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Wasted Potential 5/31/23 (oh i forgot i had a podcast lol)

Debt Limit Agreement Reached, But At What Cost?

- [Debt ceiling deal would accomplish the following:](#)
 - **Debt ceiling raised for 2+ years.**
 - **Cap on non-discretionary spending**
 - Protects burn pit legislation healthcare
 - **Expands work requirements for TANF and SNAP** up to age 55, but **exempts veterans and homeless youth.**
 - **\$28 billion in Covid funds would be rescinded**, but at least \$5 billion retained for miscellaneous healthcare programs.
 - **\$80 billion in IRS funding was rescinded**, requiring the IRS to request additional funding from Congress within a decade.
 - **Restarts student loan payments** by end of summer, but continued income-driven repayment plans and the \$20,000 forgiveness plan.
 - **Funds Mountain Valley Pipeline**, a natural gas pipeline in W. Virginia.
- [House Republicans threaten to oust McCarthy over debt-limit deal](#)
 - “It is inescapable to me. It has to be done,” said House Freedom Caucus member Rep. Dan Bishop.
 - **Rep. Bishop would trigger “No-Confidence” (motion to vacate) voting procedure.**
 - “He noted he wants support from other colleagues before he takes such a move: “I don’t make single decisions like that alone. And so it depends on what the members who have courage” also do, he said.”
 - **Matt Gaetz could support such a measure.**

- “If a majority of Republicans are against a piece of legislation and you use Democrats to pass it, that would immediately be a black-letter violation of the deal we had with McCarthy” Gaetz told Newsmax on Tuesday. “And it would likely trigger an immediate motion to vacate.”
 - But **not all Freedom Caucus members think pushing out McCarthy is the answer**, even if they dislike the bill.
 - Ralph Norman declared it unfair to pursue ousting McCarthy.
- [The debt ceiling didn't always exist, and is arguably unconstitutional](#)
 - **The debt ceiling was initially a mechanism for allowing the Treasury to borrow money without direct input from Congress** in order to finance spending **during WW1**
 - **Congress has consistently spend about \$1 trillion more in spending than is brought in taxes** for the past 20 years.
 - Since 1960, **Congress has raised, extended, or revised the debt limit 78 separate times, of which 49 were under Republican presidents and 29 were under Democratic presidents**
 - **A debt limit breach could lead to a decline in real GDP, nearly 2 million lost jobs, and an increase in the unemployment rate**, per a recent report from [Moody's Analytics](#).
 - **The 14th Amendment states that “the validity of the public debt, authorized by law...shall not be questioned.”** Some legal scholars argue that this clause gives the Treasury Department the ability to keep borrowing money past the current \$31.4 trillion debt limit that requires congressional approval to raise or lift.

Ron DeSantis runs for President like I run for exercise

Twitter wants to Uganda the gays.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2023/05/29/uganda-anti-gay-legislation-death-penalty-00099149>

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/05/29/africa/museveni-assents-homosexual-ity-bill-intl/index.html>

Texas AG Ken Paxton Impeached by Republicans

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/05/30/politics/ken-paxton-what-to-know-texas/index.html>

Wasted Potential 12/8/22 (this episode didn't happen Imfao)

House Passes Respect for Marriage Act: Straight Marriage Outlawed

- GOP Rep Vicky Hartzler [cried about it](#). It was really funny.
- [House Passes Respect for Marriage Act](#)
 - The House vote came after the Senate [cleared](#) the legislation in a 61 to 36 vote that included support from 12 Republicans. The plan won broader backing from GOP senators after the initial House-passed bill was revised to include an amendment providing religious liberty protections.
 - **The bill repeals the Clinton-era Defense of Marriage Act**, which denied federal benefits and recognition to same-sex couples, **and it safeguards marriages by requiring that valid marriages are recognized regardless of "sex, race, ethnicity or national origin."** (Merely reinforces the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the Constitution)
 - Congress has [nearly flipped](#) in their support/opposition to gay marriage since DOMA was passed.
 - After Senate Republicans expressed concerns the initial plan would infringe on religious freedom, **a bipartisan group in the Senate [brokered a deal](#) on changes to the bill ensuring nonprofit religious groups will not be required to provide services, facilities or goods for the celebration of a same-sex marriage**, and protecting religious liberty and conscience protections available under the Constitution and federal law. **The bipartisan amendment also makes clear that the bill doesn't authorize the U.S. government to recognize polygamous marriages.**
 - Despite the public's embrace of marriage equality, hate crimes against [Asian-Americans](#), [Jewish people](#) and [LGBTQ people](#) have risen in some major U.S. cities this year.

SCOTUS Use Theoretical Website to Push Conservative Agenda

- On Monday, the SC heard oral argument [in the case of Lorie Smith](#), a website designer and devout Christian who wants to expand her business to include wedding websites –but only for opposite-sex couples. She is challenging a

Colorado law that prohibits most businesses from discriminating against LGBTQ customers.

- The court's more liberal justices expressed doubt about whether, in creating a wedding website, Smith would be expressing a message at all. Noting that two of her clerks are engaged to be married, Justice Elena Kagan observed that **the clerks' wedding websites contain similar features – for example, the couples' names, their wedding dates, and links to things like the schedules for the wedding weekend and the couples' registries.** "They're not particularly ideological or particularly religious," Kagan said. "They're not particularly anything." Therefore, **Kagan suggested, the dispute in Smith's case is not about the content of the speech, but instead Smith's resistance to its use in a same-sex wedding.**
- Amy Coney Barrett [asked a lay-up question](#) to save the lawyer representing Lorie Smith from destroying her case.
 - Asked if the designer wouldn't have a problem making a website for an opposite-sex couple who reject biblical definitions of marriage, ADL lawyer Kristen Waggoner replied, "Yes, she would publish the site." This would be clear-cut discrimination based on sexual orientation.
 - ACB stepped into help: Referencing a hypothetical heterosexual couple, Barrett said that what "they want to write under the engagement story page goes like this: We are both cisgender and heterosexual, but that is irrelevant to our relationship which transcends such categories. We knew we were soulmates from the moment that we met and on and on. Would your client publish that site?"
 - Barrett said, "So it's about the message and not about the sexuality of the couple that asked her to express it that matters?" With Barrett's coaching, Waggoner corrected the course, saying yes.
- [Supreme Court seems to side with 303 Creative](#)
 - But the conservative justices also saw danger in Colorado's enforcement of the law. Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. imagined a company that offered to write custom wedding vows or toasts. "Can they be forced to write vows or speeches that espouse things they loathe?" he asked.
 - **The three liberal justices, in contrast, questioned whether the websites Smith would create would be her own speech or would simply reflect the wishes of the couples who hired her.**
 - At this point, Smith's objections are theoretical. She has not created websites for heterosexual couples and has not had to tell a same-sex couple that she would not work for them.
 - **Two courts have ruled against Smith, saying Colorado has a compelling interest in requiring that businesses that are open to the public serve all of the state's citizens.**

Georgia Runoff: Warnock Wins, Dems Get 51 Senate Seats

- [Raphael Warnock defeated football legend and gaffe machine Herschel Walker in Georgia's runoff election.](#)
 - The runoff was triggered after Warnock [led Walker by 37,000 votes](#) in the midterms, but fell short of the 50% vote threshold needed to avoid a runoff.
 - In Tuesday's election, Warnock won by 97,000 votes, giving him just 51.4% of the vote.
 - Walker, to his credit, conceded the election on the same night.
 - This 2 seat lead give Dems the ability to pass bills [while losing one vote](#) within their caucus, a luxury they haven't had over the last two years thanks to Joe Manchin.
 - **Georgia is now a bonafide Deep South battleground winnable by Dems:** two years prior, Biden was the first Democratic presidential candidate to win Georgia in 30 years. Just months after Biden's victory, Warnock and fellow Dem Jon Ossoff won 2021 runoffs that gave the party Senate control
- **Walker is the latest in a string of Trump-backed candidates that seem to have banked on their sordid pasts and controversies *helping* rather than hurting their chances.**
 - [Forbes article](#) updated a week ago listing the eruption of negative stories that have harried his campaign.

WNBA Star Brittney Griner Freed from Russian Detention in Prisoner Exchange

- Griner was arrested back in February after being caught with a "significant" amount of a narcotic substance – less than a gram of cannabis oil -- and sentenced to nine years in jail.
- She was transferred to a penal colony; [Russian law allows for forced labor](#) in penal colonies, with reports of some inmates being tortured to death.
- She was exchanged for Russian Arms dealer [Viktor Bout](#), a dude so deep into fueling conflicts he was the subject of the Nic Cage film "Lord of War."
- Several far-right figures are [mad about it](#).
 - Donald Trump Jr.: No one cuts better deals than Biden. We get an awful America hating WNBA player, while Russia gets an INTERNATIONAL ARMS DEALER!!! The adults are back!
 - Jesse Kelly: She's a black lesbian who hates America. Biden is just bringing another voter back home.
 - Benny Johnson: This is the lowest point in US foreign policy in my lifetime. Collapse of an empire.

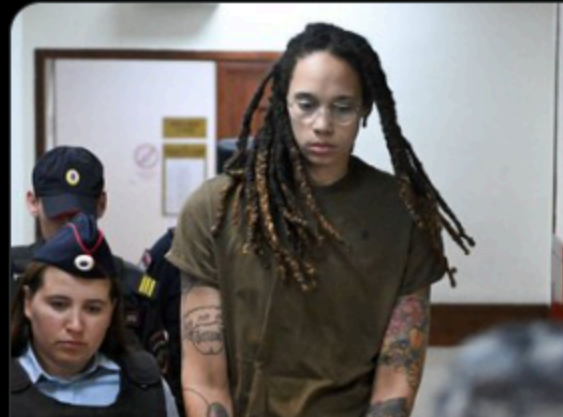


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Meet Brittney Griner & Marine Paul Whelan.
Both Americans.
Both were convicted in Russian courts on dubious charges.
Both serving multi-year sentences in Russian prison.
Brittney hates America
Paul served America

Guess which one Biden traded a terrorist to free?

Semper fi Paul



- Many Republicans are upset that Griner was released and not Paul Whelan, who was imprisoned in Russia on counts of espionage. [However](#), he was jailed in 2018 while Trump was president. In fact, his administration [refused a trade](#) that would have brought him home.
- Whelan's family [celebrated](#) Griner's release while hoping the same could soon be done for him.

Kanye Khronicles Kontinue

- “The Jewish media has made us feel like the Nazis and Hitler have never offered anything of value to the world,” [Ye said](#) at one point during the interview. “I see good things about Hitler, also.”
- In an attempt to distance himself, [Alex Jones said](#): “There’s a real creepy factor with this Hitler stuff,” and cited the example of white supremacist Richard Spencer’s comments on the Nazi leader. “It’s like some homoerotic thing over Hitler. That is kind of what’s going on. There is this Hitler fetish. And no, I’m not into dudes in fancy peacock military uniforms that, by the way, got 22 million Germans killed,” he said.
- Alex Jones didn’t know Fuentes was into Hitler and stuff, but he’ll have him on again because he believes in the 1st amendment, he said on [Steven Crowder’s show](#)
- On Telegram Fuentes responded by calling Jones “controlled opposition,” saying “MTG and Alex Jones both threw me under the bus to appease Jewish groups,” he wrote. “I don’t take it personally but people need to be aware that they are the definition of controlled opposition.”
- **Trump’s dinner with Ye, Fuentes, and Milo might have actually, finally, turned off some of his strongest supporters.**
 - A [Yahoo News/YouGov poll](#) found that those who say they have a “very favorable” opinion of Trump shrunk from 25% in mid-June to 18% following the remarks.
 - Still, more Trump supporters believe that racism against white people is a bigger problem than antisemitism (75% vs 54%)

Trump Calls to Suspend the Constitution Over a Twitter Thread

- “Do you throw the Presidential Election Results of 2020 OUT and declare the RIGHTFUL WINNER, or do you have a NEW ELECTION? A Massive Fraud of this type and magnitude allows for the termination of all rules, regulations, and articles, even those found in the Constitution,” [Trump wrote](#) in a [post](#) on the social network Truth Social and accused “Big Tech” of working closely with Democrats. “Our great ‘Founders’ did not want, and would not condone, False & Fraudulent Elections!”
 - This is because Twitter [blocked a story](#) about Hunter Biden’s laptop for two days.
 - Republicans on the Federal Election Committee [voted 6-0 to dismiss a complaint](#) from the RNC accusing Twitter’s actions of being an unlawful in-kind contribution to the Biden campaign.

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This Is America

Previously, on the Wasted Potential podcast, “Gun control is always going to be an issue because there’s going to be another mass shooting in about 20 minutes. I’m pretty sure that there was a big mass shooting that we saw this last week. They’re all background noise at this point. Violence is just kind of a way of life.

- [November 19th, Colorado Springs shooting](#)
 - **Five killed**, 25 injured.
 - LGBTQ Nightclub shot up November 19th.
 - **Shooter entered with an AR-15** and body armor.
 - Two victims were transgender, and the shooting took place on the eve of Transgender Day of Remembrance.
- [Shooter was victim of homophobic bullying as teenager.](#)
 - “**At age 15, he became the target of a particularly vicious bout of online bullying** in which insulting accusations were posted to a website, along with his name, photos and online aliases, according to a review of the site by The Washington Post.”
 - Shooter was a non-practicing Mormon. Inactive.
 - **Shooter changed name at age 16 to Anderson Lee Aldrich**, allegedly to distance himself from father.
 - Shooter claims to be NB, but "[in text messages from the day of the shooting, which were shown to The Daily Beast by a source close to Aldrich, Aldrich’s mother referred to her son as he and him.](#)"
 - Likewise, [Several friends have come out and said \[Aldrich\] never even hinted they \[NB\] were prior to the murders. Some believe \[he's\] saying this to avoid being hit with hate crimes in addition to murder and other charges.](#)
- [Neighbors allege Anderson Lee Aldrich regularly used homophobic slurs.](#)
 - “There would be times where he and his mom would get into fights, arguments, because he would be saying hateful things about whoever he was angry with,” Kraus told The Daily Beast. “He said things sometimes that probably should have been alarming to me. He used the term “f*ggot” a lot. Most of the time it came from a place of anger.”
 - Shooter would frequent gun range with family.
- [Shooter's father was pornstar by name of Dick Delaware](#)
 - **Father was relieved to find out son isn’t gay.**
 - “They started telling me about the incident, a shooting involving multiple people,” Brink said Tuesday in an interview outside his San Diego home with [CBS 8](#). “And then I go on to find out it’s a gay bar. I said, ‘God, is he gay?’ I got scared, ‘Shit, is he gay?’ And he’s not gay, so I said, ‘Phhhewww...’”

- [The reporter later mentioned that his reaction was not included in the original report, but when Brink learned about the victims, he profusely apologized to the community.](#)
- **It is possible that even ignorant, brain-damaged homophobes do not delight in the death of others. Aldrich's father is very clearly suffering from mental problems, and has a history of drug abuse.**
- [Shooter was arrested in 2021 for bomb threat against mother.](#)
 - Initially, Aldrich did not surrender, and during the resulting standoff, neighboring homes had to be evacuated. However, **no charges were filed**, and the details of the case were sealed. **There is no record that the police or relatives attempted to trigger the Colorado red flag law, which might have allowed for the seizure of any weapons and ammunition that Aldrich possessed.**

Tim, Tucker, and the Stochastic Terrorists

- [The Guardian puts it best.](#)
 - “There’s a grim routine, these days, to the mass shootings in America. Some elements remain constant from shooting to shooting. Usually, the gunman is a young white man, and usually, he has a history of violence against women. There will have been mental health episodes, or previous run-ins with police. But none of this history will have stopped him from getting a gun. American mass shooters tend to use automatic or semi-automatic long guns, the kind that aren’t available to civilians in other countries. Almost always, they purchased them legally. There’s a morbid randomness to American gun violence – that fatal combination of scarce mental health treatment and superabundant firearms that makes America, and only America, a place where mass public massacres are common even when the nation is ostensibly at peace. But if the Colorado attack was enabled by America’s pervasive gun violence problem, it seems to have been prompted by the tenor of rightwing media, both broadcast and online, which over the past years has turned a virulent, conspiratorial and obsessively hateful eye towards the LGBT community.”
- [Right wing influencers and pundits apologize, celebrate, or abet attacks against LGBT people.](#)
 - “[Tucker] Carlson’s show displayed a graphic reading “STOP SEXUALIZING KIDS.” On Tuesday evening, Carlson hosted a guest who said shootings would continue to happen "until we end this evil agenda that is attacking children.”
 - [Tim Pool](#), a conservative internet personality with 1.4 million followers on Twitter, targeted the venue, Club Q, where the shooting happened. “**We shouldn’t tolerate pedophiles grooming kids**,” Pool tweeted. “**Club Q had a grooming event. How do prevent the violence and stop the grooming?**”
 - **Matt Walsh**, a prominent conservative YouTuber known for his criticism of LGBTQ people, **published a video on Tuesday titled, “Why The Left Is So Desperate To Expose Children To Drag Queens.”** Walsh, who has 1.9 million YouTube subscribers, called the shooting “tragic” but doubled down on his

attacks on drag queens. **“Is it that hard to not crossdress in front of kids? Is the compulsion that overwhelming?”** he asked in the video. **“If it’s causing this much chaos and violence, why do you insist on continuing to do it?”**

- **The right use violent rhetoric to get violent results, then excuse the violent results as the fault of the victims while denying their violent rhetoric played any role in victimizing people in the first place.**

Groomer Panic is Responsible

- [In recently published research from the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University San Bernardino, researchers found that reports of hate crimes against LGBTQ people in major cities increased by 51% in 2021.](#)
 - **Jeremy Blackburn**, an assistant professor of computer science at Binghamton University in New York who studies online extremism, [found](#) that use of the term **“grooming” on social media increased by 100% beginning in March compared to the start of 2022.**
- **The Department of Homeland Security** posted a [bulletin](#) on Nov. 30th noting that extremists have praised the alleged Club Q attackers, as well as an October shooting at an LGBTQI+ bar in Slovakia and encouraged additional violence.
- In 2020, more than 1 in 3 LGBT people [reported](#) experiencing some kind of discrimination in the past year.
- [Jack Tinydick Posobiec insinuated the Club Q hero might be gay.](#)
 - **“Are we just not supposed to talk about the US Army Major taking his family down to the local drag club for a night out?” – wrote Posobiec**
 - “Heroes don’t take their kids to drag shows,” one of Posobiec’s followers wrote on Telegram in response.
 - Others joined in: “So a married man, His Wife, Daughter and her boyfriend all go to Gay bar together? I’m gonna call bullshit on this,” a user on far-right Christian platform Gab wrote on Tuesday.
 - “If it’s not bullshit he’s helping to molest children and he’s all for it,” another Gab user wrote in response, adding: “F*ggot dad in closet.”
- **To compare and contrast this with the last major LGBT-targeted mass shooting – the right seemed plenty united in outrage at the Pulse Nightclub Shooting, but only as a backdoor way of saying that Islam is incompatible with the West.**
- [The groomer moral panic now has its own Wikipedia page.](#)
 - Libs of TikTok claimed The Trevor Project was a grooming organization.
 - They assist suicidal LGBT youth in not-killing themselves.
 - The Heritage Foundation claimed the Don’t Say Gay bill protects children from sexual grooming.
 - Ron DeSantis’ press secretary states that people opposing Don’t Say Gay are probably child sex groomers.
 - Marjorie Taylor Greene referred to the Democratic Party as “the party of killing babies, grooming and transitioning children, and pro-pedophile politics
- [Groomer Panic has real world consequences](#)

- A group of [Proud Boys stormed a library](#) during a drag queen story hour. One man wore a shirt that said, “Kill your local pedophile,” with an image of an assault rifle below it.
- An Idaho Pride event [narrowly avoided becoming the target of a riot](#) led by the white nationalist group Patriot Front. Thirty-one men were arrested before they could enact whatever they were planning.
- A school was forced to shut down after [days of bomb threats](#), hateful messages, and [a death threat](#) against one staff member.
 - What do these three events, and many others, have in common? They all followed social media posts from the now-infamous Libs of TikTok Twitter account that focused on them.
- [A Chicago bakery](#) that had planned to host a drag brunch first received a wave of online abuse in the forms of fake bad reviews, emails, comments, voicemails, etc. accusing them of being pedophiles and groomers, before then **being broken into and vandalized** the night before/morning of the event.
- [An Oklahoma donut shop](#) was attacked twice in two weeks after hosting an art show run by drag queens, both times involving smashing doors/windows and the second incident involving a molotov cocktail thrown through the smashed glass door.
- The Boston Children’s Hospital was accused of providing hysterectomies for young girls by LibsOfTikTok
 - This resulted in bomb threats.
 - The tweet included a 33-second video of a physician at Boston Children’s Hospital discussing gender-affirming hysterectomies — or the removal of the uterus, cervix and fallopian tubes. But the doctor never suggested the procedure is offered to children. The notion seemed to rely on the hospital having “children” in its name.
 - The hospital made clear in [an Aug. 16 statement](#) that it does not provide gender-affirming hysterectomies to minors. But the damage had already been done: [The Daily Beast reported](#) that the hospital received a deluge of “hostile internet activity, phone calls and harassing emails,” including “threats of violence” toward its clinicians and staff.
- An April survey by Data for Progress found that [45% of likely Republican voters](#) think that “teachers and parents that support discussions about sexual orientation and gender identity in school are groomers.”
 - LSP commentary: [jesus fucking christ](#)

James Lindsay Can’t Take What He Dishes Out

- James Lindsay is [very proud](#) of the damage he’s done to the “Leftist Neo-Communist” cause by making ‘ok groomer’ famous.
 - He cares so genuinely about fighting child sexual abuse that he [sells merch](#) with the catchphrase
- However, he’s [very bothered](#) that a photo of him and actress Nicki Clyne floods his replies every time he attempts to call other people groomers.

- Clyne, who was a member of NXIVM, a notorious multi-level marketing company turned sex cult, [still supports](#) both the cult and it's founder Keith Raniere, who was convicted on charges that included human trafficking, sex offenses, and sexual exploitation of a child. Clyne and her wife had sex with him a lot.
 - James, who is very not bothered about this association, still wants "that spammed photo" shut down and [asked his followers to report it](#).
 - The twitter account for "An Open Secret," a movie about Hollywood pedophiles and convicted sex offenders who use a lot of the same tricks out of Lindsay's playbook, even [called him out for it](#).
 - Naturally, James [accused them](#) of being a groomer outfit and [threatened to sue them](#).
 - Somehow, this is a [leftist propaganda smear campaign](#), because he now believes posting pictures of someone that they posed for and reposted on their own is smearing.
 - Anyway we're both blocked now
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Wake Me Up When November Ends

- [Democrats pulled off an upset and won.](#)
 - **Democrats retain control of the Senate**, and perhaps even pick up a seat.
 - **"It's pretty clear that general election voters punished Republican candidates they saw as too extreme** – on issues such as abortion and/or for being too closely tied to former President Donald Trump."
 - "...Some **60% of voters** – both in pre-election surveys and the exit polls – **believe Biden was legitimately elected.**" **Between 70-80% of Republicans don't, meaning election denialism impacts moderates.**
- [Trump, Kari Lake, Charlie Kirk, and Tucker Carlson all float the idea that the 2022 election is fraud.](#)
 - We've had such terrible elections. They're run poorly. They're ripe with fraud," she said. "Our elected officials tell us that if we dare bring it up we're conspiracy theorists, we're election deniers. Darn it, we've got to start bringing this up." - Kari Lake
 - "Idiot, and possibly corrupt, officials have lost control of the tainted Election in Arizona," Trump wrote on Truth Social Friday. "A NEW ELECTION MUST BE

CALLED FOR IMMEDIATELY!" – Barack Obama jk it's Trump you knew it was Trump

- Bill Gates (not that one), **the GOP chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, has** countered criticism of the length of time it has taken to count ballots and strongly **rejected the idea that officials were purposely delaying the results**, noting that the county's **election workers have been working 14 to 18 hours a day**.
- **Why are Arizona's results so slow? [WashPo explains why](#)**
 - **Voters are voting in-person more, dropping off their ballots at a polling site on election day rather than by mail days in advance (up 70% from 2020).**
 - **Signatures are verified and checked by bipartisan teams.**
 - **Arizona doesn't use "extraction machines" (and states like Florida do)**
 - **Election workers were not allowed to process ballots until election day (delaying early vote counts)**
 - **Ballots are counted in a centralized location in Phoenix, Arizona.**
 - **Arizona is a much more competitive state than it used to be.**
- [173 Republican election deniers have won their races](#)
 - As of now, **173 have won**, 46 are close, and 74 have lost.
 - **More than half of Republicans running have run on the idea that the 2020 election was fraudulent.**
 - It's possible more will lose in the coming days.
- [Nancy Pelosi claims people voted against Republicans due to political violence from the right.](#)
 - "We've been so comforted by the outpouring of so many prayers and good wishes, and even **people saying, 'I wasn't going to vote, but now I'm going to vote, because this has gone too far,'**" Pelosi told host George Stephanopoulos on ABC's "This Week."
- [Trump launches political attacks against Ron DeSantis.](#)
 - Trump has argued that DeSantis is:
 - He was politically dead
 - Ron DeSanctimonious is playing games!
 - He was an average governor.
 - Trump may (?) announce run for President soon.
- [Trump Says He Should 'Get All the Credit' if GOP Wins, 'Not Be Blamed' if They Lose](#)
 - "Well, I think if they win, I should get all the credit," Trump said in an interview with NewsNation that aired Tuesday. "And if they lose, I should not be blamed at all. But it will probably be just the opposite."
- [Younger voters break Democrats, but white suburban women shifted Republican.](#)
 - 54% of men voted Republican. 52% of women voted Democrat.
 - **Women's turnout was 5% higher than men's this election.**
 - Voters 18-29 voted Democrat, but collectively only made up about 13% of the voters.

- Voters over the age of 50 voted Republican, and made up about half of voters. **Clearly we need to put a cap on the voting age.**
- **Democratic Party only had 39% of white voter support this election.**
 - The operative question we should be asking is why.
- **Democrats dominated college graduates and post-grad voters (50% and 58%), but Republicans dominated highschool or some-college voters.**

The Library of Alexandria (Twitter) is burning.

- Twitter is being ravaged by scores of verified parody accounts.
 - After allowing users to buy verification badges for \$8/month in order to “bring quality conversations to Twitter”, scores of parody accounts have created real-world headaches for millions across the world.
 - **A tweet from a fake Eli Lilly caused a 5.2% loss in stock value**, equaling about a \$15 billion loss in market cap.
 - Amongst the scores of fake verified accounts, OJ Simpsons confesses to murder, Tesla flies a second car into the World Trade Center building, United Fruit Company admits that they overthrew the government of Brazil, and the Pope gets into an argument with Martin Luther.
 - **Because of the verified parody problem, Twitter has shut down Twitter blue subscriptions.**
 - **To recap, Elon Musk committed to a deal to purchase twitter, then changed his mind, then got sued by Twitter to force him to buy the company, then bought the company at \$44 billion.**
- Timeline of Musk's Twitter Saga, AKA the Greatest Week of Social Media in History
 - Elon Musk brought a sink into Twitter's HQ to say “let that sink in”.
 - **Musk, the new owner of Twitter, tweeted that Nancy and Paul Pelosi's attacker was involved in a homosexual conspiracy**, or at least there was “a tiny possibility” this was true.
 - **Musk went back-and-forth to fight Stephen King**, at first by saying Twitter must pay the bills when King complained about paying to be verified, and then later by saying he was a fan of King's work before deleting the tweets.
 - Several employees have been fired and then rehired.
 - **Some of those who are being asked to return were laid off by mistake**, according to two people familiar with the moves. **Others were let go before management realized that their work and experience may be necessary to build the new features Musk envisions**, the people said, asking not to be identified discussing private information.
 - Some employees didn't even know they were terminated until they tried using email or Twitter systems and found their access revoked.
 - **Just because somebody is a populist billionaire does not mean they have your best interests at heart. Twitter isn't staffed by Ivy League liberals. It's staffed with working-class programmers and content moderators whose company was taken over in a hostile takeover and whose jobs were unceremoniously ended without cause.**

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Republicans Mock Pelosi Attack.

- [Attack on Paul Pelosi](#)
 - **David DePape bludgeoned Paul Pelosi's skull with a hammer.**
 - **DePape broke into the Pelosi home to hold Nancy Pelosi hostage and break her knee caps.**
 - **The attacker was an extreme right believer in QAnon**
 - San Francisco DA states the attack was politically motivated.
 - **Attacker claims Nancy Pelosi was leader of a 'pack of lies' of the Democratic Party.**
 - **Attacker believed he was fighting tyranny, and wanted the attack to send a message to other politicians.**
 - **DePape was a fan of Jordan Peterson and James Lindsay, and credited Gamergate for turning him towards right wing politics.**
 - [Many of \[David DePape's\] posts were filled with screeds against Jews, Black people, Democrats, the media and transgender people.](#)
- [Republicans campaign on Paul Pelosi attack](#)
 - **Republicans Trump Jr., Kari Lake, and MTG all use the Paul Pelosi attack to belittle or mock Democrats.**
- [Republicans baselessly spread conspiracy regarding attack, alleging that attacker was gay lover of Pelosi.](#)
 - **Elon Musk posted an article alleging attack was from gay lover** in response to Hillary Clinton criticizing that violence is normal and imploring citizens to hold extremists accountable.
 - **Charlie Kirk**, the conservative radio and YouTube host, **expressed hope on Monday that some "amazing patriot" would post bail for Mr. DePape** and become a "midterm hero." **"Bail him out and then go ask him some questions,"** he said, adding that liberals were trying to politicize the attack.
 - [Good friend of show Mike Harlow suggests attack is reminiscent of a gay serial killer.](#)
 - [Donald Trump Jr. tweeted an image of underwear and a hammer, calling it his Halloween costume.](#)

- **Senator Ted Cruz, Republican of Texas, Congressman Clay Higgins, Republican of Louisiana, and right-wing commentator Dinesh D'Souza all mocked the attack** over the weekend in social media posts, in some cases suggesting without evidence that it was part of an elaborate cover up.
 - **Overall theme of responses seems to break into two categories:**
 - 1: Democrats are at fault for Paul Pelosi's attack because crime is high.**
 - 2: Paul Pelosi is at fault for Paul Pelosi's attack for being in a homosexual relationship, and the right like violence like that.**
- **Not one response has come from Republicans discussing their own rhetoric, or the role political extremism such as QAnon or Trumpism, play in fomenting terrorist violence.**

Right Wing Extremism is the Largest Political Extremism Problem

- [Right wing extremist attacks and violence dwarf violence from the left.](#)
 - **"Since 2015, right-wing extremists have been involved in 267 plots or attacks and 91 fatalities, the data shows (representing 80% of political terrorism!).** At the same time, attacks and plots ascribed to **far-left views accounted for 66 incidents leading to 19 deaths.**"
 - **More than a quarter of right-wing incidents and just under half of the deaths in those incidents were caused by people who showed support for white supremacy** or claimed to belong to groups espousing that ideology, the analysis shows.
 - Both Representatives MTG and Paul Gossar have attended a white nationalist America First conference, with neither receiving a reprimand from senior Republican leadership.
 - There have been **15 anti-immigrant-related attacks** since 2015, **resulting in 27 fatalities** and dozens of injuries, a review of the CSIS cases shows.
- [FBI identifies most prominent terror threat from lone-wolves who are driven by a belief in the superiority of the white race".](#)
- [Study shows right wing terrorism is nearly double that of leftwing terrorism over 80 year period.](#)
 - "...the researchers zeroed in on acts of extremism in the United States from 1948-2018. They found nearly no difference between the likelihood of an Islamist extremist and a right-wing extremist committing an act of violence; **the probability of a violent act of extremism in the United States being committed by a left-wing extremist was found to be 0.33, 0.61 by a right-wing extremist, and 0.62 by an Islamist extremist.**"
- [Nearly 70% of Republicans believe 2020 election was stolen.](#)
 - **Republicans (30%) are approximately three times as likely as Democrats (11%) to agree with the statement, "Because things have gotten so far off track, true American patriots may have to resort to violence in order to save our country."** Agreement with this statement rises to 40% among Republicans who most trust far-right news sources and is 32% among those who most trust

Fox News. One in four white evangelicals (26%) also agree that political violence may be necessary to save the country.

- **[Election deniers] are about four times as likely** as those who do not believe this falsehood **to agree that true American patriots might have to resort to violence to save the country** (39% vs. 10%).
- [Brennan Center for Justice survey shows extremism threatens American elections](#)
 - **1-in-6 election workers have received violent threats.**
 - 2-in-3 election workers cite election disinformation as driving the threats.

The American Political Right Cheerlead Violent Extremism

- [Trump vows to pardon January 6th extremists if elected.](#)
 - **President Donald Trump said he would issue full pardons and a government apology to rioters.**
 - **Trump is the chief inciter of political violence, and Republicans need to acknowledge it. Trump has told people to rough up protesters under the promise that he would pay their legal bills, he's pined for the "old days" when they "knew how to take care of troublemakers", and he even suggested that the 2nd Amendment people could "take care of Hillary Clinton".**
- [Out of 104 Republican ads featuring candidates with guns, about a quarter included threats.](#)
 - Most prominent ad featured a 'RINO-hunting' Republican kicking in the door of his primary opponent.
- [Donald Trump Jr. was filmed firing a rifle for a political ad](#)
 - **"Striking fear into the hearts of liberals everywhere, folks," Trump Jr. says** in the clip.
 - **"Liberals beware," adds Greitens** after he and Trump switch to semi-automatic pistols.
- [Republican Tom Emmer has tweeted himself firing a gun with a caption of "Let's Fire Nancy Pelosi".](#)
- [A Florida Republican threatened "I really don't want to have to end anybody's life for the good of the people of the United States of America. ... But if it needs to be done, it needs to be done."](#)
- [Only the GOP celebrate political violence.](#)
 - Republican Brian Kemp aired a political ad showcasing him pointing a firearm at a teenager for wanting to date his daughter.
 - "You don't see Democratic House members wielding weapons in videos and threatening to shoot candidates who want to cut capital-gains taxes or slow the growth of Medicare. Democratic candidates for Senate do not post video fantasies of hunting and executing political rivals, or of using a firearm to discipline their children's romantic partners."

Wasted Potential 11/3/22

The Final Solution to the Kanye Question

- [Kanye now knows what it feels like to be George Floyd because Adidas dropped him.](#)
 - **God chose Kanye to 'put the media's knee on his neck'.**
- [Republicans defended Ye as a victim of cancel culture after he tells Tucker Carlson that real Jews are black, and that there is financial engineering to being a Jew.](#)
 - Belief that the Jews of today are not the Jews of the Bible is tied to Black Hebrew Israelite conspiracy, which Ye apparently believes.
 - According to the ADL, **Americans are less anti-semitic today, but instances of vandalism and hate crimes against Jews are at historic highs** in United States.
- [Trump remarks that American Jews have 'got to get their acts together' and appreciate what he's done in Israel.](#)
- [Ye's interview with Tucker Carlson was edited to remove claims of fake children being in Ye's house.](#)
 - Ye believes that **fake children were planted into his house to sexualize his children** (wtf?)
 - Ye also has **visions from God about building kinetic energy communities** (no I have no wtf he's talking about)
 - Ye is a crazy person. Ye needs help.
 - Or he really is a prophet of the almighty God, Sallallahu alaihi wasalam.
- [Kanye's Greatest Hits](#)
 - He was locked out of Instagram for claiming that **Puff Daddy was being controlled by the Jews.**
 - He was locked out of Twitter for claiming that **he was going "death con" 3 on Jews.**
 - West showed a 30 minute documentary which contained footage of him **forcing Adidas executives to watch a porn video** to demonstrate how he felt he had been treated? I'm not clear on this because YE IS CLEARLY A FUCKING CRAZY PERSON
 - West claims that **George Floyd died of a Fentanyl overdose.**
 - West to purchase Parler because "**conservative opinions are considered to be controversial**; we have to make sure we have the right to freely express ourselves."

Western Civilization is saved because Elon Musk bought Twitter.

- [Musk's purchase of twitter delists it from NYSE](#)
 - Shares trading \$54.20 for buyout.
 - **General Motors suspended advertising** on Twitter following takeover.
 - **Twitter CEO, CFO fired** by Musk.
 - Musk to create moderation council of “diverse viewpoints”
 - **Question: Difference between populist conservatives and country club conservatives and predictions for what this means for content moderation policy? I doubt the level-headed corporate conservatives will see much incentive in keeping up speech that would clearly run advertisers away.**
- [Racist posts up since Musks's deal has been confirmed](#)
 - “Nigger” was liked 5,000 times and retweeted more than 700 times.
 - **Use of the word “nigger” spiked more than 500% over 12 hours** on Twitter after Musk’s deal was finalized.
 - Musk has stated that he would reinstate Trump’s account.
 - **Trump’s twitter account is unlikely to return** even if unbanned, as Trump claims “I am staying on Truth [Social]. I like it better, I like the way it works, I like Elon, but [I’m staying on Truth.](#)”
- [EU Commissioner tells Musk that Twitter will have to comply by EU rules.](#)
 - **The Digital Services Act requires online service providers to comply with EU law, meaning they must moderate hate speech** and disinformation.
 - Conversation could be had about hate speech, whether it should be protected by either the state, or even by individual private platforms.
- [Worry mounts as Musk claims plan to cut 75% of Twitter's workforce.](#)
 - So far no plans have been announced. \$44 billion deal seen as a golden parachute for execs.
 - **Musk was overpaying \$44 bn for a company only worth about \$10-12 billion.**

Being Transgender in Peace

- [Person is interrogated in bathroom under suspicion of being trans.](#)
 - Let’s assume they were trans. What’s the issue, precisely?
 - **Question. Do others have a right to public comfort by being rid of others in a space? Should we have sex-segregated bathrooms in the first place?**
- [60% of trans people avoid bathrooms](#)
 - **12 percent of transgender people were verbally harassed in public restrooms** within the previous year, 1 percent were physically attacked and 1

percent were sexually assaulted. **Nine percent said someone denied them access to a bathroom.**

- North Carolina's **HB2 forbids trans people from using the bathroom of their choice.** Law was signed by Republican governor to “protect children”.
- [Florida Board of Medicine votes to ban gender-affirming care.](#)
 - Minors are banned from HRT and blockers.
 - Accredited medical groups — including the [American Medical Association](#), the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) and the [American Psychological Association](#) — have supported gender-affirming care for transgender youths.
 - Testimonies include claims that **50% to 90% of children whose gender identity isn't consistent with their assigned sex at birth grow out of the condition by adulthood.**
 - “All the talk about mental health, self perception, pronouns and ideology leads me to the question, why is a mental health epidemic not being addressed with mental health treatment to get at the root causes for why female adolescents like me want to reject their bodies?” (**Question: Is HRT not a mental-health treatment? Do people think mental health treatments don't include medications which change how the body and brain interact with each other?**)
 - Testimonies heard from out-of-state detransitioners, but closed testimony early as pro-care trans testimonies were not allowed to testify.
 - “What was so appalling to me is how obviously staged this all was,” Fox said, adding that the board members didn't appear to know that much about gender-affirming therapies. “They've been fed a narrative, and they ate it up.”
 - Initially, members considered making trans youths who were already receiving gender-affirming medical care exempt from the ban if they underwent an informed consent process, but they decided to cut that proposal.
- [Research shows that gender-affirming care is beneficial.](#)
 - “...those who had access to puberty blockers or gender-affirming hormones were **60 percent less likely** to experience moderate to severe depression. And those with access to the medical treatments were **73 percent less likely to contemplate self-harm or suicide.**”
 - “A 2022 study of more than 21,000 transgender adults showed that just 41 percent of adults who wanted hormone therapy received it, and just 2.3 percent had access to it in adolescence. When researchers looked at rates of suicidal thinking over the past year in these same adults, they found that **access to hormone therapy in early adolescence was associated with a 60 percent reduction in suicidality in the past year and that access in late adolescence was associated with a 50 percent reduction.**”
 - A 2020 study of 300 gender-incongruent young people found that **mental distress—including self-harm, suicidal thoughts and**

depression—[increased](#) as the children were made to proceed with puberty according to their assigned sex.