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5 pieces worth reading

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Seven years of Trump has the right wing taking the long view

Thomas Edsall argues that all is not well with the state of democracy in America, pointing to former President Trump's continued refusal to accept the results of the 2020 election and his embrace of an array of related conspiracy theories and, the widespread professed support among Republican voters and 12 Republican office nominees for his increasingly wild claims. He argues that national conservatives who continue to support this course are endangering liberalism and the Republic.

Edsall, T. (2022, September 28). "Seven years of Trump has the right wing taking the long view." *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/09/28/opinion/trump-right-wing-america.html>

Opinion: Liz Cheney was right about Trump. And enough Republicans just might agree

Dean Obeidallah discusses Congresswoman Liz Cheney (R-WY)'s continued criticism of former president Donald Trump and how refreshing it is to see a prominent Republican exhibit the courage to speak out against the former chief executive. In addition, Obeidallah speculates that if there truly are 30 percent of GOP voters across the nation who support her views, as was the case in her recent unsuccessful bid to be renominated for election by the GOP in her native Wyoming, that fact would help prevent Republicans from regaining control of the House of Representatives in November and Trump from winning his party's nomination in a crowded field in 2024.

Obeidallah, D. (2022, September 26). "Opinion: Liz Cheney was right about Trump. And enough Republicans just might agree." *CNN*. Retrieved from <https://www.cnn.com/2022/09/25/opinions/liz-cheney-republicans-trump-election-2022-obeidallah>

In key midterm states, Dem voters move on from abortion, now say protecting Democracy top election issue

Aubrie Spady discusses recent trends in several key states that show Democratic Party voters in several important battleground states believe the future of democracy is the most important issue

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on the ballot, and that abortion has taken a backseat to that concern in the months since the Supreme Court decided to ignore longstanding precedent and overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Democratic Party voters appear to be aligning with President Biden's stated concern in several recent speeches that the MAGA-wing of the Republican Party constitutes a threat to the Republic.

Spady, A. (2022, September 27). "In key midterm states, Dem voters move on from abortion, now say protecting Democracy top election issue." *Yahoo*. Retrieved from <https://news.yahoo.com/key-midterm-states-dem-voters-152549672.html>

Ron DeSantis is making an asylum crisis of his own

Dara Lind argues that Florida Governor Ron DeSantis's political stunt of in sending migrants to Martha's Vineyard demonstrates that the very idea of asylum in America and the country's obligation to that principle are now at stake.

Lind, D. (2022, September 27). "Ron DeSantis is making an asylum crisis of his own." *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/09/27/opinion/ron-desantis-asylum-border.html>

How social-emotional learning became a frontline in the battle against CRT

Meg Anderson discusses how conservatives came to contend that social-emotional learning and the idea of teaching students how to manage their emotions instead constitutes a "Trojan horse" for critical race theory and transgender advocacy. These attacks have already had real consequences, as legislators in several states have introduced bills designed to limit how educators can talk about race and racism in the classroom.

Anderson, M. (2022, September 26). "How social-emotional learning became a frontline in the battle against CRT." *NPR*. Retrieved from <https://www.npr.org/2022/09/26/1124082878/how-social-emotional-learning-became-a-frontline-in-the-battle-against-crt?sc=18&f=1001>