



## Election 2020 – Class 5

# Course outline

Date	Topic
10/26	How we got here
11/4	What the heck just happened?
11/11	Latest results, including Congressional and state results
11/18	Transition and aftermath
12/2	<b>What did we learn?</b>

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Slides will be available on Election 2020. (Slides will be available within 15 minutes of the start of class.)

"I am the most fabulous whiner. I do whine because I want to win. And I'm not happy if I'm not winning. And I am a whiner. And I'm a whiner and I keep whining and whining until I win."

— Donald Trump

Interviewed by CNN in August 2015

[Attorney General William] Barr didn't name [Attorney Sidney] Powell specifically but said: "There's been one assertion that would be systemic fraud and that would be the claim that machines were programmed essentially to skew the election results. And the DHS and DOJ have looked into that, and so far, we haven't seen anything to substantiate that," Barr said.

Tue Dec 01, 2020 14:18:17 GMT-0500  
(Eastern Standard Time)

### Statement of Trump Legal Team on Bill Barr's Comments on Voter Fraud

"With all due respect to the Attorney General, there hasn't been any semblance of a Department of Justice investigation. We have gathered ample evidence of illegal voting in at least six states, which they have not examined. We have many witnesses swearing under oath they saw crimes being committed in connection with voter fraud. As far as we know, not a single one has been interviewed by the DOJ. The Justice Department also hasn't audited any voting machines or used their subpoena powers to determine the truth.

"Nonetheless, we will continue our pursuit of the truth through the judicial system and state legislatures, and continue toward the Constitution's mandate and ensuring that every legal vote is counted and every illegal vote is not. Again, with the greatest respect to the Attorney General, his opinion appears to be without any knowledge or investigation of the substantial irregularities and evidence of systemic fraud."

- Rudy Giuliani, Attorney for President Trump, and Jenna Ellis, Trump Campaign Senior Legal Adviser and Attorney for President Trump



Donald J. Trump  
@realDonaldTrump

Hope everybody is watching @OANN right now. Other media afraid to show. People are coming forward like never before. Large truck carrying hundreds of thousands of fraudulent (FAKE) ballots to a voting center? TERRIBLE - SAVE AMERICA!

2:31pm · 1 Dec 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

Barr says Justice Dept. hasn't uncovered widespread voting fraud that could have changed election outcome [[Link](#)]



## 2020



**Joe Biden**

wins thanks to 81,139  
votes in four states.



Nevada

35,453  
votes



Wisconsin

20,546  
votes



Georgia

14,152  
votes



Arizona

10,988  
votes

## 2016



**Donald Trump**

won thanks to 77,744  
votes in three states.



Pennsylvania

44,292  
votes



Wisconsin

22,748  
votes



Michigan

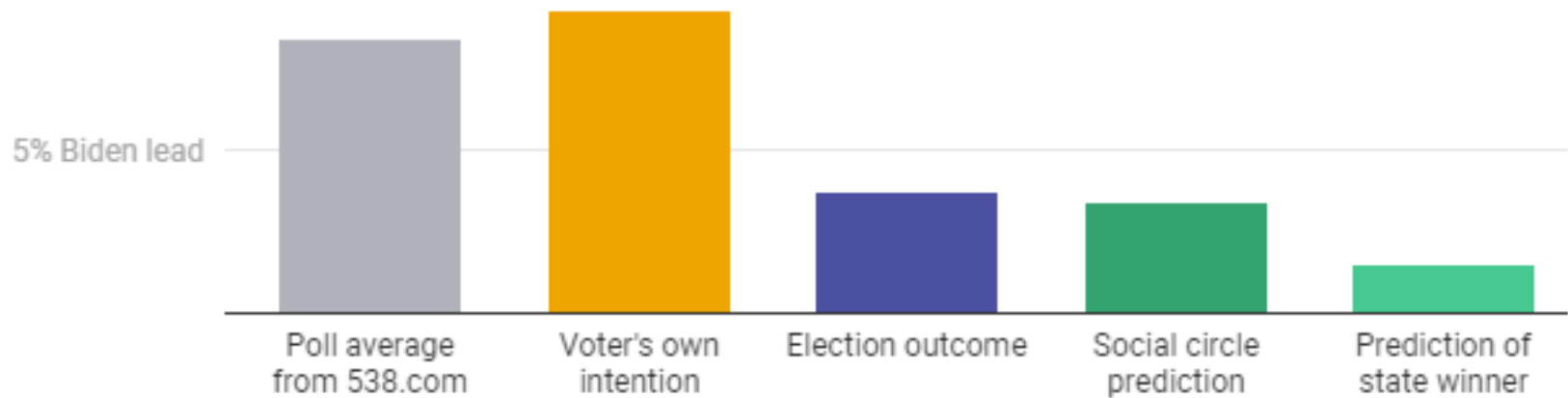
10,704  
votes

Each dot represents 3,000 votes. Values as of the time all races were called on Nov. 13.

Votes that won the presidency [[Link](#)]



Trump, Still Claiming Victory, Says He Will Leave if Electors Choose Biden [\[Link\]](#)



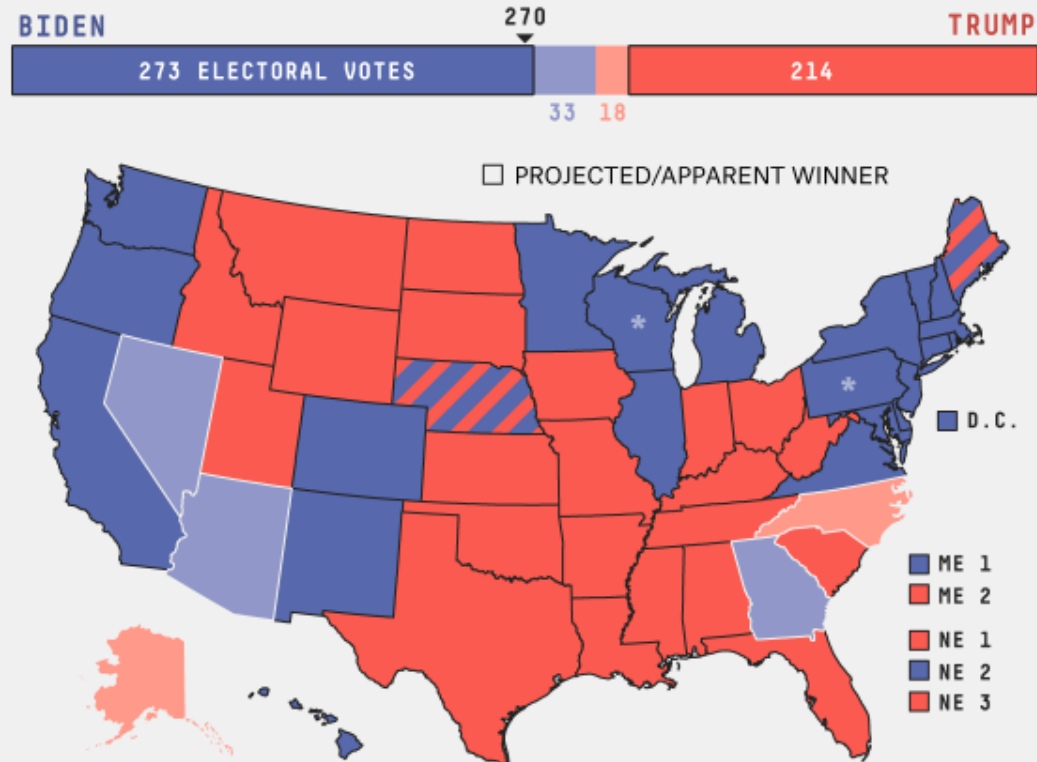
Actual results as of [Nov. 17 vote counts](#).

Chart: The Conversation, CC-BY-ND • Source: [University of Southern California Dornsife Daybreak Poll](#) • [Get the data](#)

Election polls are more accurate if they ask participants how others will vote [\[Link\]](#)

## This isn't a bad map for Biden

ABC News' projected and apparent winners for each state, and the current leader in states without a projection, as of 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 7



\*Biden is the apparent winner, not the projected winner, in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania

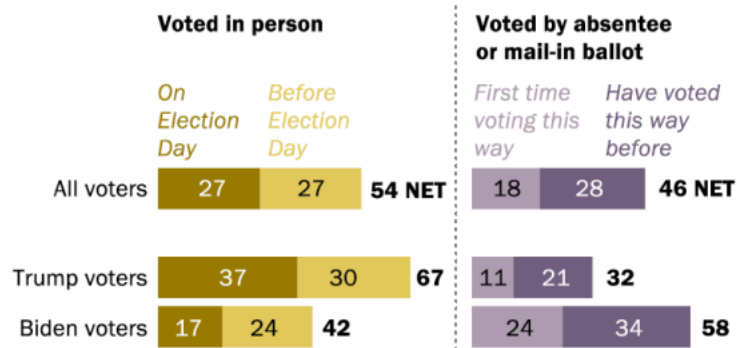
FiveThirtyEight

SOURCE: ABC NEWS

Biden Won — Pretty Convincingly In The End [\[Link\]](#)

## In historic election, only about a quarter of voters say they cast ballots on Election Day

% of voters who say they ...

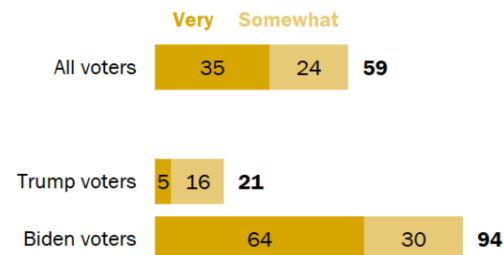


Notes: Based on voters. No answer responses not shown.  
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Nov. 12-17, 2020.

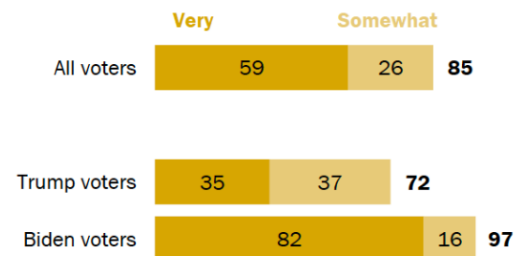
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## Biden, Trump voters deeply divided over election process, accuracy of vote count

% of voters who say *elections in the U.S. this November were run and administered well*



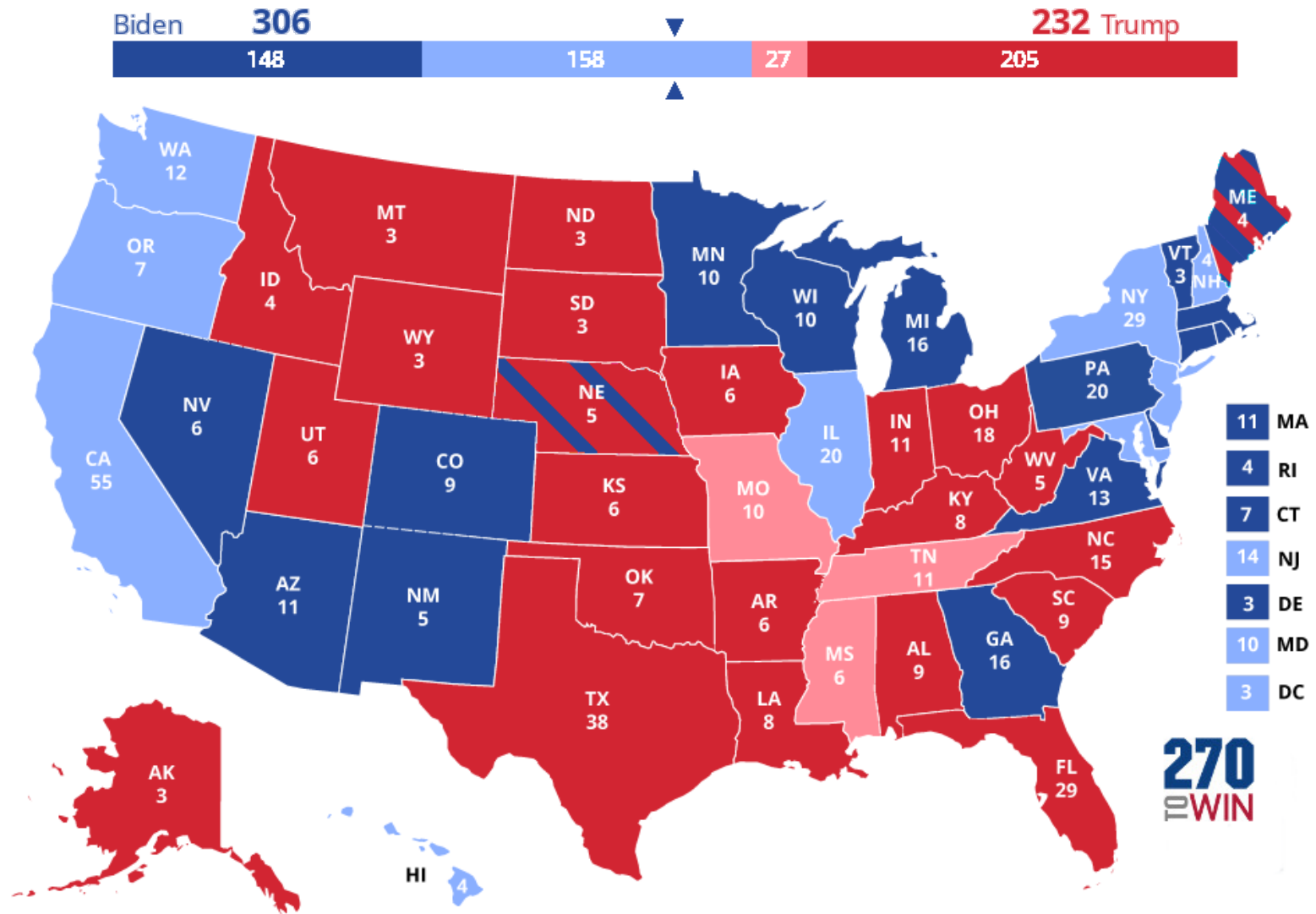
% of voters who say they are confident that *their vote* was accurately counted



Note: Based on voters.  
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Nov. 12-17, 2020.

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Sharp Divisions on Vote Counts, as Biden Gets High Marks for His Post-Election Conduct [\[Link\]](#)



Presidential Election Results Certification [[Link](#)]

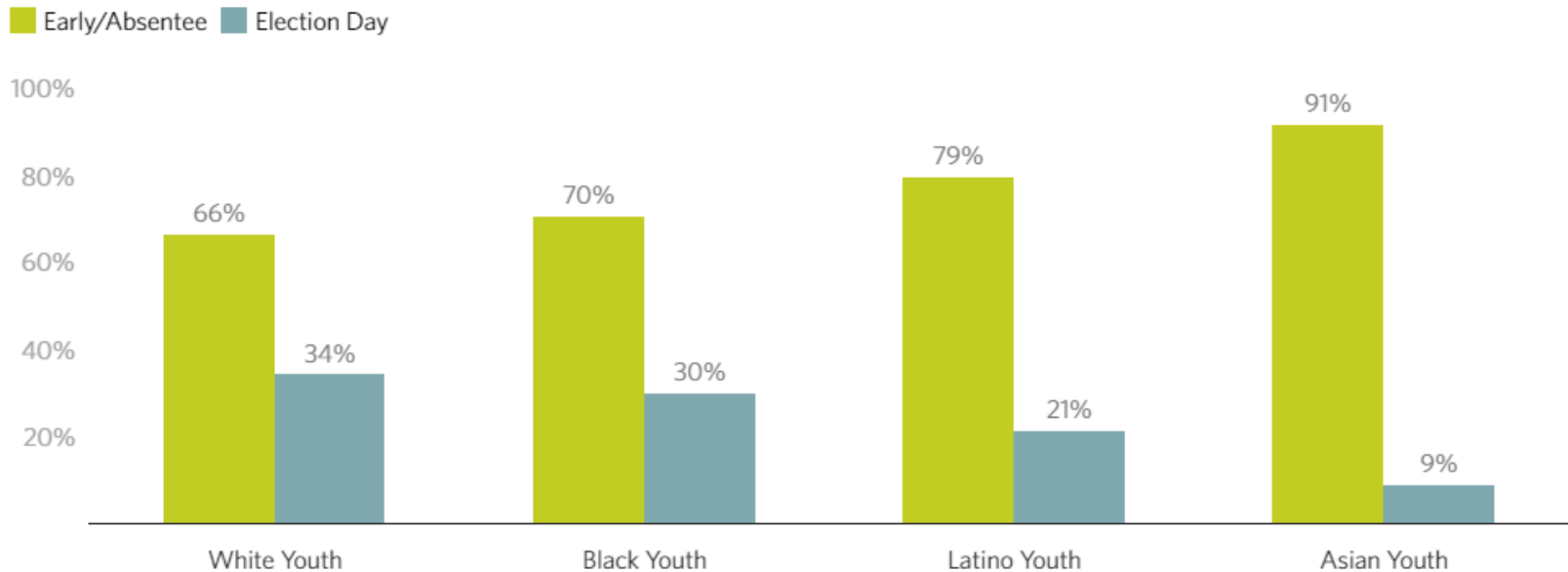




Massachusetts voters set record with 76% turnout [[Link](#)]

## White Youth, Who Were Most Likely to Support Trump, Were Least Likely to Vote Early

The percentage of young people (ages 18-29), by race/ethnicity, who voted early/absentee or on Election Day



**Note:** Some survey data is limited in its ability to reliably represent all racial/ethnic groups. Some young people, namely Indigenous, Pacific Islander and Native Hawaiian, and multiracial youth, are not represented above due to a lack of reliable data.

**CIRCLE** Tufts University Tisch College - CIRCLE

Source: CIRCLE analysis of AP VoteCast by The Associated Press

[Get the data](#)

Youth vote surged in 2020 [[Link](#)]

70% of Youth Voted Early/Absentee in 2020 [[Link](#)]





A vindictive Trump seeks to undermine Biden's presidency [[Link](#)]

# Key Issues for COVID Vaccine Distribution



Funding



Communication  
and trust



Federal, state, and  
local roles



Racial and ethnic  
disparities



Supply and logistics



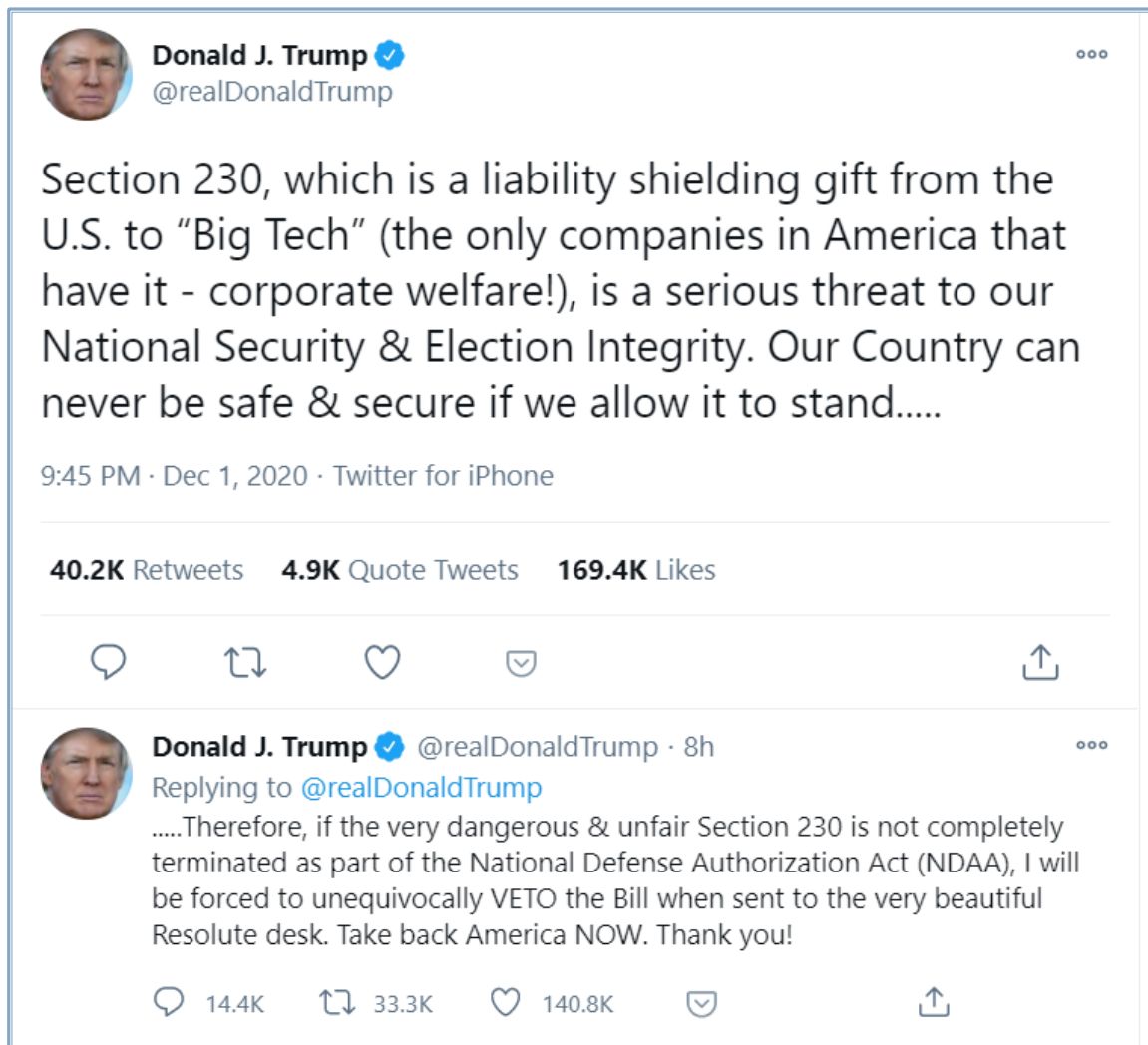
Coverage and Costs



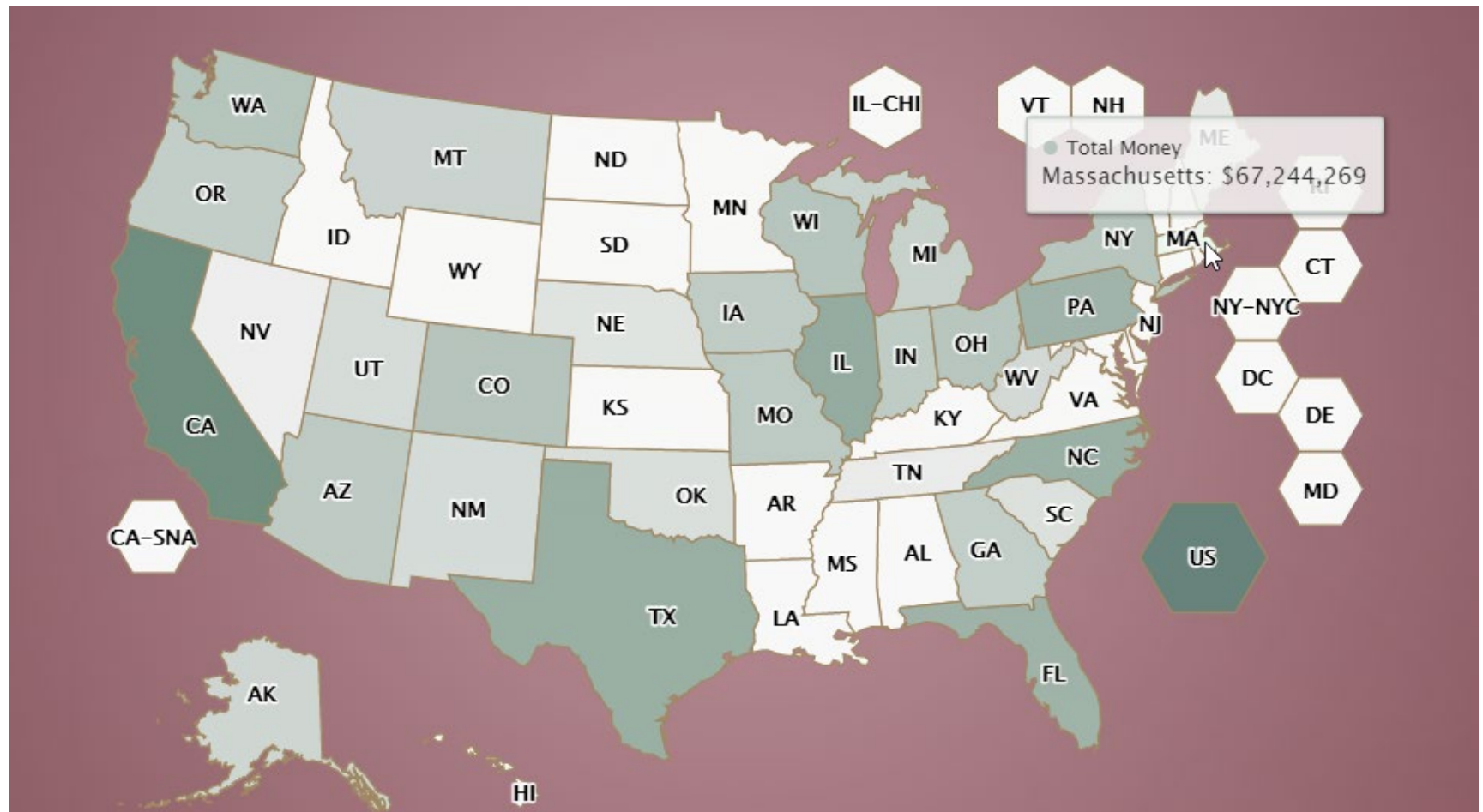
Trump Leaves States to Grapple with Vaccine Distribution [\[Link\]](#)

Trump's most reprehensible tactic has been to attempt, somewhat shamefacedly, to get local Republican officials to block the certification of votes and state legislatures to appoint Trump electors in clear violation of the public will. This has gone nowhere, thanks to the honesty and sense of duty of most of the Republicans involved, but it's a profoundly undemocratic move that we hope no losing presidential candidate ever even thinks of again.

National Review - Trump's Disgraceful Endgame [[Link](#)]

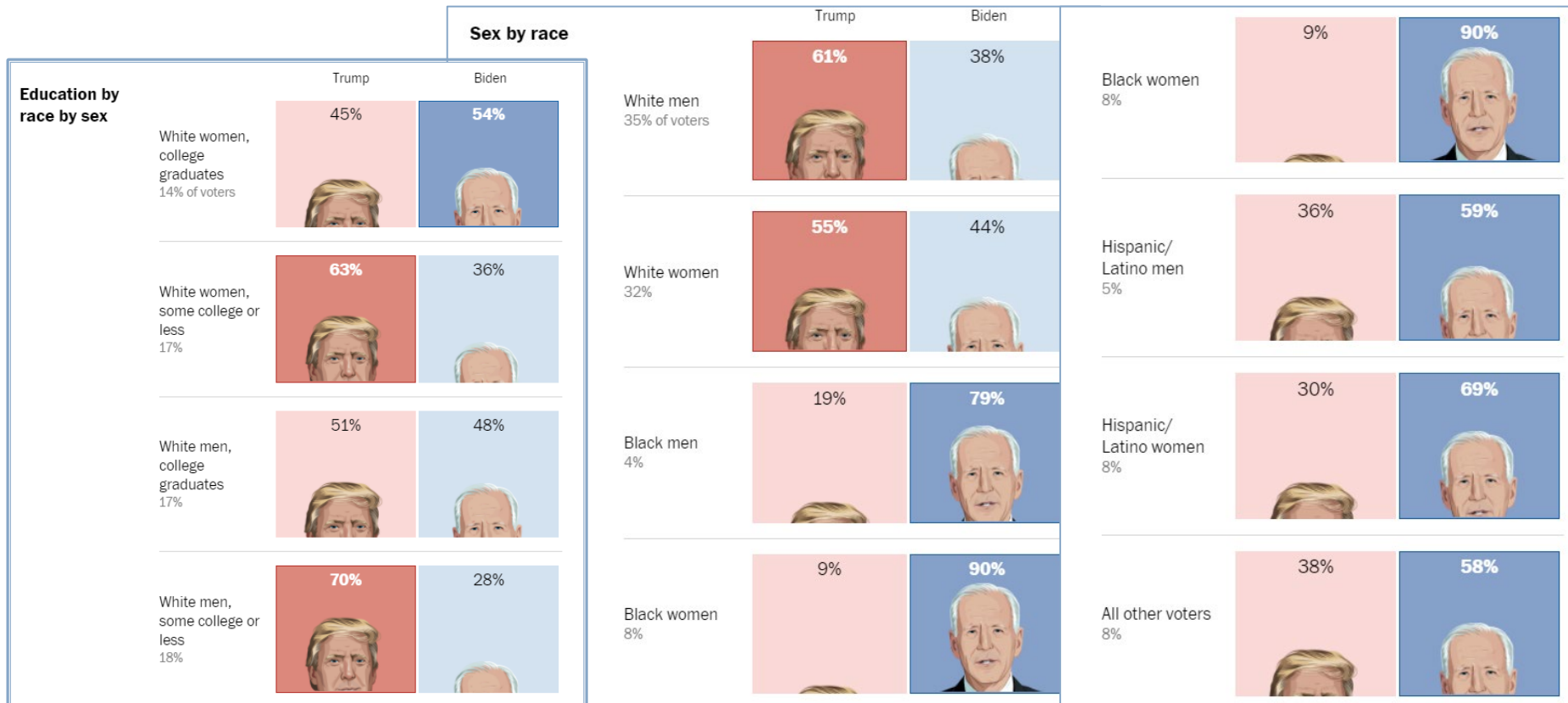


Trump Threatens to Veto Defense Bill if Tech Liability Shield Stands [\[Link\]](#)



~\$14B: The Most Expensive Election Ever [[Link](#)]

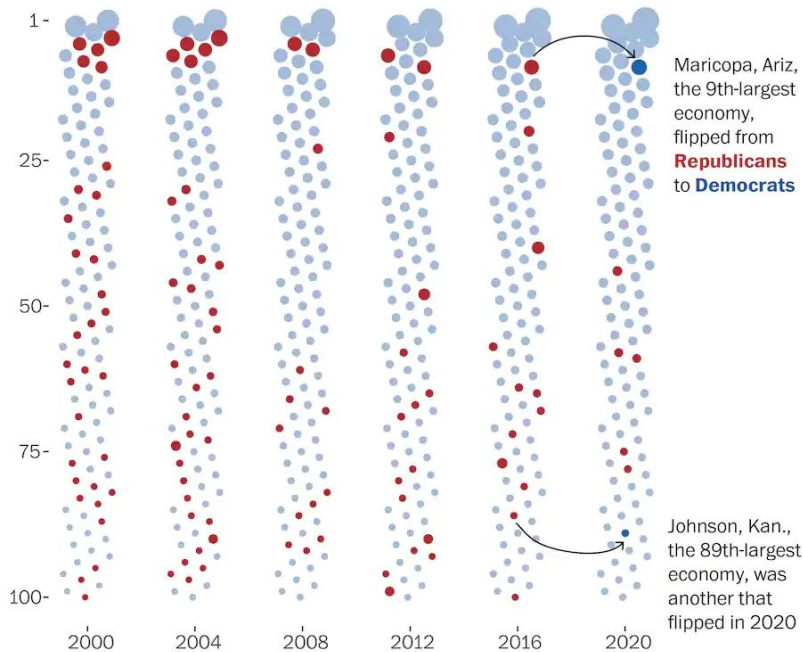
Dark Money in the 2020 Election [[Link](#)]



Exit poll results and analysis for the 2020 presidential election  
[\[Link\]](#) Data as of Nov. 10 at 1:05 p.m.

## Party affiliation of counties with 100 largest economies

The 100 counties with the largest economic output together make up more than half of the U.S. economy, the rest of which is spread thinly throughout the remaining 3,000 or so. Those economically dominant places also vote overwhelmingly for Democrats.

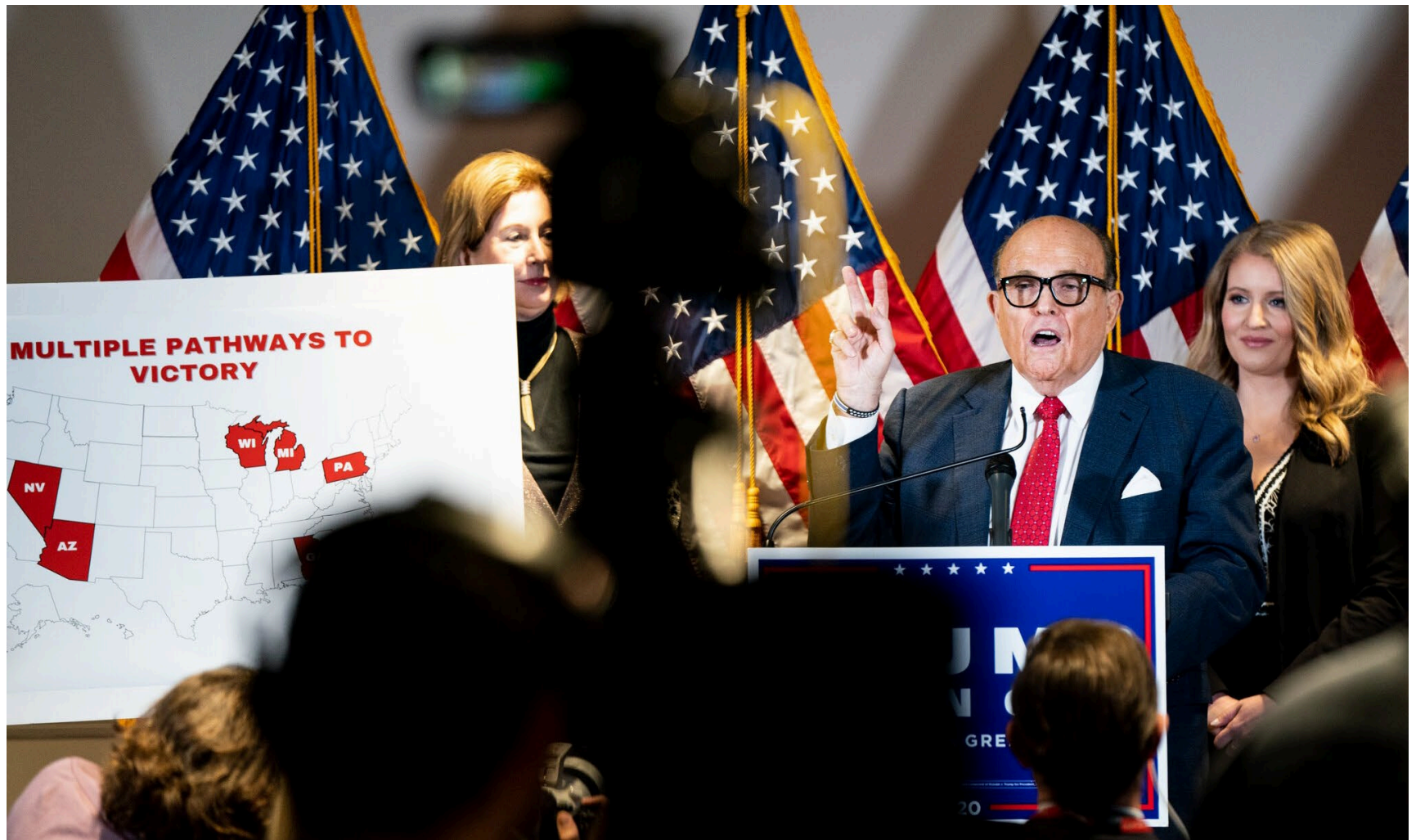


Notes: 2000 and 2020 GDP based on extrapolation of available data for 2001 and 2018.  
Sources: Commerce Department, Edison Research, Associated Press, Brookings Institution  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Those Who Are Better Off Voted for Biden [[Link](#)]

Park Avenue Helped Biden Win More than Scranton [[Link](#)]





Trump Stress-Tested the Election System, and the Cracks Showed  
[\[Link\]](#)



# TRUMP RALLIES: HELP OR HURT?

▶ FINAL TWO WEEKS

**30** ▶ COUNTIES

**5** ▶ TRUMP MARGIN IMPROVED

**25** ▶ DID WORSE OR FLIPPED TO BIDEN

DATA  
DOWNLOAD



**Eric Trump** ✓  
@EricTrump

Does anyone believe that Biden got 15 million more votes than Obama in 2012? This from a candidate who would go days/weeks while hardly campaigning.

6:51 AM · Nov 28, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

**25.2K** Retweets   **10.7K** Quote Tweets   **162.8K** Likes

Trump underperformed in most counties where he held large rallies  
[\[Link\]](#)

Date	Milestone
Dec 1	Covid-19 illness documented (unpublicized Nov 17 <sup>th</sup> )
Jan 10	SARS-CoV-2 virus sequenced
Jan 15	NIH designs mRNA vaccine in collaboration with Moderna
Mar 16	Moderna Phase 1/2 trial begins
May 2	Pfizer/BioNTech Phase 1/2 trial begins
July 14	Moderna Phase 1/2 trial published in NEJM
July 27, 28	Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech Phase 3 trial begins
Aug 12	Pfizer/BioNTech Phase 1/2 published in Nature
October 22,27	Enrollment in both Phase 3 trials complete; >74,000 participants
Nov 9	Pfizer/BioNTech announces interim analysis efficacy > 90%
Nov 16	Moderna announces interim analysis efficacy 94.5%
Nov 18	Pfizer/BioNTech announces 95% efficacy as final result
Nov 20	1 <sup>st</sup> EUA submitted by Pfizer/BioNTech
Nov 27	Distribution of vaccine by UAL charter flights throughout US
Dec 10	FDA External review of Pfizer/BioNTech EUA
Dec 11	Phase 1a Vaccination begins for health care professionals*

\*Provisional on positive external review

Toward a short history of Operation Warp Speed [[Link](#)]

HHS: Fact Sheet: Explaining Operation Warp Speed [[Link](#)]



**Josh Marshall** ✓ @joshtpm · Nov 20

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To soften the blow of defeat Fox's Geraldo proposes naming the vaccine after Trump. "It would be a nice gesture to him and years from now it would become kind of a generic name. Have you got your trump yet, I got my trump, I'm fine. I wished we could honor him in that way."



27.2K



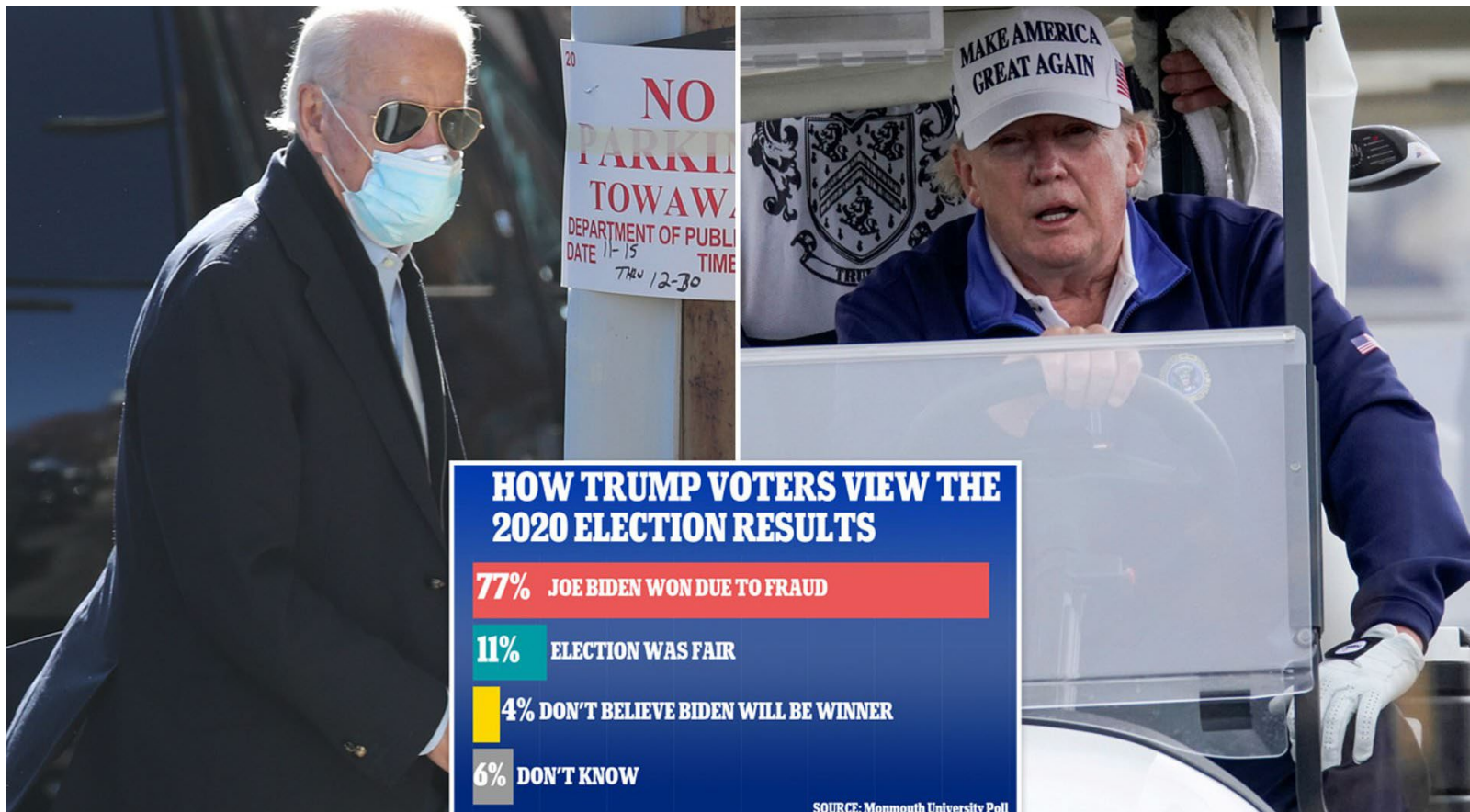
14.4K



5K



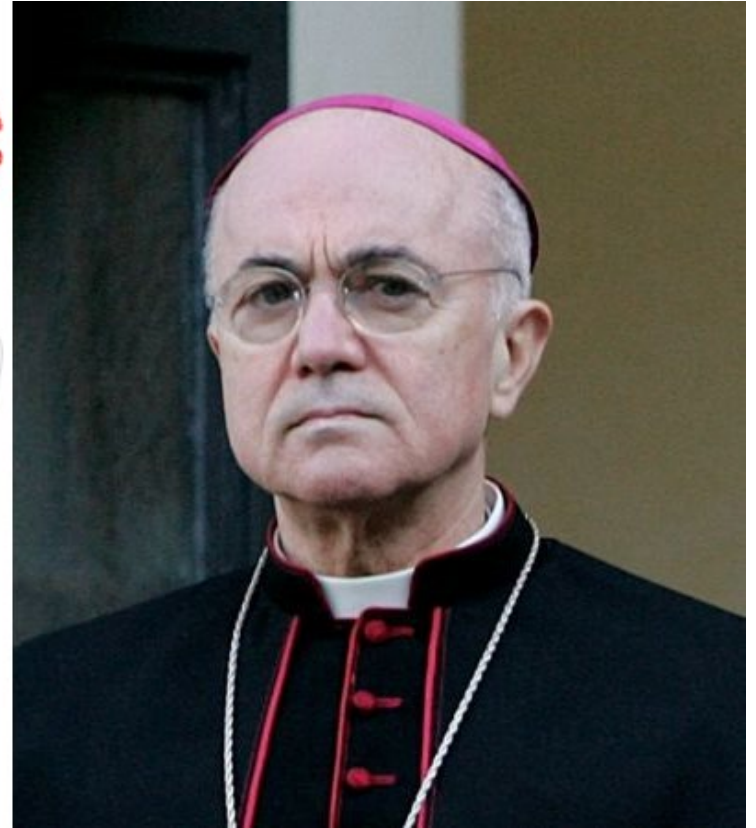
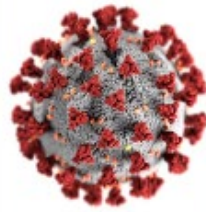
Geraldo Rivera Says We Should Name Vaccine "The Trump" To "Honor" Him [\[Link\]](#)



“The anger among Trump’s base is tied to a belief that the election was stolen.”

Monmouth poll: More Americans Happy About Trump Loss Than Biden Win [\[Link\]](#)





The Biden Presidency Already Has Its First Conspiracy Theory: The Great Reset [[Link](#)]

Open Letter to President Donald Trump [[Link](#)]



**Tom Fitton**  @TomFitton · Nov 23



Ask your senators and congressman if they will object to any Electoral College certification of Joe Biden on January 6. 202-225-3121.



**Tom Fitton**  @TomFitton · Nov 22

Are @sendavidperdue, @KLoeffler and other Senators prepared to object to Electoral College electors from states where the elections are suspect?



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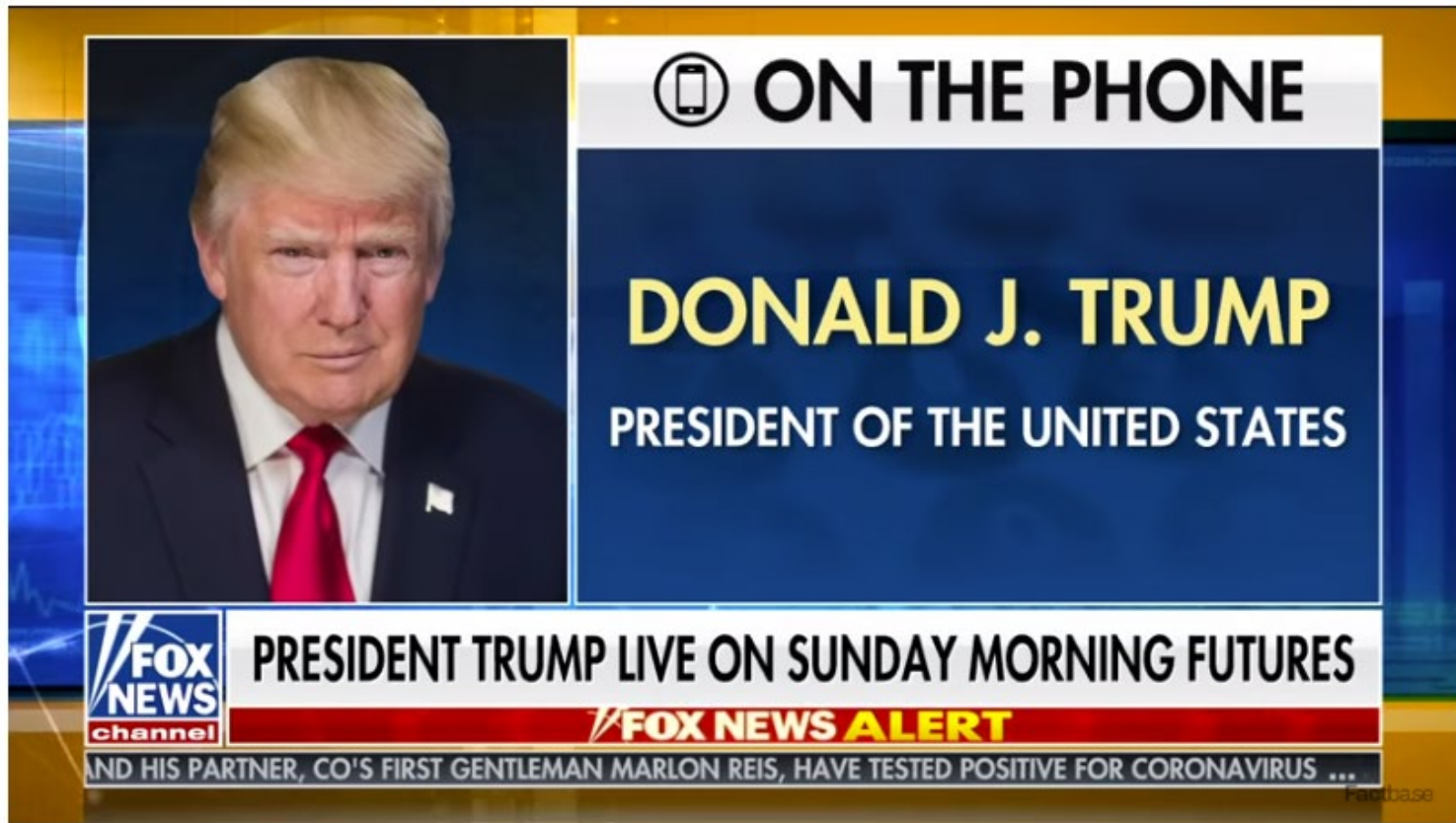
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2.1K



How Trump's Hill allies could take one last shot to overturn the election [\[Link\]](#)



Trump Calls Justice, FBI 'Missing in Action' on Election Allegations [[Link](#)]

Trump blames his loss on 'big massive dumps' [[Link](#)]



Trump campaign lawyer says former cybersecurity chief should be 'shot' [[Link](#)]

**Rev. Rick Wiles:** rump Fast-Tracked Firing Squad Execution Rule Because Some Traitors Are Going to Get Shot [[Link](#)]



Whether the barrier to federal-district court involvement in this kind of case is considered strictly jurisdictional or just prudential, as a matter of sound discretion given the nature of the relief requested in the circumstances involved — including the tight timeframe for meeting the safe harbor deadline — the answer should be crystal-clear: These claims should be litigated in state court, with any review if necessary in the U.S. Supreme Court, as in *Bush v. Gore*. It would be wholly without precedent in all of U.S. history, and entirely contrary to the fundamental premises of the Electoral Count Act itself (as well as the Article II premises on which that act rests) for a federal district court to insert itself into this kind of dispute.

Why counting presidential votes is not for federal district courts  
[\[Link\]](#)

Supreme Court goes idle on Trump-related disputes and time is running out [\[Link\]](#)

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, NORTHERN  
DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, ATLANTA DIVISION

CORECO JA'QAN PEARSON,  
VIKKI TOWNSEND CONSIGLIO,  
GLORIA KAY GODWIN, JAMES  
KENNETH CARROLL, , CAROLYN HALL  
FISHER, CATHLEEN ALSTON LATHAM,  
and BRIAN JAY VAN GUNDY,

CASE NO.

Plaintiffs.

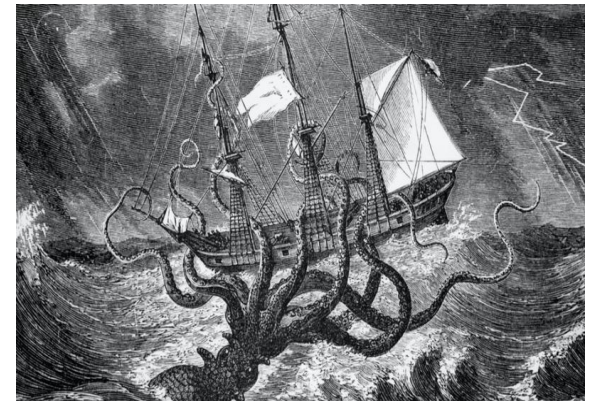
v.

BRIAN KEMP, in his official capacity as  
Governor of Georgia, BRAD  
RAFFENSPERGER, in his official  
capacity as Secretary of State and Chair  
of the Georgia State Election Board,  
DAVID J. WORLEY, in his official  
capacity as a member of the Georgia  
State Election Board, REBECCA  
N.SULLIVAN, in her official capacity as  
a member of the Georgia State Election  
Board, MATTHEW MASHBURN, in his  
official capacity as a member of the  
Georgia State Election Board, and ANH  
LE, in her official capacity as a member  
of the Georgia State Election Board,

Defendants.

COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY, EMERGENCY, AND  
PERMANENT INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

If you're filing a case on behalf of the President, you might want to run a spellchecker.



The Kraken is a gigantic sea monster from Scandinavian folklore that rises up from the ocean to devour its enemies. [\[Link\]](#)

“Sidney Is Staying the Course to Prove the Massive Deliberate Election Fraud” [\[Link\]](#)



“Trump calls into Pennsylvania hearing, rambles about voter fraud on speakerphone” [[Link](#)]

Lawsuit by Trump allies challenging Pennsylvania election results reaches Supreme Court [[Link](#)]

"We're not allowed to put in our proof. They say you don't have standing," Trump told "Sunday Morning Futures." "I would like to file one nice big beautiful lawsuit, talking about this and many other things, with tremendous proof. We have affidavits, we have hundreds and hundreds of affidavits."

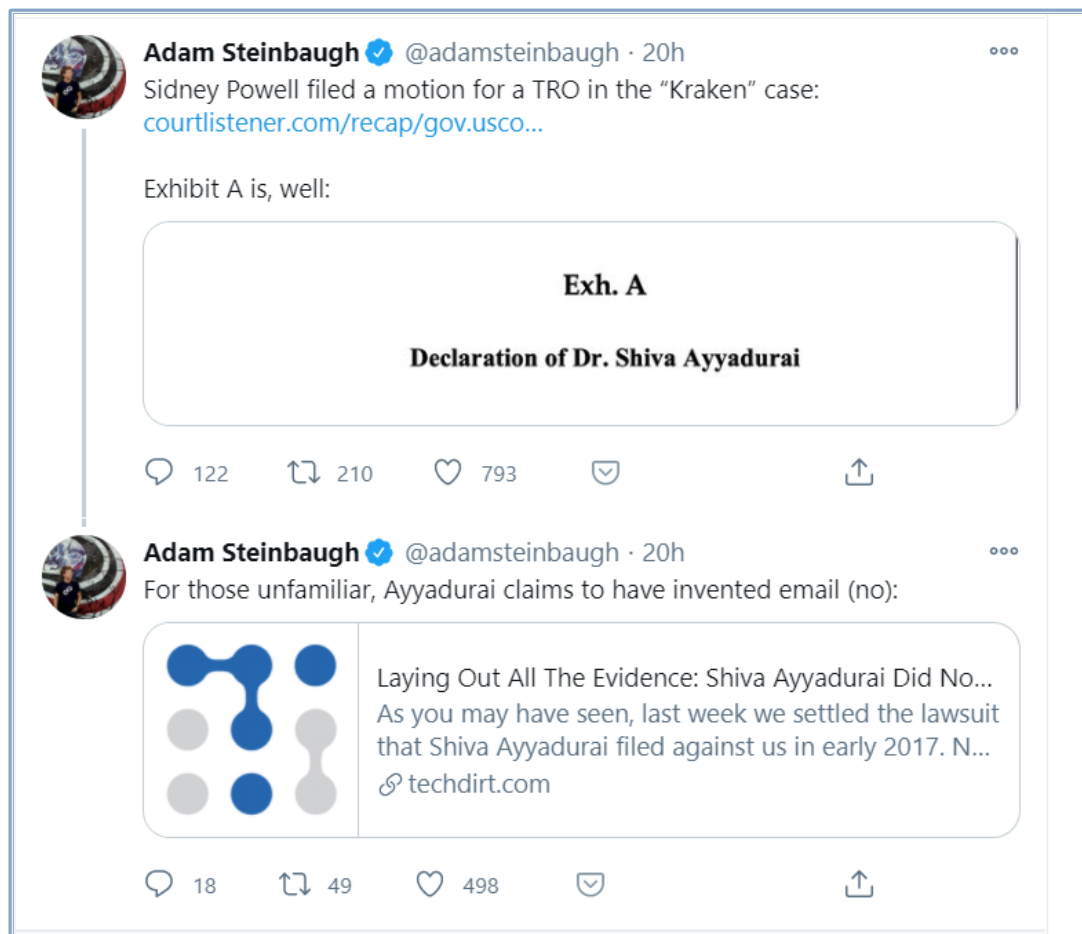
"You mean as president of the United States, I don't have standing? What kind of a court system is this?"

President Trump joins 'Sunday Morning Futures' [[Link](#)]

For example in PA, President Trump's lead of more than 700,000 count advantage was reduced to less than 300,000 in a few short hours, which does not occur in the real world without an external influence. I conclude that manually feeding more than 400,000 mostly absentee ballots cannot be accomplished in a short time frame (i.e., 2-3 hours) without illegal vote count alteration. In another case for Edison County, MI, Vice President Biden received more than 100% of the votes at 5:59 PM EST on November 4, 2020 and again he received 99.61% of the votes at 2:23 PM EST on November 5, 2020. These distributions are cause for concern and indicate fraud.

Affidavit from Navid Keshavarz-Nia, CISO, Black Key Solutions, LLC

Sidney Powell Lawsuit Cites Election Fraud in Non-Existent Michigan County [\[Link\]](#)



Failed Senate candidate who is suing Massachusetts now involved as 'expert' in lawsuit on behalf of failed presidential candidate in Georgia [\[Link\]](#)





Trump Has Discussed With Advisers Pardons for His 3 Eldest Children and Giuliani [[Link](#)]

Justice Dept investigating potentially criminal scheme of bribery for Trump presidential pardon [[Link](#)]





Supreme Court Skeptical of Trump's Plan to Not Count Unauthorized Immigrants in Redistricting [\[Link\]](#)



Why Republican women candidates had such a strong year [[Link](#)]

Pictured: From left to right: Michelle Fischbach (R-MN), Stephanie Bice (R-OK), Young Kim (R-CA)





## How Trump Hopes to Retain Control of the GOP [[Link](#)]

Pictured: Republican National Committee Chair, Ronna McDaniel



**Donald J. Trump** ✓ @realDonaldTrump · Nov 22

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Report: Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, Anti-Trump Hero, Paid for Flawed Coronavirus Tests from South Korea [breitbart.com/health/2020/11/22/larry-hogan-paid-for-flawed-coronavirus-tests-from-south-korea/](https://www.breitbart.com/health/2020/11/22/larry-hogan-paid-for-flawed-coronavirus-tests-from-south-korea/) via @BreitbartNews. This RINO will never make the grade. Hogan is just as bad as the flawed tests he paid big money for!



Report: Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, Anti-Trump Hero, Paid for Flawed C...  
Coronavirus tests ordered by Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan in April from South Korea turn out to have been flawed, and were never used.

[breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com)

Trump lashes out at fellow Republicans as his legal challenges to election results fail [\[Link\]](#)





## “In Key States, Republicans Were Critical in Resisting Trump’s Election Narrative” [[Link](#)]

Pictured: Shortly after visiting the White House, Mike Shirkey, the majority leader of the Michigan State Senate, issued a statement saying he had seen no evidence that would change the election’s outcome. Credit...Leah Millis/Reuters



Rep-elect Nicole Malliotakis forming 'Freedom Squad' to counter AOC crew [\[Link\]](#)





Not conceding to Rep. Lauren Underwood, Jim Oberwe is in DC for freshman orientation [[Link](#)]

Republican 14th Congressional District challenger Jim Oberweis appears at the Capitol in Washington with newly elected 15th District Republican Mary Miller (R-IL) vofa Facebook page.



Gun-toting congresswoman-elect may carry Glock at Capitol [\[Link\]](#)



5 women who ran on their national security backgrounds to flip GOP House districts in 2018 have won again [[Link](#)]

Pictured: Rep Abigail Spanberger (D-VA), left, and Rep Elaine Luria (D-VA)





Clark elected to leadership role in House [\[Link\]](#)

# ELECTORATES SEEKING MAJOR CHANGE SHOW IT DOWNBALLOT

## Coattails for Presidents With Big Messes to Clean Up

YEAR / PRESIDENT	Popular Vote	Senate Seats	House Seats	Governors
2008 / OBAMA	+7.27%	+8	+21	+1
1980 / REAGAN	+9.74%	+12	+34	+4
1932 / FDR	+17.8%	+11	+97	+11
1920 / HARDING	+26.2%	+10	+63	+7
1860 / LINCOLN	+10.13%	+2 (of 66)	+30**	
<b>2020 / BIDEN</b>	<b>+3.0%*</b>	<b>+1*</b>	<b>-11*</b>	<b>-1</b>

\* Still counting, margins may adjust

\*\* +30 for the "Unionists"

MEHLMAN CASTAGNETTI  
ROBERT & THOMAS

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Biden Won with Weakest Coattails In 60 Years [[Link](#)]

What happened to Democrats in North Carolina: "It was a total effort that failed down ballot" [[Link](#)]





In Minnesota and Beyond, 'Defund the Police' Weighed on Democrats [\[Link\]](#)

Black Lives Matter activists strike back at Dems slamming 'defund the police' [\[Link\]](#)



Senator and Vice President of the United States: Can Kamala Harris Hold Both Positions at the Same Time? [[Link](#)]

No, it isn't unusual that Kamala Harris is still in the Senate. [[Link](#)]





GOP Senate Signals It Will Confirm Biden Cabinet  
[\[Link\]](#)

Republicans quietly plot to sink Biden nominees [\[Link\]](#)

## *Biden-Harris Economic Team Nominations and Appointments*



**JANET YELLEN**  
*Secretary of the  
Treasury*



**NEERA TANDEN**  
*Director of the Office of  
Management and Budget*



**WALLY ADEYEMO**  
*Deputy Secretary  
of the Treasury*



**CECILIA ROUSE**  
*Chair of the Council  
of Economic Advisers*



**JARED BERNSTEIN**  
*Member of the Council  
of Economic Advisers*



**HEATHER BOUSHEY**  
*Member of the Council  
of Economic Advisers*

Photo Credits: AP (Yellen); Center for American Progress (Tanden); Biden-Harris transition team (Adeyemo; Princeton University (Rouse); Center on Budget and Policy Priorities/Jason Dixon Photography (Bernstein); Equitable Growth (Boushey)

Biden unveils diverse economic team as challenges to  
economy grow [[Link](#)]

Trump Asks, 'Why Biden Is Forming a Cabinet?' [[Link](#)]



Cornyn Aide Says Neera Tanden Won't Be Confirmed [[Link](#)]

Bernieworld seethes over Tanden as OMB nominee [[Link](#)]





Biden emphasizes foreign policy team will 'lead the world, not retreat' [[Link](#)]





**Geoff Bennett** ✓

@GeoffRBennett

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Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick is on Biden's shortlist for Attorney General, sources familiar tell [@carolelee](#) and me.

That list also includes outgoing Sen. Doug Jones, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra and former deputy AG Sally Yates.

6:40 AM · Nov 30, 2020 · Twitter Web App

## Attorney General considerations



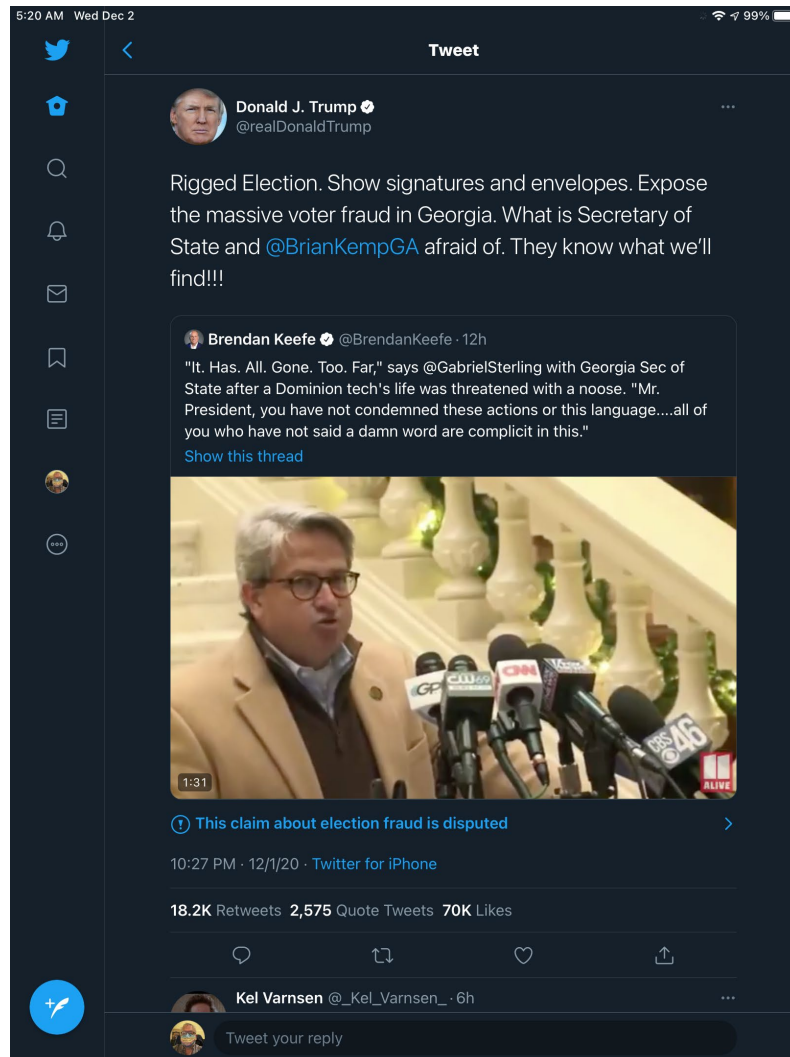
Sen. Kelly Loeffler, Rev. Raphael Warnock, Sen. David Perdue, and Jon Ossoff. Justin Sullivan; Jessica McGowan; Tom Williams/CQ-Roll Call; Paras Griffin via Getty Images

9 questions about the Georgia Senate runoffs you were too embarrassed to ask [\[Link\]](#)





6 Black women organizers on what happened in Georgia — and what comes next [[Link](#)]



Georgia election official condemns Trump after threat to worker [\[Link\]](#)





Trump maintains election fraud, pledges travel to Georgia in first presser since election [[Link](#)]

## Supreme Court Judges

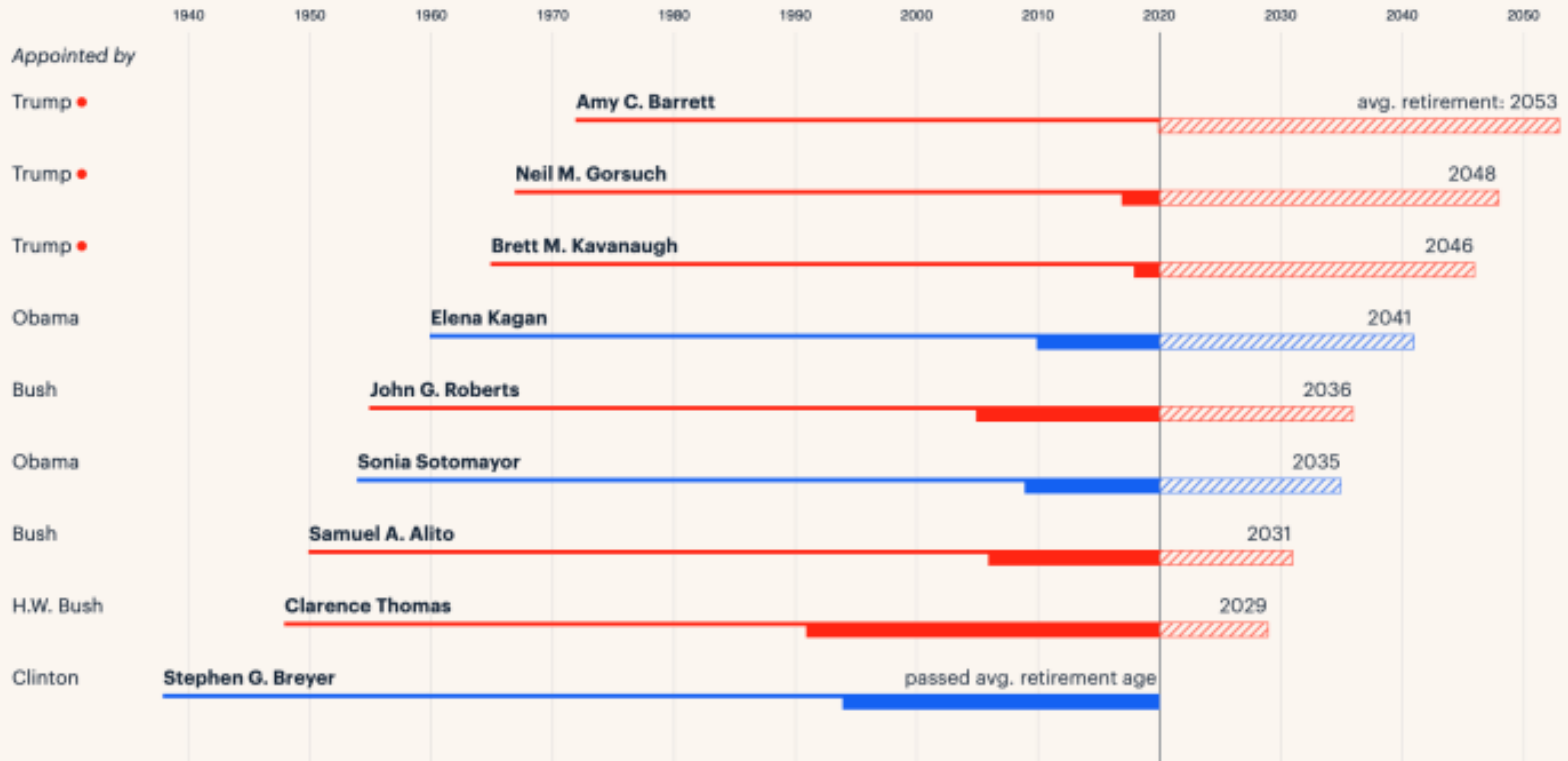
Average Retirement

President

Current Age

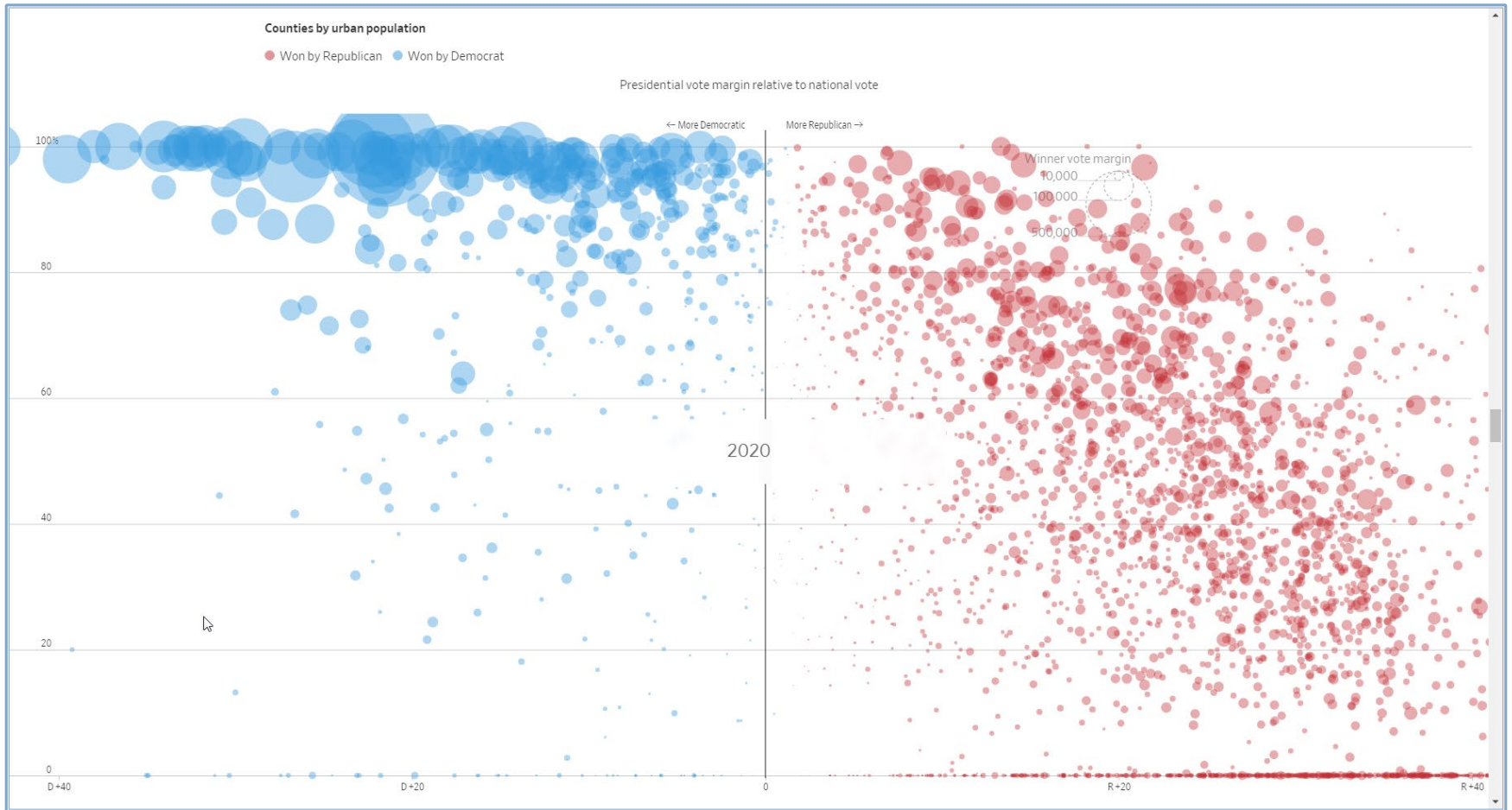
Age at Confirmation

Trump has nominated three justices to the Supreme Court, averaging 50 years old. Barrett, the newest and youngest of the three, could be on the court into 2053 based on average retirement ages for modern Supreme Court justices.



Long-term timelines for judicial appointments



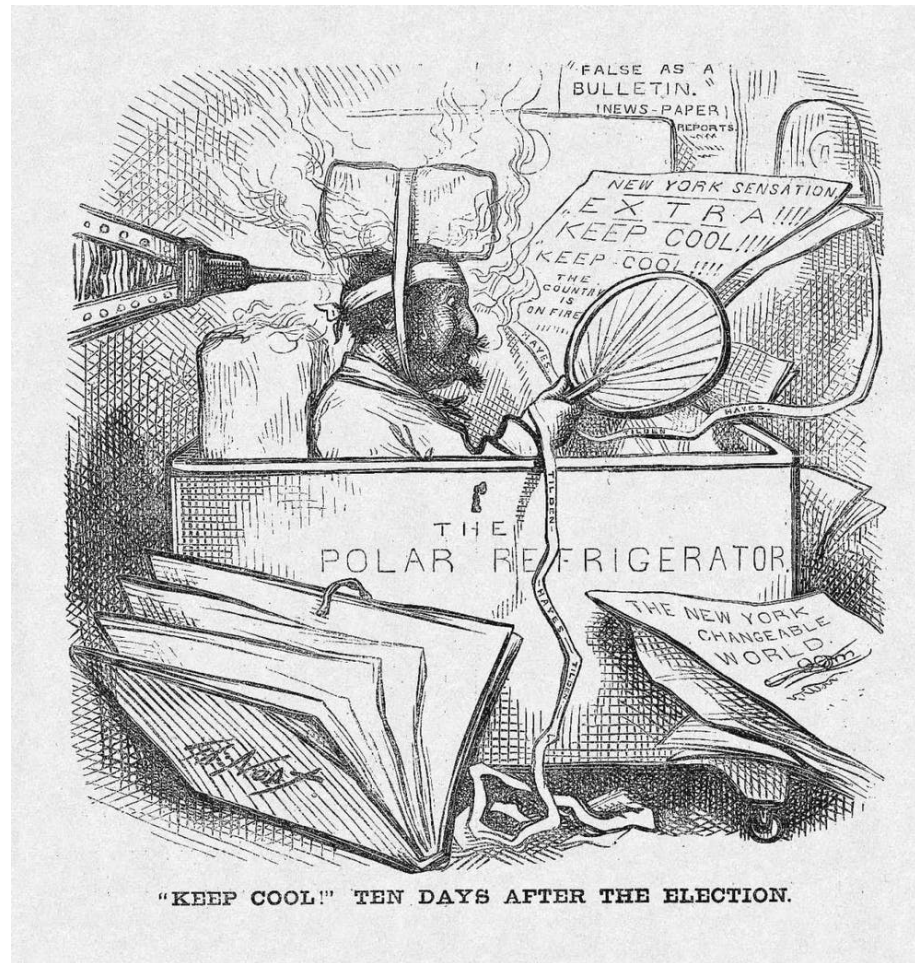


How Politics Has Pulled Country in Different Directions [[Link](#)]



Trump privately plots his next act — including a potential 2024 run  
[\[Link\]](#)





Thank you and stay cool