# Back up Stories (Since you're already full)

1. Federal judge strikes down Trump plan to slash food stamps for 700,000 unemployed Americans

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/legal-issues/trump-food-stamp-cuts/2020/10/18/7c124612-117a-11eb-ad6f-36c93e6e94fb story.html

- 2. A Kentucky judge has ordered grand jury records from the Breonna Taylor probe to be released, citing the need to show if "publicly elected officials are being honest." <a href="https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/kentucky-judge-orders-grand-jury-records-unsealed-breonna-taylor-case-n1244041">https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/kentucky-judge-orders-grand-jury-records-unsealed-breonna-taylor-case-n1244041</a>
- 3. Below the docs is a whole section dedicated to reasons people need to go to the polls and not use mail in ballots.
- 4. Breaking NBC: Lawyers say they can't find the parents of 545 migrant children separated by the Trump administration.

https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/lawyers-say-they-can-t-find-parents-545-migrant-children-n1244066

5. A judge has ruled in favor of the anonymous Breonna Taylor grand juror, meaning the juror CAN speak publicly about the grand jury proceedings "This Court finds that the traditional justification for secrecy in this matter are no longer relevant" <a href="https://twitter.com/robferdman/status/1318602861324939267?s=20">https://twitter.com/robferdman/status/1318602861324939267?s=20</a>

#### **Docs**

Mark Meadows declaration: 'The president indicated to me that his statements on Twitter were not self-executing declassification orders...'

https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7273471/Trump-Declassify-2020-10-20.pdf

https://buzzfeednews.com/article/zoetillman/supreme-court-pennsylvania-count-ballots

DOJ's antitrust suit against Google has been filed in federal court in DC, here's the complaint: https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7273457/10-20-20-US-v-Google-Complaint.pdf

Hatice Cengiz, the fiancee of slain journalist Jamal Khashoggi, filed a civil lawsuit this a.m. in federal court against Mohammed bin Salman, the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, and other Saudi officials seeking to hold them liable for Khashoggi's death <a href="https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7273439/10-20-20-Cengiz-v-Bin-Salman-Complaint.pdf">https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7273439/10-20-20-Cengiz-v-Bin-Salman-Complaint.pdf</a>

In other election litigation news: The 6th Circuit blocked Tennessee from enforcing a law that normally requires people who have registered to vote for the first time to vote in-person for their first election (upholding a district court injunction)

https://opn.ca6.uscourts.gov/opinions.pdf/20a0334p-06.pdf

The 5th Circuit reinstated Texas' process for rejecting absentee ballots with signature match issues — the panel halted an injunction that would have stopped ballots from being tossed unless officials adopted a more robust notice/cure process <a href="https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7245123/10-19-20-Richardson-v-Texas-5th-">https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7245123/10-19-20-Richardson-v-Texas-5th-</a>

# Circuit-Opinion.pdf

After suspending diversity + inclusion programs over Trump's EO, officials told a DOJ group it couldn't hold an event next week on gender gaps in leadership, that group said today. Former US attorney for DC Jessie Liu was set to speak at the event.

https://www.law.com/nationallawjournal/2020/10/16/jessie-liu-event-on-gender-diversity-canceled-due-to-trump-order-doj-group-says/?cmp=share twitter

A voting rights group is suing Trump, AG Barr, and DHS Sec. Wolf arguing that their actions around the 2020 election, taken together, violate voting rights laws and the Constitution <a href="https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7273978/10-21-20-Mi-Familia-v-Trump-Complaint.pdf">https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7273978/10-21-20-Mi-Familia-v-Trump-Complaint.pdf</a>

Warren asks SEC & CFTC to conduct insider trading investigation after report that in Feb, Trump officials privately gave dire warnings to conservative allies about risks to economy from covid while Trump was publicly optimistic about impact of the virus <a href="https://warren.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2020.10.15%20Letter%20to%20SEC%20CFTC.pdf">https://warren.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2020.10.15%20Letter%20to%20SEC%20CFTC.pdf</a>

A federal judge says DOJ must get explicit direction from Trump before deciding it doesn't have to declassify Russia/Mueller documents.

Juge orders Trump, or someone has conferred directly with him, to certify by Tuesday at noon whether he's walking back his vow to declassify all Mueller/Russia probe documents. <a href="https://twitter.com/kyledcheney/status/1317164845305942016?s=20">https://twitter.com/kyledcheney/status/1317164845305942016?s=20</a>

SCOTUS will review Trump administration's plan to exclude undocumented immigrants from apportionment of Representatives. This latest census case will be argued Nov. 30. https://twitter.com/KimberlyRobinsn/status/1317210184519979017?s=20

6th circuit judge Karen Nelson Moore uses dissent to light into the federal judiciary: "Many federal courts—more specifically, many federal courts of review—have sanctioned a systematic effort to suppress voter turnout and undermine the right to vote." <a href="https://opn.ca6.uscourts.gov/opinions.pdf/20a0331p-06.pdf">https://opn.ca6.uscourts.gov/opinions.pdf/20a0331p-06.pdf</a>

I shit you not, Trump has signed a presidential proclamation for "National Character Counts Week."

https://twitter.com/AndrewFeinberg/status/1317297826632769537?s=20

A federal appeals court has upheld a decades-old Kentucky law requiring abortion clinics to have written agreements with a hospital and an ambulance service in case of medical emergencies.

https://apnews.com/article/us-news-abortion-kentucky-courts-4710e82403fccd97adb6eab268fc7246?utm\_medium=AP&utm\_source=Twitter&utm\_campaign=SocialFlow

An appellate court judge in Pennsylvania has turned down an emergency petition from Republicans seeking to block the Philadelphia suburb of Delaware County from operating a

three-day, pop-up early voting center in a predominantly Black area.

https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/pennsylvania/articles/2020-10-17/judge-rejects-gop-attempt-to-shut-down-early-voting-center

Second Circuit AFFIRMS a lower court's order to unseal documents related to Ghislaine Maxwell's civil case, including her allegedly incriminating deposition.

https://courthousenews.com/ghislaine-maxwell-fights-to-hide-possibly-incriminating-deposition/

North Carolina State Board of Elections tells state court it will issue important NEW absentee ballot cure guidance MONDAY.

https://democracydocket.com/cases/north-carolina-november-2020-election-challenge/

To be clear, TWELVE judges—including THREE appointed by Trump—disagreed. The ruling was 12-3 in favor of voting rights. It was an excellent result. Three conservative judges on the 4th Circuit claim the Purcell principle and the Elections Clause prevent STATE ELECTION BOARDS from expanding voting rights close to an election. That's a radical and alarming position. <a href="https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7273830/10-20-20-Wise-v-Circosta-4th-Circuit.pdf">https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7273830/10-20-20-Wise-v-Circosta-4th-Circuit.pdf</a>

By 5-to-3 vote, Supreme Court revives ban on curbside voting in Alabama. The three liberal justices dissent. https://supremecourt.gov/opinions/20pdf/20a67 3e04.pdf

## Reasons to go to the damn polls

Pennsylvania postal worker charged with dumping mail is QAnon follower: report <a href="https://www.newsweek.com/postal-worker-mail-qanon-pittsburgh-conspiracy-1539322?utm">https://www.newsweek.com/postal-worker-mail-qanon-pittsburgh-conspiracy-1539322?utm</a> term=Autofeed&utm medium=Social&utm source=Twitter#Echobox=160275324

A Republican poll observer in North Carolina was charged with assault Friday morning after he pushed an election worker who was preventing him from entering an early-voting center in Wake Forest, north of Raleigh.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/elections/2020/10/16/trump-biden-live-updates/#link-EFHFA3H4OBECTIOWUYA2AQE4PI

A Cleveland company that agreed to print absentee ballots for dozens of counties in OH and PA is 10 days late in getting them to voters. The company's owners are Trump supporters and flew a Trump flag at their HQ.

https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/16/us/politics/ohio-mail-ballots-trump.html

After Black union workers petitioned the state for more secure ballot drop boxes, top election officials called Hans von Spakovsky, a leading purveyor of discredited voting fraud claims, and then put a strict limit on the boxes instead.

https://www.propublica.org/article/before-limiting-ballot-drop-boxes-to-one-per-county-top-ohioelection-officials-secretly-consulted-promoter-of-debunked-voting-fraudfears?utm medium=social&utm source=twitter#1000425

Deficient NC absentee ballots frozen pending further rulings

https://www.carolinacoastonline.com/regional/article\_32c49750-0fd9-11eb-a5da-5f05792b0539.html?utm\_medium=social&utm\_source=twitter&utm\_campaign=user-share

Kentucky postal worker fired after dumping 100 absentee ballots <a href="https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/521536-kentucky-postal-worker-fired-after-dumping-100-absentee-ballots">https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/521536-kentucky-postal-worker-fired-after-dumping-100-absentee-ballots</a>

Texas can reject mail-in ballots over mismatched signatures without giving voters a chance to appeal, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled.

https://www.texastribune.org/2020/10/19/texas-mail-in-ballots-signatures/?utm\_campaign=trib-social&utm\_content=1603136600&utm\_medium=social&utm\_source=twitter

Here is City of Miami Police Officer Daniel Ubeda, in full uniform with badge and gun wearing his Trump mask inside of the polling location in the government center. This is city funded voter intimidation. Ubeda should be suspended immediately.

https://twitter.com/stevesimeonidis/status/1318564688507080712?s=20

### News

### Oct 22nd

On how DOJ ending up avoiding a much-anticipated court hearing about its effort to take over Trump's defense in the defamation lawsuit filed by E. Jean Carroll, who accused him of rape: <a href="https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/zoetillman/e-jean-carroll-lawsuit-donald-trump-justice-department">https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/zoetillman/e-jean-carroll-lawsuit-donald-trump-justice-department</a>

### Oct 21st

Ratcliffe lying like the bitch he is and Ted Leiu calling him out <a href="https://twitter.com/tedlieu/status/1319064551938117632?s=20">https://twitter.com/tedlieu/status/1319064551938117632?s=20</a>

The Trump administration labeled its vaccine czar a "contractor" to sidestep rules against personally profiting from government positions. The man holding this position owns \$10 million in stock of a company working with his team to develop a vaccine.

https://www.propublica.org/article/trumps-vaccine-czar-refuses-to-give-up-stock-in-drug-company-involved-in-his-government-role?utm\_medium=social&utm\_source=twitter#1000439
Billy Graham's granddaughter has endorsed Joe Biden. "The Jesus we serve promotes kindness, dignity, humility, and this president doesn't represent our faith."
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/21/opinion/evangelicals-election-biden.html

The DOJ told a federal judge it couldn't enter SDNY because their attorney traveled from Virginia, which they claimed was added to the states with pandemic-related restrictions "yesterday." The designation happened "over a week ago," the judge corrects in a new order. <a href="https://twitter.com/KlasfeldReports/status/1319015417545973764?s=20">https://twitter.com/KlasfeldReports/status/1319015417545973764?s=20</a>

DeVos says it isn't Department of Education's job to track schools' coronavirus reopening plans <a href="http://hill.cm/LdM7MtH">http://hill.cm/LdM7MtH</a>

Democratic lawmakers tell WSJ that the U.S. Postal Service has blocked them from inspecting the agency's facilities in the lead up to the election. "These are phony-baloney excuses. It's not like I'm trying to get into Area 51 or something."

https://www.wsj.com/articles/several-lawmakers-denied-access-to-postal-facilities-11603208771

New York State AG slams DOJ deal as inadequate in light of the "hundreds of thousands of deaths or millions of addictions caused by Purdue Pharma & the Sackler family." "Instead, it allows billionaires to keep their billions without any accounting for how much they really made."

### https://twitter.com/KlasfeldReports/status/1318942516029390849?s=20

Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett served for nearly 3 years on the board of private Christian schools that effectively barred admission to children of same-sex parents and made it plain that gay and lesbian teachers weren't welcome in the classroom.

https://apnews.com/article/south-bend-only-on-ap-amy-coney-barrett-minnesota-virginia-a8bbabea9ee4d2fb13c6079c09f2f075?utm campaign=SocialFlow&utm source=Twitter&utm medium=AP

Justice Department officials tell The Associated Press that Purdue Pharma, the company that makes OxyContin, will plead guilty to three federal criminal charges as part of a settlement of more than \$8 billion.

https://apnews.com/article/virus-outbreak-business-criminal-investigations-opioids-epidemics-5f0679ffee14577b1696a94b64abc9c2?utm source=Twitter&utm medium=AP&utm campaign=SocialFlow

## Oct 20th

(Another) federal judge has (again) called out Betsy DeVos for doing everything she can to hurt innocent students who were cheated by sham for-profit colleges. America deserves a Secretary of Education who isn't motivated by cruelty.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2020/10/20/student-debt-claims-settlement-denied/

A grand juror who won a court fight to speak publicly about the Breonna Taylor case is rebutting comments by Kentucky's attorney general. The juror says the panel was not given the option to consider charges connected to Taylor's shooting death by police.

https://apnews.com/article/breonna-taylor-shootings-kentucky-

b37fd44ffd2fe5358da22f949ad68e73?utm\_source=Twitter&utm\_medium=AP&utm\_campaign=SocialFlow

Having a mental illness is not a crime, and we have to stop treating it like one. Today, I introduced a bill that would enable local governments to send mental health professionals—not police—when 911 is called because someone is in a mental health crisis.

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/police-violence-mental-health n 5f8e675bc5b69daf5e1613d7

New order in the Ghislaine Maxwell unsealing fight:

"In light of the Court of Appeals' mandate ... the parties shall, as soon as is practicable, prepare for unsealing..."

https://courthousenews.com/ghislaine-maxwell-deposition-will-be-public-2nd-circuit-affirms/

## Oct 19th

An Ohio school has been assigning kids PragerU videos for class. The site has videos like 'the left ruins everything' & 'playing the black card' Turns out, PragerU is amid a new push to get into K12 schools. They say 'so many' teachers have signed up

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/right-wing-videos-public-schools-prageru n 5f889a29c5b6e9e76fbb6db8?8ng

"Auditor: Iowa misallocated at least \$21 million in COVID-19 funds" Iowa Republican Gov Kim Reynolds took federal COVID money and spent it instead on salaries for her own staff and a new accounting system. State auditor now says she needs to pay it back.

https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/2020/10/19/covid-19-funds-iowa-auditor-warns-reynolds-cares-act-millions-missing/5982318002/

Graham makes it official: Senate Judiciary will vote Thursday to subpoena Facebook and Twitter related to their response to the NY Post story. Staff "continues to negotiate" for voluntary testimony, per release.

https://twitter.com/AndrewDesiderio/status/1318313622926483457?s=20

The plaintiff AND the defendant in Obergefell v. Hodges, the marriage equality case, are teaming up to oppose Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation to the Supreme Court. https://twitter.com/mjs\_DC/status/1318199600822497284?s=20

"My people fought for the right to vote": With a surge of emotion, Black Americans rush to the polls. Black voters across the country are casting their ballots at the very first opportunity, calling 2020 the most important election of their lifetimes.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/black-voters-2020-election/2020/10/18/bdc06ad0-0f3b-11eb-8074-0e943a91bf08 story.html

The City of Jacksonville is expecting a reimbursement of \$153,000 for Republican National Convention planning costs. "The important thing is for taxpayers to get their money back." <a href="https://www.jacksonville.com/story/news/local/2020/10/16/jacksonville-seeks-payment-153-000-republican-convention-costs/3680660001/">https://www.jacksonville.com/story/news/local/2020/10/16/jacksonville-seeks-payment-153-000-republican-convention-costs/3680660001/</a>

"College students in at least three counties in Pennsylvania who attempted to register to vote online had their applications rejected, and were notified that they must provide documentation in person or by mail to meet the Monday deadline."

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/voter-confusion-rattles-election-officials-in-pennsylvania-near-mondays-deadline-to-register/2020/10/19/87f9ab9c-0ff8-11eb-b1e8-16b59b92b36d story.html

In an unusual move, the Justice Department said that Trump should not be sued personally for having denied a rape allegation because he made the statement while acting in his official capacity as president.

https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/19/nyregion/jean-carroll-trump-rape-lawsuit.html?referringSource=articleShare

#### Oct 18th

The health department's top lawyer is warning in an internal memo that Trump's plan to give seniors \$200 discount cards to buy prescription drugs could violate election law. <a href="https://www.politico.com/news/2020/10/16/hhs-lawyer-trump-drug-cards-election-law-429989">https://www.politico.com/news/2020/10/16/hhs-lawyer-trump-drug-cards-election-law-429989</a>

## Oct 17th

Trump's businesses have been paid at least \$1.2 million from U.S. taxpayers. <a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/politics/trump-secret-service-spending/">https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/politics/trump-secret-service-spending/</a>

Oracle CEO donated \$250K to Graham Super PAC days before TikTok deal went through: report http://hill.cm/wBA48cA

#### Oct 16th

John Fogerty sent Trump a cease and desist for the song Fortunate Son <a href="https://twitter.com/John Fogerty/status/1317148924176596992?s=20">https://twitter.com/John Fogerty/status/1317148924176596992?s=20</a>

Tucker Carlson interviewing Osama Bin Laden's niece ... What a time to be alive

# https://twitter.com/ndrew\_lawrence/status/1317269091296677890?s=20

Trump WH had installed 2 political operatives at CDC to control #COVID19 information, sometimes at odds with scientific evidence. The 2 appointees, w/ no public health background, tasked w/ "keeping eye" on Dr Redfield & scientists. Dystopian. Thread <a href="https://apnews.com/article/election-2020-virus-outbreak-pandemics-public-health-new-york-e321f4c9098b4db4dd6b1eda76a5179e">https://apnews.com/article/election-2020-virus-outbreak-pandemics-public-health-new-york-e321f4c9098b4db4dd6b1eda76a5179e</a>

Susan Collins has financially backed the campaigns of two outspoken QAnon believers who are eagerly awaiting mass executions of Trump opponents.

https://mainernews.com/susan-collins-backs-qanon-believers-for-maine-legislature/

Pfizer will not seek an emergency authorization for its coronavirus vaccine until after the election, the final blow to President Donald Trump's repeated pledges to make a shot available before Americans cast votes

https://www.politico.com/news/2020/10/16/pfizer-coronavirus-vaccine-authorization-election-429797

A Wisconsin domestic violence organization posted "Black Lives Matter" signs. The county voted to strip it of \$25,000 in funding. A board member resigned. Most of the 17 law enforcement agencies that work with the org said they were cutting ties. <a href="https://www.huffpost.com/entry/domestic-violence-black-lives-matter-police">https://www.huffpost.com/entry/domestic-violence-black-lives-matter-police</a> n 5f88c8a1c5b66ee9a5ee43d7?ncid=engmodushpmg00000004

Bernard Cohen, lawyer who won victory for interracial marriage in Loving v. Virginia, dies at 86 <a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/bernard-cohen-lawyer-who-won-victory-for-interracial-marriage-in-loving-v-virginia-dies-at-86/2020/10/13/82506128-0d4f-11eb-8074-0e943a91bf08">https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/bernard-cohen-lawyer-who-won-victory-for-interracial-marriage-in-loving-v-virginia-dies-at-86/2020/10/13/82506128-0d4f-11eb-8074-0e943a91bf08</a> story.html?utm source=twitter&utm campaign=wp main&utm medium=social

Sara Gideon, the challenger to Sen. Susan Collins, raised \$39.4 million during the third quarter of 2020, placing her among a group of top-tier Democratic candidates who brought in unprecedented levels of money as Election Day nears.

https://bangordailynews.com/2020/10/16/politics/sara-gideon-raises-eye-popping-39-4m-in-last-3-months-widens-money-lead-on-susan-collins/

The Trump administration has rejected California's request for disaster relief funds aimed at cleaning up the damage from six recent fires across the state.

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-10-15/trump-administration-blocks-wildfire-relief-funds

TRUMP was told by national security adviser O'BRIEN that Rudy Giuliani's anti-Biden info should be considered contaminated by Russian disinformation, the Post reports. Intel officials say intercepts showed Rudy was the target of a Russian operation. <a href="https://washingtonpost.com/national-security/giuliani-biden-ukraine-russian-disinformation/2020/10/15/43158900-0ef5-11eb-b1e8-16b59b92b36d">https://washingtonpost.com/national-security/giuliani-biden-ukraine-russian-disinformation/2020/10/15/43158900-0ef5-11eb-b1e8-16b59b92b36d</a> story.html

Rudys daughter knows he's a POS, supports Biden

https://www.vanityfair.com/style/2020/10/rudy-giulianis-daughter-on-voting-for-biden?utm source=twitter&utm medium=social&utm campaign=onsite-share&utm brand=vanity-fair&utm social-type=earned

Woman who nodded, gave thumbs up behind Trump in Miami ran pro-Trump campaign in 2018 <a href="https://news.yahoo.com/woman-nodded-gave-thumbs-behind-024037756.html?soc\_src=social-sh&soc\_trk=tw&tsrc=twtr">https://news.yahoo.com/woman-nodded-gave-thumbs-behind-024037756.html?soc\_src=social-sh&soc\_trk=tw&tsrc=twtr</a>

GOP Senator McSally uses taxpayer money for robocall as she trails behind Dem challenger in polls <a href="https://www.newsweek.com/gop-senator-mcsally-uses-taxpayer-money-robocall-she-trails-behind-dem-challenger-polls-">https://www.newsweek.com/gop-senator-mcsally-uses-taxpayer-money-robocall-she-trails-behind-dem-challenger-polls-</a>

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