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Biden Turning To Trump-Era Rule To Expel Migrants

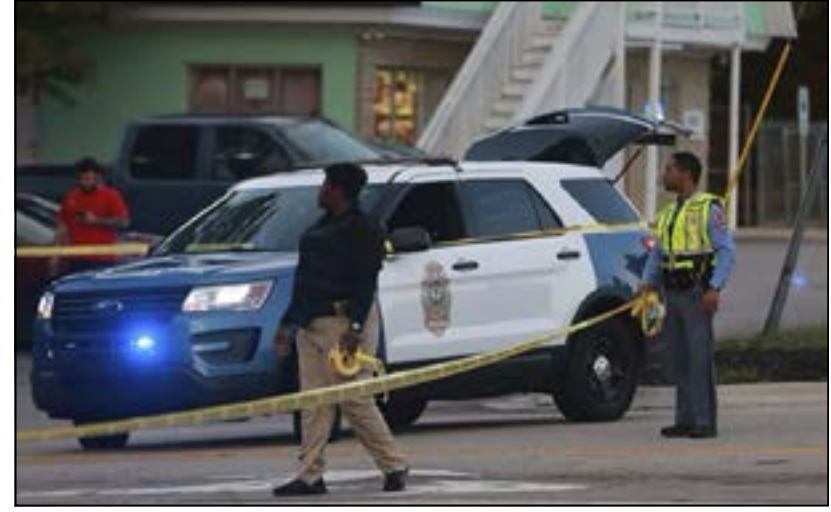
WASHINGTON (AP) — Two years ago, candidate Joe Biden loudly denounced President Donald Trump for immigration policies that inflicted “cruelty and exclusion at every turn,” including toward those fleeing the “brutal” government of socialist Nicolas Maduro in Venezuela. Now, with increasing numbers of Venezuelans arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border as the Nov. 8 election nears, Biden has turned to an unlikely source for a solution: his predecessor’s playbook. Biden last week invoked a Trump-era rule known as Title 42 — which Biden’s own Justice Department is fighting in court — to deny Venezuelans fleeing their

crisis-torn country the chance to request asylum at the border. The rule, first invoked by Trump in 2020, uses emergency public health authority to allow the United States to keep migrants from seeking asylum at the border, based on the need to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Under the new Biden administration policy, Venezuelans who walk or swim across America’s southern border will be expelled and any Venezuelan who illegally enters Mexico or Panama will be ineligible to come to the United States. But as many as 24,000 Venezuelans will be accepted at U.S. airports, similar to how

Ukrainians have been admitted since Russia’s invasion in February. Mexico has insisted that the U.S. admit one Venezuelan on humanitarian parole for each Venezuelan it expels to Mexico, according to a Mexican official who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. So if the Biden administration paroled 24,000 Venezuelans to the U.S., Mexico would take no more than 24,000 Venezuelans expelled from the U.S. The Biden policy marks an abrupt turn for the White House, which just weeks ago was lambasting Florida Gov. Ron DeSan-

tis and Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, both Republicans, for putting Venezuelan migrants “fleeing political persecution” on buses and planes to Democratic strongholds. “These were children, they were moms, they were fleeing communism,” White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said at the time. Biden’s new policy has drawn swift criticism from immigrant advocates, many of them quick to point out the Trump parallels. “Rather than restore the right to asylum decimated by the Trump administration ... the

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POLICE BLOCK OLD MULBURNIE ROAD DURING SHOOTING

Cops: 15-Year-Old Kills 5 In East Raleigh

By Gary D. Robertson, Hannah Schoenbaum and Allen G. Breed

Associated Press

A 15-year-old boy killed five people and injured two more in a shooting rampage in Raleigh, police said, horrifying a community that is now mourning victims whose lives were cut short as they were going about their daily routines. Raleigh Police Chief Estella Patterson said the teen was captured hours after the victims were gunned down Thursday evening. He was hospitalized and in critical condition following his arrest, but authorities have not said how he was injured. Patterson said Friday that police haven’t determined a motive for the attack. The victims were different races and ranged in age from 16 to their late 50s, Patterson said. Family members and friends said some of the victims were gunned down while doing normal, everyday activities—an off-duty police officer was killed while on his way to work, one of the women who died was on her porch talking to a neighbor, another woman who died was out walking her dog and another was out exercising. Gov. Roy Cooper called the shooting an “infuriating and tragic act of gun violence.” He added: “No neighborhood, no parent, no child, no grandparent, no one should feel this fear in their communities—no one.” The gunfire broke out around 5 p.m. Thursday in a residential area northeast of downtown, Raleigh Mayor Mary-Ann Baldwin said. Police

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Shaw President Outraged Over Search

(AP)—The president of a historically Black university accused South Carolina law enforcement officers of racially profiling a busload of students from her school by stopping the vehicle for a minor traffic violation and using drug-sniffing dogs to search their luggage. Noting that nothing illegal was found in the search, Shaw University President Paulette Dillard said she was outraged by the treatment, which also included questioning that she likened to an interrogation. The traffic stop was done by deputies and law enforcement officers in Spartanburg County on Oct. 5 as 18 students from her



PAULETTE DILLARD

Raleigh school were traveling to a conference in Atlanta, she said. Dillard wrote in a statement Monday that she has asked the school’s general counsel to consider options for legal recourse. “In a word, I am ‘outraged,’” Dillard wrote. “This behavior of targeting Black students is unacceptable and will not be ignored nor tolerated. Had the students been White, I doubt this detention and search would have occurred.” She called the situation “reminiscent of the 1950s and 1960s—armed police, interrogating innocent Black students, conducting searches without probable cause, and blood-thirsty dogs” and the

deputies’ actions “unfair and unjust.” The officers told the people aboard the bus that they stopped it because the vehicle was swerving and issued the driver a warning ticket for improper lane use, according to Dillard’s statement. It was not clear if the bus, which Dillard referred to as a “contract bus,” had university insignia on the outside. The statement referred to deputies and officers conducting the search in Spartanburg County but does not specify which agencies were involved. The university communications office didn’t

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Coalition Kicks Off Drive For 10 Million

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NNPA President, and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., Rainbow Push Coalition Executive Director Bishop Tavis Grant, Black Voters Matter Co-Founder Cliff Albright, African American Policy Forum Executive Director Kimberlé Crenshaw, National Organization of Concerned Black Men CEO Dr. Karen McRae, Virginia K. Solomon of the League of Women Voters, and Hip Hop Caucus Executive Director Attorney Tanya Clay House. “We want people to celebrate when they vote,” Arnwine insisted. “We call it a celebration for every time we do a votecade. We have a Celebration Village.” Arnwine said in one city; the mayor informed the coalition that voter turnout doubled after the votecade visited. “We went to another area in the poorest ZIP Code in Milwaukee—one of the poorest in the nation,” Arnwine continued. “They had such a small polling

site and didn’t expect anyone to turn out. But, when we finished, they had more people vote in that one day after the votecade than typically during the entire early voting season.” Chavis, who has pushed the hashtag #10millionmoreblackvoters, reminded everyone that the midterms were just a few weeks ago. With photos of the late Georgia Democratic Rep. John Lewis blanketing the Press Club for the news conference, Chavis called the coalition’s mission good trouble. “We are going to all the major states, places where we know we can make a difference,” Chavis declared. “This tour is designed to make sure we awaken a lot of the sleeping giants in our community.” He continued: “We believe that we can get 10 million more Black voters. That’s a large number, but we believe

that number could make a difference. Democracy is on the ballot on November 8. Racial justice is on the ballot on November 8. Climate justice is on the ballot, environmental justice is on the ballot, economic justice, and equity is on the ballot, and preventing far right-wing groups from banning votes is on the ballot.” Arnwine added that the 25-city Arc of Voter Justice Tour is designed to ensure everyone understands that citizens’ right to vote is their voice. During the votecade, participants will register to vote and check their voting eligibility while enjoying good food, music, games, and banned books as the coalition seek to transform voting and the voting experience. “A great democracy does not make it harder to vote than it is to get an assault weapon,” Bishop Grant demanded. “What is so dangerous about

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REPUBLICANS GET PARTIAL WIN IN NC COURT OVER POLL OBSERVERS

(AP)—A North Carolina judge gave a partial legal victory on Thursday to state and national Republicans by agreeing to loosen restrictions on activity by some party-appointed poll observers. Wake County Superior Court Judge Vince Rozier granted one of the party’s two requests related to the work of “at-large” observers chosen by political parties and who are allowed to monitor more than one voting site. A second request seeking the use of more than one such observer simultaneously at a location was denied, according to a GOP leader and the State Board of Elections, which is a lawsuit defendant. Rozier also refused another GOP demand that he block the State Board of Elections from extending the fall absentee-ballot receipt deadline based on the Veterans Day holiday on Nov. 11, board spokesperson Pat Gannon said. The GOP won in a portion of the litigation filed last month requesting a preliminary injunction on state board guidance that requires an at-large observer to work for at least four hours before they can be replaced at a voting site. Other observers, which are also picked by the political parties, are assigned to specific precincts. Early in-person voting for the Nov. 8 election begins Oct. 20. The Republicans contend the four-hour requirement for at-large observers doesn’t align with state law and makes it hard for the party to fill volunteer gaps at voting sites and precincts by moving them to other locales. North Carolina GOP Chairman Michael Whatley said in an interview that the party has held more than 300 training sessions this year and recruited and trained more than 7,500 volunteer poll watchers for the November elections. He has declined to allow reporters to attend the training sessions. “As long as the injunction remains in place, we regard this as a win,” Whatley said Thursday. “We did not think that the Board of Elections had the authority to put the rule in place. For the life of me, I cannot understand why the Board of Elections is continuing to take steps to try and limit the transparency in the voting areas.” Election officials across the country, including several in North Carolina, have expressed concerns that a surge of conspiracy believers are signing up for poll watcher positions this year and are being trained by those who have propagated the lie spread by former President Donald Trump and his allies that the 2020 presidential election was riddled with fraud. Gannon said the board hadn’t yet decided whether it would appeal the ruling. The GOP was unsuccessful in getting Rozier to ease a rule that allows no more than one at-large observer to work inside a voting site at any time. The GOP plaintiffs had argued board Executive Director Karen Brinson Bell lacked authority to move the absentee ballot deadline from Nov. 11 to Nov. 14. State law says county election offices must receive civilian absentee ballots by the third day after Election Day—either in person or in the mail if the ballot was post-marked by Election Day, which is Nov. 8 this year. Whatley said the absentee deadline challenge was “no where near as important” as the rulings on election observer limits. Bell’s memo cited another state law that gave her authority to extend the deadline because of Veterans Day. Offices are closed and mail isn’t delivered. A similar absentee-ballot weekend delay

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Realtors Apologizing, Urging Change

By Jim Salter
Associated Press

bedroom house at \$175,000 based on presale evaluations. But once a buyer made an offer, an appraiser valued the home at only \$150,000, and the bank wouldn’t give a loan for the original asking price.

Curious, Abdullah looked at the appraisal report and found the photos weren’t even of his home in the predominantly Black area of north St. Louis. The photos had been pulled off the internet, and were not new photos show-

ing updates he had made. “I immediately knew, well, we have an issue here,” Abdullah said. It’s a struggle Black Americans have lived with for decades. Now, some leaders in the real estate industry are apologizing for past discrimination while promising to address problems that still remain.

Last month, St. Louis Realtors—the St. Louis area’s largest real estate trade group—issued a formal apology for past discriminatory practices. The National Association of Realtors issued an apology in 2020. Realtor groups in cities like Atlanta and Chicago have shown similar remorse. “The discrimination to which the Black community was subjected to was part of a system designed to cause residential racial segregation, led by the federal government, supported by the banking system and the real estate industry, and driven by practices like redlining and the use of restrictive covenants,” the apology from St. Louis Realtors states.

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REALTORS SAY THEY’LL MAKE IT UP TO BLACK FAMILIES

Opinion



Emmett Till Lives

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Classism, racism, war, and corporate greed are malicious outliers, which in their ways, plague the United States and global civilization abroad. Recollect back to 1955, Post World War, Two United States and these same outliers were a virus dividing and corrupting the United States and most of the world. In that year 1955, a 14-year-old Black male teenager from Chicago was sent by his mother to visit his family in Money, Miss. This innocent teenager was named Emmett Louis Till. Actually, Emmett was having a great time visiting his southern family, receiving all the love and attention and having care-free fun for three days into his visit before the horrid curse of violent, racist injustice struck Emmett Till, his family and the United States of America!

Emmett Till was born on July 25, 1941, and was murdered August 28, 1955. Emmett, as most Americans know, was violently tortured and murdered in Money, Miss. for allegedly whistling at a married, White woman named Carolyn Bryant. This rule was a long held racial taboo in the Southern States. Black males were not allowed to even look at White women in their eyes in public let alone whistle at them or around them. Such racist, classist unjust social rules were a result of the terrible slavery system and were passed down as the Jim Crow racist injustice system of the South. Being born and raised in Chicago, Till wasn't accustomed to such public social rules. Although racist outliers existed against Blacks in Chicago, they were not as rigid and as violently enforced as in the Southern States.

This case was indicative of the racial hatred perpetuated against Blacks or African-Americans throughout all of the United States almost 100 years after slavery supposedly ended. This case was terrible and exposed how the entire society of Mississippi and the South was a prison and or torture chamber for Blacks. Contradicting these facts, the Whites of the South claimed to be the most civilized humans on Earth at the time. This clear permanence of racial hatred and systematic genocidal programming against one group, the Black Americans also contradicted the United States Declaration of Independence and the Constitution ratified Articles 13 and 14, developed after the end of the Civil War.

Young Emmett was tracked down the day after the so-called whistling incident. The White husband of the woman and his White male friends along with a Black man, came to the home where Till was staying. They barged in the home and grabbed Emmet, along with Emmett's cousin, Simeon Wright. Simeon was with Emmett at the time of the whistling incident. After figuring out which of the boys was the one who supposedly whistled, the abductors bust the teeth out of Simeon's mouth by throwing him off their truck then taking off with Emmett. Witnesses said in trial, they saw them drive up with Emmet and took him into a barn and tormented Emmett for hours. The witness said they heard Emmet screaming for hours and they could hear the whipping and beating blows they were hitting him so hard.

Roy Bryant, the husband of the woman who claimed she was whistled at and brother-in-law, J.W. Milam kidnapped and brutally murdered Emmett Till. They dumped his body in the Tallahatchie River. This murder shocked the nation by gaining global media coverage. In turn, this case infused a generation of Black Americans to create and join the Civil Rights movement. With nationwide media coverage, the funeral of Emmett Till was held in Chicago with an open casket where anyone could see the terrible swelling and mutilation from the beating put on Emmett by the murderers.

Outrage ensued throughout the nation and even world-wide for such racist brutality being allowed in the United States. Black media outlets and organizations went in with all resources exposing the tragedy by even putting Emmett Till's funeral casket picture on their front pages. *Jet* Magazine even put the picture on the front of their magazine. Black politicians, the NAACP and Black celebrities expressed their heartbreak and outrage at this ongoing continuing murder and rape of Blacks throughout the United States.

Then came the trial and attempt to get justice for Emmett's family and for the Black community held in Sumner, Miss. in September 1955. Emmett's great-uncle testifying against the murderers marked the first time a Black human testified against a White human in the state of Mississippi. The problem was the defense was up against long held practices of allowing White people to murder, rape and torture Blacks in Mississippi. It was clear what the outcome would be when the judge threw out all the testimonies given by all witnesses to the kidnapping and murder of Emmett Till, even after they testified in court. The murderers were acquitted of all charges including the murder charges. With all the media coverage, it was clear to the entire world the U.S. government was continuing the oppression of Black Americans although the U.S. was proclaiming itself to be the beacon of justice and freedom.

This case galvanized generations of Blacks and some non-Blacks to take up the cause of human rights and justice throughout the United States. With the likes of Paul Robeson and those generations of devotees who worked and lived for justice and freedom, African-Americans as myself could get our education and I am free to write this article and you are free to read it. In 2007, a Federal Bill named "The Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Right Crime Act" was created due to continual effort of noble citizenry. All of the Civil Rights work and successes make it clear that we have the ability and right to challenge laws and practices no matter how old and how cherished by the rich and or the government. With all this revealed, Ms. Carolyn Bryant in her later age of 82, recanted her claim about Emmett Till whistling at her in an interview stating it wasn't true and it did not happen.

Justice cannot only become a thing of the past, a memory of the noble generations who sacrificed for current generations liberties and rights. Justice has to be openly taught as a pillar of the African-American Legacy! Does nobility matter any longer and to who? What are the current injustices being ignored and which type and class are perpetuating the injustices and which groups are the victims? The United States and world should be careful that the mirror of the past does not continue to reflect ugly faces.

Over the past decade, Blacks were being murdered on camera continually by police officers of the law even though White males continue to be the super majority of people who murder cops. Also, the all-White male police officers did this while there was an African-American President of the United States. Clearly, this is an agenda. This is evidence that the agenda to torment and murder Blacks has and will continue in the United States if African-Americans and im-

migrants and other underrepresented ethnic groups do not organize together and concentrate resources and effort on stopping the killings... not to mention the world's biggest privately-owned prison system, holding the highest number of humans on Earth. This clearly is systematic strategy and not random.

Many, such as Dr. Cornell West, say that we live in a more Authoritarian state in the U.S. than ever before. Thus, I ponder, was slavery transformed? Was Jim Crow and Apartheid implemented throughout the United States in covert methods to this day? Ku Klux Klan leader, Neo Nazi representative David Duke once said, and I paraphrase, "We, the Ku Klux Klan took off our hoods and put on suits and ties and filled the politician seats and board rooms and senator's seats." How about that?



This November, Unite to Defend the Black Vote

By Ben Jealous

People for the American Way

(TriceEdneyWire.com)—Right before our last national elections in 2020, thousands of Black voters in Detroit got a call from someone posing as a woman named "Tamika Taylor." She warned them that if they voted, the government would collect their personal information and come after them for credit card debt, outstanding warrants, even forced vaccinations. The calls were a voter suppression scam, and the two White guys behind it were prosecuted. But we'll never know how many people were nervous enough to avoid voting that year.

Dirty tricks like this make me sick. And as we get closer to this year's midterms, civil rights leaders are warning that we're likely to see more of them. The Far Right is waging a war on Black voters, and disinformation is among its favorite weapons. Another one is passing laws to make it harder for Black citizens to vote. The Brennan Center at NYU keeps track of these efforts. The legal scholars there report that since 2020, lawmakers in 49 states have introduced more than 400 bills that would make it harder to vote. This midterm election is the first nationwide election since that massive voter suppression campaign started, and we have one way to fight it: massive voter mobilization.

Getting our friends and neighbors to vote so we can have a say in issues that affect our daily lives is a calling for all of us. I am fortunate to lead an organization that will make Black male voters the focus of our Get Out the Vote efforts this year. Our initiative, Defend the Black Vote, will reach out to Black men in 15 states who are registered but skipped two out of three of the last elections. Our focus will be men because they still don't vote in the high percentages Black women do. Our message will be simple: Vote this November. Vote because your vote is your voice and your power. Vote because of everything that is on the line in these elections: jobs, reproductive rights, mass incarceration, who sits on our courts, education for our kids, health care, pollution in the environment where our families live.

Vote because we need to Ban the Box. Vote because Black Lives Matter. Vote because you have a dream of entrepreneurship. Vote because your mental health, and your family's mental health, matters. Vote because the White supremacists don't want you to, and are doing everything they can to stop you, and that tells you how important it is.

I know that some folks don't vote because they believe their vote doesn't matter. History shows that it does. The best example I can think of is what happened in Georgia in 2020, the first year we ran our Defend the Black Vote campaign. We motivated over 200,000 additional Black men in Georgia to vote that year—a year when the presidential election in the state was decided by 12,000 votes. The Black men who voted in Georgia made a historic difference, and the numbers prove it.

We know there's one more way today's Far Right and their predecessors—the Klan, the White League, and all the other terrorists like them—have tried to suppress Black votes, and it's the ugliest: intimidation and threats of violence. Our ancestors faced a real risk of being attacked or murdered for registering to vote or voting. Today the intimidation might be more high-tech: is your name in the system, will you be accused of an illegal vote? Florida's arrests of returning citizens who voted—after being issued new voter registration cards by the state itself—are especially cruel. They were meant to scare people, and they probably did.

So, vote because we refuse to be intimidated. Because those who went before us put their lives on the line to cast a ballot. And if you are a man who doesn't have a plan to vote, or you have a father, brother, uncle or son who doesn't have a plan, it's not too late to make one now. We need you.

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Modeling the Spirit of Democracy

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People for the American Way

Some things are unthinkable—until they happen.

For Jamie Raskin, a congressman and father, the first unthink-

able thing was the loss of his beloved son Tommy to suicide on New Year's Eve 2020. As a father myself, my heart breaks when I imagine the grief experienced by Raskin and his family.

The second unthinkable thing happened less than a week later. Enraged supporters of the defeated President Donald Trump attacked the U.S. Capitol and hunted for members of Congress to prevent them from affirming the results of the presidential election.

Raskin was at the Capitol that day—the day after his son was buried—to do his duty. And that meant he and the family members who were there to support him had to live through the terror of the attack and evacuation.

After all that, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi asked Raskin to lead an effort to impeach Trump for his role in the insurrection. Raskin said yes. He did a brilliant job. It was a remarkable show of strength and resilience. The House did vote to impeach Trump for a second time, though most Senate Republicans refused to convict him.

Raskin wrote a book about that 45-day period between the loss of his son and the impeachment of Trump. *Unthinkable: Trauma, Truth, and the Trials of American Democracy*, is powerful and surprisingly hopeful.

I recently had a chance to talk with Raskin when he spoke with People For the American Way's new online book club. I asked him about the grounds for his hope. How, given the rising threats to freedom and democracy, does he continue to consider himself a "constitutional optimist?"

What makes the U.S. exceptional is not that we are somehow immune to the erosion of democracy, he said. What makes us exceptional is the progress we have made together. We can take hope and strength from our own history, and the example of courageous people around the world.

"We are not the first generation to face authoritarianism." He reminded all of us that the spirit of freedom and democracy lives in people's hearts even in the face of repression and attempts to snuff it out—and efforts by far-right strategists to smother it.

Raskin has modeled that spirit of democracy as a member of the House Select Committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection and all that led up to it. In the face of every effort by Trump and his allies to stall, stonewall, and shut down the investigation, Raskin and his colleagues refused to back down. They have dug out evidence and presented it to the American people.

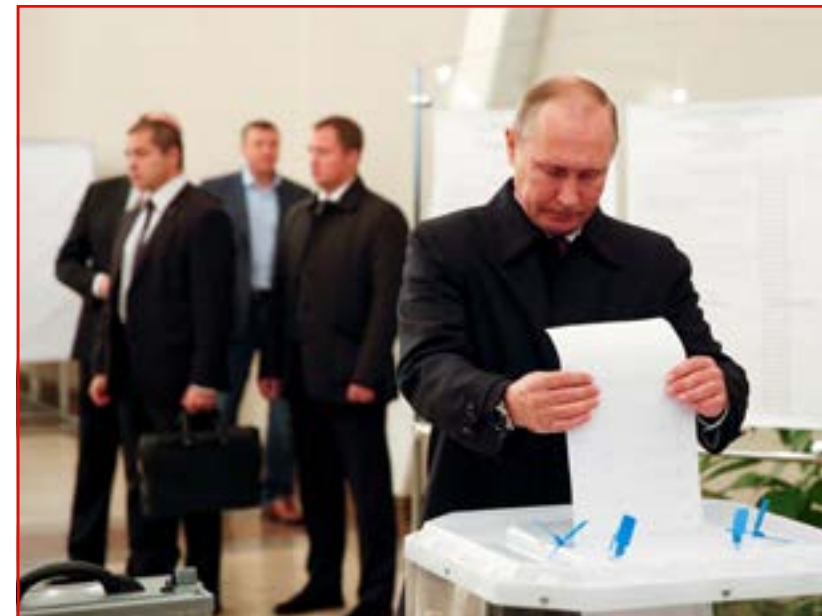
Without the committee's investigations, we would know far less about the effort by Trump and his henchmen to overturn the election. Without the committee's truth-telling, there would be no hope for holding them accountable.

The threat to democracy is real. Conspiracy theories are helping drive a right-wing turn away from democratic values and toward repressive authoritarian rule.

At this moment, Americans face a choice: do we go back to the worst of the past, to voter suppression and political violence fueled by racism? Or do we move forward, building on the progress we have made in becoming a multiracial, multiethnic, multireligious democratic society?

It's up to us. As Jamie Raskin reminded us, "Democracy is always unfinished."

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Putin's On The Ballot

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Really, everything's on the ballot.

We hear that reproductive rights are on the ballot, in a bid to elect lawmakers who will codify reproductive rights into black letter law. Anything else on the ballot?

Maybe climate chaos or its mitigation. Most Democrats say climate emergency action is crucial while just 11 percent of Trump supporters think so.

Maybe nuclear annihilation or disarmament. Republicans in the House have been clamoring for more nuclear weapons and all the components of the arsenal, whereas Democrats have been stressing the need for better diplomacy and negotiation.

Maybe your access to health care. And, my fellow seniors, Republicans are dedicated to raising the prices of prescription drugs. Really? Yup, your heart medicine, your cancer meds, your diabetes meds—Republicans are actually organizing on behalf of Big Pharma to take the lid off prices. They have no conscience but they also wager on you not noticing much. As my oldest son used to say, "I'm so broke I can't pay attention" (He had a couple rough years).

Maybe democracy itself. If Republicans gain control, another Trump nightmare regime is a far stronger likelihood. The Brookings Institute (emphatically not a left wing think tank) is stating, flat out, that democracy in the U.S. may only have one more legitimate election in its future, since so many clear opponents to fair elections—more than 300 of them—are running for office. And tight election outcomes are really not a friend of democracy this time, since close counts can seem to validate the false claims of fraud. If you want to see democracy right itself and flourish, vote and vote in overwhelming numbers.

The shady connections between Trump and Putin were obvious from the earliest days, during the 2016 campaign and ever since. While correlation is not causation, it is a consequential "coincidence," for instance, that once Trump got his mitts on the most sensitive national security information, that security eroded, with a strong whiff of Putin and his methods hanging in the air.

Why did more CIA agents and assets get killed or compromised once Trump had those files?

While the CIA has quite arguably done far more harm than good over its 75 years of operations, no decent American would give the identities of its employees to a barbarian like Putin, known for his ham-handed poisonings, machine-gunning, and disappearing of those who displease him. But Trump is simply not decent.

Indeed, all the cascading problems from the Trump years not only haunt us still, but are ramping back up to become far worse if enough of his allies are elected next month.

It's all on the ballot. If you can vote, bear that in mind. You are part of the upcoming decisions that will affect our lives right now and the lives of coming generations. History reminds us: Hitler was elected and then ended elections.

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