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## *5 pieces worth reading*

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### **Donald Trump is finally finished**

Bret Stephens argues that even though former President Trump has now officially announced his effort to obtain the GOP presidential nomination for 2024, he is better regarded as a relic of the past, given that his lies, bombast, and extreme hand-picked candidates cost Republicans dearly in the midterm election. In the face of this political reality and the fact that he has apparently now been abandoned by several prominent right-wing media outlets, figures and donors, Stephens contends that Trump's third bid for the White House will not succeed.

Stephens, B. (2022, November 16). "Donald Trump is finally finished." *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/11/15/opinion/donald-trump-republicans-underperformance.html>

### **Opinion: I worked for Trump, and I won't be supporting his 2024 reelection bid**

Former Trump administration official Gavin Smith argues in this piece that despite the fact that he believes the former president did many good things legislatively for the country during his term in office, he will not support his nomination in 2024, given Republican losses in the midterm election and Trump's consistent desire to foment divisiveness and to promote false conspiracy theories. He suggests that other individuals, including former Vice President Mike Pence, former United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley, and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis would prove far stronger candidates than Trump in the 2024 presidential election.

Smith, G. J. (2022, November 16). "Opinion: I worked for Trump, and I won't be supporting his 2024 reelection bid." *CNN*. Retrieved from <https://www.cnn.com/2022/11/15/opinions/republicans-reject-trump-reelection-bid-smith>

### **Biden and Xi met for three hours. It's the sit-down the world's been waiting for**

In this essay, Jonathan Guyer discusses the tone and tenor of President Joe Biden recent meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping; their first in-person conversation since the former became president, and its geo-political implications. The two countries must have a working bilateral

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relationship to address important global issues, including climate change and the state of the international economy.

Guyer, J. (2022, November 13). "Biden and XI met for three hours. It's the sit-down the world's been waiting for." *Vox*. Retrieved from <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2022/11/13/23453964/biden-xi-meeting-indonesia-china-us-tensions>

### **Widespread racial bias found in home appraisals**

This article by Debra Kamin describes the findings of a recent national study that demonstrated that white homeowners can expect the value of their homes to increase at twice the rate of homeowners of color. The report likewise provided companion evidence of continuing systematic racial bias in home appraisals. That damning empirical record was recently released to the public for the first time by the Federal Housing Finance Agency. It implies the need for a fresh look at both policy and practice in the home buying industry.

Kamin, D. (2022, November 2). "Widespread racial bias found in home appraisals." *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/11/02/realestate/racial-bias-home-appraisals.html>

### **How a team of Black Paramedics set the gold standard for emergency medical response**

This book review by Akilah Wise treats Kevin Hazzard's new book, *American Sirens*, which chronicles the pathbreaking history of the Freedom House Ambulance Service from 1968-1975. The Service was led by an all-Black team of paramedics who, even as they created a new profession linked to their services, also provided medical care to a neglected area of Pittsburgh.

Wise, A. (2022, November 5). "How a team of Black Paramedics set the gold standard for emergency medical response." *NPR*. Retrieved from <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/11/05/1132533191/how-a-team-of-black-paramedics-set-the-gold-standard-for-emergency-medical-respo?sc=18&f=1001>