Notes

- 1. Mention: Celebrate that Trump was kept off Facebook and encourage people not to share his press releases. We don't need to give him any attention or spread his messages.
- 2. Mention: Cathlyin Jenner may be a piece of shit, but misgendering her like some of the people who follow us on twitter (none of them clients or close friends) is a low blow people don't need to go for aka "people need to be better than that". Here was her recent interview https://twitter.com/atrupar/status/1390114275621056512?s=20
- 3. The Cyber Ninja Auditors were apparently sued and there's a settlement agreement https://www.democracydocket.com/cases/arizona-cyber-ninja-audit-challenge/
 Feds Want Answers From AZ Senate President On Sketchy 'Audit' Practices https://talkingpointsmemo.com/news/feds-want-answers-from-az-senate-president-on-sketchy-audit-practices
- 4. The Pentagon confirms all border wall construction projects funded by money from the Department of Defense has been halted, reversing the Trump policy and transferring the funds back to projects it was originally authorized for.
- 5. A big question is, "Does the Newsmax apology impact the other Dominion cases?" <a href="https://apnews.com/article/election-recounts-election-2020-government-and-politics-arts-and-entertainment-80321b21dfb3926564efb55e8cbf9f22?utm_medium=AP&utm_source=Twitter&utm_campaign=SocialFlow
- 6. We really really need to get rid of the fucking death penalty (These stories are just from this week)

DNA testing from a 1993 killing in Arkansas has revealed genetic material from a male other than the inmate executed for the murder 4 years ago https://katv.com/news/local/tests-reveal-dna-evidence-in-executed-arkansas-inmates-case

SC adds firing squad to execution methods

https://apnews.com/article/south-carolina-executions-

a6bbef9c9a85b248f5bc7c0c57ad0cbe?utm_medium=AP&utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_source=Twitter

7. Justice Thomas Goes to Bat for West Point Rape Survivor: It's Time to Overturn 'Demonstrably Wrong' Precedent

https://lawandcrime.com/supreme-court/justice-thomas-goes-to-bat-for-west-point-rape-survivor-its-time-to-overturn-demonstrably-wrong-precedent/

8. A Black man with intellectual disabilities should be awarded more than \$500,000 after he was enslaved for 5 years at a South Carolina restaurant, a court ruled.

https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/black-man-enslaved-white-restaurant-owner-should-be-awarded-more-n1266314

Docs

Lawsuit against Florida for the new voter suppression bill that was signed. https://www.democracydocket.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/45/2021/05/Florida-Filed-Complaint.pdf

Redistricting PA Challenge

https://www.democracydocket.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/45/2021/04/Petition-for-Review-Filed.pdf

Alabama Census Challenge

https://www.democracydocket.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/45/2021/03/Census-Data-Manipulation-Lawsuit.pdf

Here's the plea agreement for Frank Caporusso, the QAnoner who pled guilty to threatening to kill Emmet Sullivan.

https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.dcd.221456/gov.uscourts.dcd.221456.18.0.pdf

Dem members of the TX House Committee on Elections write Attorney General Garland and ask the DOJ Civil Rights Division to monitor future proceedings of the committee after the chair tried to force a vote on a sweeping voter suppression bill with no notice or hearing https://twitter.com/JuddLegum/status/1387903117832986630/photo/1

Another one-month delay in resolving House lawsuit for Trump tax returns. https://twitter.com/kyledcheney/status/1388191215162695683?s=20

Informational update on the Derek Chauvin trial: The sentencing brief, arguing that his sentence should be increased for 5 different aggravating factors.

https://mncourts.gov/mncourtsgov/media/High-Profile-Cases/27-CR-20-12646/MCRO 27-CR-20-12646 Memorandum 2021-04-30 20210430160827.pdf

A federal judge in DC has vacated the CDC's nationwide eviction moratorium (currently set to expire June 30), finding the Public Health Service Act didn't give the agency the power to do something like this on its own https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/20698570/5-5-21-alabama-association-of-realtors-v-hhs-opinion.pdf

News

May 5th

In nod to statehood bid, D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser admitted to Democratic Governors Association

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/dc-politics/governors-association-statehood-bowser-democratic/2021/05/05/f3383310-add7-11eb-ab4c-

986555a1c511 story.html?utm source=twitter&utm campaign=wp main&utm medium=social

Charlie Kirk really is dumb as hell. Imagine thinking he is a source of information...that's bleak as fuck. https://twitter.com/charliekirk11/status/1389935264420687872?s=20

SC adds firing squad to execution methods (I had to make sure this wasn't parody because it's so insane to me)

https://apnews.com/article/south-carolina-executions-

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May 4th

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Attorney General Merrick B. Garland told lawmakers on Tuesday that the Justice Department needs more money for Biden administration priorities including combating domestic extremism, racial inequality, environmental degradation and gender violence.

https://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/04/us/politics/justice-department-budget.html

Whistleblower Groups Send Letter to Congress Advocating Stronger Whistleblower Protections in AML Act

https://whistleblowersblog.org/2021/05/articles/featured-story/whistleblower-groups-send-letter-to-congress-advocating-stronger-whistleblower-protections-in-aml-act/

How Republicans Use Redistricting To Their Advantage

https://www.democracydocket.com/2021/05/republicans-use-redistricting-to-their-advantage/

Attorneys for Dominion Voting Systems have told a federal judge that Sidney Powell must be held accountable for her attacks on Dominion or the court risks creating "unprecedented immunity for attorneys to wage televised disinformation campaigns."

https://lawandcrime.com/2020-election/dominion-urges-federal-judge-not-to-throw-out-lawsuit-against-sidney-powell-attorneys-do-not-have-a-license-to-lie/

Democratic Georgia State Rep. Bee Nguyen, the daughter of Vietnamese refugees who has helped lead the fight against Republican-backed voter restrictions, is running for Georgia Secretary of State.

https://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/04/us/politics/bee-nguyen-georgia.html

New York's Governor Cuomo just signed S.830B into law, making all New Yorkers who are not in prison for a felony conviction eligible to vote. This is a huge victory that took many years of advocacy by many, many groups.

May 3rd

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Top general drops opposition to change in sex assault policy

https://apnews.com/article/government-and-politics-

e343b149e17bfa5cc104ea354bdf8065?utm source=Twitter&utm medium=AP&utm campaign =SocialFlow

Lol fucking good luck with that

Giuliani allies have been pressing for Trump team to have Trump's legal defense money cover Rudy legal bills Ben Protess and me

https://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/04/us/politics/rudy-giuliani-warrant-trump.html

Here's the Buzzfeed story on these amazing emails and text messages sent and received by Michael Flynn, Steve Bannon, Ivanka Trump, Jared Kushner and more that were scooped up as part of Mueller's investigation

https://buzzfeednews.com/article/jasonleopold/flynn-bannon-manafort-private-emails-mueller

May 2nd

Biden Quietly Preparing for Food Stamp Increase Without Congress https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-05-02/biden-quietly-preparing-for-food-stamp-increase-without-congress?srnd=politics-vp

May 1st

Attorney General Merrick Garland is quickly negating the Trump admin's law enforcement legacy, dismaying conservatives with a burst of aggressive reversals and new policies. https://www.axios.com/merrick-garland-justice-department-giuliani-15af1522-83fd-43e3-9d9d-1331873c9058.html

(Ah religion in schools) A Kansas Republican lawmaker who's also a substitute teacher rants at public school students about god and the devil, knees one student in the balls, makes others run laps for denying Jesus, and much much more.

https://www.kansascity.com/news/politics-government/article251069219.html

N.C. governor pardons man who spent more than two decades in prison for killings he didn't commit

https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/n-c-governor-pardons-man-who-spent-more-two-decades-n1266052?cid=sm_npd_ms_tw_ma

A Republican state legislator from Oregon who was captured on surveillance video allowing demonstrators to enter the State Capitol in December was charged on Friday in connection with the breach of the building.

https://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/01/us/mike-nearman-oregon-charged-protesters.html?smid=tw-nytimes&smtyp=cur

A law adopted in Connecticut adds momentum to the push to strengthen vaccination requirements for U.S. schoolchildren. The arguments over mandates, and when to allow exceptions, are expected to become more heated in statehouses across the country. <a href="https://apnews.com/article/coronavirus-lifestyle-health-government-and-politics-religion-c6cf4e14efc6b5d8159a5f9f01752270?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_medium=AP&utm_sour ce=Twitter

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April 30th

President Biden's three nominees to the U.S. Postal Service governing board have won approval from a Senate committee and will advance to the full chamber for a final confirmation vote.

https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/550711-senate-panel-advances-biden-postal-service-nominees

(Is Orange County just that problematic in Cali?) Republican Don Wagner, who represents three million Orange County residents, wants to know if the Covid vaccine has a tracking device in it https://twitter.com/bubbaprog/status/1387255022438780932?s=20

Federal Court Gives Truckers and Organized Labor a Significant Victory Against Big Business Interests

https://lawandcrime.com/high-profile/federal-court-gives-truckers-and-organized-labor-a-significant-victory-against-big-business-interests/

Fucking Florida told Georgia "Hold my beer"

Florida legislature passes Georgia-style voter suppression bill SB90 criminalizing giving food/water to voters in line, restricting mail ballot drop boxes, making it harder to vote by mail & expanding partisan challenges to vote counting.

https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2021/04/florida-republicans-just-passed-a-georgia-style-voter-suppression-bill/

(So what's the under/over on them not shooting people with tear gas anymore?) Federal injunction prevents Columbus police from using tear gas, wooden bullets https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/politics/state/2021/04/30/federal-judge-bars-columbus-pd-use-tear-gas-wooden-bullets-and-more/7316480002/

Over 2 In 3 Americans Voted Using Methods GOP Trying To Restrict, Census Data Shows https://www.forbes.com/sites/alisondurkee/2021/04/29/over-2-in-3-americans-voted-using-methods-gop-trying-to-restrict-census-data-shows/?sh=3ac1dadd21d7

Pharma Bro's Former Lawyer Disbarred and Banned from Practicing After Voluntarily Resigning Law License

https://lawandcrime.com/high-profile/pharma-bros-former-lawyer-disbarred-and-banned-from-practicing-after-voluntarily-resigning-law-license/

How Trump scored a big tax break for conserving a golf range https://www.reuters.com/world/us/special-report-how-trump-scored-big-tax-break-conserving-golf-range-2021-04-30/

The Pentagon confirms all border wall construction projects funded by money from the Department of Defense has been halted, reversing the Trump policy and transferring the funds back to projects it was originally authorized for.

Newsmax apologizes to Dominion worker for false allegations

https://apnews.com/article/election-recounts-election-2020-government-and-politics-arts-and-entertainment-

80321b21dfb3926564efb55e8cbf9f22?utm_medium=AP&utm_source=Twitter&utm_campaign=SocialFlow

The Biden administration is canceling all construction on the border wall that was paid for using redirected military funds.

https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/pentagon-stops-all-border-wall-construction-projects-paid-military-funds-n1266012

The chances of passing a D.C. statehood bill are significantly lower now that Sen. Joe Manchin III has said he will not support the legislation. https://dcist.com/story/21/04/30/manchin-opposes-dc-statehood-bill-filibuster-constitution-amendment/

Judge Slaps Down Election Recount Firm Hired By Arizona GOP Senate https://www.huffpost.com/entry/cyber-ninjas-arizona-recount-2020-election n 608b8120e4b05af50dc1a226