

## *5 pieces worth reading*

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### **‘I’ve Had It With This Guy’: G.O.P. Leaders Privately Blasted Trump After Jan. 6**

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy initially condemned Trump after the Jan. 6 insurrection, with McCarthy suggesting that he would tell Trump he needed to resign, according to the forthcoming book *This Will Not Pass: Trump, Biden, and the Battle for America’s Future*. After denying that he had called for Trump’s resignation, authors Jonathan Martin and Alex Burns provided a [tape](#) of his phone call with Congresswoman Liz Cheney on the April 21<sup>st</sup> broadcast of *The Rachel Maddow Show*.

Burns, A., & Martin, J. (2022, April 21). *I've had it with this guy': G.O.P. leaders privately blasted Trump after Jan. 6*. The New York Times. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/04/21/us/politics/trump-mitch-mcconnell-kevin-mccarthy.html?searchResultPosition=1>

### **Why do I blame the Republican Party? Because the Republican Party is to blame | Opinion**

In a powerful column, Leonard Pitts details why he blames the Republican Party for destroying the common America narrative. He points to specific events such as spreading conspiracy theories surrounding President Obama’s birth certificate, the Big Lie following the 2020 election, and the Jan. 6 insurrection as key components of the GOP’s campaign of demonizing dissent.

Pitts, L. (2022, April 16). *Why do I blame the Republican Party? Because the Republican Party is to blame | Opinion*. The Miami Herald. Retrieved from <https://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/leonard-pitts-jr/article260424487.html>

### **Why it must happen soon: The United States vs. Donald J. Trump – Oped**

Former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich details how former President Trump is not only reconstructing the Republican Party around his big lie, but a threat to America’s system of self-government. He argues that Trump’s indictment and conviction by Attorney General Merrick Garland and the Department of Justice must occur as swiftly as possible to prevent his lies from

continuing to engulf large portions of the American people prevent a grave danger to democracy as the 2024 presidential election season approaches.

Reich, R. (2022, April 19). *Robert Reich: Why it must happen soon: The United States vs. Donald J. Trump – Oped*. Eurasia Review. Retrieved from <https://www.eurasiareview.com/20042022-robert-reich-why-it-must-happen-soon-the-united-states-vs-donald-j-trump-oped/>

### **Affected people are mostly missing from the localisation debate. let's change that.**

Nick van Praag, Director of [Ground Truth Solutions](#), discusses the need for people affected by the localization agenda (giving aid responsibility to local instead of international organizations) to have a say in this conversation. He argues that among these constituents local organizations are seen to better act on their feedback as opposed to international organizations.

Praag, N. van. (2022, April 19). *Affected people are mostly missing from the localisation debate. let's change that*. The New Humanitarian. Retrieved from <https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/opinion/first-person/2022/04/19/reform-humanitarian-aid-talk-communities-crisis>

### **Why are Nordic countries so happy and what can we learn from them?**

Camille Bello discusses how the Nordic countries (Finland, Denmark, Switzerland, and Iceland) continue to sustain a level of happiness among its citizens. Among other factors, Bello points to the quality of government institutions and welfare state generosity at decreasing inequality levels and therefore increasing citizens' trust in their government.

Bello, C. (2022, April 20). *Why are Nordic countries so happy and what can we learn from them?* Euronews. Retrieved from <https://www.euronews.com/next/2022/04/20/why-do-people-in-nordic-countries-consistently-rank-as-the-happiest-and-what-can-we-learn->