

## **Miss Ashley's Stories in the News (that didn't quite make the show) for the week of February 4, 2021**

### **Docs**

The DC Circuit Court suspends a lower court that had blocked US border officials from using a Trump-era pandemic policy to expel unaccompanied migrant children without a court hearing or an asylum interview.

<https://twitter.com/camiloreports/status/1355283885089841160/photo/1>

Roger Severino, a former top HHS official under Trump and a last-minute Trump appointee (1/16/21) to another federal agency, is suing Biden after being asked to step down from that new post — he's arguing there's no legal authority for at-will removal

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/20470254/2-3-21-severino-v-biden-complaint.pdf>

Catching up on Capitol insurrection charging docs unsealed over the weekend — feds note this PA man accused of knocking a police officer unconscious took off his jacket and turned his hat around first

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/20467870/1-29-21-us-v-ryan-stamsel-statement-of-facts.pdf>

Per new court order, Couy Griffin, the "Cowboys for Trump" founder charged in the Capitol insurrection, refused to take a COVID test post-arrest, which meant he had to be placed in isolation at the jail. He also refused to participate in his first hearing. <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/20467045/1-29-21-couy-griffin-order.pdf>

Michigan's governor and secretary of state are seeking sanctions against ex-Trump lawyer Sidney Powell for her "kraken" lawsuit seeking to overturn the results of the state's election. "This was a clear abuse of the judicial process," they say.

<https://courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.mied.350905/gov.uscourts.mied.350905.105.0.pdf>

### **News**

#### **Feb 4th**

Biden's EPA nominee vows "urgency" on climate change

<https://t.co/0EobDSGLrx?amp=1>

Despite having billions in cash and other funds, U.S. Roman Catholic dioceses took billions more from an emergency relief program for small businesses slammed by the virus, AP investigation shows. Church officials say they needed the money to save jobs.

<https://apnews.com/article/catholic-church-get-aid-investigation-39a404f55c82fea84902cd16f04e37b2>

**Feb 3rd**

The Justice Department has dropped its lawsuit accusing Yale of discriminating against Asian and white students in their admissions process. SCOTUS has continuously upheld the consideration of race as one of many factors in admissions.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/yale-admissions-lawsuit-dropped/2021/02/03/2e96ecbe-6646-11eb-8c64-9595888caa15\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/yale-admissions-lawsuit-dropped/2021/02/03/2e96ecbe-6646-11eb-8c64-9595888caa15_story.html)

A white Ohio police officer has been indicted on murder charges in the December shooting death of Andre Hill. Police bodycam footage showed Hill, a Black man, emerging from a garage and holding up a cellphone seconds before he was fatally shot.

[https://apnews.com/article/columbus-shootings-police-ohio-us-news-ba6c40a12e656837310d9fb31da678d8?utm\\_source=Twitter&utm\\_campaign=SocialFlow&utm\\_medium=AP](https://apnews.com/article/columbus-shootings-police-ohio-us-news-ba6c40a12e656837310d9fb31da678d8?utm_source=Twitter&utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_medium=AP)

Democratic Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly wants her state to legalize marijuana for medical purposes and use the revenues to expand Medicaid health care for low-income residents.

<https://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/kansas-governor-medical-pot-fund-medicaid-expansion-75617247>

Still haunted by Rep Jackie Speier's trauma of lying cheek to marble floor in the Trump mob-beseiged House Chamber #Jan6 wondering if she would survive her 2nd assassination attempt. The Democratic Cloakroom is named in part for her murdered boss Leo Ryan.

<https://abc7news.com/capitol-protests-jackie-speier-storming-breach/9417906/>

Cheney survives. 61-145-1 was the vote. One was a present vote. She remains conference chair, per multiple sources

Today, Arkansas tragically passed a church superspreaders bill. During the floor vote, Jason Rapert criticized us for telling the truth—this legislation increases the likelihood that churches will become deadly COVID-19 hotspots.

<https://www.atheists.org/2021/02/arkansas-passes-church-superspreaders-bill/>

"Derges, a 63-year-old Republican who was elected to the Missouri state House in November, now faces 20 criminal charges, including wire fraud and distribution by means of the Internet without a valid prescription."

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/02/03/missouri-lawmaker-stemcell-covid-indicted/>

Prosecutors seek to re-arrest Kyle Rittenhouse, saying he violated terms of his release

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/02/03/kyle-rittenhouse-bond-violation/?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=wp\\_main&utm\\_source=twitter](https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/02/03/kyle-rittenhouse-bond-violation/?utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=wp_main&utm_source=twitter)

- Rittenhouse's attorney says they intentionally wrote the wrong address on court papers after being advised to do so by a "high-ranking member of the Kenosha Police Department." This, the defense claims, was to protect the location of a "safe house" for the defendant.

Speaker Pelosi correctly identifies his party and state affiliation as "Q-CA"

<https://twitter.com/KeithOlbermann/status/1357072124230402050/photo/1>

The Virginia Senate has passed a bill to abolish the death penalty. If passed into law, the measure would mark a major policy change for a state that has historically carried out numerous executions.

[https://apnews.com/article/bills-virginia-crime-d8d4ec134a565955f2b1f675320662b3?utm\\_campaign=SocialFlow&utm\\_medium=AP&utm\\_source=Twitter](https://apnews.com/article/bills-virginia-crime-d8d4ec134a565955f2b1f675320662b3?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_medium=AP&utm_source=Twitter)

Just a reminder, Mitt Romney is not your hero republican

<https://twitter.com/atrupar/status/1357009963508510722?s=20>

Interesting detail as Biden preps his forthcoming judicial nominees: he's not going to wait for ABA to evaluate them before he submits his nominations to the Senate.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/legal-issues/biden-judge-nominations/2021/02/02/e9932f3a-6189-11eb-9430-e7c77b5b0297\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/legal-issues/biden-judge-nominations/2021/02/02/e9932f3a-6189-11eb-9430-e7c77b5b0297_story.html)

The former director of the CIA's counterterrorism operation argues that counterinsurgency tactics, like those used in Afghanistan and Iraq, are needed to fight the extremists who stormed the Capitol.

[https://www.npr.org/2021/02/02/963343896/former-cia-officer-treat-domestic-extremism-as-an-insurgency?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=npr&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_term=nprnews](https://www.npr.org/2021/02/02/963343896/former-cia-officer-treat-domestic-extremism-as-an-insurgency?utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=npr&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_term=nprnews)

Here's Education Secretary nominee Dr. Miguel Cardona shutting down Sen. Rand Paul's transphobic question about school sports.

<https://twitter.com/therecount/status/1357002751595720707?s=20>

The Canadian government has designated the Proud Boys as a terrorist entity. The far right extremist's group role in the U.S. Capitol insurrection contributed to the designation, a Canadian government senior official said.

[https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-canada-510b8cd8286f1207a726904f61e63e4d?utm\\_campaign=SocialFlow&utm\\_medium=AP&utm\\_source=Twitter](https://apnews.com/article/donald-trump-canada-510b8cd8286f1207a726904f61e63e4d?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_medium=AP&utm_source=Twitter)

The Supreme Court also grants a case on the eminent-domain power set for argument in April. Here's more about newly granted case:

<https://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/penneast-pipeline-co-v-new-jersey/>

In a rare public statement, congressional aides are calling for Trump's conviction. More than 370 Democratic aides issued the appeal, notable because congressional staff members rarely publicly express their own views.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/03/us/politics/congress-trump-impeachment.html>

Former Rep. Collins (R) is mulling a 2022 Senate bid. Two sources told Fox News that he will make his decision about challenging Sen. Reverend Warnock (D) by early April "at the latest."

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/doug-collins-georgia-senate-run-warnock-2022>

"Supreme Court Removes Two High-Profile Trump Immigration Cases That Biden Wanted Dropped" Elections have consequences—even for U.S. Supreme Court schedules.

<https://lawandcrime.com/immigration/supreme-court-removes-two-high-profile-trump-immigration-cases-that-biden-wanted-dropped/>

Trump has dumped \$289M in cash into his Scottish golf courses and never made a profit. Today, the Scottish parliament will debate whether to recommend an “Unexplained Wealth Order” to investigate those purchases.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/trump-scotland-golf-unexplained/2021/02/03/fe27a02a-65c6-11eb-bab8-707f8769d785\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/trump-scotland-golf-unexplained/2021/02/03/fe27a02a-65c6-11eb-bab8-707f8769d785_story.html)

- Scottish parliament votes \*against\* urging their government to investigate Trump's investments in Scotland. Instead, they approved a measure saying this sort of investigation should be left to law enforcement, w/out political pressure. Vote was 89-32.

## **Feb 2nd**

Newsmax invites Mike Lindell, who advocated for a coup and spews dangerous conspiracy theories, on air. It didn't go well.

<https://twitter.com/JasonSCampbell/status/1356719881564086272?s=20>

GOP Sen. Josh Hawley received nearly \$1 million in donations after leading the charge to overturn Biden's victory

[https://www.businessinsider.com/gop-sen-josh-hawley-rakes-in-huge-cash-after-capitol-insurrection-2021-2?nr\\_email\\_referer=1&utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Business\\_Insider\\_select&pt=385758&ct=Sailthru\\_BI\\_Newsletters&mt=8&utm\\_campaign=Insider%20Select%202021-02-03&utm\\_term=INSIDER%20SELECT%20-ENGAGED%2C%20ACTIVE%2C%20PASSIVE%2C%20DISENGAGED%2C%20NEW](https://www.businessinsider.com/gop-sen-josh-hawley-rakes-in-huge-cash-after-capitol-insurrection-2021-2?nr_email_referer=1&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Business_Insider_select&pt=385758&ct=Sailthru_BI_Newsletters&mt=8&utm_campaign=Insider%20Select%202021-02-03&utm_term=INSIDER%20SELECT%20-ENGAGED%2C%20ACTIVE%2C%20PASSIVE%2C%20DISENGAGED%2C%20NEW)

Pelosi has given Schiff her blessing to make a run at being appointed California AG

<https://politico.com/news/2021/02/02/adam-schiff-california-attorney-general-465312>

GOP Sen. Tommy Tuberville says he doesn't know anything about Marjorie Taylor Greene because the bad weather has prevented him from reading the news <https://businessinsider.com/tommy-tuberville-says-he-cant-comment-marjorie-taylor-greene-weather-2021-2?utmSource=twitter&utmContent=referral&utmTerm=topbar&referrer=twitter>

Defense Sec. Austin dismisses every member of the Pentagon's advisory boards in a sweeping move fueled by concern that the Trump admin. had rushed through a series of last-minute appointments, Pentagon officials say.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/military/pentagon-clears-out-advisory-boards-citing-concerns-over-last-minute-n1256550>

Amazon kept \$62 million in tips intended for drivers, Federal Trade Commission says (because of fucking course they did)

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/amazon-flex-62-million-tips-delivery-drivers/?ftag=CNM-00-10aab7e&linkId=110548898>

Anthony Brennan III -- who assaulted three young adults on Capital Crescent Trail bike path, while they were posting Black Lives Matter signs. He apologizes. Has been in alcohol rehab, anger management counseling. Sentenced to 3 yrs probation.

<https://wtop.com/montgomery-county/2021/02/sentencing-for-cyclist-in-capital-crescent-trail-assault-that-went-viral/>

Lin Wood, a pro-Trump attorney and one of the loudest voices pushing baseless conspiracies of election fraud, is being investigated for allegedly illegally voting in the November general election.

[https://www.npr.org/2021/02/02/963467966/pro-trump-election-conspiracist-lin-wood-under-investigation-for-illegal-voting?utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_term=nprnews&utm\\_campaign=npr&utm\\_medium=social](https://www.npr.org/2021/02/02/963467966/pro-trump-election-conspiracist-lin-wood-under-investigation-for-illegal-voting?utm_source=twitter.com&utm_term=nprnews&utm_campaign=npr&utm_medium=social)

'Ginni Thomas apologizes to husband's Supreme Court clerks after Capitol riot fallout'

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/courts\\_law/ginni-thomas-apology-clarence-thomas-clerks-trump-rally/2021/02/02/a9818cce-6496-11eb-8c64-9595888caa15\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/courts_law/ginni-thomas-apology-clarence-thomas-clerks-trump-rally/2021/02/02/a9818cce-6496-11eb-8c64-9595888caa15_story.html)

Great thread on this story from Fix the Court

<https://twitter.com/FixTheCourt/status/1356964659669180416?s=20>

Here's a link to the House of Representatives' opening brief in the Senate in Trump's second impeachment trial:

<https://justsecurity.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/HOUSE-TRIAL-BRIEF-FINAL.pdf>

(Behold, a pattern appears) The death of George Floyd in Minneapolis was not the first time Derek Chauvin used a knee restraint against a person in his custody. New, firsthand accounts show the police officer had used similar tactics on at least six detainees over the years.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/02/us/derek-chauvin-george-floyd-past-cases.html?smid=tw-nytimes&smtyp=cur>

Michigan's three top officeholders — Gov. Whitmer, AG Nessel and Secretary of State Benson — are seeking the disbarment of four attorneys who were involved in a lawsuit that attempted to overturn the presidential election results, including Sidney Powell.

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2021/02/01/whitmer-nessel-seek-disbarment-lawyers-election-challenge/4348375001/>

Emmanuel Jackson, an accused Capitol rioter awaiting trial in federal court, is now adopting a novel legal defense: seeking to pin the blame on Donald Trump, citing the former president's remarks at a "Stop the Steal" rally before the Capitol siege <https://reut.rs/3raz0in>

A federal judge in Great Falls, Montana threw out a Trump-era rule that limits what scientific research the EPA can use to formulate regulations, hours after the Biden administration pleaded with the court to do so. <https://reut.rs/3pBeMOi>

## **Feb 1st**

Rep. Jamie Raskin has been named the Chair of the Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties within the House Oversight Committee.

Nearly 190 companies pulled political donations after the insurrection. That's not enough.

<https://www.citizensforethics.org/reports-investigations/crew-investigations/nearly-190-companies-pulled-political-donations-after-the-insurrection-thats-not-enough/>

Getting trans people in the military updated statement from the Secretary of Defense

<https://twitter.com/SecDef/status/1356435857578856448?s=20>

About 4,600 Republicans changed their party status in Colorado in the immediate aftermath of the Capitol riot, according to a CPR News analysis. Other states are reporting similar defections from the GOP.

[https://www.npr.org/2021/02/01/962246187/spurred-by-the-capitol-riot-thousands-of-republicans-drop-their-party?utm\\_campaign=npr&utm\\_term=nprnews&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com](https://www.npr.org/2021/02/01/962246187/spurred-by-the-capitol-riot-thousands-of-republicans-drop-their-party?utm_campaign=npr&utm_term=nprnews&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com)

Rep. Mondaire Jone's letter with colleagues on House Judiciary to the DC Court of Appeals to investigate Former Acting Assistant AG Jeffrey Clark and, if necessary, disbar him.

<https://twitter.com/RepMondaire/status/1356380045858779138?s=20>

Republican senators in Georgia introduced bills Monday to end no-excuse absentee voting, automatic voter registration and ballot drop boxes.

<https://www.ajc.com/politics/ga-bills-would-end-no-excuse-absentee-voting-automatic-registration/OBTWL3M6MJH25MI56XGNNUODPY/>

Dolly Parton, showing that not all old southern white people are conservative assholes.

[https://www.today.com/popculture/dolly-parton-turned-down-presidential-medal-freedom-twice-t207752?cid=sm\\_npd\\_td\\_tw\\_ma](https://www.today.com/popculture/dolly-parton-turned-down-presidential-medal-freedom-twice-t207752?cid=sm_npd_td_tw_ma)

Christine resigns as U.S. Attorney for North Georgia

<https://www.ajc.com/news/breaking-christine-resigns-as-us-attorney-for-north-georgia/INUNTA7DEJACXLHIPK75NXFZQ/>

Senator Dick Durbin calling on Sen. Graham to end the delay & schedule Merrick Garland's hearing now.

<https://twitter.com/SenatorDurbin/status/1356365554752385025?s=20>

Booker, Wyden, and Schumer announce they're putting together a comprehensive cannabis reform bill.

<https://twitter.com/nycsouthpaw/status/1356340421652312066/photo/1>

They stormed the Capitol to overturn the results of an election they didn't vote in

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/02/01/us/capitol-rioters-non-voters-invs/index.html>

Maine Rep. Chellie Pingree will take the gavel of the powerful Appropriations subcommittee responsible for funding EPA and Interior Department, and she's vowed to pursue rebuilding the two agencies.

<https://politi.co/3je7MVm>

Wondering how much money Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump made last year on the side while working in the White House? It's a lot. See their financial documents here:

<https://www.citizensforethics.org/reports-investigations/crew-reports/jared-kushner-and-ivanka-trumps-final-financial-disclosures/>

Rochester police handcuffed and pepper-sprayed a 9-year-old girl, body-cam footage shows

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/02/01/rochester-police-pepper-spray-girl/?utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=wp\\_main](https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/02/01/rochester-police-pepper-spray-girl/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=wp_main)

Former President Donald Trump's campaign spent only \$10 million on legal costs from Nov. 4 through the end of 2020, about one-fifth of what it spent on advertising and fund-raising, according to new campaign finance reports.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/01/us/politics/trump-cash.html>

### **Jan 31st**

Rats jumping ship...First on CNN: Trump's impeachment defense team leaves less than two weeks before trial

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/30/politics/butch-bowers-deborah-barbier-trump-impeachment-team/index.html>

"Republicans who for more than a decade have used wildly inflated allegations of voter fraud to justify making it harder to vote, are now doing so again, this time seizing on Mr. Trump's thoroughly debunked charges of a stolen election"

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/30/us/republicans-voting-georgia-arizona.html>

Kash Patel whining because Biden is removing Trump's last minute appointees

<https://twitter.com/Acyn/status/1355900928864358411?s=20>

Dekalb County, Georgia will replace a Confederate monument with a memorial to the late civil rights icon John Lewis.

[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/georgia-replaces-confederate-monument-john-lewis-statue\\_n\\_6015dbc6c5b653f644d446cd?ncid=tweetlnkushpmg00000067](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/georgia-replaces-confederate-monument-john-lewis-statue_n_6015dbc6c5b653f644d446cd?ncid=tweetlnkushpmg00000067)

Mother of Parkland school shooting victim reveals she spoke with Rep Marjorie Taylor Greene Saturday. Linda Beigel Schulman describes the conversation with MSNBC's Alex Witt.

<https://twitter.com/MSNBCweekends/status/1355959713662435329?s=20>

Former President Trump says lawyers David Schoen and Bruce Castor will lead his defense at upcoming Senate impeachment trial; announcement comes after a “mutual decision” to part ways with two other lawyers.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/trump-announces-legal-team-senate-impeachment-trial-n1256307>

Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. John Fetterman plans to defy a Republican-backed law banning his weed and LGBTQ rights flags. Fetterman says he'll keep replacing the flags after they're removed from the state Capitol.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2020-election/penn-democrat-hung-weed-lgbtq-rights-flags-capitol-gop-outlawed-n1256162>

Home Depot (Which is based in Georgia), one of the largest corporate donors to Republican candidates, is suspending donations to Republicans who objected to the electoral college.

<https://popular.info/p/three-major-corporations-say-they>

### **Jan 30th**

There needs to be an investigation...‘It’s a mess’: Biden’s first 10 days dominated by vaccine mysteries

<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/01/30/biden-covid-vaccine-states-463953>

A New York state judge has ordered a tax firm that has worked with Donald Trump to turn over more documents to New York Attorney General Letitia James as part of her office's investigation into the Trump Organization.

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/29/politics/trump-taxes-westchester/index.html>

Seems a little sus...Two Arizona state Republicans who went to the U.S. Capitol the day it was stormed by a mob will not provide emails or text messages about their travel to Washington, D.C.

<https://www.azcentral.com/get-access/?return=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.azcentral.com%2Fstory%2Fnews%2Fpolitics%2Farizona%2F2021%2F01%2F26%2Fmark-finchem-anthony-kern-wont-release-phone-records-capitol-riot%2F4265465001%2F>

Hamilton, Georgia police chief & officer discuss slavery at BLM rally:

"They furnished them a house... clothes to put on their back... all they had to do was f---ing work. Now we give 'em all those things and don't have to f---ing work."

It's on video.

<https://www.wtvm.com/2021/01/29/hamilton-police-chief-patrolman-asked-resign-after-body-cam-black-lives-matter-protest-surfaces/>

Ben & Jerry's two co-founders want to make it easier for Americans to sue police officers who abuse their authority, a move that reform advocates say is a key step towards substantive police reform.

[https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/27/business/ben-and-jerrys-qualified-immunity/index.html?utm\\_term=link&utm\\_source=twCNN&utm\\_content=2021-01-30T14%3A00%3A14&utm\\_medium=social](https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/27/business/ben-and-jerrys-qualified-immunity/index.html?utm_term=link&utm_source=twCNN&utm_content=2021-01-30T14%3A00%3A14&utm_medium=social)

The CDC issued an order that will require people to wear a face mask while using any form of public transportation

[https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/30/health/us-coronavirus-saturday/index.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_term=link&utm\\_source=twCNN&utm\\_content=2021-01-30T13%3A20%3A06](https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/30/health/us-coronavirus-saturday/index.html?utm_medium=social&utm_term=link&utm_source=twCNN&utm_content=2021-01-30T13%3A20%3A06)

Remember the shock and outrage when BLM protestors block a highway but the silence from the right that comes after people blocking others from getting a vaccine. Dangerous anti-vaxxers and dangerous far-righters blocked access to a vaccine site in Los Angeles.

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-30/dodger-stadiums-covid-19-vaccination-site-shutdown-after-dozens-of-protesters-gather-at-entrance>

Alex Jones arranged for Julie Jenkins Fancelli, heiress to Publix chain to commit about \$300,000 to the January 6 event at Capitol. Publix gave \$100,000 to Ron DeSantis last month before he selected Publix to distribute vaccines in Republican counties

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/jan-6-rally-funded-by-top-trump-donor-helped-by-alex-jones-organizers-say-11612012063>

#### Jan 29th

Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison's police chief bans 'Thin Blue Line' imagery, saying the flag has been "co-opted" by extremists with "hateful ideologies" in the promotion of their views that "run counter" to the dept.'s "core values."

[https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/police-chief-bans-thin-blue-line-imagery-says-it-sn1256217?cid=sm\\_npd\\_ms\\_tw\\_ma](https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/police-chief-bans-thin-blue-line-imagery-says-it-sn1256217?cid=sm_npd_ms_tw_ma)

Breaking News: A New York judge ordered Donald Trump's company to give investigators documents in a civil inquiry into whether the business misstated its assets.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/29/nyregion/trump-fraud-investigation.html?smid=tw-nytimes&smtyp=cur>

Alabama's trans ID law requiring proof of surgery is unconstitutional, court rules.

<https://nbcnews.to/3ovlaVS>

One of Trump's impeachment trial attorneys, South Carolina's Supreme Court found, used racial stereotypes to kick Black citizens off of a jury. He told the trial judge he struck one potential juror because they "shucked and jived."

[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/trump-impeachment-lawyer\\_n\\_6012be5dc5b6c5586aa6e490?1r](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/trump-impeachment-lawyer_n_6012be5dc5b6c5586aa6e490?1r)

This paragraph in a story about Sen. Tom Cotton falsely claiming to be an Army Ranger is the best paragraph I've seen in a long time. <https://salon.com/2021/01/22/sen-tom-cotton-campaigned-on-his-experience-as-an-army-ranger-but-he-didnt-have-any/>

Ex FBI lawyer Kevin Clinesmith, charged in Durham's Russia review probe, is sentenced to 12 months of probation. US Justice Dept. sought up to six months in prison for alteration of email as part of surveillance of Trump adviser Carter Page

<https://www.law.com/nationallawjournal/2021/01/29/judge-sentences-ex-fbi-lawyer-to-12-months-of-probation-for-altering-key-email/>

The West Virginia asshole, who's the Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee, doesn't know his own state's history that well.

<https://twitter.com/Higginbotham4WV/status/1355278381231779842>

U.S. authorities are investigating 400 potential suspects and are expecting sedition charges to come soon in response to the January 6th storming of the U.S. Capitol. These crimes should not go unpunished.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/legal-issues/pelosi-laptop-arrest-hearing-capitol-riot/2021/01/26/4ddda1ae-5ff6-11eb-9430-e7c77b5b0297\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/legal-issues/pelosi-laptop-arrest-hearing-capitol-riot/2021/01/26/4ddda1ae-5ff6-11eb-9430-e7c77b5b0297_story.html)

(So much to unpack in one headline) GOP Lawmaker Who Proposed Bigfoot Hunting Season Now Wants to Know If Vaccines Track You. (They Don't.)

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/m7akk3/gop-lawmaker-who-proposed-bigfoot-hunting-season-now-wants-to-know-if-vaccines-track-you-they-dont>

Rosa, an El Paso mass shooting survivor who helped identify the Walmart gunman, was arrested for past minor citations after a traffic stop. ICE then deported her to Ciudad Juarez, even though she grew up in Texas and doesn't know a life in Mexico.

<https://www.ksm.com/local/el-paso-news/walmart-shooting-victim-deported/>

Jill Biden is expected to take an active role in migrant family reunification.

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/27/politics/jill-biden-immigration-family-separation/index.html>

House Judiciary chair Jerry Nadler is urging DOJ to prosecute all the rioters who took part in the January 6 attack on the Capitol and for resources to be dedicated to ensuring they are held accountable

<https://twitter.com/jeremyherb/status/1355251240050028545?s=20>

Statement from Cori Bush about harassment from MTG

<https://twitter.com/CoriBush/status/1355236960948912130?s=20>

"Arizona Republican Party Chair Kelli Ward rejects call for audit of party elections."

<https://www.azcentral.com/get-access/?return=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.azcentral.com%2Fstory%2Fnews%2Fpolitics%2Felections%2F2021%2F01%2F29%2Farizona-gop-chair-kelli-ward-rejects-call-audit-party-elections%2F4310030001%2F>

**Jan 28th**

Senator Warnock announces legislation to expand voting access

[https://www.savannahbusinessjournal.com/community/georgia\\_business\\_news/jan-27---senator-warnock-announces-legislation-to-expand-voting-access/article\\_9a663670-603d-11eb-b83a-cfc9733ff372.html](https://www.savannahbusinessjournal.com/community/georgia_business_news/jan-27---senator-warnock-announces-legislation-to-expand-voting-access/article_9a663670-603d-11eb-b83a-cfc9733ff372.html)

Palm Beach investigating Trump for already violating residency agreement by living at Mar-a-Lago

<https://www.rawstory.com/trump-palm-beach/>

The Arkansas House just passed a church superspreader bill, which permits houses of worship to ignore public health restrictions, increasing the likelihood they will become COVID-19 hotspots.

<https://www.atheists.org/2021/01/arkansas-churches-religious-exemptions-covid19/>

Biden's executive order rescinding the Mexico City policy will bring change to reproductive rights and health around the world. But undoing the Trump policy's effects could take years

[https://time.com/5933870/joe-biden-abortion-mexico-city-policy/?utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=editorial&utm\\_term=politics\\_&linkId=110170772](https://time.com/5933870/joe-biden-abortion-mexico-city-policy/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=editorial&utm_term=politics_&linkId=110170772)

"Ohio Man Radicalized by Trump Tried to Blame Riots on Antifa While Admitting He Was in the Capitol. It Didn't Work."

<https://lawandcrime.com/u-s-capitol-siege/ohio-man-radicalized-by-trump-tried-to-blame-riots-on-antifa-while-admitting-he-was-in-the-capitol-it-didnt-work/>

The Pentagon has suspended the processing of a number of last-minute Trump appointees to defense advisory boards. The move effectively prevents Trump allies like Corey Lewandoski and David Bossie from actually serving on panels.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/01/28/pentagon-suspends-trump-appointments-463601?2>

DC's Chief Judge Just Ordered an Accused Rioter Detained—And Ripped His Defense Lawyer

[https://www.law.com/nationallawjournal/2021/01/28/dcs-chief-judge-just-ordered-an-accused-rioter-detained-and-ripped-his-defense-lawyer/?cmp=share\\_twitter](https://www.law.com/nationallawjournal/2021/01/28/dcs-chief-judge-just-ordered-an-accused-rioter-detained-and-ripped-his-defense-lawyer/?cmp=share_twitter)