5 pieces worth reading

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Most Democrats Don't want Biden in 2024, new poll shows

President Biden faces growing doubt from inside his party concerning whether they would support him in a 2024 presidential campaign, despite his repeated comments that he intends to run. Voters cite concerns about the economy and inflation as key reasons for their continued pessimism regarding the president and state of the country.

Goldmacher, S. (2022, July 11). *Most Democrats don't want Biden in 2024, new poll shows*. The New York Times. Retrieved from https://www.nytimes.com/2022/07/11/us/politics/biden-approval-polling-2024.html

Opinion: Boris Johnson's political demise offers a lesson for US Republicans

Frida Ghitis outlines how British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's resignation due to pressure from his own party's elected officials shows that the United Kingdom is handling it democratic challenges more successfully than is occurring in the United States. The lies that led to Johnson's demise pale in comparison to the actions of former President Donald Trump, whose countless lies and role in the January 6 insurrection have been well documented. Despite this, a majority of Republican officials, unlike what has occurred in Johnson's party, have refused to distance themselves from the former president.

Ghitis, F. (2022, July 12). "Opinion: Boris Johnson's political demise offers a lesson for US Republicans." *CNN*. Retrieved from https://www.cnn.com/2022/07/12/opinions/boris-johnson-resignation-american-politics-ghitis/index.html

Mitt Romney is inventing policies for a fantasy G.O.P.

In this essay, columnist Jamelle Bouie discusses his party's staunch opposition to even modest proposals by Utah Republican Senator Mitt Romney to expand the Child Tax Credit and what that stance implies for the future of the pro-life cause in the GOP. Bouie argues that the Party seems more interested in creating a more rigid and hierarchical social order characterized of patriarchal authority instead of encouraging life and promoting strong families.

Bouie, J. (2022, July 13). "Mitt Romney is inventing policies for a fantasy G.O.P.*" The New York Times*. Retrieved from https://www.nytimes.com/2022/07/13/opinion/abortion-romney-child-tax-credit.html

Is the January 6 Committee really saving democracy?

Sam Adler-Bell questions how much influence the United States House Committee on the January 6 Attack's hearings will have on saving democracy. He contends that the hearings to date can fairly be characterized as a postmortem on a war already lost, instead of offering stunning revelations that have captured the attention of the general public. In his view, too many Americans overall have already lost faith in the possibilities of their democracy, which has left them pessimistic and apathetic concerning its survival.

Adler-Bell, S. (2022, July 11). "Is the January 6 Committee really saving democracy?" *Intelligencer*. Retrieved from https://nymag.com/intelligencer/2022/07/is-the-january-6-committee-really-saving-democracy.html

We can't save democracy just by voting

Edward Ongweso argues that the Supreme Court's recent decisions to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, eviscerate the separation of church and state, and limit the ability of the EPA to monitor pollution emissions show voting is not the only way to save democracy, especially as unelected officials have made these consequential decisions. He asserts a need to allow people to have a direct say in choices that affect their lives, such as, for example, allowing labor unions to manage workplaces, thereby creating an economy that pursues the common good, and revamping a political system that is in crisis.

Ongweso, E. (2022, July 11). "We can't save democracy just by voting." *VICE*. Retrieved from https://www.vice.com/en/article/g5vg5x/we-cant-save-democracy-just-by-voting