

5 pieces worth reading

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Inside the war between Trump and his generals

Susan Glasser and Peter Baker offer an analysis of the relationship between former President Donald Trump and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley drawn from their forthcoming book, *The Divider: Trump in the White House, 2017-2021*. They highlight the course of Trump and Milley's relationship leading up to the 2020 presidential election and in the aftermath of the January 6, 2021 Capitol Insurrection.

Susan Glasser and Baker, Peter. (2022, August 8). "Inside the war between Trump and his generals," *The New Yorker*. Retrieved from <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2022/08/15/inside-the-war-between-trump-and-his-generals>

The Lawless G.O.P. Response to the Raid at Mar-a-Lago

Professor Caroline Fredrickson argues that the G.O.P. officials' continued backing of former President Donald Trump even in the face of the FBI's raid of his Florida home shows that those leaders will do anything to maintain standing and power in the Party. Obvious lawbreaking has become a political asset for Republican candidates and operatives in efforts to appeal to their base.

Fredrickson, Caroline. (2022, August 9). "The lawless G.O.P. response to the raid at Mar-a-Lago." *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/09/opinion/trump-mar-a-lago-raid-republicans.html>

Opinion: Republican extremists defending Trump could complicate their party's chances

Douglas Heye, ex-deputy chief of staff to former G.O.P. House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, argues that the Republican defense of former President Trump against the FBI raid of Mar-a-Lago shifts the focus away from politically salient messages against President Biden, such as inflation and crime. That stance could encourage Democratic enthusiasm ahead of November's midterm elections.

Heye, Douglas. (2022, August 9). "Opinion: Republican extremists defending Trump could complicate their party's chances." *CNN*. Retrieved from <https://www.cnn.com/2022/08/09/opinions/republicans-reaction-trump-fbi-raid-heye>

A Complete Breakdown of the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly in the Inflation Reduction Act

Daniel Hemel analyzes the likely effects of the Inflation Reduction Act that has passed in the Senate and will likely also pass in the House of Representatives and become law. Although relatively modest in its aspirations, it is nonetheless arguably among the most ambitious pieces of legislation signed by a Democratic president in more than 50 years.

Hemel, Daniel. (2022, August 10). "A complete breakdown of the good, the bad, and the ugly in the inflation reduction act." *Slate Magazine*. Retrieved from <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2022/08/inflation-reduction-act-congress-manchin-climate-tax-health.html>

Kinzinger allies launch 'pro-democracy' candidate recruitment program

Keep Country First Policy Action, a non-profit group allied with retiring Representative Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill), is planning to recruit and train candidates to run for public office at all levels of government, with a specific focus on training local county election officials and volunteers who supervise polling places and count ballots. The organization has also financially supported Republicans who voted to impeach former President Trump, with the concurrent goal of preventing election deniers from winning elections.

Montellaro, Zach. (2022, August 8). "Kinzinger allies launch 'pro-democracy' candidate recruitment program." *Politico*. Retrieved from <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/08/08/keep-country-first-policy-action-kinzinger-00050148>