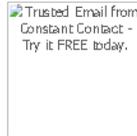
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This case is about preserving the liberties enshrined in our Constitution. In order to do that, we need your help. **[We need YOU to stand with AFPI, the Constitutional Litigation Partnership, and the American people by sharing your stories of being censored at TakeOnBigTech.com or by signing up for urgent updates on the important work being conducted.](#)**

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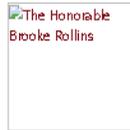
The America First Policy Institute's new Constitutional Litigation Partnership is having a press conference TODAY with President Donald J. Trump. Like the America First policies advanced in the Trump Administration, we are continuing this important work to put everyday Americans first, not the elite establishment.



Each day, American freedoms are under attack by a woke elite set on enforcing one set of values across the country.

Watch our press conference live TODAY, July 7th at 11 AM Eastern at ConstitutionalLitigationPartnership.com to continue our efforts to protect and advance American freedom. While there you can also sign up for updates on these efforts or share your personal stories of your First Amendment rights being attacked.

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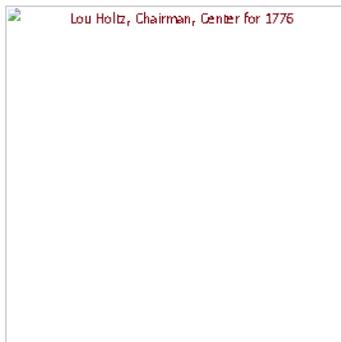
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Back when I coached football, I'd tell my players that "life is 10 percent what happens to you, and 90 percent how you respond to it." It was a way to get them to focus on themselves and on the things they could control — and also to get them to understand that they were ultimately the authors of their own destinies. It didn't mean they weren't on a team: football isn't a game for committed individualists. It did mean, though, that when events unfolded — when they found themselves far downfield and wide open, or when they found themselves knocked flat by linemen twice their size — the measure of themselves revealed itself in the very next moment. You don't know a player by what's done to him. You know him by what he does.

It's a lesson America could use right about now.

That is why I am stepping up to serve as Chairman of the America First Policy Institute's **Center for 1776**, a center dedicated to uniting the American People through a renewed understanding of America's founding principles.

[Read my Op-Ed about Fighting for a Pro-America, America in Fox News here.](#) Watch the video below to learn more.



We could not do this without the support of the American people from coast to coast.

The America First Policy Institute's Center for 1776 will work hard to advocate for and execute the implementation of policies that promulgate a historically accurate, pro-American curriculum across the United States and advance the ideals upon which our nation was founded — JOIN US.

For America First, Always.

Coach Lou Holtz,
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On this July Fourth, America truly has something to celebrate — 245 years since our Nation's Declaration of Independence. This fateful date changed the course of not only our Nation's history, but that of the rest of the world's as well.



Here at the America First Policy Institute (AFPI), we understand that now more than ever before we need to remember and celebrate the values upon which our Nation was founded. For this reason, AFPI recently launched our [Center for 1776](#), which works to affirm and celebrate America — not as an aesthetic act, but as a moral statement. Our work aims to promulgate American values in our educational institutions and through our Nation's citizens — not as a look back at the past, but as the foundation of our future.

This weekend, the America First Policy Institute (AFPI) encourages you to celebrate — in person, with your friends, families, and loved ones — and remember that the American story continues. We encourage you to join us. Learn more [here](#).

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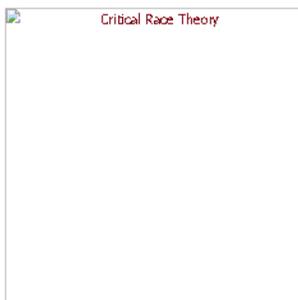
This Week's AFPI Rundown

- AFPI announced legendary coach Lou Holtz as Chairman of AFPI's Center for 1776 and released the Center's [Launch Video](#) along with the Center's [Overview Paper](#) by AFPI President and CEO, The Honorable Brooke Rollins & Alex Campana, Policy Analyst for AFPI's Center for 1776
- Cale Clingenpeel, AFPI's Chief Economist, penned the Op-Ed [The Resurgence of a Nationwide Natural Experiment in Labor Markets](#) in National Review | Capital Matters



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- Read our latest blog post by Steve Smith, AFPI Chief of Staff, on how the revival of the National Space Council [put America back into space and on a trajectory to Mars and beyond!](#)
- AFPI launched a brand new video for the [Center for Education Opportunity](#)
- The Honorable Brooke Rollins, AFPI President & CEO, [issued a statement](#) on Vice President Harris' Border Visit
- The Honorable Chad Wolf, Chairman for AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration, traveled to the border with President Trump on Wednesday and [appeared on MSNBC](#) to discuss the visit.



[Click here](#) to see how Critical Race Theory has already infiltrated our schools.

Kudlow's Corner

The Honorable Larry Kudlow serves as both Vice Chair of the Board and Chairman for the Center for American Prosperity for AFPI.

How the Democrats Are Fleeing the Principles of the Declaration of Independence [Read here >>](#)

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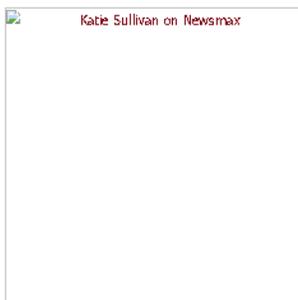
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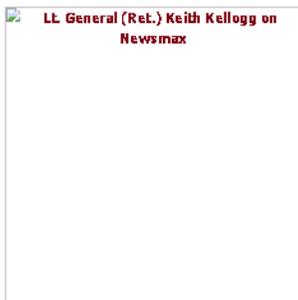
The Honorable Chad Wolf, Chairman of AFPI's Center for Homeland Security and Immigration joined Hallie Jackson Reports on MSNBC

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The Honorable Katie Sullivan, Executive Director of AFPI's Constitutional Litigation Partnership & General Counsel joined The National Report on Newsmax

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Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg, Co-Chairman of AFPI's Center for

American Security joined 'The Real Story' with Natalie Harp on DANN

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Good afternoon, fellow Patriots!

Join us tomorrow, **Tuesday, June 29th** to hear about our vision and operational goals for the Center for 1776, chaired by the AMAZING Lou Holtz!

During this call, we will discuss the center's dedication to researching and advancing policies that promulgate a historically accurate, **pro-American** education and advance the ideals upon which our nation was founded. Unpatriotic elites and corporations across the country have used their power and money to create and normalize the narrative that the American founding was inherently bad—a narrative that to be patriotic is to be racist. That storyline is now being imposed on our children and grandchildren in our schools, in our military, and in our government across the country.

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We look forward to talking to you tomorrow!

Brooke Rollins
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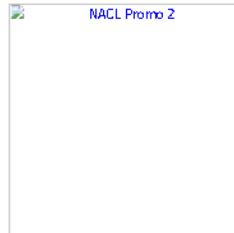
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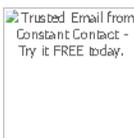
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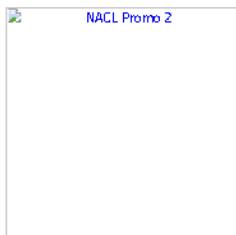
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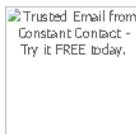
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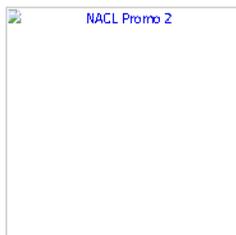
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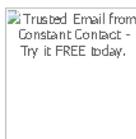
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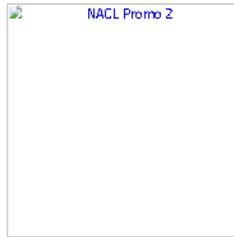
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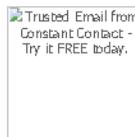
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Friends,

I firmly believe that Americans deserve truth and accountability regarding COVID-19—indeed the whole world does. That is why I and my colleagues, Dr. Heidi Overton, our Director of the Center for a Healthy America, and Dr. Jacob Oldort, our Director of the Center for American Security, have released two research papers in the past week that will serve as a foundation for continued research and education efforts on how to put Americans first as the country emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic. With that, it is my pleasure to share our work on the historic success of Operation Warp Speed and a separate project on the implications of the "Wuhan lab leak" theory for the safety of Americans.

Thank you for taking some time to review and amplify throughout your networks. We are excited to be a continued resource for America.

Full steam ahead!

Lt. General (Ret.) Keith Kellogg
Co-Chairman, Center for American Security
America First Policy Institute

White Paper: Operation Warp Speed: Innovating Vaccines Development While Addressing a National Crisis

- Operation Warp Speed (OWS), a bold and innovative public-private partnership pioneered under the Trump Administration, led to the unprecedented emergency use authorization of a COVID-19 vaccine just 11 months after the viral genetic sequence was made available to researchers.
- The conventional approach to vaccine development is sequential, allowing developers to make informed decisions about their financial risks and likelihood of success before proceeding with the next step.
- The OWS strategy utilized a parallel rather than sequential vaccine development process whereby large up-front investments and guaranteed purchase amounts mitigated traditional financial risks.
- The persistent underinvestment in infectious-disease vaccines before COVID-19 also manifested in a delayed uptake of new vaccine technology, particularly between 2010 – 2020.
- The lessons learned from OWS, namely strategic investments in public-private partnerships, should be applied to future pandemic preparedness plans and other pressing national challenges.

White Paper: An Answer that Raises Questions: The "Wuhan Lab Leak" Theory and Implications for Biodefense and Public Health

- If there is one lesson to be learned from the reception of the "Wuhan lab leak" theory, it is that asking the right tough questions can make all the difference in national security and public health matters.
- With new evidence surfacing not only about the origins of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes the disease COVID-19, but also the links between the virus and the top scientists in the federal government and the kind of research that Americans' tax dollars fund, the Biden Administration has a duty to get to the bottom of what happened and hold those responsible accountable.
- Namely:
 - the nature of coronavirus research in the context of gain-of-function research, which is experimentation that aims to increase the virulence and/or transmissibility of pathogens;
 - the circumstances of how a novel viral pathogen could have left the laboratory, including the crucial information surrounding whether any

- potential release was inadvertent or deliberate; and
- why the U.S. federal government allowed American taxpayer dollars to potentially fund gain-of-function research overseas, particularly after targeted efforts from 2014-2017 to improve the ecosystem of work with potential pandemic pathogens ([NIH, 2017](#)).
- Potential next steps for addressing both punitive and preemptive measures if SARS-CoV-2 leaked from the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) can be further deliberated based on how the origins of SARS-CoV-2 are defined and categorized, how SARS-CoV-2 may have left the laboratory, and the actions taken by China and World Health Organization in covering up the truth about the COVID-19 pandemic.

Washington Times Op-ed: [The truth of COVID-19 and demand for accountability.](#)

By: Lt. Gen. (Retired) Keith Kellogg and Heidi Overton, M.D.

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Friends,

Thankfully, the American people are still benefiting from the hard work and dedication that was displayed by the men and women of the previous administration!

As the country begins to return back to normal, we have to remember how the historic efficiency of Operation Warp Speed laid the groundwork to combat this national crisis. Join us this **Thursday, June 10th, at 4:00 PM ET** to hear directly from the people who directed this initiative from the start! Please join me, General Keith Kellogg, and my colleagues Dr. Heidi Overton, our Director of the Center for a Healthy America, and Dr. Jacob Ollodort, our Director of the Center for American Security.

We will be discussing [AFPI's research report](#) outlining the unprecedented success of Operation Warp Speed and its role in bringing an end to the pandemic and how this should be applied for future pandemic preparedness and other pressing national challenges!

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In the meantime, please feel free to read and share [AFPI's new op-ed.](#)

We look forward to hearing from you soon,

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ACRU Action ALERT: Atty Gen. Ed Meese & ACRU Legal Action Against Major League Baseball

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Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III and American Constitutional Rights Union Take on Major League Baseball in Court

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Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III and the [American Constitutional Rights Union](#), of which he is a member of the Board, have filed a [hard-hitting amicus brief](#) supporting Job Creators Network in their lawsuit against Major League Baseball.

The Job Creators Network (JCN) is suing Major League Baseball (MLB) to force them to reverse their decision to move the MLB All-Star game from Atlanta. MLB moved the game to protest Georgia's new election integrity law.

The move will cause major economic consequences to the greater Atlanta community. This has led to complaints that Major League Baseball is not representing the interests of its owners as it participates in political cancel culture and appears to do the bidding of leftist activists, such as Stacey Abrams, who maintain that measures such as voter identification are racist.

As a result of MLB's decision to suddenly leave Atlanta, Cobb County Travel and Tourism Bureau estimates that local businesses will lose more than \$100 million in economic activity. MLB has been criticized by many because their decision to move the game to Denver, a less racially diverse city, disproportionately hurts Black business owners.

General Meese and American Constitutional Rights Union (ACRU) assert:

"It is especially unfortunate that opposition to Georgia's SB 202 is being driven by Major League Baseball (Defendants), given that they are a for-profit business that has nothing to do with elections. Defendants are part of the sports entertainment industry, whose foremost concern should be the financial success of their business. Wading into this political and legal controversy—and taking the incorrect side of the legal dispute—does not advance that corporate mission. Not only does Defendants' involvement here hurt their business, it also potentially violates their legal obligations to their stakeholders by dividing the business's customer base. Moreover, it hurts the very community Defendants claim to be supporting: the majority-black population and business community of Atlanta."

Since March, when Georgia Governor Brian Kemp signed the Election Integrity Act to expand voting access, require voter identification and stop some practices that enable vote fraud, the Left has made every effort to associate the voting security measures with Jim Crow practices of the past, which, notably, were mostly perpetrated by Democrats.

The ACRU brief quotes:

"A valuable perspective on that matter comes from J. Kenneth Blackwell, a Policy Board member of Amicus Curiae ACRU, not only as a former top election officer as Ohio Secretary of State, but also as a black American who was the mayor of a major city with a large black population and someone who is currently a minority shareholder in an MLB franchise (the Cincinnati Reds).^[1] 'Not only do 77 percent of voters support voter ID, but polls show that 61 percent of black voters support voter ID,' Blackwell said in a recent radio interview discussing the moving of the All-Star Game out of Georgia. 'How can something be a form of racist voter suppression if 61 percent of that voting group supports the measure?'"

ACRU leaders such as Secretary Blackwell and former Congressman Lieutenant Colonel Allen West, who hails from Atlanta, often point out the hypocrisy of the Left's Jim Crow accusations. Recently, in an ACRU radio ad LTC West said, "Presenting identification to vote is the gold standard in voting all over the world. Yet some say it is racist to mandate IDs. This is insulting. They are insinuating that black people cannot get IDs. Are they questioning our intelligence? Do they think we are not full members of a society where people need an id for just about everything? It is time to stop the attacks. We should all work together to make sure it is easy to vote and hard to cheat."

ACRU President Lori Roman stated: "Because Major League Baseball's criticisms of Georgia's election law are untrue and ridiculous, their action to move the All-Star Game has hurt both their corporate interests and the community they claimed to support in Georgia. Their action to move the All-Star Game should be rescinded. And this debacle should be a lesson to corporations who attempt to do the bidding of politicians. It never ends well."

Background

Edwin Meese III served as the 75th Attorney General of the United States. For more than a half century of public life, Attorney General Meese has been at the forefront of protecting and defending the Constitution of the United States, from serving as Chief of Staff to then-Governor Ronald Reagan of California, to serving as Counselor to the President in the White House of President Reagan, to leading the U.S. Department of Justice as Attorney General, to three decades as a private citizen working with some of the foremost institutions in the United States dedicated to good governance, patriotism, and the principles of American exceptionalism, as well as continuing to advise and assist several Presidents during their successive Administrations. Throughout this time, Attorney General Meese has been heavily engaged in election integrity at both the federal and state levels.

The [American Constitutional Rights Union](#) (ACRU) is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization incorporated in Washington, D.C., dedicated to protecting constitutional liberty. The ACRU Policy Board sets the policy priorities of the organization and includes some of the most distinguished statesmen in the Nation on election matters. Current members of the Policy Board include Attorney General Meese and former Ohio Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell, who also served as a Commissioner on the Presidential Commission on Election Integrity and the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

^[1] See Robert Kraychik, *Exclusive—Ken Blackwell: MLB All-Star Game Leaving Atlanta is a 'Slap in the Face' to 'Black Entrepreneurs and Business Owners'*, Breitbart News, May 11, 2021, <https://www.breitbart.com/radio/2021/05/11/ken->

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- [Center for Education Opportunity](#)
- [Center for American Freedom](#)
- [Center for Homeland Security and Immigration](#)
- [Center for American Security](#)

These Centers led by former NFL player and Texas legislator Scott Turner, former Interior Secretary David Bernhardt, former Acting DHS Secretary Chad Wolf, Lt. General Keith Kellogg (Ret.), former Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe, and our amazing policy team will work relentlessly to ensure that America will secure our border, ensure American security abroad as a prerequisite for peace at home, cut the red tape on government regulations, and increase educational and economic opportunities for all Americans!

This is not a small endeavor, and we need YOUR HELP to continue educating the American people on the policies that work best for our GREAT NATION!

It's time to stand up for **AMERICA** — and AFPI is doing exactly that! us

When we work for America, we're working for you — your hopes, your dreams, your aspirations, your family, your community — because we understand that our Nation is no abstraction. It is real lives and real people, with real challenges — and real achievements. The success of our work is in those lives: lives like yours.

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Dear Friends,

Join us on Tuesday, May 18th to hear about our vision and operational goals for the Center for American Security.

During this call, we will introduce the Chairs of the Center and have a conversation about the policies that will uplift all Americans. Our Centers aren't just organizational divisions, nor even policy working groups, though they fulfill both of those functions in full. They're something more: their good work is emerging through the genius of our country's best policy minds.

Please join us on **Tuesday, May 18th at 3:30 PM ET**. Hear about our work and what's to come. Most importantly, join us so that when future generations live in an America that is prosperous and free in the light of AFPI's work, you can tell them you were with us from the beginning.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Ashley Hayek
Chief Development Officer & Senior Director for Engagement
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Conference call with Brooke Rollins, President & CEO of the America First Policy Institute, Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Keith Kellogg and Hon. John Ratcliffe, Co-Chairs of the Center for American Security

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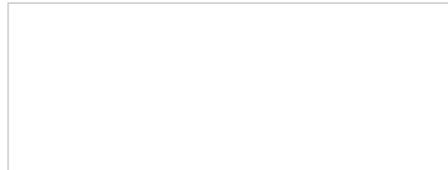
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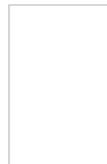
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As the Left shamelessly schemes to prevent election integrity measures in state legislatures and abolish them with a federal power grab (H.R. 1/S. 1), their propaganda includes references to Jim Crow laws of the past. ACRU educated the public on this issue some years ago in our publication "The Truth About Jim Crow."

As stated in the publication, the purpose was to "reacquaint readers with the most important aspects of Jim Crow, by addressing the Jim Crow era's white supremacist culture, how white supremacy was enforced, and the politics of the era. The public should come away understanding the three most important facts about Jim Crow: Jim Crow was Dehumanizing; Jim Crow was Deadly; and Jim Crow was Democratic."

We encourage you to read [this important publication](#) and share with others. It is important to remember the history of Jim Crow and to know that it has nothing to do with present day voting integrity laws. We all should agree that it should be easy to vote and hard to cheat.

For Liberty,
Lori Roman, President
American Constitutional Rights Union



ACRU's Public Education Campaign on H.R. 1/S. 1

ACRU has partnered with national leaders for liberty like Rev. CL Bryant and Rev. Dean Nelson, as well as ACRU Policy Board Member Col. Allen West, in creating radio and online spots that



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embrace vote integrity while educating the public about the dangerous provisions in the deceitfully named "For the People Act" or S. 1.

Listen [here](#) as ACRU's Col. Allen identifies "For the People Act" as a federal power grab that suppresses liberty. He calls out the Left for insulting Black Americans by insinuating they are not able to obtain and use ID for voting—the same ID required for nearly every aspect of daily life.

Listen [here](#) as former NAACP executive Rev. CL Bryant fights for honest elections. Calling the "For the People Act" a federal power grab, he strongly disagrees with its liberal proponents who say vote security is "racist," noting "saying voter ID is racist insults every Black American."

Listen [here](#) as Rev. Dean Nelson says the For the People Act would turn contributors into targets and silence regular folks who donate to nonprofits. He compares this to politicians' schemes to silence and target NAACP members in the 1950s until the Supreme Court upheld their right to privacy.

ACRU TALKS FREEDOM TO THE MEDIA

The voice of ACRU Policy Board member Amb. Ken Blackwell has been crisscrossing America in recent weeks, as he informs the public about the truths behind the dangerous For the People Act (or as we call it "The Corrupt Politicians Act") and the important security measures in new Georgia vote-protection laws. The Left is lying about both, and Amb. Blackwell is setting the record straight.

ACRU on radio

Listen [here](#) for Ken Blackwell's frank discussion of these issues with Rev. Bryant on the CL Bryant show.

Listen [here](#) as Ken Blackwell — himself a shareholder in an MLB team — discusses his family association with the history of black baseball on Chicago's The Answer radio show. Amb. Blackwell presents his view on the MLB moving the All Star game away from the workers of Atlanta based on the lie that the Georgia voting law is racist.

ACRU on TV

Ken Blackwell also spoke [here](#) on Neil Cavuto's Fox Business about the MLB moving away from Atlanta.

ACRU op eds

On Breitbart: [Beyond Election Integrity: American Exceptionalism in Crosshairs of Radical Left](#)

And: [Corporate Wokesters Betray Shareholders' Trust by Bashing Election Integrity Laws](#)

On American Spectator: [Ballot Equality: Who Really Defends the Votes of Black Americans?](#)

On USA Today / Real Clear Politics: [Claiming state voting reforms are racist is ridiculous. I should know](#)

Black Leaders defend "proper, honest" Georgia voting reforms

ACRU Policy Board Members Ambassador Ken Blackwell and Colonel Allen West joined with 19 other prominent Black leaders to call out the Left's attempts to attack the recent Georgia voting laws - laws which explicitly defend voting integrity. The Daily Signal story can be found [here](#) and you can read the letter itself [here](#).

Statesmen who were right

"Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe."

Frederick Douglass

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The big tech tyrants are desperate to silence ACRU's voice, but we are hard at work developing new ways to connect with patriots like you.

While we'll keep posting on traditional outlets like Facebook and Twitter, liberals are doing their best to silence conservative voices, so we are branching out. Be sure to find us and stay connected on free speech friendly platforms like Parler, Gab, MeWe, and Telegram.

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In addition to working full time protecting your freedom, ACRU also develops unique projects that focus on specific Constitutional rights and protections.

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.

ACRU is protecting elderly votes: www.ProtectElderlyVotes.org

ACRU is protecting military votes: www.ProtectMilitaryVotes.org

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Dear friends,

Every day it is becoming clearer that our great nation is at a crossroads. Over the past four years, we saw firsthand the results of innovative policies and the impact they had on the American people.

Unfortunately, the policies from the current Biden-Harris Administration are deconstructing those in record time, resulting in a negative impact on the American people. One example is the elimination of the Keystone pipeline, a Biden-Harris policy decision which is projected to result in the loss of approximately 11,000 jobs.

There are better solutions to keep America First in all areas of life, jobs, security, opportunity, and innovation. The America First Policy Institute is committed to developing data-driven research and then educating the public on the results.

Our Chair, Linda McMetzhan, and our President & CEO, Brooke Rollins, are working nonstop for you. Check out this story on foxnews.com: [America First Policy Institute president calls out repeal of 1776 Commission and proposed corporate tax hike](#)



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ACRU Action applauds Arizona House Member Jake Hoffman (R-AZ12) for introducing [Arizona House Concurrent Resolution 2023](#). This resolution was approved by the AZ House and Senate "declaring the State of Arizona's opposition to any federal action infringing Arizona's Constitutional power to manage, control and administer elections."

"The state of Arizona, with the support of great conservative fighters like ACRU Action Fund, sent a resounding message to the corrupt politicians in DC attempting to federalize our elections—'keep your hands off our elections.'"

"Arizona intends to fiercely oppose any attempt by the federal government to infringe on our constitutional authority over elections. I hope every other state will likewise reclaim their voice and pass a resolution opposing this dangerous federal overreach."

Jake Hoffman (R-AZ12)

The freedom of every America citizen is restricted when the federal government overreaches to negate the 10th Amendment and the doctrine of federalism.

The deceitfully named [For the People Act](#), currently awaiting action in the U.S. Senate as S. 1, is a federal takeover of state authority over elections. This authority was granted to the states in the Constitution. This power grab is unprecedented.

The passing of state resolutions opposing freedom-limiting, anti-Constitutional federal legislation has long been an effective tool for America's state legislators. These resolutions expose authoritarian changes in federal law and alert state citizens of grave concerns in a way the national media does not.

Rep. Hoffman's Press Release further explaining the need for this important Resolution can be found [here](#).

ACRU Action encourages every state legislator to protect their constituents against the usurpation of their state's constitutional authority by the federal government and follow Arizona's actions by sponsoring a resolution in opposition of the For the People Act.

[Article I Section 4](#) of the Constitution clearly provides the right to determine regulations and protocols for elections to state legislators.

The For the People Act (should be named the For the Corrupt Politicians Act) federalizes voting and redistricting, legalizes ballot harvesting, and eliminates a state's right to request identity verification for voters. To assist with understanding these federal challenges to your legislative authority, ACRU Action has created a Fact Sheet that can be found [here](#).

This [recent editorial](#) from ACRU Action Board Member Amb. Ken Blackwell spells out the worst provisions of S. 1 noting, "there has perhaps never been a piece of legislation with a greater promise for factionalism, tyranny, and loss of checks and balances than this Act."

This federal bill was passed by the liberal majority in the U.S. House, and awaits a vote in the Senate within the next four to six weeks.

We hope you will protect your state, your constituents and the U.S. Constitution by bringing attention to this power-grabbing theft of states' rights by proposing a Resolution against the For the People Act in your state.

NOTE: If you are a state legislator and have also proposed a resolution or taken other action against S. 1, please let us know!

You can email us at info@theacru.org or visit our website at <https://acruaction.com/>

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When I joined the White House as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, I was excited to serve all of the country's State, Local, and Tribal leaders advancing federalism for the American people. The Institute will conduct and develop the most thorough research in everything from healthcare policy, to national security, to job creation, to criminal justice, and beyond on behalf of the American people.

As we do, we will bring our expertise and innovation to bear — and uniquely in the policy sphere, we will do it from the same people-oriented perspective we brought to the Administration.

To give you a sneak preview of what's to come, we are inviting you to join a discussion today, Wednesday, April 14, 2021, from 11:30-12:00 PM Eastern, to hear from:

- **Brooke Rollins, former White House Domestic Policy Council Director** and current President & CEO of the America First Policy Institute
- **Linda McMahon, former Administrator of the Small Business Administration** and current Chairman of the America First Policy Institute
- **Larry Kudlow, former Director of the United States Economic Council** and current Vice Chairman of the America First Policy Institute

To register to join the call please [click here to reserve your spot](#) -- we have limited availability but want to ensure you hear first about our priorities.

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What we saw in 2017-2020 was not just a singular moment. Sound solutions and innovation — law, taxes, education freedom, energy independence, strong national defense, the prioritization of the American worker, and beyond — work.

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Axios Scoop: [Trump alumni launch largest post-administration group](#)

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MESSAGE FROM ACRU PRESIDENT LORI ROMAN

This week we are featuring some amazing champions for freedom! ACRU Action Policy Board Member Lt. Col. Allen West shares an important radio message about [HRI/S1](#), a bill that could change American forever. ACRU Action Board Member Amb. Kenneth Blackwell hits it out of the park with two powerful opeds on that same dangerous bill. And Rev. CL Bryant is featured in an ACRU radio spot that is sure to drive leftists crazy.

And ACRU Action is still proud of the governor of our home state, Ron DeSantis. We LOVE our Gov! Fighting back against COVID passports shows true leadership. Now we would just like to see the Florida legislature turn the Governor's executive order into legislation.

Our slogan remains. **Live Free.**

For Liberty,
Lori Roman

YOUR ACRU IN ACTION

ACRU Action's Col. West calls on Americans to LiveFree by opposing the For the People Act

In a new radio ad for ACRU Action, Board Member Lt. Colonel Allen B. West calls all Americans to protect their personal and individual right to Live Free by calling Senators to oppose passage of this socialist bill and federal takeover of state Constitutional powers. Lt. Col. West correctly notes this bill will turn politicians into rulers and the rest of us into silent subjects. Hear ad [here](#).



ACRU Action; For the People Act overturns basic rights for every American

In a recent press release, ACRU Action confirms its fierce opposition to the falsely and cynically named, For the People Act. "Totalitarianism and one-party rule is a death sentence for liberty no matter how you vote," notes ACRU Action President Lori Roman. "It is imperative that every American understand the terrible provisions in this bill—we believe they will be shocked at what they find." Read the press release [here](#).

ACRU's Blackwell: Corporate Wokesters are betraying their fiduciary responsibilities

Writing for the American Constitutional Rights Union Policy Board, Amb. Ken Blackwell castigates Georgia-based companies like Coca-Cola, Delta and also Major League Baseball for giving into the woke mob over their unfounded objections to new ballot safeguards in Georgia. Amb. Blackwell notes these companies capitulated to tyrants using false allegations of racism as an intimidation tool. See article [here](#).

Rev. C.L. Bryant records pro-vote protection radio ad for ACRU

Former NAACP official Rev. C.L. Bryant recently recorded a radio ad for ACRU noting that showing ID when voting is the best way to protect the personal political choices of black voters—and all voters. We are proud that Rev. Bryant has chosen to partner with ACRU in his continued fight for honest elections for all citizens. Hear ad [here](#).



ACRU Action's Amb. Ken Blackwell defines the tyranny of For the People Act

In a recent editorial, Amb. Ken Blackwell likens the suppression of voice and vote during the Nazi regime to the falsely named For the People Act (S. 1), proposed by liberals and awaiting Senate action. It is important that everyone understand the ease with which this bill would usher in political corruption and totalitarian one-party rule—and why it should have been named "The Corrupt Politicians Act." Read editorial [here](#).

FREEDOM TO TRAVEL

Florida: Open to freedom and closed to tyrants

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has taken a national lead in opposing a federal takeover of your private life and personal decisions through a "vaccine passport." The Governor issued an Executive Order banning this encroachment on more rights than we can count. We hope other governors follow his lead in defending the Constitution and their constituents and that the Florida legislature turns the language in this executive order into some strong legislation. See story [here](#).

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Michigan AG arrests woman business owner for ... appearing on Tucker Carlson?

Perhaps the only politician in Michigan less concerned with individual rights and economic freedom than Gov. Whitmer is her despotic AG, Dana Nessel. Ms. Marlena Pavlos-Hackney (who fled communist rule only to find it again in Michigan) appeared on Fox and complained of the Governor's treatment of small businesses, and then was arrested with the AG noting that her TV appearance was a problem. You can read Ms. Nessel's statement in this article; a paraphrase just can't cover the vitriol and inappropriateness of her position. See story [here](#).

FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Flickertail State further codifies the individual rights of the faithful

Kudos to North Dakota legislators for pushing a bill that that will restrict state bureaucrats from blocking worship and religious practices during a state of emergency while ensuring that participation in faith activities is not treated with punitive bias. In theory, Constitutional rights should not need "extra" state protections, but we have learned that they do. Other states should follow suit. Read article [here](#).

ELECTION FREEDOM

New election integrity tool: state Election Integrity Ratings

ACRU Action applauds Concerned Women for America for their new State Election Integrity Scorecard. With liberal Democrats constantly trying to water down vote protections, it is critical to know how your state fares in protecting your vote. Only one state gets an "A" on CWA's Election Integrity Rating. See where your state falls in this [important ranking](#).

Message to American companies: quit suppressing speech!

Free speech is not just a Constitutional protection that protects us from government tyranny, but it is a guiding principle of our society and a cornerstone of our liberty. One group of Americans with one ideological belief system should not use their power to suppress the speech of others. A number of conservative constitutionalists have come together to hold US corporations accountable when they become weaponized corporate tools of the left. See website [here](#).

Framers Corner

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

The 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, written by James Madison



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Honoring ACRU Policy Board Member Professor Walter E. Williams / March 31, 1936 - December 2, 2020
Before we proceed to important election information, we would like to share our thoughts regarding ACRU friend, colleague and Policy Board Member,



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Professor Walter E. Williams, a true champion of liberty for all, who passed away last week.

As we mourn the loss and celebrate the legacy of Professor Williams, our ACRU statement of condolences can be found [here](#), and a tribute by Walter's close friend, ACRU's Amb. Ken Blackwell, can be read [here](#).

At ACRU, we intend to honor Professor Williams' impact and volume of work by upholding his most important legacy — freedom.

ACRU Action's Amb. Ken Blackwell on state legislators' key role in vote integrity

As ACRU's Ken Blackwell points out in this important article, state legislators hold Constitutional power over elections — not governors, attorneys general, or judges. Protocols for elections and the integrity of vote counting reside in state legislative laws which been stolen by liberal activist judges. Amb. Blackwell calls for the state legislators to fulfill their duty to defend their constituents' votes. See article [here](#).

ACRU alerts the public on the criminality of vote fraud

Through our vote fraud hotline (877-730-ACRU) we have received numerous reports of vote fraud, particularly in senior living residences among patients unable to vote due to advanced dementia. We have assisted family members of potential vote fraud victims to file affidavits with the Texas Attorney General. Information about those statements can be found [here](#).

In response to these reports, we created radio spots informing potential vote fraud victims about their voting rights, specifically advising family members or caregivers who suspect an elderly person —or any voter—has had their voting rights abridged.

"Vote fraud is a crime" radio spot (English) can be heard [here](#).

"Vote fraud is a crime" radio spot (Spanish) can be heard [here](#).

"Elderly Voting Abuse" radio spot can be heard [here](#).

ACRU issues statement in support of Texas SCOTUS lawsuit demanding state legislative authority over election protocols be upheld. Statement can be read [here](#).

AROUND THE STATES

Leftist Big Tech money uses Georgia as a vote-gathering test case

The far left "non-partisan" organization Center for Tech and Civic Life had an enormous impact on Georgia voting this year and is likely to extend its reach in years to come. In a September issue of EIB, we noted that CTCL provided a grant to a Dallas election official who is also one of its advisors. This extensive research by the Capital Research Center is a harbinger of vote manipulation yet to come courtesy of CTCL. See article [here](#).

State legislators (just not enough) take action on vote fraud allegations

PENNSYLVANIA: See story [here](#).

TEXAS: See story [here](#).

WISCONSIN: See story [here](#).

NORTH CAROLINA: See story [here](#).

Buried by the media, ACRU identifies stories related to cases of vote fraud

GEORGIA

Georgia sheriffs offer crime scene specialist to investigate vote fraud: see story [here](#).

Georgia lawmakers briefed on ballot counting with no supervision: see story [here](#).

Officials cast doubt that all military votes in Fulton County could be 100% for one candidate: see story [here](#).

Liberal activist encourages voters to "move" to Georgia to help win Senate race: see story [here](#).

Georgia courts dismiss fraud lawsuits claiming they have no standing, rather than no merit: see story [here](#).

The majority of Georgia voters believe the presidential vote counts are compromised: see story [here](#).

Did former Kamala Harris contractor help scan—or not scan—Georgia ballots?: see story [here](#).

MICHIGAN

Despite widespread accusations of fraud, media uses "unproven" to ignore reports: see story [here](#).

Judge orders audit of Dominion voting machine integrity: see story [here](#).

Fraud allegation witnesses fear reprisal and intimidation from partisans: see story [here](#).

'Committee Takes Testimony On Unsubstantiated Election Fraud Allegations.' We just shake our heads at the irony of this liberal media headline: see story [here](#).

NEW YORK:

A total of 67 ballots (11 from unregistered voters) found in a desk drawer in a race with a 12 vote margin: see story [here](#).

PENNSYLVANIA

US Attorney for Pennsylvania contacts county officials regarding mishandling of military ballots: see story [here](#).

NEVADA

Investigators allege more than 1,500 votes may have come from deceased voters: see story [here](#).

Did liberal operatives pay Native Americans to vote?: see story [here](#).

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ACRU President Lori Roman: State legislators must defend legitimate votes

The Founding Fathers believed the best governance was that which served closest to the people. With that in mind, Article II of the United States Constitution gives state legislatures control over election protocols. This imperative does not end with passing voting protocols, but demands state legislators ensure every LEGAL vote is counted and every FRAUDULENT vote is not.

Vote integrity is the first priority of state representatives and senators elected by the people; it is their duty to aggressively pursue accurate vote counts. States attorneys general, state secretaries and vote fraud litigators have their roles, but none is more critical than that of our legislative bodies.

The power of legislators has already been illegally usurped by liberal activist judges who overturned state laws protecting vote security. It is not a judicial appointee's role to determine voting laws; it is the will of the people through their elected legislators.

Not all state legislators are aggressively standing up for vote integrity and their constituents. Many have been completely silent. American Constitutional Rights Union calls for every state legislator to perform their most important responsibility and take every necessary action to protect the votes of those who put them into office.

We encourage all citizens to contact their state representatives by phone, email or social media and demand they defend the integrity of the vote through investigating reports of fraud and corruption and making referrals to law enforcement where necessary, demanding audits, holding incompetent and corrupt officials accountable, and passing laws to ensure that our

representative form of government is protected.

This report from the Congressional Research Service on the roles and responsibilities of state legislators in election policymaking and administration makes it clear that our state elected officials are the citizens' first line of defense in protecting all votes." See report [here](#).

ACRU Action Board Member Ken Blackwell: Legislators, not jurists, are responsible for vote integrity

"In Pennsylvania, there was a clear violation of Article II of Constitution that gives authority to state legislatures to set the calendar and electoral rules for the state's voters - not the state judiciary, not the Governor, and not the Secretary of State. In other states, liberal lawsuits waved through by liberal judges usurped the power of the people by dismantling vote security measures passed by their state legislators. This must be corrected, and state legislative bodies must reclaim their authority to protect voters against fraud, political criminals and activist judges that overreach.



A recent article from The Federalist, noted below, provides a few simple steps legislators can take to ensure the integrity of the election process." See article [here](#).

ACRU Action VP of Policy Kerry Toloczko: There is no freedom without honest vote counting

"World history makes it clear that the final nail in liberty's coffin for any people is when their political voices are stolen through institutionalized fraud orchestrated by leftist elites and their pawns. When the right to free and honest elections is removed from voters, there is no avenue left to fight for other basic rights. America must never accept vote fraud, and we must rely on our state elected officials to protect this most sacred trust." See article [here](#).

ACRU's PROTECT ELDERLY VOTES PROJECT UPDATE

Through our vote fraud hotline, we have been notified by numerous family members of elderly citizens in senior residences that their loved ones had their votes stolen or manipulated. In the most egregious cases, patients with end-stage, non-verbal dementia "voted." We have taken affidavits from some of these family members and have submitted two to the Texas State Attorney General and are in process with many more.



After we receive tips from family members of nursing home residents in a particular area, we run radio ads in those radio markets to try to find more fraud. [Click](#) to hear one of the ads.

Vote fraud is always wrong, always illegal, and always immoral. But taking advantage of an elderly citizen who cannot defend against such fraud is a disgusting abuse of power.

We continue to receive tips and notifications of alleged fraud against the elderly, and if you have evidence of such a case, please contact us on our tip line at 877-730-ACRU. [Click here](#).

ACRU PROTECT MILITARY VOTES PROJECT

Military votes could be key in Georgia's January 5th Senate runoffs

The United States Senate, and perhaps our very Constitutional liberties, depends on the outcome of the Georgia Senate elections — unique in that the state's two Senate seats are in play at the same time. The Georgia Secretary of State is currently sending out absentee ballots to Georgia residents posted in the military overseas, or at other US bases. We encourage all Georgian members of the Armed Forces to complete and return their absentee ballots as soon as they are received. See link [here](#).

THE IMPACT OF VOTE FRAUD AROUND THE STATES

Army spouse: the practical realities of overseas military voting must be simplified

Military voting is of critical importance to Armed Forces command. But like any bureaucracy, execution can be overly cumbersome and confusing. Army spouse Tracey Miller examines the complexities of military voting (from personal experience) noting that instructions like, "fold this piece of paper and make it into an envelope" are confusing and serve as a barrier to military voting. Our service members shouldn't have to haul around scissors, tape and extra paper in election years. See article [here](#).

MINNESOTA

Giving in vs. standing up for vote integrity may divide candidates in future elections

Minnesota GOP Congressman-elect Michelle Fischbach and incumbent Rep. Tom Emmer have both called for a full investigation of vote fraud allegations in the state, particularly in Minneapolis where Project Veritas proved fraud was taking place even before November 3. Other members of the MN GOP caucus capitulated to a Democrat White House almost immediately. It is likely that Republican voters in the state will remember who was courageous and who was not. See article [here](#).

GEORGIA

Georgia legislators must prevent stolen Senate seats

Liberals with no qualms about stealing your wages through taxes, and your speech through censorship, are now overtly trying to steal the Senate elections in Georgia as they publicly call for fraud. It is a federal felony to "move" to a state just to vote, as ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky notes in this piece written for The Heritage Foundation. Georgia state legislators need to act NOW to prevent a massive influx of new "voter" registrations. See article [here](#).



OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma, where reform comes sweepin' down the plain

State senators in Oklahoma are taking their oaths to protect the Constitution and their state citizens seriously and encouraging the U.S. Congress to do the same. The two Republican lawmakers have filed legislation that would strengthen state statutes while encouraging federal legislators to pass photo ID and paper ballot laws. See article [here](#).

SOUTH CAROLINA

"While I breathe, I hope" - Palmetto legislators put the state motto into action

The state's Republican congressional delegation, led by Rep. Joe Wilson, recently held a press conference at the South Carolina State House (not Washington, DC) to express their disgust at reports of vote fraud. The Members called for all illegal ballots to be weeded out and discarded, and announced they are working on federal legislation requiring voter ID, vote fraud hotlines and a national program to cross-reference state voter rolls. See article [here](#).



THE LATEST FRAUD CASES FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

CALIFORNIA

Taking advantage of the homeless

Carlos Antonio De Bourbon Montenegro and Marcos Raul Arevalo of Los Angeles have been accused of requesting 8,000 ballots in the names of homeless people and setting up postal boxes to receive those ballots before completing and submitting them. This is what happens when a governor demands un-solicited ballots to be delivered wherever. See article [here](#).

WISCONSIN

Ex-husband of deceased voter thinks he was awarded her ballot in divorce settlement

A woman who passed away in July managed to "vote" absentee in September courtesy of fraud by her ex-husband. As with every case when the memory of a deceased voter is dishonored through fraud, we wonder "where is all the fraud we cannot see?" See article [here](#).



GEORGIA

Not so peachy: All over Georgia, multiple cases of recount shenanigans reported

Carlos Silva is a registered Democrat in Georgia on the recount team. He thought recounted absentee ballots looked suspicious when they were flat and unfolded—an impossibility for ballots that come through the mail. Then he noticed 500 ballots in a row were marked for Biden, and other irregularities. Mr. Silva was one of many recounters who have filed Affidavits swearing to witnessing vote fraud during the process. Well done, Mr. Silva. See article [here](#).

PENNSYLVANIA

Is postal incompetence or deliberate malfeasance responsible for missing votes?

Sometimes ballots magically appear, and sometimes they magically disappear. According to hundreds of GOP voters in the Keystone State, they requested and returned mail ballots, but their votes are not registered on state databases. This was discovered by a small sampling by a vote integrity task force, leading us to wonder how many other missing votes remain missing. See article [here](#).



MICHIGAN

Detroit area judge throws out multiple affidavits describing fraud, just because

A Wayne County, Michigan, liberal judge elected in a 74% Democrat district, made this statement about allegation of blatant fraud and election interference at Detroit's largest voting station: "the Plaintiffs' interpretation of events is incorrect." How about "the judge's overstepping his state and Constitutional

authority by playing prosecutor and providing his own biased testimony is incorrect.'

P.S. One of these plaintiff's contacted ACRU staff about their experience and provided highly detailed, credible information. See article [here](#).

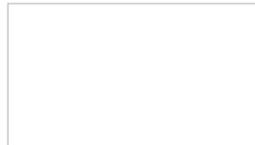
LINK TO VOTE FRAUD PRESS CONFERENCE BY TRUMP LEGAL TEAM

We present the following link to you without comment. As this event was not covered by most news outlets, we think it is important that you view the remarks and presentation of fraud allegations and make your own decisions of the veracity of the accusations. #Freedomtoview #Freedomtothink #lockscensorship See conference [here](#).

Framers Corner

"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom."

Thomas Jefferson
Letter to Nathaniel Macon 1801



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ACRU IN ACTION

ACRU's Blackwell: Liberal Pennsylvania Governor dishonors the state's voters

 As evidence piles up that mishandling of votes or even outright vote fraud occurred in Pennsylvania, it appears that liberal governor Tom Wolf used his own power and the state's liberal judiciary to make sure it would never be fully uncovered. ACRU Action Board Member Amb. Ken Blackwell calls this a dark moment for America - and for Keystone state voters. See story [here](#).

ACRU's Roman: Message on the election

ACRU has been working to prevent vote fraud for nearly a decade. In 2020, operatives on the left have taken actions in courts and state legislatures to eradicate voting integrity laws across the U.S. Using Covid as an excuse, they have convinced lawmakers and judges to undo protections passed by elected representatives to deter fraud. ACRU has been working and warning against this all year. The left spent millions of dollars in efforts to:



- Eliminate voter ID
- Eradicate signature comparisons
- Extend deadlines for ballots to be returned **after** election day
- Get rid of requirements to be postmarked by election day
- Void state laws banning vote harvesting by third parties

- Enact widespread mailing of ballots to every person on voter rolls, with full knowledge that voter rolls are filled with deceased and relocated voters.

Each of these measures is intended to make it easier to commit vote fraud and harder to detect and prove once done. This is why we have an election like no other. Our system has been hijacked in a few short months and now the fraud is so baked in that it is difficult to identify and prove.

It is more important than ever that we let the legal review process play out completely. It is important to our country that due diligence is performed to ensure a fair election. As we say at ACRU, "Live Free." But we can only live free if we have confidence that we are truly electing our representatives.

ACRU's Han von Spakovsky explains on-going legal challenges to election results

Writing in his position as a Heritage Foundation fellow, ACRU Policy Board Member Hans von Spakovsky provides an important overview of the legal cases in play as votes continued to be counted, and disputed. See story [here](#).

ACRU's Kerri Toloczko identifies the danger of the "woke" voter

In an article published just before the election, our Vice President of Policy uses stories from three naturalized Americans who fled tyranny to make the case that the American future depends on educating the "woke generation" about the dangers of socialism and violent radicalism. As the election bore out, this is an imperative for conservative patriots as liberal-indoctrinated millennials voted in greater numbers than ever before. See story [here](#).

Anecdotal evidence from a Texas Nursing home

American Constitutional Rights Union (ACRU) has provided affidavits to the Texas Attorney General as part of a request for a criminal investigation into alleged vote fraud committed against a resident with dementia in a Texas nursing home.

In April of this year, ACRU launched its Protect Elderly Votes project to protect seniors from vote fraud and ballot manipulation by providing resources and guidance to seniors, senior residence staff, and anyone assisting the elderly with voting.

A vote fraud hotline has also been advertised throughout the country for residents and their family members to utilize to report suspected fraud. The Texas case is a result of a tip through the ACRU hotline. If you have evidence of fraud, contact us through our website (www.theacru.org) or call 877-730-ACRU.

ACRU PROTECT ELDERLY VOTES PROJECT

PENNSYLVANIA

Organized ballot harvesting in senior residences being investigated

In a state where ballot harvesting is illegal, a remarkable coincidence occurred right before election day. According to reports from the Senate Judiciary Committee, 25,000 nursing home residents in different facilities across the state all requested ballots at the same time. Who ordered them? And more importantly, who filled them out? A Senate investigation is currently ongoing. See story [here](#).

TEXAS

Social worker faces ten years in jail for stealing senior votes

A Lone Star social worker has been charged with 137 felony counts of vote fraud related to nursing home residents' votes. Ms. Brunner submitted ballot applications for residents at the nursing home where she worked, many of whom were not legal Texas voters; some had been deemed mentally incapacitated by a court. Her job was to protect the vulnerable—not take advantage of them for political purposes. See story [here](#).

ACRU PROTECT MILITARY VOTES PROJECT

BATTLEGROUND STATES

Military vote counting extends past election day

Many states allow processing military votes after election day. In many battleground states, these votes could make a difference in final counts. One of our leadership staff reports that her son, stationed at an EU Army base, never received his ballot from Virginia despite requesting it well within guidelines. Suppression or incompetence? In 2018, one in six military voters did not vote because their requested absentee ballot arrived late or not at all. Protection of military votes will continue to be an ACRU priority in every election. See story [here](#).

Anecdotal military ballot fraud evidence from Detroit

Another story from our hotline was from "John," a vote count observer at


 Detroit's Cobo Hall who told us: "I am mind numbed by the blatant falsification of ballots, particularly military ballots. Unverifiable ballots showed up with no explanation of where they came from. There were 4 Democrat observers and only 1 Republican—who were constantly bullied; at least those they allowed in." ACRU directed John to legal authorities and he is now preparing to be part of a vote fraud lawsuit in Michigan.

ACROSS THE NATION

MICHIGAN

Stealing votes from the deceased


 It takes coordination for 10,000 dead people to submit ballots from the grave. A Michigan pollster used the Social Security index to find 9,500 confirmed deceased Michiganders who "voted" in this election, and another 2,000 over 100 years old and not listed in databases as living. If this credible source is correct, this is not isolated fraud; it is an organized vote fraud scheme. See article [here](#).

Election official mishandling votes must be prosecuted

Election fraud and ballot manipulation will not end until those committing these acts suffer consequences for their crimes. Crimes which include impossible things like "finding" 100K ballots all for one candidate. The software for some Michigan vote counting machines switched votes for Republicans to Democrats. The state legislature wants to know "whodunnit" — because somebody did. See article [here](#).

PENNSYLVANIA

Hear no ballots, see no ballots, speak no ballots

As the liberal press throws "unsubstantiated!" or "baseless!" at nearly every reported case of vote fraud, in Pennsylvania, an election attorney has presented evidence that as many as 638,000 ballots were counted with Republican election observers blocked from witnessing the count. The Trump campaign is suing to prevent certification of results until these votes can be verified. See article [here](#).

WISCONSIN

Razor thin margins in the Badger State demand a recount

The narrow electoral results in Wisconsin (a Biden lead of only about 20,500 votes) have triggered a canvassing process to certify results. After the canvass is complete (likely by next Tuesday) the Trump campaign can request a recount. After liberal officials passed a no-ID provision for people claiming they were "confined" by COVID, suspicion of vote fraud in the state runs high. See story [here](#).

GEORGIA

Identifying the obvious: in-person voting is the key to voting accuracy


 Mail-in voting has been a disaster for election integrity in Georgia. As liberals used COVID fears to encourage vote by mail, election integrity experts, like those at ACRU, warned that massive mail-in voting was fraught with opportunities for fraud. As the balance of the Senate — and arguably, the country — depends on Georgia, this article expresses the importance of moving back to in-person voting. See story [here](#).

Liberal vote fraud goes public and proud

It appears that liberals are no longer trying to hide efforts to commit vote fraud and are now calling for it publicly. As Georgia heads to two runoffs that will determine the winner of two Senate seats, liberal activists and mouthpieces -- including a New York Times columnist—are calling for people to "move" to Georgia to vote for the Democrat candidates. It's hard to know where to start with this ... how about "NO!" See story [here](#).

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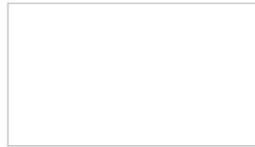
Uncovering fraud one obituary at a time

Vote fraud is illegal, unethical, un-American—but also can be hurtful. Mrs. Rosemarie Hartle passed away at only age 52 in 2017. That her ballot was returned to the Clark County elections office this year was a cause of great pain to her husband. Several ballots were received from deceased former Clark County residents. Is this just the tip of the iceberg? See story [here](#).

Framers Corner

"Let us take care of our rights and we therein take care of our prosperity. Slavery is ever preceded by sleep."

John Dickinson, "Penman of the Revolution," Letter to Countrymen, 1895.



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ACRU IN ACTION

ACRU's Blackwell and the dangers of Critical Race Theory

 We vote for candidates who embrace our national interests, particularly safety and prosperity. As Amb. Ken Blackwell points out in the American Spectator, candidates who embrace Critical Race Theory do not embrace safety or prosperity. CRT is, itself, inherently racist, and was created to divide us, not unite us. It also ignores serious and painful issues for the African American community that demand response and solutions. See article [here](#).

ACRU's Roman reports on keeping senior votes safe

*ACRU and our Protect Elderly Votes project have been working at warp speed to spread the message to assisted living and nursing home facilities that they must take all measures to keep the votes of their residents safe. Our team has made hundreds of phone calls into multiple states and reached out to specific facility directors when we received a potential fraud or intimidation tip. Never let a stranger touch your ballot! 

Lori Roman, President, ACRU

Please report any potential fraud incidents to 877.730.ACRU, and visit our Protect Elderly Votes [website](#) to download our [Senior Citizen Voting Bill of Rights](#).

ACRU Stranger Danger campaign to protect senior votes goes viral

 We are promoting our Stranger Danger video on all our social media platforms, and our Vote Fraud radio spots are running in selected markets throughout the country—with a very positive response. We are grateful to our vote integrity coalition partners for amplifying our campaign on their platforms, and for the many concerned citizens who have contacted us through our Vote Fraud Hotline.

The Stranger Danger video and the Vote Fraud radio spots are linked below, and we encourage you to share them on your social media and with seniors as well as senior caregivers in your circle of family and friends.

Stranger Danger video [here](#).
Vote Fraud radio spot (English) [here](#).
Vote Fraud radio spot (Spanish) [here](#).

ACRU's Toloczko: It's time for the woke generation to learn the lessons of history

Too many young liberals are unaware of the human toll of the leftism and socialism they support. Three naturalized Americans who fled tyranny understand, and hope their experience and the teaching of real history will finally wake up the woke. See article [here](#).

Kerri Toloczko, Vice President of Policy, ACRU

ACRU's von Spakovsky: Media ignores vote fraud because they know it's real

Writing for The Heritage Foundation, ACRU Policy Advisor Hans von Spakovsky calls out the media for its coverup of a giant problem — vote fraud. With examples past and present, Hans makes the case that the media is deliberately ignoring the truth about fraud and vote theft. He identifies outright lies by the media. "Journalists" may try to wish vote fraud away, but the rest of us know better. See article [here](#).

ACRU's Professor Walter Williams: The Census is not a tool for vote fraud

Noting the obvious — only US citizens can vote in US elections — ACRU Policy Board Member Walter Williams is concerned that, "counting illegal immigrants in the census undermines (the) fundamental principle that every citizen-voter has an equal voice." It is indeed a dangerous road. Walter references Hans von Spakovky's work in his article, and we are grateful to have them both on team ACRU. See article [here](#).

ACROSS THE NATION

Truth revealed: Liberal plans to change the Supreme Court

In every election, when you vote for your presidential candidate of choice, you also "vote" for a potential SCOTUS nominee. It has never been more true than in 2020. Liberals send (deliberately?) mixed messages on SCOTUS policy. In this article, Hillsdale College's Matthew Spaulding provides both historical and contemporary information to help us become more informed on this important subject. See article [here](#).

LIBERAL VOTE INTEGRITY LAWSUIT ABUSE IN THE STATES

MISSOURI

Voters who want to vote in person forced to use Postal Service

The Republican governor of Missouri signed a law in June allowing people receiving mail-only ballots to return them in person, as some voters prefer dropping off ballots instead of standing in line during COVID. It required signature validation. A liberal group sued, and won at the appeals level. Now people who have thought since June that they could hand drop their votes are subject to the whims and inefficiencies of the US Postal Service. See article [here](#).

PENNSYLVANIA

Liberal state supreme court gives tacit approval to forgery

On Oct. 23, The Pennsylvania Supreme Court's (5:1 Democrat majority) ruled that local election officials cannot reject mail-in ballots because the voter's signature on the ballot does not match the voter's signature on file. This is a boon for ballot harvesters, particularly those operating in senior residential facilities, as they no longer must worry about practicing stolen voter signatures before mailing stolen ballots. See article [here](#).

NEW JERSEY

Court decides the 14th Amendment only applies after elections

In New Jersey, an Obama appointed judge rejected a Republican lawsuit that charged last minute mail-only changes to the state's voting system would be a vote integrity mess. The judge used a legal maneuver we expect to see more of—no one has yet to "suffer an injury" and therefore the case is dismissible. He even parroted the DNC argument in his opinion that GOP concerns were "hypothetical." Neither the state nor federal Constitutions seemed to matter. See article [here](#).

THE LATEST BALLOT FRAUD AND MISHANDLING CASES

- DuPage County, IL. Possible vote fraud by mail - article [here](#).
- Dallas, TX. Local man victim of vote ID theft - article [here](#).
- Sammamish County, WA. Ballots stolen from mailboxes and tossed - article [here](#).
- Ocean County, NJ. Ballots arriving for the dead and moved - article [here](#).

NEWS FROM SPACE

The "furthest from my polling station" voting award

In the coolest story of the week, NASA astronaut Kate Rubins voted from space. She is currently stationed on the International Space Station. In 1997, Congress passed a bill allowing voting from space. Who knew? We assume

she had no "interference" from her Russian colleagues, Sergey 1 and Sergey 2 as they are affectionately referred to at NASA. A great story to share with your kids. See article [here](#).



Framers Corner

(Within the three branches of government) "... liberty can have nothing to fear from the judiciary alone, but would have everything to fear from its union with either of the other departments."

Alexander Hamilton, Federalist #78, 1788



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ACRU creates Stranger Danger media campaign to protect senior votes

As part of ACRU's Protect Elderly Votes project, we have created a "Stranger Danger" media campaign warning seniors, their families and senior living facilities of the danger of vote fraud in senior residences. Our radio spots (in English and Spanish) are running in selected markets in Florida, Michigan and Pennsylvania and the video is available at our YouTube channel and is being shared through Facebook ads.

We hope you will take a moment to watch this important video and circulate to any seniors, their family members and senior residence staff. You can help us protect senior votes!

Watch Stranger Danger video [here](#).
Listen to Stranger Danger radio spot (English) [here](#).
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ACRU's Blackwell demands elected officials put people over politics



Every mayor or governor was voted in by their electors. But as ACRU Action Board member and former mayor Ken Blackwell notes, not all of them are upholding their oaths to protect citizens. Instead, liberal officials are putting politicking against President Trump before their obligations to citizens. Amb. Blackwell notes that some cities are becoming "killing fields" because of it. It is up to America's voters to reverse this deadly trend. Read story [here](#).

ACRU's Roman calls for everyone to guard our seniors against vote exploitation

 "Through our Vote Fraud Hotline, we have received an overwhelming number of complaints about ballot security being threatened at senior residential facilities. We are proud of the unique and important need we have filled with our Protect Elderly Votes project, but also recognize anyone close to a senior voter needs to take action to protect that senior's vote. Never let a stranger touch your ballot!"

Please report any potential fraud incidents to 877.730.ACRU, and visit our [Protect Elderly Votes website](#) to download our [Senior Citizen Voting Bill of Rights](#)."

ACRU's Toloczko: the military can still vote with Federal Write-In Ballots

"The legal time requirement for states to send absentee ballots to overseas military has passed, but Armed Forces members and their families can still vote through the Federal Write-In Ballot. Please see the article posted for a map that shows regulations in every state. We have also included an online link to the Write-In Ballot. Don't forget—you are voting for your boss!"

Read article about overseas write-in ballots [here](#).
Find Write-In Ballot forms [here](#).

AROUND THE NATION

Is the liberal demand for unsolicited ballots planned chaos?

 EIB has been documenting the confusion inherent in the liberal push for mail-only balloting—including in this edition. The evidence is clear. Our colleague Chuck DeVore of the Texas Public Policy Foundation succinctly notes, "the rush to mail-in balloting will overwhelm the local elections officials who do the job of counting the vote." We suggest this was exactly what the left planned. See the article [here](#).

Resource for tracking election updates

Although it's difficult to find any nonpartisan sources for election information, Ballotopedia's newsletter does a good job providing updates on regulations and date requirements for ballot applications and voting, and other points of election law. Signing up for its 2020 Election Help Desk Newsletter is easy, and contains factual legal, and procedural updates. Find the newsletter [here](#).

IN THE STATES

OHIO

Capital-area county sends out broken ballots

In the county that contains Ohio's seat of government, 21% of absentee ballots sent to voters were incorrect. Some had the wrong congressional race and some had the wrong voting precincts. Vote fraud is real, and so is election office incompetence. Both result in false results. Like similar cases in Michigan and New York, officials are sending new ballots to further confuse people. Don't take chances. Go to the polls. Be a VIP--Vote In Person. See story [here](#).

NEW JERSEY

Liberal governor's unsolicited ballot fiat creates havoc for voters

New Jersey Democrat Governor Phil Murphy used COVID as an excuse to mail ballots to every address in the state, whether the addressee is alive or dead, or relocated. NJ election officials, overwhelmed by this unnecessary political maneuver, can't get it right. In Bergen County, officials sent out nearly 7,000 incorrect ballots to 28,000 voters. The officials who made this mistake claim there will be no confusing results. Right. See story [here](#).

Postal worker thinks voters live in a nearby trash bin

 Also in the Garden State, Mr. Howard Dinger was throwing out trash last week when five bins of mail—including absentee ballots—caught his eye. A postal worker has been arrested on felony charges for dumping the mail instead of delivering it. If not for Mr. Dinger's eagle eye and willingness to do his civic duty, 100 West Orange residents would be wondering where their ballots went. Vote In Person. See story [here](#).

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Are organized vote fraudsters now taking interstate road trips?

"Michael Lewis" has been charged for illegally voting in New Hampshire in 2016. He was caught after being arrested afterward without a license and giving a Florida address. Mr. Lewis also voted in Florida and Georgia in 2016. His actual residence is a two bedroom home with 12 (alleged) residents in Georgia. He picked NH—a state where he could walk up and vote with no ID. He's not the only one. Hawk-eyed NH anti-fraud activist Ed Naile may have poked the tip of a fraud iceberg with a sharp stick. See story [here](#).

PENNSYLVANIA

Be On The Lookout issued for missing ballots

58,000 Pennsylvania voters are experiencing the political version of "Who Moved My Cheese?" At first, Westmorland County election officials said they mailed the ballots and blamed slow mail for lack of delivery. Then they said they mailed some of the ballots. This week they claim they are NOW mailing these same ballots. While election officials in too many counties are trying to figure out where your ballot

is and what they did with it, we suggest you Vote In Person. See story [here](#).

NEW YORK

Official who sent ballots to dead people claims it's their family's fault

Government has software that can track down you down in an instant if you owe the IRS or didn't pay a speeding ticket. When a person dies, the funeral home automatically notifies Social Security. But in response to a complaint from Ms. Carolyn Quinn, who received ballots for her two deceased parents, an election clerk in Union County, NY claims the family should have notified her office directly. Arrogance and avoiding responsibility is no friend to vote integrity. See story [here](#).

Really good voting advice from a regular guy

In response to the above Union County story, citizen John A Denlinger responded with a letter to the editor, applauding Ms. Quinn, and providing a simple piece of advice we all should follow: "Election fraud is very real and is best defeated when people vote in person at a voting booth. This method also ensures the sanctity of privacy in voting." Amen, Mr. Denlinger. See story [here](#).

Framers Corner

"I know no safer depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves. If we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform them through education."

Thomas Jefferson, personal letter, 1820



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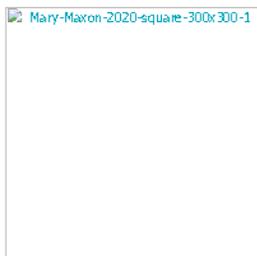


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Scientists Tell Congress Coronavirus Lessons Must Be Remembered for Future Epidemics



WASHINGTON — Scientists updated a congressional committee Friday on how the U.S. Energy Department is helping to develop a cure and vaccine for COVID-19.

They said Energy Department supercomputers are unlocking mysteries about the structure of the virus as they look for ways to deactivate it.

The House Science, Space and Technology subcommittee on energy held the hearing as the U.S. death toll from the COVID-19 pandemic approaches 200,000.

"It's likely that this is not the only pandemic that we'll see," said Mary Maxon, a Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory bioscientist.



She and other witnesses told lawmakers that investments they make now to fight the coronavirus pandemic are likely to benefit the nation far into the future as other diseases threaten the population.

Coronavirus is creating unique challenges for medical researchers because of its unusual characteristics, Maxon said.

"It goes through a process of producing a replication center" inside bodies of infected persons, she said. The virus will not die until the replication center stops duplicating disease cells.

"There are cells that can fuse together to have two nuclei in the cell," Maxon said. "They're not sure what it means yet."

Glenn Randall, a University of Chicago microbiologist, warned against a pattern he's seen of lawmakers seeking cures to diseases only during an outbreak but then forgetting about the health dangers when the emergency subsides.

A better option is "a multi-pronged attack" to address any disease threats, he said. He mentioned the example of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak that erupted in China in 2002. It spread worldwide within months but was contained with medicines, mostly antipyretics.

Although COVID-19 is a virus strain similar to SARS, it is unresponsive to the same medicines.

Nevertheless, lessons learned from previous research on SARS is speeding the development of medicines and vaccines for coronavirus, Randall said. He recommended continuing research that could be used to combat future epidemics.

"This is going to go way beyond COVID to any disease," Randall said.

The scientists won support in their plea for ongoing research from Rep. Lizzie Fletcher, D-Texas, who chairs the energy subcommittee.

"As the COVID-19 pandemic began to unfold in the U.S., it became apparent that [the Energy Department's] laboratories and programs were also well positioned to help us respond to the virus," Fletcher said.

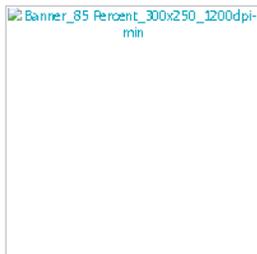
She mentioned other biotechnology developed by the Energy Department laboratories as an example for what she would like to see coming from the COVID-19 research.

"Leveraging these capabilities has enabled researchers to develop countermeasures against the novel coronavirus like diagnostic tests and allowed them to assess transmission and evolution dynamics as the virus spreads globally," Fletcher said in a statement.

In a rare show of bipartisan agreement, Republicans on the subcommittee, such as Rep. Jim Baird of Indiana, largely agreed that the U.S. government needs greater precautions against epidemics.

"I think this basic research is really critical," Baird said.

The most recent development in the ongoing research is a discovery that coronavirus can damage heart muscle tissue. Researchers at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., published a study that recommends heart medicines to neutralize the disease.



TODAY ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

President Donald Trump will participate in a Latinos for Trump Coalition roundtable at the Arizona Grand Resort & Spa in Nevada.

For further information on this event, click [here](#).

Ivanka Trump is on the campaign trail for her father in North Carolina, participating in a "fireside chat" with Trump 2020 National Press Secretary Hogan Gidycz.

Vice President Mike Pence is the headliner at a "Make America Great Again" rally at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Janesville, Wis.

Meanwhile, Donald Trump Jr. will participate in a "Make America Great Again" event in Treynor, Iowa.

For more information on these events, click [here](#).

As for the Democrats, former Vice President Joe Biden will campaign in Delaware and cast his vote in the state's statewide primary election. He is expected to deliver remarks today on climate change, the California wildfires, infrastructure and jobs. Later, he will attend two virtual fundraisers.

Biden ends his day with the "Poor People's Campaign" Moral Monday event. Other speakers include Barbara Streisand, Jane Fonda, Mark Ruffalo, David Oyelowo, Erika Alexander, D.L. Hughley, and Charlmatagne the God.

For additional information about this event, click [here](#).

Dr. Jill Biden will campaign virtually in Virginia and Georgia for her husband. The Georgia event is a "National Nurses United" roundtable on the coronavirus. The Virginia event is a "women for Biden" early vote rally.

Sen. Kamala Harris will campaign virtually in California, joining a "Unite Here" roundtable, before participating in a fundraiser with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Amy Poehler and Maya Rudolph. Harris will then travel to California to campaign in person.

Former Sen. Carol Mosley Braun will campaign virtually for Biden in Colorado.

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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 voters
 "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

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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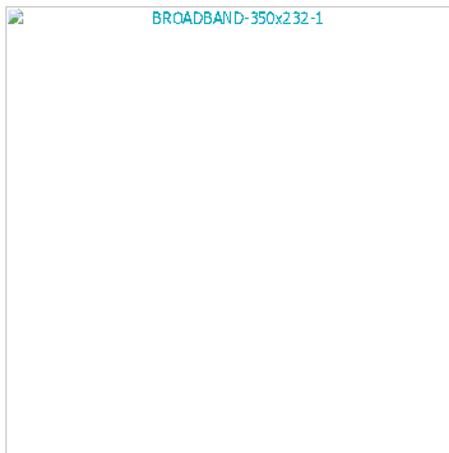
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS
AT&T, Verizon to Delay 5G Rollout Near Airports



AT&T and Verizon on Tuesday agreed to delay their rollout of new 5G services near some unspecified airports over ongoing concerns that moving those services to a new band could cause flight disruptions.

Debate has been raging for months over whether — and if so, to what extent — moving the 5G services to a bandwidth airlines use to navigate in low-visibility situations would be a problem.

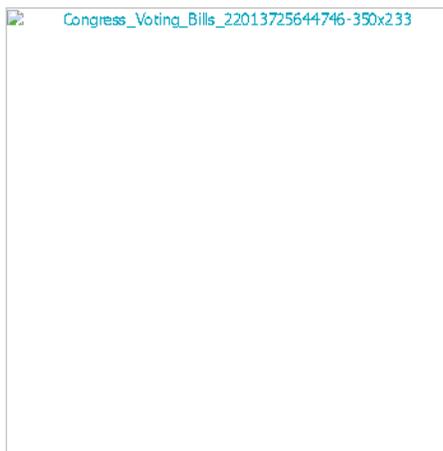
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VOTING RIGHTS

'Eye of the Nation Watching' as Voting Rights Bill Appears Headed for Defeat



With the defeat of sweeping voting rights legislation all but certain in the Senate this week, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer stressed a different goal as he opened the chamber's session on Tuesday, forcing all senators to go on the record about where they stand on the issue.

"The eyes of the nation will be watching what happens this week in the United States Senate," Schumer said.

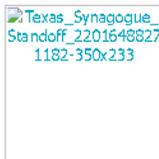
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[Jan. 6 Committee Subpoenas Giuliani, Other Trump Attorneys](#)

The Select Committee to Investigate the Jan. 6 Attack on the United States Capitol issued subpoenas Tuesday evening to Rudolph Giuliani, Jenna Ellis, Sidney Powell and Boris Epshteyn.



[FBI Warns of More Threats Against Religious Groups](#)

The FBI and Department of Homeland Security sent a letter to faith-based organizations Monday warning them they remain potential targets of violent extremists.

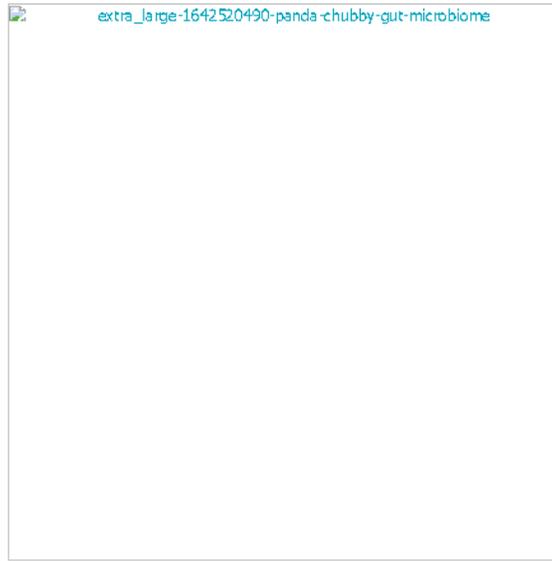


[Solicitor General Calls Out Cruz in Supreme Court Case](#)

The Ted Cruz for Senate campaign committee's First Amendment challenge to a key campaign finance law should be tossed by the Supreme Court as the campaign committee's alleged injuries were self-inflicted, the U.S. solicitor general claimed in a court filing on Tuesday.

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Dear Governor Gianforte, et al:

Thank you for taking the time to carefully read and consider this letter, its purpose, the overwhelming supportive evidence, and the subsequent signatures and remarks. As you will find, there is no valid reason why any schools in Montana should be forcing our kids to wear masks. In fact, the science on mask efficacy is settled, and has been for a long time. "We know today that the face cloth coverings that people wear are not very effective in reducing any of the virus movement in or out." - Michael Osterholm, former COVID-19 adviser and top epidemiologist under President Biden.

Furthermore, included in this letter are current statistics showing that right here, in Gallatin County, masked schools have a higher percentage of COVID outbreaks than unmasked schools.

The school boards have an excessive amount of authority and control upon which they rely, when mandating that our kids cover their faces throughout the day. When questioned, specifically with regard to the science and evidence used when imposing their mask mandates upon our children, we generally receive a response predicated around "...the Board of Trustees has the exclusive authority under Montana law..." They have no valid response, simply a reminder that they are in control.

The truth of the matter is that the school boards are ignoring the current facts/science/data which clearly and indisputably show that masks are ineffective in reducing the spread of COVID-19. Simultaneously, they are also ignoring the very harmful effects that masks are having on our children, including a demonstrated reduction in oxygen levels and dangerous increase in carbon dioxide levels in our children, as measured by pulse oximeters (resulting in dizziness, fatigue, inability to concentrate...etc), constant exposure to bacteria, difficulty communicating (inability to adequately speak or hear, see facial expressions...etc) and a measureable increase in anxiety and depression.

Governor Gianforte, thank you for your time and your careful consideration. We, the parents and constituents from all around the great state of Montana, trust that you will do what is right for our children.

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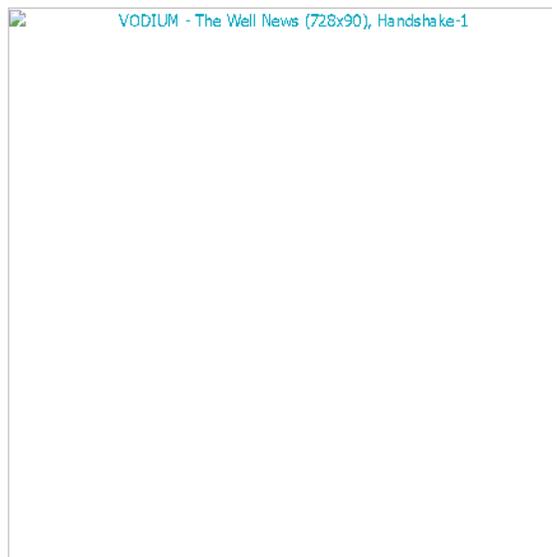
Centrist Shontel Brown, the chair of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party in Ohio, defeated progressive favorite Nina Turner for her party's nomination Tuesday in the special election for the state's 11th Congressional District.

With 100% of precincts in the district reporting Brown garnered 50.2% of the vote, while Turner received 44.5%. Eleven other candidates split the remaining 5.3% of the vote.

The 11th Congressional District comprises Cleveland, its eastern suburbs and a portion of Akron, Ohio.

The race there was seen as a proxy fight between the Democratic establishment and the progressive wing of the party.

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Brown, for instance, was supported in the race by former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, House Majority Whip James Clyburn, of South Carolina, and the Congressional Black Caucus PAC.

Turner, a former state senator and surrogate for Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., during his presidential campaigns, had the backing of Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, of New York, and the Congressional Progressive Caucus's PAC.

Polls showed Turner leading for much of the race, but Brown pulled the victory out in the end.

After it was clear she won, Brown posted a video on her Facebook page in which she said, "To be in this position, to be able to be an example for others that anything really is possible if you just believe and are faithful and work hard."

In her concession speech, Turner told supporters that together, they had "looked across [to] the promised land, but for this campaign, on this night, we will not cross the river."

Brown's victory is the latest in a string of losses for progressive candidates in 2021 primaries and comes just a month after another moderate, Eric Adams, bested a large field — and many progressives — in the primary to decide the Democratic candidate for mayor of New York City in the fall.

And just last week Adams said, while he'll face Republican Curtis Sliva in the fall, his real opponent is the far-left socialist "movement" led by Rep. Ocasio-Cortez in New York.

"I'm running against a movement. All across the country, the DSA [Democratic Socialists of America] is mobilizing to stop Eric Adams," the mayoral candidate said during a fundraiser in Queens, New York.

"They realize that if I'm successful, we're going to start the process of regaining control of our cities," Adams said, according to a video of his speech.

Because the 11th district is solidly Democratic, Brown is now the favorite to win the general election Nov. 2 for the seat that Democrat Marcia Fudge vacated in March to become Housing and Urban Development secretary in the Biden administration.

Brown will compete against business owner and community activist Laverne Gore, who won the GOP primary Tuesday night.

Gore received 74.1% of the vote compared to Felicia Washington Ross's 25.9%. In Ohio's other big race of the night, Mike Carey, a coal industry lobbyist endorsed by former President Donald Trump, won a crowded Republican primary in the special election for Ohio's 15th District.

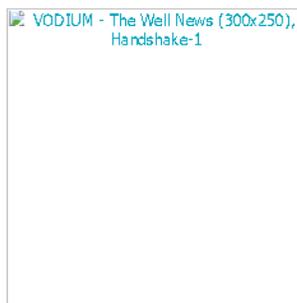
The victory makes him the heavy favorite to succeed former GOP Rep. Steve Stivers in November.

Carey, a friend of Corey Lewandowski, Trump's former campaign manager, said in a statement that the primary sent "a clear message to the nation that President Donald Trump is, without a doubt, the leader of our party."

With all precincts now reporting, Carey garnered 37% of the vote, while state Rep. Jeff LaRe, pulled in 13.3% and former state Rep. Ron Hood got 13.1%.

Carey's victory in a district located in Central Ohio, is something of a vindication for Trump after Republican Jake Ellzey defeated the candidate Trump backed in a Texas special election last week.

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POTUS WATCH

President Joe Biden is scheduled to meet with Dr. Eric Lander, the president's Science Advisor and Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, to discuss preparing for future pandemics.

On Tuesday, Biden discussed the current state of the pandemic with reporters at the White House, specifically the battle the administration is now fighting to tamp down on the surge of cases in some communities related to the delta variant of the coronavirus.

"This is a very different variant than what we've dealt with previously," the president said. "It's highly transmissible, and it's causing a new wave of cases. It accounts for over 80% of all COVID-19 cases in the United States today. What's different about this surge from previous ones is we have the tools to prevent this rise in cases from shutting down our businesses, our schools, our society, as we saw what happened last year."

The best line of defense against the delta variant is getting vaccinated, the president said.

"I want to be crystal clear about what's happening in the country today: We have a pandemic of the unvaccinated," he stressed.

The good news, the president said, is that in the past two weeks there has been a 55% increase in the average number of new people getting vaccinated every day.

"Importantly, over the past two weeks, the eight states with the highest current case rates have seen a doubling of the number of people newly vaccinated each day. The message is getting through, apparently," he added.

According to the White House Louisiana has seen a 212% increase in the average number of newly vaccinated people in that state per day, going from 3,800 to over 11,000 people vaccinated per day.

Arkansas is up 99%. Mississippi is up 125%. Alabama is up 186% -- going from 3,200 to 9,150 people vaccinated per day.

"These are encouraging signs. We have to continue our aggressive efforts to vaccinate the unvaccinated," Biden said. "COVID-19 is a national challenge, and we must come together -- we have to come together -- all of us together, as a country, to solve it."

IN OTHER NEWS

Trump and Taxes, Again

Attorneys for former President Donald Trump on Wednesday morning asked a federal judge to block the release of his tax returns to Congress after the Biden administration issued a legal memo authorizing that the records be handed over to House Democrats who have been seeking the documents for two years.

In their court filing, Trump's lawyers argued that the 2019 request from the House Ways and Means Committee to the Internal Revenue Service has no legitimate legislative purpose and that it was made merely to "expose the private tax information of one individual — President Trump — for political gain."

"The requests are tailored to, and in practical operation will affect, only President Trump," the filing reads. "The requests single out President Trump because he is a Republican and a political opponent. They were made to retaliate against President Trump because of his policy positions, his political beliefs, and his protected speech, including the positions he took during the 2016 and 2020 campaigns."

It's Nunes v. Maddow in Texas

Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., is suing NBCUniversal in federal court in Texas alleging he was defamed by MSNBC host Rachel Maddow in comments she made in March regarding his dealings with an individual sanctioned by the U.S. government.

The lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Texas alleges that Maddow and the network "harbor an institutional hostility, hatred, extreme bias, spite and ill-will" toward Nunes.

Though the lawsuit covers a period dating back to 2017, Nunes appears to be most aggrieved by comments Maddow made during her show on March 18, 2021, when she suggested the congressman refused to turn over a package he had reportedly received from the suspected Russian agent to the FBI.

The lawsuit quotes Maddow as saying, "Congressman Nunes has refused to answer questions about what he received from Andriy Derkach. He has refused to show the contents of the package to other members of the intelligence community. He has refused to hand it over to the FBI which is what you should do if you get something from somebody who is sanctioned by the U.S. as a Russian agent."

Nunes and his attorneys claim that the network knew that he had told other reporters that he had given the package in question to the FBI, willfully chose to ignore that fact, and that neither MSNBC nor a representative of Maddow's show, ever asked him for a comment.

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Court Ruling Denies Insurance For Restaurants Hit by Pandemic



WASHINGTON – A District of Columbia judge's ruling this week is the latest court judgment that absolves insurers from obligations to cover the losses of businesses during the coronavirus pandemic.

A group of restaurants sued their insurer after the company declined to reimburse them under their business interruption insurance policies.

Business interruption insurance, also known as business income insurance, covers income losses businesses suffer during a disaster. The losses typically result from closings forced by a disaster or because of the need to rebuild.

Washington, D.C., Judge Kelly A. Higashi said the restaurants failed to show how Mayor Muriel Bowser's shutdown order to prevent the spread of disease represented a "direct physical loss" that Erie Insurance Exchange needed to cover.



In a similar ruling last month, a Michigan judge said coronavirus did not cause a tangible alteration to property that would require insurers to reimburse the owners under property insurance policies.

About 300,000 small businesses have closed permanently because of the pandemic, according to government estimates.

So far, their primary financial backstop has been the Paycheck Protection Program, which refers to government loans designed to provide an incentive for small businesses to keep workers on their payrolls. The Small Business Administration will forgive the loans if all employee retention criteria are met and the funds are used for eligible expenses.

Many restaurateurs say the Paycheck Protection Program provides too little financial backing against the devastation of the pandemic.

In the lawsuit led by Rose's 1 LLC, which owns and operates several restaurants in the Washington area, the owners argued their losses resulted from more than an "abstract mental phenomenon" that insurers could avoid covering.

"The restaurants have suffered direct physical loss because they have been forced to shut down their normal operations to prevent the spread of a pandemic virus," the lawsuit says. "That loss falls within the policies' grant of coverage for income protection."

Many of the restaurants have continued operating with limited service but found it drives them deeper into debt, according to the plaintiffs.

"They have also incurred extra expenses to maintain limited operations, including, to the extent possible, carry-out and delivery services, and to take precautionary measures to protect the health and safety of their employees and patrons," the lawsuit said.

Judge Higashi disagreed the restaurants suffered a "direct physical loss."

She said the mayor's shutdown order directed businesses to take specified actions but did not cause a physical change to their properties.

She also said the restaurants could offer no proof the virus was present inside their buildings when they shut down operations in March, which would be required for insurance coverage. Instead, the shutdown was preemptive.

She denied the restaurateurs' argument that an insurable loss includes "loss of use" because of disease.

Judge Higashi wrote that "even if 'loss of use' was covered, plaintiffs would still have to show that the loss of use was a 'direct physical loss.'"

Rose's 1 LLC was joined in the lawsuit by nine other Washington-based restaurant companies. Their complaints are similar to restaurant owners nationwide.

"Long-established restaurants that have weathered decades of wars and economic turbulence and massive industry changes are closing their doors permanently because of the pandemic," Restaurant Business newsletter reported in its latest edition. "Some of these restaurants have been serving food and drink for a century."

The lawsuit is *Rose's 1 LLC et al. v. Erie Insurance Exchange*, Case No. 2020 CA 002424 B, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Civil Division.



TODAY ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Presumptive 2020 Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden will campaign virtually today, attending a fundraiser.

Democratic Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Tammy Baldwin will campaign virtually in Wisconsin for Joe Biden, holding "Made in America" roundtable discussions on Biden's plan to "revitalize manufacturing in Wisconsin and across the country and how Biden will create millions of new manufacturing and innovation jobs." Two events are planned, first in Kenosha and then in Superior, Wisconsin.

For additional information on these events, click [here](#).

The Trump re-election campaign will hold a "Veterans for Trump Freedom Festival in Goodyear, Arizona. The event will be hosted by Trump Advisory Board Member Chad Robichaux.

The campaign will also launch a pair of "Team Trump Bus Tours." The first begins in Kissimmee, Florida. The event will be attended by lobbyist and political commentator Corey Lewandowski, President Donald Trump's son Eric, Florida Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nunez, and former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi.

The second bus tour, under the banner "Women for Trump," will begin in Salfordville, Pennsylvania, and will feature Trump 2020 campaign senior advisor Lara Trump, Trump for President campaign official Mercedes Schlapp, and communications consultant and Trump 2016 presidential campaign national spokesperson Katrina Pierson.

The Trump campaign's day concludes with a "Team Trump Online!" event with as of yet unannounced guests.

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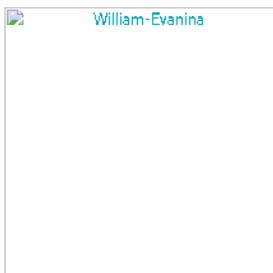
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ELECTION SECURITY

China, Russian and Iran Top Election Security Threats, Counterintelligence Chief Says



China, Russia and Iran are continuing to try to disrupt political campaigns and the 2020 general election, posing "a direct threat to the fabric of our Democracy," the nation's top counterintelligence official said Friday.

William Evanina, director of the U.S. National Counterintelligence and Security Center, said with just over 100 days to go before the Nov. 3 election, the three nations are far and away the more determined of our foreign adversaries in their efforts to taint the outcome.

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LAST WEEK & THE WEEK AHEAD

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Last week..

- The Georgia Democrats chose State Senator Nikema [Williams](#) to replace Rep. John Lewis on the November ballot. Lewis passed away last week after battling cancer.
- A recent Gallup [poll](#) revealed that Americans want to see more immigration, not less.
- Glitches and turmoil dogged the online [convention](#) of the Texas Republican Party. The legitimacy of the convention's conclusion may now be in doubt.
- The 2020 presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, Joe Biden, was joined on the virtual campaign trail with Dr. Jill Biden, Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Sen. Maggie Hassan, and former Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius in Texas, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Nebraska respectively.
- On July 24, lobbyist and political commentator, Corey Lewandowski, joined an event with "Trump Team Online."
- President Trump's receipts from high-dollar donors [plunged](#) 61% to \$27 million in the second quarter as he declined to appear in online fundraising events.
- Republican Jacksonville Mayor, Lenny Curry, [backed](#) the Duval County Sheriffs concerns over the Republican National Convention. Shortly after, President Trump called off the Florida [seament](#) of the GOP National Convention.

Coming this week...

- As of July 26, we are 100 days away from Election Day.
- The first votes in the 2020 election will be cast in six weeks starting in North Carolina as absentee ballots will be distributed on September 4.
- On July 29, President Trump will attend a campaign fundraiser in Texas with Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel.
- Democratic Rep. Annie Kuster will join Joe Biden on the virtual campaign trail in New Hampshire.
- You can find up-to-date detailed federal and state election information by clicking on the calendar entries in our handy tool: [Electorate Empowered](#).

Elections by state...

- There are no elections this week.

BIG STORIES FROM LAST WEEK



[Biden Bolsters Campaign Staff in Key Battleground State of North Carolina](#)
The Biden for President campaign is expanding its staff and operations in the key battleground state of North Carolina, where polls currently have the former vice president leading President Trump by two percentage points.



[Trump Moves to Bar Undocumented Aliens From Reapportionment Count](#)
President Donald Trump signed a memorandum Tuesday barring people in the U.S. illegally from being counted in congressional reapportionment.



[Polling Point of Contention: Despite Stigma, Pre-Election Polls Remain Reliable](#)
Since Hillary Clinton's 2016 Electoral College defeat, public sentiment towards presidential polling numbers often centers around skepticism. Although many were blindsided by that year's election results, exit polling data tracked closely with popular vote results.



[Dems Ask FBI Director to Brief House on Foreign Efforts to Upend November Election](#)
Democratic leaders in the House and Senate, led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., have called on FBI Director Christopher Wray to provide a classified briefing before the August recess on how the agency is combating an active foreign interference campaign they say is targeting both Congress and the presidential election in November.

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President Trump Job Approval

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CDC Endorses the Reopening of Schools, Downplays Health Risks



WASHINGTON – The Centers for Disease Control is reversing course and now says schools should reopen in the fall, downplaying the potential health risks associated with such a move while conceding the recommendation is based on "limited data."

The new [guidance](#), posted on the CDC's website Thursday night, comes two weeks after President Donald Trump criticized the Centers' earlier assessment that reopening schools on time in September would be "very tough and expensive."

It also comes after internal documents came to light earlier this month in which the Centers warned that fully reopening K-12 schools and universities would be the "highest risk" for the spread of coronavirus.

The 69-page document was obtained by The New York Times, which reported it was marked "For Internal Use Only," and was among materials for federal public health response teams deployed to coronavirus hotspots to help local public health officials handle the outbreak.



By comparison, the new assessment, entitled "The Importance of Reopening America's Schools This Fall," suggests the harm associated with not reopening far outweighs the risk posed by the coronavirus.

"Reopening schools creates opportunity to invest in the education, well-being, and future of one of America's greatest assets — our children — while taking every precaution to protect students, teachers, staff and all their families," the "decision-making tool for parents, caregivers, and guardians" begins.

The advisory, which includes several [checklists](#) and supporting information, describes children as being at low risk for being infected by or transmitting the coronavirus, even while acknowledging the science surrounding the pandemic is a long way from certain.

"Scientists are still learning about how it spreads, how it affects children, and what role children may play in its spread," the assessment says. "Limited data about COVID-19 in children suggest that children are less likely to get COVID-19 than adults, and when they do get COVID-19, they generally have less serious illness than adults."

Elsewhere in the new resources and tools posted on the CDC website, it states: "The best available evidence indicates if children become infected, they are far less likely to suffer severe symptoms . . . At the same time, the harms attributed to closed schools on the social, emotional, and behavioral health, economic well-being, and academic achievement of children, in both the short- and long-term, are well-known and significant."

"It is critically important for our public health to open schools this fall," CDC Director Dr. Robert R. Redfield said in an accompanying statement. "The CDC resources released today will help parents, teachers and administrators make practical, safety-focused decisions as this school year begins."

"I know this has been a difficult time for our nation's families. School closures have disrupted normal ways of life for children and parents, and they have had negative health consequences on our youth. CDC is prepared to work with K-12 schools to safely reopen while protecting the most vulnerable," Redfield said.

The newly posted material supplements the CDC's previous guidance on the reopening of schools which suggested, among other things, keeping children in one classroom all day rather than have them move from classroom to classroom for various activities.

That guidance also recommended that desks in classrooms be kept at least six feet apart, and canceling activities or programs in which social distancing would not be possible.



TODAY ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

It was 28 years ago that The Cure scored a worldwide hit with "Friday I'm In Love," a song the band's primary writer described as "a throw your hands in the air, let's get happy kind of record."

If you're a fan of presidential campaigning, Fridays this summer have got you feeling the same way. For the second week in a row, the schedule for the last day of the work week is crammed with virtual events.

Presumptive 2020 Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden will attend a virtual fundraising event today.

Meanwhile, former Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden will be campaigning virtually in Texas for her husband, holding a 'Build Back Better' listening session on Biden's plan 'to build a robust 21st century care giving and education workforce.' Participants include Reps. Eddie Bernice Johnson and Marc Veasey, home health workers, and Texans 'impacted by the expense of home health care for a loved one.'

Also on the schedule is a 'Soul Session' event focusing on Biden's plans from safely reopening schools to his economic recovery plan for working families.

Presented by Biden for President and JoeMamas, a national group of moms, caregivers, moms-to-be, aunts and others working to elect Joe Biden.

Participants include Biden for President Campaign Manager Jen O'Malley Dillon and Deputy Design Director Carahna Magwood, tv personality and artist Cyn Santana, JoeMamas founder Julie Zebrak, and Little Lobbyists co-founder and President Elena Hung.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar will be campaigning virtually for Joe Biden in Iowa. Other participants include Iowa state Sen. Pam Jochum, Iowa state Rep. Ruth Ann Gaines, Iowa legislature candidate Eric Gjerde, and Iowa Caregivers Executive Director Di Findley.

Also campaigning virtually for Biden are Rep. Annie Kuster, who will be focusing on New Hampshire, former Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, who'll be doing the same in Nebraska, and Sen. Maggie Hassan, who'll be focusing on Wisconsin.

For additional information about these events, click [here](#).

As for the President Donald Trump, his re-election campaign will hold a 'Team Trump Online' event with lobbyist and political commentator Corey Lewandowski at 8 p.m. today.

Earlier in the day, the campaign will hold a 'Black Voices for Trump Faith Friday - Texas event,' via Zoom, with author and speaker Keenan Williams.

Also on the schedule is a 'Black Voices for Trump Prayer Call' event, with Black Voices for Trump Advisory Board Member Rev. C.L. Bryant.

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Local Health Departments Face the Threat of Budget Cuts During Pandemic



The economic fallout of the COVID-19 outbreak is worsening the strain on city and county health departments that have been tasked with doing more with less resources since the 2008 recession, an updated [report](#) from the National Association of County and City Health Officials says.

Over the past decade, the researchers found, the budgets of smaller local health departments had remained relatively stagnant; at the same time, medium to large local health departments saw their budgets decrease, the report said.

The majority of local health departments continue to experience flat funding, with a total of 67% experiencing stagnant (52%) or reduced budgets (15%) in 2019. This is despite inflation, population growth, and the increasing complexity of public health challenges.

As a result, the authors said, between 2008 and 2019, the recession resulted in local health departments laying off 37,000 of their employees.

However, these new data also show that these cuts seem to have bottomed out in 2016. Between 2016 and 2019, local health departments had finally started to rebuild, if slowly, adding 3% of that lost workforce back (6,000 jobs) nationwide.

"Overall, this new analysis points to what we continue to hear directly from local health departments across the country," said Lori Tremmel Freeman, the association's chief executive officer.

Freeman said this reality is particularly worrisome now, "as we face the unknowns of the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the local and state budgets that support so much of local health departments' work."

Local health departments are vital for collecting and broadcasting information on public health threats and leading the effort to keep the public safe from them.

Some local health departments could see a modest increase in funding next year, but not enough to make up for last year's losses, the report said.

"We know that some local health departments have had to furlough staff mid-pandemic in order to absorb budgetary pressures, and many others are planning steep cuts for their next fiscal year," Freeman said.

Overall, 175 million Americans are living in communities that experienced stagnant or reduced local health department funding in 2019, impacting over half of the U.S. population.

Nationwide, local health departments shed about 16% of their full-time workers since the start of the 2008 recession.

"As these individuals work on the front lines to keep us safe from the pandemic, that same virus is directly eroding the funding that keeps them operational," Freeman said. "We must do more to provide long-term, sustainable, predictable funding to local health departments, both now and in the future, to stabilize and rebuild this critical system before the next crisis."

TODAY ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Declared candidates: The President's re-election campaign holds a "Team Trump Online!" event hosted by Trump 2020 senior campaign advisor Lara Trump. Special guests include senior campaign advisor Bob Paduchik and Trump 2016 campaign manager Corey Lewandowski.

Presumptive 2020 Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden will attend a virtual fundraiser today. Meanwhile, former Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden campaigns virtually in Pennsylvania for her husband, attending the launch of "Pennsylvania Women for Biden."

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Legislature**Montana Free Press | Taxpayers foot bill for legislators' 'election fraud' trip**

Two Montana lawmakers were given taxpayer funds last fall to reimburse their attendance at a three-day "cyber symposium" in South Dakota where the host, MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell, perpetuated debunked [allegations of widespread election fraud](#) in the 2020 presidential election. According to records obtained by Montana Free Press from the Legislative Services Division, [Rep. Bob Phalen, R-Lindsay](#), was reimbursed \$979.37 for lodging and mileage expenses incurred during his trip to the symposium. [Rep. Paul Fielder, R-Thompson Falls](#), was likewise reimbursed \$528.04 for mileage. The reimbursements were drawn from [constituent services funds](#) allocated to help Montana lawmakers communicate with and represent their constituents and attend events in service of constituent interests...In an email to MTFP Monday, Fielder responded to questions about the constituent benefit of attending Lindell's symposium by citing a section of the Montana Constitution directing legislators to "insure the purity of elections and guard against abuses of the electoral process"...Phalen did not respond to an email posing the same questions.

Daily Montanan | AG to U.S. Supreme Court: Montana courts' 'self-dealing' unprecedented in U.S. history

Note from Kyle: This story contains a factual inaccuracy. I have reached out to the writer (who is also the editor) for a correction.

Claiming that "judicial self-dealing on this scale might be unprecedented in the nation's history," the Montana Attorney General's office has filed an appeal to the United States Supreme Court seeking a review of a state Supreme Court decision that declared subpoenas by the Legislature void, and ruled emails obtained through the executive branch were improper...Gianforte has also filed an *amicus curiae*, a "friend of the court," brief with the Supreme Court in support of Knudsen's appeal...McLaughlin, who is represented by Missoula attorney Randy Cox, declined comment on Knudsen or Gianforte's court filings, but said a response brief will be filed with the U.S. Supreme Court by Feb. 9.

FiveThirtyEight (national) | The Big Lie's Long Shadow

Mike Cuffe blends in. Sitting in a chair that almost matches the color of his suit, which almost matches the gray Montana sky outside, the state senator looked a lot like the other legislators in a state administration committee meeting last February...Hamilton was speaking in favor of a Montana bill that Cuffe sponsored, part of a suite of six "election integrity" bills passed and signed into law last spring. Senate Bill 169, the one Hamilton went to the committee hearing to support, [requires photo ID](#) to register and vote, with some exceptions. Other laws [limited ballot harvesting](#), [ended same-day voter registration](#) and mandated [yearly voter roll purges](#), instead of every other year. Cuffe voted yes on all of them...Cuffe said he doesn't believe there was something fishy about the 2020 election, but he acknowledged the bills he helped pass into law were influenced by voters like Hamilton. "There were concerns from a lot of folks, a lot of my constituents, about voting issues," Cuffe said. "People went to sleep on election night believing that one candidate was well ahead and was pretty much assured a victory, and then when they woke up the next morning, his opponent had won. And some people still believe there was something funny there. I don't. I didn't then and I don't. But I felt we could do some things to help reduce potential issues and/or beliefs"...The suite of bills Cuffe helped pass in Montana, by definition, makes it more difficult to vote...Cuffe doesn't mind criticism — he's been working in politics a long time — but rejects the notion that the intent behind the bills was to disenfranchise voters. He said they only wanted to make "a good system better" in order to build back trust among voters who were now questioning the election system... Since then, Keshel has been on a speaking tour...including at a meeting emceed by Montana Republican state Sen. Theresa Manzella.

State government**Missoulian | State, local officials meet in Missoula to discuss human trafficking response**

Montana politicians, law enforcement officials and community specialists gathered Tuesday morning in Missoula to discuss the state's response to increased human trafficking rates and pay homage to National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. "Globally in Montana everyone likes to think human trafficking and sex slavery don't happen in Montana because that's a big city problem," Attorney General Austin Knudsen said. "That's just sadly not the case." In the last year, the state's Division of Criminal Investigations department has seen a 65% uptick in human trafficking investigations — 41 were investigated in 2020, with a jump to 68 in 2021. This does not include what's going on at local levels, Knudsen said.

Montana Free Press | Governor and attorney general host roundtable on human trafficking

Gov. Greg Gianforte and Attorney General Austin Knudsen on Tuesday hosted a roundtable discussion about how to improve Montana's handling of human trafficking cases, a topic the two officials said is critical following a year of investigations by the state Department of Justice. The event took place at the State Crime Lab in Missoula and focused predominantly on how law enforcement can better identify and intervene in cases where people are being exploited for sex and labor.

Helena IR | Gianforte to speak at March for Life at state Capitol

The Montana March for Life will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday in the state Capitol rotunda, with Gov. Greg Gianforte listed as one of the guest speakers. This year's theme is "Equality Begins in the Womb." The public may attend.

MTN | Pay increase for seasonal firefighters in Montana

Governor Greg Gianforte on Monday, January 10, 2022, announced that the state of Montana will increase firefighter pay in order to "support, recruit, and retain the highly-qualified, highly-trained personnel who protect Montana communities and natural resources"...U.S. Senator Steve Daines (R-MT) said in a news release: "I am glad to see Governor Gianforte take the lead to offer our brave wildland firefighters a much deserved pay raise..."

Opinion: Mike Thompson, former FWP

Missoulian | Thompson sets record straight on retirement

I'd like to set the record straight regarding my recent retirement as the Region 2 Wildlife Manager for Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) at Missoula...My retirement is not a political statement or embedded in a controversy over hunting season proposals...First, I offer my deepest apologies to my colleagues who were taken by surprise, kept in the dark, and now have had to shoulder my workload since I was abruptly sent home from work on the afternoon of Dec. 15. Following a 20-day period when I was prohibited from working, by my own assessment I felt I had no practical choice but to retire from FWP when I was allowed back to work on Jan. 4...Putting me and my position on the shelf for 20 days was the worst thing my organization could've done to me, and I don't think it was in FWP's best interest either. As a result, my confidence in what I know about the operational environment in FWP was lost, along with my ability to offer guidance to those who look for it.

Other Montana news**Billings Gazette | Montana elementary, secondary schools received nearly \$700 million in pandemic relief funds**

Elementary and secondary schools throughout Montana have acquired nearly \$4 million to purchase electronic devices and expand internet access for remote learning. That funding stacks atop \$618 million the state already has received for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief, which directed [\\$45.7 million to Billings public schools](#), according to data from the Office of Public Instruction from March.

Daily Montanan | Montanans signing up for healthcare through ACA hits high point with days left to go

Advocates, navigators and officials are urging Montana residents who still need to sign up for healthcare that Saturday is the last day to purchase a plan for most citizens during the "open enrollment" period. Already, the Montana healthcare marketplace has seen a 10 percent increase above last year, and with a week to go, it should set a new high mark for number of Montanans registered, with more than 50,000.

MTN | Health leaders concerned about omicron spike's effect on Montana hospitals

Montana health care leaders say they're closely watching the spread of the omicron variant of COVID-19 and preparing for the impacts it could have on hospitals in the state. "This wave is different, and it has the potential to tax our hospitals more than any previous wave," said Rich Rasmussen, president and CEO of the Montana Hospital Association...Doctors said the omicron variant appears to be much more transmissible than other COVID strains — and more likely to "evade immunity" in people who have already been vaccinated or who previously had COVID...Dr. Maggie Cook-Shimaneck, the acting state medical officer, noted that the state reported more than 6,000 COVID-19 cases last week — more than double the week before. Hospitalizations rose 17% week to week. The omicron variant made up 84% of the cases the state sequenced last week.

Bozeman Chronicle | Health officials eye worrying spike in COVID-19 cases

Gallatin County added over 1,100 new COVID-19 cases on Monday and Tuesday combined. Nearly 700 cases reported Monday and 440 on Tuesday set the record for the two highest daily case counts since the start of the pandemic. Gallatin County and Montana are seeing an exponential rise in COVID-19 cases, as the [omicron variant](#) — a highly contagious strain of COVID-19 — sweeps the state...During a press conference Tuesday, hosted by the Montana Medical Association, Dr. Maggie Cook-Shimaneck, the acting state medical officer, said statewide cases increased 136% last week from the week prior.

Daily Montanan | [Health officials warn of hospital overcrowding with oncoming omicron surge](#)

A coalition of Montana medical groups warned on Tuesday that hospitals are once again at risk of being extended beyond their caregiving capacity as the more transmissible omicron variant starts to spread across the state...During the state's last COVID-19 surge in the fall, COVID-19 patients, who were mostly unvaccinated, accounted for about 20% of all hospitalizations while hospitals were operating at or above capacity for 10 consecutive weeks, Rasmussen said.

Bozeman Chronicle | [COVID cases surge in Bozeman Public Schools](#)

COVID-19 cases in Bozeman School District continue to rise with 84 new infections reported among students and staff on Monday and 74 by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, placing the district within a couple dozen cases of the weekly high of 181 infections it recorded last week. The surge in cases has led to a renewed focus on staffing capacity and the district's ability to keep schools open for students.

Flathead Beacon | [Flathead Health Department Runs Out of COVID Tests](#)

Since Jan. 7 the Flathead City-County Health Department has been out of COVID-19 test kits to distribute. Despite that shortage, the number of reported cases in the county is climbing rapidly as the omicron variant of COVID-19 continues to spread in Montana and in Flathead County.

AP | [Blackfoot tribe retracts COVID-19 restrictions](#)

Montana's Blackfoot Tribe on Tuesday retracted the COVID-19 restrictions that were announced a day earlier. The chair of the Tribal Business Council said Monday's restrictions were based on case guidelines that were in effect early in the pandemic. With vaccines and testing being available, the same strict guidelines are not needed, said Timothy F. Davis, chairman of the Tribal Business Council.

Montana Free Press | [Washington Companies to terminate Montana Rail Link lease](#)

Montana Rail Link, the Missoula-based railroad company owned by billionaire industrialist Dennis Washington, announced Monday that it will terminate a long-term lease of its tracks through southern Montana and return them to owner BNSF Railway. The deal means that BNSF, already a dominating force on Montana's rail network, will again control the vast majority of active railroad track in the state. According to the [Montana Department of Transportation](#), Texas-based BNSF operates on 59% of the state's rail system. By taking back MRL, it will control 84% of that network.

Flathead Beacon | ['An End to Prohibition'](#)

That prohibition was lifted on the first day of the new year, opening the floodgates to new streams of clientele as well as revenue for private entrepreneurs, local municipalities and state governments. From long-time recreational cannabis users to tourists and first-time users, Bolster saw a wide variety of customers throughout the first week of recreational legalization.

AP | [Wyoming Tries Again to Remove Yellowstone Grizzly Protection](#)

Wyoming has asked the federal government to remove grizzly bears in and around Yellowstone National Park from protection under the Endangered Species Act, a request which if approved could allow the animals to be hunted...Wyoming filed the petition with the formal support of Idaho and Montana officials.

KXLH | [League of Women Voters hosts webinar series celebrating Montana's Constitution](#)

2022 marks 50 years since the ratification of Montana's most recent State Constitution. To celebrate the occasion, the League of Women Voters (LWV) will hold a three-part webinar series that will span from Jan. 12 to June 6. On January 12, LWV and the Lewis and Clark Library will host their first installment in the series which will feature retired Montana Supreme Court Justice Jim Nelson and what how the Montana Constitution can be used to create better legislation.

National**AP | [US inflation soared 7% in past year, the most since 1982](#)**

Inflation jumped at its fastest pace in nearly 40 years last month, a 7 percent spike from a year earlier that is pushing up household expenses, eating into wage gains and heaping pressure on President Joe Biden and the Federal Reserve to address a growing threat to the U.S. economy.

Wall Street Journal | [U.S. Inflation Hit 7% in December, Reaches Fastest Pace Since 1982](#)

U.S. inflation hit 7% in 2021 as pandemic-related supply and demand imbalances, along with stimulus intended to shore up the economy, put the biggest pressure on prices in nearly four decades. The Labor Department said the consumer-price index—which measures what consumers pay for goods and services—rose 7% in December from the same month a year ago, up from 6.8% in November. That was the fastest pace since 1982 and marked the third straight month in which inflation exceeded 6%.

Washington Post | [December prices rise 7 percent, compared to a year ago, as 2021 inflation reaches highest in 40 years](#)

Indeed, 2021 went down as the worst year for inflation since 1982, as [broken supply chains](#) collided with high consumer demand for [used cars](#) and construction materials alike. Higher prices seeped into just about everything households and businesses buy, raising alarms for policymakers at the Federal Reserve and White House that inflation has spread throughout the economy. Steep increases in the cost of housing, and used cars and trucks, powered the overall rise in prices. Economists have been especially worried about rising home costs, since the cost of a new house or rent is often locked in through a long-term contract, and may not improve after the pandemic improves or supply chains clear up.

Axios | [Owning is cheaper than renting in much of the U.S.](#)

Owning a median-priced home is more affordable than the average rent on a three-bedroom property in 58% of the U.S., a new report says. There's a big city/suburban divide, though: Renting makes more sense in big metropolitan areas, while homeownership wins out in rural areas and suburbs, where property prices are lower. Why it matters: Even with home prices continuing to climb, the affordability gap is narrowing, which may signal the imminent end to what's been a steady run-up in home prices.

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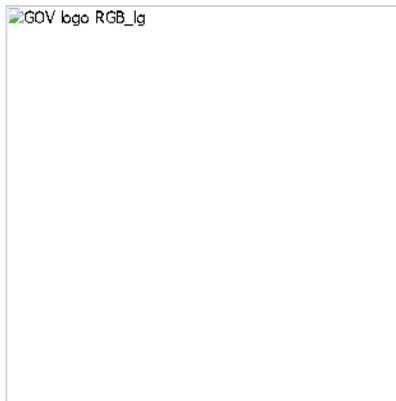
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Three Republican state legislators used taxpayer dollars to fund their trips to Sioux Falls, S.D., for MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell's three-day "Cyber Symposium" which perpetuated 2020 election fraud conspiracy theories.

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More than 1 in 5 of those tested for COVID-19 last week in Los Angeles County were positive and each infected person is spreading the virus, on average, to two other people. The county had 21,200 new cases on Sunday.

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Important article

Note from Kyle: Sticking this story in its own section at the top because it's by far the best reporting I've ever seen on this topic and has potentially a ton of legislative policy ramifications. We don't often get reporting in Montana that's this informative on important policy topics.

Kaiser Health News | [Some Montana Nonprofit Hospitals Fall Short of Peers in Required Charitable Giving](#)

Montana's richest nonprofit hospitals receive millions of dollars in tax exemptions each year to operate as charities, but some fall short of other medical facilities in what they give back to their communities to get those breaks...Hospitals self-report how much they give in community benefits, and their reporting processes are opaque. Even so, KHN's analysis found that some of Montana's wealthiest hospitals were spending well below the state and national averages...Federal law doesn't dictate how much nonprofit hospitals must spend on such benefits, and the definition of what counts is vague...Montana nonprofit hospitals face little to no oversight of their community benefit spending...That can allow nonprofit hospitals to act more like businesses than charities...Billings Clinic, St. Vincent Healthcare and the local health department pay for its two full-time employees, who organize a farmers market and advocate for creating bike paths, among other things...In the Billings Clinic tax documents that KHN examined, the hospital reported making \$73.9 million above its operating costs from July 2018 through June 2019. In that report, the hospital said it doesn't have the resources to address every community need, including the lack of transportation to health care facilities. However, it paid for rides to help patients who otherwise struggled to get to appointments [until 2018](#). It stopped after it instead backed a successful initiative to increase taxes to bolster local transportation programs, among other services...St. Peter's Health reported spending \$3.1 million on community benefits from July 2018 through June 2019. That's compared with the estimated \$10 million it received in tax exemptions in 2016, according to a state [audit](#) presented to lawmakers last year...The state [audit](#) estimated hospitals combined had \$146 million in tax exemptions in 2016...But hospital pricing experts, including Anderson, said the tax reports can paint hospitals in too good a light for accomplishing goals any business should have. One example, Anderson said, is counting the cost of staff training as a community benefit. "Walmart trains their employees, for-profit hospitals train their employees, so it makes no sense to me why a nonprofit hospital should be able to call this 'community benefit,'" Anderson said...The state audit recommended that lawmakers define how hospitals report their spending, but no such laws made it out of the legislative session this year. [A bill](#) proposed by Republican state Sen. Bob Keenan would have required the state's largest hospitals to jointly hand over \$4.3 million for the state to decide how it's spent on community benefits.

Legislature

Lee Newspapers | [40% of positions open at Montana State Hospital, staff blame administration](#)

For months, workers at the Montana State Hospital in Warm Springs have raised the alarm about short staffing, inadequate training and an unqualified administration driving employees from the hospital, an exodus that they say puts patient care in jeopardy...According to documents outlining the scope of work at these facilities, the state hospital should employ 524 full-time personnel; approximately 40% of those positions are currently vacant...State lawmakers have received multiple concerns from staff members, and they in turn took the matter up with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, which oversees the hospital. On Nov. 29, DPHHS put out a request for proposal seeking a third party to fill a "temporary management" role at the state's medical facilities and to help stabilize the workforce...Since October, the Montana State News Bureau has interviewed 10 current and former employees of the Montana State Hospital and reviewed nine letters sent to state lawmakers by hospital employees...Mark Sweeney, a state senator from Anaconda, received several reports from hospital employees. In November he took the issue up with Bozeman Rep. Ed Stafman, who chairs the Legislature's Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee... "I am asking you to please look into these allegations immediately before we lose our workforce and someone, God forbid, gets hurt or killed..." Sweeney said Wednesday he remains "cautiously optimistic" about the contracted executive plan, but was eager to see the discussion take place in the January committee meeting.

Opinion: Sen. Ken Bogner

Miles City Star | [Out-compete China with tech freedom](#)

Increasingly, Americans are recognizing the threat that China represents. It's time for our policymakers to take notice as well and begin to implement policy that treats this threat with the gravity it deserves. That starts with not tying our hands behind our back with policy that would make U.S.-based technology companies less competitive and innovative.

State government

Lee Newspapers | [Gov. Appoints local prosecutor to fill Yellowstone County District Judge seat](#)

Gov. Greg Gianforte on Wednesday tapped prosecutor Brett Linneweber to fill the Yellowstone County District Court Judge position being vacated by Judge Gregory Todd after he retires this month. Linneweber has served as a senior deputy county attorney since 2014, where he has spent the majority of his time prosecuting criminal cases for the Yellowstone County Attorney's Office... "I'm not going to be creating laws from the bench," Linneweber said. "It will be a common plain reading of the law... so everyday persons should have the same expectation that the law applies equally to them. And they don't have to worry about me creating laws..." Todd called Linneweber a "great appointment..." Linneweber will take the bench in January of 2022. He told the Gazette he intends to file to run in the 2022 election to fill the seat for the remainder of the judge's term as soon as possible.

KTVQ | [Yellowstone County prosecutor appointed state judge](#)

Gov. Greg Gianforte announced Wednesday he is appointing Brett Linneweber to serve on the Thirteenth Judicial District Court in Yellowstone County. Linneweber fills the vacancy created by Thirteenth Judicial District Judge Gregory Todd's retirement.



Lee Newspapers | ['It is time we voice our dissent': Four more school superintendents criticize Arntzen](#)

Four county school superintendents from around the state have authored a letter of concern regarding state Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen's leadership of the Office of Public Instruction. The letter was sent to Arntzen, Gov. Greg Gianforte and the Board of Education as a public comment ahead of its November meeting. The concerns are similar to those expressed by eight AA superintendents who wrote a letter of concern to Arntzen earlier this week. The county superintendents who signed the latest letter are Erin Lipkind of Missoula County, Cathy Maloney of Butte-Silver Bow County, Susan Beley of Wheatland County and Susan Metcalf of Sweet Grass County...Lipkind has not received a response from either OPI or the governor's office since sending the letter to them over two weeks ago, she said.

Billings Gazette | [DEQ seeks comments on new plan to look for gold at Zortman Mine Complex](#)

Bozeman man has submitted a second application to search for gold atop the abandoned Zortman Mine Complex in the Little Rocky Mountains. Luke Ployhar, who owns [Blue Arc LLC](#), was already authorized in February by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality to conduct a similar extraction of rock and have it assayed for precious metals. However, the work approved under the first state permit cannot start until he posts bond.

Opinion: Jerry Bennett, Lincoln Co. commissioner, former legislator

Flathead Beacon | [Montana DEQ Made the Right Decision](#)

It is with this background that I applaud and support the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's decision to drop the case against Hecla's Montana subsidiaries and its CEO Phil Baker. Hecla has proven itself to be the kind of company that our local area and state should embrace as we look toward a future of resource management and environmental protection.

Opinion: Darrell Ehrlick (editor)

Daily Montanan | [Silence is golden: Montana politicians pay for silence and bet you won't notice](#)

So, Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen will speak to disgraced, debunked pillow peddler Mike Lindell, but he won't speak to the majority of Montana media...Yet, how the government operates and its responsiveness to inquiries isn't just about some Republican jihad against the much maligned media. Instead, it's a very plain, very good window into how your Montana government is operating. It's an extension of the town hall meetings that folks like Sen. Steve Daines aren't holding, or the cleverly planned meetings that Gov. Greg Gianforte's staff try to script so as to avoid any tough question, opposition, or anything less than adulation. And for the record, the previous Bullock administration, at times, suffered from a much weaker variant of the same transparency disease...Our colleagues at the Montana Free Press last week sent out a note that listed some of the communication people in the state, many of whom knock down more than \$100,000 a year, much more than the average Montanan household income. They note that for all that state taxpayer funding, there's precious little information coming from it.

Other Montana news**MTN | [Montana senators vote to block vaccine mandate for bigger businesses](#)**

With Democratic Sen. Jon Tester joining all 50 Republicans and one other Democrat, the U.S. Senate voted 52-48 for a resolution blocking the Biden administration's rule requiring businesses with more than 100 employees to have their workers vaccinated against COVID-19...However, the measure is unlikely to succeed. It now goes to the Democratic-controlled House, where it will face opposition. President Biden also has promised to veto the resolution, should it reach his desk.

Montana Kaimin | [Green Light](#)

After a snowboarding accident in 2006 left him almost fully paralyzed, Brinkley has committed much of his time to researching marijuana strain cultivation and tending to his own growth operation. Brinkley, a green card holder for over four years, smokes legally every day to relieve his anxiety and nerve pain associated with his injury. His sale of marijuana to others to supplement his disability checks is illegal in Montana, but it won't be for long...Zabawa..."I'm going to do everything I can with Safe Montana to put recreational marijuana dispensaries out of business."

MTN | [Montana grizzly steps getting attention at annual bear management meeting](#)

Montana's [request to remove federal protections for grizzly bears along the Northern Continental Divide](#) is getting some attention this week, as managers from agencies all across the region gather for their annual winter meeting...While he didn't add much to the Governor's declaration, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Wildlife Division head Ken McDonald told his colleagues the [FWP Fish and Wildlife Commission](#) will be considering a revised "Tri-State" agreement with Idaho and Wyoming for state management of bears, including hunting.

Opinion: Matt Rosendale

Missoulian | [Afghan resettlement endangers our communities](#)

Following the Biden Administration's completely mismanaged withdrawal from Afghanistan, I have been extremely vocal in opposition to the mass evacuation and resettlement of Afghan nationals in America. I knew when I took this stance it would be controversial, but I believed then — as I do now — that the rushed evacuation and resettlement of tens of thousands of unvetted Afghan nationals in America poses a serious threat to the safety and security of our communities and our nation.

National**The Center Square | [Staycations, COVID procedures helped Montana's outdoor industry recover, industry group says](#)**

Montana's outdoor recreation industry suffered huge losses in the first three months of 2020 because of the pandemic, but it made a major turnaround for the rest of the year, according to an industry representative...Staycations and hastily developed COVID health safety procedures helped the industry recover, according to Mac Minard, executive director of the Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)...The applications for big-game licenses set an all-time record entering the 2021 draw, with 30 to 40% more applicants than the number of non-resident licenses that were available. "And that created a pretty damn serious problem post-draw," Minard said...The Legislature passed legislation for the one-time issue of additional licenses, which the governor signed.

Reuters | [U.S. Supreme Court conservatives lean toward more public dollars for religious schools](#)

Conservative U.S. Supreme Court justices on Wednesday appeared ready to further expand public funding of religiously based entities, indicating sympathy toward a challenge by two Christian families to a Maine tuition assistance program that excludes private schools that promote religious beliefs...The court's [ruling last year](#) in a Montana case paved the way for more taxpayer dollars to flow to religious schools...Last year's Montana ruling prevented states from disqualifying schools from public aid based on their religious status or affiliation. The Maine case goes further, with the possibility looming of requiring states that subsidize private education to also fund religious activities.

KSL (Utah) | [The drama behind a hit TV show's million-dollar exit](#)

About 75% of the show's first three seasons were shot in the Beehive State, using Utah Film Studios, of which Moore is the vice president of operations and marketing, as a home base...But the show's fourth season, which aired in November, was filmed almost entirely in Montana. When Paramount moved north, it took the millions it was spending on rural Utah with it...So Paramount moved production to Montana, [where the state Legislature raised its cap](#) on incentives to \$10 million before the 2021 session, then bumped it up to \$12 million during the session.

AP | [US jobless claims at 52-year low amid seasonal volatility](#)

The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits plunged last week to the lowest level in 52 years, more evidence that the U.S. job market is recovering from last year's coronavirus recession. Unemployment claims dropped by 43,000 to 184,000 last week, the lowest since September 1969, the Labor Department said Thursday.

CNBC | [Labor productivity rate falls at the fastest pace since 1960](#)

Labor productivity fell at the fastest rate in more than 60 years in the third quarter, according to a Labor Department report Tuesday. A measure of output versus energy, nonfarm business sector productivity declined 5.2% from the previous three-month period, worse than the Dow Jones estimate for a drop of 5%, and the worst since the second quarter of 1960...Federal Reserve officials watch the productivity data closely for its impact on inflation. Low productivity levels tend to boost inflation as companies are forced to raise prices as unit labor costs increase and profit margins come under pressure.

Wall Street Journal | [Schools Confront a Wave of Student Misbehavior, Driven by Months of Remote Learning](#)

School districts across the U.S. say they are seeing a surge of student misbehavior in the [return to in-person learning](#), after months of closures and disruptions due to the pandemic...Schools have seen an increase in both minor incidents, like students talking in class, and more serious issues, such as fights and gun possession...The National Association of School Resource Officers said it has seen a rise in gun-related incidents in schools.

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Susan, Could you please fill this records request?

Thanks!

Steve

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Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Montana's public records laws.

Sincerely,

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Legislature

Montana Free Press | [Election fraud argument gets an audience with Montana's Department of Justice](#)

Spokesperson Emilee Cantrell told Montana Free Press via email this week that members of Knudsen's staff, whom she did not identify, met Nov. 10 at the attorney general's office with Sen. Theresa Manzella, R-Stevensville, and an unspecified number of "guests" including MyPillow founder Mike Lindell...Cantrell did not confirm whether Knudsen attended the Nov. 10 meeting, which has not been previously reported, and did not respond to a follow-up email requesting additional information about what topics were discussed. In an email to MTFP Thursday, Manzella said she facilitated the meeting between Knudsen and others including Frank, Lindell, Lindell attorney Kurt Olsen, and an unnamed member of the Florida-based firm Cyber Ninjas, which conducted a review of 2020 ballots in Maricopa County on behalf of the Arizona Senate this year. Manzella said Rep. Brad Tschida, R-Missoula, also attended. "The purpose of the meeting was to present evidence of election irregularities and vulnerabilities to the AG for consideration, with the goal of having him sign on in support of the lawsuit Lindell intended to drop on Nov. 23rd," Manzella wrote. "Ultimately, he did not sign onto the lawsuit"...MTFP has reached out to leadership at the Montana Legislature for an update on the October request by 86 Republican lawmakers, for [a special select committee to investigate the state's 2020 election](#). Majority spokesperson Kyle Schmauch replied that Senate President Mark Blasdel has "spoken with Sen. Manzella and others several times" to discuss options. "Sen. Manzella is still looking into those options," Schmauch wrote. "There's currently no firm timeline on any decisions or next course of action as those discussions are ongoing."

MTN | [Exonerated man files first claim for compensation under new law](#)

Cody Marble, exonerated in 2017 after spending more than a decade behind bars on a Missoula rape conviction, is the first person to file a claim under a new state law to compensate the wrongly convicted in Montana. Marble, 37, who now lives in Conrad, filed the claim in late September in state District Court, starting a process under which he could be eligible for as much as \$300,000 – in addition to two years of tuition assistance at a Montana state college and a year of health-insurance coverage. Yet Marble told MTN News he's not exactly pleased about the process outlined in House Bill 92, which was substantially changed during the final days of the 2021 Legislature, before it was signed into law...Marble sued Missoula County in federal court last year, but withdrew that suit in early September, before he filed the claim with the state, in order to comply with HB92...HB92 also requires claimants to go through another trial process to prove their innocence – even though they've already been exonerated.

Daily Montanan | [Montana lawmakers want DEQ, state to get a handle on aging, leaking gas and oil tanks](#)

A report by the Montana Legislative Audit Division recommends the state begin to look for ways to transform the way it handles leaking underground storage tanks for petroleum products, namely how it will finish clean-up for aging tanks...Since its inception, the fund has cleaned up hundreds of tanks in Montana, and continues to be used, although, as auditors noted, at a decreasing rate...In the report, the auditors ask the legislature to consider whether this system is serving property owners and businesses who may get two different answers from the state government.

Montana Kaimin | [Fall 2021 Special Issue: In the Crosshairs](#)

PDF available for download of Kaimin's special issue focused on HB 102

Opinion: Sens. Blasdel, Smith, Ellsworth and Reps. Galt, Vinton, C. Knudsen

Billings Gazette | [Republicans urge delegation to oppose spending measure](#)

The last thing Montanans want for Christmas is more inflation, more wasteful federal spending, higher taxes, tax breaks for coastal millionaires, and more federal mandates. We urge you to oppose President Biden's reckless agenda. Three "no" votes on the \$2 trillion spending bill from our delegation would be the best presents you could deliver to Montanans this holiday season.

Opinion: Tammi Fisher

Flathead Beacon | [He Knows Not of What He Speaks](#)

Since Mr. Skees swore an oath to defend and uphold the Montana Constitution, his ignorance of its contents is concerning. Moreover, his desire to change the explicit right to privacy enshrined in our state Constitution in the hopes of a different judicial result reflects an ill-informed solution that throws out the proverbial baby with the bathwater. The legislative end to abortion that Skees seeks will not occur even if Montana's right to privacy is explicitly removed from our state Constitution.

State government

Belgrade News | [Breuner named new district judge](#)

I'm blocked by the paywall from reading the article. Saw somewhere that the new judge discusses his relationship with Gianforte in this article.

KXLH | [Gianforte and Jewish leaders celebrate Hanukkah at State Capitol](#)

Jewish leaders gathered at the capitol on Thursday to light the 5th candle on the menorah in honor of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. For the past 15 years, excluding last year due to Covid, the Montana Association of Jewish Communities, or MAJCO, has been celebrating Hanukkah in the capitol. Governor Greg Gianforte stopped by the Menorah lighting and even lent a hand in the lighting of the candles.

Other Montana news

AP | [Wildfire destroys 24 houses in central Montana town](#)

A late-season wildfire that came amid unseasonably warm weather and was pushed by strong winds ripped through a tiny central Montana farming town overnight, burning 24 homes and four grain elevators that had stood for more than a century. Fire crews were putting out hot spots Thursday and officials were assessing the damage done by the fire, which burned 20 square miles (50 square kilometers) of prairie and agricultural land before burning into the town of Denton on Wednesday afternoon. The town's nearly 300 residents evacuated. There were no reports of injuries.

Daily Montanan | [Denton fire 'unprecedented,' 'devastating,' but Fergus County residents resilient](#)

Carl Seilstad was born and raised in Fergus County, and the fire that burned down Denton is the worst he's seen. "I cannot remember this type of devastation within a single community," said Seilstad, a Fergus County commissioner, on Thursday afternoon.

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MTN | [Montana groups on both sides of abortion debate eyeing Supreme Court case](#)

Groups on both sides of the abortion issue in Montana are closely watching a key case challenging Roe v Wade, which is currently under consideration by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Bozeman Chronicle | [Experts predict that trout will recover in the upper Madison River following sudden drop in flows](#)

Fisheries experts are cautiously optimistic that trout populations along the upper Madison River will rebound after a Hebgen Dam malfunction reduced streamflows drastically earlier this week.

KULR 8 | [Sen. Daines meets with Crow Chairman White Clay, Executive Committee](#)

Thursday morning, Senator Steve Daines met with Crow Chairman Frank White Clay and members of the Executive Committee. During the meeting, Sen. Daines emphasized his commitment to working with Crow Nation to help promote economic development projects and ensure the reservation has the law enforcement support it needs.

KGVO | [Daines Lobbies for Bill to Simplify Access to Public Lands](#)

Montana Senator Steve Daines spoke at a Senate hearing on Wednesday to ask for support of a bill with the acronym SOAR (Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation Act)...The Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation Act would simplify the process of getting permits to hunt and fish in Montana. "Because of Montana's checkerboard land ownership patterns, it's quite common out west that an outfitting trip will often cross into multiple land agencies, sometimes in just one day, since each federal land agency has a separate permitting process," he said.

Daily Montanan | [Bozeman, Missoula stand out while others flounder in 2021 LGBTQ+ evaluation](#)

Montana received mostly negative marks from the national Human Rights Campaign's annual evaluation of how well cities support LGBTQ+ residents — of the eight municipalities evaluated in Montana, only two received a score higher than 60 out of 100. Missoula landed at the top of the heap and earned an "All-Star" ranking, but on the other end of the scale, Great Falls raked in just 6 out of 100 points...In Montana, the GOP passed bills barring transgender women athletes from participating in K-16 women's athletics and limiting the medical care transgender youth can receive. The Religious Freedom Restoration Act was also passed by lawmakers who said it will protect Montanans' religious rights, but critics say it gives people a free pass to discriminate against LGBTQ people.

Editorial**Bozeman Chronicle | [The Gallatin County Commission made the right choice in backing the Montana Headwaters Legacy Act](#)**

Gallatin County commissioners rarely take a position on proposed federal legislation. But they chose to do so recently in the case of the Montana Headwaters Legacy Act. And so they should. This bill, introduced by Montana's senior U.S. senator, Jon Tester, would afford various levels federal protections for 385 miles of the state's waterways, including the Gallatin River, Hyalite Creek, Taylor Creek and part of the Madison River...The other two members of Montana's congressional delegation, Sen. Steve Daines and Rep. Matt Rosendale, both Republicans, should take a cue from the bipartisan county commissioners and join Tester, a Democrat, in supporting the bill.

National**Opinion: Steve Bullock****New York Times | [Democrats Are in Trouble in Rural America. But There's a Way Out.](#)**

I take no joy in sounding the alarm, but I do so as a proud Democrat who has won three statewide races in a rural, red state — the Democrats are in trouble in rural America, and their struggles there could doom the party in 2022...I know because I was on the ballot for U.S. Senate and lost...The core problem is a familiar one — Democrats are out of touch with the needs of the ordinary voter...Get out of the cities and you will learn we have a libertarian streak, with a healthy distrust of government. We listen when folks talk about opportunity and fairness, not entitlements. We expect government to play a role in our having a fair shot at a better life, not solve all our problems.

OANN (conservative) | [Sen. Steve Daines: There Is Reason For Optimism That Scotus Will Overturn Roe](#)

Montana Sen. Steve Daines is the founder of the Pro-Life Caucus and says he feels optimistic after Wednesday's Supreme Court hearing on abortion. One America's John Hines has more from the Supreme Court.

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Action Alert for Election Integrity

From : Theresa Manzella <theresa@manzellaformontana.com>

Thu, Dec 02, 2021 09:42 AM

Subject : Action Alert for Election Integrity

To : Manzella <Theresa@manzellaformontana.com>

Good Morning Dear Friends, Colleagues and Citizens.

I wanted to send quick email to update you on the issue of Election Integrity in Montana.

On Nov 10th, I facilitated a meeting between our AG, Austin Knudsen, and Mike Lindell, Dr Doug Frank, Lindell's Attorney- Kurt Olsen and a Cyber Ninja. Rep Brad Tschida was also in attendance, as was Mr. Lindell's and Dr Franks personal assistant, Michele. The purpose of the meeting was to present evidence of election irregularities and vulnerabilities to the AG for consideration, with the goal of having him sign on in support of the lawsuit Mr. Lindell intended to drop on Nov 23rd. Ultimately, our AG did not sign onto the lawsuit. His reasons for not signing on to the lawsuit were given to me secondhand, so I'll have to refer you back to him or his office for specific details. I was told second hand that the reason for the resistance was that the 2000 page lawsuit was too large to thoroughly vet in the allotted time frame, which was Nov 10th - Nov 23rd. On Nov 21, the lawsuit was streamlined to 81 pages containing only evidence that had been previously heard by the courts, but still, not a single State AG in the country would sign onto the case.

This Mon, Dec 6th, Rep Brad Tschida and I will go before the Legislative Council seeking appointment and funding of the Special Select Legislative Committee for the purpose of investigating our election process and laws in Montana. If you would like to support that effort, please send respectful emails expressing your desire to the following committee members:

Senate President Mark Blasdel - Mark.Blasdel@mtleg.gov

Senator Jason Ellsworth - Jason.Ellsworth@mtleg.gov

Rep Rhonda Knudsen - rhonda.knudsen@mtleg.gov

Sen Cary Smith - cary.smith@mtleg.gov

Rep Casey Knudsen - Casey.knudsen@mtleg.com

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Sen Pat Flowers - pat.flowers@mtleg.gov

Rep Derek Harvey - derek.harvey@mtleg.gov

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Additional details about the committee can be found here - <https://leg.mt.gov/legislator-information/roster/individual/7056>

Despite Republicans holding large majorities in the Montana State Legislature, the Legislative Council Committee is equally split, 50/50 between Republicans and Democrats. To attain success, we need a Democrat to vote in support of our proposal.

Thank you for your commitment to the worthy cause of fair and free elections.

We will press on in our endeavor to honor our Constitutional obligation as provided in Article IV, Section 3 - The legislature shall provide by law the requirements for residence, registration, absentee voting, and administration of elections. It may provide for a system of poll booth registration, **and shall insure the purity of elections and guard against abuses of the electoral process.**

Sen Theresa Manzella

Public Records Act Request (MT-REP-21-1725)

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Please find attached a request for records under Montana's public records laws.

Sincerely,

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Legislature**Helena IR | MT GOP push for special election panel has been building for months**

The local events in western Montana were attended by several state lawmakers central to that push. In early August, six of them had traveled to Sioux Falls for a three-day "Cyber Symposium" organized by Mike Lindell, the chief executive of MyPillow and a prominent Trump donor who has worked relentlessly since Election Day to overturn the official results. Tschida declined to provide more detail on the proposals for the would-be special committee. During a brief phone call last week he confirmed the number of legislators that had signed onto the letter before saying he had to hang up. He could not be reached afterward. Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen has declined to weigh in publicly on the Missoula County allegations. Her office has not responded to repeated interview requests, including during the last two weeks. Rep. Bob Phalen of Lindsay is one of the six GOP lawmakers who traveled to South Dakota for Lindell's symposium in August. Phalen said he returned convinced that the theories demonstrated rampant fraud throughout the nation's election systems. "I think we need to be auditing every state in the union," Phalen said. Schillinger also attended Lindell's symposium. Sen. Doug Kary, a Billings Republican who was one of a dozen GOP lawmakers that didn't sign the letter, suggested another motivation for some of his more moderate colleagues backing the special committee: 2022 primary challenges. Manzella, a Republican from Hamilton who has been central to the push for the special select committee, was explicit about that goal during a speech at Lindell's symposium. "In Montana, we have a little problem with something called 'RINOs,'" Manzella told the audience.

Daily Montanan | EPA: Numeric water quality standards are law until feds rule otherwise

The state of Montana, spurred by a law passed this year, has begun to roll back elements of its pioneering water quality standards, even as federal regulators have questioned the science behind the changes, warned of loopholes and maintained that current metrics are in place until they confirm otherwise, documents obtained by the Daily Montanan show. At issue is Senate Bill 358, a bill passed in the 2021 legislative session essentially repealing a water quality regulatory structure that's been in place for the better part of a decade. But the Environmental Protection Agency, which must approve discharge permits as well as changes to state water quality standards, has repeatedly emphasized in communications with the state and with stakeholders that it will not recognize the changes called for in Senate Bill 358 until it approves them.

Great Falls Tribune | Despite efforts from American Indian Caucus, Montana still doesn't recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day

Sen. Susan Webber, a Democrat who represents Browning, said she wasn't surprised when her bill to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day was shot down in the Montana Legislature. Webber said it's a familiar pattern — members of Montana's American Indian Caucus propose bills for state recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day, and the bills don't pass.

Great Falls Tribune | What do Indigenous people in Montana think about the state's recognition of Columbus Day?

Though more than a dozen states now recognize the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day, Montana is not among them. Members of the American Indian Caucus have criticized the state's recognition of Columbus Day, but what do Indigenous people in Montana think?..Of the 50 people surveyed, 45, or 90%, said they wished the state would recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.

YPR | As some Montana cities celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day, a push to observe the holiday statewide is still ongoing

State Sen. Shane Morigeau has introduced a bill to establish Indigenous Peoples' Day statewide in the last two legislative sessions, but the bills died both times. "As long as I'm elected, I'm going to be introducing legislation like this every session and forcing the conversation whether people are committed to passing it or not," he said.

Montana Right Now | Attempts to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day in Montana continue

Montana officially recognizes Columbus Day over Indigenous Peoples' Day, however official recognition to change the name has been brought in front of the legislature and shot down several times. The idea of re-assigning this day has come up in at least the last three state legislative sessions. State Senator Susan Webber of Browning introduced one of those bills.

MTPR | Montana lawmaker calls for state recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day

A Democratic state senator is calling on Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte to issue an executive order to implement Indigenous Peoples' Day. The request comes after President Joe Biden became the first president to issue a proclamation commemorating Indigenous Peoples' Day. Standing on the steps of the Missoula County Courthouse Monday, state Sen. Shane Morigeau again called for a renaming of the day that he says signifies violence and mistreatment of Indigenous people. Morigeau, a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, says he hasn't formally asked Gianforte to issue the executive order.

Montana Talks (conservative) | A 360 VIEW OF "THE RIGHT TO REPAIR" DEBATE IN MONTANA

We had a great conversation at the Montana Equipment Dealers Association conference in Whitefish, Montana last week. And it wasn't just a one-sided conversation with equipment dealers. We had legislators, stockgrowers, grain growers, and Farm Bureau leaders all in the house as well. State Senator Ryan Osmundson (R-Buffalo) is a farmer and rancher who now serves as the governor's budget director. Check out the full audio from our podcast below:

*Opinion: Brian Schweitzer***Montana Standard, others | So the Republican landslide was a fraud?**

Congratulations to Montana Republicans! In the November 2020 elections you had the largest Republican victories in the history of Montana. Montana Republicans rightly celebrated as they entered 2021, the year to start governing. But in the last 10 months they must have discovered some very nefarious deeds in their election as they now suggest it was fraudulent. How could that be?..But, I am sure that most of Montana, including grassroots Republicans, must have been shocked when they found that 88% of their elected Republican Montana legislators have signed a letter to investigate the integrity of this historic Montana election of theirs. Do they know something that we don't know about how they won such a historic landslide victory? Do they know of operatives who are crooked in the Secretary of State's office or the County election offices? Are they accusing our good Republican neighbors, those who volunteer at local election offices, guilty of corruption?

*Opinion: Kendall Cotton, Frontier Institute***Lee Newspapers | Pandemic exposed the flaws of one-size-fits-all education**

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It's time to recognize the fundamental problem driving these conflicts is the state's insistence that we force one answer for education on everyone...Freedom in education is the obvious solution: Let educators choose how to teach and parents choose the best education for their kids. For parents who want their school to require masks, allow them to choose schools that embrace such policies. And give other parents concerned about the effects of masking their kids the same choice...Hopefully, lawmakers in the next legislative session will listen to parents and adopt measures to bring more freedom in education to Montana.

State government

MTN | [Fed money to bolster child care in Montana now available](#)

Child-care providers in Montana can start applying for a share of \$31 million in federal funds, meant to bolster their business and make a dent in the state's shortage of child-care slots. The Gianforte administration launched the application process Thursday, and some 400 providers attended an on-line meeting that evening to learn about it, state officials said...The state already had a shortage of child-care slots, but state officials have said 171 child-care programs closed during the pandemic.

MTN | [MT Board of Pharmacy reinstates emergency rule to help on vaccines](#)

The state Board of Pharmacy has issued an emergency order to help pharmacists oversee and administer more vaccines for Covid-19 or other diseases – after that power had been revoked by Gov. Greg Gianforte. The board issued the order last week, reinstating Montana pharmacists' emergency authority to oversee other health-care professionals, such as nurses, and supervise additional pharmacy technicians, both for administering vaccines.

Helena IR | [FWP undergoing restructuring with new Parks and Recreation division](#)

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks has begun a significant restructuring including the hiring of new upper management that will oversee a gamut of responsibilities from statewide site maintenance to recreation management. Director Hank Worsch is pushing the change, which includes shifting several programs into a new FWP Parks and Recreation Division.

Helena IR | [Managing Montana's elk wealth is causing heartburn for landowners, FWP and hunters](#)

Elk have become a political animal in Montana. For decades, predators like grizzly bears and wolves were the ones to incite political passion. Yet slowly, as elk populations have grown and herds have re-established a presence where they weren't seen for a century, elk have entered Montana's political crosshairs.

Billings Gazette | [Trump voters carry most would-be MT congressional districts](#)

There are nine different maps carving Montana into two U.S. House districts, all of which are posted for public comment on the state Districting and Apportionment website. The public has until Oct. 30 to respond before the districts must be settled. State law requires a decision by mid-November...There's consensus that three of the nine configurations create a western district that's highly competitive, while all nine maps create eastern districts strongly favoring Republicans. This is a look at the political lean of each map based on votes cast for president in 2020.

Editorial

Daily Inter Lake | [Redistricting should follow east-west divide](#)

The group narrowed the options to nine maps last week, and the contrast is striking...Meanwhile, the Democrats are entirely unconcerned about the natural geographic east-west split...While competitiveness is important, it shouldn't come at the cost of ripping apart counties and geographically similar regions...Montana is a big state, and a natural east-west split following the Divide is the common-sense approach the commission should follow.

Opinion: David Parker & Kal Munis

Bozeman Chronicle | [Changing how we run our elections in Montana could lead to better government](#)

To honor the cherished independence of Montanans, we'd like to suggest a better way of choosing our leaders: first, get rid of partisan primaries. Let's have every candidate run on the same ballot in the primary and allow every eligible voter, regardless of party, vote to nominate candidates. Instead of just two candidates advancing to the November general election, the top four finishers should... To address this let's give voters the option of ranking the four candidates: first choice, second choice, third choice, etc...Overall, RCV is a promising alternative to plurality winner systems – most notably, RCV eliminates the "spoiler effect" that independents and third parties are likely to play in competitive districts within plurality systems...For example, doing away with nonpartisan primaries may benefit Democrats, whereas only instituting RCV may benefit Republicans. Replacing both partisan primaries and the plurality winner system in Montana would not clearly advantage either party, but would be a boon for the democratic health of the Last Best Place.

Opinion: George Ochenski

Missoulian | [Gianforte can run, but he cannot hide](#)

Plagued by a mounting number of very serious problems in Montana, what did Gov. Greg Gianforte opt to do? No, he did not "put his shoulder to the wheel" and get to work addressing those issues — which would be doing the job he was elected and paid by taxpayers to do. Nope, he jumped on a plane and flew down to Texas to tour the southern border with a handful of other GOP "red state" governors — and take a float trip down the Rio Grande. As the old saying goes, "you can run, but you can't hide," and boy oh boy does that apply to Gianforte right now.

Other Montana news

MTPR | [September was the year's deadliest month for COVID in Montana](#)

September was this year's deadliest month for COVID-19 in Montana. According to the state health department, 191 people died in September of COVID-related complications, topping January's death count. The pandemic shows no sign of slowing in Montana.

MTPR | [Staff shortages plague hospitals as COVID patients fill half of Montana's ICU beds](#)

As COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations decline across the country, the pandemic in Montana has continued to get worse. The average number of hospitalizations grew by nearly 40% over the past month.

Daily Inter Lake | [Sen. Daines' bill to reopen border fails in Senate](#)

Despite drawing bipartisan support, a Montana-led effort to reopen traffic across the U.S.-Canada border fell short in Congress last week...While Democrats, including Montana's U.S. Sen. Jon Tester, have voiced support for reopening the border, Rachel Dumke, deputy press secretary for Daines, said none have signed onto the bill. By objecting to the legislation on behalf of Democrats, Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.) blocked the bill from advancing to the House, according to Dumke.

Helena IR | [Daines' effort to move bill reopening northern border stalled](#)

U.S. Sen. Steve Daines attempted Thursday to lift his bill to allow Canadian traffic into the U.S. out of committee and through the Senate, which would have sent the legislation to the House. The procedure, which requires unanimous approval from the Senate, was stifled by a single objection, leaving the bill in place...In a statement Friday, Tester again criticized the Biden administration's decision to extend the border closure. A spokesperson for Tester did not comment directly on Carper's objection.

MTN | [Montana's US Senators continue push to reopen the US-Canada border](#)

Despite bipartisan support for reopening the border, Democrats in the Senate blocked the bill from passing.

Billings Gazette | [Sugar beets harvesting well, despite hot summer](#)

Montana sugar beet farmers are expecting a decent crop, despite weather challenges due to record-breaking summer heat...The harvest will be an average 34 tons per acre with good sugar content. That's no small matter given the hot temperatures that plants endured in June...There are usually 45,000 acres of sugar beets planted along the Yellowstone River drainage in southeast and northeast Montana, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The crop is worth about \$100 million a year.

Bozeman Chronicle | [Bozeman putting future of affordable housing funds to voters](#)

Bozeman voters will be asked in November to decide whether to raise property taxes to fund affordable housing efforts in the city. If approved, the community housing levy would allow city commissioners to levy up to seven mills annually, which would cost the owner of a \$364,000 home almost \$34 annually could raise \$9.5 million over ten years. Under the proposed ballot measure, city commissioners would vote annually on how many mills to levy for community housing, with a cap of seven. City officials say the funds could go to a range of uses, such as helping developers defray costs for infrastructure or land.

Lee Newspapers | [University of Montana launches investigation into computer science professor's blog posts](#)

Students, staff and others in the University of Montana community are calling for computer science professor Rob Smith to be fired after the [student newspaper reported](#) on several of his blog posts and videos that made troubling statements about women, Muslims and individuals who are LGBTQ. Smith is [currently employed](#) as a tenured faculty member "at this minute," according to UM spokesman Dave Kuntz. The university is launching an investigation into the situation. "I am personally disgusted by the homophobic and misogynistic views that were reported in the Montana Kaimin," UM President Seth Bodnar said in a statement on Monday.

MTN | [Zinke, Olszewski report fundraising totals for MT congressional race](#)

In the GOP primary race for Montana's new congressional seat, former Congressman Ryan Zinke said Monday he raised about \$600,000 for his campaign during the past three months – or twice the amount of his opponent, former state Sen. Al Olszewski...Olszewski revealed his fundraising totals Monday morning, saying he met his goal of raising \$300,000 in the past three months – including \$10,000 from his own pocket.

MTN | National story delves into Zinke's residence, MT congressional race

The news website Politico Friday dove into the race for Montana's new congressional seat, running a lengthy piece suggesting that Republican Ryan Zinke – a leading candidate in the contest – may be only a part-time resident of Montana...The Zinke campaign said the insinuations are false, and that he lives full-time in Whitefish, which is his hometown. The campaign also said Politico refused to print his full response to their story and inquiries, and that his son's girlfriend, Nikita Packard, denies that she said anything as described in the article...Yet Zinke's opponent in the Republican primary for the congressional seat – former state Sen. Al Olszewski of Kalispell – jumped into the fray as well Friday, saying he doesn't believe Zinke is a full-time Montana resident.

Lee Newspapers | Tester feeling good but on the fence about reelection

U.S. Sen. Jon Tester said Friday that he's "feeling positively" about running for a fourth term in 2024 but hasn't committed yet. Tester said the same earlier in the week in a Politico article. Tester is the only Montana Democrat to win a statewide election since 2018.

*Editorial***Billings Gazette | Open northern border — now**

Memo to President Biden: Open up the border with Canada. Now...We applaud our Montana congressional delegation for their hard work in trying to force a Congressional solution. Sen. Steve Daines, R-Montana, tried to pass a measure to open the border last week, only to be stymied by one Democrat — Sen. Tom Carper of Delaware, apparently carrying the CDC's water on this, for stated reasons that can only be described as lame. Sen. Jon Tester, D-Montana, and Rep. Matt Rosendale, R-Mont., all have done what they could to get movement from the federal government.

*Editorial***Missoulian | Threatening health care workers is unacceptable**

And taking out hostility on health care workers only worsens the problem. Many are quitting the profession rather than put up with this behavior, adding to the chronic understaffing that many facilities face just when their services are needed the most.

National**Washington Examiner | Behind the spicy statements: Matt Rosendale makes his mark on House GOP**

From being among the first to call for Wyoming Rep. Liz Cheney's ousting to taking heat for objecting to Afghan evacuees being settled in his state, Republican Rep. Matt Rosendale of Montana is making a splash during his first term in Congress and becoming known for spicy press statements that prompt national attention. Rosendale, 61, speaks with a sharp intensity and piercing eye contact that matches his fiery press statements that do not mince words. But he does not quite fall in the category of political rabble-rousers chiming in on every headline of the day simply to get noticed. "I don't just go out there and ready, fire, aim," Rosendale told the Washington Examiner...But don't take Rosendale's intensity and long political resume as a sign that he is aiming to become a decadeslong institution in Congress. In 10 years, Rosendale said, "I want to be back at my ranch in Montana with Washington, D.C., in my rearview mirror, one-third the size that it is today."

Wall Street Journal | Indian Health Service Managers Protected a Pedophile in Their Midst. Now the Agency Is Protecting Them.

Senior officials failed to act on warnings that Stanley Patrick Weber was preying on Native American boys and even retaliated against whistleblowers, according to an internal report. The IHS has attempted to hide some of their identities.

AP | US appeals court lets Texas resume ban on most abortions

A federal appeals court Friday night quickly allowed Texas to resume banning most abortions, just one day after clinics began racing to serve patients again for the first time since early September. A one-page order by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated the nation's strictest abortion law, which bans abortions **once cardiac activity is detected**, usually around six weeks. It makes **no exceptions in cases of rape or incest**.

AP | Biden to restore 3 national monuments cut by Trump

President Joe Biden will restore two sprawling national monuments in Utah that have been at the center of a long-running public lands dispute, and a separate marine conservation area in New England that recently has been used for commercial fishing. Environmental protections at all three monuments had been stripped by former President Donald Trump.

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Judicial**Daily Montanan | District judge rules against Legislature in judicial subpoena case**

Supreme Court Justice Jim Rice had fought the subpoenas and argued the Legislature did not have the power to issue April's flurry of demands. While McMahon sided with Rice in saying the Legislature did not have the power to issue all the subpoenas, he did not grant Rice's request to quash future legislative subpoenas...In a statement on the ruling, Rice defended his actions. "While none of my emails or communications were improper or inappropriate, I challenged the subpoena in court to defend my office from an unlawful attack, to uphold the integrity of our institutions and constitutional system of separation of powers, and to protect the personal communications of judges," he wrote...In his ruling, McMahon said it is out of the constitutional scope of the Legislature to investigate claims of judicial misconduct.

Legislature**MTN | Judge extends order blocking MT abortion restrictions from taking effect**

A state district judge Thursday extended his order blocking three new laws restricting and regulating abortion in Montana, and indicated he believes all three are unconstitutional. District Judge Michael Moses issued a preliminary injunction blocking the laws from being enforced, while he decides their constitutionality – an extension of his temporary order issued a week ago, the day before the laws took effect. In the 35-page order issued late Thursday, Moses said he blocked the laws because they would cause "irreparable harm" to Planned Parenthood of Montana and its patients, by taking away a "constitutionally protected right" to an abortion.

AP | Judge blocks new Montana abortion laws amid legal challenge

Yellowstone District Court Judge Michael Moses issued a preliminary injunction Thursday that temporarily stops the laws from going into effect, after Planned Parenthood filed a lawsuit against the state in August arguing the new laws violate the Montana Constitution.

Lee Newspapers | Billings judge halts 3 MT abortion laws while legal challenge plays out

"This is an important and hard-fought victory. We're thrilled that the Montana district court preliminarily blocked these unconstitutional laws, protecting Montanans' access to safe, legal abortion," said Planned Parenthood of Montana president and CEO Martha Stahl in a press release after the order. "Planned Parenthood will always fight for our patients and stand up to anti-abortion lawmakers who willfully and cruelly work to undermine access to basic health care." The attorney general's office, which is representing the state in defending the laws, criticized the injection late Thursday. "The order unfortunately deprives women and unborn children of commonsense health protections. It's not surprising that Planned Parenthood is attacking our laws since no one benefits more from substandard health protections than abortionists and their businesses," spokesperson Emilee Cantrell wrote in an email.

Montana Free Press | Judge blocks abortion laws while case proceeds

Moses wrote that the plaintiffs had successfully argued that all three laws appear unconstitutional under the state's rights to privacy, individual dignity and equal protection, therefore meeting the threshold for a preliminary injunction while the case can be evaluated on its merits.

Frontier Institute blog (free market think tank) | FACIAL RECOGNITION IN MONTANA

During last month's meeting, the Montana State Legislature's Interim Committee on Economic Affairs discussed its plan for a [study on the use of Facial Recognition Technology](#)...While law

enforcement officers need either a warrant or probable cause to secure an individual's fingerprint ([Hayes v. Florida](#)), there are no protections for an individual's unique biometric facial features... Several Montana agencies have confirmed the use of facial recognition, however it is unclear the full extent to which the technology is being used.

Opinion: Rep. Jessica Karjala

Billings Gazette | [Gianforte's failure to lead contributes to COVID surge](#)

Gianforte spent the spring and the summer hiding behind talking points, instead of using the power of his office to make sure our state was taking the steps necessary to put this pandemic behind us...Now that we are here, Gianforte still refuses to lead and take necessary measures to save lives and avoid further crisis. Gianforte may have approved Montana National Guard supporting our hospitals, but when any one hospital in Montana has staff shortages, this just isn't enough.

State government

Sidney Herald | [Gianforte talks marijuana, law enforcement and COVID-19 vaccines](#)

The Sidney Herald is concluding its three-part series on a town hall meeting held by Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte. Gianforte talked about, the legalization of marijuana, law enforcement issues, healthcare and COVID-19 vaccinations in particular, encouraging the public to get vaccinated but also stating it will not be mandated in Montana...Gianforte was also asked about lawsuits being filed claiming HB702 was unconstitutional and if there was a possibility that HB 702 had any unintentional consequences that had not been intended. The governor replied, "It's constitutional. If it were not I would not have signed it and we're going to enforce Montana law."

Montana Standard | [DEQ approves exploration license for Blackjack project in Butte](#)

Underground mining exploration moved closer this week to returning to Butte. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has approved Butte Blackjack Operating LLC's application for an exploration license. On Monday, DEQ issued a final environmental assessment for the proposed exploration near Walkerville. The agency announced Wednesday it had approved the exploration license. Blackjack will be required to file a reclamation and revegetation bond with DEQ in an amount to be determined by the agency.

Lee Newspapers | [State epidemiologists say administration's emergency mask rule spread misinformation](#)

In response to a records request, Montana's state health department Thursday released a letter signed by its own epidemiologists raising sharp concerns over an emergency rule issued by the department over mask use in schools as classes started this fall. The emergency rule "contributes to the spread of misinformation and adds confusion to those who are trying to make informed decisions to keep their kids and communities safe," the 18 epidemiologists in the state Department of Public Health and Human Services wrote in the letter sent to Director Adam Meier dated Sept. 17...The health department also confirmed two epidemiologists have recently left their positions, including one who signed onto the letter.

Montana Free Press | [Nine ways to divide Montana](#)

An effort to divide Montana into two districts for U.S. House elections over the next decade now has a set of nine finalist maps — and an unmistakable partisan divide. The maps were advanced this week by the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission, which is up against a Nov. 14 deadline for drawing the new congressional districts...In addition to accepting written comment, the commission plans to take testimony at its next meeting, scheduled for Oct. 19, and then adopt a "tentative final" map at an Oct. 21 work session. The public will then have a chance to weigh in on the singular proposal at an Oct. 30 hearing.

Other Montana news

Lee Newspapers | [Montanans' federal income tax gap was \\$219.8M in 2020](#)

More than \$219 million in federal income taxes owed by Montanans went unpaid in fiscal year 2020, according to estimates by the state Department of Revenue. Those unpaid taxes are part of a larger "tax gap" of the under-collections that the U.S. Treasury Department estimates will short the U.S. government \$7 trillion over the next decade...Biden's plan for getting those unpaid taxes in the bag isn't sitting well with Montana's delegation. The president is asking for more stringent reporting from banks. Neither Senators Steve Daines, a Republican, or Democrat Jon Tester are on board.

Billings Gazette | [County wades into the weeds for regulating recreational pot](#)

Yellowstone County leaders are watching the clock and working to figure out the best way to regulate soon-to-be legalized marijuana in the areas outside Billings city limits. On Jan. 1, recreational marijuana goes on sale legally in the state and Yellowstone County commissioners are trying to figure out the best way to implement it throughout the county. Complicating the issue are state regulations that have yet to be finalized and figuring out how best to communicate with those state regulators.

Hi-Line Today | [Senate Hearing Held to Discuss Ratification of Fort Belknap Water Compact](#)

The U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs convened on Wednesday and heard testimony from Fort Belknap President Andrew Werk Jr., about S. 1911, the Fort Belknap Water Rights Settlement Act of 2021. Fort Belknap's Water Compact was approved by the Montana Legislature back in 2001 but has been awaiting ratification from U.S. Congress. Senator Jon Tester, the sponsor of the bill, said that although the settlement may result in lawsuits, Fort Belknap's water rights must be honored.

AP | [Montana coal mine admits violating safety regulations](#)

A central Montana coal mine pleaded guilty Thursday to federal charges the company violated environmental and employee safety regulations as part of a plea agreement that calls for a \$1 million fine, the U.S. Attorney's Office for Montana said. Signal Peak Energy, through a representative, pleaded guilty to four counts of willful violation of health and safety standards.

MTN | [Signal Peak coal mine near Roundup agrees to \\$1M plea deal for federal violations](#)

The owners of an underground coal mine near Roundup admitted Thursday in federal court to criminal charges of illegally disposing of mine waste and covering up employee injuries, according to Acting U.S. Attorney Leif M. Johnson. Signal Peak Energy agreed as part of a proposed plea deal to pay a \$1 million fine, or the maximum of \$250,000 for each misdemeanor charge.

MTN | [Dem candidates in MT's new House district release fundraising numbers](#)

Democratic candidates in the crowded race for Montana's new U.S. House seat reported their first fund-raising numbers Thursday, with Bozeman public-health expert Cora Neumann leading the pack. Neumann, who also had a brief U.S. Senate candidacy in 2020, reported raising \$469,000 for the first three months of her campaign. Missoula attorney Monica Tranel said she raised \$244,000 during the same period, while state Rep. Laurie Bishop of Livingston said she raised about \$117,000.

Daily Montanan | [Law students feel relief at resignations, sadness at experiences of women](#)

News of resignations by the Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana dean and associate dean of students elicited "widespread relief" from many students Thursday, some sadness the situation had to reach a boiling point, but also hope for a fresh start.

National

Pew | [Red States Have Limited Options for Fighting Biden's Vaccine Rules](#)

As Montana intensive care units fill with critically ill, mostly unvaccinated COVID-19 patients, hospital leaders there are caught between two laws that dictate whether they can require their employees to get immunized against the coronavirus. A state law that Republican Gov. Greg Gianforte signed in May prohibits Montana employers from requiring workers to get vaccinated. But President Joe Biden plans to require health care employers to mandate worker vaccinations at facilities that treat patients with public health insurance. Facilities that don't comply risk losing federal reimbursement.

Politico Magazine | [Ryan Zinke is Running for Office Again in Montana. On Instagram, He's Often in Santa Barbara.](#)

[It's long been known](#) that Zinke splits his time between Whitefish and Santa Barbara, California, where his wife owns property and a yacht — a point [critics have seized on in his previous congressional races](#), in 2014 and 2016...Zinke's political opponents are clearly trying to emphasize the point — "I think it's pretty obvious when you show up in March with a really killer tan that you haven't been here for a long time," said Jennifer Fielder, a Republican former state senator who supports Zinke's GOP primary challenger — and his wife's social media has only added fuel to their critique. From late 2018 until spring of this year, when Zinke's campaign launched, Lolita Zinke's Instagram feed has featured considerably more photos of her and her husband in Santa Barbara than in Montana...Exiting the property, Nikita Packard identified herself as Zinke's son's 22-year-old girlfriend and told a POLITICO photographer that she lived in the house, but that Zinke did not. Packard did not say where the former secretary resides permanently, and she did not respond to later attempts to confirm details...Speaking on behalf of the campaign, a consultant said the idea that Zinke does not live in Montana is "absurd." "It's flat out wrong. All the Pinocchios," Heather Swift wrote through a Twitter direct message...Zinke's campaign did not answer questions about the amount of time the candidate has spent in California compared with Montana... "They've been saying that about Zinke since he first ran for office here, and that didn't stick then," added Chris Shipp, former executive director of the Montana GOP and Trump's state director in 2016. "Just because someone has family in another state that they go and spend time with does not negate the fact that they are a Montanan..." "Maybe if he had come back after he resigned as Interior secretary and moved back to Whitefish and came back to the community, that would be something. But Ryan didn't show up until there was an announcement for an open seat," said Al Olszewski, a former Montana state senator who is Zinke's sole declared Republican challenger.

States Newsroom | [GOP pushes back against FBI, Department of Justice looking into school board threats](#)

Congressional Republicans on Thursday objected to a move by the Justice Department to investigate violent threats made against local school board members and teachers, arguing that the federal agency is "policing the speech of citizens and concerned parents"...Montana Congressman Matt Rosendale was among the members who signed off on the letter.

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The Hill | Idaho GOP official says he is sending Mike Lindell bill for election audit

An Idaho GOP official said Thursday he is sending MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell a bill for the state's election audit after the Trump ally alleged there was widespread fraud. Idaho Chief Deputy Secretary of State Chad Houck told the Idaho Statesman that the bill could be around \$6,500 but that it will be another two weeks until the total amount is determined. "Why not try and get Lindell to reimburse the state for having to refute his false claim?" Houck told the newspaper, adding that his office is "looking into" its options if Lindell refuses to pay the bill.

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A Montana Special Select Committee on Elections is Imperative

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Judicial Watch announced today that it received 624 pages of records from the office of the Secretary of State of Iowa, revealing how state officials pressured social media companies (Twitter and Facebook) to censor posts about the 2020 election. Included in these records were emails from Iowa state officials to representatives of Big Tech pressuring these companies to remove Judicial Watch's posts. The emails show how the state agency successfully pressured Facebook to censor Judicial Watch's post about Iowa's management of its voter rolls.

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Subject: Election Fraud in Montana and Every State in the Union

The top graphics shows just one example how elections are fixed behind the curtain

- And this is why we must convene a Montana Special Select Committee to expose ALL the ways our elections are manipulated.

America must fix 2020 first to assure all voters this massive fraud will never happen again.

- 1. I support Montana Special Select Committee on Elections as Imperative to assure this State never again is allowed to cast one illegal vote.**
- 2. To this end, please check out my suggested revisions in attached Word document of MCA 2019 - Required Specifications For Voting Systems.**
 - a) And use these changes and additions as a template to bring Montana election laws up to speed ASAP to stop the level of fraud which happen in 2020.
- 3. Finally, I have also documented running research of the significant findings of election fraud since the first of this year 2021.**
 - a) Please review this At-A-Glance material at the least by scanning the titles and graphics in links below.
 - b) Election Fraud in America – A National Disgrace is now 98 pages and grows near daily.
 - c) Also note a summary of findings on Montana County elections on Page 95 by Captain Seth Keshel.
 - d) The voting process must be secured down to every legitimate vote as well as the districting process.
 - e) Corporation's most especially transnational corporations must not be allowed to influence and rig our elections by monopolizing the voting equipment.
 - f) The federal government must be forced to stop funding election equipment which is equivalent to meddling with our elections.

Note: Control Click links below to review the election fraud research material I have gathered over the last 9 months.

[Election Fraud in America - A National Disgrace](#)
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[2021-09-11 Jack Notes - More Election Fraud Evidence](#)

[2021-09-11 Globalization Via Nationalization of Core Systems - Jacks Commentary](#)

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- [2021-08-30 Mike Lindell Talk August 24-25 2021 - Jack's Notes](#)
- [2021-08-15 Mike Lindell's Cyber Symposium August 10-12 Jack's Notes](#)
- [2021-06-11 Jack Letter Responding to MT Missoula Representative French re Election Fraud](#)
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Senators and Representatives:



Concern regarding deviations in our State's election process leads me to again write this letter urging you to support a full forensic audit of the November 2020 federal election in Montana. The recent report from the Maricopa County, Arizona audit exposed numerous reasons to question results in America's Presidential election and down ballot elections (to include initiatives) nationwide.

Sadly, America has had issues with election integrity for decades and steps to correction have not been widely pursued. Perhaps, because it has remained well-hidden. Americans, such as myself, are no longer sweeping this matter under the rug.

Now is the time to address Montana's election integrity to; 1) review the most recent 2020 election for fraudulent or negligent reporting; 2) assure lawful processes using election guidelines are being followed, and; 3) seek criminal charges should willful, unlawful practices be discovered.

It is incumbent on state legislators to take constitutional directives they have been given. There is much evidence, currently, of election fraud in Montana. Therefore, I also encourage a special legislative session to discuss the evidence in each Montana county and pursue a forensic audit as would be deemed.

Upon review of current election processes, changes to eliminate computers (returning to paper ballots) is strongly urged. I am aware of the Information Systems Audit report dated August 2020. <https://leg.mt.gov/content/Committees/Administration/audit/2019-20/Meetings/Oct-2020/19DP-06.pdf>. This report made a good start - have we continued taking steps addressing recommendations?

During August 10 – 13, six Montana representatives and senators attended the Cyber Symposium in South Dakota, hosted by Mike Lindell. The symposium analyzed and revealed abhorrent deviations in the November 2020 election(s). Montana legislators returned educated and motivated to continue working on our States election integrity down to the County level. I fully support this energy and hope to gain your support as well.

We are at a point in our world where we cannot afford to tolerate citizen votes being manipulated in any manner. We cannot move forward, if we do not address deviations now. Until we correct our current counterfeit election processes, (to include using computers), future elections are futile.

Adamantly, I propose you sign onto Wendy Rogers' letter supporting decertification of fraudulent 2020 election results at <https://action.wendyrogers.org/decertify/>. There is a reason that Montana is #2 in the nation for election fraud, based on Seth Keshel's estimates of excess votes as a percent of votes cast. Montanans are keeping track of elected and appointed officials who are not interested in finding out why we have that dubious rank.

I encourage you to take steps to review deviations in Montana's current voting processes and insure sound election integrity for our future. Once again, I welcome any opportunity to be a part of this goal.

Regards,

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Jack's Notes on Mike Lindell Talk August 24 AM and August 25 PM, 2021

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Linked below is the last Mike Lindell symposium on the 2020 election fraud and much more connecting material.

- [Link here to this research report.](#) (CLICK OR CONTROL CLICK)
*"You must look beyond what you see to understand the big picture.
 Never focus on the problem, look beyond and see what no one else sees.
 See what everyone else chooses not to see out of fear, conformity and laziness."
 Quote from the film "Patch Adams" starring Robin Williams.*

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News the media won't report

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[Dr.Shiva at Mike Lindell's Cyber Symposium reveals how BigTech is really GOVERNMENT Tech](#) His diagram shows how federal agencies support this effort to centralize our elections, including the Cybersecurity Information Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) within the Department of Homeland Security, coordinated via NASED

[Navy SEAL Who Killed Bin Laden: Biden 'Deserves An Impeachment,' He 'Surrendered To The Taliban'](#)

[A Disaster: Taliban Hunting For U.S. Allies, Screening Names At Kabul Airport, Americans 'Injured And Stopped From Boarding Planes'](#)

[Senate Rushes to Stop Biden from Sending \\$400 Million to Taliban](#)

[Doctor's Dire Warning Regarding Vaccines: "We Have Made A Mistake" \(VIDEO\)](#) He claims that it is the unvaccinated population that is driving the variants and propagating the continued spread of COVID.

[Arizona Bombshell! New Subpoena Sends AZ Democrats Into Panic](#) If they were innocent, then they would have no problem complying with a court-ordered subpoena. But the fact that they are so defiant only serves to prove that they really do have something to hide and they must fight to keep it from being discovered.

[Jovan Pulitzer Makes Surprising Revelation About Ballots Analysis, It's Not Watermarks...It's Better!](#) Pulitzer said that each ballot has certain identifying marking on them that let them know the exact identity of the printer because what is encoded is actually a serial number with the date and time that it was printed.

[Vax Mandates Backfire On Hospitals, They Just Created Their Own Crisis](#) It appears that hospital systems that were quick to pander to the Biden administration just created their own crisis. The hospital systems that decided to enforce a vaccine mandates are now facing labor shortages.

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 "It is too easy to forget just how many times our politicians, sworn to preserve and defend the Constitution, instead have tried to undermine or destroy it."
 - Lt. Col. Fielding Lewis Greaves, U.S. Army, Retired

Mike Lindell Cyber Symposium August 10 - 12, 2021 Jack Notes

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Please link here or open attached Word doc to read my notes on the three day Mike Lindell Cyber Symposium.

- 1) Mike Lindell (My Pillow) and his team did an exceptional job setting up and presenting all this material from many very qualified experts.
2) Plus 50 states legislators were invited and attended including Montana Senator Theresa Manzella and her team.
3) As a three generation Montanan, I would like to tip my white cowboy hat to Senator Manzella and her team, this is how a true and honest Republic should respond to this fraud.
4) Mike Lindell went through hell dealing with agitators, infiltrators, cyber attacks; yes you read that right, into a cyber symposium plus enduring a physical assault.
5) Plus he confessed at one time he had to move into another home and location so he and his family were not further threatened.
6) This alone should tell the most harden disbelievers of election fraud there is something terribly wrong with the American election system to want to cover up proof with physical and cyber violence.
7) We have long ago reached a turning point in America where it is obvious who are the sheep in America, who are the patriots and those who support transnational cartels playing chess with our lives.

Using the link below please send this research material to the following people with your comments ASAP:

- 1) Your applicable County Election departments and Commissioners
2) Your District Representative and Senator
3) Your Secretary of State
4) Your state AG
5) Your Governor
6) Everyone you know
7) Just imbed the following link in the form email of any of the above with your note - https://www.freedomforallseasons.org/MikeLindellCyberSymposiumNotes.pdf

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P.S. Montana Election Fraud News Update Below.

The following news is from Lark Chadwick of Thompson Falls, Montana

- Call the Governor's office 406-444-3111 [Toll Free: 855-318-1330] to voice support for a special session to investigate the MT 50k excess votes in the 2020 election.
On August 12, the final day of Mike Lindell's Cyber Symposium in Sioux Falls, South Dakota,
1. a group of state legislators announced the formation of an Election Integrity Caucus. Led by Virginia State Senator Amanda Chase,
2. who was joined by a dozen legislators from New Hampshire to Arizona, the group plans to meet once a month
3. to collaborate with one another and compliment individual strengths to bring back honest and open free elections in all 50 states.
4. https://rumble.com/yRd1m-lindell-cyber-symposium-state-legislators-announce-creation-of-election-int.html

VIDEO: State Rep Manzella Calls for Special Session to Perform Forensic Audit of Montana Elections

https://www.missoulacountytranny.com/elections/state-rep-manzella-speaks-at-lindell-cyber-symposium/

During the Mike Lindell Cyber Symposium on Election Integrity yesterday, State Representative (HD-85) Theresa Manzella stood on stage and made the case for the Montana State Legislature to call themselves back into session, write legislation for an audit, and conduct a full-forensic audit of the Montana 2020 General Election.

"Now, for the Montana Legislature to pursue a forensic audit, we must call ourselves into a special session. Which has never been done. It takes 75 of us to agree to do it. We have to write the legislation, and the election process and the audit process. We have to pass it. And we have to have the governor sign it to get a forensic audit," Manzella said.
"Six representatives are attending the third and final day of the Mike Lindell Cyber Symposium on Election Fraud including Paul Fielder (HD-13), Steve Galloway (HD-24), Theresa Manzella (HD-85), Bob Phalen (HD-36), Jerry Schillinger (HD-37), Brad Tschida (HD-97) and Restore Liberty's Darin Gaub a former HD-83 Rep candidate.
"Rep. Phelan also shared an image of Lindell's "Truth vs Big Lie" analysis of Montana Elections. Using the packet capture data, Lindell and his cyber team were able to identify vote flipping that took place in Montana ballot tabulation machines and offered a corrected final vote tally:

"The Big Lie"

Table with 3 columns: Candidate, Vote Total, %.
Trump: 343,602, 58.4%
Biden: 244,766, 41.6%

Candidate Vote Total %

Total vote difference Trump vs Biden: 98,816.

["The Truth"](#)

Candidate Vote Total %

Candidate	Vote Total	%
Trump	368,319	62.6%
Biden	220,069	37.4%

Total vote difference Trump vs Biden: 148,250.

<https://www.missoulacountytyranny.com/elections/state-rep-manzella-speaks-at-lindell-cyber-symposium/>

Also: Rep Tschida Requests SoS Halt Voting Machine Software Updates Pending Record Retention Compliance Check

<https://www.missoulacountytyranny.com/elections/rep-tschida-requests-sos-halt-voting-machine-software-updates-pending-record-retention-compliance-check/Audit-all-counties-that-use-machines>

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Four Years Later, Northam Reflects on Violence in Charlottesville

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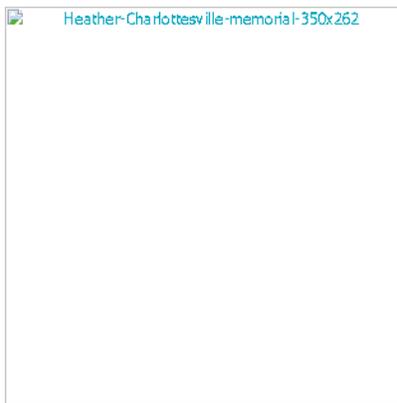
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Four Years Later, Northam Reflects on Violence in Charlottesville



Four years after a White supremacist rally left three people dead in the home city of Founding Fathers Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe, Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam says there's "still much work to do" when it comes to healing, fairness and justice in America.

The Unite the Right rally took place in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Aug. 11 and 12, drawing hundreds of self-identified members of the alt-right, neo-Confederates, neo-fascists, White nationalists, neo-Nazis, Klansmen, and various right-wing militias to the city of 47,000 people.

By the time it was over, then-Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe had declared a state of emergency, and 32-year-old Heather Heyer, who was peacefully protesting the rally, was dead, having been run down by James Alex Fields, Jr. who deliberately drove his car into a crowd.

Also killed during the protest were 48-year-old state policeman Lt. H. Jay Cullen and 40-year-old trooper-pilot Berke M.M. Bates, whose helicopter crashed while monitoring the unfolding event.



The rally and his response to it forever marked Donald Trump's presidency, drawing battle lines between his supporters and detractors that continue to endure in the nation's capital and across the country.

In his initial statement, Trump condemned "hatred, bigotry, and violence on many sides," but then went on to refer to "very fine people on both sides."

Critics saw his remarks as implying a moral equivalence between the White supremacist marchers and those who protested against them. Supporters maintain Trump haters wrongly ignored his initial condemnation of what had occurred.

On Thursday, Northam said it remains important to pause to honor those who died during the rally, "and all of the lives forever changed that day."

"Sadly, White nationalist violence has increased since then, and we continue to grapple with the realities and impacts of systemic racism—even as some pretend it does not exist," the governor said.

"These past four years have also seen great progress. Across the Commonwealth, monuments to White supremacy have come down—including in Charlottesville just last month. Protests for racial justice continue to lead to real and lasting change," Northam continued.

"These are reasons for hope. There are more people who want justice and healing, fairness and equality, than those who want to hide history and promote hate," he added. "We have much work to do, and I have faith that we have the will to ensure that hate has no home in Virginia."

Last month, the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, a fund established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the wake of the 'Unite the Right' rally, announced it would award \$3 million in grants to more than three dozen groups and sites nationwide to help preserve landmarks linked to Black history.

Recipients of money include a consortium of civil rights sites and Black churches in Alabama; work to establish an African American heritage trail in Colorado; and preservation of the church where Emmett Till's funeral was held in Chicago after his lynching in Mississippi in 1955.

Other grants announced Thursday include money to hire a director for Save Harlem Now!, a historic preservation effort in New York; repairs to the African American Museum and Library in Oakland, California; and research on enslaved people at Hacienda La Esperanza in Puerto Rico.

Grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$150,000 will go to recipients representing centuries of Black experience and help tell the full story of U.S. history, said Brent Leggs, executive director of the fund, in a written statement.

The nation should "value the link between architecture and racial justice," Leggs said.

"I think it is critically important to acknowledge that the nation may be rich in diverse history but it has often done a poor job in representing that history," he said.



POTUS WATCH

President Biden began his day receiving the daily intelligence briefing in the Oval Office.

He then delivered remarks praising the groundbreaking, life-saving work that pharmaceutical companies are doing and simultaneously laid out his vision for reducing the high cost of prescription drugs.

Specifically, Biden is asking Congress to allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, make other needed reforms to lower prices, and build on existing progress to lower the cost of prescription drugs.

For every other type of health care service, Medicare works to get the best prices for American seniors. But for prescription drugs – and only prescription drugs – Medicare is prohibited by law from negotiating for the best deal. The president said this needs to change.

Last month, Biden [signed an executive order](#) calling upon each agency to improve competition, increase wages, and reduce prices—including for prescription drugs.

Alongside other steps, he announced the federal government will be working with states and tribes to import safe, lower-cost prescription drugs from Canada and accelerating the development and uptake of generic and biosimilar drugs that give patients the same exact clinical benefit but at a fraction of the price.

You can read the White House fact sheet [here](#).

In the afternoon, the President will travel to Wilmington, Delaware.

IN OTHER NEWS

The Biden administration is pressing OPEC to do more to lower oil and gas prices, citing the fragility of the ongoing economic recovery due to the delta variant of the coronavirus.

In a memo released Wednesday, National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan said last month's decision by the OPEC+ countries to increase production by 400,000 barrels a day monthly through December as "simply not enough" to avoid putting the international economic recovery at risk.

OPEC+ is an amalgamation of OPEC and 10 other oil-exporting nations such as Russia and Kazakhstan.

The price of crude oil is currently higher than it was at the end of 2019, before the onset of the pandemic.

"While OPEC+ recently agreed to production increases, these increases will not fully offset previous production cuts that OPEC+ imposed during the pandemic until well into 2022," Sullivan wrote.

"President Biden has made clear that he wants Americans to have access to affordable and reliable energy, including at the pump," he continued. "Although we are not a party to OPEC, the United States will always speak to international partners regarding issues of significance that affect our national economic and security affairs, in public and private.

"We are engaging with relevant OPEC+ members on the importance of competitive markets in setting prices. Competitive energy markets will ensure reliable and stable energy supplies, and OPEC+ must do more to support the recovery," Sullivan said.

Dominion Voting Systems Lawsuits Can Proceed

A federal judge on Wednesday rejected requests from former Trump personal attorney Rudy Giuliani, pro-Trump lawyer Sidney Powell and MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell to dismiss lawsuits filed against them by Dominion Voting Systems.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Carl Nichols, a Trump nominee, pertains to three defamation lawsuits Dominion filed — at \$1.3 billion each — against Powell, Giuliani, Lindell and his company MyPillow for allegedly claiming without evidence that the voting machine company rigged the 2020 presidential election for Biden by manipulating votes.

The defendants had argued, among other things, that their statements were legally protected opinions or were otherwise made without malicious intent.

Nichols' 44-page opinion clears the way for the litigation to proceed.

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Please **RSVP** as soon as possible to reserve your admittance to: symposium@franksspeech.com, including the **names** of any staff who will accompany you and the **day or dates** you plan to attend. We recommend any cyber expert you bring have, at a minimum, CISSP credentials. Registration is required for admittance. Blocks of rooms have been reserved for the convenience of symposium attendees at several nearby hotels; please coordinate your individual reservations. There will be complimentary shuttle service to the symposium from the nearby Sioux Falls Regional Airport.

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Best Regards,

The Cyber Symposium Team
symposium@franksspeech.com
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Montana Voting Machines Integrity and Security

From : Jack Venrick <jacksranch@freedomforallseasons.org>
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Tue, May 11, 2021 01:25 PM

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May 11, 2021

To: Montana Secretary of State – Elections (Sent April 21, 2021)

MT-REP-21-1725-A-000310

cc: Lake County Election Administrator

bcc:
Montana State House
Montana State Senate
My Property Rights Friends – Group 1, Group 2, Group 3, Group 4

Subject: Montana Voting Machines Integrity and Security

Please find the following research reports.

- 1) Attached is a 7 page letter (Word document) regarding election machines in Lake County Election Department, Polson Montana.
- 2) Also please find linked my latest continually updated research report - [Election Fraud in America – A National Disgrace](#)
 - If you have seen this research before, please start at the back of the report and read forward until it looks familiar.
 - There is much new information on the 2020=2021 election fraud.

I have received no response from the Montana Secretary of State Elections Office since I sent this letter nearly 3 weeks ago at the advice of Tone Kramer our Lake County Election Administrator.

Sincerely,

Jack Verrick
Rollins, Montana
www.freedomforallseasons.org

Attached: Word Document

 **Jack Letter to Montana State Secretary of State re Election Voting Machines (2).docx**
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Something Else

From : Kelly Vollrath <kelly.vollrath@gmail.com>
Subject : Something Else
To : steve.gunderson <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>

Sat, Feb 06, 2021 05:22 PM

Dear Rep. Steve Gunderson,

Since yesterday afternoon when I sent you an email regarding ND's attempt at having Executive Orders reviewed by the State's Attorney General, I have received more info that I'd like to pass on to you if you haven't already seen it. Michael Lindell(My Pillow guy), created a video with Cyber Warfare experts, IT Specialists, and election officials. Big Media and Giant Tech are trying valiantly to silence Mike Lindell which makes it pretty obvious that what Mike Lindell is imparting must be true. Near the end of the video(the whole video is important), a woman from National Intelligence shows, from terabytes of data that patriotic specialists started gathering on November 1st, that the election was hacked. In documents printed from the data gathered, EVERY hack was recorded with a timestamp, every IP address is shown with the owner of the IP addresses name, every "target" is named, (state and county election boards) and even every "targeted" computer individual identification. If the hack was successful, the data showed the number of votes flipped. One example: At such and such exact time stamp was an IP address that is owned by China's giant telecommunications company, Huawei. It's target was Rockdale County Election Board in Georgia. What possible good reason could Huawei have to hack into the Rockdale County Election Board?

This video is going to be a pretty doozed every day.

Video: <https://michaellindell.com/>

Sincerely,
Kelly Vollrath

(after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Doug Logan" OR "Cyber Ninjas"
or "@cyberninjas.com")

Zimbra

Fwd: Public Records Act Request (MT-REP-21-1725)

From : Gunderson Steven <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>
Subject : Fwd: Public Records Act Request (MT-REP-21-1725)
To : Susan Fox <sfox@mt.gov>

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Susan, Could you please fill this records request?

Thanks!

Steve

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Legislature

Montana Free Press | Election fraud argument gets an audience with Montana's Department of Justice

Spokesperson Emilee Cantrell told Montana Free Press via email this week that members of Knudsen's staff, whom she did not identify, met Nov. 10 at the attorney general's office with Sen. Theresa Manzella, R-Stevensville, and an unspecified number of "guests" including MyPillow founder Mike Lindell. Cantrell did not confirm whether Knudsen attended the Nov. 10 meeting, which has not been previously reported, and did not respond to a follow-up email requesting additional information about what topics were discussed. In an email to MTFP Thursday, Manzella said she facilitated the meeting between Knudsen and others including Frank, Lindell, Lindell attorney Kurt Olsen, and an unnamed member of the Florida-based firm Cyber Ninjas, which conducted a review of 2020 ballots in Maricopa County on behalf of the Arizona Senate this year. Manzella said Rep. Brad Tschida, R-Missoula, also attended. "The purpose of the meeting was to present evidence of election irregularities and vulnerabilities to the AG for consideration, with the goal of having him sign on in support of the lawsuit Lindell intended to drop on Nov. 23rd," Manzella wrote. "Ultimately, he did not sign onto the lawsuit." MTFP has reached out to leadership at the Montana Legislature for an update on the October request by 86 Republican lawmakers, for a **special select committee to investigate the state's 2020 election**. Majority spokesperson Kyle Schmauch replied that Senate President Mark Blasdel has "spoken with Sen. Manzella and others several times" to discuss options. "Sen. Manzella is still looking into those options," Schmauch wrote. "There's currently no firm timeline on any decisions or next course of action as those discussions are ongoing."

MTN | Exonerated man files first claim for compensation under new law

Cody Marble, exonerated in 2017 after spending more than a decade behind bars on a Missoula rape conviction, is the first person to file a claim under a new state law to compensate the wrongly convicted in Montana. Marble, 37, who now lives in Conrad, filed the claim in late September in state District Court, starting a process under which he could be eligible for as much as \$800,000 — in addition to two years of tuition assistance at a Montana state college and a year of health-insurance coverage. Yet Marble told MTN News he's not exactly pleased about the process outlined in House Bill 92, which was substantially changed during the final days of the 2021 Legislature, before it was signed into law. Marble sued Missoula County in federal court last year, but withdrew that suit in early September; before he filed the claim with the state, in order to comply with HB92. HB92 also requires claimants to go through another trial process to prove their innocence — even though they've already been exonerated.

Daily Montanan | Montana lawmakers want DEQ, state to get a handle on aging, leaking gas and oil tanks

A report by the Montana Legislative Audit Division recommends the state begin to look for ways to transform the way it handles leaking underground storage tanks for petroleum products, namely how it will finish clean-up for aging tanks. Since its inception, the fund has cleaned up hundreds of tanks in Montana, and continues to be used, although, as auditors noted, at a decreasing rate. In the report, the auditors ask the legislature to consider whether this system is serving property owners and businesses who may get two different answers from the state government.

Montana Kaimin | Fall 2021 Special Issue: In the Crosshairs

PDF available for download of Kaimin's special issue focused on HB 102

Opinion: Sens. Blasdel, Smith, Ellsworth and Reps. Galt, Vinton, C. Knudsen

Billings Gazette | Republicans urge delegation to oppose spending measure

The last thing Montanans want for Christmas is more inflation, more wasteful federal spending, higher taxes, tax breaks for coastal millionaires, and more federal mandates. We urge you to oppose President Biden's reckless agenda. Three "no" votes on the \$2 trillion spending bill from our delegation would be the best presents you could deliver to Montanans this holiday season.

Opinion: Tammi Fisher

Flathead Beacon | He Knows Not of What He Speaks

Since Mr. Skees swore an oath to defend and uphold the Montana Constitution, his ignorance of its contents is concerning. Moreover, his desire to change the explicit right to privacy enshrined in our state Constitution in the hopes of a different judicial result reflects an ill-informed solution that throws out the proverbial baby with the bathwater. The legislative end to abortion that Skees seeks will not occur even if Montana's right to privacy is explicitly removed from our state Constitution.

State government

Belgrade News | Breuner named new district judge

I'm blocked by the paywall from reading the article. Saw somewhere that the new judge discusses his relationship with Gianforte in this article.

KXLH | Gianforte and Jewish leaders celebrate Hanukkah at State Capitol

Jewish leaders gathered at the capitol on Thursday to light the 5th candle on the menorah in honor of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. For the past 15 years, excluding last year due to Covid, the Montana Association of Jewish Communities, or MAJCO, has been celebrating Hanukkah in the capitol. Governor Greg Gianforte stopped by the Menorah lighting and even lent a hand in the lighting of the candles.

Other Montana news

AP | Wildfire destroys 24 houses in central Montana town

A late-season wildfire that came amid unseasonably warm weather and was pushed by strong winds ripped through a tiny central Montana farming town overnight, burning 24 homes and four grain elevators that had stood for more than a century. Fire crews were putting out hot spots Thursday and officials were assessing the damage done by the fire, which burned 20 square miles (50 square kilometers) of prairie and agricultural land before burning into the town of Denton on Wednesday afternoon. The town's nearly 300 residents evacuated. There were no reports of injuries.

Daily Montanan | Denton fire 'unprecedented,' 'devastating,' but Fergus County residents resilient

Carl Seilstad was born and raised in Fergus County, and the fire that burned down Denton is the worst he's seen. "I cannot remember this type of devastation within a single community," said Seilstad, a Fergus County commissioner, on Thursday afternoon.

MTN | Montana groups on both sides of abortion debate eyeing Supreme Court case

Groups on both sides of the abortion issue in Montana are closely watching a key case challenging Roe v Wade, which is currently under consideration by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Bozeman Chronicle | [Experts predict that trout will recover in the upper Madison River following sudden drop in flows](#)

Fisheries experts are cautiously optimistic that trout populations along the upper Madison River will rebound after a Hebgen Dam malfunction reduced streamflows drastically earlier this week.

KULR 8 | [Sen. Daines meets with Crow Chairman White Clay, Executive Committee](#)

Thursday morning, Senator Steve Daines met with Crow Chairman Frank White Clay and members of the Executive Committee. During the meeting, Sen. Daines emphasized his commitment to working with Crow Nation to help promote economic development projects and ensure the reservation has the law enforcement support it needs.

KGVO | [Daines Lobbies for Bill to Simplify Access to Public Lands](#)

Montana Senator Steve Daines spoke at a Senate hearing on Wednesday to ask for support of a bill with the acronym SOAR (Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation Act)...The Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation Act would simplify the process of getting permits to hunt and fish in Montana. "Because of Montana's checkerboard land ownership patterns, it's quite common out west that an outfitting trip will often cross into multiple land agencies, sometimes in just one day, since each federal land agency has a separate permitting process," he said.

Daily Montanan | [Bozeman, Missoula stand out while others flounder in 2021 LGBTQ+ evaluation](#)

Montana received mostly negative marks from the national Human Rights Campaign's annual evaluation of how well cities support LGBTQ+ residents — of the eight municipalities evaluated in Montana, only two received a score higher than 60 out of 100. Missoula landed at the top of the heap and earned an "All-Star" ranking, but on the other end of the scale, Great Falls ranked in just 6 out of 100 points...In Montana, the GOP passed bills barring transgender women athletes from participating in K-16 women's athletics and limiting the medical care transgender youth can receive. The Religious Freedom Restoration Act was also passed by lawmakers who said it will protect Montanans' religious rights, but critics say it gives people a free pass to discriminate against LGBTQ people.

*Editorial***Bozeman Chronicle** | [The Gallatin County Commission made the right choice in backing the Montana Headwaters Legacy Act](#)

Gallatin County commissioners rarely take a position on proposed federal legislation. But they chose to do so recently in the case of the Montana Headwaters Legacy Act. And so they should. This bill, introduced by Montana's senior U.S. senator, Jon Tester, would afford various levels federal protections for 385 miles of the state's waterways, including the Gallatin River, Hyalite Creek, Taylor Creek and part of the Madison River...The other two members of Montana's congressional delegation, Sen. Steve Daines and Rep. Matt Rosendale, both Republicans, should take a cue from the bipartisan county commissioners and join Tester, a Democrat, in supporting the bill.

National*Opinion: Steve Bullock***New York Times** | [Democrats Are in Trouble in Rural America. But There's a Way Out.](#)

I take no joy in sounding the alarm, but I do so as a proud Democrat who has won three statewide races in a rural, red state — the Democrats are in trouble in rural America, and their struggles there could doom the party in 2022...I know because I was on the ballot for U.S. Senate and lost...The core problem is a familiar one — Democrats are out of touch with the needs of the ordinary voter...Get out of the cities and you will learn we have a libertarian streak, with a healthy distrust of government. We listen when folks talk about opportunity and fairness, not entitlements. We expect government to play a role in our having a fair shot at a better life, not solve all our problems.

OANN (conservative) | [Sen. Steve Daines: There Is Reason For Optimism That Scotus Will Overturn Roe](#)

Montana Sen. Steve Daines is the founder of the Pro-Life Caucus and says he feels optimistic after Wednesday's Supreme Court hearing on abortion. One America's John Hines has more from the Supreme Court.

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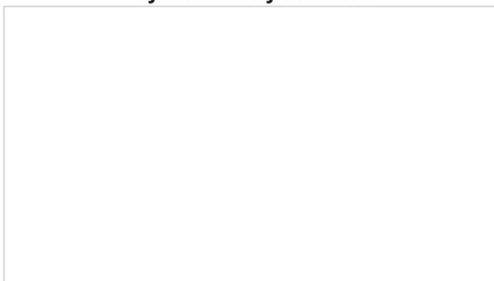
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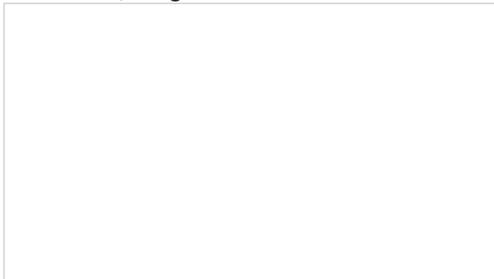
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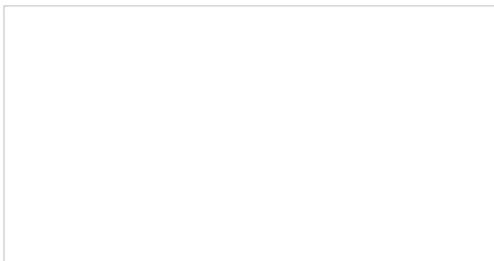


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President, League of Women Voters of Texas



Taking the Fight to Hackers as Anti-Democratic Forces Continue Their March

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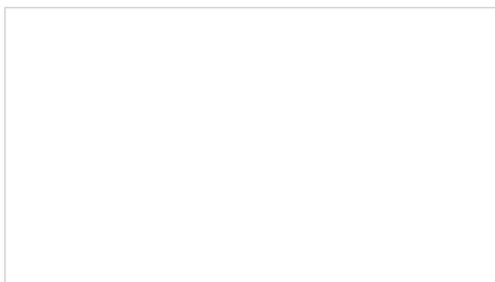
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Subject : Re: Montana Election Integrity
To : Gunderson Steven <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>

Sat, Aug 14, 2021 01:57 PM

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Hi Steve,
 Just a followup to my last email:
 I am reaching out to back Rep. Theresa Manzella in requesting a FULL FORENSIC AUDIT of every county in MT, but especially Flathead, Cascade, Missoula, Ravalli, Gallatin, Yellowstone and Lewis & Clark Counties, to uncover any and all election irregularities.
 I am attaching a copy of the forensic audit guidelines used in Arizona for educational purposes.

Thank you again,
 Peggy Cadwallader

From: Gary C's Cadwallader <woodentrout@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 7:42 AM
To: Gunderson Steven <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>
Subject: Re: Montana Election Integrity

Thank you, Steve.
 Your attention to my email is heartening, and I am going to forward it on to the Telegram Montana First Audit Chat group.
 Bless you and the ".38 Special" soon to ".45 Special" "Peeps".
 Peggy

From: Gunderson Steven <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 11:33 PM
To: Gary C's Cadwallader <woodentrout@live.com>
Subject: Re: Montana Election Integrity

Peggy,

Yes, I am on board with a 50 state audit. The folks in your list are part of the Conservative Republican group known as the ".38 Special" in the 2019 session and with the new freshmen in 2021 we were closer to the ".45 Special". My hope is that we can put targets on the backs of more RINO's next election cycle and make us a 51 majority! Best way to put it is that these folks are my "Peeps" and we share a lot of the same values and think along the same lines.

I have been tied up with many different projects including the bogus "Selenium" issue that is being forced down our throats. This Interim I have my hands full trying to keep abreast of Fires and all the normal things that occupy my time till we start into the next election/session cycle. My "Peeps" keep me apprised of happenings and we share a text string of 20 of us that enables us to each focus on our individual projects and to be kept in the loop on other activities such as voter integrity and voter rights. Brad Tschida is focused on the election fraud that took place in Missoula. When needed, I will sign on to Brad's call for an audit.

Concerning Lincoln County, I don't believe there was any organized fraud..... having said that, I believe that Mr. Keshel has come to some misconceptions of the population growth. I have talked to many new folks that moved out of heavily Blue States due to their Red leanings. My opinion, but I don't believe we have had any organized voter fraud in Lincoln County.

I do feel there was organized voter fraud that put Senator Tester back into his office. Judge Christianson in Missoula stated "there is no voter fraud in Montana". I hope we can make him eat those words and prove there is fraud at most levels in "Blue" areas of the State.

I'm pretty amazed at the Tribal members trying to say our new election bills are racist and are designed to deny Tribal members the right to vote by requiring Voter ID and to remove same day voter registration. It's simply amazing what the Federal Government is attempting to do by removing State rights to set our own voter laws. If they succeed in passing the current law they are trying to shove down our throats, they are attempting to sew up their "Steal" and to continue to steal elections for decades.

In Liberty,

Steve

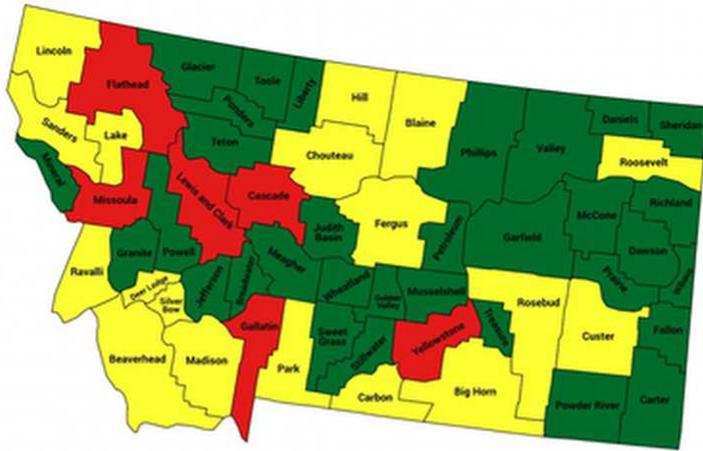
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Subject: Montana Election Integrity

Hi Steve,

I'm writing to you today as a concerned Montanan about the 2020 elections and the grass roots push to promote Election Audits in all 50 states. I first learned of this attempt to have audits in all 50 states elections from the "Steve Bannon Warroom" broadcast where I have been following the activity of the 2020 Forensic audit in Arizona. Mainstream media is either ignoring or demonizing anyone who is even asking questions or has concerns. There is much going on at the grass roots activity, however. I don't know if you are dialed in any of this, but wanted to contact you about it.

An abundance of data and more information is available on the TELEGRAM app in the groups "America First Audit" and "Montana First Audit" channels. All 50 states are represented in Telegram's America First Audit channel. I would humbly suggest you investigate what is going on there if you haven't already done so.

I'm including a few samples of some of the information there - a breakdown of suspicious (needs to be investigated) activity surrounding the 2020 election in Montana. The map and chart here were put together by Seth Keshel, he is analyzing all 50 states to identify where counties have irregularities in the 2020 election. If you are not aware of his work, Seth Keshel has been analyzing irregularities between population growth, historic trends, and registered voters. Lincoln County is shown as "Yellow" on the Map he put together.



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
	2008 R	2008 D	2012 R	2012 D	2016 R	2016 D	2020 R	2020 D	Pop Growth Decade	New RVs	
Beaverhead	3	2	3	1	3	1	4	2	3%	383	
Big Horn	2	4	2	3	2	2	2	2	2%	-496	
Blaine	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1%	236	
Broadwater	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	1	15%	801	
Carbon	3	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	8%	562	
Carter	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	7%	5	
Cascade	17	18	18	15	20	12	23	15	0%	-3,406	
Chouteau	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	-2%	204	
Custer	3	2	3	2	4	1	4	1	-4%	88	
Daniels	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-6%	-13	
Dawson	3	2	3	1	3	1	4	1	-5%	0	
Deer Lodge	2	3	1	3	2	2	2	3	-2%	471	
Fallon	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-2%	-121	
Fergus	4	2	4	2	4	1	5	1	-4%	113	
Flathead	26	16	28	14	30	13	38	20	16%	9,170	
Gallatin	23	24	24	22	24	24	32	37	31%	13,072	
Garfield	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5%	16	
Glacier	1	3	1	4	2	3	2	3	1%	571	
Golden Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6%	-16	
Granite	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	8%	101	
Hill	3	4	3	3	3	2	4	3	2%	-286	
Jefferson	4	3	4	2	4	2	5	3	8%	1,089	
Judith Basin	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-4%	66	
Lake	6	7	7	6	8	5	9	7	8%	1,982	
Lewis & Clark	15	17	17	16	17	15	21	20	11%	5,289	
Liberty	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1%	55	
Lincoln	6	3	6	3	7	2	9	3	3%	991	
Madison	3	2	3	1	3	1	4	2	17%	935	
McCone	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-5%	-15	
Meagher	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-3%	15	
Mineral	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	8%	281	
Missoula	21	37	23	33	22	32	26	43	11%	7,350	
Musselshell	2	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	3%	559	
Park	4	4	5	4	5	4	6	5	7%	1,298	
Petroleum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1%	-35	
Phillips	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	-8%	118	
Pondera	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	-6%	313	
Powder River	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-4%	38	
Powell	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	1	3%	347	
Prairie	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-10%	1	
Ravalli	13	8	14	7	15	6	19	9	12%	3,620	
Richland	3	1	4	1	4	1	5	1	13%	658	
Roosevelt	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	5%	233	
Rosebud	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	-4%	67	
Sanders	4	2	4	2	4	1	6	2	7%	909	
Sheridan	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	-4%	94	
Silver Bow	5	12	5	11	6	9	8	10	3%	1,460	
Stillwater	3	2	3	1	4	1	4	1	9%	714	
Sweet Grass	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	1	1%	169	
Teton	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	1	3%	145	
Toole	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	-12%	-44	
Treasure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3%	-9	
Valley	2	2	2	1	3	1	3	1	0%	291	
Wheatland	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-1%	-72	
Wibaux	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-8%	-8	
Yellowstone	36	32	41	26	41	22	51	31	10%	7,809	

According to Keshel (and also backed by national attention-- Missoula County especially) there is significance evidence to support looking into the 2020 elections in every state. Montana has been identified as having at least six counties where irregularities have been identified as "red". Also, even more concerning are the Zuckerberg Grants to fund local elections. Ordinary citizens in some of the counties have been researching and reporting in the Montana First Audit Chat on Telegram, the following counties have applied for and awarded Zuckerberg's "CTCL" Election grants.

Montana Counties Awarded Grants from Zuckerberg-Funded Center for Tech & Civic Life (CTCL) for use in 11/2020 Election with Seth Keshel's Analysis Indicating Potential Election Fraud

<https://www.techandcivillife.org/our-work/civic-data/how-its-used/>
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Jurisdiction	Entity	State	CTCL Grant Award Amount	Keshel Chart Color*	Keshel Estimated Excess Voters*
"Park"	County	Montana		yellow	
Anaconda-Deer Lodge	City-County Combined	Montana		yellow	
Blaine	County	Montana		yellow	
Cascade	County	Montana	\$294,128	red	3,000
Custer	County	Montana		yellow	
Daniels	County	Montana		green	
Gallatin	County	Montana	\$292,839	red	7,000
Glacier	County	Montana		green	
Hill	County	Montana		yellow	
Jefferson	County	Montana		green	
Lake County	County	Montana	\$272,932	yellow	
Lewis And Clark	County	Montana		red	3,000
Liberty	County	Montana		green	
Madison	County	Montana	\$5,000	yellow	
Missoula	County	Montana	\$312,818	red	6,000
Phillips County	County	Montana		green	
Pondera	County	Montana		green	
Powell County	County	Montana		green	
Prairie	County	Montana		green	
Ravalli	County	Montana	\$19,593	yellow	
Sanders	County	Montana	\$0	yellow	
Sheridan	County	Montana		green	
Stillwater	County	Montana	\$5,000	green	
Sweet Grass	County	Montana		green	
Teton County	County	Montana		green	
Toole	County	Montana		green	
Valley County	County	Montana		green	
Wheatland	County	Montana		green	
Wibaux	County	Montana		green	
Yellowstone	County	Montana		red	6,000
30 of 56 MT counties awarded CTCL funds			\$1,202,310		

Steve, it would be easy to sit back and think that Lincoln County is immune from this kind of outside influence, unlike Missoula, Yellowstone, Flathead, Gallatin and the others. But it has been flagged by Keshel (who is doing analysis on all 50 states) as "Yellow" - showing at least potentially suspicious tendencies. I believe outside influencers like Zuckerberg should not be funding our administration of elections at all, ever. Period. The chart above is just beginning to be filled in (as of end of July so far) as people contact their election administrators... But supposedly over \$1.2 million dollars was granted to 30 of Montana's 56 counties. I don't know if Lincoln County received any of that funding, do you?

Again, Lincoln County is not on this list for 2020, but if election integrity is not established - and to my way of thinking a forensic audit, in at least the "Red" counties, I for one will not have faith that the elections in 2022, 2024 and beyond will not be similarly compromised. That means state representatives and senators, federal house & senate elections, Governor, Secretary of State, etc. I remember watching the state elections last year and the harrowing changes to the "late" counts that came in from many of those "Zuckerberg" counties.

If left unchecked - and if there's a simpler method than a forensic audit I'd love to hear of it - Montana - with all it's natural resources - will be subject to, in my opinion, the interests of "big business" and "Political Elites" and no longer of Montanans. Montana matters to the nation, and obviously to its citizens.

So again, are you aware of the so-called "November 3rd" movement to get to the bottom of election integrity and to have audits of 2020 elections? How do you stand on it? I understand that as of the end of July, the following Montana Reps have said that they support the audits. Do you? And are you willing to go on the record with that? I'd like to see you added to that growing list.

- (HD-97) - Brad Tschida
- (HD-85) - Theresa Manzella
- (HD-11) - Derek Skees
- (HD-85) - Michele Binkley
- (HD-87) - Ron Marshall

I thank you for the service you are doing for HD 1, and glad that you have stepped up so boldly on so many issues. Thank you in advance for a response to my inquiry, and if you are already aware of the work on election integrity, I thank you for your patience with my contacting you.

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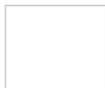
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COVID-19 has subjected Americans to unprecedented challenges in 2020. Liberal activists have wasted no time in using the coronavirus as a pretext to achieve a long sought goal: converting America's elections to all mail voting and other radical changes to our election systems. They're investing millions of dollars and employing hundreds of lawyers nationwide to upend the election statutes in state after state. The stakes in the presidential elections have never been higher, making the integrity of the voting process all the more critical. It's also not implausible for the race to come down to one state or even one county, leaving little room for error.

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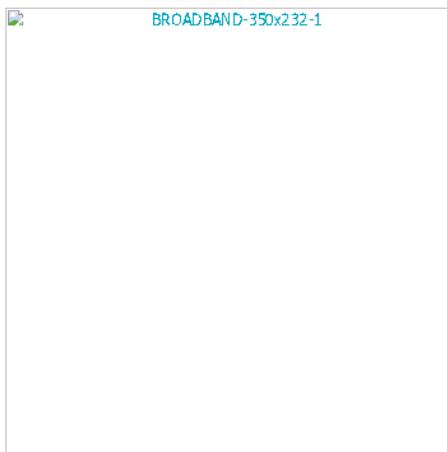


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AT&T and Verizon on Tuesday agreed to delay their rollout of new 5G services near some unspecified airports over ongoing concerns that moving those services to a new band could cause flight disruptions.

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'Eye of the Nation Watching' as Voting Rights Bill Appears Headed for Defeat



With the defeat of sweeping voting rights legislation all but certain in the Senate this week, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer stressed a different goal as he opened the chamber's session on Tuesday, forcing all senators to go on the record about where they stand on the issue.

'The eyes of the nation will be watching what happens this week in the United States Senate,' Schumer said.

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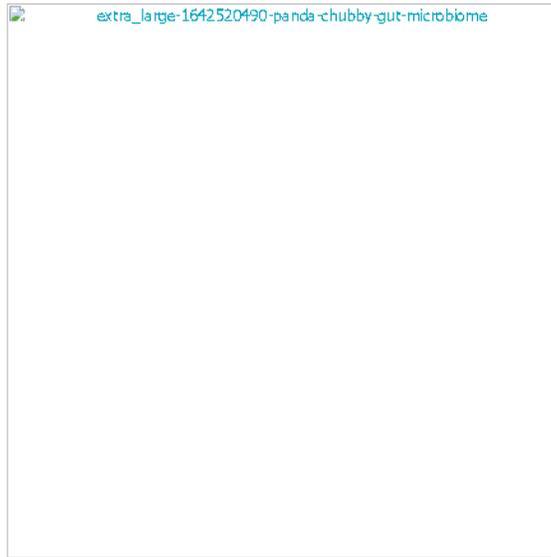


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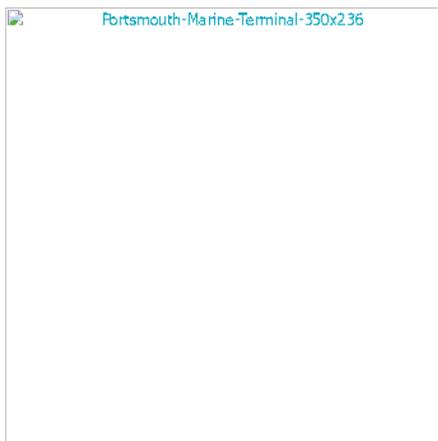
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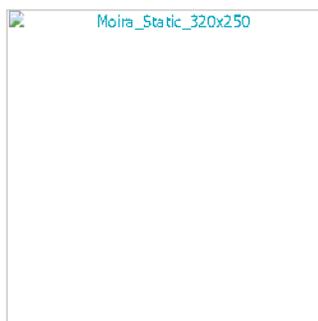


The Port of Virginia says it will lease a portion of its Portsmouth Marine Terminal to Dominion Energy in a bid to accelerate construction of the largest commercial offshore wind farm in the United States, and ensure the commonwealth benefits from the resulting on-shore economic development and jobs.

Under the agreement, Dominion Energy will use 72 acres of the deep-water, multi-use marine cargo Portsmouth Marine Terminal as a staging and pre-assembly area for the foundations and turbines that will be installed 27 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach.

The Virginia wind project will produce more than 2,600 megawatts of clean, renewable energy — enough to power up to 660,000 homes.

"This announcement is yet another milestone toward making Virginia the national leader in offshore wind power," said Gov. Ralph Northam in a written statement.



"The Commonwealth and Dominion Energy are standing together to promote clean energy, reduce carbon emissions, create jobs, and build a new American industry on the East Coast of the United States," he said.

Robert Blue, president and CEO of Dominion Energy described the port's location as "second to none," having "deep water access, no overhead restrictions, a strong, experienced maritime workforce and sufficient space for these large wind infrastructure components.

"It is perfectly situated to serve the Virginia offshore wind project and grow the domestic supply chain needed to complete other offshore wind projects in the United States," he said.

Northam and Blue announced the lease agreement at the Business Network for Offshore Wind's International Partnering Forum, a three-day global conference being held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

It is the largest offshore wind conference in the Western Hemisphere. More than 1,300 people are participating in person, and another 1,000 online.

The lease term is 10 years — valued at nearly \$4.4 million annually — and includes an option for two five-year renewals. The lease agreement includes significant upgrades to ensure the terminal can handle the weight of the large components that will be deployed to build the offshore wind turbines. Once the components are loaded onto ships, the vessels will travel to the construction site 27 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach.

The agreement comes just 18 months after Northam signed into law the Virginia Clean Economy Act, committing the state to clean and renewable energy. The law sets a target of 2034 for producing at least 5,200 megawatts of energy through offshore wind, and a target of 2045 for achieving 100% carbon-free energy production.

Negotiations accelerated in July, when the Virginia Port Authority Board of Commissioners directed Stephen A. Edwards, CEO and executive director of the VPA, to finalize the lease negotiation.

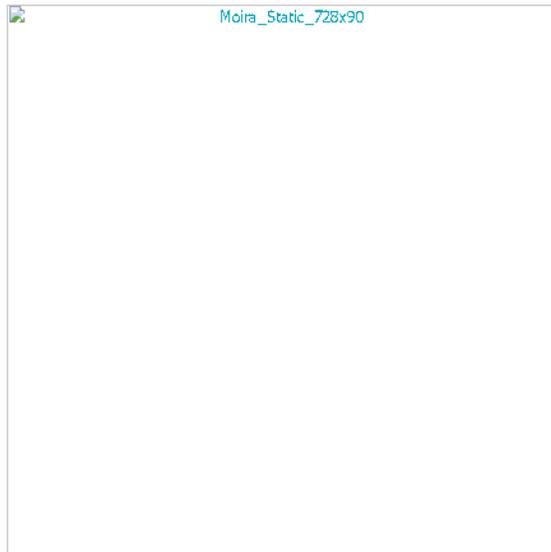
"For the last several years it has been known that the Port of Virginia, and specifically the Portsmouth Marine Terminal, is positioned to be the leading Mid-Atlantic logistics hub for the offshore wind industry," Edwards said.

"This agreement capitalizes on PMT's potential and solidifies Virginia's place as the leader in this growing and competitive field. This port is ready to support Dominion Energy and all of the businesses and jobs that will ensure the success of offshore wind in Virginia," Edwards added.

Dominion Energy's two-turbine pilot project is operating off the coast of Virginia Beach. Last month, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management issued a "Notice of Intent" for the full commercial project.

The Notice of Intent triggers a federal review of the project and preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, which will take about two years.

The Biden administration has set a target of developing 30 gigawatts of offshore wind capacity by 2030.



POTUS WATCH

President Biden met with his national security team this morning to hear intelligence, security, and diplomatic updates on the evolving situation in Afghanistan.

Afterwards, he met with Naftali Bennett, prime minister of Israel, in the Oval Office.

According to the White House, they discussed Iran, efforts to advance peace, security, and prosperity for Israelis and Palestinians; and the importance of working towards a more peaceful and secure future for the region.

"We're not trying to transform the Middle East," a senior administration official told reporters during a conference call last night. "We're not trying to overthrow regimes. We are pursuing a very steady course, centered on achievable aims; alignment of ends and means; and, first and foremost, support to our partners, with, of course, Israel being second to none."

Before arriving in Washington, Bennett made clear the top priority of the visit to the White House was to persuade Biden not to return to the nuclear accord, arguing Iran has already advanced in its uranium enrichment, and that sanctions relief would give Iran more resources to back Israel's enemies in the region.

Bennett told his Cabinet ahead of the trip that he would tell the American president "that now is the time to halt the Iranians, to stop this thing" and not to reenter "a nuclear deal that has already expired and is not relevant, even to those who thought it was once relevant."

The Israeli leader met separately Wednesday with Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin to discuss Iran and other issues.

In the afternoon, the president is scheduled to meet virtually with a bipartisan group of governors from across the country who have offered to temporarily house or help resettle vulnerable Afghans and welcome them to their new communities.

These SIV applicants and other vulnerable Afghans are being screened and vetted by intelligence, law enforcement, and counterterrorism professionals, and undertake extensive COVID-19 and other public health precautions in close coordination with public health officials.

IN OTHER NEWS

Investigators of Insurrection Want Documents

The House committee investigating the January insurrection at the U.S. Capitol is demanding a trove of records from federal intelligence and law enforcement agencies, showing the sweep of the lawmakers' review of the deadly attack by a mob of Donald Trump supporters.

The request Wednesday seeks information about events leading up to the Jan. 6 riot, including communication within the White House under then-President Trump and other agencies, and information about planning and funding for rallies held in Washington. Among them is an event at the Ellipse, near the White House, featuring remarks by Trump where he egged on a crowd of thousands before loyalists stormed the Capitol.

The requested documents are just the beginning of what is expected to be a lengthy, partisan and raucous investigation into how the mob was able to infiltrate the Capitol and disrupt the certification of Democrat Joe Biden's presidential victory.

In a statement Wednesday evening, Trump accused the committee of violating "long-standing legal principles of privilege."

"Executive privilege will be defended, not just on behalf of my administration and the patriots who worked beside me, but on behalf of the Office of the President of the United States and the future of our nation," Trump said.

Trump Lawyers to Be Penalized

Nine lawyers allied with former President Donald Trump face financial penalties and other sanctions after a judge Wednesday said they had abused the court system with a lawsuit that challenged Michigan's election results in favor of Joe Biden.

U.S. District Judge Linda Parker said the lawsuit last fall was a sham intended to deceive the court and the public, just a few days after Biden's 154,000-vote victory in the state was certified.

"Despite the haze of confusion, commotion and chaos counsel intentionally attempted to create by filing this lawsuit, one thing is perfectly clear: Plaintiffs' attorneys have scorned their oath, flouted the rules, and attempted to undermine the integrity of the judiciary along the way," Parker said in the opening of a scathing 110-page opinion.

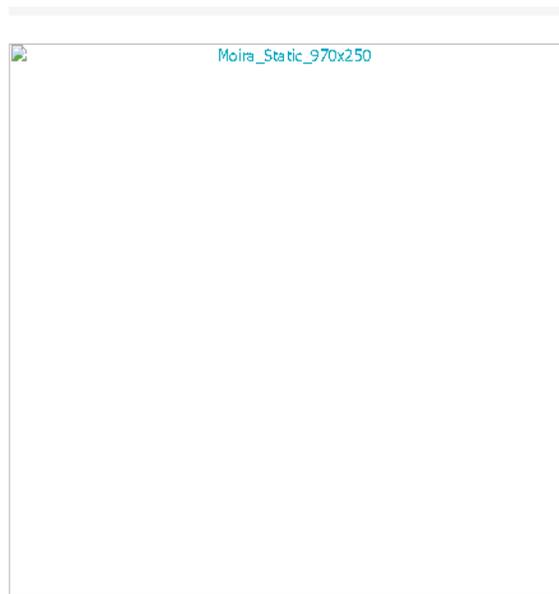
The lawsuit was filed on behalf of six Republican voters who wanted Parker to decertify Michigan's results and impound voting machines. The judge declined in December, calling the request "stunning in its scope and breathtaking in its reach."

The state and Detroit subsequently asked Parker to order sanctions against Sidney Powell, L. Lin Wood and seven other attorneys who were part of the litigation.

The judge agreed, telling the state and city to tally the costs of defending the lawsuit and submit the figures within 14 days.

Parker said lawyers for Trump supporters filed affidavits stuffed with sinister "speculation and conjecture" about the vote-counting process without checking for evidence to support the claims.

"Individuals may have a right — within certain bounds — to disseminate allegations of fraud unsupported by law or fact in the public sphere," the judge said. "But attorneys cannot exploit their privilege and access to the judicial process to do the same."



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Four Years Later, Northam Reflects on Violence in Charlottesville



Four years after a White supremacist rally left three people dead in the home city of Founding Fathers Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe, Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam says there's "still much work to do" when it comes to healing, fairness and justice in America.

The Unite the Right rally took place in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Aug. 11 and 12, drawing hundreds of self-identified members of the alt-right, neo-Confederates, neo-fascists, White nationalists, neo-Nazis, Klansmen, and various right-wing militias to the city of 47,000 people.

By the time it was over, then-Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe had declared a state of emergency, and 32-year-old Heather Heyer, who was peacefully protesting the rally, was dead, having been run down by James Alex Fields, Jr. who deliberately drove his car into a crowd.

Also killed during the protest were 48-year-old state policeman Lt. H. Jay Cullen and 40-year-old trooper-pilot Berke M.M. Bates, whose helicopter crashed while monitoring the unfolding event.



The rally and his response to it forever marked Donald Trump's presidency, drawing battle lines between his supporters and detractors that continue to endure in the nation's capital and across the country.

In his initial statement, Trump condemned 'hatred, bigotry, and violence on many sides,' but then went on to refer to 'very fine people on both sides.'

Critics saw his remarks as implying a moral equivalence between the White supremacist marchers and those who protested against them. Supporters maintain Trump haters wrongly ignored his initial condemnation of what had occurred.

On Thursday, Northam said it remains important to pause to honor those who died during the rally, "and all of the lives forever changed that day."

"Sadly, White nationalist violence has increased since then, and we continue to grapple with the realities and impacts of systemic racism—even as some pretend it does not exist," the governor said.

"These past four years have also seen great progress. Across the Commonwealth, monuments to White supremacy have come down—including in Charlottesville just last month. Protests for racial justice continue to lead to real and lasting change," Northam continued.

"These are reasons for hope. There are more people who want justice and healing, fairness and equality, than those who want to hide history and promote hate," he added. "We have much work to do, and I have faith that we have the will to ensure that hate has no home in Virginia."

Last month, the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, a fund established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the wake of the "Unite the Right" rally, announced it would award \$3 million in grants to more than three dozen groups and sites nationwide to help preserve landmarks linked to Black history.

Recipients of money include a consortium of civil rights sites and Black churches in Alabama; work to establish an African American heritage trail in Colorado; and preservation of the church where Emmett Till's funeral was held in Chicago after his lynching in Mississippi in 1955.

Other grants announced Thursday include money to hire a director for Save Harlem Now!, a historic preservation effort in New York; repairs to the African American Museum and Library in Oakland, California; and research on enslaved people at Hacienda La Esperanza in Puerto Rico.

Grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$150,000 will go to recipients representing centuries of Black experience and help tell the full story of U.S. history, said Brent Leggs, executive director of the fund, in a written statement.

The nation should "value the link between architecture and racial justice," Leggs said.

"I think it is critically important to acknowledge that the nation may be rich in diverse history but it has often done a poor job in representing that history," he said.



POTUS WATCH

President Biden began his day receiving the daily intelligence briefing in the Oval Office.

He then delivered remarks praising the groundbreaking, life-saving work that pharmaceutical companies are doing and simultaneously laid out his vision for reducing the high cost of prescription drugs.

Specifically, Biden is asking Congress to allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, make other needed reforms to lower prices, and build on existing progress to lower the cost of prescription drugs.

For every other type of health care service, Medicare works to get the best prices for American seniors. But for prescription drugs – and only prescription drugs – Medicare is prohibited by law from negotiating for the best deal. The president said this needs to change.

Last month, Biden [signed an executive order](#) calling upon each agency to improve competition, increase wages, and reduce prices—including for prescription drugs.

Alongside other steps, he announced the federal government will be working with states and tribes to import safe, lower-cost prescription drugs from Canada and accelerating the development and uptake of generic and biosimilar drugs that give patients the same exact clinical benefit but at a fraction of the price.

You can read the White House fact sheet [here](#).

In the afternoon, the President will travel to Wilmington, Delaware.

IN OTHER NEWS

The Biden administration is pressing OPEC to do more to lower oil and gas prices, citing the fragility of the ongoing economic recovery due to the delta

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variant of the coronavirus.

In a memo released Wednesday, National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan said last month's decision by the OPEC+ countries to increase production by 400,000 barrels a day monthly through December as "simply not enough" to avoid putting the international economic recovery at risk.

OPEC+ is an amalgamation of OPEC and 10 other oil-exporting nations such as Russia and Kazakhstan.

The price of crude oil is currently higher than it was at the end of 2019, before the onset of the pandemic.

"While OPEC+ recently agreed to production increases, these increases will not fully offset previous production cuts that OPEC+ imposed during the pandemic until well into 2022," Sullivan wrote.

"President Biden has made clear that he wants Americans to have access to affordable and reliable energy, including at the pump," he continued. "Although we are not a party to OPEC, the United States will always speak to international partners regarding issues of significance that affect our national economic and security affairs, in public and private.

"We are engaging with relevant OPEC+ members on the importance of competitive markets in setting prices. Competitive energy markets will ensure reliable and stable energy supplies, and OPEC+ must do more to support the recovery," Sullivan said.

Dominion Voting Systems Lawsuits Can Proceed

A federal judge on Wednesday rejected requests from former Trump personal attorney Rudy Giuliani, pro-Trump lawyer Sidney Powell and MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell to dismiss lawsuits filed against them by Dominion Voting Systems.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Carl Nichols, a Trump nominee, pertains to three defamation lawsuits Dominion filed — at \$1.3 billion each — against Powell, Giuliani, Lindell and his company MyPillow for allegedly claiming without evidence that the voting machine company rigged the 2020 presidential election for Biden by manipulating votes.

The defendants had argued, among other things, that their statements were legally protected opinions or were otherwise made without malicious intent.

Nichols' 44-page opinion clears the way for the litigation to proceed.

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GOVERNMENT

Blinken, Now Secretary of State, Faces Challenges at Home and Abroad



Antony Blinken, confirmed as America's top diplomat by the U.S. Senate on Tuesday, now faces a myriad of problems both within the agency he will now lead and abroad.

Confirmed by a 78-22 vote Tuesday afternoon, Blinken is now the nation's 71st secretary of state, succeeding Mike Pompeo.

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Voting Machine Companies Sue Giuliani for Defamation



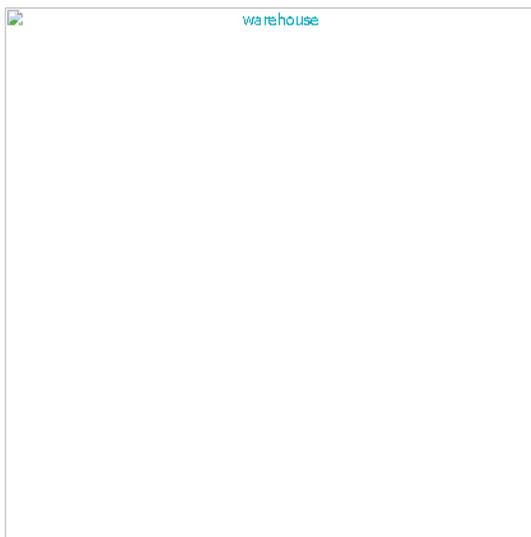
Another Trump administration lawyer was hit with a billion-dollar plus lawsuit for defamation Monday after he alleged the company that supplied the voting machines in the 2020 presidential election was implicated in fraud.

This time the defendant is Rudolph W. Giuliani, former New York City mayor and Donald Trump's personal lawyer. Last week, Dominion Voting Systems sued Sidney Powell, a former Trump campaign lawyer.

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ECONOMY

Biden's Buy American Order Gets Mixed Industry Reaction



President Joe Biden's executive order Monday to boost American manufacturing is receiving a warm welcome from some major industry associations but words of caution from U.S. trade partners.

The order requires federal agencies to purchase more of their equipment from American manufacturers.

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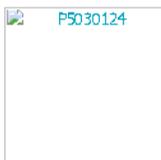
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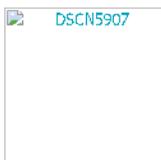
[Senate Vote Appears to Signal Second Acquittal Coming for Trump](#)

A bipartisan effort in the Senate Tuesday narrowly killed a Republican push to dismiss the impeachment charge against former President Donald Trump as unconstitutional.



[New Study Warns of COVID-19's Negative Impact on Rural Colleges and Communities](#)

A new study published by the Alliance for Research on Regional Colleges reveals that the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on underserved rural colleges and surrounding communities could endanger the stability of local economies, health care systems and social mobility for the foreseeable future.

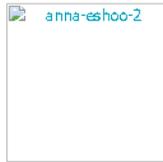


[Supreme Court Tosses Emoluments Lawsuits Against Trump, Calling Them Moot](#)

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a pair of emoluments lawsuits against former President Donald Trump, ruling the cases are moot now that he's left office.



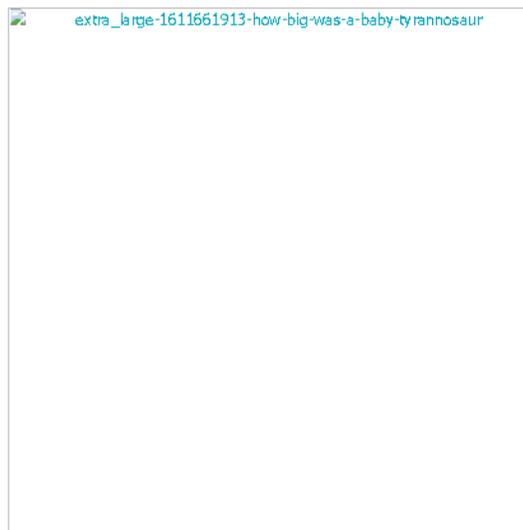
[Will Congress Revamp Reconciliation to Quickly Pass Biden COVID Relief Plan?](#)
It's the buzzword of everyone wanting to bypass GOP resistance and pass President Joe Biden's \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package, and it could upend decades of precedent when it comes to the federal budget process.



[Online Misinformation Obstacle to Effective COVID-19 Response, Eshoo Says](#)
Delivering the opening keynote at the virtual, two-day event hosted by the Internet Education Foundation, Eshoo, the first woman to serve as chair of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on health, pointed to the spread of misinformation surrounding the virus as one of the main obstacles the new administration is facing.

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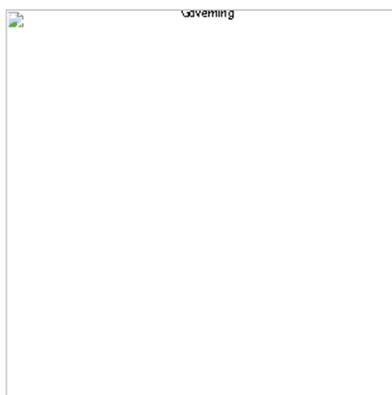
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Prospects Brighten for State and Local Aid from Washington

With Democrats in control of the Senate and the rest of Washington, further stimulus is a near-certainty. State and local aid, which has been held up by the GOP, will be part of the mix.

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President-elect Joe Biden has selected Gina Raimondo to serve as Commerce secretary, which will put her in charge of the 2020 Census closure and economic recovery from the pandemic-driven recession.

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Social Media Responds, Platforms Place Bans on Trump

After the storming of the Capitol last week, several social media platforms have enacted bans on President Trump's accounts; Twitter suspended Trump for 12 hours, while Facebook blocked him through Inauguration Day.

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A ruling by the Labor Department has made it easier for businesses to classify their gig workers as independent contractors, which don't require standard employee protections such as minimum wage and benefits.

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"The effect of disinformation, conspiracy theories and extremism was on display for the entire world to see."

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The amount that Dominion Voting Systems is suing former Trump lawyer Sidney Powell for damages, resulting from her disinformation regarding the safety of the voting machines.

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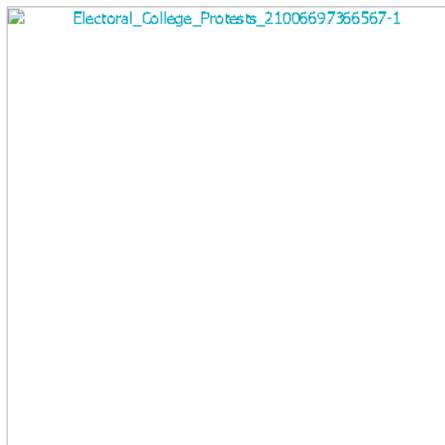


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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Rioters at Capitol Face Long-Term Prosecutions as Police in Washington Pledge to Pursue Them



Washington's mayor and the FBI are pledging to track down and prosecute any protesters who broke the law during the riot at the U.S. Capitol building Wednesday.

They are posting photos and videos from the mob violence on Internet sites while asking members of the public to help identify them.

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CONGRESS

Confusion, Lack of Planning and Delayed Funding Trouble States' Vaccine Rollouts



As the first week of the new year comes to an end, the vaccine distribution system across the country continues to face numerous challenges in producing an effective rollout as the public remains confused on who is supposed to get the vaccine, as states experience delayed vaccine funding from the federal government and as climbing numbers of coronavirus deaths and cases continue to overwhelm America's health care system.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

What They Are Saying About the Attack on the US Capitol



The U.S. Capitol is once again secure, though remnants of the mayhem that transpired Wednesday afternoon and evening remain.

Much of the trash left behind by marauding protestors had been swept into piles by Thursday morning, though shards of glass still lay at the base of broken windows, and portions of the marble floor remained slick where supporters of President Donald Trump sprayed fire extinguishers.

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[Former Trump Campaign Lawyer Sued by Voting Machine Company](#)
Voting machine manufacturer Dominion Voting Systems Corp. sued former Trump campaign lawyer Sidney Powell Friday in a lawsuit seeking \$1.3 billion in damages for defamation.



[House Poised to Consider Impeachment Measure as Early as Monday](#)
House Democrats are prepared to move to impeach President Donald Trump over his role in inciting a violent mob to attack the U.S. Capitol as early as Monday, according to staffers privy to talks Friday on Capitol Hill.



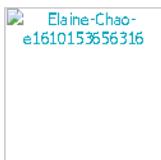
[Pence Said to Oppose Removing Trump Under 25th Amendment](#)
Vice President Mike Pence is opposed invoking the 25th Amendment to remove President Donald, with just days to go before the inauguration of Joe Biden as the next president, according to multiple reports



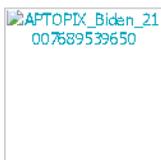
[Flags to Fly at Half-Staff After Capitol Police Officer's Death](#)
Flags will fly at half-staff at the U.S. Capitol to remember the officer who died after he was injured during this week's riot by Trump supporters, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced Friday. Officer Brian D. Sicknick died at about 9:30 p.m. Thursday night, a spokeswoman for the Capitol Police Department said.



[Trump Won't Attend Biden Inauguration](#)
President Donald Trump took to his favorite medium — Twitter — Friday morning to announce he won't attend President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration on Jan. 20. "To all of those who have asked, I will not be going to the Inauguration on January 20th," Trump tweeted.



[Transportation Secretary Chao First Cabinet Member to Resign Over Capitol Siege](#)
In a letter posted to Twitter, Chao, who is married to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, said, "Yesterday, our country experienced a traumatic and entirely avoidable event as supporters of the president stormed the Capitol building following a rally he addressed.

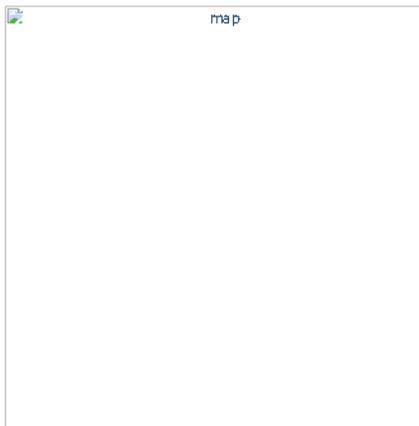
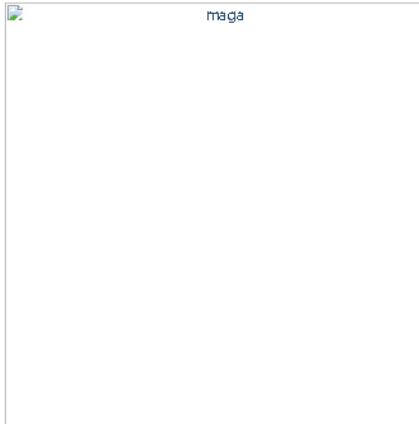


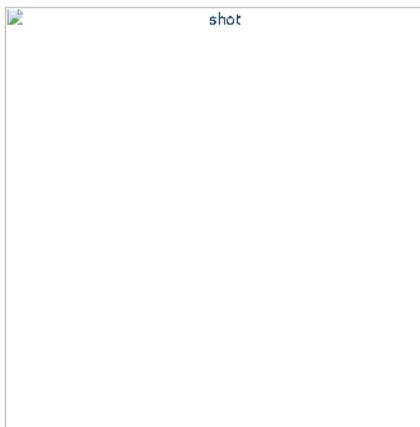
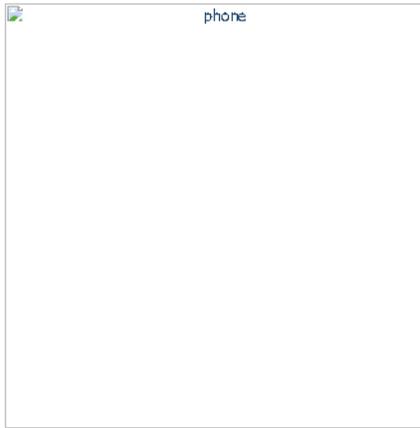
[Environment Efficacy: Biden to Undertake Robust Climate Change Agenda](#)
Biden's plan, outlined on his campaign website, proposes \$1.7 trillion in new "federal investments" over the next 10 years that would incentivize private sectors to transition to renewable energy solutions, among other initiatives.



[Incoming and Returning Members Named to Key House Committees](#)
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More election fraud avenues:

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More proof China meddles in a lot of things in a lot of places: (why have so many been so 'asleep' at the wheel' for so long?)

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deluge of voter fraud witnesses

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Hannity has Newt Gingrich on & they point out how more and more folks are stepping up to testify re voter fraud they personally saw or heard, etc. in several states. (esp NV, GA, MI - but others too)
 Do you think it's too little too late?

<https://thepatriotnation.net/witnesses-by-the-hundreds-telling-it-all-about-bidens-election-fraud/>

"Sidney Powell filed a 104 page law suit in GA with confidence and her direct accusations of elected officials and appointees, are warranted.
 Powell's lawsuit contained allegations of numerous irregularities, anomalies, old fashioned "ballot stuffing," violations of Georgia's Election Code, unlawful audit procedures, and use of voting machines to manipulate votes."

Newt says Warnock, cunning in GA, got 88% of his money outside GA and is about the scariest candidate ever. (his base is in CA)
 Perhaps we are finally seeing the truly evil face of the dems. Can it get much worse?

I hope you and the MT legislature can protect our beloved state from such voting nightmares. It seems other states had laws in place, etc but those have been overtaken by corrupt governors, bad judges, etc. And if all that's not enough to give one nightmares, there's always the 'environmental colonialists' trying to take MT land and run the commonsense off! Beek!
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Re: if vote by mail is such a great idea...

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True - but will they do it & do they have the votes? Seems like similar scenarios are playing out in PA, GA as well & now Sidney Powell is positing that a Dominion voting machine was removed from Fulton County in GA while lawyers sought a restraining order...
 pretty good evidence they are hiding sth. (today's Epoch Times)

MSM news today (heard via Todd Herman on KTTT out of SEA) is that Dr Scott Adams has resigned from the WH staff. WRONG!
 When he signed on he agreed to stay for 130 days. That period of time is up. He doesn't want to be a part of the swamp.
 Yet another example of false reporting. Todd is doing MUCH research on the Covid debacle. He's compiling a very substantial file on how we're being played.

It seems Rand Paul is taking it to Fauci (about time!) re school closures and other issues where F has been flat wrong. 44 countries now have open schools with no appreciable increase in cases. What we are doing to our kids is treasonous.

Have a great day.
 dizzys

On Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 8:07:15 AM MST, Rep. Steve Gunderson <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov> wrote:

If Arizona Legislature can get "backbone", stand up and find evidence then all the dominoes start falling. The Dems and Media are staying the course of "No illegal votes". All they have to do is audit the votes rather than just recount and the "house of cards" comes crashing down.
 Steve

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On Nov 30, 2020, at 10:02 PM, Harry and Mo Disney <hddvm71@yahoo.com> wrote:

This is hopeful in PA, but what are the chances the resolution will pass ... or in AZ?

"Officials in the Executive and Judicial Branches of the Commonwealth infinged upon the General Assembly's authority under the Constitution of the United States by unlawfully changing the rules governing the November 3, 2020, election in the Commonwealth;" the resolution (pdf) states." (this alone should be enough to toss the whole election)

https://www.theepochtimes.com/pennsylvania-lawmakers-formally-introduce-resolution-to-dispute-2020-elections-results_3599100.html?utm_source=news&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=breaking-2020-11-30-3

AND: AZ fraud...

https://www.theepochtimes.com/anonymous-email-from-arizona-tech-worker-alleges-35000-votes-given-to-democrats-in-pima-county-witness_3598878.html?utm_source=news&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=breaking-2020-11-30-3

AND: Biden margins in PA very strange - nearly impossible

<https://www.theblaze.com/op-ed/how-wild-new-analysis-shows-biden-winning-nearly-impossible-margins-on-mail-in-ballots-in-pennsylvania>

May it all be blessed....

On Monday, November 30, 2020, 9:09:29 PM MST, Gundersen Steven <steve.gundersen@mtleg.gov> wrote:

I'm getting a better feeling every day. Just watched Arizona Legislature committee listening to Rudi Giuliani and hearing their response was heart warming.

From: "Harry and Mo Disney" <hddvm71@yahoo.com>
To: "Rep. Steve Gundersen" <steve.gundersen@mtleg.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 5:43:43 PM
Subject: Re: if vote by mail is such a great idea...

Go Steve, go!! If we lose election integrity for any reason, our Republic is finished. It seems the GOP leadership/legislatures in some of the battle ground states have dropped the ball.

For a summary of all the very questionable numbers/data re election see:
<https://democracyinstitute.org/reasons-why-the-2020-presidential-election-is-deeply-puzzling/>

Can there be any doubt of election fraud?
dizzyz

On Monday, November 30, 2020, 5:11:17 PM MST, Rep. Steve Gundersen <steve.gundersen@mtleg.gov> wrote:

It's going to be up to state Legislatures to stop mail in election!

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On Nov 30, 2020, at 10:23 AM, Harry and Mo Disney <hddvm71@yahoo.com> wrote:

... why do most developed nations ban it except for true/legitimate/verifiable absentee uses?
Oregon claims it works...they who now basically have a one party system with over half the state disenfranchised and wishing to join Idaho...

"If concern about vote fraud with mail-in ballots is delusional, it is a delusion shared by most of the world." (most of Europe & most other developed nations prohibit it)
<https://www.independentsentinel.com/most-countries-of-the-world-ban-mail-in-voting-due-to-fraud-vote-buying/>

The 2005 Carter/Baker voter election integrity project listed vote by mail as the #1 danger to fair & free elections.
Just sayin'! =)

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Sidney Powell with Mark Steyn on Rush's show today

From : Harry and Mo Disney <hddvm71@yahoo.com>
Subject : Sidney Powell with Mark Steyn on Rush's show today
To : montana talks <aaron@montanataalks.com>, Steve Gundersen REP <steve.gundersen@mtleg.gov>

Mon, Nov 16, 2020 11:56 AM

She's hot on it. Not sure if you can tune into this interview - maybe Rush's site has it. Well worth hearing.
Here's a layman's summary of what she's found so far:
How is it a Canadian company (foreign) was able to install in the USA a Venezuelan (foreign) made machine ... with results sent to Spain/ Germany (foreign) for counting (also controlled by the Venezuelans), Communist countries, China included via money, etc. is interfering in our elections?
HUGE chain of custody issues.
Dominion programmers didn't estimate the algorithm correctly (& anticipate the huge number of votes for T) so they had to do a last minute patch, etc.
They could also trash, add votes and even change counts at the counting sites in Barcelona and Frankfurt (while the votes are out of the country)
They are trying to use GA as 'proof' of the reliability of Dominion voting systems, where they were able to change things VIA THE INTERNET (big = law violation). Machines are so hackable a 15 yr old can do it. GA governor and sec of state were given kick backs for ordering the Dominion system - their decision to use Dominion was rushed through.
Employees at Dominion are deleting their resumes from LinkedIn as they don't want to be associated with the company.

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The company itself is dropping info from their website. Powell says everyone on the face of the earth is trying to suppress this story.

Powell doubts states will be able to certify their elections or they will be certifying their own fraud.

Class action suits are in the offing to prevent states' from certifying their results.

Powell thinks it all will go to the Supreme Court - esp due to MULTT foreign interventions = should be more than enough reason for Roberts, et al to take the case.

Powell's web site for reporting election fraud: we tried on both google and bing to access the site and it just lists 'error'

They sometimes list fake links. Even with the exact title typed in, the site won't load. What gives?

defendingthepublic.org

We tried to link to the site via Sidney's home page...won't load either.

<https://www.sidneypowell.com/>

Release the Kracken!

Thanks.

disneys

more evidence/data that Dominion has issues

From : Harry and Mo Disney <hddvm71@yahoo.com>

Sun, Nov 15, 2020 09:26 PM

Subject : more evidence/data that Dominion has issues

To : Steve Gunderson REP <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>

"Dominion software's reputation for reliability may have taken another hit with the claim that Eric Coomer, a vice president of Dominion, and the person in charge of the software's security, is an Antifa supporter and Trump hater. This information is disturbing when added to the way in which the software chummed out impossible pro-Biden results in the wee hours of November 4 in Democrat-run states following a Trump wave. [Wikipedia has deleted](#) most of Dominion's history." (including its origins in Venezuela) When Coomer was asked who could make changes to the software, Coomer allegedly replied that "vendors, election officials, and others who need to be granted access." (no wonder 'y'athies' were put in place at 4 in the morning and votes shifted)

https://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2020/11/the_dominion_software_story_keeps_getting_worse.html (good interview included)

Go Sidney Powell, go
disneys

Dominion voting systems were designed to create altered voting results

From : Harry and Mo Disney <hddvm71@yahoo.com>

Sun, Nov 15, 2020 08:32 PM

Subject : Dominion voting systems were designed to create altered voting results

To : Steve Gunderson REP <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>

Some 11th hour hope:

From Atty Sidney Powell:

"...the evidence that we have collected on Dominion, starting with the fact that it was created to produce altered voting results

in Venezuela for Hugo Chavez and then shift internationally to manipulate votes for purchase in other countries, including this one.

It was funded by money from Venezuela and Cuba and China has a role in it also, so if you want to talk about foreign election interference we certainly have it now. We have staggering statistical evidence, we have staggering testimony from witnesses including one who was personally in briefings when all this was discussed and planned beginning with Hugo Chavez and how it was designed there. Then saw it happening in this country."

<https://pjmedia.com/unca-tegorized/victoria-taft/2020/11/15/claiming-staggering-evidence-of-unca-tegorized-fraud-trump-attorney-sidney-powell-says-shell-soon-release-the-kracken-on-2020-unca-tegorized-n1148648>

Maybe Sidney can save the day...Trump's current 'crew' seems to be disorganized and faltering ... hope that's not the case.

Thanks.

disneys

AND - gasp: Durham is dropping Spygate investigation? WAT? Guess we all best employ Scott Adam's 48 hr rule: after 'breaking news,'

wait 48 hrs to know what's really going on.....

"It appears that the bureaucracy is more afraid of the Democrats than the people, as a report emerges claiming the Justice Department is dropping the investigation into Spygate, nearly two years after it began...At this juncture, it appears that official Washington intelligentsia is counting noses and votes and, in the interest of preserving their own hides, are giving up on doing what is right for the country.

<https://pjmedia.com/election/victoria-taft/2020/11/15/what-the-hell-report-claims-durham-investigation-into-spy-gate-is-dropped-n1148534>

Re: interesting posit

From : Harry and Mo Disney <hddvm71@yahoo.com>

Mon, Nov 09, 2020 05:14 PM

Subject : Re: interesting posit

To : Rep. Steve Gunderson <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>

So on top of things! Now those of us who are rather horrified at what's going down in our nation now can sleep at little better at night! Hope the legislature can 'shut down' the AFR (American Prairie Reserve) too. How dare they try to turn wonderful MT into a Serengeti for the rich!

Also, according to Dick Moeris today, even without PA, if Trump can get AZ, NV and one other, the electoral college vote could be evenly divided 169 to 169, in which case it would go to the House of Rep. and each state gets one vote = Trump would win. Maybe there's still hope.

Blessings,

disneys

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more election cottenness:
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ballot software with 'glitches' draws suspicions

From : Harry and Mo Disney <hddvm71@yahoo.com>
Subject : ballot software with 'glitches' draws suspicions
To : montana talks <aaron@montanatalks.com>
Cc : Steve Gunderson REP <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>

Sun, Nov 08, 2020 05:44 PM

Hi Aaron,
 No day of test for the news cycle...breaking info hour by hour Monday should be jam packed!
 Thanks.
 disneys

"the machines Dominion manufactures include components from China...there is no option for manufacturing those in the United States,"

... "In Georgia, Marcia Ridley, elections supervisor at Spalding County Board of Election said the software company uploaded some "updates," before the glitches. "That is something that they don't ever do...I've never seen them update anything the day before the election?" Ridley said. So far, NO ONE is answering questions about who uploaded the dataset

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and whether it had been reviewed and tested by anyone beforehand."

In Michigan 6,000 votes switched from Republican to Democrat in Antrim County, Michigan on Tuesday. The software is used in 69 counties in MI.

In Oakland County, Michigan, a glitch in a *different system* (Fact Intectivic) switched over 1,200 Republican votes to Democrat. Tagg Romney, son of Mitt Romney, owns the holding company which owns Fact Intectivic. **WHY** did both glitches in Michigan switch Republican votes to Democrat despite apparently occurring in different underlying systems??

Dominion Voting Systems has ties to prominent Democrats, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Bill and Hillary Clinton... last year that Dominion Voting Systems hired a high-powered lobbying firm that includes a longtime aide to Pelosi. They donated to the Clinton Foundation
<https://www.worldtribune.com/dominion-voting-systems-tied-to-clintons-widely-used-in-battle-ground-states/>

Voting machine manufacturers have acknowledged that some of their equipment allows for the transmission of election-night vote counts via modem, a vulnerability security experts say hackers could easily exploit.

Atty Sidney Powell (lawyer for Gen. Michael Flynn) interview - Trump's legal reasons for filing suits:
<https://video.foxnews.com/v/6208201476001/#sp=show-clips>

- exposes massive & coordinated effort to steal election from American people
- software algorithms were faulty (pre-planned) and should be investigated
- an investigation is needed into who actually owns the 4 major voting machine companies

Plenty of skulduggery to go around...

General Flynn and the bogus case against him

From : Cheryl Wilson <cheryl1redsins@gmail.com>

Sat, Sep 26, 2020 02:56 PM

Subject : General Flynn and the bogus case against him

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Time to step up and let the Democrats know that their deceit and anti-America rhetoric and actions WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

Attached is the latest information/evidence/argument submitted by Flynn's lawyer, Sidney Powell, which clearly calls out the malicious intent of those who were solely focused on taking down Trump by any means necessary.

How long must we put up with those who are clearly, with malice, intent on destroying America? How long will we stay silent? Silence is literally killing our democracy and is most certainly undermining our Constitution.

For those who care about the future of our country - the NEAR future of our country, we cannot remain silent while the billionaires direct chaos through violence and infiltration of elected officials.

This is a SHORT read - please take the 5 minutes it requires to read this information; it is shocking that such a blatant attempt to overthrow a DULY ELECTED PRESIDENT was undertaken and even upon discovery, has not received the attention it deserves - make your voice heard - make OUR voices heard - do not let the Democrats, liberals and socialists get away with what is nothing less than treason and insurrection.

Cheryl Wilson

[477364140-Explosive-FBI-Texts-Show-Internal-Furor-At-Crossfire-Hurricane-Handling.pdf](#)

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(after:5/31/20 and before:1/22/22) and ("Jovan Hutton Pulitzer" OR "jovanhuttonpulitzer@gmail.com")

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Fwd: Public Records Act Request (MT-REP-21-1725)

From : Gunderson Steven <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>
Subject : Fwd: Public Records Act Request (MT-REP-21-1725)
To : Susan Fox <sfox@mt.gov>

Fri, Dec 03, 2021 08:53 PM
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External images are not displayed. [Display images below](#)

Susan, Could you please fill this records request?

Thanks!

Steve

From: "AO Records" <records@americanoversight.org>
To: "steve gunderson" <Steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 11:23:21 AM
Subject: Public Records Act Request (MT-REP-21-1725)

1/21/22, 2:45 PM

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Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Montana's public records laws.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Wishingrad

Pronouns: she/her

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Wed, Dec 01, 2021 11:23 AM

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Re: Montana Election Integrity

From : Gary C's Cadwallader <woodentrout@live.com>
Subject : Re: Montana Election Integrity
To : Gunderson Steven <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>

Sat, Aug 14, 2021 01:57 PM

@3 attachments

Hi Steve,
Just a followup to my last email:
I am reaching out to back Rep. Theresa Manzella in requesting a FULL FORENSIC AUDIT of every county in MT, but especially Flathead, Cascade, Missoula, Ravalli, Gallatin, Yellowstone and Lewis & Clark Counties, to uncover any and all election irregularities.
I am attaching a copy of the forensic audit guidelines used in Arizona for educational purposes.

Thank you again,
Peggy Cadwallader

From: Gary C's Cadwallader <woodentrout@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 7:42 AM
To: Gunderson Steven <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>
Subject: Re: Montana Election Integrity

Thank you, Steve.
Your attention to my email is heartening, and I am going to forward it on to the Telegram Montana First Audit Chat group.
Bless you and the ".38 Special" soon to ".45 Special" "Peeps".
Peggy

From: Gunderson Steven <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 11:33 PM
To: Gary C's Cadwallader <woodentrout@live.com>
Subject: Re: Montana Election Integrity

Peggy,

Yes, I am on board with a 50 state audit. The folks in your list are part of the Conservative Republican group known as the ".38 Special" in the 2019 session and with the new freshmen in 2021 we were closer to the ".45 Special". My hope is that we can put targets on the backs of more RINO's next election cycle and make us a 51 majority! Best way to put it is that these folks are my "Peeps" and we share a lot of the same values and think along the same lines.
I have been tied up with many different projects including the bogus "Selenium" issue that is being forced down our throats. This interim I have my hands full trying to keep abreast of Fires and all the normal things that occupy my time till we start into the next election/session cycle. My "Peeps" keep me apprised of happenings and we share a text string of 20 of us that enables us to each focus on our individual projects and to be kept in the loop on other activities such as voter integrity and voter rights. Brad Tschida is focused on the election fraud that took place in Missoula. When needed, I

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will sign on to Brad's call for an audit.

Concerning Lincoln County, I don't believe there was any organized fraud..... having said that, I believe that Mr. Keshel has come to some misconceptions of the population growth. I have talked to many new folks that moved out of heavily Blue States due to their Red leanings. My opinion, but I don't believe we have had any organized voter fraud in Lincoln County.

I do feel there was organized voter fraud that put Senator Tester back into his office. Judge Christianson in Missoula stated "there is no voter fraud in Montana". I hope we can make him eat those words and prove there is fraud at most levels in "Blue" areas of the State.

I'm pretty amazed at the Tribal members trying to say our new election bills are racist and are designed to deny Tribal members the right to vote by requiring Voter ID and to remove same day voter registration. It's simply amazing what the Federal Government is attempting to do by removing State rights to set our own voter laws. If they succeed in passing the current law they are trying to shove down our throats, they are attempting to sew up their "Steal" and to continue to steal elections for decades.

In Liberty,

Steve

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To: "steve gunderson" <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>

Sent: Sunday, August 1, 2021 2:36:59 PM

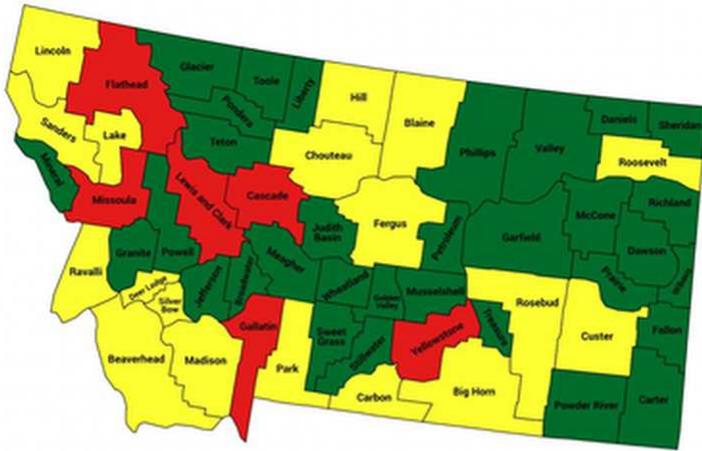
Subject: Montana Election Integrity

Hi Steve,

I'm writing to you today as a concerned Montanan about the 2020 elections and the grass roots push to promote Election Audits in all 50 states. I first learned of this attempt to have audits in all 50 states elections from the "Steve Bannon Warroom" broadcast where I have been following the activity of the 2020 Forensic audit in Arizona. Mainstream media is either ignoring or demonizing anyone who is even asking questions or has concerns. There is much going on at the grass roots activity, however. I don't know if you are dialed in any of this, but wanted to contact you about it.

An abundance of data and more information is available on the TELEGRAM app in the groups "America First Audit" and "Montana First Audit" channels. All 50 states are represented in Telegram's America First Audit channel. I would humbly suggest you investigate what is going on there if you haven't already done so.

I'm including a few samples of some of the information there - a breakdown of suspicious (needs to be investigated) activity surrounding the 2020 election in Montana. The map and chart here were put together by Seth Keshel, he is analyzing all 50 states to identify where counties have irregularities in the 2020 election. If you are not aware of his work, Seth Keshel has been analyzing irregularities between population growth, historic trends, and registered voters. Lincoln County is shown as "Yellow" on the Map he put together.



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
	2008 R	2008 D	2012 R	2012 D	2016 R	2016 D	2020 R	2020 D	Pop Growth Decade	New RVs	
Beaverhead	3	2	3	1	3	1	4	2	3%	383	
Big Horn	2	4	2	3	2	2	2	2	2%	-496	
Blaine	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1%	236	
Broadwater	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	1	15%	801	
Carbon	3	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	8%	562	
Carter	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	7%	5	
Cascade	17	18	18	15	20	12	23	15	0%	-3,406	
Chouteau	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	-2%	204	
Custer	3	2	3	2	4	1	4	1	-4%	88	
Daniels	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-6%	-13	
Dawson	3	2	3	1	3	1	4	1	-5%	0	
Deer Lodge	2	3	1	3	2	2	2	3	-2%	471	
Fallon	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-2%	-121	
Fergus	4	2	4	2	4	1	5	1	-4%	113	
Flathead	26	16	28	14	30	13	38	20	16%	9,170	
Gallatin	23	24	24	22	24	24	32	37	31%	13,072	
Garfield	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5%	16	
Glacier	1	3	1	4	2	3	2	3	1%	571	
Golden Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6%	-16	
Granite	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	8%	101	
Hill	3	4	3	3	3	2	4	3	2%	-286	
Jefferson	4	3	4	2	4	2	5	3	8%	1,089	
Judith Basin	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-4%	66	
Lake	6	7	7	6	8	5	9	7	8%	1,982	
Lewis & Clark	15	17	17	16	17	15	21	20	11%	5,289	
Liberty	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1%	55	
Lincoln	6	3	6	3	7	2	9	3	3%	991	
Madison	3	2	3	1	3	1	4	2	17%	935	
McCone	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-5%	-15	
Meagher	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-3%	15	
Mineral	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	8%	281	
Missoula	21	37	23	33	22	32	26	43	11%	7,350	
Musselshell	2	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	3%	559	
Park	4	4	5	4	5	4	6	5	7%	1,298	
Petroleum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1%	-35	
Phillips	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	-8%	118	
Pondera	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	-6%	313	
Powder River	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-4%	38	
Powell	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	1	3%	347	
Prairie	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-10%	1	
Ravalli	13	8	14	7	15	6	19	9	12%	3,620	
Richland	3	1	4	1	4	1	5	1	13%	658	
Roosevelt	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	5%	233	
Rosebud	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	-4%	67	
Sanders	4	2	4	2	4	1	6	2	7%	909	
Sheridan	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	-4%	94	
Silver Bow	5	12	5	11	6	9	8	10	3%	1,460	
Sitllwater	3	2	3	1	4	1	4	1	9%	714	
Sweet Grass	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	1	1%	169	
Teton	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	1	3%	145	
Toole	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	-12%	-44	
Treasure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3%	-9	
Valley	2	2	2	1	3	1	3	1	0%	291	
Wheatland	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	-1%	-72	
Wibaux	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-8%	-8	
Yellowstone	36	32	41	26	41	22	51	31	10%	7,809	

According to Keshel (and also backed by national attention-- Missoula County especially) there is significance evidence to support looking into the 2020 elections in every state. Montana has been identified as having at least six counties where irregularities have been identified as "red". Also, even more concerning are the Zuckerberg Grants to fund local elections. Ordinary citizens in some of the counties have been researching and reporting in the Montana First Audit Chat on Telegram, the following counties have applied for and awarded Zuckerberg's "CTCL" Election grants.

Montana Counties Awarded Grants from Zuckerberg-Funded Center for Tech & Civic Life (CTCL) for use in 11/2020 Election with Seth Keshel's Analysis Indicating Potential Election Fraud

<https://www.techandcivillife.org/our-work/civic-data/how-its-used/>
<https://www.techandcivillife.org/grants-awards/>
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1E7P3ow1O6U8pMY1GaeI8n7wZw6e-19d37NEE5ZA/>

Jurisdiction	Entity	State	CTCL Grant Award Amount	Keshel Chart Color*	Keshel Estimated Excess Voters*
"Park"	County	Montana		yellow	
Anaconda-Deer Lodge	City-County Combined	Montana		yellow	
Blaine	County	Montana		yellow	
Cascade	County	Montana	\$294,128	red	3,000
Custer	County	Montana		yellow	
Daniels	County	Montana		green	
Gallatin	County	Montana	\$292,839	red	7,000
Glacier	County	Montana		green	
Hill	County	Montana		yellow	
Jefferson	County	Montana		green	
Lake County	County	Montana	\$272,932	yellow	
Lewis And Clark	County	Montana		red	3,000
Liberty	County	Montana		green	
Madison	County	Montana	\$5,000	yellow	
Missoula	County	Montana	\$312,818	red	6,000
Phillips County	County	Montana		green	
Pondera	County	Montana		green	
Powell County	County	Montana		green	
Prairie	County	Montana		green	
Ravalli	County	Montana	\$19,593	yellow	
Sanders	County	Montana	\$0	yellow	
Sheridan	County	Montana		green	
Stillwater	County	Montana	\$5,000	green	
Sweet Grass	County	Montana		green	
Teton County	County	Montana		green	
Toole	County	Montana		green	
Valley County	County	Montana		green	
Wheatland	County	Montana		green	
Wibaux	County	Montana		green	
Yellowstone	County	Montana		red	6,000
30 of 56 MT counties awarded CTCL funds			\$1,202,310		

Steve, it would be easy to sit back and think that Lincoln County is immune from this kind of outside influence, unlike Missoula, Yellowstone, Flathead, Gallatin and the others. But it has been flagged by Keshel (who is doing analysis on all 50 states) as "Yellow" - showing at least potentially suspicious tendencies. I believe outside influencers like Zuckerberg should not be funding our administration of elections at all, ever. Period. The chart above is just beginning to be filled in (as of end of July so far) as people contact their election administrators... But supposedly over \$1.2 million dollars was granted to 30 of Montana's 56 counties. I don't know if Lincoln County received any of that funding, do you?

Again, Lincoln County is not on this list for 2020, but if election integrity is not established - and to my way of thinking a forensic audit, in at least the "Red" counties, for one will not have faith that the elections in 2022, 2024 and beyond will not be similarly compromised. That means state representatives and senators, federal house & senate elections, Governor, Secretary of State, etc. I remember watching the state elections last year and the harrowing changes to the "late" counts that came in from many of those "Zuckerberg" counties.

If left unchecked - and if there's a simpler method than a forensic audit I'd love to hear of it - Montana - with all its natural resources - will be subject to, in my opinion, the interests of "big business" and "Political Elites" and no longer of Montanans. Montana matters to the nation, and obviously to its citizens.

So again, are you aware of the so-called "November 3rd" movement to get to the bottom of election integrity and to have audits of 2020 elections? How do you stand on it? I understand that as of the end of July, the following Montana Reps have said that they support the audits. Do you? And are you willing to go on the record with that? I'd like to see you added to that growing list:

- (HD-97) - Brad Tschida
- (HD-85) - Theresa Manzella
- (HD-11) - Derek Skees
- (HD-95) - Michele Binkley
- (HD-87) - Ron Marshall

I thank you for the service you are doing for HD 1, and glad that you have stepped up so boldly on so many issues. Thank you in advance for a response to my inquiry, and if you are already aware of the work on election integrity, I thank you for your patience with my contacting you.

Sincerely,
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From : Harry and Mo Disney <hddvm71@yahoo.com>
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To : Steve Gunderson REP <steve.gunderson@mtleg.gov>, montana talks <aaron@montanataalks.com>

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Re Election fraud in AZ:
A friend in AZ sent this to us. It is yet more proof that election fraud was real and must be addressed at every level. Thank goodness for the few courageous Congress people and one Senator (so far), plus state legislatures, etc., who are standing in the gap for our nation... and fighting to expose all that 'went on' Nov. 3. (a well co-ordinated, pre-planned attack on our Republic.)
Just thought you may like to know.
disneys

I imagine this is a general letter to many people, but he did specifically address my concerns so he must have read my short letter. But it explains a little of what has been going on.

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From: [Representative Paul Gosar](#)
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 7:43 PM
To: [Mrs. Carolyn Morrow](#)
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Dear Mrs. Morrow,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the lack of integrity of the 2020 General Election. Since election day, I have been focused on protecting the legitimacy of our elections and protecting our sacred 'one-man -one vote' principle.

The evidence is now clear, and unfortunately abundant, of massive voter fraud in the November election. In Arizona, for example, data analysts determined that approximately 400,000 votes were "banked" into a sub-file, changed from Trump to Biden, and then re-fed into the main file before being counted as a final tally. President Trump easily won Arizona without this voter fraud. In addition, Democrats illegally engaged in ballot harvesting and other discredited practices, resulting in criminal charges against some.

I was one of the first Republican members of Congress to join in the fight against voter fraud and what amounts to a technology coup. A coup is any effort to replace a democratically elected leader by illegal means. Often done by force (tanks and guns) in this case the Biden team used technology by manipulating the voting machines. The result of the coup is the same—the lawfully elected leader is replaced by a usurper who gained office by illegal means. Accordingly, it is my view that those who have engaged in this fraud, and those who support it, are engaged in sedition.

For this reason, I have been working to get the Arizona election results decertified as Governor Ducey certified the results without an audit, without any investigation and in defiance of the legislative hearing that was taking testimony about the theft and fraud. Many have asked me why Governor Ducey would support a fraudulent election and to that I still do not have an answer. He must answer for his own actions, I cannot do that for him.

On election night, and in the weeks since, I have heard from my constituents at a rate I have never experienced in my time in Congress. I used the platform you gave me to take a stand, and while many conservatives have been silent on this issue, I have never faltered. My request from the beginning has not changed — we want to ensure the winner is the true and legal victor, and our election officials must prove the fairness of the process.

Since election night, I have been active at Stop the Steal rallies and have appeared on Newsmax, Epoch Times, and more giving interviews to inform the people and outline concerns with the election. Yet, at every turn, state officials like Secretary Hobbs and Governor Ducey stonewalled these requests, ignoring their constituents.

Of primary concern to me is the use of Dominion voting machines in Maricopa County and various swing states. For years, Democrats like Elizabeth Warren raised concerns with Dominion which were amplified when 6,000 votes in Antrim County, Michigan were fraudulently flipped from President Trump to Joe Biden. This flip was caught and reported as "human error" but we know now it was not error; it was intentional. We further know that voting machines do what they are programmed to do. Someone had to program the voting machine there to flip votes. Thus, there is no "error" and there is no "mistake." There are only actions and consequences.

When auditing these machines in Antrim County, Allied Security Operations Group reported that the "Dominion Voting System is intentionally and purposefully designed with inherent errors to create systemic fraud and influence election results." These instances concern me because whether fraud or error, how do we ensure it was not widespread and undetected?

Those of us worried about election integrity are simply asking to conduct thorough oversight and transparency and to present the evidence that the election was fair. Since they have not, I have taken the following actions: I wrote to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and asked them to use their legal authority to audit the machines. They refused. Instead of transparency and honesty, they lawyered-up.

I called on the Arizona Secretary of State Hobbs to release the voting machines for audit. She responded by calling Trump voters "neo-Nazis" and she refused to allow any inquiry. She too lawyered up. She is unfit for public office.

I sent public records requests to the Secretary of State, Governor, Attorney General, and Maricopa County Board of Supervisors to compel the release of documents related to the voting machines, sharpie issue, and more. I have also joined my colleague Rep. Mo Brooks in pushing Congressional leadership to begin election integrity hearings and investigations so we can properly do our jobs when certifying the Electoral College and submitted support documents in court cases involving Dominion voting machines. And I have been working with the Stop the Steal movement which seeks peaceful resolution of the technology coup.

Democrats and their propaganda arm the mainstream media allege, without evidence, that there is no evidence of fraud. Yet the evidence nationwide is overwhelming and clear. For example, in Pennsylvania, more votes were counted than there are voters. Hundreds of thousands of absentee ballots were "returned" more than were mailed. In Arizona on December 31st, a 100-vote audit in Maricopa County found a 3% error rate where votes for President Trump were cancelled or wrongly recorded. That error rate alone is more than enough to erase the .05% margin Biden was attributed. One legal citizen, one legal vote. This is the foundation of our republic. Without it, we don't have a Republic. I will not stop fighting for the continuance of our republic.

It is a pleasure to serve Arizona as part of its congressional delegation. Your suggestions are always welcome, and if ever I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. To receive the latest legislative updates and news, you can sign up for my e-newsletter by visiting www.gosar.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Paul Gosar Signature.

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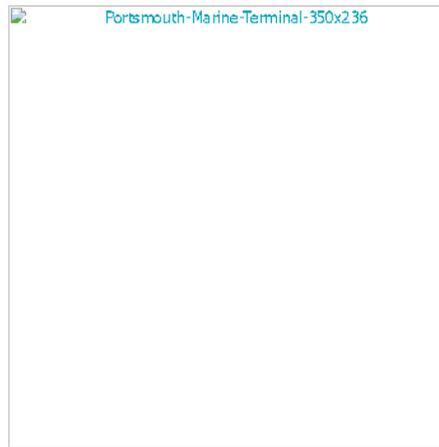


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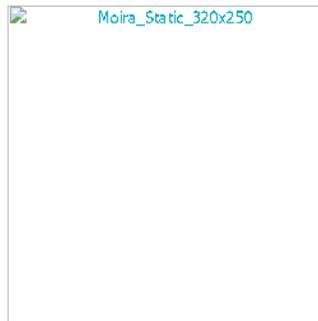


The Port of Virginia says it will lease a portion of its Portsmouth Marine Terminal to Dominion Energy in a bid to accelerate construction of the largest commercial offshore wind farm in the United States, and ensure the commonwealth benefits from the resulting on-shore economic development and jobs.

Under the agreement, Dominion Energy will use 72 acres of the deep-water, multi-use marine cargo Portsmouth Marine Terminal as a staging and pre-assembly area for the foundations and turbines that will be installed 27 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach.

The Virginia wind project will produce more than 2,600 megawatts of clean, renewable energy – enough to power up to 660,000 homes.

"This announcement is yet another milestone toward making Virginia the national leader in offshore wind power," said Gov. Ralph Northam in a written statement.



"The Commonwealth and Dominion Energy are standing together to promote clean energy, reduce carbon emissions, create jobs, and build a new American industry on the East Coast of the United States," he said.

Robert Blue, president and CEO of Dominion Energy described the port's location as "second to none," having "deep water access, no overhead restrictions, a strong, experienced maritime workforce and sufficient space for these large wind infrastructure components.

"It is perfectly situated to serve the Virginia offshore wind project and grow the domestic supply chain needed to complete other offshore wind projects in the United States," he said.

Northam and Blue announced the lease agreement at the Business Network for Offshore Wind's International Partnering Forum, a three-day global conference being held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

It is the largest offshore wind conference in the Western Hemisphere. More than 1,300 people are participating in person, and another 1,000 online.

The lease term is 10 years – valued at nearly \$4.4 million annually – and includes an option for two five-year renewals. The lease agreement includes significant upgrades to ensure the terminal can handle the weight of the large components that will be deployed to build the offshore wind turbines. Once the components are loaded onto ships, the vessels will travel to the construction site 27 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach.

The agreement comes just 18 months after Northam signed into law the Virginia Clean Economy Act, committing the state to clean and renewable energy. The law sets a target of 2034 for producing at least 5,200 megawatts of energy through offshore wind, and a target of 2045 for achieving 100% carbon-free energy production.

Negotiations accelerated in July, when the Virginia Port Authority Board of Commissioners directed Stephen A. Edwards, CEO and executive director of the VPA, to finalize the lease negotiation.

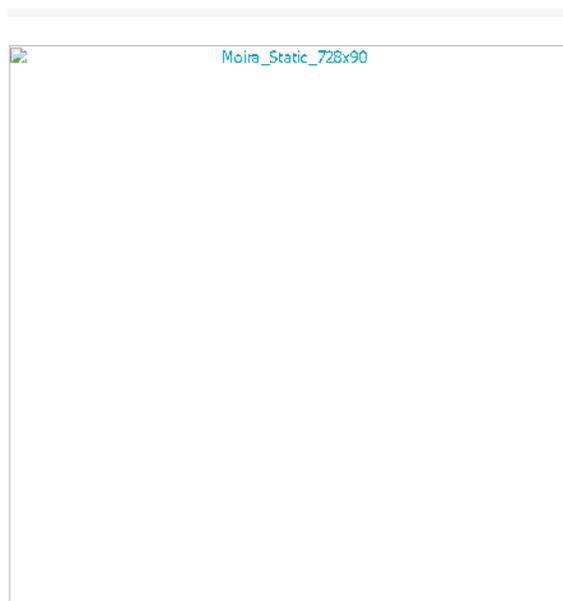
"For the last several years it has been known that the Port of Virginia, and specifically the Portsmouth Marine Terminal, is positioned to be the leading Mid-Atlantic logistics hub for the offshore wind industry," Edwards said.

"This agreement capitalizes on PMT's potential and solidifies Virginia's place as the leader in this growing and competitive field. This port is ready to support Dominion Energy and all of the businesses and jobs that will ensure the success of offshore wind in Virginia," Edwards added.

Dominion Energy's two-turbine pilot project is operating off the coast of Virginia Beach. Last month, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management issued a "Notice of Intent" for the full commercial project.

The Notice of Intent triggers a federal review of the project and preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, which will take about two years.

The Biden administration has set a target of developing 30 gigawatts of offshore wind capacity by 2030.



POTUS WATCH

President Biden met with his national security team this morning to hear intelligence, security, and diplomatic updates on the evolving situation in Afghanistan.

Afterwards, he met with Naftali Bennett, prime minister of Israel, in the Oval Office.

According to the White House, they discussed Iran, efforts to advance peace, security, and prosperity for Israelis and Palestinians, and the importance of working towards a more peaceful and secure future for the region.

"We're not trying to transform the Middle East," a senior administration official told reporters during a conference call last night. "We're not trying to overthrow regimes. We are pursuing a very steady course, centered on achievable aims; alignment of ends and means; and, first and foremost, support to our partners, with, of course, Israel being second to none."

Before arriving in Washington, Bennett made clear the top priority of the visit to the White House was to persuade Biden not to return to the nuclear accord, arguing Iran has already advanced in its uranium enrichment, and that sanctions relief would give Iran more resources to back Israel's enemies in the region.

Bennett told his Cabinet ahead of the trip that he would tell the American president "that now is the time to halt the Iranians, to stop this thing" and not to reenter "a nuclear deal that has already expired and is not relevant, even to those who thought it was once relevant."

The Israeli leader met separately Wednesday with Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin to discuss Iran and other issues.

In the afternoon, the president is scheduled to meet virtually with a bipartisan group of governors from across the country who have offered to temporarily house or help resettle vulnerable Afghans and welcome them to their new communities.

These SIV applicants and other vulnerable Afghans are being screened and vetted by intelligence, law enforcement, and counterterrorism professionals, and undertake extensive COVID-19 and other public health precautions in close coordination with public health officials.

IN OTHER NEWS

Investigators of Insurrection Want Documents

The House committee investigating the January insurrection at the U.S. Capitol is demanding a trove of records from federal intelligence and law enforcement agencies, showing the sweep of the lawmakers' review of the deadly attack by a mob of Donald Trump supporters.

The request Wednesday seeks information about events leading up to the Jan. 6 riot, including communication within the White House under then-President Trump and other agencies, and information about planning and funding for rallies held in Washington. Among them is an event at the Ellipse, near the White House, featuring remarks by Trump where he egged on a crowd of thousands before loyalists stormed the Capitol.

The requested documents are just the beginning of what is expected to be a lengthy, partisan and rancorous investigation into how the mob was able to infiltrate the Capitol and disrupt the certification of Democrat Joe Biden's presidential victory.

In a statement Wednesday evening, Trump accused the committee of violating "long-standing legal principles of privilege."

"Executive privilege will be defended, not just on behalf of my administration and the patriots who worked beside me, but on behalf of the Office of the President of the United States and the future of our nation," Trump said.

Trump Lawyers to Be Penalized

Nine lawyers allied with former President Donald Trump face financial penalties and other sanctions after a judge Wednesday said they had abused the court system with a lawsuit that challenged Michigan's election results in favor of Joe Biden.

U.S. District Judge Linda Parker said the lawsuit last fall was a sham intended to deceive the court and the public, just a few days after Biden's 154,000-vote victory in the state was certified.

"Despite the haze of confusion, commotion and chaos counsel intentionally attempted to create by filing this lawsuit, one thing is perfectly clear: Plaintiffs' attorneys have scorned their oath, flouted the rules, and attempted to undermine the integrity of the judiciary along the way," Parker said in the opening of a scathing 110-page opinion.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of six Republican voters who wanted Parker to decertify Michigan's results and impound voting machines. The judge declined in December, calling the request "stunning in its scope and breathtaking in its reach."

The state and Detroit subsequently asked Parker to order sanctions against Sidney Powell, L. Lin Wood and seven other attorneys who were part of the litigation.

The judge agreed, telling the state and city to tally the costs of defending the lawsuit and submit the figures within 14 days.

Parker said lawyers for Trump supporters filed affidavits stuffed with sinister "speculation and conjecture" about the vote-counting process without checking for evidence to support the claims.

"Individuals may have a right — within certain bounds — to disseminate allegations of fraud unsupported by law or fact in the public sphere," the judge said. "But attorneys cannot exploit their privilege and access to the judicial process to do the same."



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Honoring ACRU Policy Board Member Professor Walter E. Williams / March 31, 1936 - December 2, 2020

Before we proceed to important election information, we would like to share our thoughts regarding ACRU friend, colleague and Policy Board Member, Professor Walter E. Williams, a true champion of liberty for all, who passed away last week.

As we mourn the loss and celebrate the legacy of Professor Williams, our ACRU statement of condolences can be found [here](#), and a tribute by Walter's close friend, ACRU's Amb. Ken Blackwell, can be read [here](#).

At ACRU, we intend to honor Professor Williams' impact and volume of work by

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upholding his most important legacy — freedom.

ACRU Action's Amb. Ken Blackwell on state legislators' key role in vote integrity

As ACRU's Ken Blackwell points out in this important article, state legislators hold Constitutional power over elections — not governors, attorneys general, or judges. Protocols for elections and the integrity of vote counting reside in state legislative laws which been stolen by liberal activist judges. Amb. Blackwell calls for the state legislators to fulfill their duty to defend their constituents' votes. See article [here](#).

ACRU alerts the public on the criminality of vote fraud

Through our vote fraud hotline (877-730-ACRU) we have received numerous reports of vote fraud, particularly in senior living residences among patients unable to vote due to advanced dementia. We have assisted family members of potential vote fraud victims to file affidavits with the Texas Attorney General. Information about those statements can be found [here](#).

In response to these reports, we created radio spots informing potential vote fraud victims about their voting rights, specifically advising family members or caregivers who suspect an elderly person —or any voter—has had their voting rights abridged.

"Vote fraud is a crime" radio spot (English) can be heard [here](#).

"Vote fraud is a crime" radio spot (Spanish) can be heard [here](#).

"Elderly Voting Abuse" radio spot can be heard [here](#).

ACRU issues statement in support of Texas SCOTUS lawsuit demanding state legislative authority over election protocols be upheld. Statement can be read [here](#).

AROUND THE STATES

Leftist Big Tech money uses Georgia as a vote-gathering test case

The far left "non-partisan" organization Center for Tech and Civic Life had an enormous impact on Georgia voting this year and is likely to extend its reach in years to come. In a September issue of EIB, we noted that CTCL provided a grant to a Dallas election official who is also one of its advisors. This extensive research by the Capital Research Center is a harbinger of vote manipulation yet to come courtesy of CTCL. See article [here](#).

State legislators (just not enough) take action on vote fraud allegations

PENNSYLVANIA: See story [here](#).

TEXAS: See story [here](#).

WISCONSIN: See story [here](#).

NORTH CAROLINA: See story [here](#).

Buried by the media, ACRU identifies stories related to cases of vote fraud

GEORGIA

Georgia sheriffs offer crime scene specialist to investigate vote fraud: see story [here](#).

Georgia lawmakers briefed on ballot counting with no supervision: see story [here](#).

Officials cast doubt that all military votes in Fulton County could be 100% for one candidate: see story [here](#).

Liberal activist encourages voters to "move" to Georgia to help win Senate race: see story [here](#).

Georgia courts dismiss fraud lawsuits claiming they have no standing, rather than no merit: see story [here](#).

The majority of Georgia voters believe the presidential vote counts are compromised: see story [here](#).

Did former Kamala Harris contractor help scan—or not scan—Georgia

ballots?: see story [here](#).

MICHIGAN

Despite widespread accusations of fraud, media uses "unproven" to ignore reports: see story [here](#).

Judge orders audit of Dominion voting machine integrity: see story [here](#).

Fraud allegation witnesses fear reprisal and intimidation from partisans: see story [here](#).

"Committee Takes Testimony On Unsubstantiated Election Fraud Allegations." We just shake our heads at the irony of this liberal media headline: see story [here](#).

NEW YORK:

A total of 67 ballots (11 from unregistered voters) found in a desk drawer in a race with a 12 vote margin: see story [here](#).

PENNSYLVANIA

US Attorney for Pennsylvania contacts county officials regarding mishandling of military ballots: see story [here](#).

NEVADA

Investigators allege more than 1,500 votes may have come from deceased voters: see story [here](#).

Did liberal operatives pay Native Americans to vote?: see story [here](#).

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<https://www.tigerdroppings.com/rant/election-2020/information-coming-in-that-china-purchased-dominion-in-oct-for-400m/93358450/>

Mack also mentions the a quote from Ian Flemming: when sth happens....

"Once is happenstance. Twice is coincidence. Three times is enemy action"

The quagmire in GA has reached this tipping pt. Lots of smoke and more than one smoking gun - esp in Fulton County where the battle is hottest. (no burst pipe either like they said...and sent everyone home except for 6 who stayed on & kept working)

IF the China thing is true, it should 'blow up' the entire validity of the whole election.

Thanks.
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