

5 pieces worth reading

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Should Biden run in 2024? Democratic whispers of ‘no’ start to rise

Some Democratic Party officials are worried about President Biden’s ability to lead a successful reelection campaign in 2024 given his struggle to obtain passage of his legislative agenda, a looming predicted loss for his party in the upcoming midterms, and his age. These officials are worried that a lack of excitement among the party’s base, in addition to factors such as inflation and high gas prices that they argue are beyond the president’s control, make for a troublesome political scenario for a fresh national campaign.

Epstein, R., & Medina, J. (2022, June 11). *Should Biden run in 2024? Democratic whispers of ‘no’ start to rise*. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/11/us/politics/biden-2024-election-democrats.html>

Poll: Half of Americans now predict U.S. may ‘cease to be a democracy’ someday

A new *Yahoo News/YouGov* poll suggests that a majority of Democrats (55%) and Republicans (53%) believe it is “likely” that the United States will “cease to be a democracy in the future.” The survey points up a lack of confidence in bipartisanship, as respondents from the respective parties perceive the other as the biggest threat to the country.

Romano, A. (2022, June 15). *Poll: Half of Americans now predict U.S. may ‘cease to be a democracy’ someday*. *Yahoo!* Retrieved from <https://news.yahoo.com/poll-half-of-americans-now-predict-us-may-cease-to-be-a-democracy-someday-090028564.html>

Democracy in America is a rigged game

Ian Millhiser contends that the U.S. Constitution has failed Black Americans, especially, by not honoring in practice the principle that all people are created equal. He points to such institutions as the Electoral College and electoral realities as Senate malapportionment, and traditional legislative rules, such as the filibuster, as major contributors to the fact that Black voters need to win supermajorities across multiple elections to secure laws that protect their rights.

Millhiser, I. (2022, June 6). *Democracy in America is a rigged game*. *Vox*. Retrieved from <https://www.vox.com/the-highlight/23066920/democracy-juneteenth-in-america-is-a-rigged-game>

New Mexico secretary of state sues county commission over refusal to certify primary results

New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver asked that state's Supreme Court to demand that the three-member county commission in Otero County certify the results of New Mexico's June 7 primary elections due to commission members citing concerns about Dominion voting machines as the reason for their refusal to do so. Dominion machines have been the topic of baseless conspiracy theories since the 2020 election and have figured in former President Trump's repeated lies about election fraud. New Mexico's supreme court ordered the commission to certify the election after this article went to press. It nonetheless raises the grave issue of local officials choosing election outcomes on the basis of no empirical evidence whatsoever.

Schouten, F. (2022, June 15). *New Mexico secretary of state sues county commission over refusal to certify primary results*. CNN. Retrieved from <https://www.cnn.com/2022/06/14/politics/new-mexico-primary-results-otero-county-certification/index.html>

The future criminal case against Donald Trump

Former Obama administration solicitor general Neal Katyal argues in this article that Attorney General Merrick Garland and the Justice Department must pursue an indictment against former President Trump for his role in the January 6, 2021 Capitol insurrection. Mr. Garland could choose to bring multiple charges against Trump, including seditious conspiracy, wire fraud, and "conspiracy to defraud the United States" thanks to the evidence revealed by the bipartisan U.S. House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol.

Katyal, N. (2022, June 14). *The future criminal case against Donald Trump*. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/14/opinion/future-criminal-case-against-trump.html>