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“Citizens by birth or choice of a common country, that country has a right to concentrate your affections. The name of American, which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism, more than any appellation derived from local discriminations.” —George Washington (1796)

IN TODAY'S DIGEST

EXECUTIVE NEWS SUMMARY

Douglas Andrews, Thomas Gallatin, & Jordan Candler

Security

- **The Butler whistleblowers expose the Secret Service:** It's both a sign of the times and a scathing indictment of the Biden-Harris administration that government whistleblowers keep beating a path to the offices of House and Senate Republicans. Fresh off Sunday's second assassination attempt on Donald Trump, Missouri Republican Senator Josh Hawley released [a whistleblower report](#) about the failures of the Secret Service to protect the former president. For example, as Hawley noted on Fox News this morning, "One of the whistleblower revelations is that most of the agents in Butler that day in July were not Secret Service, and they weren't trained. They had never done protective work before. Their only training was a webinar, a Zoom call." Hawley also called it "totally unacceptable" that both Secret Service and the Department of Homeland Security are "slow-walking if not stonewalling congressional investigations." The report itself is damning, and its findings, as Hawley notes, "reveal a compounding pattern of negligence, sloppiness, and gross incompetence that goes back years, all of which culminated in an assassination attempt that came inches from succeeding."
- **Big Tech hides another would-be Trump assassin:** In the immediate aftermath of Sunday's assassination attempt, our Big Tech overlords tried mightily to hide the political affiliation of the would-be assassin. They failed. Ryan Routh is a Democrat. He's got a Biden-Harris bumper sticker on his truck, and he's donated 19 times to Democrat causes. And yet, as Paula Bolyard [writes](#) at PJ Media, "Anyone who works in media knows it's a race against time to find the social-media content of anyone involved in a high-profile crime. Whether it's a school shooter or a political assassin like Ryan Routh, social media companies immediately lock down the accounts and hide them from the public." They did the same thing two months ago with Thomas Matthew Crooks's social media accounts. So the question is, *Why?* What's Big Tech afraid of? Do they think we can't handle the truth? Or do they think that since political violence typically comes from the Left, allowing these assailants' own words to be examined by the American people would inevitably hurt the Democrats and help Donald Trump? We think the latter.

- **Vindictive Vindmans:** Alexander Vindman was the Democrats' primary witness in their first impeachment sham trial against Trump. Well, hours after a second assassination attempt was made against Donald Trump, Alexander's wife, Rachel Vindman, posted on X, "No ears were harmed. Carry on with your Sunday afternoon." After Trump campaign adviser Chris LaCivita responded with a demand for condemnation, Alexander retorted, "I condemn you. I condemn your lack of integrity, your attacks on immigrants, your desecration of Arlington National Cemetery." Rachel also responded by posting, "Sorry you're triggered. I mean no I'm not. I don't care a little bit. Trump has been inciting violence against his enemies for years. He douses a situation in gasoline, lights a match, & walks away claiming no responsibility. Look at what is happening in Springfield, OH right now but he wants to claim he's a victim. You cannot have it both ways." For his part, Eugene Vindman, a congressional candidate in Virginia, avoided the TDS expressed by his brother and sister-in-law, responding, "I am deeply disturbed by yet another attempt of political violence in our nation. I am grateful that no one is hurt, and thankful for the law enforcement agents who acted bravely and swiftly in the line of duty."
- Would-be Trump assassin laughs, smiles during first court appearance, charged on two counts (More)
- Suspect was near golf course for 12 hours, records show (More)
- U.S. authorities were warned about suspected Trump shooter (More)

Politics

- **Early voting begins this week:** With fewer than 50 days until Election Day on November 5, several states are poised to begin early voting this week. Meanwhile, Alabama began sending out absentee ballots on September 11. Wisconsin will begin sending ballots on September 19, and several states, including North Carolina, Minnesota, and South Dakota, will start sending out requested mail-in ballots on September 20. Early in-person voting begins in Minnesota and Virginia on September 20 and in Vermont on September 21. In the 2020 election, more than 100 million voters cast their ballots either via early in-person voting or mail-in ballots before Election Day. It will be interesting to see if that becomes a trend this year given that voters do not have to navigate a pandemic.

- **An NAACP poll shows Harris's weakness among blacks:** Don't look now, but Kamala Harris has a "black" problem. Perhaps it's because she's seen by the black community as inauthentic, or perhaps it's because many black Americans realize that times were simply better under Donald Trump than they are under the Biden-Harris regime. In any case, The Hill's Cheyanne Daniels doesn't want you to know about it. In fact, she wants to spin it as just the opposite. As she writes, "A majority of Black voters are just as excited or more this year as in 2008, when then-Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) became the first Black president, according to new polling." To read these words, we might reasonably surmise that Harris has Obama-level support from the black community. And we would be wrong. Way wrong. As journalist Ryan Girdusky writes, "So I read this poll and it's actually a disaster for Kamala Harris. Obama won over 95% of the black vote. The NAACP has Kamala winning 63% of the black vote, including only 49% of black men under 50." And yet, Daniels makes Harris out to be a female Obama.
- Satire: Kamala safe and in stable condition after attempted interview ([More](#))
- **Two-faced Tim Walz needs to mind his own business:** When he first appeared on stage with Kamala Harris at Temple University in Philadelphia on August 6, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz haughtily proclaimed, "In Minnesota, we respect our neighbors and their personal choices that they make. Even if we wouldn't make the same choice for ourselves, there's a golden rule: Mind your own damn business." But if that's the case, why is Walz now telling folks that they need to have a "hard conversation in the produce aisle" about their vote? "It's gonna be won in rooms just like this," said Walz. "It's gonna be won door-to-door, call-to-call, \$5 donation, trying to have that hard conversation in the produce aisle with the person you saw there at the grocery store." So the guy who castigates Republicans about butting into others' affairs is telling his minions to talk to perfect strangers in grocery stores about their vote. As long as they discuss Biden-Harris inflation, we're fine with that.

- **Minnesota's reading failure:** Throwing money at a problem doesn't fix it, especially when it's used to promote things that only exacerbate the problem. A prime example of this reality comes courtesy of Minnesota Democrat Governor Tim Walz, Kamala Harris's running mate. To address the state's public schools' failure to teach the vast majority of students to read at grade level, Walz touted and signed into law a \$2 billion education bill that he called his "signature accomplishment," which he boasted would "improve child literacy." With just 46% of third graders reading at grade-level proficiency and just 45% of all K-12 students meeting math proficiency, there is little to suggest that all that spending did a thing to improve student learning. Well, follow the money. The bill allocated \$6 million to develop and teach an ethnic studies (read: DEI) curriculum. Is it any wonder that training students in the politics of grievance has not resulted in better reading and math scores? Catrin Wigfall, a policy fellow at the Minnesota-based Center of the American Experiment, charged that under Walz, public education in Minnesota has shifted "away from excellence and achievement to one that is ideologically driven and that appears to prioritize advancing a political agenda."

Leftmedia

New York Times sure can pick 'em: The Gray Lady faces another workers strike just over two years since the paper experienced the last one. This time, the workers threatening a strike are from The New York Times Tech Guild, a union of roughly 600 members. What is concerning for the Times is that these workers are the primary software engineers who ensure that the paper is running smoothly online. Furthermore, the Tech Guild has targeted the upcoming election for a strike at a time when the web traffic volume to the paper will likely significantly increase. And like the paper's news division strikers back in 2022, the list of demands from the Tech Guild is full of DEI items as well as a number of ridiculous issues such as a "ban on scented products in break rooms, unlimited break time, and accommodations for pet bereavement, as well as mandatory trigger warnings in company meetings discussing events in the news." And regarding those DEI demands, some are explicitly illegal, such as higher pay for non-white workers and prioritizing noncitizens over U.S. citizens in case of layoffs. If the Tech Guild goes on strike, NYT readers have plenty of other media options from which to get far superior news.

World

- One million are now dead or injured in the Russia-Ukraine war ([More](#))
- Hundreds of Hezbollah fighters wounded when their pagers all explode ([More](#))
- Sweden to pay immigrants up to \$34,000 to return ([More](#))

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FEATURED ANALYSIS

Trump-Hating Media Blames the Victim

Douglas Andrews



Donald Trump needs to stop wearing those short skirts. Otherwise, he's going to get himself assassinated.

That seems to be the message of the mainstream media after the [second attempt](#) on the life of the former president and Republican standard-bearer. As sickening as it seems, the reality is right there in front of us: The Democrats' Leftmedia bootlickers have gone from decrying political violence to blaming the victim for political violence — at least when that victim is Donald Trump.

Trump, then, is the equivalent of a rape victim. And our vile, loathsome, despicable media is blaming him, saying he asked for it.

Take NBC News anchor Lester Holt, for example. "Today's apparent assassination attempt comes amid increasingly fierce rhetoric on the campaign trail itself," [he said](#). "Mr. Trump [and] his running mate JD Vance continue to make baseless claims about Haitian immigrants in Ohio. This weekend, there were new bomb threats in that town."

Holt was referring to Springfield, that town in Ohio which has been, yes, overrun by Haitian immigrants thanks to the open-border policies of the Biden-Harris administration. And while there's no direct evidence that they're eating the cats, there's plenty of evidence that the rapid introduction of 20,000 immigrants to a town of 60,000 does grievous damage to the delicate fabric of a community.

B-b-b-but, the bomb threats! shrieked Holt and his fellow assassination apologists. *Trump and Vance are responsible for the bomb threats!*

Rubbish. As Ohio Governor Mike DeWine said yesterday, "Thirty-three threats, 33 hoaxes. None of these had any validity at all." He added, "We have people, unfortunately, overseas who are taking these actions. Some of them are coming from one particular country."

But, yeah, it's all Trump's fault.

The Washington Post's Philip Bump is looking at the bright side, sneering of the assassination attempt, "Another chance for Trump to frame the Democrats as dangerous has emerged." But who needs to frame the Democrats? They're doing a heckuva job of that themselves.

Just think about the language Kamala Harris has repeatedly used. On May 21 in Philadelphia, she said Trump "took to social media and highlighted language from Nazi Germany," adding, "This kind of rhetoric is unsurprising coming from the former president, and it is appalling."

In addition to playing the tiresome Nazi card, Harris has, throughout her tenure as vice president, also spewed variations on the following theme: "The former president is a threat to our most fundamental freedoms. He has openly said he will be a dictator on day one."

Oh, sure, Harris on Sunday posted the following statement to X: "I have been briefed on reports of gunshots fired near former President Trump at his property in Florida, and I am glad he is safe. Violence has no place in America."

Except, of course, when we're stoking it by comparing our political opponents to Nazis. And when we're cheering it on in the wake of the deadly George Floyd riots.

MSNBC's Joy Reid must've gotten Harris's Demo memo. "Let me know who I got to vote for to keep Hitler out the White House," she said.

Getting back to Harris, let's not forget her cheerleading of the Black Lives Matter rioters four years ago. "They're not going to stop. They're not going to stop," said the then-presidential candidate. "This is a movement, I'm telling you. They're not gonna stop. And everyone beware because they're not gonna stop. They're not gonna stop before Election Day, and they're not going to stop after Election Day. And everyone should take note of that. They're not gonna let up, and they should not."

And they should not. Let that sink in.

Harris has also repeatedly pushed all the other inflammatory lies about Trump: about those “very fine people” in Charlottesville, about that “bloodbath,” about a nationwide abortion ban, about Trump vowing to be “a dictator on day one.”

She learned from the worst. She learned from Joe “Beat the Hell Out of Him” Biden.

While Harris and her fellow Democrats have been busy dehumanizing Trump, their mainstream media enablers have been dismissing the political violence directed toward him. As NBC News put it on Sunday, “Man in custody after Trump golf club incident was once convicted of possessing a machine gun.”

Ah, so it wasn’t an assassination attempt; it was just an “incident” — you know, like some knucklehead hitting over the foursome in front of him. But at least NBC *covered* it. That’s more than we can say for USA Today. Fox News’s Guy Benson posted an image of the national newspaper’s home page yesterday. The lead story was titled, “Hope in America: We’re optimistic about everything except our politics.”

With apologies to the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the Democrats and their media enablers are defining depravity down. Donald Trump just narrowly avoided assassination for the second time in two months, and they say *he’s the one* who needs to tone it down.

This is sick stuff.

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A special invitation

Hello, fellow Patriots. I’m Grassroots contributor Caleb Nunes. Born in 2004, I often find myself reflecting on the shifts in our national culture. Many of you experienced America before the 1990s — a time that I feel carried a distinct and powerful identity. I’d like to tap into your memories and perspectives to better understand what America was like through your eyes.

I invite you to share a short paragraph about the America you grew up in. Here are some questions for you to consider: What do you love or miss most about it? What do you remember and love about growing up in America? What traditions, history, and aspects of America did you feel most attached to? Do you still feel connected to the America you grew up in?

Please send your submissions to calebryaun@gmail.com. Submissions will be accepted through September 20. In your submissions, I recommend including the year you were born and the city in which you grew up, though this is certainly not required.

I will read all the submissions and share my favorite ones in a future column. Your insights will help me explore how American culture has evolved and what values and traditions we should aim to preserve today.




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- Nate Jackson: [Scientific American's Very Unscientific Endorsement](#) — Kamala Harris stands for pseudoscience and denies actual science, so she gets the nod from a major science publication.
- Michael Swartz: [Now the Left Targets Chief Justice Roberts](#) — A New York Times article attempts to further erode the Roberts Court's credibility by attacking its rulings in three Trump lawfare cases.
- Thomas Gallatin: [Mass Migration and Housing Costs](#) — It's Economics 101: Increased demand with limited supply leads to higher prices.
- Emmy Griffin: [Affirmative Action Ban: The Numbers Are In](#) — Racial demographics in college admissions are beginning to tell a different story.
- Mike Shower: [The Demos' 'Ranked Choice Vote' Subversion Scheme](#) — The RCV model for undermining elections in Alaska may be coming to your state soon.
- In Brief: [The Left Will Never Stop Wanting Trump Dead](#) — They inspired this. You've heard the dangerous words from the top down — even from Joe Biden.

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- [The Media Is Victim-Blaming Trump](#) — With another attempt on Donald Trump's life, the media has responded by stooping to new lows of dishonesty.
- [TIME Gaslights America](#) — The Leftmedia magazine falsely claims that the would-be Donald Trump assassin's ideology is "unknown."
- [Kamala's 'Word Salad' Interview](#) — Kamala Harris finally did an interview by herself ... let's see how she did!
- ['He Thinks It's Funny'](#) — Rep. Dan Bishop (R-NC) calls out Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) and his reaction in a hearing on victims of the "Biden-Harris border crisis."
- [Democrats' Wokest Moments](#) — They're always pushing the limits of just what it means to be woke.
- [Is Maoism Coming to America?](#) — If you think Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution is ancient history, think again.

SHORT CUTS

Braying Jenny

"Right now I feel like MAGA, in general, they are threats to us domestically." — Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett (D-TX)

Inquiring Minds Want to Know

"I would like to know why, in the aftermath of the *second* assassination attempt on Donald Trump, I have still not seen even 10 percent of the criticism of 'overheated rhetoric' that I was subjected to when Nancy Pelosi's husband was attacked with a hammer." —Charles C.W. Cooke

For the Record

"Donald Trump is, in the eyes of many Democrats, the devil, the root of all evil, and the end of democracy. Some genuinely believe that if Trump is elected, 2024 will be the last free and fair presidential election for many years." —Jim Geraghty

“Kamala Harris called Donald Trump the biggest threat to America since the Civil War on Tuesday. On Sunday someone tried to kill him.” —Clay Travis

“I wanna live in an America where the press has more access to the Democrat nominee than the assassins do to the Republican Nominee.” —Jimmy Failla

Non Compos Mentis

“It’s time we start electing the president the way we elect mayors and representatives and senators and governors — whoever gets the most votes wins, right? — rather than a convoluted, antique, obsolete system from the 18th century, which these days can get you killed as nearly it did on January the 6th, 2021.” —Congressman Jamie Raskin (D-MD)

Word Salad

“My approach is about new ideas, new policies that are directed at the current moment. And also, to be very honest with you, my focus is very much on what we need to do over the next 10, 20 years to catch up to the 21st century around, again, capacity but also challenges.” —Kamala Harris

Baghdad Bob

“The funny thing about fact-checking is it only really is relevant when you’re telling lies. And the vice president wasn’t really telling lies on [the debate] stage.” —Harris-Walz campaign spokesman Ian Sams

The BIG Lies

“There are old ghosts in new garments trying to seize your power and extremists coming for your freedoms, making it harder for you to vote and have your vote counted; closing doors of opportunity; attacking affirmative action and the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion; banning books; erasing history.” —Joe Biden

“We went big and we went bold. ... We are better off today than we were four years ago.” —Joe Biden

“Under my plan, more than 100 million Americans will get a tax cut.” —Kamala Harris

“We’re not taking anybody’s guns away. I support the Second Amendment.” —Kamala Harris

“I feel very strongly that it is consistent with the Second Amendment and your right to own a gun to also say we need an assault weapons ban. They’re literally tools of war.” —Kamala Harris

“The Trump policy is to deport everybody, whether they have a green card or not.” —Congressman Dan Goldman (D-NY)

“There was no handover of U.S. equipment to the Taliban.” —National Security Communications Adviser John Kirby

“The former President repeated a baseless Internet rumor ... that Harris ‘wants to do transgender operations on illegal aliens in prison.’” —TIME Magazine (*A subsequent correction notes, “The original version of this story mischaracterized as false Donald Trump’s statement accusing Kamala Harris of supporting ‘transgender operations on illegal aliens in prison.’ As a presidential candidate in 2019, Harris filled out a questionnaire saying she supported taxpayer-funded gender transition treatment for detained immigrants.”*)

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