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January 13, 2017

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

John Greenewald, Jr.

[john@greenewald.com](mailto:john@greenewald.com)

Tracking No: OGE FOIA FY 17/054

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE) is granting in part and denying in part your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which was received by the OGE FOIA Office on December 14, 2016. In your request, you asked for “all emails to or from the OGE spokesperson Seth Jaffe between September 1, 2016 and December 13, 2016 that contains the word TRUMP.”

In response to your request, we are enclosing 966 pages, 144 pages of which are subject to deletions made in accordance with FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) as inter- and intra-agency predecisional deliberative process material and FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) as information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The deletions are each marked with a reference “(b)(5)” or “(b)(6)” in the enclosed copies.

In searching for responsive records, OGE located one additional page which originated at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). We are therefore sending this page, along with a copy of your request, to USAID. The USAID’s FOIA Requester Service Center phone number is: (202) 712-0960.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact me by telephone at 202-482-9267. As OGE’s FOIA Public Liaison, I am available for assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of the status of requests, and assisting in the resolution of disputes. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland



Mr. Greenewald  
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20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

The OGE official responsible for this FOIA determination is the undersigned. In accordance with the FOIA, as codified at 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A), and OGE's updated FOIA regulations, at 5 C.F.R. § 2604.304, you may administratively appeal this determination to the Program Counsel, U.S. Office of Government Ethics, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005-3917. Any such appeal must be in writing and must be sent within 90 days of the date you receive this response letter. If you do appeal, you should include copies of your request and this response, together with a statement of why you believe this initial determination is in error. Also, if you appeal, you should clearly indicate on the envelope and in the letter that it is a "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

Rachel K. Dowell  
OGE FOIA Officer

Enclosures

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**From:** [Mallin, Alexander W.](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** Re: ABC News Inquiry  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 4:33:33 PM

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Hi Seth,

Seeing an updated statement being sent around. Can you please pass it along?

Thanks,

Alex

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**From:** Mallin, Alexander W.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:00:32 PM  
**To:** sjaffe@oge.gov  
**Subject:** ABC News Inquiry

Hi there Seth,

Reaching out about your office's Twitter feed and claims that the President-elect is planning to divest his holdings in his company. I see you provided comment on this -- hoping you can send that along. Also, what gives OGE the impression that Mr. Trump is ready to divest himself entirely if he hands off his business to his children as he has previously announced he would do? Would that be a sufficient divestiture?

<https://twitter.com/OfficeGovEthics>

Thanks,

Alex

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Alexander Mallin // ABC News Washington // (b) (6) // @alex\_mallin

**From:** [Mallin, Alexander W.](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** ABC News Inquiry  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:00:57 PM

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Hi there Seth,

Reaching out about your office's Twitter feed and claims that the President-elect is planning to divest his holdings in his company. I see you provided comment on this -- hoping you can send that along. Also, what gives OGE the impression that Mr. Trump is ready to divest himself entirely if he hands off his business to his children as he has previously announced he would do? Would that be a sufficient divestiture?

<https://twitter.com/OfficeGovEthics>

Thanks,

Alex

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Alexander Mallin // ABC News Washington // (b) (6) // @alex\_mallin

**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Cc:** [Vincent Salamone](#)  
**Subject:** FW: ABC News request for comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 1:13:08 PM

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**From:** Rogin, Ali [mailto:(b) (6) ]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 23, 2016 11:46 AM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** ABC News request for comment

Hi there,

I wanted to confirm that the OGE received [this](#) request from Sen. Tom Carper requesting information about how the office plans to address potential conflicts of interest in the Trump administration.

The letter requested a response by December 5th. Does OGE plan to respond, or has it already? If so can you give me an indication of what the response will entail?

Thank you for your consideration.

Best.

Ali

Ali Rogin  
ABC News

(b) (6)

@AliABCNews

**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: AP request  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:54:08 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** Braun, Stephen S. [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:24 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** AP request

I am writing about a series of tweets found on the OGE Twitter account today directed at President-elect Trump. Could Leigh Francis or someone else at your agency call me at (b) (6) as soon as possible to confirm that these are authentic OGE tweets and if so, the rationale behind them?

Thanks, Steve Braun, AP Washington

TWEETS  
1,046

FOLLOWING  
80

FOLLOWERS  
1,551

LIKES  
2

 Follow



**@realDonaldTrump** - we told your counsel we'd sing your praises if you divested, we meant it.

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**U.S. OGE** @OfficeGovEthics · 24m

**@realDonaldTrump** this divestiture does what handing over control could never have done.

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**U.S. OGE** @OfficeGovEthics · 26m

**@realDonaldTrump** this aligns with OGE opinion that POTUS should act as if 18 USC 208 applies. [bit.ly/2fRpIG0](https://bit.ly/2fRpIG0)

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**@realDonaldTrump** Bravo! Only way to resolve these conflicts of interest is to divest . Good call!

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**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Cc:** [Vincent Salamone](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Blind Trust for President-Elect Trump  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2016 3:04:24 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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**From:** Caldwell, Traci [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 10, 2016 2:02 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Blind Trust for President-Elect Trump

Good Afternoon

Due to Donald Trump's high number of business dealings domestically and internationally can you tell me what rules/regulations regarding his holdings may be placed into effect?

Thank you very much!

Traci Caldwell  
matteroffact.tv

(b) (6) (cell)

**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: CBS News question  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:15:12 PM

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:12 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** CBS News question

Hello can you explain the tweets on your account praising President-Elect Donald Trump for divesting his business interests? Was your account hacked?

Thanks,  
Maggie Dore  
Producer, CBS Evening News  
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**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Divestiture Tweets  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 3:31:33 PM

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**From:** Notyep [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 3:24 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Divestiture Tweets

Please advise if indeed a rep of your office made the statements concerning Trump's intended divestiture on Twitter.

Thank you,

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**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Cc:** [Vincent Salamone](#)  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA request: Correspondence exchanged between OGE personnel and representatives of presidential candidate Donald J. Trump & Clinton, 10/3/2016 to present  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2016 12:15:50 PM  
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**From:** Reilly, Stephen [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 09, 2016 2:52 PM  
**To:** Diana Veilleux  
**Cc:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** FOIA request: Correspondence exchanged between OGE personnel and representatives of presidential candidate Donald J. Trump & Clinton, 10/3/2016 to present  
November 9, 2016

Diana Veilleux  
Chief, Legal, External Affairs and Performance Branch  
Program Counsel Division  
Office of Government Ethics  
1201 New York Ave, N.W. Suite 500  
Washington D.C. 20005-3917  
VIA EMAIL: [diana.veilleux@oge.gov](mailto:diana.veilleux@oge.gov)  
Re: Freedom of Information Act request

To whom it may concern:

This is a request for records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, et seq., for which I also seek expedited processing pursuant to the provisions of 5 C.F.R. § 2604.301(e)(ii).

I am seeking the following records:

- A copy of each letter, email or other correspondence exchanged between Office of Government Ethics personnel and representative(s) of presidential candidate Donald J. Trump between October 3, 2016 and today's date.

Because this is a request by a member of the news media for information of significant public interest, I also ask that you waive any search fees in accordance with §552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II).

For purposes of determining my status with respect to the expedited processing request and any fees that may be applicable to this request, please be advised that I am employed full-time as reporter based in McLean, Virginia for USA TODAY and its network of more than 100 partner daily newspapers owned and operated by Gannett Co. Inc., collectively known as the USA TODAY Network, and that the purpose of this request is to gather information of potential interest to a segment of the public and use my editorial abilities to turn the raw materials into a distinct work with the intent to distribute that work to an audience of newspaper readers throughout the United States. Links to my most recently published material may be found here: <http://www.usatoday.com/staff/30847/steve-reilly/>. I hereby certify that the above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Where possible, please furnish the requested records in an electronic format pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(B)-(C).

For purposes of determining my status with respect to any fees that may be applicable to this request, please be advised that I am employed full-time as reporter based in McLean, Virginia for USA TODAY and its network of more than 90 partner daily newspapers owned and operated by Gannett Co. Inc., collectively known as the USA TODAY Network, and that the purpose of this request is to gather information of potential interest to a segment of the public and use my editorial abilities to turn the raw materials into a distinct work with the intent to distribute that work to an audience of newspaper readers throughout the United States. Links to my most recently published material may be found here: <http://www.usatoday.com/staff/30847/steve-reilly/>. I hereby certify that the above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability.

If for any reason any portion of this request is denied, please provide written notice of the specific records or portions of records that were withheld, and the specific statutory basis for the withholding. Please also provide the name and address of the officer or body to which my appeal may be directed.

In addition, I draw your attention to President Obama's January 21, 2009 Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies, directing federal agencies to adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure and stating that government information should not be kept confidential "merely because public officials might be embarrassed by disclosure, because errors and failures might be revealed, or because of speculative or abstract fears."

As you know, the Act, in § 552(a)(6), grants an agency no more than twenty working days in which to respond to this request. See *Oglesby v. U.S. Dep't of Army*, 920 F.2d 57, 65 (D.C. Cir. 1990) ("Congress adopted the time limit provision in the FOIA in order to 'contribute to the fuller and faster release of information, which is the basic objective of the Act.'" (quoting H.R. Rep. No. 93-876, March 5, 1974., reprinted (1974) U.S. Code Cong. & Ad. News 6267 at 6271)).

I thank you sincerely for your prompt attention to this request and look forward to your timely reply.

Steve Reilly

**Steve Reilly**

Investigative Reporter

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**Cc:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: For Vince  
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**From:** Mckenna, Francine [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 10, 2016 2:02 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** For Vince

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/ethics-laws-dont-require-trump-to-give-up-control-of-his-unprecedented-portfolio-2016-11-10>

Thanks for your help!  
Francine

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Francine McKenna, CPA

Transparency Reporter

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**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Hi from WSJ - Twitter account  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:58:52 PM

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**From:** Andrews, Natalie [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:55 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Hi from WSJ - Twitter account

Hi -

I'm emailing in regards to your Twitter account and the tweets sent by Donald Trump. I am inquiring to know more about the ethics referenced - as well as the meeting with counsel you refer to.

My deadline is asap on this.

Thank you!

Natalie

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Natalie Andrews  
The Wall Street Journal  
O: 202.862.1386  
@NatalieWSJ

**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Media inquiry regarding tweets  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:58:22 PM  
**Attachments:** [signature.asc](#)  
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**From:** Andrew Coutts [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:55 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Media inquiry regarding tweets

To whom it concerns;

I am an editor at the Daily Dot, an online news site. I'm wondering about a series of tweets posted to the @OfficeGovEthics account on Twitter addressed to President-elect Donald Trump regarding his plan to divest from his businesses.

Here is a sampling of those tweets:



**U.S. OGE** @OfficeGovEthics · 43m

.@realDonaldTrump - we told your counsel we'd sing your praises if you divested, we meant it.

← 47 ↻ 60 ❤ 57 ⋮



**U.S. OGE** @OfficeGovEthics · 43m

.@realDonaldTrump this divestiture does what handing over control could never have done.

← 4 ↻ 25 ❤ 13 ⋮



**U.S. OGE** @OfficeGovEthics · 45m

.@realDonaldTrump this aligns with OGE opinion that POTUS should act as if 18 USC 208 applies. [bit.ly/2fRplG0](https://bit.ly/2fRplG0)

← 1 ↻ 26 ❤ 20 ⋮



**U.S. OGE** @OfficeGovEthics · 45m

.@realDonaldTrump Bravo! Only way to resolve these conflicts of interest is to divest . Good call!

The tweets are also available in archived form here:

<https://archive.is/P4xyb>

<https://archive.is/jeWQE>

<https://archive.is/1QxKa>

<https://archive.is/pkFD5>

<https://archive.is/V4Cot>

<https://archive.is/TGziJ>

<https://archive.is/3Oslj>

<https://archive.is/zHKOP>

<https://archive.is/G0nTG>

I'm just wondering if these tweets are authentic? If not, was the @OfficeGovEthics account compromised in some way? If so, can you please explain the change in tone and phrasing in these tweets compared to other tweets posted to the account?

Thanks so much for your time.

Best regards,

Andrew Coutts

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Andrew Coutts

Layer 8 Editor | [The Daily Dot](#)

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**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Media Inquiry: Twitter & Trump  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:49:29 PM

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**From:** Voorhees, Josh [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:47 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Media Inquiry: Twitter & Trump

Good afternoon,

I imagine you're getting this question a lot, but just wanted to double check to make sure your Twitter account hasn't been hacked: <https://twitter.com/OfficeGovEthics/status/804021427565395969>

Assuming it hasn't been, I wanted to give you guys a chance to elaborate (at the risk of taking all the fun out of this!). Given Mr. Trump has yet to fill in the many blanks in his divestiture plan, are you all just taking him at his word that it will succeed at removing conflicts of interest between the Trump Organization and the Trump administration?

Cheers,

JV

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Josh Voorhees

Senior Writer | **Slate.com**

t: [@JoshVoorhees](https://twitter.com/JoshVoorhees)

**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Media request from ThinkProgress  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:57:13 PM

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**From:** Ryan Koronowski [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:42 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Media request from ThinkProgress

Hello,

My name is Ryan Koronowski, a reporter with the news site ThinkProgress. I wanted to know more about the tweets which appeared on the Office's official Twitter feed about President-Elect Trump's business holdings.

1. Did the office intend to tweet each of these?
2. Is the Washington Post correct in saying that they were deleted this morning and then re-posted just now?
3. Are the tweets sincere? Is there an element of advocacy or sarcasm in congratulating Trump for a total divestiture that he has not publicly confirmed?
4. Does the Office have information suggesting that Trump will completely sell his business holdings and assets, and hand the cash over to a neutral third party? If not, what does

“divestiture” mean in this usage?

5. Is the Office concerned about ownership and assets of the Trump businesses being held by the president-elect’s children?

Thanks very much,

Ryan

Ryan Koronowski  
Research Director, ThinkProgress  
@koronet  
(b) (6)

**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: NBC News Q RE: Tweetstorm  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:54:26 PM

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**From:** Thorp, Frank (NBCUniversal) [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:25 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** NBC News Q RE: Tweetstorm

Hey there!

Just wanted to double check with you that Pres-elect Trump is planning to “divest” his business. Is that based on conversations you’ve had with his lawyers or based on his tweets from this morning?

Please let me know!

Frank Thorp V  
NBC News Producer & Off-Air Reporter  
Mobile: (b) (6)  
@frankthorp

**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: NPR inquiry (for today)  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:51:42 PM

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**From:** Alina Selyukh [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 12:40 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** NPR inquiry (for today)

Hello,  
My name is Alina and I'm a tech reporter at NPR. How are you?

I'm following up on the tweets from OGE's official account earlier today that appeared to congratulate/encourage Donald Trump regarding alleged total divestitures of his business assets.

I see that the tweets are now scraped, but wondering whether the office has a sense of what happened.

There's a bit of speculation online about someone internally with access to the account posting those tweets and I'd love to explain to our readers whether that's true. Would certainly be helpful to have the OGE address the matter.

Thank you and all best,  
Alina

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**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: OGE tweets re: Trump?  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 3:31:17 PM

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**From:** Peter Schroeder [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 3:29 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** OGE tweets re: Trump?

Hi there,

Could I get a confirmation on whether the tweets sent out today regarding Donald Trump's business and potential divestment were sent by OGE, and any statement you might have on the matter?

Thanks,  
Peter

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Peter Schroeder  
*The Hill*  
cell: (b) (6)

Twitter -- @peteschroeder

Visit *The Hill's* Finance page at:

<http://thehill.com/policy/finance>

**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Press inquiry -- HuffPost  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:52:20 PM

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**From:** Paul Blumenthal [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:13 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Press inquiry -- HuffPost

Hi,

My name is Paul Blumenthal, I'm a reporter with The Huffington Post. I was wondering whether your Twitter feed has been hacked today. There have been numerous tweets praising President-elect Donald Trump. Let me know if you can respond. I can be reached over email and at (b) (6).

Thanks,

Paul Blumenthal

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Paul Blumenthal  
Huffington Post  
Twitter: PaulBlu | o: (202) 624-9384 | c: (b) (6)

**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Press question from Vocativ  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:55:32 PM

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**From:** Collier, Kevin [mailto:(b) (6) ]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:35 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE; [press@oge.gov](mailto:press@oge.gov)  
**Subject:** Press question from Vocativ

Hi. My name's Kevin Collier; I'm a cybersecurity reporter at Vocativ. Have you noticed someone's taken over the @OfficeGovEthics Twitter account? Was it hacked? Can you tell me if the tweets' views about Mr. Trump reflect those of the Office of Government Ethics?

Thanks

Kevin

(b) (6)

**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Cc:** [Vincent Salamone](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Question about 1989 Ethics Reform Act Rules  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2016 3:03:47 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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**From:** Avi Asher-Schapiro [mailto:[\(b\) \(6\)](#)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 10, 2016 1:34 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Question about 1989 Ethics Reform Act Rules  
Hi Julian,

I hope all is well. I'm a piece looking at how the 1989 Ethics Reform Act will impact a Trump administration. I had some questions for the OGE:

In this [piece](#) in The Atlantic, Professor Andrew Stark notes: "In 1991, the Office of Government Ethics wrote a regulation exempting the president and vice president from the category of "officer" for purposes of the name ban."

-Do you know why that regulation was adopted?

-Given President-elect Trump's financial situation, is the OGE reconsidering that rule?

I am filing this today, so please let me know as soon as is convenient.

Thanks,  
Avi

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**Avi Asher-Schapiro** | **Politics Reporter**

Office: 646.484.7538 Cell: [\(b\) \(6\)](#)

**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Re OGE tweets  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:14:45 PM

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**From:** Katie Watson [mailto:katie@(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:07 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Re: Re OGE tweets

Also, was this one staffer's lone wolf effort or the opinion of the office as a whole? Thanks!

On Wed, Nov 30, 2016 at 1:23 PM, Katie Watson <(b) (6)> wrote:

Hi Vincent or whoever gets this,

I just wanted to verify that the recent string of tweets was indeed sent by your office, and also check to see whether Trump has officially communicated with your office that he will be divesting.

<https://twitter.com/OfficeGovEthics?lang=en>

Trying to write this as quickly as possible.

Thank you!

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Kathryn (Katie) Watson  
Investigative Reporter  
Daily Caller News Foundation  
Cell: (b) (6)  
Twitter: @kathrynw5

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**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Re OGE tweets  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:53:46 PM

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**From:** Katie Watson [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:24 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Re OGE tweets

Hi Vincent or whoever gets this,

I just wanted to verify that the recent string of tweets was indeed sent by your office, and also check to see whether Trump has officially communicated with your office that he will be divesting.

<https://twitter.com/OfficeGovEthics?lang=en>

Trying to write this as quickly as possible.

Thank you!

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Investigative Reporter  
Daily Caller News Foundation  
Cell: (b) (6)

Twitter: @kathrynw5

**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Request from Business Insider  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:57:24 PM

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**From:** Allan Smith [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:51 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Request from Business Insider

Hello,

Hope you're well. Saw the recent tweets posted from your main account, and just wanted a bit of clarification: Were you interpreting that Trump's tweets meant he would be divesting, or were you insisting that divestment is the only good option to avoid conflicts of interest?

Also, if you have any additional comment on Trump's tweets on his conflicts of interest, feel free to include.

Thank you for anything you can help with, and best wishes,  
Allan

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Allan Smith  
Politics Reporter  
Business Insider  
150 Fifth Avenue, 8th fl, NYC 10011  
C: (b) (6)

**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Statement from the USOGE  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:00:19 PM

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**From:** Harwell, Drew [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:57 PM  
**To:** OGE Media  
**Cc:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** RE: Statement from the USOGE

We need confirmation this is real. Please call asap. Thanks.

Drew Harwell  
Business writer  
The Washington Post  
(202) 334-7918 newsroom  
(b) (6) cell

**From:** Harwell, Drew  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:43 PM  
**To:** 'OGE Media'  
**Subject:** RE: Statement from the USOGE

Hi Seth,

Can you call? Has Trump said he would divest?

Drew Harwell  
Business writer  
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**From:** OGE Media [[mailto:oge\\_media@oge.gov](mailto:oge_media@oge.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:41 PM  
**To:** Harwell, Drew  
**Subject:** Statement from the USOGE

Like everyone else, we were excited this morning to read the President-elect's twitter feed indicating that he wants to be free of conflicts of interest. OGE applauds that goal, which is consistent with an opinion OGE issued in 1983. Divestiture resolves conflicts of interest in a way that transferring control does not. We don't know the details of their plan, but we are willing and eager to help them with it.

<https://twitter.com/OfficeGovEthics>[\[twitter.com\]](https://twitter.com)

Seth Jaffe  
OGE Spokesperson

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**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: The Verge - request for comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:56:27 PM

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**From:** Kaitlyn Tiffany [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:39 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** The Verge - request for comment

Good afternoon,

I'm a reporter for The Verge and I was hoping someone would be able to put me in contact with the person or persons who run the Twitter account for the Office of Government Ethics. We're curious about the recent string of tweets directed at Donald Trump and would love to talk about this strategy of calling him out via the platform he seems to care about the most — it's very compelling.

If anyone is available to comment via email that would be great and I'm also available on the phone at (b) (6)

Best

Kaitlyn

**From:** [Monica M. G. Ashar](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Trump transition & vetting--Politico reporter  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 22, 2016 8:50:43 AM

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Seth,

Had you received this email?

Monica

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**From:** Nancy Cook [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2016 2:06 PM  
**To:** Monica M. G. Ashar  
**Subject:** Trump transition & vetting--Politico reporter

Hi Monica,

I'm a senior reporter at Politico, covering the Trump transition team, and I was hoping that you could give me some info on background.

I'm working on a story about the vetting process for Trump's Cabinet picks...as part of it, my understanding is that the Trump transition needs to file documents with the OGE on conflicts of interest. I'm wondering: Has the agency received any of these documents yet for appointees or Cabinet picks that President-elect Trump has announced?

All of my phone numbers are below, if it's easier to talk by phone.

Thanks,

Nancy

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Nancy Cook  
Senior Reporter  
POLITICO  
703-341-4644 (w)  
(b) (6) (m)  
Email: (b) (6)  
Twitter: nancook

**From:** [Teresa L. Williamson](#)  
**To:** [Leigh J. Francis](#)  
**Cc:** [Vincent Salamone](#); [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Trump transition & vetting--Politico reporter  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 22, 2016 7:41:38 AM

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Leigh, Forwarding press email for your action.

Thanks, Teresa

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**From:** Nancy Cook [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2016 2:34 PM  
**To:** Teresa L. Williamson  
**Subject:** Trump transition & vetting--Politico reporter

Hi Teresa,

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I'm working on a story about the vetting process for Trump's Cabinet picks...as part of it, my understanding is that the Trump transition needs to file documents with the OGE on conflicts of interest. I'm wondering: Has the agency received any of these documents yet for appointees or Cabinet picks that President-elect Trump has announced?

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Senior Reporter  
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Email: (b) (6)  
Twitter: nancock

**From:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**To:** [Leigh J. Francis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Trump transition & vetting--Politico reporter  
**Date:** Monday, November 21, 2016 3:07:00 PM

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Leigh,

FYI: I am forwarding this to you in your capacity as today's press liaison.

Thanks,  
Seth

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**From:** Nancy Cook [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2016 2:07 PM  
**To:** Seth Jaffe  
**Subject:** Trump transition & vetting--Politico reporter

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**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Tweets on PEOTUS for Washington Examiner  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:58:10 PM

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**From:** Kyle Feldscher [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:55 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Tweets on PEOTUS for Washington Examiner

Hi, Kyle Feldscher with the Washington Examiner here.

I wanted to see if I could get answers to these questions:

- Why did the OGE tweet multiple times at President-elect Trump today about his announcement this morning?
- Usually the advice OGE gives to presidents is kept confidential, why go public with these?
- Why did OGE praise his decision to divest when his plan has not been released at this point?
- How many times has OGE met with President-elect Trump?

Thanks,  
Kyle

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Kyle Feldscher  
Reporter  
Washington Examiner

Office: 202-459-4913

Cell: (b) (6)

Twitter: @Kyle\_Feldscher

**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Tweets regarding President-elect Trump  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:51:55 PM

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**From:** Yasmeen Alamiri [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:51 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Tweets regarding President-elect Trump

Hello,

Your social media accounts show a series of tweets addressing President-elect Donald Trump, concerning his recent divestment from his companies. The tweets seem to address him directly.

Is it normal practice to tweet at an incoming official/PEOTUS? Do you know if he will be totally divested by the time he is sworn into office on January 20, 2017?

Thank you,  
Yasmeen Alamiri  
CCTV America

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**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Tweets  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:56:47 PM

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**From:** Eric Katz [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:40 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Tweets

Hello,

This is Eric Katz with GovExec. I just left a voicemail for Vince and Lee...I wanted to ask you about the series of tweets OGE sent out about Trump and his business. If someone could give me a call at (b) (6) at your earliest possible convenience.

Thanks,

Eric

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**Eric Katz**  
Senior Correspondent  
Government Executive Media Group  
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(b) (6)

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**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Twitter hacked?  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:52:40 PM

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**From:** Eric Geller [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:17 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Twitter hacked?

Hello,

Has OGE's Twitter account been hacked? It's tweeting some unusual messages to Donald Trump right now.

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Eric Geller  
Cybersecurity Reporter  
**POLITICOPro**  
Desk: (703) 647-8571  
Cell: (b) (6)  
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**From:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent press inquiry  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:56:12 PM

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**From:** Ruth Sherlock [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:38 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Urgent press inquiry

Hi,

I am writing a story on Donald Trump's tweets about removing himself from his business empire and the response by the OGE on Twitter.

I would be very grateful if someone could give me a call?

Unfortunately, working for a British newspaper, I am on a very tight deadline - our first edition goes in about an hour.

My cell is (b) (6).

Many thanks!  
Best wishes,  
Ruth

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**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT: NBC News Request: @OfficeGovEthics Twitter Feed = HACKED?  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:59:13 PM

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**From:** Gardella, Rich (NBCUniversal) [mailto:[\(b\) \(6\)](#)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:56 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE; [ljfrancis@oge.gov](mailto:ljfrancis@oge.gov); [vjsalamone@oge.gov](mailto:vjsalamone@oge.gov)  
**Cc:** Reynolds, Talesha (NBCUniversal)  
**Subject:** URGENT: NBC News Request: @OfficeGovEthics Twitter Feed = HACKED?

Leigh,

I called Vincent Salamone's direct number but his outgoing message says he is out-of-the-office today and directs all callers to contact you.  
I have left you a voicemail message and am following up with this email.

I am contacting you regarding the Office of Government Ethics' Twitter account at <https://twitter.com/OfficeGovEthics>.

The Twitter feed/page now includes multiple Tweets during the last hour directly and enthusiastically praising Trump's divestiture decision.

Sample:

[U.S. OGE @OfficeGovEthics 50m50 minutes ago](#)  
[@realDonaldTrump](#) OGE is delighted that you've decided to divest your businesses. Right decision!

Are these authentic and authorized tweets? Or authentic and unauthorized tweets? Or inauthentic tweets? Has the account been hacked?

Thank you for your quick response. Please reply to all.

**Rich Gardella**

Off-Air Investigative Reporter/Producer  
NBC News Investigative Unit  
NBC News Washington Bureau

(b) (6) (Direct)

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Dataminr Momentum <[alert@dataminr.com](mailto:alert@dataminr.com)>

**Date:** November 30, 2016 at 1:15:42 PM EST

**To:**

**Subject:** @OfficeGovEthics: [.@realDonaldTrump](#) OGE is delighted that you've decided to divest your businesses. Right decision!

**Reply-To:** <[help@dataminr.com](mailto:help@dataminr.com)>

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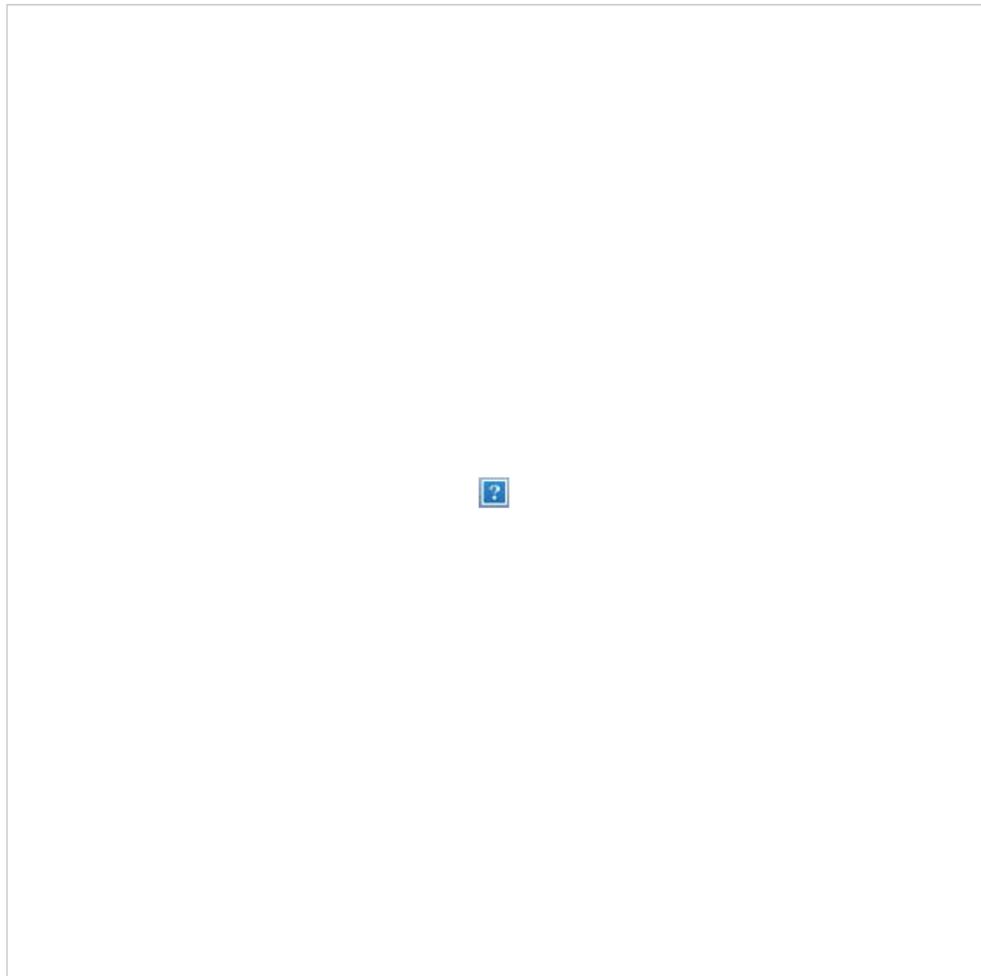
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**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent: Tweets about Trump  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:54:47 PM

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**From:** Collins, Eliza [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:26 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Urgent: Tweets about Trump

Hello,

Eliza Collins with Usa Today here. I see that you guys are tweeting a bunch at Donald Trump this afternoon and I was hoping to get a little more information about those tweets as we don't actually know what Trump plans to do regarding his businesses yet besides the initial tweets. Are those tweets from your official account and if so what is the goal of them?

Thanks,

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Politics Reporter  
USA TODAY

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**From:** [Avi Asher-Schapiro](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Question about 1989 Ethics Reform Act Rules  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2016 1:59:54 PM

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On Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 1:34 PM, Avi Asher-Schapiro <(b) (6)> wrote:

Hi Vincent,

I hope all is well. I'm a piece looking at how the 1989 Ethics Reform Act will impact a Trump administration. I had some questions for the OGE:

In this [piece](#) in The Atlantic, Professor Andrew Stark notes: "In 1991, the Office of Government Ethics wrote a regulation exempting the president and vice president from the category of "officer" for purposes of the name ban."

-Do you know why that regulation was adopted?  
-Given President-elect Trump's financial situation, is the OGE reconsidering that rule?

I am filing this today, so please let me know as soon as is convenient.

Thanks,  
Avi

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Avi Asher-Schapiro | **Politics Reporter**

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**From:** [Davis, Julie](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Statement of the USOGE  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 4:14:36 PM

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Backstopping this went to you as well.

Julie Hirschfeld Davis  
White House Correspondent  
The New York Times

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**From:** Davis, Julie <(b) (6)>  
**Date:** Wed, Nov 30, 2016 at 4:14 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Statement of the USOGE  
**To:** OGE Media <[oge\\_media@oge.gov](mailto:oge_media@oge.gov)>

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Many thanks,  
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**To:** Seth Jaffe  
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Julie

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**From:** [Avi Asher-Schapiro](#)  
**To:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**Cc:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** Question from Newsweek/IB Times about General Mattis stock portfolio  
**Date:** Friday, December 02, 2016 12:24:41 AM

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Hi Vincent,

I hope this finds you well. President-elect Trump announced his plans to appoint General Mattis to be Secretary of Defense. Public records indicate he [owns](#) over \$700,000 in General Dynamics stocks—one of the Pentagon's largest contractors.

I am wondering if he will be required to divest from those holdings, given the conflicts definition outlined in 18 U.S.C. § 208(a).

Thank you,

Avi

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**From:** [Alina Selyukh](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Statement from the USOGE  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:48:08 PM

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Hello Seth – thank you for this. Does this mean the tweets today were deliberate? And if they were, why were they deleted in the morning?

And fundamentally, has Donald Trump’s team indicated that he plans divestitures?

Thank you,

Alina

 Alina Selyukh | [All Tech Considered](#) | (b) (6) | [@alinaselyukh](#)  
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**From:** Seth Jaffe [mailto:sjaffe@oge.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:38 PM  
**To:** Alina Selyukh  
**Subject:** Statement from the USOGE

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**From:** [Harwell, Drew](#)  
**To:** [OGE Media](#)  
**Cc:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Statement from the USOGE  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:56:38 PM

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We need confirmation this is real. Please call asap. Thanks.

Drew Harwell

Business writer

The Washington Post

(202) 334-7918 newsroom

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**From:** Harwell, Drew  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:43 PM  
**To:** 'OGE Media'  
**Subject:** RE: Statement from the USOGE

Hi Seth,

Can you call? Has Trump said he would divest?

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**From:** OGE Media [[mailto:oge\\_media@oge.gov](mailto:oge_media@oge.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:41 PM  
**To:** Harwell, Drew

**Subject:** Statement from the USOGE

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**From:** [Lorenzo Franceschi-Bicchierai](mailto:Lorenzo.Franceschi-Bicchierai)  
**To:** [OGE Media](mailto:OGE_Media)  
**Subject:** Re: Statement of the USOGE  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 4:55:08 PM

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**From:** Lorenzo Franceschi-Bicchierai [mailto:[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b)(6))]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:35 PM

**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Twitter account

Good afternoon,

I noticed that the official Twitter account of the OGE is tweeting at Donald Trump.

<https://twitter.com/OfficeGovEthics/status/804020924089438208>

Are these real tweets? As in, did an authorized OGE employee send them? They seem unusual.

Thanks for clarifying,

lfb

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**To:** [OGE Media](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Statement of the USOGE  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 4:48:47 PM

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Thank you. We saw that statement earlier.

We have other questions:

1. Who wrote the tweets this morning? (I've copied them below for reference.) Is that person available for an interview with Lawrence O'Donnell tonight during the 10pmET hour?
2. Who approved the tweets this morning (if different from the person who wrote the tweets)? Is that person available for an interview with Lawrence O'Donnell tonight during the 10pmET hour?
3. Who chose to use the term "divestiture?"
4. Who was Trump's counsel who you/OGE met with? How many meetings did your office have with Trump's counsel?
5. Is Director Walter Shaub available for an interview tonight with Lawrence O'Donnell?
6. If not, are you available for an interview tonight with Lawrence O'Donnell?

Kind regards,

Ariana

Ariana Pekary

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[.@realDonaldTrump](#) We can't repeat enough how good this total divestiture will be

[.@realDonaldTrump](#) Brilliant! Divestiture is good for you, very good for America!

[.@realDonaldTrump](#) OGE applauds the "total" divestiture decision. Bravo!

[.@realDonaldTrump](#) As we discussed with your counsel, divestiture is the way to resolve these conflicts.

[.@realDonaldTrump](#) OGE is delighted that you've decided to divest your businesses. Right decision!

[.@realDonaldTrump](#) Bravo! Only way to resolve these conflicts of interest is to divest . Good call!

[@realDonaldTrump](#) this aligns with OGE opinion that POTUS should act as if 18 USC 208 applies. <http://bit.ly/2fRpIG0>

[.@realDonaldTrump](#) this divestiture does what handing over control could never have done

[.@realDonaldTrump](#) - we told your counsel we'd sing your praises if you divested, we meant it..

**From:** OGE Media [mailto:oge\_media@oge.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 4:37 PM  
**To:** Pekary, Ariana (NBCUniversal)

**Subject:** Statement of the USOGE

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 4:13 PM  
**To:** OGE Media  
**Subject:** Request from The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell at MSNBC

Hello:

I'm a producer for Lawrence O'Donnell and we have some questions regarding the tweets from this morning. Is someone available to talk by phone?

Kind regards,

Ariana

Ariana Pekary

“The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell”

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**Subject:** Re: Statement of the USOGE  
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**From:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**To:** [Monica M. G. Ashar](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Trump transition & vetting--Politico reporter  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 22, 2016 8:57:31 AM

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Monica,

Yes, I believe that almost everybody has.

Seth

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**From:** Monica M. G. Ashar  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2016 8:51 AM  
**To:** Seth Jaffe  
**Subject:** FW: Trump transition & vetting--Politico reporter

Seth,

Had you received this email?

Monica

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**From:** Nancy Cook [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)](#)]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2016 2:06 PM  
**To:** Monica M. G. Ashar  
**Subject:** Trump transition & vetting--Politico reporter

Hi Monica,

I'm a senior reporter at Politico, covering the Trump transition team, and I was hoping that you could give me some info on background.

I'm working on a story about the vetting process for Trump's Cabinet picks...as part of it, my understanding is that the Trump transition needs to file documents with the OGE on conflicts of interest. I'm wondering: Has the agency received any of these documents yet for appointees or Cabinet picks that President-elect Trump has announced?

All of my phone numbers are below, if it's easier to talk by phone.

Thanks,  
Nancy

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Nancy Cook  
Senior Reporter  
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(b) (6) (m)  
Email: (b) (6)  
Twitter: nancook

**From:** [Gardella, Rich \(NBCUniversal\)](#)  
**To:** [Contact OGE](#); [Leigh J. Francis](#); [Vincent Salamone](#); [Seth Jaffe](#)  
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**Subject:** RESENDING: URGENT: NBC News Request: @OfficeGovEthics Twitter Feed = HACKED?  
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Resending and adding Leigh and Seth...

Please see below for more.

**Rich Gardella**

Off-Air Investigative Reporter/Producer

NBC News Investigative Unit

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**From:** Gardella, Rich (NBCUniversal)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:56 PM  
**To:** [ContactOGE@oge.gov](mailto:ContactOGE@oge.gov)  
**Cc:** Reynolds, Talesha (NBCUniversal)  
**Subject:** URGENT: NBC News Request: @OfficeGovEthics Twitter Feed = HACKED?

Leigh,

I called Vincent Salamone's direct number but his outgoing message says he is out-of-the-office today and directs all callers to contact you.

I have left you a voicemail message and am following up with this email.

I am contacting you regarding the Office of Government Ethics' Twitter account at <https://twitter.com/OfficeGovEthics>.

The Twitter feed/page now includes multiple Tweets during the last hour directly and enthusiastically praising Trump's divestiture decision.

Sample:

[U.S. OGE @OfficeGovEthics](#) 50m50 minutes ago

[.@realDonaldTrump](#) OGE is delighted that you've decided to divest your businesses. Right decision!

Are these authentic and authorized tweets? Or authentic and unauthorized tweets? Or inauthentic tweets? Has the account been hacked?

Thank you for your quick response. Please reply to all.

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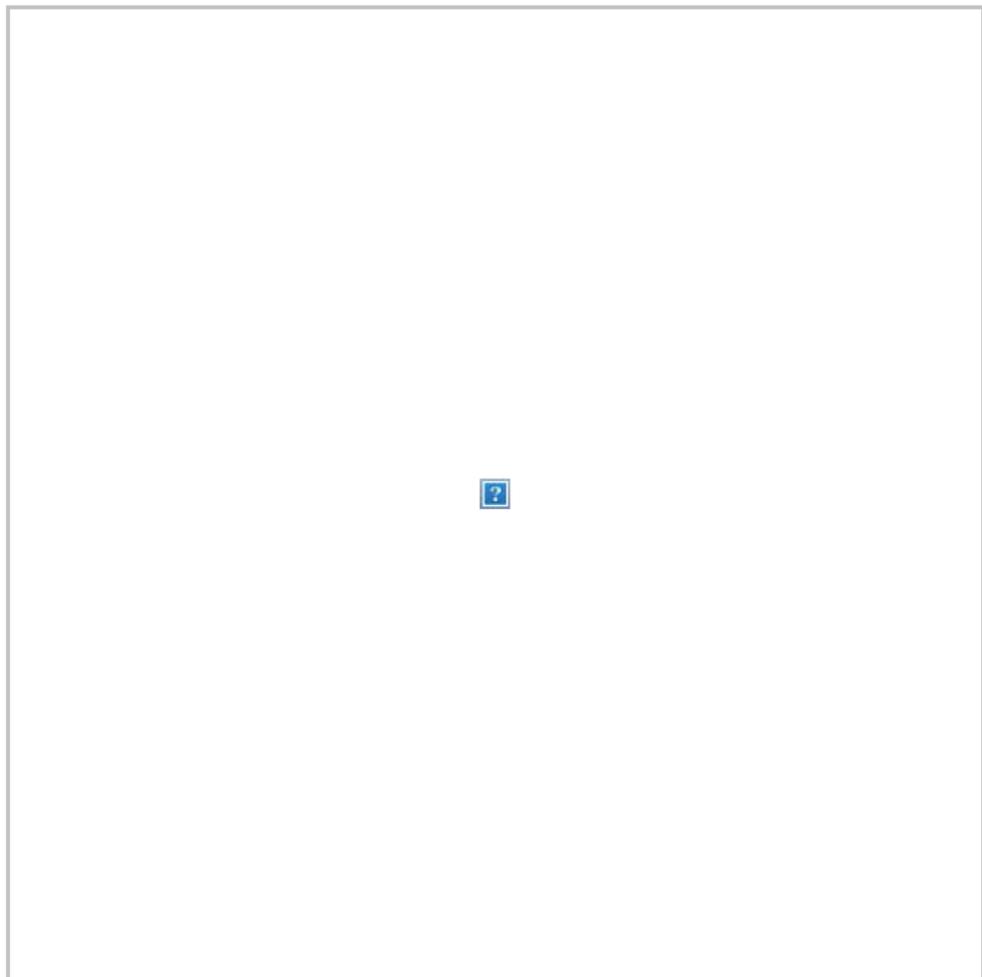
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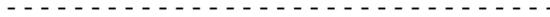
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**From:** Lorenzo Franceschi-Bicchierai [mailto:[\(b\) \(6\)](#)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:35 PM  
**To:** Contact OGE  
**Subject:** Twitter account

Good afternoon,

I noticed that the official Twitter account of the OGE is tweeting at Donald Trump.

<https://twitter.com/OfficeGovEthics/status/804020924089438208>

Are these real tweets? As in, did an authorized OGE employee send them? They seem unusual.

Thanks for clarifying,

lfb

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**To:** "[Davis, Julie](#)"  
**Subject:** Statement of the USOGE  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 3:57:02 PM

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**From:** Davis, Julie [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 3:00 PM  
**To:** Seth Jaffe  
**Subject:** Tweets re: Trump and divestiture

Hi Seth,

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Thanks,  
Julie

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**From:** [Nancy Cook](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** Trump transition & vetting--Politico reporter  
**Date:** Monday, November 21, 2016 2:07:47 PM

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Hi Seth,

I'm a senior reporter at Politico, covering the Trump transition team, and I was hoping that you could give me some info on background.

I'm working on a story about the vetting process for Trump's Cabinet picks...as part of it, my understanding is that the Trump transition needs to file documents with the OGE on conflicts of interest. I'm wondering: Has the agency received any of these documents yet for appointees or Cabinet picks that President-elect Trump has announced?

All of my phone numbers are below, if it's easier to talk by phone.

Thanks,  
Nancy

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Nancy Cook

Senior Reporter

POLITICO

703-341-4644 (w)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**To:** [Contact OGE](#)  
**Subject:** Trump tweets  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 1:36:57 PM

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The tweets from your office congratulating the President-Elect are bizarre and disturbing. They're also completely misleading given that he's not really divesting.

It's just...wow. Loss for words. Irresponsible and horrifying. You are giving this craven man public validation when he will get rid of you all the very first chance he gets.

For shame.

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Mobile, please excuse typos and brevity.

**From:** [Davis, Julie](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** Tweets re: Trump and divestiture  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:59:36 PM

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**From:** [OGE Media](#)  
**To:** "[Mallin, Alexander W.](#)"  
**Subject:** Updated statement of USOGE  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 4:35:08 PM

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**From:** Mallin, Alexander W. [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 4:33 PM  
**To:** Seth Jaffe  
**Subject:** Re: ABC News Inquiry

Hi Seth,

Seeing an updated statement being sent around. Can you please pass it along?

Thanks,

Alex

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**From:** Mallin, Alexander W.

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:00:32 PM

**To:** [sjaffe@oge.gov](mailto:sjaffe@oge.gov)

**Subject:** ABC News Inquiry

Hi there Seth,

Reaching out about your office's Twitter feed and claims that the President-elect is planning to divest his holdings in his company. I see you provided comment on this -- hoping you can send that along. Also, what gives OGE the impression that Mr. Trump is ready to divest himself entirely if he hands off his business to his children as he has previously announced he would do? Would that be a sufficient divestiture?

<https://twitter.com/OfficeGovEthics>

Thanks,

Alex

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Alexander Mallin // ABC News Washington // (b) (6) // @alex\_mallin

**From:** [Meltwater](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** [GRAYMAIL] Trump Media Report: 765 New Results  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 13, 2016 8:03:13 AM

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#Trump=Nixon=PutinsPuppet <https://t.co/zKKwPjQWq3> 

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 Mia Massicotte @MiaMassicotte • Dec 13 • 06:18 am

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 [Josh DuBose @JoshDuBose](#) • USA • Dec 13 • 03:17 am

 @realDonaldTrump Maybe you weren't paying attn to @OfficeGovEthics when they said divestiture is the only ETHICAL move. #blindtrust 

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far, there is little indication that *Trump* wants to keep his children at considerable distance. Kelly, wearing a *Trump* hat, cited the deal

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an all-around weird day at the U.S. *Office of Government Ethics*. Mr *Trump's* inaugural committee is offering elaborate presidential perks -



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negotiations with *Trump's* team to keep some jobs IN the state. I don't care about my business ... President-elect Donald *Trump* tweeted



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*Trump*, unlike Romney did. The nonpartisan *Office of Government Ethics* said in a statement it applauded *Trump's* aims, and recommended *Trump*



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is exempt from its hate-speech rules – not even President-elect Donald *Trump*. *Trump* did say on Wednesday that he will hold “a major news



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. The tweets lavished sarcastic praise upon *Trump* for his decision to divest from his own companies, except *Trump* has done nothing of the



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[Trump to Launch Thank You Tour in Ohio](#)



that make up his global *Trump* Organization, as the U.S. *Office of Government Ethics* subsequently acknowledged. *Trump* has previously said



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### [Trump says to leave business 'in total'](#)

. If *Trump* simply hands over to his children, "it is not a blind trust" (blind trust to look) contrary to what the president says. *Trump's*

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Farage, *Trump* urged opposition to unsightly wind farms near his golf course in Scotland. A Filipino developer who is partnering with *Trump*

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of highly skilled executives," a *Trump* Organization spokeswoman said. Yet, even the step-back arrangement *Trump* seems to be favoring could

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, and *Trump* hasn't committed to divesting his fortune — the size of which is unknown since he won't release his tax returns. But if *Trump*

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[President-elect Trump leaving his "great businesses"](#)



, adviser to the *Trump* transition team, walks with former USA vice- president Dan Quayle at *Trump* Tower in NY. *Trump* spokespeople did not

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the time shows. That could mean big tax benefits for *Trump's* financial leaders. Steven Mnuchin, *Trump's* pick for treasury secretary, is a

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, just before the *Trump* Organization cut a new deal in Kolkata. That Hindu-loving *Trump* should talk to the Pakistani-loving *Trump* about the

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But *Trump's* announcement did inspire a lengthy, freaky Twitter response from the *Office of Government Ethics*, the federal agency in charge



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of licensing or leasing the *Trump* name and brand. (Who, really, is in a rush to stay at "the palace formerly owned by *Trump*?" Especially if



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. But the official Twitter account of the *Office of Government Ethics* responded to *Trump* by congratulating him for something he didn't say



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[Twitter was the place to be in 2016. Is that enough to save it?](#)



woke up, *Trump*'s exclamation point-laden outbursts were all anyone was talking about. "I don't think you would see a Donald *Trump* candidac...



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experts — and even the nonpartisan *Office of Government Ethics* — say that won't fix the problem unless *Trump* stops owning the properties to...



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### [Trump's Options for Separating From His Businesses](#)

 . On Tuesday, *Trump* dined at a Michelin-starred restaurant with Mitt Romney, former MA governor and private equity baron. *Trump* has moved 

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 -elect. "It's not going to happen", *Trump* thundered. A phone call to the *Office of Government Ethics* was not returned. Martha Joynt Kumar... 

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### [Donald Trump's Washington Hotel Is About To Violate Its Government Lease](#)

 the *Trump* International Hotel - such as guests staying there as a way to curry favor with *Trump*. However, the *Office of Government Ethics* 

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 ,” a GSA spokesperson told ABC News. How could *Trump* resolve the situation? Even if *Trump* fully transfers the management of his business 

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in a *Trump* administration, Mattis will be obligated to sign an ethics agreement that the federal *Office of Government Ethics* approves.



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taking gifts from foreign governments. *Trump* has framed his stated intention to step back from the *Trump* Organization as something he is

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that a few hours later, the United States *Office of Government Ethics* (OGE) began tweeting back at *Trump*, congratulating him on his “total...



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for Mister *Trump* to violate our Constitution. MAJOR GARRETT: After Mister *Trump'*s announcement, the *Office of Government Ethics* tweeted, "



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say about *Trump* and Pence and why he believes this is happening. Take a listen. (BEGIN VIDEO CLIP) MALVEAUX: And, Chuck, you were no *Trum...*



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, but put it in a blind trust. Alternatively, *Trump* could place the *Trump* Organization and all other business interests into a blind trust...



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not communicate with *Trump* about business or investments. Experts say that while this is the most ethical course of action, *Trump* would



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or capacity". *Trump*, in fact, has not said whether he will sell the hotels, golf courses and other businesses that make up his global *Trum...*



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complete picture of *Trump's* businesses. "They are the very, very tip of the iceberg," said Richard W. Painter, an outspoken critic of *Trump...*



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reporters at *Trump* Tower that the country needs infrastructure that's "built for the 21st century." President-elect Donald *Trump* emphasized

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**From:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**To:** [Elaine Newton](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Politico story on the STOCK Act  
**Date:** Thursday, December 08, 2016 1:17:02 PM

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Elaine,

Here is a press inquiry for you.

Thanks,  
Seth

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**From:** Isaac Arnsdorf [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 08, 2016 10:21 AM  
**To:** Seth Jaffe  
**Subject:** Politico story on the STOCK Act

Hi Seth,

I just left you a voicemail too. I'm hoping you can help me with a story on the STOCK Act's applicability to the President. Can you please help point me to the implementing guidance or regulations for Sec. 9?

"The Office of Government Ethics shall issue such interpretive guidance of the relevant Federal ethics statutes and regulations, including the Standards of Ethical Conduct for executive branch employees, related to use of nonpublic information, as necessary to clarify that no executive branch employee may use nonpublic information derived from such person's position as an executive branch employee or gained from the performance of such person's official responsibilities as a means for making a private profit."

I am trying to determine how this might apply to Donald Trump's business holdings once he takes office. I'd appreciate a call back at (b) (6).

Thanks,  
Isaac

**Isaac Arnsdorf**  
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The U.S. House of Representatives passed the combined version of the National Defense Authorization Act on Friday, the \$619 billion annual spending and reform package for the armed forces, after agreements with the Senate dropped many of the most controversial provisions.

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### [Bill Forthcoming To Help Protect 'Dreamers,' Durbin Says](#)

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., confirmed Thursday that he is collaborating with Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., to introduce a bill that could protect young immigrants in the country without legal permission, often referred to as "Dreamers," amid concerns the Trump administration will cancel the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

Analysis

### [Trump May Yield Pullback On IP, Antitrust Enforcement](#)

U.S. antitrust watchdogs may become less aggressive on mergers and intellectual property issues under the incoming Trump administration as conservative antitrust veterans like Josh Wright and Maureen Ohlhausen look primed to play a key role in shaping enforcement.

### [Commission Lays Out Plan For Trump To Tackle Cyberthreats](#)

A presidential committee tasked with developing a plan to strengthen the nation's cybersecurity urged the incoming administration Friday to take immediate action to safeguard information systems by encouraging the public and private sectors to expand their collaboration in combating cyberthreats and the risks posed by the internet of things.

Analysis

### [Contentious Estate Transfer Rules May Remain Under Trump](#)

Despite multiple calls for the IRS to withdraw proposed regulations that value transferred interests for estate tax purposes, as well as Republicans' stated intent to repeal the so-called death tax altogether, experts say the controversial regulations may be here to stay as they also apply to the gift tax, which remains an important revenue tool.

### [EPA Floats Hardrock Mining Financial Responsibility Rule](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Friday proposed a rule that would require owners and operators of hardrock mining facilities to prove they're

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#### [DOL Asks 5th Circ. For Quick Hearing On Blocked OT Rule](#)

A day after giving notice of its appeal of a preliminary injunction blocking a new overtime pay threshold, the U.S. Department of Labor on Friday asked the Fifth Circuit to expedite the proceedings, saying delaying the Dec. 1 implementation date denied added pay to millions of workers.

Analysis

#### [Federal Charters Could Ease Burdens For Fintech Upstarts](#)

Financial technology firms may have a way to avoid regulation by 50 different state regulators after the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency announced plans to begin issuing national banking charters on Friday.

BANKING & SECURITIES

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#### [United Reaches \\$2.4M SEC Deal In Airline Bribery Scheme](#)

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission announced Friday that the parent company of United Airlines Inc. agreed to pay \$2.4 million to settle charges that the airline reinstated a money-losing flight route to curry favor with a former New Jersey official looking for more convenient trips to a vacation house.

#### [Fed Gov. Says Leverage Ratio Alone Won't Protect Banks](#)

The Federal Reserve's regulatory reform point man on Friday said that an approach to bank regulations favored by allies of the incoming Trump administration could lead big banks to take on riskier assets in search of profits, potentially destabilizing the financial system.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

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#### [Ill. Legislature OKs \\$235M Bailout For Nuclear Plants](#)

Illinois lawmakers closed out their final legislative workday of 2016 on Thursday, passing a \$235 million yearly subsidy for nuclear power company Exelon Corp. and its two unprofitable nuclear plants in the state.

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

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#### [3rd Circ. Affirms Tossing Of ALJ's Discrimination Suit](#)

The Third Circuit on Thursday affirmed the dismissal of a case brought by a Social Security Administration administrative law judge against the agency's commissioner over the loss of a higher title, finding no issue with the trial court's acceptance of an argument not used in an initial dismissal bid.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

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#### [NJ Judge Denies Special Prosecutor Bid In Christie GWB Case](#)

A New Jersey state judge on Friday rejected a bid by a local political activist to have a special prosecutor appointed to handle his criminal complaint accusing Gov. Chris Christie of official misconduct in connection with politically motivated lane closures at the George Washington Bridge.

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### [W.Va. Takes ACA Administrative Fix Protest To High Court](#)

West Virginia has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review its challenge of the Obama administration's decision to temporarily not enforce Affordable Care Act insurance standards, saying that the unfavorable decision it got in the D.C. Circuit runs contrary to high court precedent.

#### EMPLOYMENT

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### [AFSCME Sues To Stop Ill. Gov's Terms For State Workers](#)

The dispute between the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner took a new turn Thursday as the union sued in state court to block the governor from imposing contract terms on state employees after negotiations were declared at an impasse.

### [FMCSA Finalizes Rule On Drug, Alcohol Testing Database](#)

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration on Friday announced a final rule to establish a drug and alcohol clearinghouse for commercial bus and truck drivers, to serve as a central location to find violations of the administration's testing program for the substances.

### [Ill. Gov. Blocks \\$215M Pension Aid For Chicago Teachers](#)

Chicago's public school system will move into 2017 with a \$215 million budget hole after Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner vetoed a bill that would have authorized the state to contribute the money to the system's retirement fund, blaming the move on lawmakers' failure at pension reform.

#### COMPETITION

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### [NJ County Not Obligated To Take Land In Grocery Row: Judge](#)

A New Jersey judge on Thursday refused to force Essex County to accept ownership of a strip of land to help an embattled supermarket development move forward, ruling that a geographic boundary change in the 1950s wasn't predicated on the county taking possession of the narrow parcel.

#### PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

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### [Calif. Atty Lays Into CFPB, Cordray In High Court Appeal](#)

A California lawyer accused of a home loan modification scam has asked the U.S. Supreme Court take up the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's wins at the district court and Ninth Circuit, arguing that the suit was just as invalid as the agency director's recess appointment.

#### GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

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### [White House Voices Support For Women In Military Draft](#)

Women should be required to register for the military draft, the Obama administration said on Thursday, advocating a change in U.S. defense policy a National Security Council spokesman described as a "logical" extension of recent decisions increasing women's role in the military.

#### INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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### [WTO Chief Calls For Members To 'Intensify' Work In 2017](#)

World Trade Organization Director-General Roberto Azevedo on Thursday said that

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the past year has seen productive debate in the organization but that members will be looking for concrete results from next year's ministerial conference.

#### [Hong Kong, Swiss Regulators Ink Cross-Border Funds Pact](#)

Hong Kong and Swiss securities watchdogs said Friday they have signed a cooperation agreement that will expand cross-border offerings of fund products for asset managers in both countries.

#### TAX

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#### [IRS Proposes Adjusting Rules For Foreign Acquisitions](#)

The Internal Revenue Service on Friday said that it will unroll new regulations covering transactions involving at least one foreign corporation in which a subsidiary uses its parent company's stock to acquire another company, saying that some taxpayers are using these transactions to avoid incurring U.S. tax.

#### [IRS Partnership Liability Rule Still Unclear, Firm Says](#)

Baker & McKenzie LLP urged the IRS Thursday to take another look at its temporary partnership liabilities regulation, arguing that efforts to clarify the treatment are still coming up short and that the agency should go back to the drawing board rather than impose the rule on ill-prepared practitioners.

#### IMMIGRATION

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#### [DHS Urged To Keep Privately Run Immigrant Detention](#)

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security should continue to utilize privately owned, for-profit facilities to detain immigrants, a subcommittee tasked with studying the matter recommended to DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson in a report on Thursday.

#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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#### [AT&T Seeks Flexibility In FCC's Real-Time Text Plan](#)

AT&T on Thursday pressed the Federal Communications Commission to hold off on requiring specific features in updated technology for communications by phone for the disabled, telling the agency that it's too early to impose technical requirements on new "real-time text" technology.

#### [FCC Seeks Feedback On Plan For National Lifeline Verifier](#)

The Federal Communications Commission on Thursday asked for comments on a proposal for implementing a national verifier for participation in the Lifeline low-income subsidy program after March reforms, asking for feedback between Dec. 5 and Dec. 30 on how the Universal Service Administrative Co. should take over the customer eligibility process.

#### [FCC Must Revisit Emergency Alerting Changes, Group Says](#)

A wireless association asked the Federal Communications Commission on Thursday to revisit its updates to modernize wireless emergency alerting, saying the agency shouldn't require the inclusion of hyperlinks and phone numbers before testing is finished and must clarify what it means by "clickable links" and the devices that must support them.

#### [FCC Bucks Republicans To Press Phone Cos. On Zero-Rating](#)

Chairman Tom Wheeler's Federal Communications Commission pressed AT&T

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with concerns about free data and raised new questions about Verizon's program Thursday while Republican commissioners fired back Friday that he is ignoring calls from Congress to end complex and controversial action.

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### [5 Insights From Airbus Group's Joshua Walker](#)

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Technology so quickly outpaces regulation, and it's imperative governments at every level find that sweet spot where the public is reasonably protected but innovation isn't stifled. If the U.S. doesn't get this balance right, other governments will, says Joshua Walker, general counsel and project executive for A3 by Airbus Group.

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### [In Congress: The End Game](#)

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Republican leaders appear determined to wrap up a week early to allow more time at the start of the 115th Congress in January 2017 for consideration of resolutions of disapproval of "midnight" regulations issued by the outgoing Obama administration under the Congressional Review Act, say Richard Hertling and Kaitlyn McClure of Covington & Burling LLP.

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### [Hitting Pause On FLSA White Collar Changes](#)

[Selective Service System](#)

The eleventh-hour preliminary injunction from the Eastern District of Texas against expanded coverage under the Fair Labor Standards Act is a blow to the U.S. Department of Labor, which had estimated expanded overtime coverage to more than four million additional employees, says Kathleen Anderson of Barnes & Thornburg LLP.

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### [The Trump Infrastructure Plan And Its Legal Implications](#)

[U.S. Agency for International Development](#)

The incoming Trump administration's \$1 trillion infrastructure plan would rely mostly on private investment, with infrastructure tax credits envisioned as bringing the needed financing to the table. But many questions remain unanswered, including who will decide on the selection and timing of projects, what laws will apply, and how private investors will be paid back, says Steve Sorrett of Kutak Rock LLP.

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### [Inbound M&A Activity Adrift Post-Election](#)

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Many speculate that President-elect Donald Trump's protectionist policies could ignite trade wars in which nations such as Mexico and China subsequently enact retaliatory tariffs against the U.S. This would cause prices to climb and could discourage foreign direct investment in the U.S., say Jeff Haidet and Catherine Dallas of Dentons.

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### [Energy Policy In The Trump Era: Part 2](#)

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President-elect Donald Trump has pledged to drastically change the federal government's role and policies in relation to energy, the environment and climate change. In the second of a two-part series, Christopher Carr and Robert Fleishman of Morrison & Foerster LLP examine the impact of the new administration's attitudes towards the Clean Power Plan, the Paris Agreement and other energy and environmental regulations and policies.

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### [Innovate Bigly? — Patent Reform Under @realDonaldTrump](#)

[U.S. House of Representatives](#)

Many commentators have stated that President-elect Donald Trump has yet to take a clear stance regarding patents and intellectual property. However, his Twitter account holds many hints as to his possible intellectual property priorities, say attorneys from Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner LLP.

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[3 Ways To Advance Your In-House Career](#)

Law firm life isn't always for everyone and an in-house or general counsel role at a company may seem like the perfect way to escape billable hours and office politics, but having a real career as an in-house lawyer takes more than being an excellent, business-minded attorney.

[Innovative Corporate Counsel: Stanton Dodge](#)

For wrapping up landmark copyright litigation after four years and a stop at the Ninth Circuit while continuing to help his company expand its scope of business, Dish Network general counsel Stanton Dodge is a 2016 Law360 Innovative Corporate Counsel.

[GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week](#)

General counsel paychecks keep ballooning, a new warrant rule allows for broader law enforcement access to electronic data, and the FTC wants more foreign markets data in premerger filings. Those stories top the corporate legal news you may have missed this past week.

[Linklaters, Fried Frank Are Latest To Divulge Bonuses](#)

Linklaters LLP and Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP have announced they will offer their associates year-end bonuses that match or exceed the market rate established by Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP earlier this week, according to internal memos published online Friday.

[Dentons Tacks On 3 Gadens Offices In Downsized Tie-Up](#)

Dentons on Friday announced that it has finalized its combination with offices of Australia's Gadens, adding on approximately 200 Pacific Rim lawyers, a significantly smaller number than the 500 who had originally considered joining the global giant.

[Data Security Not Top Concern For Firm Leaders, Report Finds](#)

The danger of data breaches and other technological security issues in the legal industry seems to be implicit given the rising demand for data-driven work and high-profile firm document leaks, but information security is not top of mind among firm leaders, according to a report issued on Wednesday.

[Legal Sector Woes Continue With 500 Jobs Lost In November](#)

The legal services sector continued a recent stretch of less-than-stellar employment numbers, losing 500 jobs in November and marking the industry's lowest overall total since June, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics announced Friday in its monthly jobs report.

[In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms and Stories On Law360](#)

For those who missed out, here's a look back at the law firms, stories and expert analyses that generated the most buzz on Law360 last week.

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**Bob Work's farewell tour.** Deputy Defense Secretary Bob Work has been the driving force behind the Pentagon's Third Offset, its quest to find new technologies that could the U.S. military an advantage in (or deter) the wars of the future. So it's fitting has last official trip as the No. 2 political appointee at the Pentagon he would go to visit some two companies developing some of those technologies. Today he will see new missile technology being developed by scientists Raytheon in Tucson, Ariz., and submarine drone being built by Boeing in Southern California. Global Business Editor Marcus Weisgerber is with Work and report more on his visits to the defense firms. Follow Marcus on Twitter @MarcusReports.

*Other stops on Work's trip?* He'll be at the Reagan National Defense Forum in Simi Valley, Calif., with just about every other senior leader in the Pentagon. Make sure your read Marcus' preview of who will be at the Reagan forum in this week's [Global Business Brief](#).

**What's Trump's Pentagon transition team up to?** They had a roundtable Wednesday with the Joint Staff, Work said, and now they're making their way to the individual services. "As their team builds up, they'll go deeper and deeper," said Work, who was the Navy lead for President Obama's Pentagon transition team. "They're operating very much like the transition team that I

was on."

*What's the transition team have to say?* "The one thing the transition team has said over and over is they're very complementary of all of the work that we're doing and all the information we're providing," Work said. Among the areas they have been briefed to the transition team is the Third Offset and innovation groundwork that Carter and Work have laid over the past two years.

*What's next for Work after the Pentagon?* "We got plenty to do between now and Jan. 20 to support Secretary Carter and at the same time we have to support the transition team and help them get ready," Work said. He's helping build the Pentagon's 2018 budget proposal, which will be recommended to the Trump's team. And even after he's departed, he says he'll be rooting for the new Defense Department leaders. "Anything that I can do. Whether it's just being on the outside being a cheerleader, whatever I'm asked."

**The Taliban in Afghanistan have reportedly killed nearly two dozen** Kandahar civilians in the past 48 hours alone, according to the [infamous](#) Gen. Abdul Raziq, AP [reports](#).

The group also reportedly stormed an Afghan army outpost in western Kandahar province on November 19, seizing a cache of RPGs, NVGs, M-16s, grenade launchers and M249s in the district of Ghorak in Kandahar, the *Long War Journal* [reported](#) Thursday. "Ghorak is situated along a belt of Taliban-controlled or contested districts in southern Afghanistan that spans the provinces of Farah, Helmand, Uruzgan and Kandahar. The Taliban has used this southern safe haven to directly threaten the capitals of Farah, Helmand, and Uruzgan. Afghan forces, backed by US advisers and airstrikes, have struggled to stave off Taliban offensives against the capitals of these three provinces."

We haven't heard a great deal about ISIS in Afghanistan in recent days. But don't think for a minute that's necessarily a good thing, Seth Jones of RAND Corp [wrote](#) in *Lawfare* this week. Why? "The Afghan Taliban has benefited from the Islamic State's decline. The Taliban has strengthened its power, bolstered its reputation, and complicated U.S. and Afghan government efforts to wind down the Afghan war... The Islamic State's loss of territory will not occur in a vacuum. Who will benefit? Other terrorist groups or non-state actors? The local government? Regional powers? As the United States and its allies undermine Islamic State territorial control in Iraq, Syria, Libya, and other countries, policymakers need to shift their attention to understanding and influencing who fills the vacuum. As in Afghanistan, the United States may not be much better off with the winners." Worth the click, [here](#).

Panning out over all of Afghanistan, "the Afghan government now controls only about 60 percent of the country, the Taliban hold sway over about 10 percent, and the remainder is contested," according to CENTCOM Commander, Gen. Joseph Votel, *The New York Times* reports this morning in a wider piece about "the Afghan security crisis."

According to Western and Afghan officials, "about 40,000 to 45,000 militants are active across Afghanistan. The Taliban are estimated at about 30,000 fighters, some of them seasonal. But the rest are foreign militants of different — and often fluid — allegiances, at times competing but mostly on the same side against the Afghan government and its American allies."

And this line ought to give us pause: "Of the 98 U.S.- or U.N.-designated terrorist organizations around the globe, 20 of them are in the Af-Pak region," according to Gen. John W. Nicholson, the commander of American and NATO forces in Afghanistan. "This is the highest concentration of the numbers of different groups in any area in the world." Read the rest, [here](#).

**The other "forgotten war."** The war in Yemen is has rendered foodstuffs are so low that families are asking which child they should save, *WaPo* [reports](#). "The health system and other safety nets that caught many children before their bodies withered away are frayed or have disappeared. International aid agencies are facing a multitude of barriers, including airstrikes by a Saudi-led coalition helped by the United States and obstruction by the rebels who rule the capital, Sanaa, as well as the main northern sea port of Hodeidah. The U.N. Children's Fund estimates that 370,000 Yemeni children are severely malnourished and facing death, and 2 million are in urgent need of help."

What's it like in Yemen? "Imagine someone, his legs shaking, walking into a human slaughterhouse," writes AFP photographer Mohammed Huwais. "When he gets inside, he sees burning bodies, others completely charred, chopped off heads, amputated legs. Now imagine that among the dead you see friends and colleagues. And add to that the feeling that you are taunting death, because the bombing could start again at any moment." Read his take, called "When the heart bleeds," [here](#).

**Iran chafes at U.S. Senate vote to extend the Iran Sanctions Act for a decade**, calling it a "clear violation" of the 2015 nuclear deal, Reuters reports. "If they implement the ISA, Iran will take action accordingly," said Iran's nuclear chief, Ali Akbar Salehi, on state TV.

Adds Reuters: "It was not immediately clear what form any eventual retaliation might take. One lawmaker quoted by the semi-official Tasnim news agency said Iran's parliament planned to discuss a bill that would prevent the government purchasing 'American products.' Such a bill could jeopardize deals such as U.S. planemaker Boeing's (BA.N) tentative agreement to sell passenger jets to Iran." That, [here](#).

Did Iran cyber attack Saudi Arabia? "State-sponsored hackers have conducted a series of destructive attacks on Saudi Arabia over the last two weeks, erasing data and wreaking havoc in the computer banks of the agency running the country's airports and hitting five additional targets, according to two people familiar with an investigation into the breach," *Bloomberg* reported Thursday.

The damage: "Thousands of computers were destroyed at the headquarters of Saudi's General Authority of Civil Aviation, erasing critical data and bringing operations there to a halt for several days, according to the people familiar with the investigation."

Where the investigation stands: "Although a probe by Saudi authorities is still in its early stages, the people said digital evidence suggests the attacks emanated from Iran."

The implications moving forward: Such attacks "could present President-elect Donald Trump with a major national security challenge as he steps into the Oval Office. The use of offensive cyber weapons by a nation is relatively rare and the scale of the latest attacks could trigger a tit-for-tat cyber war in a region where capabilities have mushroomed ever since an attack on Saudi Aramco in 2012." Full story [here](#).

**Apropos of nothing:** Check out [these maps](#) of America's infrastructure—the electric grid, pipelines, bridges, airports, railroads and waterways—from the graphics team at the *Washington Post*.

**Lastly this week—because why not—[scroll through](#)** "19 unforgettable quotes from legendary Marine Gen. James 'Mad Dog' Mattis" compiled by *Business Insider*. Not terribly certain we

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On November 22, 2016, a United States District Court issued a nationwide preliminary injunction preventing the Department of Labor from implementing and enforcing its new overtime regulations. Those regulations, which would have more than doubled the minimum salary level required to exempt executive, administrative, professional, and salaried computer professional employees from eligibility for overtime, would otherwise have gone into effect on December 1, 2016. The regulations are more fully described in Pillsbury's May 19, 2016 [Client Alert](#).

Although a preliminary injunction is a temporary court order, the ruling may foreclose the overtime regulations from ever taking effect, in light of the timing of the preliminary injunction and the upcoming change of Presidential administration.

The preliminary injunction was issued in *State of Nevada, et al., v. U.S. Dep't of Labor*, in response to an emergency motion brought by twenty-one States in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Among other arguments, the plaintiffs contend that the Department of Labor (DOL) exceeded the authority delegated to it by Congress to interpret the scope of the "white collar" exemptions under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended (FLSA). The relevant statutory provision of the FLSA exempts from overtime requirements "any employee employed in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity" (the EAP exemptions). The FLSA allows the DOL to "defin[e] and delimit" the EAP exemptions "from time to time."

The DOL's regulations on the EAP exemptions have changed over the decades. Currently, an employee may be classified as exempt under the EAP exemptions if each of three tests is satisfied:



- The salary-basis test: The employee must be paid on a salary basis (a requirement since 1940);
- The duties test: The employee's position must meet specific "white collar" duties tests (a requirement since 1938); and
- The salary-level test: The employee must be guaranteed a salary at or above a specific minimum salary level (a requirement since 1949).

Since 2004, the minimum salary level has been set at \$455/week or \$23,660 annually. Under the new regulations, the minimum level would jump to \$913/week or \$47,476 annually, with automatic increases every three years, starting on January 1, 2020, set to the 40th percentile of average wages for full-time salaried employees in the lowest-wage Census region.

In issuing the injunction, the Texas district court held that the salary-level test exceeds the DOL's authority to define and delimit the EAP exemptions. The court's ruling surprised most observers, in part because the salary-level test has been part of the DOL's regulations for over 65 years and because the Supreme Court had upheld the DOL's authority to apply its salary-basis regulations in a 1997 decision (*Auer v. Robbins*). In a likely nod to the long history of the salary-level test, the court explained in a footnote to its opinion that it was "not making a general statement on the lawfulness of the salary-level test for the EAP exemption. The Court is evaluating only the salary-level test as amended under the Department's Final Rule."

Despite this footnote, the basis for the court's conclusion that the new salary-level test exceeds the DOL's authority is largely based on reasoning that might also apply to the current salary-level test. Explaining that an agency's regulations interpreting a statute only merit deference "if Congress has not unambiguously expressed its intent regarding the precise question at issue," the court determined that "the plain meanings together with the statute" make clear that "Congress defined the EAP exemption with regard to duties, which does not include a minimum salary level.... [N]othing in the EAP exemption indicates that Congress intended the Department to define and delimit with respect to a minimum salary level." The opinion suggests, however, that regulations that impose a low minimum salary level might not conflict with Congressional intent, but that "this significant increase to the salary level creates essentially a de facto salary-only test.... The Department exceeds its delegated authority and ignores Congress's intent by raising the minimum salary level such that it supplants the duties test."

The preliminary injunction creates significant uncertainty about the fate of the new overtime regulations. Further developments in court, in Congress, or in the Trump Administration give rise to a variety of possible scenarios.

The Obama Administration has the right to immediately appeal the preliminary injunction to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, under 28 U.S. Code Section 1292, and may seek an expedited appeal under that court's administrative rules. It is possible that the Court of Appeals could reverse the district court, allowing the salary level increase to go into effect before the last day of the Obama Administration. Unless the Court of Appeals grants an expedited appeal and rules before January 20, 2017, however, the Trump Administration could choose to drop the appeal. In that event, the preliminary injunction would stand, and the district court case would likely eventually result in a permanent injunction that the Trump Administration would not appeal.

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## The first cable news president

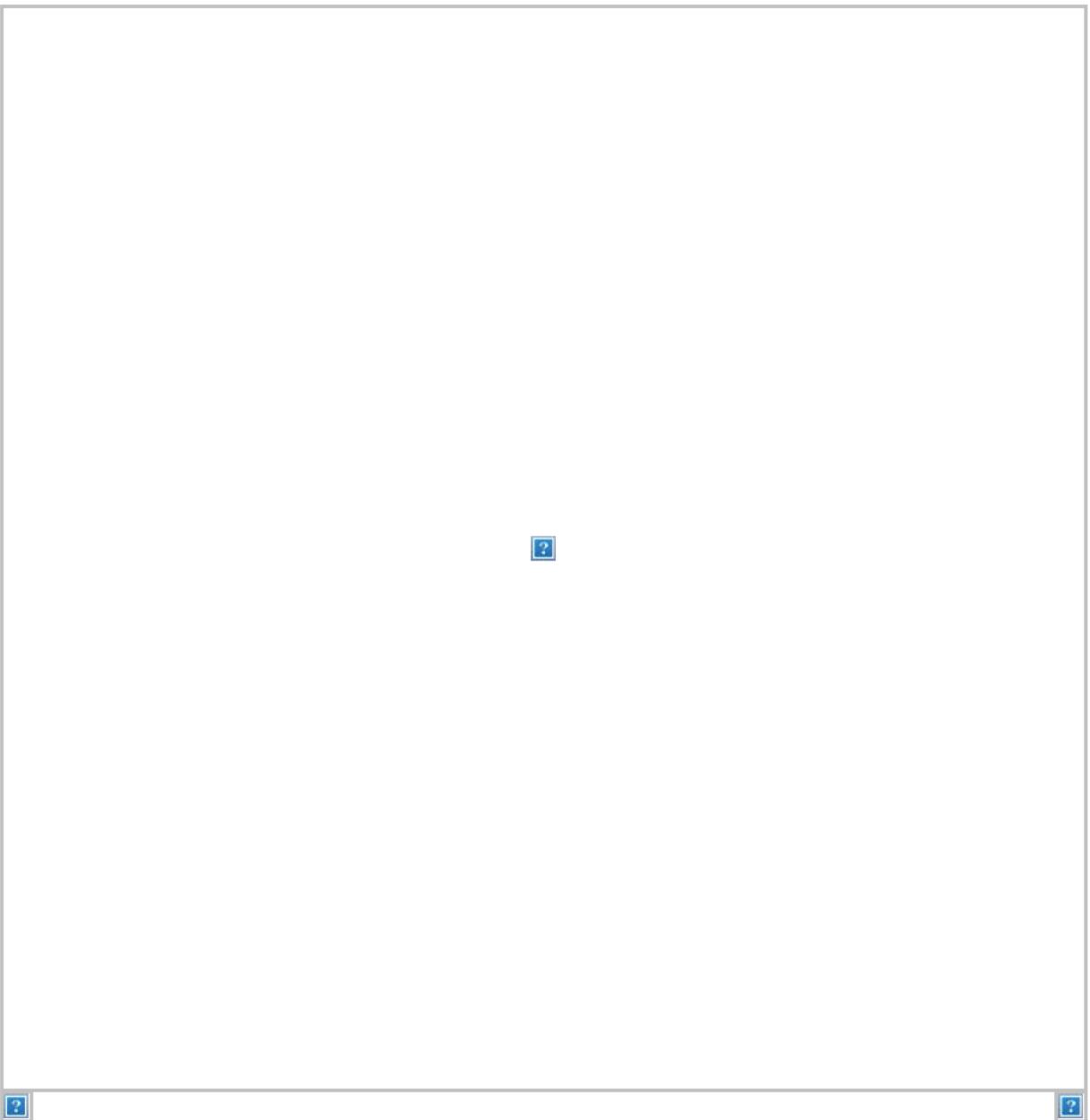
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**THE BIG IDEA: The Trump revolution won't just be televised. It will be led by television talking heads.**

In August 2015, Chuck Todd asked Donald Trump on “Meet the Press” who he talks with for military advice. “Well, **I watch the shows,**” said the former star of “The Apprentice,” another NBC franchise. “I mean, I really see a lot of great— you know, **when you watch your show and all of the other shows, you have the generals and you have certain people that you like.**”

So it should come as no surprise that **the president-elect is now stocking the federal government with these generals and other people that he's seen on TV and likes.**

**Trump and Mike Pence have now met with 70 individuals about potential positions within the administration.** The visitors to Trump Tower, Mar a Lago and the Bedminster golf club in New Jersey can almost all be grouped into just a handful of food groups: Current or former members of Congress. CEOs/rich

tycoons. Pillars of the Republican establishment. And, last but not least, cable pundits.

Frances Townsend exits Trump Tower yesterday. (Drew Angerer/Getty Images)</p></p>



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**Yesterday, Trump sat down with [CBS News analyst Frances Townsend](#), a former counterterrorism adviser to George W. Bush.**

**Today, he will meet with [Fox News contributor Pete Hegseth](#).** After serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, Hegseth tried to run for U.S. Senate in Minnesota against Amy Klobuchar. His campaign went so poorly that he lost the GOP nomination to a random Ron Paul supporter, who went on to lose by 35 points. Afterward, Hegseth was hired to lead a Koch-funded group focused on veterans' issues and then picked up by Fox in 2014. Now, at just 36, he's being considered as a potential secretary of veterans affairs.

Scott Brown arrives to meet with Trump last week. (Brendan McDermid/Reuters)</p>□



Scott Brown arrives to meet with Trump last week. (Brendan McDermid/Reuters)

**Scott Brown also came to Trump Tower last week to talk with Trump about the V.A. job.** The former Massachusetts senator served just half of one term before losing to Elizabeth Warren. Then he moved to New Hampshire so he could run for Senate again – and lost. He served 35 years in the Army National Guard, but he’s never managed a large bureaucracy. **Since his 2014 comeback bid failed, he’s [worked at a bike shop](#) and [hawked dubious dietary supplements](#) (which he claimed allowed him to lose 15 pounds in 24 days).** **But, much more importantly than that, he’s a Fox contributor and on-call guest host. He’s on “Fox & Friends” a fair amount, which Trump keeps on in the mornings.**

After his meeting with the president-elect, **the onetime male model told reporters that he thinks he is “the best person” for the V.A. job**, which would require him to oversee a staff of 345,000 and a budget of more than \$100 billion.

**Trump is looking to all of these folks largely because he’s never forged deep relationships with the Republican establishment, and he has a greater sense of familiarity with them – even if many are not anywhere near the most qualified options for the jobs they’re being considered for.**

**Ironically, even as he derides the press, Trump is making these institutions more powerful since he relies on them so much and pays such close attention to what they’re saying.**

Kathleen "KT" McFarland at her home in 2006. (Jason DeCrow/AP/File)</p>□



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**At the end of last week, Trump nominated Kathleen T. McFarland to serve as the deputy national security adviser under Mike Flynn.** She has appeared frequently on Fox News and Fox Business as [an analyst](#). She anchors a program called "DEFCON3." But **the last time she worked in government was more than three decades ago, as a Pentagon spokeswoman and speechwriter.** McFarland tried to [run against](#) then-Sen. Hillary Clinton in 2006, but she too lost in the Republican primary.

**In the spring of 2011, then-Fox News chairman Roger Ailes (forced out this year after female employees accused him of sexual harassment) used McFarland as the go-between to encourage David Petraeus to turn down Barack Obama's offer to run the CIA.** [Bob Woodward obtained the audio tape of a 90-minute meeting](#) in Afghanistan, during which she told Petraeus that Ailes thought he should accept nothing less than the chairmanship of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. And, if Obama did not offer that job, Petraeus should resign from the military and run for president. "McFarland also said that Ailes ... might resign as head of Fox to run a Petraeus presidential campaign," Woodward reported. "At one point, McFarland and Petraeus spoke about the possibility that Rupert Murdoch, the head of News Corp., which owns Fox News, would 'bankroll' the campaign. 'Rupert's after me as well,' Petraeus told McFarland."

**Yesterday, perhaps not coincidentally, Petraeus met with Trump about possibly becoming secretary of state or taking another top job in the new administration.**

**Fox News contributor John Bolton, who is [routinely](#) on the air, was also mentioned early on as a possible pick for State, though that buzz died down when key people expressed their displeasure to Trump.**

**Trump is considering Laura Ingraham and Monica Crowley, both on the Fox payroll, for the role of White House press secretary, according to [several published reports](#).** Ingraham, best known for her radio show, addressed the speculation on, where else, Fox News. “It’s a big decision, but I’m at the point where, if my country needs me, and if I can do something to actually advance the Trump agenda ... then I obviously have to seriously consider that,” she told Tucker Carlson.

It typically works the other way around. Someone like Dana Perino earned her coveted Fox hosting gig after serving as White House press secretary.

**Stephen Bannon, who will be the chief strategist in the White House, is not a cable talking head, but he ran Breitbart until August and he had his own radio show.** And don’t forget all the pre-election chatter that Trump might launch an anti-establishment cable network of his own had he lost, with Bannon playing some role. (There was even at least one meeting with a financier.)

Jeanine Pirro&nbsp;arrives at Trump Tower on Nov. 17. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/AFP/Getty Images)<p>□

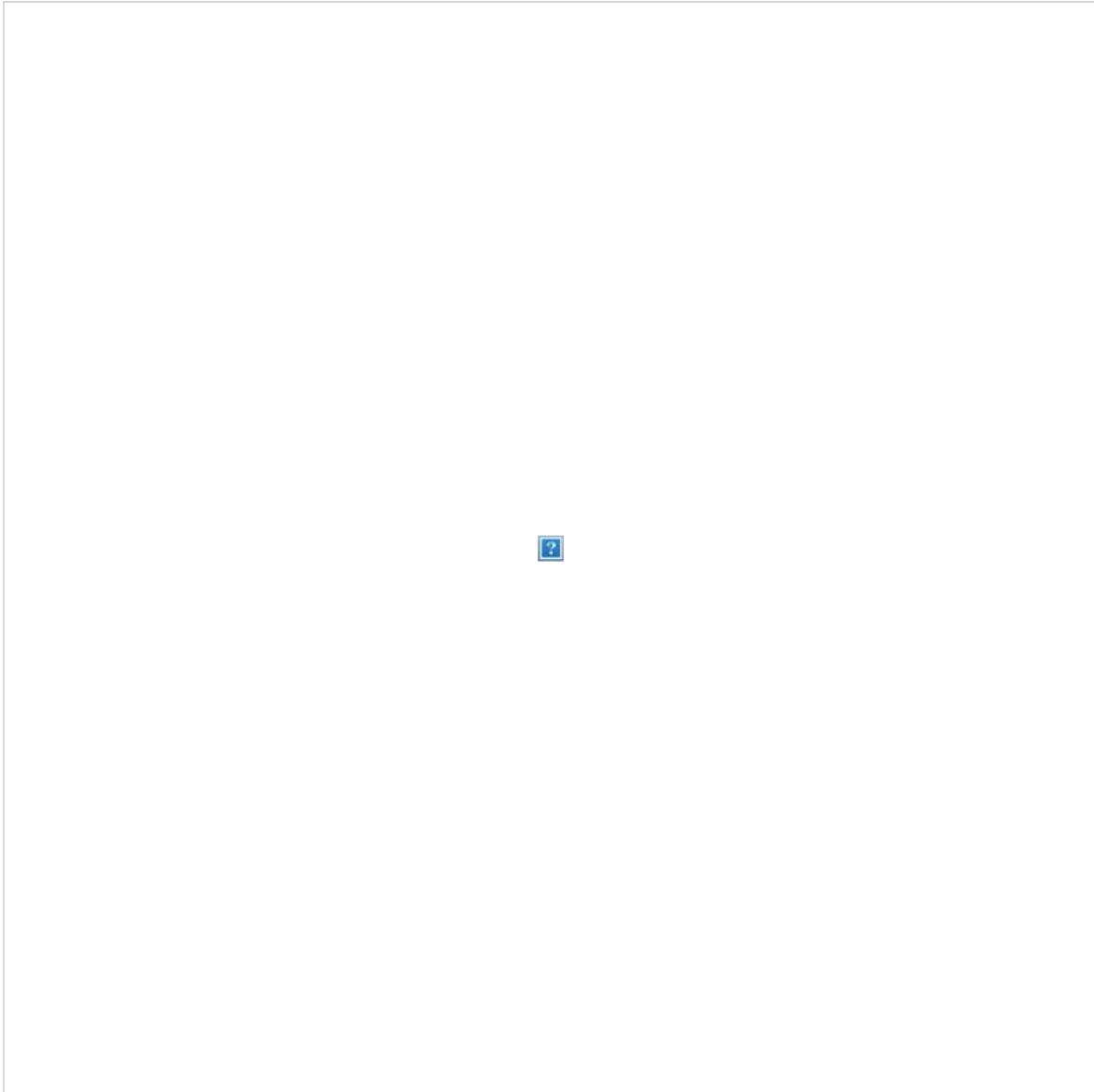


Jeanine Pirro arrives at Trump Tower on Nov. 17. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/AFP/Getty Images)

**The list goes on and on. Donald huddled with Jeanine Pirro (the host of Fox News’s [“Justice with Judge](#)**

[Jeanine](#)”), as well as (less surprisingly) **Mike Huckabee**, whose Saturday night show was canceled when he ran for president but who was [re-signed](#) as a contributor in April after he dropped out. Former Fox contributor [Elaine Chao](#), the former Labor secretary and wife of Mitch McConnell, met with Trump last Monday afternoon.

**Trump has also been meeting with people who are not employed by Fox or other channels but appear regularly.** Last night, for instance, he sat down with Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke – who is often on Fox in primetime. He’s ubiquitous enough on cable (and recognizable because he wears a cowboy hat) that a New York fire department captain, helping with security in the lobby of Trump Tower, fist bumped him on his way out the door.

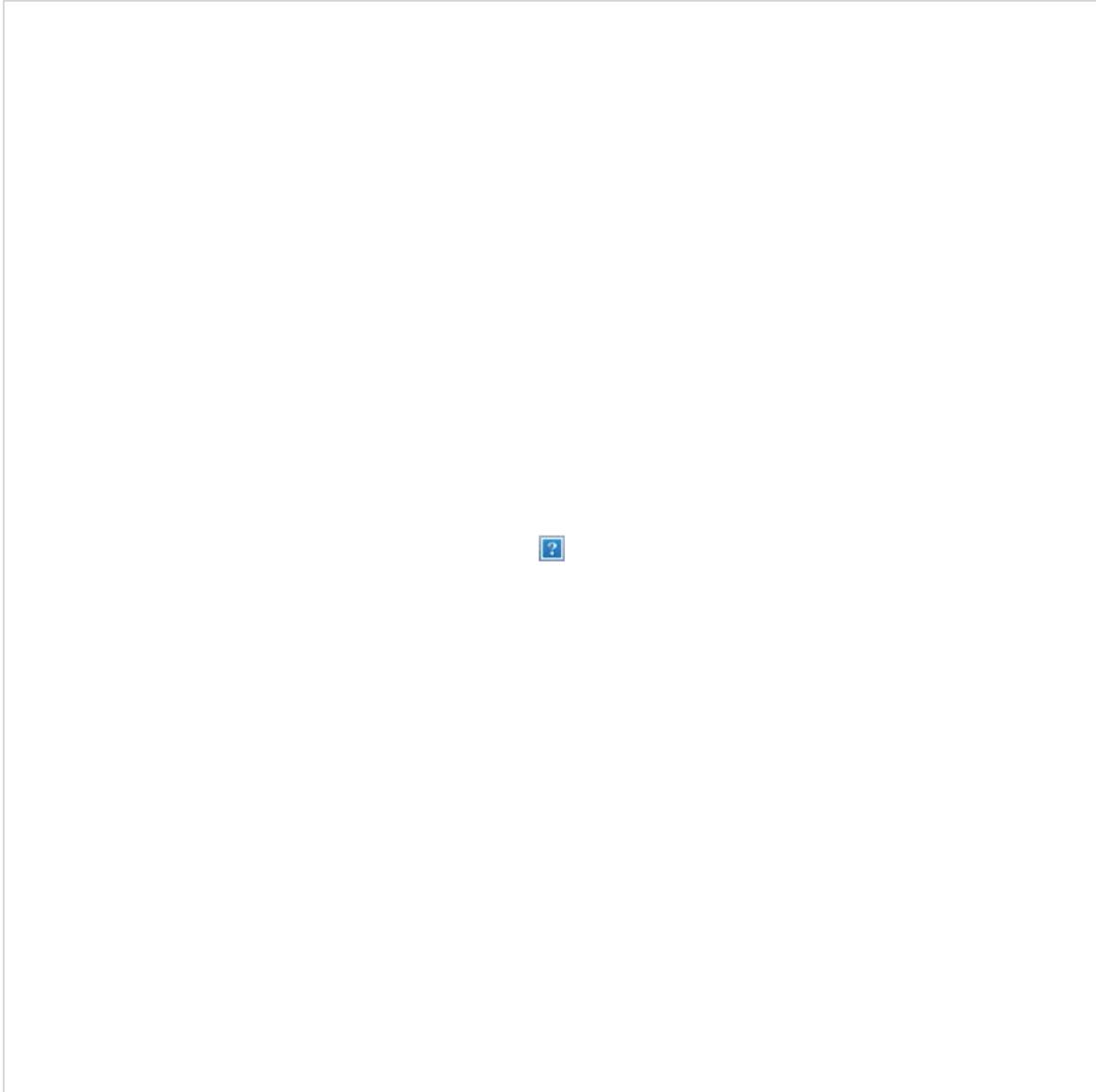


Fox News President Bill Shine departs after meeting with Trump at Trump Tower last week. (Lucas Jackson/Reuters)

**The president-elect’s focus on cable talent has become so blatant in recent days that it’s become a punch line.** On Fox News’s “The Five” last night, Greg Gutfeld joked that the new administration is emptying out the green rooms. “I’m looking at the roster so far,” Gutfeld told his co-hosts, scanning a list of who Trump has been meeting with. “You’ve got K.T. McFarland, Ben Carson, Bolton, Crowley, Huckabee [and] Scott Brown. These are all [Fox News Channel] mainstays. Are they going to replace the Supreme Court with ‘Outnumbered’? Does that make Clarence Thomas ‘one lucky guy’? I’m worried. We’re not going to have

anybody here anymore. ... I'll be hosting every show!" He added, "What becomes of Fox News?"

**The office he's about to assume has not changed the man, at least not yet. People who have been around Trump say he watches cable as much as ever.** During his off-the-record meeting with 25 TV executives and anchors last week, he outlined grievances with coverage about him. Among them: he asked the president of NBC's news division why the network only uses unflattering pictures of him, according to [Politico's Hadas Gold](#). Last night, he retweeted anti-CNN messages posted by random people online.

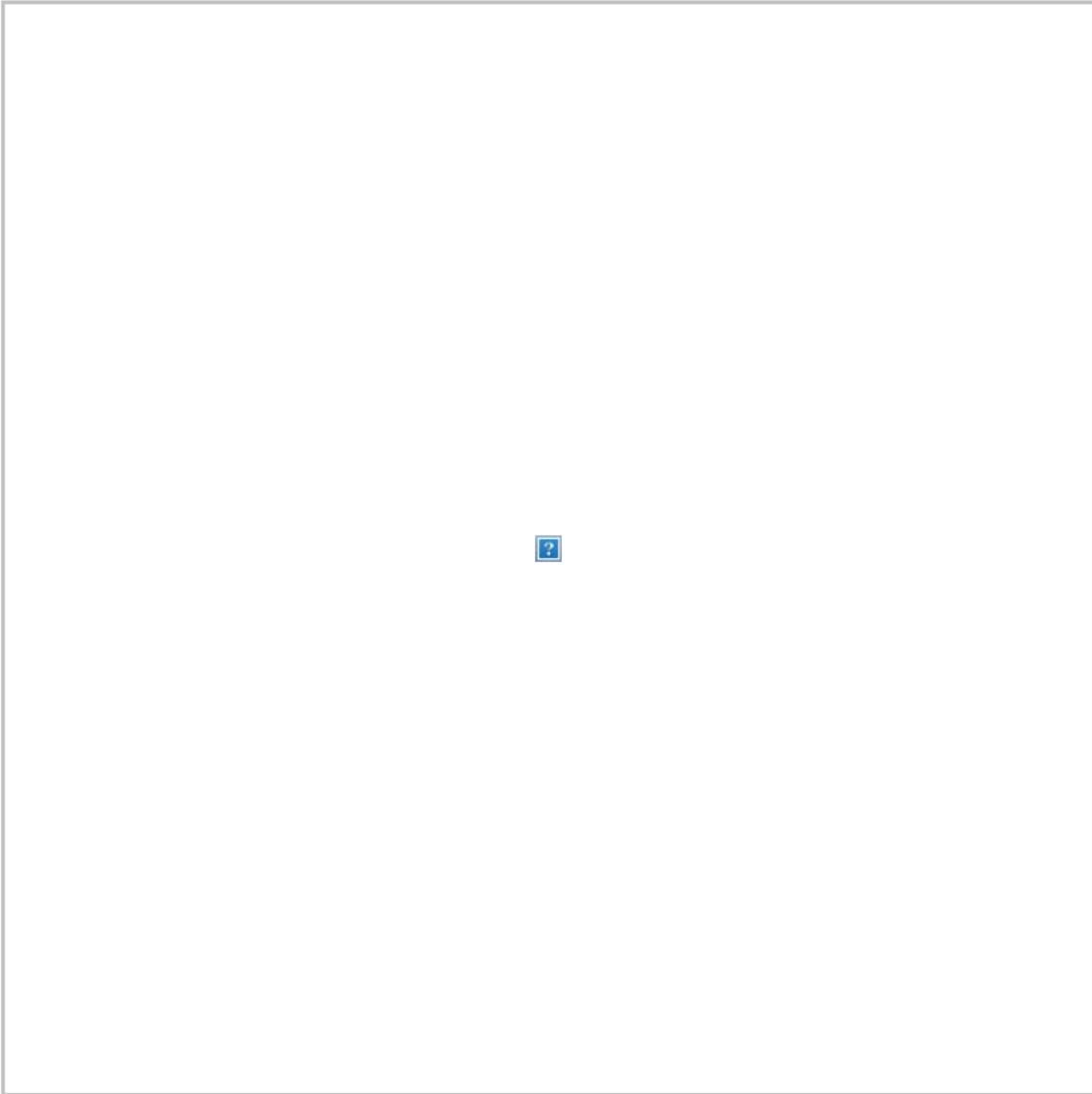


**Finally, Fox briefly suspended Newt Gingrich as a contributor after it became clear he was a finalist to be Trump's running mate. But he was quickly re-activated after Trump picked Pence.** The former Speaker says he will not take a formal position in the new administration, but his stock has certainly risen because of his closeness with the incoming commander-in-chief. As has his number of television hits. Newt was on Sean Hannity's show last night to again decry Mitt Romney, who crushed his presidential dreams in 2012, as a bad choice for secretary of state. With the backdrop of the Capitol, Gingrich said: "There is an enormous base that wanted to drain the swamp, and they see Romney as the swamp."

-- **More palace intrigue: Trump released a statement yesterday saying that he green-lighted former campaign manager [Kellyanne Conway's broadsides against Mitt Romney on the Sunday shows](#).** "Kellyanne came to me and asked whether or not she could go public with her thoughts on the matter," he said in an email to the [New York Times](#). "I encouraged her to do so. Most importantly she fully

acknowledged there is only one person that makes the decision."

-- **Amid the scrutiny of her influence, Conway posted this photo from Trump's office last night:**



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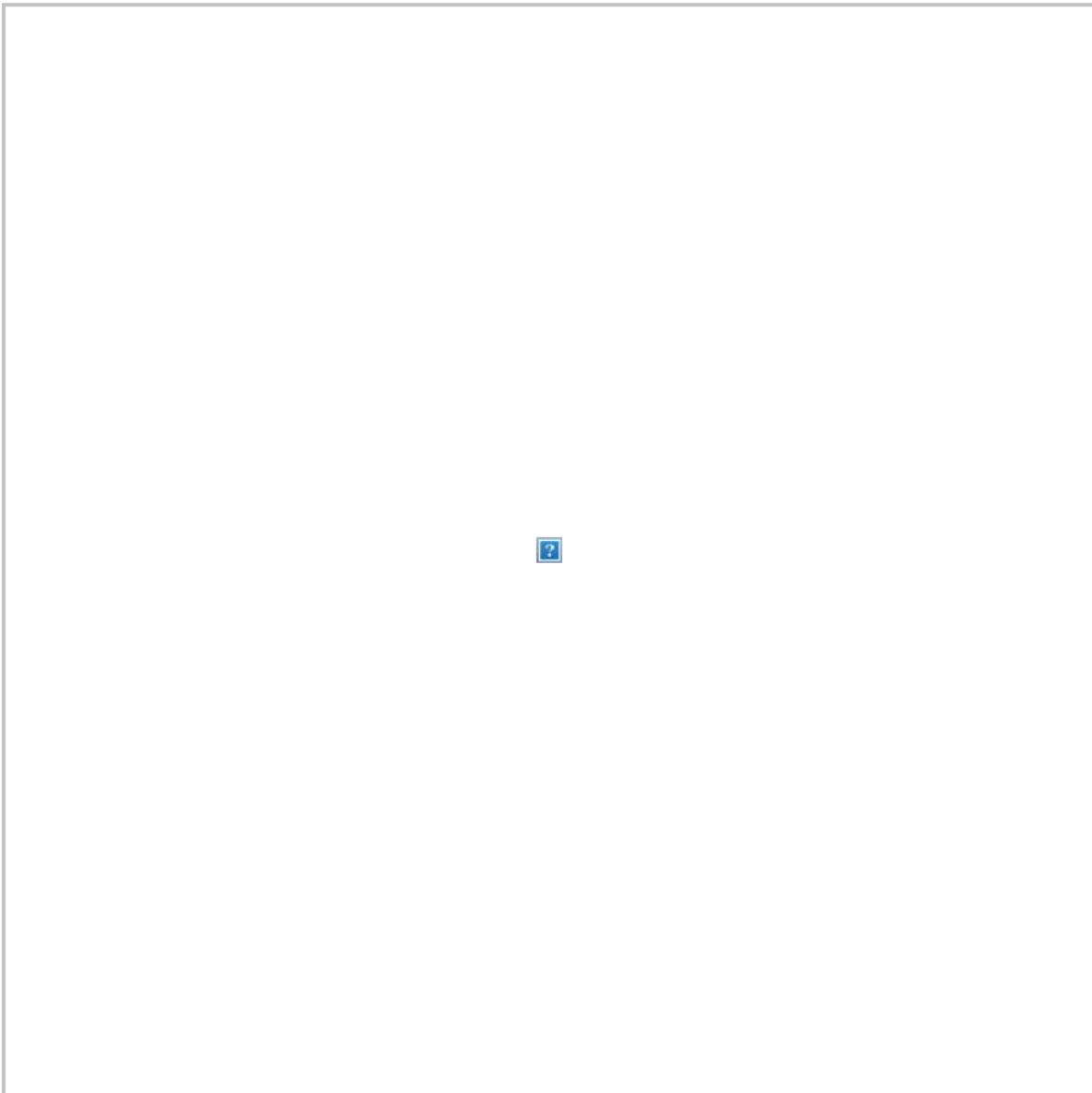
**WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:**

-- **Trump tapped Tom Price, a six-term Georgia congressman and outspoken Obamacare critic, as health and human services secretary.** From [Philip Rucker](#): Trump's selection of Price, who chairs the House Budget Committee, is expected to be publicly announced as early as today. "As HHS secretary, Price would become the Trump administration's point person on dismantling and replacing the Affordable Care Act, one of Trump's major campaign promises ... But after meeting with Obama in the Oval Office shortly following the election, he was convinced to perhaps keep some of the more popular elements of the law intact and amend the law rather than repeal it. In picking Price to fill a key Cabinet position, Trump will add to his team a veteran lawmaker who is close to [Paul Ryan]."

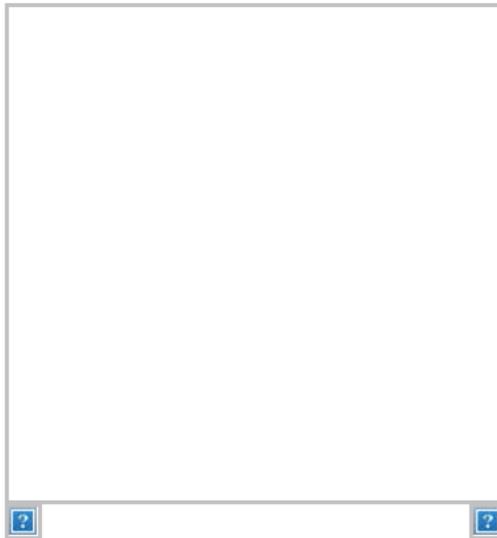


Plane carrying Brazilian team to Copa Sudamericana finals crashes

-- **A charter plane carrying 81 people, including players from a rising Brazilian soccer team headed for a championship match, crashed en route to Medellín's airport in Colombia Monday night.** [From Fred Barbash, Samantha Schmidt and Dom Phillips:](#) "At least five passengers survived and the rest were killed, Colombia's aviation authority confirmed this morning. It was uncertain whether that was a final count, however, as the figures had fluctuated during the night. General José Acevedo, commander of Medellín police, told a Colombian radio station that 75 people had been killed at the site of the crash and six others had been injured and rescued from the scene. One of the rescued passengers died on the way to the hospital, Acevedo said. A local television station, [Telemedellin](#), reported that a sixth survivor was rescued from the crash at about 5 a.m. Tuesday morning."



Abdul Razak Artan, a third-year student in logistics management, is seen in an August 2016 photo provided by The Lantern, the student newspaper of OSU. (Kevin Stankiewicz for The Lantern/Handout via Reuters)



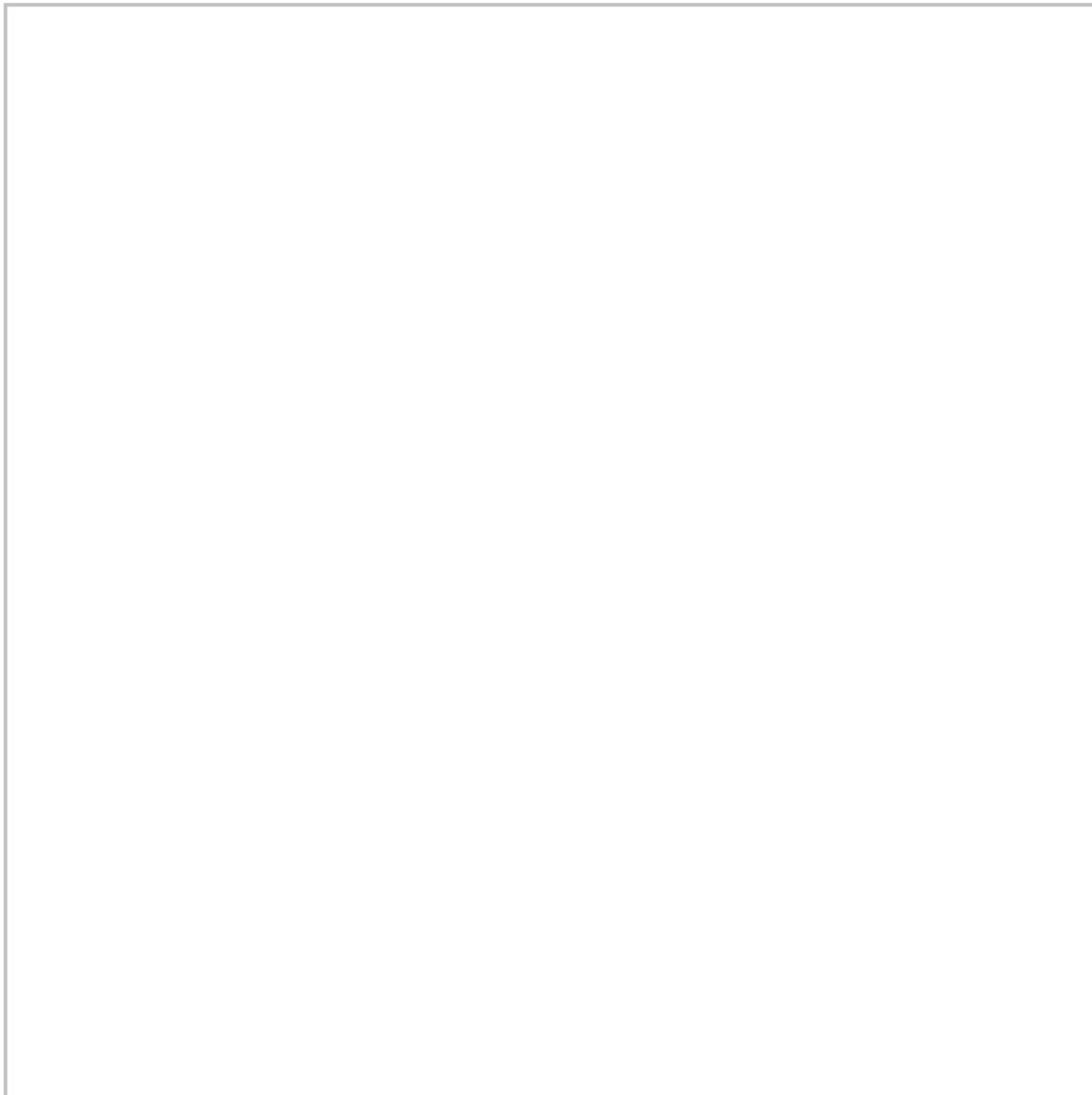
-- **The Ohio State University student who injured 11 in a knife attack on campus before being fatally shot by police had written in a Facebook post shortly before the rampage that the abuse of a little-known Muslim community in Burma drove him to the “boiling point.”** From [Annie Gowen](#): More than 1 million Rohingya Muslims live in Burma, but they have long been denied citizenship and other basic rights. And in recent weeks, thousands of Rohingya Muslims have been fleeing into the forests and neighboring Bangladesh on the heels of a brutal military crackdown that followed a terror attack on police posts. Earlier this week, a U.N. refugee agency official was in the Bangladesh region of Cox’s Bazar — where more than 30,000, many of them Rohingya, have fled — and told the BBC that Burmese troops were "killing men, shooting them, slaughtering children, raping women, burning and looting houses, forcing these people to cross the river" into Bangladesh. He said that the "ultimate goal" of the Burma government is "ethnic cleansing of the Muslim minority." The attacker has been identified as 18-year-old Abdul Artan. ([Kathy Lynn Gray](#), [Susan Svrluga](#), [Mark Berman](#) and [Matt Zapposky](#) have much more on what happened in Columbus.)

#### GET SMART FAST:

1. **A federal judge ruled that Dylann Roof, the 22-year-old accused of killing nine black parishioners at a Charleston church last year, can represent himself at a federal hate-crimes trial.** The decision means that Roof could potentially confront directly survivors of the attack if they are called to testify in the case. ([Mark Berman](#) and [Matt Zapposky](#))
2. **Texas officials confirmed the first case of the locally-transmitted Zika virus in Brownsville,** making the border town the second place in the continental U.S. to have the virus spread directly by mosquitos. ([Lena H Sun](#))
3. **The Lone Star State also announced it is requiring all fetal remains be “properly buried or cremated” regardless of the period of gestation** – garnering an intense outcry from pro-choice advocates, grieving mothers who lost children in utero or through miscarriages, and from medical providers, who have questioned who will foot the costly bill. ([Texas Tribune](#))
4. **The Department of Education released new rules on how to judge schools in accordance with the “Every Student Succeeds Act,”** the federal education law that replaced No Child Left Behind in 2015. It is unclear, however, whether a President Trump plans to abide by the contentious new set of regulations. ([Emma Brown](#))
5. **Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) has officially won reelection,** narrowly edging out Democratic challenger Doug Applegate in a race that took weeks to tally. ([AP](#))
6. **Democrats will have supermajorities in both chambers of the California legislature, after a Democratic candidate very narrowly won a tight state Senate race.** That will let liberals push through big tax hikes, enact a far-reaching social agenda under an “emergency clause” and override Jerry Brown's vetoes. ([LA Times](#))
7. **South Korean President Park Geun-hye issued a third national apology for her role in an influence-peddling scandal, saying she would resign if lawmakers vote to impeach her.** The unexpected announcement means Park could step down from her post as early as this Friday, [Anna Fifield](#) reports.
8. **Jimmy Carter is urging Obama to grant diplomatic recognition to Palestine before his term ends,** stressing the importance of securing a two-state solution because of continued settlement activity.

"I am convinced that the United States can still shape the future of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict before a change in presidents, but time is very short," the former president writes [in a New York Times op-ed today](#).

9. **Britain's pro-Brexit party picked Paul Nuttall as its new leader**, selecting the former top deputy to replace firebrand and Trump ally Nigel Farage as he seeks to carve out influence in the president-elect's budding administration. ([Brian Murphy](#))
10. **Italians are voting on a Constitutional amendment this weekend to help smooth gridlock in parliament and increase the rate of government efficiency**. But unlike U.S. elections, voters won't be compulsively refreshing polls or forecasting sites all day -- in Italy, it's illegal to publish polls during the final two weeks before a vote. ([Anna Momigliano](#))
11. **A headless corpse served as a most unlikely arbitrator in a years-long land dispute between the Netherlands and Belgium**, which was finally resolved on Monday after a tense, years-long dispute. ([New York Times](#))
12. **Police are investigating the death of a Good Samaritan who was gunned down while trying to help a woman being beat in the parking lot of a San Antonio Walmart**. The 39-year-old had braved the Black Friday crowds to help his wife find a holiday outfit, she said, before attempting to step in and help the ailing woman. ([Cleve R. Wootson Jr.](#))
13. **A Japanese amusement park drew swift condemnation after unveiling its new ice-skating rink – which featured some 5,000 dead fish frozen into the ice**. Photos of the now-shuttered exhibit showed some of the fish displayed with their heads *partially protruding* from the ice, while others were laid out in whimsical patterns (one spelled out the word 'hello'!) ([Amy B Wang](#))



Trump gives the thumbs-up as Romney leaves Trump National Golf Club Bedminster. (AP/Carolyn Kaster)

#### **TRUMP TRANSITION:**

-- **The president-elect remains “unswayed” by the public revolt over the possible choice of Mitt Romney for the State Department and continues to see his foe as a serious contender for the diplomatic post,** [Philip Rucker and John Wagner report](#).

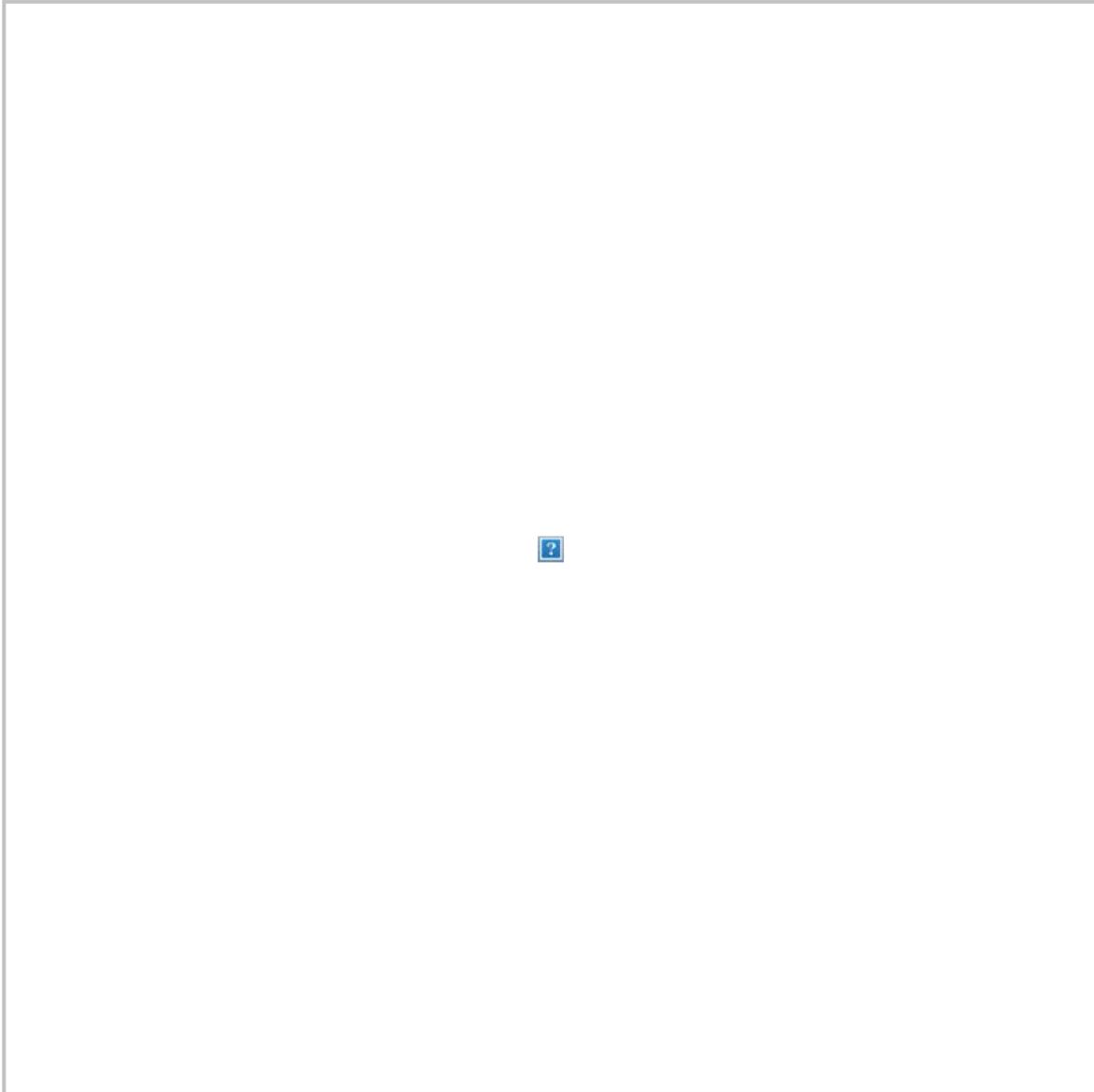
**Romney plans to have a private dinner tonight with Trump**, who is said to be “intrigued” by the notion of reconciling with one of his fiercest Republican antagonists. But he wants assurances that Romney could be trusted to defend and promote Trump’s markedly different worldview.

**More people in Trump’s orbit came out against Mitt.** Rep. Chris Collins (R-N.Y.) blasted Romney as “a self-serving egomaniac who puts himself first, has a chip on his shoulder, and thinks that he should be president of the United States” on CNN.

**Mike Pence is viewed as a Romney supporter**, “believing that he has a steady hand that would benefit Trump in the turbulent world of diplomacy.”

**Romney and Rudy Giuliani were seen previously as “co-favorites,” but Trump officials now say that Giuliani’s international business ties and consulting could prevent him from winning Senate**

**confirmation.**



Petraeus describes 'very good' meeting with Trump

-- Petraeus, who has emerged as a possible alternative for secretary of state, and whose tenure as CIA director ended amid revelations that he had an affair with his biographer, said he is taking a “wait and see” approach on serving in Trump’s administration. “I was with him for about an hour,” Petraeus told reporters after the meeting. “He basically walked us around the world. Showed a great grasp of a variety of the challenges that are out there and some of the opportunities as well. Very good conversation and we’ll see where it goes from here.” ([Jerry Markon and Paul Kane](#))

Transition officials said Trump has long admired Petraeus and described his candidacy as formidable, despite the baggage he would carry into any confirmation hearings because of his 2015 conviction for mishandling classified information. (Remember when Trump made Hillary Clinton's mishandling of classified information, for which she was never charged with a crime, a central issue in the presidential campaign? That was earlier *this month*.)

-- A wrinkle: Just as the former CIA director met with Trump in New York yesterday, Defense Department officials [confirmed to the AP](#) that they are conducting a new leaks investigation related to the sex scandal that led to his resignation. "Investigators are trying to determine who leaked personal information about Paula Broadwell, the woman whose affair with Petraeus led to criminal charges against him

and his resignation. The latest twist in the case could [resurface] details of the extramarital affair and FBI investigation that ended his career at the CIA."

-- **Pence: "It's going to be a busy week. Get ready. Buckle up."** Among those scheduled to drop by Trump Tower today: House Homeland Security Committee chair Michael McCaul.

West Virginia residents hold signs supporting coal in Cleveland. (Reuters/Aaron P. Bernstein)</p>□



West Virginia residents hold signs supporting coal in Cleveland. (Reuters/Aaron P. Bernstein)

#### **TRUMP TAKES WASHINGTON:**

-- **Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner could face serious conflict-of-interest questions of his own – even if he only takes a role as an unpaid adviser to the president-elect.** From the [Wall Street Journal's Peter Grant](#) on A1: "The real-estate company [Kushner controls] ... has hundreds of millions of dollars in loans outstanding from domestic and foreign financial institutions, markets condominiums to wealthy U.S. and foreign buyers and has obtained development financing through a controversial U.S. program that sells green cards. The president himself isn't subject to the conflict-of-interest law, but all other government employees must follow it. Even if Mr. Kushner were to serve in the new administration as an unpaid adviser, his potential influence on policy would invite scrutiny, legal experts said." Some wealthy individuals and business people who have joined previous administrations have sold stocks, bonds and a wide range of other assets to comply with conflict laws. **"It's a criminal statute so you don't want to get too close to the line," said former**

**White House ethics lawyer Richard Painter.**

-- **Democrats on the House Oversight Committee called on Jason Chaffetz to launch a formal probe into Trump's finances**, asking (futilely) that the GOP's top investigator request copies of Trump's income tax returns and to invite Trump aides to brief lawmakers on "their plans for protecting against conflicts of interest." ([Mike DeBonis](#))

-- **White House officials urged Trump not to reverse Obama's policies on Cuba, after Trump said in a tweet that he would "terminate" newly-thawed U.S.-Cuba policy unless Havana is willing to make a "better deal" for Cubans and Americans. (He did not specify what he wanted or what he would do.)** "It's just not as simple as one tweet might make it seem," said White House press secretary Josh Earnest, noting that Monday marked the resumption of direct commercial flights between the U.S. and Havana for the first time in half a century. "There are significant diplomatic, economic [and] cultural costs that will have to be accounted for if this policy is rolled back." ([The Hill](#))

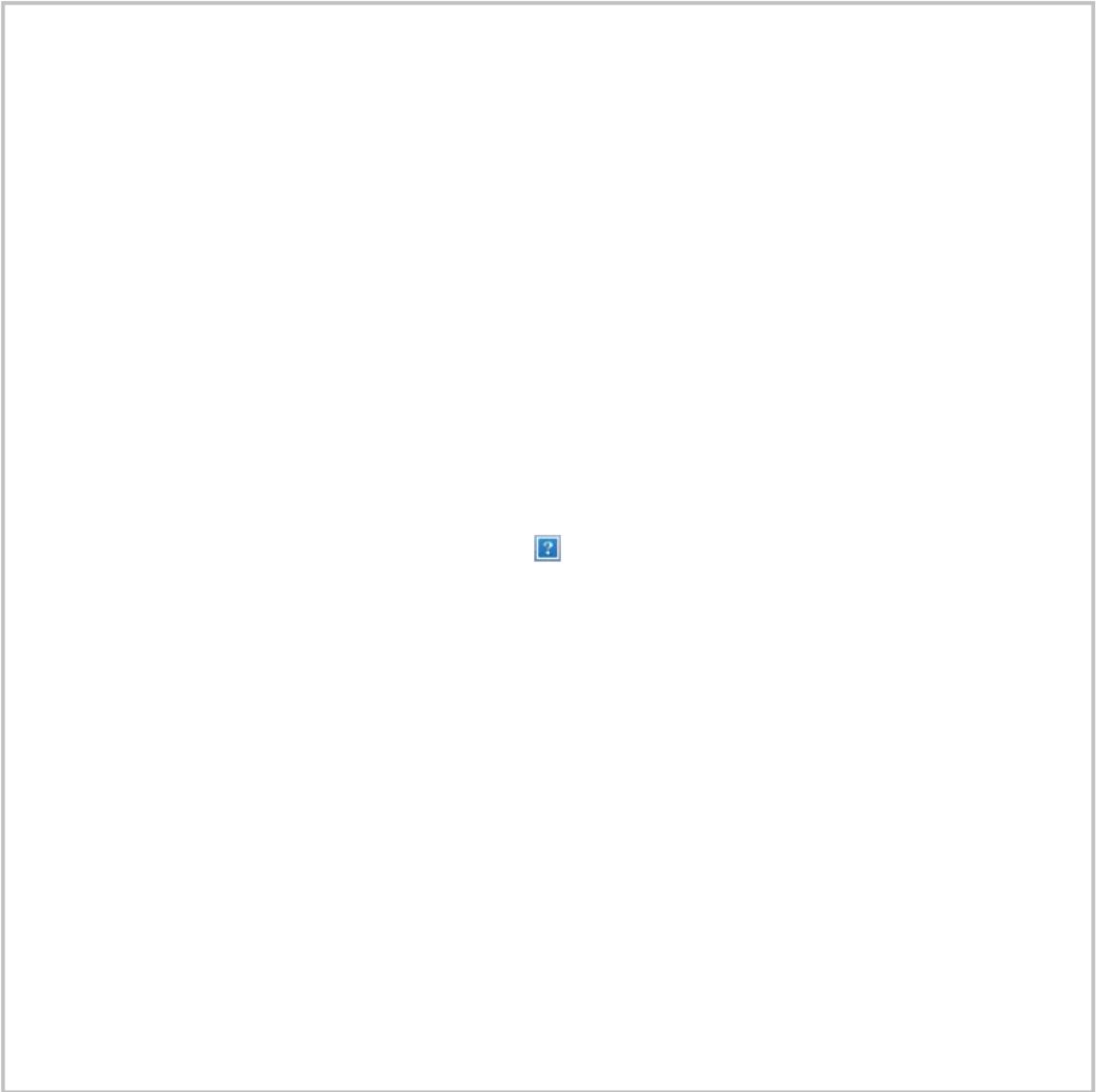
-- **"Trump's election suddenly created an awful lot of international Trump-branded targets for terrorists," Philip Bump writes.** "Protecting Trump Tower is relatively easy. Protecting a Trump-branded resort in Indonesia is something else entirely, and raises a slew of questions. How? Who?"

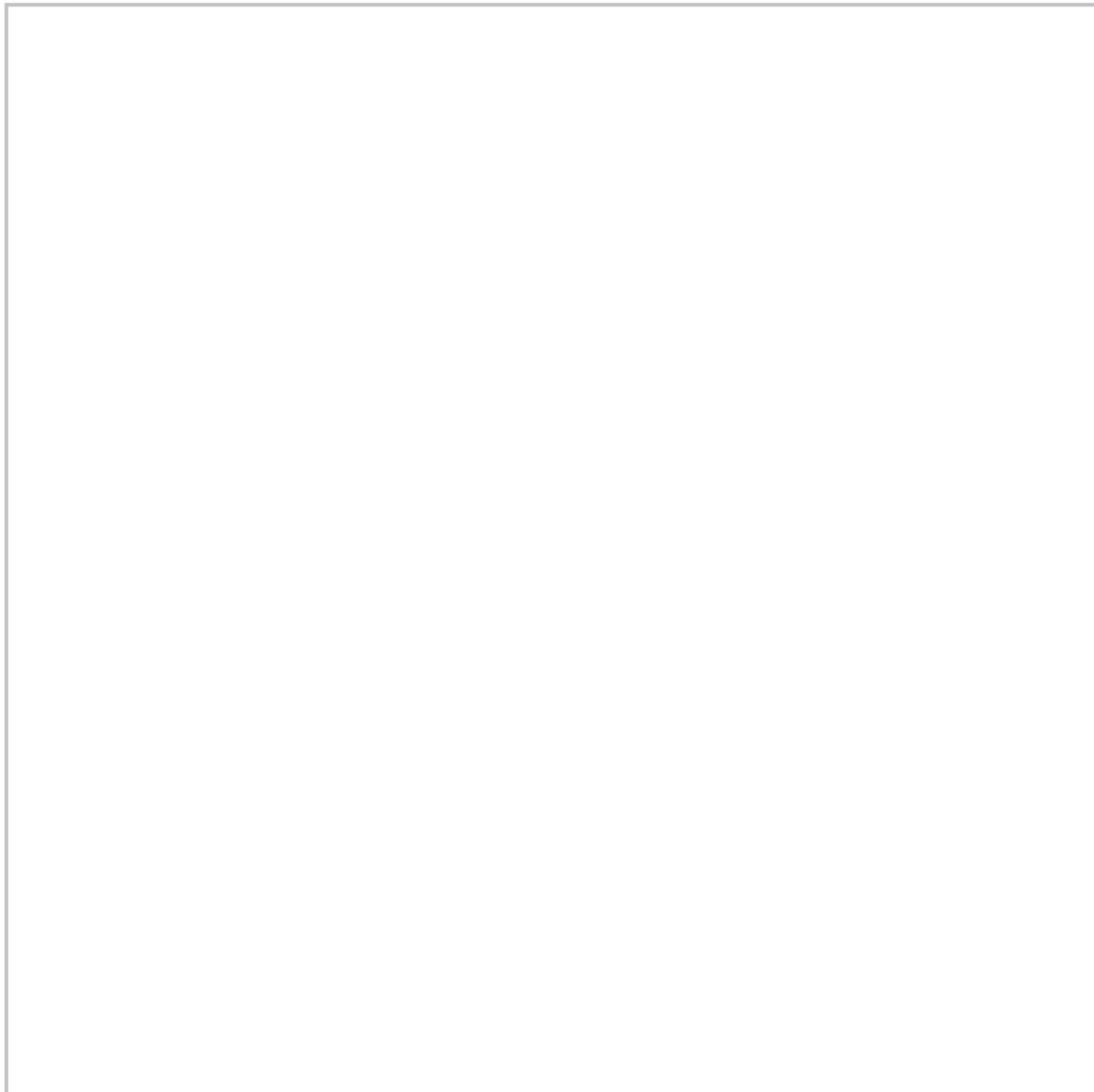
-- **Wall Street Journal, "Will Political Reality Derail Markets' Bet on Donald Trump?," by Gerald F. Seib:** "So far, the financial markets love the coming Trump presidency, and why not? They look at the combination of a big tax cut, big infrastructure spending and lower regulations ... Less obvious is the implicit assumption the markets are making that two looming problems with all this stimulation won't short-circuit the good times. But are the markets making a safe bet? Let's look at each element in turn":

- **TAX CUTS:** "Republicans have a working majority in the House, but barely hung on to their majority in the Senate. Still, with likely across-the-board Democratic opposition, it also leaves little margin for error ..."
- **INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING:** In theory, everybody in Washington loves more infrastructure spending. In reality, there are enormous differences, between parties and within the GOP ... Can Mr. Trump use Republican votes to pass a big tax cut and then Democratic votes to get a big infrastructure plan through? **Perhaps that is what an unorthodox president who essentially ran as an independent can do. But it will be trickier than it looks on the potholed surface.**"
- **TRADE WARS:** "Trade tensions still lie ahead, and China is stepping into the free-trade void in Asia quite nicely, to the potential detriment of American companies. But visions of an all-out trade war aren't as vivid as some feared ..."
- **DEFICITS:** "This is the big potential showstopper ... Look for a moment of truth in mid-2017, when a Republican president and a Republican Congress have to agree on a plan to raise the federal debt ceiling or face a market-rattling default ..."

-- **New York Times, "Trump's Promises Will Be Hard to Keep, but Coal Country Has Faith," by Sheryl Gay Stolberg:** "Appalachians are eyeing Washington with a feeling they have not had in years: hope. It is difficult for outsiders to fathom how deeply faith and work are intertwined here, or the economic and psychological depression that sets in when an entire region loses the only livelihood many of its people have ever known. Coal has always been boom and bust ... But in West Virginia alone, 12,000 coal industry jobs have been lost during (Obama's) tenure. In this land of staggering beauty and economic pain, Trump backers said over and over again that while coal might never be what it once was, the businessman they helped send to the White House could indeed put them back to work."

-- **Some perspective on the favorability ratings of presidents-elect at this point in the past:**





Former Michigan Democratic Party chair Mark Brewer testifies on the side of Jill Stein and promises a formal demand for a recount as members of the Michigan Board of Canvassers meet to certify the presidential election and consider a recount yesterday in Lansing. Michigan officials yesterday certified that Trump won the state by 10,704 votes out of nearly 4.8 million to claim all of its 16 electoral votes. (Dale G. Young/Detroit News via AP)

#### **AMERICA, DIVIDED:**

-- **Trump and Jill Stein continued to raise competing doubts about the election results on Monday, with Trump's transition team voicing more unsubstantiated concerns about "voter fraud" and the Green Party candidate taking legal action to trigger a recount in Pennsylvania.** From [Sean Sullivan](#): "Trump was also officially declared the winner in Michigan by a slim margin. (Stein's team said it plans to demand a statewide hand-recount on Wednesday, in accordance with the 48-hour deadline to do so.) In Wisconsin, where Stein asked for a recount last week, elections officials on Monday announced a timeline and procedure for it." In Pennsylvania, Stein's campaign said requests had been filed by voters in more than 100 precincts already.

"I really do think it's ridiculous that so much oxygen has been given to recount efforts when there is absolutely no chance of the election results changing," said Trump spokesman Jason Miller. "This election has been decided. It's a conceded election." (The Trump camp continues to dubiously cite two sources to back up

its claims on voter fraud. Post Fact Checker Michelle Ye Hee Lee explains why neither [actually backs up their argument.](#))

-- **An airline passenger who went on an expletive-laden, pro-Trump rant has been banned from flying Delta for life.** The incident is the latest in a string of political disputes to break out among passengers mid-air including one United Airlines flight in which a pilot was forced to ban all talk of politics completely.

-- **A Texas Republican presidential elector resigned his post, saying he could not vote for a man who he does not believe is “biblically qualified” to serve in the White House.** “I will sleep well at night knowing I neither gave in to their demands nor caved to my convictions,” welding supply salesman Art Sisneros wrote in a blog post. (Fort Worth [Star-Telegram](#))

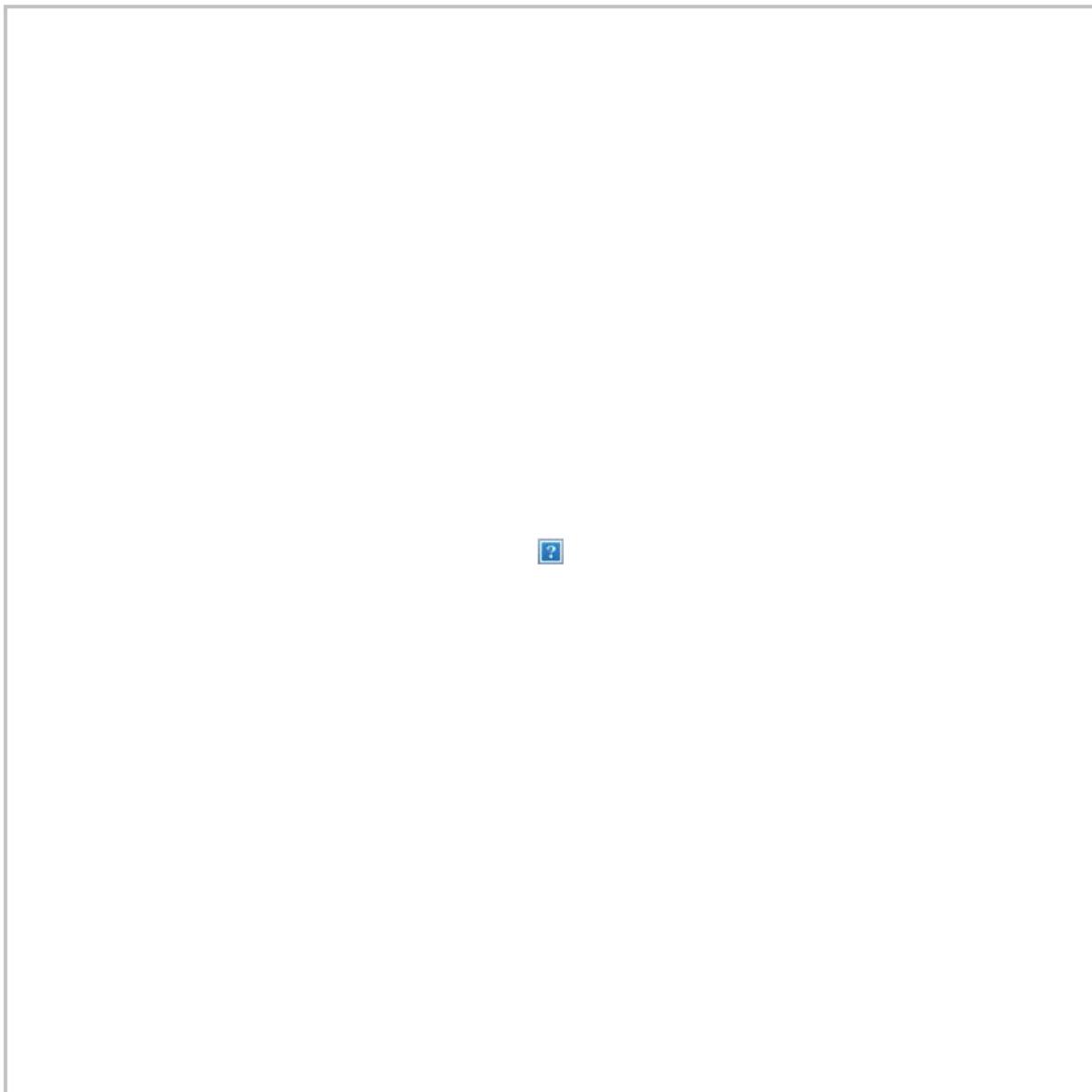
-- **Evansville, Indiana, police are investigating racist threats that were spray painted onto a black church last week,** as the congregation hosted and fed nearly 300 people during its annual Thanksgiving feast for the needy. ([Cleve R. Wootson Jr.](#))

-- **Hundreds of flag-waving veterans gathered at Hampshire College to protest the school’s decision to remove all flags, including the U.S. flag.** ([Peter Holley](#))

-- **Former students at a North Dallas prep school have started an online petition protesting their ex-classmate Richard Spencer,** a white nationalist who coined the term “alt-right” and who last week led a D.C. conference advocating for a whites-only state. **Proceeds from the effort will benefit refugee resettlement efforts.** ([Amy B Wang](#))

-- **Rolling Stone, “‘Radically Mainstream’: Why the Alt-Right Is Celebrating Trump’s Win,”** by Sarah Posner: “[Richard Spencer] says he sees Trump as a symbol, a vehicle for white aspirations, in much the same way so many projected their hopes and dreams onto Obama. What has been “legitimized,” in the Alt-Right view, is the movement’s central creation myth: that white people are being “dispossessed” in contemporary America. As he hungrily eats an omelet ... Spencer begins to dream out loud. The Alt-Right ‘can plausibly say we are influencing Breitbart,’ he says – but now, in the wake of the Trump win, he can imagine, even predict, that Fox News will develop a show speaking directly to the movement. He imagines producing a series of white papers that would trickle up into conversations inside the White House ... **‘That is influence, where people are thinking things that they had no idea who planted this in their head,’** he says. **‘It’s planting ideas. People will come to the conclusions themselves, but the true influencer is the one who kind of helps them, that kind of leads them there.’**”

-- **“Angry Woman at Michaels Store Cries Discrimination for Being White, Voting Trump,”** from [Chicago Patch](#): “The offer of a \$1 reusable bag erupted into a meltdown by a woman who proclaimed she had voted for [Trump] and was being discriminated against by African-American employees at a Chicago arts and crafts store. According to [a bystander,] the woman, who is white, went into a “30-minute racist rant complete with yelling and cursing and repeated references to the fact that both employees were African-American.” “Yes, I voted for Trump, so there. You want to kick me out because of that? And look who won,” the customer yelled. The bystander and her son watched the scene for several minutes before she began recording the yelling customer, which she wanted to document to ensure store employees would not get in trouble.



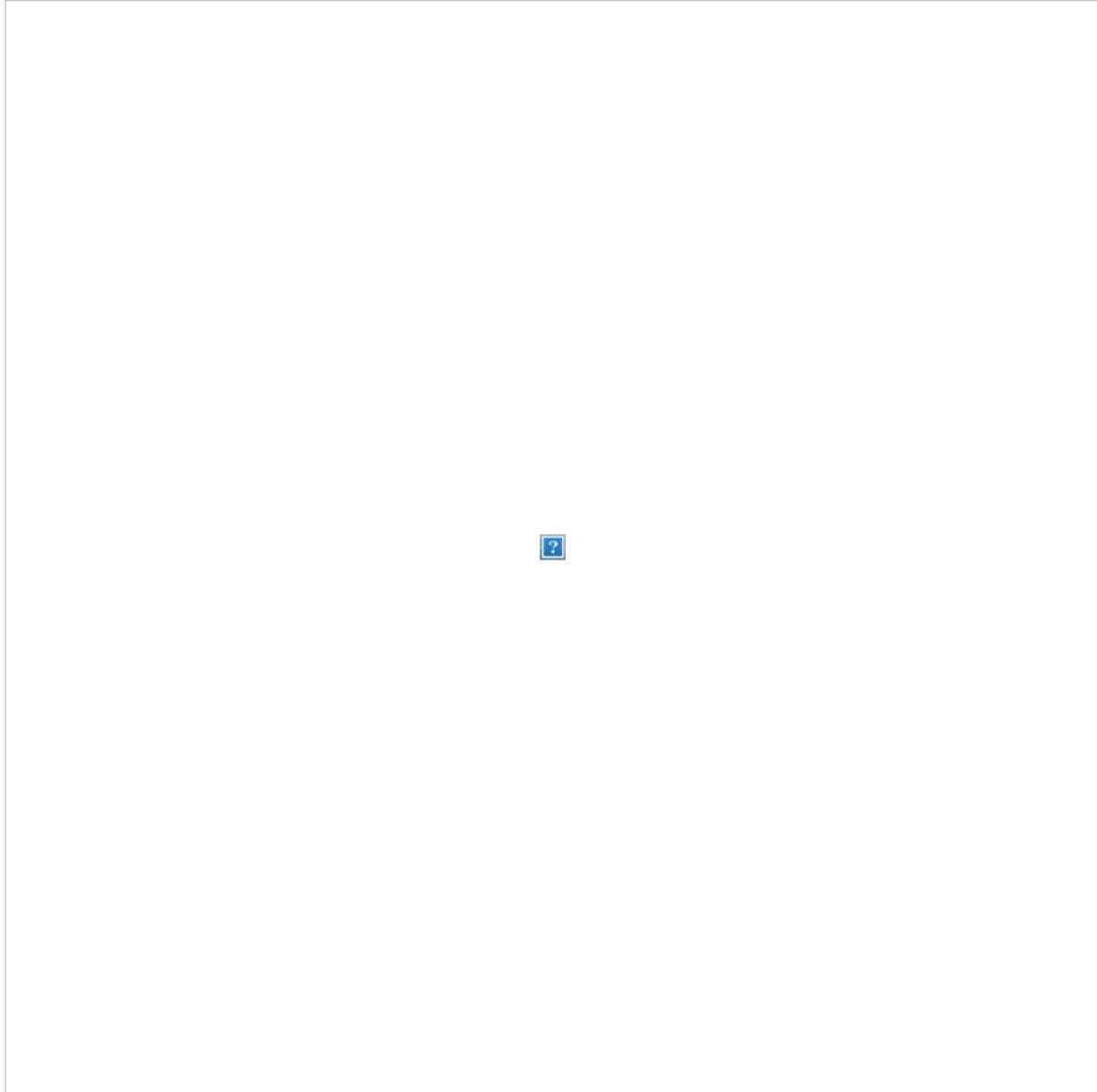
Abu Mohammed al-Adnani, ISIS's chief strategist, who laid out the blueprint for the extremist group's attacks against the West, was killed this summer while overseeing the group's operations in northern Syria. (Militant Photo via AP)

#### **WAPO HIGHLIGHTS:**

-- If you read one thing --> [Joby Warrick has an awesome piece on the rise and fall of a top Islamic State leader](#): “For a man given to fiery rhetoric and long-winded sermons, Abu Muhammad al-Adnani became oddly quiet during his last summer as the chief spokesman for the Islamic State. **The Syrian who exhorted thousands of young Muslims to don suicide belts appeared increasingly obsessed with his own safety ... He banished cellphones, shunned large meetings and avoided going outdoors in the daytime. He began sleeping in crowded tenements ... betting on the presence of young children to shield him from the drones prowling the skies overhead.** But in late August, when a string of military defeats suffered by the Islamic State compelled Adnani to briefly leave his hiding place, the Americans were waiting for him. The Aug. 30 missile strike was the culmination of a months-long mission targeting one of the Islamic State’s most prominent [and] most dangerous — senior leaders. At least six high-level Islamic State officials have died in U.S. airstrikes in the past four months ... all but erasing entire branches of the group’s leadership chart. ... The loss of senior leaders does not mean that the Islamic State is about to collapse, [U.S. officials caution]. ... But the deaths point to the growing sophistication of a targeted killing campaign built by the CIA and the Defense Department over the past two years for the purpose of flushing out individual leaders who are

working hard to stay hidden.”

-- **[“The mounting death toll in Mosul forces questions about the battle plan,”](#)** by Kareem Fahim, Missy Ryan and Mustafa Salim: “Civilian and military casualties are mounting as misery spreads in Mosul six weeks after the Iraqi army launched an offensive to capture the city from the Islamic State. Nearly 600 civilians have been killed, according to one estimate, along with dozens of Iraq’s elite, U.S.-trained special forces soldiers ... The carnage has slowed the army’s advance and revived debate about the wisdom of the battle plan, which envisioned Mosul’s residents sheltering in their homes — a means, it was hoped, of staving off a mass dislocation and the city’s destruction. They also say their U.S. allies are urging them to consider steps that could ease the civilian toll but also hasten a shared victory [in the waning days] of the Obama administration ... **But with the Islamic State intentionally targeting civilians, any plan to evacuate them was fraught with risk. ‘If they suffer, it will be on us,’**” said Maj. Gen. Sami al-Aridhi.



People stand in line yesterday to pay tribute to Cuba's late President Fidel Castro in Revolution Square in Havana. (Alexandre Meneghini/Reuters)

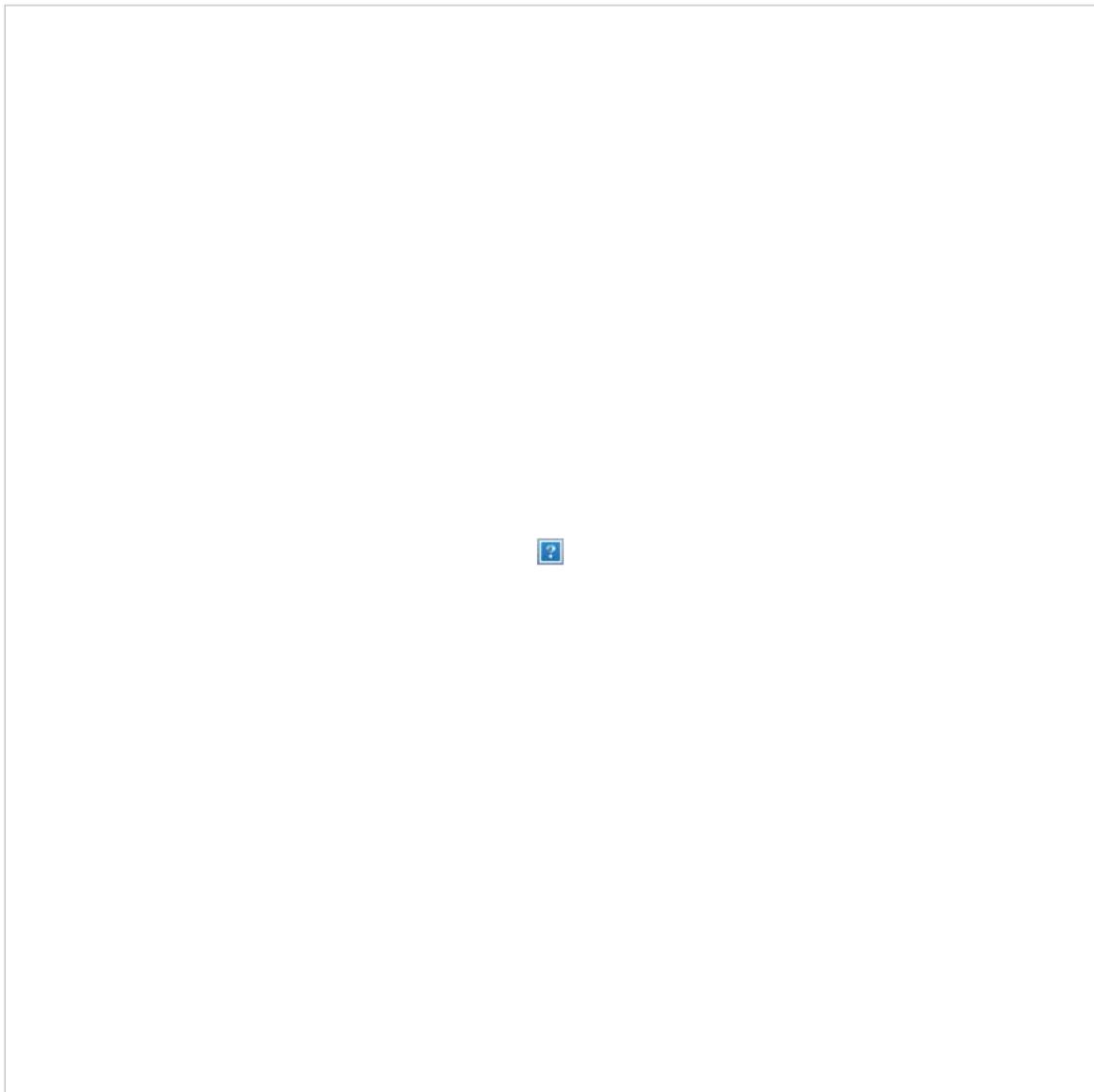
-- **“Out of loyalty, obligation, or perhaps a bit of both, Cubans lined up for hours Monday to pay respects to Castro in a hushed procession that was tightly choreographed by their government,”** **[Nick Miroff files from Havana.](#)** “Shuffling forward in three columns ... the tribute had a dutiful feel, with nothing left to chance. Castro evolved over his half-century in power, and the swaggering, infallible figure he

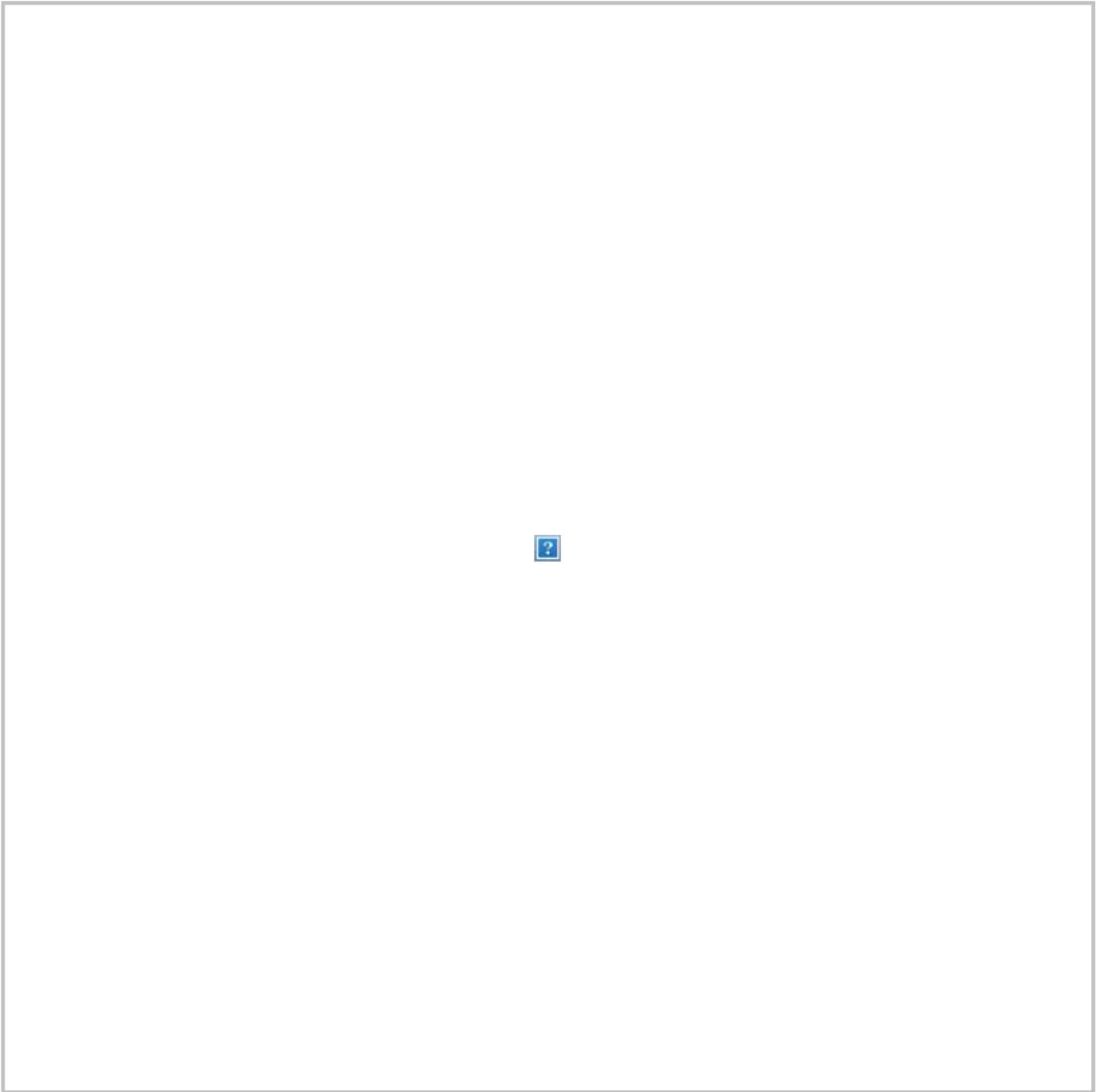
projected as a younger man gave way to something less imposing as he went gray and his lofty socialist ideals crashed into economic ruin. Over the years, many younger Cubans came to see him like a stubborn, grandfatherly figure whose musings on history and geopolitics were divorced from the grinding struggles of their daily lives. [And] just as Castro's one-party state imposed ideological and political conformity, the public response to his death on Friday night at age 90 has been a kind of state-directed emotional uniformity."

-- "[How the far right is trying to woo an unlikely ally — Jews,](#)" by **Anthony Faiola**: "Attendees gathered this month inside Vienna's opulent Grand Hotel for an extraordinary event billed as the 'New Anti-Semitism Conference.' The Israeli superspy who hunted down war criminal Adolf Eichmann flew in for the occasion, timed to commemorate the 1938 night when the Nazis stormed Jewish synagogues and businesses. What made the event truly remarkable, however, was its sponsor: Austria's Freedom Party — a far-right movement founded in part by former Nazis and now on the cusp of capturing this nation's presidency. 'They are one of the most pro-Israel parties in Europe,' insisted Michael Kleiner, ... a former member of the Israeli parliament. Newly energized by the presidential victory of Trump, far-right and anti-establishment forces are pushing into the mainstream on both sides of the Atlantic. As they do, many are seeking to neutralize one of their oldest and most debilitating labels: as anti-Semites ..."

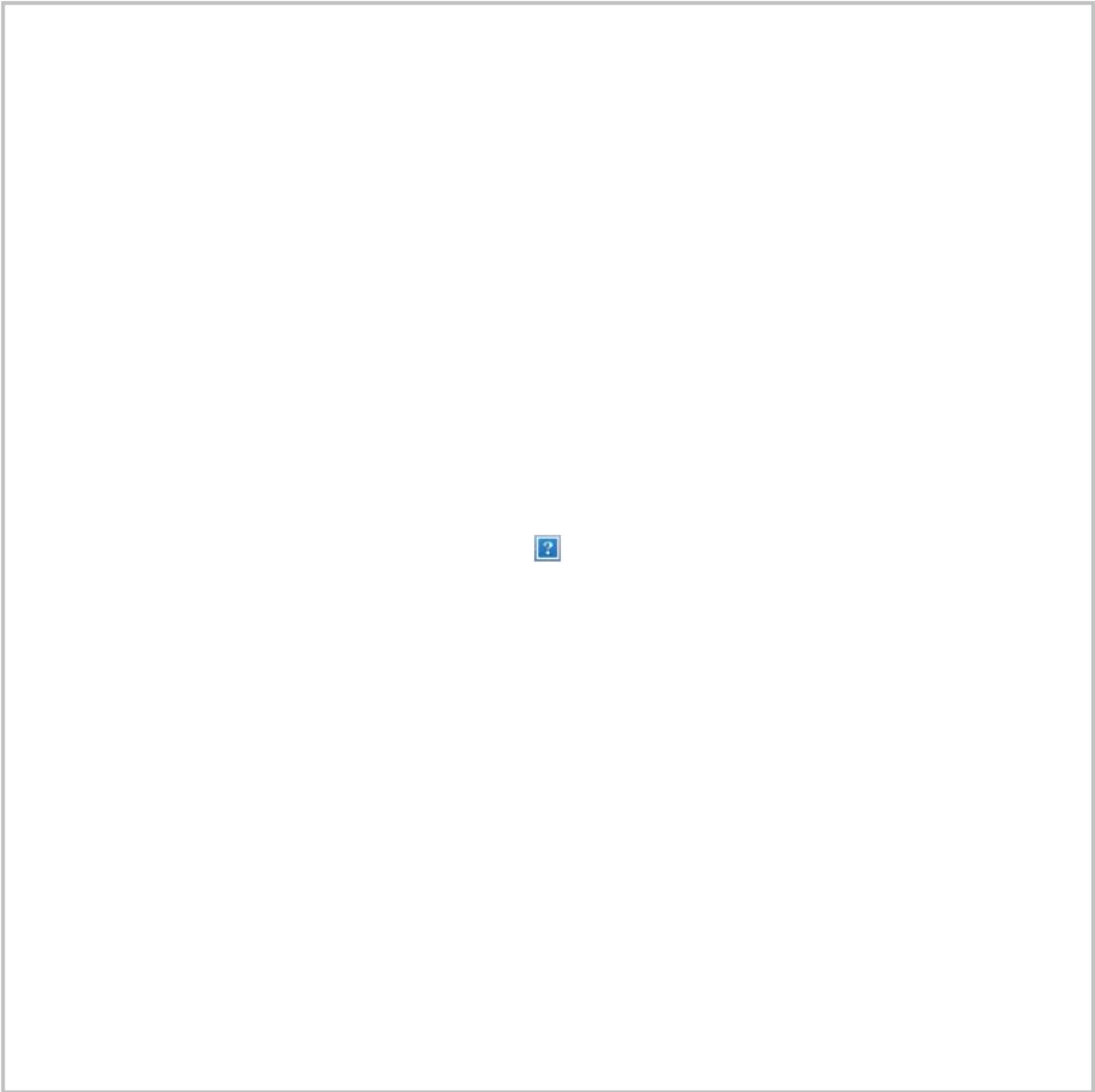
**SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:**

Here's an update from Trump's Twitter feed, starting with this threat to the Cuban regime:

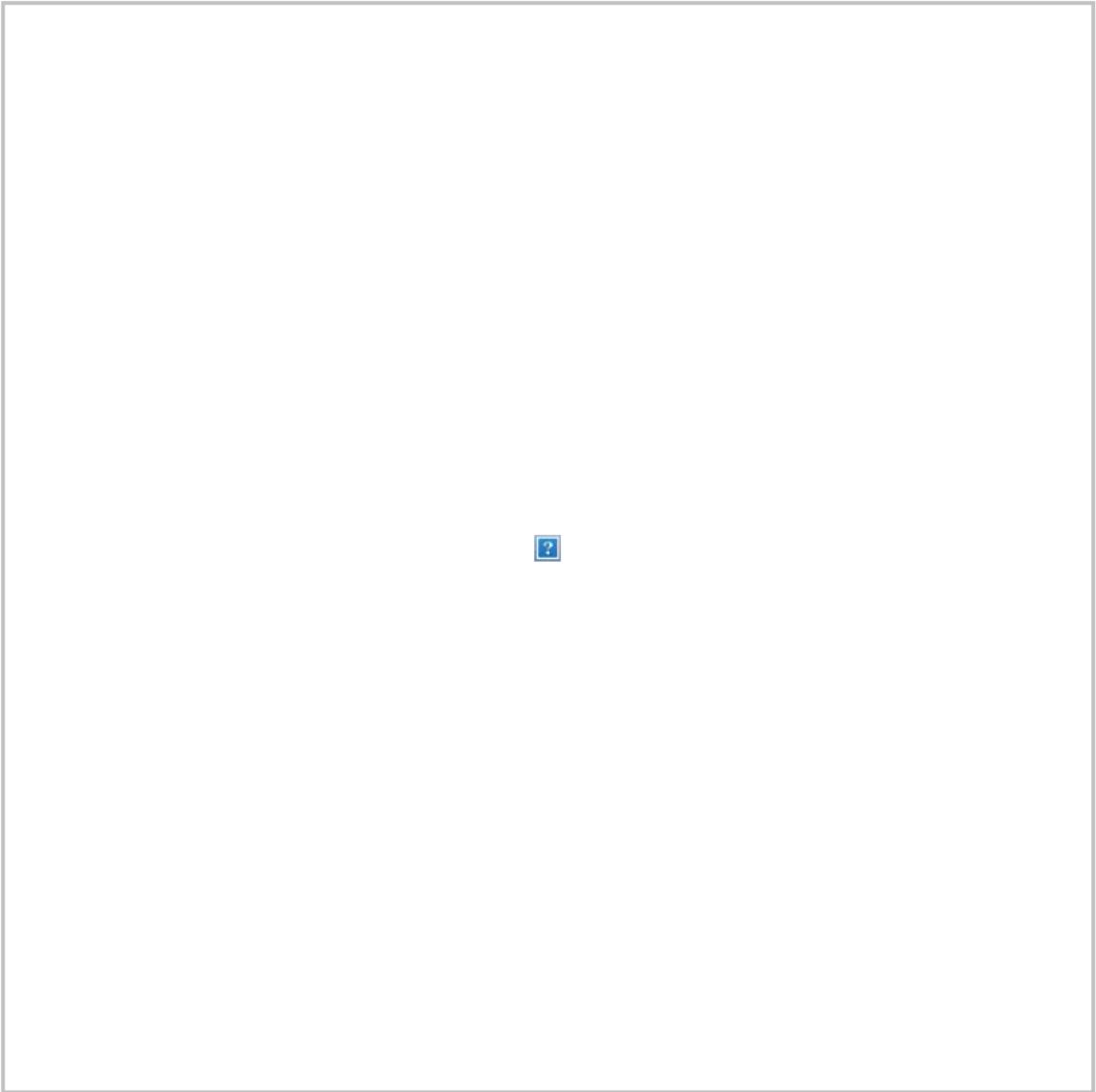




Trump complimented David Petraeus after their meeting at Trump Tower:

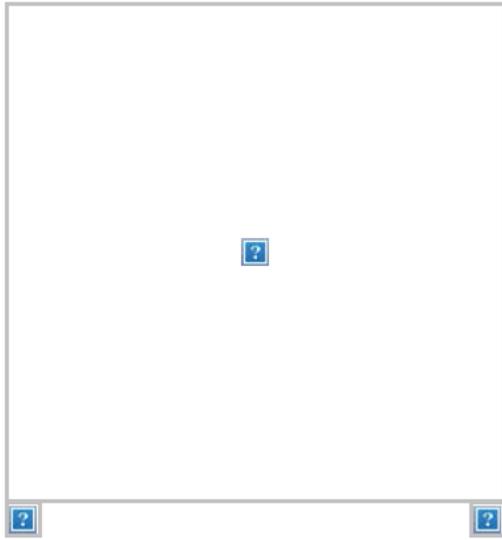
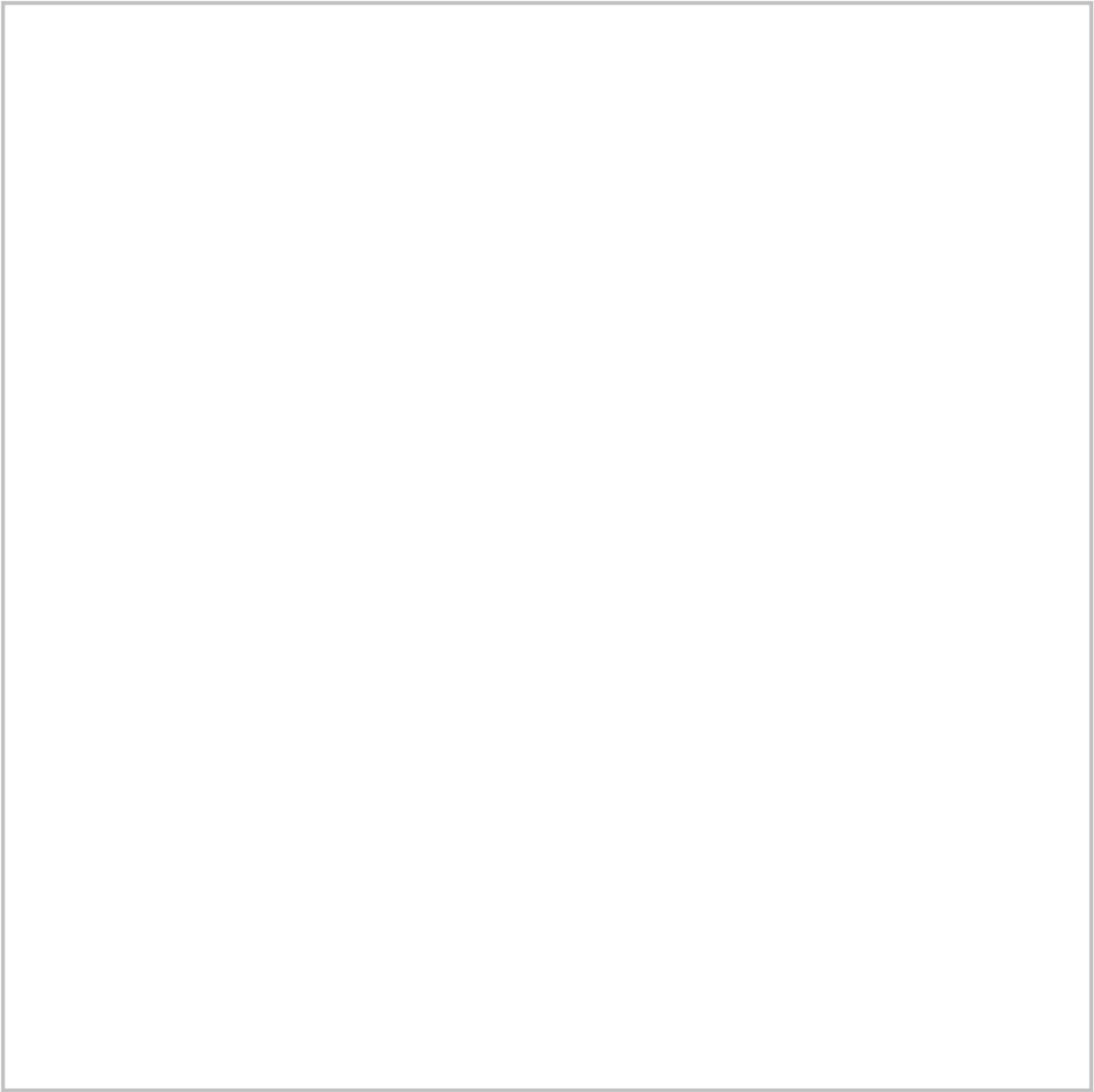


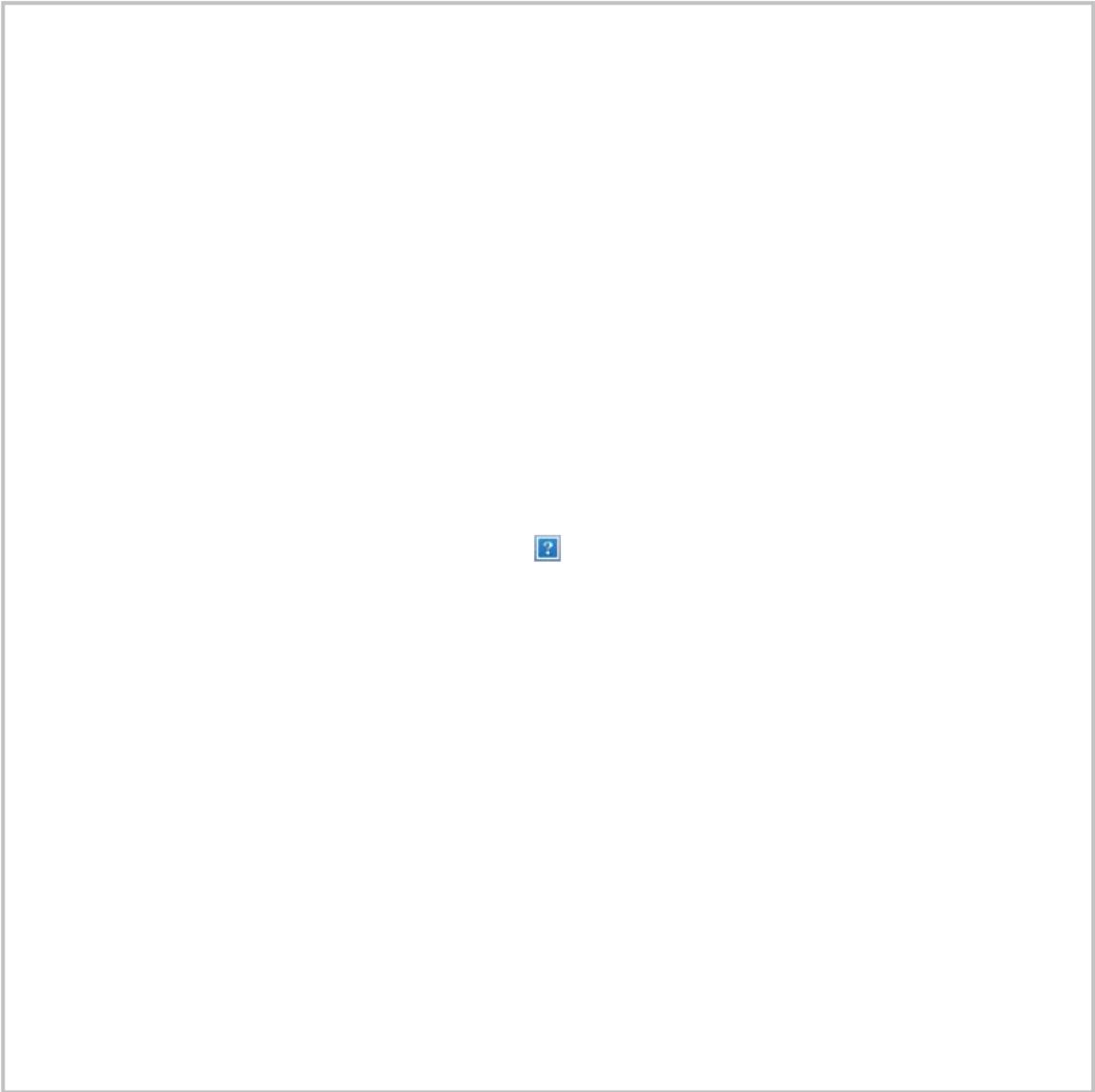
He then proceeded to go after CNN by retweeting random people's attacks on correspondent Jeff Zeleny (including a teenage kid's):



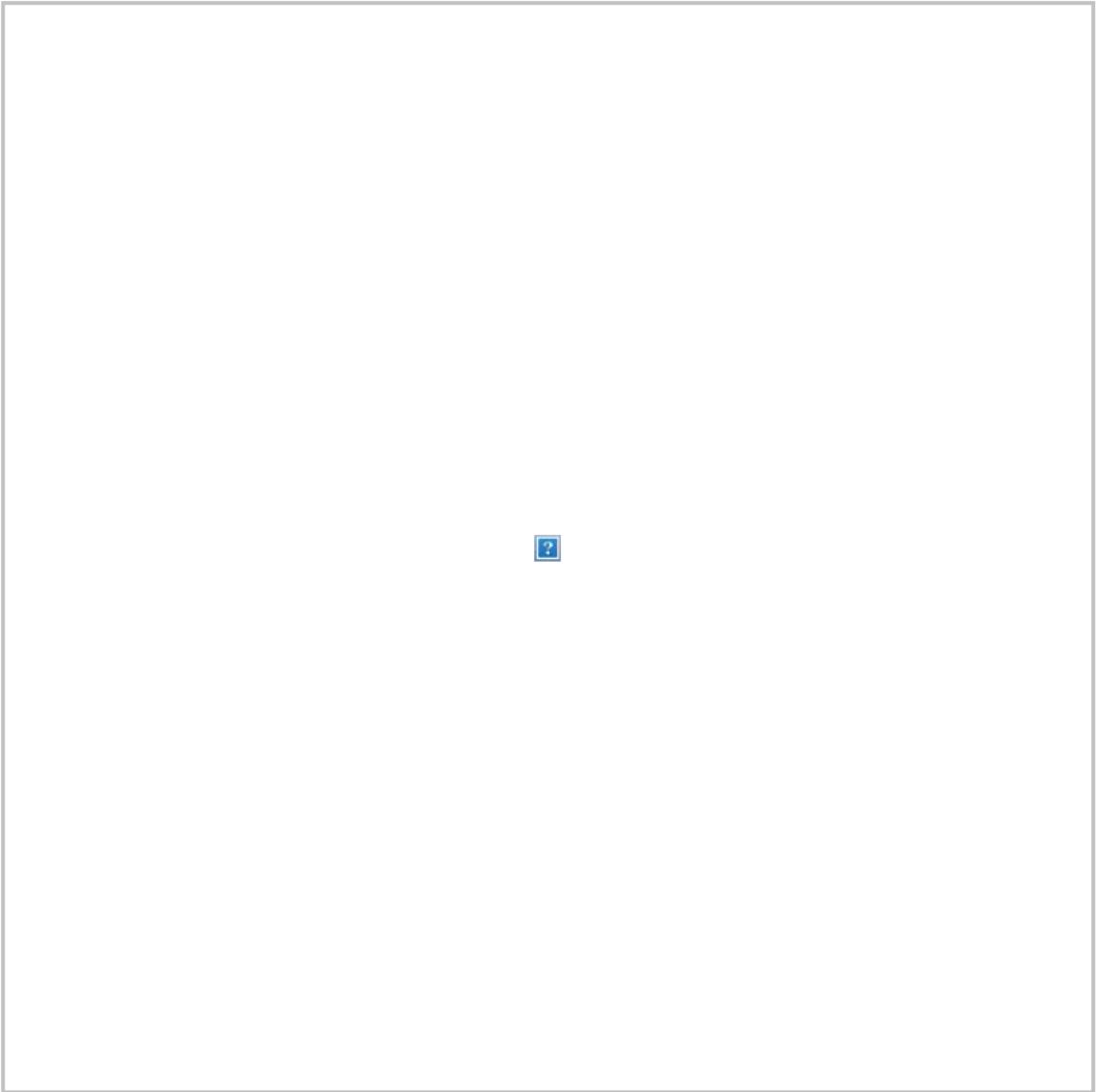




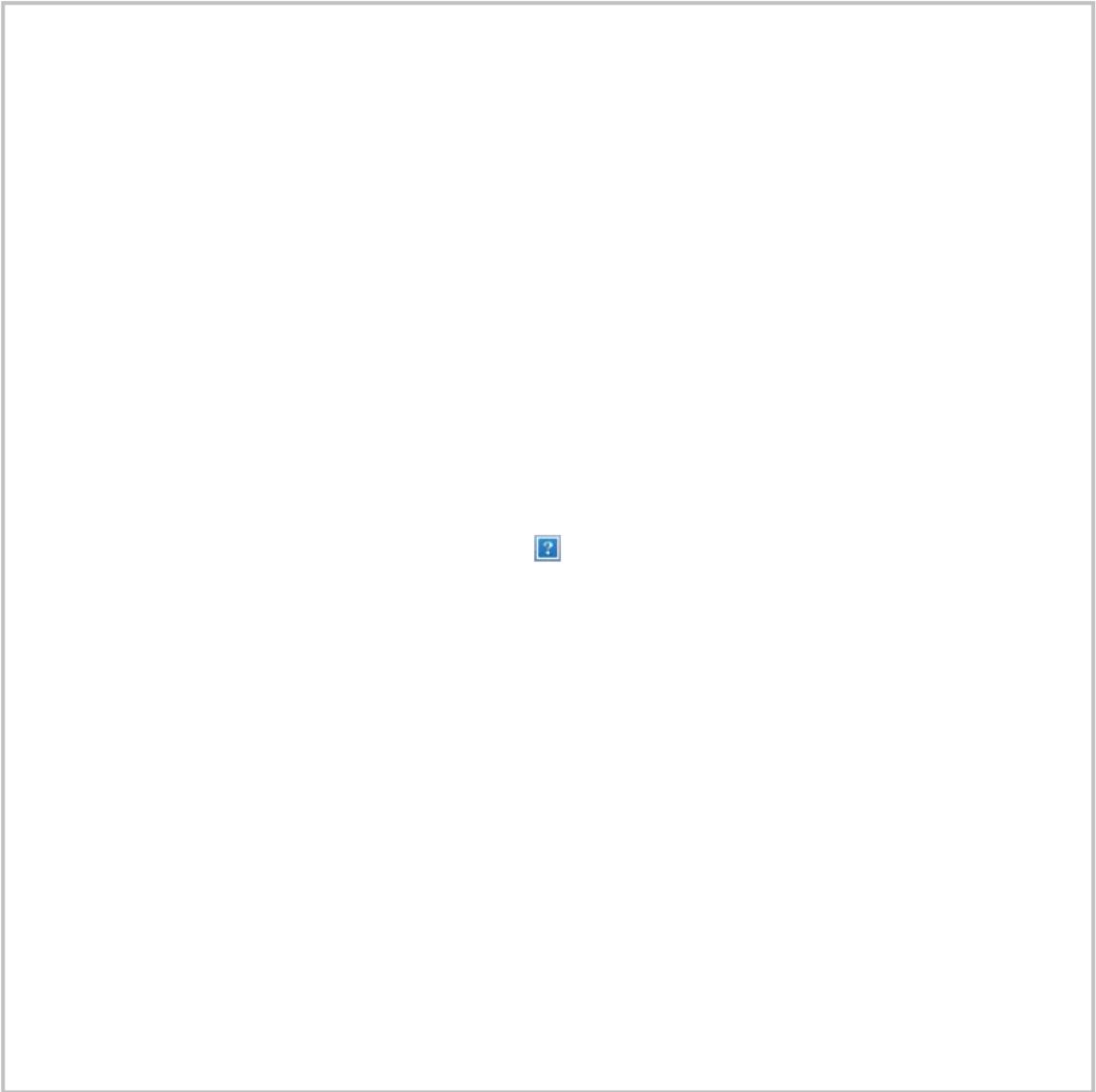




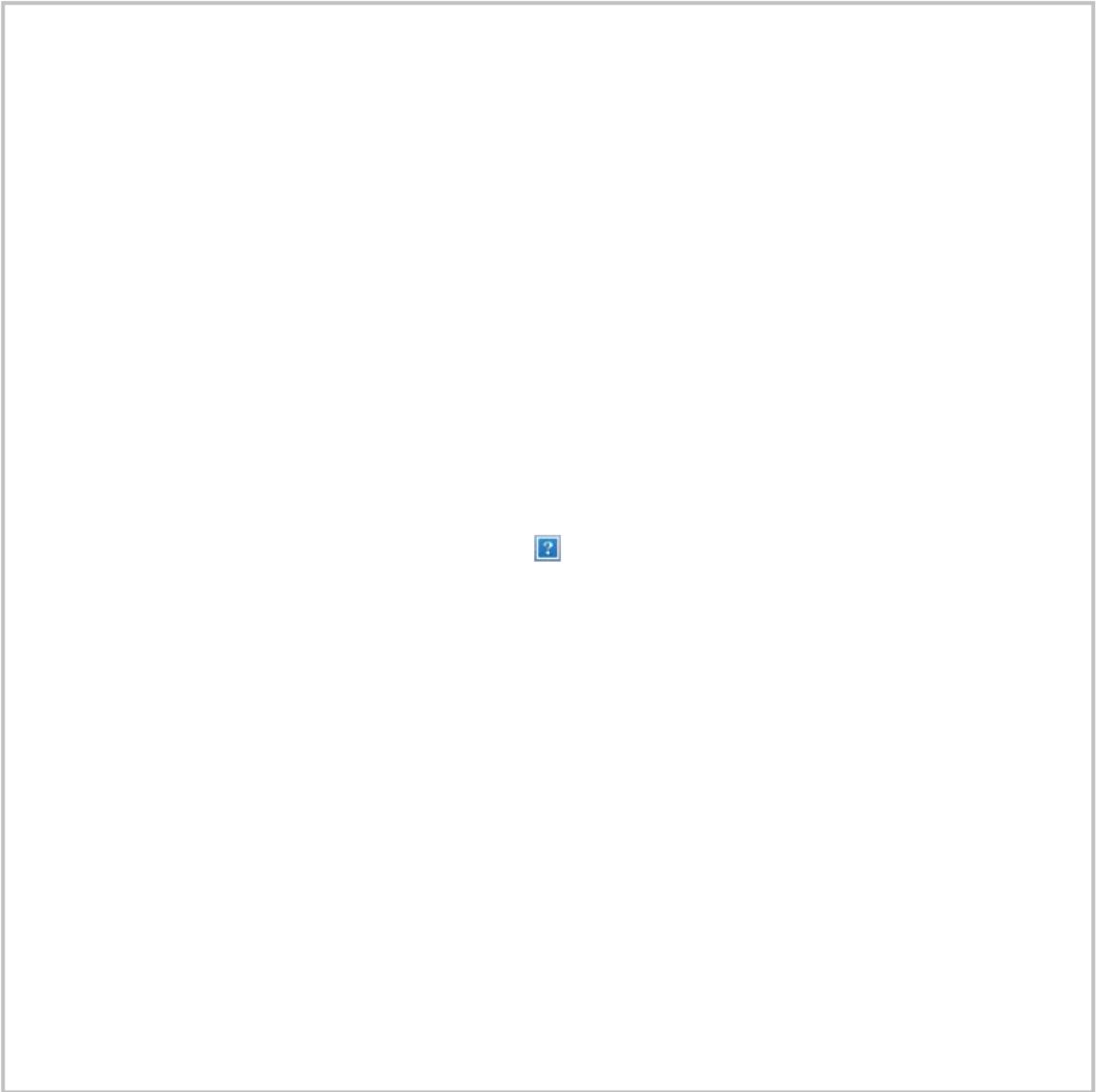
Alex Jones, who runs the pro-Trump conspiracy web site Infowars, posted a clip from an interview that Trump gave on Sept. 11, 2001, to claim that the president-elect is actually a 9/11 truther who has "been awake all along."



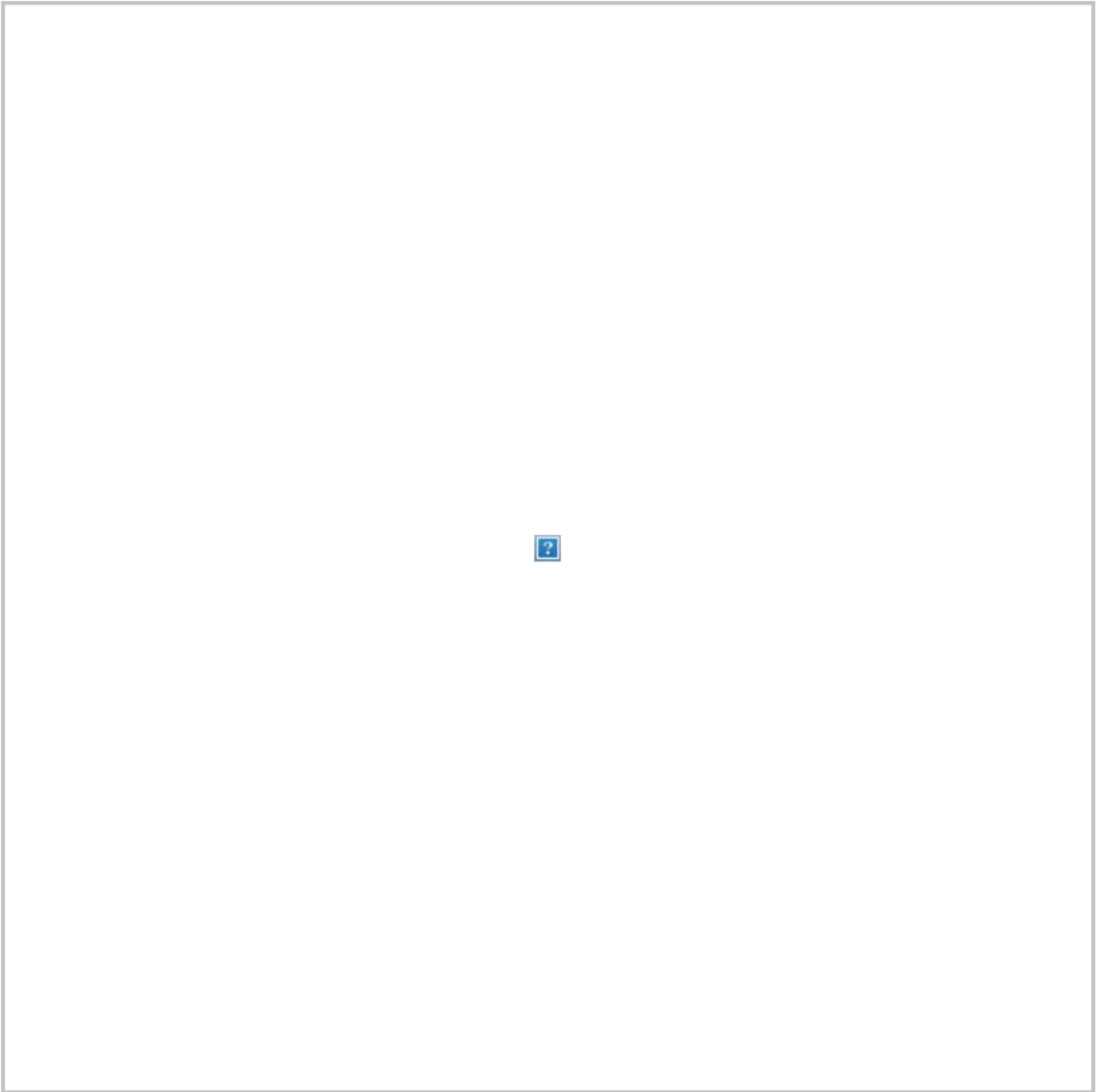
A staff writer at The New Yorker made this chilling accusation:



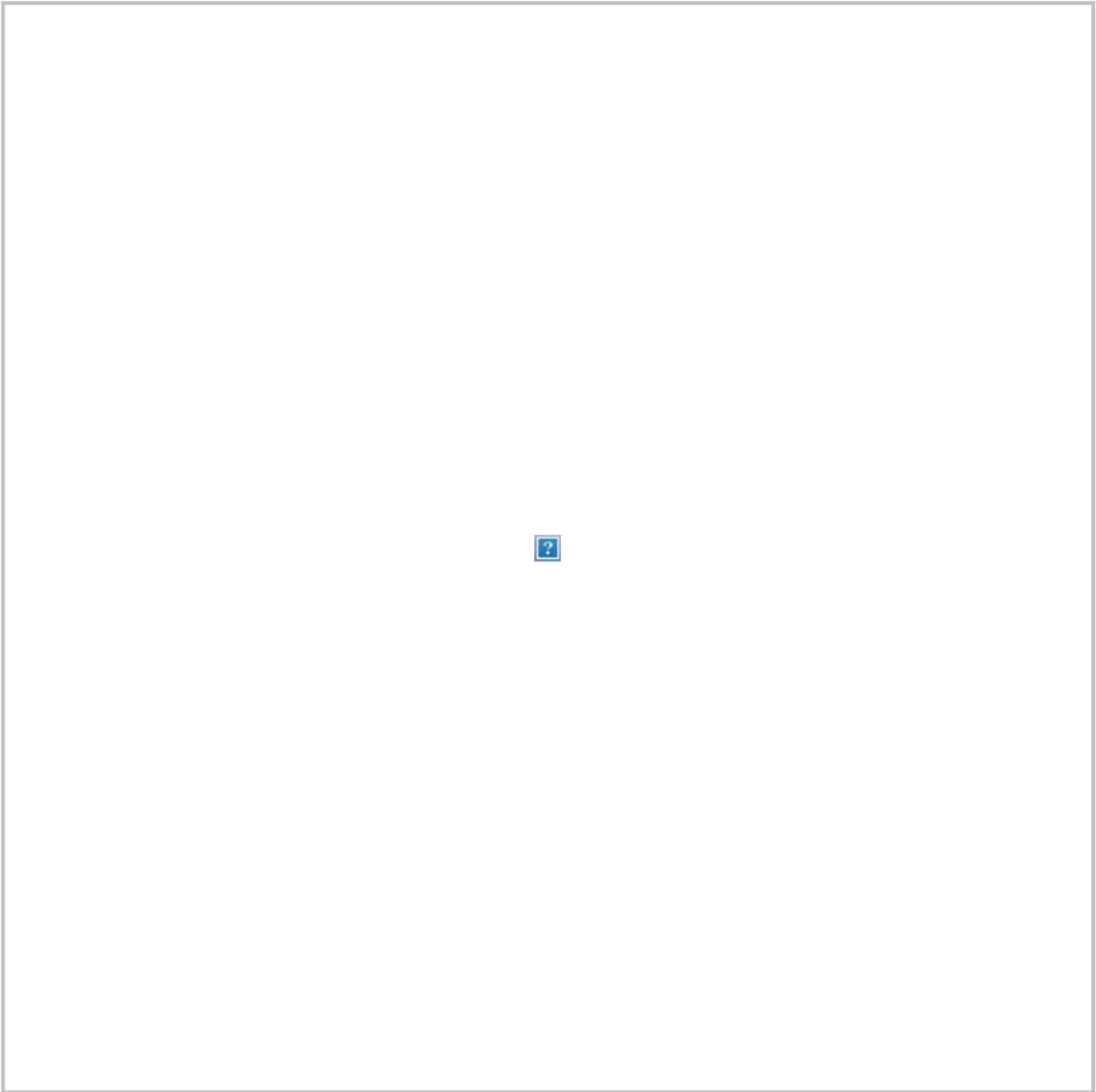
A keen observation, if Mitt gets State:



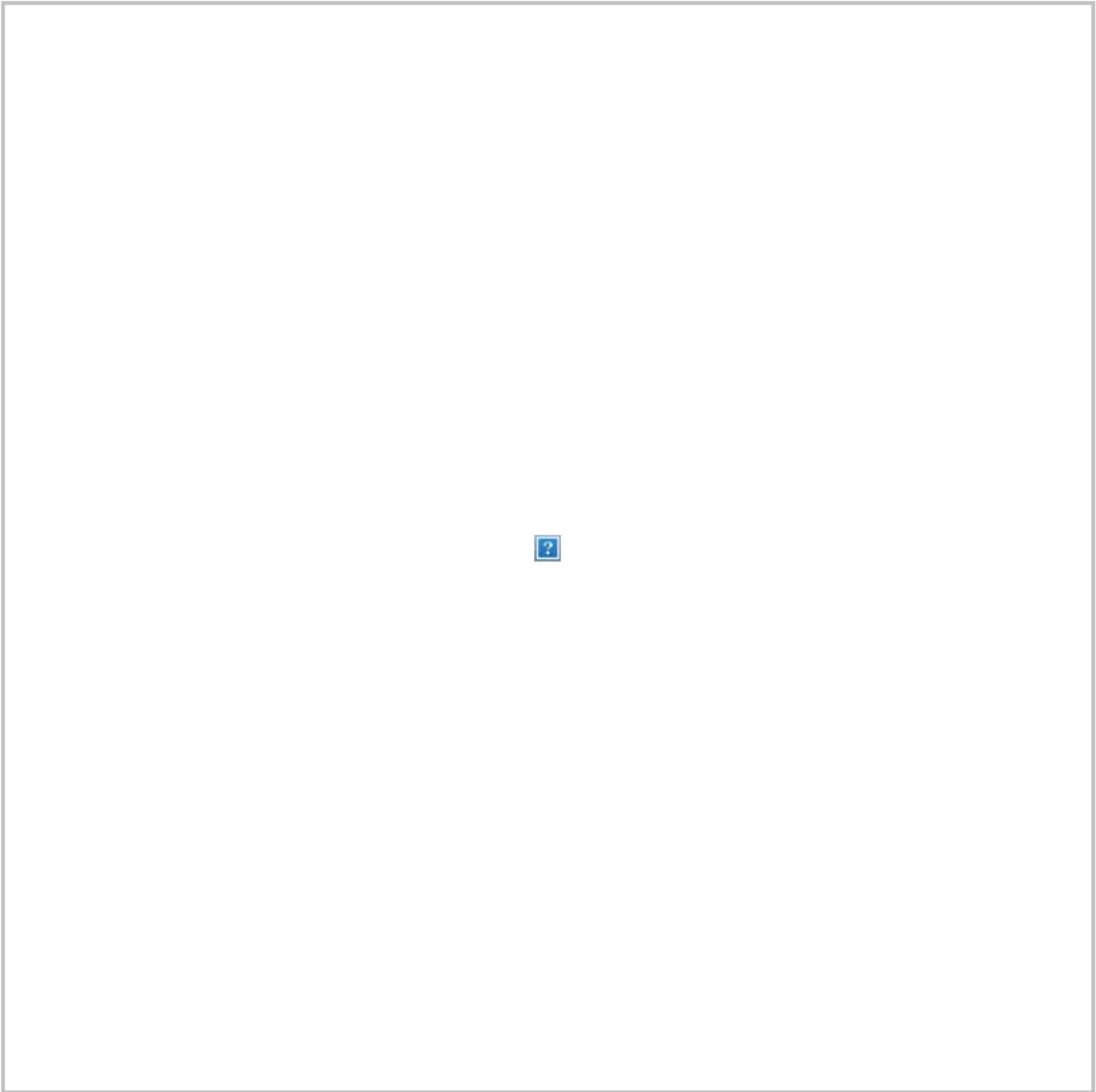
Ivanka Trump was excited her husband, Jared Kushner, made the cover of Forbes:



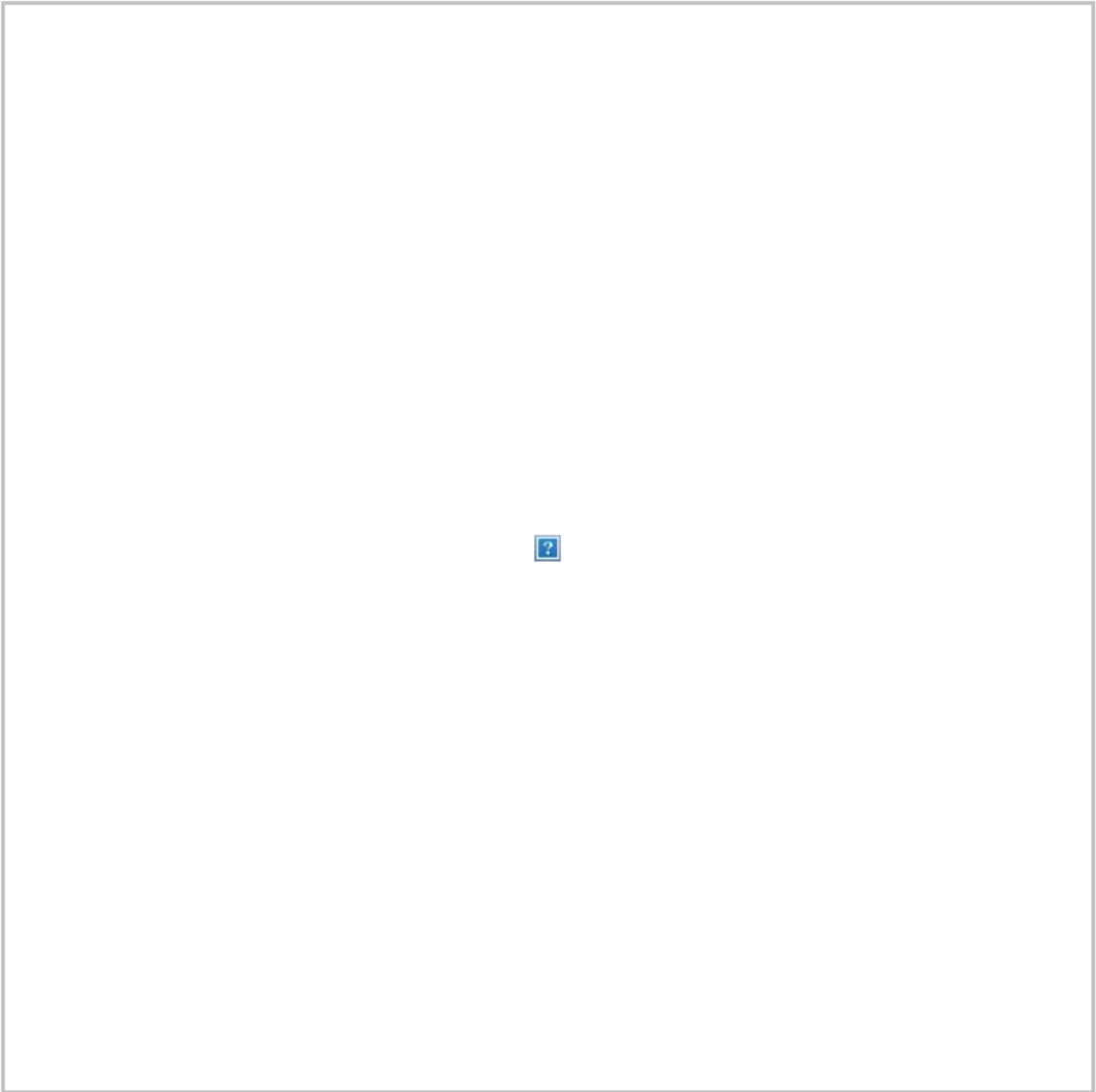
The Capitol Christmas tree arrived:



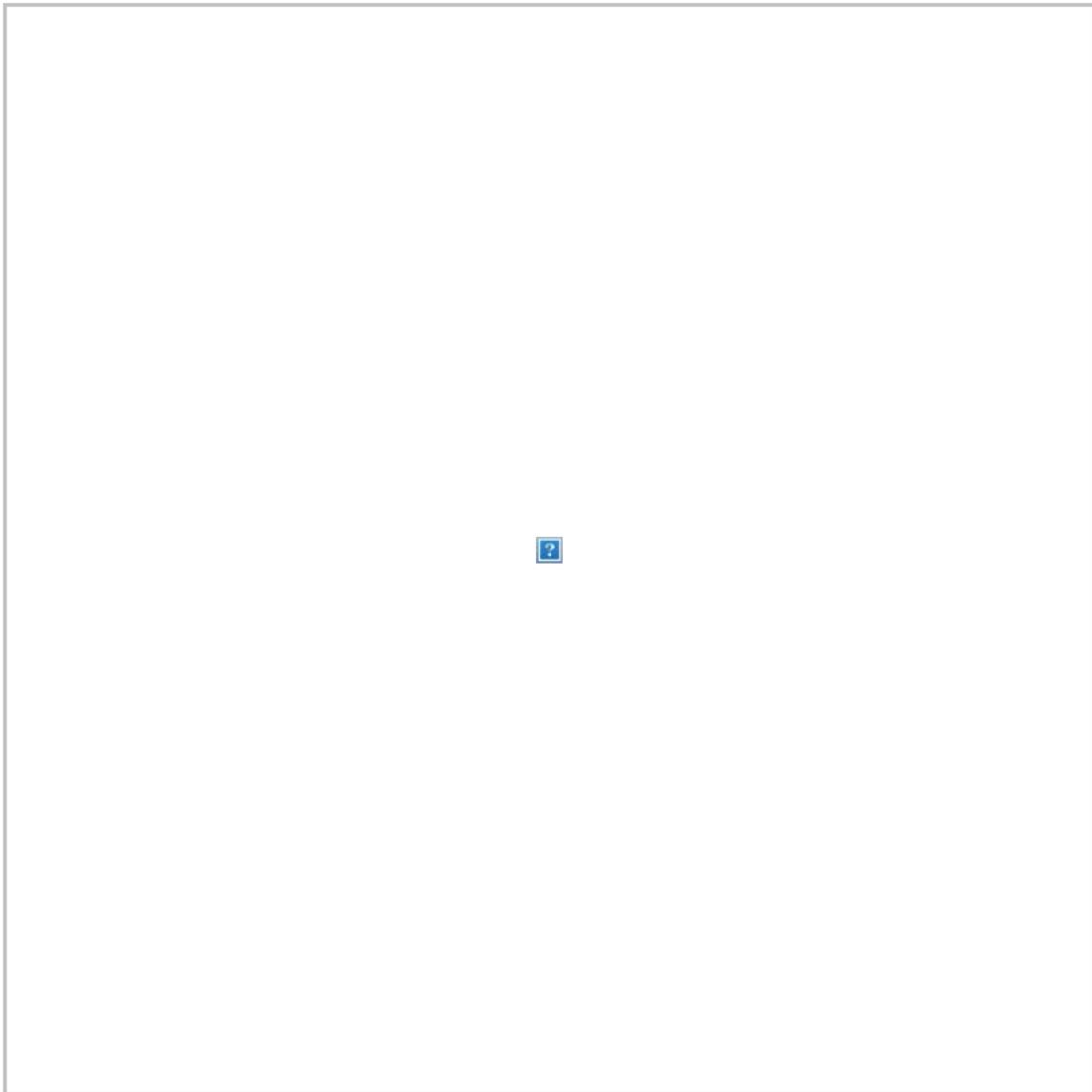
Lawmakers are posting snow pictures:



Jennifer Palmieri is looking forward to catching Hillary Clinton on a hiking trail soon:



This letter to the editor is going viral:



#### **DAYBOOK:**

**In Trump's world:** Trump meets with Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.); Pete Hegseth, president of Concerned Veterans of America; Marion Blakey, president of Rolls-Royce North America; Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chair Bob Corker (R-Tenn.); House Homeland Security Committee Chair Mike McCaul (R-Texas); Rep. Lou Barletta (R-Pa.); and former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney.

**At the White House:** Obama visits the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

**Harry Reid had a private dinner at the White House last night with the president and vice president.**

**On Capitol Hill:** The Senate meets at 10 a.m. and begins consideration of the ECHO Act and the Alexander substitute amendment at 11 a.m. The House meets at 2 p.m. for legislative business, with 16 suspension votes postponed until 6:30 p.m.

#### **QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, the former Iowa governor, compares Democrats to a tree that "looks healthy on the outside, but is in the throes of slow and long-term demise." "Democrats need to talk to rural voters," Vilsack told Greg Jaffe. "They can't write them off. They can't ignore

them. They actually have to spend a little time talking to them."

#### **NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:**

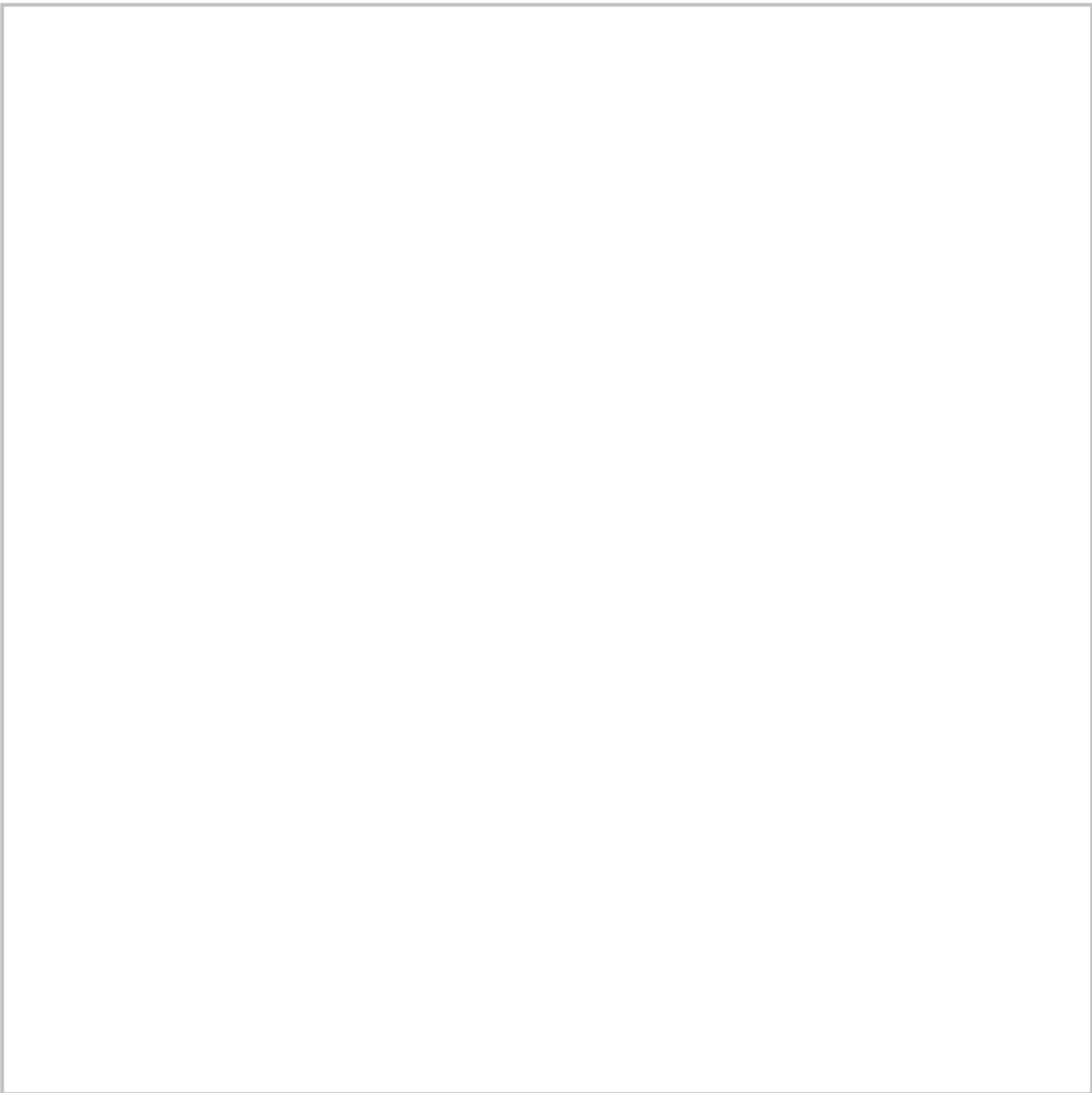
-- **"Waves of rain showers remain likely through much of the day,"** the [Capital Weather Gang forecasts](#). "...You'll want to plan on keeping an umbrella handy throughout [the day]. Despite the clouds and the rain, we should get into the warm air of a storm system to the west. It might even feel a little muggy as temperatures rise from near 60 to perhaps as high as the mid-60s. Winds are from the south around 10 mph.

-- **D.C. Council members are voting on whether to pass the most generous family leave law in the country.** The measure, which dwarfs the most progressive efforts passed in California and New Jersey, would allow new parents for 11 weeks off with up to 90 percent pay. The proposal – which will be voted on tonight, as well as later in December – is expected to draw wide majority support. ([Aaron C. Davis](#))

-- **The [Wizards beat the Kings 101-95](#).**

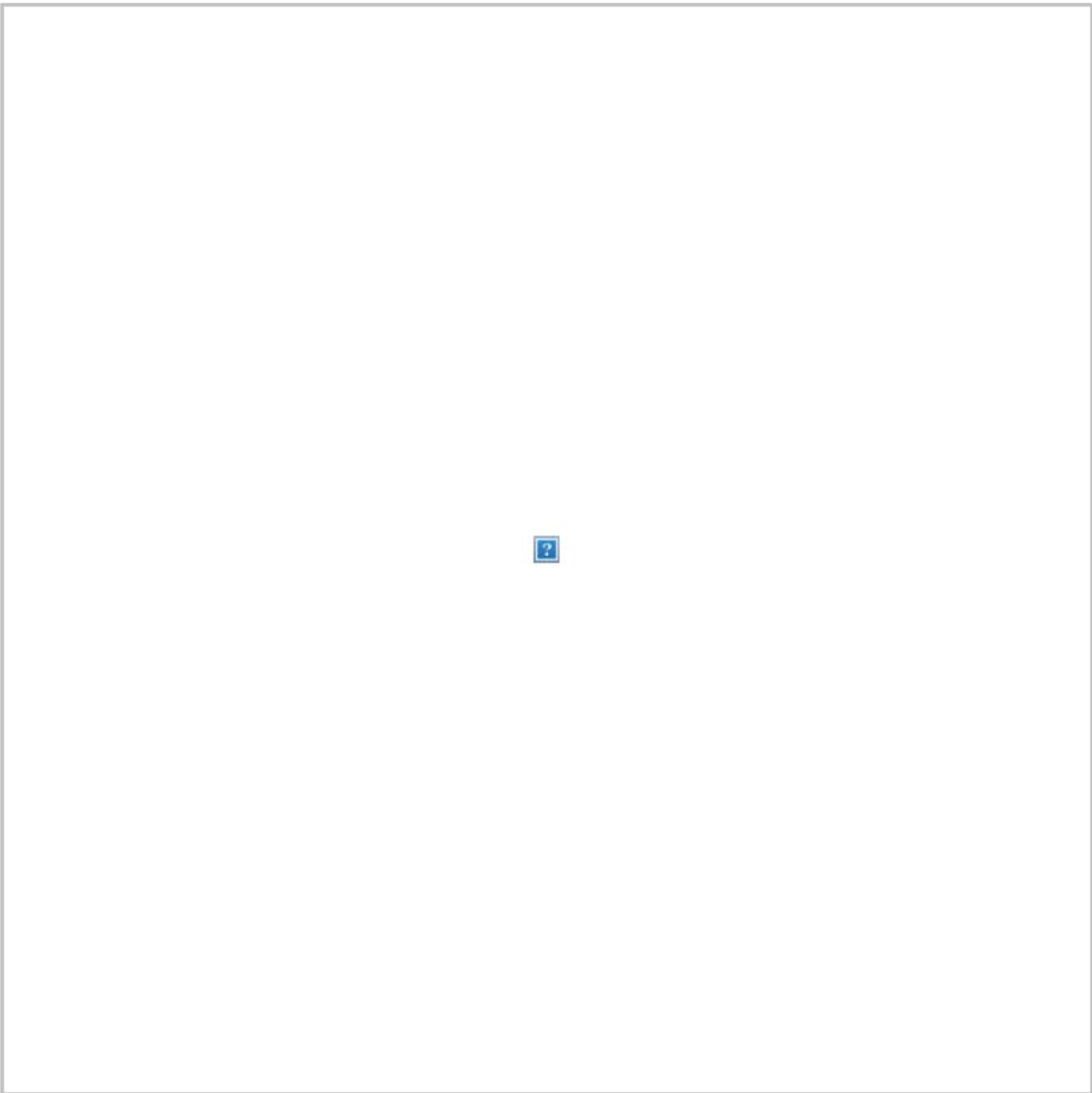
#### **VIDEOS OF THE DAY:**

Kellyanne Conway was serenaded by two guys who have taken to hanging out in the lobby of Trump Tower:



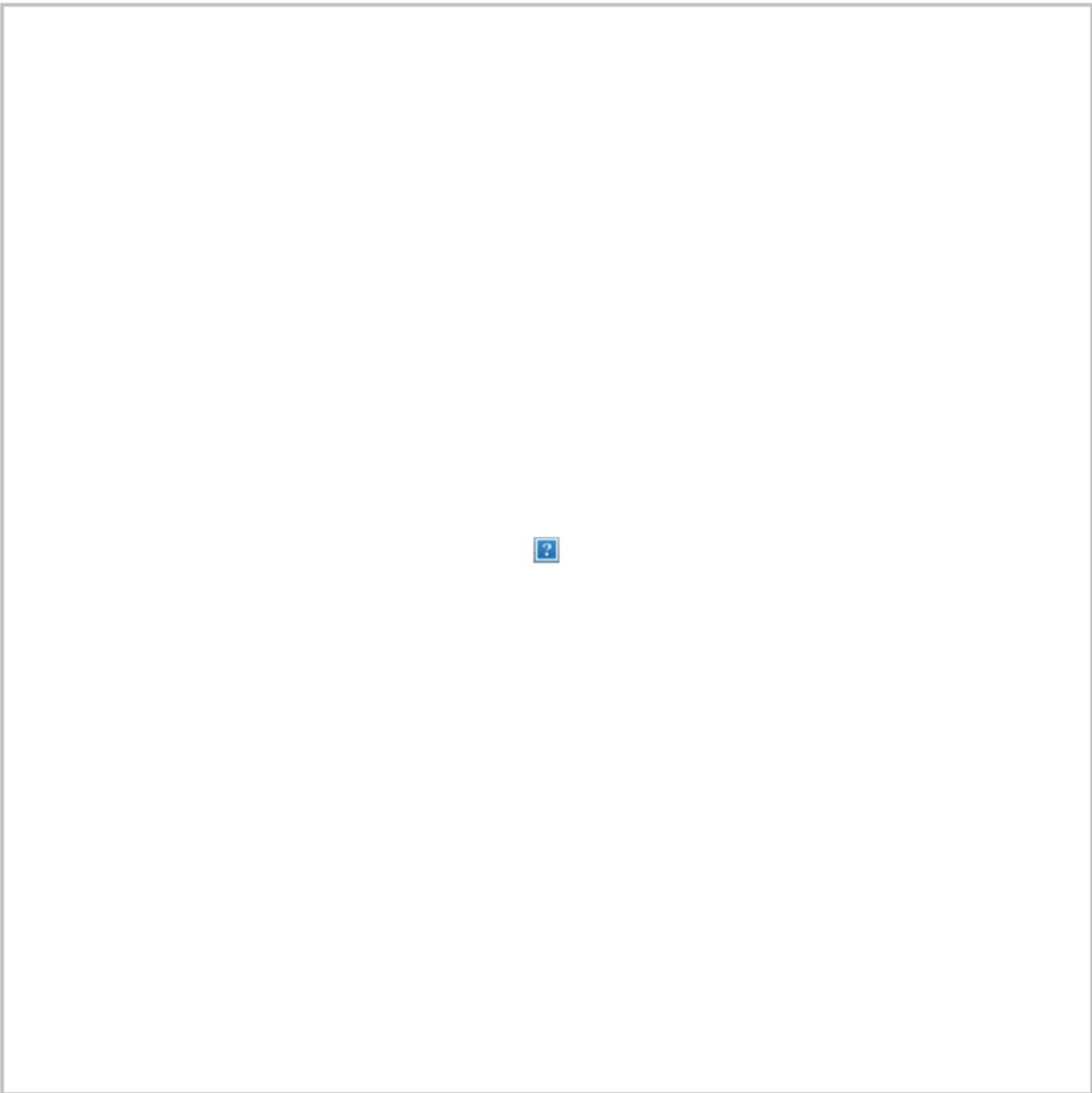
Kellyanne Conway serenaded by the naked Cowboys at Trump Tower.

TMZ covered the high level of security enlisted to protect Trump's family:



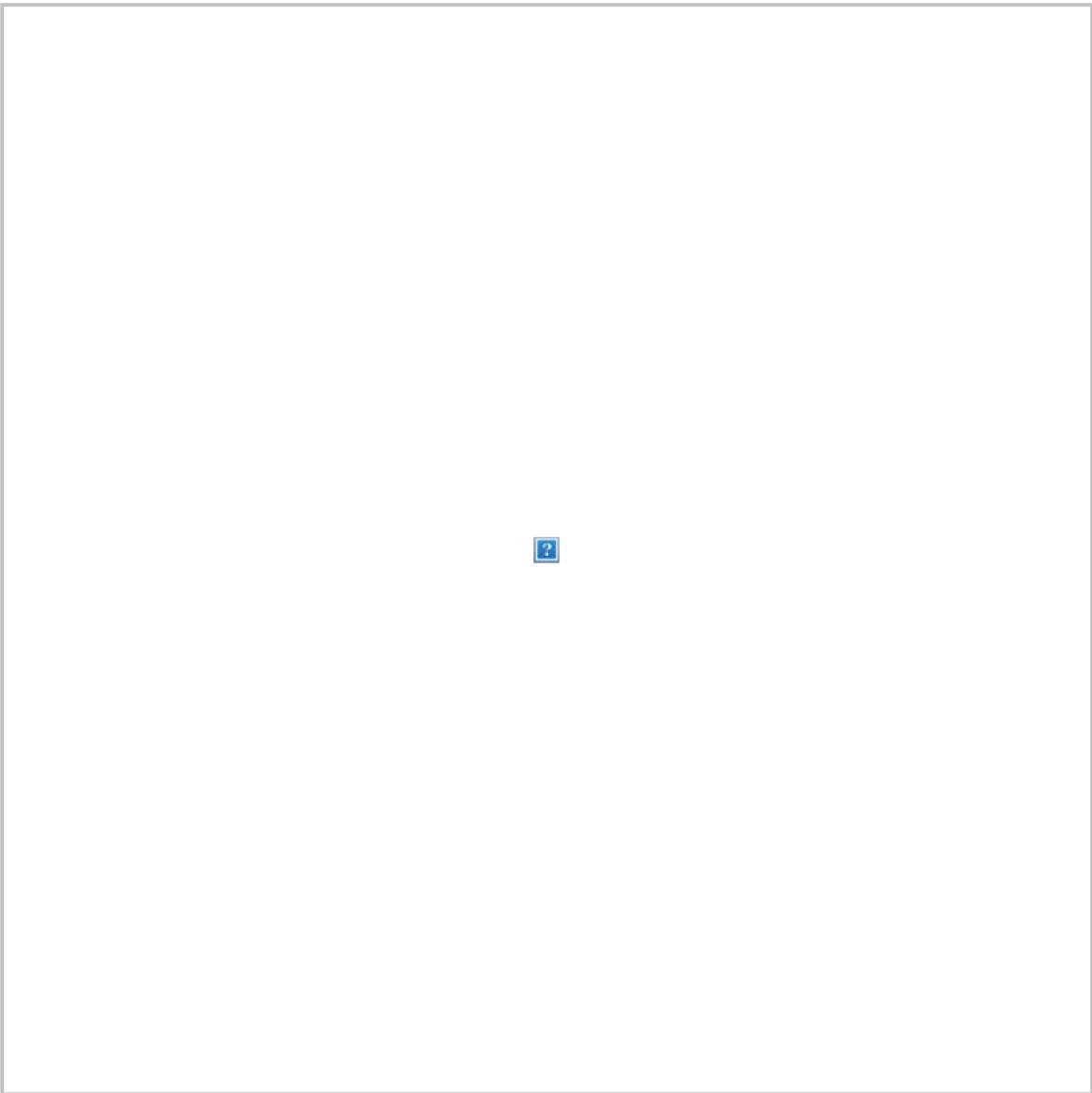
Barron Trump Play Date Covered by Secret Service's Big Guns | TMZ Chatter

Kathy Griffin walked through how she's preparing for Trump's presidency:



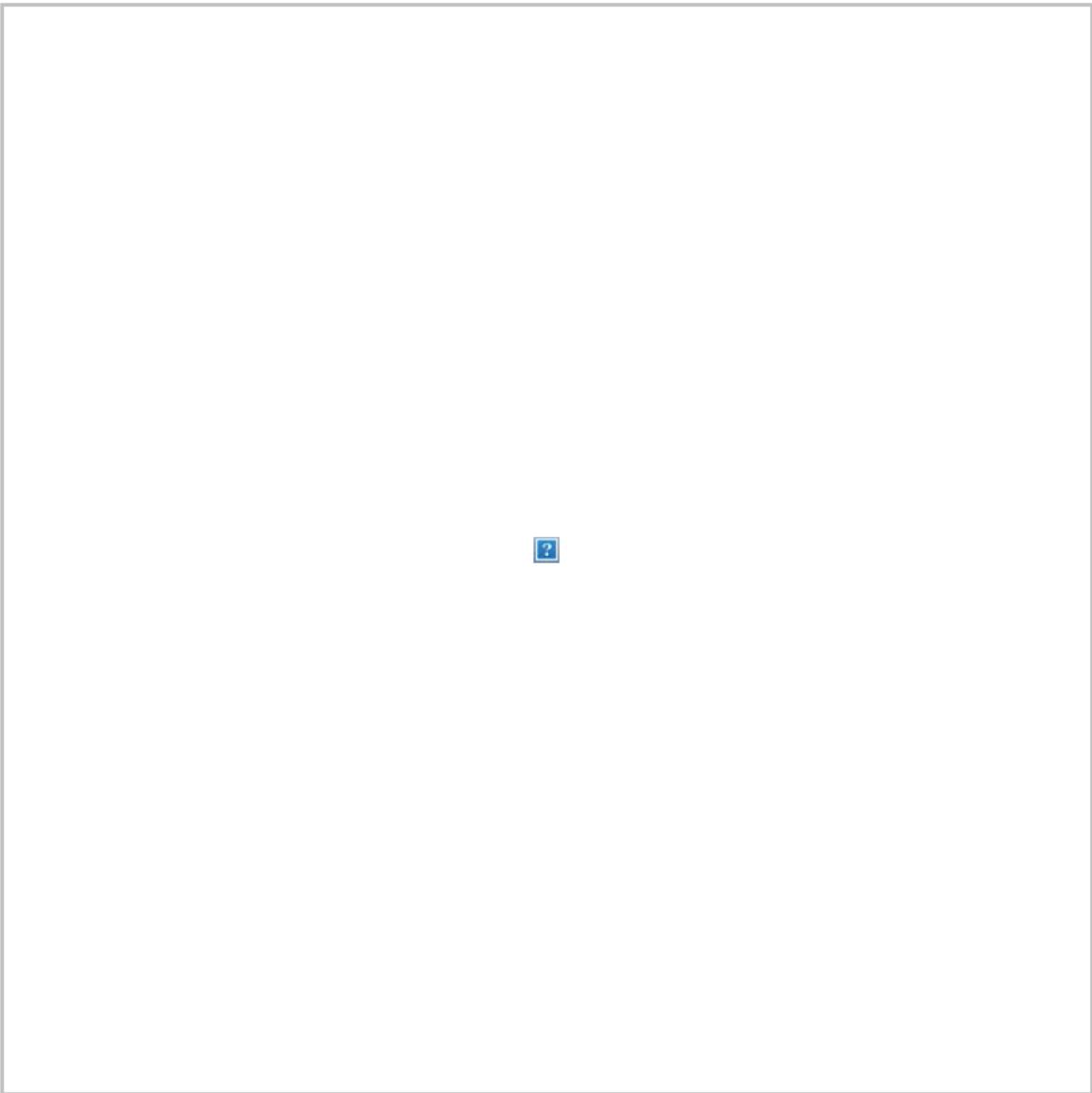
Kathy Griffin Prepares for a Trump Presidency

Seth Meyers compiled his favorite jokes of the week:



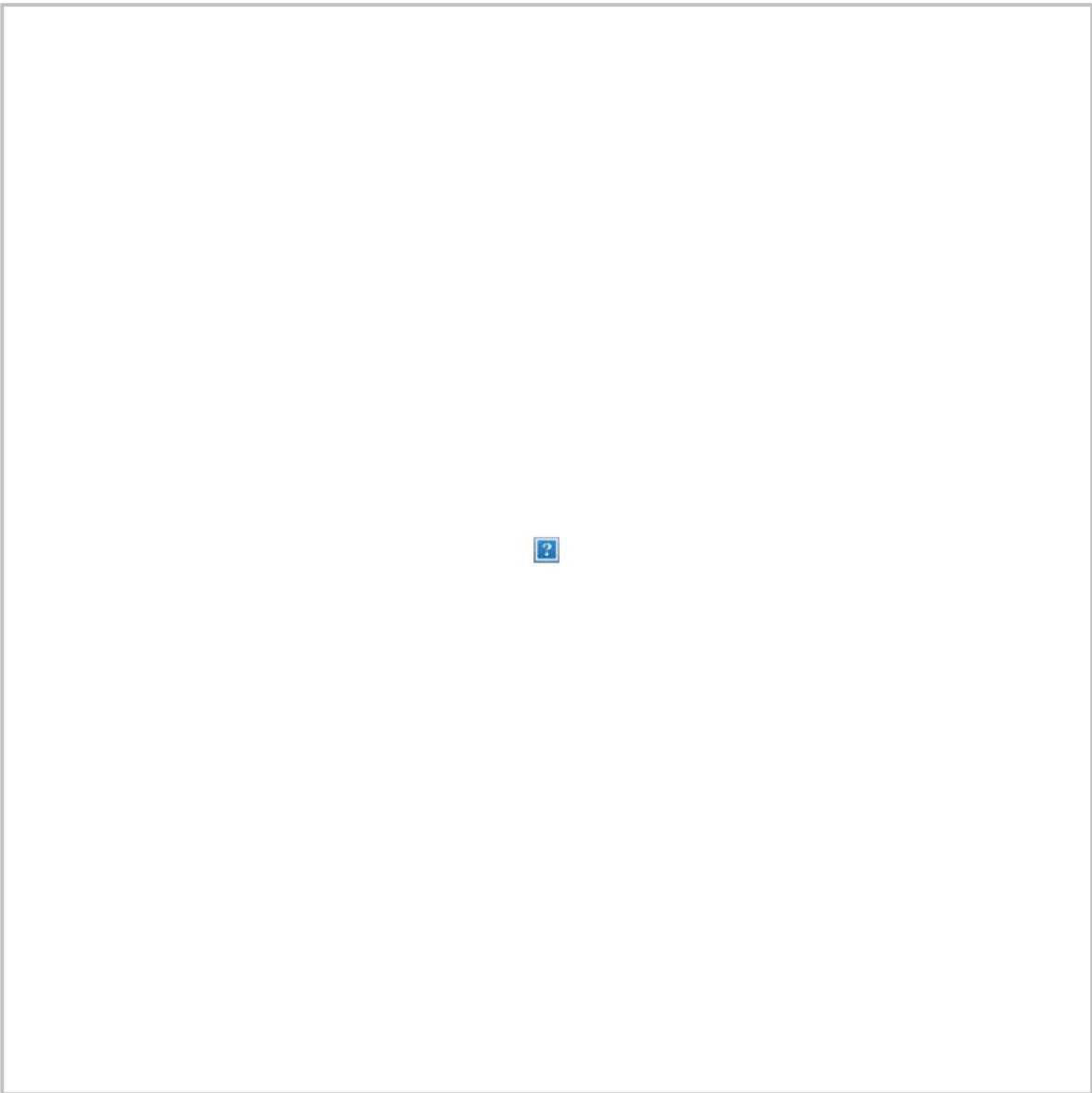
Seth's Favorite Jokes of the Week: Donald Trump Demands Hamilton Apology

Celebrities -- including Gloria Estefan and Colin Kaepernick -- reacted to Fidel Castro's death:



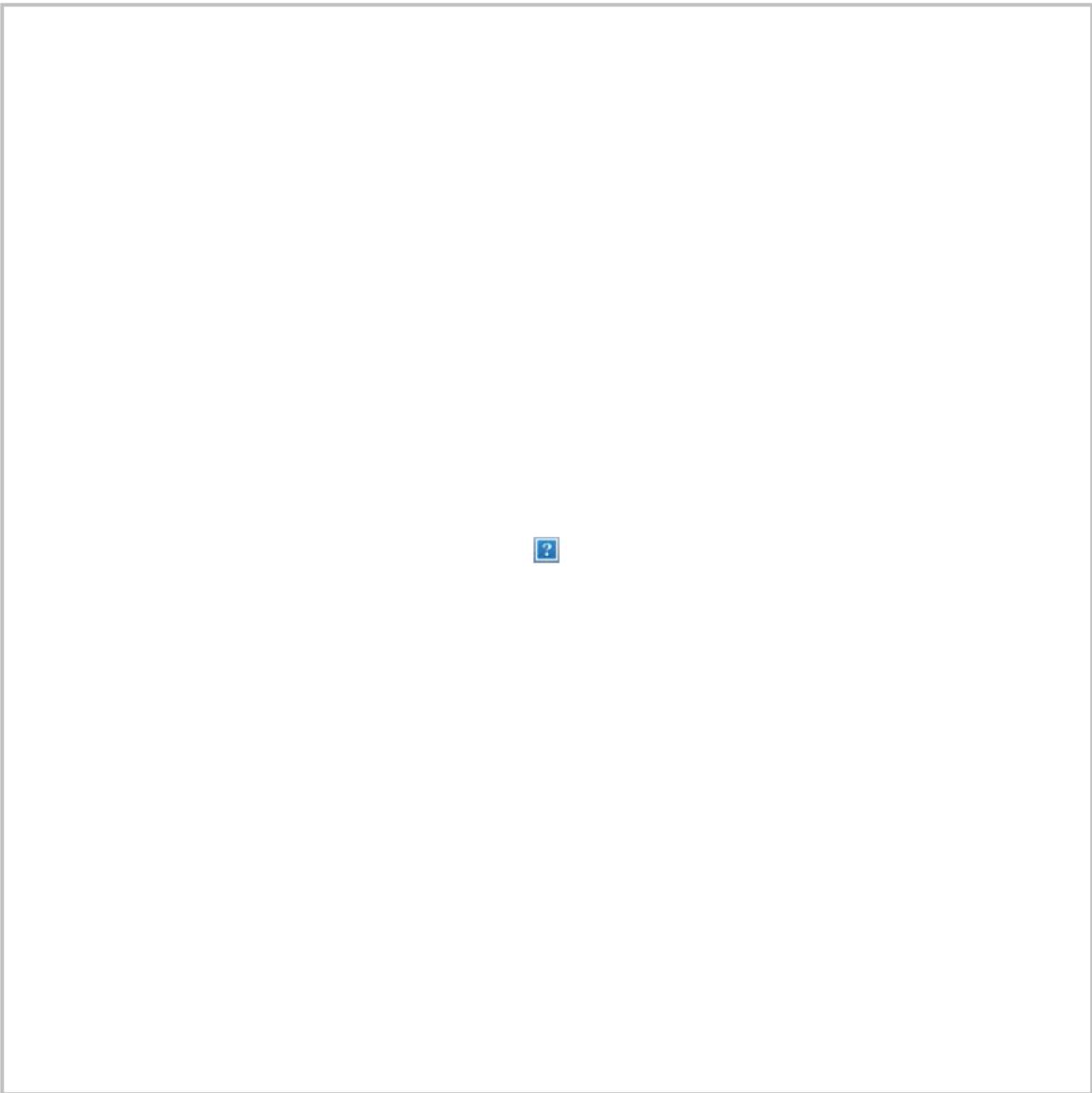
Gloria Estefan, Colin Kaepernick, Elián González React To Fidel Castro's Death | People NOW | People

Scott Walker thanked residents of his state for a successful deer hunting season:



2016 Gun Deer Hunt

Reindeers in Japan auditioned for a pizza delivery job:



Reindeers audition for pizza delivery job in Japan

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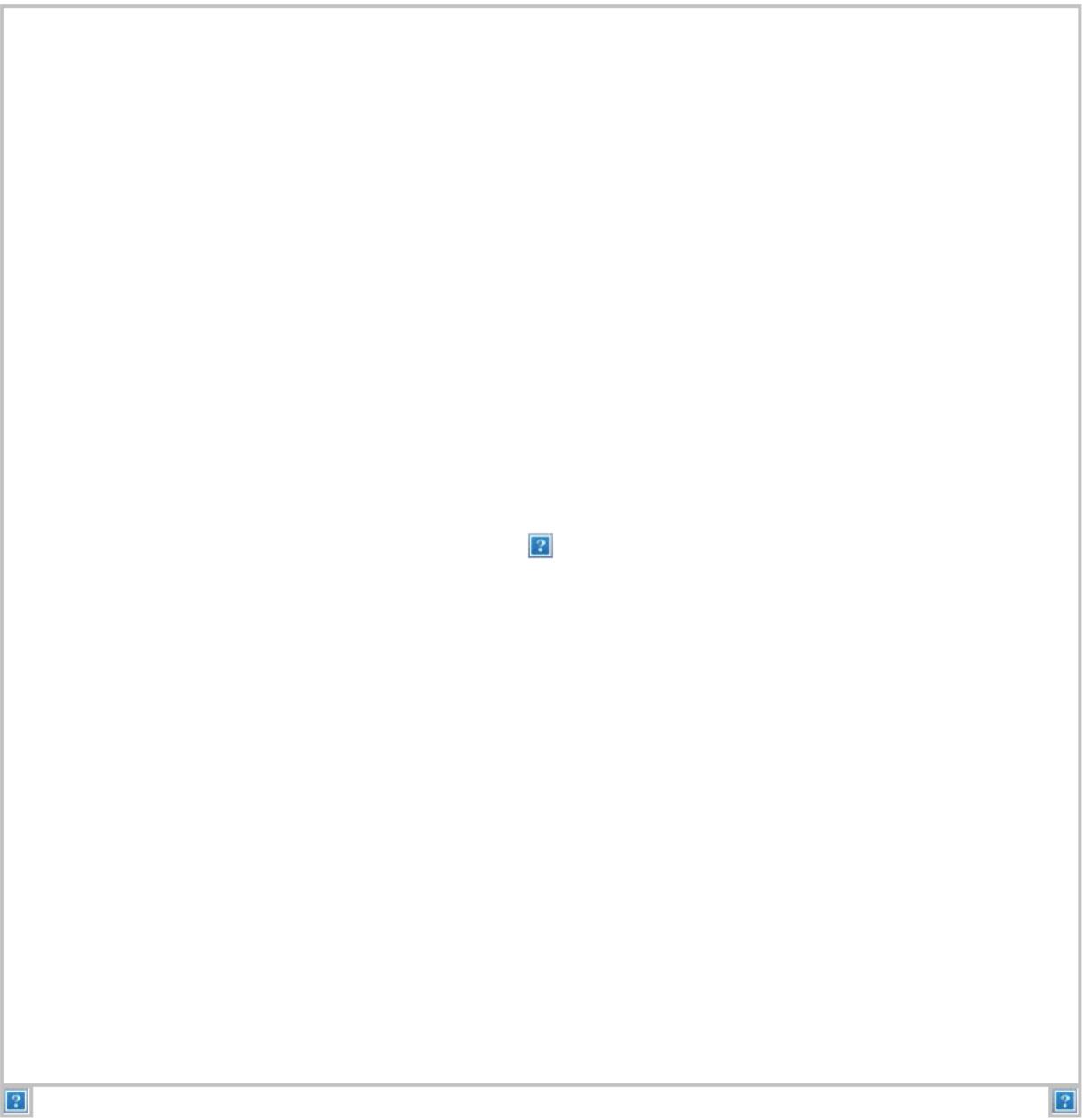
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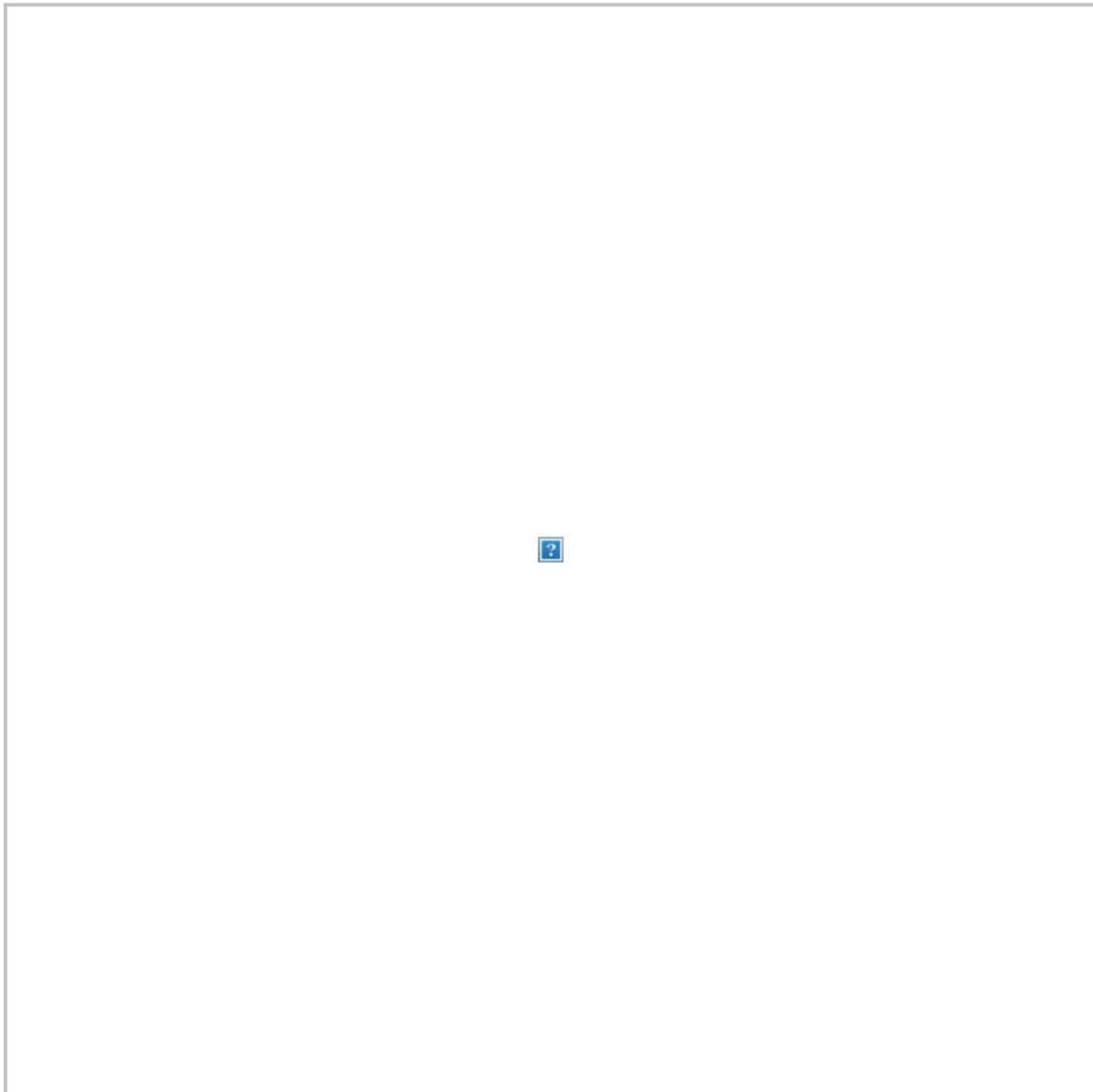


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Donald Trump applauds after finishing his speech in Cincinnati, Ohio, last Thursday night. (Daniel Acker/Bloomberg)



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**THE BIG IDEA:**

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Donald Trump won more because of strength than ideology.**

The [shouting match](#) between top advisers to the president-elect and Hillary Clinton's senior staff overshadowed several other compelling conversations during last week's post-election conference at the Harvard Kennedy School.

One revealing exchange came during a panel of the campaign managers for the Republican primary candidates. As they mulled over Trump's surprising appeal to evangelicals, Trump's pollster jumped into the conversation with an important window into the winner's thinking.

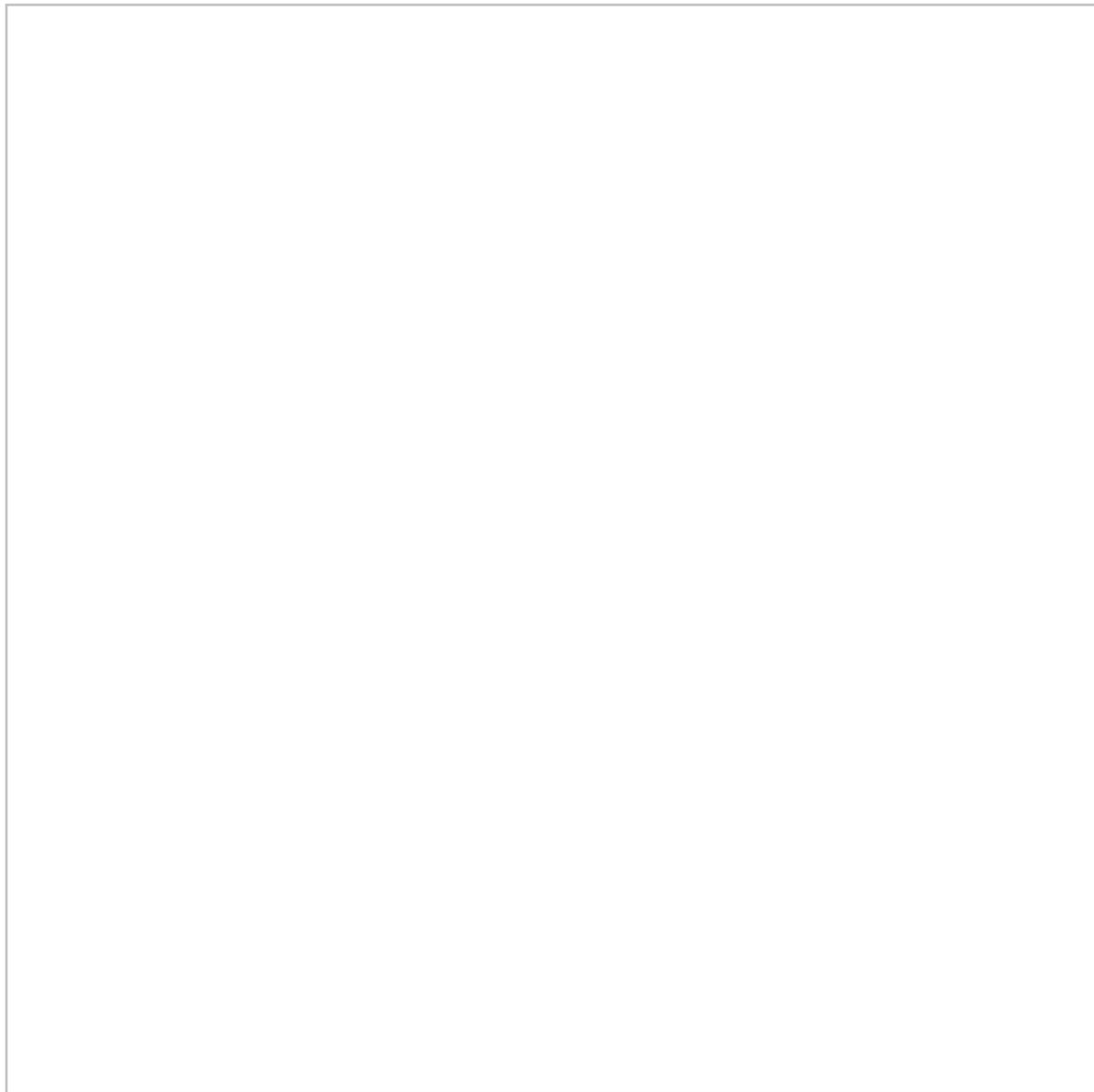
**"Everybody in this room needs to pull their head out of their a\*\*es," said Tony Fabrizio. "We really live**

in a world where everybody thinks that ideology is linear, and that, 'If you answer these 10 questions correctly, that makes you a conservative.' But not every conservative is pro-life. Not every conservative is anti-gay marriage. Not every conservative puts 100 percent emphasis on this or that."

"One of the problems is many people tried to look at the Donald Trump phenomenon through the ideological lenses which had defined previous Republicans presidential nominating contests," Fabrizio added. **"Donald Trump is post ideological. His movement transcends ideology ...** Through his own antennae – and, trust me, many times I had this conversation with him – Donald Trump understood the fold in American politics. It's the reason so many Trump supporters and so many (Bernie) Sanders supporters agreed on so many things."

Trump insisted early in his campaign that he did not need a pollster because they are a waste of money. But he [signed](#) Fabrizio in the days after securing the Republican nomination in May. The veteran operative polled for Rand Paul in the primaries, but he has worked for clients from across the GOP coalition (from the U.S. Chamber and Bob Dole to [Rick Scott](#) and Matt Bevin).

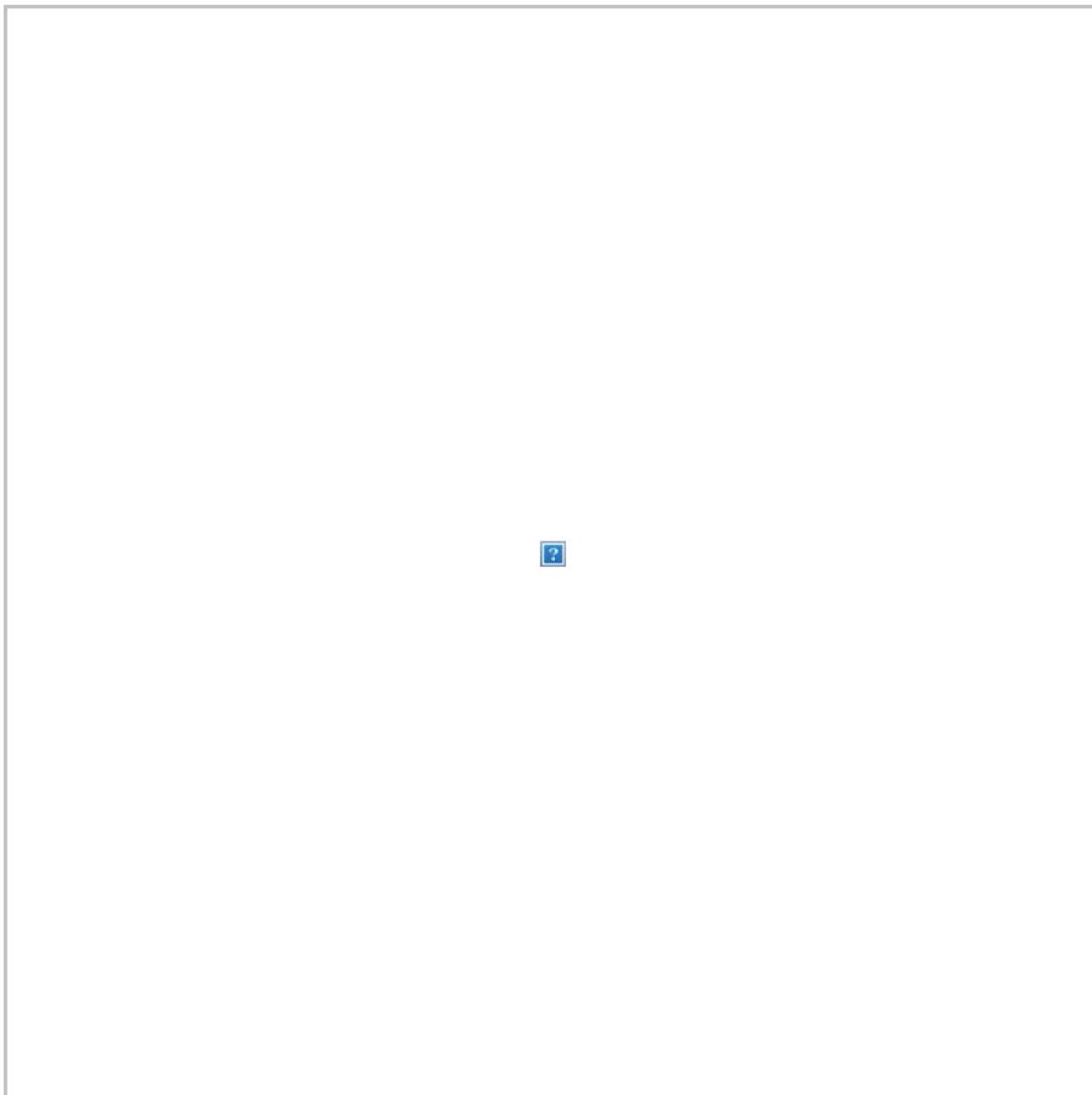
**"Every time he said something ... and doubled down, that was proof to voters he'd speak his mind and not lie to them. It's what they wanted," Fabrizio said of Trump.** "His best group of voters were those who said they were 'angry.' And let me tell you, in the Republican primary, a third of voters would tell you they were outright angry. With another 60 percent telling you they were dissatisfied. So he had a rich pool to tap into."



The Republican presidential candidates take the stage for the CNBC debate at the University of Colorado last October. (Mark J. Terrill/AP)

-- **Policy didn't matter.** "What we missed was that nobody cared about solutions," said Sarah Huckabee Sanders, who managed Mike Huckabee's campaign until he dropped out and then joined Trump's operation as a consultant soon after. "They just wanted to burn it all down. They didn't care about building it back up. They wanted to burn it to the ground and then figure out what to do with the ashes afterwards. There was no understanding of this electorate and the anger on the front end in terms of just how pissed off they were. **You may have the best policy in the world to get every single American the best job they've ever had. Nobody cared.**"

-- **Experience didn't matter.** From Marco Rubio campaign manager Terry Sullivan: "We got hit with commercial after commercial about how little experience (Marco had) and how many missed votes in the Senate. It didn't matter. People don't care. **The Senate sucks. Why would we want to be there?** We're not voting. Who cares? **And voters bought into that.** Experience was a liability. It was not an asset. We figured that out early, but Trump took it to the next level."



Barry Bennett works at Ben Carson's headquarters in Alexandria last October. (Yuri Gripas/Reuters)

-- **Ben Carson's campaign manager, Barry Bennett, argued that Trump's success was always more about strength than ideology.** "We went to Iowa for three or four days before we started and did a bunch of focus groups to try to figure out what people wanted," he recalled. **"I thought Ben's lack of government experience was going to be a negative. Well, it wasn't. But what they wanted more than anything else was strength.** And Trump was the one that they thought had that."

Bennett fondly recalled the stretch when his client was riding at the top of the polls. In addition to self-inflicted wounds from a power struggle inside the campaign, he believes that **the November 2015 terrorist attacks in Paris made it impossible for someone with the retired neurosurgeon's personality to secure the nomination.** "We couldn't really believe it, to tell you the truth," Bennett told the group. "The first six weeks of the fourth quarter we raised \$22 million. We were going gangbusters, and then we ran into Paris, Armstrong Williams and a couple other issues. In the next six weeks of the fourth quarter, we raised \$1.5 million. ... There was an opportunity for a nice outsider to win until Paris came, and then all of a sudden (voters) needed 'strength' again."

Corey Lewandowski arrives at Trump Tower for a transition meeting. (Drew Angerer/Getty Images)</p>□



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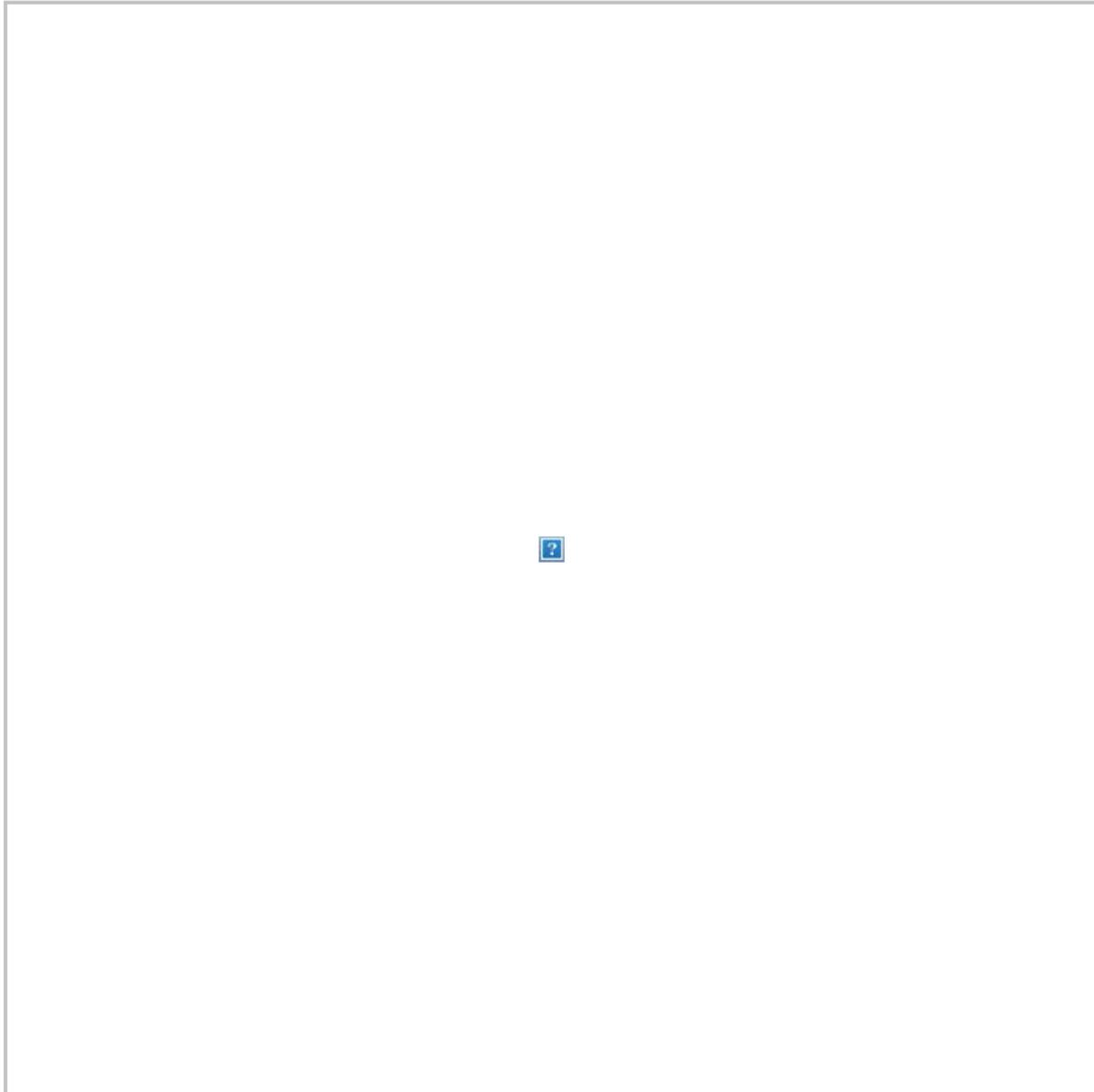
-- **All three people who ran the Trump campaign noted, to varying degrees, the billionaire's lack of a fixed ideology.** While his rivals for the nomination were playing multi-dimensional chess, Trump kept winning by playing checkers. In retrospect, there is something so skillfully simple about a message that defied easy categorization. He could never be placed in one of the "lanes" operatives talk so much about: tea party, establishment, social conservative, libertarian or hawk.

**Corey Lewandowski:** "We didn't have a traditional campaign of coalitions. It was the same message for everybody: ... 'I'm going to make America great again.' ... **With all due respect to Jeb (Bush), he had three of four different launches. There was Jeb 2.0, Jeb 2.5 (and) Jeb 3.0. We just stuck on the same message the entire time. It was so simplistic, and it didn't target any specific demographic.** ... We didn't have this notion where, 'We have to go win evangelicals in South Carolina to be successful.'"

**Paul Manafort:** "**They always tried to pigeonhole him.** They'd say, 'He's talking to white working men' or 'He's talking to uneducated older people.' ... **He had a sense of the country that no other candidate had, and he knew what was bothering the country.** So everybody would fixate on the (John) McCain comment, but he was talking about the veterans and how they're not treated right. ... He was talking about terrorists coming into the country and not being vetted, with people being afraid to walk down the streets. The media heard 'Muslims.' You can go through almost any one of the 'faux pas,' so to speak, and you'll see the

underlying message he was talking about was resonating.”

**Kellyanne Conway: “This is the first time that Republicans have resisted the fiction of ‘electability’ from early in the primary.”**



Jeb Bush rides his bus around New Hampshire last November. In retrospect, by this point, his team does not think there was anything that they could have been done to stop Trump from winning the nomination. (Charles Ommanney/The Washington Post)

**-- Could Trump ever have been stopped? “At a certain point, probably August (2015), Trump was Godzilla walking into the power plant,” answered David Kochel, Bush’s chief strategist. “Everybody thought he’d blow up, and he just got stronger every time. He touched the third rail. He touched the fourth rail. He touched the fifth rail. He kept growing. He kept getting bigger. The feedback loop was kind of unstoppable by then. You would have had to define him out of the race real early. Jeb’s ‘chaos candidate’ frame was a late shot that didn’t do that. If you could have hung that big concept around him in July, maybe it would have been different.”**

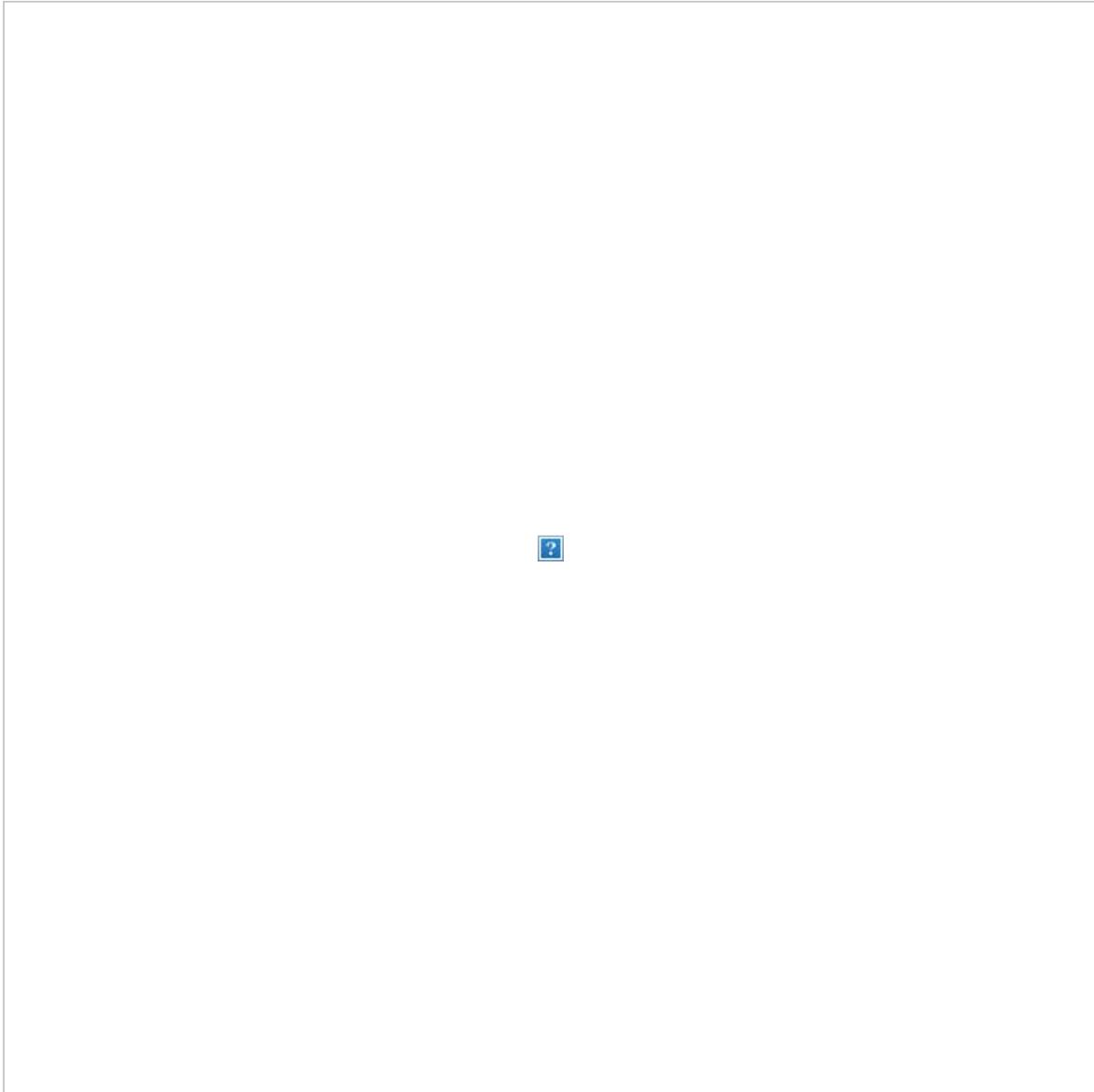
**Trump’s GOP rivals now all acknowledge the collective action problem that led them to ignore the first-time candidate – hoping someone else would knock him off – until it was too late. “I thought it was a reality TV gimmick,” said Sullivan, Rubio’s manager. “I didn’t think he’d even necessarily stick in the race.**

In a lot of previous election cycles, no one maintains a lead as the frontrunner that long. So I assumed, somewhat wrongly, that gravity would take course. Why would I engage in a fight with a skilled knife-fighter? Let someone else go and attack him.”

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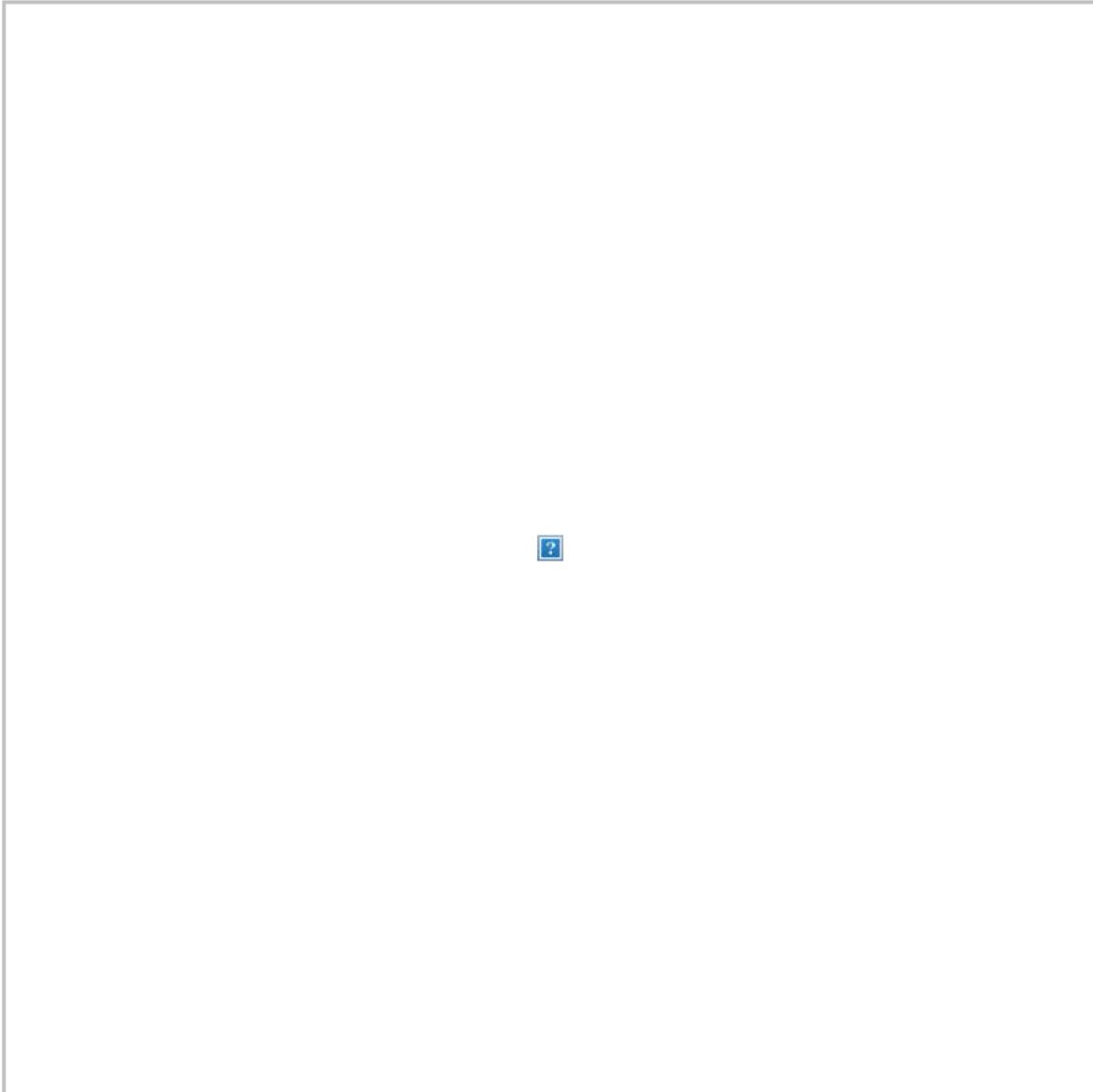
#### WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:



Trump's Transition: Ben Carson for housing and urban development

-- **Trump announced this morning that he will nominate Ben Carson to lead the Department of Housing and Urban Development.** "Carson...is the president-elect's highest profile African American supporter and confidant. A conservative political celebrity, **the 65-year-old Carson recently cast doubt on his suitability for a Cabinet role, saying he would be 'like a fish out of water' as a federal bureaucrat,**" [write Elise Viebeck and Karoun Demirjian](#). "A review of some of Carson's political commentary on housing policy reveals his views to be at odds with some of the anti-segregation policies championed by minority groups,

including the NAACP. On at least one occasion, he criticized efforts by the Obama administration to use its regulatory powers to improve racial integration in housing.”



Celebrations at Standing Rock after pipeline victory

-- **The Army announced that it will not approve an easement necessary to permit the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline to cross under Lake Oahe in North Dakota, marking a monumental victory for the Native American tribes and thousands of others who have flocked in recent months to protest the oil pipeline.** [From Brady Dennis and Steven Mufson](#): “Officials in November had delayed the key decision, saying more discussion was necessary about the proposed crossing, given that it would pass very near the reservation of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, whose leaders have repeatedly expressed fears that a spill could threaten the water supplies of its people. ... The decision averts a possible showdown on Monday, the date the Army Corps, which owns land on either side of the lake, had set for cutting off access to the protesters’ camp. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, worried about violence, had sent mediators to the area over the weekend.”

**But the victory for the Standing Rock Sioux and its allies could be short-lived:** “Trump has vowed to support pipelines such as this one. And Kelcy Warren, the chief executive of the pipeline company Energy Transfer Partners, has been a major contributor to the Republican Party and Trump’s campaign. ... Trump, who once owned a stake worth between \$500,000 and \$1 million in Energy Transfer Partners, has sold the shares, his spokeswoman Hope Hicks said.”



Matteo Renzi, Italy's prime minister, announces his resignation in Rome. (Chris Ratcliffe/Bloomberg)

-- **INSTABILITY IN EUROPE: Italy's prime minister resigned, the latest victim of 2016's populist tidal wave that already gave the west Brexit and Trump.** [From Michael Birnbaum and Anthony Faiola:](#) "Europe's embattled political establishment lost another round Sunday in its effort to thwart the anti-elite movement, as Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi resigned after voters rejected his constitutional reforms. The thorough rejection of Renzi's referendum to streamline lawmaking was a significant boost for the country's surging populist forces ... Renzi's loss also risks unleashing financial upheaval in Europe's third-largest economy as Italy's weak banks struggle to contain the fallout."

**What's next? "A populist takeover of Italy is still an uncertain prospect,** since Renzi's center-left Democratic Party remains in control of Parliament and national elections do not have to be called until 2018. But much will depend on the makeup of the next government and how anti-immigrant, Euroskeptic parties capitalize on their success," Michael and Anthony note. "Italy, which has had 63 governments in the past 70 years, is no stranger to political chaos. What comes next will depend partially on Italian President Sergio Mattarella, who is charged with picking a new person to try to form a government, as well as with deciding whether to hold early elections. ... **In the wake of Renzi's resignation, Italy's mainstream political parties are likely to change voting laws to make it more difficult to rule without a wide coalition, diluting the possibility that an insurgent force could seize power in the next elections."**

Beppe Grillo smiles yesterday after voting in Genoa, Italy. (Luca Zennaro/ANSA via AP)</p>>□

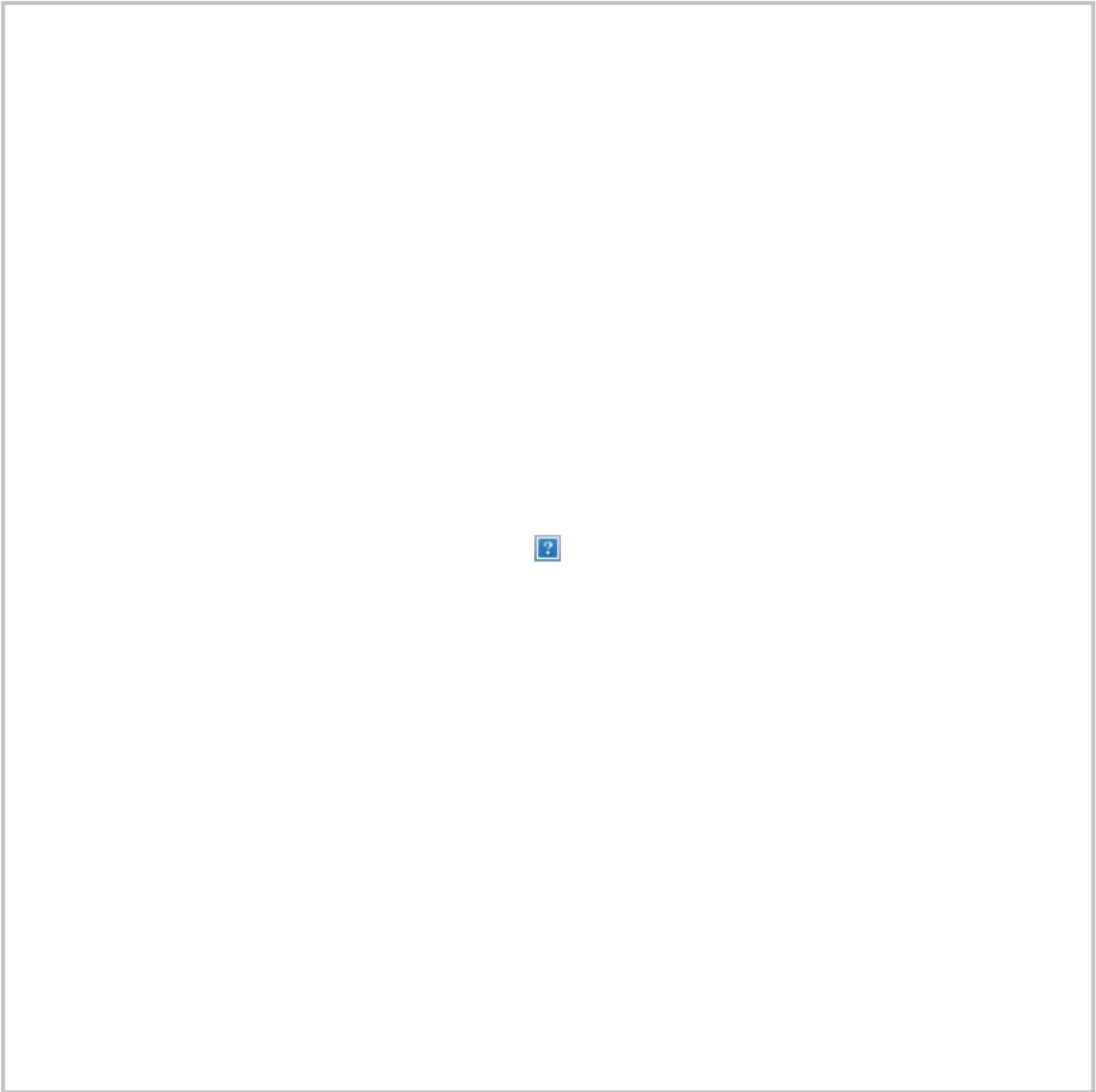


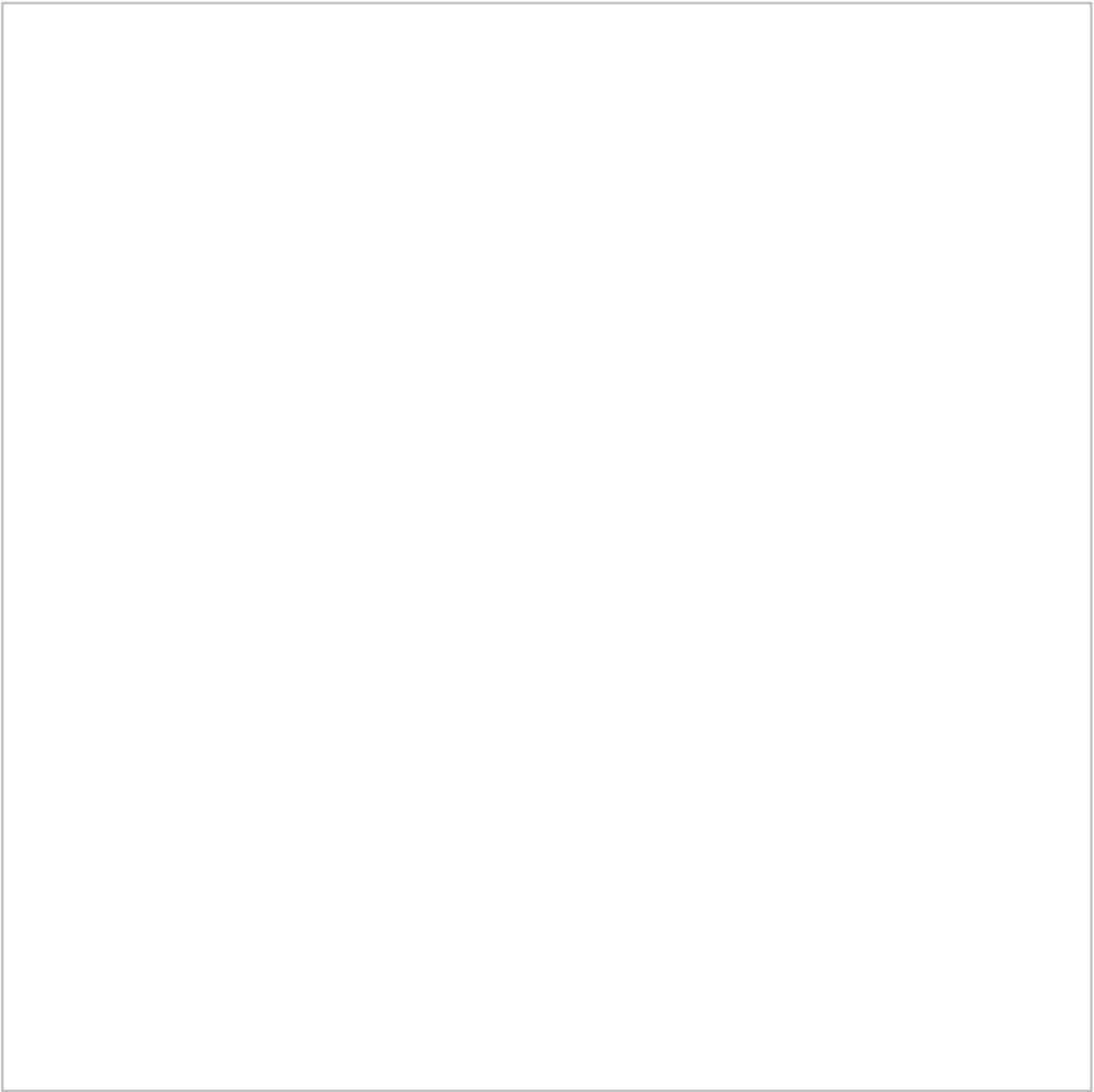
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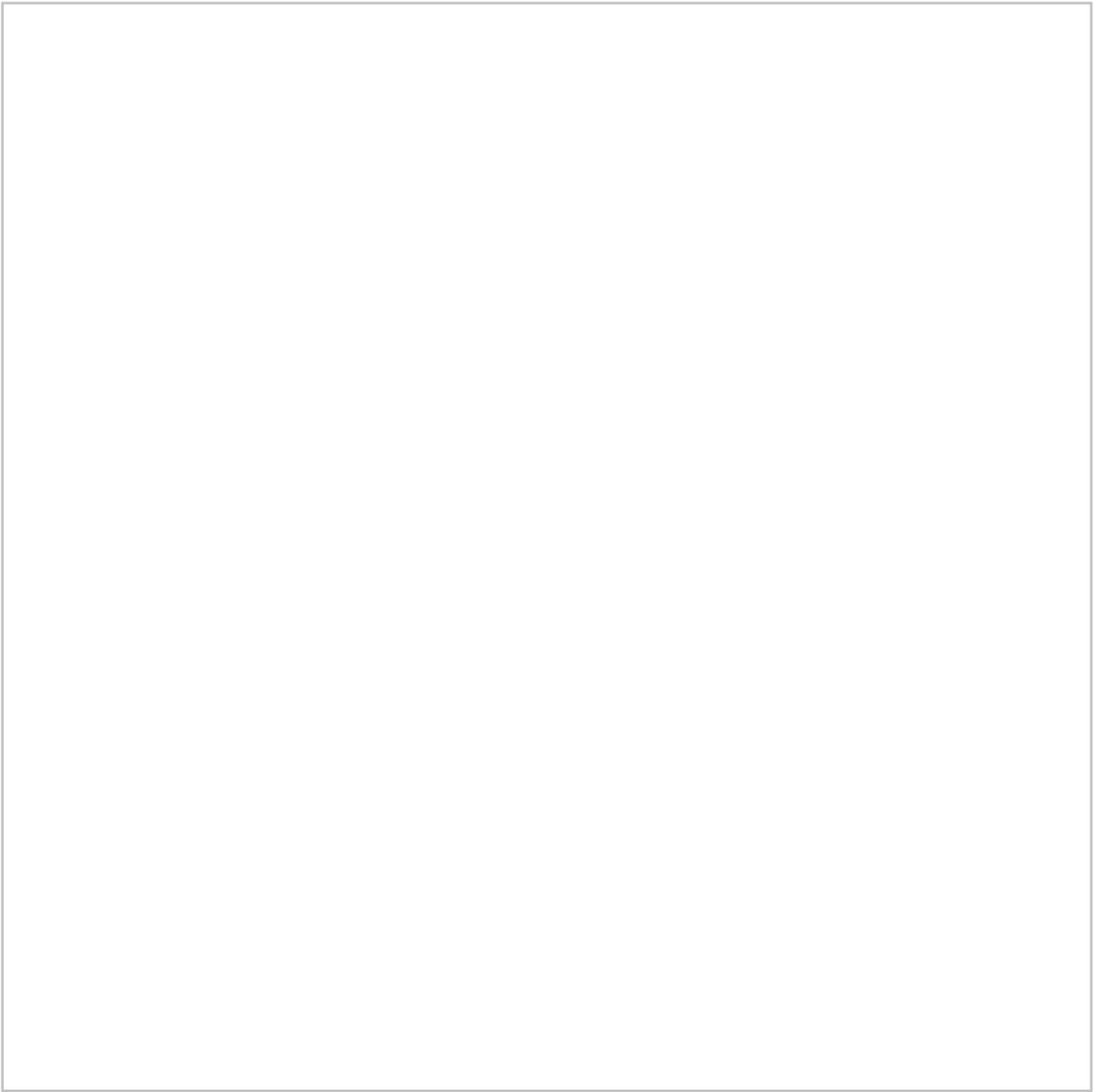
**The Trump fan you should keep an eye on now, via Rick Noack:** “When Beppe Grillo started to make headlines as the leader of Italy’s biggest protest party six years ago, it was hard to avoid the puns. A comedian turned politician, Grillo was laughed at and branded a ‘clown.’ But by 2013, the laughing subsided, and German magazine Der Spiegel already had called him ‘the most dangerous man in Europe.’ Three years later, he may finally be living up to that description ... **Renzi’s resignation could ultimately sweep Grillo’s left-leaning and anti-establishment Five Star Movement party into power** ... Grillo has for years advocated a referendum on Italy’s eurozone membership status.” **Grillo and Trump are frequently being compared in Europe.** The Italian comedian himself made such remarks during an interview following Trump’s victory: “Our movement has some similarities,” he said. “We became the first political movement in Italy, and the media didn’t even realize it.”

-- **But, but, but: A center-left presidential candidate in Austria [handily defeated his far-right challenger yesterday.](#)** The victory in Austria of an elder statesman formerly of the Green Party suggested the limits to the anti-elite anger. Many thought the far-right nationalist would win, and the result might be the biggest boost the E.U. has received in a while because polls show the electorate is more Eurosceptic than most of its neighbors.

-- **A remarkable visualization of just how fast the populist movement has swept the west:**







What we know about the deadly Oakland fire

**GET SMART FAST:**

1. **The death toll in the Oakland warehouse fire has risen to at least 33.** The artists' collective, which past visitors describe as a tinderbox, was hosting a synth-pop concert late Friday night when something went horrifically wrong. ([Tim Bontemps](#), [Amy B Wang](#), [Kristine Guerra](#) and [Jasper Scherer](#))
2. **Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will visit Pearl Harbor with President Obama later this month,** becoming the first Japanese leader to visit the site of the attack on Hawaii 75 years ago. The joint visit comes as reciprocation after Obama went to Hiroshima in August. The prime minister's move will anger the more conservative forces in his right-wing government. ([Anna Fifield](#))
3. **A federal judge ordered Michigan election officials to begin a massive hand recount of 4.8 million ballots cast in the presidential election at noon today.** U.S. District Judge Mark Goldsmith issued a ruling just after midnight in favor of Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein, who sought to let election officials bypass a two-business-day waiting period that would have delayed start of the recount until Wednesday morning. ( [The Detroit News](#))
4. **Bloomberg Philanthropies, which is already the largest funder of tobacco-control efforts in the developing world, will announce today an additional \$360 million commitment to the effort,** bringing Mike Bloomberg's total contribution to nearly \$1 billion. ([Ariana Eunjung Cha](#))

5. **In the College Football Playoff semifinals on Dec. 31, No. 1 Alabama will play No. 4 Washington in Atlanta and No. 2 Clemson will play No. 3 Ohio State in Glendale, Ariz.** The winners will play Jan. 9 for the national title in Tampa. The committee left out Penn State despite the team's victory in Saturday night's Big Ten championship. ( [Adam Kilgore](#) )
6. **Fidel Castro was laid to rest yesterday in a private, closed-door funeral.** His tomb is a hulking, 2.6-ton granite boulder set among the mausoleums of Cuba's most exalted national heroes. His brother and successor Raúl Castro placed a wooden box with Castro's ashes in a hollow cavity inside the stone. ( [Nick Miroff](#) )
7. **Secretary of State John F. Kerry said Israel is "heading to a place of danger" because settlement growth is eroding chances for a two-state solution and peace with the Palestinians.** "Using unusually blunt language at the Saban Forum, an annual symposium on Israel at the Brookings Institution, Kerry said he had been 'pushing uphill' with the Israeli government because a majority of the ruling coalition does not support a two-state solution," [Carol Morello](#) reports. "The Israelis have been fearful that President Obama in the waning days of his term will lay out binding parameters for two states ... Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition partners have failed to heed his admonition to not provoke Obama. ... Kerry said the Obama administration has not yet decided whether to spell out its vision."
8. **Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and his aging coterie of loyalists consolidated power and ousted rivals during a six-day party congress.** He emerged last night in firm control of his party, which nominally rules the Palestinian villages and towns of the Israeli-occupied West Bank. His success means a continuation of the status quo, [William Booth notes](#) from Ramallah.
9. **The vice president of the Philippines resigned her post as housing secretary in the cabinet after citing irreconcilable differences with President Rodrigo Duterte, who had banned her from attending Cabinet meetings.** She spoke in a statement of "major differences in principles and values" with the brash-talking president and an unspecified plot to remove her from the vice presidency. ( [AP](#) )
10. **New Zealand's popular Prime Minister John Key stunned the nation this morning when he announced, in a breaking voice, that he will resign after eight years as leader.** Key had been widely expected to contest his fourth general election next year. But he said he wanted to ensure he didn't make the mistake that some other world leaders have done, and instead wanted to leave while he was on top of his game. ( [AP](#) )
11. **Citing a national security risk, President Obama blocked a Chinese investor's proposed takeover of Aixtron SE, a German maker of semiconductor manufacturing equipment.** The rare move drew objections from Beijing. ( [AP](#) )
12. **A Florida man called a Miami Beach church that had helped him to say he had obtained an assault rifle and planned to attack the Sunday service because it was too friendly to the LGBT community.** He declared that he'd kill more people than died in Orlando's Pulse nightclub. Police arrested the man at his apartment after an altercation. ( [Cleve Woodson Jr.](#) )
13. **A University of Southern California student stabbed and killed the psychology professor who served as his mentor,** following what was described as a "personal dispute" on campus Friday afternoon. David Jonathan Brown, a 28-year-old brain and cognitive science student, is being held on \$1 million bail. ( [Cleve Woodson Jr.](#) )

Trump leaves Carrier Corp. in Indianapolis on Thursday. (Daniel Acker/Bloomberg)</p>□



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**FOR YOUR RADAR THIS WEEK:**

-- **Uncertain business leaders, nervous about attacks on offshoring, think Trump could be the second coming of Teddy Roosevelt.** Tom Hamburger interviewed several lobbyists, board room consultants and trade association executives. He sends this curtain-raiser for the 202:

**Dozens of the country's leading CEOs will be streaming to Washington this week for the quarterly meeting of the elite Business Roundtable,** which represents the executives of the country's leading multinational companies, many of which have been considering expanded production overseas.

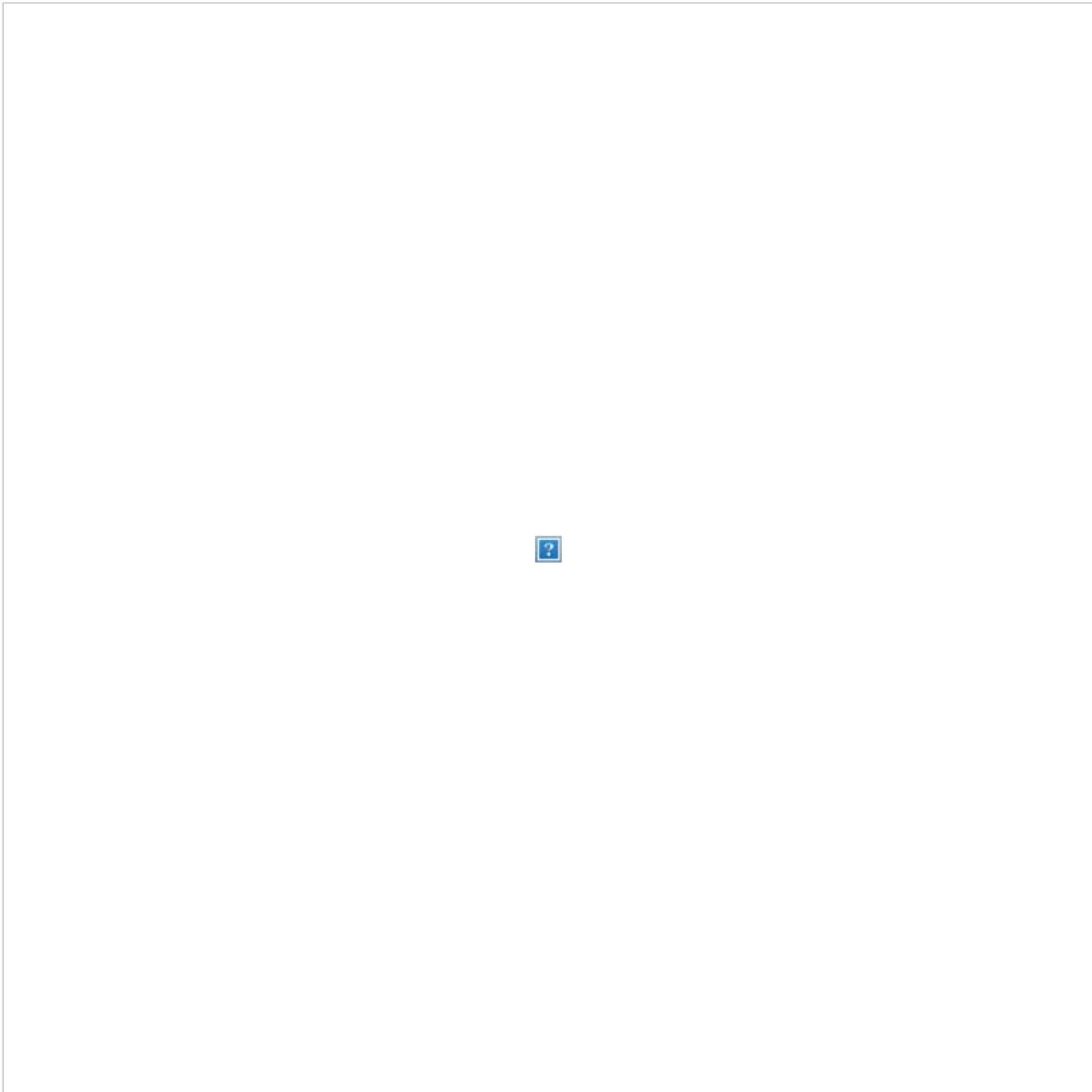
**The BRT meeting officially opens Wednesday.** On Tuesday, the leader of the organization, Caterpillar CEO Doug Oberhelman, will hold a press conference with the group's president, former Gov. John Engler, whose **friends in the auto industry are particularly unnerved** by the threats of Trump to impose tariffs on goods that American firms import from overseas factories.

**The BRT executive committee includes CEOs whose companies have become well known for using offshore labor, such as Virginia Rometty of IBM and Ursula Burns of Xerox.**

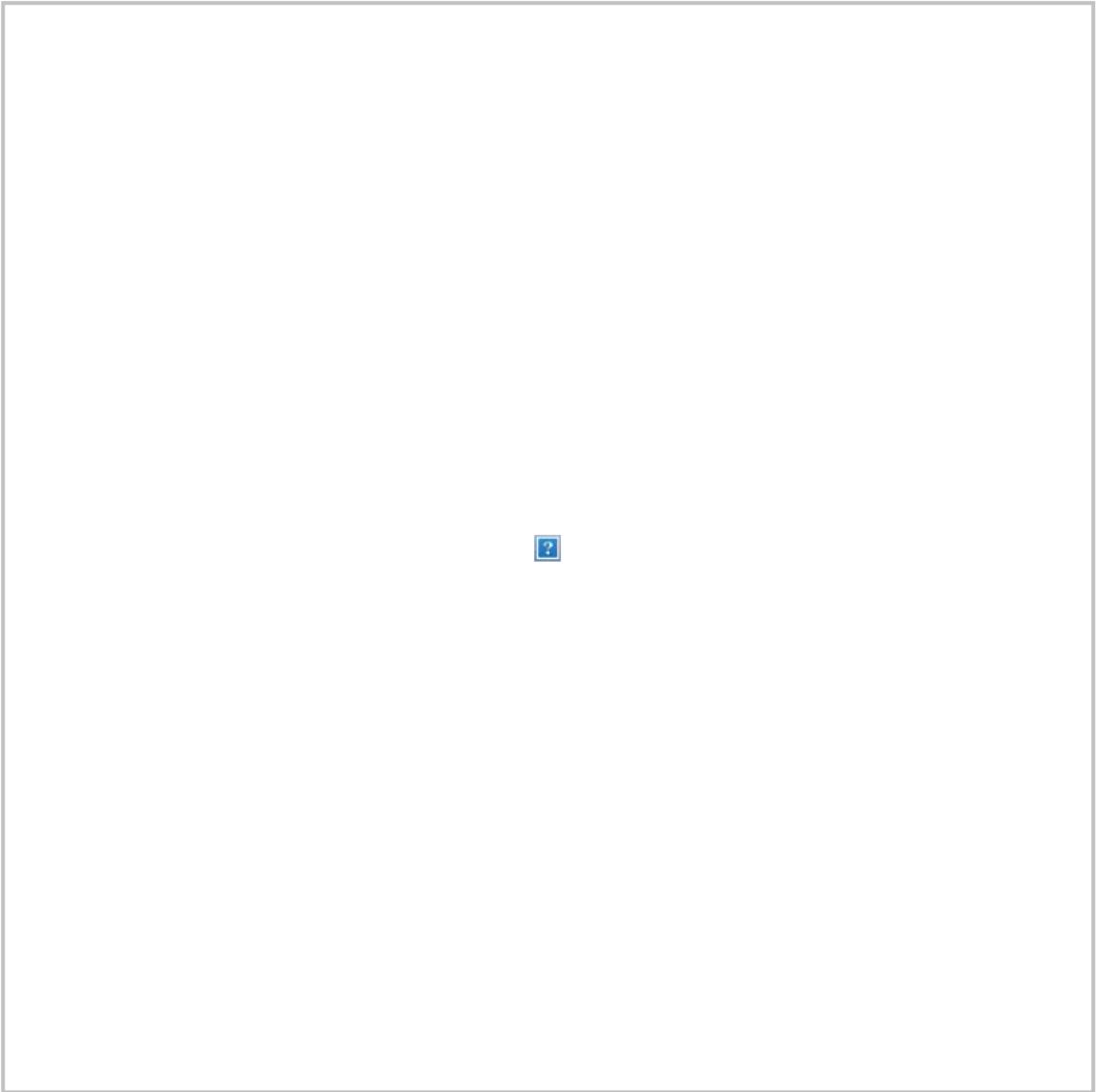
Although details of BRT meetings and receptions have not been released, **it is expected that a number of**

**incoming Trump administration officials will participate, along with senior officials from the Obama administration.**

**-- Late Friday night, Trump took aim on Twitter at [a second manufacturer](#) that plans to move jobs from Indiana to Mexico:**



**Then, yesterday, the president-elect posted a storm of tweets threatening to punish any U.S. company that sends jobs overseas:**

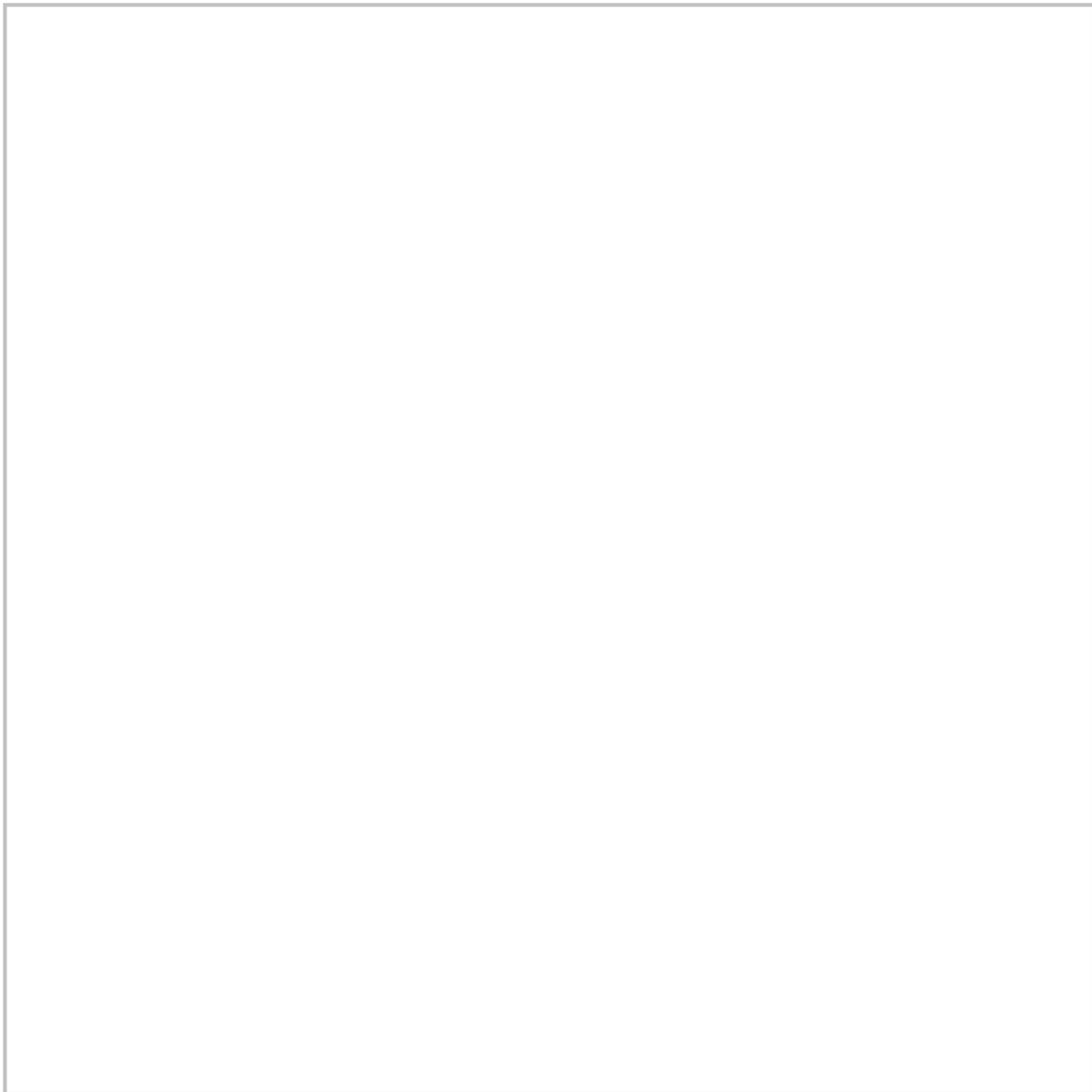












-- **This kind of rhetoric has created a new level of nervousness.** "Sure, there is some concern in some board rooms, just as there was fear under Teddy Roosevelt, a Republican and a trust buster," said Richard Hohlt, a longtime Republican consultant who has advised big banks and supported Trump this fall. Hohlt is telling corporate clients to be prepared for a different kind of presidency: "There is a new sheriff in town, and he is already showing that he will be a president who will do what he said he would do. If you are a CEO planning to move your plants to Mexico, you know how this president will react to that."

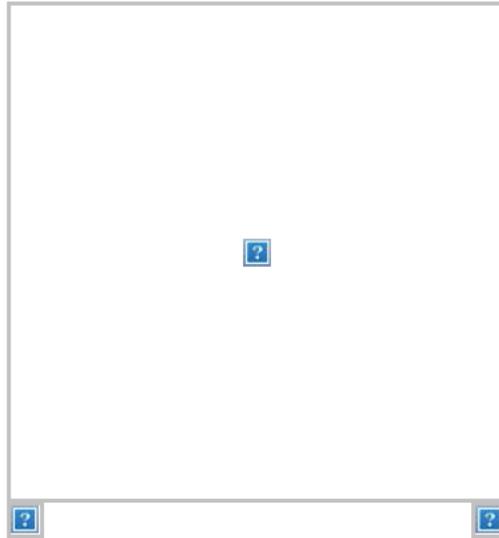
**Nina Gross, a managing director of BDO Consulting in Washington, said that many CEOs she talks with are heartened by Trump's early cabinet picks – including Wilbur Ross for Commerce and Steven Mnuchin for Treasury – which signals that the rhetoric used before the election was hyperbole.** "This is no longer a campaign," said Gross, who did not back Trump in the primary or general but now expressed admiration for some of his personnel moves. "These are not crazy people. ... And that's a clear signal that Trump will not blow the world up."

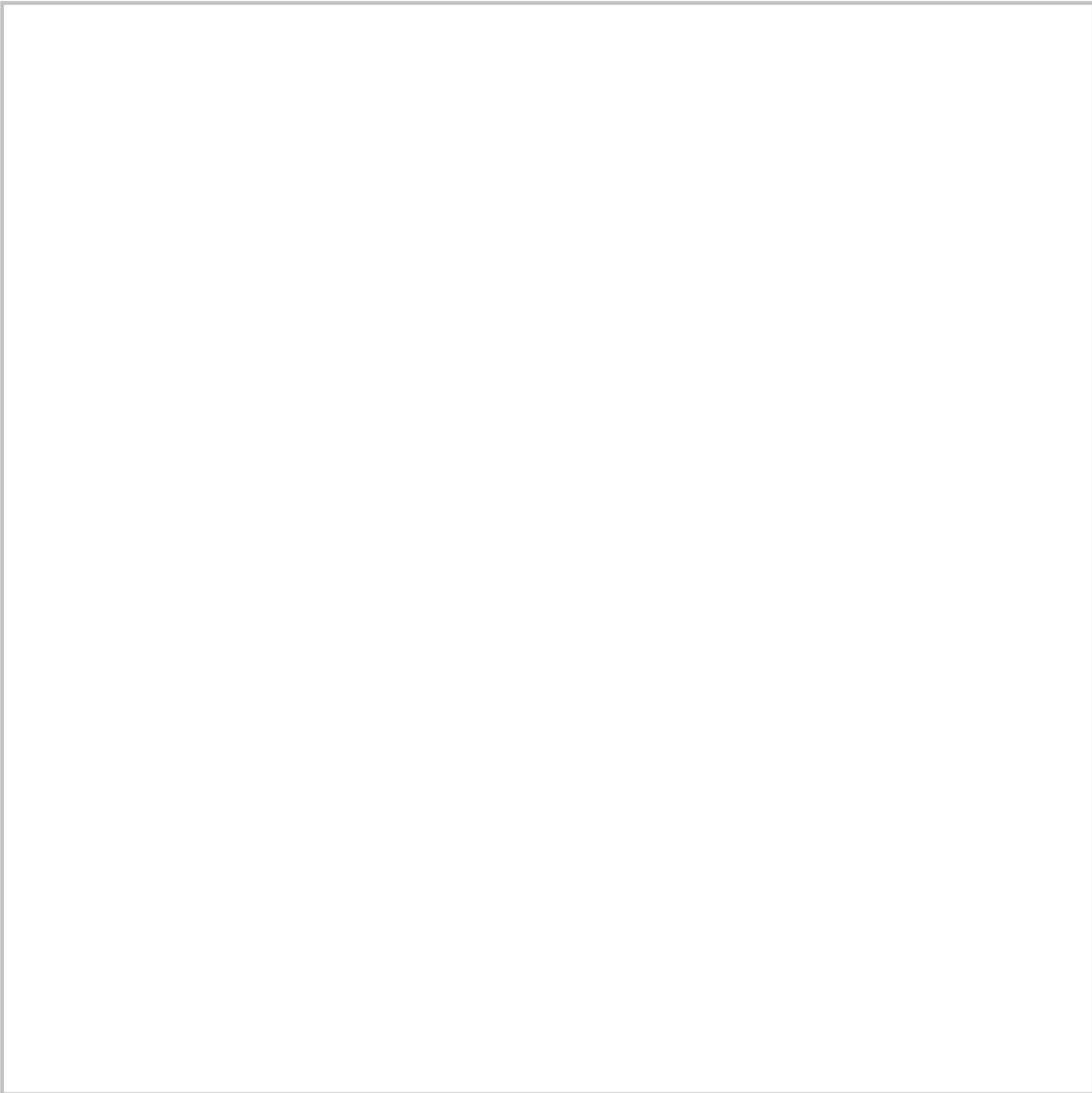
**Mnuchin and Ross have already moved to soften some of Trump's most explosive proposals.** [As Sean Sullivan and Ylan Q. Mui reported yesterday](#), both men said they would pursue bilateral trade agreements with other countries. Ross also said that Trump's threatened double-digit tariffs on goods from Mexico and China would be imposed only as a last resort.

**A third person familiar with the mood in the executive suites of major corporations said that, even before Trump's visit to Indianapolis on Thursday and his stream of tweets this weekend, CEOs of**

**leading companies were “on high alert.”** Many of the 75 to 100 CEOs coming to Washington have been watching Trump’s interactions with other CEOs very closely. “And now they are asking ‘who’s next?’” said one corporate adviser,

**This is a particularly sensitive moment for any multinational corporation with facilities overseas.** While there is always nervousness about a new administration, he said that Trump’s “populist corporate activism” is different. “It is uncharted territory,” the source explained. “They are getting nervous, and some CEOs are asking whether they can get a better deal” to stay in the U.S.





D.C. police detain gunman who wanted to 'self-investigate' conspiracy theory

**WORDS MATTER – FAKE NEWS HAS REAL-LIFE CONSEQUENCES:** “A North Carolina man was arrested Sunday after he walked into a popular pizza restaurant in Northwest Washington carrying an assault rifle and fired one or more shots, D.C. police said. The man told police he had come to the restaurant to ‘self-investigate’ a false election-related conspiracy theory involving Hillary Clinton that spread online during her presidential campaign,” [Faiz Siddiqui and Susan Svrluga report](#).

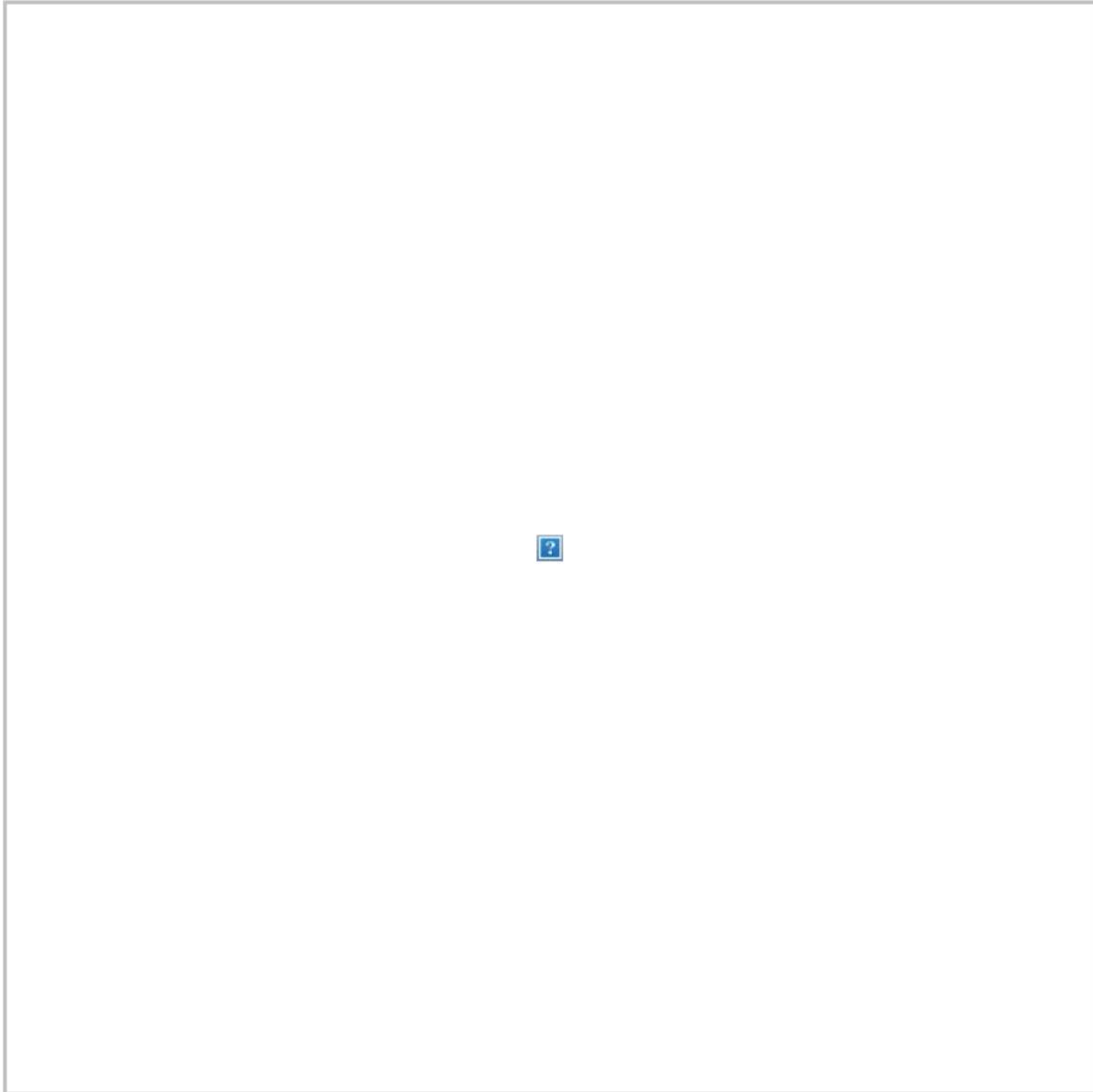
-- **The fake story, which went viral online in the weeks before the election, claimed that HRC and John Podesta were running a child sex ring from the backrooms of the popular family restaurant, near Connecticut and Nebraska avenues NW in the Chevy Chase neighborhood.** The restaurant’s owner and employees were threatened on social media and received death threats. (BuzzFeed looked last month at [how the false rumor spread online](#).)

-- **How yesterday's incident went down:** Police said 28-year-old Edgar Maddison Welch, of Salisbury, N.C., walked in the front door of Comet Ping Pong around 3 p.m. and pointed a firearm in the direction of a restaurant employee. “The employee was able to flee and notify police. Police said Welch proceeded to discharge the rifle inside the restaurant; they think that all other occupants had fled when Welch began shooting. Welch has been charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. Police said there were no reported injuries. . . . Interim D.C. Police Chief Peter Newsham said **cops safely arrested Welch about 45 minutes after he entered the restaurant.** Police recovered two firearms inside the restaurant; an additional weapon

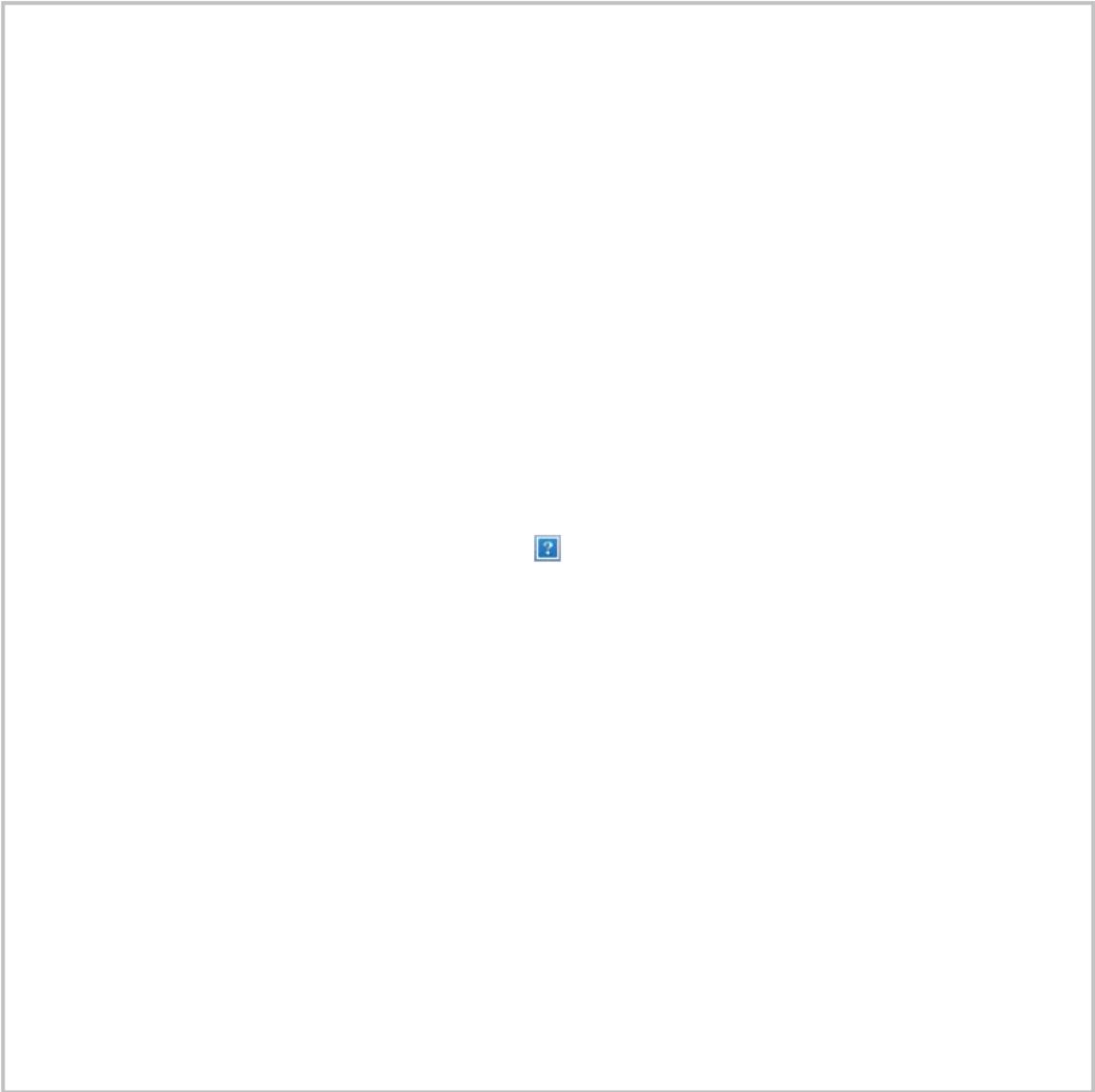
was recovered in Welch's car."

-- **Michael Flynn, the retired general whom Trump has tapped to be his national security adviser, shared stories online about another anti-Clinton conspiracy theory involving pedophilia.** None of them were true. But the fake stories and threats persisted, some even aimed at children of Comet Ping Pong employees and patrons. The restaurant's owner was forced to contact the FBI, local police, Facebook and other social-media platforms in an effort to remove the articles. Bradley Graham, a co-owner of Politics & Prose, said he was told that **the gunman walked into the kitchen at Comet Ping Pong, "presumably looking for the alleged tunnels" where children were hidden and tortured.**

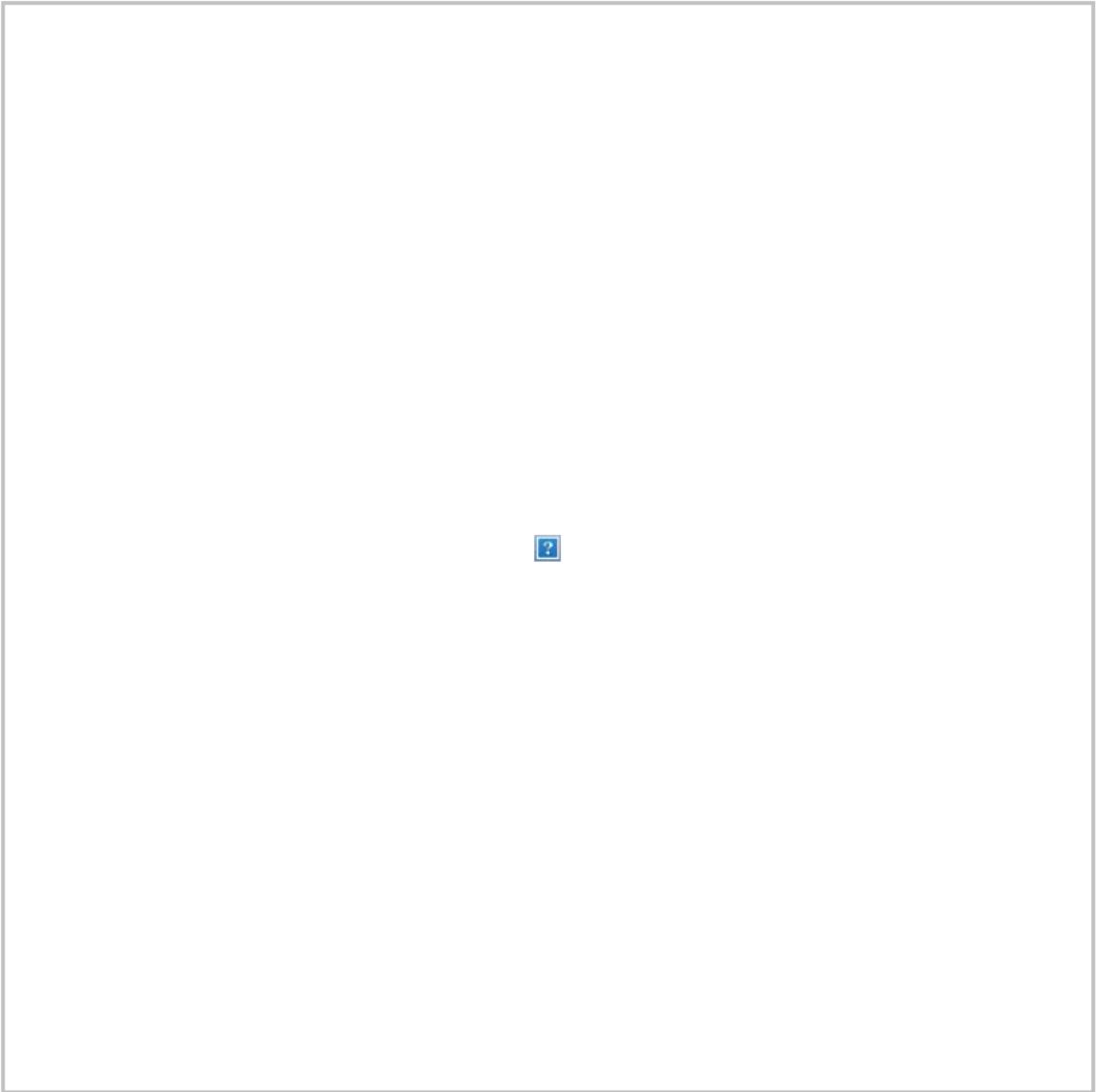
**The incoming National Security Adviser actually tweeted this just one month ago:**



**Even more irresponsibly, Flynn's son -- who works as the chief of staff at his firm -- tweeted this last night:**



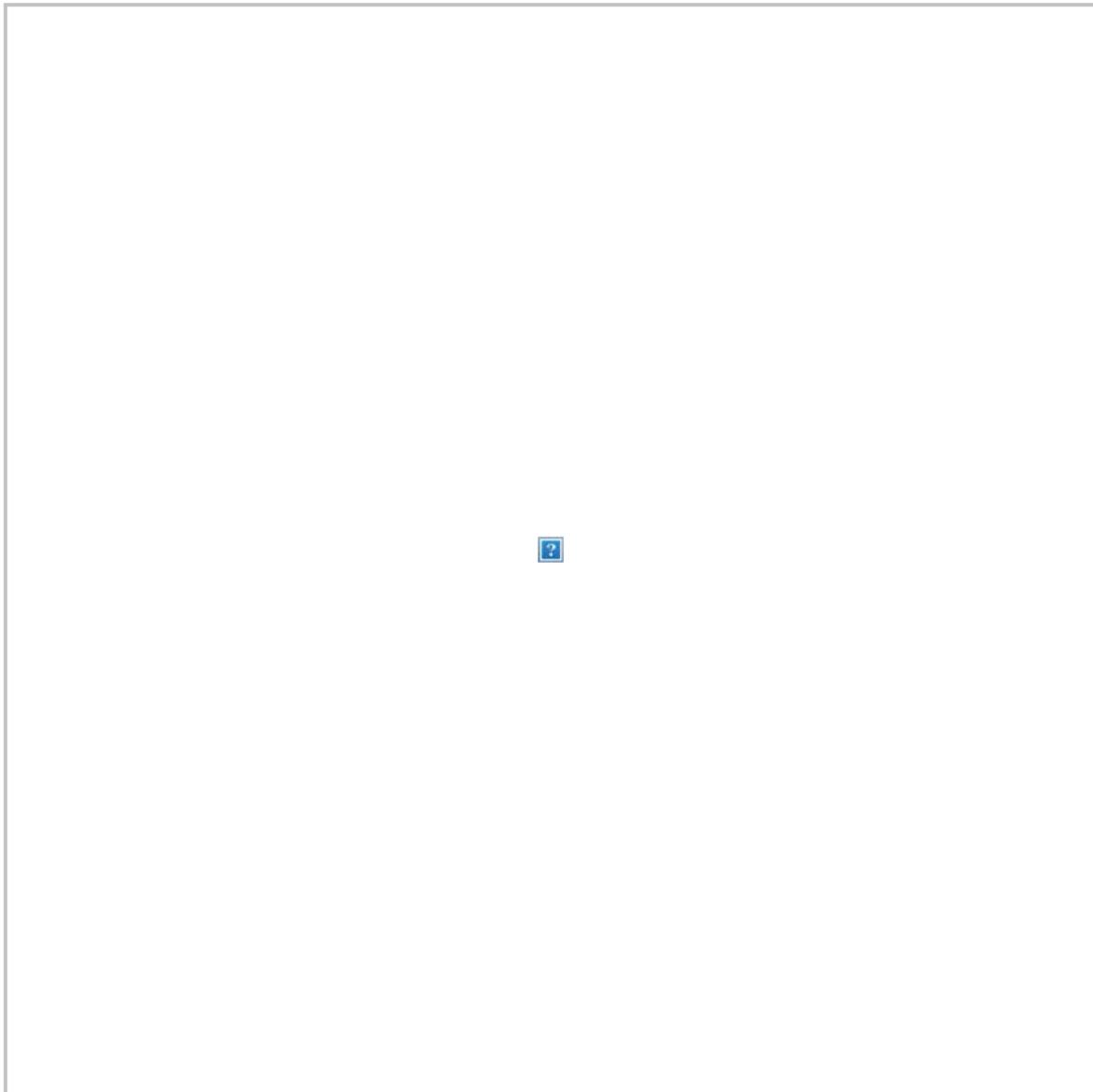
**-- A chorus of powerful Washingtonians expressed outrage at the Trump people who so recklessly circulated these fake stories:**







-- **Another chilling illustration of the Trump Effect on our politics, [via Politico Magazine's Michael Grunwald](#):** "One conservative Republican congressman who actually supported Trump's candidacy told me his office was deluged with furious callers after he once dared to criticize Trump during the campaign. He called back one woman in her sixties who owned a vacation home in his district and had donated to his campaigns. He said the chat turned ugly in a hurry, until she said she had just three things to say to him. 'First: Go f\*\*\* yourself. Second: I'm going to raise \$75,000 to find a primary challenger to take you out. And third: Go f\*\*\* yourself.' The congressman thought that would be the end of it, but the woman then went on Facebook and posted an account of their conversation, along with his cell phone number. For the next several weeks, Trump supporters called him at all hours to repeat his donor's first and third recommendations. 'I'm telling you, the demons have been unleashed,' the congressman told me. 'And they're not going away.'"



Allison Fenn adjusts a rainbow flag that she's flying in solidarity with the LGBT community in front of her home. She lives down the street from Mike Pence's rental home. (Gary Cameron/Reuters)

-- **[“In Mr. Pence’s new D.C. neighborhood, not exactly the welcome wagon,”](#)** by Ian Shapira: “When news filtered out in late November that Mike Pence was temporarily moving into the white colonial with green shutters on Tennyson Street NW (in Chevy Chase) ... neighbors decided to greet the Republican interloper with polite protest: rainbow flags flapping from their homes. ... ‘I thought it would send a message in an appropriate way. One idea was to put a ‘Chevy Chase Hillary’ banner, but we thought that would be too in-your-face,’ said Joanna Pratt, 66, an environmental consultant who came up with the idea and lives across the street from Pence. Now, at least seven homes on the street boast the flags — a response to Pence’s opposition over the years to equal rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.” (Clinton got 85 percent in this precinct.)

David Brock&nbsp;(Danny Johnston/AP)</p>□



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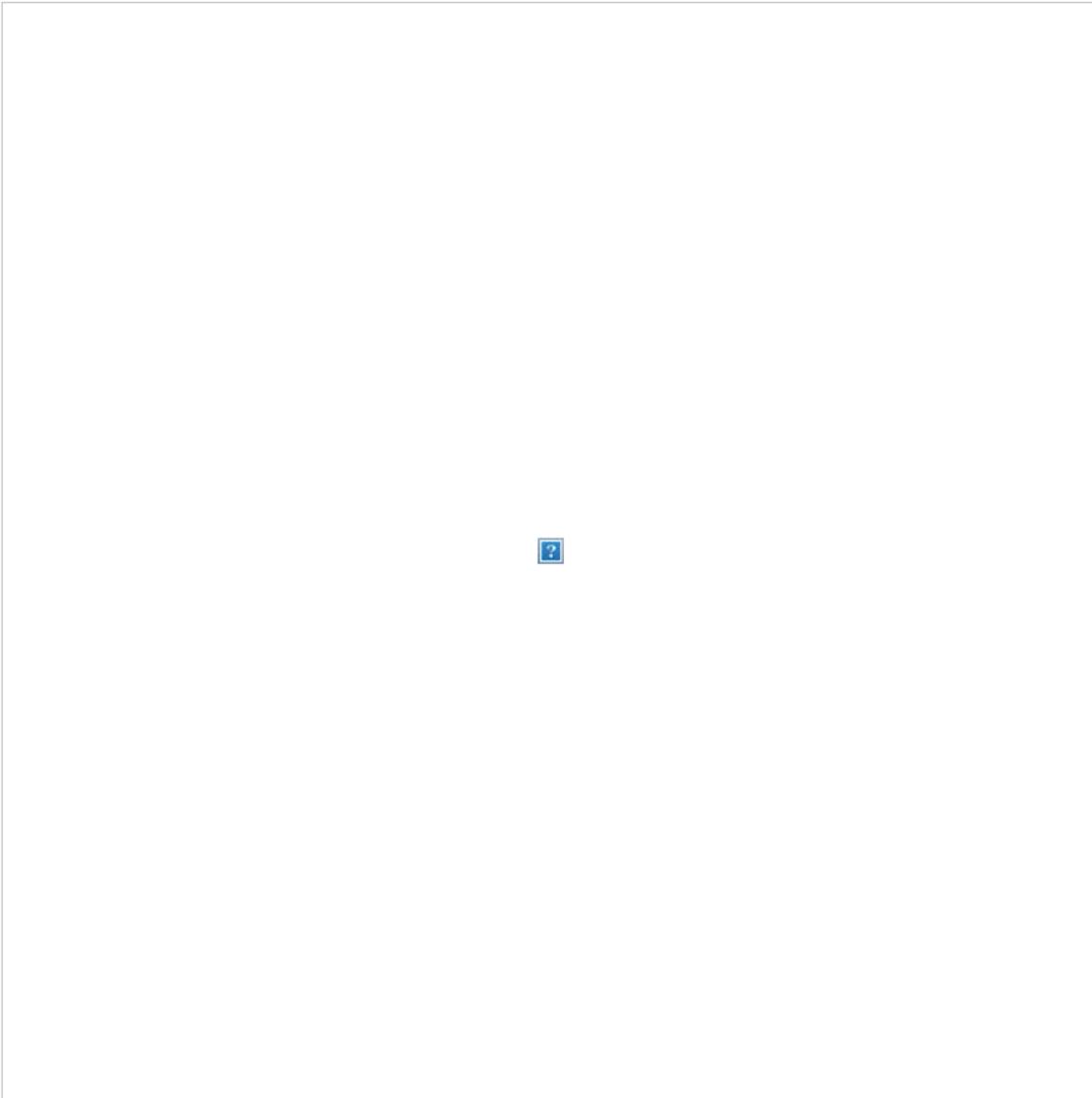
#### **A CIVIL WAR IN BOTH PARTIES:**

-- **One of Clinton's top allies, writer and strategist David Brock, will begin a two-day conference of Democratic lawmakers and liberal organizers in Washington this morning with a fiery call to arms and demand for an independent audit of the party's 2016 efforts.** [Matea Gold has a first look at the text of his remarks](#): “Hillary’s loss has exposed a collapse of power for the Democratic Party,” Brock is set to tell a gathering hosted by the State Innovation Exchange. The exchange, known as SiX, is seeking to help Democrats regain power in the states by serving as a hub for strategy and training. “The truth is, our party faces a crisis of competence at all levels,” Brock is set to tell the group. “Progressive politics in America is an organizational disaster.”

**In his speech, Brock calls for party leaders to appoint an independent commission to audit the work done by Democrats up and down the ballot this cycle, and to publicly release the results of the report.** “We can’t have a coherent or effective road map forward unless and until we have a mutual understanding of what happened last cycle, and an accepted conclusion of where we can do better and how,” he will say.

-- **A major Republican donor says Trump personally expressed support for ousting the chairman of the Ohio GOP, a close ally of John Kasich, as he seeks another term next month.** [From the Columbus](#)

[Dispatch](#): “Matt Borges survived a closed-door gathering of the Ohio Republican Party's central committee Friday, but he is now facing a direct challenge ... backed by President-elect Trump. In an email to committee members, Jane Murphy Timken, vice chairman of the Stark County Republican Party, said: ... ‘Last week, I spoke with President-elect Trump and he agrees that it is time for a leadership change at the ORP.’ ... The Trump campaign officially divorced itself from the state GOP leadership in mid-October. The party's No. 2 leader then created a fake Twitter account in an attempt to ridicule Trump's Ohio campaign chairman.”



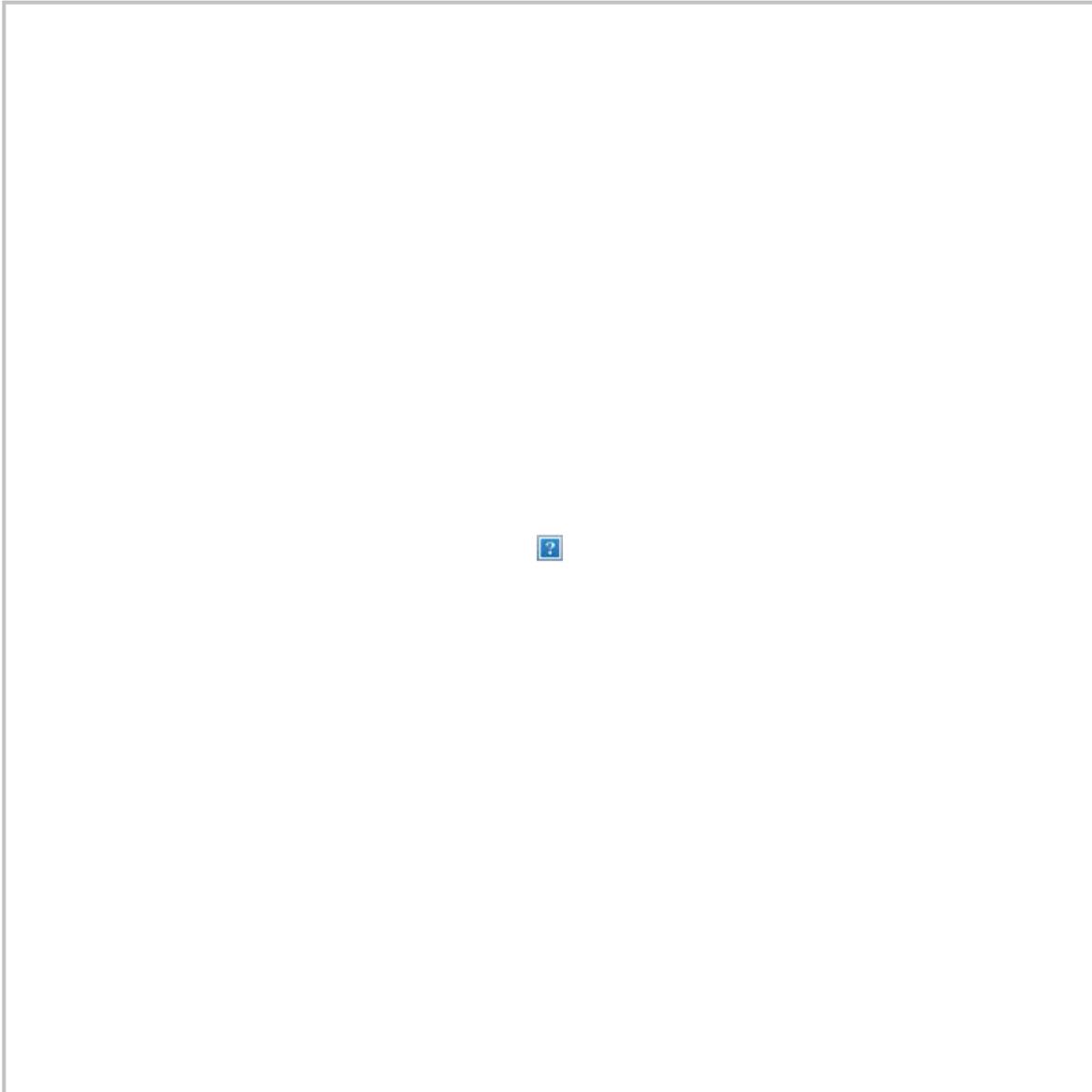
What is the story behind Trump's phone call with Taiwan?

#### **TRUMP'S NEW WORLD ORDER:**

-- “**Trump’s protocol-breaking telephone call with Taiwan’s leader was an intentionally provocative move,**” [Anne Gearan, Phil Rucker and Simon Denyer scoop](#). “The historic communication — the first between leaders of the United States and Taiwan since 1979 — was the product of months of quiet preparations and deliberations among Trump’s advisers about a new strategy for engagement with Taiwan that began even before he became the Republican presidential nominee, according to people involved in or briefed on the talks. The call also reflects the views of hard-line advisers urging Trump to take a tough opening line with China.”

**Some critics portrayed the move as the thoughtless blundering of a foreign policy novice, but other experts said it appeared calculated to signal a new, robust approach to relations with China. China**

reacted sternly to the Taiwan call, suggesting that it shows Trump's inexperience. But Stanford professor Gordon Chang, an Asia expert and author of "The Coming Collapse of China," said Trump's tweet Friday night that he had just accepted a call from Tsai was "not credible": "This has all the hallmarks of a prearranged phone call. It doesn't make sense that Tsai out of the blue would call Donald Trump. She is not known for taking big leaps into the unknown, and it would be politically embarrassing when it was learned that she called Trump and he would not take her call."



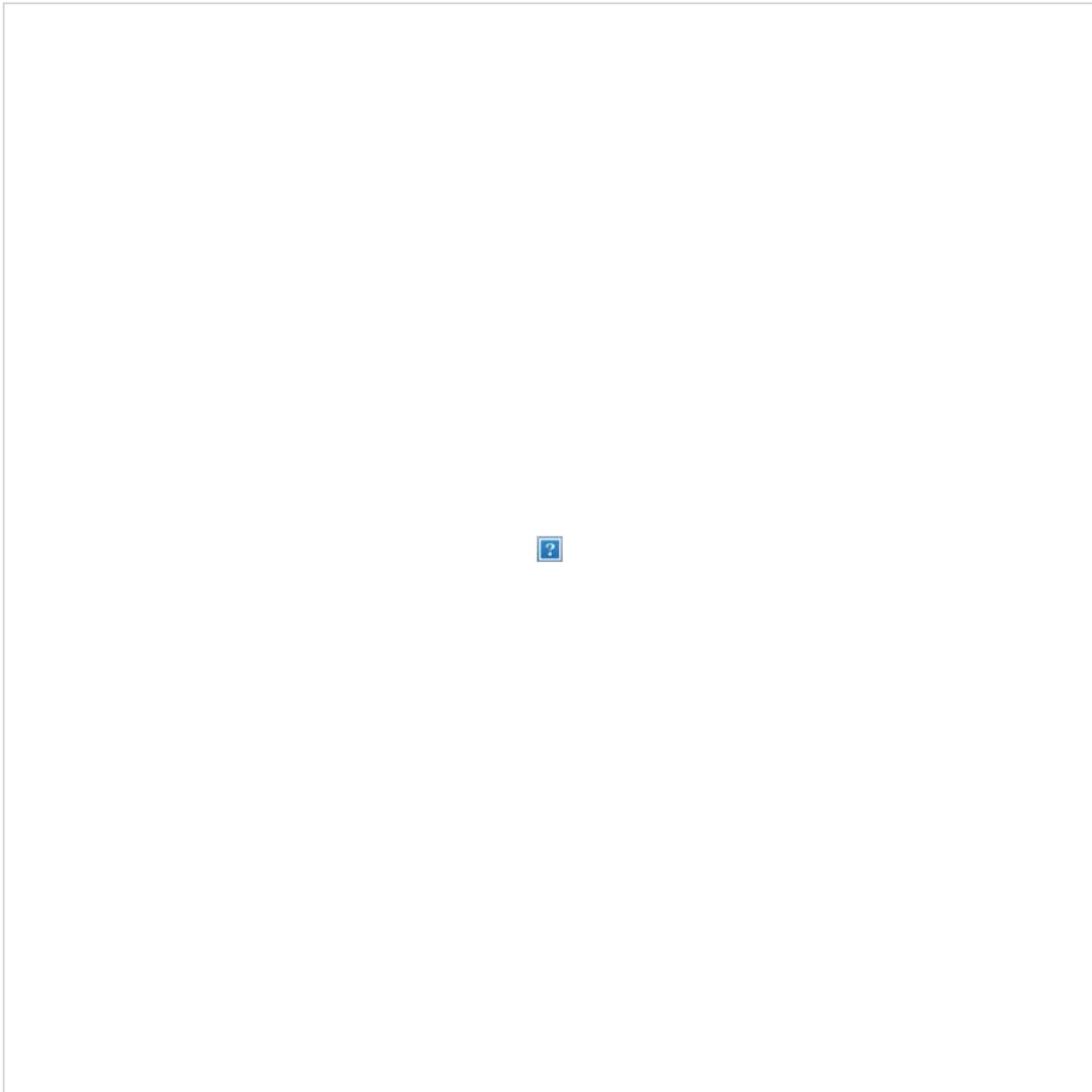
Priebus: Trump 'is a details guy'

-- **Several leading members of Trump's transition team are considered hawkish on China and friendly toward Taiwan, especially incoming chief of staff Reince Priebus:** He visited Taiwan with a Republican delegation in 2011 and in October 2015, meeting Tsai before she was elected president. Taiwan Foreign Minister David Lee called him a friend of Taiwan and said his appointment as Trump's chief of staff was 'good news' for the island. Ed Feulner, former president of the Heritage Foundation, has for decades cultivated extensive ties with Taiwan, and he is also an adviser to Trump's transition team.

-- **MORE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Ivanka Trump's presence at her dad's meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe struck some as odd. It turns out that the soon-to-be first daughter is nearing a licensing deal with the Japanese apparel giant Sanei International, both parties told The New York Times.** "The largest shareholder of Sanei's parent company is the Development Bank of Japan, which is wholly owned by the Japanese government. ... Discussions for the deal have been active for about two

years, Ms. Trump's company said. In that time, she has become something of a local fascination. 'At the moment,' said Sayumi Gunji, a lifestyle-magazine editor who attended the viewing, 'Tvanka is even more popular here than Mr. Trump.' ... Ms. Trump, the only sibling to match her father's instinct for self-commodification, has used the Trump Organization's payroll, information technology and human resources for her separate brand. Her website's domain was registered by Trump Organization lawyers."

-- **Meanwhile, Charlene Chen, claiming to be a representative of Trump's businesses, arrived Sept. 8 in Taiwan to explore investing in a redevelopment project south of Taiwan's biggest airport.** [From the Times](#): "I told them: Isn't Mr. Trump campaigning for president? Isn't he very busy?" the mayor, Cheng Wen-tsan, said ... 'They said she is a company representative. His company is still continuing to look for the world's best real estate projects, and they very much understand Taiwan' ... On Friday, Amanda Miller, a spokeswoman for the Trump Organization, said that there were 'no plans for expansion into Taiwan' and that there had been no 'authorized visits' to Taiwan to push for a development project.'" This was directly contradicted by a Facebook post from an executive at the company, who shared pictures from what she described as a work trip.



Jon Huntsman drops out of the 2012 presidential race at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center in January 2012. (Joe Raedle/Getty Images)

**THE APPRENTICE, FOGGY BOTTOM EDITION:**

-- **In a huge slap at Mitt Romney, Trump has added [longtime rival](#) Jon Huntsman into the mix for secretary of state:** Kellyanne Conway told reporters yesterday that he plans to interview additional candidates this week and does not want to rush the decision. "It is true that he's broadened the search, and the secretary of state is an incredibly important position for any president to fill," she said. "Evidence of the unease with Romney (among the base) was evident at Trump's first stop on a 'thank you' tour last week in Cincinnati, where chants of 'No Romney' broke out among the boisterous crowd," [John Wagner reports](#).

-- **David Petraeus, another finalist for Foggy Bottom, went on ABC's "This Week" yesterday in an effort to show Trump that he could successfully respond to questions about his mishandling of classified material during a potential Senate confirmation hearing.** The retired Army general acknowledged his mistake and said that "they'll have to factor that in and also obviously 38½ years of otherwise fairly, in some cases, unique service to our country in uniform and then at the CIA and then some four years or so in the business community." It went pretty well. Asked how he voted for, he said: "I don't vote. So that's an easy answer."

-- **Trump will also meet this week with two other new, long-shot contenders for State, [a source close to the transition](#) told Politico's [Alex Isenstadt](#):** ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson and retired Navy Adm. **James G. Stavridis**. (Clinton vetted Stavridis, dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, as a potential vice presidential prospect.)

-- **Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.) -- who has said that he is talking with Trump transition officials about the secretary of state position, although it's unclear how far those discussions have gone -- was on Fox News this morning to defend the president-elect's call with the president of Taiwan.** "I think it's terrific," Rohrabacher said, via Jenna Johnson. "It was a terrific message to them: We're no longer going to be pushovers, and there's going to be consequences for their hostile and aggressive actions." Rohrabacher said that he agrees with the president-elect on most issues -- including "establishing a positive relationship" with Russia to fight terrorism, an idea that worries many Republicans and Democrats. "Russia and the people of Russia are good people, and they have a chance to work with them to defeat this evil that threatens the planet right now."

-- **Speaking of Russia: Vladimir Putin delivered something of a backhanded compliment to Trump on Sunday.** "To the extent that he was able to achieve success in business, this shows that he's a smart person," Putin said in a TV interview. "And *if* he's a smart person, that means that he will totally and quite quickly understand the different level of his responsibility [as a statesman]. We presume that he will act based on this position." Andrew Roth, one of our men in Moscow, [reads between the lines](#): "Trump has said that he wants to establish better relations with Putin ... While that presents opportunities for the Kremlin, Putin's remarks also signaled concerns, voiced by insiders, that Trump could be an unpredictable partner. Putin called Trump 'talented' and 'colorful' during the campaign (Trump said Putin had called him 'a genius,' thanks to a mistranslation), but the Kremlin has been reserved in its praise since Trump won the presidency last month."

Terry Branstad sits in his office at the Iowa state capitol. (Patrick Semansky/AP)</p>□

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-- **Bloomberg reports that Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, a longtime friend of Chinese President Xi Jinping, is the frontrunner to be U.S. ambassador to China.** [From Kevin Cirilli and Jennifer Jacobs](#): “The longest-serving governor in U.S. history, Branstad will be in New York (this) week for previously scheduled work related to Iowan economic development. ... Trump will be in Iowa on Dec. 8 for a stop on his post-election victory tour. ... ‘I am not ruling anything out,’ Branstad said on Nov. 19 at an annual fundraiser, the Des Moines Register reported. ... Two days before the Nov. 8 election, during a rally in Sioux City, Trump singled out Branstad as an ideal liaison to China. ... Branstad and Xi met when China’s leader made his first trip to Iowa in 1985 during a sister-state exchange. At the time Xi was a young agricultural official from Hebei province, working as director of the Feed Association of Shijiazhuang Prefecture.”

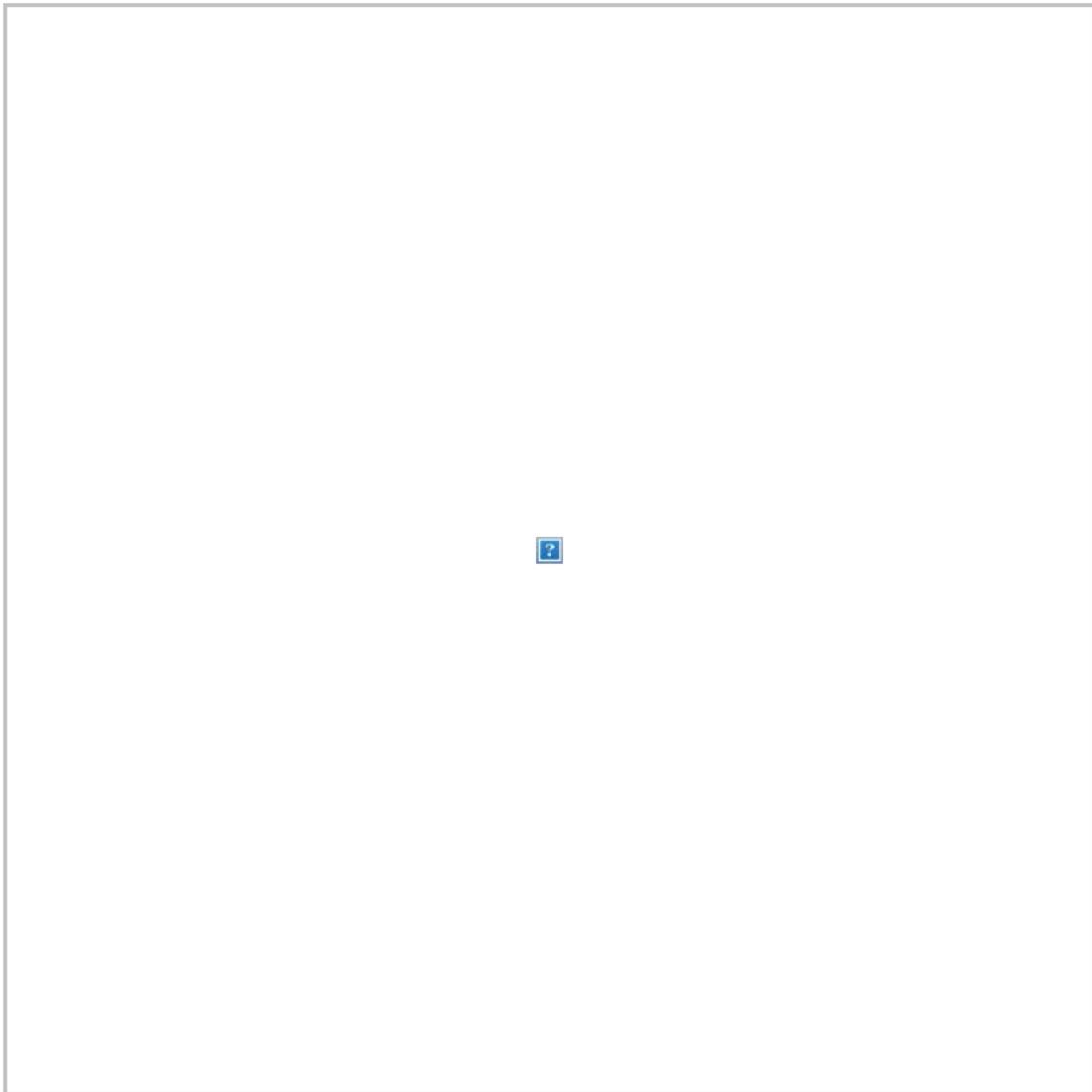
-- **New York Jets owner Woody Johnson is under consideration for ambassador to the U.K., per Page Six’s Ian Mohr and Emily Smith.** Other Trump donors being mentioned for coveted diplomatic postings: Real estate mogul Peter Kalikow could be in the running for an ambassadorship to Italy. Hedge funder Duke Buchan III is being considered for a diplomatic post in Spain. Insiders say Georgette Mosbacher could be in line for a post in Ireland or Belgium.



-- **Want a job in the Trump administration? The Plum Book, an official listing of the 9,000 political jobs that will be available in Trump's executive branch, just published.** But don't count on all of them to be filled, [Lisa Rein notes](#), as the president-elect has pledged to significantly slash the size of the federal government. "One transition official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to be candid, described recent conversations on the team as it considers how to shape the federal government in the Trump era. 'Oh, they had five people doing that? We're only going to hire two,' the staff has discussed, according to the official ... **As of Friday, 65,800 men and women had applied to serve in the Trump administration through the website [GreatAgain.gov](#).**" Get your copy today at 10 a.m. at the Government Publishing Office bookstore at 710 N. Capitol St. NW or [digitally here](#).

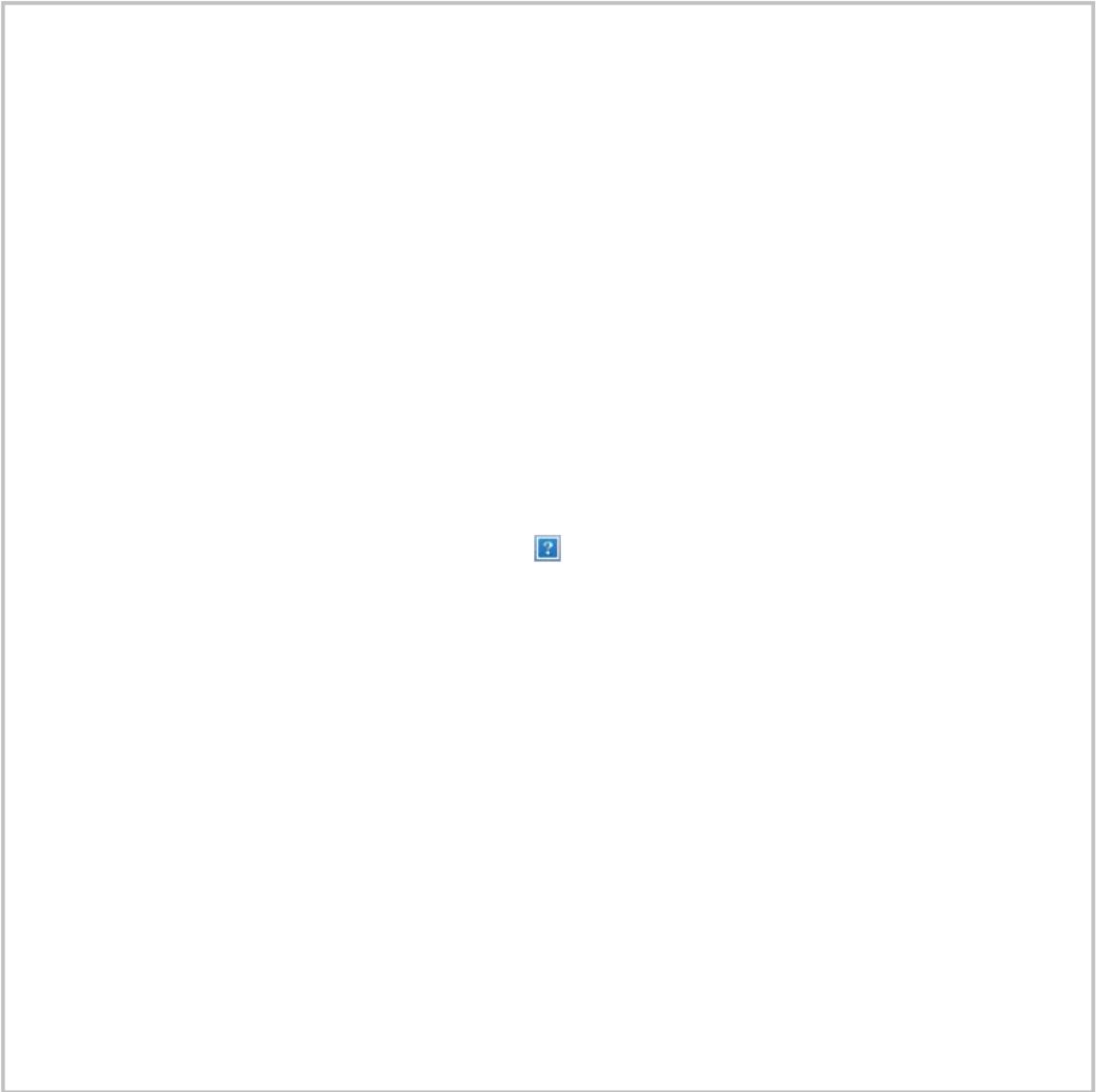
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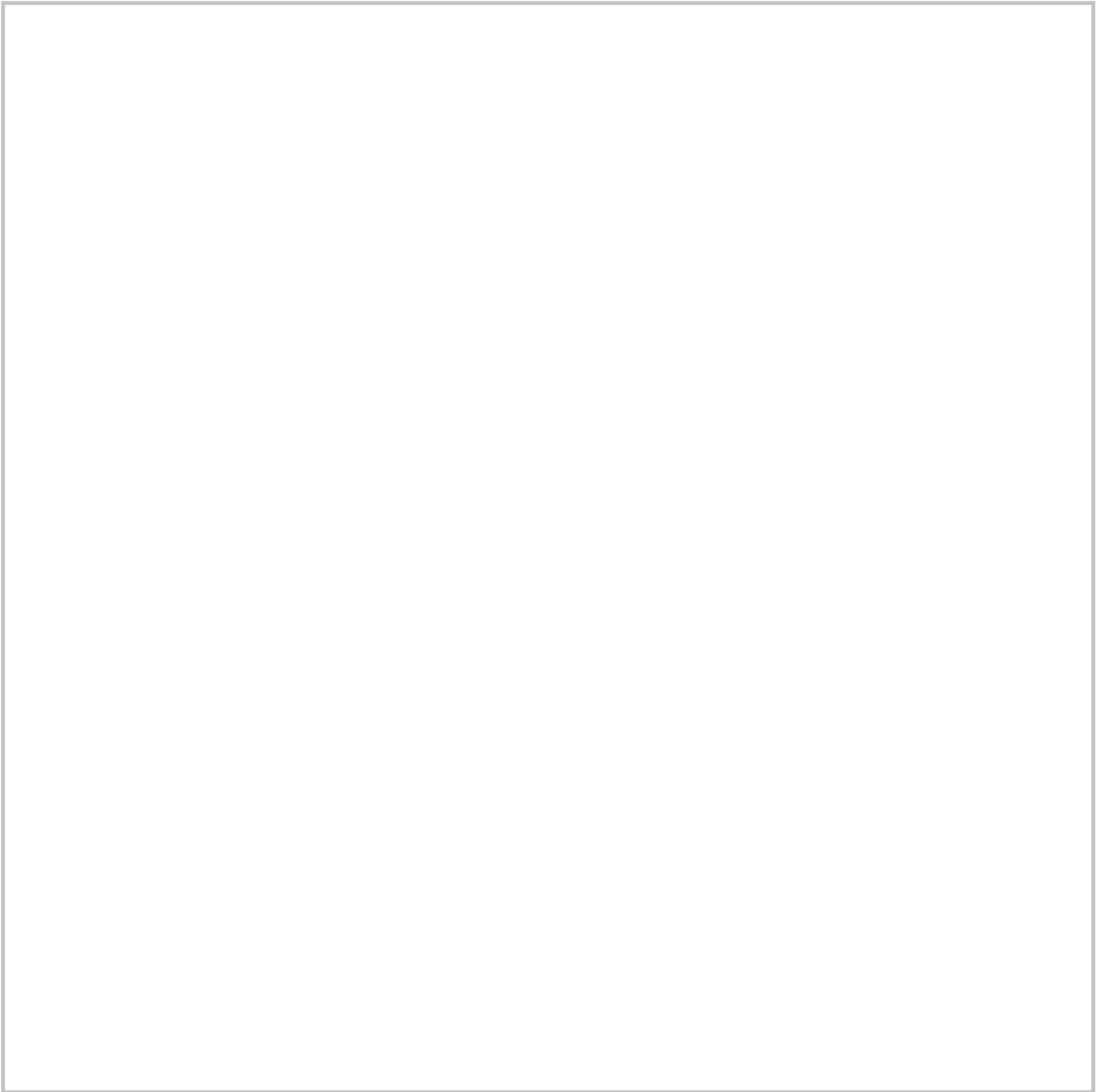
What Trump and Conway did this weekend, in part:



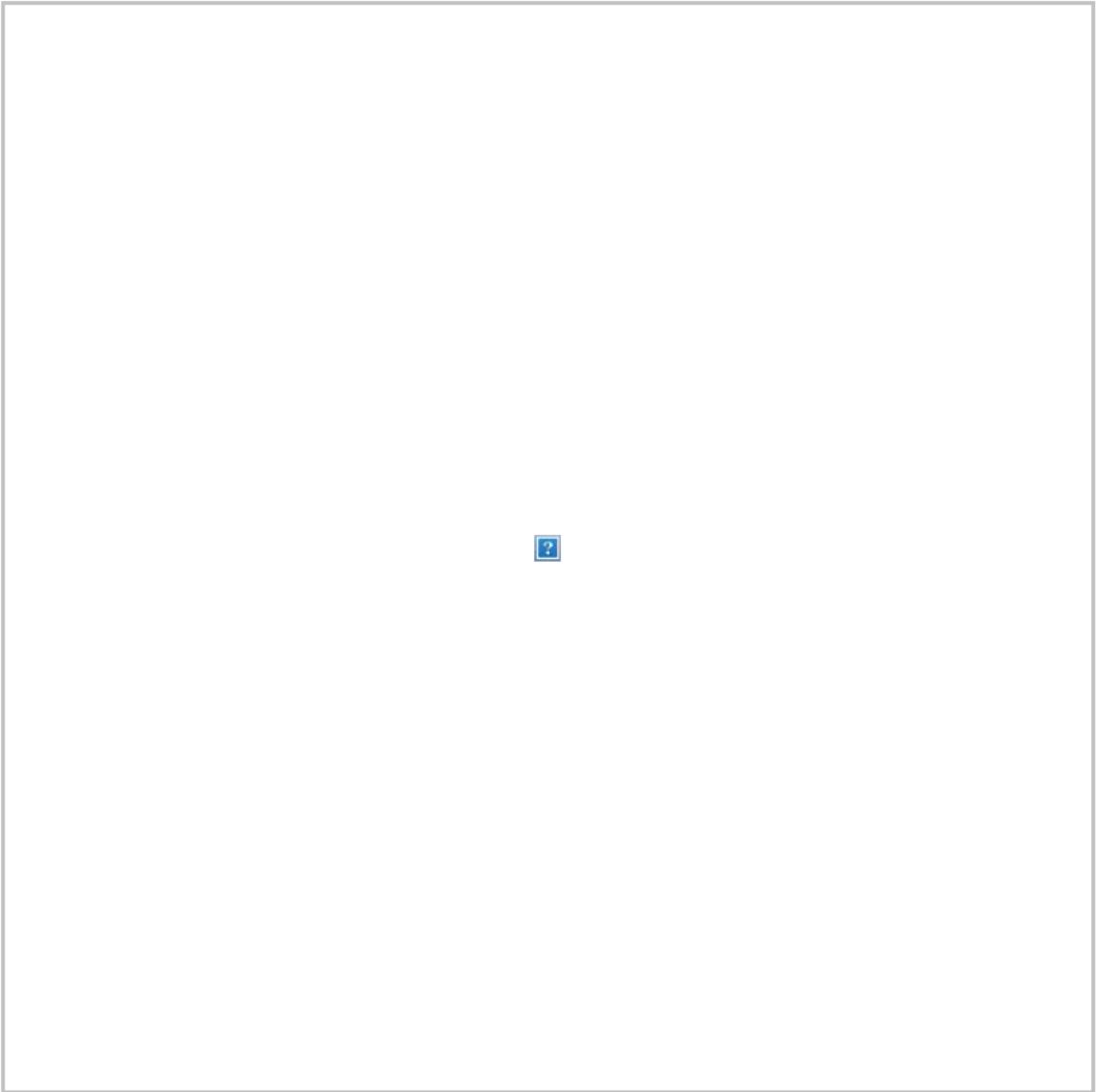
Without any explanation, 29 weeks after posting it, Trump deleted this tweet at 3:30 a.m. yesterday: “Duck Dynasty’ star Phil Robertson says he’ll back Trump for president.” ([Via Politwoops](#))

Trump's vow to levy a 35 percent tax on companies that ship jobs overseas drew a swift rebuke from Republicans Justin Amash and Ben Sasse:

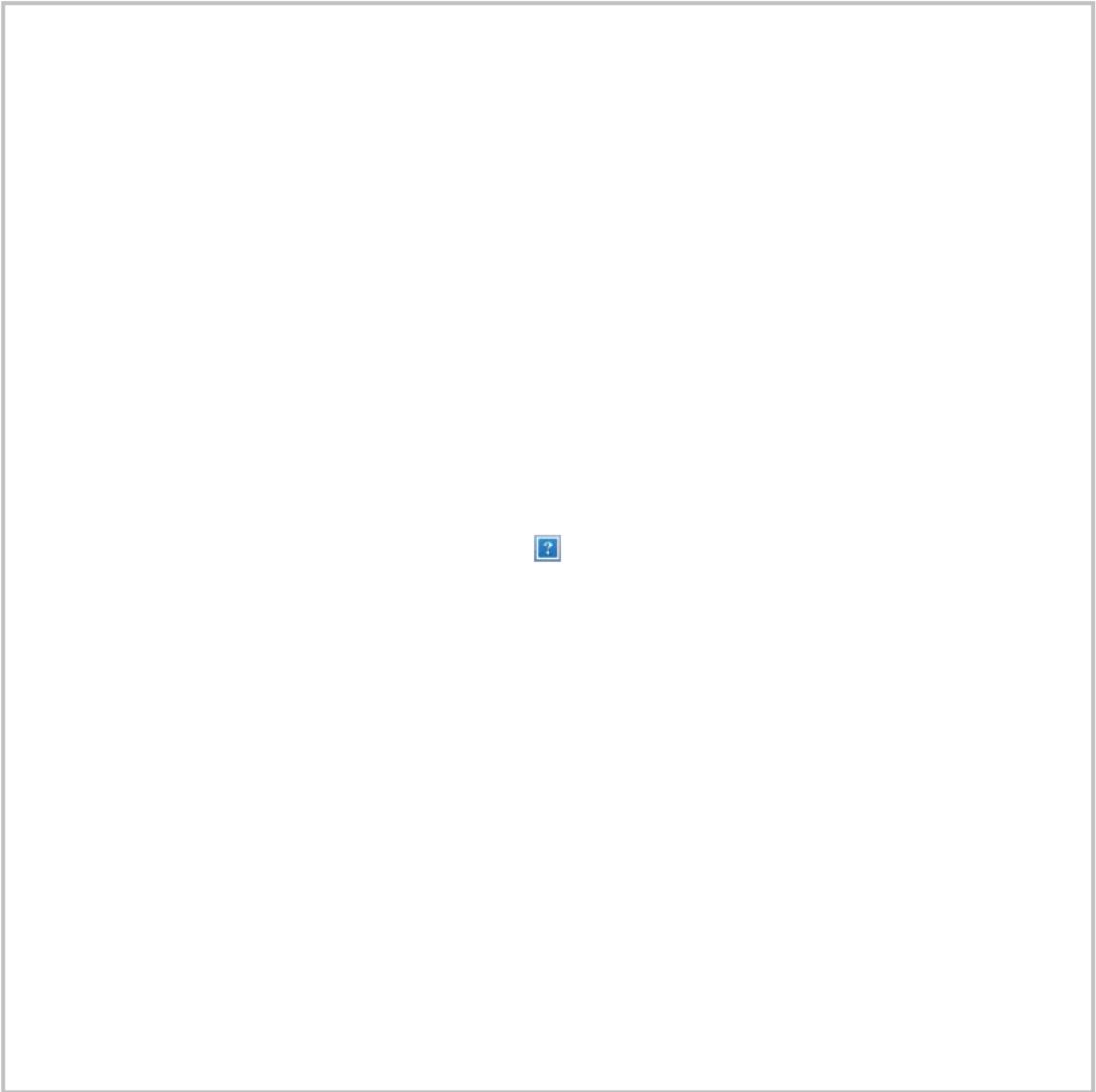




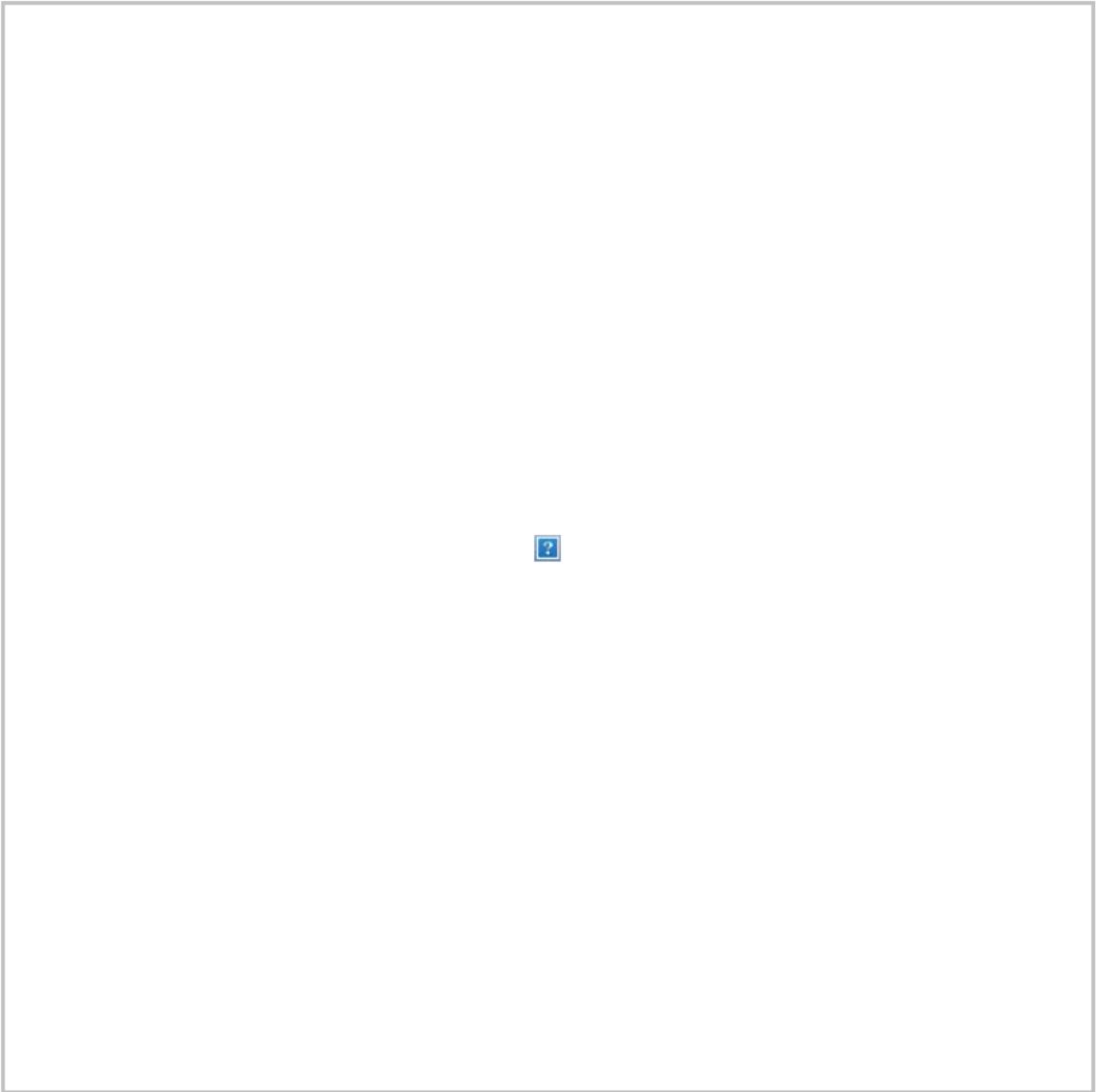
Check out these reactions to Trump's call with Taiwan, starting with the former assistant Secretary of State for East Asia under President George W. Bush:

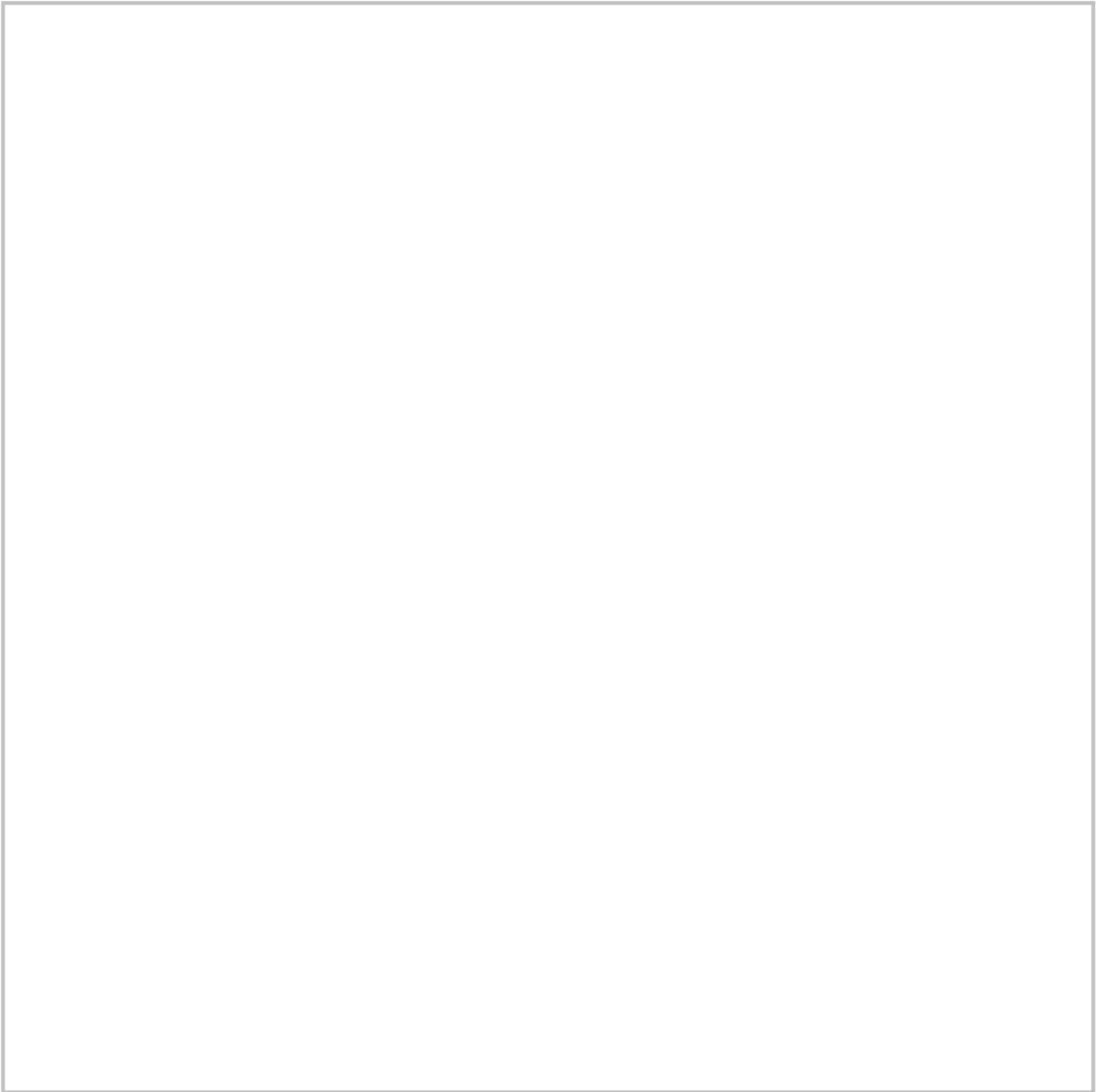


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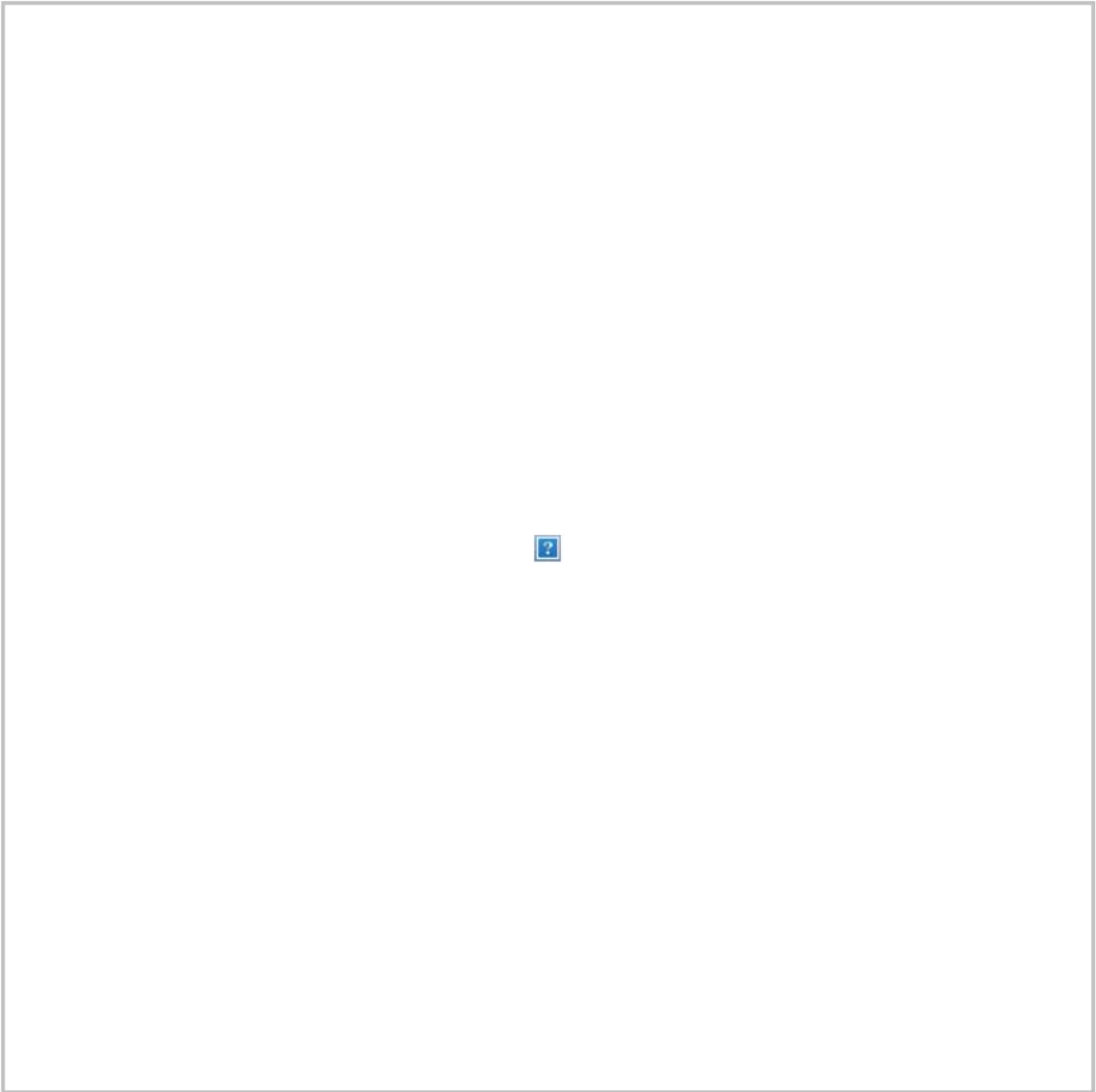


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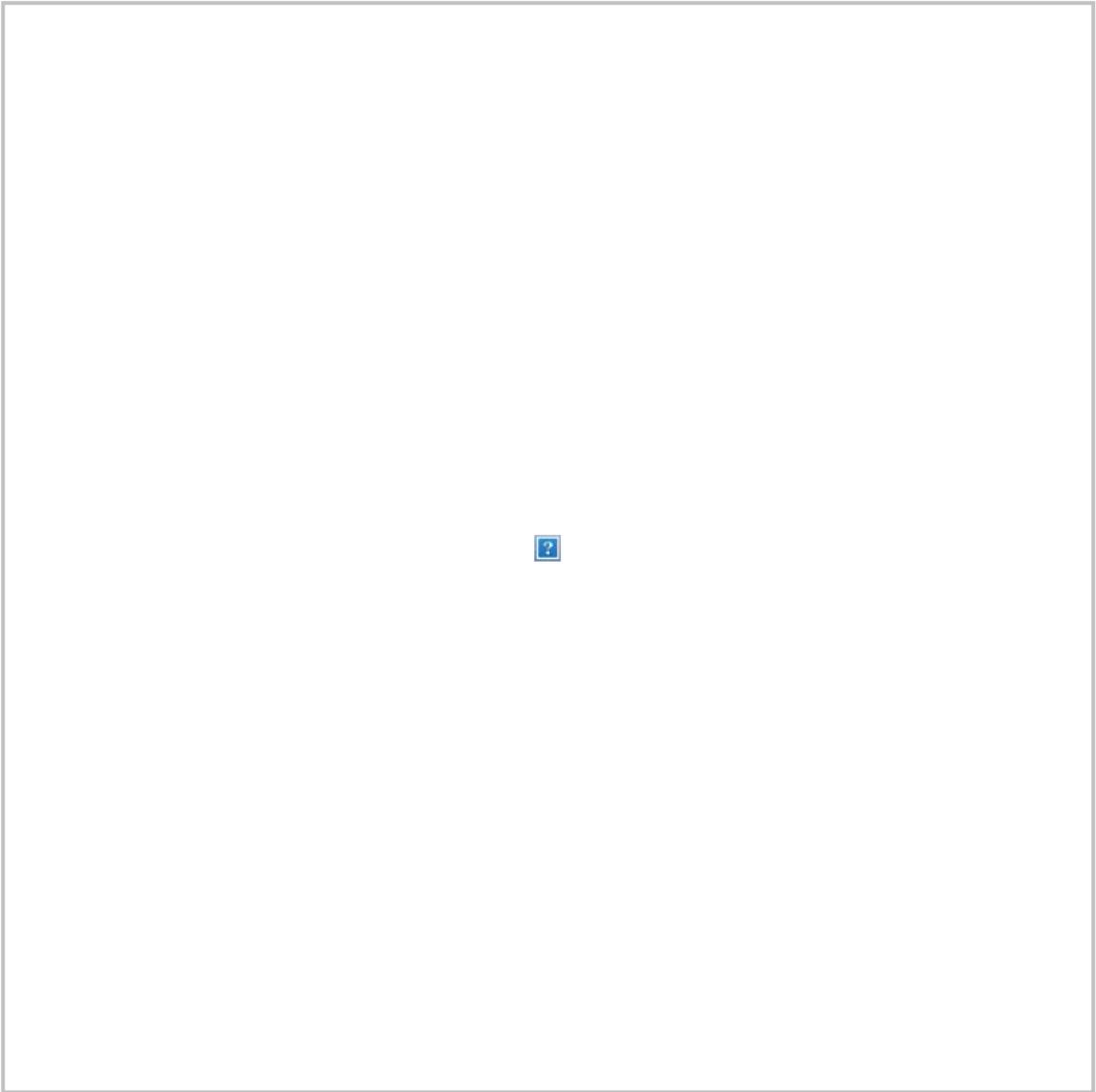




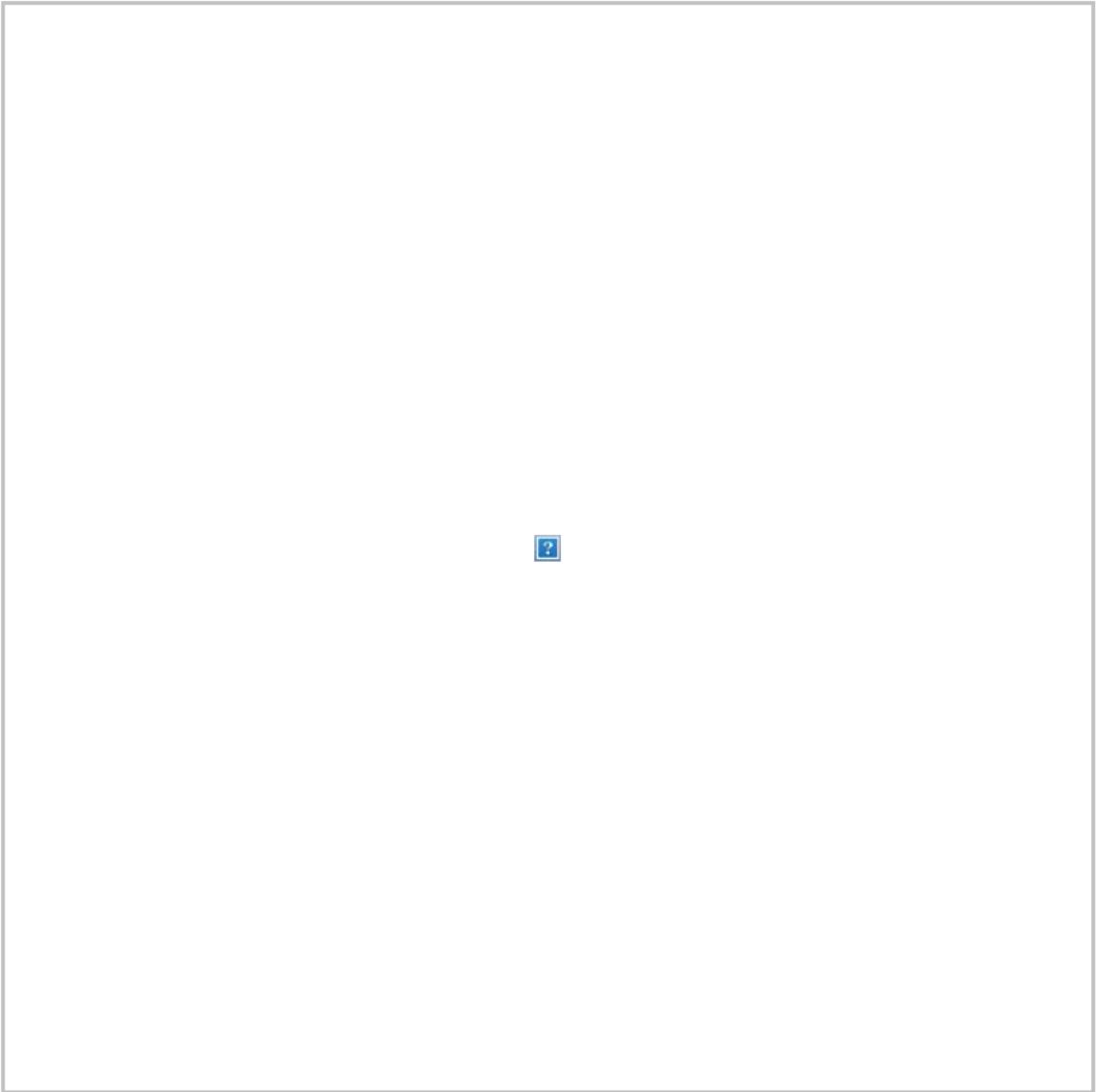
The Beijing bureau chief for the New York Times:

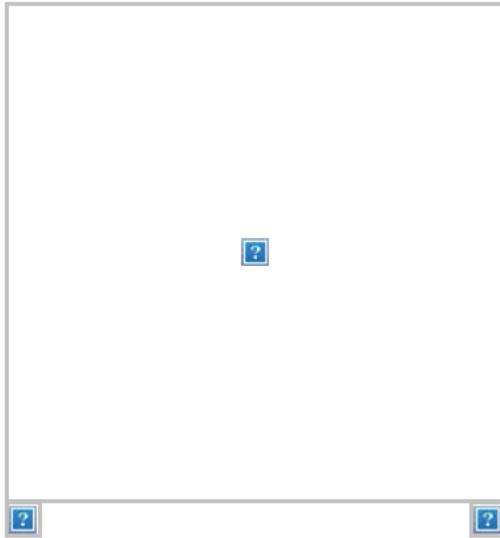
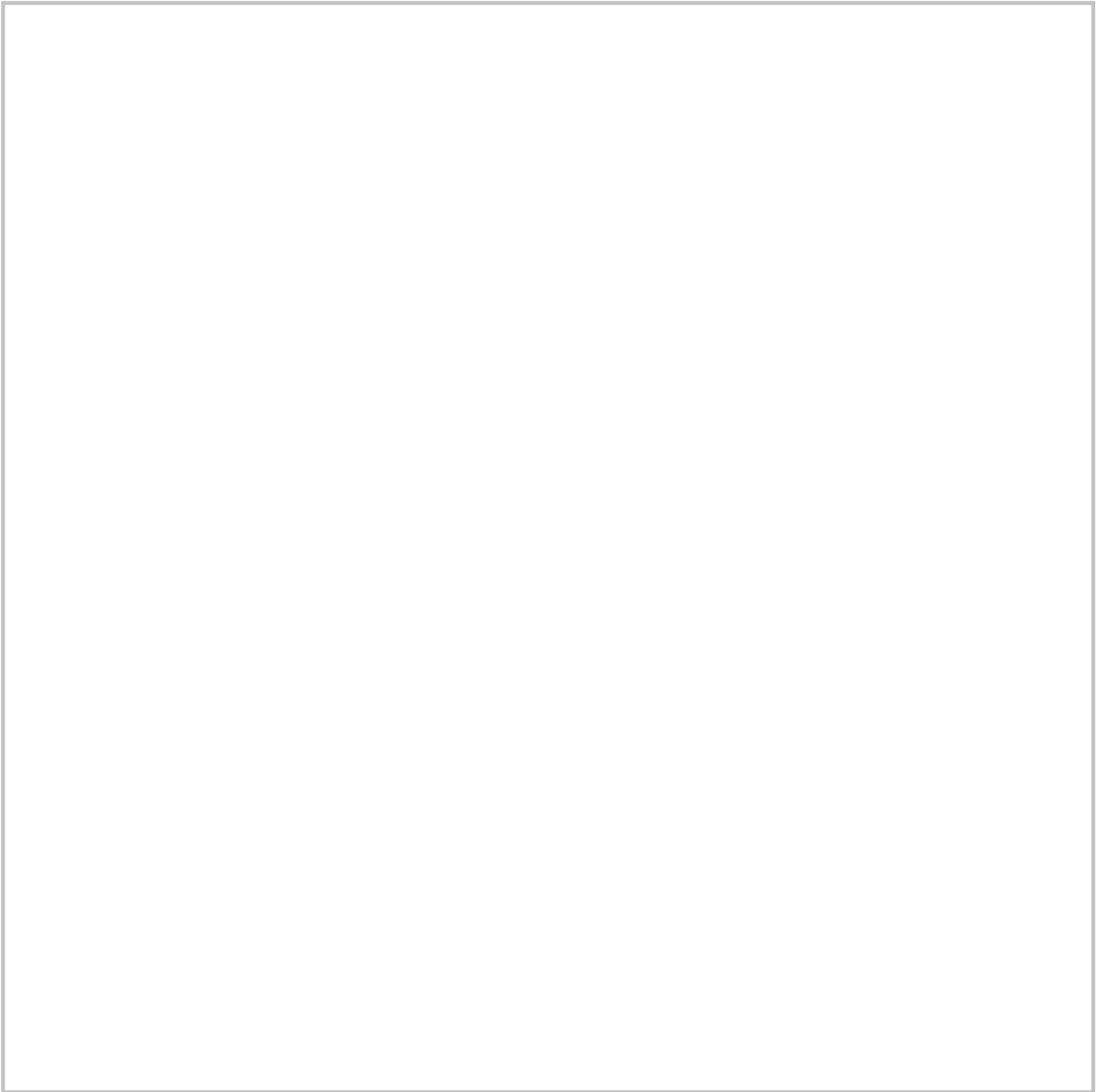


Shen Dingli, a well-respected Chinese academic and professor of international relations:

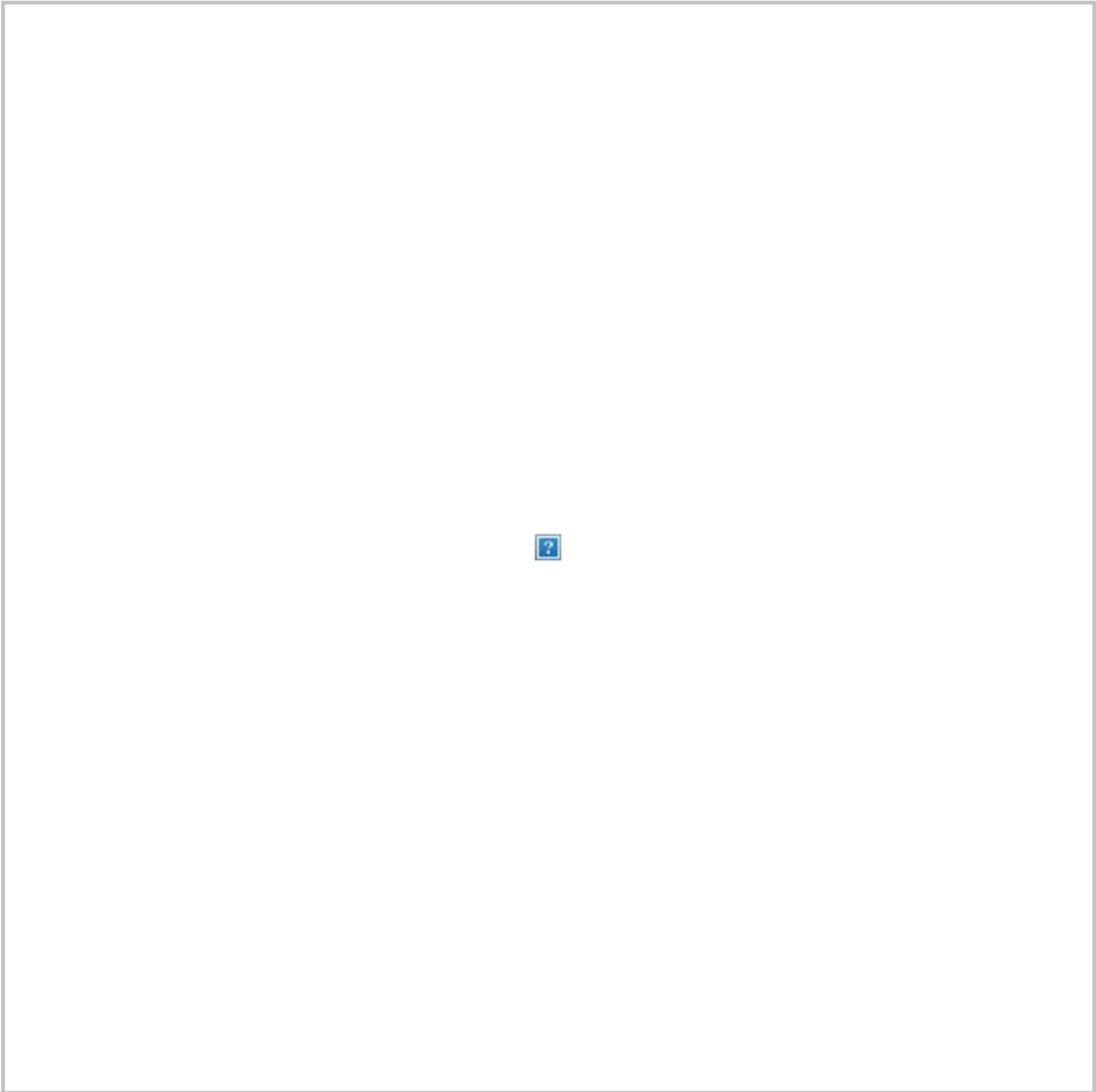


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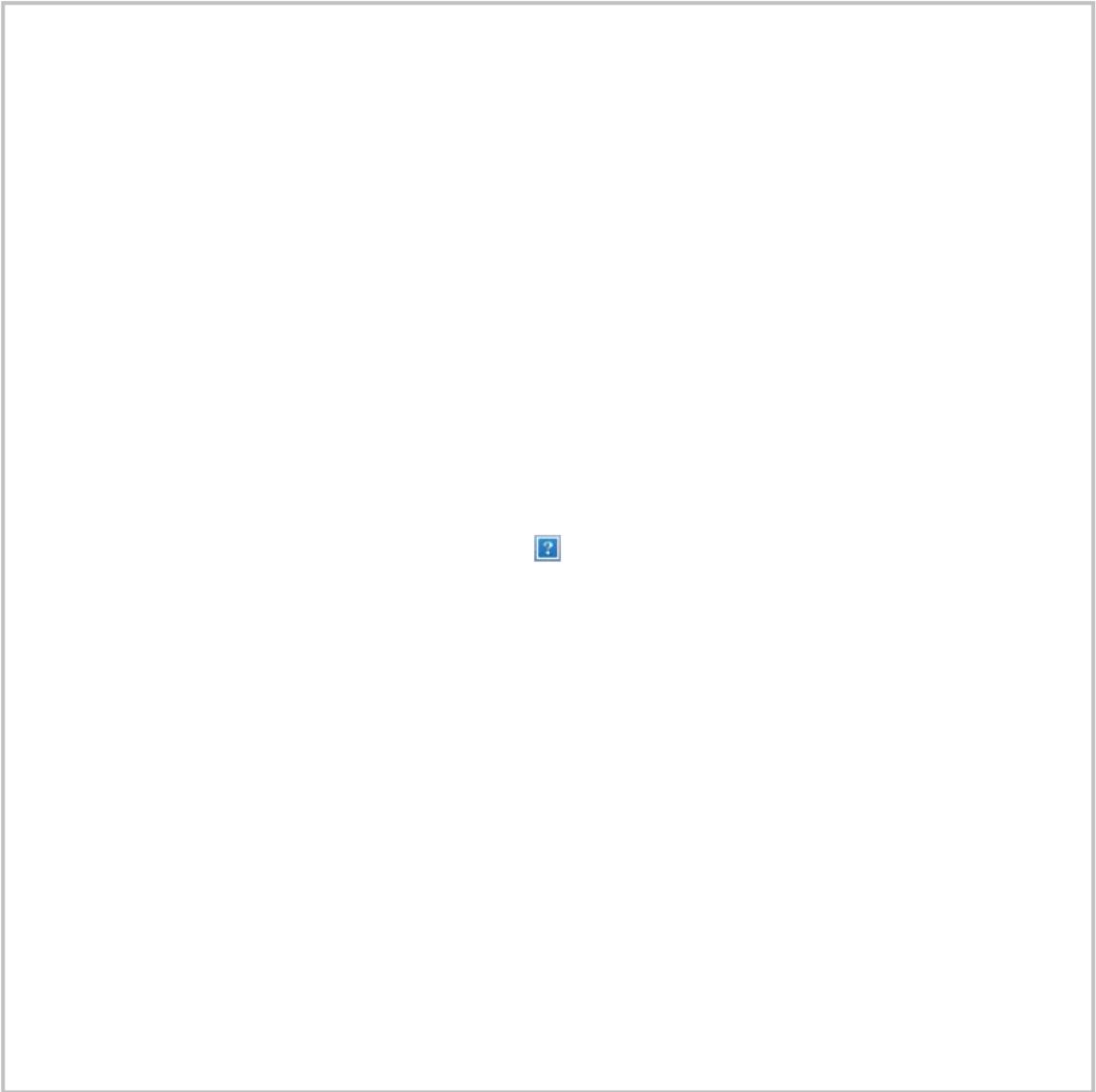




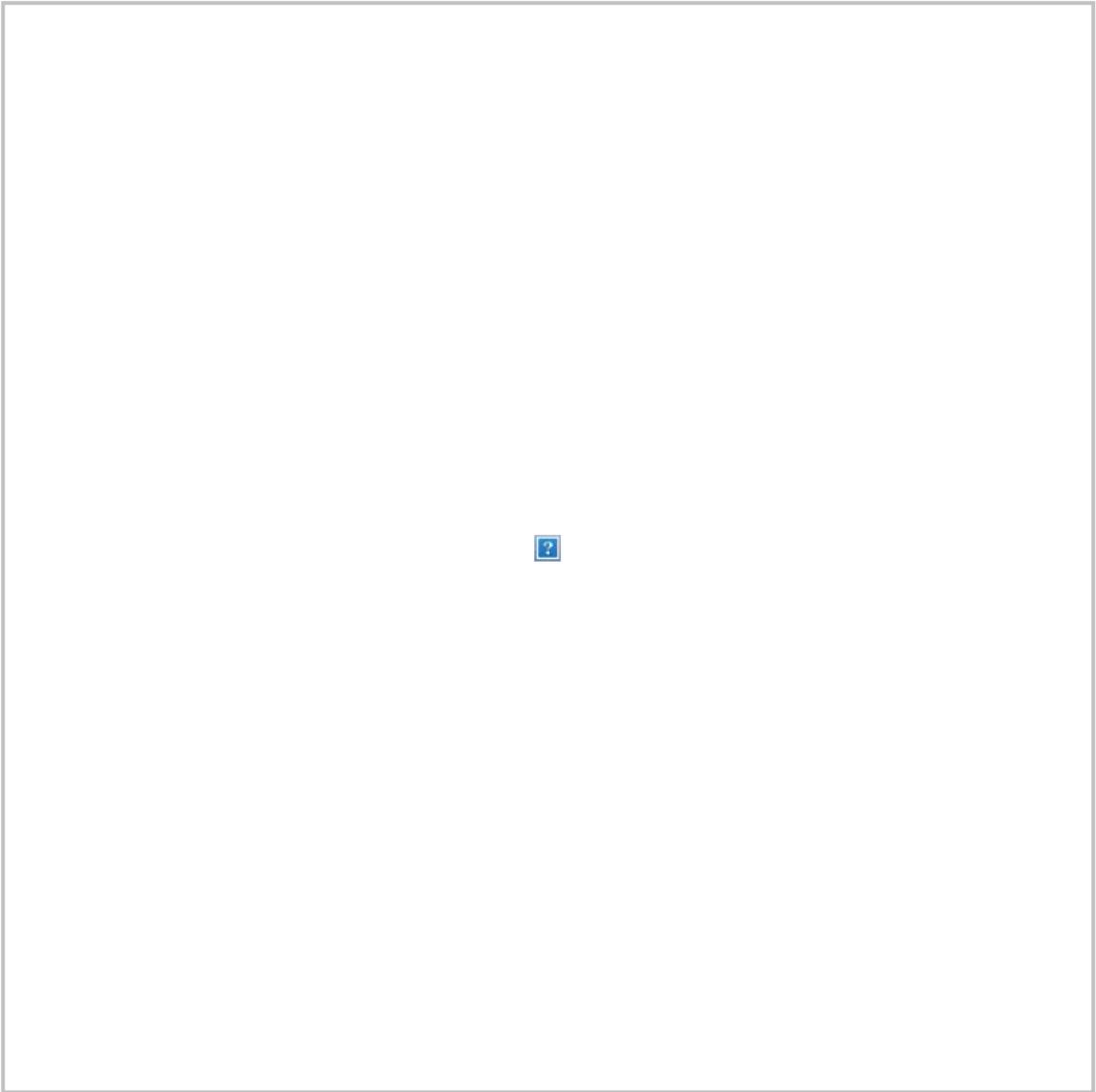
Trump is not fielding every call from a foreign leader. It was Pence who spoke with King Abdullah:



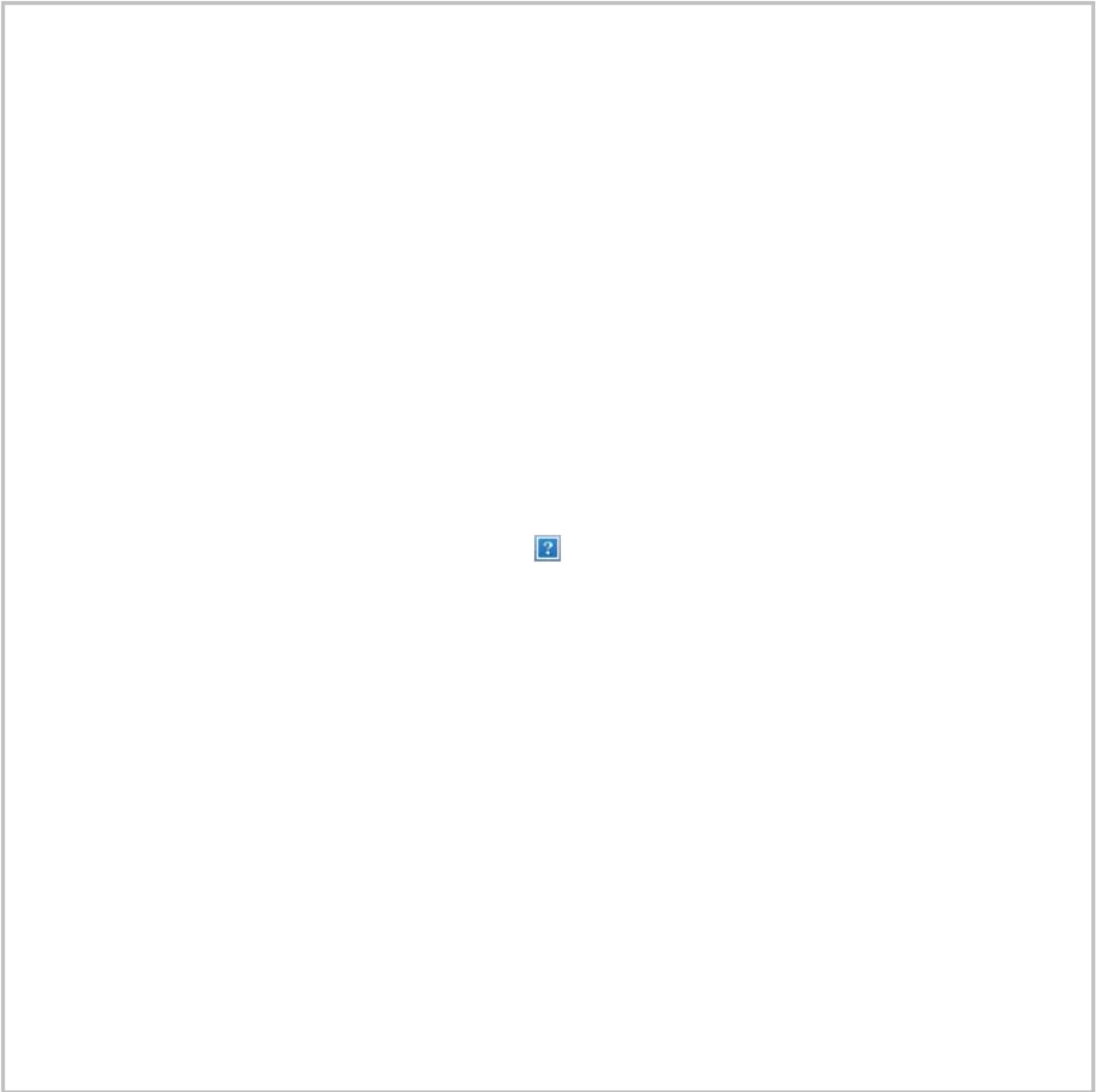
The president-elect also went after Saturday Night Live:



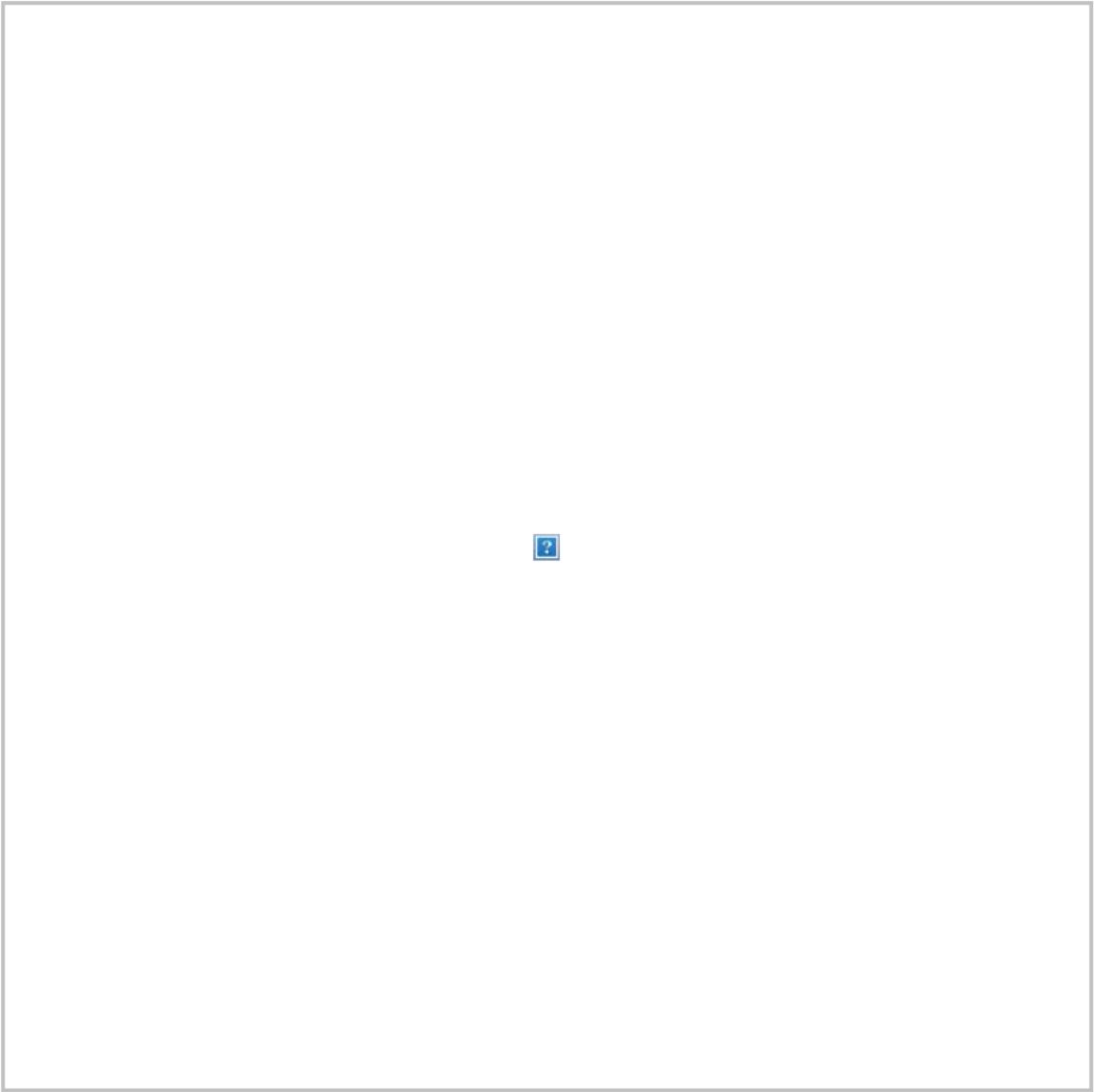
Meanwhile, the Alec Baldwin Foundation tweeted this:



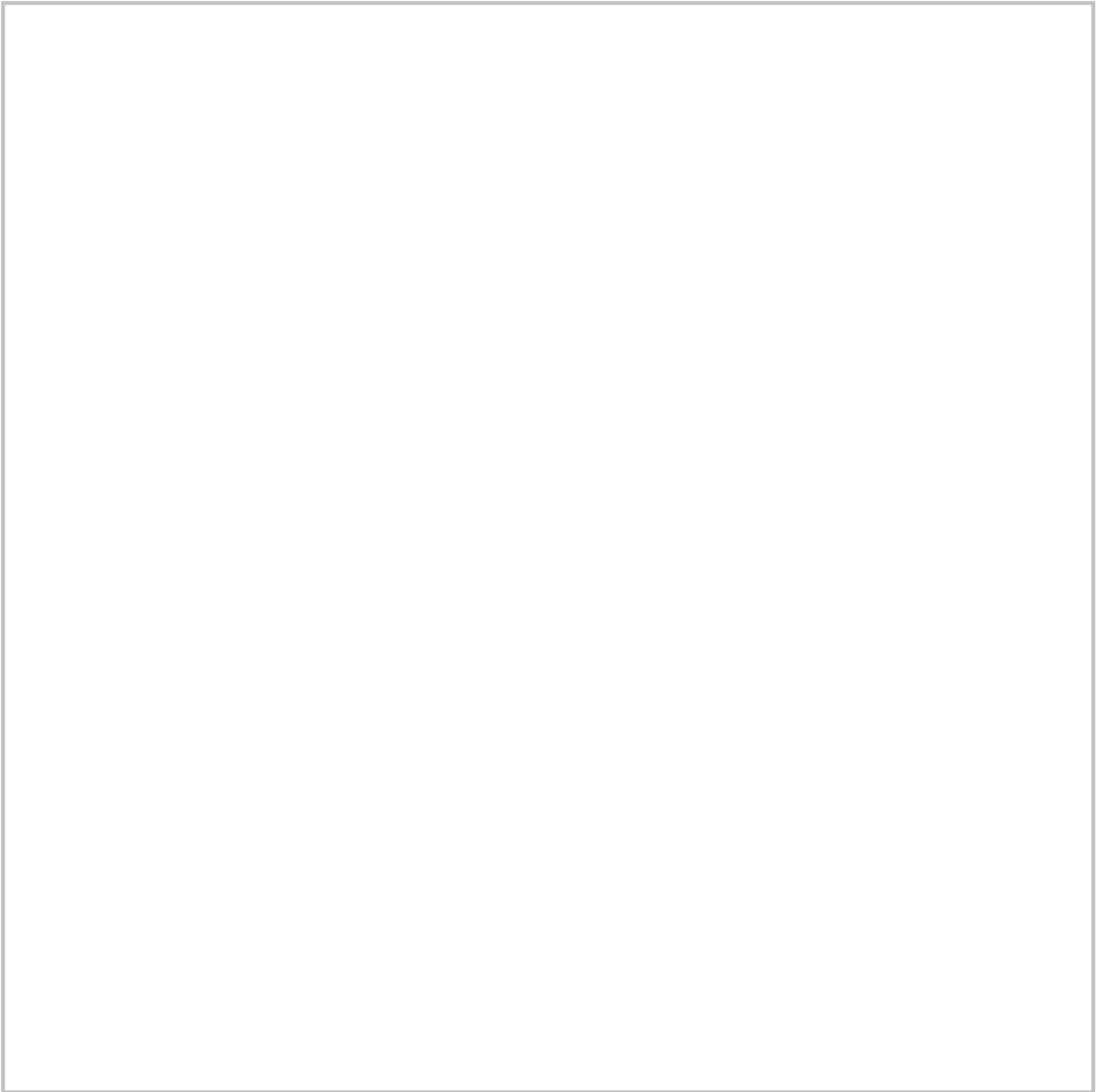
And here's a tweet from Baldwin himself:



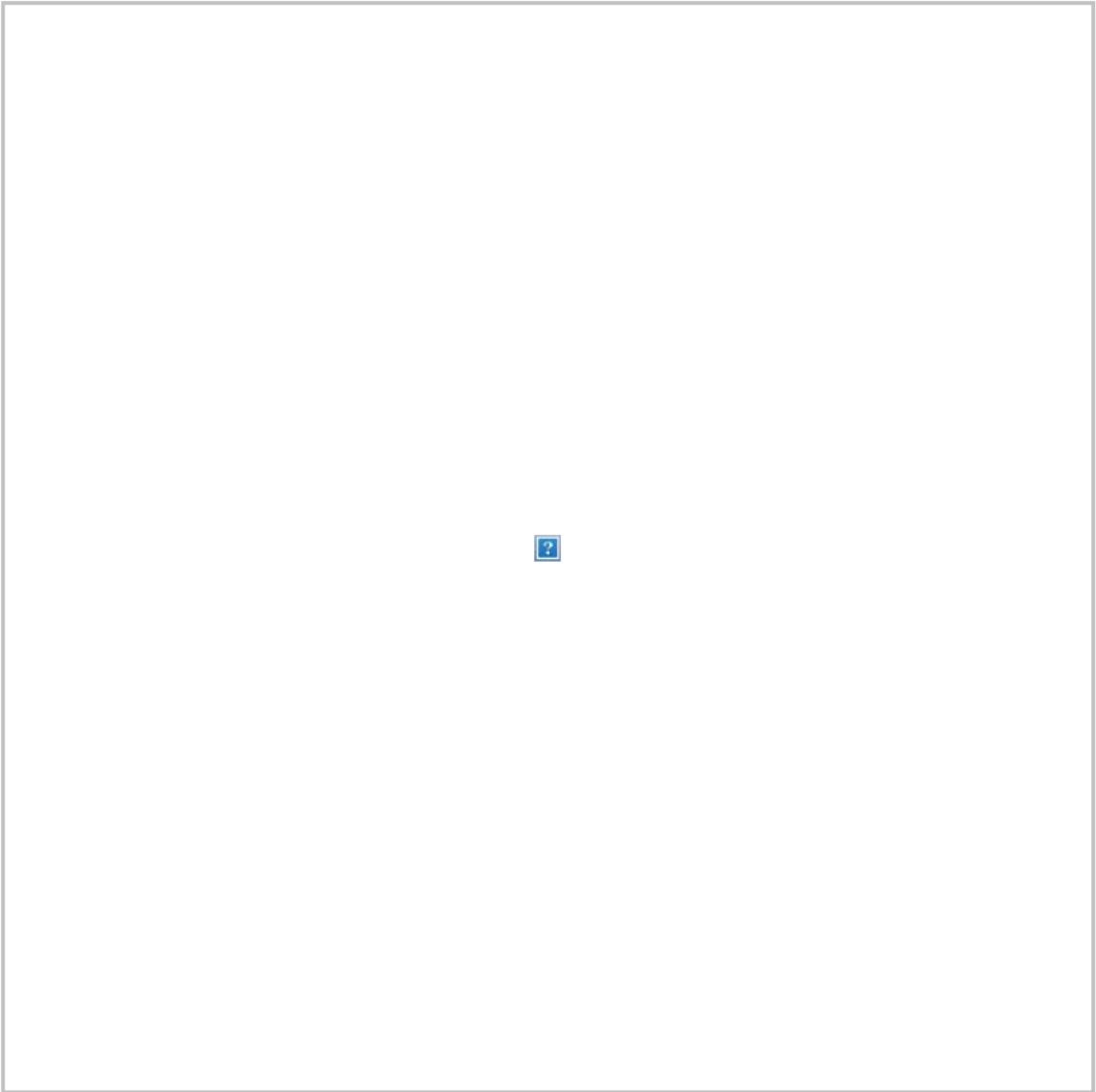
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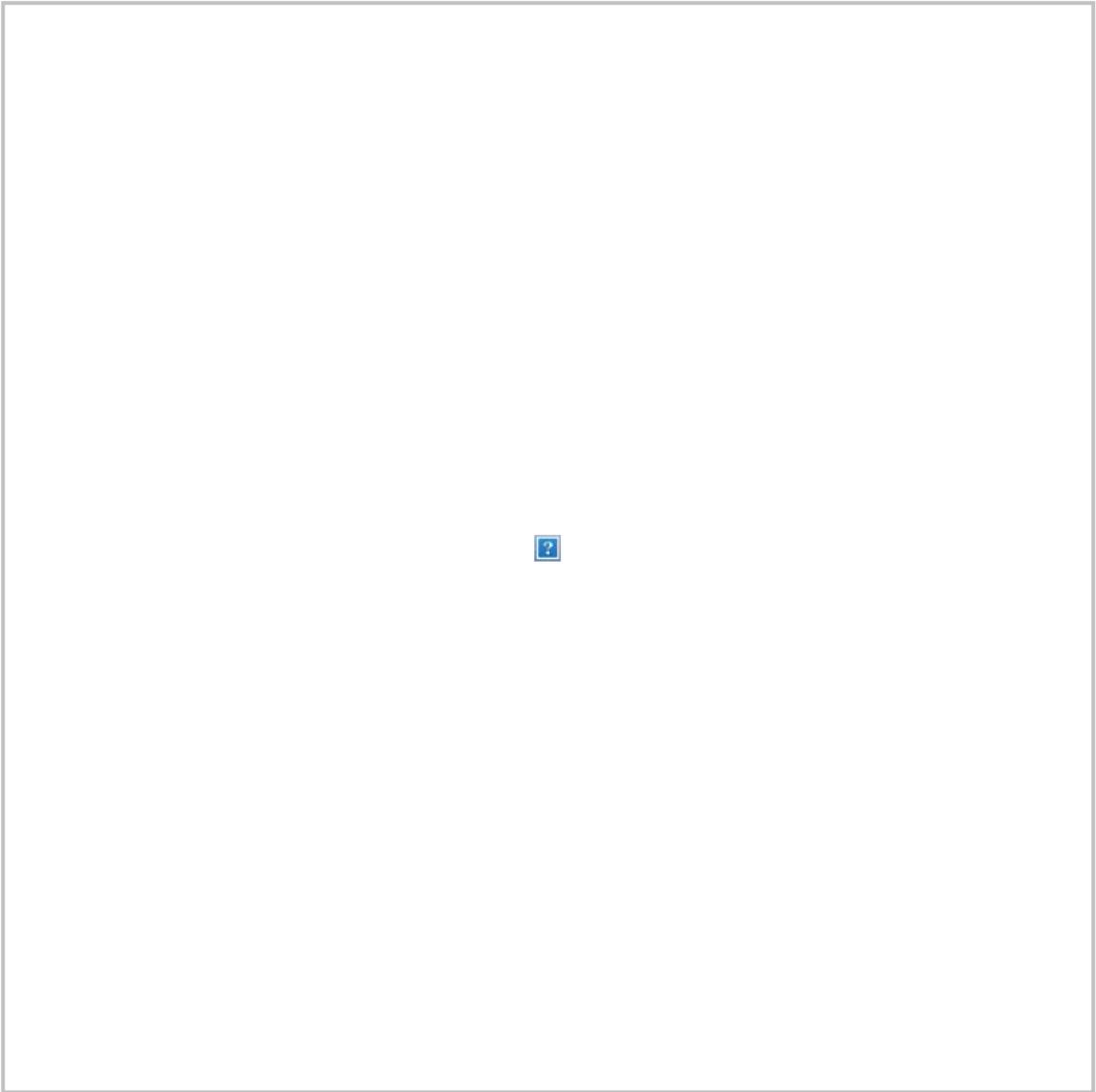




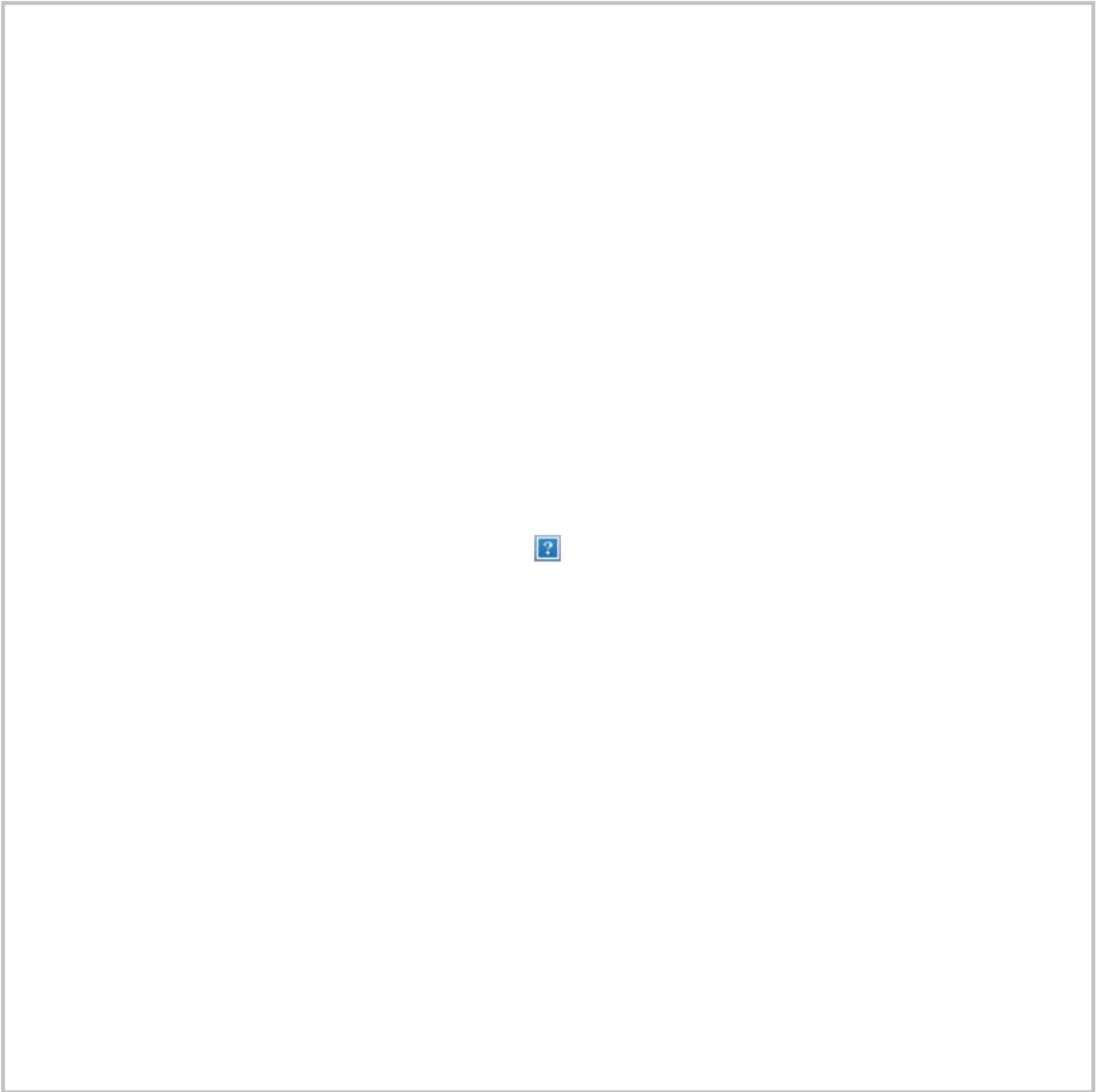
Bobby Scott and Charles Rangel celebrated Founders Day for Alpha Phi Alpha:



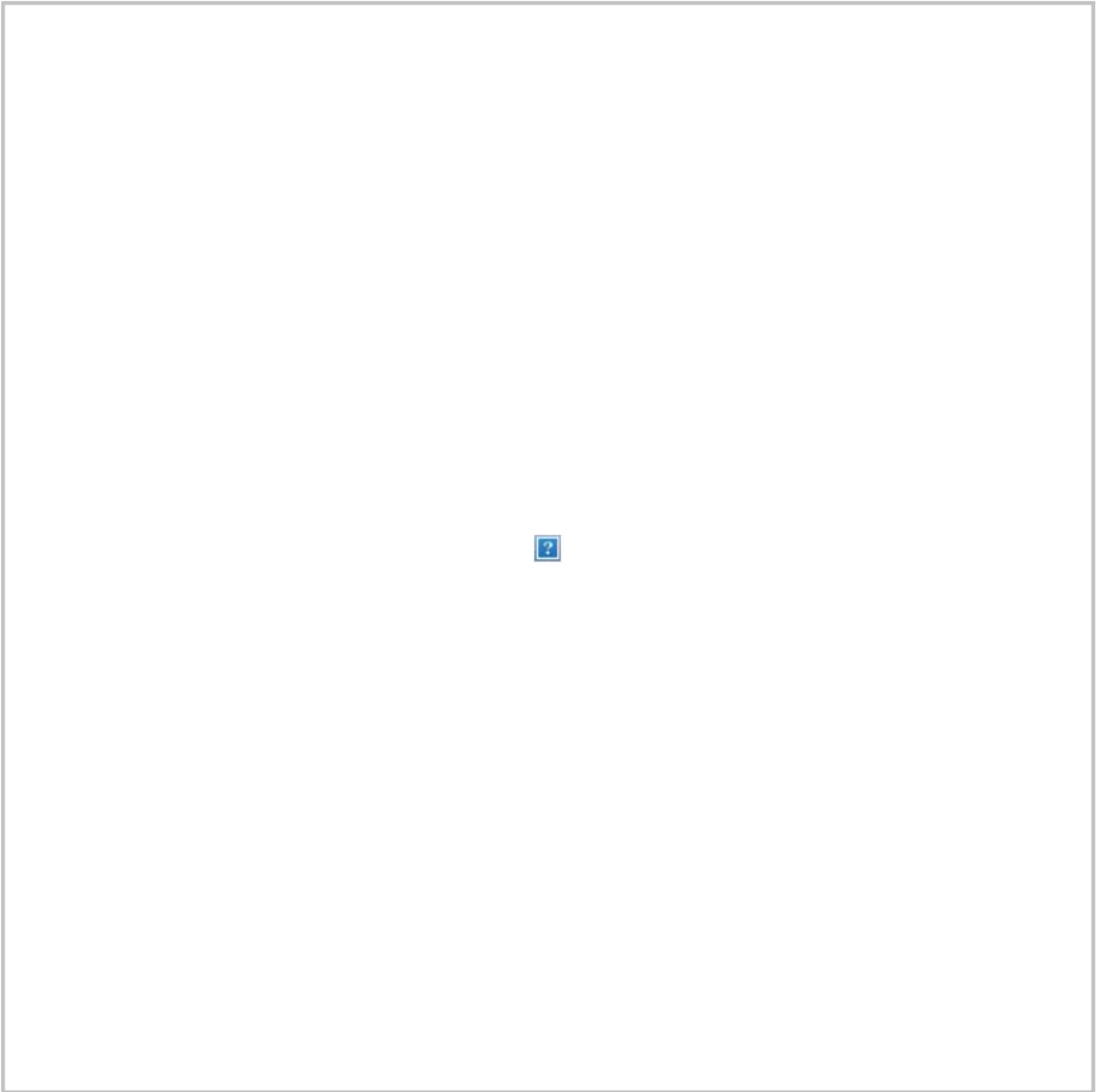
Outgoing House members have left their offices:

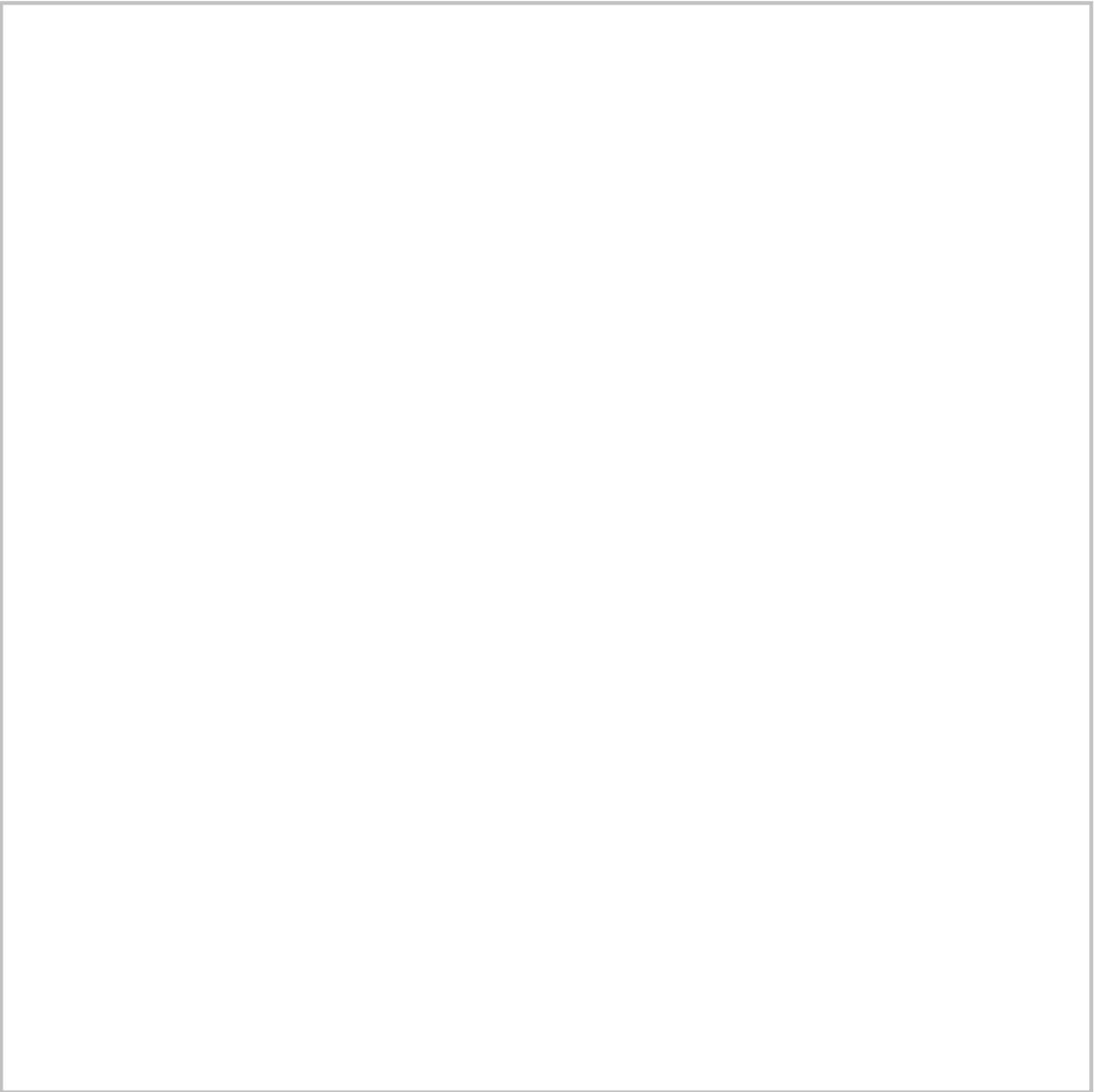


Heidi Heitkamp ran into some tourists from Fargo, N.D. in the lobby of Trump Tower:

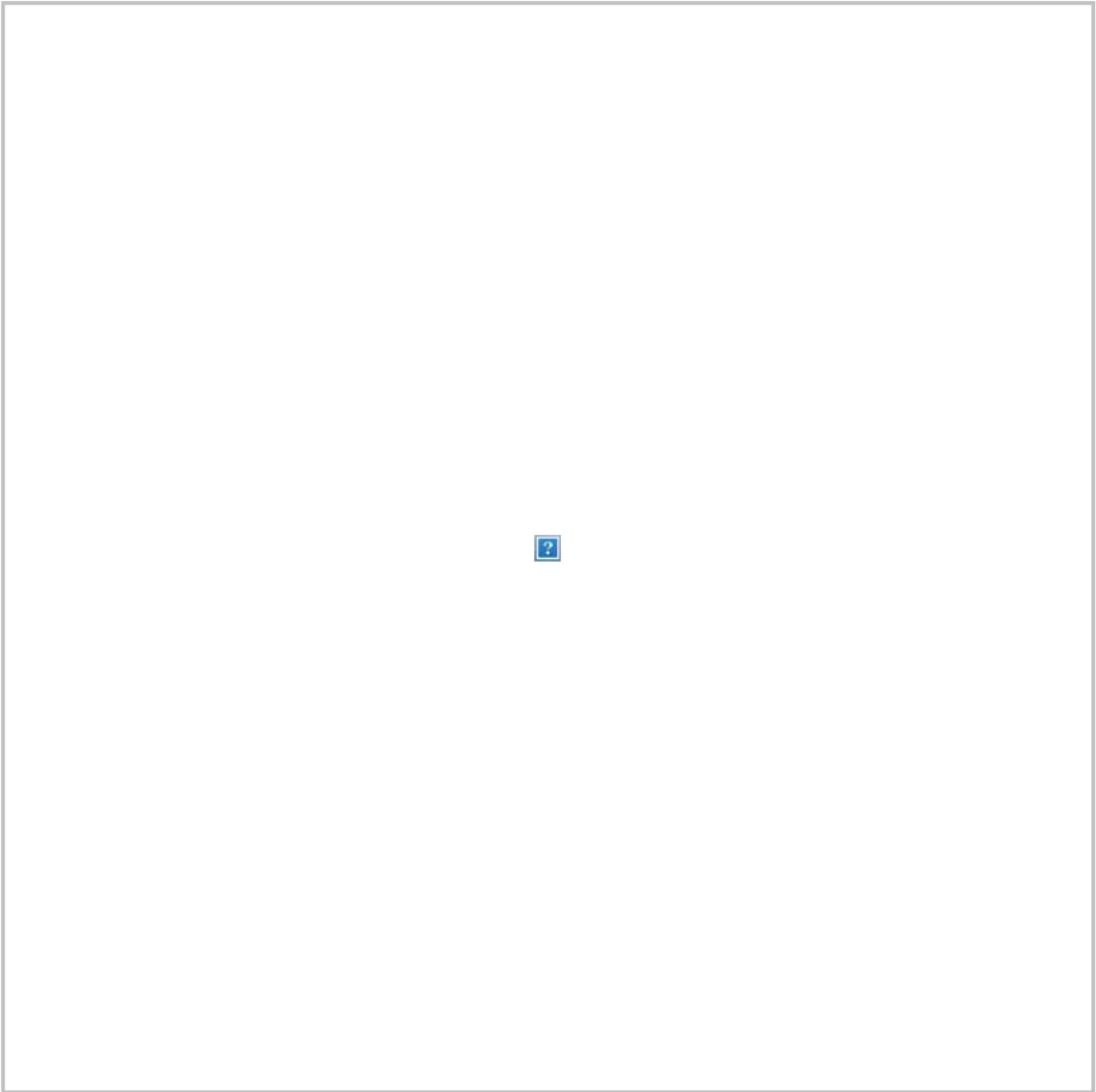


Heitkamp also joked about riding the elevator with the Naked Cowboy (click to watch):

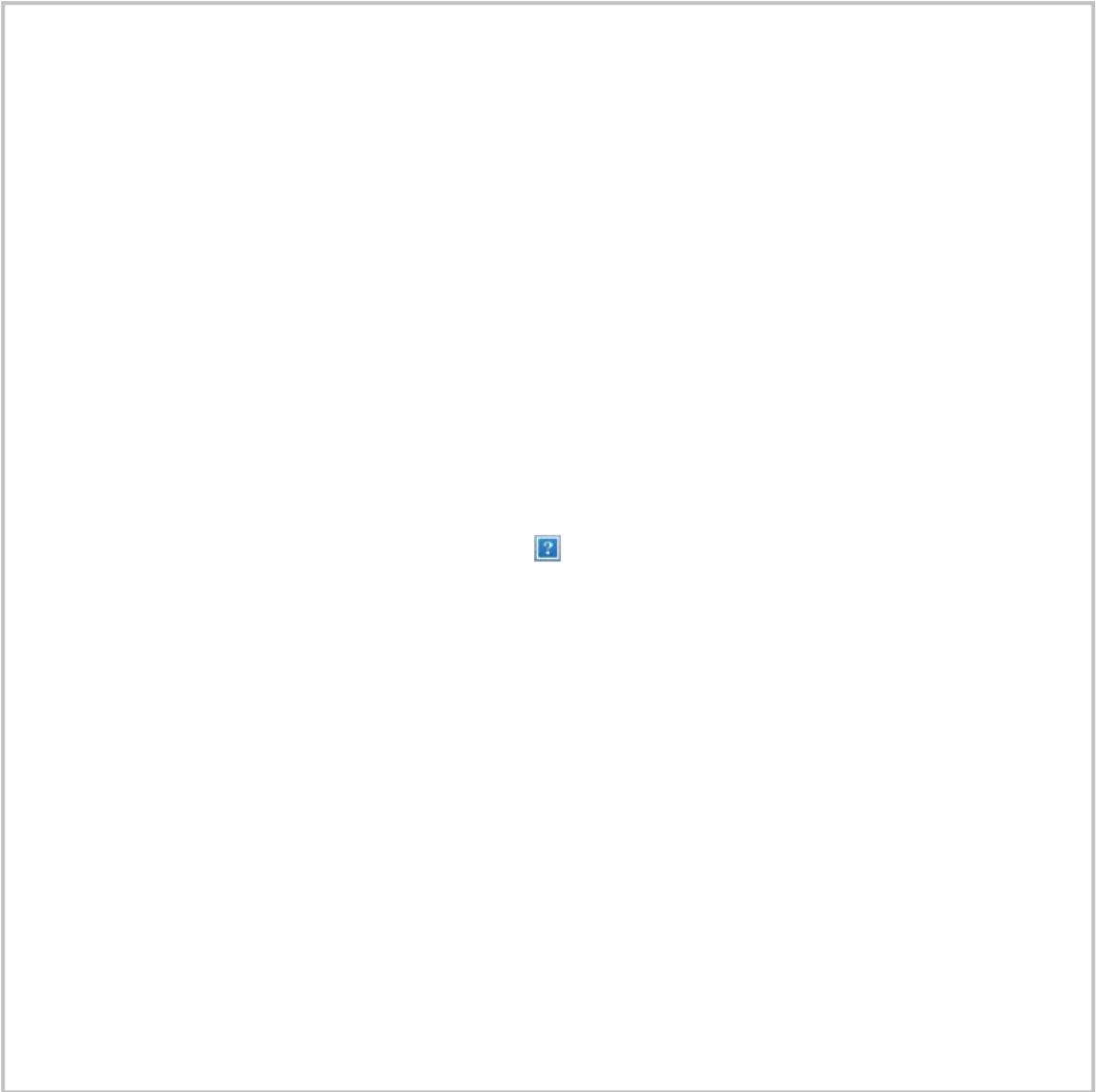




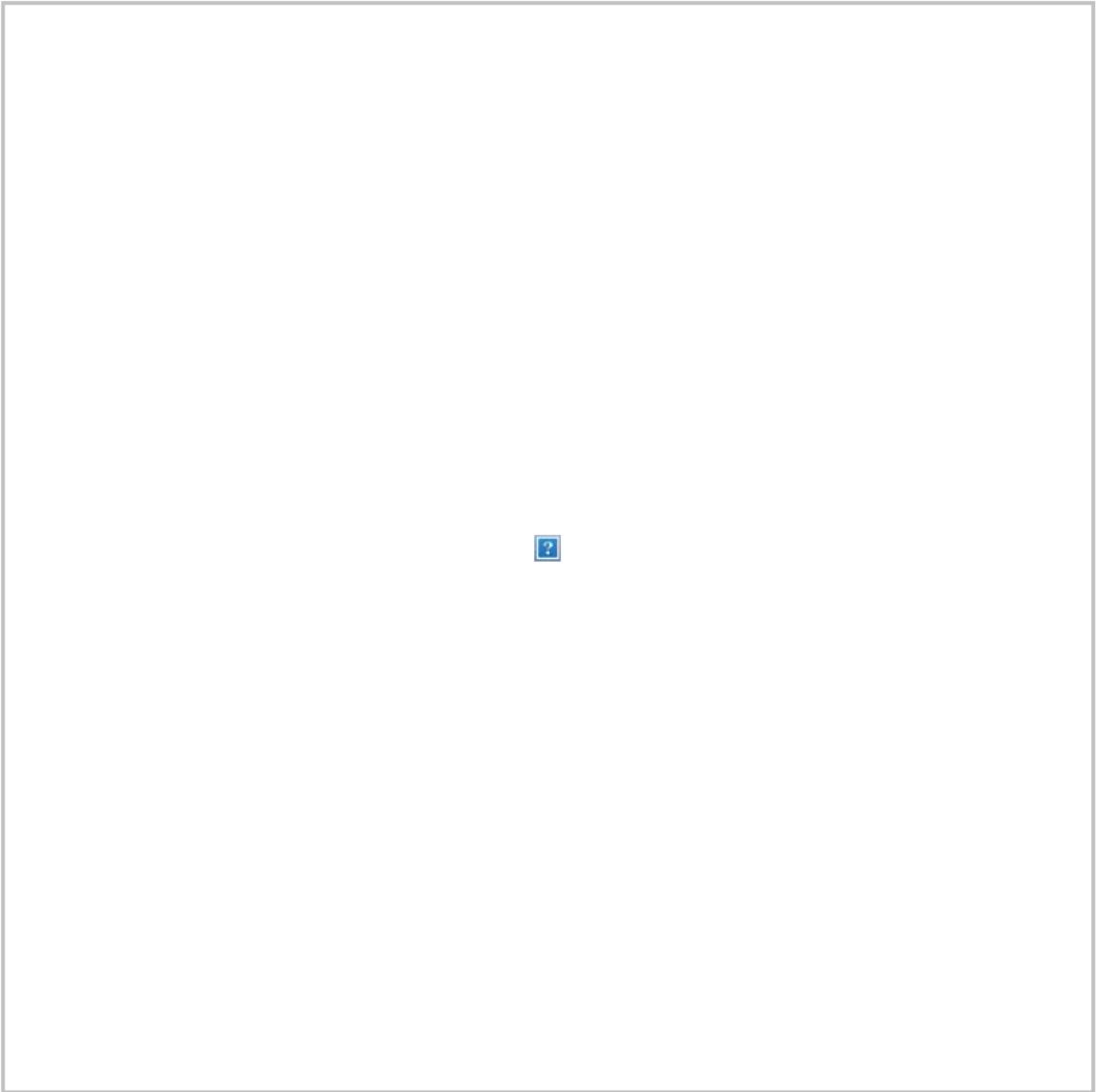
Sheila Jackson Lee did the Mannequin Challenge:



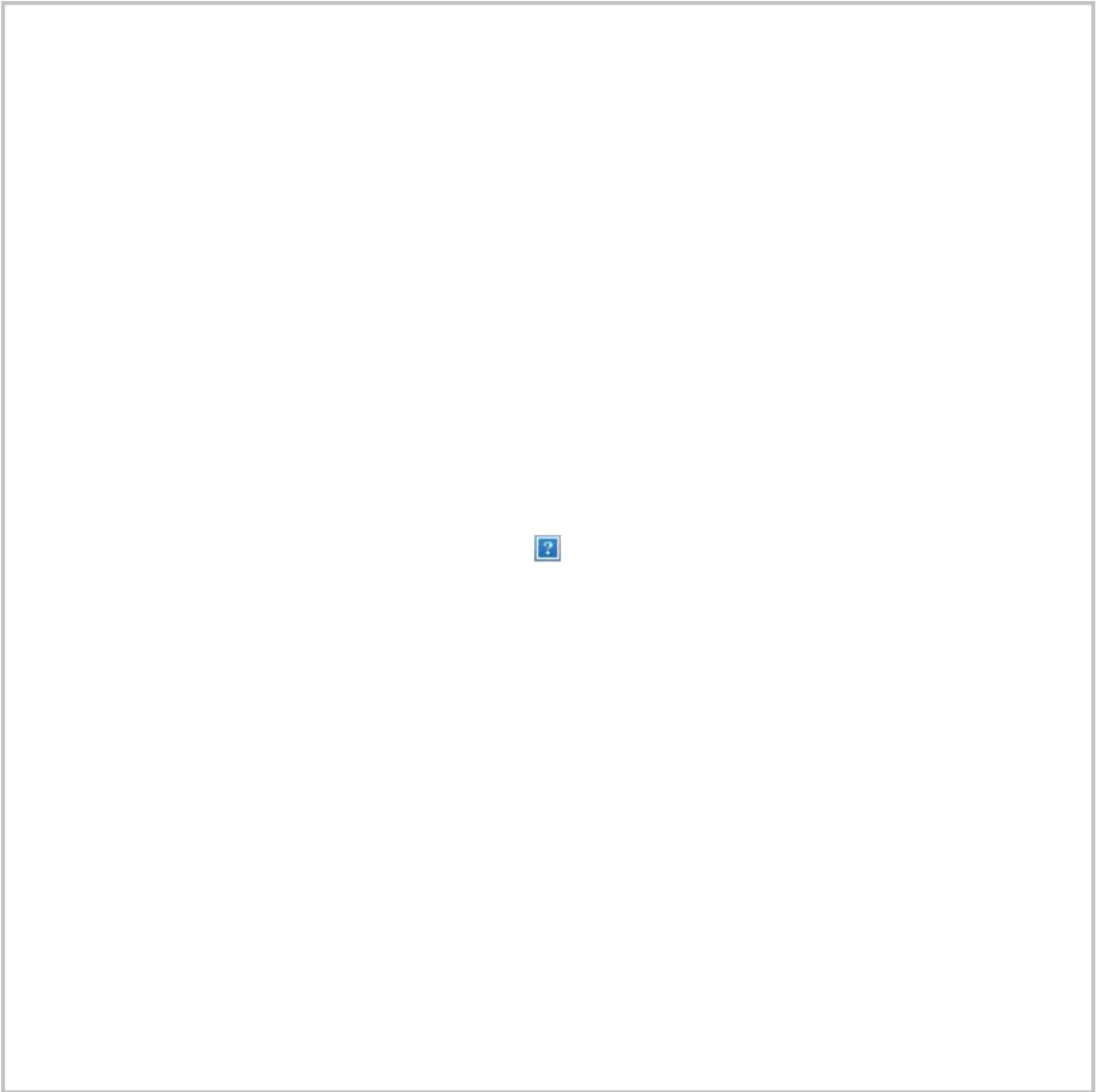
The Chaffetz family bumped into Kevin Spacey in DC:



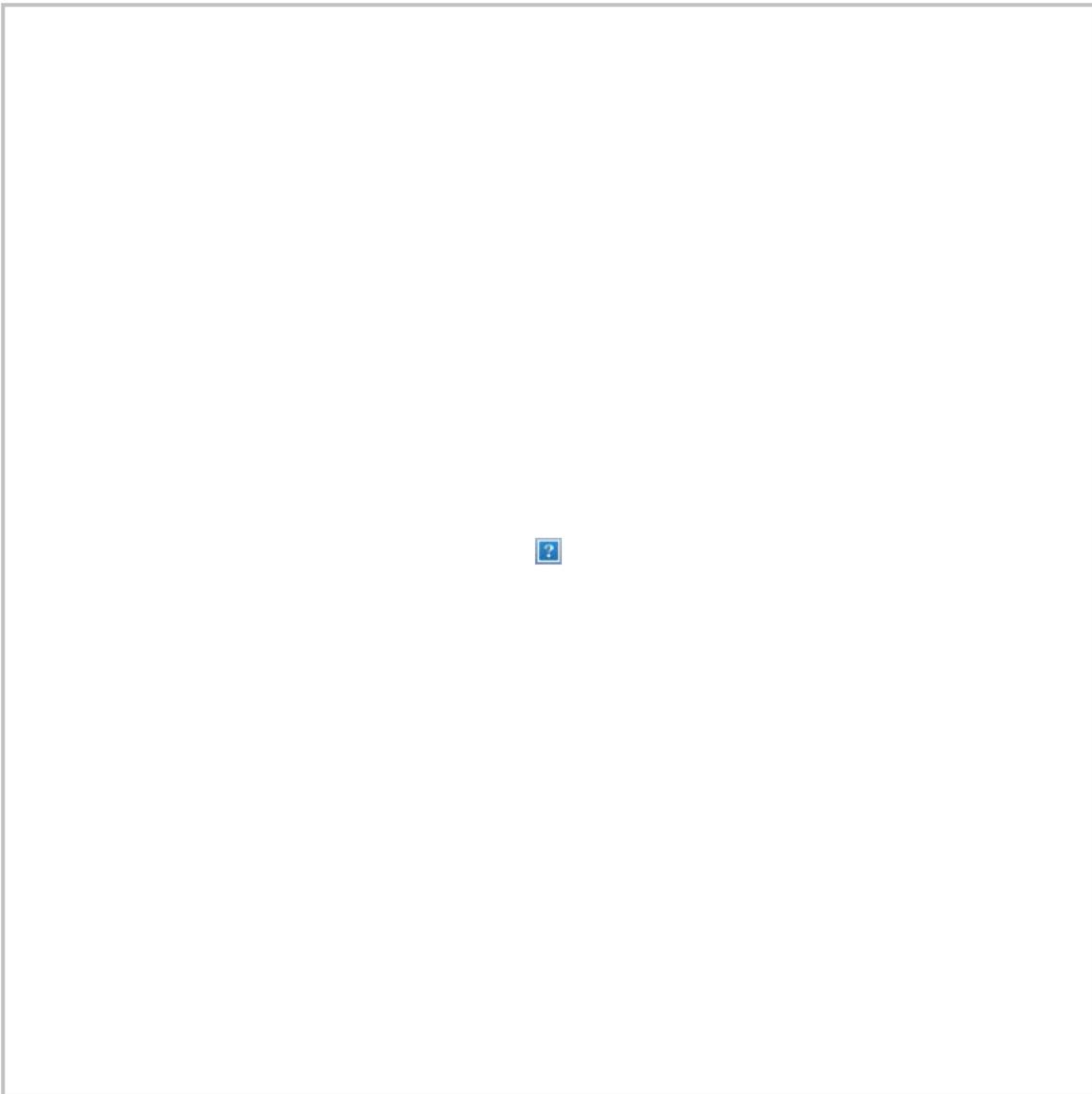
The McCains celebrated four generations:



Finally, let this tidbit sink in:



And check out this story:



#### **DAYBOOK:**

**In Trump's world:** Trump formally announces General James Mattis as his pick for secretary of defense. Trump also meets with former U.S. attorney Deborah Yang, Rep. Mick Mulvaney (R-S.C.) and Catherine Templeton, president of the government relations firm Brawley Templeton.

**At the White House:** Obama has no public events scheduled. Joe Biden speaks about financial regulation at Georgetown University and then presides over the Senate vote on the 21st Century Cures Act.

**On Capitol Hill:** The Senate meets at 3 p.m. to work on the 21st Century Cures Act. The House meets at 2 p.m. for legislative business, with six suspension votes until 6:30 p.m. Orrin Hatch sits down with Jeff Sessions.

#### **QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

"I didn't see this one coming," Paul Ryan admitted of Trump's win in a ["60 Minutes" interview that aired last night](#). "If you would've put last year into a movie script and taken it to Hollywood two years ago, they would've laughed you out of the room because it wouldn't have been believable." Despite Ryan's arms-length support of Trump during the campaign, the speaker told Scott Pelley that he and Trump have decided to "let bygones be bygones" and the GOP Congress is ready to help the

new president pass bills. His top priority will be repealing and replacing Obamacare. Ryan said, in January, Congress would use budget reconciliation to set the stage for repealing the healthcare bill while working to replace it. Also at the top of the list are slashing the corporate tax rate (Ryan favors lowering it to 20 percent, Trump wants 15 percent); rebuilding the military and securing the border.

#### **GOOD READ FROM ELSEWHERE:**

-- **Yahoo's Katie Couric went to Russia to interview Edward Snowden, who denies that he's a traitor or a spy.** Asked about Trump's tweet that he betrayed the U.S., Snowden replied: "I wonder when it is that he thinks America was great, because if you remember what we did to traitors in 1776 and afterwards, we made them president. We're a country that was born from an act of treason against a government that had run out of control. Now, this is not to say that breaking the rules is something that should happen all the time. But we should always make a distinction that right and wrong is a very different standard than legal and illegal. The law is no substitute for morality here or then... I would not have done it if I didn't believe it was right. I definitely would say-- it's pretty sketchy there. But look, every act of progression in our nation's history has involved tension with law. Whether it was the abolition of slavery, whether it was the enfranchisement of women whether it was the birth of our nation, laws were broken. And that's because the laws were wrong." ([Watch Katie's full interview here.](#))

#### **NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:**

-- **Today is one of the milder and more tranquil days in a week that brings bouts of precipitation and then a blast of Arctic air, [the Capital Weather Gang forecasts.](#)** Sleet and rain are likely Tuesday and then another round of showers is possible Thursday. The coldest air of the season spills into the region Friday through Sunday when highs are likely only in the 30s. **Today:** After the overnight rain, clouds decrease this morning with sunshine becoming dominant by afternoon. Temperatures rebound, with highs climbing above 50 degrees.

Redskins lost to the Arizona Cardinals, 31-23

-- **The Redskins lost 31-23 to the Arizona Cardinals.** ([Recap by Master Tesfatsion](#))

**For the second week in a row, the defense really was to blame.** ([Mike Jones column](#))

**But Jay Gruden lost it on the whole team after the loss.** [From Jerry Brewer's column](#): "Standing outside the locker room, you could hear the coach berating his team, .... his words thundering through cinder block walls, almost strong enough for snooping ears to translate into sentences. He didn't have to justify his anger. He was responding to the most deflating moment of a convulsive season, three hours of slovenly poor football in a game that began and ended with infuriating displays of incompetence. If Gruden possessed a hammer, he had to use it. He pounded that thing for a good two minutes. ... With four weeks remaining and Washington now trailing Tampa Bay by a half game for the final playoff spot in the NFC, Sunday's loss at University of Phoenix Stadium — and Gruden's enraged demand for better — will go down as the defining moment of the season."

-- **Maryland fracking opponents are pushing hard for a state law to prohibit the controversial gas-extraction method, but lawmakers seem more likely to extend the existing moratorium on the practice during the upcoming legislative session.** ([Josh Hicks](#))

-- **A former athletic trainer at Archbishop Carroll High School has been arrested and charged with**

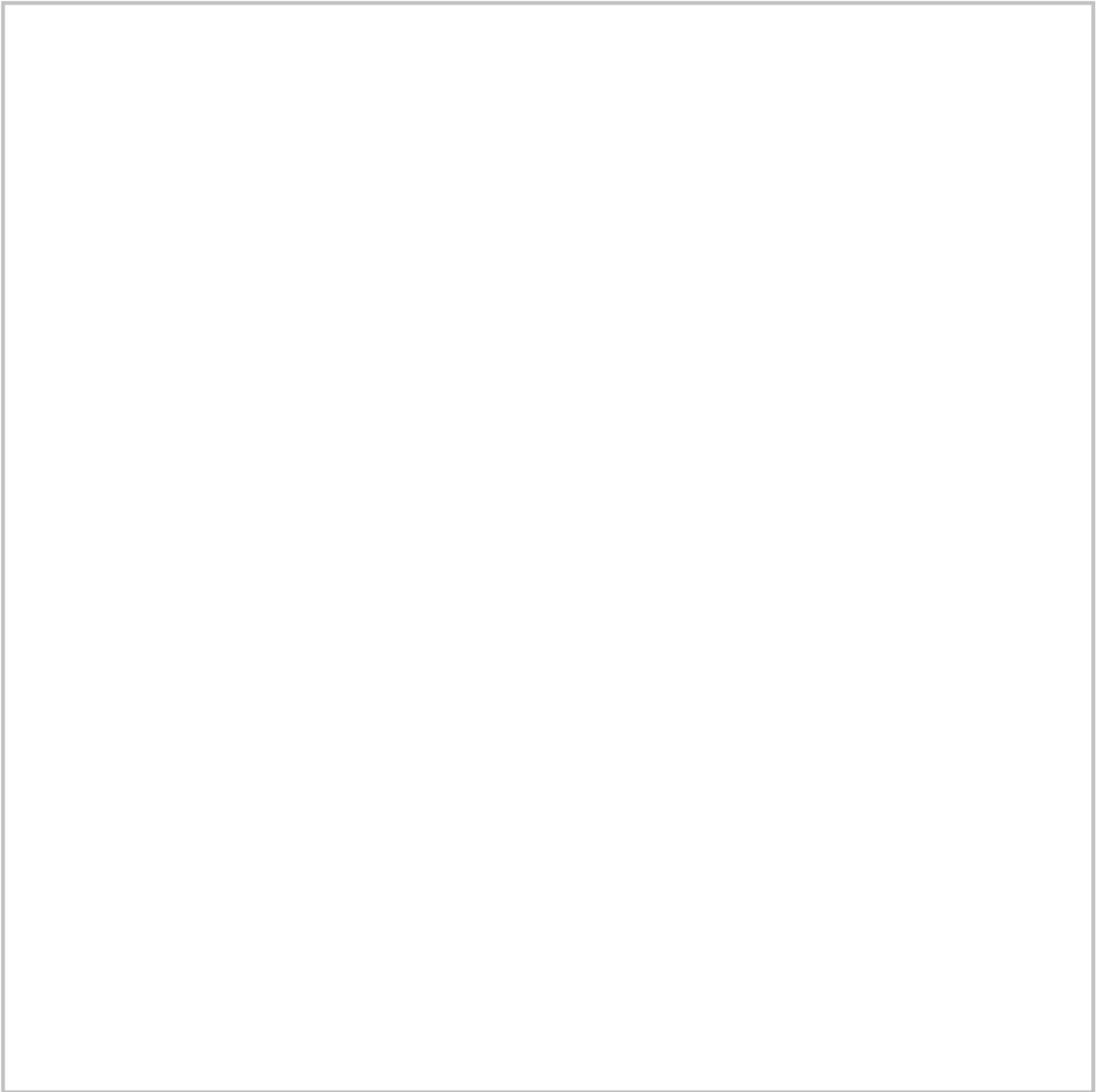
**sexually abusing a female student at the Catholic school in Northeast Washington**, according to D.C. police and the archdiocese. Jimmy Augustin, 33, is charged with a single misdemeanor count of sexual abuse of a minor. The Archdiocese of Washington said in a statement that Augustin has been fired. ([Peter Hermann](#))

-- **Be careful on the roads: Three men impersonating police officers pepper-sprayed and punched a pregnant woman before robbing her.** A woman was driving through Worcester County, Md., near Whiton and Snow Hill roads about 6 p.m. Thursday when a black Chevrolet SUV flashed red and blue lights at her. Thinking she was being stopped by the police, the woman pulled over. 'She said the first suspect approached the driver side of the car and sprayed pepper spray into the vehicle before spraying it onto a towel that he held over her face,' state police said in a statement. The pregnant woman got out of the car and then was punched in the stomach by the man who pepper-sprayed her, police said. A second person wearing a gold badge on a chain around his neck was armed with a small black gun and stole the woman's purse." ([Lynh Bui](#))

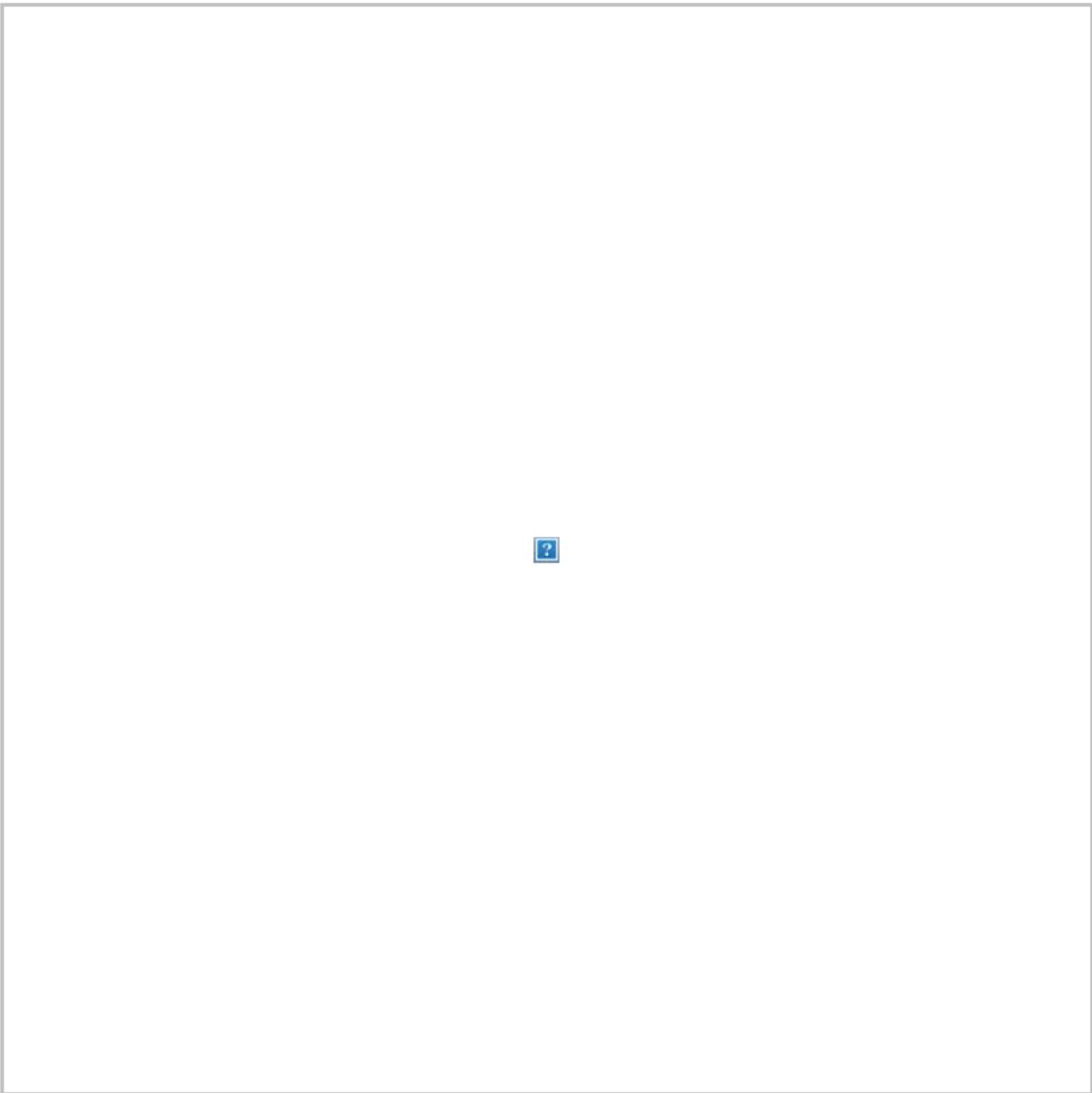
-- **Censorship watch:** A school district in the eastern shore of Virginia has pulled copies of "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" from classrooms and libraries while it weighs whether it should permanently ban the American classics because of the books' use of racial slurs. In response to a formal complaint from a parent, Accomack County Public Schools Superintendent Chris Holland said the district has appointed a committee to recommend whether the books should remain in the curriculum and stay in school libraries. ([Moriah Balingit](#))

#### **VIDEOS OF THE DAY:**

George Stephanopoulos asked Pence about Trump's tweet claiming millions of people voted illegally. "That claim is groundless," the ABC host told the vice president-elect. "There's no evidence to back it up. Is it responsible for a president-elect to make false statements like that?" What followed was an awkward exchange in which Pence attempted to defend Trump's false claim for about three minutes. "Well, it's his right to express his opinion as president-elect of the United States," Pence said, adding that it is one of the things he finds "refreshing" about Trump. Stephanopoulos persisted: "Why is it refreshing to make false statements?" Click to watch:

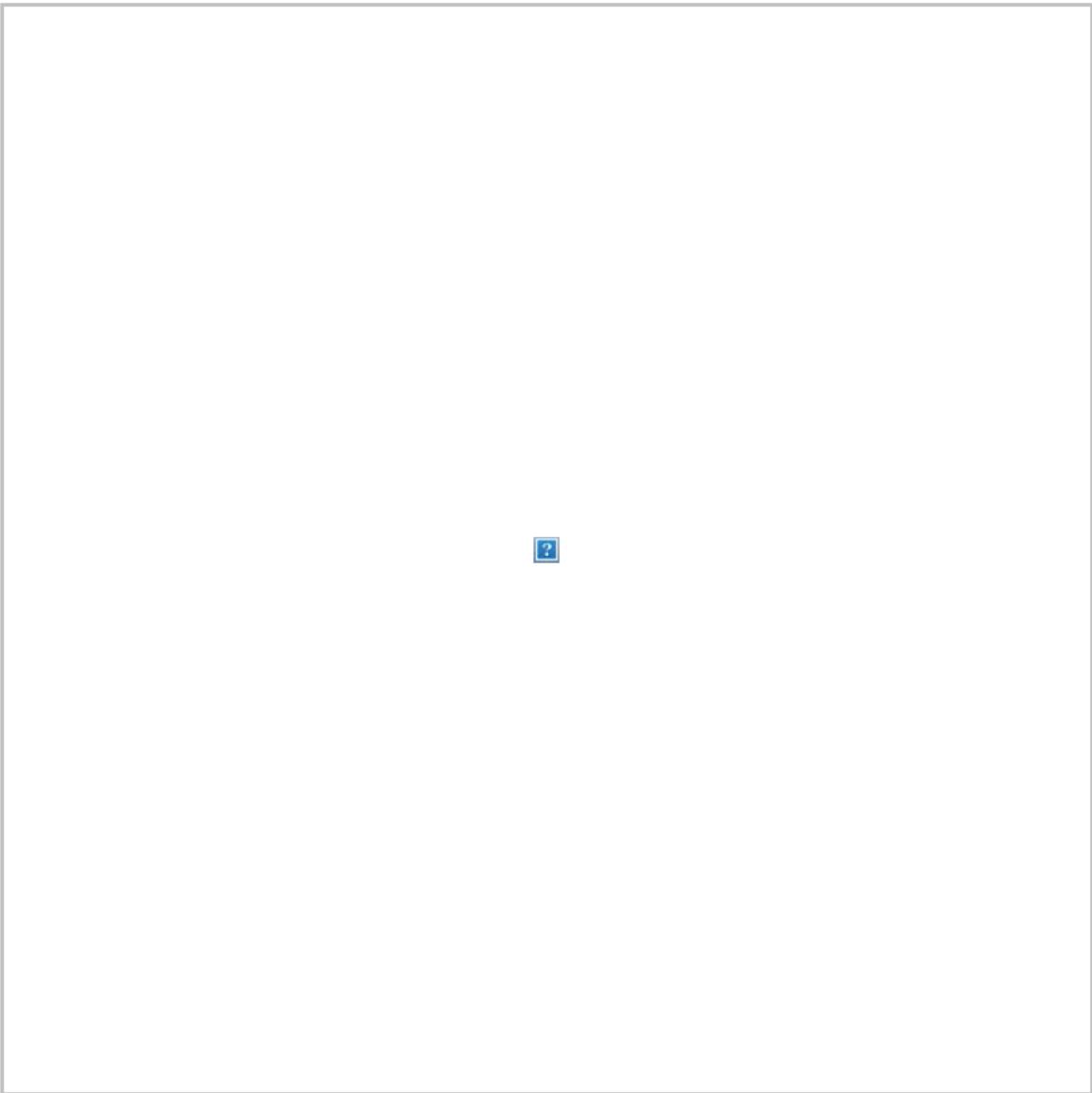


SNL spoofed conspiracy theory TV shows in this sketch about Clinton:



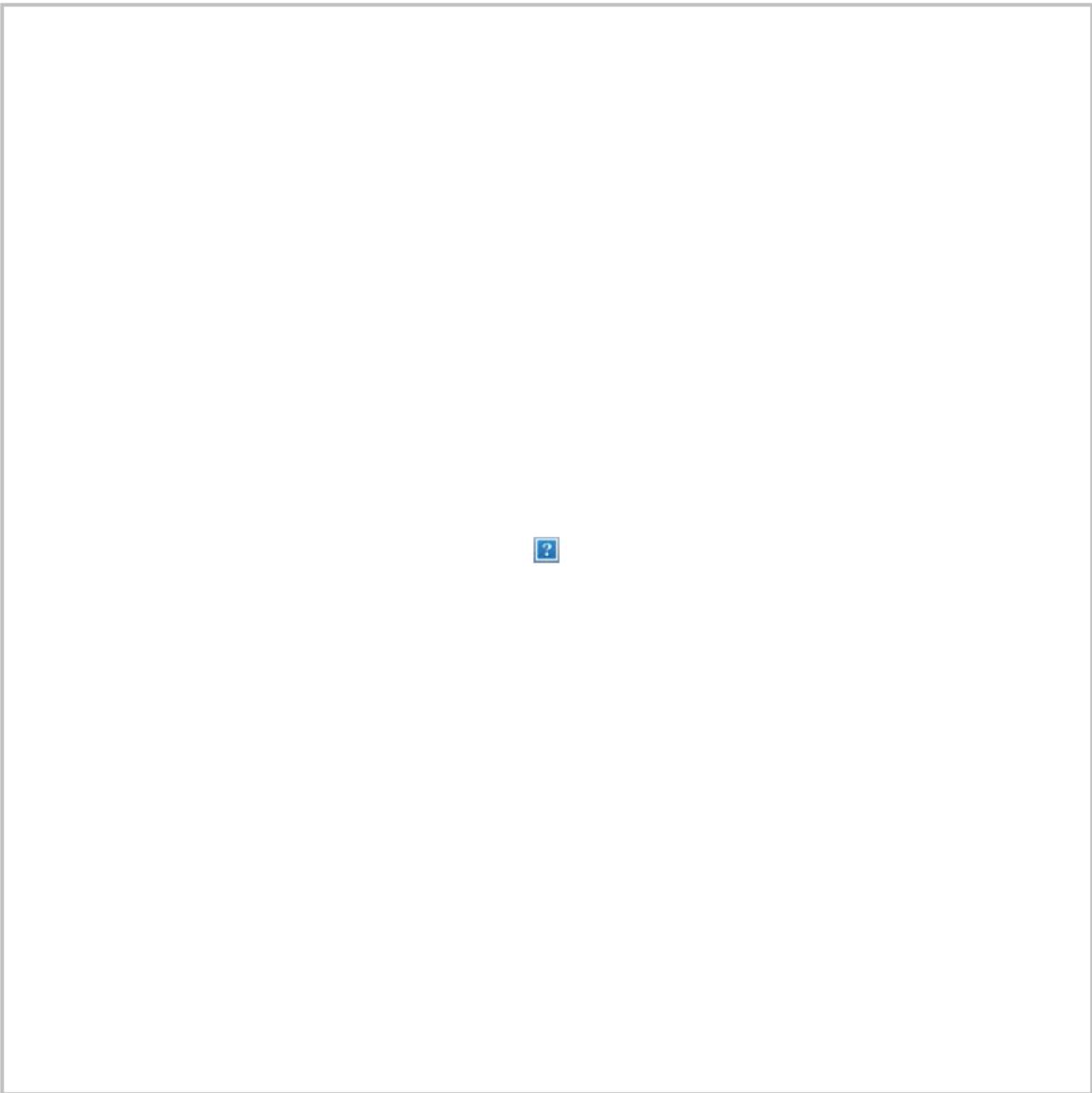
The Hunt for Hil - SNL

Here's SNL's cold-open sketch about Trump's Twitter habit:



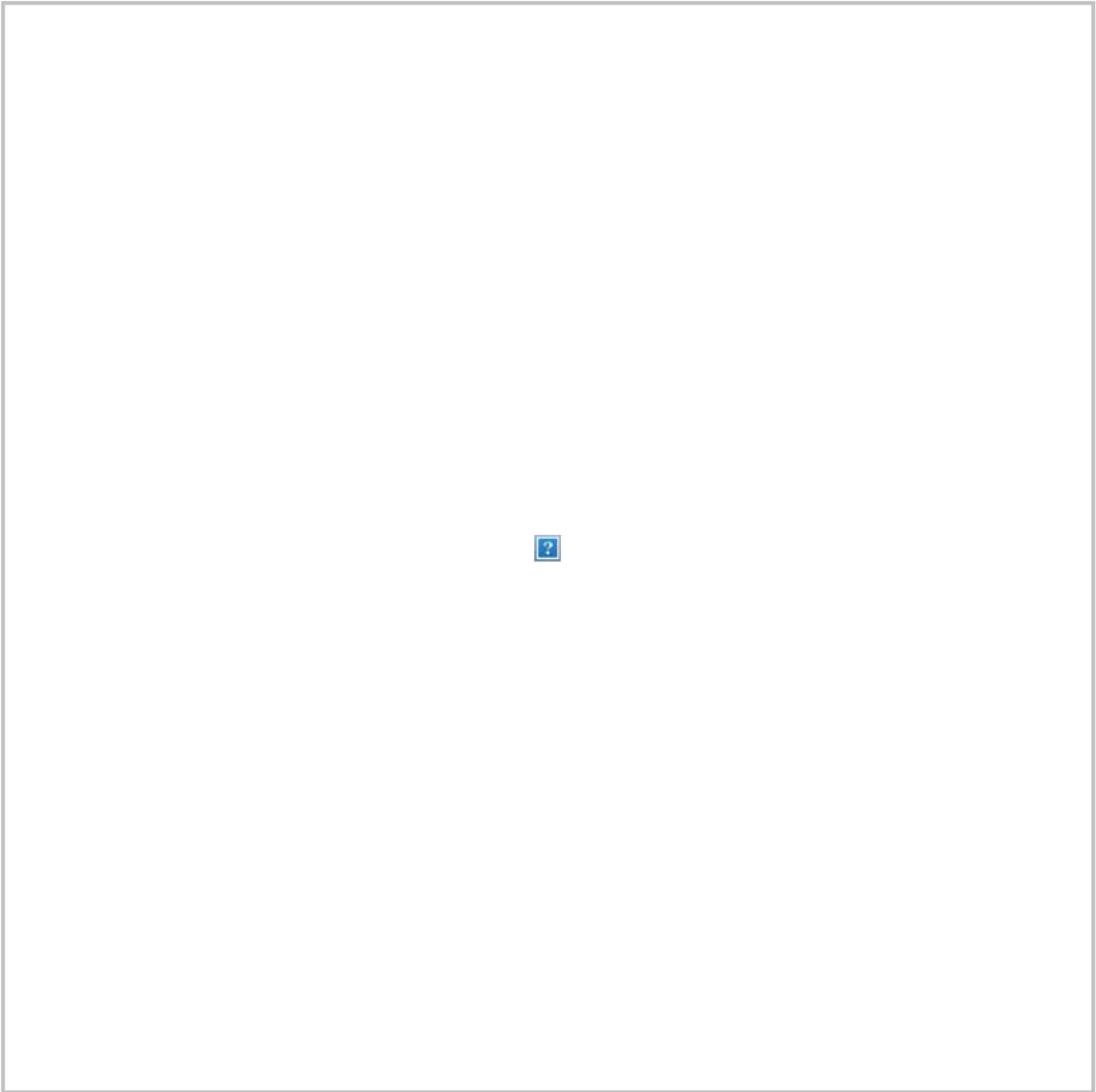
Classroom Cold Open - SNL

A recap of his relationship with the show:

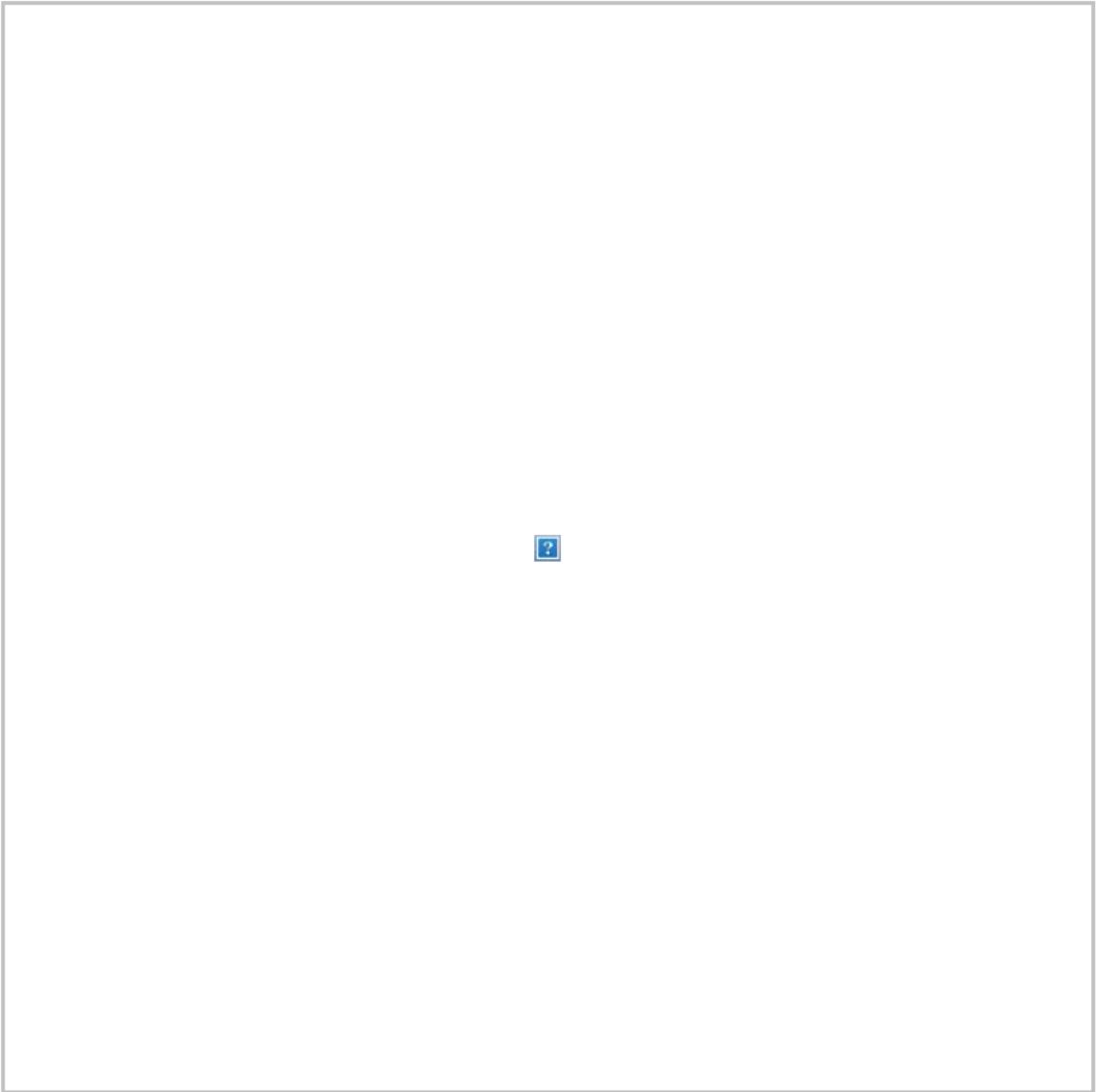


Donald Trump's history with 'Saturday Night Live'

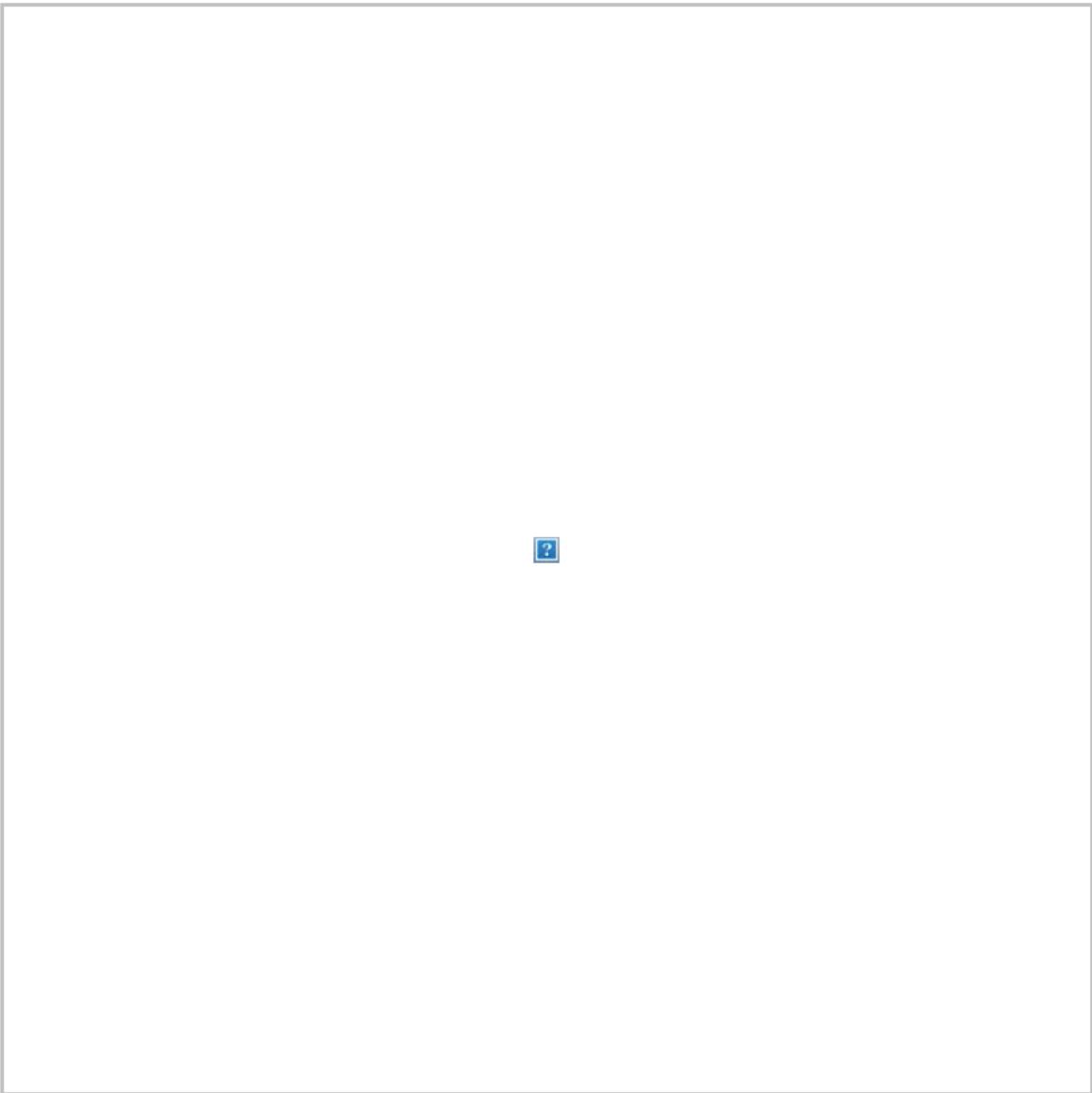
That Taiwan company that does the zany animations envisioned Trump's phone call with its president:



Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Texas) is very angry at the Architect of the Capitol for trying to shut down his outdoor barbeque (click to watch):

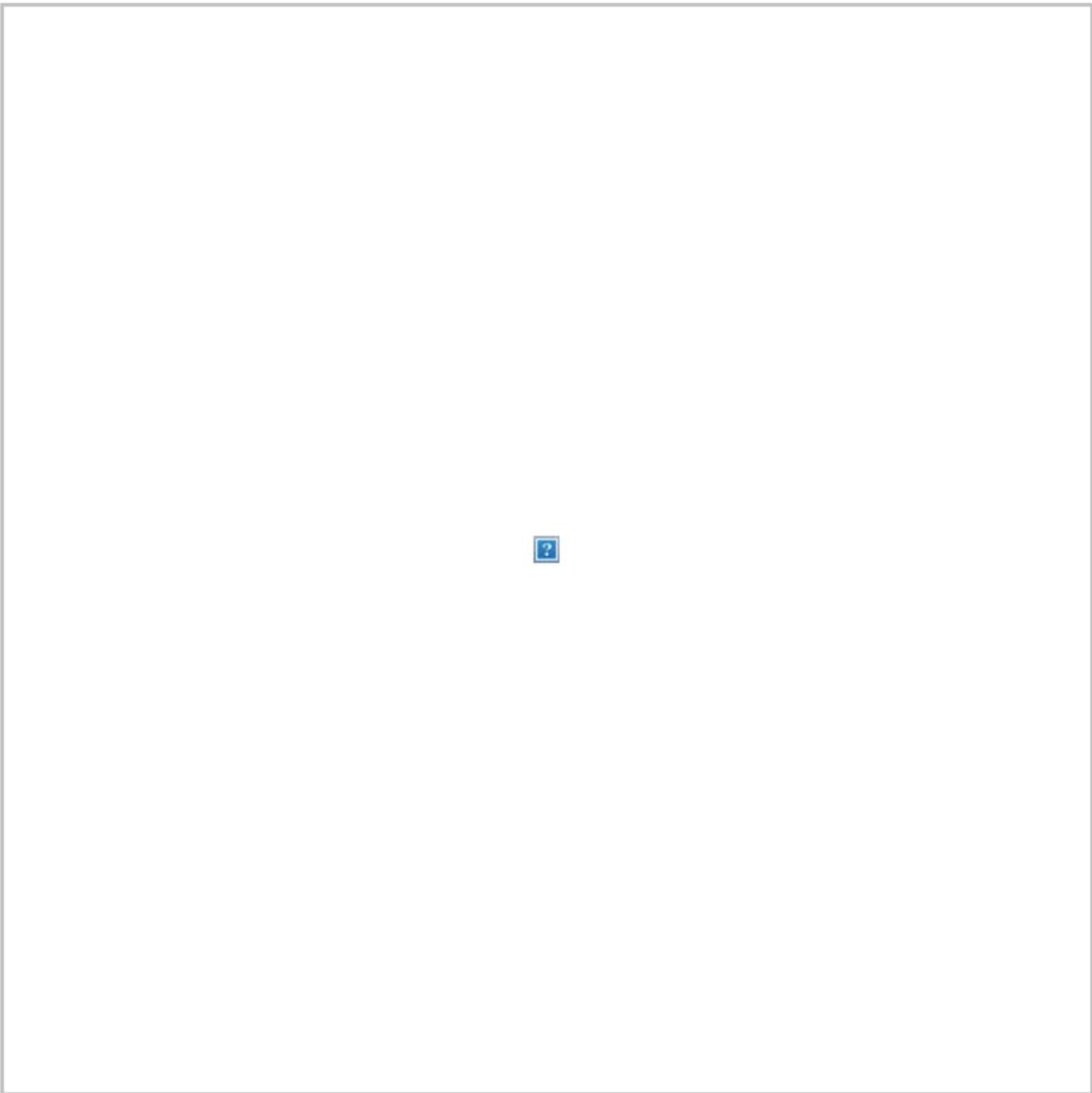


Matthew Broderick tried out his Trump impression:



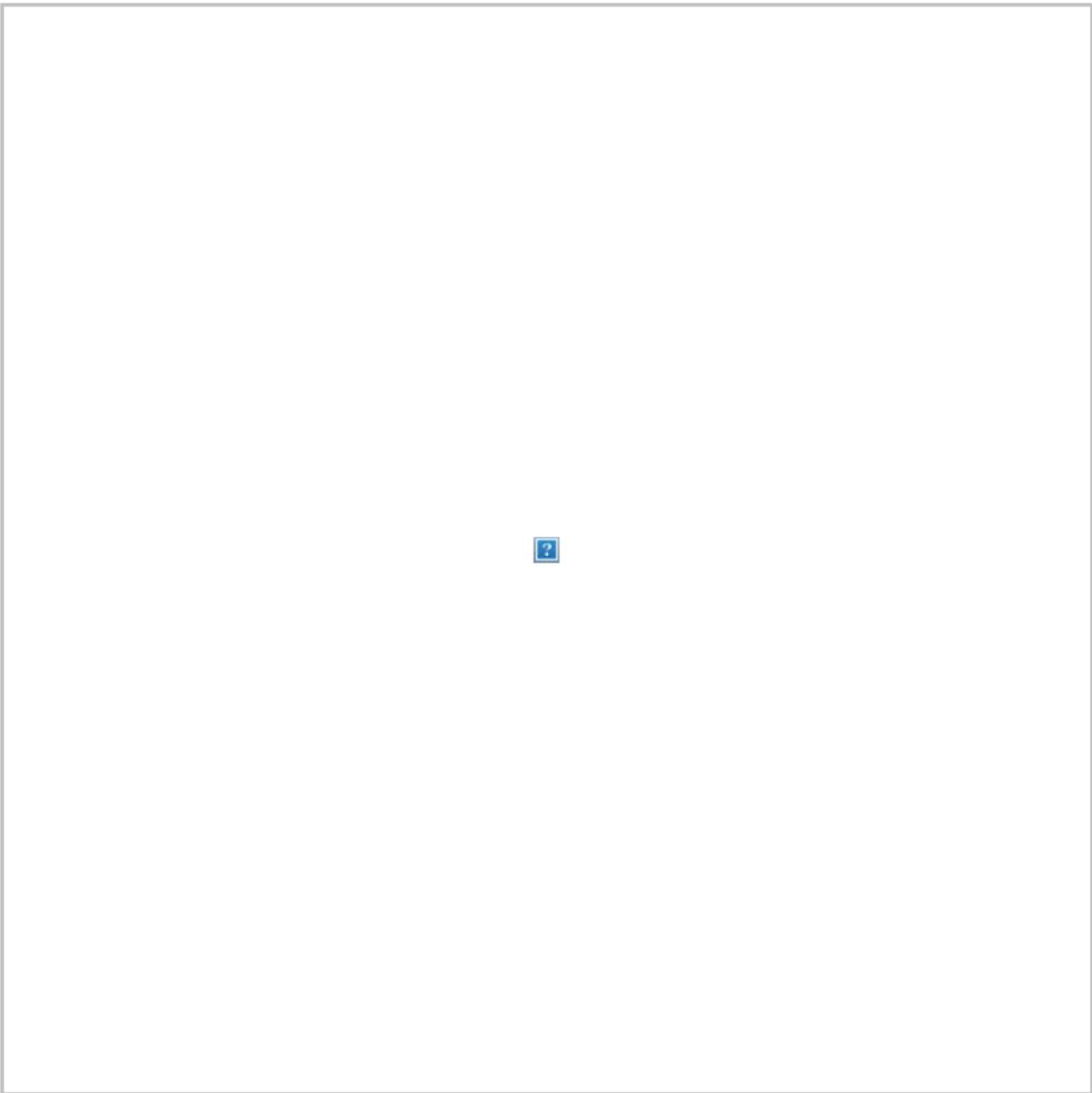
Matthew Broderick Nails His Donald Trump Impression

Stephen Colbert reviewed the latest developments from Trump's transition:



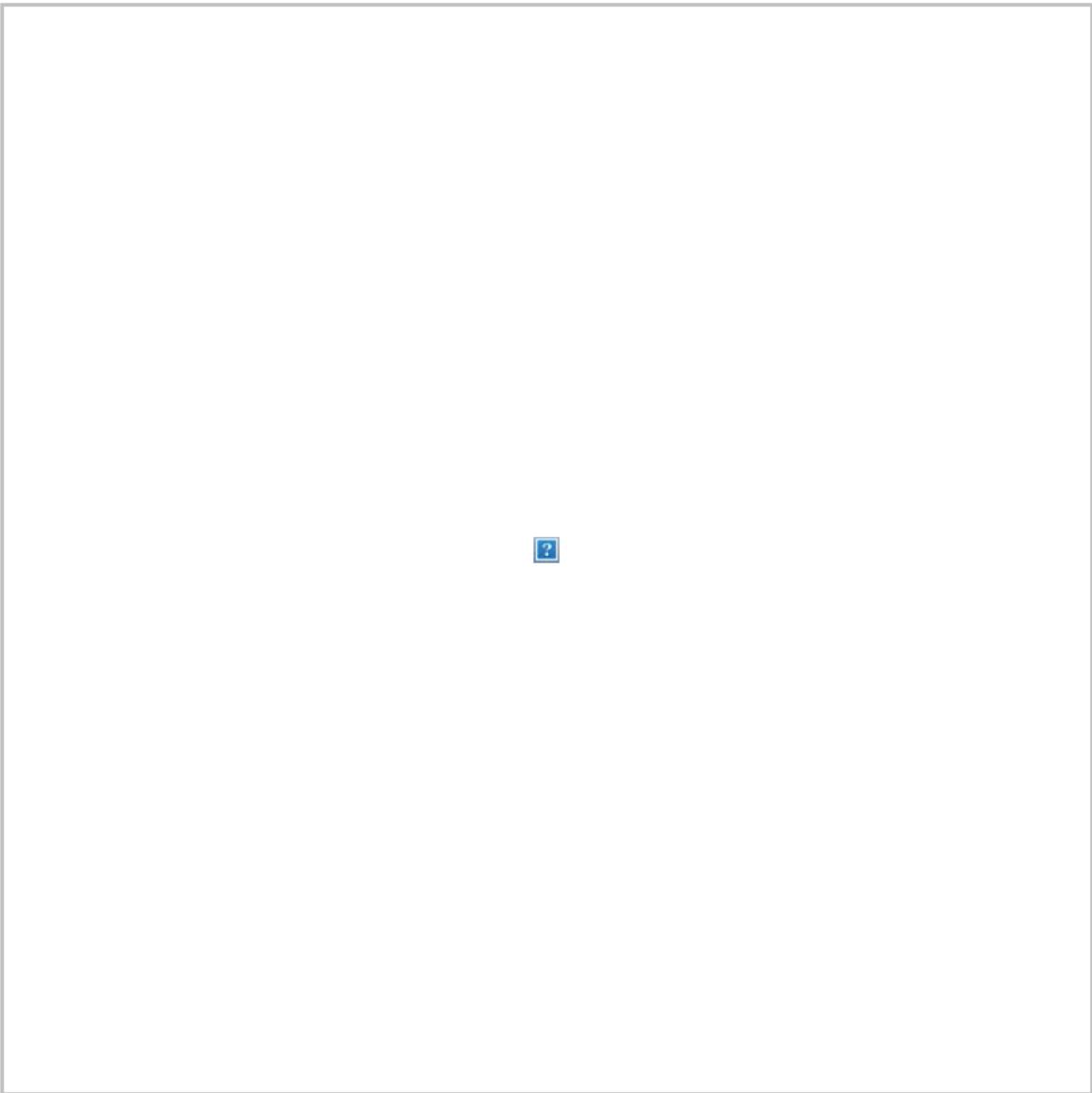
Trump Will Soon Acquire Mass Text Capability

Conan O'Brien imagined more phone conversations between Obama and Trump:



Even More Leaked Phone Calls Between Donald Trump & Barack Obama - CONAN on TBS

Here's the uploaded audio of Clinton and Trump aides arguing about the election:



Clinton and Trump aides in heated argument

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### **The Senate reconvened at 10:00 a.m.**

The Senate reconvened at 10 a.m. and will resume consideration of a continuing resolution (House message on HR 2028).

### **The House is not in session.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

Multiple outlets report that Senate Democrats are insisting on more aid for coal miners in the spending bill recently passed by the House. The articles note that Democrats are left with only procedural tactics that could at most delay a vote on the bill into the weekend. Such a delay, however, could cause a government shutdown. [Democrats push government toward shutdown Shutdown Looms as Senate Democrats Refuse to Back Down Over Miners' Benefits Senate Democrats dig in as shutdown approaches](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

Multiple sources report that President-elect Trump has selected Andrew Puzder as his choice for labor secretary. [Trump chooses Puzder as labor secretary Trump picks fast food executive Andrew Puzder for Labor Trump's Labor Pick, Andrew Puzder, Is Critic of Minimum Wage Increases](#)

*Politico* and *Forbes* report that President-elect Donald Trump has picked Linda McMahon to lead the Small Business Administration. [Trump selects Linda McMahon to lead SBA Meet Linda McMahon, Wife Of WWE Billionaire And Trump's Pick For Small Business Administrator](#)

*The New York Times* reports that, according to transition sources, Cathy McMorris Rodgers is the current leading contender for interior secretary. [Cathy McMorris Rodgers is a likely choice for interior secretary.](#)

*Politico* reports that the field of potential candidates for secretary of state has again widened and now includes the former Ford CEO, Alan Mulally.

*Fox News* reports that Rex Tillerson, Exxon Mobil CEO and one of several candidates for secretary of state, could face "complex ethical questions" due to his \$150 million of Exxon stock and Exxon operations in more than 50 countries. [Exxon Mobil chief's stock rises in Trump secretary of state search](#)

Multiple sources discuss President-elect Trump's corporate and investment interests. [For Trump, Incredible Tax-Free \\$3.7 Billion Sale Would Be Tax Savvy Trump sold stocks, but what about his hedge fund millions? Trump's 'Celebrity Apprentice' deal is an absurd conflict of interest](#)

### **Federal Agency and Related News**

*Government Executive* and *The Washington Post* report that President Obama increased next year's average pay raise for civilian federal employees to 2.1 percent, up from the 1.6 percent he had proposed earlier in the year. [Obama Boosts 2017 Civilian Federal Pay Raise to 2.1 Percent](#)

*Government Executive* reports that, according to transition officials, a government hiring freeze is

but one of a number of expected policies aimed at reducing the size of government. The transition team expects to release more details as the inauguration approaches. [Transition Officials: The Hiring Freeze Is Just One Way Trump Will Cut Government](#) [Obama authorizes larger raise for federal employees](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

**House:** December 9-12; 19-30

**Senate:** December 19-30

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**The Senate is not in session.**

**The House meets in a pro forma session.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

Multiple sources report that the Senate passed a continuing resolution late Friday and avoided a government shutdown. [Senate Averts Shutdown With Little Time to Spare Senate Avoids Shutdown With Last-Minute Approval of Spending Bill](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

Multiple outlets report that President-elect Trump has officially selected John Kelly to lead DHS. [Trump officially picks John Kelly to lead DHS Trump nominates Kelly as DHS chief](#)

Multiple news sources report that although no official announcement has been made, ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson is currently the leading choice for secretary of state. [Rex Tillerson, Exxon Chief, Is Expected to Be Pick for Secretary of State Trump likely to tap Tillerson for secretary of state Trump camp believes Tillerson in a 'league of his own': report](#) Some Senators, however, have expressed concerns about a Tillerson nomination, given his relationship to Russia. [Lawmakers alarmed Exxon chief could empower Putin](#)

*Politico* reports that the Trump transition team is considering John Bolton for the number two position at State but that at least one senator has promised to block such a nomination. [Rand Paul threatens to block Bolton nomination](#)

*Roll Call* reports that the Senate has set the confirmation hearing date for the attorney general to begin on January 10 and to run for two days. [Sessions AG Confirmation Hearing Set for January](#) The ranking member, however, has requested two additional days of hearings. [Dem senator seeks more time for 'due diligence' on Sessions nomination](#)

*Politico Magazine* reports on the efforts of former White House ethics counsels Norm Eisen and Richard Painter to persuade President-elect Trump to divest his business holdings as the only way to avoid conflicts of interest. ['It's Like a Powder Keg That's Going to Explode'](#) *The Daily KOS* reports on an *ABC* interview with Norm Eisen discussing Trump's business holdings and the Emoluments Clause. [Former WH ethics lawyer: If Trump refuses to divest, he'll be in direct violation of Constitution](#)

### **International and Related News**

The *World Bank Group* published a 125-page report on financial disclosure that compares global financial disclosure statistics and discusses some ideas about how to make it easier and more effective. Catch the overview here: [Getting the Full Picture on Public Officials: A How-To Guide for Effective Financial Disclosure It's time to make public financial disclosure efficient and effective](#) And the full report here: <https://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/getting-the-full-picture-on-public-officials-how-to-guide.pdf>

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## **The Senate and House are not in session**

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Government Executive* reports that if Donald Trump contests the election results, the GSA Administrator could have a difficult time fulfilling her function of ascertaining the election's "apparent" new president-elect and vice president-elect and thereby releasing transition funds and other resources to the winning candidates. [GSA Chief Could Be in the Hot Seat if a Defeated Trump Won't Concede](#)

*ABC* affiliate *WHSV-TV* reports that Congressman Bob Goodlatte, chair of the House Judiciary Committee, requested a specific investigation in a letter to the inspector general of the U.S. State Department. According to *ABC*, the Congressman cites to potential conflicts of interest in connection with those hired to review Ms. Clinton's State Department emails as part of the recent FBI investigation. [Judiciary Committee head alleges possible Clinton email conflict of interest, seeks probe](#)

*The Washington Times* reports that an ICE agent has been charged with bribery for using his position as an Immigration and Customs Enforcement - Homeland Security Investigations agent to obtain deferrals of deportations and other immigration benefits for non-citizen foreign nationals. [ICE agent, suburban Detroit attorney charged in bribery case](#)

### **Federal Agency and Related News**

*The Washington Post* reports that federal prosecutors will charge a former National Security Agency contractor with violating the Espionage Act in what is thought to be the largest theft of classified government material ever. The article notes that the contractor took at least 50 terabytes of data including personal information about government employees. [Government alleges former NSA contractor stole 'astonishing quantity' of classified data over 20 years](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 3, October 10 – November 11

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## **The Senate and House are not in session**

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Politico* reports that Vice President Joe Biden is on Candidate Clinton's short list for Secretary of State. [Clinton eyes Biden for secretary of state](#)

*Politico* reports that in the most recently released tranche of hacked emails former Clinton policy adviser Anne-Marie Slaughter recounts to New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman that it was a common practice for State Department personnel to use personal email accounts to conduct government business. [Clinton adviser: 'EVERYONE' at State Department used private email](#)

*The Washington Post* reports on the approaching peak season for revolving door hiring activity, quoting one lobbyist headhunter who describes the imminent movement of government officials into the lobbying community as "musical chairs of biblical proportions." [It's about to become a very busy time for K Street headhunters](#). In a separate article it discusses the first rule of transition for donors looking for appointment in a new administration: "you do not talk about transition...." [Angling for a White House job? Probably best not to talk about it](#)

*The Chicago Tribune* reports that Donald Trump's federal tax audit could pose a conflict of interest if he wins the election and appoints the next Internal Revenue Service chief. [Trump's broad businesses pose conflict tests, specialists say](#)

*Reuters* reports that a Brazilian prosecutor investigating potentially corrupt investments made by state pension funds said the real estate company run by Donald Trump appears to have benefited "suspiciously" from a massive redevelopment of Rio de Janeiro's port ahead of the Olympics. [Brazil prosecutor says Trump franchise may have benefited from corruption](#)

*The Guardian* reports on the connection between Donald Trump's financial interests in the Dakota Access oil pipeline and his policy positions on energy infrastructure projects. [Dakota Access pipeline company and Donald Trump have close financial ties](#)

A *Fortune Magazine* editorial connects capitalism, the public trust, and pay-to-play politics. It opines that public companies that participate in pay-to-play schemes destroy the public trust at their existential expense. The editorial further proposes that while public trust is one casualty of pay-to-play relationships, the legitimacy of the capitalist system may be the ultimate victim of such behavior. [Legalized Corruption](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 3, October 10 – November 11

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**The Senate meets in a pro forma session.**

**The House is not in session.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

*The Washington Post* and *Houston Herald* discuss various senate staffers hired by lobbying firms. [7 Blunt staffers who walked through the revolving door to lucrative lobbying careers](#)  
[Top lobby firm eyes new chemical law as big business driver](#)

*The New Orleans Advocate* reports that former Rep. Jefferson is challenging his corruption conviction in light of the decision in *McDonnell*. [Ex-U.S. Rep. Bill Jefferson files new challenge to corruption conviction](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

Various outlets discuss alleged conflicts raised by recently leaked emails from the Clinton Campaign. [Hacked emails raise possibility of Clinton Foundation ethics breach 'Take The Money!!': Emails Show How Clinton Campaign Manages Lobbyist Donations Hillary's Emails Allowed Clinton Foundation Donors To Get Favors On A 'Global Scale' Haiti and Africa Projects Shed Light on Clinton's Public-Private Web](#)

*Fox News* and *CBS* report that Rep. Chaffetz accused the State Department and the FBI of being involved in a quid pro quo scheme, saying that recently disclosed emails are “a flashing red light of potential criminality.” [New FBI files contain allegations of 'quid pro quo' in Clinton's emails FBI denies collusion over Hillary Clinton email classification](#) Meanwhile, *The American Spectator* reports that a former US Attorney has alleged that there is a revolt within the FBI over agency leadership pursuing “paranoid, delusional and vindictive” measures to prevent negative information leaking out to the public. [The FBI in open revolt against a deceitful director.](#)

*JSTOR* discusses a 2007 paper published in the *American Journal of Political Science* that found that trust in government appears to correlate over the long term to measures of interpersonal trust and civic engagement. The research found that trust in government trailed both measures. [WHAT AFFECTS OUR TRUST IN GOVERNMENT?](#) The original paper is available [here](#).

*The Daily Caller* discusses the allegation that a FWS assistant director improperly gave preferential treatment to a private organization by giving a directive to do a single-source award. The piece briefly notes that the US Attorney's Office declined to prosecute. [DOJ Won't Prosecute Wildlife Official Behind Sketchy PR Contract](#)

*Government Executive* reports that the Navy's “Fat Leonard” corruption scandal has resulted in another guilty plea. [Another Guilty Plea in Navy's 'Fat Leonard' Bribery Case](#)

*The Private Equity Hub* reports that the SEC and DOJ are targeting pay-for-play schemes involving public pension funds. [SEC official says agency on the lookout for public-pension pay-to-play](#)

*Miami Herald* reports that IGs “have made more than 15,000 recommendations that have been ignored across the federal government.” The piece alleges that “eight inspectors general are stymied by their agencies who refuse to give them the documents they request for audits or investigations.” [Government ignores audit findings that could save billions, senators conclude](#)

*NPR* discusses the alleged scandals involving the Clinton and Trump foundations. [There's Really No Comparison Between The Trump And Clinton Foundations](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 3, October 10 – November 11

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## **The Senate meets in a pro forma session.**

## **The House is in recess and will reconvene on Monday, Nov. 14.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

*Roll Call* reports that a judge has upheld a bulk of federal corruption charges against former Rep. Chaka Fattah but dropped other convictions related to mail and bank fraud. The federal judge did not agree with Fattah's attorneys when they asked him to consider the pivotal Supreme Court ruling that overturned the conviction of former Virginia Gov. Robert McDonnell in his own case. [Judge Upholds Chaka Fattah Conviction](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*FEDWeek* reports that the Office of Government Ethics recently issued guidance on post-employment restrictions applying to many federal employees, with certain additional restrictions applying to senior and "very senior" Executive Branch officials. [Guidance Issued on Post-Employment Restrictions](#)

*Politico* reports that with polls pointing to the likelihood of a Clinton win, her transition team is hiring staff, culling through the résumés of possible Cabinet nominees and reaching out to key Democrats for input, according to people familiar with the process. [Clinton's transition team hits the gas pedal](#)

*Politico* reports that more than a dozen people who expect — or simply hope — to be tapped by Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump have already reached out to top D.C. lawyers for help in sifting through their finances and business dealings in anticipation of being nominated to a top post in the next administration. The article discusses what potential nominees have to complete, including "a detailed financial disclosure form for the Office of Government Ethics." [Want a presidential appointment? Step 1: Oppo research on yourself](#)

*USA Today* reports that the trove of hacked emails from Clinton campaign manager John Podesta shows Hillary Clinton's easy relationship with Wall Street as she collected millions of dollars in speaking fees, as well as attempts by foreign governments to curry favor with a former president, Bill Clinton, while dangling offers of donations to his family foundation. The article notes that while there's no evidence of textbook "pay to play" or that the Clintons granted favors in exchange for donations, combined, the emails feed cynicism many voters in both parties have about politicians. [WikiLeaks exposes what voters disdain — and candidates fail to fix](#)

*The Guardian* reports that ethics and legal scholars say that Donald Trump's notion of creating a supposed "blind trust" for his businesses, if he becomes president, that would let his children run the Trump Organization without an independent trustee is unfeasible. [Could a President Trump avoid conflicts of interest? Experts aren't convinced](#)

*NJ.com* discusses why Donald Trump's proposals for ethics reform fall short of what is needed. [Trump's ethics plan: 5 problems with his vow to 'drain the swamp'](#)

*The Orange County Register* opines that a foundation tied to a government official cannot avoid the

appearance of conflict of interest, even when ethics rules are followed and that, therefore, if Hillary Clinton wins on Nov. 8, the first action she takes as president elect should be the dissolution of the Clinton Foundation. [If Clinton wins, foundation must be closed](#)

*The Wall Street Journal* reports that the political organization of Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe gave nearly \$500,000 to the election campaign of the wife of an official at the Federal Bureau of Investigation who later helped oversee the investigation into Hillary Clinton's email use. [Clinton Ally Aided Campaign of FBI Official's Wife](#)

### **Federal Agency and Related News**

*Government Executive* reports that Donald Trump promised his administration would implement a hiring freeze across the federal government if he is elected. [Trump Pledges Governmentwide Hiring Freeze](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 10 – November 11

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### **The Senate reconvened at 9:30 a.m.**

The Senate reconvened at 9:30 a.m. and will resume consideration of the conference report on the fiscal 2017 defense authorization measure (S 2943). The Senate is scheduled to vote on adoption of the conference report at 12:30 p.m.

### **The House reconvened at 9 am.**

The House reconvened at 9 a.m. for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider the House-Senate agreement (S 612) that would authorize water resources development projects, a House amendment to a bill (HR 2028) that would provide continuing appropriations for FY 2017 and to take the final vote on a bill (HR 4919) previously debated under suspension of the rules.

### **Legislative and Related News**

*Politico* reports that the House is set to pass a spending bill today. [House set to clear spending stopgap, but Senate delays possible](#)

*Roll Call* reports that the stopgap bill provides for an expedited process for confirmation of General Mattis as the next Secretary of Defense. [Stopgap bill Adds Money for Flint, Paves Way for Mattis Confirmation Vote](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

President-elect Donald Trump nominated Scott Pruitt, the attorney general of the oil and gas-intensive state of Oklahoma, to head the Environmental Protection Agency. [Trump names Scott Pruitt, Oklahoma attorney general suing EPA on climate change, to head the EPA](#) [Trump Picks Scott Pruitt, Climate Change Denialist, to Lead E.P.A.](#)

*Politico* reports that the Obama administration is concerned about the pace of the President-elect's transition process. [Obama officials alarmed at slow pace of agency-level transition](#)

*Multiple sources* report that a senior U.S. Treasury adviser kept buying and selling securities while fulfilling his role with the Obama administration. [U.S. Treasury Adviser Kept Trading Securities After Appointment](#) [Former Wall Streeter Traded Tens of Millions in Securities While Advising Treasury](#)

*Vox* opines that 2017 will see a rise in lobbying. [Why 2017 will bring a lobbying bonanza to Washington](#)

*The Wall Street Journal* reports on the perceived revolving door under President Obama. [Notable & Quotable: Obama's Revolving Door](#)

*The Ottawa Herald* reports on OGE's tweets. [Ethics office sends signal to Trump](#)

*Multiple sources* discuss the President-elect's announcement that he has sold his stocks. [Trump says he's sold his stock to avoid conflicts. He should prove it.](#) [Trump faces unanswered questions about his stock portfolio](#) [Trump now says he sold stocks to avoid conflicts of interest](#)

*Multiple sources* report on the President-elect's potential conflicts of interest. [Can Congress End Donald Trump's Conflict of Interest Exemption?](#) [Donald Trump's Huge Conflict of Interest in Turkey](#) [Donald Trump's conflict-of-interest blind spot](#) [How Donald Trump's Web of LLCs Obscures His Business Interests](#) [Trump is no Obama or Bush when it comes to ethics](#) [Trump would have trouble cutting conflicts of interest even if he wanted to](#) [Trump Said to Plan on Keeping His Business; Congress Shrugs](#) [Paul Ryan: Not worried about Trump's conflicts of interest](#) [Ryan: Trump should handle conflicts 'however he wants to'](#) [Report: Trump eyes keeping a stake in business](#)

### **Federal Agency and Related News**

*The Washington Post* reports that the President-elect “and conservatives on Capitol Hill have vowed to target the federal bureaucracy, holding civil servants accountable when they perform poorly poor or break the rules.” [Clash over patent office fraud a sign of what's to come for federal workers](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** December 9-12; 19-30

**Senate:** December 19-30

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**The Senate convenes at 10:30 a.m. for a *pro forma* session.**

**The House is in recess and will reconvene on Monday, Nov. 14.**

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Federal News Radio* reports that DHS' Deputy Secretary plans to step down on October 28. [Homeland Security Deputy Secretary stepping down](#) *Daily Caller* notes that this is the same official that "both the DHS and OGE had declined to fully pursue an ethics investigation against..." [DHS Deputy Secretary Resigns After Investigation Shows Agencies Didn't Look Into His Ethics Violations](#)

*Vox* continues its series on the history of presidential transitions. In this article it briefly discusses the Ethics in Government Act, stating that it "is one reason the length of time taken to fill vacancies in government has increased in recent years." [Jimmy Carter changed presidential transitions forever](#)

*The New York Times* opines on the difficulty in obtaining financial information that could reveal conflicts of interests that candidates at both the national and local levels may have. [Why It's So Hard to See Politicians' Financial Data](#)

*Washington Examiner* opines that newly released emails from the State Department show that government employees "teamed up with" the Clinton Foundation "to perform donor maintenance, craft messaging on key policies and put together lists for both diplomatic and philanthropic events." [New emails show intersection of Clinton Foundation, State Dept., paid speeches](#)

*Washington Examiner* reports that federal records show that Ms. Clinton as Secretary of State "padded" the Foreign Affairs Advisory Board with friends and donors. [Clinton filled State Dept. board with friends, family and donors](#)

*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* discusses the alleged conflicts of interests Mr. Trump and Ms. Clinton have with Deutsche Bank. [Potential business conflicts seen in Trump's ties to Deutsche Bank, but Clinton also under scrutiny](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 10 – November 11

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## **The Senate meets in a pro forma session.**

## **The House is not in session.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

*The Tampa Bay Times* reports that an ethics complaint was filed against Rep. Murphy for allegedly using congressional staff to conduct opposition research on him. [Republicans accuse Patrick Murphy of U.S. House ethics violation over 2014 oppo book](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Government Executive* lists 3 common ways that employees misuse government resources. [Misuse of Office Resources Could Cost You Your Clearance](#)

*Chicago Tribune* and *The Atlantic* discuss allegations of pay-to-play schemes involving the Clinton Foundation and the State Department. [Clinton struggles to defend 'pay-to-play' criticism during final debate](#) [Clinton Still Hasn't Faced Questions About Pay-to-Play Head On](#)

*PoliZette* alleges that newly leaked emails indicate several conflicts of interest Mr. Clinton had while Ms. Clinton was Secretary of State. [WikiLeaks: Clintons Have Over '500 Different' Conflicts of Interest](#)

*Washington Examiner* reports that one of the attorneys hired to review FOIA requests related to Ms. Clinton's emails was previously employed by the law firm that represents Ms. Clinton. The piece reports that the IG for the Intelligence Community raised the possibility that the arrangement at least created the appearance of a conflict of interest. [State: No conflict of interest in hiring lawyer from Clinton's firm](#)

*Financial Advisor* reports that the alleged revolving door between the SEC and the financial service industry may be slowing for attorneys. [At SEC, Revolving Door May Be Revolving More Slowly](#)

*The Washington Post* and *Politico* report that a coalition of good government groups called on the presidential transition teams to adopt stricter ethics rules to govern the transition. [Clinton and Trump transitions must follow strict ethics rules, groups say](#) [Watchdogs push Clinton, Trump to toughen Obama's ethics rules](#) The letter is available [here](#).

*Reuters* reports that a CFTC senior regulator "is being thrust into the spotlight after the agency fined her former employer." However, the piece notes that the employee was recused from handling or commenting on matters involving her former employer. [RPT-CFTC regulator oversaw compliance at firm accused of illegal trades](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 10 – November 11

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## **The Senate and House are not in session.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

*The Hill* reports that Speaker Ryan may face a tough re-election for the speakership come January. [Ryan has little margin for error in Speaker vote](#)

*TPM* and *The Week* report that Rep. Chaffetz promised that if Ms. Clinton is elected his committee will hold hearings looking into the interactions between the Clinton Foundation and the State Department. [Rep. Chaffetz Promises 'Years' Of Clinton Investigations If She's Elected Inside the GOP plot to undermine Hillary Clinton's presidency](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Fed Week* reports that OGE released new ethics training materials. [New Ethical Training Materials Released](#)

Multiple outlets discuss various aspects of the transition. [Important Legal Aspect of the 2016 Election That No One Is Talking About Would Hillary Clinton Appoint a 'Team of Rivals'-Style Cabinet as President?](#) [Trump Camp Denies Report It's Cutting Back On Transition Efforts](#) [Podesta tops Clinton's short list for chief of staff](#) [One more way lobbyists could support Hillary Clinton](#)

Outlets report recently leaked documents show a “complicated mingling” between the Clinton Foundation’s money raising efforts and paid speeches of Mr. Clinton. [Inside 'Bill Clinton Inc.': Hacked memo reveals intersection of charity and personal income](#) [Aide: He arranged for \\$50M in payments for Bill Clinton](#) [Memo reveals interplay between Clinton Foundation, personal business](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** October 3 – November 11  
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### **The Senate reconvened at 9:30 a.m.**

The Senate reconvened at 9:30 a.m. and began a period of morning business. The Senate is expected to resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 5325, the legislative vehicle for the continuing resolution.

### **The House reconvened at 10:00 a.m.**

The House reconvened at 10 a.m. for morning hour and will meet at noon for legislative business. First and last votes expected from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

## **Legislative and Related News**

*The Hill* reports that Sen. Warren “made clear” that if Ms. Clinton is elected her administration should not be filled with officials tied to Wall Street. [Warren: Let's keep Wall Street out of a Clinton Cabinet](#)

## **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

Various outlets opine on the conflicts of interest posed by a Trump presidency. [A Trump presidency would be an ethical thicket](#) [Trump's Giant Conflict of Interest Just Got Bigger](#)

*Federal News Radio* and *Government Executive* discuss a report on IGs conducted by the Association of Government Accountants. The report “finds that recruitment, retention and resources are challenges for the IG community.” [2016 a year of ‘opportunities and challenges’ for agency IGs](#) [Inspectors General Want Expanded Powers, Survey Finds](#)

*Columbia Daily Tribune* reports that public trust in the federal executive branch climbed 8% to 51% in the latest Gallup survey. [Trust in government jumps a bit](#)

*Pacific Standard* alleges that the Clinton Foundation has a pro-business strategy and that it is not a purely charitable enterprise. [Parsing the Pro-Corporate Ethics of the Clinton Foundation](#) *MarketWatch* alleges that speaking fees paid to Mr. Clinton overlap with the work of the Foundation. [Bill Clinton’s speaking fee overlaps with foundation work](#)

*The Wall Street Journal* reports that the campaign of Gary Johnson failed to qualify for public funds to assist in transition planning. [Gary Johnson Fails to Qualify for Public Funds for Transition Planning](#)

## **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 3, October 10 – November 11

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**The Senate is not in session.**

**The House is not in session.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

*NPR* reports that Congress reached a deal to fund the government through December. [Congress Reaches Agreement To Fund Government Until December](#)

*Roll Call* reports that the House Ethics Committee rebuked Rep. McKinley for failing to heed their recommendation to remove his name from an engineering firm he founded. [Ethics Committee Rebukes Rep. David McKinley](#)

*Politico* alleges that loopholes in the law allowed former Sen Bayh to influence public policy while never registering as a lobbyist. [Evan Bayh's shadow lobbying](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*The Hill* alleges that OGE quietly imposed stricter ethics rules on federal employees seeking post-employment in the private sector. The piece reports that this rule change is the most significant update to OGE's standards since 1993. The piece says that a "government official simply knowing that a private-sector entity is interested in them can activate restrictions." [Finding a new job just got more complicated for federal employees](#)

*NPR* discusses the alleged revolving door between the FDA and the private sector. [A Look At How The Revolving Door Spins From FDA To Industry](#)

*Washington Free Beacon* reports on the concern that a Federal Reserve board governor negotiating for a future job with the Clinton Campaign is a potential conflict of interest. [Fed Chair Does Not Believe Fed Official in Negotiations With Clinton Campaign Is Conflict of Interest](#)

*The Wall Street Journal* briefly mentions the SGE arrangement of an assistant to Sec. Clinton while at State. The piece notes that Sen. Grassley believes the arrangement was an abuse of the program. [Hillary Clinton's Key Aide Huma Abedin Is a Lightning Rod for Attacks](#)

*Mother Jones* alleges that the foreign banks that hold Mr. Trump's debt present a conflict of interest. [Trump's Huge Conflict of Interest With a Big Foreign Bank Keeps Getting Worse](#)

*Federal News Radio* discusses an MSPB report that showed 20% of federal HR officials disclosed that political hires do not receive comprehensive training on merit system principles. [Political hires slow to receive MSPB hiring, workforce training](#)

*The Washington Post* reports that Charles Phalen was selected to lead the new National Background Investigations Bureau. [Veteran CIA man to lead new background investigations bureau](#)

*Executive Gov* reports that Glenn Fine will be nominated as the next IG of DoD. [Obama to Nominate Glenn Fine as DoD Inspector General](#)

*Bloomberg* discusses the costs associated with a presidential transition. [What is the cost of a presidential transition?](#)

*Politico* reports on the Trump Campaign's transition team. [Trump's new brain trust](#)

**Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 3, October 10 – November 11



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### **The Senate reconvened at 10 a.m.**

The Senate reconvened at 10 a.m. and will resume consideration the 21st Century Cures Act (HR 34).

### **The House reconvenes at 12 p.m.**

The House reconvenes at 12 p.m. for legislative business and is expected to consider measures under suspension of the rules.

### **Legislative and Related News**

*Federal News Radio* reports that the House Appropriations Committee is working on a stopgap government spending bill, known as a continuing resolution (CR). Current government spending expires on Friday. [Stopgap spending bill to be unveiled as Congress finishes up](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*NPR* categorizes the alleged conflicts of interest of President-Elect Trump. [Trump's Businesses And Potential Conflicts: Sorting It Out](#)

*Fortune* reports that Ivanka Trump “was also hammering out a deal with a company backed by a Japan government-owned development bank” while “she sat in on a meeting between her father Donald Trump and Japan’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Nov.” [Ivanka Trump Had Business at Stake When She Met Japan’s Prime Minister](#) *Politico* reports that the State Department is allegedly concerned that President-Elect Trump’s children will “assume the role of freelance ambassadors, further blurring the line between their business affairs and America’s foreign affairs.” [Trump kids' diplomatic forays rattle State Dept.](#)

*CNBC* reports that the Plum Book -a listing of over 9,000 civil service positions in President-Elect Trump’s administration- dropped Monday. The piece notes that it lists 3 positions at OGE. [Wanna work for Trump? Try the gig protecting humpback whales or 9,000 other jobs](#) *The Washington Post* quotes a transition official as stating: “In addition to imposing a hiring freeze on all federal employees, which will reduce the federal workforce through attrition, the number of political appointees will drop significantly. ‘Drain the swamp’ was not just a campaign slogan.” [The Plum Book is here for those angling for jobs in Trump’s Washington](#)

*The Wichita Eagle* discusses OGE’s tweets and opines that they were “authorized at the highest level of the OGE” and “were a signal [...] that if he does not fully divest himself of his businesses, the OGE will declare that his position is ethically unsound and invites a compromised administration.” The piece opines that while “OGE has no enforcement power” there is a “1983 agreement between Justice and OGE that, as a matter of policy, presidents should act as if the rules apply to them.” [Ethics office sends signal to Trump on real divesting](#)

*Government Executive* reports that a Navy contracting official was sentenced to 72 months in prison for accepting bribes as part of the “Fat Leonard” scandal. [Ex-Navy Contract Officer Gets Prison Time in 'Fat Leonard' Scandal](#)

*Government Executive* and *Politico* discuss the transition. [Is Trump Running the Fastest Transition in 40 Years, and Does That Matter? Trump marginalizes D.C. transition staff](#)

*Project on Government Oversight* reports that the Senate has not passed the IG Empowerment Act of 2015. The Act would provide IGs with the authority to access all relevant agency information needed to conduct investigations into fraud, waste and abuse. [New Roadblock for Inspectors General Access to Information](#)

*The Washington Post* reports that the Pentagon appears to have “buried an internal study that exposed \$125 billion in administrative waste in its business operations amid fears Congress would use the findings as an excuse to slash the defense budget.” [Pentagon buries evidence of \\$125 billion in bureaucratic waste](#)

*New York Magazine* opines that the two things that prevented the US from being governed by “men who use their office to enrich themselves and their families” were “that presidential candidates release publish their tax returns” and “that presidents divest their wealth and place it in a blind trust, so that they cannot knowingly make any decision that might redound to their personal benefit.” [How Republicans Justify Unlimited Trump Corruption](#)

*Politico* reports that for the second time a foreign embassy will host an event at President-Elect Trump’s DC hotel. The piece refers to these as possible conflicts of interest. [Embassy of Azerbaijan to co-host event at Trump's D.C. hotel](#)

*Newsweek* discusses the constitutional gift acceptance ban in light of President Elect Trump’s promise to turn over his business to his children. [WHY DONALD TRUMP MAY GET AWAY WITH FLOUTING THE CONSTITUTION'S GIFTS CLAUSE](#)

*TPM* and *Politico* discuss conflict of interest questions surrounding a member of the transition team. [Thiel Won't Confirm That He's Signed Trump Transition Ethics Agreement Thiel could gain from Trump transition](#)

*Foreign Policy* reports that bribery is on the rise internationally. [Bribery Is on the Rise Worldwide, and It Costs A Lot More Than Just Money](#)

**Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** December 9-12; 19-30

**Senate:** December 19-30

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**The Senate meets in a pro forma session.**

**The House is not in session.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

*Politico* reports that former Rep. Fattah was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for bribery, racketeering, money laundering, bank fraud, filing false statements, and mail and wire fraud. [Fattah sentenced to 10 years in prison](#) *Politico* also discusses the pending corruption case of former Rep. Schock. [Former Rep. Aaron Schock pleads not guilty in corruption case](#) *NBC* reports that Sen. Menendez will petition the Supreme Court to prevent his corruption trial from going forward, citing the McDonnell case. [New Jersey Senator Bob Menendez Expected to Ask U.S. Supreme Court to Toss Charges in Corruption Case](#)

*Roll Call* reports that outgoing lawmakers are being eyed by lobbying firms. [K Street Eyes Outgoing Lawmakers for Jobs](#)

*Politico* reports that more than 20 Senators sent a [letter](#) to the Transition Team urging the President-elect to divest. [Senate Democrats push Trump to shed his assets](#)

*Boston Globe* reports that Senators of the minority party “will be pressing in January [...] that all committees make nominees privately submit their three most recent federal tax returns. Three committees — Finance, Budget, and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs — already do so. Together they have responsibility for examining five Cabinet-level officials before confirmation: the secretaries of Treasury, health and human services, and homeland security, and the president’s trade representative and budget director.” [Trump’s wealthy picks for Cabinet to undergo scrutiny he didn’t face](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

The Office of Government Ethics is mentioned in a brief news segment. Watch the video [here](#).

Multiple outlets report that Mr. Tillerson was officially picked as the nominee to lead the State Department. [Trump taps Tillerson for secretary of State, confirmation fight looms](#) [Texas oil exec Tillerson tapped for secretary of state](#) [Five roadblocks that may trip up Tillerson](#) [Gates, Rice praise Tillerson pick](#) [Tillerson Could Defer Up to \\$33 Million in Taxes if Confirmed as Secretary of State](#)

Multiple outlets report that Gov. Perry was announced as the nominee to lead the Energy Department. [Major Garrett: Donald Trump chooses Rick Perry to be energy secretary](#) [Rick Perry, who said he wants to scrap Energy Dept., may lead it](#)

*The Washington Post* opines that President-elect Trump is under pressure from veterans’ service organizations to retain Sec. McDonald at the VA. [Trump is under pressure to keep Obama’s VA secretary](#)

Various outlets discuss President-elect Trump’s alleged conflicts of interest. [5 questions — and answers — about Donald Trump and conflicts of interest](#) [There’s already a big problem with Trump’s “no new deals” pledge](#) [In tweets, Trump says he’s handing control of businesses to sons](#)

[Donald Trump's latest vague pledge: No 'new' business deals](#) [Trump says he's turning away 'billions' but has 'the right' to do business deals](#) [Let's just give Donald Trump \\$15 billion](#) [Trump Says He Won't Sell His Businesses To Address Conflicts Of Interest](#) [Voters doubt Trump will keep business interests separate](#) [POGO and Bipartisan Ethics Experts in New Letter to Trump: Divest Now to Prevent Ongoing Conflicts](#) [Ethical experts: Trump invites scrutiny, trouble if he keeps businesses](#) [Donald Trump faces 3 possible conflicts if he keeps businesses, say ethics experts](#) [Ethics experts grow wary as Trump hedges over business empire](#) [Critics slam Donald Trump's plan to let his sons run businesses](#) [Donald Trump Says His Company Will Do 'No New Deals' During His Term](#) [A Guide to Donald Trump's Huge Debts—and the Conflicts They Present](#) [The unnerving evolution of Trump's conflict-of-interest troubles](#) [Trump denies conflicts of interest, says execs, his kids will run his business empire](#) [Donald Trump Will Turn Down 'Billions of Dollars of Deals' to Avoid Potential Conflicts of Interest](#) [WHY DONALD TRUMP IS BLIND TO HIS CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROBLEM](#) [Ethics Office Promised To “Sing” Trump’s Praises On Divestiture](#) [Frank Luntz nails Trump’s backpedaling on his business divestiture](#)

*The Washington Post* has a transcript of the Trump Transition Team’s conference call. [The full transcript from the Trump transition team’s Monday call to reporters](#)

*Government Executive* reports that the Senate passed the Inspector General Empowerment Act. Under the Act IGs “are entitled to full and prompt access to agency records, thereby eliminating any doubt about whether agencies and whistleblowers are legally authorized to disclose potentially sensitive information to IGs.” [Inspector General Empowerment Act Clears Congress](#)

Multiple outlets report on the 74 page questionnaire sent to the Energy Department from the Trump Transition Team. [Trump Team’s Energy Questions Stir Fears of Retaliation Against Civil Servants](#) [DOE won't provide names of climate change staffers to Trump team](#) [Energy Dept. rejects Trump’s request to name climate change workers, who remain worried](#) [Trump team's 'intrusive' memo alarms federal climate scientists](#)

*Federal News Radio* reports that within the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act Congress included a provision limiting the number of days a federal employee can be placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation to 10 work days in a calendar year. [Feds get new administrative leave policy in 2017 NDAA](#)

*The Washington Post* reports that President-elect Trump is concerned with the alleged revolving door at the Pentagon. [Trump takes aim at Pentagon’s ‘revolving door’ and Lockheed Martin’s \\$400 billion F-35 program](#)

## **International Ethics and Related News**

*LMT Online* briefly discusses continued anti-corruption protests in Kenya. [Kenya president: International Criminal Court not impartial](#)

*UPI* opines that [South Korea's scandal reignites the global debate on corruption](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

**House:** December 19-30

**Senate:** December 19-30

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**Cc:** [News Clippings](#)  
**Subject:** Legislative Update for Tuesday, October 4, 2016  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 10:45:02 AM

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## **The Senate and House are not in session.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

*ABC* reports that sentencing for Rep. Fattah is pending the outcome of his appeal in light of SCOTUS' *McDonnell* decision. [Ex-US Rep. Fattah's Sentencing on Hold Amid Bribery Appeal](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

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*The Daily Caller* opines that both OGE and DHS have refused to fully pursue an ethics investigation against an official in ICE, despite an IG report allegedly finding that the official gave preferential treatment to company owned by Ms. Clinton's brother. The piece states that the director of OGE may recommend that the head of an agency launch an investigation if the director has reason to believe a violation has taken place, but that the director failed to recommend an investigation in this case. The piece states that OGE did not respond to a request for comment. [DHS Refuses To Investigate Top Official Who Fast-Tracked Visas For Hillary's Brother](#)

*The Washington Post* publishes an opinion piece from a HLS government ethics professor that discusses why criminal conflict of interest prohibitions do not apply to the executive. [Ethics rules would have little impact on a President Trump](#)

*Fed Week* discusses the 2015 agency ethics program questionnaire. [OGE Provides Overview of Ethics Program](#)

*Connecticut Law Tribune* opines on the future of political corruption cases in light of *McDonnell*. The piece believes that the decision is not a free pass for corruption, but rather a commentary on the importance of accurate jury instructions. ['McDonnell' and the Future of Political Corruption Cases](#)

*Government Executive* opines that nominating Mr. Trump's son for Interior secretary would run afoul of federal nepotism laws and civil service guidance. [Might Trump's Hunt-Loving Son Bump Into Federal Nepotism Law?](#)

*Vox* discusses how the presidential transition process changed over time. [How the presidential transition process has evolved over time](#) *Bloomberg* also discusses the transition. [Navigating the presidential transition](#)

*Federal Times* reports on an investigative report, issued by the EPA's Office of Inspector General after a whistleblower tip, which revealed that inspections, notices of violation, and noncompliance files from an unsecured mixed-use file room were improperly disposed of because of shortcomings in the office's "internal controls." [EPA OIG finds improperly managed records at regional office](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 3, October 10 – November 11



**From:** [Brandon A. Steele](#)  
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**Subject:** Legislative Update for Tuesday, October 18, 2016  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 18, 2016 11:29:54 AM

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## **The Senate and House are not in session.**

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Bloomberg* reports that a “proposed rule from the Office of Government Ethics would clarify that federal financial disclosure rules, including a law signed in 2012 that imposed additional disclosure requirements on federal workers in policy-making positions, are focused on high-level employees.”

[PROPOSED STOCK ACT RULE PUTS FOCUS ON HIGH-LEVEL EMPLOYEES](#)

*CNN* and *New York Post* report that Mr. Trump has proposed government ethics reform, including tighter restrictions on post-employment lobbying. [Trump calls for government ethics reforms This is Donald Trump’s plan for government ethics reform](#)

*Morning Consult* reports that Reps. Upton and Walden question the independence of the IG for the FCC. [Upton, Walden Question Independence of FCC Inspector General](#)

*USA Today* reports on an alleged nexus between lobbyists and the State Department during Ms. Clinton’s tenure as Sec. of State. [Companies used Clinton fundraisers to lobby State Department](#)

*The Daily Caller* reports that leaked emails show internal discussions within the Clinton campaign concerning whether Ms. Clinton should advocate for tougher bribery laws. [Anti-Bribery Laws ‘REALLY Dicey Territory’ For Hillary](#)

Outlets discuss various aspects of the transition. [Hey Americans: Our presidential transition process could be a lot worse Michael Bloomberg as Secretary of State in a Clinton presidency? Meet the Duo Responsible for a Smooth Presidential Transition](#)

### **Executive Branch Agency and Related News**

*The Week* opines that alleged conspiracy theories connected to the 2016 election could result in the murder of federal officials. [Donald Trump's conspiracy mongering is a serious political emergency](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 3, October 10 – November 11

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**Subject:** Legislative Update for Tuesday, October 25, 2016  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 12:48:32 PM

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## **The Senate and House are not in session.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

*AL* reports that an ethics complaint was filed against Sen. Sessions, alleging that he violated Senate rules by questioning the integrity of the US election system. [Clinton-tied group files ethics complaint against Jeff Sessions](#)

*WPRA* reports that Rep. Langevin has corrected 6 years of financial disclosure forms because he did not report loans he obtained against the value of two of his properties. [Congressman Langevin corrects 6 years of financial disclosures](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Washington Free Beacon* questions whether Mr. Podesta violated ethics rules while working as a special adviser on energy policy to the White House while simultaneously corresponding with his prior employer on an energy initiative in California. [Podesta Kept Up With Former Investment Firm Employer While at White House](#)

*AOL* discusses the Chapman University survey that found that Americans surveyed most feared government corruption. [Americans' worst fears revealed: Government corruption ahead of terrorism, finances](#)

*The Washington Post* has a video of Mr. Trump discussing his ethics reform proposals. [Trump explains how he would fight 'government corruption' as president](#)

*The Telegraph* reports that a Super PAC supportive of Mr. Trump has been soliciting foreign donations with the promise that a donation would ensure access to Mr. Trump should he win the election. [Donald Trump faces foreign donor fundraising scandal](#)

*Washington Examiner* reports that the Deputy Director of the FBI is facing pressure to step down because he did not recuse himself from the Clinton investigation even though a close associate to Ms. Clinton donated to his wife's campaign in 2015. [FBI No. 2 pressured to resign over McAuliffe donations to wife](#)

*Vox* ponders what becomes of President Obama's appointees during the transition. [The first big question about the Clinton transition](#)

### **Federal Agency and Related News**

#### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 10 – November 11

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**Subject:** Legislative Update for Wednesday, December 7, 2016  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 07, 2016 11:19:23 AM

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### **The Senate reconvened at 9:30 a.m.**

The Senate reconvened at 9:30 a.m. and resumed consideration the 21st Century Cures Act (HR 34).

### **The House reconvenes at 12 p.m.**

The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business and is expected to consider measures under suspension of the rules.

### **Legislative and Related News**

*Federal News Radio* reports that a stopgap spending bill was unveiled that would fund the government through April. Current government spending expires on Friday. [Lawmakers wrapping up work, eyeing the exits](#)

*Roll Call* reports that the majority party is considering cuts to the federal workforce and alterations to retirement benefits. [GOP Readies Cuts to Federal Workforce Under Trump](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

Various outlets discuss aspects of the alleged conflicts of interest of President-Elect Trump. [Most Americans Are OK With Donald Trump Keeping His Business Empire, Poll Finds](#) [Donald Trump Has Sold All His Stocks Including Apple and Google](#) [Trump Sold Stocks In June, Lifting Some But Not All Conflicts Of Interest](#) [Trump says it wasn't 'appropriate' for him to keep owning stocks](#) [Trump says stock ownership presents conflict of interest, but remains silent on his own business](#) [Can Congress End Donald Trump's Conflict of Interest Exemption?](#) [Trump now says he sold stocks to avoid conflicts of interest](#) [Why Donald Trump's Washington, D.C. Hotel Is So Controversial](#) [Expert: Trump's conflicts of interest are 'a potential minefield'](#)

*Politico* reports that Mr. Eisen and Mr. Painter have accepted positions with Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington “to help lead its work in the battle against corruption –and for accountability— in Washington.” [Trump's top conflict critics take over watchdog group](#)

*The Independent* notes that President-Elect Trump's tweet calling for the Boeing contract to be canceled came minutes after a news report that the CEO of Boeing gave a speech in which he purportedly questioned those opposed to free trade. The article notes that Mr. Trump was opposed to free trade during the campaign. [Did Donald Trump tank Boeing's stock because he was mad about a news article?](#)

*Politico* reports that the IRS commissioner appears to have averted impeachment. [House rebukes Freedom Caucus effort to oust IRS chief](#)

Various outlets discuss the transition. [Investments by Trump's HHS pick raise questions over conflict of interest](#) [PETER THIEL'S MANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, EXPLAINED](#) [Donald Trump might not be enforcing his own ethics agreement with Peter Thiel](#) [In a presidential transition, there's no time for mistakes](#)

CNN reports on the Liberian reality TV show Integrity Idol. [Integrity idol: Liberian reality TV show celebrates ethics](#)

**Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** December 9-12; 19-30

**Senate:** December 19-30

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**To:** [Agency Wide](#); [News Clippings](#)  
**Subject:** Legislative Update for Wednesday, October 12, 2016  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016 10:07:26 AM

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**The Senate meets in a pro forma session.**

**The House is in recess and will reconvene on Monday, Nov. 14.**

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*The Atlantic* looks at whether, if elected, Trump's business interests would violate the provision in 5 U.S.C. app 502 prohibiting any senior noncareer officer of the government from permitting his or her name to be used by any firm that "provides professional services involving a fiduciary relationship." The article acknowledges that OGE regulations exempt the president and vice president from the category of "officer" for purposes of the ban, but notes that Congress said "no such thing" in the actual statute. The article also notes that OGE has "officially stated that the president should observe the main conflict-of-interest law as a matter of policy, even though he is not bound to do so by law," citing DAEOgram 83x16 (10/20/83). [Can a President Trump Keep His Business Intact?](#)

*Politico* reports that hacked emails released this week reveal that Chelsea Clinton flagged "serious concerns" about potential conflicts of interest at the Clinton Foundation. [Chelsea flagged 'serious concerns' about Clinton Foundation conflicts](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 10 – November 11

**From:** [Elizabeth D. Horton](#)  
**To:** [Agency Wide: News Clippings](#)  
**Subject:** Legislative Update for Wednesday, October 19, 2016  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 19, 2016 9:32:46 AM

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## **The Senate and the House are not in session.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

*Roll Call* reports that Donald Trump's new proposals to overhaul government ethics and lobbying regulations are unlikely to become law. [Congress Unlikely to Move on Trump Ethics Plan](#)

*IndyStar* reports that the House Ethics Committee is reviewing an unspecified allegation about Rep. Marlin Stutzman and will respond by the end of November. The article notes that the nature of the allegation and the Ethics Committee's view of it have not been made public. [House ethics panel reviewing Stutzman allegation](#)

*The Hill*, *Politico* and *Time* report that Donald Trump called for term limits in Congress as part of his new ethics reform proposal. [The Hill - Trump proposes term limits for Congress](#); [Politico - Trump calls for congressional term limits](#); [Time - Donald Trump Proposes Term Limits for Congress](#) In a related story, *The Hill* also reports that Donald Trump called for a ban on both White House and Congressional officials fundraising during working hours. [Trump calls for halt to govt. staffers fundraising during work hours](#)

*Breitbart* reports that although Washington has long been known for its "revolving door," where former lawmakers in Congress leave the halls of Capitol Hill for lobbying firms, the latest revolving door trend in Congress is former members serving on corporate boards. [Bloomberg: Eric Cantor Was Highest-Paid Corporate Board Member in 2015](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Time* compares Donald Trump's new ethics plan to what Hillary Clinton has supported this election season and what President Barack Obama implemented in office. [How Donald Trump's New Ethics Plan Stacks Up to Hillary Clinton's and Barack Obama's](#)

*The Daily Caller* reports that a nonprofit watchdog filed a lawsuit against the Department of State to force the agency to turn over ethics records for former secretary of state and democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton and her staff. [State Dept Sued Over Hillary Clinton's Ethics Records](#)

*11alive.com* reports that at least a dozen of the companies that gave money to the Clinton family foundations lobbied the State Department, using lobbyists who doubled as major Clinton campaign fundraisers. [Companies used Clinton fundraisers to lobby State Department](#)

*Boston Globe* reports that Hillary Clinton has yet to spell out a plan to curb corporate influence and conflicts of interest in her White House should she win — leaving the billion-dollar lobbying industry closely watching for signs of change to Washington's revolving door. [Clinton has been unclear on curbing lobbyist influence](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 10 – November 11

**From:** [Elizabeth D. Horton](#)  
**To:** [Agency Wide: News Clippings](#)  
**Subject:** Legislative Update for Wednesday, September 21, 2016  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 10:04:49 AM

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### **The Senate reconvened at 9:30 a.m.**

The Senate reconvened at 9:30 a.m. and will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the expected legislative vehicle for a continuing resolution (HR 5325). At 11:15 a.m., Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., or a designee will be recognized to offer a motion to discharge the Senate Foreign Relations Committee from consideration of a joint resolution that would block the latest U.S. arms sale to Saudi Arabia (S J Res 39). Following up to three hours of debate, the Senate will vote on the motion to discharge.

### **The House reconvenes at 12:00 p.m.**

The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business and is expected to consider a bill (HR 5461) that would require Treasury to report on the known assets of the political and military leader of Iran and a bill (HR 3438) that would postpone the implementation new federal rules that have an economic impact of \$1 billion or more until all legal challenges are completed. The chamber is also expected to consider measures under suspension of the rules and take final votes on 19 bills previously debated under suspension of the rules.

### **Legislative and Related News**

*Government Executive* reports that Congress' budget stalemates and pattern of end-of-session continuing resolutions could be eliminated under a new set of reform proposals detailed by Sen. Mike Enzi, chairman of the Budget Committee. [Senate Budget Chairman Proposes a Cure for Congress' Addiction to Continuing Resolutions](#)

*The Hill* reports that Rep. Steny Hoyer said that he's expecting the House to be in session next week to address a stopgap spending bill, known as a continuing resolution (CR), which has stalled in the Senate as negotiators haggle over a series of controversial riders. [Hoyer predicts funding bill debate will drag into next week](#)

*Politico* reports that the Senate voted 89-7 on Tuesday evening to move forward on a bill that eventually will be used to fund the government through Dec. 9 and deliver \$1.1 billion to fight the Zika epidemic. [Senate advances budget deal that doesn't exist yet](#)

Multiple outlets report that John Boehner, former House Speaker who resigned last year, is joining Squire Patton Boggs, a Washington-based law firm long known for its lobbying work. The firm's announcement states that Mr. Boehner will not lobby Congress in his new role at the law firm but will instead serve "as a strategic adviser to clients" in the United States and abroad on global business development. [The New York Times - Former House Speaker John Boehner Joins Washington Law Firm](#); [Politico - Boehner joins Squire Patton Boggs](#); [The Washington Post - Former Speaker John Boehner heads to K Street](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

[Richard Painter, former chief White House ethics lawyer for President George W. Bush, and Norman Eisen, former chief White House ethics lawyer for President Obama, opine in \*The Washington Post\* that a Trump presidency would be ethically compromised. The opinion also notes that counsel for a President Hillary Clinton would have to address actual or apparent conflicts posed](#)

by the Clinton Foundation. [A Trump presidency would be ethically compromised](#)

- [BuzzFeed](#) reports that the Department of Justice has proposed Deutsche Bank pay a \$14 billion penalty to settle claims related to its activities in the lead-up to the financial crisis and notes that if Donald Trump is elected president, Deutsche will have a man in the White House whose commercial fortunes are closely linked to being able to borrow money from it and whose businesses owe the bank hundreds of millions of dollars. [Would President Trump Be Able To Punish The Bank He Owes Hundreds Of Millions To?](#)

- [Mediaite](#) reports that Bill Clinton denied that his daughter Chelsea Clinton staying on the board of the Clinton Foundation would present a possible conflict of interest if his wife Hillary Clinton were elected president. [Bill Denies Chelsea Clinton Staying on Foundation Would Be Conflict of Interest: 'We All Know People'](#)

- **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 3, October 10 – November 11

**From:** [Elizabeth D. Horton](#)  
**To:** [Agency Wide](#)  
**Subject:** OGE FOIA FY 17/029  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 06, 2016 12:07:35 PM

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**Please excuse the profane language that follows. The language is a direct quote from the FOIA request seeking emails from any OGE employee.**

OGE received a FOIA request for a copy of “each email sent on November 8th, November 9th, November 10th, or November 11th of this year (2016) to or from any of employee of the Office of Government Ethics, which contains the word ‘Trump,’ ‘Clinton,’ ‘Fuck,’ ‘Fucking,’ ‘Fucked,’ ‘Shit,’ and/or ‘Damn.’”

Please search your email accounts for any records responsive to this request and provide any responsive records by COB December 13, 2016.

If you do not have any responsive records, please reply with a “no records” response.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

*Liz*

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**From:** [Elizabeth D. Horton](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#); [David J. Apol](#); [Dale A. Christopher](#)  
**Subject:** OGE FOIA FY 17/036  
**Date:** Monday, December 12, 2016 11:37:17 AM

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Good morning.

OGE has received a FOIA request seeking “any and all emails to or from Seth Jaffe, Walter M. Shaub, David J. Apol, Shelley K. Finlayson, Dale 'Chip' Christopher, Nelson Cabrera, Jr., sent and/or received between November 1, 2016 and December 3, 2016 which contains the word TRUMP, Presidential Transition, Donald Trump. Additionally, I seek disclosure of any and all reports, memos, letters, white papers, containing the same search words for the same time period.”

You do not need to search your email accounts for records containing the word Trump because that has been covered by previous requests. However, please search your email accounts for records containing “Presidential Transition.” **Please note that this FOIA request also seeks other records in addition to emails so please search for all of the search terms in other records.**

Please search your email account, desktop, “HOME” drives, and paper records in your personal office space for any records responsive to this request and provide any responsive records by COB December 15, 2016.

If you do not have any responsive records for this FOIA request, please reply with a “no records” response.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

*Liz*

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**From:** [Elizabeth D. Horton](#)  
**To:** [Supervisor MailGroup](#)  
**Subject:** OGE FOIA  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 06, 2016 12:02:58 PM

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Good afternoon Supervisors.

Please be aware that I will be sending out the following email agency-wide because of a FOIA request seeking emails from any OGE employee. I wanted to alert you in case you receive any questions or comments.

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If you do not have any responsive records, please reply with a “no records” response.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

*Liz*

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**From:** [Elizabeth D. Horton](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** RE: New FOIA request  
**Date:** Monday, December 05, 2016 11:49:10 AM

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Thank you.

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**From:** Seth Jaffe  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 11:22 AM  
**To:** Elizabeth D. Horton  
**Subject:** New FOIA request

Elizabeth,

Here are emails from a new [OGE\\_Media@ogel.gov](mailto:OGE_Media@ogel.gov) email address with the word Trump from 11/13/16 through today.

I have no more responsive documents.

Thanks,  
Seth

**From:** [Kelsey D. Phipps](#)  
**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Recent FOIA Requests  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 06, 2016 4:46:44 PM

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Thanks very much, Seth.

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**From:** Seth Jaffe  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 06, 2016 4:46 PM  
**To:** Kelsey D. Phipps  
**Subject:** RE: Recent FOIA Requests

Kelsey,

I have completed my search and I do not have any other responsive documents. I am sorry if I included a few emails that you asked me to exclude. I tried to mostly include the types of emails you asked for.

Thanks,  
Seth

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**From:** Kelsey D. Phipps  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 06, 2016 1:12 PM  
**To:** Agency Wide  
**Subject:** Recent FOIA Requests

OGE received several FOIA requests for the following records:

- 1) All records that contain the following words: "Twitter," "Tweet(s)," "Tweeted," "Tweeting," and "Trump," from November 23, 2016 through December 1, 2016
- 2) All records related to OGE's tweets on November 30, 2016 about President-elect Trump, including records related to the media/press reaction, from November 1, 2016 through December 6, 2016.

Please search your email account, desktop, "HOME" drives, and paper records in your personal office space for any records responsive to this request and provide any responsive records by **COB Friday, December 9, 2016**. If you have any records responsive to the request on a non-official email account that were not copied into your official email account, please provide them to me as part of this search response.

**\*Please exclude legislative updates and hits that come up because OGE's Twitter handle is in your signature block.**

If you do not have any responsive records, please reply with a **"no records"** response.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Kelsey

**From:** [Kelsey D. Phipps](#)  
**To:** [Agency Wide](#)  
**Subject:** Reminder: Recent FOIA Requests  
**Date:** Thursday, December 08, 2016 11:20:31 AM

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Thank you to those of you who have sent records. If you have not done so already, please don't forget to respond by COB tomorrow. Thanks!

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Kelsey

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**From:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**To:** [Elizabeth D. Horton](#)  
**Subject:** FOIA requests 17-010 and 17-011  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 2:59:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [GRAYMAIL Transition 2017 POLITICO Pros Presidential Transition Newsletter.msg](#)  
[GRAYMAIL The Daily 202 Generational divide fuels nascent Democratic revolt in House.msg](#)  
[GRAYMAIL Bombs rain on Aleppo; Rough day for the Trump transition; Signs of life in Mosul; Royal Navy to go guns-only; and just a bit more....msg](#)  
[GRAYMAIL Congress Likely Looking At Short Lame-Duck Session.msg](#)  
[GRAYMAIL Saving Speaker Ryan.msg](#)  
[GRAYMAIL The Daily 202 Obama in a state of denial about Trump as Democrats work through the stages of grief.msg](#)  
[GRAYMAIL Russia ups airstrikes in Syria; Mosul one-third free of ISIS; How special operators trained for Iraq offensive; Trumps effect in Europe and Asia; and just a bit more....msg](#)  
[GRAYMAIL US Tax Code Likely To Get First Major Facelift In 30 Years.msg](#)  
[GRAYMAIL Chadbourne Says Attys In Bias Suit Not Employees.msg](#)  
[GRAYMAIL From Russia With Love.msg](#)  
[GRAYMAIL The Daily 202 Bannon will be the id Priebus the super-ego in Trumps White House.msg](#)  
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[GRAYMAIL Holy Socks - Did Dodd-Frank Just Get Repealed!!.msg](#)  
[GRAYMAIL Future Of Dodd-Frank Uncertain Under Trump.msg](#)  
[GRAYMAIL Pomerantz Doesn't Deserve Sanctions In FDCPA Suit Judge.msg](#)

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Elizabeth,

Here are the remaining emails that may be responsive to FOIA requests 17-010 and 17-011.

I have found no other responsive documents.

Thanks,  
Seth

**From:** [Elizabeth D. Horton](#)  
**To:** [Walter M. Shaub](#); [Matthew A. Marinec](#); [David J. Apol](#); [Seth Jaffe](#); [Diana Veilleux](#); [Dale A. Christopher](#)  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA 17-010 and FOIA 17-011  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 11:12:40 AM

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I have spoken with the requester and he wishes to receive all emails including news summaries. Please provide all emails from January to the present. Thank you.

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**From:** Elizabeth D. Horton  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 8:47 AM  
**To:** Walter M. Shaub; Matthew A. Marinec; David J. Apol; Seth Jaffe; Diana Veilleux; Dale A. Christopher  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA 17-010 and FOIA 17-011

Good morning.

One of the requesters is seeking all emails from January 2016 through the present and the other requester is seeking all emails sent on November 8, 9 and 10, 2016. I have contacted the requester seeking the emails from January to see if he is willing to exclude emails regarding news summaries (i.e., leg updates).

In the meantime, please forward all emails from November 8, 9, and 10 (including leg updates) and any other emails besides leg updates from January to the present and I will let you know whether or not the requester has agreed to limit his request.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

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**From:** Elizabeth D. Horton  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 5:15 PM  
**To:** Walter M. Shaub; Matthew A. Marinec; Dale A. Christopher; David J. Apol; Seth Jaffe; Diana Veilleux  
**Subject:** FOIA 17-010 and FOIA 17-011

Good afternoon.

OGE received two FOIA requests for all emails to, from or carbon copying "Walter Shaub, Matthew Marinec, Dale A. Christopher, Barbara A. Mullen-Roth, David J. Apol, Seth Jaffe, Diana Veilleux that contain the word 'TRUMP'" from January 2016 to the present.

Please search your email accounts for any records responsive to these requests and provide any responsive records by COB November 21, 2016.

If you do not have any responsive records, please reply with a "no records" response.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

*Liz*

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**Subject:** RE: FOIA 17-010 and FOIA 17-011  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 2:21:03 PM  
**Attachments:** [Legislative Update for Wednesday November 16 2016.msg](#)  
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[Legislative Update for Tuesday November 15 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Monday November 14 2016.msg](#)  
[FW For Vince.msg](#)  
[FW Blind Trust for President-Elect Trump.msg](#)  
[FW Question about 1989 Ethics Reform Act Rules.msg](#)  
[Fwd Question about 1989 Ethics Reform Act Rules.msg](#)  
[FW FOIA request Correspondence exchanged between OGE personnel and representatives of presidential candidate Donald J. Trump Clinton 1032016 to present.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Thursday November 10 2016.msg](#)  
[GRAYMAIL The Daily 202 Why Trump won -- and why the media missed it.msg](#)  
[GRAYMAIL Justices Wont Hear Calif. Out-Of-State Bar Rules Fight.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Friday November 4 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Thursday November 3 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Wednesday November 2 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Tuesday November 01 2016.msg](#)  
[The Guardian - October 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Friday October 28 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Thursday October 27 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Tuesday October 25 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Monday October 24 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Friday October 21 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Thursday October 20 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Wednesday October 19 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Tuesday October 18 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Monday October 17 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Thursday October 13 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Wednesday October 12 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Thursday October 6 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Tuesday October 4 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Thursday September 29 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Monday September 26 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Thursday September 22 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Wednesday September 21 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Tuesday September 20 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Friday September 16 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Thursday September 15 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Wednesday September 14 2016.msg](#)  
[Newsweek report being released today.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Tuesday September 13 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Friday September 9 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Thursday September 8 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Wednesday September 7 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Tuesday September 6 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Wednesday August 31 2016.msg](#)  
[Legislative Update for Tuesday August 30 2016.msg](#)  
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**To:** [Seth Jaffe](#)  
**Subject:** Twitter Press Email  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 2:13:51 PM  
**Attachments:** [Statement on Twitter activity.msg](#)  
[RESENDING URGENT NBC News Request @OfficeGovEthics Twitter Feed HACKED.msg](#)  
[Twitter.msg](#)  
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From Defense One

**Three days and a wakeup to the Defense One Summit.** Now, more than ever, you'll want to come hear USAF Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein, Army Secretary Eric Fanning, White

House counterterrorism advisor Lisa Monaco, DARPA chief Arati Prabhakar, and many other national-security leaders. Washington D.C., Thurs., Nov. 17, in Washington, D.C Register [here](#).

[Unmanned Hueys Are Coming](#) // Patrick Tucker: Remote-controlled helicopters for resupply enter new phase of development.

[Crises from Europe to the Asia-Pacific Await Donald Trump](#) // *The Atlantic's* Uri Friedman: The world has reacted to Trump's victory. Soon Trump will have to react to the world.

[The Pentagon's New Background Check System Won't Be Ready for Nearly Two More Years](#) // Nextgov Joseph Marks: Though it could be completed as early as 18 months, the director of the new agency that manages the clearance process said Thursday.

**Welcome to the Monday edition of The D Brief** by [Ben Watson](#) and [Bradley Peniston](#). On this day in 1910, Eugene Burton Ely [piloted his Curtiss biplane](#) from a makeshift flight deck on the USS Birmingham, the first shipboard takeoff. (Send your friends this link: <http://get.defenseone.com/d-brief/>. And let us know your news: [the-d-brief@defenseone.com](mailto:the-d-brief@defenseone.com). **The next commander-in-chief, asked about ISIS [on 60 Minutes](#) last night:**

Donald Trump: "We have some great generals. We have great generals."

Lesley Stahl: "You said you knew more than the generals about ISIS."

Trump: "Well, I'll be honest with you, I probably do because look at the job they've done. OK, look at the job they've done. They haven't done the job."

Deadline watch: Candidate Trump said he'd require the Pentagon to give him a plan to swiftly defeat ISIS 30 days after taking office. That's now less than 100 days away, *Mother Jones* [notes](#).

Of course, and as Trump repeated on *60 Minutes*, he already has a plan that he doesn't want to tip off ISIS about: "I'm not gonna say anything. I don't want to tell them anything. I don't want to tell anybody anything."

Also, he now says he never said he's for more countries getting nuclear weapons. The *Washington Examiner* [lists](#) a few times he said something very close to it.

Sen. Kelly Ayotte [for SecDef](#)? Rep. Duncan Hunter for Deputy SecDef or Army Secretary? Who knows, but the rumors are flying. Regardless of who goes where, Hunter told Stars and Stripes this weekend, "The warrior culture is going to get infused into (the Pentagon) again. It's probably going to take a while because a lot of guys who had that mentality are no longer there, but maybe people's true colors can show now, a little bit." More on his possible new gig, and why he's a good bet to find a home in the Trump White House, [here](#).

Here's why so many national security experts want Randy Forbes to be the next Secretary of the Navy: As outgoing chairman of the House Armed Services Committee's Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee, he gets it, said Jerry Hendrix, a Navy veteran and director of the Defense Strategies and Assessments Program at the Center for a New American Security. And "even on the issues where we have disagreed, Forbes has welcomed me into his office for a real and substantive discussion to fully explore the issue. Rarely have I found someone so professional and proper in their deliberations." *The National Interest* tallies a few more pro-Forbes responses, [here](#).

Lt. Gen. (ret.) Michael Flynn's consulting firm just got a new client: Ekim Alptekin, an obscure Turkish billionaire with ties to Turkish President Erdogan and a top spot on Turkey's Economic Relations Board, *The Daily Caller* reported this weekend, saying it "raises several questions about disclosure" related to Flynn's [take](#) on U.S.-based Muslim cleric Fethullah Gülen. That story, [here](#).

Is the Moscow honeymoon over POTUS Trump already over? *The Moscow Times* says [perhaps](#).

China's Xi, on Trump: [cooperation is the "correct" choice](#).

**The Green Berets killed in Jordan last week were working for the CIA**, the *Washington Post* [reported](#) Saturday.

**ICYMI: The U.S. military accidentally killed 10 members of an allied regional force in Somalia** during a drone strike in late September [intended](#) to target extremists from al-Shabab, the *Washington Post* reported late last week. The short take: "The United States appeared to have unwittingly entered into a war between two regional fighting forces, both its allies." That, [here](#).

**Lastly today: A primer on how Russia communicates with satellite imagery**, via the folks at the Atlantic Council's Digital Forensics Lab. The skinny: Moscow "uses and abuses satellite and aerial imagery" four distinct way—misinterpretation, misidentification, misdating and modification. After combing through nearly a half-dozen instances of lying, DFL warns in closing, "It would show incredibly poor judgement to accept any of that imagery and the Russian MoD's opinions on it without further, independent, analysis. Fortunately for those of us trying to separate fact from fiction in conflict zones, open source material has provided us with a wealth of information to do that type of independent analysis, something the Russian Ministry of Defence may one day come to realise." That, [here](#).

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**Date:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 9:42:20 AM

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Newsflash: Russia is not bombing Aleppo, Kremlin spox Dmitry Peskov said this morning. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and U.S. President-elect Donald Trump are "natural allies" so long as Trump decides to fight terrorism, Assad said Tuesday in his first reaction to the U.S. election. "We cannot tell anything about what he's going to do, but if...he is going to fight the terrorists, of course we are going to be ally, natural ally in that regard with the Russian, with the Iranian, with many other countries," Assad told Portugal's RTP state television. That here. Meanwhile, the folks at IHS Janes may have located at least one Russian Bastion anti-ship missile system in Syria deployed Tuesday against ground targets. Elsewhere in Syria, Turkish-backed Syrian opposition forces are about 2 kilometers (1.2 miles) from the ISIS-held town of al-Bab, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told reporters on Wednesday. Don't miss: How Turkey and/or the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces could advance on Raqqa, according to the Washington Institute: "In the unlikely event that either side decides to follow through on its declared intentions, each has multiple options for advancing on the Islamic State's heartland." That, here. Also in Raqqa, ISIS is reportedly trying to seal off the city and impose a "media blackout," AFP writes this morning. More on the Iraq side of the ISIS fight below the fold.

The presidential transition is...not going smoothly. New York Times: "One week after Mr. Trump scored an upset victory that took him by surprise, his team was improvising the most basic traditions of assuming power. That included working without official State Department briefing materials in his first conversations with foreign leaders" some of whom resorted to cold-calling Trump Tower to try to begin building relationships with the president-elect. (Vox's Andrew Prokop collected many of the chaotic day's headlines in a screenshot.)  
Turmoil on the transition team: Fired: former Rep. Mike Rogers of Michigan and Matthew Freedman, "a lobbyist who consults with corporations and foreign governments, were fired."

Rogers had been seen by the natsec establishment as a solid, guiding presence on the transition team. Hired, as an advisor: former Reagan aide Frank Gaffney/ (NYT: "Mr. Gaffney has long advanced baseless conspiracy theories, including that President Obama might be a closet Muslim. The Southern Poverty Law Center described him as "one of America's most notorious Islamophobes.") Wired: Sen. John McCain issued a broadside against cozying up to Russia's Vladimir Putin, who had phoned his White House-bound admirer to recommend a new reset: "We should place as much faith in such statements as any other made by a former KGB agent who has plunged his country into tyranny, murdered his political opponents, invaded his neighbors, threatened America's allies, and attempted to undermine America's elections." Undesired: noted neoconservative and #NeverTrumper Eliot A. Cohen, "a former State Department official who had criticized Mr. Trump during the campaign but said after his election that he would keep an open mind about advising him, said Tuesday on Twitter that he had changed his opinion. After speaking to the transition team, he wrote, he had 'changed my recommendation: stay away. They're angry, arrogant, screaming 'you LOST!' Will be ugly.'" Cohen expanded upon the tweet in a must-read Washington Post oped. Bottom line: A week after the election, none of the Trump administration's national-security leaders have been announced, and no one from the transition team has even contacted the Defense Department. And Trump? "Very organized process taking place as I decide on Cabinet and many other positions. I am the only one who knows who the finalists are!" he tweeted last night. "The failing @nytimes is so totally wrong on transition. It is going so smoothly!" he tweeted this morning. (Paging Inigo Montoya...)

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**Bombs from Assad's allied air force are still raining down** on Aleppo, Idlib and Homs provinces. AP [reports](#) "20 civilians have been killed by the fierce bombardment that resumed Tuesday after a three-week respite. Local activists counted at least 50 artillery and air strikes since the morning."

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116 UN member states also [condemned](#) Moscow's offensives, with 15 refusing to go that far, and another 49 abstaining from a vote in the General Assembly's human rights committee.

For what it's worth, Russia "is [formally withdrawing](#) its signature from the founding statute of the International Criminal Court, saying the tribunal has failed to live up to the hopes of the international community." The move is seen as a reaction to a preliminary report released by the ICC on Monday describing what happened in Crimea as "an international armed conflict between Ukraine and the Russian Federation," AP [reports](#).

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Newsflash: Russia is not bombing Aleppo, Kremlin spox Dmitry Peskov [said](#) this morning.

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and U.S. President-elect Donald Trump are "natural allies" so long as Trump decides to fight terrorism, Assad said Tuesday in his first reaction to the U.S. election. "We cannot tell anything about what he's going to do, but if...he is going to fight the terrorists, of course we are going to be ally, natural ally in that regard with the Russian, with the Iranian, with many other countries," Assad told Portugal's RTP state television. That [here](#).

Meanwhile, the folks at *IHS Janes* [may have located](#) at least one Russian [Bastion anti-ship missile system](#) in Syria deployed Tuesday against ground targets.

Elsewhere in Syria, Turkish-backed Syrian opposition forces are about 2 kilometers (1.2 miles) from the ISIS-held town of al-Bab, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan [told](#) reporters on Wednesday.

Don't miss: How Turkey and/or the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces could advance on Raqqa, according to the Washington Institute: "In the unlikely event that either side decides to follow through on its declared intentions, each has multiple options for advancing on the Islamic State's heartland." That, [here](#).

Also in Raqqa, ISIS is reportedly trying to seal off the city and impose a "media blackout," AFP [writes](#) this morning. *More on the Iraq side of the ISIS fight below the fold.*

**The presidential transition is....not going smoothly.** *New York Times*: "One week after Mr. Trump scored an upset victory that took him by surprise, his team was improvising the most basic traditions of assuming power. That included working without official State Department briefing materials in his first conversations with foreign leaders" some of whom resorted to cold-calling Trump Tower to try to begin building relationships with the president-elect. (Vox's Andrew Prokop collected many of the [chaotic day's headlines](#) in a screenshot.)

Turmoil on the transition team: Fired: former Rep. Mike Rogers of Michigan and Matthew Freedman, "a lobbyist who consults with corporations and foreign governments, were fired." Rogers had been seen by the natsec establishment as a solid, guiding presence on the transition team.

Hired, as an advisor: former Reagan aide Frank Gaffney/ ([NYT](#): "Mr. Gaffney has long advanced baseless conspiracy theories, including that President Obama might be a closet Muslim. The Southern Poverty Law Center described him as "one of America's most notorious Islamophobes.")

Wired: Sen. John McCain issued a broadside against cozying up to Russia's Vladimir Putin, who had phoned his White House-bound admirer to recommend a new reset: "We should place as much faith in such statements as any other made by a former KGB agent who has plunged his country into tyranny, murdered his political opponents, invaded his neighbors, threatened

America's allies, and attempted to undermine America's elections."

Undesired: noted neoconservative and #NeverTrumper Eliot A. Cohen, "a former State Department official who had criticized Mr. Trump during the campaign but said after his election that he would keep an open mind about advising him, [said Tuesday on Twitter](#) that he had changed his opinion. After speaking to the transition team, he wrote, he had 'changed my recommendation: stay away. They're angry, arrogant, screaming 'you LOST!' Will be ugly.'" Cohen expanded upon the tweet in a must-read [Washington Post oped](#).

Bottom line: A week after the election, none of the Trump administration's national-security leaders have been announced, and no one from the transition team [has even contacted](#) the Defense Department.

And Trump? "Very organized process taking place as I decide on Cabinet and many other positions. I am the only one who knows who the finalists are!" he [tweeted](#) last night. "The failing @nytimes is so totally wrong on transition. It is going so smoothly!" he [tweeted](#) this morning. (Paging [Inigo Montoya](#)...)



From Defense One

**We're 24 hours away the Defense One Summit.** Now, more than ever, you'll want to come hear USAF Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein, Army Secretary Eric Fanning, White House counterterrorism advisor Lisa Monaco, DARPA chief Arati Prabhakar, and many other national-security leaders. Washington D.C., Thurs., Nov. 17, in Washington, D.C Register [here](#).

[US Troops Are Still in the Philippines, Despite Duterte's Insults and Threats](#) // Caroline Houck: PACOM commander Adm. Harry Harris will head to the islands 'optimistic' but expecting a 'refocusing' of joint exercises.

[A Team of Drones Pulls Off a \(Staged\) Search-and-Rescue Mission](#) // Patrick Tucker: Lockheed Martin-Sikorsky merger leads to unique demonstration involving drones large and small.

[How Trump Will Affect the India-Pakistan Balance of Power](#) // Johann Chacko: Human rights promotion and developmental funding are poised to decline under a Trump administration, reducing American leverage in Kabul and Islamabad—and giving China an upper hand.

[ICYMI: How Special Operators Trained for Psychological Warfare Before the Mosul Fight](#) // Tucker, again: At a two-day exercise in April, U.S. troops practiced waging warfare on an invisible yet vital battlefield.

**Welcome to the Wednesday edition of The D Brief** by [Ben Watson](#) and [Bradley Peniston](#). Happy birthday, [Tiberius](#)! The Roman general was born this day in 42 BC. (Send your friends this link: <http://get.defenseone.com/d-brief/>. And let us know your news: [the-d-brief@defenseone.com](mailto:the-d-brief@defenseone.com).)

**Believe it or not, in some parts of Mosul, neighborhoods are "coming back to life,"** Reuters [reports](#) in a notable change of tone from last week's reporting where Iraqi troops described the fighting as a "[nightmare](#)."

Reuters: "In al-Zahraa in eastern Mosul, shopkeepers swept away broken glass and neighbors were starting to interact again, days after Islamic State fighters were ousted from the neighborhood... But there is still an overwhelming sense of uncertainty as parts of the sprawling city slowly come to life and Iraqi special forces press ahead with their offensive on Islamic State's last big stronghold in Iraq."

[Adds](#) AP: Iraqi troops have advanced "northward into the Tahrir neighborhood, where families left their houses to flee the fighting" in Mosul. "Mortars from IS-held territory wounded at least five children trying to flee the fighting, who were evacuated by the troops."

Archeological sites across the Ninevah Plains are taking damage from fighting against ISIS, Kurdish Rudaw news [reports](#). And Reuters has [more](#) on the ancient city of Nimrud, much which now lies in ruins.

Iraqi helicopter gunships are [reportedly](#) helping Shi'a Popular Mobilization Units, [including](#) Kata'ib Hezbollah, who are attempting to retake an airport at Tal Afar, west of Mosul.

Back stateside, House lawmakers sent a foreign policy message to Syria and Iran, the *Washington Post* reported Tuesday off the passage of two new bills: one "a 10-year extension of the Iran Sanctions Act [that passed] by a vote of 419 to 1." The other passed by a voice vote sanctioning "anyone who provides the Syrian government with financial, material or technological support — a category that includes Russia and Iran — in an effort to 'halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people,'" *WaPo* writes. More on the likely fate of those bills in the face of an unsupportive lame-duck White House and a wavering Trump campaign whose advisors have lately indicated he might "demand changes to the deal but would not scrap it entirely," [here](#).

What's known so far about how Trump views the Middle East "suggest he could radically reorder existing alliances in unpredictable ways," *WaPo*'s Liz Sly [reported](#) Tuesday.

**Some good news:** Terrorism deaths in 2015 declined from the prior year — even as the most lethal groups (Boko Haram and ISIS) expanded their global territory, according to the latest Global Terrorism Index ([PDE](#)) published by the Institute for Economics and Peace.

Some bad news: The number of attacks in developing countries has [risen](#) 650 percent over the same period; and across the world, the economic impact of terrorism was estimated at \$89.6 billion for 2015. More from AFP, [here](#).

On this note, ISIS just claimed a motorcycle bombing in Kabul that killed four people and wounded 10 others when the bomber detonated on "a vehicle carrying national security officials" in morning rush hour traffic, Reuters [reports](#).

**Did Britain's Royal Navy just alert the world that it will soon lose the ability to defend its own ships at range?** That's what *The Telegraph* wrote Tuesday: "The Navy's Harpoon missiles will retire from the fleet's frigates and destroyers in 2018 without a replacement, while there will also be a two year gap without helicopter-launched anti-shiping missiles."

Said one naval source: the decision was "like Nelson deciding to get rid of his cannons and go back to muskets."

Added another: "We will be losing our missile capability in total for two years. We will still have the gun, but the range of that is about 17 miles, compared to Harpoon, which is about 80 miles."

Not to put too fine a point on it or anything, but a senior former officer said the loss means the UK's warships would "no longer be able to go toe-to-toe with the Chinese or Russians."

What's going on: "Harpoon missiles are unlikely to be replaced for up to a decade, naval sources said, leaving warships armed only with their 4.5in Mk 8 guns for anti-ship warfare. Helicopter-

launched Sea Skua missiles are also going out of service next year and the replacement Sea Venom missile to be carried by Wildcat helicopters will not arrive until late 2020." Read the rest, [here](#).

**China is learning what it's like to have soldiers return home from combat in caskets**, *The Wall Street Journal* reports off Beijing's troop activity in South Sudan—noting in the conflict there lies "a terrible irony: According to several U.N. officials, Cpl. Li may have been killed by a Chinese-made weapon, the likes of which China has sold to developing countries including South Sudan for years under its export-driven economic policy." Story [here](#).

**Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., is a big fan of Sen. Jeff Sessions as Trump's Defense Secretary**, *The Hill* reported Tuesday.

Hunter's read on the stakes involved: "Here's the problem with the Pentagon: The bureaucrats and the lawyers are running the show right now. That's why the warrior culture has fled the Pentagon." He said that under the Obama administration, "you have bad rules of engagement, you have sensitivity stuff as opposed to focusing on winning wars, killing our enemies, supporting our allies, [and] projecting American power throughout the world. That's what the Department of Defense is there to do. It isn't there to do transgender sex operations." More [here](#).

ICYMI: Current SecDef Carter [said](#) Monday opening combat jobs to women "makes sense."

And female veterans said they don't feel their service is valued by their fellow Americans. That from a recent poll [written up](#) over at Military.com.

**Apropos of nothing:** [Here](#)'s what it looks like when your aircraft is in the hangar but the aircraft (a C-17 in this case) is a bit too big for the hangar. Military.com's Oriana Pawlyk snapped the shot from March Air Reserve Base in southern California on Monday.

**Will Trump ditch the F-35?** "While Trump may not be a big fan of the F-35, he really has very few other options to modernize tactical combat aircraft," Byron Callan, a defense analyst with Capital Alpha Partners LLC, told *Bloomberg*.

The stakes: "Under current plans, the U.S. is scheduled to boost purchases of the jet in the fiscal year 2018 budget to 70 from 63 this year. The number is set to increase further to 80 in fiscal 2019. There's also a pending "block buy" of 450 aircraft in the coming years as the Pentagon seeks a total fleet of 2,443, including 1,763 for the Air Force."

The uncertainty: "Any potential ramp up of F-35 purchases could quickly compete for funds with Trump's stated vision for the Army and Navy. He wants to reverse the Army's planned reduction to 450,000 troops by the end of fiscal 2018 from 475,000 today, eventually boosting it to 540,000. That alone would cost as much as \$30 billion over current plans, according to defense analysts." Read the rest, [here](#).

**Lastly today: The world's first pizza UAV delivery just happened** in New Zealand. The company behind it: drone-loving Domino's.

"This is the future," said a company official. "Today's successful delivery was an important proof of this concept."

Domino's is also reportedly looking to expand its drone ops to Australia, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Japan and Germany. And lest you forget, "In March, the company unveiled a robot

cart being trialled in New Zealand that it claimed was the world's first driverless pizza delivery vehicle." Story [here](#).

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#### [DC Circ. Won't Rehear Whiteout Patent Malpractice Fight](#)

The D.C. Circuit has refused a full panel rehearing on its finding that malpractice claims by a Japanese stationery company and an inventor that lost out on a whiteout dispenser patent were simply filed too late, saying no member of the court asked to consider the petition.

#### [7th. Circ. Revives Chicago Atty's Gawker Defamation Suit](#)

The Seventh Circuit on Monday revived a defamation suit lodged by a Chicago attorney acquitted of sexual assault who sued Gawker Media LLC for writing about his trial, saying Gawker helped create and develop at least one defamatory comment made by a third party.

#### [Senior VA Atty Misused Position To Aid Sham Vets' Charity](#)

Senior U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs attorney John Burch misused his position to benefit his sham Vietnam veterans' charity, a watchdog has found, as the New York Attorney General's Office announced Burch and the charity had reached a \$100,000 settlement after squandering millions of dollars.

Analysis

#### [Campaign Cash Warning To Pa. Judges May Boost Recusals](#)

As the cost of campaigning for a seat on one of Pennsylvania's three statewide courts has exploded over the last decade, experts say new guidance urging judges to be more sensitive to perceptions of bias in cases involving campaign donors could prompt a rash of recusals.

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### LITIGATION

#### [Luv N' Care Can't Reargue \\$10M Negligence Suit, Judge Says](#)

Baby product company Luv N' Care on Thursday lost out on its push for another try at a \$10 million malpractice suit against Goldberg Cohen LLP, when a New York federal judge refused to reconsider a dismissal order that found Louisiana statutes of limitations barred the entire action.

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[Boxing Champ Retracts Bid To Dump Arnold & Porter Attys](#)

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The attorney for American heavyweight boxer Deontay Wilder withdrew his motion to disqualify two Arnold & Porter attorneys representing a Russian rival and a boxing promoter on Thursday in a lawsuit in New York federal court over Wilder’s alleged breach of a fight agreement.

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[Bank Says \\$1M Suit Against Carlton Fields Should Go Forward](#)

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The liquidators of a Bahamas bank have hit back at a bid by Carlton Fields to escape a \$1 million suit alleging breach of fiduciary duty, arguing that the Florida-based law firm’s arguments miss the point and reveal disputes over material facts that mean the case must go on.

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[Commisimpex Says Chadbourne Parke Can’t Quit Congo Case](#)

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A public works contractor trying to collect old debts from the Republic of the Congo urged a District of Columbia federal judge on Friday not to let the country’s lawyers at Chadbourne & Parke LLP quit the case, saying the proceedings in the case are far from ending.

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[Feds Blast Requests For New Trials In Law Firm Ripoff Case](#)

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Federal prosecutors have urged a Florida federal judge to reject requests for new trials from a lawyer and a businesswoman convicted last month for their roles in an \$8.8 million fraud scheme, saying they have failed to argue adequate grounds to overturn the jury’s verdict.

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With the 114th Congress drawing to a close, private and nonprofit sectors can soon recruit seasoned professionals with recent congressional experience. However, without appropriate controls this process can create legal and reputational risks for prospective employers and employees alike, say attorneys at WilmerHale.

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[Opening Up Libel Laws Would Test 1st Amendment](#)

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In an era when terms like “libel” and “slander” are increasingly used, and the broad and nebulous term “media” is becoming a convenient scapegoat for all of society’s social ills, the possibility that someone may seriously consider a subsidy to bring defamation suits against the media — as President-elect Trump suggested while on the campaign trail — “dampens the vigor and limits the variety of public debate,” say Ehren Fournier and Adam Losey of Foley & Lardner LLP.

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For many, the United States missed an opportunity after 9/11 to emphasize similarities rather than differences, to seek healing rather than punishment, to build understanding between cultures. Is Trump’s election another such opportunity? asks Kevin Curnin, president-elect of the Association of Pro Bono Counsel.

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[Man Vs. Machine: Or, Lawyers Vs. Legal Technology](#)

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Some have claimed that emerging legal technologies and increasingly cost-conscious clients will mean the extinction of the legal profession as we know it. However, innovations in legal technology may actually benefit attorneys, allowing them to spend their time doing more meaningful work, say Abdi Shayesteh and Elnaz Zarrini of AltaClaro.

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[?](#) Among the many ethical issues that can arise, conflicts of interest from current or past representation of each firm's clients should be at the forefront of merger discussions. Recently, we have seen such conflicts disqualify firms in the middle of high-cost litigation, say Allison Martin Rhodes of Holland & Knight LLP and Robert Hillman of the University of California, Davis.

## LEGAL INDUSTRY

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### [Carlton Fields Attorney Dies In Scuba Diving Accident](#)

A Carlton Fields attorney who worked in the firm's Tampa, Florida, office died Sunday from injuries believed to be related to a scuba diving incident over the weekend in the Gulf of Mexico, according to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

### [4 Ways Firms Can Be More Tech-Forward](#)

Law firms looking to take advantage of the most advanced technology for ease of workflow and productivity may not have to look very far, given the proliferation of new products and software on the market, but industry experts say firms need to foster an environment that allows for innovation.

### [How To Know When It's Time To Go In-House](#)

If you've ever toyed with the idea of taking a law department gig, you've probably also wondered whether it will serve your career better to flee BigLaw the first chance you get or wait it out. Here are some milestones that can tell you when the time is right to make the in-house jump.

### [Rainmaker Q&A: Latham & Watkins' Mark Gerstein](#)

One skill most important for becoming a rainmaker is the confidence that allows you to go into any pitch with the expectation that you will win it, and treating those you lose not as a personal loss, but simply part of the business, says Mark Gerstein, a global chairman of Latham & Watkins' mergers and acquisitions practice.

### [Rainmaker Q&A: Nossaman's Yuliya Oryol](#)

While practicing law in South Korea I continued to work full-time while pregnant with both of my daughters. It was challenging to pitch work as a non-Korean speaking, Russian-American woman, working in a mostly male Asian business culture. In fact, I was regularly the only woman in the room, says Yuliya Oryol, co-chairwoman of the public pensions and investments practice group at Nossaman LLP.

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### [House GOP To Keep Same Leaders At Helm](#)

House Republicans united behind much of their existing leadership Tuesday, setting up Speaker Paul Ryan for another term as the chamber's head and to embrace conservative legislative priorities ranging from an Affordable Care Act repeal to tax code overhauls and entitlement reform.

### [GOP Tells Departing SEC Chair No New Rules Before Trump](#)

Republican lawmakers urged U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Chair Mary Jo White at a congressional hearing Tuesday not to push through controversial rulemaking before she leaves the agency in January when Donald Trump is inaugurated as president, asking her to “respect” the results of the election.

Analysis

### [4 Transportation Priorities To Watch For Under Trump](#)

Repairing and modernizing U.S. transportation and infrastructure will be a key focus of the incoming Republican White House under President-elect Donald Trump and the Republican-controlled Congress. Here are four legislative and policy priorities to watch.

### [IRS May Shrink To 3 Smaller Units Under House GOP Tax Plan](#)

The existing structure of the Internal Revenue Service could be on shaky ground with Republicans controlling Congress and a proposal to shrink the agency to three smaller units focused on individual taxation, corporate taxes and dispute resolution based on the style of a small claims court.

### [House Votes To Extend Iran Sanctions Authority](#)

The U.S. House of Representatives voted to pass an extension of the president's authority to sanction Iran on Tuesday, adding 10 years to a bill set to expire in December even as the Obama administration lifted the separate so-called secondary sanctions as a result of the nuclear weapons deal with Tehran.

### [Dakota Access Asks Judge To Force Corps' Hand On Pipeline](#)

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An Energy Transfer Partners unit asked a D.C. federal judge Tuesday for a ruling that the company can complete work on a controversial section of the \$3.8 billion Dakota Access pipeline, a day after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it needed to hold more talks with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe before construction could go forward.

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### [NY To Keep Up Pressure On Banks In Age Of Trump](#)

New York state's top financial regulator on Tuesday said that her agency will continue to actively oversee the banks, insurance companies and other firms it regulates even if their federal counterparts are ordered to pull back from their aggressive postures by the Trump administration.

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### [NRDC Vows Stiff Opposition To Anti-Enviro Trump Policies](#)

Leaders at the Natural Resources Defense Council, one of the nation's largest and most active environmental advocacy groups, on Tuesday said that the group will fiercely battle any attempt by President-elect Donald Trump to roll back climate change, pollution and other protections.

### [PennEast Pipeline Plan Still Falls Short, NJ Rate Agency Says](#)

Continuing its resistance to PennEast's proposed 118-mile gas pipeline traversing New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the Garden State's ratepayer advocate told Federal Energy Regulation Commission on Tuesday that the project's backer still hasn't justified the need for the system or its expected returns.

### [Murray Energy Slams EPA Plan For Job Loss Analysis](#)

Murray Energy Corp. told a West Virginia federal judge Monday that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's plan to comply with a court order to study the effects of its environmental regulations on jobs is a sign that the agency has "no intention" to actually comply with the order.

### [Power Industry Slams Enviros' Cooling Water Intake Suit](#)

Power industry groups on Monday urged the Second Circuit to reject environmentalists' challenge to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's regulations requiring electricity-generating plants and manufacturing facilities to minimize damage to aquatic life caused by pulling in water from lakes and rivers.

### [Enviro Group Has Standing To Sue Over Fur Export Rules](#)

A Montana judge allowed a suit by an environmental group against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's fur export permit rules to go forward Monday, finding the federal government's own rules say it can't push all responsibility for fur trapping on the states.

## HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

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### [VA Puts Transgender Surgery Coverage On Hold](#)

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs cited budgetary constraints in temporarily dropping its plans to cover gender-reassignment surgery for transgender veterans, noting Monday that the agency still wants to eventually provide that coverage.

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### [Conservative Groups Back Review Of NJ Sports Betting](#)

Three conservative-leaning research groups argued the need for clarity over the scope of what the federal government can force on states, urging the U.S. Supreme Court to review a Third Circuit decision that shot down New Jersey's attempt to selectively repeal its anti-sports betting laws to allow such wagering at the state's casinos and horse race tracks.

### TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

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#### [Christie To Appeal Summons In Citizen's GWB Complaint](#)

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie will appeal the summons a state court judge imposed in a citizen's complaint alleging he allowed three of his appointees to orchestrate politically motivated lane closures on the George Washington Bridge, according to a court order issued Monday.

#### [NHTSA Chief Defends Driverless Vehicle Data Collection](#)

The head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on Tuesday defended the agency's plan to collect safety data as part of its proposed automated vehicle technology policy despite resistance from automakers and developers, saying the companies' confidential business information would be protected.

### INSURANCE

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#### [3rd Circ. Asked To Stay ACA Mandate Battle](#)

A secular anti-abortion group asked the Third Circuit on Monday to temporarily halt its fight to overturn a court order and become exempt from providing health insurance covering contraception, saying there is related litigation pending.

### REAL ESTATE

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#### [Chicago Homeowners Say Airbnb Rule Is Unconstitutional](#)

Four Chicago homeowners on Tuesday filed a suit in state court challenging the city's "draconian and unintelligible" shared-housing ordinance, arguing it requires homeowners renting rooms through services like Airbnb Inc. to submit to warrantless searches, imposes an unfair tax and is full of otherwise harmful restrictions.

### EMPLOYMENT

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#### [NLRB Joint Employer Test 'Unworkable,' DC Circ. Hears](#)

Browning-Ferris Industries took its final shots against the National Labor Relations Board in a closely watched D.C. Circuit appeal over the legality of the board's recently revised joint-employer standard, with the waste management company saying the new test "creates an amorphous, unworkable fog" for employers.

#### [Wash. High Court Wary Of Florist's Same-Sex Objections](#)

In a case pitting religious freedom against the new right to gay marriage, the Washington Supreme Court on Tuesday appeared reluctant to shield a Christian florist from discrimination liability for refusing to serve same-sex weddings.

### COMPETITION

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#### [Brexit May Let UK Watchdog Blaze Its Own Antitrust Path](#)

The U.K.'s decision to leave the European Union could open the door for Britain's

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competition watchdog to develop its own line of policy as the digital economy poses a host of new antitrust challenges, the agency's top enforcement official said Tuesday.

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[Army Corps of Engineers](#)

### [Privacy Group Wants FBI To Disclose Biometric Data-Sharing](#)

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The Electronic Privacy Information Center is pushing a D.C. federal court to force the FBI to fork over long-withheld documents that are believed to reveal the extent to which the agency shares with the U.S. Department of Defense information from a massive biometrics database.

[Bureau of Land Management](#)

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### [IoT Regs Needed To Thwart Cyber Threats, Congress Told](#)

[Commodity Futures Trading Commission](#)

Vulnerabilities exposed by an October cyberattack that crashed a host of popular websites must be addressed through regulation of security for internet-of-things devices, cybersecurity experts told the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Tuesday.

[Competition and Markets Authority](#)

### [Feds Slam NC's Bid For Transgender Witnesses' Medical Info](#)

[Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#)

The U.S. Department of Justice urged a North Carolina federal court Monday to not allow the state to obtain transgender witnesses' medical and health records, information that potentially endangers the individuals' privacy rights, because they are not relevant to the legality of the state's now infamous bathroom law.

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## GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

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### [GAO Recommends More Transparency For Fed's Stress Tests](#)

[Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council](#)

The Federal Reserve on Tuesday promised to make its stress-test programs more transparent, a statement that coincided with the release of a U.S. Government Accountability Office report that found that a lack of transparency, among other limitations, could hinder the supervisory tests' effectiveness.

[Federal Aviation Administration](#)

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### [No Funds For Anti-Whistleblowing Contractors, DOD Says](#)

[Federal Communications Commission](#)

The U.S. Department of Defense issued a prohibition Monday barring federal dollars from going to contractors that use confidentiality agreements to bar their employees from reporting waste, fraud and abuse.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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### [Peru Stepping Up Efforts Against Illegal Logging](#)

[Federal Reserve System](#)

The government of Peru has revealed a number of steps to curb illegal lumber harvesting and export, the Office of the United States Trade Representative announced Tuesday.

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## TAX

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### [IRS' Debt-Equity Rule In Jeopardy Under New Administration](#)

[Immigration and Customs Enforcement](#)

Recently finalized regulations that characterize debt as equity for tax purposes could potentially be revoked under President-elect Donald Trump's administration and a Republican-controlled Congress, according to House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas.

[Internal Revenue Service](#)

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### [IRS Aims To Block NAM Brief In Anti-Inversion Rule Fight](#)

[National Archives and Records Administration](#)

The Internal Revenue Service slammed the National Association of Manufacturers

for trying to weigh in on a suit over a recent corporate inversion rule, arguing Tuesday in Texas federal court that the claims not only come too late but are also nearly identical to those already made.

#### [NJ High Court To Hear Fight Over Jersey City Tax Abatement](#)

The New Jersey Supreme Court has agreed to determine whether or not a developer can apply a 2003 change in state law that let builders keep more profits under municipal tax abatement deals to agreements it struck with Jersey City in 2000 and 2001.

#### [IRS Chief's Impeachment Must Proceed, Ohio Rep. Says](#)

Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, called for continued efforts to impeach IRS Commissioner John Koskinen after the agency denied a conservative advocacy group nonprofit status, saying Monday that the IRS "has not changed its ways" since being accused of political bias.

### IMMIGRATION

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#### [Court Location, Judges Impact Asylum Grants, GAO Finds](#)

The success rate of immigrants seeking asylum varies widely depending on where their request originates and what court has jurisdiction over it, the Government Accountability Office said in a report released Monday.

#### [Ban On 'Sanctuary Cities' A Priority For Texas Senate](#)

A Texas state senator on Tuesday launched a legislative campaign to stop so-called sanctuary cities in the state, a measure designated to be high-priority by the lieutenant governor, in a bill that would require cities to comply with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainers.

### NATIVE AMERICAN

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#### [BLM's Final Methane Flaring Rule Greeted With Industry Suit](#)

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management on Tuesday unveiled its final rules for venting and flaring of methane gas on federal and Native American lands, facing an immediate legal challenge in Wyoming district court alleging the rule is outside the agency's authority.

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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#### [Congressional Repubs Call On FCC To Halt Major Actions](#)

Hill Republicans on Tuesday asked Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler to stop all action on complex or controversial issues during the transition to a new president, saying that Democrats requested the same after the election of President Barack Obama in 2008.

#### [FCC Allows Gov't To Make Debt Calls Under TCPA Exception](#)

The Federal Communications Commission has passed a final rule exempting debt collection calls by the federal government from restrictions against autodialed, prerecorded calls under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, according to a notice scheduled for publication in the Federal Register on Wednesday.

#### [Broadcasters Challenge FCC Ownership Rules In DC Circ.](#)

The National Association of Broadcasters brought a challenge to the Federal Communications Commission's media ownership restrictions in the D.C. Circuit Monday, claiming the agency acted arbitrarily and capriciously in tightening the

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restrictions in its most recent quadrennial reviews.

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### [What To Expect From Trump's Environmental Policies](#)

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The results of last week's election, which will bring in a new presidential administration and new Congress, will greatly impact environmental policy. We anticipate significant changes, challenges and opportunities, says Andrew Wheeler, co-leader of the energy and natural resources industry team at FaegreBD Consulting.

[United Nations](#)

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### [Weeding Through Calif. Prop 64: Employer Takeaways](#)

California voters recently passed Proposition 64 legalizing recreational marijuana for individuals over the age of 21. These changes raise several immediate questions about what, if anything, employers need to do and whether the initiative created any new employee rights, say attorneys at Arent Fox LLP.

### [What's Next For US-Mexico Bilateral Trade Under Trump?](#)

Withdrawal from NAFTA might not be the only alternative to keep U.S. companies from moving production offshore — assuming that is one of the main goals in considering such a withdrawal, says Carlos Vejar, a partner with Holland & Knight LLP and former general counsel for international trade in Mexico's Ministry of Economy.

### [DOD Rule Would Create Export Control Issues For Contractors](#)

If implemented, the U.S. Department of Defense's proposed rule on withholding unclassified technical data could impact or potentially inhibit the submission of contractor export violation disclosures to the U.S. Departments of State and Commerce, say Andy Irwin and Michael Mutek of Steptoe & Johnson LLP.

### [Inside NHTSA's Proposed Cybersecurity Best Practices](#)

The cybersecurity best practices for automakers recently proposed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration are nonbinding. The guidance does, however, suggest that NHTSA may eventually utilize its safety mandate "to cover vehicle cybersecurity" and may foreshadow regulatory or legislative action to come, say attorneys at Crowell & Moring LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

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### [Fortunes Rise For Associates, Fall For BigLaw, Report Says](#)

Associate pay raises ushered in by many BigLaw firms earlier this year have begun to impact those firms' financial figures, according to a report out Tuesday by Citi Private Bank.

### [\\$50K Reward Offered For Info On Kilpatrick Partner's Killer](#)

An anonymous donor is offering a \$50,000 reward for any information that leads to an arrest and conviction in the recent shooting death of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP managing partner and intellectual property attorney Jim Gilliland, the El Cerrito Police Department announced Monday.

### [Dentons Enters Central America With New Firm Combo](#)

Dentons is proposing a combination with a 75-attorney firm with offices in three Central American countries, a move that would make it the first global law firm in the region if the deal is approved by partners on both sides, the firm announced Tuesday.

### [Ogletree Deakins Mourns Death Of Founder Jimmie Stewart](#)

Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC is mourning the loss of founding shareholder J. Hamilton "Jimmie" Stewart III, a labor law expert and mentor to many who died last week at age 73.

### [Rainmaker Q&A: WilmerHale's Michael Summersgill](#)

Patent litigation is like a competitive sport. You've got to field a great team, develop the right strategy, be prepared to adjust, and then execute. You win and then you move on to the next case and it really doesn't matter in the next case that you won the last one, says Michael Summersgill, a litigation partner at WilmerHale.

### [Rainmaker Q&A: Fenwick & West's Mark Stevens](#)

No one benefits in the long run if the client doesn't get what it needs. Years ago, I found myself cringing when I heard another lawyer giving advice that made legal sense, but clearly wasn't useful to the client. I told myself I'd never do that, says Mark Stevens, a corporate partner at Fenwick & West LLP.

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### [Sessions' History Is Short But Not Silent On Antitrust](#)

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R.-Ala., may be best known for his conservative stances on immigration and civil rights, but the former prosecutor and longtime lawmaker has waded into antitrust issues ranging from baseball's exemption to generic drug prices over the years. Here, Law360 looks at the competition matters that have piqued the interest of Donald Trump's pick for attorney general.

### [State Regulators Aim To Fill Trump's Vacuum](#)

With many expecting the incoming Trump administration to dial back on his predecessor's enforcement of financial regulations, attorneys general and financial regulators from states that did not support Trump are expected to step in where they can to police financial markets.

Analysis

### [What You Should Know About The DHS Job Flexibility Rule](#)

A new rule on job flexibility for foreign workers clocks in at a whopping 336 pages, containing helpful items including a two-month grace period between jobs and ways for immigrants to keep their spot in the green card line. Here, experts offer an overview of the provisions in the final rule immigration attorneys should know about.

### [US Senate Passes Northern Border Security Review Bill](#)

The U.S. Senate on Wednesday passed a bill that would require the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to conduct a threat assessment of the border between the U.S. and Canada.

### [Trump Taps Jeff Sessions To Be Attorney General](#)

President-elect Donald Trump announced on Friday that he has chosen Sen.

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Jefferson Sessions, R-Ala., to become the next U.S. attorney general.

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[Dowd Bennett](#)

### [SEC Chair Calls For Further Expansion Of Agency Power](#)

[Earthjustice](#)

Departing U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Chair Mary Jo White praised the agency's expansion of its enforcement efforts during her tenure in a speech Friday, but urged lawmakers to consider new laws that could further strengthen the agency's power after she steps down in January.

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### [State GOPs Ask 6th Circ. To End Muni Pay-To-Play Rule](#)

[Frost Brown Todd](#)

Several state Republican parties have urged the Sixth Circuit to upend pay-to-play restrictions on municipal advisers approved by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, saying the rules violate the First Amendment and that the SEC didn't have the authority to approve them.

[Gibson Dunn](#)

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### [CFTC Urged To Hold Back 'Controversial' Rules](#)

[Greenspoon Marder](#)

The House Agriculture Committee's Republican chair on Friday urged the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission to hold off on implementing "controversial" proposals before President-elect Donald Trump takes office in January.

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### [The Fed Broadens Post-Employment Restrictions](#)

[Hogan Lovells](#)

The Federal Reserve Board is more than doubling the number of people covered by a rule that bars certain senior staff members from leaving a Federal Reserve Bank and going right to work for a bank they had supervised, the Fed announced Friday.

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### [White House Unveils Environmental Regulatory Agenda](#)

[K&L Gates](#)

The White House on Thursday released its environmental regulatory agenda for the coming year, and outlined policy aspirations that appear unlikely with the recent election of Donald Trump, who has articulated a very different vision for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

[Kamer Zucker](#)

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### [EPA Gives Flint To-Do List Before Switching Water Again](#)

[Kilpatrick Townsend](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Friday amended its emergency order to Flint, Michigan, in the wake of the city's lead-tainted drinking water crisis, outlining steps the city must complete before implementing a switch to a new drinking water source.

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### [Maine's Suit Against EPA Over Tribal Water Regs Trimmed](#)

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A federal judge on Friday tossed a claim from the state of Maine's suit seeking to compel the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to recognize the state's power to regulate tribal waters, saying the agency was required to review but not necessarily approve state water standards under the Clean Water Act.

[Merchant & Gould](#)

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### [Oil Industry, ND Spurned From EPA Waste Regs Suit](#)

[Morgan Lewis](#)

A D.C. federal judge on Friday rejected a bid by industry groups and North Dakota to step into a fight between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and environmental groups over whether the agency needs to update its regulations for waste disposal from oil and gas operations.

[Morrison & Foerster](#)

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### [Obama Offshore Drilling Plan Closes Off Atlantic, Arctic](#)

[Pinsent Masons](#)

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The Obama administration on Friday unveiled the final version of its five-year offshore drilling plan, which puts the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans off limits and shuts off drilling in new regions of the Arctic Ocean, handing a victory to environmentalists and a defeat to the U.S. oil industry.

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#### [9th Circ. Buries 3 Hawaii Counties' GMO, Pesticide Regs](#)

[Seward & Kissel](#)

The Ninth Circuit on Friday rejected regulations in three Hawaii counties governing pesticides and genetically modified crops, agreeing with agriculture companies and industry groups that the local rules are preempted by state and federal laws.

[Sidley Austin](#)

#### [FDA Pauses Stronger Lab Test Oversight](#)

[Simmons & Simmons](#)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration won't use the final days of the Obama administration to finalize its controversial proposal to begin regulating lab tests as medical devices, a source confirmed Friday.

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#### [Adapt Pharma Urges FDA Hurdles For Teva Overdose Generic](#)

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Adapt Pharma wants the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to require Teva's generic version of overdose drug Narcan to undergo special scrutiny in order to win approval, according to a newly released citizen petition.

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#### [Port Authority Scores Win In AAA Toll Hike Dispute](#)

#### COMPANIES

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey scored a win in a suit alleging its 2011 plan to raise tolls was inflated to impermissibly include capital costs for other projects, after a federal judge ruled Friday that the tolls didn't discriminate against interstate commerce and weren't excessive.

[AT&T Inc.](#)

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#### [St. Louis Cabbies Insist Uber Stole Future Business](#)

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St. Louis taxi drivers told a Missouri federal judge Thursday that they've sufficiently alleged Uber has crushed their future business prospects by intentionally flouting city regulations requiring all for-hire drivers to get fingerprinted and obtain commercial drivers' licenses to make the ride-hailing giant more appealing to riders.

[American Civil Liberties Union](#)

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#### [Judge Urged To Ax Unequal Taxi, Ride Hailing Regs Suit](#)

[American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations](#)

The Philadelphia Parking Authority urged a federal judge on Thursday to dismiss a lawsuit alleging that taxi companies in the city had suffered irreparable business damage after ride-hailing services such as Uber and Lyft had been allowed to operate largely unchecked in the city.

[American Immigration Council](#)

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#### REAL ESTATE

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#### [5th Circ. Won't Rehear Macy's Bargaining Unit Ruling](#)

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A split full Fifth Circuit on Friday declined to rehear a panel's ruling that backed the certification of a collective bargaining unit for workers at a Macy's department store in Massachusetts and that upheld a relevant National Labor Relations Board standard.

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years, including preventing discrimination against workplace-safety whistleblowers, guarding its information systems and keeping violence out of its local job training centers for at-risk youths, according to a report released Thursday.

#### [Part Of Ky. Right-To-Work Law Valid, 6th Circ. Says](#)

The Sixth Circuit ruled Friday that a portion of a Kentucky county's right-to-work ordinance that bars employers from requiring union membership is not forbidden by the National Labor Relations Act, while also concluding that ordinance's hiring-hall and dues-checkoff provisions are preempted by the NLRA.

#### [No Circuit Split Over Tip Pool Rule, Workers Tell Justices](#)

Casino workers Friday urged the Supreme Court to refuse to hear an appeal from Las Vegas casino owner Steve Wynn over a Ninth Circuit ruling on the tip pooling rule, arguing the district conflict claimed by Wynn does not exist.

### PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

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#### [Lawmakers Want More Time To Mull Warrant Rule Expansion](#)

A bipartisan group of federal lawmakers moved on Thursday to postpone the looming implementation of a judicial rule change that would expand courts' ability to issue warrants for access to electronic communications by floating a legislative proposal that would give Congress until July to address the controversial amendment.

#### [EU To Press Internet Providers On Data Access, Official Says](#)

The European Commission is working on a proposal that would push internet service providers to work more closely with law enforcement to provide access to key digital evidence, according to a top commissioner who also called on businesses to cooperate with the government to help fortify systems against cyberattacks.

#### [11th Circ. Urged To Revive Privacy Suits Over Fla. Driver Info](#)

A Florida couple made a second appearance before the Eleventh Circuit on Friday to argue that a lower court wrongly dismissed cases they brought against local governments and their workers claiming their personal information was improperly accessed hundreds of times through state driver and motor vehicle records.

### INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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#### [Azevêdo Frets Over Sluggish Pace Of New WTO Talks](#)

World Trade Organization Director-General Roberto Azevêdo said Thursday that he is concerned about a lack of engagement among delegations as they work to craft a new negotiating agenda for the organization, particularly in areas like agricultural and fisheries subsidies.

#### [Agencies Tweak Arms Export Rules For Aircraft, Engines](#)

The U.S. departments of State and Commerce issued a pair of final rules Friday intended to clarify and adjust which aircraft, gas turbine engines and related equipment are subject to export control regulations as defense items.

#### [US Wood Producers Take Aim At Chinese Imports](#)

A U.S. industry group on Friday asked the Obama administration to slap hefty remedial tariffs on imports of hardwood and decorative plywood, alleging that the merchandise has been illegally subsidized and sold in the U.S. market at unfairly low prices.

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## IMMIGRATION

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### [Detainments A 'Vital' Part Of Immigration Law, Justices Told](#)

The federal government has doubled down on its efforts to overturn a Ninth Circuit ruling that certain immigrants are entitled to automatic bond hearings following six months of detention, saying immigrant detention is vital and controlling law proves the three-judge panel got it wrong.

### [Executive Action Suit Pause Sought Until Trump Inauguration](#)

A case in Texas challenging President Barack Obama's executive actions on immigration should be halted until after President-elect Donald Trump is inaugurated, 26 states and the federal government said on Thursday.

## NATIVE AMERICAN

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### [RI Tribal Council Says Ousted Leader Won't Let Go Of Power](#)

The Narragansett Indian Tribe urged a Rhode Island federal court Thursday to validate a tribal council election and block the tribe's chief sachem, allegedly removed by a council vote, from spending the tribe's funds or otherwise continuing to act as the tribe's leader.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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### Analysis

### [Top 4 Groups Lobbying The FCC](#)

The Federal Communications Commission may now be moving into a period of slowed action on major policy issues, but companies and trade associations have continued to make their case over the last month on topics such as rolling out telecom services, mergers and reform of the business data services market. Here, Law360 looks at the top organizations lobbying the FCC in the past month.

### [FCC Says TCPA's Autodialing Restrictions Apply To Texts](#)

The Federal Communications Commission on Friday warned that autodialed text messages, known as robotexts, are subject to the limits placed on automated calls by the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, which the agency expanded last year in a move that drew ire from businesses and spurred a D.C. Circuit challenge.

### [FCC Channel Shift Plan Too Rigid, Broadcaster Says](#)

The Federal Communications Commission must abandon its rigid approach and unrealistic timetable for migrating broadcast stations to new channels following auctions to allocate current broadcast spectrum to wireless providers, a Maryland broadcast group told the commission in a filing on Tuesday.

### [DC Circ. Rejects FCC Rule On VOIP Switching Charges](#)

The D.C. Circuit reversed a Federal Communications Commission ruling that retroactively required traditional carriers to pay switching charges to local phone companies for over-the-top voice-over-internet-protocol calls, agreeing Friday with AT&T Inc. that the commission provided insufficient reasoning for its decision.

### [2 Senate Dems Drop Hold On FCC Reappointment](#)

Democratic Federal Communications Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel cleared a barrier to her reappointment put up by her own party when Democratic Senators Ed Markey and Ron Wyden on Friday withdrew holds they had placed on her

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nomination after major items were pulled from the agenda of Thursday's FCC meeting.

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## PEOPLE

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### [Health Hires: Merchant & Gould, Davis Wright, Greenspoon](#)

Intellectual property firm Merchant & Gould PC has added a medical device partner from Dorsey & Whitney LLP; Davis Wright Tremaine LLP is expanding its health care group in Los Angeles with a payments-focused partner from Hooper Lundy & Bookman PC; and Greenspoon Marder PA is launching a cannabis law practice group in Oregon.

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## EXPERT ANALYSIS

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### [Tax Policy In The Trump Era: Part 2](#)

Nearly three decades have passed since the last major overhaul of the U.S. tax code. Republican and Democratic policymakers agree (often for different reasons) that reform is needed. In the second of a three-part series, attorneys with Squire Patton Boggs consider the prospects for reform of business and individual tax policy, and of the U.S. system of international taxation.

[Food and Drug Administration](#)

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[Health Resources and Services Administration](#)

[Internal Revenue Service](#)

### [BLM Final Rule Streamlines Renewables On Public Lands](#)

Last week, the Bureau of Land Management issued its final rule governing solar and wind energy on public lands, creating a new program that uses competitive leasing and incentives to encourage renewable development across six states. It may have a significant impact even if the new administration seeks to repeal it, say Tara Kaushik and Stephen Humes of Holland & Knight LLP.

[International Trade Commission](#)

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### [The Unintended Impact Of DEA's New Registration Policy](#)

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration recently announced a significant change to its registration renewal process whereby it will no longer allow a grace period for registrants who fail to file a timely renewal application. This could have unintended consequences that will place pharmacies and other providers at risk, says Larry Cote of Quarles & Brady LLP.

[National Aeronautics and Space Administration](#)

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### [Preparing For Contractor Paycheck Transparency](#)

A day before it was scheduled to take effect, a Texas federal court preliminarily enjoined implementation of most aspects of the Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces final rule, leaving only its paycheck transparency requirements to proceed. Attorneys at Dentons LLP offer insight into the steps necessary to meet requirements for this aspect of the rule.

[New York Attorney General's Office](#)

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### [FTC Study On Patent Assertion Entities Is Incomplete](#)

The Federal Trade Commission said the purpose of its study on the activities of patent assertion entities in the U.S. was to examine their impact on innovation and competition. But unfortunately this important goal was not even close to achieved, says Justin Daniels of Burford Capital LLC.

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## LEGAL INDUSTRY

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### [Dewey Judge Says Retrial May Be Another Marathon](#)

A New York state judge on Friday said the coming retrial of two former top executives of Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP accused of defrauding lenders and investors before the megafirm's collapse could wind up taking as much time as the nearly five-month first trial.

[Securities and Exchange Commission](#)

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[Legal Tech Download: On-Demand Lawyers & Immigration AI](#)

The world of legal technology is quickly evolving as new products aimed at aiding lawyers are created and launched in rapid succession. Here, Law360 takes a look at nine of the biggest legal tech-related news developments over the past two weeks.

[GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week](#)

The internet of things gets a long-awaited security guide, JPMorgan forks over \$130 million for running a nepotistic hiring program in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security gives skilled immigrant workers some leeway. Those stories top the corporate legal news you may have missed last week.

[Calif. Attys Must Pay Bar Dues Held Up By Stalled Bill](#)

The California Supreme Court on Thursday ordered the state's lawyers to pay base dues to the State Bar of California given the annual bill that usually sets and approves financial support for the body has been subject to stalled political wrangling for months.

[In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms and Stories On Law360](#)

For those who missed out, here's a look back at the law firms, stories and expert analyses that generated the most buzz on Law360 last week.

[Rainmaker Q&A: Sullivan & Worcester's Aidan Browne](#)

In some industries, legal services are viewed principally as a cost burden and not in terms of added value. Overcoming these perceptions can be challenging, but it's possible to defeat such institutional biases by consistently performing above the expectations, says Aidan Browne, director of business development at Sullivan & Worcester LLP.

[Rainmaker Q&A: Michael Best's Jorge Leon](#)

I pride myself on my level of responsiveness and truly believe that letting clients know they are being heard is the most important and challenging part of being a rainmaker, especially when you're trying to maintain a healthy work-life balance and are unable to predict when a crisis will come up, says Jorge Leon, partner at Michael Best & Friedrich LLP.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin called President-elect Donald Trump to congratulate him on his win and discuss the U.S.-Russia relationship.



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### Today on *The Atlantic*

- **Started From the Bottom:** Democrats were devastated after a stunning defeat at the top of the ticket, but Republican control over state legislatures will likely have [longer lasting implications](#) for the party. (*Alex Wagner*)
- **Just in Time:** House Speaker Paul Ryan distanced himself from Donald Trump throughout his presidential campaign. But Ryan’s decision to support the president-elect in the final weeks of the election may be enough to [save his job](#). (*Russell Berman*)
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### Snapshot



The supermoon seen over the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Carlos Barria /

## What We're Reading

**Advisor-in-Chief:** After a meeting with President Obama, President-elect Donald Trump [reportedly](#) “seemed surprised by the scope of the job.” As a result, Obama is expected to spend more time advising him than usual. (*Michael C. Bender and Carol E. Lee*)

**A Meaningless Victory:** Hillary Clinton may have won the popular vote in the presidential election, but that isn't enough to secure the White House. And, David French [writes](#), it doesn't make her “more legitimate.” (*National Review*)

**'On the Road to Mosul':** James Verini [got an inside look](#) at the fight to take back the ISIS-controlled city of Mosul in northern Iraq. Here's a sneak peek: “In a village square, a group of boys tore down an ISIS billboard. Soldiers shot off celebratory rounds.” (*The New York Times Magazine*)

**Coming Together:** As many in the United States continue to grapple with the unexpected outcome of the presidential election, leaders of both liberal and conservative churches work to [make their services](#) a time for “healing and reconciliation.” (*Harry Bruinius, The Christian Science Monitor*)

**Liberals Are People, Too:** The common narrative surrounding the election of Donald Trump is that people in “flyover country” are finally being heard. But [what about the voices](#) of Democrats who have won the popular vote in six of the past seven elections but only won two presidencies? (*Jill Lawrence, USA Today*)

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## Visualized

**The Art of the Transition:** Nearly 4,000 members of President Obama's administration will leave their jobs when President-elect Donald Trump takes over. Check out [these graphics](#) for a breakdown of presidential appointments. (*Bonnie Berkowitz and Kevin Uhrmacher, The Washington Post*)

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## Question of the Week

In the coming weeks, President-elect Donald Trump will hire a White House staff, select the members of his cabinet, and make thousands of political appointments, among a number of other things.

What one book should Trump read to prepare him for the task ahead?

Send your answers to [hello@theatlantic.com](mailto:hello@theatlantic.com), and our favorites will be featured in Friday's *Politics & Policy Daily*.

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Analysis

### [Trump's FTC May Scale Back On Data Security Enforcement](#)

While it's anyone's guess whom President-elect Donald Trump will pick to head the Federal Trade Commission and fill two vacant commissioner spots, the new administration's influence is almost certain to make the commission more cautious on data security enforcement while removing much of the competition it has faced recently from other regulators.

### [US Trade Policy At Crossroads, USTR Counsel Says](#)

United States trade policy faces a number of serious potential changes in the coming years, ranging from relations with China to its approach to international bodies like the World Trade Organization, the general counsel for the U.S. Trade Representative said Thursday.

Analysis

### [Environmental Enforcement Under Trump: 5 Open Questions](#)

Environmental enforcement priorities at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Justice are likely to shift when President-elect Donald Trump takes office, although it's too early to know exactly how. Here are five questions experts are asking.

Analysis

### [Trump Presidency Won't Be A Red Light For Green Energy](#)

President-elect Donald J. Trump has thrown his weight behind fossil fuels and vowed to nix major climate change regulations, but experts say that won't derail U.S. green energy growth, and that states — not the federal government — will continue to take the lead in stimulating development of wind, solar and other clean energy sources.

Analysis

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President-elect Donald Trump's upset win and congressional Republicans' success in retaining majorities in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives may open a narrow path for new telecom legislation that could address questions of Federal Communications Commission authority.

#### [Trump Victory Cloaks US-Cuba Relations In Uncertainty](#)

When it comes to U.S. relations with Cuba, experts agree that the island nation likely won't be a priority for President-elect Donald Trump, but beyond that, how much he'll roll back or continue the Obama administration's engagement with Cuba is anyone's guess.

Analysis

#### [What Happens To ACA Challenges Still In Court?](#)

It is not yet clear what a Donald Trump administration will ultimately mean for health care in the country, but his policy statements regarding the Affordable Care Act shed light on what might become of ongoing lawsuits surrounding the legislation.

#### [Defense Committees Stay Largely Intact With Election](#)

The election will bring little change to the makeup of the congressional defense committees, meaning lawmakers are likely to continue to push existing policy priorities such as a larger military and increased defense spending, areas where they should find common ground with President-elect Donald Trump.

#### [Trump Transition Watch: Border Wall, Immigration Team](#)

With immigration serving as one of the centerpieces of Donald Trump's campaign, attention is centering on how the president-elect will handle his promises on the topic and how he will shape his related advisory team. Here, Law360 rounds up the latest must-know developments on Trump's immigration agenda.

#### [6 Months In, Equity Crowdfunding Hasn't Quite Caught On](#)

Six months after equity crowdfunding rules took effect, lawyers say they are seeing little sign that the novel capital-raising method is taking off, attributing the slow launch to lack of awareness and practical limitations that curb its appeal.

News Analysis

#### [BigLaw Staff Turns To Blue Chip Senate Candidates In 2016](#)

Federal records show employees of the 10 largest U.S. law firms donated overwhelmingly to Senate candidates who were ahead in pre-election polls this year, a strategy that paid off in all but a few instances Tuesday.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

#### [Next Pa. AG's Enviro Goals Depend On Good Ties With DEP](#)

Josh Shapiro, who was elected Pennsylvania's next attorney general Tuesday, pledged during his campaign to crack down on polluters, but to succeed, experts say he will have to bolster his office's rapport with the state's Department of Environmental Protection and persuade the agency that prosecutors can move cases quickly.

#### [EPA Proposes To Deny Request To Change Biofuel Program](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said on Thursday it has proposed to deny requests from oil industry groups to initiate the process to change regulations

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over who is responsible for satisfying biofuel standards, but also said it would leave the public comment period open for 60 days.

#### [Greenlighting Kids' Climate Suit, Ore. Judge Cites Ancient Law](#)

An Oregon federal judge on Thursday refused to throw out a suit accusing the federal government of failing to protect future generations from the threats of climate change, saying the government's focus on specific laws was a myopic view of a suit over fundamental rights protected by more ancient law.

#### [Justices Urged To Rein In 9th Circuit's 'Lax' Habitat View](#)

Alaska, oil and gas groups, regional organizations and Alaska Native groups are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down critical habitat designations for the polar bear, saying the Ninth Circuit's "lax" standards for critical habitat allowed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to haphazardly protect a California-sized area in the Arctic without regard for whether polar bears actually live in much of that area.

#### HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

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#### [McConnell Wants 21st Century Cures Act Passed In 2016](#)

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., on Thursday said passing the 21st Century Cures Act by the end of the year is one of his two priorities for the lame-duck Congress, and that he has the backing of President Barack Obama.

#### TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

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#### [Amtrak, MBTA In Settlement Talks In Cost-Sharing Deal Spat](#)

Settlement talks are underway to potentially end the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's federal suit accusing Amtrak of misusing federal statutes to force the state public transit agency to pay almost \$30 million a year to share its own track with Amtrak, according to a motion filed on Wednesday.

#### [NJ Top Prosecutors Won't Touch Christie Criminal Case](#)

New Jersey's attorney general and the Bergen County prosecutor, both appointed by Gov. Chris Christie, have moved quickly to recuse themselves from handling a criminal complaint accusing Christie of official misconduct in the George Washington Bridge scandal.

#### [Feds Clear Truckers With Diabetes To Drive Interstate](#)

The federal government has given the go-ahead to dozens of truck drivers with diabetes to drive their commercial motor vehicles between states, exempting them from a rule that bars people with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus from doing so.

#### [Arlington Voters OK New Texas Rangers Stadium Funding](#)

Voters in Arlington, Texas, have given the go-ahead to a \$500 million bond issue for a new Texas Rangers baseball stadium with a retractable roof that the city estimates may cost as much as \$1 billion to construct.

#### INSURANCE

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#### [Mich. Health Insurance Tax Faces High Court Appeal](#)

The Self-Insurance Institute of America has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to hear its challenge to Michigan's tax on health insurance plans, arguing that the Sixth Circuit's conclusion that the tax escapes Employment Retirement Income Security Act preemption conflicts with the high court's ruling in a similar case.

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### [ABA Experts ID Best Practices For Antitrust Investigations](#)

An American Bar Association group has released a report that it says identifies the best practices to ensure that antitrust enforcement is accurate, efficient and impartial.

## PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

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### [IMDb Files Suit Against Calif. AG Over Privacy Bill](#)

A recently passed California law forcing online entertainment employment boards to remove the ages of film industry people from profiles drew the ire of IMDb.com, which argued in a federal court complaint Thursday that the law singles out the company and violates free speech rights.

## GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

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### [VA Report Touts Progress In Improvement Plan](#)

The Department of Veterans Affairs said Wednesday that service, accessibility and outcomes at its health facilities have improved in 2016, as part of its comprehensive improvement plan MyVA.

### [Small Biz Committee Reps Call OMB Buying Policy A 'Scam'](#)

The Republican head of the House Small Business Committee and its Democratic ranking member together criticized the Office of Management and Budget Thursday for a governmentwide buying initiative they say is cutting off work to small businesses and isn't achieving the cost savings envisioned.

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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### [TPP All But Dead In Wake Of Trump Victory](#)

The fate of the Trans-Pacific Partnership came into sharper focus Wednesday as lawmakers essentially quashed any notion of voting on the 12-nation trade accord in the lame-duck legislative session, deferring instead to President-elect Donald Trump, who has vowed to kill the deal.

### [US-India Biz Coalition Begins Overtures To Trump](#)

The U.S.-India Business Council made its formal pitch to Donald Trump on Wednesday, urging the president-elect to reinvigorate the two nations' commercial relationship by committing to continue investment accord talks and liberalizing defense trade.

### [Canada Signals Willingness To Renegotiate NAFTA](#)

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Thursday signaled his willingness to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement with the U.S., a pact that President-elect Donald J. Tump has vowed to revisit, according to video of a news conference in Nova Scotia.

## NATIVE AMERICAN

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### [Ariz. Gaming Head Fights Tribe's Gambit In Casino Suit](#)

The head of Arizona's gambling department urged a federal judge on Tuesday to reject the Tohono O'odham Nation's bid to prevail in a suit over the tribe's right to offer Las Vegas-style gaming near Phoenix, saying the tribe has tried to avoid evidence of fraud by putting forward a number of technical arguments that fail.

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### [Navajo Leaders Congratulate Trump, Pence On Victory](#)

The top leaders of the Navajo Nation offered their congratulations to President-elect Donald Trump and Vice President-elect Michael Pence on Wednesday, emphasizing the importance of working in unison with the incoming administration to advance the best interests of Native American tribes.

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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#### [Groups Ask DC Circ. To Scrap FCC's Cable Rate Order](#)

Broadcast groups attacked a Federal Communications Commission's order they say deregulates cable TV prices, telling a D.C. Circuit panel Thursday the agency relied on flawed data when it found competition in local markets across the country.

#### [FCC's Clyburn Wants 'Pitches' On Broadband Cost, Diversity](#)

Federal Communications Commissioner Mignon Clyburn said Thursday that she is reaching out to stakeholders and experts for ideas on how to address communications challenges such as affordability, broadband-enabled health care, and digital inclusion, saying the input will be considered for a plan slated for release this year.

#### [Telecom Group Urges FCC Against Ethernet Rate Regs](#)

As the Federal Communications Commission mulls a revised proposal to promote competition in the market for business data services, the agency should not regulate ethernet at any speed or move forward with unjustified price caps, the U.S. Telecom Association said Wednesday.

#### [Rigid Team Telecom Deadlines Not Doable, Exec. Branch Says](#)

The Federal Communications Commission should reject requests to set strict timelines for Executive Branch review of broadcast transactions involving foreign ownership because such constraints are unfeasible, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration told the agency Thursday.

### EXPERT ANALYSIS

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#### [OPINION: The Verdict — A Rejection Of Politics As Usual](#)

The verdict on Nov. 8, was not unanimous, especially when Secretary Hillary Clinton will end up with a popular vote advantage. Yet, it is a message of extreme magnitude from voters willing to overlook the serious flaws of a candidate because they could not reconcile themselves to ratifying the perpetuation of politics as usual, says Reuben Guttman, a partner of Guttman Buschner & Brooks PLLC and adjunct professor at Emory Law School.

#### [What We Can Expect From An SEC Under President Trump](#)

Mary Jo White's "broken windows" theory of enforcement resulted in record numbers of small-bore enforcement cases, but caused the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Enforcement to be nearly irrelevant in policing big-bank behavior. Going after big, bad bankers is certainly a cost-free political bonus for Donald Trump if the occasions arise, says James Kidney, a former SEC trial attorney.

#### [The New State AG Landscape](#)

With another election in the books, the state attorney general landscape now takes another turn. Ten states held elections for attorney general last week. Five seats were retained by incumbents and five seats now belong to newcomers. Foley & Lardner

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LLP litigation partner Jesse Panuccio gives us the breakdown.

### [In Congress: Lame Duck Session](#)

Following a six-week recess for the contentious campaign season leading up to an outcome that surprised most in Washington, members of the 114th Congress return this week to begin the lame duck session. Beyond the politics and organizing for next year, this session will be dominated by two “must-pass” items of legislation, according to Richard Hertling and Kaitlyn McClure of Covington & Burling LLP.

### [Marijuana Tipping Point: California And Florida Lead The Way](#)

Last week's election will be viewed as a turning point in the emergence of new economies centered around marijuana. Ballot initiatives around the country resulted in important changes in eight states — with four legalizing adult recreational use of marijuana and another four legalizing medicinal use. Two of the most notable developments are in California and Florida, say Jonathan Robbins and Joshua Mandell of Akerman LLP.

### [Trump's Impact On Independent Contractor Misclassification](#)

While it's likely that the U.S. Department of Labor may dial down its independent contractor misclassification enforcement efforts when a Republican administration takes over the White House and appoints a new secretary of labor, there is no reason to expect that state labor departments will be any less aggressive in their efforts to crack down on this issue, says Richard Reibstein of Pepper Hamilton LLP.

## LEGAL INDUSTRY

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### [Arnold & Porter Set To Merge With Kaye Scholer](#)

Beltway firm Arnold & Porter LLP and New York's Kaye Scholer LLP will merge in the New Year to create a new 1000-lawyer firm, leaders announced Thursday, marking the biggest BigLaw deal of a year.

### [Hope Flickers For Handful Of GOP-Backed Obama Court Picks](#)

With real estate mogul Donald Trump headed to the White House, Republicans now have little reason to move on any Obama administration pick for a federal bench, but court watchers said a handful of pending nominees still have a shot at confirmation if they can keep the support of Republican senators concerned about vacancies in their home states.

### [Fear Of 'The Cloud' Hampers Atty Success, Panel Says](#)

Technology is making it cheaper to operate and even launch a new law firm, but succeeding means fully and responsibly embracing “the cloud” as central to your practice, according to a Thursday panel discussion at the New York City Bar Association.

### [Law360's Weekly Verdict: Legal Lions & Lambs](#)

The Federal Circuit rejected a \$2 million sanctions request by Toshiba America Inc. against Niro Law Ltd., wrapping up a long-running patent dispute and landing the law firm among this week's legal lions. Not so fortunate were legal lambs Reed Smith LLP and Farrell White & Legg PLLC, whose client American Medical Systems Inc. drew sanctions for issuing a faulty subpoena in violation of a protective order.

### [How GCs Can Tackle The Vast Online Counterfeiting Problem](#)

Online marketplaces are redefining what it takes to protect a brand, forcing general counsel to divert more resources to anti-counterfeiting efforts and seek out new

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strategies in what can seem like a costly game of whack-a-mole. Here's what brand owners are doing to cope and what they hope will change.

[In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms And Stories On Law360](#)

For those who missed out, here's a look back at the law firms, stories and expert analyses that generated the most buzz on Law360 last week.

[Rainmaker Q&A: Goodwin Procter's Ilan S. Nissan](#)

I prefer to view my business development style as an ability to connect people to people and people to solutions. I find that many law firms have the skills to solve client problems, but few are able to deliver advice in a way that a client can best utilize it, says Ilan Nissan, a senior partner in Goodwin Procter LLP.

[Rainmaker Q&A: Norton Rose's Joseph Graham Jr.](#)

If you are not constantly focused on your client's needs, you can bet someone else from a different firm will be. But if you really get to know your client and their position in the ever-changing legal landscape, their successes become your successes, says Joseph Graham Jr., Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP.

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## Holy Socks - Did Dodd-Frank Just Get Repealed?!?!?

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*From our good friend Broc Romanek*

To say that we are in a state of uncertainty is one of the few certainties I know. But I would say that the odds of at least a partial repeal of Dodd-Frank certainly improved, whether it be in the form of the “[Financial Choice Act](#)” (see this [Cooley blog](#) for a summary of the provisions) – or perhaps even a stronger rebuke to Dodd-Frank. Here are other open questions:

- How fast would a repeal come? Companies are preparing to comply with the adopted pay ratio rules now – even though disclosure wouldn’t be seen until 2018
- What will be the fate of the SEC’s disclosure effectiveness project? It’s seemingly non-partisan. But the SEC may be busy with rulemakings mandated by this shift in power to deal with projects they started themselves for quite some time...
- Does the sole sitting SEC Commissioner – [Mike Piwowar](#) – become the SEC Chair? There is precedent for a non-lawyer in that role. Piwowar almost certainly will become interim Chair once Chair White vacates her seat. It might take a while for a Trump Presidency to tap new agency heads, as that is the norm. As noted in this [WSJ article](#), former Commissioner Paul Atkins is heading up the President-elect’s transition team that oversees the SEC, CFTC & other financial regulators that historically operate independently of the White House...
- I used to think a “risk factor” for political instability & unrest was reserved only for non-US jurisdictions. Will we see some in the US now?

### **Poll: A Dodd-Frank Repeal?**

Please take a moment to participate in this [anonymous poll](#).

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The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday said it will not consider a challenge to policies in Maryland and California regarding restrictions placed on out-of-state attorneys to practice in-state without passing that state's bar exam, as well as their refusal to allow reciprocity agreements with other states.



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#### [Ill. Election Judge Allegedly Cast Ballot For Dead Husband](#)

A Republican election judge in southwestern Illinois was charged Friday with two counts of felony election fraud for allegedly sending in an absentee ballot in her dead husband's name, according to media reports.

#### [Baker Donelson Fights DQ In Amazon Shipping Tussle](#)

Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC attorneys representing Phoenix Capital Group in its breach of contract suit against an Amazon transportation company pushed back on a demand that they be disqualified over an alleged conflict of interest, telling a Tennessee federal court Friday that no such conflict exists.

#### [Orrick Says Ex-Handler Thayer Atty's Appeal Is Frivolous](#)

Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP urged the Second Circuit on Friday to uphold the dismissal of an ex-Handler Thayer LLP attorney's suit accusing Orrick of trying to get him fired, saying the attorney's appeal of that ruling is merely his latest gambit to harass the firm.

#### [Texas AG Says SEC Hasn't Fixed Flaws In Fraud Suit](#)

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Friday ripped the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's second round of claims that he violated securities laws by failing to tell technology company investors that he was getting commissions for recruiting them, saying the amended case remains flawed because he had no duty to disclose.

### DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

#### [NJ High Court Censures Atty For Unauthorized Law Practice](#)

The New Jersey Supreme Court on Friday censured an attorney for falsely claiming that he was licensed to practice law in New York in connection with two bankruptcy-related matters, including by using a law firm's outdated letterhead to

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### [Judge OKs Ex-Willkie Atty's Bid To See Sealed MDL Docs](#)

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A federal magistrate approved an arrangement Monday allowing a former Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP and Hunton & Williams LLP partner accused of defrauding the law firms and client MasterCard Inc. out of \$7.8 million to access sealed documents to build her defense in New Jersey federal court.

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### [Calif. State Bar Beats Applicant Data Records Request](#)

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The State Bar of California does not have to release individual data like LSAT scores for bar exam applicants, a state judge ruled on Monday, denying a writ of mandate from a researcher and public information advocates on the grounds that publicizing the information could jeopardize applicant privacy.

[Proskauer Rose](#)

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### [Atty Beats DQ Bid In Case Involving Brother At Fox Rothschild](#)

[Ropes & Gray](#)

A Pennsylvania judge on Friday shot down efforts to disqualify an attorney from defending a travel agency previously represented by his brother, a Fox Rothschild LLP attorney also accused in the suit of filing a meritless bankruptcy petition, noting that the clients have waived a cited potential conflict of interest.

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### [Judge Recommends Sanctions In EEOC Firings Suit](#)

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A Florida magistrate judge on Friday recommended sanctions against a hotel management company accused by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission of illegally terminating African-American housekeeping and front desk workers in favor of Hispanic replacements, saying the hotel had dragged its feet on discovery for nine months.

[Sidley Austin](#)

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### [Calif. Tribal Faction's Suit Against Rival Group Tossed](#)

[Weil Gotshal](#)

A California federal judge has tossed a suit by the governing council of the Elem Indian Colony of Pomo Indians of the Sulphur Bank Rancheria against an opposing tribal faction and its counsel, saying the rival group's pending challenge to a Bureau of Indian Affairs decision protects the group from the suit.

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### [NuScience Says Atty's Vow To 'Destroy' Co. Shows Malice](#)

[Zuckerman Spaeder](#)

NuScience Corp. urged a California appeals court Monday to revive the company's suit against a lawyer representing the defendants in a trade secrets battle, saying a lower court wrongly concluded the attorney's vow to "destroy" the nutritional supplement company didn't prove malice.

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### [Fla. Atty Seeks Lighter Sentence For Money Laundering](#)

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A Florida attorney convicted earlier this year of money laundering has objected to a presentence investigation report recommending a prison term of 33 to 41 months, saying in part that the probation department wrongly connected his case to another fraud the government alleges he assisted.

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### [Ex-Berkeley Law Dean Says More Punishment Violates Rights](#)

[American Express Company](#)

The former dean of UC Berkeley School of Law urged a California federal judge on Monday to block the university system from pursuing further disciplinary proceedings against him for sexual harassment, saying he'd already been punished with a salary cut, and any additional action would violate his due process rights.

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## [7 Steps For Managing An Associate Who May Be Impaired](#)

According to a recent study on the prevalence of attorney addiction and mental health concerns, more than one-third of practicing attorneys in the U.S. qualify as problem drinkers and 28 percent struggle with depression. While change in large law firms can be slow, there is a lot firms can do to navigate situations where an associate's performance may be impaired, says Stacey Saada Schwartz, a former litigator and Los Angeles-based executive coach and facilitator.

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### News Analysis

#### [Clinton Trounces Trump In Donations From Biggest Of BigLaw](#)

Donald Trump has attracted just a fraction of the donations Hillary Clinton received from employees at the country's 10 largest law firms, federal records show.

#### [Citizens United Architect Predicts Future Finance Battles](#)

A longtime soldier for conservative and Republican causes, attorney James Bopp Jr. was an architect of the landmark Citizens United case that unleashed unlimited corporate and union spending on campaign advertising. Now challenging restrictions on soft money in state and local elections, Bopp spoke with Law360 about super PACs, Hillary Clinton, and why he thinks Donald Trump's claims of a "rigged" election aren't so far-fetched.

#### [How To Compete With The Big 4 For Clients](#)

The Big Four accounting firms' march into the legal services arena has picked up speed in recent years as the global giants grab not only tax work but a vast array of legal work from law firms around the world. Here, experts offer their take on how law firms can combat the threat posed by the Big Four.

#### [Janet Reno Remembered As 'Lawyer For The People'](#)

Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, a Washington outsider who became the first woman to lead the Justice Department and weathered some of the biggest controversies of the Clinton administration, died on Monday at age 78.

#### [Kirkland Aids Clemency Release For Ohio Man Serving Life](#)

A protracted pro bono push by a Kirkland & Ellis LLP team to secure a place in society for an Illinois man who had expected to spend the rest of his life behind bars culminated last week in a tearful phone call to an Ohio prison.

#### [Rainmaker Q&A: Akerman's Scott Marrs](#)

In this "connected" (or some might say "disconnected") world, it is still all about relationships. Like any relationship, it takes work. Time. Effort. Thought. That extra step. Being genuine. But it is rewarding, personally and professionally. Start now, get going, keep it up, never give up. Everyone needs a family, a clan, a tribe, a network, says Scott Marrs, regional managing partner at Akerman LLP.

#### [Rainmaker Q&A: Wilson Cribbs' Reid Wilson](#)

Develop a strong elevator speech about your law practice, and give it some zing. Don't just be a lawyer. In my case, I became a "land use lawyer, protecting owner property rights." Create an image that is memorable, says Reid Wilson, chairman of Wilson Cribbs & Goren PC.

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### [3rd Circ. Clears Spector Gadon Of Malpractice](#)

The Third Circuit on Thursday refused to revive a fired United American Indemnity Ltd.'s CEO's malpractice claim against Spector Gadon & Rosen PC, ruling that a federal judge properly considered an arbitrator's opinion in the underlying employment dispute before dismissing the claim against the Philadelphia-based law firm.

### [Split 5th Circ. Says Texas Justice Can Face Retaliation Suit](#)

A split panel of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday ruled that the chief justice of a Texas appellate court isn't immune from retaliation claims brought by a man who alleged the justice blocked him from being hired as a law clerk after he reported possible ethical violations committed by the justice.

### [Rite Aid Says Convicted Ex-GC Flip-Flopped In Fee Appeal](#)

Rite Aid Corp. accused a once-imprisoned corporate counsel Wednesday of raising new or contradictory claims in the former executive's Delaware Supreme Court appeal seeking company payments for legal fees arising from charges filed after a \$1.6 billion accounting scandal.

### [Brown Moskowitz Atty Seeks Out Of Sex Products Co. Depo](#)

A Brown Moskowitz & Kallen PC attorney urged a New Jersey federal court on Wednesday to quash a subpoena directed toward him by opposing counsel in a lawsuit against a sex products company over unpaid consulting fees.

### [NJ Top Prosecutors Won't Touch Christie Criminal Case](#)

New Jersey's attorney general and the Bergen County prosecutor, both appointed by Gov. Chris Christie, have moved quickly to recuse themselves from handling a criminal complaint accusing Christie of official misconduct in the George Washington Bridge scandal.

### [Ex-Becker & Poliakoff Atty Gets 1 Year For Money Laundering](#)

A former Becker & Poliakoff shareholder was sentenced Thursday to a year in prison in Florida federal court after previously pleading guilty to conspiring to

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launder money he believed was from an illegal gambling business and drug sales, the U.S. Department of Justice said.

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### [NJ Justices Disbar Atty Accused Of Misusing Client Funds](#)

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The New Jersey Supreme Court has imposed a reciprocal disbarment on a New York real estate attorney who admitted to ethics authorities that he took a down payment for the sale of a client's property and used it for own expenses, according to a decision published on Wednesday.

[Hill Farrer](#)

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### [Improper Email, Angry Outbursts Land Fla. Judge Reprimand](#)

[Jones Day](#)

The Florida Supreme Court on Thursday recommended discipline for a Broward County circuit judge that includes a public reprimand and his delivering a written apology to a prosecutor for improperly sending an email to a public defender and for several angry outbursts against state attorneys.

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### [5th Circ. Upholds Sanctions In Case Against Judges](#)

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The Fifth Circuit on Thursday upheld a sanction against two men who filed a suit claiming Texas federal judges had intentionally inflicted emotional distress on them, and the judges then filed a motion for contempt in Texas federal court saying the men had failed to pay the sanction.

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### [Sanctions Issued Over Depositions In \\$63M Real Estate Suit](#)

[Lavin O'Neil](#)

A Texas federal judge on Wednesday issued tailored sanctions against American Realty Investors Inc. in a \$63 million real estate suit over a deposition for which the company's vice president was not adequately prepared and company counsel allegedly objected hundreds of times, ordering that another deposition be held.

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### [Fla. Atty Gets 8 Months For Underpaying Taxes By Nearly \\$1M](#)

[Margolis Edelstein](#)

A Florida attorney is heading to federal prison for eight months and must pay nearly \$1 million in taxes she owed as a result of filing false personal income tax returns for 2007-2012, following her sentencing Wednesday in West Palm Beach.

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### [Show's Over For Live Nation Rival's Doc Destruction Claims](#)

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A California federal judge on Thursday rejected Songkick's theory that larger rival Live Nation and its subsidiary Ticketmaster destroyed evidence in an antitrust suit attacking the companies' ticketing empire, saying the companies didn't have a duty to preserve certain employee emails.

[Morrison Mahoney](#)

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### [Chamblee Ryan Atty Faces Sanction Bid in Biker Group Suit](#)

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The Central Motorcycle Roadracing Association told a federal judge in Texas on Wednesday to sanction an attorney and ex-member of the nonprofit organization because he's simultaneously bringing racketeering claims against a number of the group's members while purporting to be the legal representative of the group itself.

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### [Sanctions Sought In Suit Over Mortgage Firm's Failure](#)

[Pendley Baudin](#)

Pointing to missed deadlines and multimillion-dollar "data dumps," attorneys for investors suing a group of lawyers over the alleged bilking of a now-insolvent mortgage servicing company asked a Delaware vice chancellor for sweeping sanctions Thursday, including the appointment of a special master to assure discovery compliance.

[Pomerantz LLP](#)

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## [Blue Lake Looks To Nix Suit Seeking Halt Of Tribal Court Row](#)

The Blue Lake Rancheria pressed a California federal court Wednesday to toss a man's lawsuit seeking to halt a tribal court dispute accusing him of fraudulently inducing the tribe's casino into a gambling software development deal on the grounds that the judge presiding over it has a relationship with the tribe.

Expert Analysis

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## [The New State AG Landscape](#)

With another election in the books, the state attorney general landscape now takes another turn. Ten states held elections for attorney general last week. Five seats were retained by incumbents and five seats now belong to newcomers. Foley & Lardner LLP litigation partner Jesse Panuccio gives us the breakdown.

## [OPINION: The Verdict — A Rejection Of Politics As Usual](#)

The verdict on Nov. 8, was not unanimous, especially when Secretary Hillary Clinton will end up with a popular vote advantage. Yet, it is a message of extreme magnitude from voters willing to overlook the serious flaws of a candidate because they could not reconcile themselves to ratifying the perpetuation of politics as usual, says Reuben Guttman, a partner of Guttman Buschner & Brooks PLLC and adjunct professor at Emory Law School.

## [Merging Law Firms: Why Hogan Lovells Has Worked](#)

 As shown by the impending merger between Arnold & Porter LLP and Kaye Scholer LLP, consolidation in the legal industry remains a popular strategy among firms looking to boost revenue and acquire new clients. J. Warren Gorrell Jr., a key architect of the 2010 merger that created Hogan Lovells, reflects on his own experience and why mergers of equals are particularly difficult.

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## [Arnold & Porter Set To Merge With Kaye Scholer](#)

Beltway firm Arnold & Porter LLP and New York's Kaye Scholer LLP will merge in the New Year to create a new 1000-lawyer firm, leaders announced Thursday, marking the biggest BigLaw deal of a year.

News Analysis

## [BigLaw Staff Turns To Blue Chip Senate Candidates In 2016](#)

Federal records show employees of the 10 largest U.S. law firms donated overwhelmingly to Senate candidates who were ahead in pre-election polls this year, a strategy that paid off in all but a few instances Tuesday.

## [Hope Flickers For Handful Of GOP-Backed Obama Court Picks](#)

With real estate mogul Donald Trump headed to the White House, Republicans now have little reason to move on any Obama administration pick for a federal bench, but court watchers said a handful of pending nominees still have a shot at confirmation if they can keep the support of Republican senators concerned about vacancies in their home states.

## [Fear Of 'The Cloud' Hampers Atty Success, Panel Says](#)

Technology is making it cheaper to operate and even launch a new law firm, but succeeding means fully and responsibly embracing "the cloud" as central to your practice, according to a Thursday panel discussion at the New York City Bar

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[Law360's Weekly Verdict: Legal Lions & Lambs](#)

The Federal Circuit rejected a \$2 million sanctions request by Toshiba America Inc. against Niro Law Ltd., wrapping up a long-running patent dispute and landing the law firm among this week's legal lions. Not so fortunate were legal lambs Reed Smith LLP and Farrell White & Legg PLLC, whose client American Medical Systems Inc. drew sanctions for issuing a faulty subpoena in violation of a protective order.

[How GCs Can Tackle The Vast Online Counterfeiting Problem](#)

Online marketplaces are redefining what it takes to protect a brand, forcing general counsel to divert more resources to anti-counterfeiting efforts and seek out new strategies in what can seem like a costly game of whack-a-mole. Here's what brand owners are doing to cope and what they hope will change.

[In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms And Stories On Law360](#)

For those who missed out, here's a look back at the law firms, stories and expert analyses that generated the most buzz on Law360 last week.

[Rainmaker Q&A: Goodwin Procter's Ilan S. Nissan](#)

I prefer to view my business development style as an ability to connect people to people and people to solutions. I find that many law firms have the skills to solve client problems, but few are able to deliver advice in a way that a client can best utilize it, says Ilan Nissan, a senior partner in Goodwin Procter LLP.

[Rainmaker Q&A: Norton Rose's Joseph Graham Jr.](#)

If you are not constantly focused on your client's needs, you can bet someone else from a different firm will be. But if you really get to know your client and their position in the ever-changing legal landscape, their successes become your successes, says Joseph Graham Jr., Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP.

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**Trump effect, European edition.** A new plan set out by European Union EU defense and foreign ministers "could allow the bloc to send forces to stabilize a crisis before U.N. peace keepers can take over, and more broadly cement a willingness to act without the United States," *Reuters* [reports](#). The plan must still be approved by EU leaders in December, and will remain abstract until substantial money is found. But this kind of cooperation — long sought in some circles, yet long held taboo — appeared to get a boost by the "election of a Russia-friendly political novice as president in Bulgaria — a member of both the EU and NATO" and by campaign-trail promises by Donald Trump, who "threatened to abandon U.S. allies in Europe if they did not spend enough on defense, appearing to question almost 70 years of U.S. military support that has been a cornerstone of American foreign policy."

Trump effect, Asia edition. A new [Asia Foundation report](#), based on consultations among academics and former officials from 20 Asian nations, "warns that withdrawing U.S. forces could compel Tokyo and Seoul to seek their own nuclear deterrents — rather than rely on America's — which in turn would 'trigger massive destabilization of the regional order,'" AP [reports](#), noting that post-election Trump has hastened to try to reassure allies in the region. Thai academic Thitinan Pongsudhirak says the U.S. president-elect has a worrisome lack of government experience — yet also a clean slate, and "that's a plus in Southeast Asia, where current U.S.

policy has failed to live up to its billing and where criticism on human rights has turned off old allies like the Philippines and Thailand."

Floated for SecDef: Bush-administration vet and hardliner John Bolton, [reports](#) Reuters (and many others). [Tweeted](#) The New Yorker's Nicholas Thompson: "The one man in America who still thinks the Iraq War was a good idea may soon be Secretary of State.")

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Brent Scowcroft, former National Security Advisor: "If you're asked to serve [in the Trump administration], please do. This man needs help." (Via [tweet](#) by Strobe Talbott.)

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Hungry for more? Try the month-old "Countering Terrorism" project of the Middle East Institute, which rounds up news and opinion, [here](#).

**Serious question:** "Who is benefiting more from the cyberisation of intelligence, the spooks or their foes?" asks *The Economist* in [this](#) special report on the impact and potential dangers of cyber nowadays.

**In Yemen,** Secretary of State John Kerry [says](#) a new cessation of hostilities is to begin Thursday and the Houthis have [agreed](#) to abide by it.

By the way, the U.S. military's fingerprints are all over the Saudi-led war in Yemen, *The New York Times*' Ben Hubbard and C.J. Chivers [reported](#).

**Finally today: Surprised by the Boss.** Some American veterans passed a dude by the side of the road in Jersey with a broken-down motorcycle this past Veterans Day. Bikers gotta stick together," Dan Barkalow, who was the first biker to spot Springsteen near Allaire State Park, [told](#) AP. Turns out the dude was Bruce Springsteen.

"The members of the Freehold American Legion in Monmouth County tried to help Springsteen — who grew up in Freehold — get his bike started. When they were unsuccessful, the 'Born to Run' singer hopped on the back of one of their bikes and they rode to a nearby bar and grill until his next ride arrived" about 45 minutes later, the Huffington Post reports, noting "Springsteen bought them a round of beers, took pictures and left a \$100 tip before leaving." Story, [here](#). Cheers, gang. And we'll see you tomorrow!

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'automatic weapons and a large amount of ammunition and explosives.' The FSB said 35-year-old Aselderov was involved in blasts in the southern Russian city of Volgograd which killed 34 people in 2013. He was fighting for another Caucasus insurgent group at the time. It also linked him to twin car blasts in Dagestan in 2012 that killed 14 and injured at least 120. The FSB said he also organised a foiled attack that was to take place in Moscow's Red Square on New Year's Eve in 2010 involving two female suicide bombers." More here. The bad news: Militant shelling in Aleppo reportedly landed on an improvised Russian military hospital, killing a female paramedic and injuring two other workers, Russian state-run Sputnik news reports, adding the U.S., U.K. and France share responsibility for the strike. And Russia's military reportedly just lost another fighter jet—this time an Su-33—to a snapped arresting cable on the Admiral Kuznetsov carrier in the Mediterranean. That makes two jets lost in three weeks. The previous loss occurred in November when a similar malfunction led to an MiG-29K crashing while attempting an emergency landing shortly after takeoff, the Washington Post writes this morning. Before we leave allegedly faulty Russian military equipment, here's video of a failed S-300 air defense system launch from this summer and its aftermath that surfaced on Twitter over the weekend.

President-elect Donald Trump followed up last week's "protocol-shattering phone call" with Taiwan's leader with a pair of tweets in which he noted China's fake-island-building in the South China Sea (true), its high import tariffs (mostly true), and the devaluing of its currency (not so true anymore). The Sunday afternoon tweets, which followed vows to reduce regulations on U.S. businesses and raise tariffs on goods made by offshored factories (plus a complaint about his portrayal on Saturday Night Live), stunned just about everyone interested in the U.S.-China relationship. "By going after China's policies on trade and security, Mr. Trump appeared to be confirming his intent to take a tougher line with the Chinese leadership across a broader range of issues," reported the New York Times. What else? Well, President Trump might not send a budget to Congress, unnamed GOP congressional sources tell federal finance guru Stan Collender, who wrote it up for Forbes. Why? Collender hypothesizes that Trump wants to avoid the inevitable criticism that comes with doing what presidents have been doing for generations, even at the cost of ceding budget choices to Congress and federal agencies. CRS analyst Matt Glassman has more, here. Meanwhile, here's a new example of the ways Trump and his family are mixing his public office — and foreign relations in particular — and their private gain. Trump daughter Ivanka, who sat in on the president-elect's Nov. 17 meeting with Japan's prime minister "is nearing a licensing deal with the Japanese apparel giant Sanex International, both parties told The New York Times. The largest shareholder of Sanex's parent company is the Development Bank of Japan, which is wholly owned by the Japanese government." That, from the Times, here.

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The U.S. and British militaries are mulling air drops to besieged Syrians—including via "[edible drones](#)," the *Guardian* reported this weekend. Not that these methods are the most certain way to deliver food and medical supplies to isolated residents. "We have been asked for our opinion on it and we have provided our views," Gen Joseph Votel, CENTCOM commander, told the *Guardian*. "It would be extraordinarily difficult and it's not the ideal way to move the kind of quantities you need." Full story, [here](#).

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Shifting stateside, briefly, House members on Friday authorized the Trump administration to arm Syrian rebels with anti-aircraft missiles, al-Monitor [reported](#) Friday. "The new provision was added in while the House and Senate worked out differences between the [FY2017 defense] bills they passed earlier this year. The original House bill expressly prohibited the transfer of MANPADs to 'any entity' in Syria, while the Senate version made no mention of them... The new provision 'would require the secretary of defense and secretary of state to notify the congressional defense committees, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee should a determination be made to provide MANPADs to elements of the appropriately vetted Syrian opposition,' according to the explanatory statement accompanying the compromise bill." Read the rest, including a bit of dissent from House lawmakers like Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., [here](#).

And check out other Middle East provisions in the FY2017 defense bills in a handy chart from al-Monitor, [here](#).

Back to Syria once more, where airstrikes Sunday in northwest Syria's Idlib province killed 73, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. "The bombardment included barrel bombs, improvised ordnance made from oil drums filled with explosives and dropped from

helicopters," Reuters [writes](#).

Some good news/bad news for Russia. The good news: Its defense ministry says it killed an ISIS leader in the Caucasus, *The Guardian* reported this weekend: "The FSB said a joint operation with the interior ministry had cornered [Rustam] Aselderov and his fighters in a private house in the city of Makhachkala, where it found 'automatic weapons and a large amount of ammunition and explosives.' The FSB said 35-year-old Aselderov was involved in blasts in the southern Russian city of Volgograd which killed 34 people in 2013. He was fighting for another Caucasus insurgent group at the time. It also linked him to twin car blasts in Dagestan in 2012 that killed 14 and injured at least 120. The FSB said he also organised a foiled attack that was to take place in Moscow's Red Square on New Year's Eve in 2010 involving two female suicide bombers." More [here](#).

The bad news: Militant shelling in Aleppo [reportedly](#) landed on an improvised Russian military hospital, killing a female paramedic and injuring two other workers, Russian state-run Sputnik news reports, [adding](#) the U.S., U.K. and France share responsibility for the strike.

And Russia's military [reportedly](#) just [lost](#) another fighter jet—this time an Su-33—to a snapped arresting cable on the Admiral Kuznetsov carrier in the Mediterranean. That makes two jets lost in three weeks. The previous loss occurred in November when a similar malfunction led to an MiG-29K crashing while attempting an emergency landing shortly after takeoff, the *Washington Post* [writes](#) this morning.

Before we leave allegedly faulty Russian military equipment, [here's](#) video of a failed S-300 air defense system launch from this summer and its [aftermath](#) that surfaced on Twitter over the weekend.

**President-elect Donald Trump** followed up last week's "[protocol-shattering phone call](#)" with Taiwan's leader with a [pair](#) of [tweets](#) in which he noted China's fake-island-building in the South China Sea (true), its high import tariffs (mostly true), and the devaluing of its currency (not so true anymore). The Sunday afternoon tweets, which followed [vows](#) to reduce regulations on U.S. businesses and raise tariffs on goods made by offshored factories (plus a [complaint](#) about his portrayal on Saturday Night Live), stunned just about everyone interested in the U.S.-China relationship. "By going after China's policies on trade and security, Mr. Trump appeared to be confirming his intent to take a tougher line with the Chinese leadership across a broader range of issues," [reported](#) the *New York Times*.

What else? Well, President Trump might not send a budget to Congress, unnamed GOP congressional sources tell federal finance guru Stan Collender, who [wrote it up for Forbes](#). Why? Collender hypothesizes that Trump wants to avoid the inevitable criticism that comes with doing what presidents have been doing for generations, even at the cost of ceding budget choices to Congress and federal agencies. CRS analyst Matt Glassman has more, [here](#).

Meanwhile, here's a new example of the ways Trump and his family are mixing his public office — and foreign relations in particular — and their private gain. Trump daughter Ivanka, who sat in on the president-elect's [Nov. 17 meeting](#) with Japan's prime minister "is nearing a licensing deal with the Japanese apparel giant Sanei International, both parties told The New York Times. The largest shareholder of Sanei's parent company is the Development Bank of Japan, which is wholly owned by the Japanese government." That, from the *Times*, [here](#).



From Defense One

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**Welcome to the Monday edition of The D Brief** by [Ben Watson](#), [Bradley Peniston](#) and [Marcus Weisgerber](#). On this day in 1963, the first Medal of Honor of the Vietnam War is received by [Capt. Roger Donlon](#), a Green Beret. (Send your friends this link: <http://get.defenseone.com/d-brief/>. And let us know your news: [the-d-brief@defenseone.com](mailto:the-d-brief@defenseone.com).)

**Mosul can be recaptured from the Islamic State before the Trump administration takes office**, Defense Secretary Ash Carter suggested this morning. Adds Reuters: "Carter did not say how the recapture could be completed before Jan. 20 in the face of resistance from Islamic State." More on the broader Mosul situation, which is largely as it was Friday—moving at a snail's pace in the face of snipers, tunnels, suicide bombers, etc.—[here](#).

Spotted in Kurdistan: Trump Fish, complete with a lightning-yellow shock of hair on the man's face. Check it out, [here](#).

Iraqi troops sifted through the relics of an ISIS training camp located inside Mosul, the *Washington Post* reported Saturday. And what they found was a significant degree of detail and planning goes into ISIS squad-level tactics. "One printed sheet detailed the equipment that fighters were told to take on operations. In addition to weapons and ammunition, each group should have two TNT mines and 10 molotov cocktails, it said, as well as a shovel, ladder, hammers and nails, and stretchers. Fighters also were instructed to take two large smoke bombs, or four small ones, night-vision goggles and binoculars. The list continued in minute detail: a knife, torch, lighter, first-aid kit and small notebook and pen." Story [here](#).

Elsewhere in the global ISIS fight, "Libyan forces took control on Monday of the final cluster of buildings where Islamic State militants were holding out in their former North African stronghold of Sirte, and were securing the area," a spokesman for brigades from the western city of Misrata told Reuters, which adds, "The statement could not immediately be verified and there was no official announcement that Sirte had been taken." That, [here](#).

**NatSec elites gather in SoCal to talk Trump.** They might have been in the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, but all anyone there could talk about was President-elect Donald Trump. At the fourth-annual Reagan National Defense Forum – created by California Republican Rep. Buck McKeon as a place to hold a bipartisan dialog about national security – there was lots of optimism among attendees that the Trump would end the budget caps that defense officials say have hampered their ability to properly prepare the military for war against a major power.

"I heard euphoria, in a way, about the possibilities of defense spending for the future," Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James told Defense One on her flight back to Washington on Sunday, the day after the event. "The belief, hands down, that sequestration would be lifted and that we're going to 'rebuild' the Defense Department. But then I heard some interesting cautions."

Among those cautions came from Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., noting federal budget caps, sometimes called sequestration, are still on the books until 2021, unless bipartisan support can be found to lift them. "It's easy to say we will increase defense spending," Graham said. "It's going to be harder than it looks, but we will get there because failure is not an option." Said James: "Nothing's quite as easy as it seems."

**So if you had more money, what would you buy?** Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Robert Neller, said more Marines. "Do we need to get bigger? We do," he said. "How fast do we do that? And that's kind of really the question." Also on his wish list: Buying F-35 Joint Strike Fighters, Joint Light Tactical Vehicles "and other aircraft and other ground systems" faster. "We've got programs that are there that are going to modernize and increase our capability," Neller said. "They just need to be done faster." James, who was in the same panel, also said additional aircraft and people would help the Air Force if there were two major wars simultaneously. She also mentioned buying the F-35 faster.

**CEOs want budget stability at Pentagon.** "Predictability from the strategic level through the budget provides stability in the industrial base," Jerry DeMuro, president and CEO of BAE Systems, said. "If you don't have that, it undermines the industrial base and the ability to come back and do what needs to be done." Michael Strianese, chairman and CEO of L-3 Communications, said: "In and of itself, the will to fund the military objectives is a deterrent."

**What does the general in charge of the Marine Corps think about Mattis?** "I've worked for Gen. Mattis twice. I've never met anybody who tried harder to win without fighting, that understands information, relationships, how to negotiate, how to engage below the level of conflict," Neller said. "He's a very accomplished thinker, leader, fighter, he's a historian, very measured guy....I'm confident that when he makes his calls and he goes up to testify that everyone will see that he certainly has the capabilities, the intellect, the drive and the knowledge to serve in this particular position."

**More pressing budget matters to deal with:** While Congress will soon pass the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act, the defense policy bill, it's not that lawmakers will pass an appropriations bill, meaning a temporary funding measure that freezes spending at 2016 levels. And that so-called continuing resolution could remain in place several months into next year. "That would be the ultimate irony to me in a year when so many people are saying, 'yes we agree we are going to do more,'" James said. Many defense officials have warned that the Pentagon could face financial penalties for not meeting the terms of their contracts.

**Quote of the day.** It goes to Adm. Harry Harris, the head of U.S. Pacific Command, when asked if China's seven new military bases in the South China Sea's Spratley Islands have deterred the West. "I have to, now, as a military commander think about those bases. I do not think they have deterred us as all. ... [I]n a conflict scenario they've given us seven additional targets."

*The reaction in the room?* A murmur of chuckles and in a classic 'Oh snap' moment. Reaction from one attendee: "Get ready for more comments like that when Mattis is SecDef."

*Make sure you check out the [Global Business Brief](#) on Thursday for more on the Reagan Forum.*

**Very alarming #LongRead for Af-Pak hands:** "How the FBI mistook a U.S. diplomat's Skype calls with a Pakistani contact for espionage and then destroyed her life." That's how *The Wall Street Journal's* Adam Entous [describes](#) the long, sordid tale of Robin Raphel, veteran "American diplomat in Islamabad's elite E-7 sector," whose investigation by the FBI began "[falling apart](#)" as

recently as October 2015.

Entous and colleague Devlin Barrett write, "Unbeknownst to Raphael, as she had made her rounds in Islamabad in the fall of 2014, and spoke to contacts on the phone and on Skype, law-enforcement officials half a world away had been listening. Raphael's old-fashioned way of doing business—working outside the confines of the embassy compound—had run headlong into the realities of America's global surveillance web, on which the U.S. had increasingly come to depend. Since receiving a tip from an intercepted communication months earlier, the FBI had obtained warrants to monitor Raphael's private accounts and to secretly search her home. They had transcribed information she had discussed with Pakistanis and taken it to intelligence officials, who had told them the topics were beyond her security clearance. The message, according to a former senior intelligence official, was that 'Robin needs to shut up.'"

Lots of shadiness to unpack in this story, so set aside some time to read the full feature, [here](#).

**Lastly today: Army-Navy (Hockey) Game tonight in DC.** Gen. Mark Milley, the Army chief of staff, will be behind the bench for Army and while Vice Adm. Ted Carter, superintendent of the Naval Academy, will be behind Navy's bench for the pick-up-style game tonight at the Verizon Center (after the Capitals-Sabres game). The game is a warm-up act of sorts for this weekend's Army-Navy football game in Baltimore. "We'll see who prevails in that [hockey] game, as a prelude [to the football game]. And fighting will be authorized," Milley quipped at Adm. Harris, the PACOM commander, on a panel at the Reagan forum.

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### Today in 5 Lines

President-elect Donald Trump's transition team [is in disarray](#) after former House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers announced he's leaving, and Matthew Freedman, a defense and foreign policy official, was reportedly removed. Mike Pence, who recently took the helm, has not yet signed paperwork to begin the transition process with the Obama administration. Paul Ryan [heralded](#) "the dawn of a new unified Republican government" during a news conference, just a few hours before House Republicans [unanimously re-elected him](#) for a second term as House speaker. President Obama [recognized](#) anxieties among the American people in a joint press conference with Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras. Senator John McCain [warned](#) the president-elect against cozying up to Russian President Vladimir Putin in a statement. And House Democrats [decided to push back](#) their leadership elections until November 30.

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### Today on *The Atlantic*

- **Post-Election Dilemma:** As many liberals cope with the election results, they are faced with the choice to accept or condemn Donald Trump's victory. [The problem](#): "They see Trump—and by extension, his supporters—as violating basic principles of decency and morality." (*Emma Green*)
- **Hillary Clinton's Defeat:** The Clinton campaign has cited a "host of uncontrollable headwinds" to explain her unexpected loss, while critics say her own team's decisions led to the outcome. [Here are](#) four explanations for her defeat. (*Molly Ball*)
- **Building Bridges:** President-elect Donald Trump expanded on his plans to invest heavily in infrastructure during his victory speech. But can he persuade congressional Republicans to [accept an idea](#) "they belittled as pork-barrel spending" when President Obama proposed it eight years ago? (*Russell Berman*)

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### Snapshot



"Make America Great Again" hats wait for U.S. House Republicans on their seats as they arrive to a caucus meeting at the U.S. Capitol in Washington. Jonathan Ernst / Reuters

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### What We're Reading

**Who's Steve Bannon?:** Republican lawmakers on Capitol Hill don't know much about Donald Trump's controversial pick for chief strategist and senior counselor, but they're [defending the president-elect's choice](#) all the same. (*Tarini Parti, BuzzFeed*)

**In His Own Words:** Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani is the rumored frontrunner for the role of secretary of state. *Fortune* [compiled a list](#) of past statements by Giuliani to give an idea of how he perceives the state of foreign affairs. (*Katie Reilly*)

**Making Sense of Trump's Immigration Plan:** During an interview on CBS's *60 Minutes*, Donald Trump vowed to deport up to 3 million undocumented immigrants, which critics say is unjust. But President Obama deported [roughly that many](#) undocumented immigrants in his first seven years in office. (*Barney Jopson, Financial Times*)

**Gray Area:** President-elect Donald Trump's new hotel operates out of a government-owned building, adding yet another layer to the [numerous potential conflicts of interest](#) between Trump's private businesses and presidential duties. (*Eric Lipton and Susanne Craig, The New York Times*)

**What Went Wrong?:** Donald Trump claimed throughout the election that a "silent majority" of voters backed him. As it turns out, many of his supporters were [completely overlooked](#) "either because pollsters never found them or they chose not to respond to the polls." (*Garrett M. Graff, Wired*)

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### Visualized

**The Past Seven Days:** One week ago, Donald Trump won the presidential election. Check out [these images](#) to see what's happened in America every day since. (*Catherine E. Shoichet, CNN*)

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### Question of the Week

In the coming weeks, President-elect Donald Trump will hire a White House staff, select the members of his cabinet, and make thousands of political appointments, among a number of other things.

What one book should Trump read to prepare him for the task ahead?

Send your answers to [hello@theatlantic.com](mailto:hello@theatlantic.com), and our favorites will be featured in Friday's *Politics & Policy Daily*.

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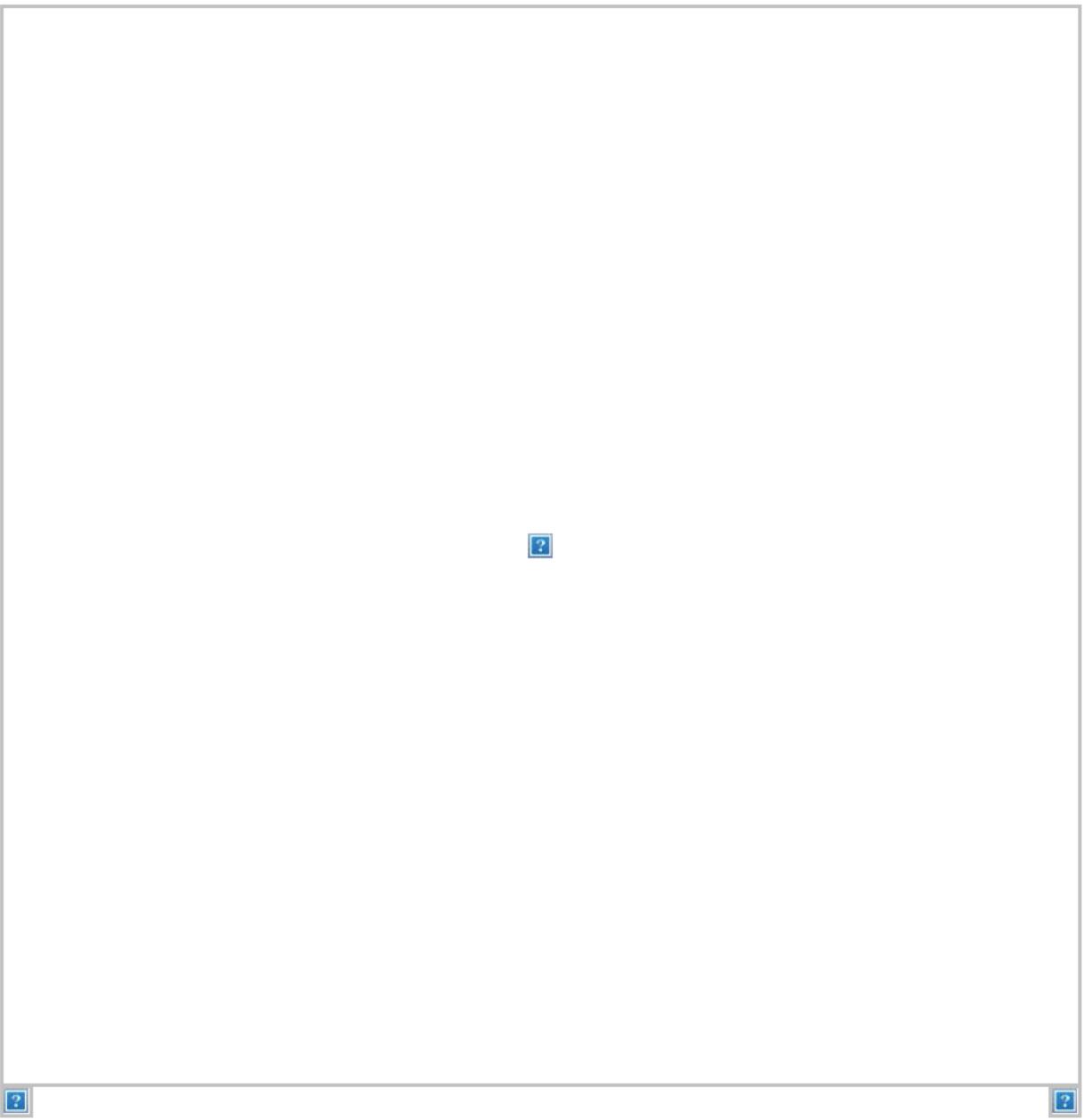
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Kellyanne Conway, Donald Trump's campaign manager, and Robby Mook, Hillary Clinton's campaign manager, before a forum at Harvard last night. (Charles Krupa/AP)



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**THE BIG IDEA:**

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Donald Trump's former campaign manager thinks the editor of the New York Times should be imprisoned for wanting to publish the president-elect's tax returns.**

Corey Lewandowski made this caustic declaration Thursday afternoon during a panel discussion at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, as he argued with six top officials from Hillary Clinton's campaign about who benefited more from media coverage that both sides see as horribly flawed.

After every presidential election [since 1972](#), the top advisers to both major party nominees gather for a postmortem to discuss what they were thinking behind the scenes at key moments. The transcripts of these sessions go to libraries, and historians use them for research.

But the two-day symposium here, just like the campaign it was convened to discuss, devolved into name calling and a shouting match. It ran headlong into two of the biggest fault lines in American life: race and gender. And it underscored just how alarmingly polarized the country remains three weeks after one of the nastiest political campaigns in American history.

In 2012, it was easy for the professionals who worked for Barack Obama and Mitt Romney to antiseptically dissect the race together. But 2016 is different: **The wounds are still too fresh for Clinton's advisers** – who had been measuring the drapes in the West Wing. **Trump's strategists are still riding too high on the endorphins of a victory** – which caught even most of them by surprise – to reflect soberly. (Karen Tumulty and Philip Rucker have a blow-by-blow in their spot story, [which you can read here](#).)

-- Unlike previous iterations of the Harvard conference, both sides focused heavily on attacking the press – often in ways that were removed from reality and at times seemingly designed to avoid taking responsibility for their own blunders.

Clinton communications director Jennifer Palmieri lambasted the coverage of her candidate's homebrew email server. **"It is going to go down in history as the most grossly over-rated, over-covered and most destructive story in all of presidential politics,"** she said. **"If I made one mistake, it was legitimizing the way the press covered this storyline."**

Clinton campaign manager Robby Mook then insisted that reporters did not press Trump very hard for refusing to release his tax returns.

**"Oh my God, that question was vomited to me every day on TV,"** said Kellyanne Conway, Trump's third and final manager, rolling her eyes.

Clinton chief strategist Joel Benenson replied, "The number of stories about his tax returns paled in comparison exponentially to coverage of emails."

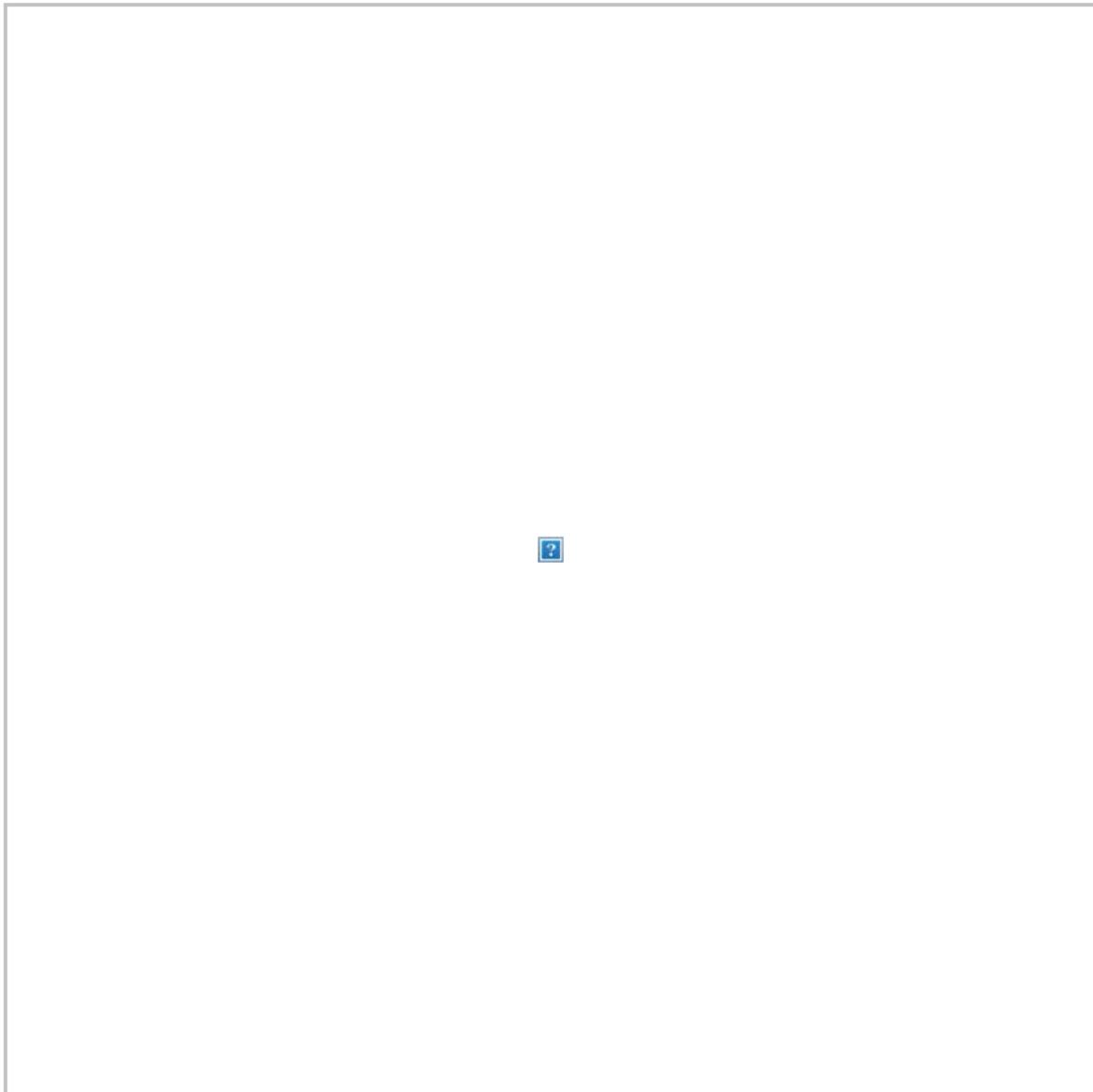
That's when Lewandowski, who remains in touch with Trump as a trusted adviser, noted that New York Times executive editor Dean Baquet, during [an appearance at Harvard](#) this fall, said he'd risk jail time to publish Trump's tax returns if the paper obtained them. **"He's willing to commit a felony,"** Lewandowski said. **"It is egregious. He should be in jail!"**

Corey Lewandowski arrives at Trump Tower this Tuesday. (Evan Vucci/AP)</p>□

Corey Lewandowski arrives at Trump Tower this Tuesday. (Evan Vucci/AP)

-- **In a critique that generated audible groans among the dozens of assembled journalists who covered the 2016 campaign, Lewandowski complained that reporters erred by reporting on what actually Trump said at his events.** “This is the problem with the media,” he said, when discussing the proposed Muslim ban. “You guys took everything that Donald Trump said so literally! The American people didn’t. They understood it. They understood that sometimes — when you have a conversation with people, whether it’s around the dinner table or at a bar — you’re going to say things, and sometimes you don’t have all the facts to back it up.”

-- **Clinton’s people made clear how much they view Lewandowski with utter disdain.** “We’re not at a Trump rally, Corey,” Benenson told him when he started talking about how Trump was right to say that people who burn the flag should be stripped of their citizenship.



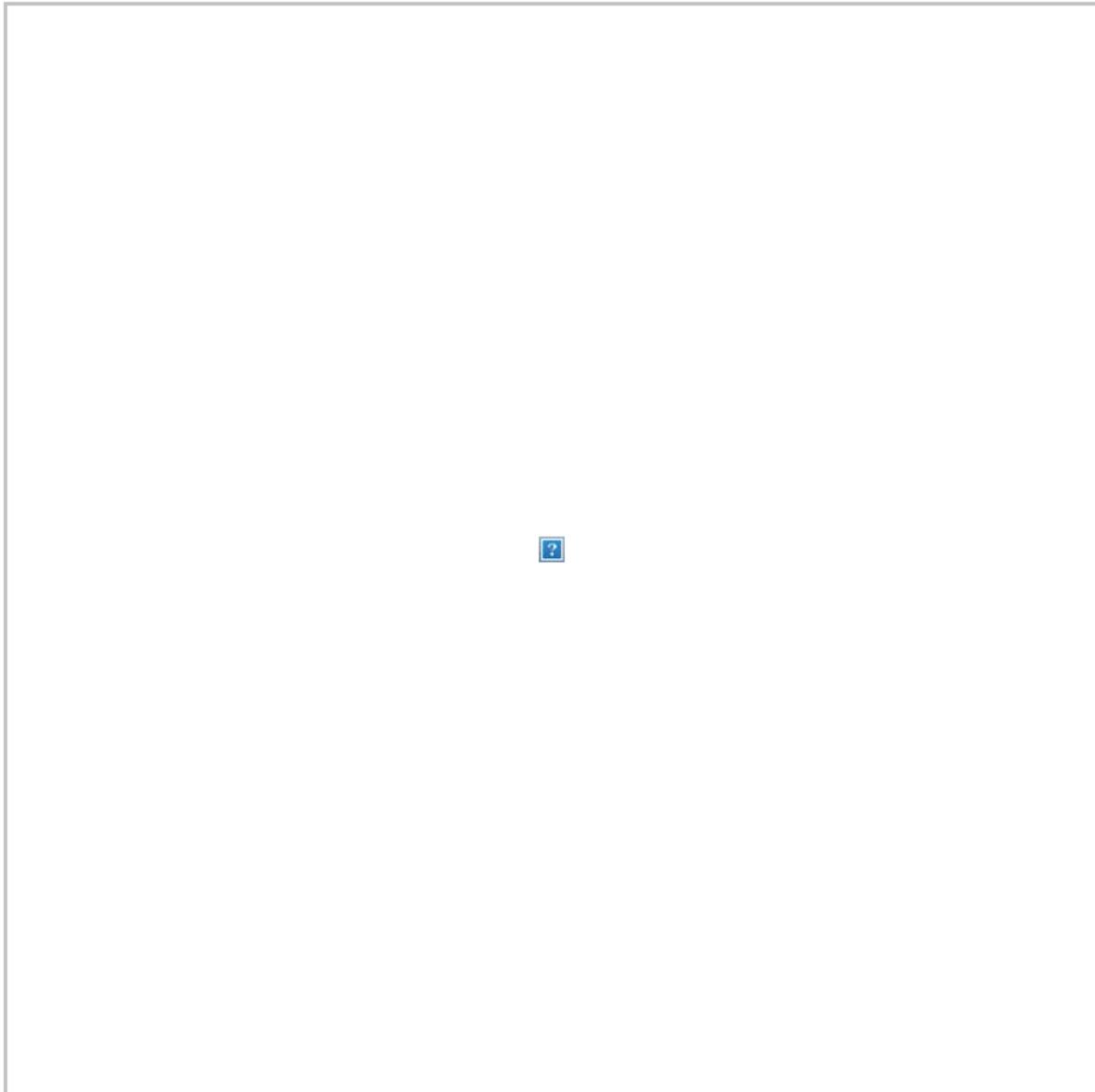
Hillary Clinton disembarks from her plane with Jennifer Palmieri this fall. (Melina Mara/The Washington Post)

-- And so it went. **Reporters pressed the Clinton team on why they did not talk more about the economy. Palmieri complained that, every time they tried to, the press just wanted her to respond to whatever Trump had just said or tweeted.** Then, when she would talk about Trump, pundits would criticize Clinton for not focusing enough on the issues. Jen noted that NBC's Andrea Mitchell, who was co-moderating the panel, focused on the donnybrook over the Gold Star Khan family during what was supposed to be a jobs-focused bus tour in the days after the Democratic National Convention. "You guys only covered her when she talked about him," Palmieri complained.

-- **Even the Trump team marveled at the extent to which reporters chase after whatever their boss tweets.** "It was like owning the New York Times without the overhead or the debt," said Michael Glassner, who was Trump's deputy campaign manager. Lewandowski said Trump could "change the narrative" with 140 characters." Trump pollster Tony Fabrizio said a post-election poll showed only 20 percent of voters actually use Twitter, which means that the candidate's messages could never have broken through without so much amplification by the press.

**But Trump folks said he needed to use Twitter and other alternative mediums because he was not getting a fair shake from the people assigned to cover him.** "The largest super PAC is called the media,"

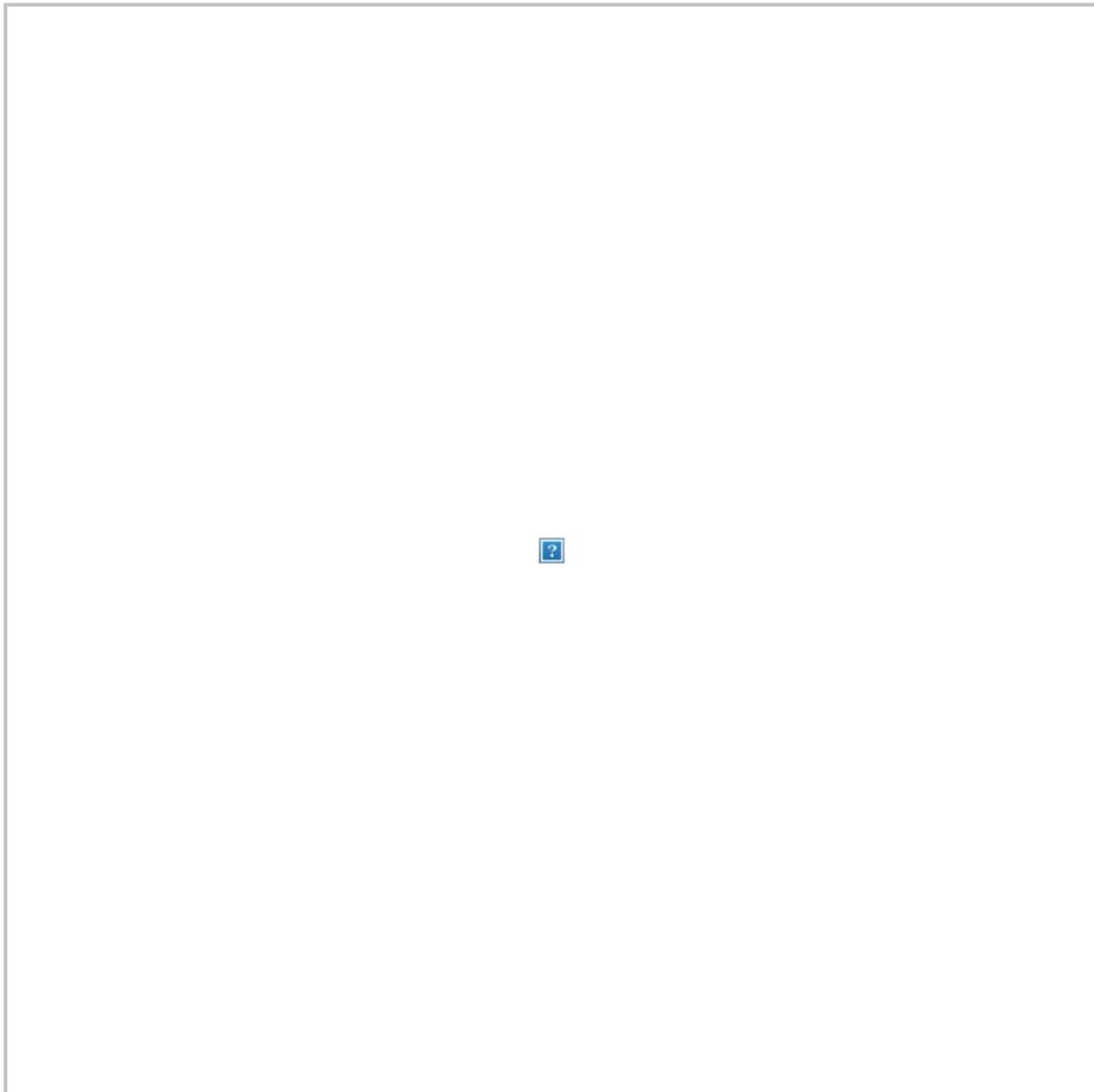
said Trump digital director Brad Parscale. “We had media bias that we had to spend money and energy to push back on and correct the message. ... We had to fight media bias *and* corporate bias.”



Robby Mook talks to press aboard the Clinton campaign plane on Oct. 28. (Melina Mara/The Washington Post)

-- **Mook complained that media coverage of campaign chairman John Podesta’s hacked emails in the final weeks did not sufficiently stress the role that the Russians played in pilfering and distributing them.** “It is outrageous ... It has got to be investigated,” Mook said of Russia’s meddling. “We know the Russians were propagating fake news.”

**“The biggest piece of fake news in this election was that Donald Trump couldn’t win,”** replied Conway. Asked if she believes the U.S. intelligence community that Russia was behind much of the mischief, she said: “I’m not going to assume it’s true.” “It is a fact! ... It is true,” replied Mook. “We’re not pro-foreign government interference, if that’s what you’re asking,” Conway clarified.

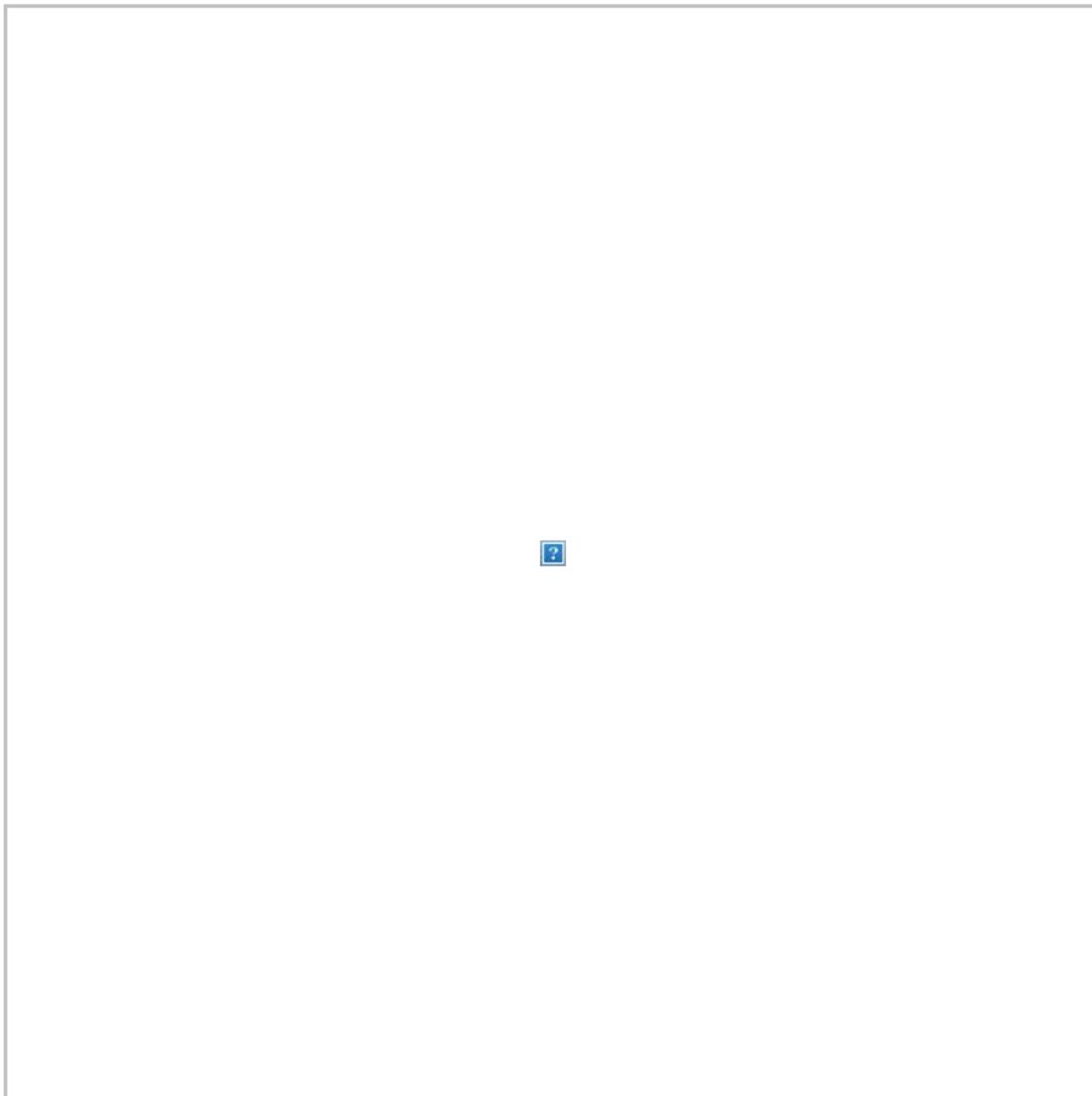


Jeff Zucker, president of CNN, arrives to meet with Trump at Trump Tower on Nov. 21. (Brendan McDermid/Reuters)

-- **The head of CNN also came under particularly intense fire.** The campaign managers for all of Trump's Republican primary rivals were also invited to this conference, and they made themselves known during a dinner on Wednesday night.

**During a panel discussion with media heavyweights, Jeff Zucker called it "bull\*\*\*\*" to blame his cable channel for elevating Trump back in 2015 when he first got into the race.** Veterans of the GOP campaigns which Trump vanquished began to yell from the audience, especially about CNN airing live footage of an empty podium where Trump was about to speak while mostly ignoring whatever they were doing. Zucker claimed that his producers let other candidates call in to the network, rather than requiring them to appear on camera. (Not true, a few yelled.) He added that Marco Rubio refused to come on the air for 10 weeks because he was upset about a question he'd been asked on abortion.

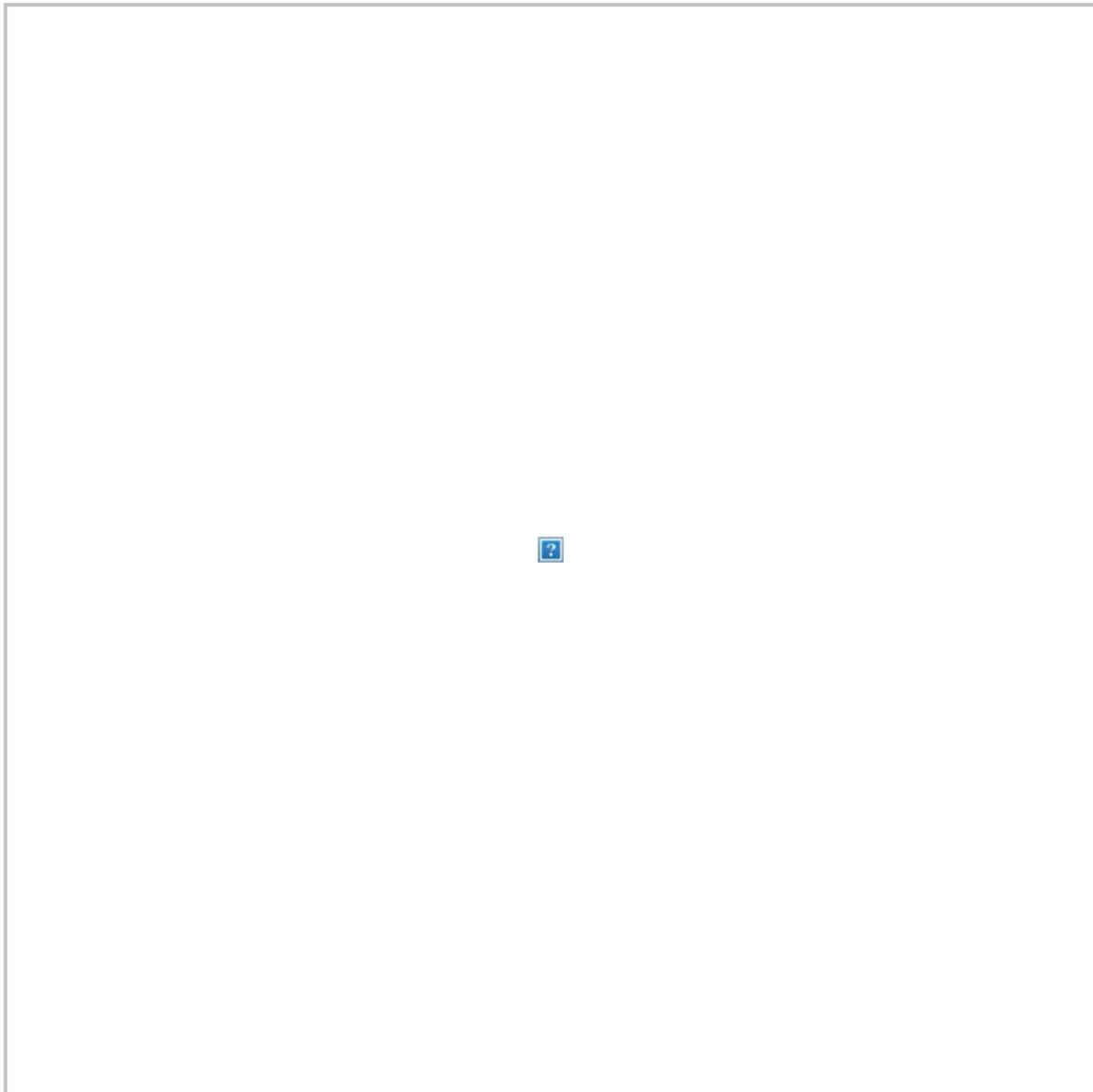
**Reporters from print outlets, meanwhile, pressed Zucker on his decision to hire Lewandowski as a paid contributor** after he technically got fired by Trump as manager but remained on the campaign payroll and continued to dispense private advice. As Politico's Gabe Debenedetti recounts in [his piece](#) on what followed, "Zucker said Lewandowski was a 'good investment and decision,' as Lewandowski clapped and the rest of the room remained silent."



Fox moderator Megyn Kelly listens as Chris Wallace speaks during the first Republican debate in Cleveland. (John Minchillo/AP)

-- **The Republican managers are also mad at Fox News, though they were more nuanced in their on-the-record critiques in order to preserve relationships with the conservative giant.** Lewandowski complained that Trump “felt he was set up” by Fox when he was asked during the first debate in Aug. 2015 if he’d commit to support the eventual nominee, and that they both suspected that it was because family members of Fox employees worked for his rivals.

That led to a much-publicized “feud” between Trump and Megyn Kelly. But **Chris Christie’s senior strategist, Mike DuHaime, complained that the Fox-Trump fight was phony and helped both sides at the expense of the more serious GOP candidates.** “Fox was not at war,” he said. “The way Fox goes to war is to ignore someone!”



In July at the Republican convention, David Bossie, then the president of Citizens United, and Phil Robertson, of Duck Commander, talk with Stephen Bannon of Breitbart. (Ben Jackson/Getty Images for SiriusXM)

-- **The biggest blow-up of the whole conference came after David Bossie, who left his job as head of Citizens United to become Trump's deputy campaign manager, praised Stephen Bannon as "a brilliant strategist."** The former head of Breitbart, who will be chief strategist in the new White House, was supposed to come but pulled out at the last minute after hundreds of Harvard students made plans to protest him. **Here is just a taste of what followed:**

Palmieri: **"If providing a platform for white supremacists makes me a brilliant tactician, I am proud to have lost. I would rather lose than win the way you guys did."**

Conway: **"Do you think I ran a campaign where white supremacists had a platform?"**

Palmieri, who choked up at times: **"You did, Kellyanne. You did!"**

Conway: **"Are you kidding me? ... Do you think you could have just had a decent message for white, working-class voters? How about, it's Hillary Clinton, she doesn't connect with people? How about, they have nothing in common with her? How about, she doesn't have an economic message?"**

Benenson then asked the Trump team to say who they were trying "to take America back from." **"There were**

**dog whistles sent out to people,” he said.** “Look at your rallies. He delivered it.”

Conway: “Guys, I can tell you are angry, but wow. **Hashtag he’s your president.** ... Will you ever accept the election results? Will you tell your protesters that he’s their president, too?”

Clinton senior adviser Karen Finney retorted: “**Hashtag, if he's going to be my president, he's going to need to show me that white supremacy isn't acceptable!** ... Part of what Donald Trump did during this campaign was to mainstream the alt-right.”

Conway: “**You guys are bitter.** ... I’ve tried to be very gracious. You’re bitter.”

Clinton senior media adviser Mandy Grunwald grew frustrated as the Trump officials claimed that they ran a more positive campaign with a more uplifting vision than Clinton did: “I don’t think you give yourself enough credit for the negative campaign you ran. ... **I hear this heroic story of him connecting with voters, but there was a very impressive gassing of her!**” (She talked about how Trump used “the dark arts” of fake news and the National Enquirer.)

“Take the compliment, Kellyanne,” Mandy said.

“I would if it were one,” Kellyanne shot back.



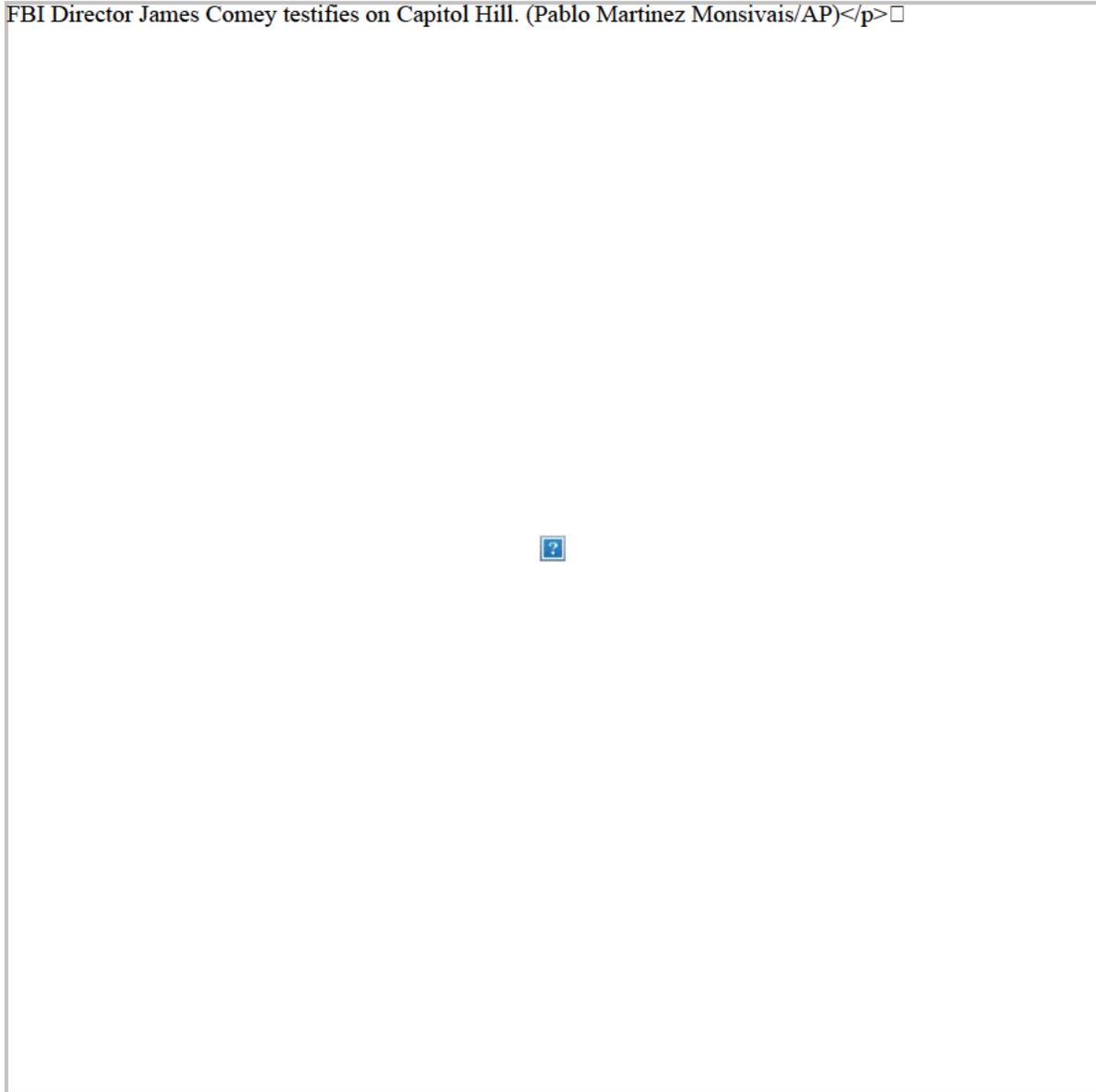
Donald Trump and Mike Pence stand onstage together at U.S. Bank Arena last night in Cincinnati, Ohio. (Ty Wright/Getty Images)

-- **What really seemed to set the Trump operatives off, besides being linked by association with white supremacists, was when the Clinton people kept saying that the president-elect has no mandate.**

Benenson: "You guys won. That's clear. But let's be honest: Don't act as if you have a popular mandate for your message. The fact of the matter is that more Americans voted for Hillary Clinton than for Donald Trump."

Conway turned to her five Trump colleagues: "Hey, guys, we won. You don't have to respond. He was the better candidate. That's why he won. Why is there no mandate?"

FBI Director James Comey testifies on Capitol Hill. (Pablo Martinez Monsivais/AP)

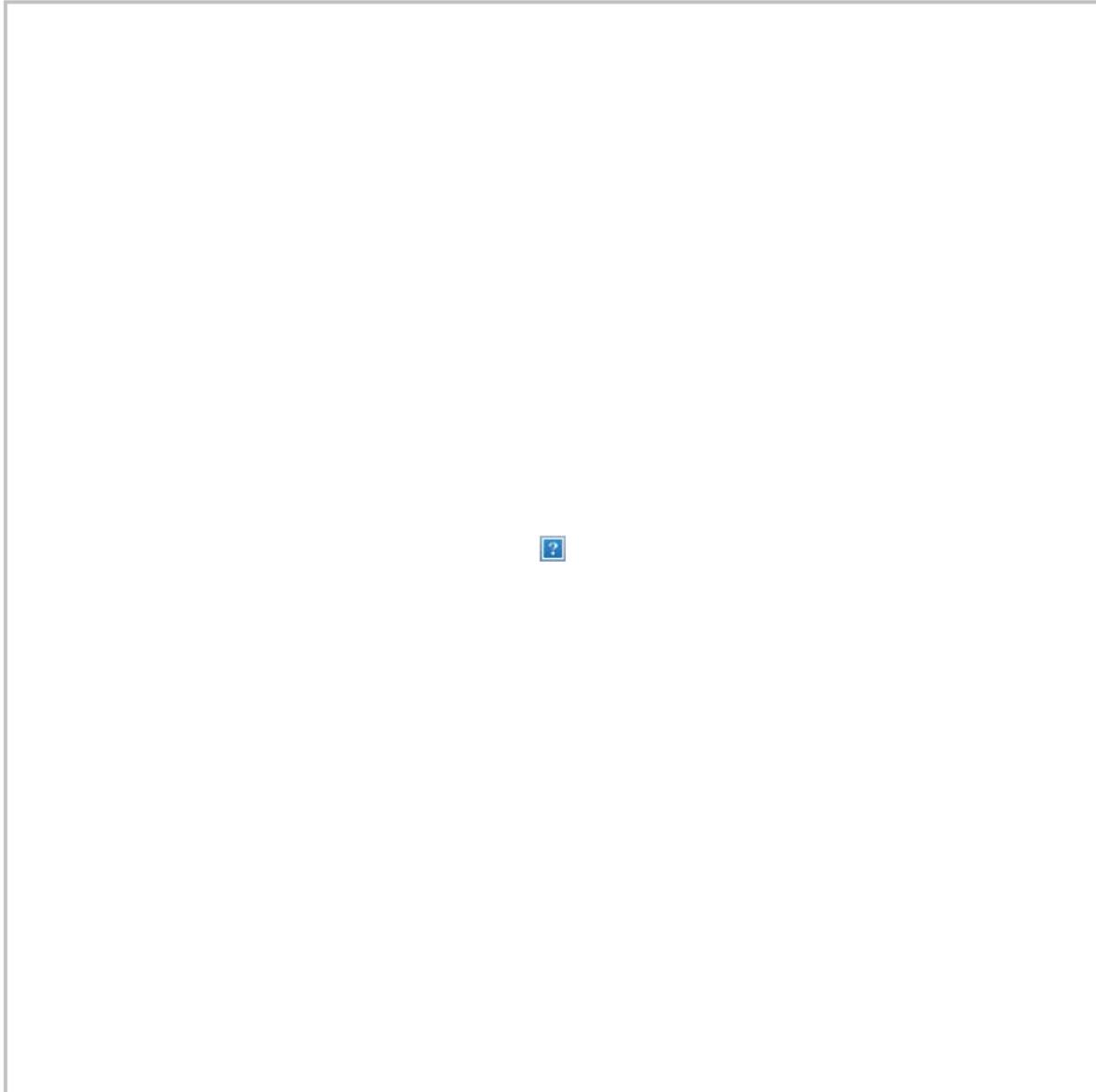


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-- **Another flash point: Did Clinton lose because of the FBI director?** "What is the single greatest headwind we faced in the race? The two letters from James Comey," said Mook, echoing comments that have been made by HRC since the election. "The first letter stripped away a lot of the college educated support that President Obama had not had. The second letter inflamed some of those voters in Mr. Trump's base. ... I think we underestimated the force of that when it changed."

**The Republicans repeatedly said the Clintons themselves, not Comey, deserves the blame for her email server becoming such a big issue.** They argued that Comey would not have been in a position to hold his summer press conference had Attorney General Loretta Lynch not foolishly met with Bill Clinton aboard a private airplane on the tarmac in Phoenix. The ensuing firestorm led her to recuse herself from the email investigation, which empowered Comey.

**Conway said Trump was hurt more by the 2005 “Access Hollywood” video than Clinton was hurt by Comey’s bombshell.** “I will tell you, if you look at the polling, that incident effected Donald Trump’s numbers much more than the Comey letter affected Secretary Clinton’s,” she said.



Huma Abedin and Robby Mook watch Clinton campaign in New Hampshire this summer. (Melina Mara/The Washington Post)

-- **One area of concurrence: Both sides think Clinton was hobbled by the expectation she’d win.** It made it harder to get volunteers and led young people to think they could safely vote third party. Hillary needed upward of 60 percent of young voters, but she got “in the high 50s at the end of the day,” Mook said. “That’s why we lost.”

**The Clinton team said that the Democratic nominee was always scrutinized as if she was already an incumbent, a burden Trump never faced.**

**Asked when he knew that his boss had lost, Mook said he started to get worried when the first numbers started coming in from places like Florida and Virginia on election night:** “I thought, ‘Well, maybe this is just a Southeast thing. In that case, we’ll be alright.’ Well, it wasn’t just a Southeast thing.” Looking back, he added, “Would I have 300 paid staff in Michigan instead of 200? Absolutely. Because we lost Michigan by less than one point.”

Kellyanne Conway answers a question at Harvard last night. (Scott Eisen/Getty Images)</p>□



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-- **Finally, Conway argued that voters weighed, then dismissed the groping allegations because Trump was speaking directly about their economic problems:** “There’s a difference for voters between what offends you and what affects you.”

**CNN’s Jake Tapper asked her whether it is appropriate for Trump, now that he’s won, to make baseless claims on Twitter that millions of votes were fraudulently cast or to retweet random people attacking specific members of the media.** “He’s the president-elect, so that’s presidential behavior,” she replied.

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**WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:**

-- The U.S. economy added 178,000 jobs in November, while the unemployment rate fell to 4.6 percent from 4.9 percent the previous month, according to new government data released at 8:30 a.m. ([Ana Swanson](#))

Trump meets with James Mattis on Nov. 19. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)



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-- Trump tapped retired Gen. James Mattis to be secretary of defense, selecting a former senior military officer who says responding to “political Islam” is the major security issue facing the United States.

[From Dan Lamothe](#): Mattis, 66, served more than four decades in the Marine Corps and is known as one of the most influential military leaders of his generation, serving as a strategic thinker while occasionally drawing rebukes for his aggressive talk.

**To take the job, Mattis will need Congress to pass new legislation to bypass a federal law stating that defense secretaries must not have been on active duty in the previous seven years.** Congress has granted a similar exception just once [in 1950].” (R and D sources tell us the votes will be there.)

**Mattis, whose nicknames include “Mad Dog” and the “Warrior Monk,” has had a leading hand in some of the U.S. military’s most significant operations in the past 20 years.** “As a one-star general, he led an amphibious task force of Marines that carried out a November 2001 raid in helicopters on Afghanistan’s Kandahar province, giving the Pentagon a new foothold [after the 9/11] attacks,” Lamothe notes. **“Using the call sign ‘Chaos,’ he commanded a division of Marines during the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003 and returned ... to lead Marines in bloody street fighting in the city of Fallujah.”**

**He has occasionally come under scrutiny for impolitic remarks.** “It’s fun to shoot some people,” he famously said in 2005. “I like brawling.”

**-- Red flag: “[Trump’s pick for defense secretary went to the mat for the troubled blood-testing company Theranos](#),” by Carolyn Y. Johnson:** “[Mattis] had a long military career, leading the U.S. Central Command before he retired in 2013. But a series of emails obtained by The Post last year revealed that, in a lesser-known incident late in his military tenure, Mattis took the unusual step of personally pushing for a start-up company — the controversial blood-testing Theranos — to land a deal for a military field test. In 2012, Theranos — which has since had a long and tortuous fall from Silicon Valley darling to cautionary tale — was a secretive blood-testing company with politically connected board members. The emails revealed Mattis’s interest in the start-up’s blood-testing technology and the personal actions he took to try and push its technology into a field test in Afghanistan.”

Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.) in the Capitol. (Andrew Harnik for The Washington Post)</p></p>



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#### **TRUMP'S VERSION OF POLITICAL SURVIVOR CONTINUES:**

-- **North Dakota Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp is meeting today at Trump Tower with the president-elect amid rumors she is in the running to be Energy or Interior secretary.** The move would be a smart one for Trump in terms of picking off a Democratic senator. Republicans would definitely pick up her seat. There is also talk West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin, also a Democrat in a state Trump won, is under consideration, though Manchin says he has yet to be contacted by the Trump team. Both Democrats sound open to serving. ([Steven Mufson](#))

-- **Chris Christie is considering throwing his hat into the ring as RNC chair,** telling several Trump transition team officials that he is interested in the post. The move comes as Christie's prospects for a position in the Trump administration have dimmed in recent weeks, [Politico's Alex Isenstadt reports](#). This job would let him serve out his term as governor of New Jersey.

-- **If nominated as secretary of State, Gen. David Petraeus "would have to undergo a potentially bruising confirmation hearing that would probably reexamine the lurid case that led to his conviction and dredge up old comparisons to Clinton,"** [Matt Zapposky](#) writes. "Petraeus pleaded guilty last year to a misdemeanor charge of mishandling classified information, admitting that he gave sensitive materials to his former lover and biographer, Paula Broadwell. He was sentenced to two years of probation ... [which include] several restrictions that could complicate his holding a Cabinet position ... [but] Petraeus's probation expires in April 2017, and Trump, upon taking office, could commute his sentence. "Those involved in the Petraeus case at one point contemplated much more serious charges of lying to the FBI and violating a section of the Espionage Act. Officials have said the information contained in the eight notebooks Petraeus gave to Broadwell could have caused grave damage to national security, if disclosed."

-- **"Trump has disclosed owning millions of dollars of stock in companies with business pending before the U.S. government and whose value could rise as a result of his policies,"** [Rosalind S. Helderman and Drew Harwell report](#) this morning. "Trump's stock holdings, which are separate from the more high-profile real estate and branding empire that he has said he will separate from in some fashion, represent another area rife with potential conflicts of interest that Trump has yet to address." Trump's stock portfolio presents "a smaller bore but significant example of the same problem he has with the Trump Organization," said Norm Eisen, "Nobody will know if the decisions he's making are influenced by the public interest or by his and his family's personal financial interests."

Xavier Becerra just got a big boost. (Andrew Harrer/Bloomberg)</p>□

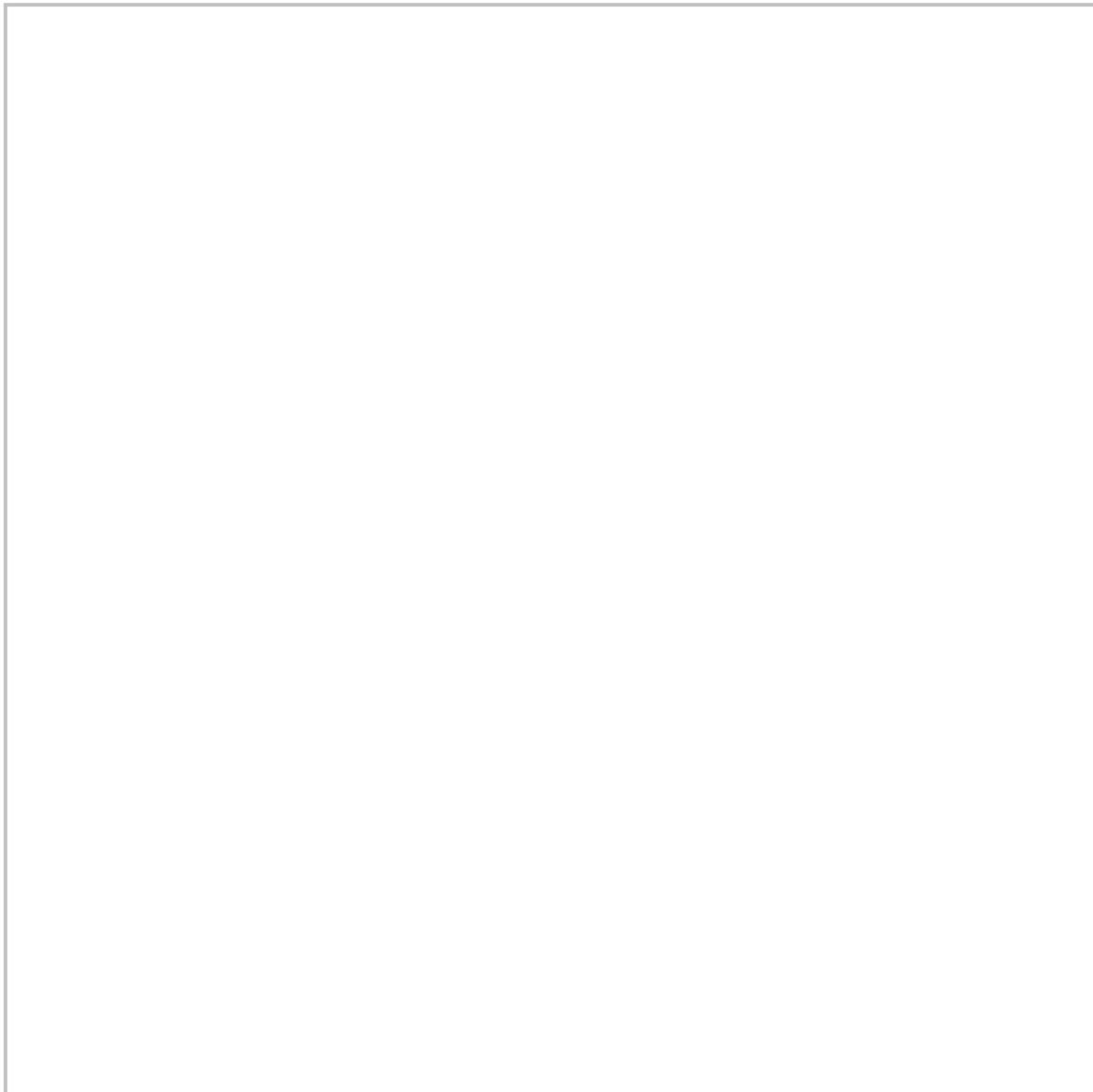
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**GET SMART FAST:**

1. **Jerry Brown picked Rep. Xavier Becerra (D) to replace Sen.-elect Kamala Harris as California's attorney general.** The post will allow Becerra, the highest-ranking Latino in Congress, a perch from which he can run statewide. **It also clears the way for Rep. Richard Neal (D-Mass.) to become the ranking member on the powerful Ways and Means Committee.** ([Mike DeBonis](#))
2. **Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) is celebrating his narrow re-election by suing challenger Doug Applegate for libel.** The wealthiest member of Congress is seeking \$10 million in damages over a pair of what he claims are defamatory campaign ads. ([San Diego Union Tribune](#))
3. **The pilot of the jet carrying a Brazilian soccer team that crashed on Monday decided to skip a scheduled refueling stop, opting instead to fly directly into Colombia.** The news corroborates early theories that the aircraft crashed after running out of gas. ([CNN](#))
4. **Princess Cruise Lines was slapped with a raft of felony charges and a \$40 million penalty after it was revealed the company has been illegally polluting the ocean for years – and instructing employees to lie about it.** Feds say the punishment is the largest-ever criminal penalty involving deliberate ocean pollution. ([Brady Dennis](#))
5. **The U.S. government is expected to forgive more than \$108 billion in student debt over the next several years, according to a new GAO report.** The projections come as part of a new report to

Congress, which criticized the way current loan programs account for debt repayments. ([Wall Street Journal](#))

6. **Embattled French President Francois Hollande announced he will not seek re-election in 2017, ending a term characterized by consistently high unemployment levels and a string of deadly terror attacks in the country.** His announcement, which clears the way for another leftist candidate to enter the ring, comes after a recent poll in the country showed Hollande's approval ratings at four percent ([James McAuley](#))
7. **Hundreds of people are demanding an Ohio State University administrator be fired after she urged compassion for the student attacker who slashed 11 people.** ([Susan Svrluga](#))
8. **Two Army soldiers looking to make some side cash are now facing hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines, as well as a decade in federal prison, after they admitted to smuggling undocumented immigrants through patrol checkpoints for cash.** ([Kristine Guerra](#))
9. **Wisconsin officials are investigating a VA facility dentist for reusing disposable dental equipment on his patients – putting some 600 veterans at risk for HIV and hepatitis.** Officials haven't found evidence of infection yet, but said they are continuing an aggressive investigation out of an abundance of caution. ([McClatchy DC](#))
10. **Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz said he is stepping aside,** stoking public speculation that the business executive could be considering a future in the political sphere. ([Sarah Halzack and Jena McGregor](#))
11. **The NFL announced a new multi-year deal with CBS,** allowing subscribers of the "All Access" package to stream Sunday football games. Coverage begins this weekend. ([CBS News](#))
12. **Sun exposure can reduce risk for nearsightedness, according to a new study.** Researchers found that those with the highest levels of UV-B exposure, especially young people and teenagers, had about a 30 percent lower risk for myopia than those with the lowest exposure. ([New York Times](#))



Secretary of Labor Tom Perez addresses a women's summit. (Bill O'Leary/The Washington Post)

**THE RACE FOR DNC CHAIR:**

-- **The field in the race for chairman of the Democratic National Committee might not be set, and two more names are being talked about as possible candidates. We're hearing credible chatter at high levels that Labor Secretary Tom Perez is leaning toward getting in.** Another pol expressing interest: Phil Angelides, the former California state Treasurer and the 2006 Democratic nominee for California governor (He lost to Arnold). Peres got more serious when Joe Biden announced he would not get in.

Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) speaks at the DNC. (David Paul Morris/Bloomberg)</p>□



Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) speaks at the DNC. (David Paul Morris/Bloomberg)

-- **The current frontrunner for DNC chair, Keith Ellison, is facing increasing scrutiny for his past ties to the Nation of Islam and his defense of its anti-Semitic leader, Louis Farrakhan.** From [CNN's Andrew Kaczynski](#): "Ellison, the first Muslim elected to Congress, publicly renounced his association with the Nation of Islam in 2006 after it became an issue during his run for Congress. ... But several outlets have resurfaced Ellison's past writings as he runs for DNC chair, raising new concerns about his own views and what they would mean for the Democratic Party if he were to be its leader. A review of Ellison's past writings and public statements during the late 1980s through the 1990s reveal his decade-long involvement in the Nation of Islam and his repeated defense of Farrakhan and other radical black leaders against accusations of anti-Semitism in columns and statements to the press." No one has found evidence yet of Ellison making any anti-Semitic comments himself.

-- **Also in the running are two state chairmen from early states: New Hampshire's Ray Buckley and South Carolina's Jamie Harrison.**



Trump starts victory tour with Carrier stop, Cincinnati rally

#### **TRUMP'S MIDWEST VICTORY LAP:**

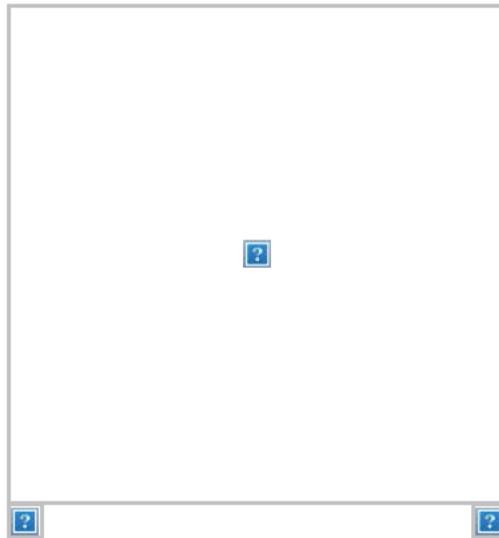
-- **The election might be over, but Trump seems intent on continuing to campaign, [Jenna Johnson and John Wagner report](#). “At his first rally since being elected president, Trump only occasionally read from his teleprompters ... recounted in great detail all the ways that he won, noted that world leaders now call him from ‘their magnificent rooms,’ and gleefully reflected on how it was ‘a lot of fun’ fighting [Clinton], to which the crowd chanted: ‘Lock her up! Lock her up!’ He complained about his party’s top leaders, prompted the crowd to boo their state governor ... and told the crowd to keep going as they booed ‘the extremely dishonest press.’ He mocked a small group of protesters as they were led out: ‘They don’t know that Hillary lost a couple of weeks ago.’ And somewhere amid the insults, grievances and brags, Trump promised to heal this divided country.”**

-- **Before the rally last night, Trump toured the Indiana-based Carrier factory at which he helped keep roughly 1,000 jobs from moving to Mexico. There, the president-elect threatened “consequences” for U.S. firms that relocate elsewhere, suggesting he will broaden his bid to personally intervene with individual companies to keep jobs in the country, per [Ylan Q. Mui, Matea Gold and Max Ehrenfreund](#): “Trump’s remarks came as he triumphantly celebrated a decision by the heating and air-conditioning company Carrier to reverse its plans to close a furnace plant here and move to Mexico, helping keep 1,100 jobs in Indianapolis.” Under the terms of the agreement, Carrier would reportedly receive a \$7 million tax incentive**

package from the state of Indiana in exchange for making a \$16 million investment in the facility, Trump claimed.

**Speaking at Carrier, Trump also predicted more companies will stay in the U.S. because his administration will lower corporate taxes and reduce regulations.** He also warned that businesses that decide to go abroad will "pay a price": "Companies are not going to leave the United States anymore without consequences," Trump declared Thursday. "Not gonna happen."

-- **Experts said no modern president has intervened on behalf of an individual company like this. But Trump dismissed such concerns, saying he plans to "personally call" other companies that are contemplating moving operations out of the country. "I think it's very presidential. And if it's not presidential, that's okay because I actually like doing it," Trump said. "But we're going to have a lot of phone calls made to companies when they say they're leaving this country, because they're not going to leave this country."**



#### **BLOWBACK FROM BOTH PARTIES ON THE CARRIER DEAL:**

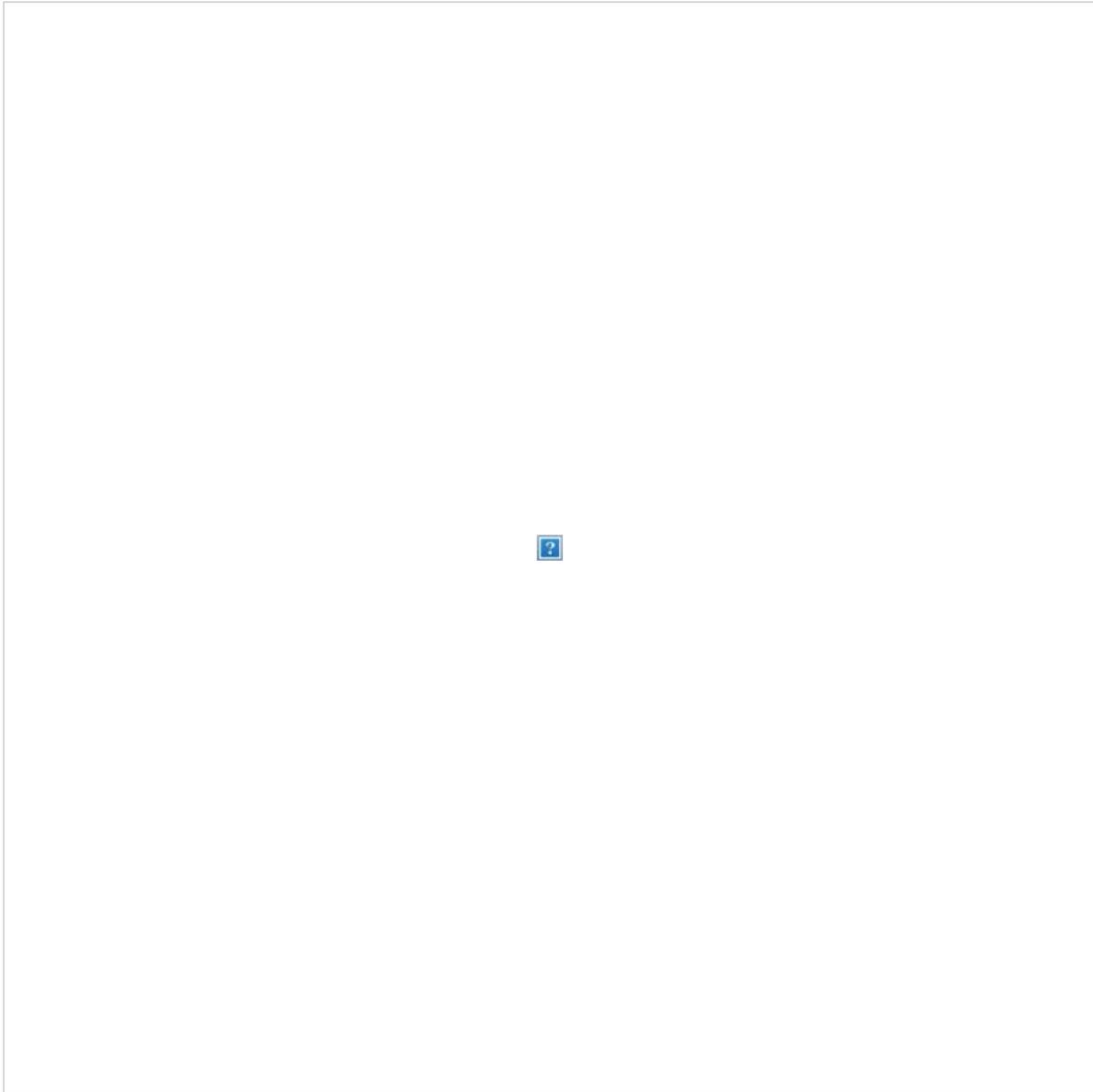
-- **On the right, the Carrier deal was sharply criticized by some conservatives, who viewed it as government distortion of free markets, as well as liberals, who derided it as corporate welfare** "I think it sets a pretty bad precedent," [said Cato Institute's Dan Ikenson](#), "I don't think we should be addressing issues like this on an ad hoc basis. It certainly incentivizes companies to make a stink and say: 'We're going to leave, too. What are you going to do for me?'"

-- **On the left, in a [Post op-ed](#), Bernie Sanders said the deal essentially shows corporations "how to beat Trump"**: "Just a short few months ago, Trump was pledging to force United Technologies to 'pay a damn tax'. He was insisting on very steep tariffs for companies like Carrier that left the United States and wanted to sell their foreign-made products back in the United States. [Now], instead of a damn tax, the company will be rewarded with a *damn tax cut*. Trump has signaled to every corporation in America that they can threaten to offshore jobs in exchange for business-friendly tax benefits and incentives. Even corporations that weren't thinking of offshoring jobs will most probably be reevaluating their stance ... In essence, United Technologies took Trump hostage and won. And that should send a shock wave of fear through all workers across the country."

-- "It's good that about 1,000 Carrier Corp. workers will not be losing their jobs," says [The Post's Editorial Board Editor Fred Hiatt](#). "But *there is a whiff of Putinism in the combination of bribery and menace that may have affected Carrier's decision* ... If this were to become the U.S. government's standard method of operation, the results would be Russian, too: dwindling investment, slowing economic growth, fewer jobs. **In the long run, Americans are best served by policies that promote growth and trade at home and abroad. True, that is cold comfort to U.S. workers who lose their jobs** ... [but] if Trump wants conservative solutions to help them, he could abolish a lot of the failed government retraining programs and redirect the funds into vouchers or tax credits for workers who want to complete college or retrain themselves. He could

support apprenticeship programs. He could make sure that workers can carry their health and retirement support with them when they change jobs ... Eventually, that would allow him to take victory laps in countless factories — because the benefits of his policies would have spread across the land without czarist vagary or caprice.”

-- **Part of a pattern: Breitbart News is going to war with Kellogg's after the cereal maker decided to pull its advertisements from the far-right news site in protest of its political views, [CNN's Dylan Byers reports](#).** The move sparked boycotts and anti-Kelloggs hashtags from loyalists of the alt-right website, as well as a scathing letter from the site's editor. "Boycotting Breitbart News for presenting mainstream American ideas is an act of discrimination and intense prejudice," editor-in-chief Alex Marlow wrote "If you serve Kellogg's products to your family, you are serving up bigotry at your breakfast table."



Vladimir Putin attends a meeting with Russia's cultural figures in St. Petersburg this morning. (Mikhail Klimentyev/Sputnik, Kremlin Pool Photo via AP)

#### **SPEAKING OF PUTINISM:**

-- **“[Putin, Russia's grand inquisitor and 'fixer-in-chief,'](#)” by David Filipov:** “On any given nightly news broadcast, Vladimir Putin ... interrogates a cabinet minister or a director of a state-run factory or a utilities chief. If the economic news is good, the subordinate is off the hook and the next segment comes on. But if

prices have spiked, or salaries are low, or costs have gone way over budget, then Putin lays into the unfortunate bureaucrat — ‘What’s wrong with your head?’ ‘Are you crazy?’” ... as the cameras roll and the Russian president’s quarry stammers and squirms. It’s populist political theater that makes for really, really awkward television. **But it helps explain the riddle of the enduring popularity of a ruler who has no checks on his power, no serious opposition, and who presides over a country mired in an economic slowdown.** Even as Putin plays the role of grand inquisitor, he has also positioned himself as the one person in the country to whom citizens can turn at a time when faith in government institutions is low. Putin’s popularity has become closely tied with the idea that he is the decisive factor at all levels of Russian politics,” said Brookings Fellow Fiona Hill. He is Russia’s “fixer-in-chief.”

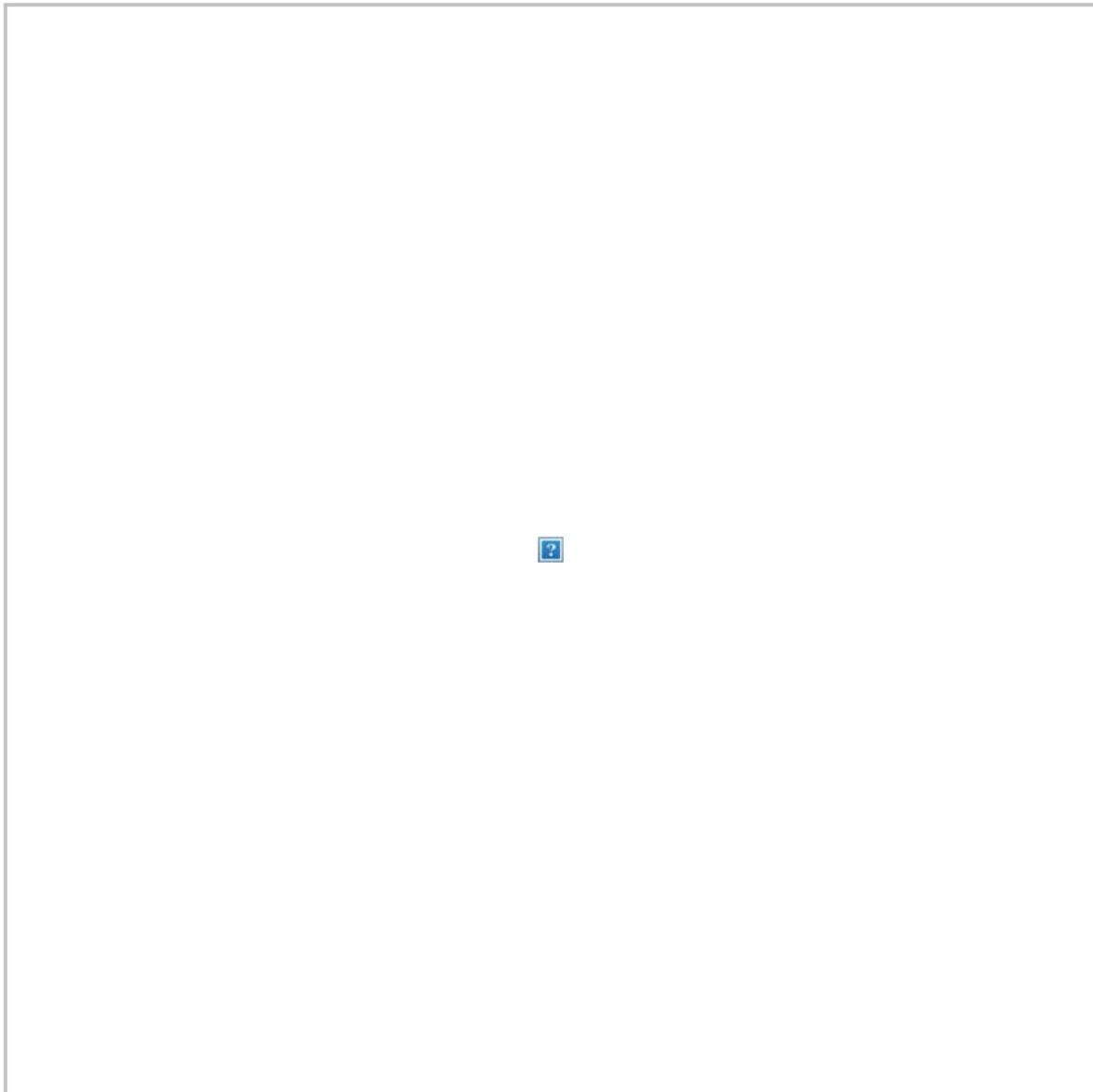
-- **In the face of a weak, divided West, the Russian bear is growing bolder, says [The Post’s Editorial Board](#):** “Russian meddling in Western democracies is often portrayed as malicious but soft-boiled, centered on cyberattacks, propaganda operations and financial help for pro-Moscow politicians. So it’s worth calling attention to a couple of recent episodes in Eastern Europe that were of an entirely different character. **In NATO member Hungary, Russian agents have been fingered for training with a neo-Nazi militia; in the tiny Balkan state of Montenegro, which is on the verge of joining the transatlantic alliance, Moscow is accused of plotting a violent coup.** Russian intelligence services have been known for meddling in foreign countries ... **But veteran analysts say such bold attempts to sow chaos in countries linked to NATO are virtually unprecedented. They reflect a regime that has given free rein to its covert operatives, on the calculation that there will be little or no pushback from a weak and divided West.**” Until that theory is proved wrong, they write, expect more trouble to come.

The Rosenbergs in 1951 (AP Photo)</p>□

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**WAPO HIGHLIGHTS:**

-- [“Sons of executed spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg ask Obama to exonerate their mother,”](#) by Joe Heim: “On the day Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were scheduled to face the electric chair as convicted spies in June 1953, their sons, Michael and Robert, then 10 and 6, were told to go to a friend’s house and play baseball until dark. When they walked back in the house that evening, Michael asked family members if his parents’ lives had been spared. When he didn’t get a direct answer, he knew his worst fears had been realized. It was just days after the two boys had protested at the White House and ... [asked] the president, Dwight D. Eisenhower, for clemency. The request hadn’t been granted.” Now, the two brothers have returned: Armed with 40 years of research and a lifetime of painful memories, they are asking Obama to exonerate their mother, who they say was wrongly convicted and sentenced.” “This time we are not merely advocates for our family, but for our country,” Robert said. “It is never too late to learn from the mistakes of the past.”



Proponents of the hairstyle in question: The rapper Macklemore, left; white-nationalism advocate Richard Spencer, center; and soccer superstar David Beckham, right. (Reuters; Linda Davidson/The Washington Post; Andrew Innerarity/Reuters)

-- **HIPSTER OR NAZI? POST STYLE COLUMNISTS WEIGH IN:** “We need to talk about a haircut. Also about identity, and hatred, and maybe about the total end of American civilization — but first about a haircut,” [Monica Hesse and Dan Zak write](#). “You have seen it. It is short on the sides and long on the top. It is clean and tidy, with a military sheen. It’s been popular among young people for several years. But now this haircut is making us ask ourselves, with seriousness that seems unthinkable in 2016: hipster or Nazi? Young city-dwelling men leaving their SoulCycle classes in leftover ‘I’m With Her’ T-shirts. Young white-nationalism enthusiasts leaving a recent conference in Washington, D.C., where several of them performed a Nazi salute. The same haircut. *The exact same haircut.* **Until a few weeks ago, you saw a man with that haircut and assumed he might be a good person to hit on, or to buy small-batch beer from ... Now you see him and wonder if he’s trying to deport half the nation ...**”

**The solution, they say, is for white nationalists to identify themselves through a different look. But don't fret!** There's plenty of alternatives, such as include a "double man bun (“We really just want to create a taboo around this look”) as well as “The Rachel.” (“Remember how every teenage girl in the '90s wanted to look like Jennifer Aniston on “Friends”? Nazis, you may now have it.”)

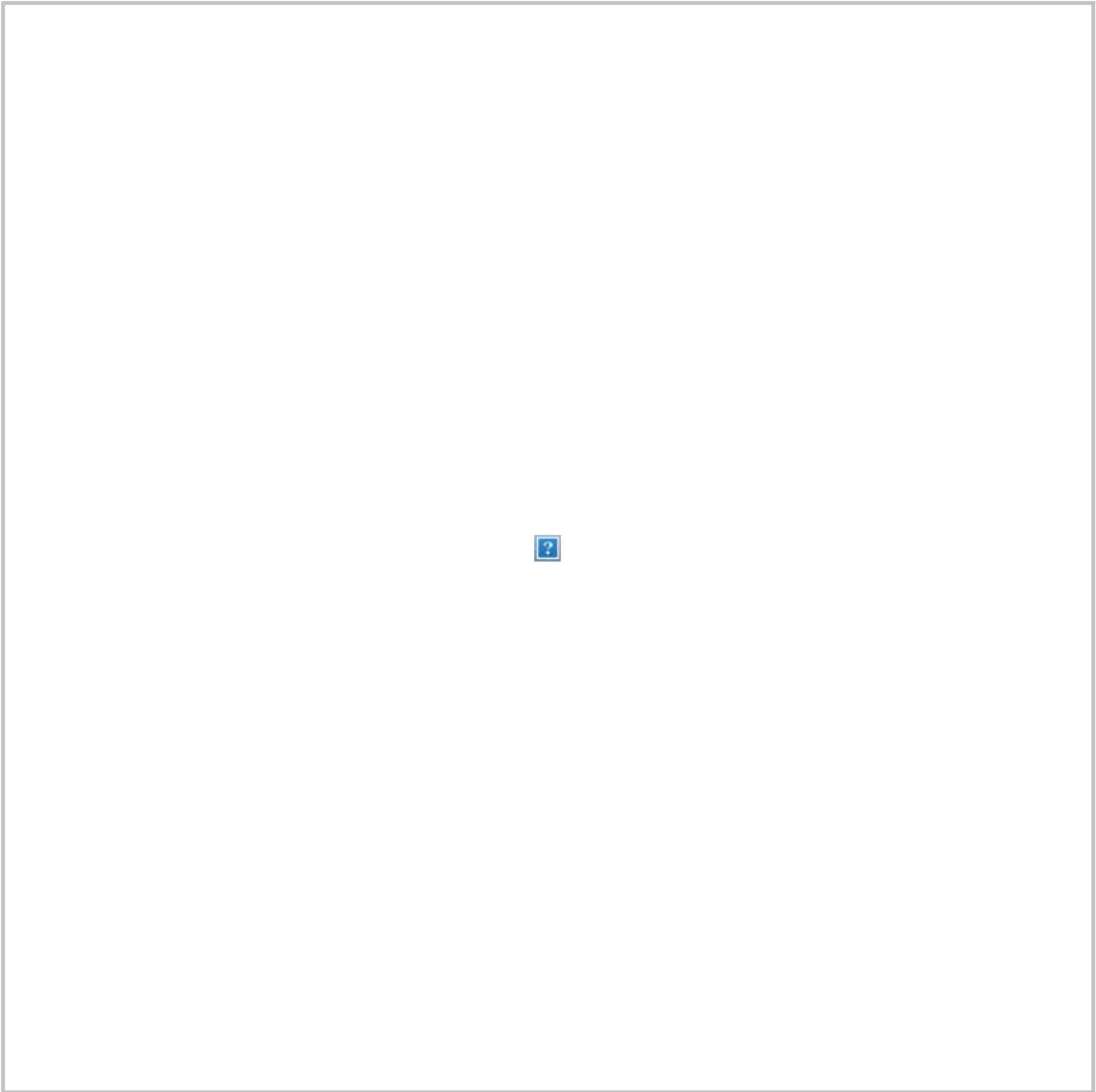
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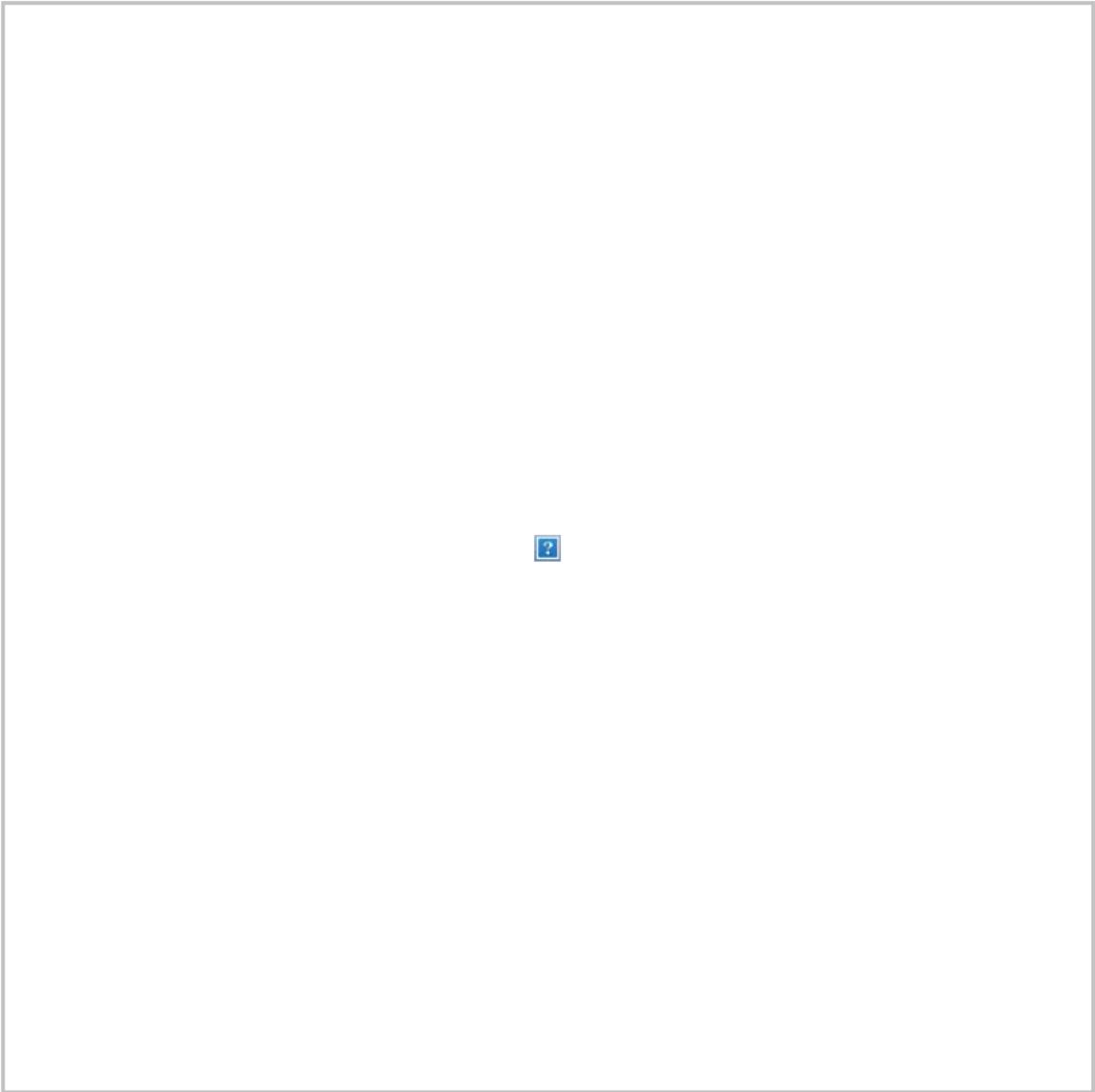
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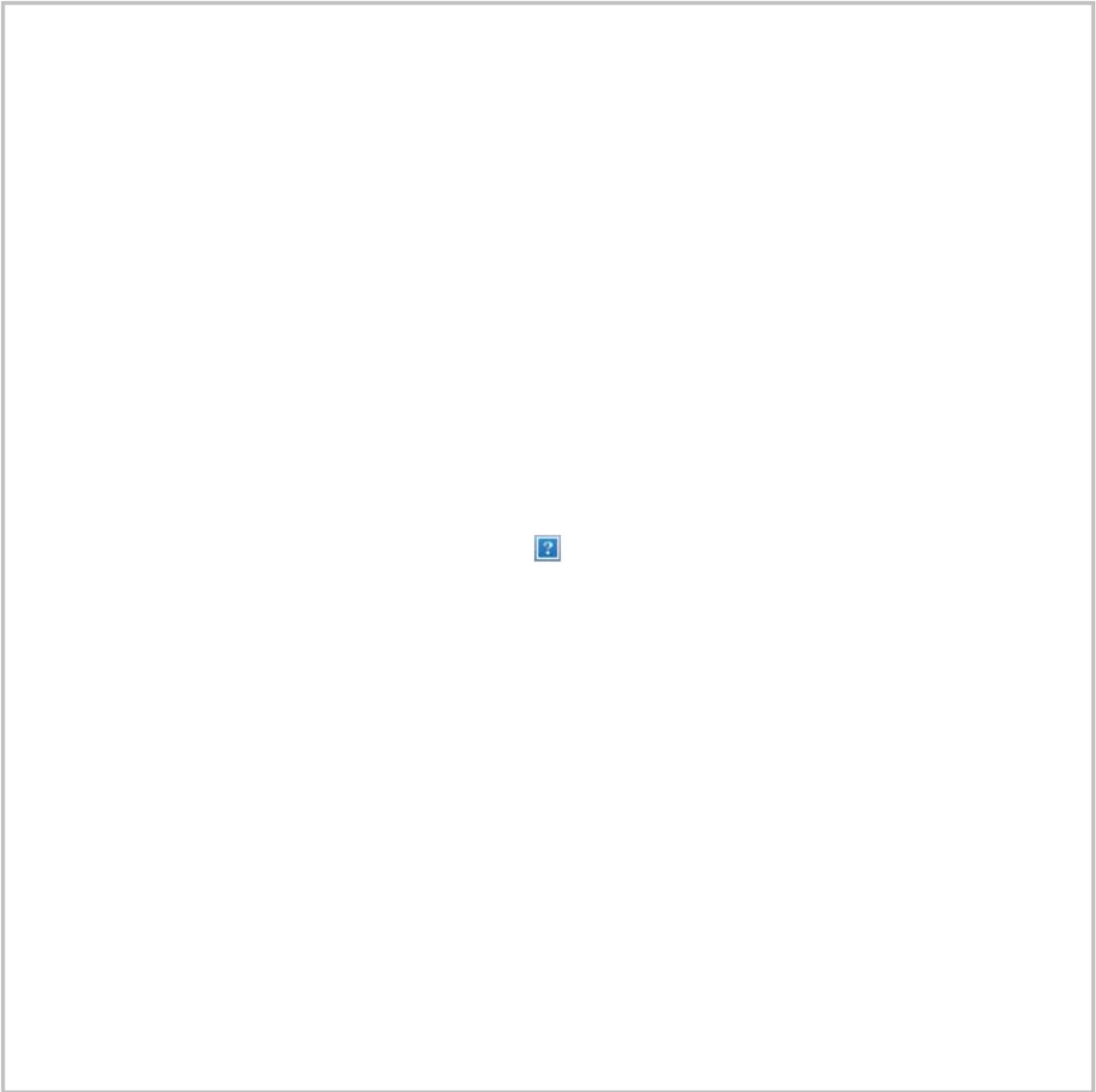
-- **Wisconsin began its presidential election recount, honoring a request made by Green Candidate Jill Stein in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.** Almost no one expects Stein's push for recounts in to change the race, however: "This is certainly not Bush v. Gore," said Wisconsin's chief elections administrator Mike Haas. ([AP](#))



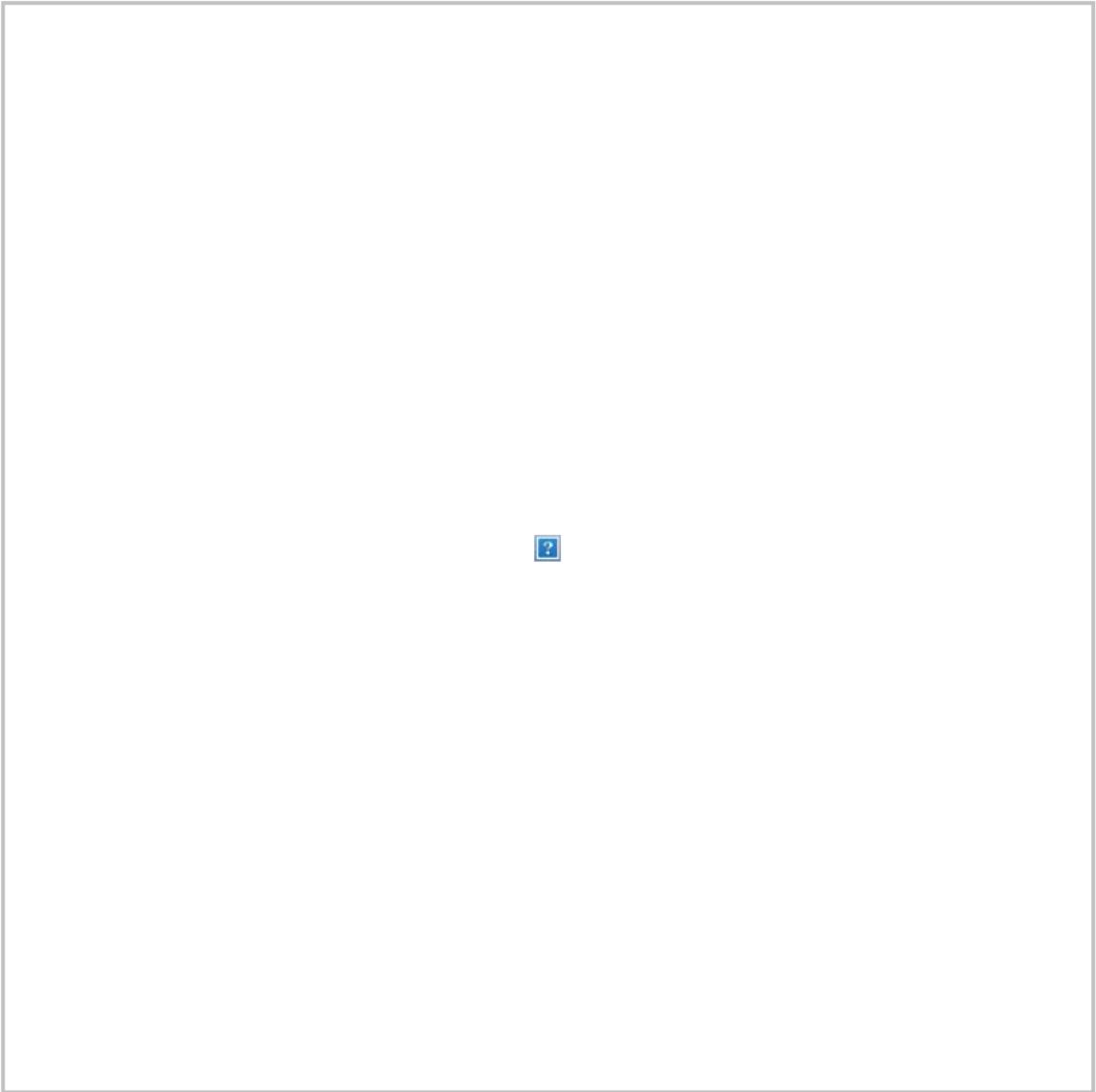
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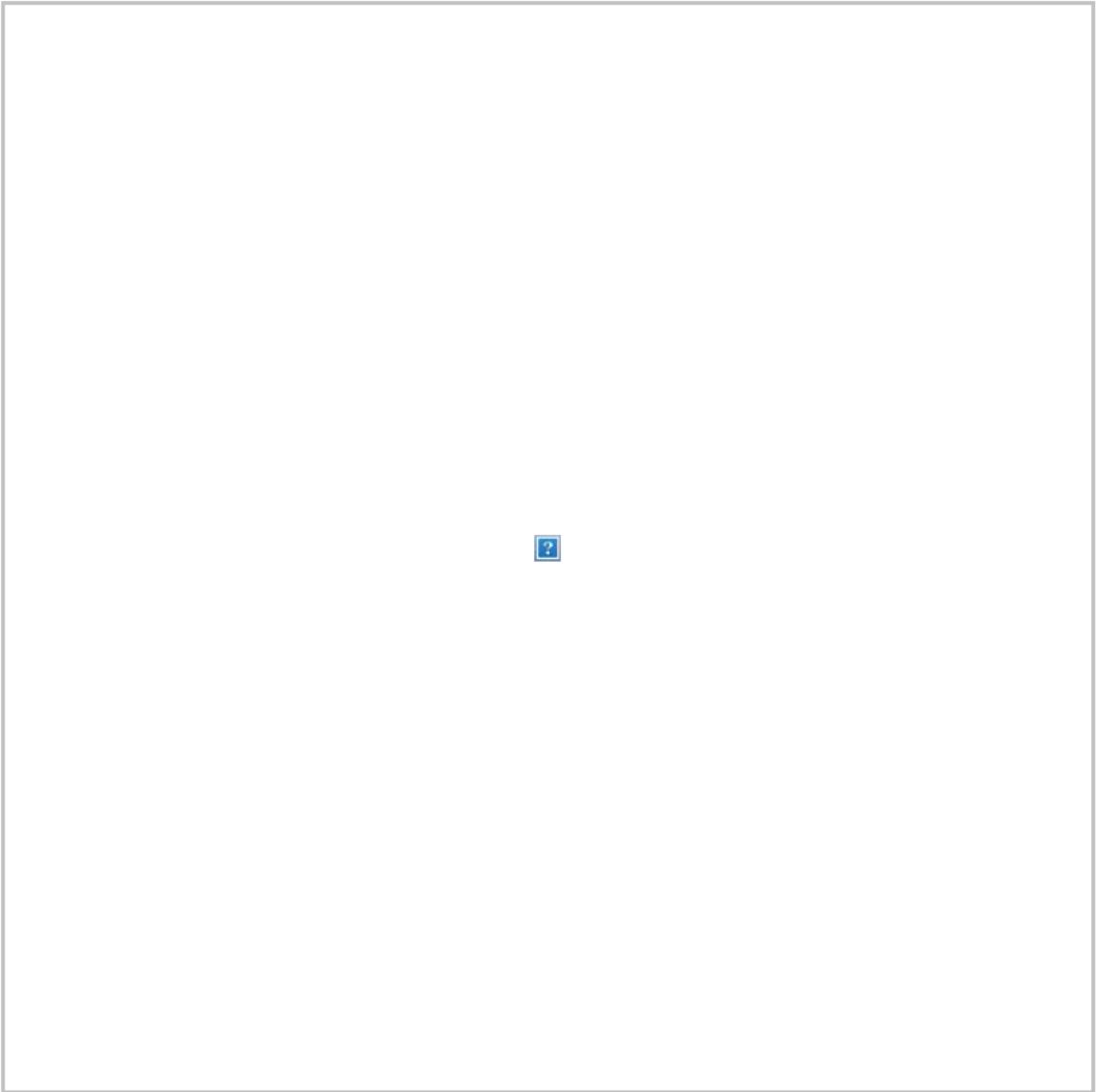
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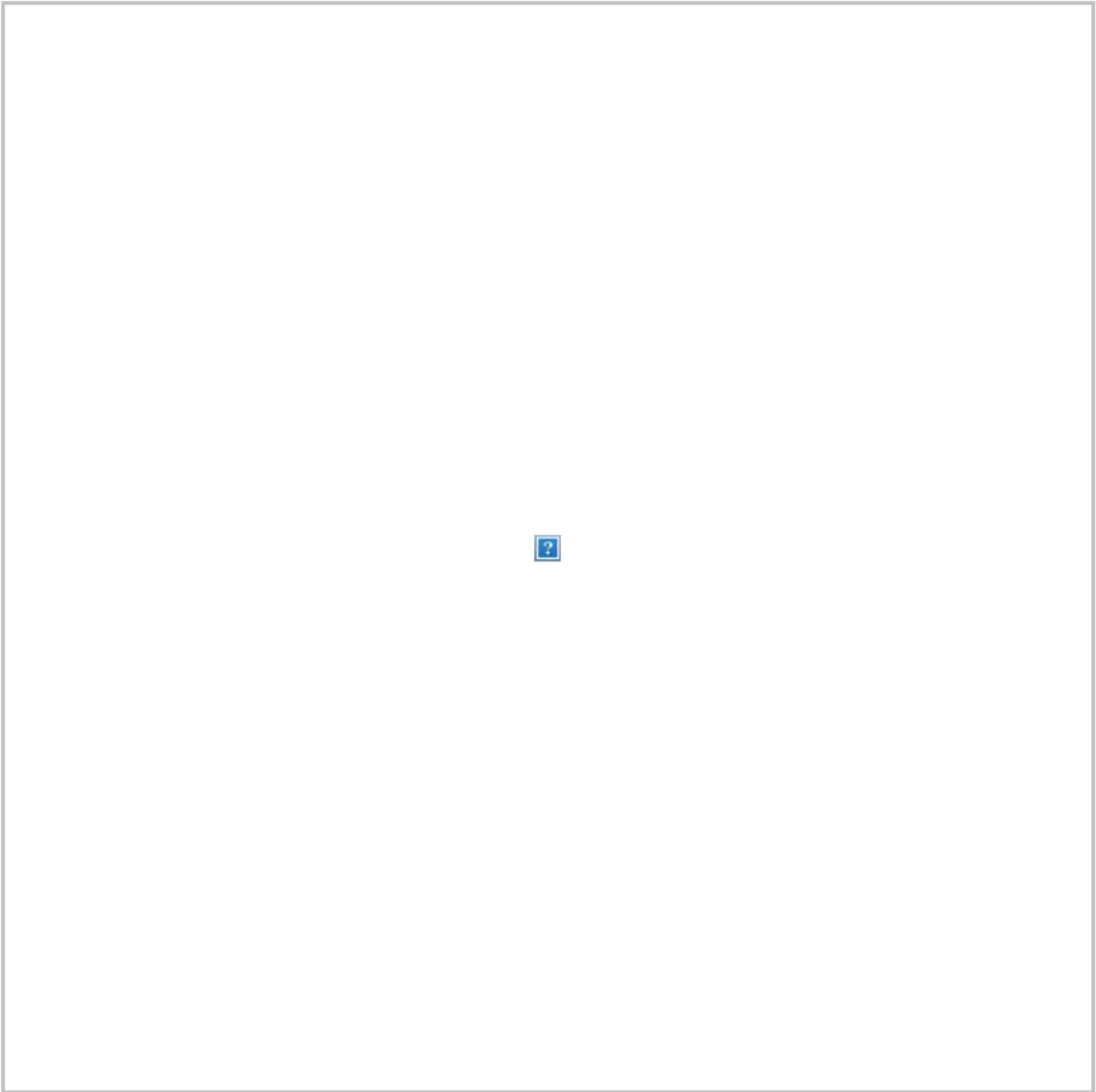
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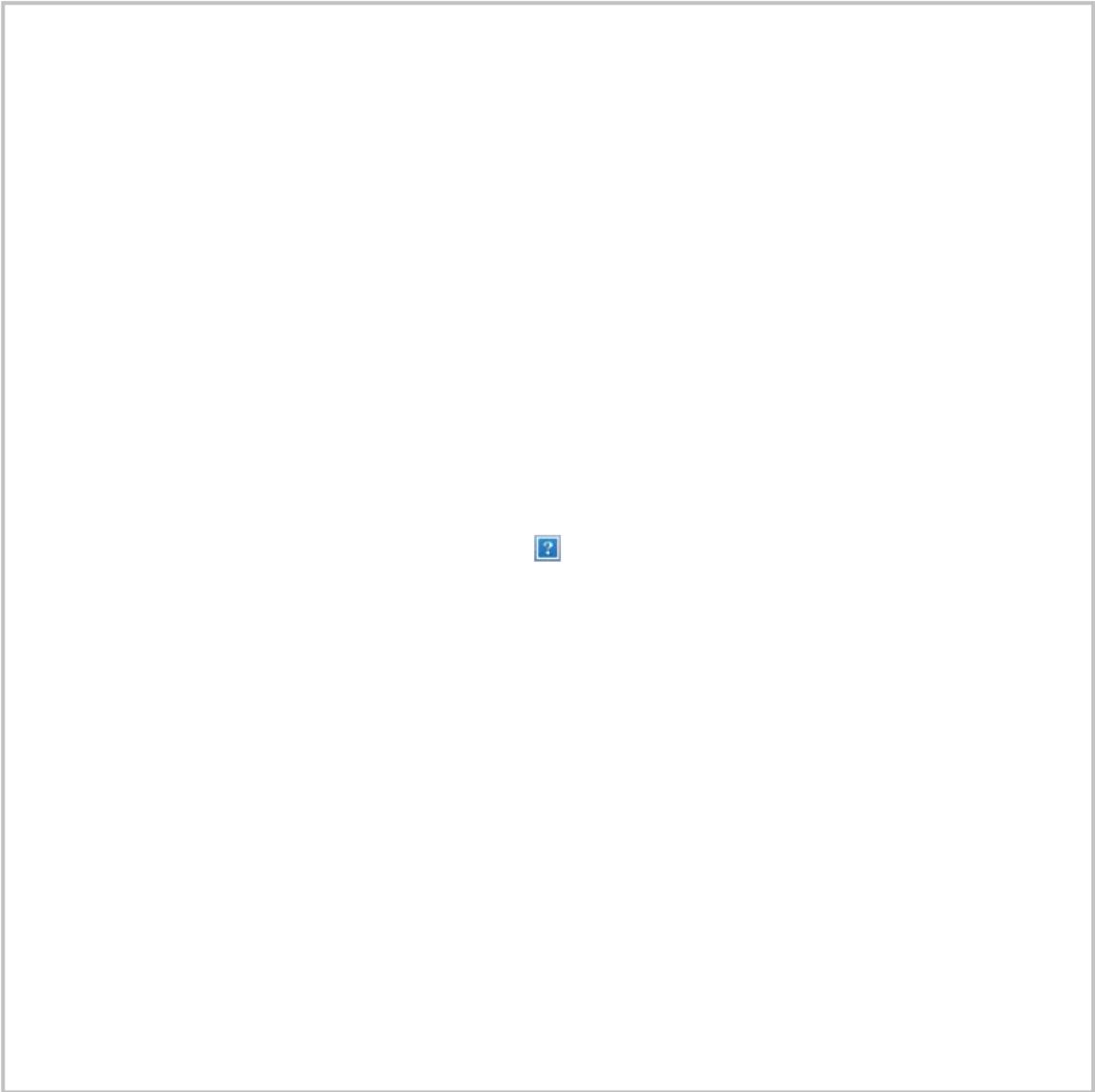
Here's how Steve Rattner summed up the Carrier agreement:



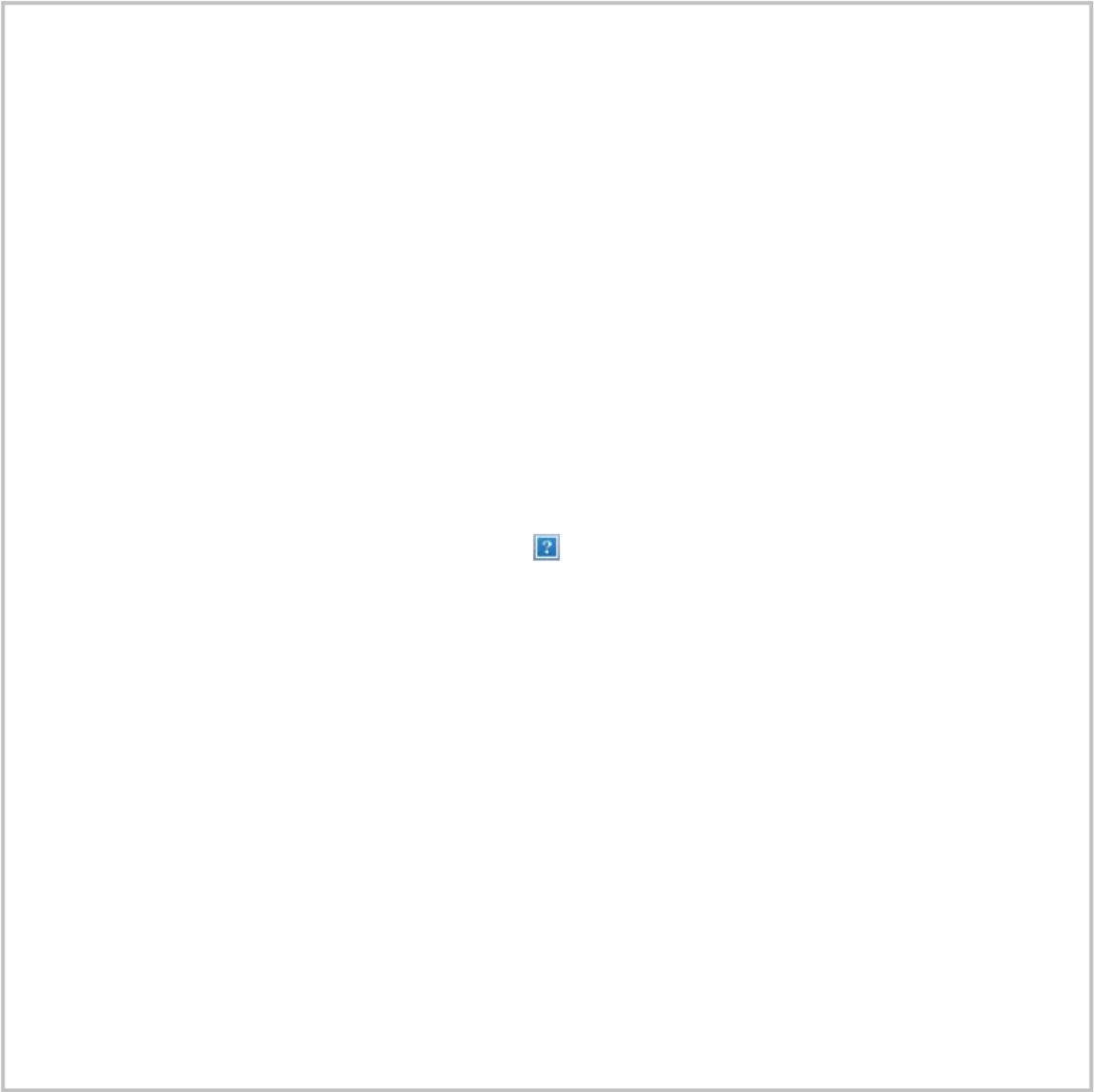
Justin Amash criticized the deal:



This reporter was apparently denied access to Trump's Carrier plant event:



Ben Sasse delivered a tweetstorm on the decline of manufacturing jobs and the politicians who aren't honest about the causes:



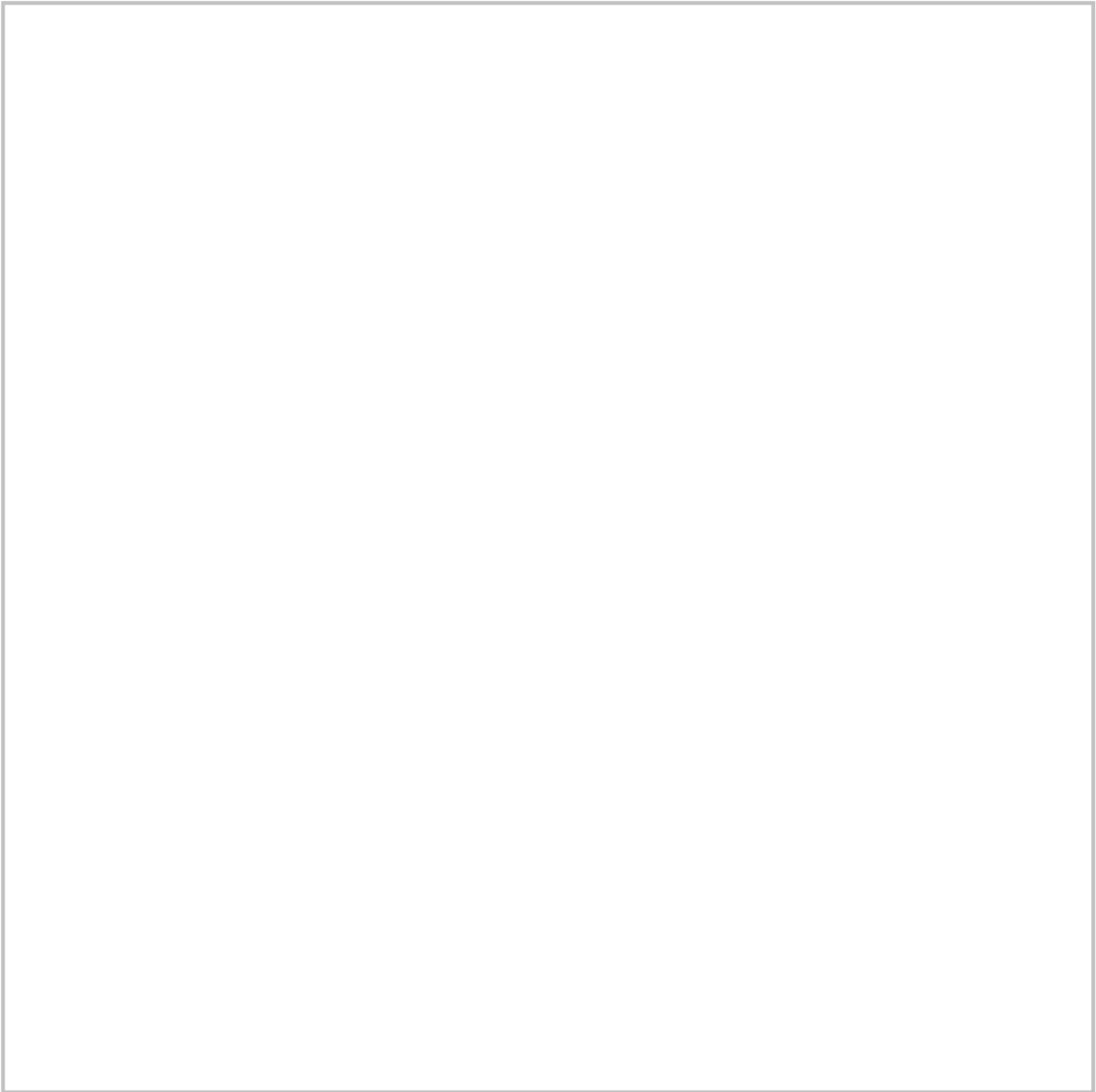




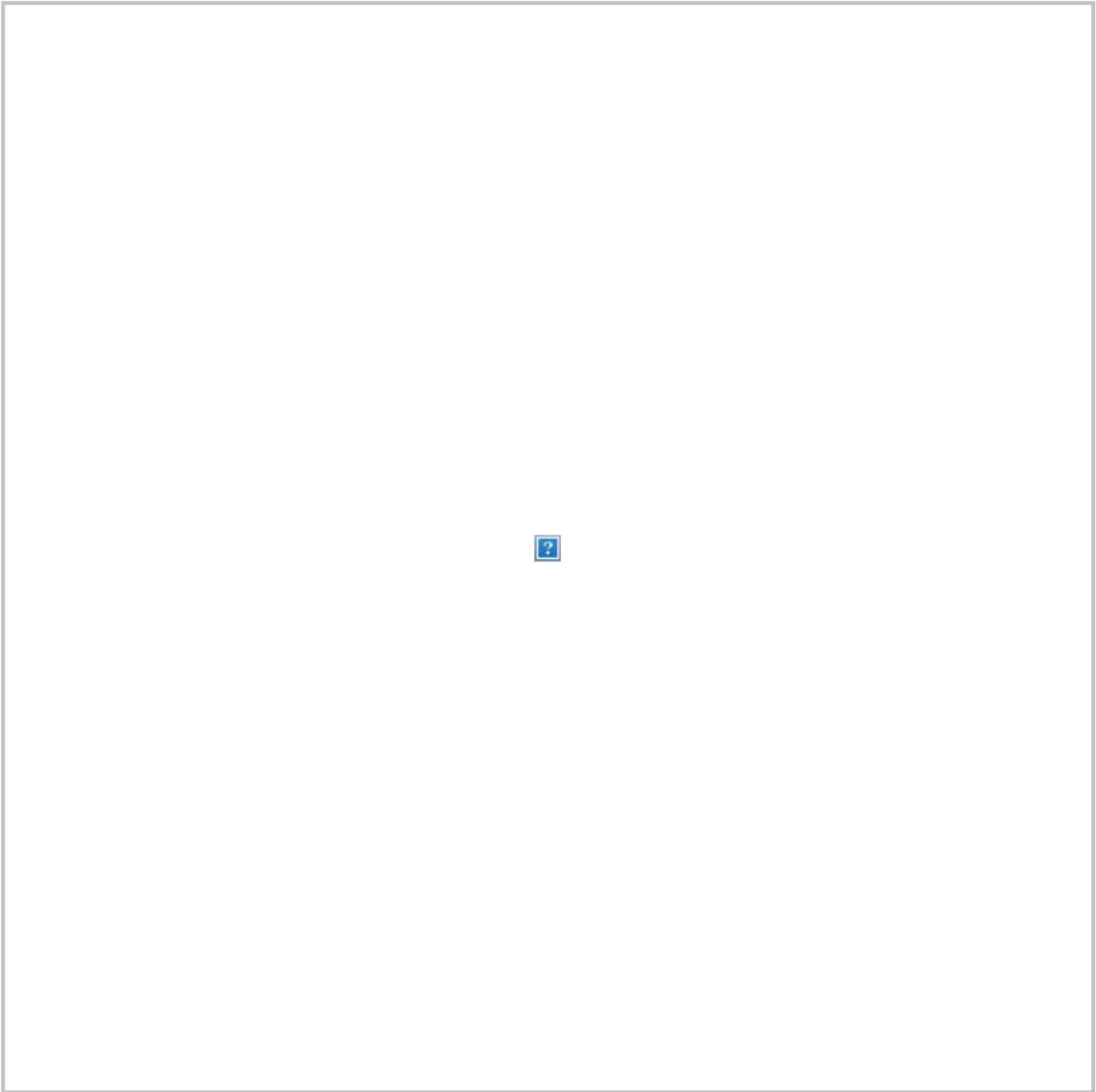








Some similarities in this tweetstorm from Rick Wilson about economic nostalgia:

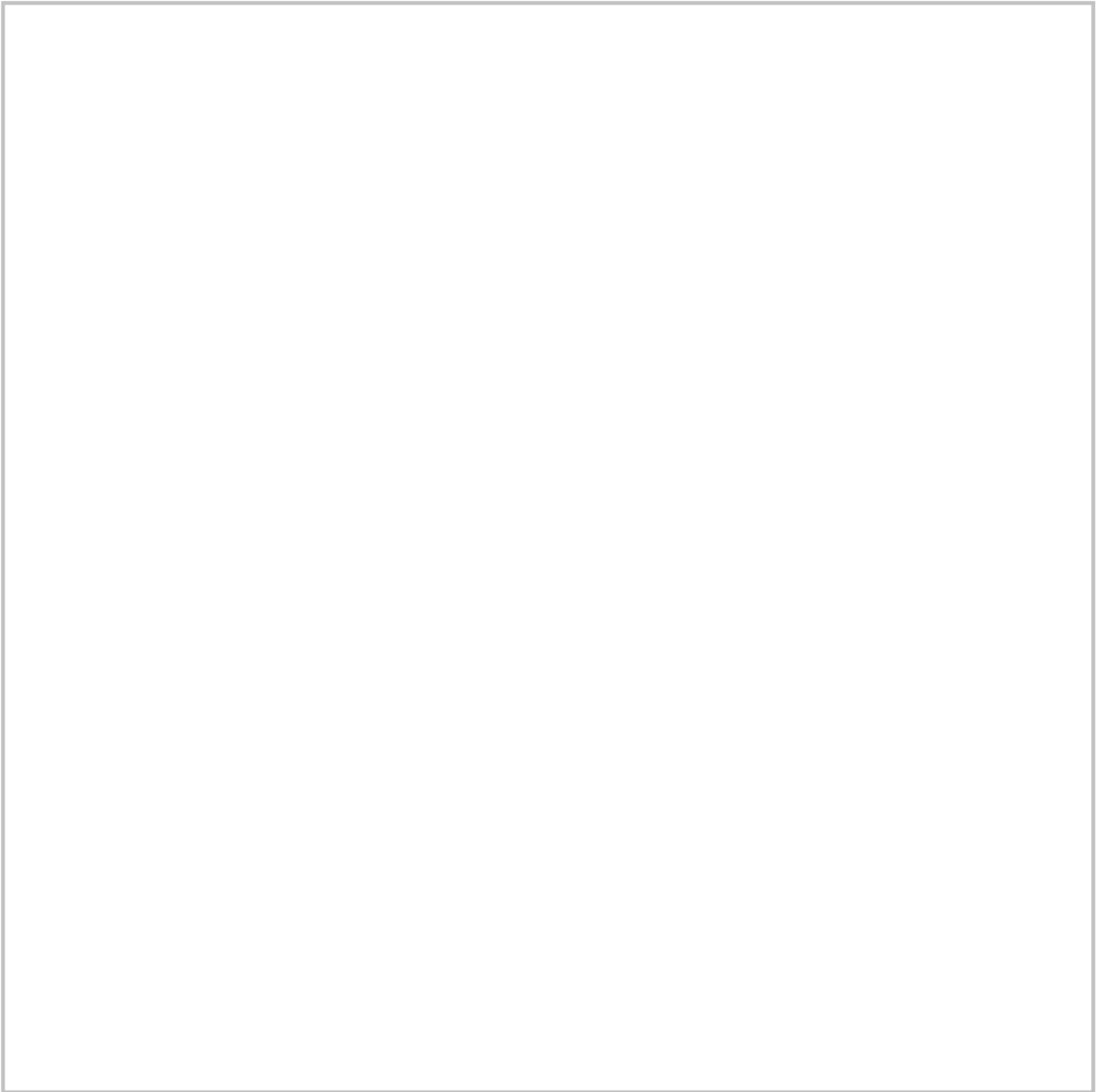




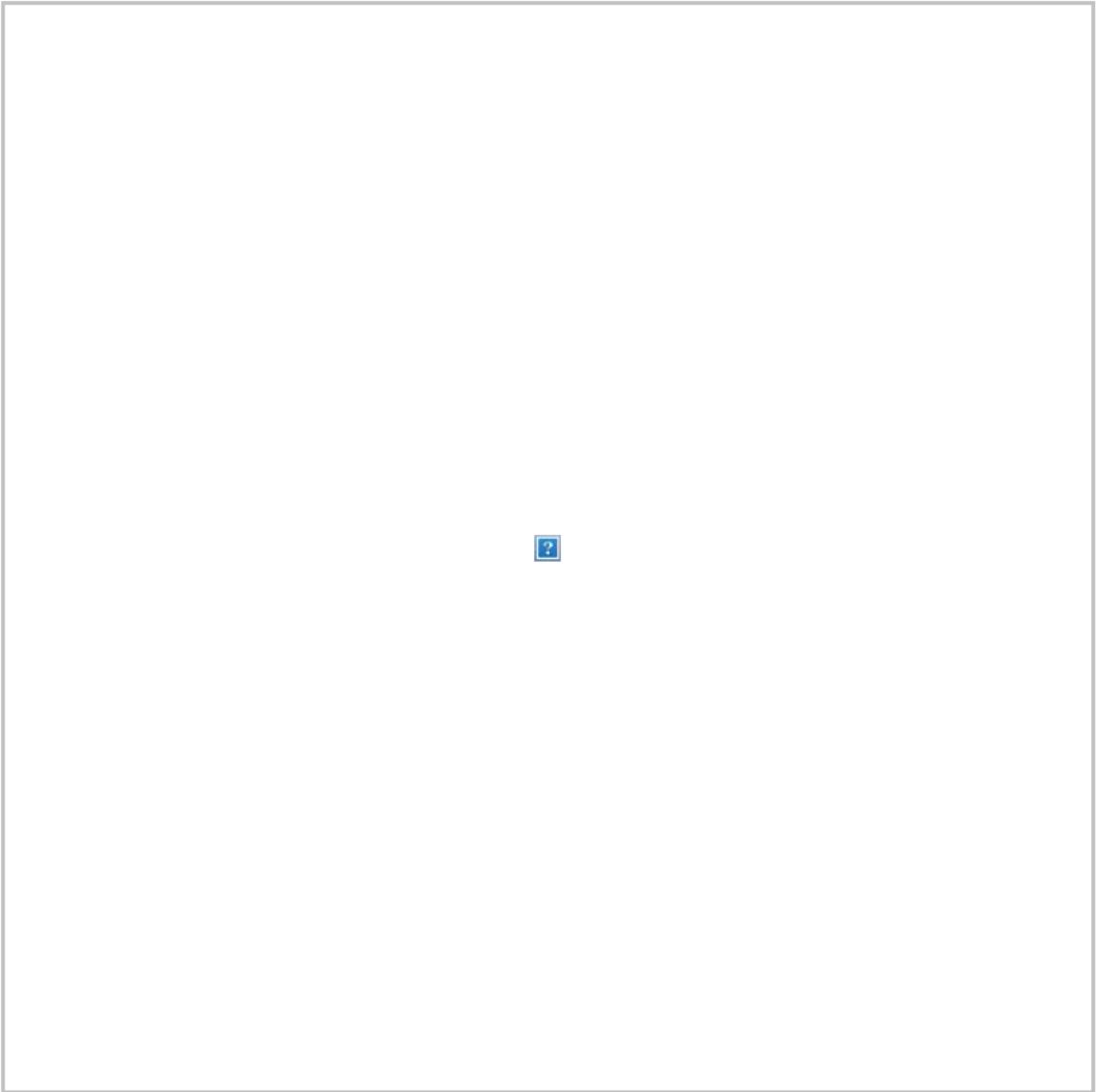








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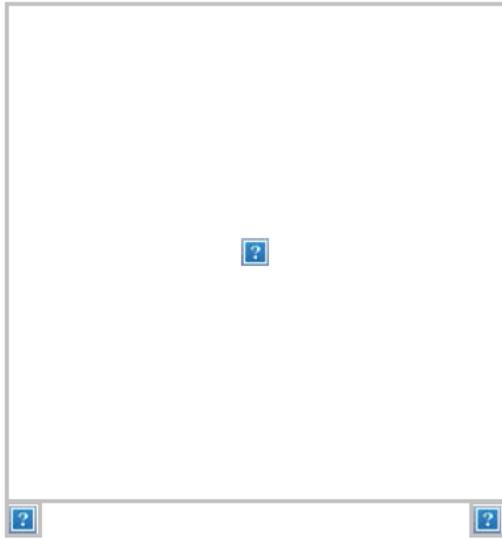
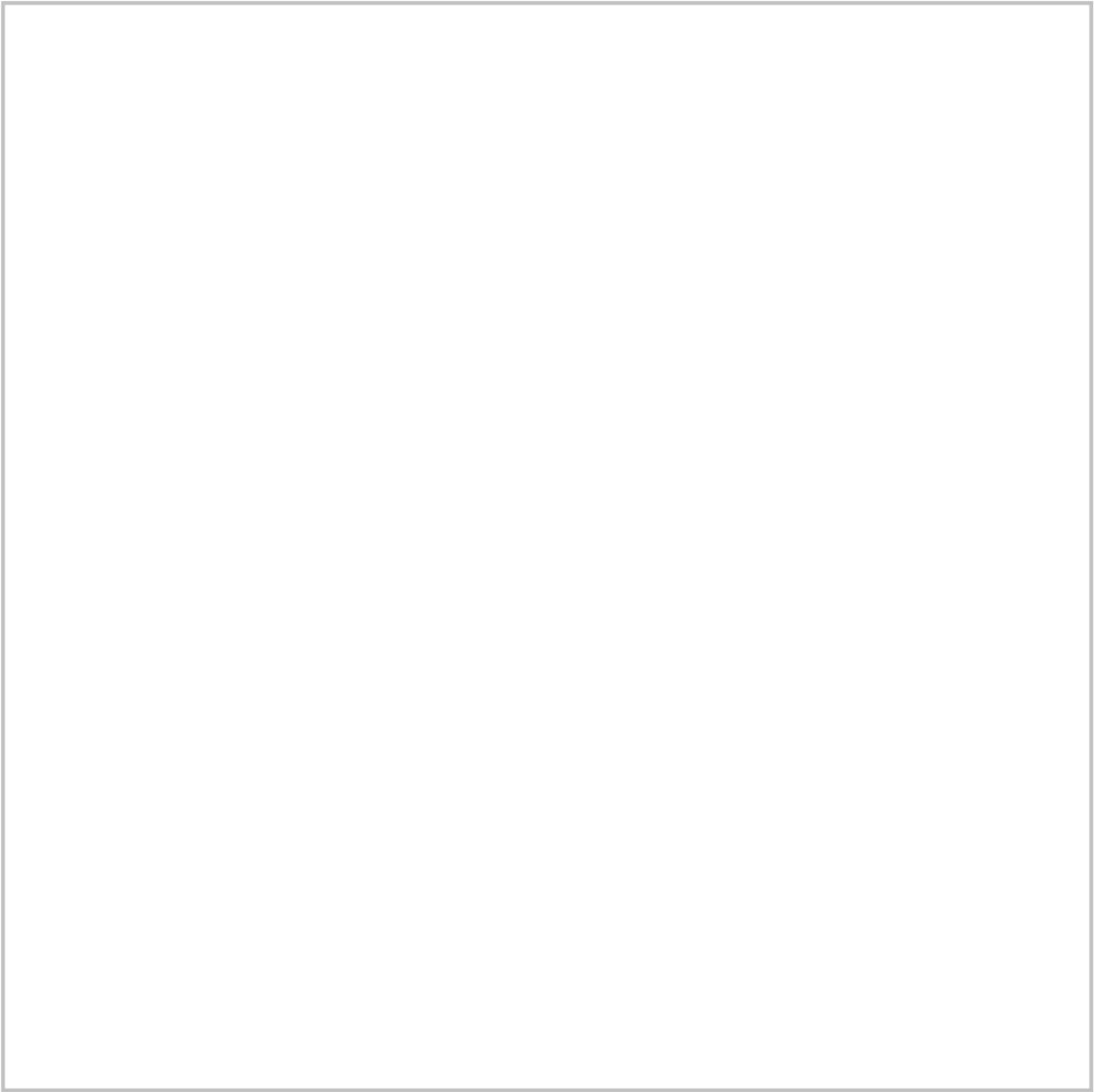


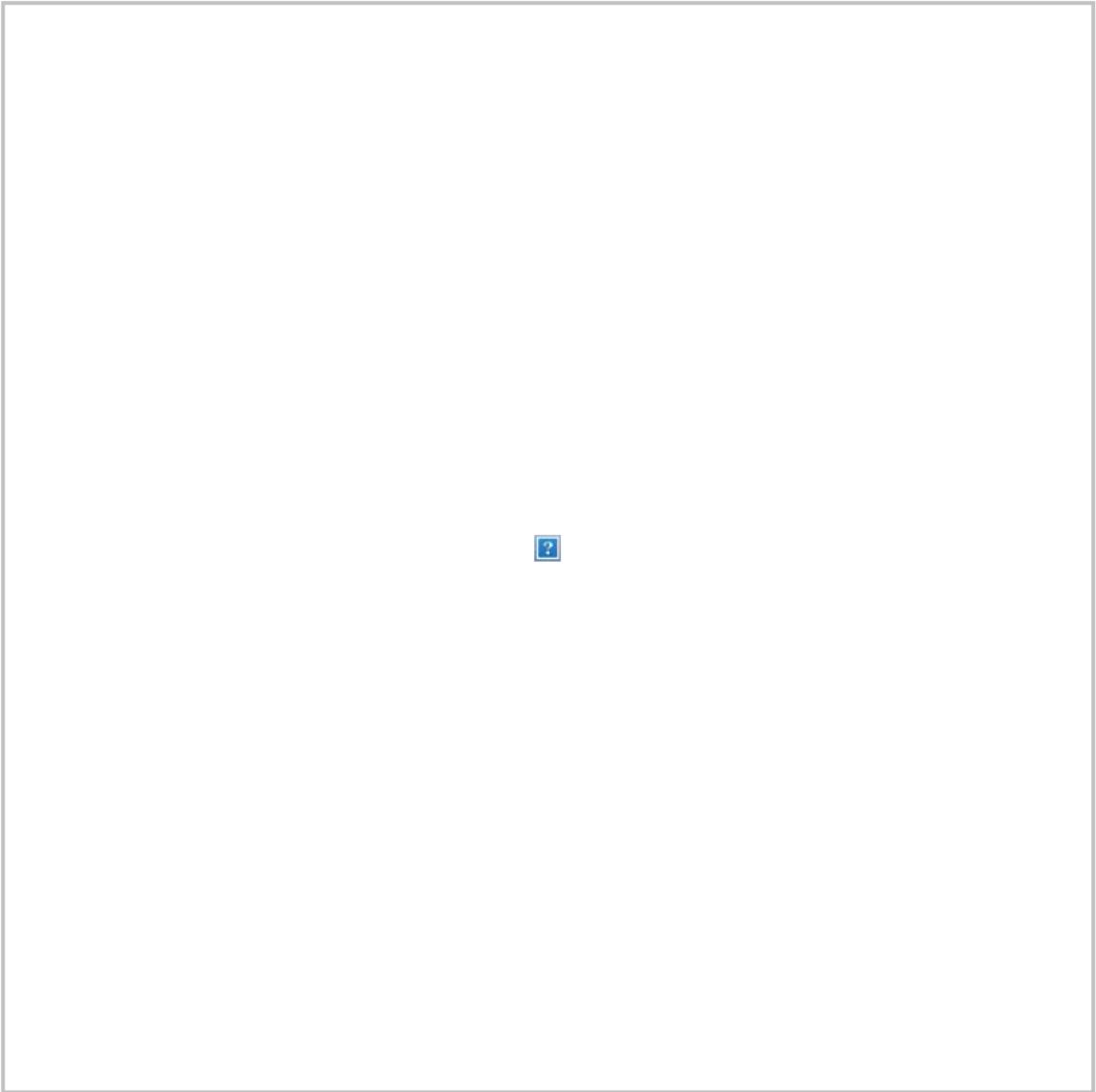












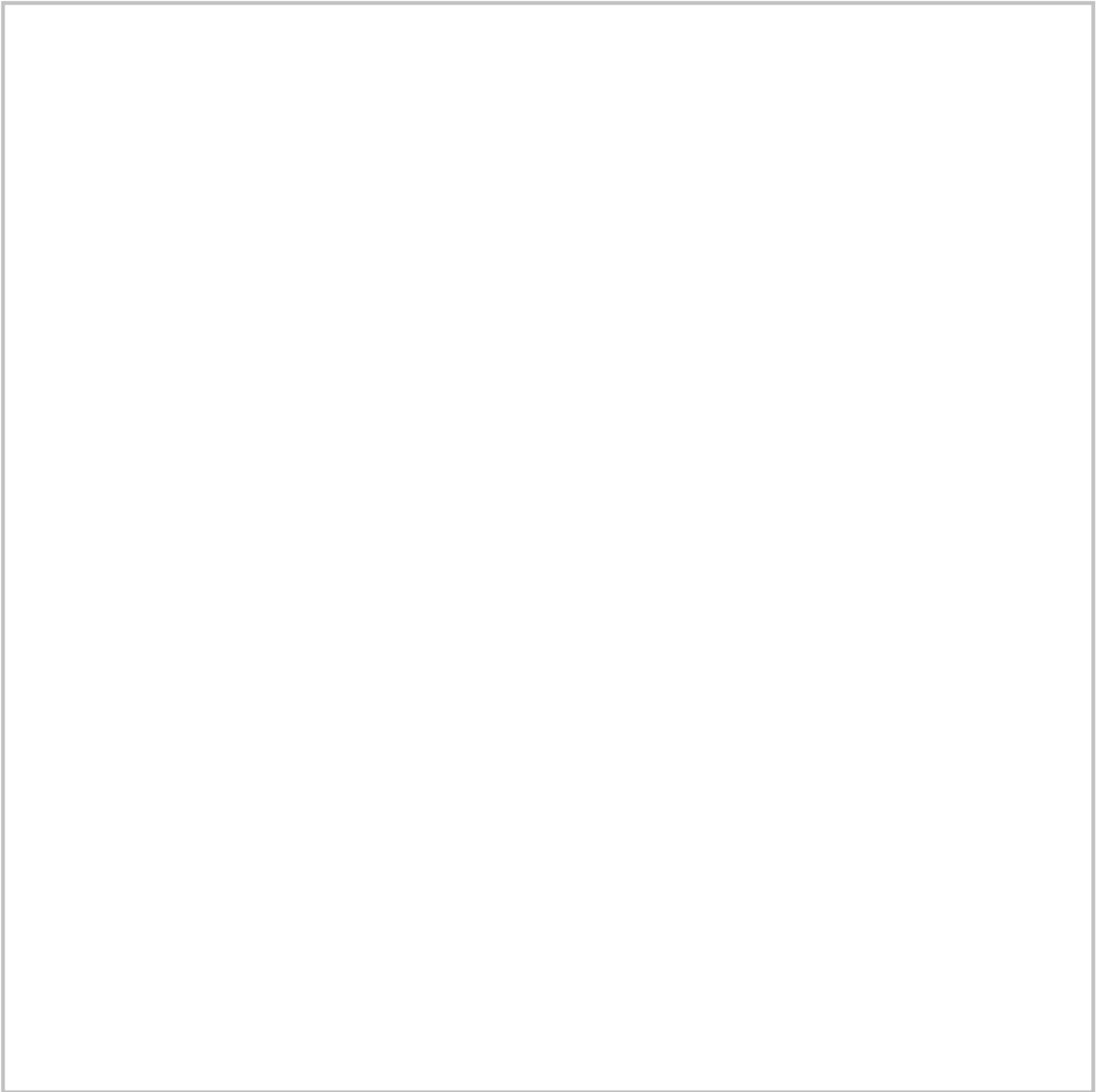




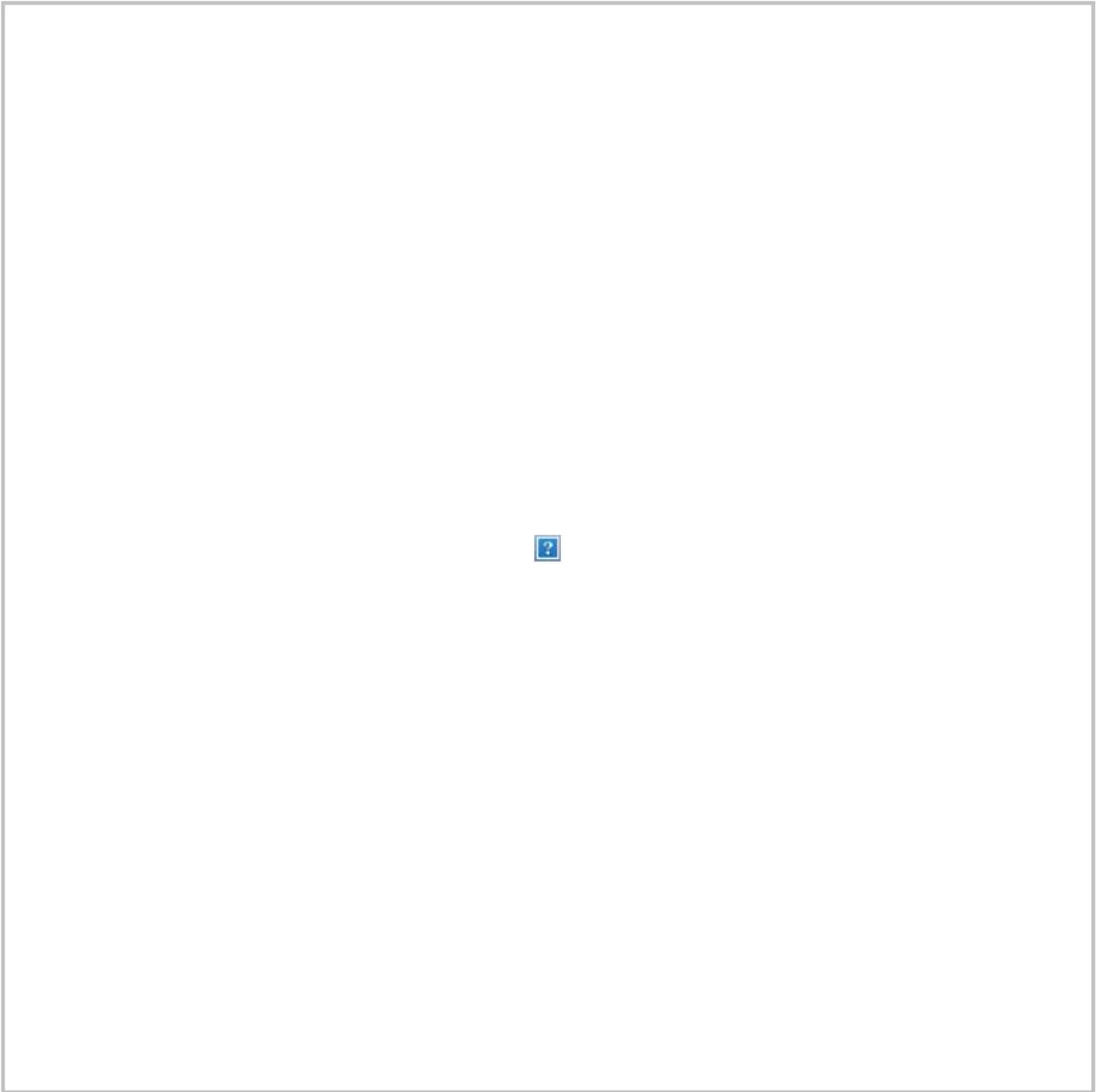




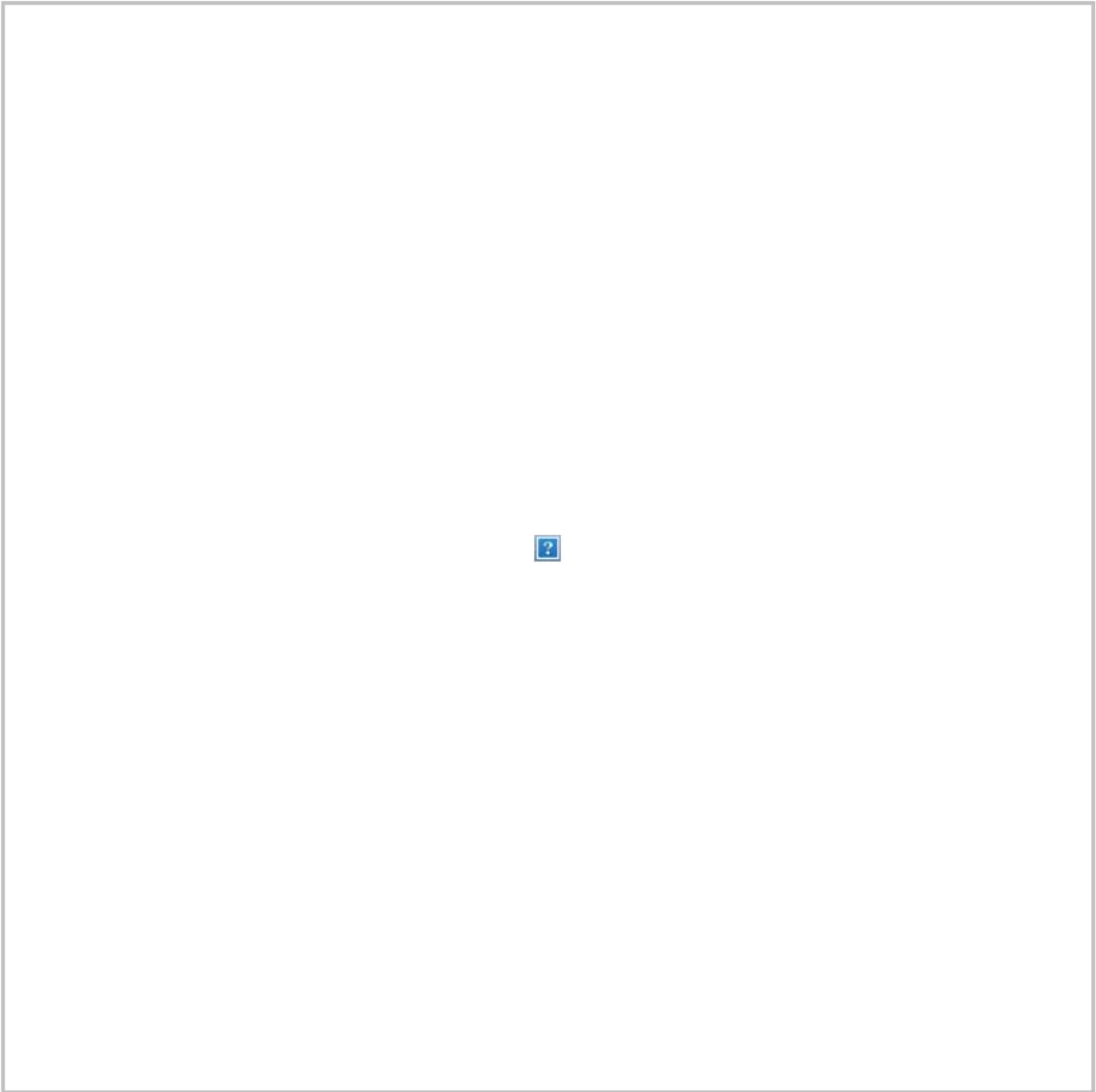




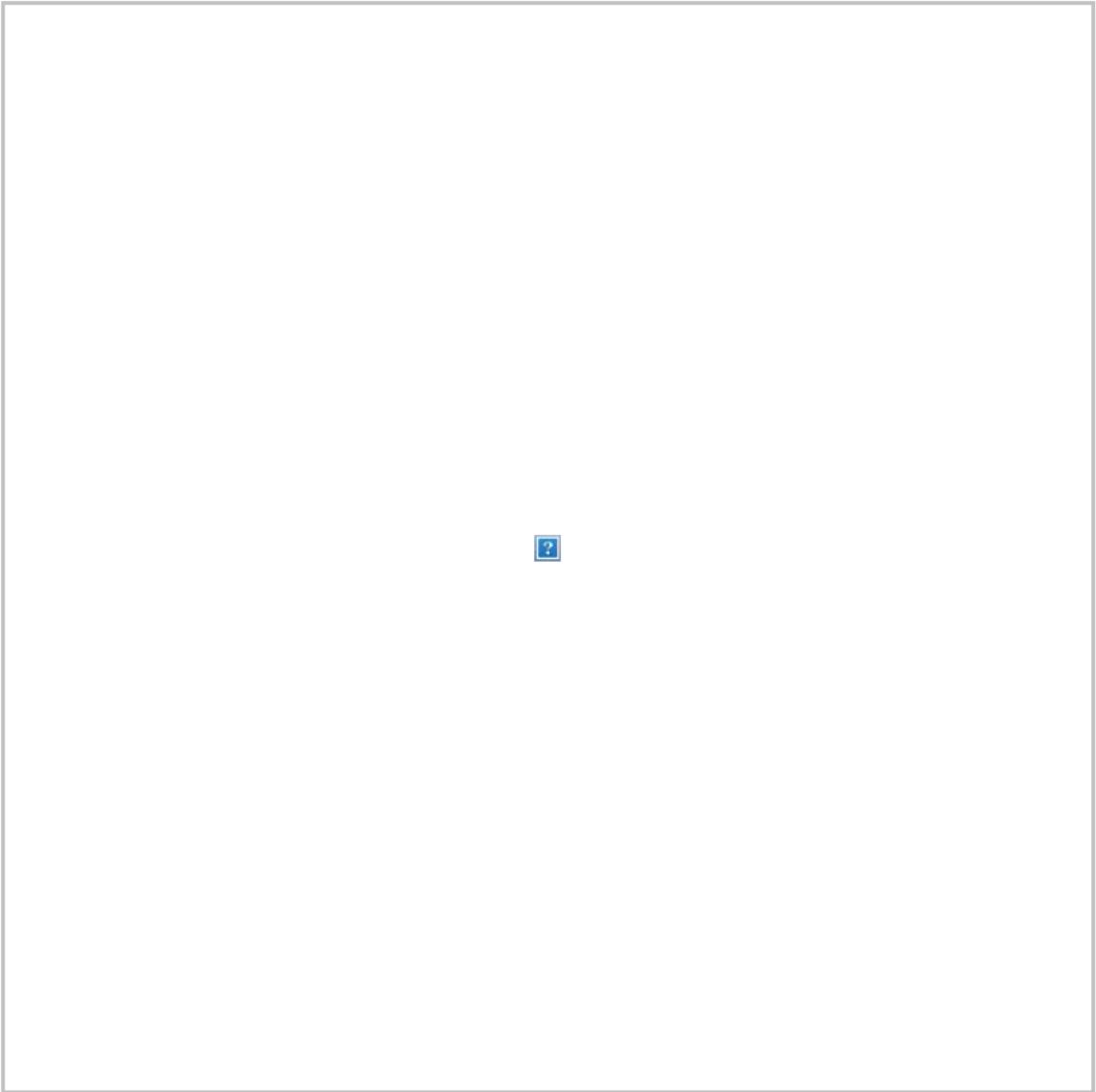
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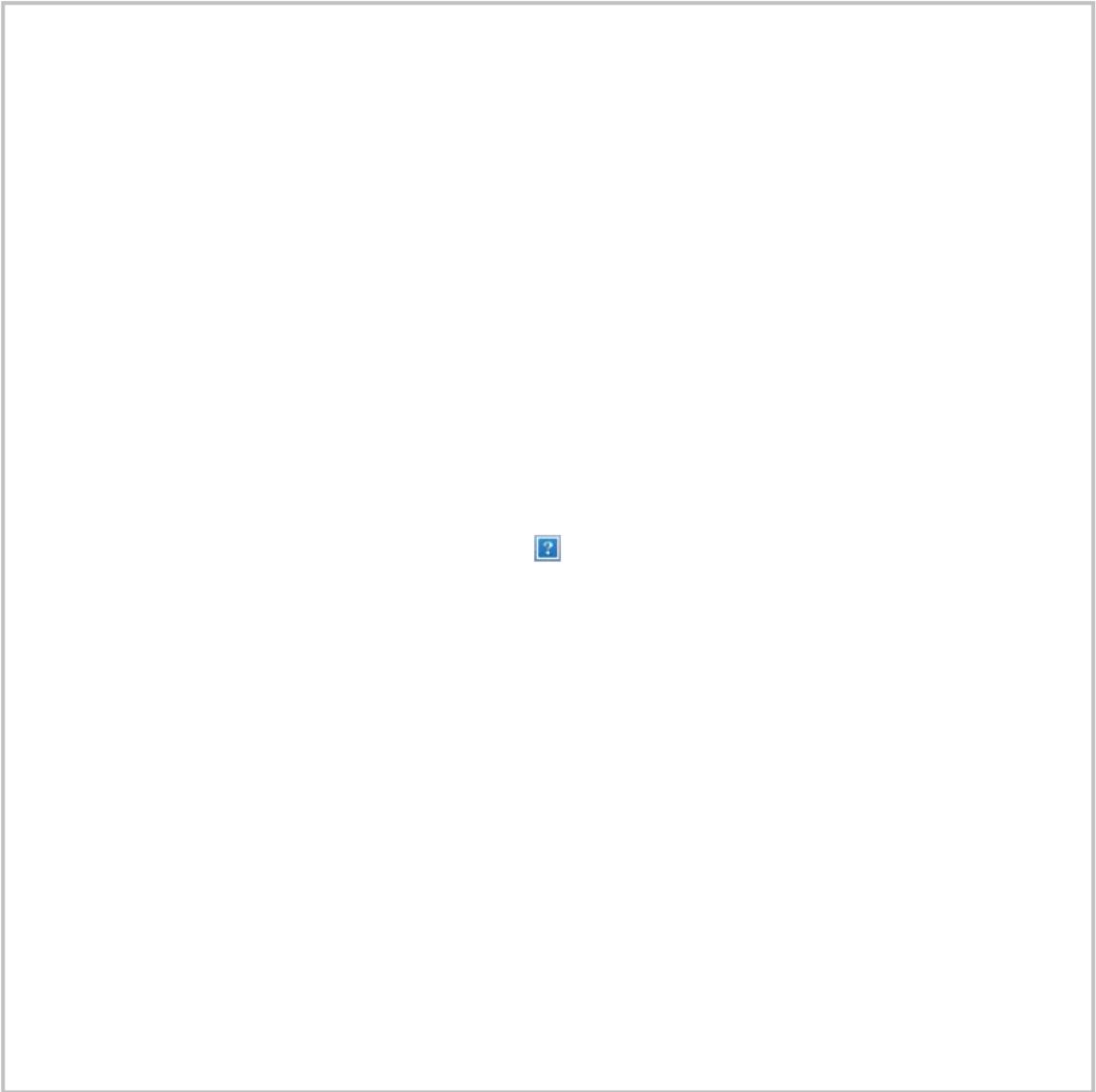
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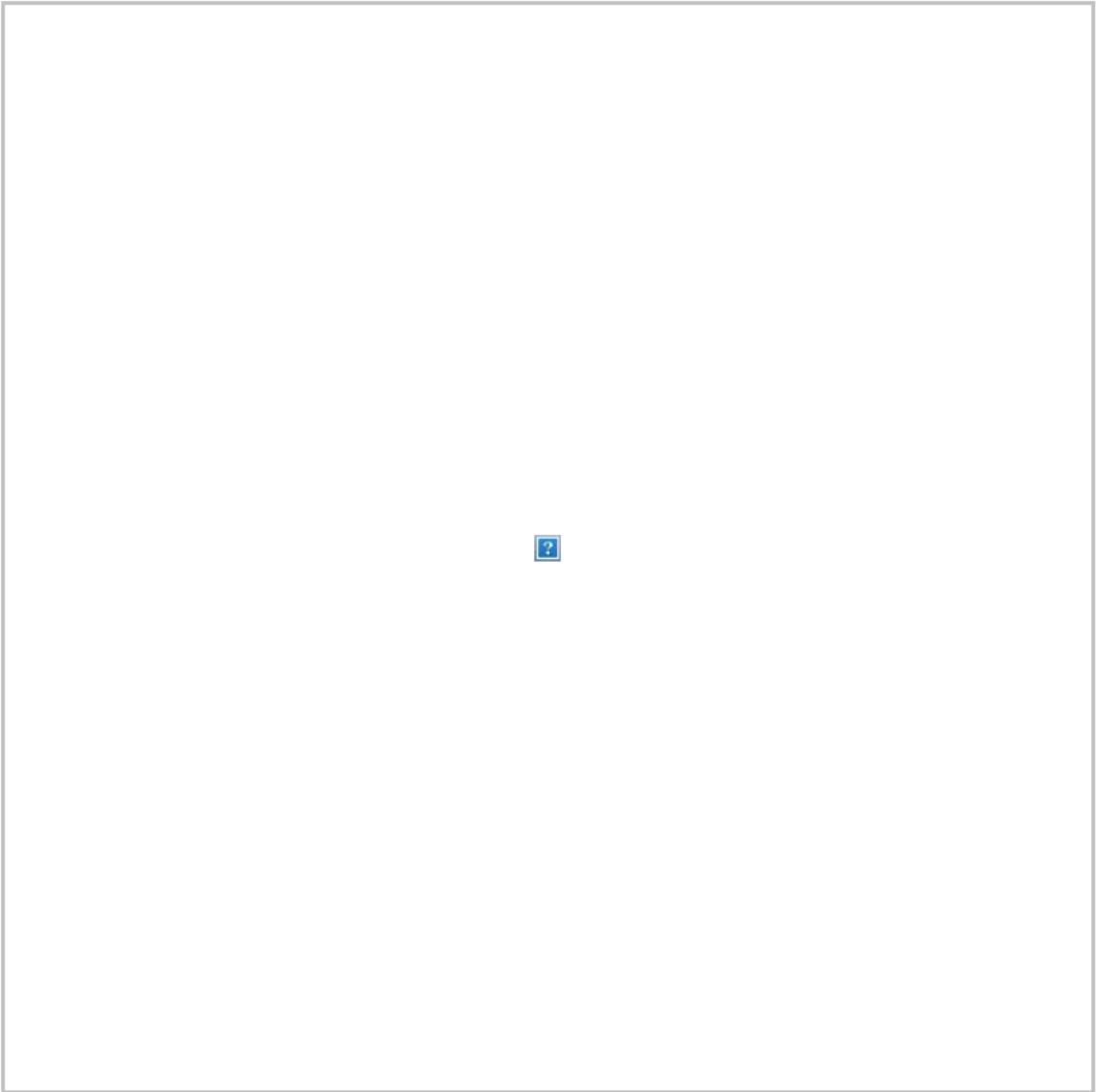
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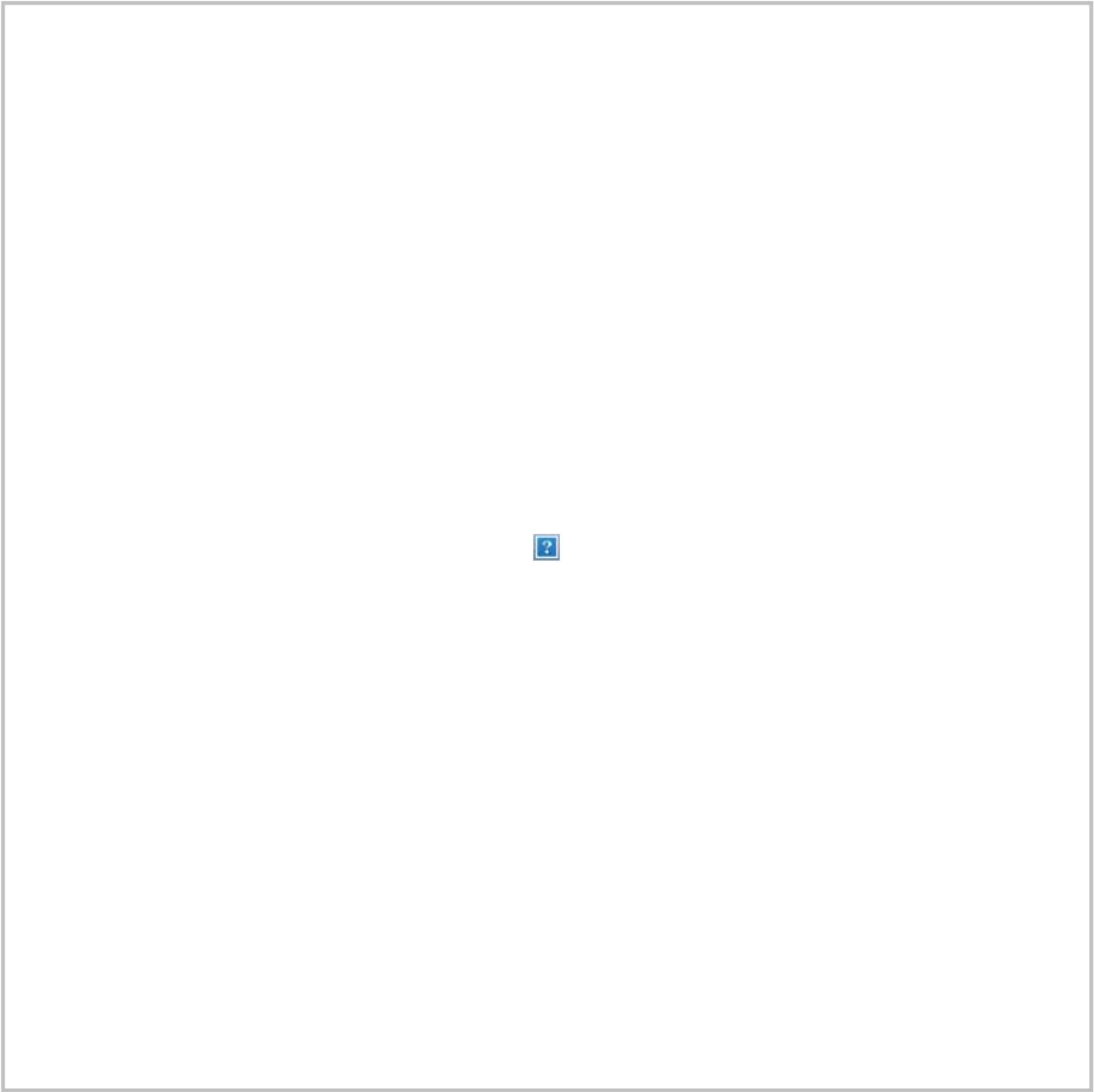
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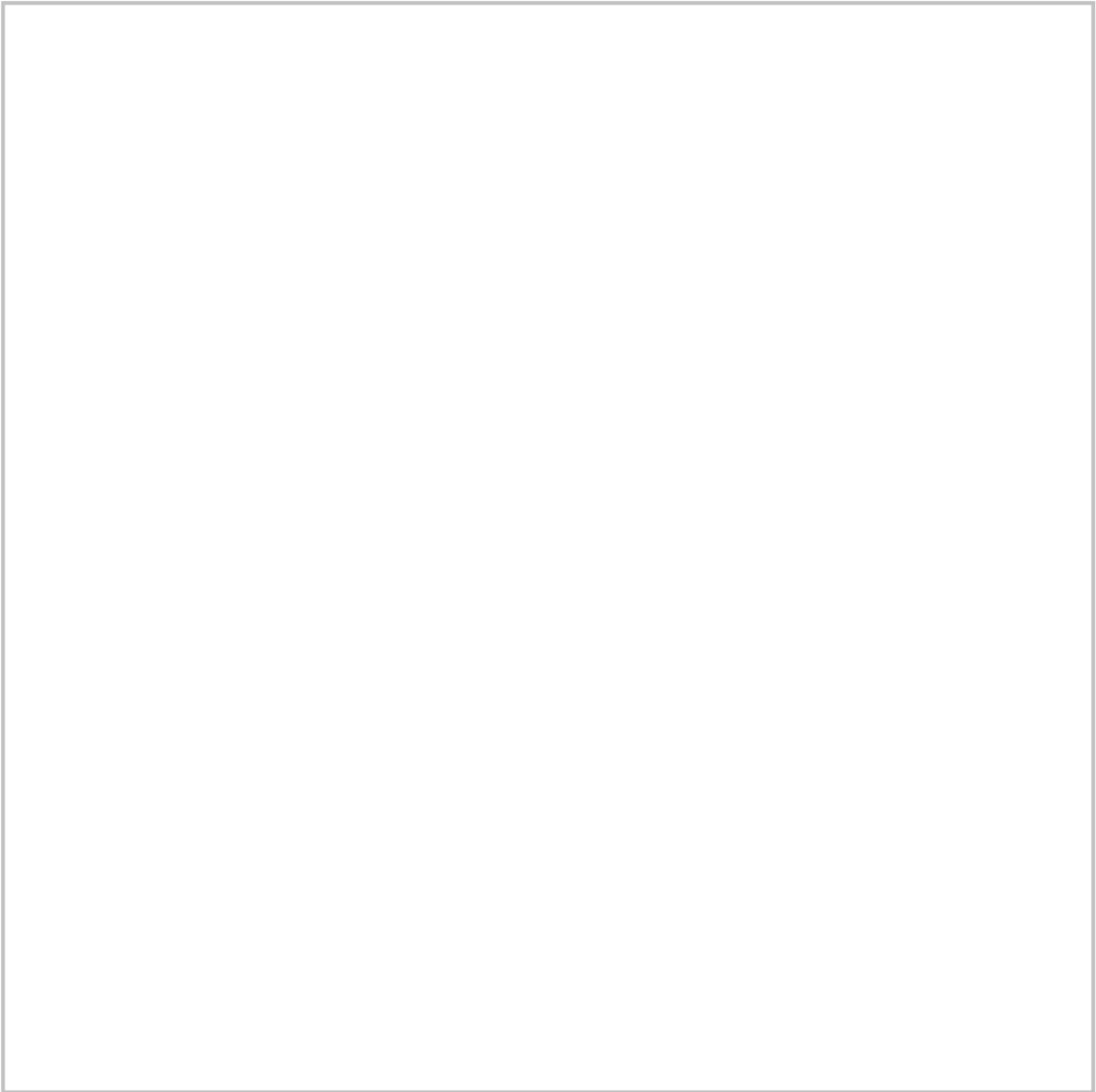
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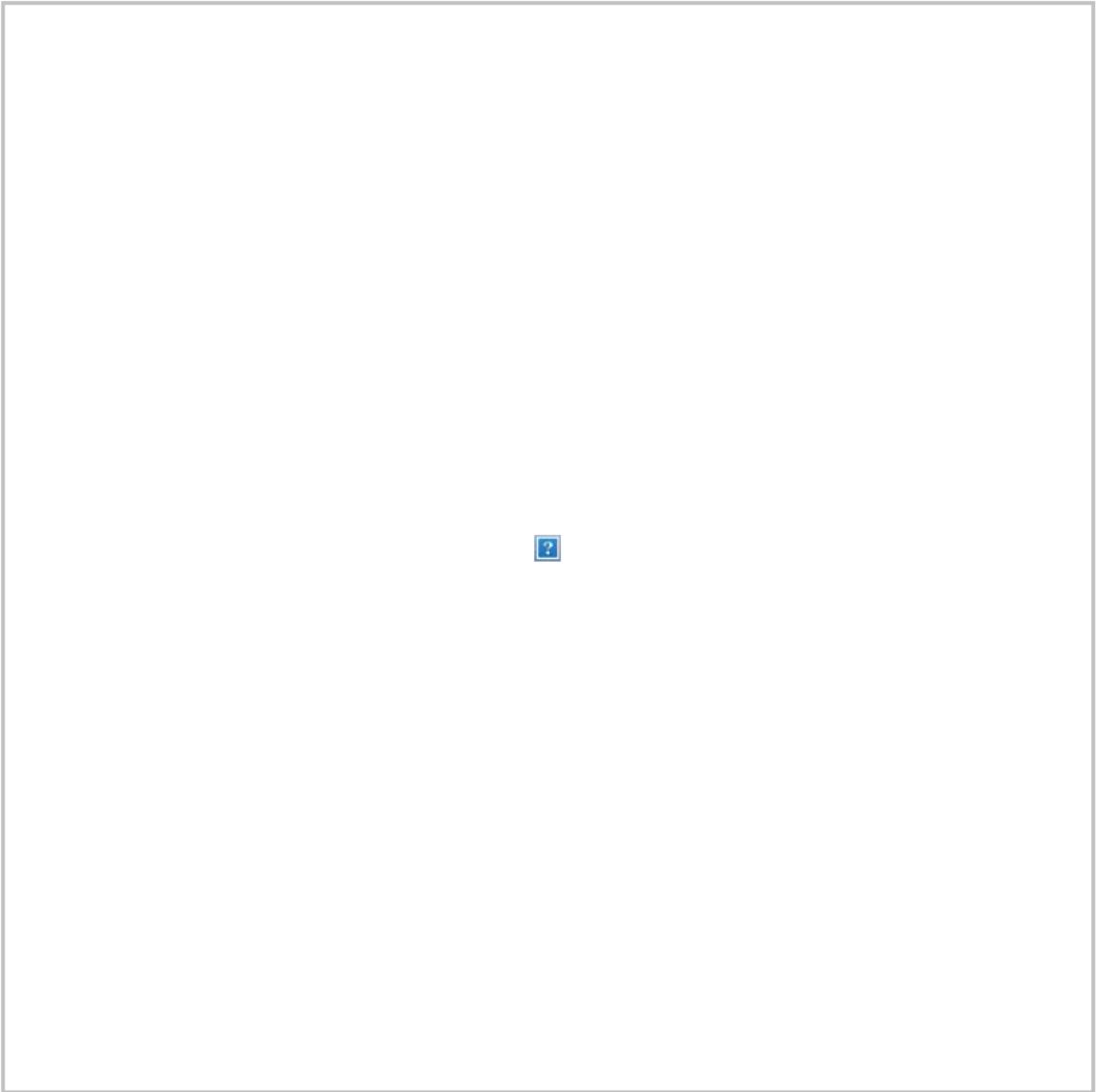
A few photos from the national Christmas tree lighting:



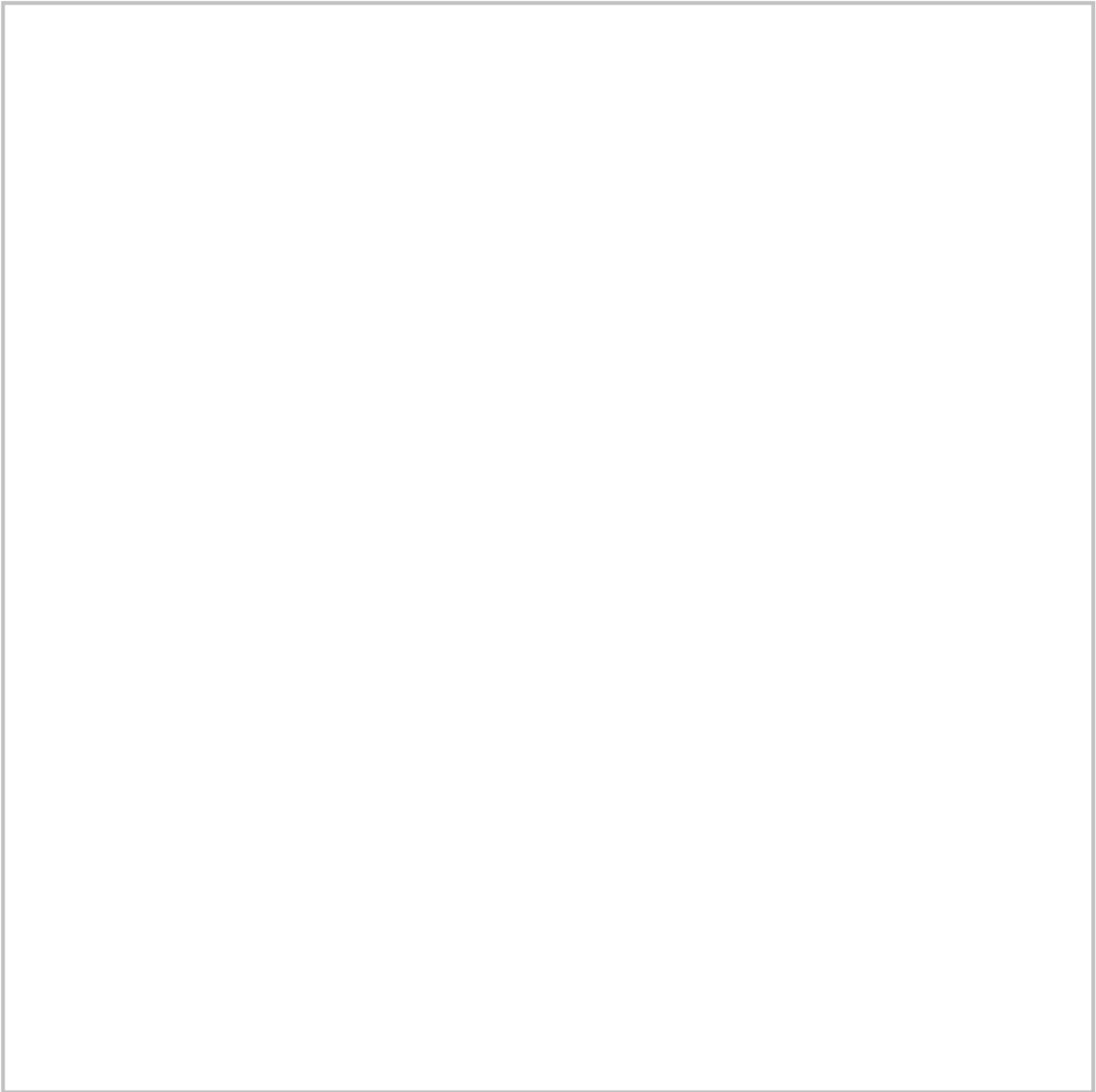




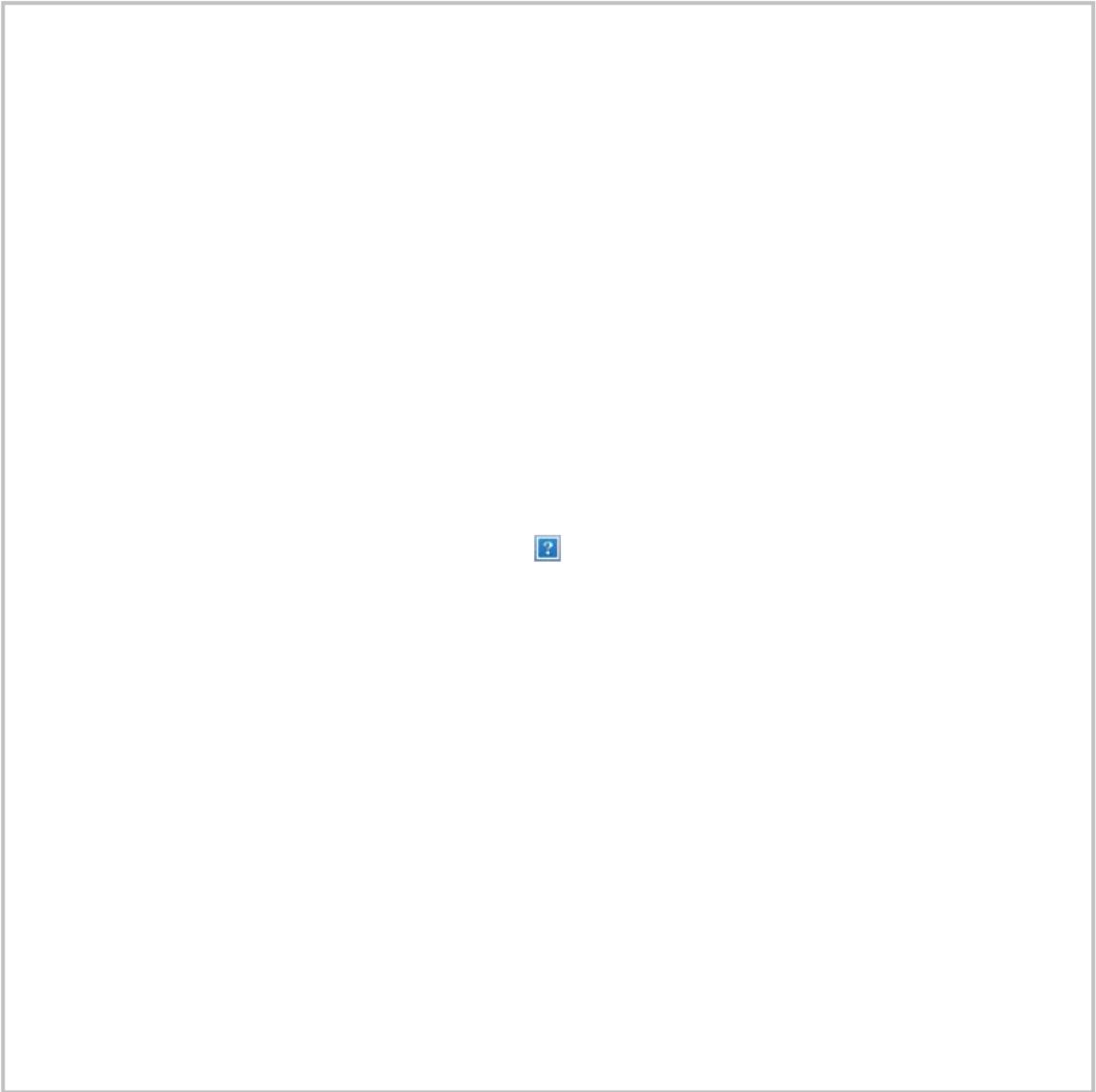
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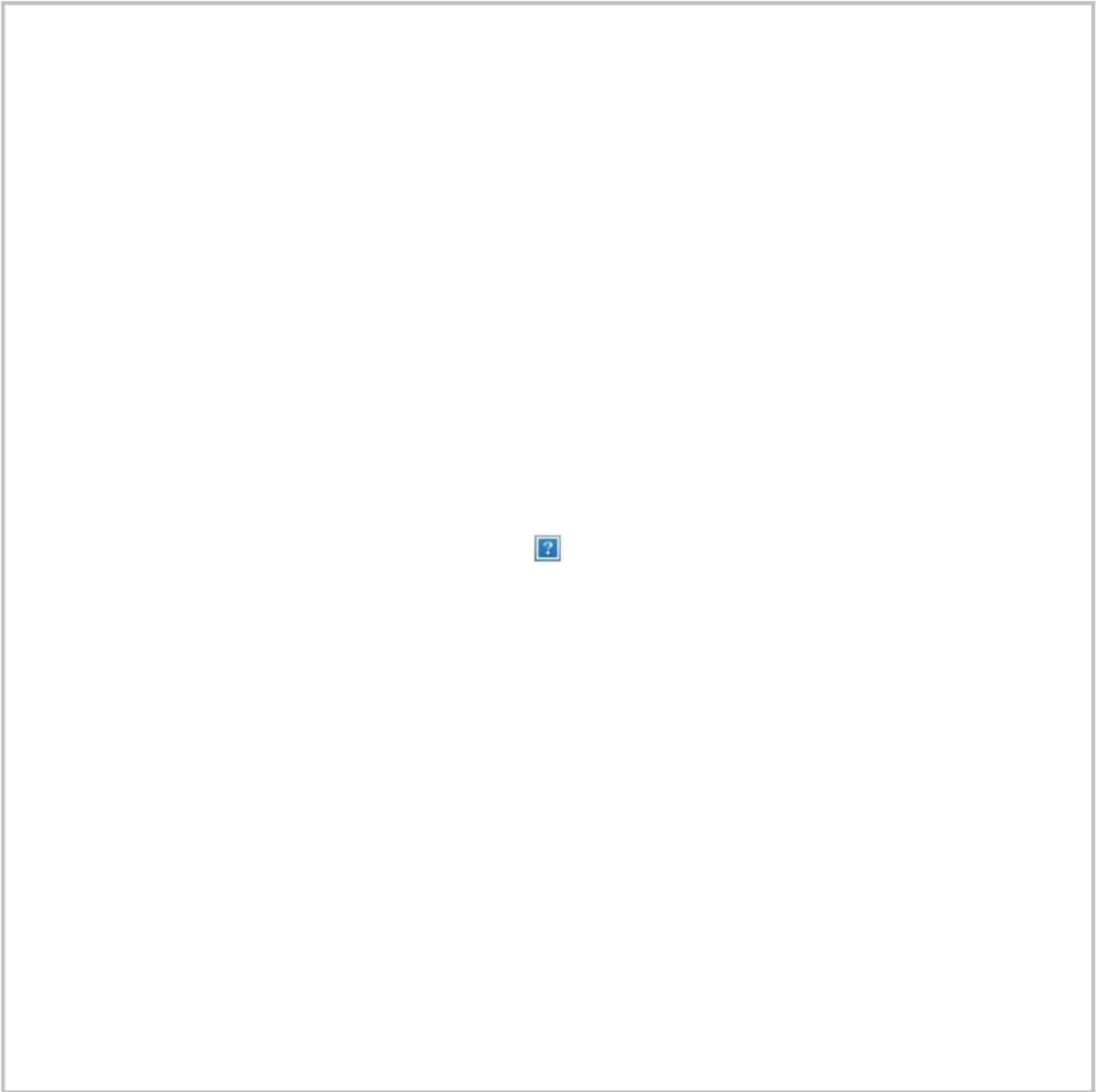


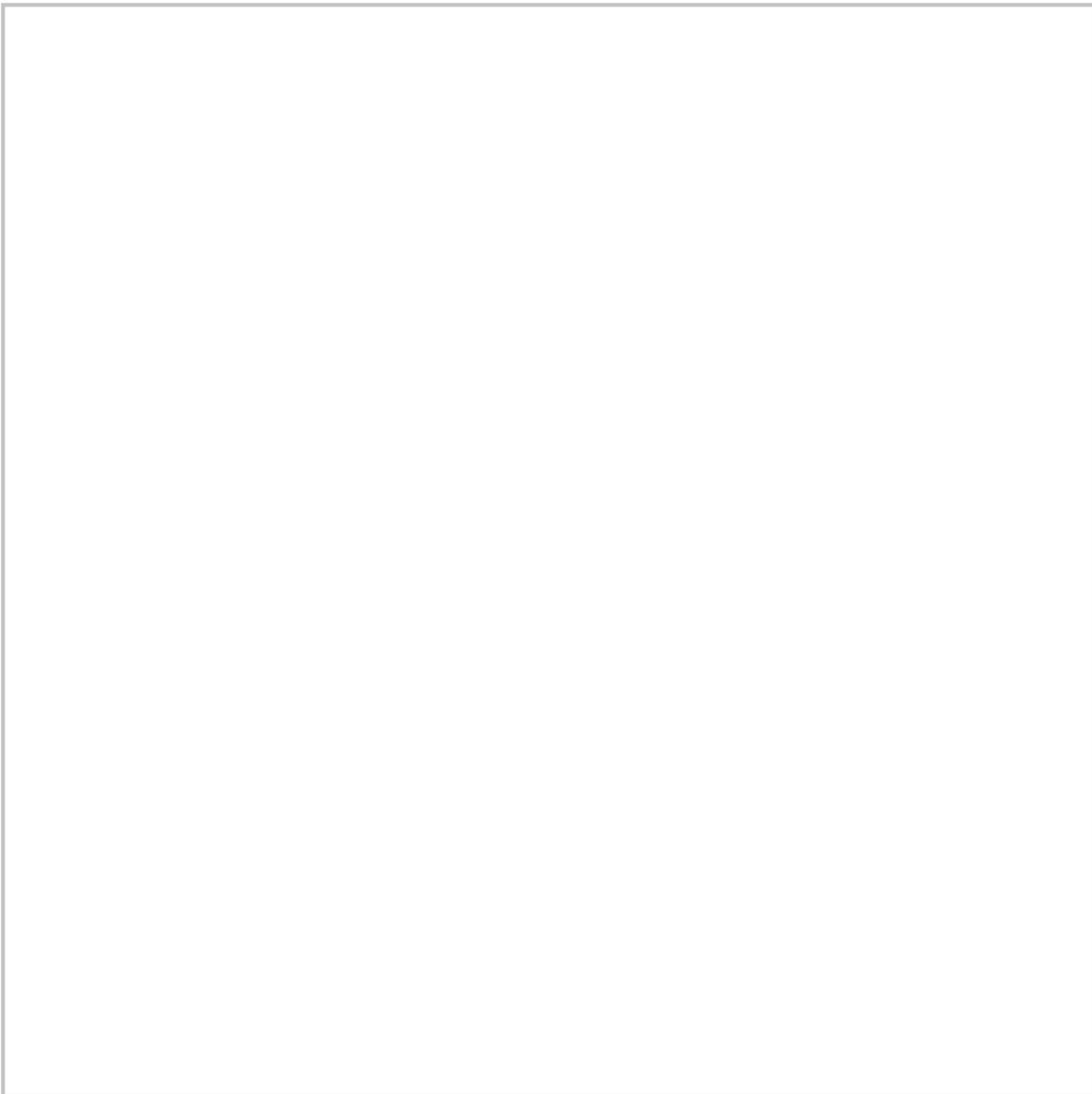


Eric Swalwell posted this photo from his first D.C. visit:



Vicky Hartzler and Blake Farenthold snapped shots of the Capitol dome at night:





#### GOOD READS FROM ELSEWHERE:

-- **Buzzfeed**, "[How Snapchat Kept Fake News Out](#)," by Nitasha Tiku: "There are a handful of obvious reasons why Snapchat might be a less fertile ground for propaganda from Macedonian teens, hoax purveyors, or hyperpartisan websites masquerading as news. User-generated content on Snapchat disappears after a short period of time. News is contained in a separate section, called Discover. Posts from the people you follow are displayed chronologically, not by popularity or personalized algorithm. ... and it's hard to go viral when you can't pass around a link to an individual's post." **And the process publishers go through to get on the news section, Discover, is controlled by human gatekeepers:** "Before they can post in Discover, news publishers have to be vetted as a potential partner, an agreement that comes with strict terms. Discover partners who publish daily on Snapchat in the US, France, and UK include recognizable names like CNN, MTV, Le Monde, Sky News, and Cosmopolitan. **And although publishers have editorial independence, there is collaboration between content-producers and Snapchat formatters, who reformat content to fit within the app.**

#### HOT ON THE LEFT:

["Doctor Calls Michelle Obama 'Monkey Face,' But Says She's Not](#)

#### HOT ON THE RIGHT:

["A city attorney involved in an anti-Trump vandalism incident ...](#)

**Racist,** from [HuffPost](#): “A Colorado doctor has been ordered to stop seeing patients and is being fired from her medical school teaching job after calling first lady Michelle Obama ‘monkey face’ on Facebook and defending herself as ‘still not racist.’ Dr. Michelle Herren, a white pediatric anesthesiologist ... made the comment after another Facebook user called Obama eloquent. ... Herren responded with an unflattering photo showing the first lady yelling, and this: ‘Doesn’t seem to be speaking too eloquently here, thank god we can’t hear her!’ a post attributed to Herren read. ‘Monkey face and poor ebonic English!!! There! I feel better and am still not racist!!! Just calling it like it is!’”

remains in his job for now...” from [Philly.com](#): Duncan Lloyd, an assistant city solicitor, was identified in surveillance footage that captured Lloyd and a second man ... In the footage, Lloyd is seen wearing a blue blazer and holding a glass of wine, filming or taking photos, while a second man spray paints “F--- Trump,” on the wall of a newly opened Fresh Grocer. As of Thursday morning, police said no arrests have been made in the incident and Kenney said Lloyd remains employed ... “If the image of an upper-middle-class city attorney clad in a blazer and sipping wine while vandalizing an upscale grocery store with an anti-Trump message strikes you as perhaps the most bourgeois sight imaginable, that’s because it is,” said city party chairman Joe DeFelice, who said he should be fired.”

#### DAYBOOK:

**In Trump's world:** At Trump Tower, Trump and Pence meet with Sen. David Perdue (R-Ga.), retired Rear Adm. Jay Cohen, Florida attorney general Pam Bondi, former UN ambassador John Bolton and Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.).

**At the White House:** Obama meets with United Nations Secretary-General-designate Antonio Guterres.

**On Capitol Hill:** The Senate is out. Biden speaks at the U.S.-Colombia Advisory Council Meeting with President Juan Manuel Santos and tours the Bolivar Naval Base in Cartagena.

#### QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Sanders campaign manager Jeff Weaver at the Harvard event: “We probably would’ve won.”

#### NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:

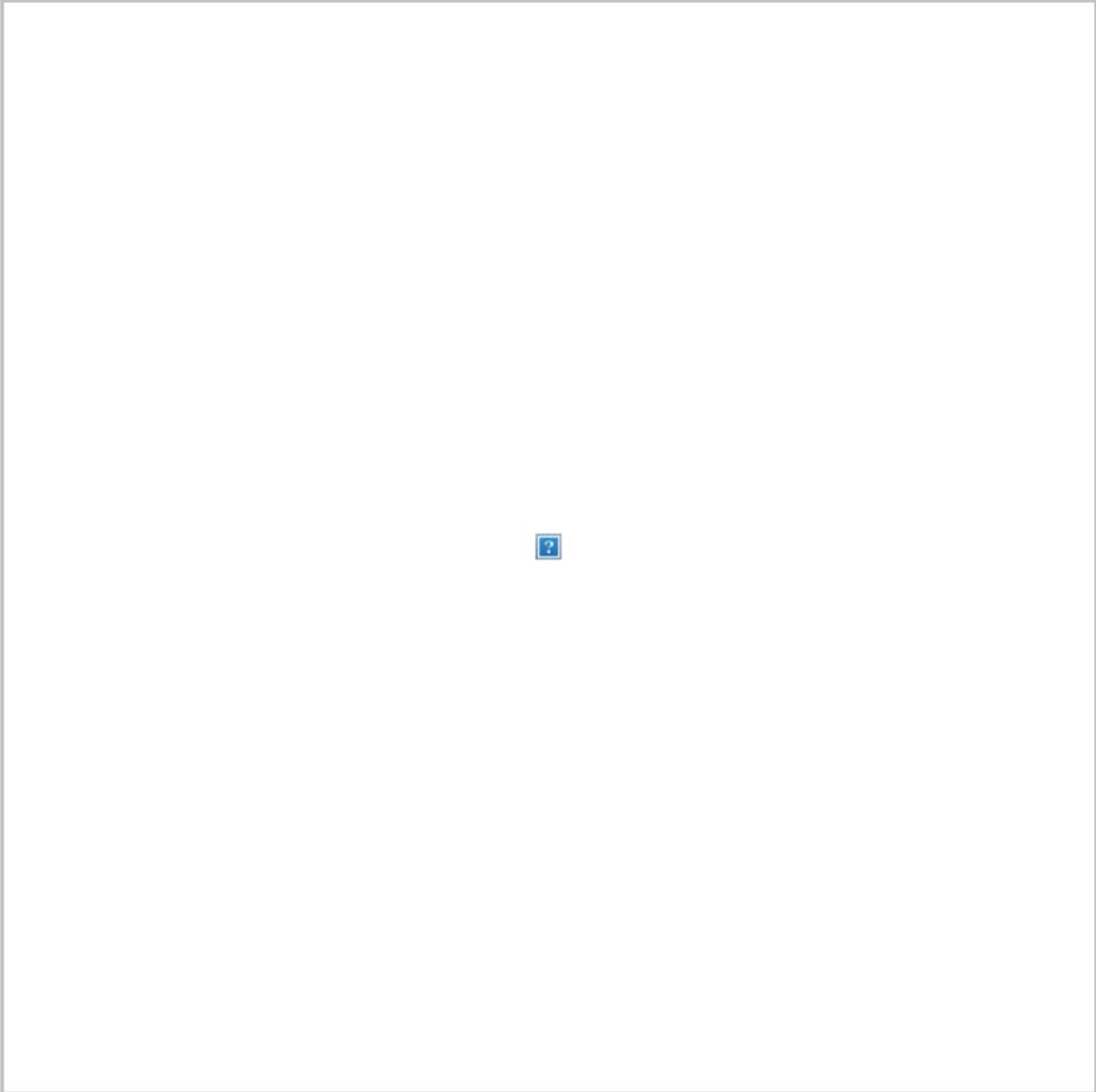
-- **Dress with layers!** Today’s forecast looks like it’ll be a chilly one, per the [Capital Weather Gang](#): “Some clouds are around, but sun likely wins for the day. High temperatures are near 50 in the cooler spots but, perhaps, mid-50s downtown and south of town. West-northwesterly winds do pick up a bit, to around 10 mph with gusts near 20 mph possible during the midday into afternoon”

-- **A Prince George’s councilman arrested on DUI charges while operating a government vehicle this week has twice before damaged cars owned by the county, officials said. In 2010,** the lawmaker crashed two vehicles from the fleet – leaving one with more than \$1,000 in damages; the other completely totaled. ([Arelis R. Hernández](#))

-- **The Capitals [lost to the Islanders 3-0.](#)**

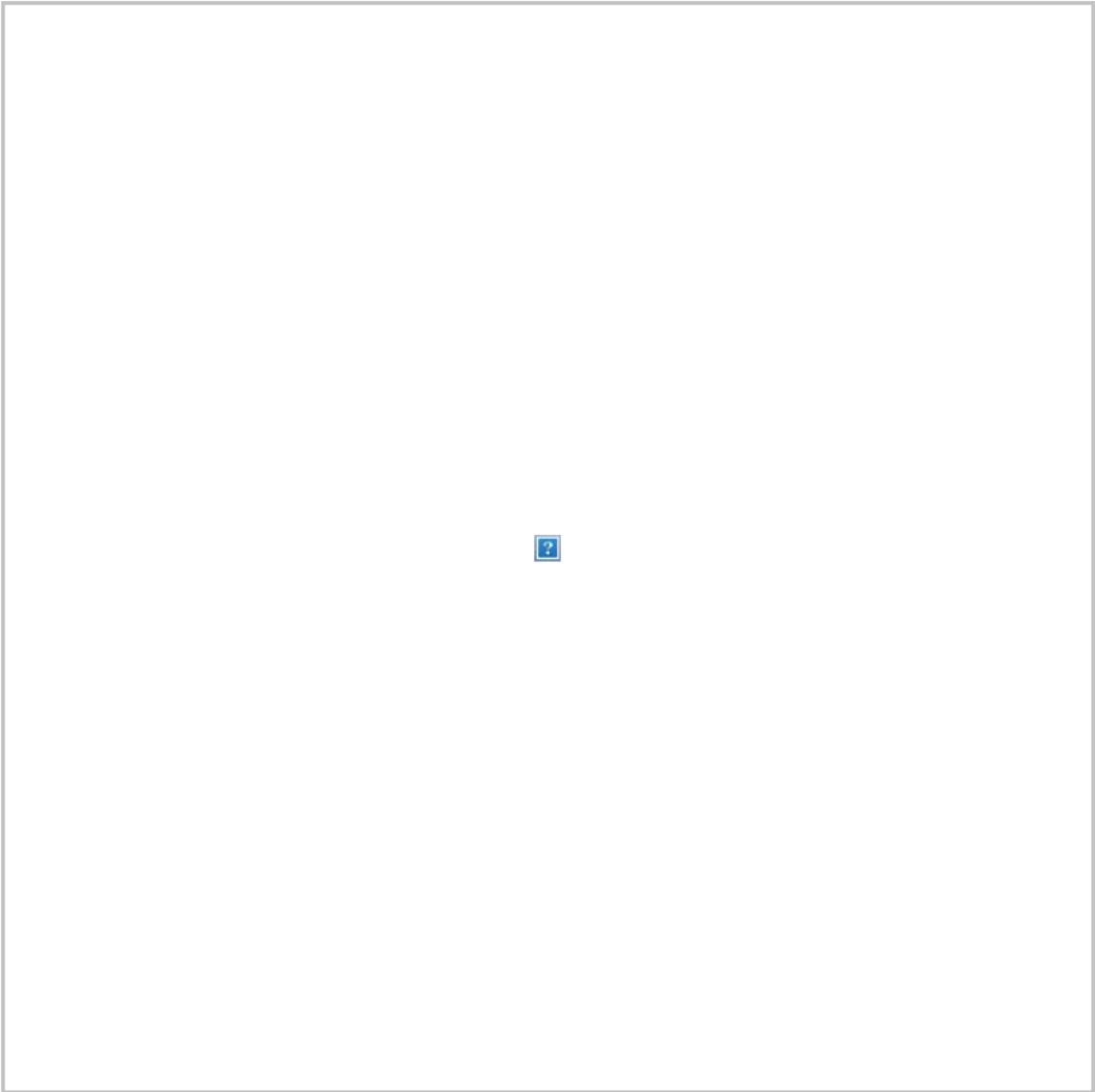
#### VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Conan O'Brien took aim at Trump, Pence and Bannon in this segment:

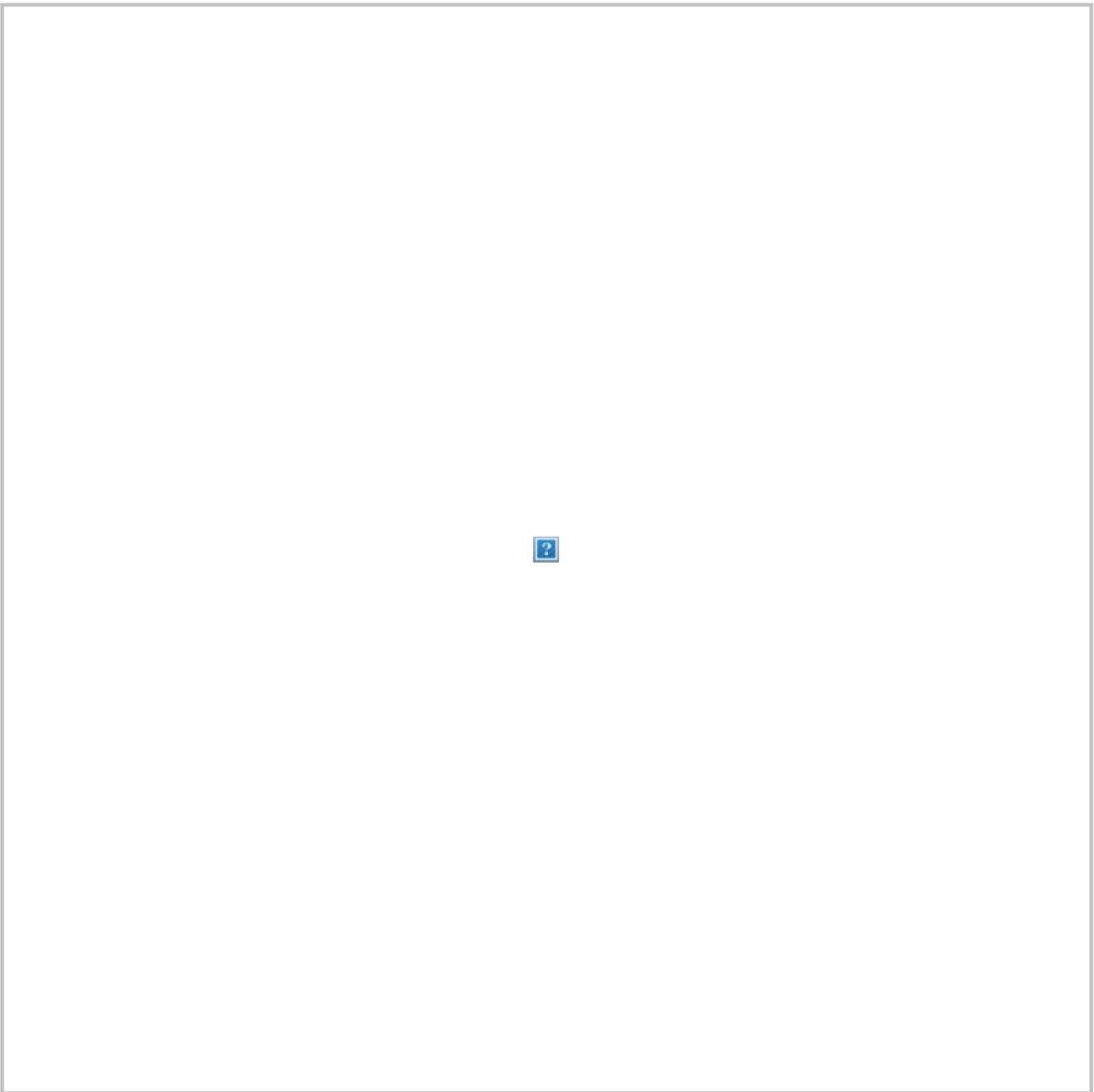


Celebrity Survey: Mike Pence, Donald Trump Edition - CONAN on TBS

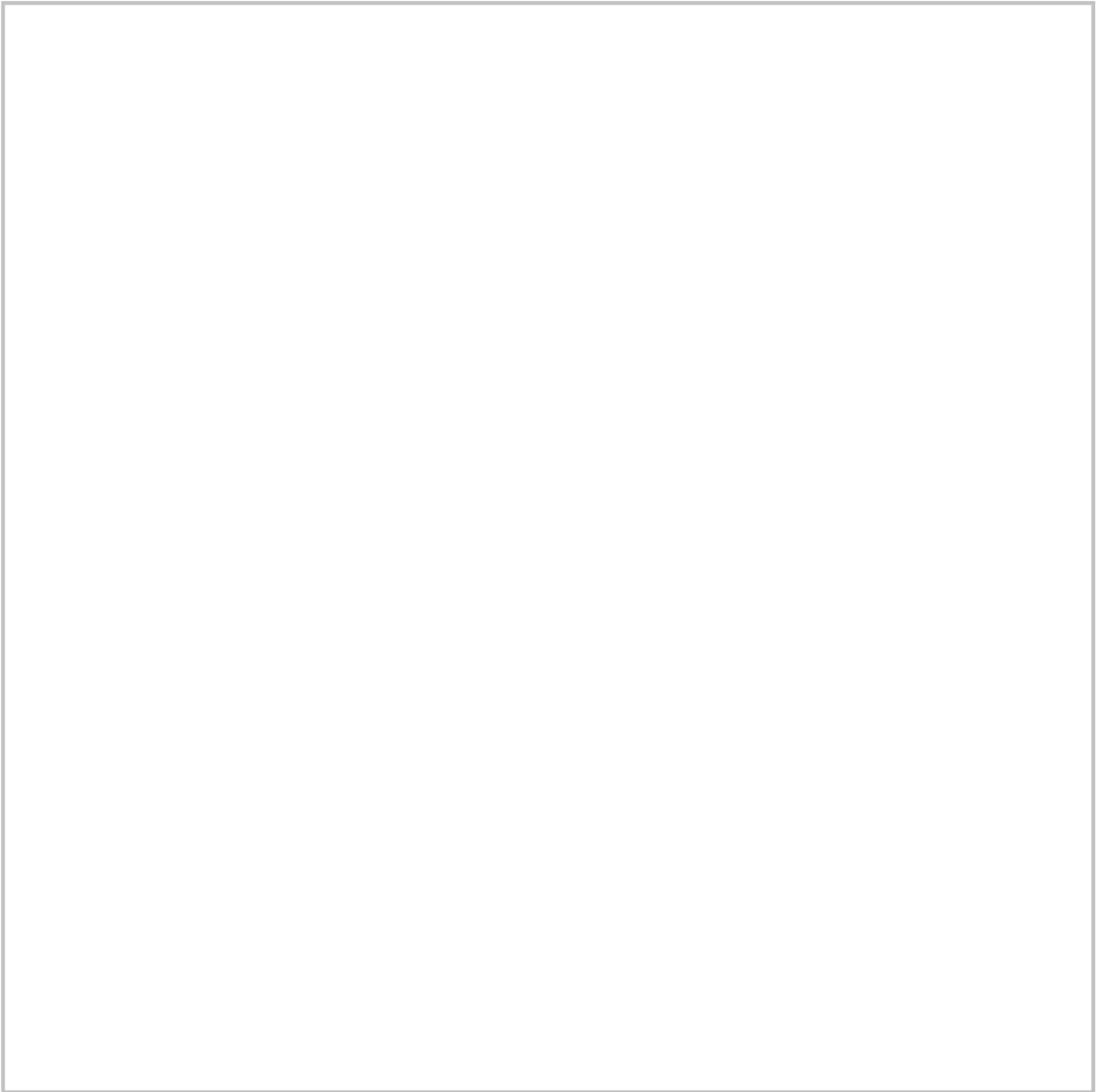
This video clip of Trump supporters talking about fake news went viral (click to watch):



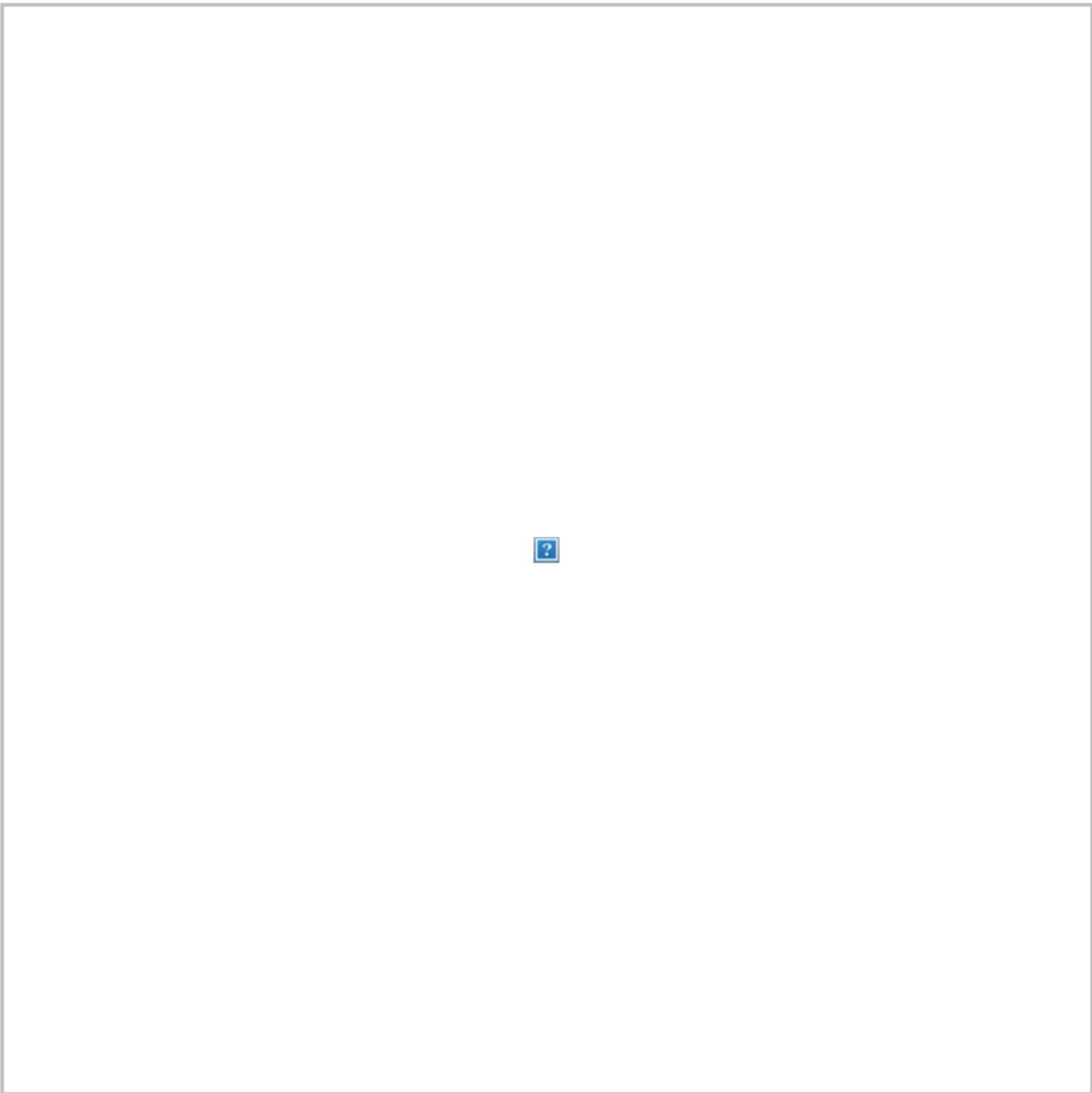
"Tomi" host Tomi Lahren gives her take on the Black Lives Matter movement and explains why she lashed out against Colin Kaepernick for his national anthem protest:



The Daily Show - Tomi Lahren - Giving a Voice to Conservative America on "Tomi"

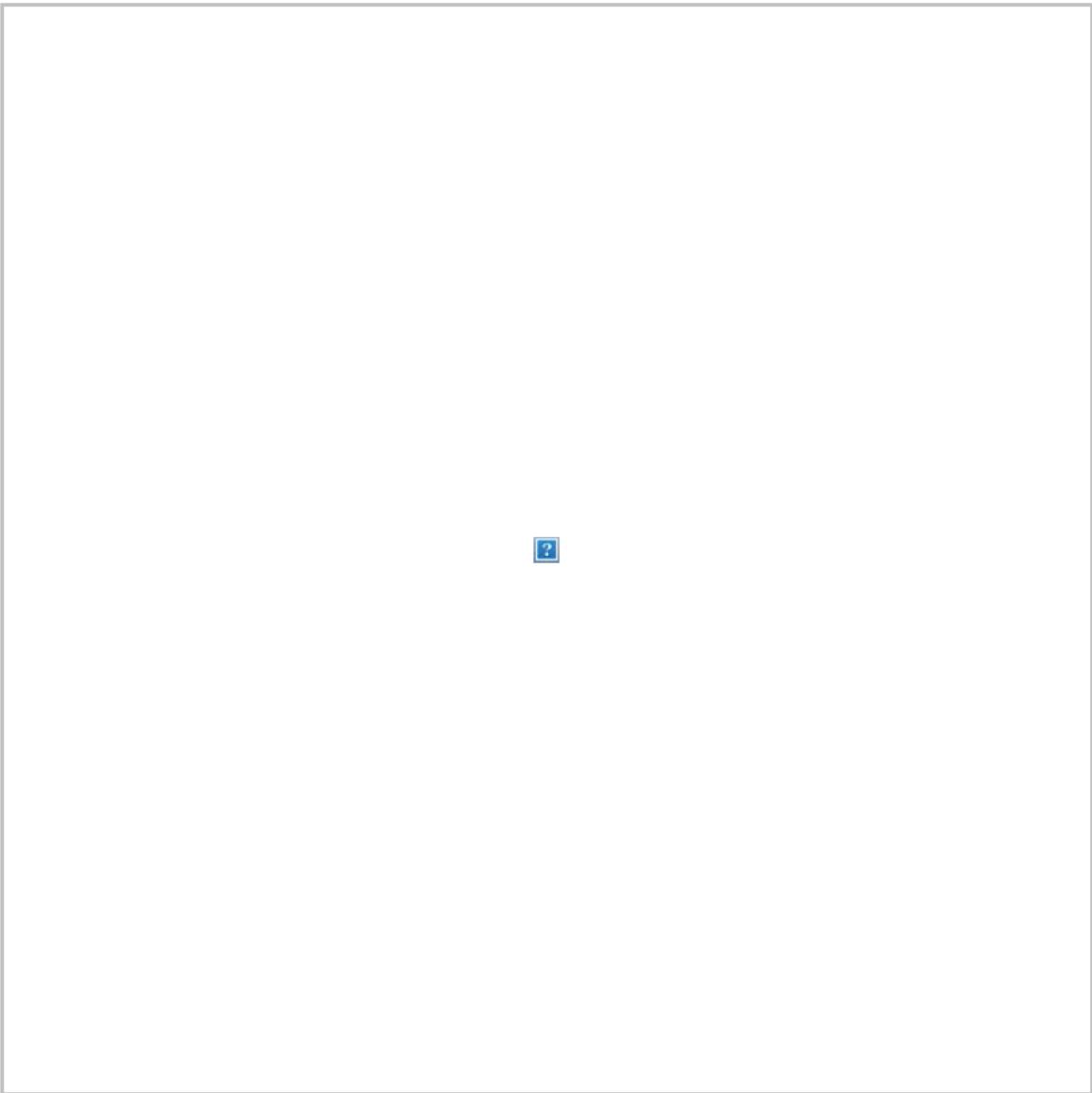


Thousands held memorials for the Brazilian soccer team players killed in Monday's plane crash:



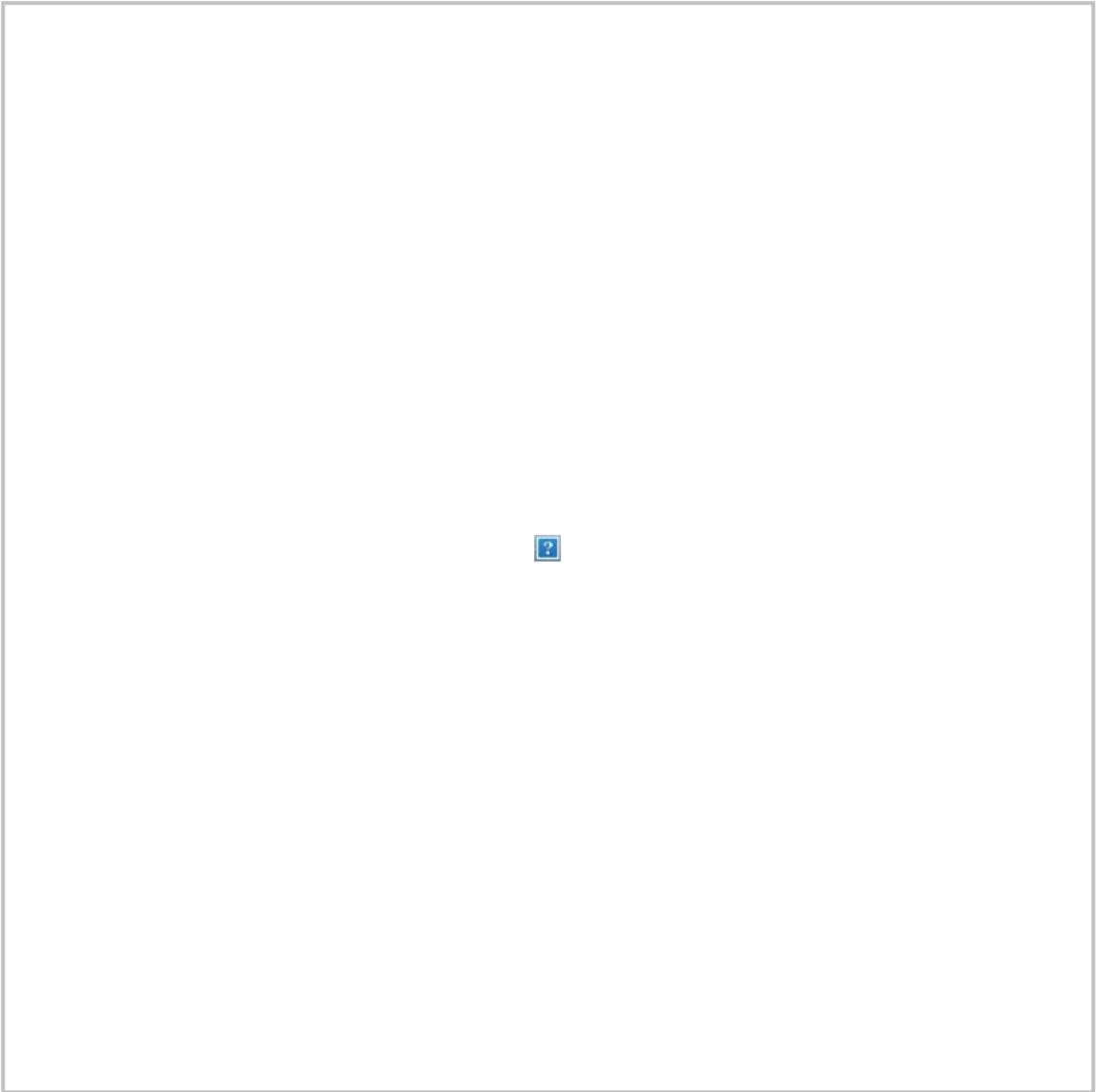
Chapecoense's remaining players join thousands in memorial for crash victims

People at the Library of Congress participated in the Mannequin Challenge -- impressive!

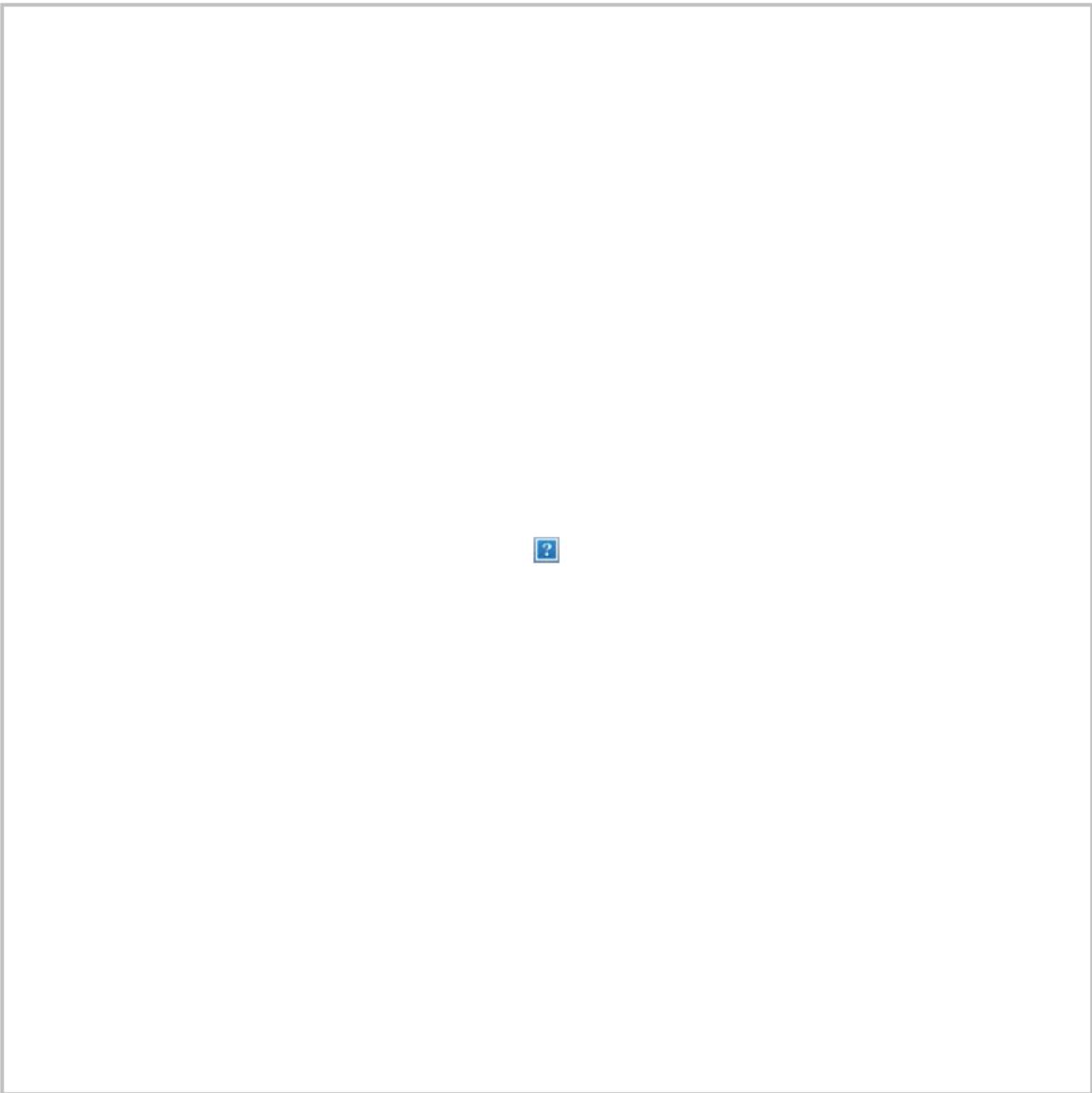


Mannequin Challenge in the Library of Congress

Watch the five times Obama sang Christmas carols in public (click for video):

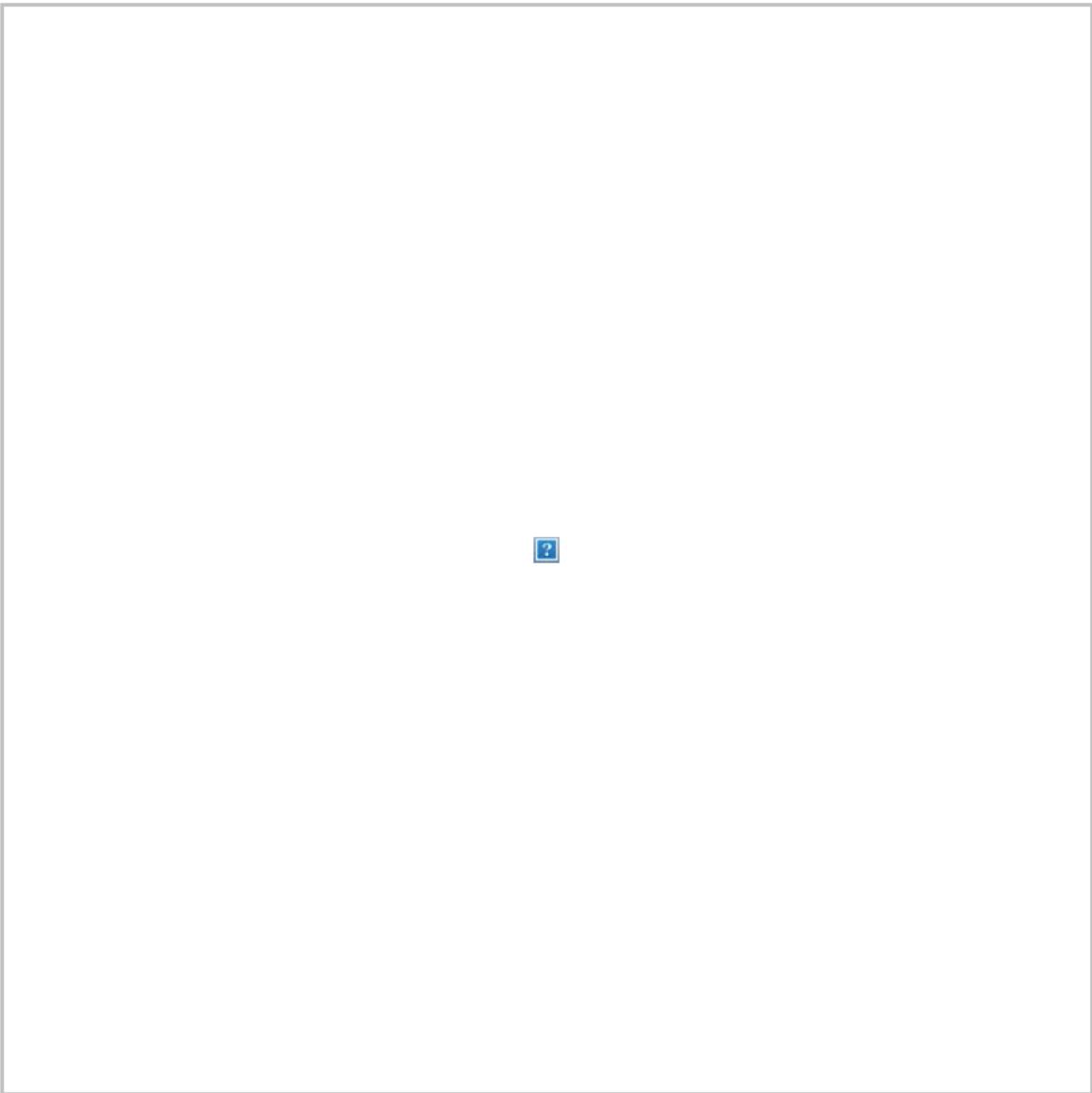


A 17-year-old who was shot trying to help a dying woman spoke from his hospital bed:



Good Samaritan shooting victim speaks from his hospital bed

An ailing Buzz Aldrin was evacuated from the South Pole:



Ailing Buzz Aldrin medically evacuated from South Pole

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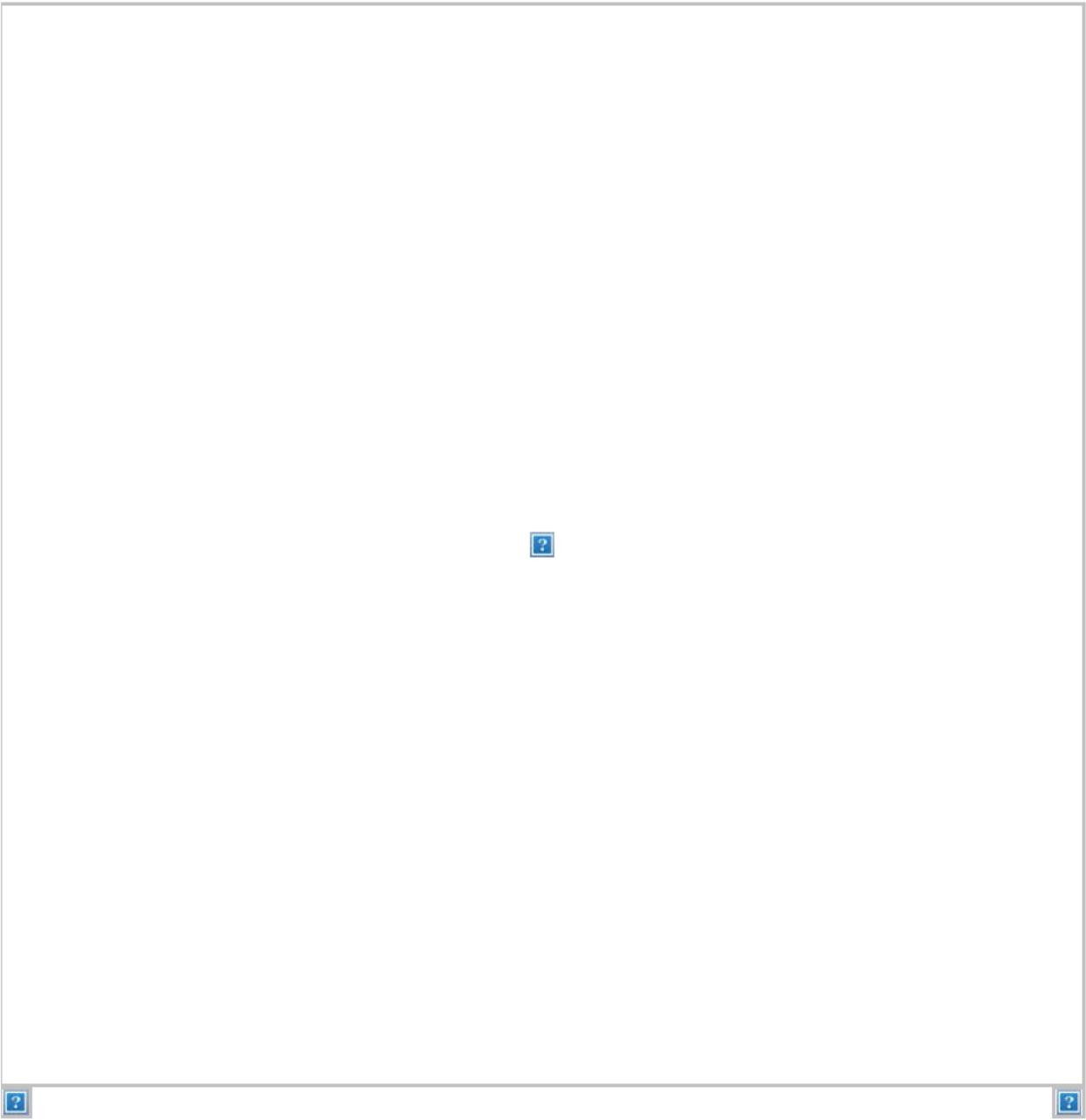
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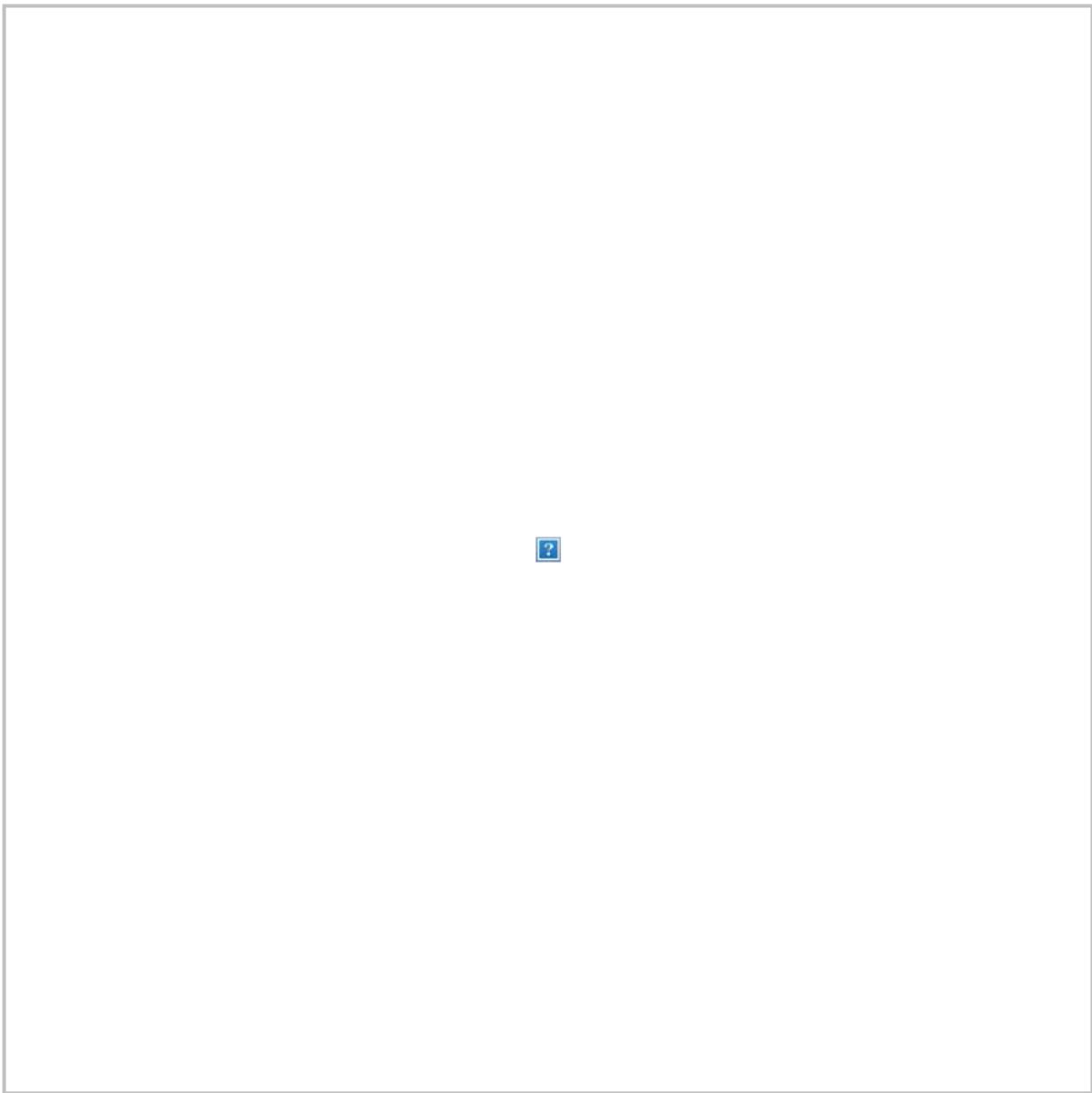


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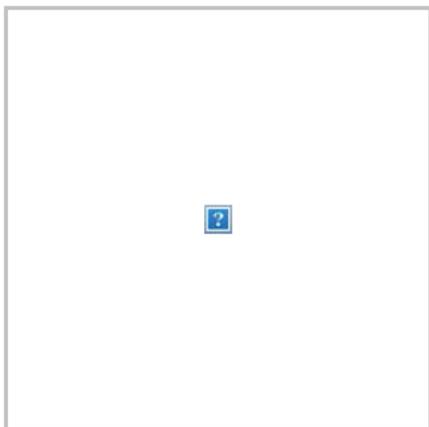
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[Bannon will be the id, Priebus the super-ego in Trump's White House](#)



Donald Trump announced that Reince Priebus will be his White House Chief of Staff, and Stephen K. Bannon will be his chief strategist and senior counselor. (AFP/Getty)



*With Breanne Deppisch and Elise Viebeck*

**THE BIG IDEA: Reince Priebus will be chief of staff, but Stephen Bannon may be the one calling the shots in Donald Trump's White House.**

The pugilistic and polarizing former head of Breitbart News will be chief strategist and senior counselor for President Donald Trump, a role held in previous administrations by the likes of David Axelrod, Karl Rove, John Podesta and Ed Meese.

Trump is said to have preferred Bannon for the chief job. But he was [reportedly persuaded](#) in recent days to go a more conventional route by everyone from the Speaker of the House, Paul Ryan, to his son-in-law, Jared Kushner.

**The 275-word press release announcing the hires said Bannon and Priebus will be “equal partners,” but Bannon got top billing.** “I want to thank President-elect Trump for the opportunity to work with Reince in driving the agenda of the Trump Administration,” Bannon said in the statement. “We had a very successful partnership on the campaign, one that led to victory. We will have that same partnership in working to help President-elect Trump achieve his agenda.”

**-- If the campaign is indeed the model for their White House partnership, Bannon will hold more sway over Trump than Priebus.** The chairman brought in money and ran interference, helping to keep wobbly GOP politicians in line. But he certainly did not set the candidate's direction and was more often than not troubled by it.

For example, Bannon, 62, a former naval officer and investment banker, was the brains behind inviting the women who have accused Bill Clinton of sexual misconduct to be Trump's guests at the second debate. He was seen smiling broadly when the GOP nominee held a surprise press conference with them. Priebus never in a million years would have come up with this – or signed off on it, had it been up to him.

After the 2005 “Access Hollywood” tape emerged, Priebus quickly distanced himself. “No woman should ever be described in these terms or talked about in this manner. Ever,” he said. Bannon's Breitbart, meanwhile, is [reportedly](#) in talks to hire Billy Bush, who got fired from the “Today” show for his part in the repugnant conversation.

Donald Trump and Reince Priebus on election night in New York. (Evan Vucci/AP)</p>□

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#### **AN EARLY WINDOW INTO HOW TRUMP WILL GOVERN:**

**-- With the biggest decision he's made during his first week as president-elect, Trump has made clear that he wants rival power centers. The likely result is that the same [internal tensions](#) that defined Trump's campaign will continue to exist in his West Wing.**

**Remember Corey Lewandowski's perennial battles with Paul Manafort?** Manafort never actually had the title of "campaign manager," but he was in effect running the campaign as "chairman." Corey, pushed out as manager, [tweeted](#) out a damning story about his rival's Ukraine connections and then seemed to celebrate on social media when Manafort got ousted later on.

**-- His management style has long been to have rivals underneath him duking it out.** Even when you think back to his reality TV show, "The Apprentice," there were competing teams pursuing the same objective.

**-- White House veterans say power in the West Wing derives less from title and more from proximity.** More than most, Trump has also shown that he can be heavily influenced by the last person he speaks with before making a decision. Trump has a deeper relationship with Bannon, which could be significant early on.

Priebus, on the other hand, will have an office that's closer to the Oval.

-- **Trump likes to be in charge, and he tends to feel threatened when underlings accrue too much power.**

-- **Some Bannon critics worry that he will wind up being Trump's Rasputin.** The mystic maintained immense influence over Tsar Nicholas after he stopped his son's bleeding from hemophilia. This caused countless problems and eventually hastened the fall of the monarchy in Russia. Does Trump credit Bannon's scorched-earth strategy with stopping his political bleeding this fall? Will he keep him close despite the backlash?

Bannon leaves Trump Tower on Friday night. (Evan Vucci/AP)



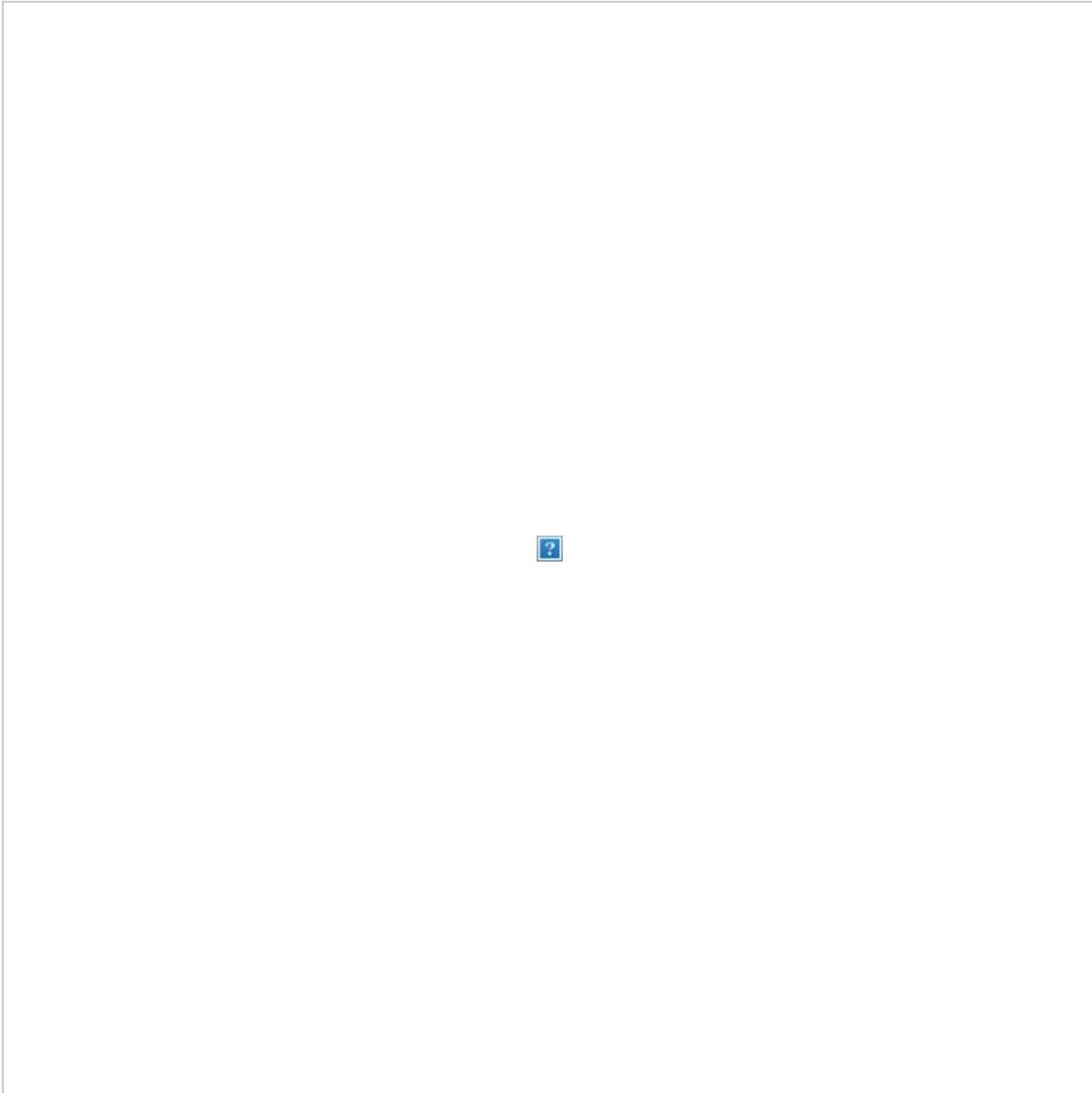
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**AN INSTANT LIGHTNING ROD:**

-- **Every White House has a bogeyman that the opposition singles out, but Bannon will take the job as a much bigger lightning rod than anyone in memory. The Southern Poverty Law Center, the Anti-Defamation League and the Council on American-Islamic Relations were among the groups that put out statements decrying Bannon last night.** "President-elect Trump's choice of Steve Bannon as his top aide signals that White Supremacists will be represented at the highest levels in Trump's White House," outgoing

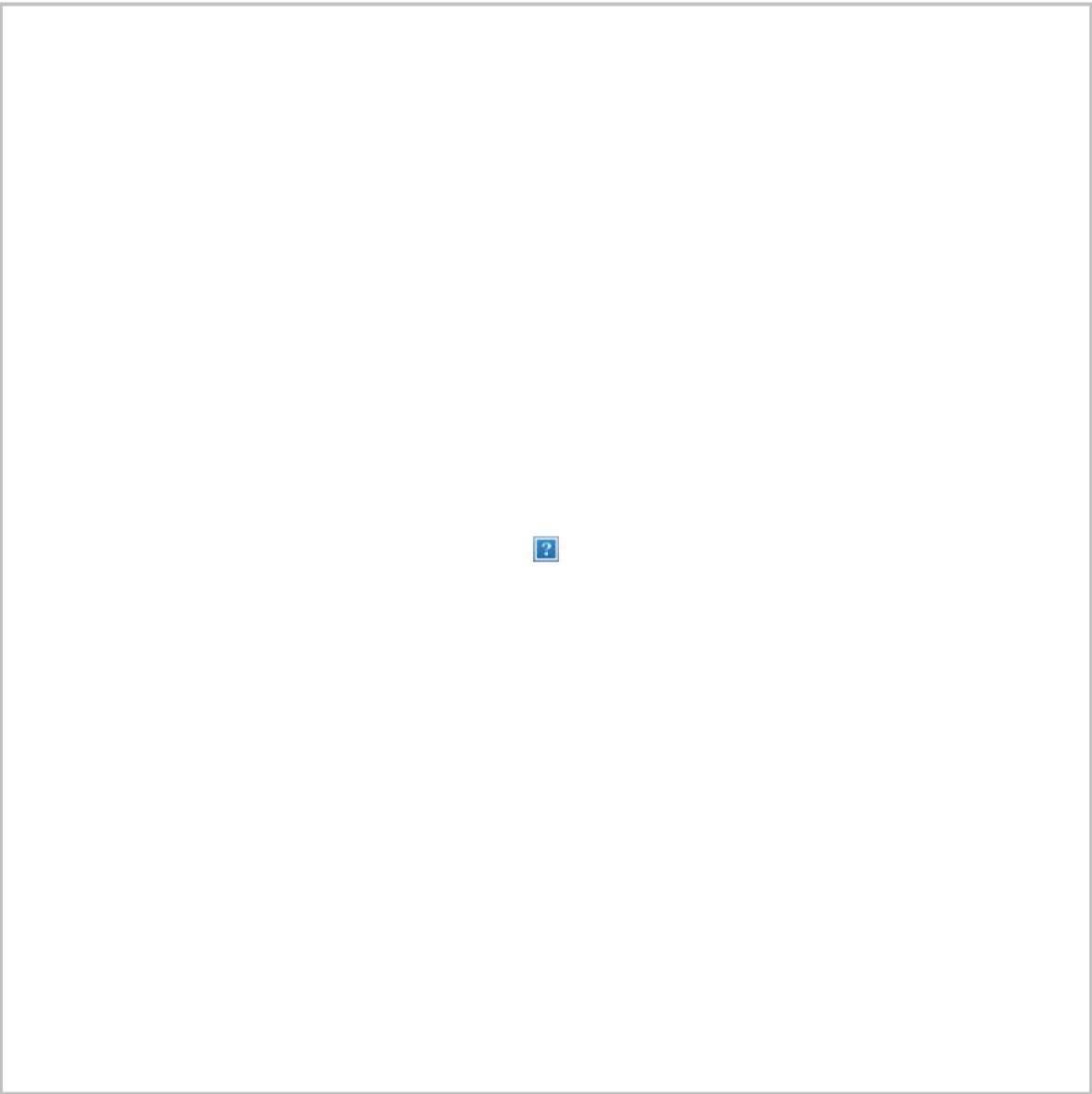
Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid's spokesman said in a statement. (Jose A. DelReal rounds up [more of the rebukes here.](#))

**-- To give you a flavor, these are the words that people online are searching for the definitions to in the wake of the Bannon news:**

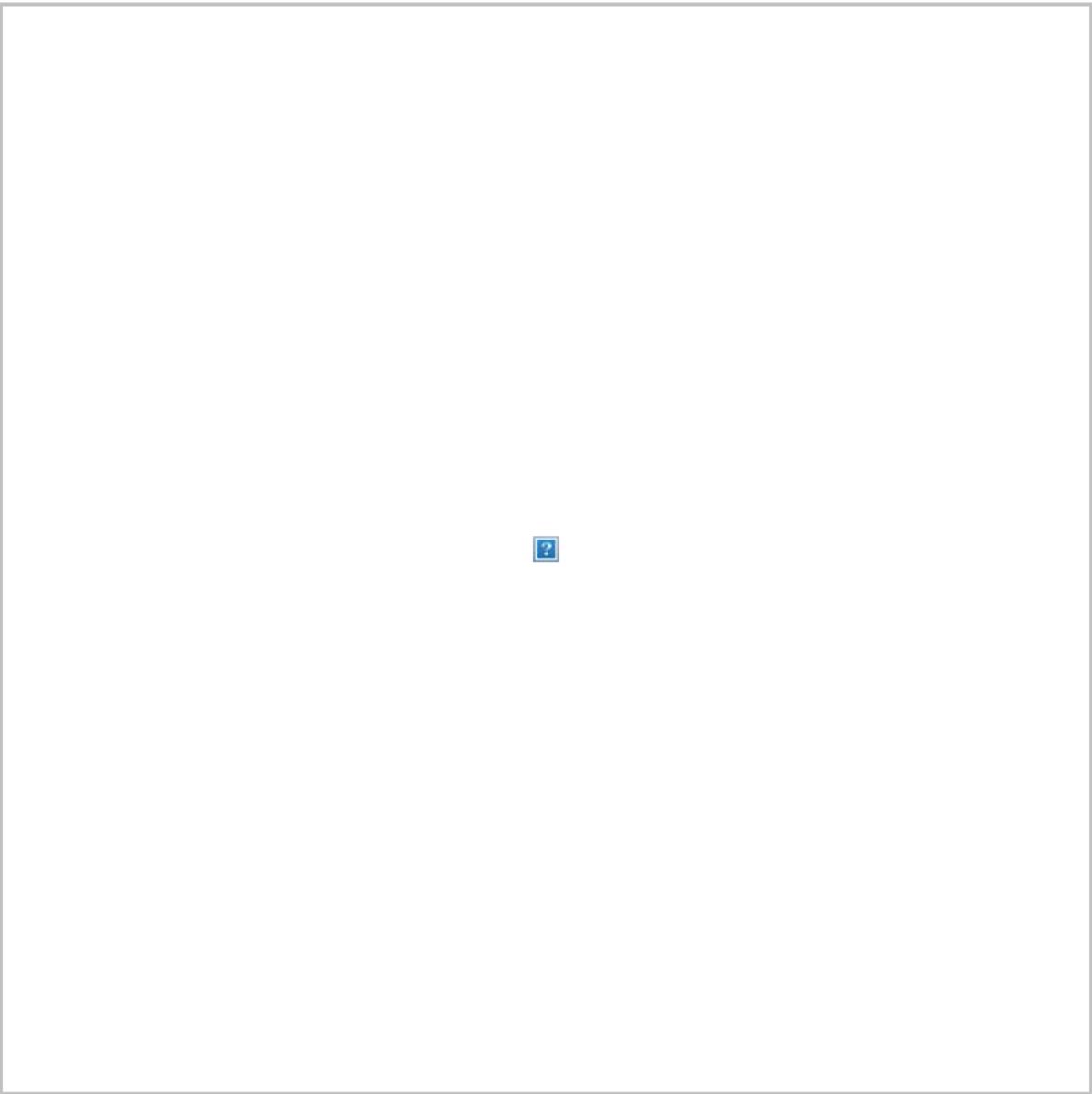


**-- Here is just a taste of the backlash on social media:**

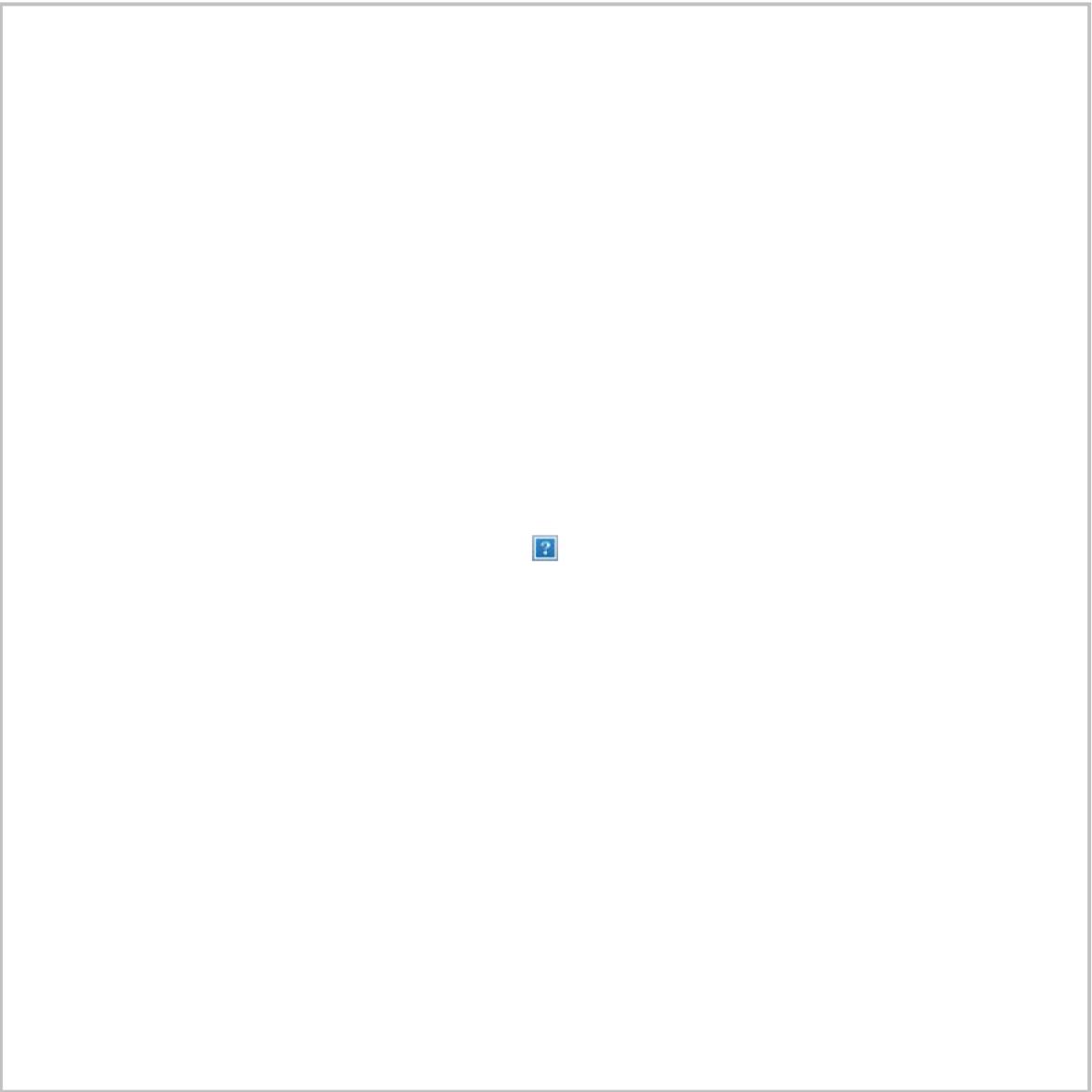
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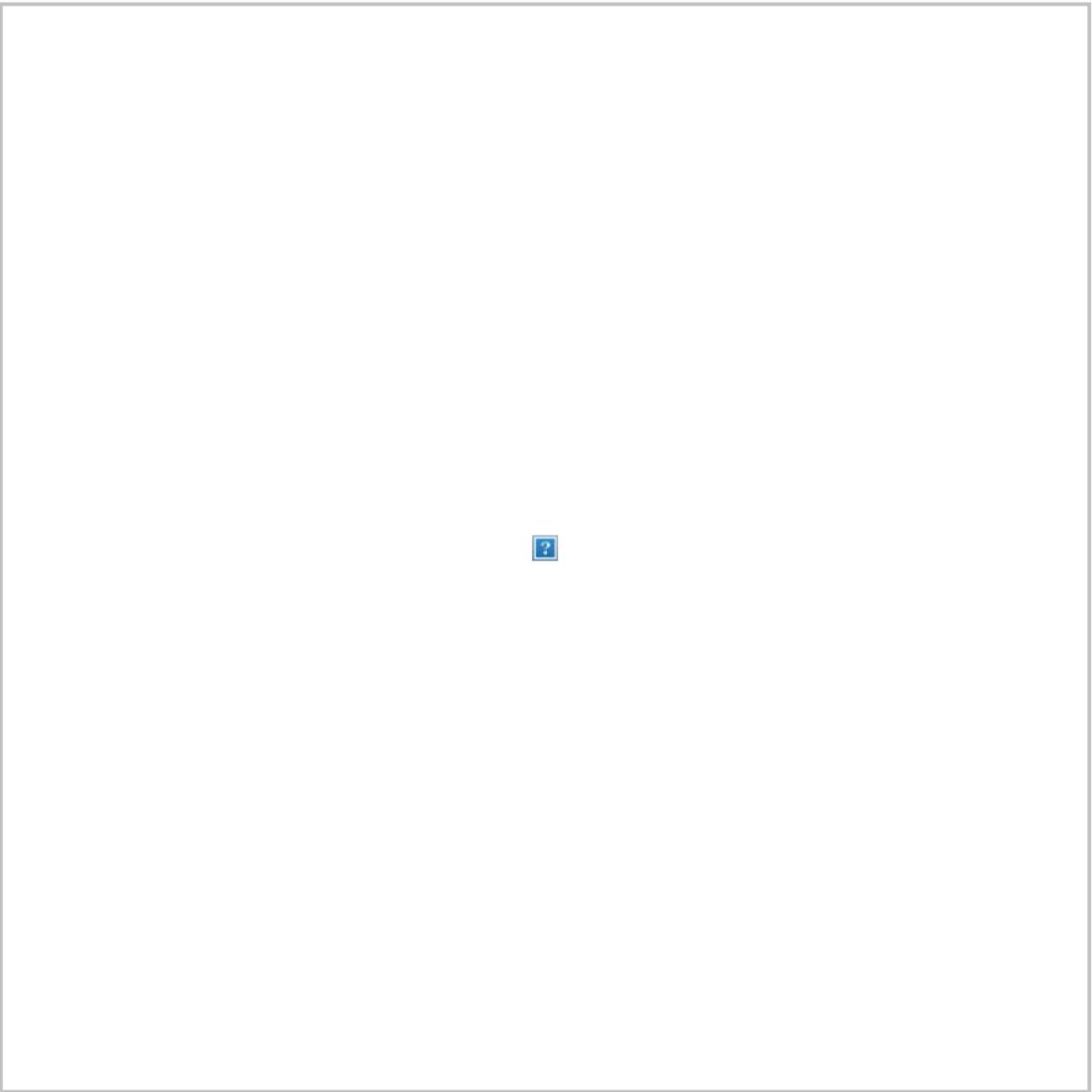
The CEO of the Anti-Defamation League:



The CNN anchor:



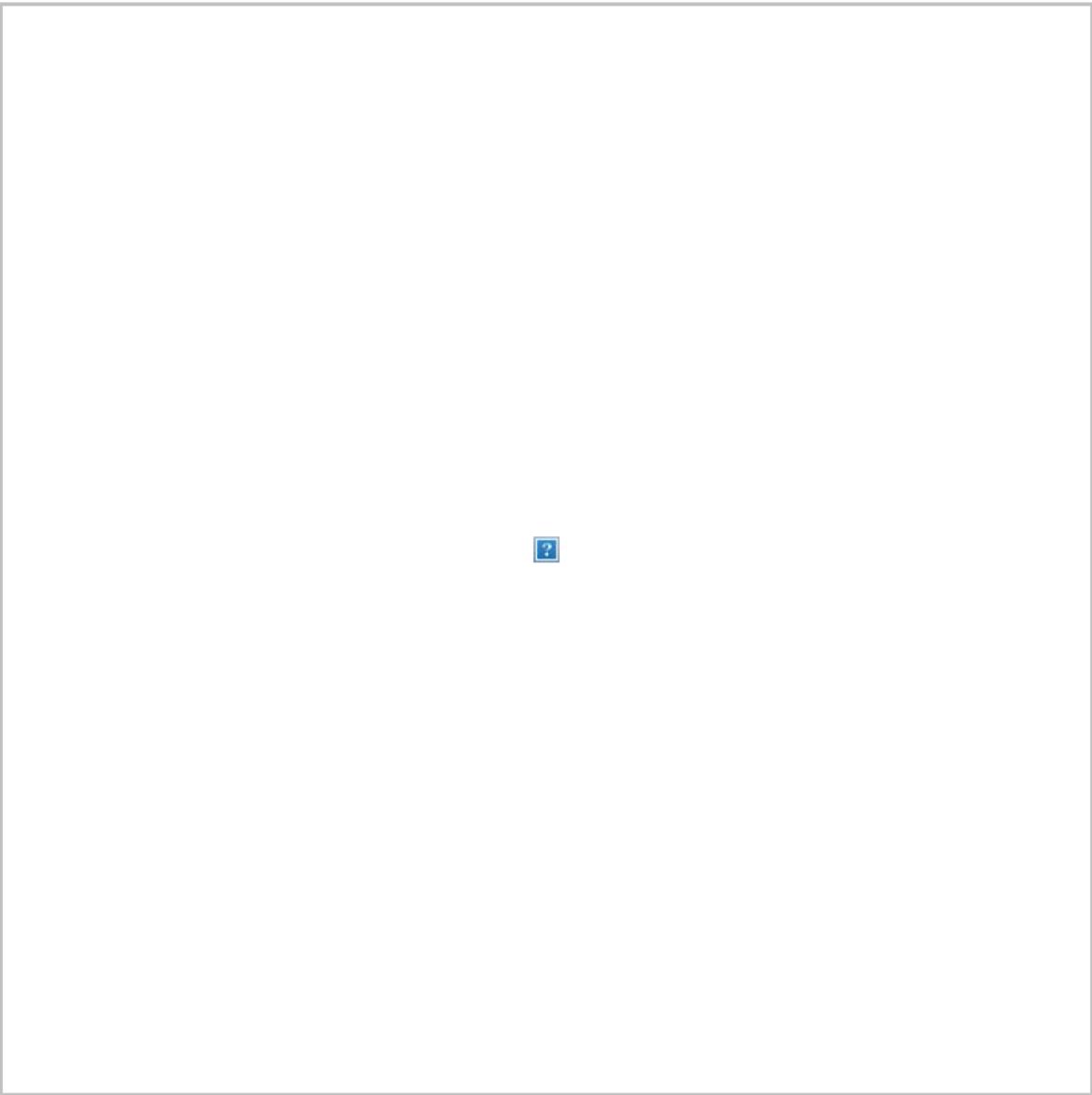
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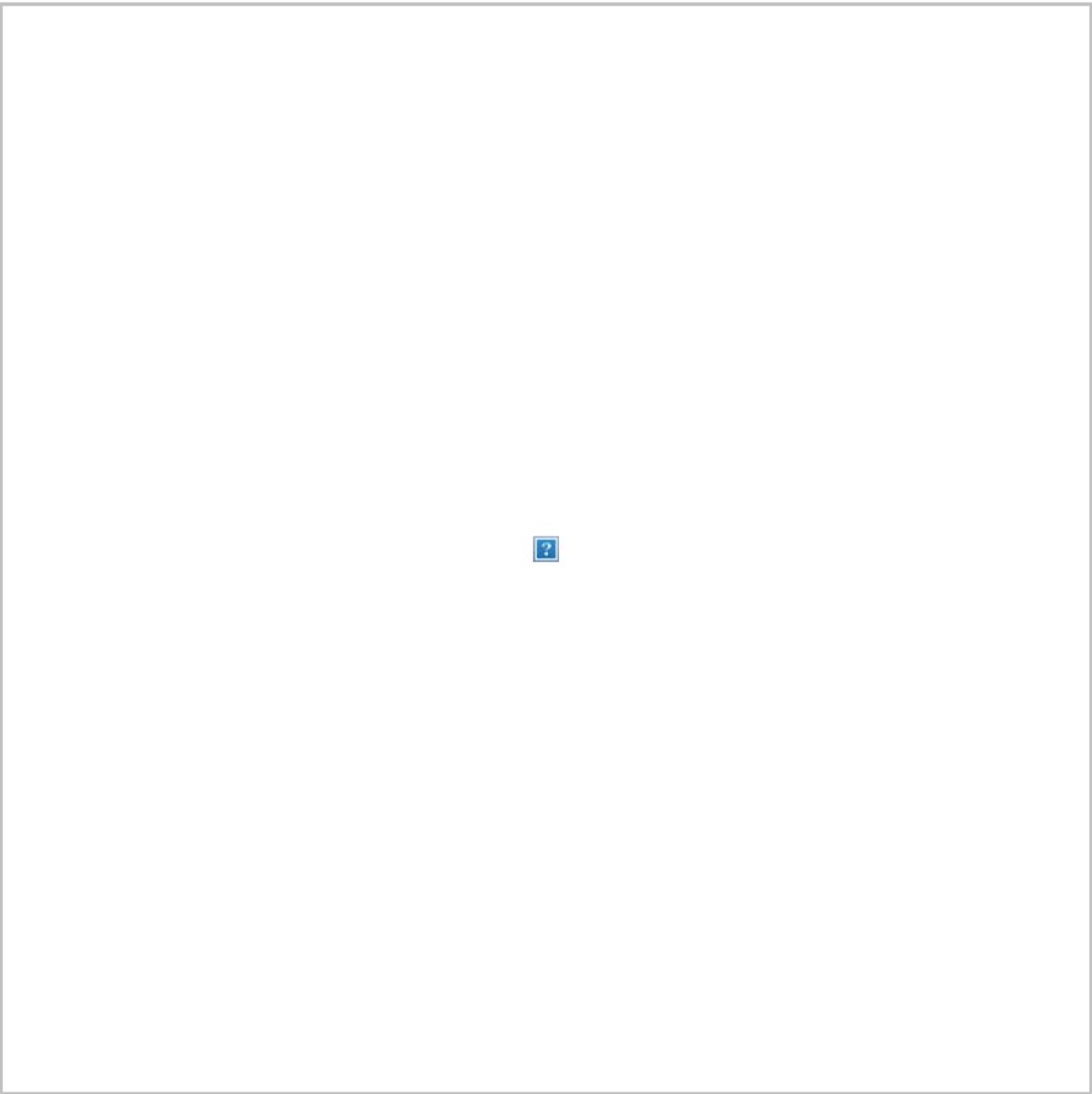




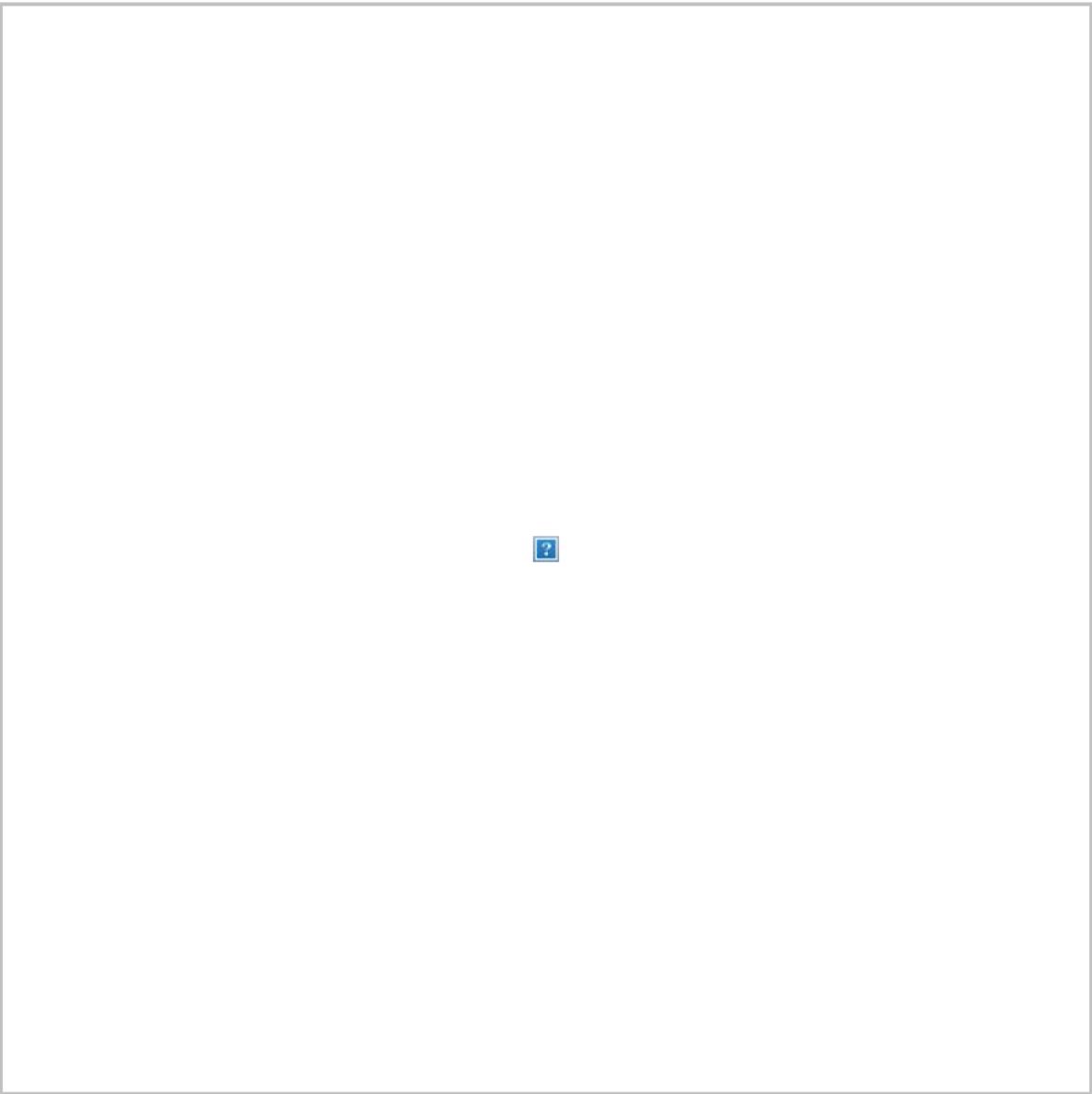
Actor Ben Stiller quipped that he's looking forward to "next year's Menorah lighting ceremony" at Trump's White House:



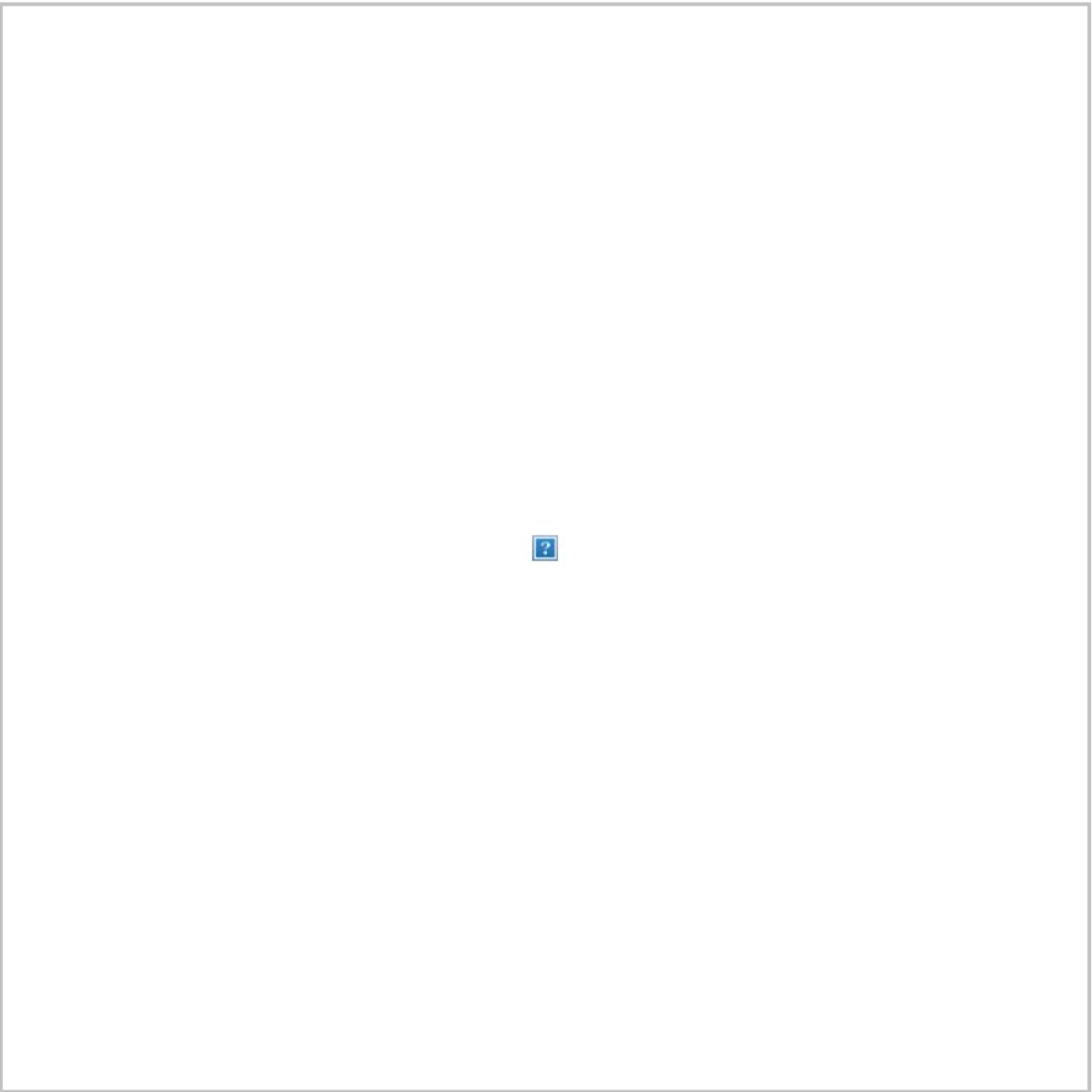
The ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee:



Many Trump critics challenged David Axelrod over this tweet:

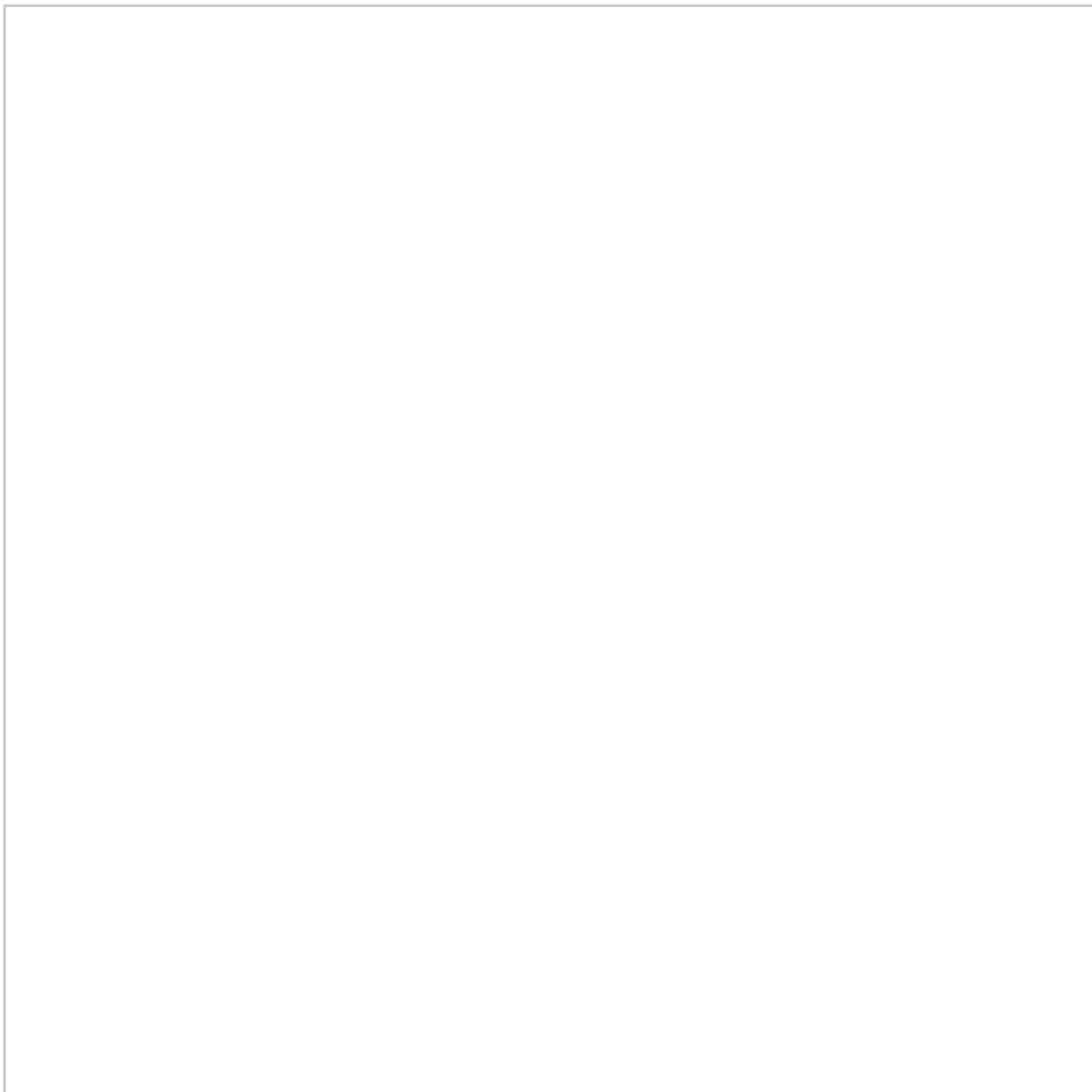


Including at least three of his former colleagues in the Obama White House:





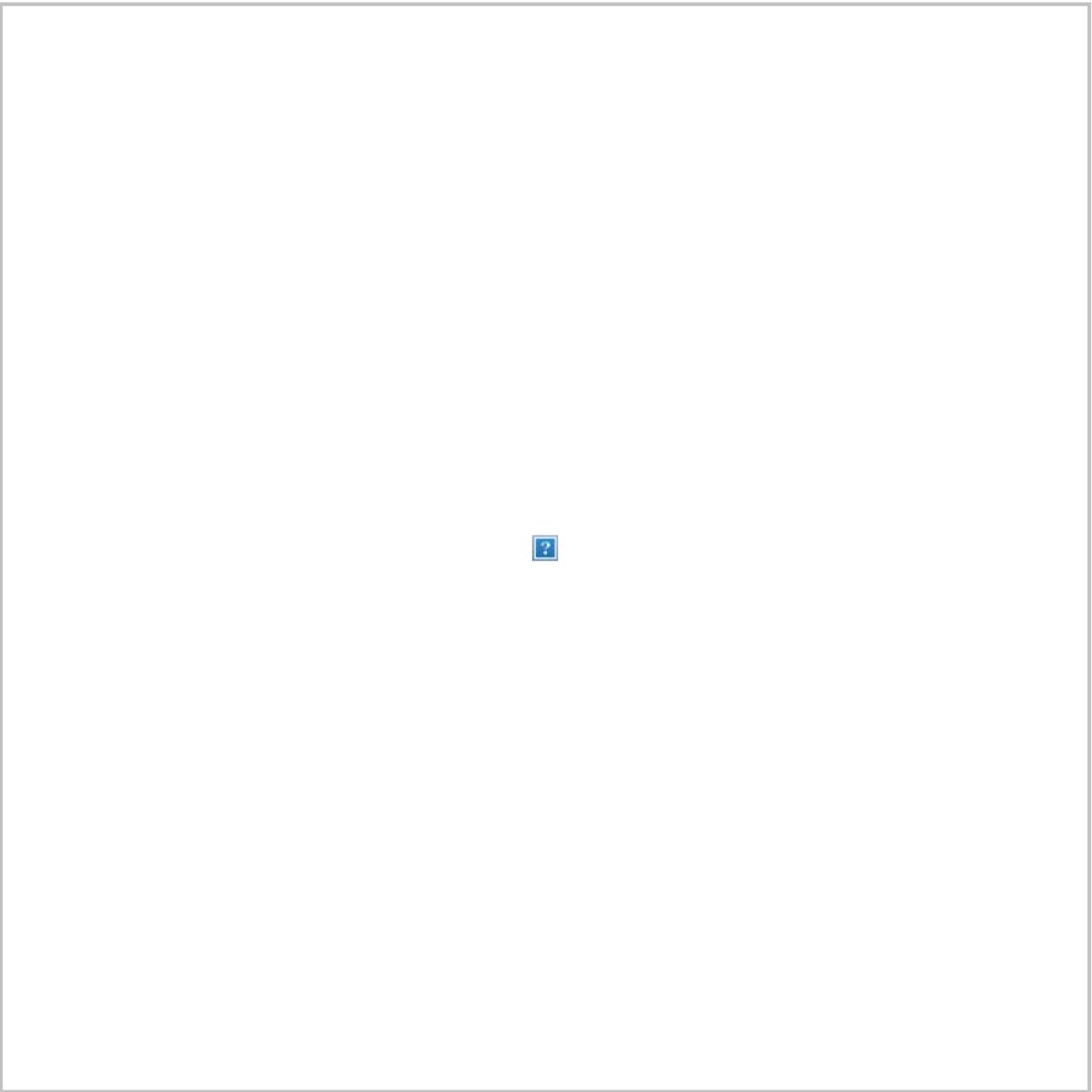




Trump and Paul Ryan pose for photographers after meeting in the Speaker's office last week. (Alex Brandon/AP)

**DOES THE REACTION FORESHADOW HOW REPUBLICANS WILL ACT IN THE AGE OF TRUMP?**

-- **There's a pattern with Trump: Establishment Republicans hear what they want to hear and try to disregard what they do not want to hear. Many members of Congress praised Trump for hiring Priebus last night and completely ignored the controversial Bannon selection. Some examples:**





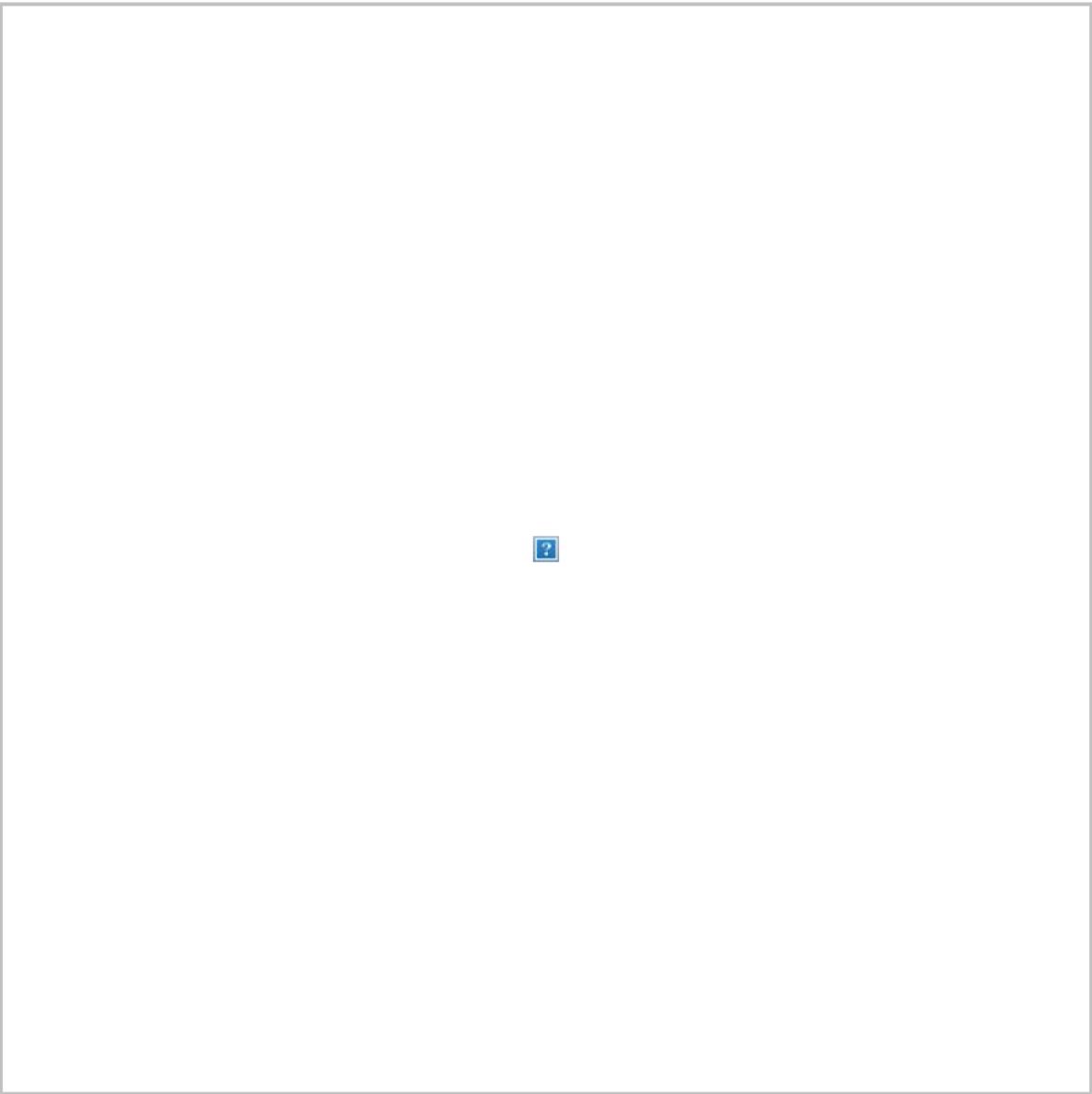




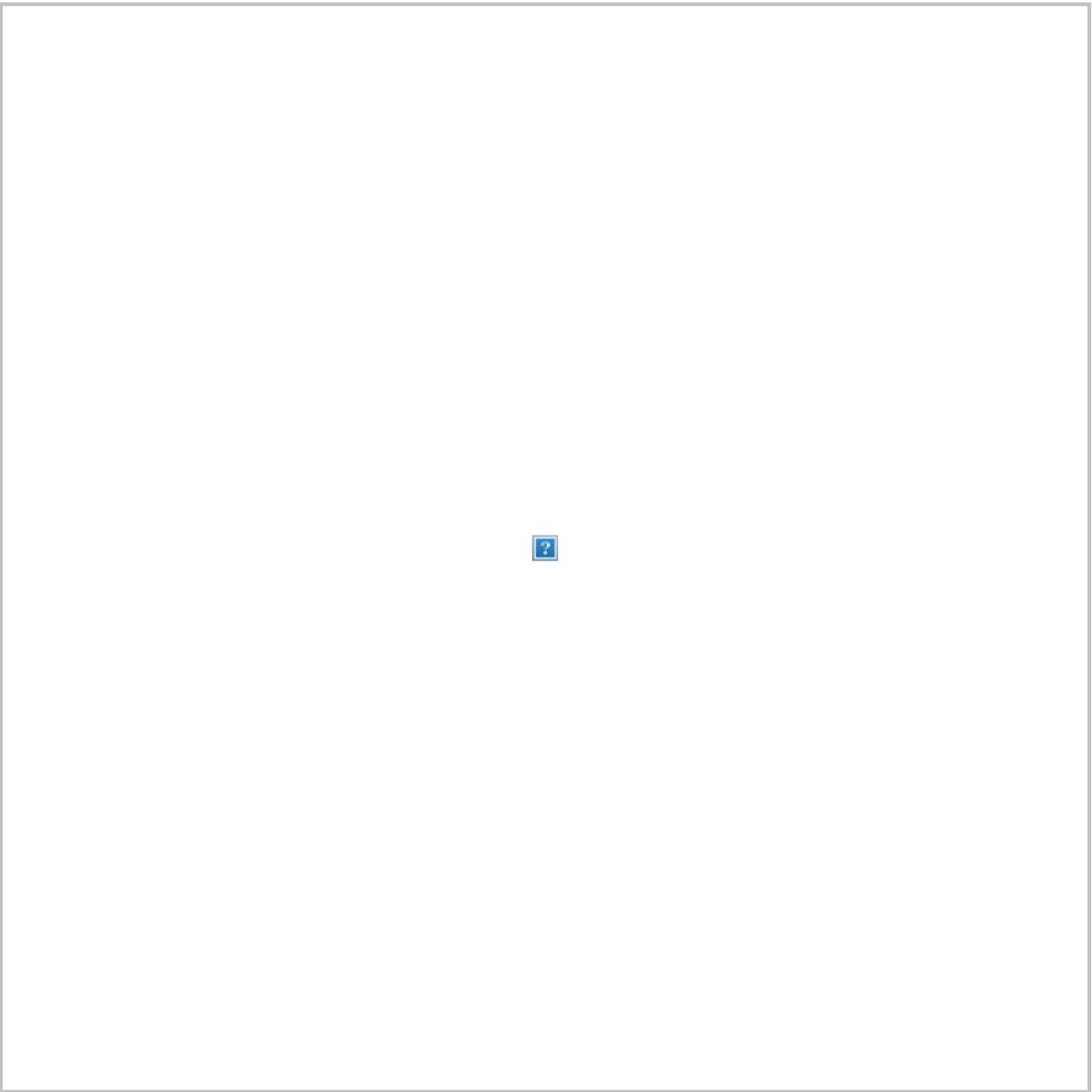


**-- To be sure, some Republicans blasted Bannon – but none who hold elected office. At least not yet:**

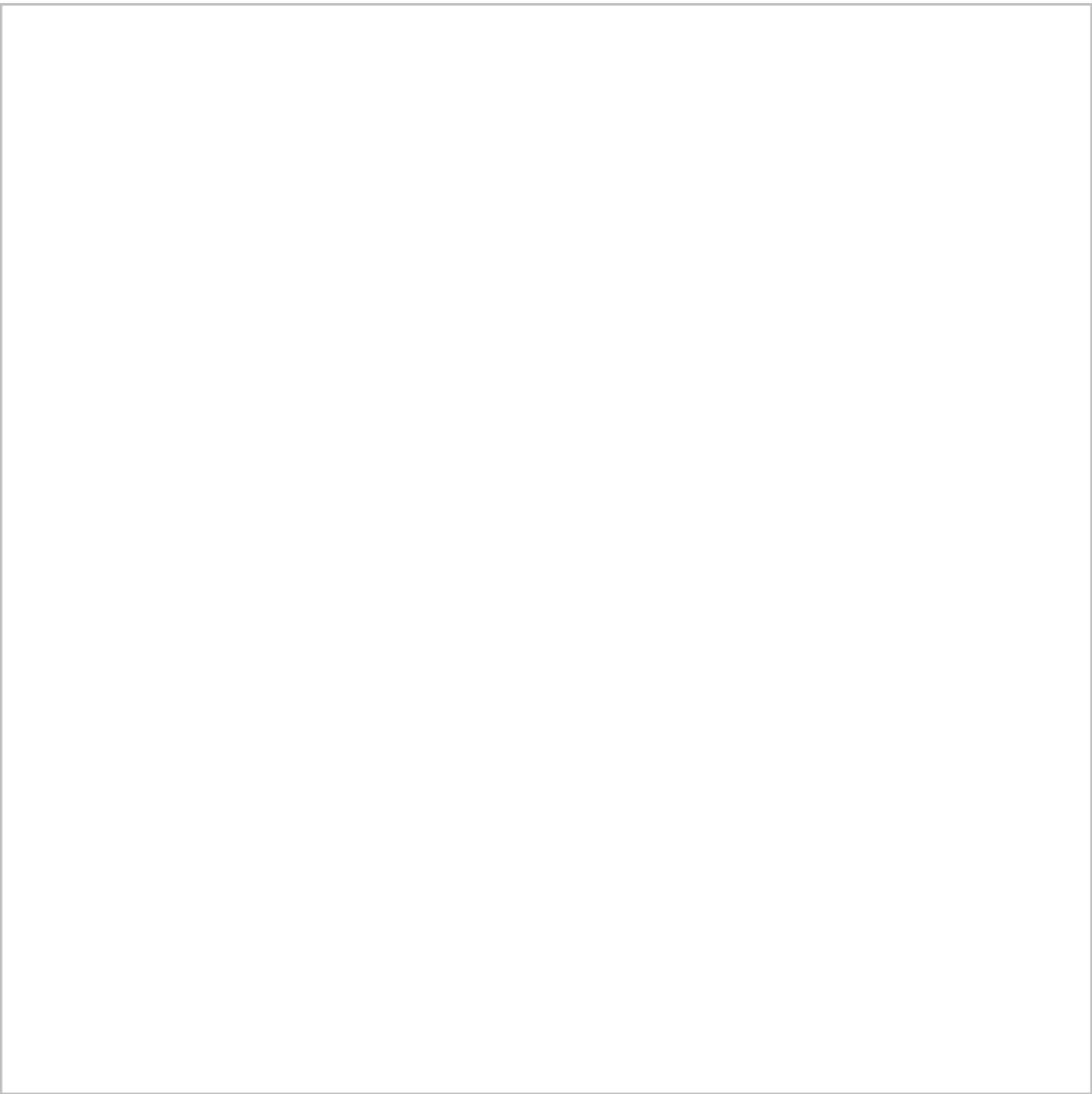
Evan McMullin, the independent presidential candidate, called on GOP leaders to take a stand against Bannon:



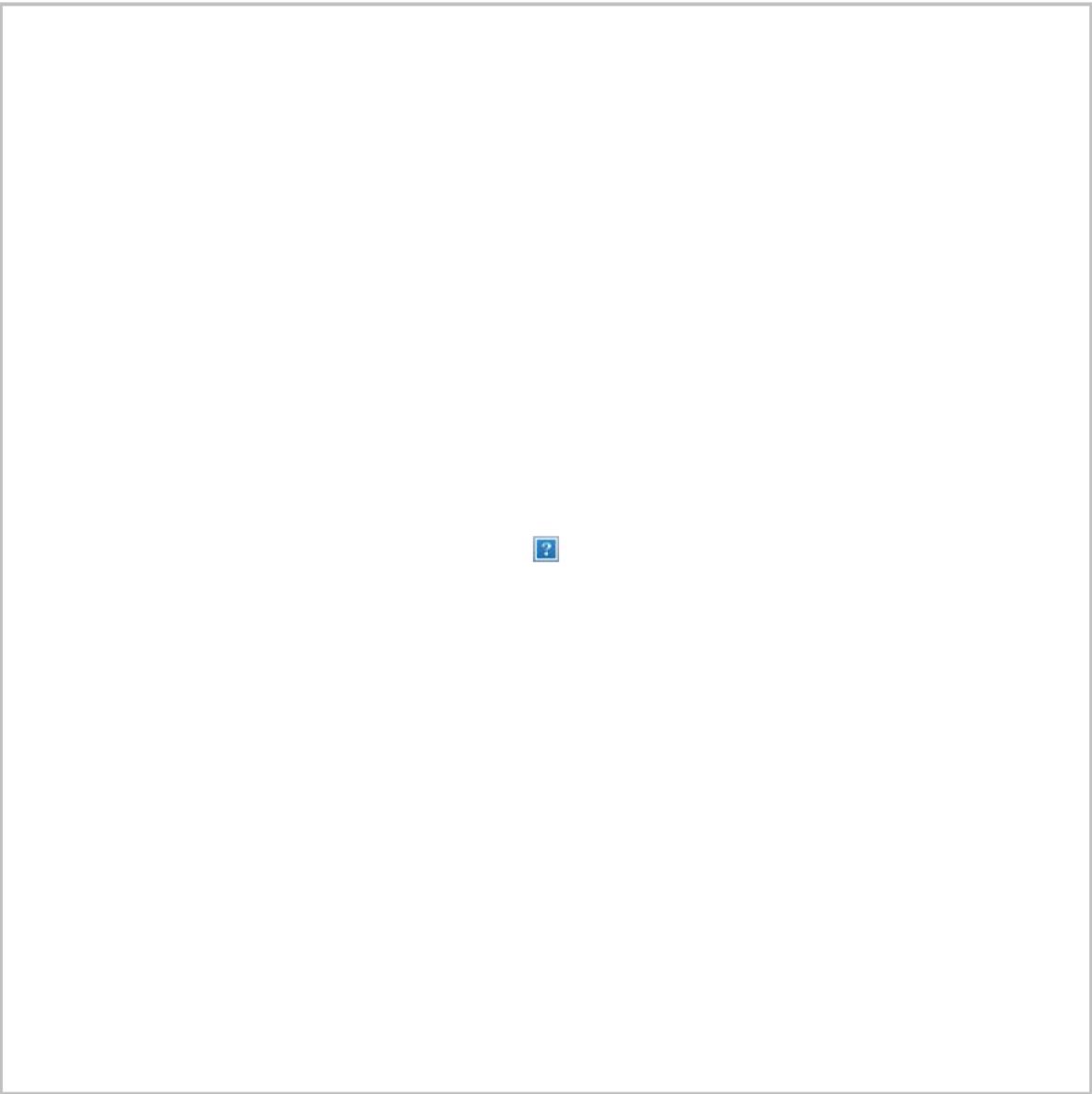
From the chief strategist to John Kasich:







From a writer for the very conservative RedState:



**REINCE'S ROLE:**

Trump greets Priebus during a rally in Erie, Pennsylvania in August. (Eric Thayer/Reuters)</p>□



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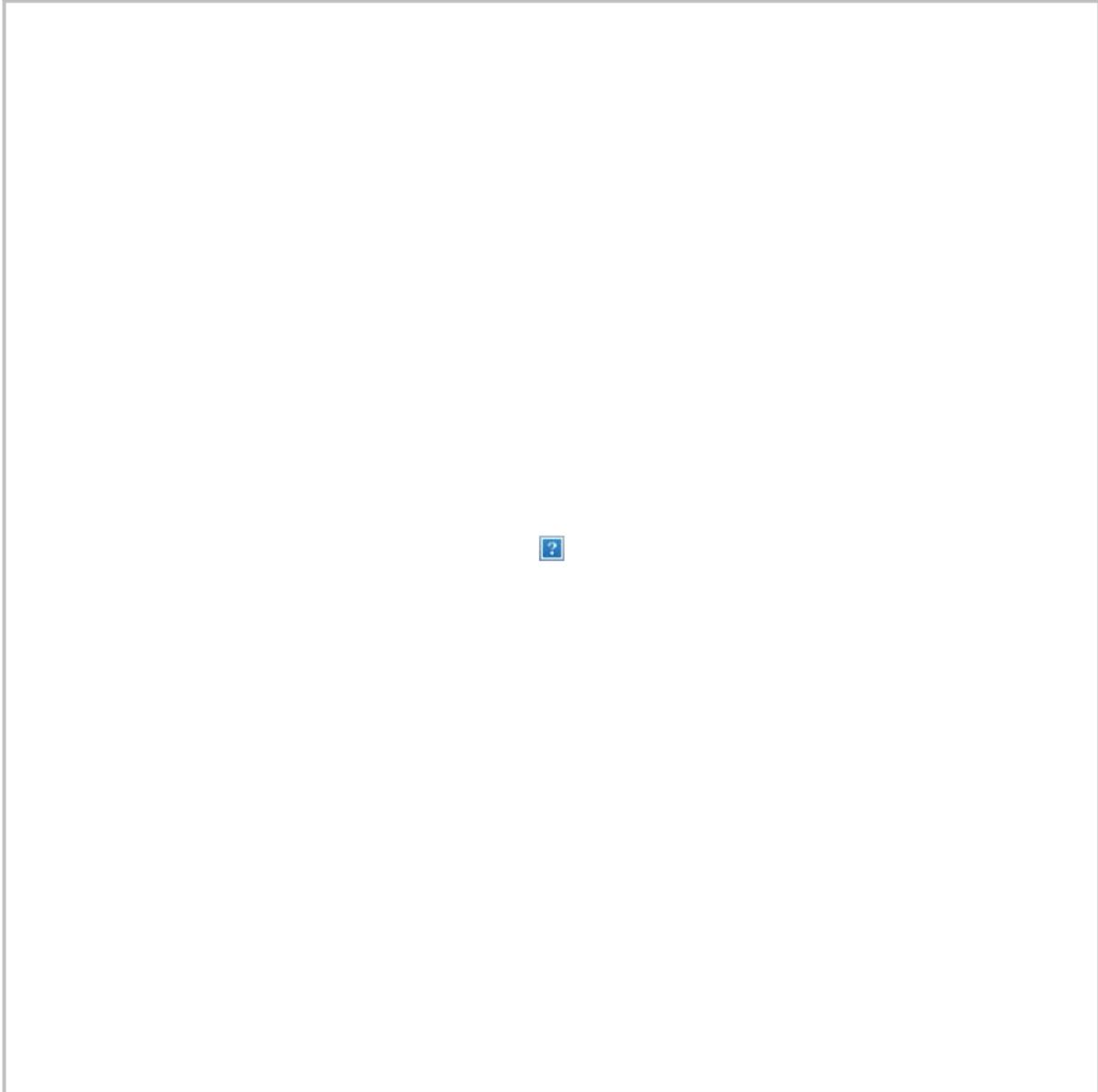
-- **From Day One, part of Priebus's portfolio will surely include getting Trump reelected in 2020.** He's a Republican apparatchik who cares first and foremost about winning elections. Surely more than Bannon, he will be thinking about winning the Virginia gubernatorial race in 2017 and protecting GOP candidates up for reelection in 2018, when anti-Trump headwinds will be strong (if history is any guide). That will mean urging Trump to be as conventional as possible while also building up a fundraising apparatus to support his future endeavors.

-- **The extent of the 44-year-old's legislative experience is that he was a clerk for the Wisconsin State Assembly's Education Committee between college and law school.** (The son of an electrician went to the University of Wisconsin campus in *Whitewater*, and he earned a law degree from the University of *Miami*.)

In January 2011, Priebus toppled Michael Steele – who had previously been an ally – by promising to focus more on fundraising than Sunday show appearances. The committee was in debt, and Steele had committed a stream of gaffes. Priebus's pitch to the 168 members of the party's governing body was built around the message that he would be [“no drama.”](#)

-- **Priebus proved to be a voracious fundraiser, and major RNC contributors are relieved that they will**

**have suction in the Trump White House.** Priebus's selection ensures that Republican lobbyists will have an open door and suggests that the new administration will be more transactional than it might have been otherwise. Watch to see who gets the ambassadorships...



In September, Nancy Pelosi and Mitch McConnell watch as Paul Ryan hammers in a nail for Chuck Schumer after he bent his during a ceremony to drive in the first nails to signify the start of construction on the 2017 presidential inaugural platform. (Andrew Harnik/AP)

-- **But, but, but: The Priebus-Bannon duo signals that Trump does not think he'll need to actually work that much with Democrats.** Reince spent the past five years traveling the country assailing people like Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi. Howard Baker he is not...

**This could be a strategic mistake. While Republicans have majorities in both chambers, the GOP only has 52 seats in the Senate.** Unless Mitch McConnell invokes the nuclear option, and it's not clear there is enough appetite in his caucus to do so, that means that Trump will need to find eight Democratic votes to get the 60 votes needed to pass any big ticket piece of legislation. Who is the White House going to send over to the Capitol to negotiate?

Kellyanne Conway arrives at Trump Tower yesterday. (Timothy A. Clary/AFP/Getty Images)</p>□



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#### **FIVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW ARRANGEMENT—**

-- **What role will Kellyanne Conway play?** Will she be the Valerie Jarrett of the Trump administration? Ronald Reagan had a troika running his White House, and the model (mostly) worked. James Baker was the chief of staff despite having worked against the new president in the 1976 and 1980 Republican primaries, and longtime loyalist Meese (who had served Reagan in Sacramento) had more of the strategic role.

Historian Michael Bechloss posts the breakdown of responsibilities both men agreed to 36 years ago yesterday:



The third member of the so-called troika was Mike Deaver, who as deputy chief of staff focused mostly on the president's public image. Conway, who was campaign manager, said last week that Trump offered her a White House job. But we don't know which job. Perhaps she will play a role akin to Deaver's?

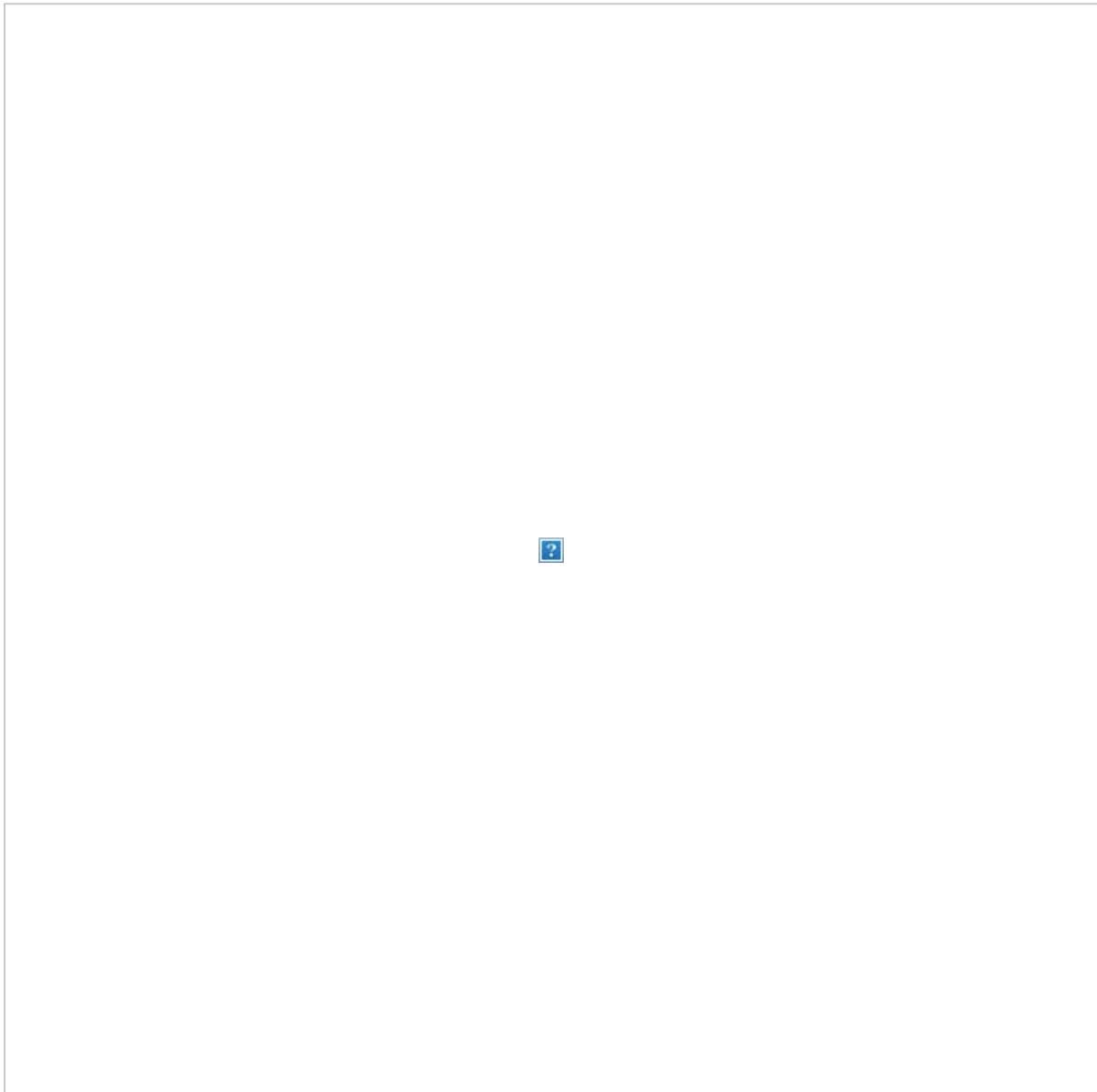
-- **Where do the kids fit in?** The New York Times reports that Ivanka Trump, and her husband, Jared Kushner, were the ones who convinced Donald not to give Bannon the chief of staff title. "Mr. Kushner is likely to wield great influence over the new president regardless of whether he holds a formal title. Mr. Kushner, who has no experience in politics or government, often has the final word in advising Mr. Trump," [Mike Shear, Maggie Haberman and Allan Rappoport](#) write.

**"The often undefined nature of the 'senior counselor' and 'chief strategist' job can be a blessing and a curse,"** [Damian Paletta explains in the Wall Street Journal](#). "The job will allow Mr. Bannon to weigh in on virtually any decision Mr. Trump seeks his advice on, but could also open him up to internal jostling if other advisers—or family members—try to marginalize his input. Mr. Axelrod's title in the Obama administration was 'senior advisor' and he said in an email that Mr. Bannon's impact could be unclear at first because 'every White House is different.' ... John Sununu, chief of staff to President George H.W. Bush, said there is only one person who really knows what role Mr. Bannon will play. 'Only Trump knows what he wants Bannon's job to be,' he said."

-- **How centralized will the Trump administration be?** Are cabinet secretaries going to get empowered to a greater degree than in the Obama years? Who actually makes decisions about policy? “It’s like the dog chasing the bus and we’ve finally caught it,” one Trump adviser [told Phil Rucker](#) this weekend. “So now we have to figure out what to do.”

-- **Who will Trump choose to replace Priebus as RNC chair?** The president gets to pick the party leader, by custom, but his choice must be ratified by the 168 members of the committee. “One senior Trump aide said Lewandowski is among those being considered for the post. Another possibility is David Bossie, a Trump adviser who also serves as an RNC committeeman,” [per Politico’s Alex Isenstadt and Marc Caputo](#).

-- **How many women will be in Trump’s cabinet?** Hillary Clinton promised that half her cabinet would be women and said her administration would look like America. Trump has made no such promises. Only white men have ever served as White House chief of staff. That tradition will continue. (See [a list of the 28 white guys who have held the job since Harry Truman created it here](#).)



A park ranger gives a tour near the high-water mark of the Confederacy at Gettysburg National Military Park to Trump and Bannon on Oct. 22. (Evan Vucci/AP)

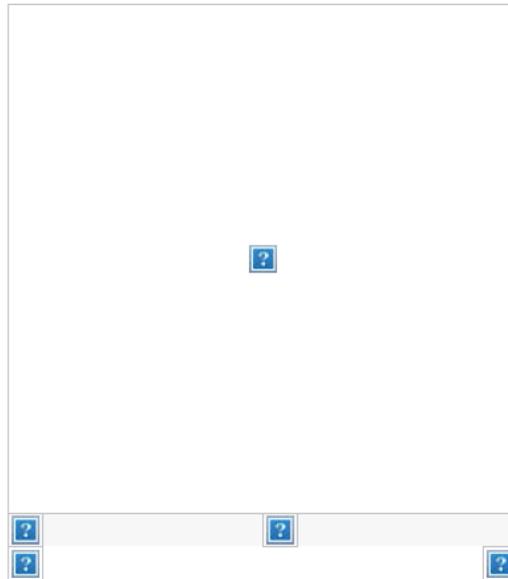
**THE MEDIA ANGLE: Bannon’s appointment is a boon for Breitbart News.**

-- "It will be as close as we are ever going to have — hopefully — to a state-run media enterprise," former Breitbart spokesman Kurt Bardella, who quit after saying the site had turned into a de facto Trump "super PAC," tells [the Times](#).

-- "We're the platform for the alt-right," Bannon [told Mother Jones](#) at the Republican National Convention in July. (Flashback to Oct. 2015: "[This Man Is the Most Dangerous Political Operative in America](#)," by Joshua Green for Bloomberg Businessweek.)

-- Here are some headlines that have run on Breitbart:

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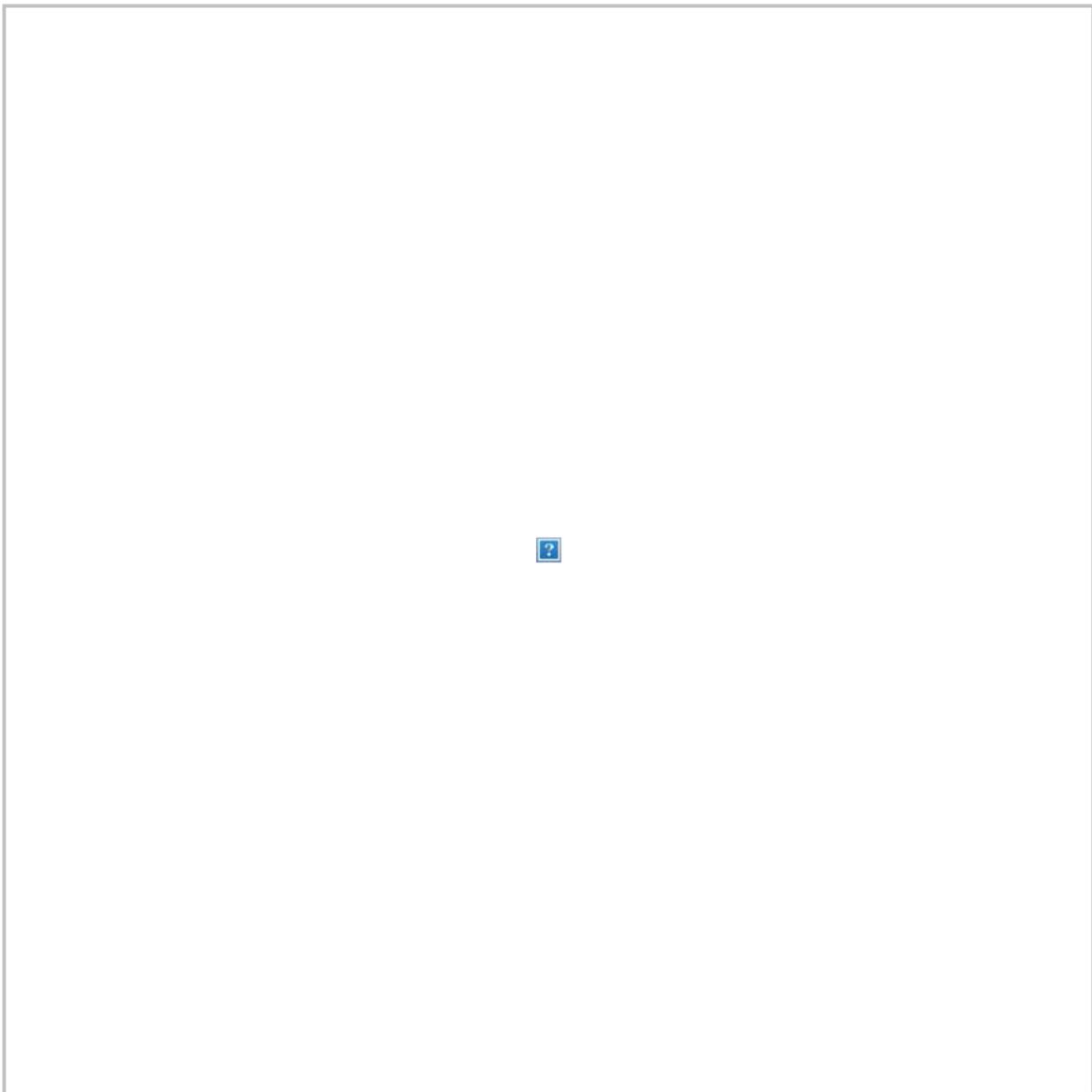






-- [Reuters reports](#) that Breitbart has ambitious plans to dramatically expand U.S. operations and launch sites in both Germany and France: “Breitbart's U.S. technology editor Milo Yiannopoulos is meeting with producers outside of Breitbart to explore launching a new television show. ... (Bannon) launched Breitbart London in 2013 after seeing a ‘business opportunity’ in the campaign to leave the European Union ... Breitbart London's political and business aims were so closely integrated that (the editor of the U.K. vertical) took a brief leave of absence from the site to advise Nigel Farage, the leader of the Brexit movement. ... Bannon's bet paid off: the June 23 vote to leave the EU was Breitbart's most heavily trafficked day up to that point--both in London and the United States.”

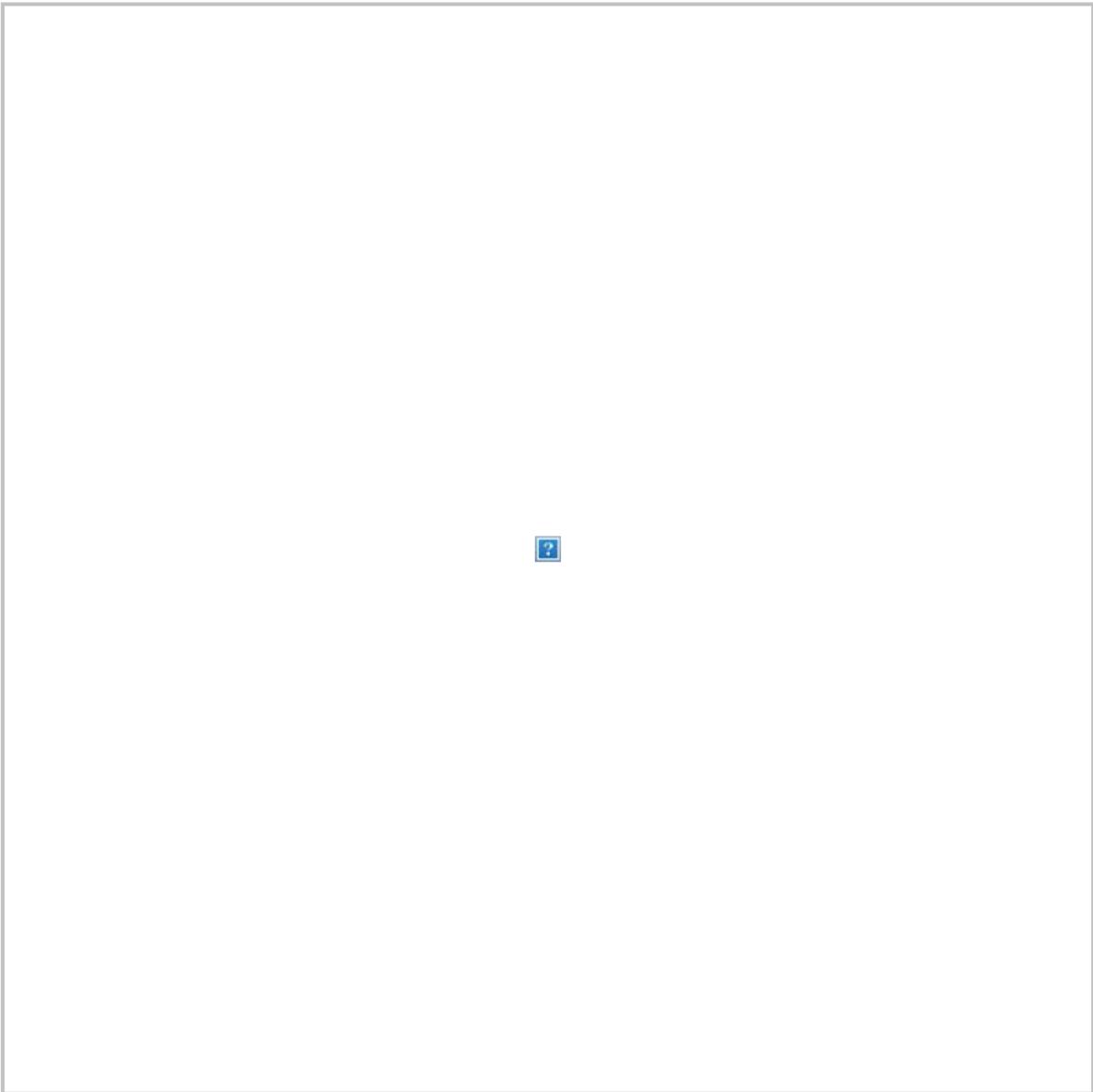
-- **A cautionary tale: Remember Michelle Fields?** “Even when one of its own reporters said Lewandowski had grabbed her at a campaign event, the campaign denied it — and Breitbart (then being run day-to-day by Bannon) tried to prove that the campaign was right and its own reporter was wrong. Video evidence later showed the campaign was wrong and Lewandowski did grab the reporter,” [our Aaron Blake](#) recalls.



Marine Le Pen, the leader of the French National Front party, speaks at a rally in September. (Jean-Paul Pelissier/Reuters)

-- **Bannon sees Trumpism as part of a much larger global movement of populism and nationalism.**

**Marion Maréchal-Le Pen — a rising star in France’s far-right National Front and the niece of the party’s leader, Marine Le Pen — wrote on Twitter Saturday that she would like to “work together” with Bannon.** [From our James McAuley in Paris:](#) Le Pen, 26, became the youngest member of France’s Parliament in 2012. She was elected to represent Vaucluse, a region in southern France with heavy ties to the National Front, a party founded by her grandfather, the 88-year-old Jean-Marie Le Pen. He once referred to the Nazi concentration camps as a “detail of history.”



-- **Bannon has explained that Trump is more of a reactionary than a revolutionary.** “This is not the French Revolution,” he told Businessweek for [a cover story](#) last month. “They destroyed the basic institutions of their society and changed their form of government. **What Trump represents is a restoration**—a restoration of true American capitalism and a revolution against state-sponsored socialism.”

A sign of what's to come? Breitbart last night tweeted out that Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) does not support retaining Ryan as Speaker:



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**WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:**



Lesley Stahl interviews Donald and Melania for "60 Minutes." The interview taped Friday and aired last night. (Chris Albert for CBSNews/via AP)

-- **Trump's first post-election interview aired on CBS's "60 Minutes" last night. He doubled down on several of his campaign pledges while softening his rhetoric on immigration and same-sex marriage.**

Watch the segment [here](#). Six highlights:

- **On marriage equality:** "It's done," he told Lesley Stahl, seeking to assuage fears that a conservative Supreme Court would overturn the landmark 2015 decision. "These cases have gone to the Supreme Court. They've been settled ... And I'm fine with that."
- **On abortion, however, he reiterated his campaign pledge to nominate a pro-life Supreme Court justice:** "I'm pro-life," Trump said. "The judges will be pro-life." If *Roe v. Wade* were overturned, Trump said, abortion rights issues "would be decided by individual states."
- **On immigration, Trump pledged to deport "two to three million" undocumented immigrants with criminal records after his inauguration and "make a determination" on others later.** "What we are going to do is get the people that are criminal and have criminal records, gang members, drug dealers, where a lot of these people, probably 2 million, it could be even 3 million, we are getting them out of our country or we are going to incarcerate," he said. After the border is secure, he said, his administration will make a "determination" on the others. ([Amy B Wang](#))

- **On the wave of racial slurs and threats that have spiked since Tuesday’s election:** “I am so saddened to hear that. And I say, ‘Stop it.’ If it-- if it helps,” Trump said, turning from Stahl to face another camera. “I will say this, and I will say right to the cameras: Stop it.” ([Politico](#))
- **Trump declined to say whether he would continue to investigate Clinton as commander-in-chief:** “They’re good people,” he said of the Clintons. “I don’t want to hurt them.”
- **And he made clear he will keep using Twitter.** “I’m not saying I love it, but it does get the word out,” he said, boasting that he gained 100,000 followers on Thursday alone.



Hundreds of thousands of protesters gather in Seoul to demand South Korean President Park Geun-hye's resignation. (Reuters/Kim Hong-Ji)

**GET SMART FAST:**

1. **South Korean prosecutors said they will question President Park Geun-hye early this week over her role in a political corruption scandal, after hundreds of thousands of protesters gathered in Seoul this weekend to demand her resignation.** ([CNN](#))
2. **Four Americans were killed, and at least 17 others were injured, after a suicide bomber detonated his vest inside the largest NATO military base in Afghanistan this weekend.** The Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast, which took place during a “fun run” on the base. Experts worried that the

attack could reinforce U.S. safety concerns and might prompt a future Trump administration to pull out the remaining 10,000 U.S. service members in the country. ([Thomas Gibbons-Neff](#))

3. **At least two are dead after a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck the south island of New Zealand,** triggering six-foot-high waves and a temporary tsunami alert. ([Anna Fifield](#))
4. **A U.S. task force issued new guidance for cholesterol-burning statin drugs, expanding the universe of people who should be considered for the medication to everyone over *age 40*.** The recommendations largely corroborate the position of the American Heart Association, which warns people with no signs, symptoms or history of cardiovascular disease can still be at risk for a heart attack or stroke. ([Ariana Eunjung Cha](#))
5. **A major 10-year study found that the drug Celebrex is “at least as safe” as widely-used painkillers ibuprofen and naproxen,** putting to rest fears that the commonly-prescribed arthritis medicine could increase the risk of heart problems. More surprisingly, researchers found evidence that Celebrex is *less* likely than the other two pain relievers to cause kidney and gastrointestinal problems. ([Lenny Bernstein](#))
6. **As backlash against the anti-vaccine movement rises, pediatricians say they are facing new pressures from parents – who insist they drop all non-vaccinating patients in order to keep the other children healthy.** The new pressure comes as the anti-vaccine movement has, in recent years, triggered a resurgence of preventable childhood diseases such as measles, mumps and whooping cough. ([Lena H. Sun](#))

Laura Ingraham speaks at the RNC in July. (J. Scott Applewhite/AP)</p>□



Laura Ingraham speaks at the RNC in July. (J. Scott Applewhite/AP)

## **TRUMP TAKES WASHINGTON:**

-- **Conservative radio host Laura Ingraham is under consideration to serve as Trump's White House press secretary.** "Trump appreciated Ingraham's loyalty through the campaign," [The Hill's Jonathan Swan](#) reports. "A former white-collar defense attorney and Supreme Court law clerk, Ingraham helped Trump with debate preparation. She also campaigned on his behalf and offered occasional strategic advice." Ingraham is reportedly in contact with people in Trump's inner circle and has "expressed interest" in the role.

-- **Irony alert: The House Freedom Caucus could find its influence crippled by the ascension of Trump.** "While Mr. Trump and the few dozen members of the Freedom Caucus may share the anti-establishment mantle, the caucus has yet to forge a relationship with the president-elect, potentially squandering an opportunity to help shape the party's agenda," [the New York Times's Emmarie Huetteman](#) notes. "In assembling his presidential transition team, Mr. Trump has, so far, turned instead to less hard-line members of Congress. [And] Mr. Trump's victory defanged the Freedom Caucus's most serious threat: a challenge to the speakership of [Ryan], which could have been used as leverage toward other goals."

-- **Economists say Trump's presidency will usher in a new era for the U.S. economy – forecasting faster economic growth and higher inflation.** From the Wall Street Journal's [Josh Zumbrun](#) on A1: "The forecasts were collected from 57 academic, business and financial economists from Nov. 9 to Nov. 11. Their average forecasts for growth, inflation and interest rates in both 2017 and 2018 all rose, at least slightly, from a survey conducted before the election in October." **Meanwhile, the potential for a trade war topped the list of economic concerns**, with 43 percent of economists citing it as the biggest risk.

-- **Chris Christie, who was replaced Friday night as leader of the Trump transition effort by Mike Pence, has lost lots of influence.** [The New York Post reports](#) that Trump is so "disgusted" by Christie's handling of the Bridgegate scandal that the New Jersey governor is being removed from his inner circle. "Trump thought it was shameful that Christie didn't take the fall for [convicted aide] Bridget Kelly," a source close to the transition team said. "Trump is really angry that Christie is sending a soccer mom to jail. He believes 100 percent that Christie was behind it all." Both former aides could face more than 20 years in jail.

-- **Billionaire activist investor Carl Icahn said he has no desire to serve in the president-elect's future administration, despite Trump's insistence that they could "use somebody like him in the White House."** "I'm not gonna go to Washington," Icahn said. "My personality is such I've never worked for anyone in my life and I'm not gonna start now at my age." ([CNN Money](#))

-- **Trump's ex-wife Ivana expressed a desire to serve as the U.S. ambassador to the Czech Republic:** "It is where I'm from and my language and everybody knows me," she told the [New York Post](#) in an interview. "I'm quite known all around the world ... I have written three books, and they were translated in 40 countries in 25 languages. I'm known by the name Ivana. I really did not need the name Trump."

-- **Melania, Trump's current wife, is suing both the Daily Mail and a 70-year-old Maryland blogger for defamation, saying both sites published false stories about her involvement with an escort agency.** Both sites have since issued retractions on the claim, and attorneys for blogger Webster Tarpley have asked a judge to dismiss the lawsuit, saying he wasn't necessarily advancing the assertions as truth. ([Dan Morse](#))



President Obama leaves Joint Base Andrews yesterday after playing golf. (Yuri Gripas/AFP/Getty Images)

#### **THE WORLD REACTS:**

-- **President Obama begins his final world tour under a “cloud of uncertainty” about the future of America’s role on the international stage, an outcome he repeatedly told nervous foreign leaders wouldn’t happen.** From [Carol E. Lee and Marcus Walker](#) in the Wall Street Journal: “It isn’t the curtain call that Mr. Obama expected after eight years of crisscrossing the globe to try to shape a new era of American foreign policy. In addition to ... individual meetings with [Angela] Merkel and Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras in Athens, [Obama] will also hold an expanded meeting with the leaders of Germany, France, the U.K., Italy and Spain while in Berlin. European leaders had hoped these meetings would focus on the economy, Russia, Syria and trans-Atlantic trade. But discussions now are likely to be dominated by what Europe might expect under Mr. Trump. **‘In a moment of deep shock and depression in Europe ... this visit has become a kind of group therapy by which European leaders will try to reassure themselves that the America we know won’t disappear,’** said Stanford international studies scholar Josef Joffe.”

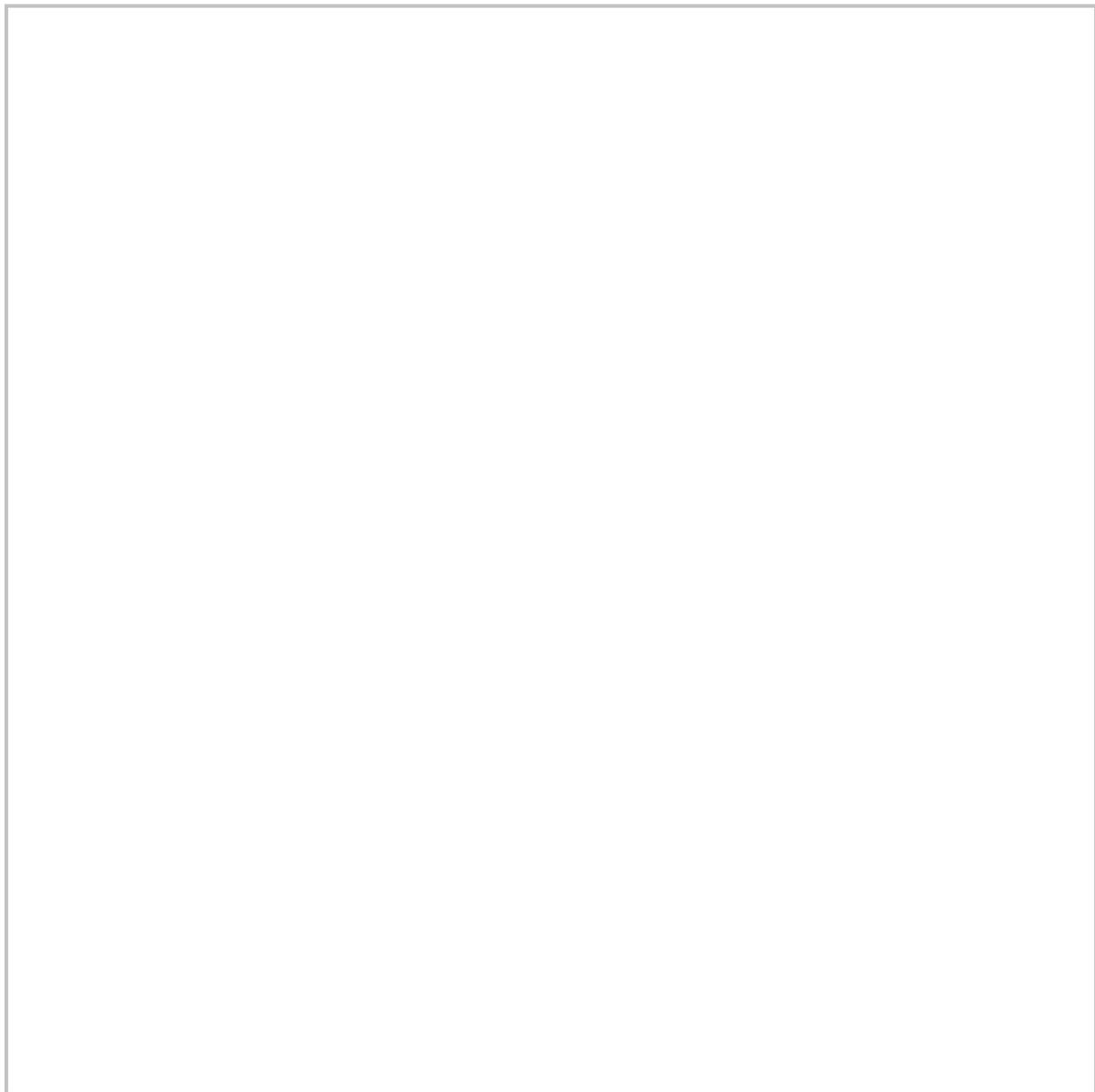
-- **A group of E.U. foreign ministers gathered to discuss the potential ramifications of a Trump presidency in Brussels on Sunday,** vowing to hold firm on global issues -- including the Iranian nuclear deal and the Paris climate-change agreement -- while also signaling their commitment to work with the new

administration. EU foreign-policy chief Federica Mogherini said the U.S. is, for Europe, a “key, indispensable partner” and cited the necessity of strengthening ties with members of Trump’s transition team. **The session proved to be a contentious affair within the bloc, with leaders from the U.K., France, and Hungary each declining to attend.** ([Wall Street Journal](#))

-- **“After Trump’s coup, a worldwide populist deluge?”** by Griff Witte, Emily Rauhala and Dom Phillips: “The populist wave of 2016 that carried Trump to the pinnacle of international power and influence didn’t start in the United States. And it certainly won’t end there. Instead, the biggest prize yet for a global movement built on a seemingly bottomless reserve of political, economic and cultural grievance is likely to be an accelerant to even more victories for people and causes bent on upending the existing world order. And unless something dramatic changes to curb the populist appeal, a scattering of surprise victories this year could soon turn into a worldwide rout — the triumph of those who preach strong action over rule of law, unilateralism instead of cooperation and the interests of the majority above the rights of ethnic and religious minorities. ‘Their world is collapsing,’ tweeted an [adviser to] far-right leader Marine le Pen, following Trump’s victory. ‘Ours is being built.’”

-- **Will a President Trump drive the world deeper into chaos and start a global trade war – or will his radical instincts be tamed once he takes office? Two tests are likely to give us a better idea, Jackson Diehl writes. The first: appointments.** Trump-tamers are hoping he will staff top national security posts with seasoned hands: Sen. Bob Corker; former national security adviser Stephen Hadley; David Petraeus. “To do that they must overcome his strong inclination to install eccentric cronies ... The top appointments matter because they will determine whether scores of Republican foreign policy professionals join or shun the new administration.” **The other big test will be Trump’s handling of Putin:** “... If he follows up on his suggestion of an early meeting with Putin, we will start to see if the new president is different from Obama and [Bush], both of whom started by trying to cultivate the Putin regime. Putin will ask for the lifting of U.S. sanctions ... and for a U.S.-Russia alliance behind the Bashar al-Assad regime in Syria. Will Trump comply? If he does, we will know that the global order is shifting.”

-- **Chinese President Xi Jinping called Trump on Sunday to congratulate him.** The two “established a clear sense of mutual respect for one another,” according to a short statement from Trump’s transition team. “President-elect Trump stated that he believes the two leaders will have one of the strongest relationships for both countries moving forward,” it added. ([CNN](#))



Gingrich says 'substantial deportations' are likely under President-elect Trump

#### **SUNDAY SHOW HIGHLIGHTS:**

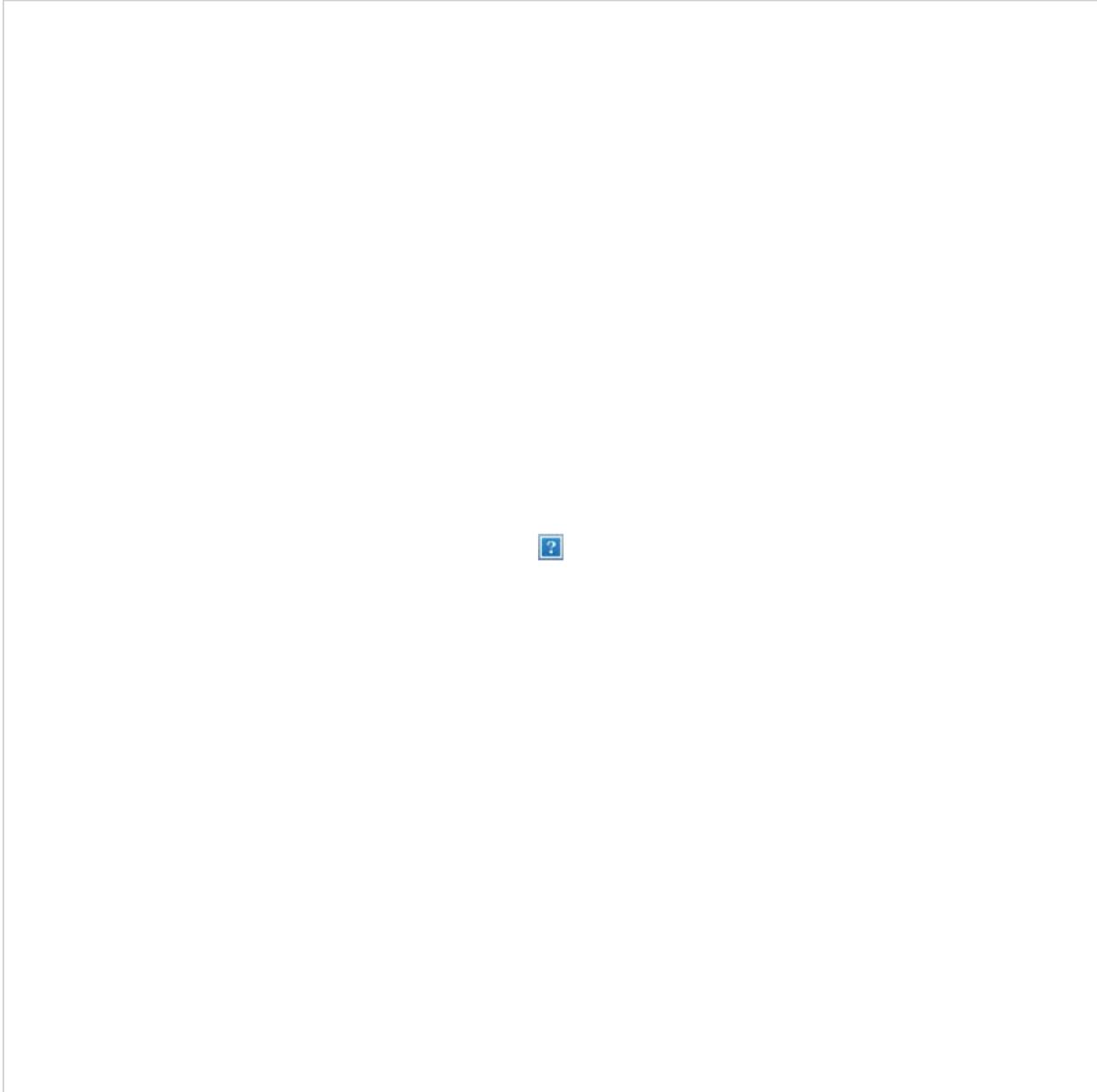
-- **Newt Gingrich said on CBS that Trump needs to be “aggressive” on immigration:** “They’re called criminals. I mean, 2 million people would be a lot of people to deport,” he said. “And if, at the same time, you gain control of the border, and if you pass a guest worker program, you’d be a long way toward then three, or four, or five years from now dealing with the rest of the folks who are here without legal permission.”

-- **Meanwhile, Paul Ryan sought to assuage fears about Trump’s immigration plan on CNN, stressing that the president-elect is not actually planning to have a roving “deportation force”:** “We’re focused on securing the border. We believe a security enforcement bill is our top priority. We are not planning on erecting a deportation force. [Trump] is not planning on that.” ([Cleve R. Wootson Jr.](#))

-- **Rudy Giuliani said “there will be a wall” between Trump’s decisions as president and his financial interests, encouraging the real estate developer to put his money in a blind trust on ABC’s “This Week.”** “For the good of the country, and the fact you don’t want a question coming up every time there’s a decision made, he should basically take himself out of it and just be a passive participant in the sense that he has no decision-making, no involvement,” the former New York mayor said. “And those decisions get made separate from him, which is the way it’s done for most cabinet offices.” ([Cleve R. Wootson Jr. and Kristine](#)

[Guerra](#))

-- **Kellyanne Conway called on Clinton and Obama to come forward and calm their supporters, putting the onus on the Democrats to quell the wave of anti-Trump protests that have swept across the country.** Trump is “there for them. And he is going to be a president that listens and takes the counsel of many different people, including those from the other side of the aisle,” Conway said on NBC’s “Meet the Press.” “It’s time really for President Obama and Secretary Clinton to say to these protesters, ‘This man is our president.’” (Both Clinton and Obama said exactly that in their speeches following Trump’s victory on Tuesday night, [Amy B Wang](#) notes. ([Watch the video here.](#))



A police officer sprays the crowd with an irritant during a protest against Trump in Portland on Saturday. (William Gagan/Reuters)

#### **AMERICA, DIVIDED:**

-- **Three in four Americans accept Trump’s election as legitimate, according to a fresh [Washington Post/ABC News](#) survey. Among Clinton supporters, 58 percent say they accept the election results as legitimate, compared to 33 percent who do not. Other highlights, via pollster [Scott Clement](#):**

- **There are sharp racial and gender differences among the dissenters:** While just 18 percent of Clinton-supporting whites say Trump is not the legitimate winner, 51 percent of black, Hispanic and other nonwhite Clinton supporters say Trump's victory was illegitimate.
- **Women who backed the Democratic nominee are twice as likely to question Trump's win as legitimate (42-21).**

-- **Reports of hate-based intimidation and harassment have spiked in the U.S. since Election Day, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center:** The civil rights organization has counted more than 200 incidents nationwide since Tuesday night's election, reporting that many – while not all – of the incidents directly referenced Trump's campaign. "It's way outside of the norm," a spokesperson for the organization [told ABC News](#). "We do not see hundreds of incidents over a couple days ever. **The only thing that is really analogous is the rash of hate crimes that occurred after the Brexit vote.**"

-- **A University of Michigan student was approached by a stranger who threatened to set her on fire if she didn't remove her hijab, police said.** They are investigating the incident as a hate crime. ([Kristine Guerra](#))

-- **A Muslim high school teacher in Georgia said she received an anonymous note in her classroom telling her that her "headscarf isn't allowed anymore" and instructing her to "hang herself with it."** ([Kristine Guerra](#))

-- **Congregants at a predominantly Latino Episcopal Church in Silver Spring were greeted by hateful graffiti outside the sanctuary, with "Trump Nation" and "Whites Only" printed on a brick wall and church sign.** ([Michael Alison Chandler and Paul Duggan](#))

-- **A high school teacher and Holocaust scholar in California was placed on leave after drawing parallels between President-elect Trump and Adolf Hitler in his class.** The Silicon Valley-area teacher reportedly drew parent complaints after citing rhetorical similarities between the two leaders, including racially-charged statements and promises to make their countries "great again." ([Kristine Guerra](#))

-- **Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.) tweeted a picture of three young men waving Confederate flags at passersby during his town's Veterans Day parade. Two of them, he noted, were wearing Trump t-shirts.** ([Kristine Guerra](#))

-- **Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo (D) wrote a Facebook post declaring that his state of New York is a "refuge" for those who feel unsafe.** "Whether you are gay or straight, Muslim or Christian, rich or poor, black or white or brown, we respect all people in the state of New York," Cuomo wrote. "It's the very core of what we believe and who we are ... We don't allow a federal government that attacks immigrants to do so in our state." ([Kristine Guerra](#))

-- **Chicago pledged to continue to be "a sanctuary city" for undocumented immigrants, joining other cities in defying Trump's campaign promise to cut off federal funding if they do not turn over undocumented immigrants to ICE.** Mayor Rahm Emanuel is expected today to join other elected officials for a news conference to discuss how they will retain sanctuary status. Aldermen are expected to call on Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner to pressure Trump to back off his vow to interfere with funding, [Politico](#) reports.

-- **Rev. Al Sharpton said he is planning to lead a protest in D.C. six days before Trump's inauguration, vowing to "pressure" senators before they vote to confirm Trump's cabinet nominees.** "Saddle up your horse and fight for the future of this country," Sharpton said during his weekly broadcast in Harlem. "You think you're going to take away our health care? Saddle up your horse. We're going to fight every step of the way. ... We lost a round but the fight ain't over." ([Politico](#))

Keith Ellison collects his thoughts before an MSNBC hit. (Linda Davidson/The Washington Post)</p></p>



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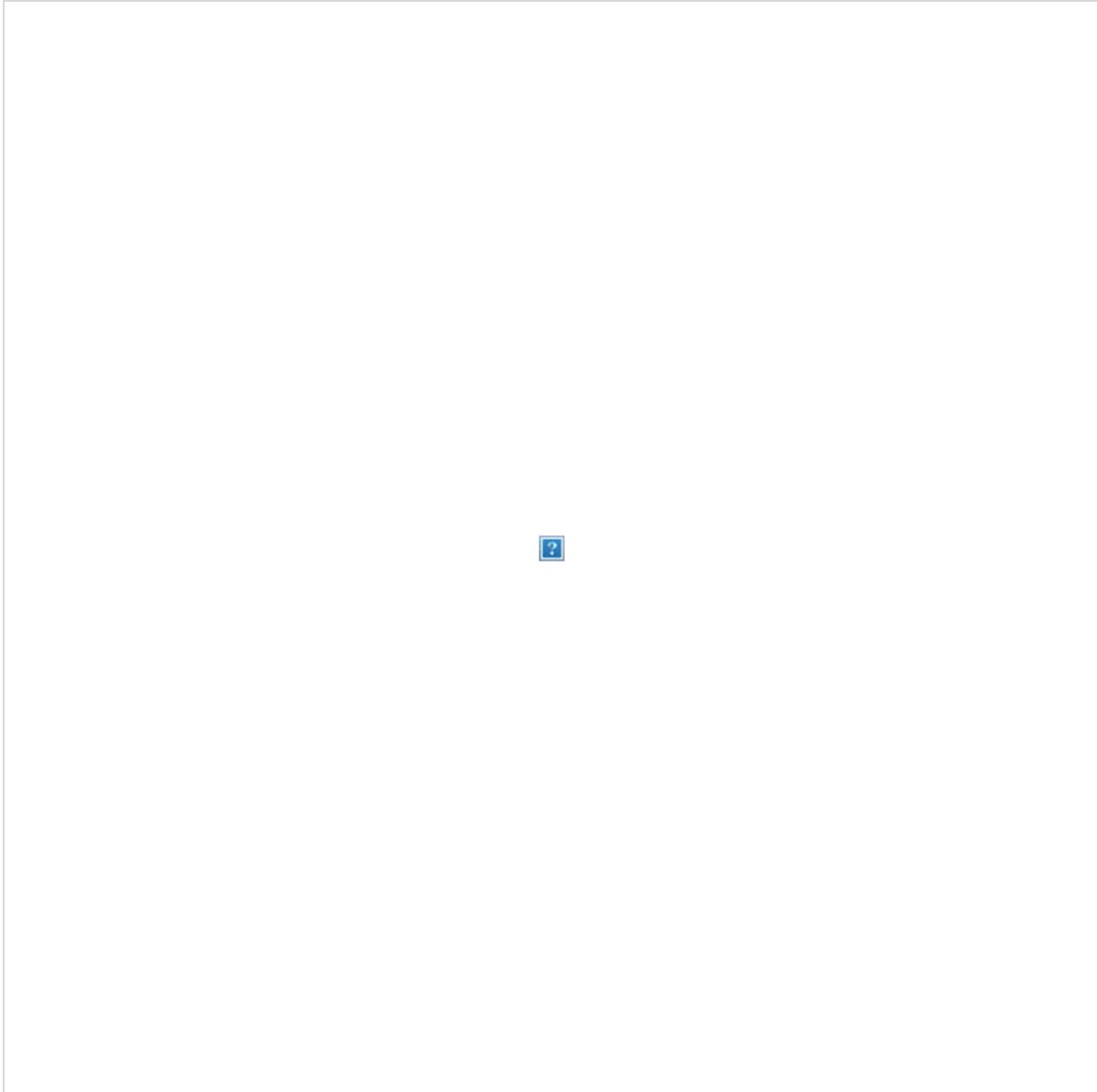
#### **THE FUTURE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY:**

-- **Harry Reid endorsed Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) for DNC chair on Sunday, becoming the latest high-profile Democrat to throw his support behind the Bernie supporter.** Ellison, who has emerged as a favorite for the position among liberal advocacy groups and lawmakers, has enjoyed broad support from Sens. Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, and Chuck Schumer. Meanwhile, other potential contenders for the position are former Vermont governor Howard Dean, former Maryland governor Martin O'Malley, South Carolina party chairman Jaime Harrison and DNC national finance chairman Henry Muñoz III. ([John Wagner](#))

-- **Ellison demurred on whether he would be willing to resign from his congressional seat to serve as DNC chairman, saying on ABC's "This Week" that the most important quality for the next party leader will be "vision."** "It's not about one person. It's about millions of people all working together to protect and advance the interests of working Americans," he said. His remarks come as some have argued that the party needs a full-time chairman at the helm as Democrats work to chart their path forward during a Trump administration. ([John Wagner](#))

-- **A small group of House Democrats requested a delay in leadership elections scheduled for this**

**Thursday, when Nancy Pelosi is expected to easily win another term as minority leader.** The letter was signed by at least 20 rank-and-file members and comes as some Democrats are privately complaining that the party has struggled to regain power since the GOP gained control in 2010. Rep. Doris Matsui (Calif.) circulated a separate letter to members of the House Democratic Women's Caucus celebrating Pelosi's leadership. As of Friday afternoon 40 of the 54 women had signed the letter urging Pelosi to remain as leader. ([Kelsey Snell and Karoun Demirjian](#))



Sanders: 'We will not accept racism,' 'sexism; or 'xenophobia'

-- **Bernie said this year's presidential race was largely devoid of issues that matter to voters, urging the Democratic Party to "pound away" on real problems facing America's working-class voters.** "I am tired of watching television where you have a campaign which is about Mr. Trump's attitude toward women versus Hillary Clinton's emails," Sanders said on CBS. "You know what? Those are not the major issues facing America. ... [And] on virtually every major issue — raising the minimum wage, climate change, pay equity for women, rebuilding our infrastructure, making public colleges and universities tuition-free — we are the majority," he said. "That is what the American people want. And the Democrats will win elections by pounding away on those issues." ([John Wagner](#))

-- **Documentary filmmaker Michael Moore said Democrats would do well to nominate celebrity candidates for office, suggesting Oprah and Tom Hanks as 2020 contenders.** "We have so many of them,"

he said on [CNN](#). "The Republicans do this -- they run Reagan and the Terminator and other people." He added: "Why don't we run somebody that the American people love and are really drawn to, and that are smart and have good politics and all that?"

-- "[Soros bands with donors to resist Trump, 'take back power,'](#)" by Politico's **Kenneth P. Vogel**:

"George Soros and other rich liberals who spent tens of millions of dollars trying to elect [Clinton] are gathering in Washington for a three-day, closed door meeting to retool the big-money left to fight back against Trump. Yet the meeting also comes as many liberals are reassessing their approach to politics — and the role of the Democracy Alliance, or DA, as the club is known in Democratic finance circles. The DA ... over the last decade [has] had a major hand in shaping the institutions of the left, including by orienting some of its key organizations around Clinton, and by basing their strategy around the idea that minorities and women constituted a so-called 'rising American electorate' that could tip elections to Democrats. 'The DA itself should be called into question' said one Democratic strategist who has been active in the group ... **'You can make a very good case it's nothing more than a social club for a handful wealthy white donors and labor union officials to drink wine and read memos, as the Democratic Party burns down around them.'**"



Hillary Clinton arrived at The New Yorker Hotel in midtown Manhattan to concede last Wednesday. (Melina Mara/The Washington Post)

## WHY HILLARY LOST, CONT...:

-- **On a conference call for major donors Saturday afternoon, Hillary laid the blame squarely at the feet of James Comey, arguing that the FBI director's first letter stopped her momentum — and his second one the Sunday before the election only exacerbated the damage.** “There are lots of reasons why an election like this is not successful. But our analysis is that Jim Comey’s letter raising doubts that were groundless, baseless, proven to be, stopped our momentum,” she told those who bundled at least \$100,000. “Just as we were back up on the upward trajectory, the second letter from Comey essentially doing what we knew it would — saying there was no there there — was a real motivator” for angry or disappointed Trump voters to turn out, she added.

-- **“Clinton’s failure to attract enough supporters in Michigan and its Rust Belt neighbors Wisconsin and Pennsylvania cost her the election,”** [Abby Phillip, John Wagner and Anne Gearan](#) report. “And while many reasons have been offered up, both inside and outside the campaign, one reality has emerged in the days since Clinton’s stunning loss ... a series of strategic mistakes, including some made in the final two weeks, probably sealed the deal.” Three examples:

- **One error was to stick with the one-dimensional campaign strategy of attacking Trump, despite overwhelming evidence that the electorate was seeking a change candidate.** “There was an assumption that antipathy toward Trump would be enough to mobilize the base,” said former Obama strategist David Axelrod. “... [But] a certain lethargy ... sets in when you’ve had the White House for eight years. Your troops are just not as hungry.” Exit polls found that voters were aware of and repulsed by Trump’s brashness, but it was not enough to compel them to vote against him.
- **Another problem was devoting resources to states Clinton did not need, instead of shoring up support in critical Rust Belt states:** “Why go to Arizona? Who the hell needs Arizona?” said Lou D’Allesandro, a New Hampshire state senator. “You go to Michigan. You go to Pennsylvania. You play to your strengths in this business.”
- **Clinton’s lack of a simple or overarching economic message likely depressed voter turnout among her base.**

-- **“Cracks, and not the ceiling kind, were evident on Clinton’s last day on the trail,”** [Anne Gearan](#) recalls, looking back: “It was somewhat jarring when the campaign added a hastily arranged midnight rally in Raleigh to the schedule. The slapdash affair in a gymnasium at North Carolina State University was a happy occasion. Trouble might have been in the air, though. Clinton badly needed black voters in North Carolina, and the crowd was overwhelmingly white.”

-- **“The media narrative about the wretchedness of her political skills has obscured the fact that Hillary Clinton was a pretty great candidate for the presidency,”** [New York Magazine’s Rebecca Traister](#) writes. “Not a magnetic or inspiring speaker, no. The bearer of way too much awkward baggage, yes. But also: steady and strong and strategic and smart. Despite being under investigation by Congress and the FBI and the media, despite having her State Department emails made public ... and despite the rolling waves of sexism directed at her and the racism directed at her predecessor and political partner Obama, she literally won the popularity contest. And the fact that she tried to build a coalition of voters that brought together the marginalized groups that will one day be the majority in this country was inspired and forward-thinking, even in its ultimate failure. We have gotten a clear view of how deeply this country is invested in keeping women and people of color on the sidelines. This divide does not disappear now that the election is over, and the venom spewed by our future president and his supporters during the campaign is unlikely to subside.”

-- **One bright spot for Clinton: Hillary carried ORANGE COUNTY in California, the first time a Democrat has won there since FDR in 1936.** ([WSJ](#))

-- **Michael Dukakis called for an end to the Electoral College, blaming what he calls an “anachronistic system” for Tuesday’s results.** “Hillary won this election, and when the votes are all counted, by what will likely be more than a million votes. So how come she isn’t going to the White House in January? Because of an anachronistic Electoral College system which should have been abolished 150 years ago,” he told [Politico’s Gabriel Debenedetti](#) in an email. “That should be at the top of the Democratic priority list while we wait to see what a Trump administration has in store for us. So far, all we know is that dozens of lobbyists are all over the Trump transition — a strange way to drain the swamp.”

-- “To point out Clinton’s popular-vote advantage is *not* a form of liberal denial,” [Post columnist E.J. Dionne argues](#). “It’s a way of beginning to build a barricade against right-wing triumphalism — and of reminding immigrants, Muslims, African Americans, Latinos and, yes, our daughters that most Americans stood with them on Election Day. It is also not true that the emerging political coalition that elected [Obama] died on Nov. 8. That alliance maintained its national advantage ... despite an onslaught of partisan congressional investigations, Russian meddling and the last-minute political intervention of the FBI ... Obama and Clinton both did the expected thing in wishing Trump well, and Lord knows, nothing would make me happier than for Trump to surprise us by being a pragmatist who said a lot of stuff he didn’t believe to win the presidency. That wish, however, does not absolve us of the obligation to vigilance against the other possibility: that the real Trump is the man we actually watched, many of us in horror, month after month.”



People take photos of lanterns set afloat in the Canal Saint-Martin in Paris yesterday on the one-year anniversary of the terror attack that killed 130. (Alain Jocard/AFP/Getty Images)

#### **WAPO HIGHLIGHTS:**

-- “[Fraternity, not hatred, is the answer for survivors of Paris attacks](#),” by James McAuley: “Nov. 13, 2015, has already gone down as the darkest day in French history since World War II, when 130 people were killed here in an Islamic State assault on daily life: a concert, a soccer game and cafes. These assaults by

homegrown terrorists have created a backlash against Muslims ... that views them as a threat to national security and strikes at the heart of one of the nation's most sacred virtues: the ideal of fraternity. **But one group in particular has mobilized to defend that sense of fraternity threatened by the young terrorists. As unlikely as it is diverse, that group is made up of those who survived the Nov. 13 attacks and family members of those who died.** In the year since the attacks, a surprising number of them have published books and made art in response to their grief. While each tells a different personal story, all share the same general message: Hatred is unacceptable."

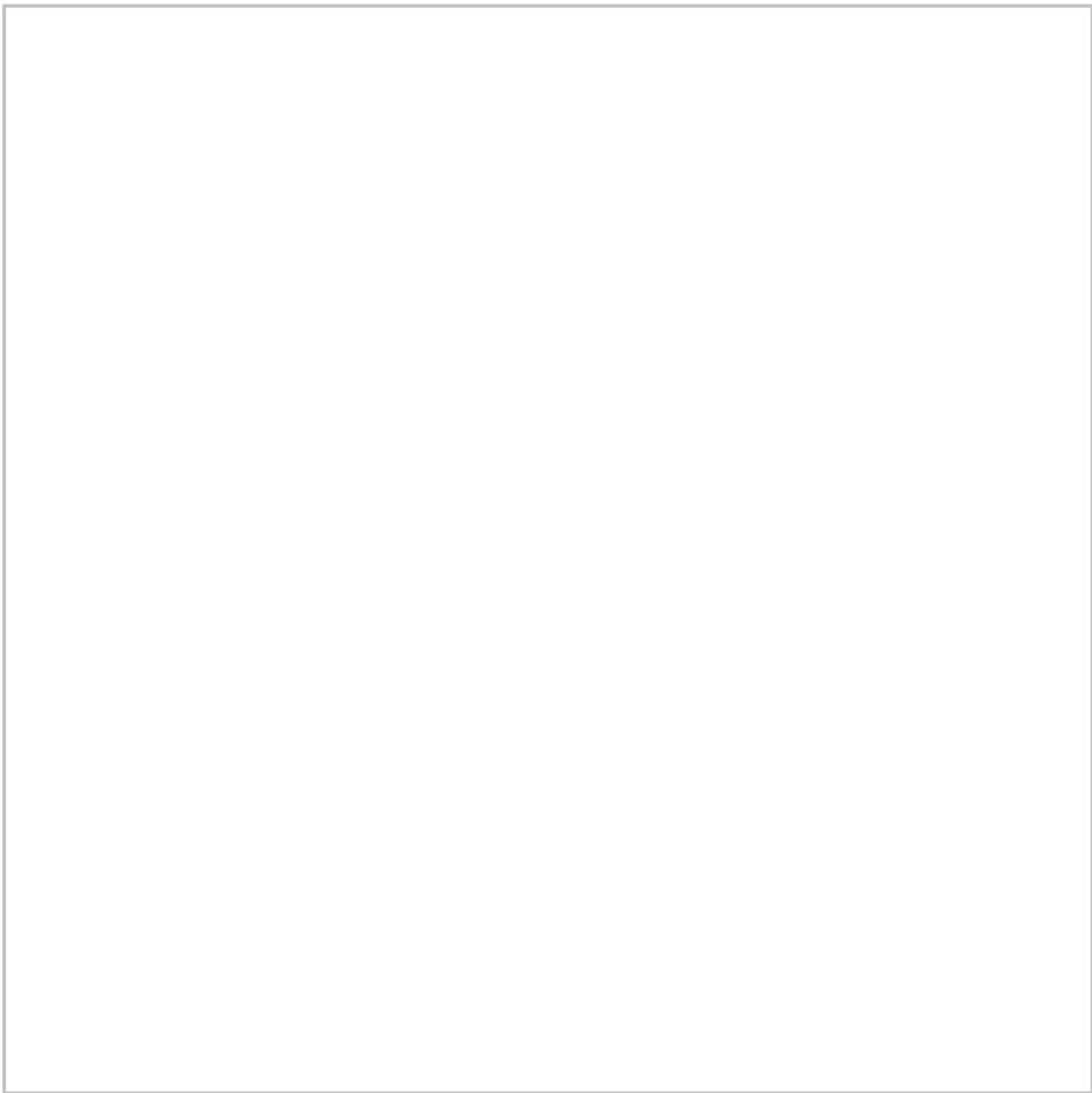
**Painful quote:** "The only thing that matters is that she's no longer here," said Antoine Leiris, who lost his wife in last year's attack. "Guns, bullets, violence — all of this is just background noise to the real tragedy now taking place: absence."

-- "[A giant reservoir that supplies a California county's drinking water is nearly empty,](#)" by Darryl Fears: "Lake Cachuma, a giant reservoir built to hold Santa Barbara County's drinking water, has all but vanished in California's historic drought. Under a sky that hardly ever delivers rain, the lake will only continue to fall, putting nearly a half-million county residents in an ugly situation. As early as January, the depth is expected to be too low to distribute water. Barring a winter miracle of massive snows and rains extending into April, weather that has forsaken Southern California for more than five years, there will be 'no water available next year from the reservoir' ... A soft drizzle had fallen twice in the previous week, but the bone-dry ground absorbed it before any reached the reservoir. 'Sad little rains,' said Snider, the marina mechanic, as he kicked dirt that should have been deep underwater. 'We've had sad little rains for six years.'"

-- "[A complicated past lies behind Portland's violent protests,](#)" by Leah Sottile: "Oregon's largest city is often depicted as a progressive haven: a bastion of hippies and hipsters, feminists and vegans, bike commuters, urban farmers, backyard-chicken owners and coffee snobs. **But Portland's kumbaya image isn't wholly reflective of its past — or its complicated present.** Tension is high over soaring rents and gentrification that are forcing out creative types and low-income residents. And the roots of racial inequality and white supremacy simmer under the clean exterior of a growing city where just 6 percent of the population is black ... When Oregon was admitted into the Union in 1859, it was founded as a white utopia, the only state with black exclusion laws written into its Constitution — language that voters didn't take action to remove until 2000. **[Now], the contentious presidential race and the election of Trump ... seems to have provided an opportunity for Oregon's racial tensions to surface.** 'Oregon is very rural and racist, even though we perpetuate progressiveness,'" said Black Lives Matter protester Teresa Raiford.

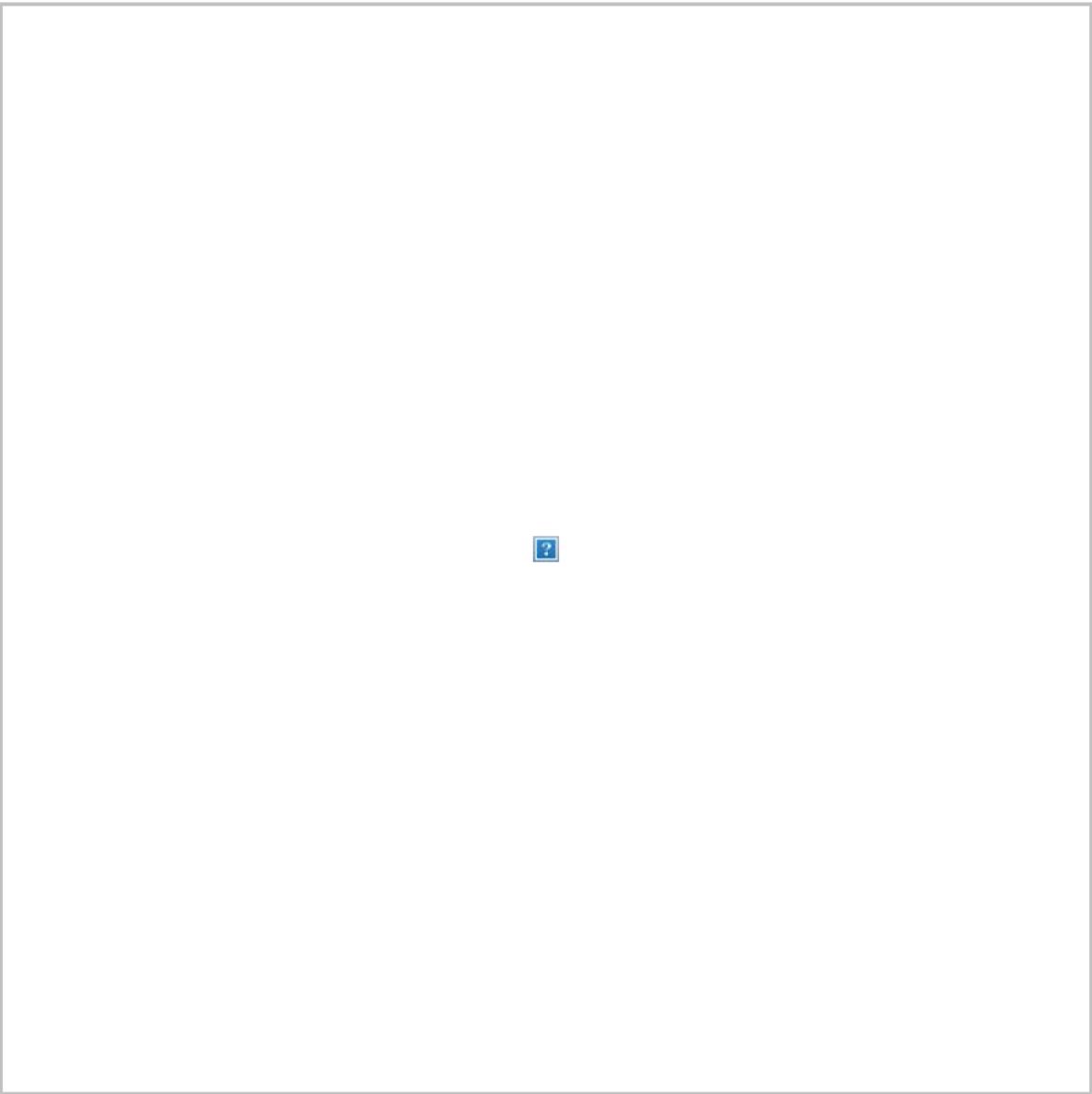
#### **SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:**

Ruth Bader Ginsburg had a one-night only cameo at the opening of Washington National Opera's "The Daughter of the Regiment":

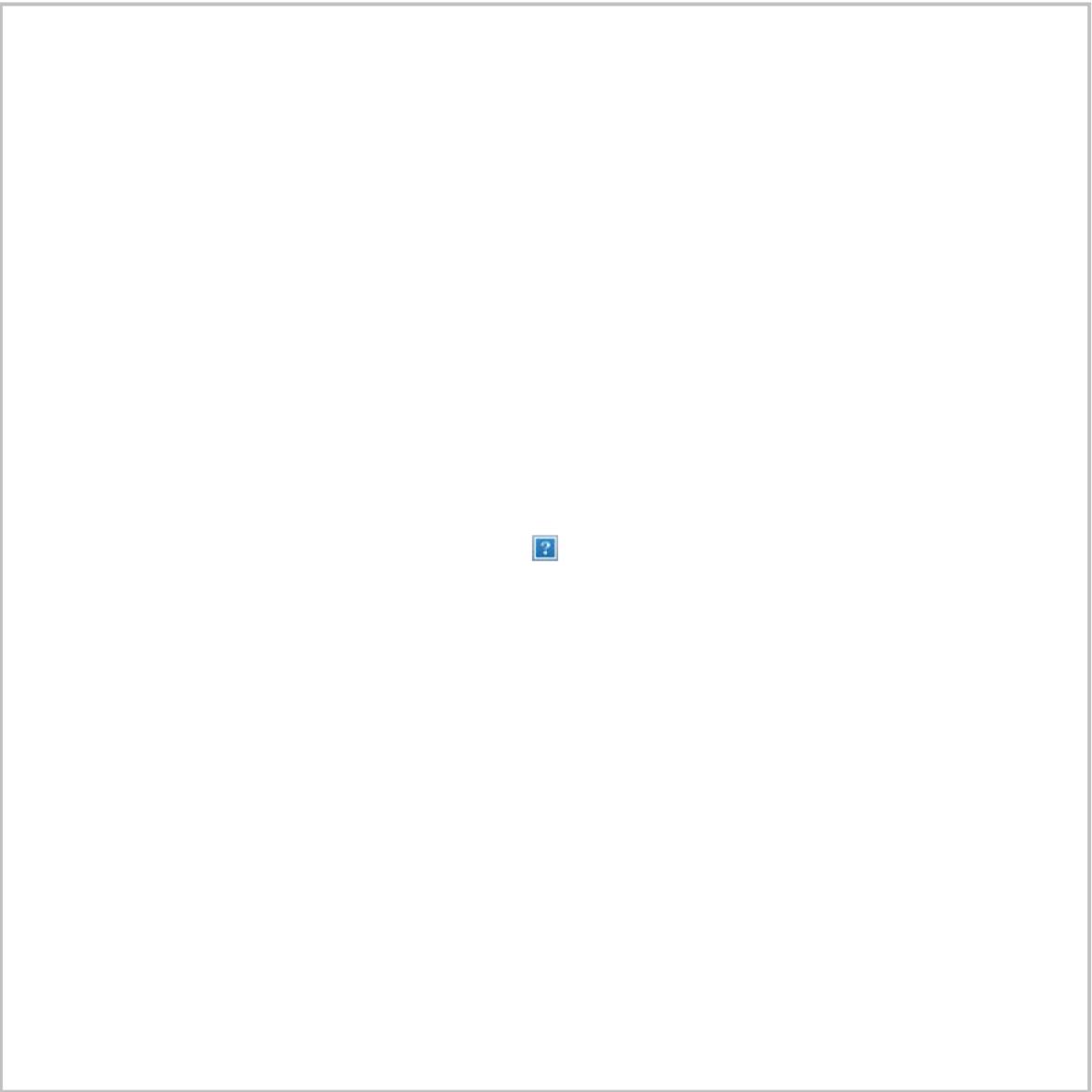


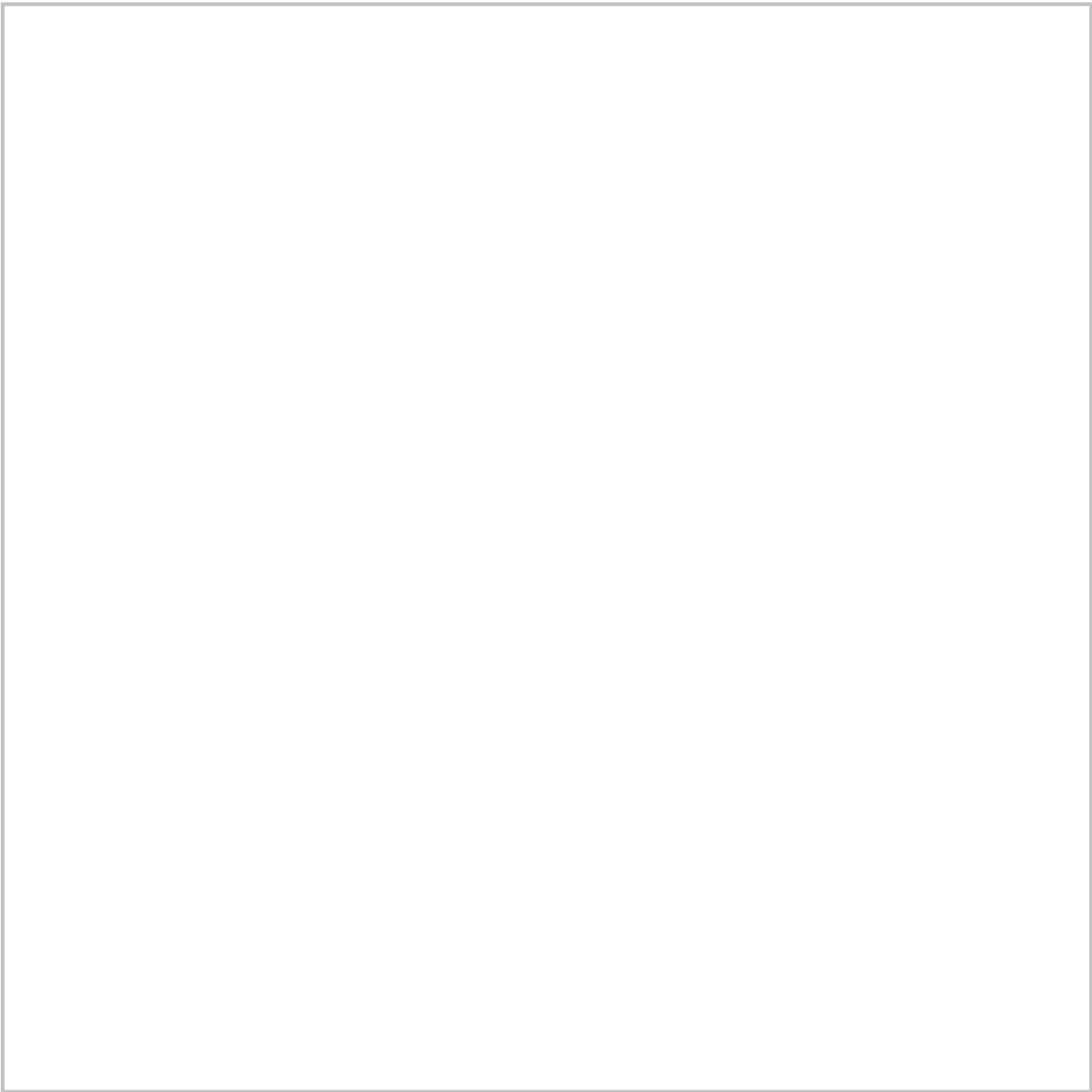
Tenor Lawrence Brownlee escorts Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the curtain call of “The Daughter of the Regiment.” (Scott Suchman for the Washington National Opera)

An astute observation:

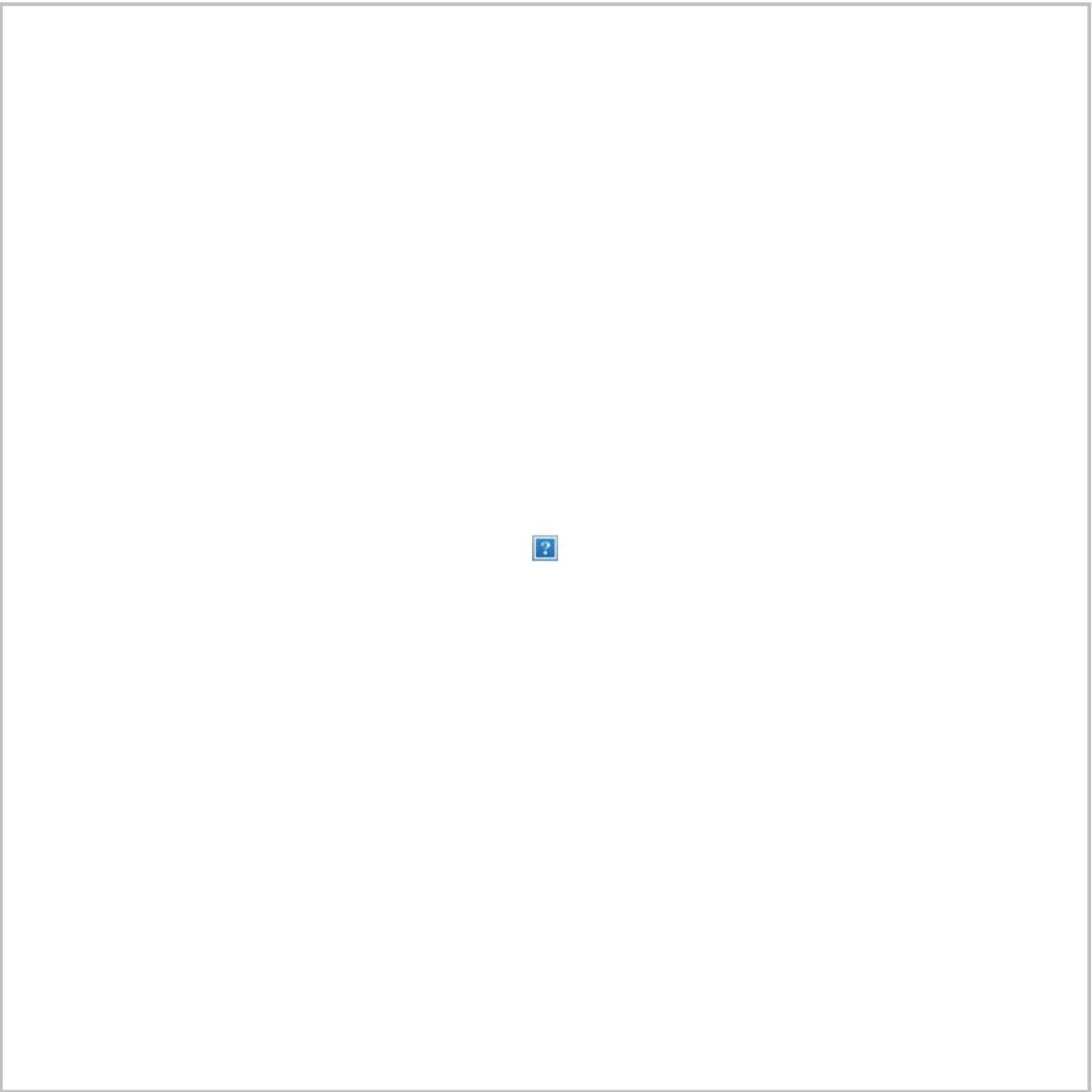


Trump continues to go after the media:



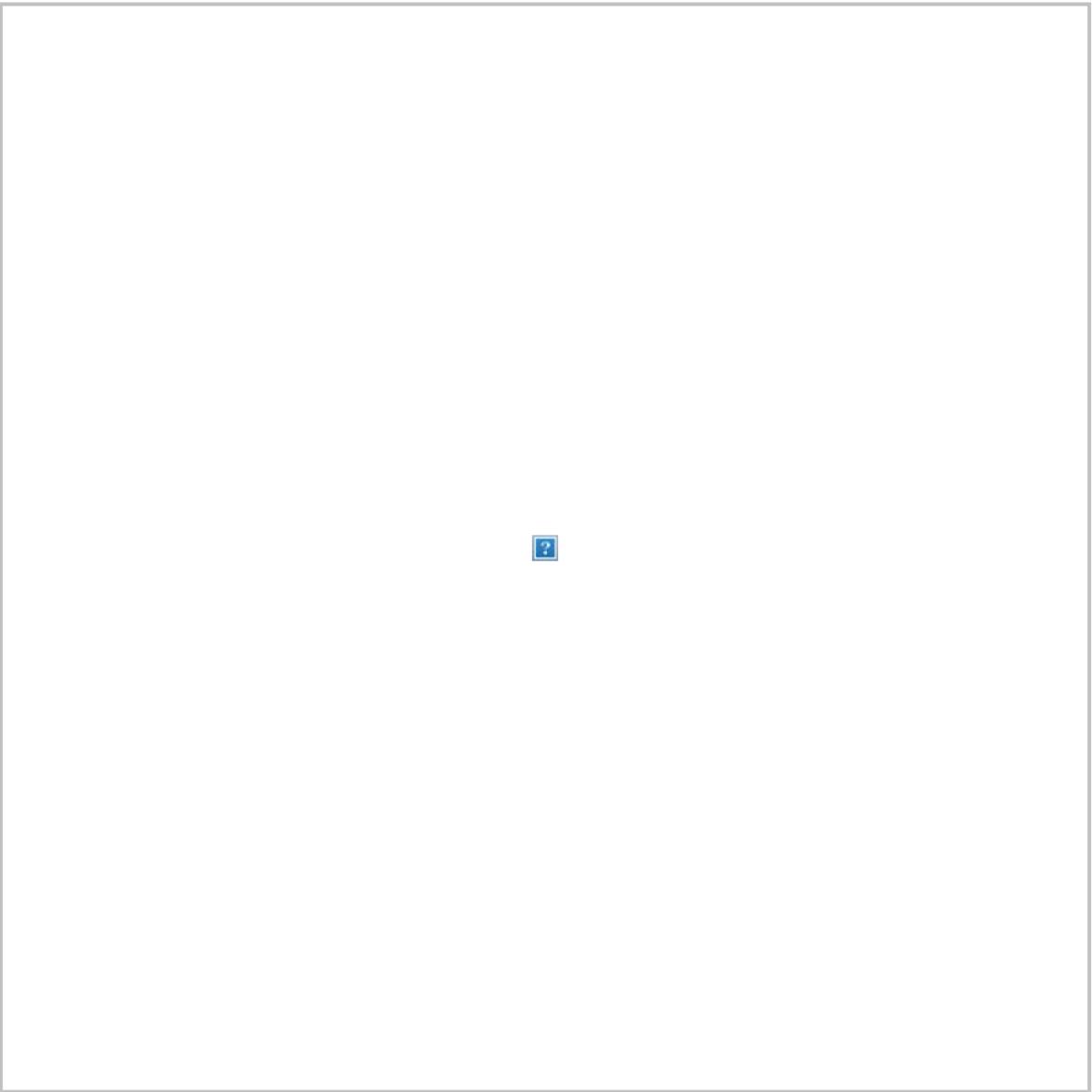


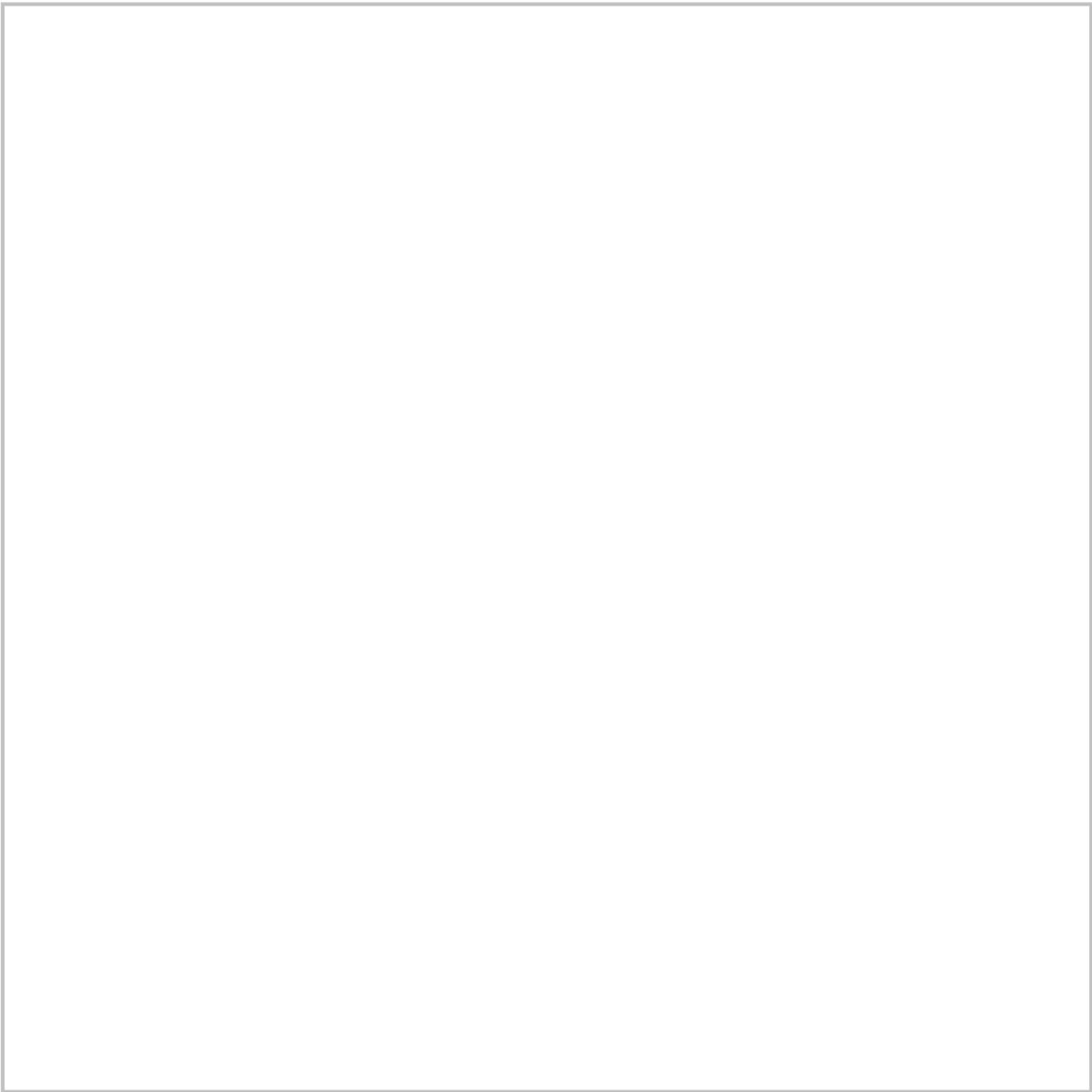
Here's how the Times responded:



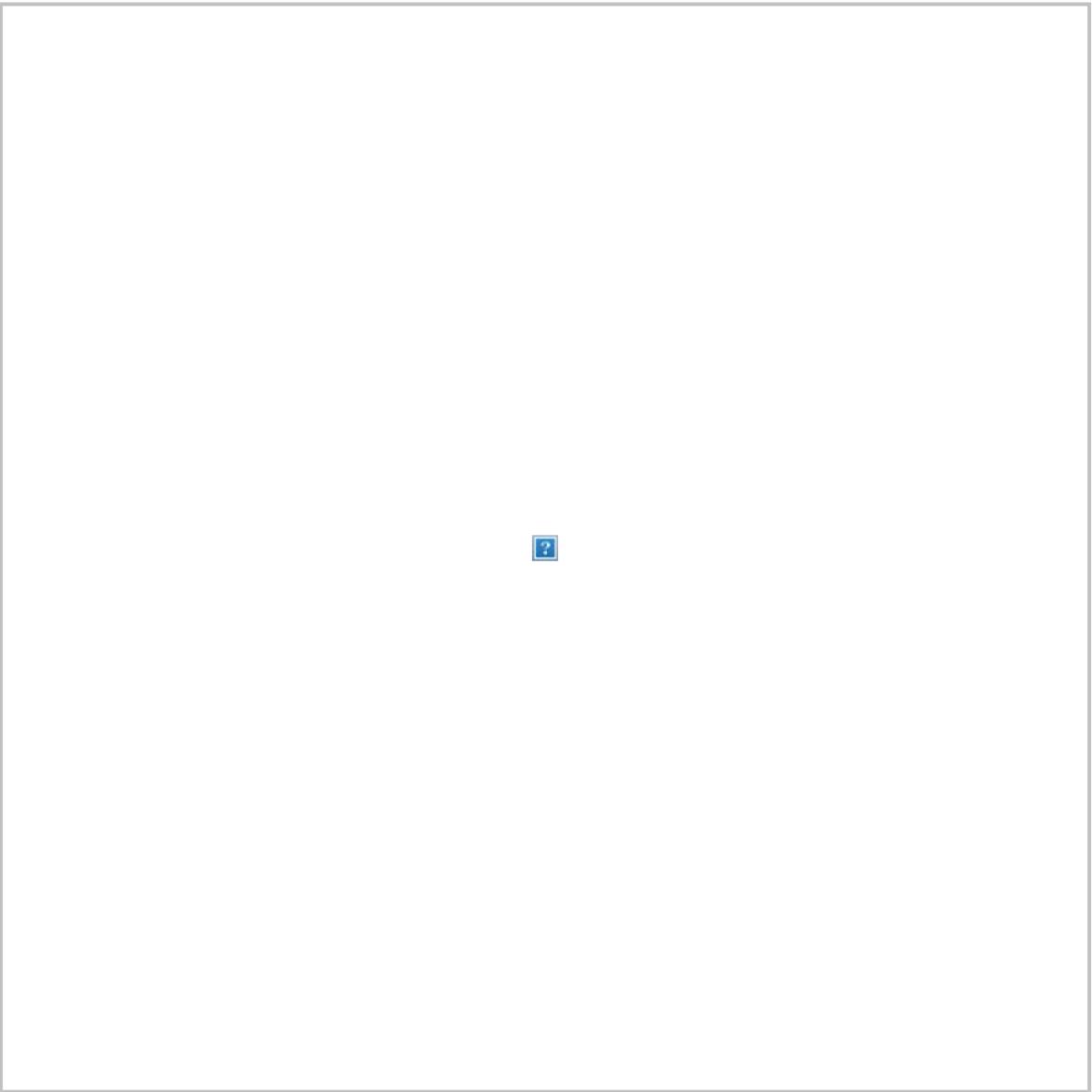


Thoughts from the New Yorker's Ryan Lizza and Harry Reid aide Adam Jentleson:

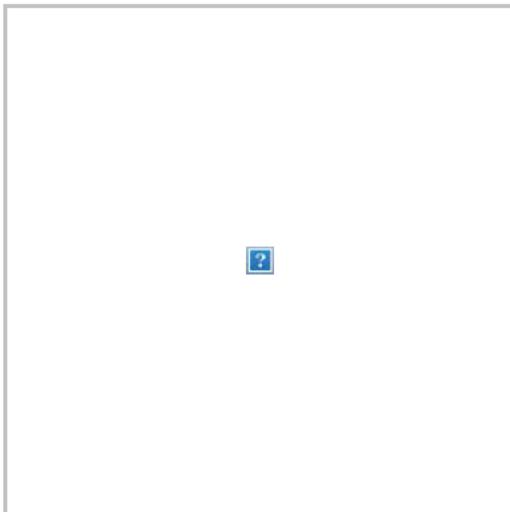


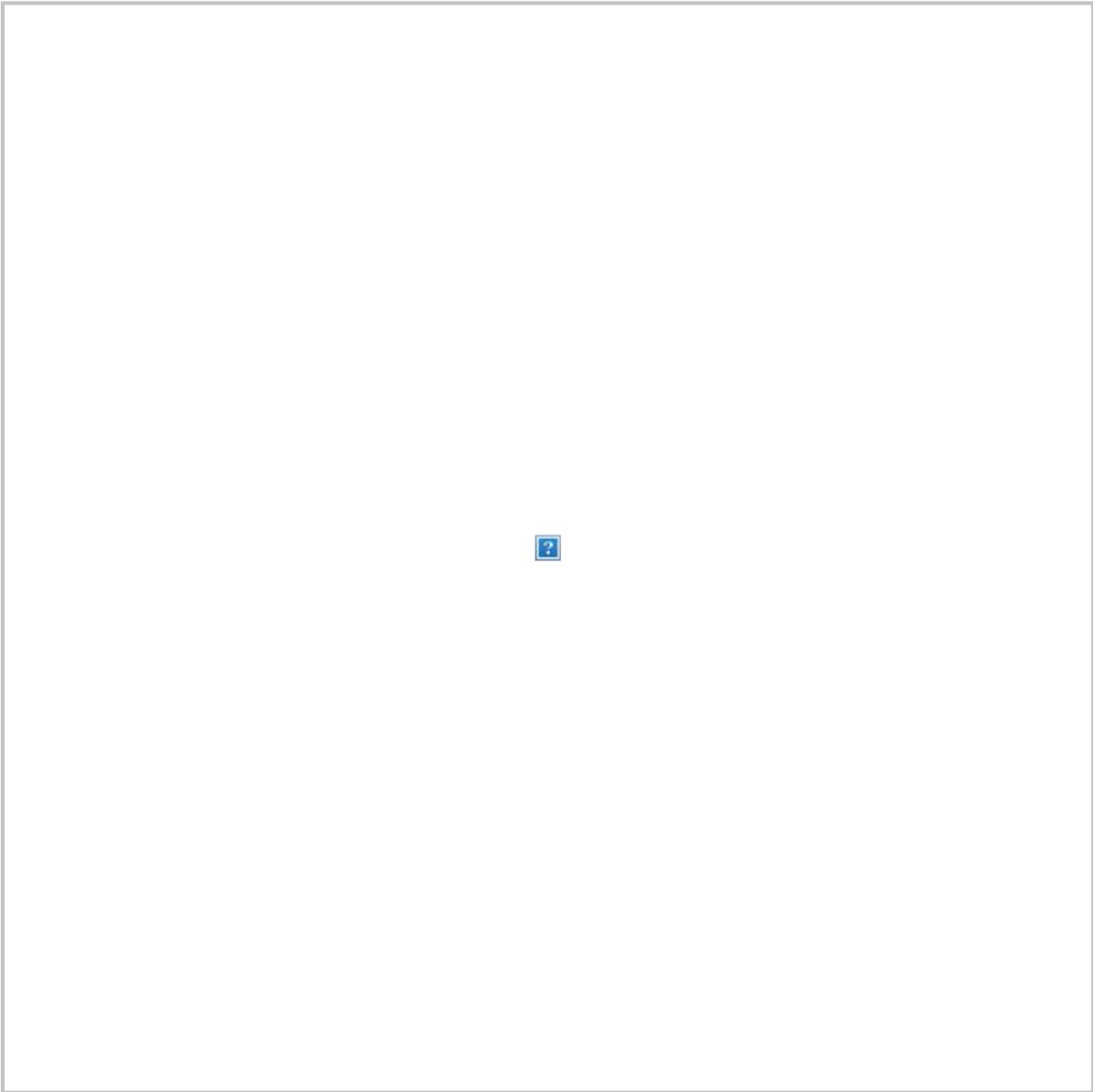


Several photos of apparent hate crimes from Twitter:

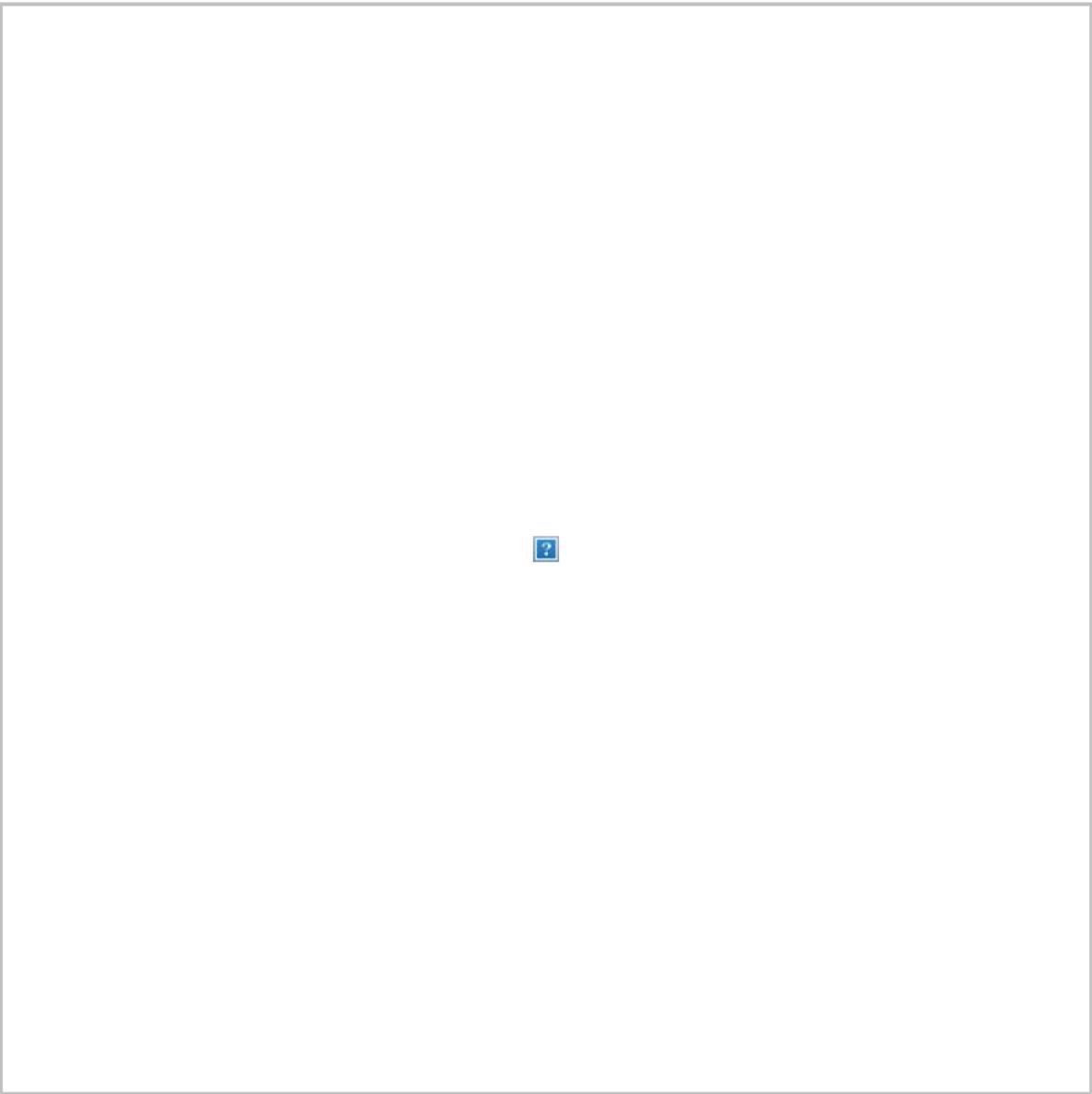


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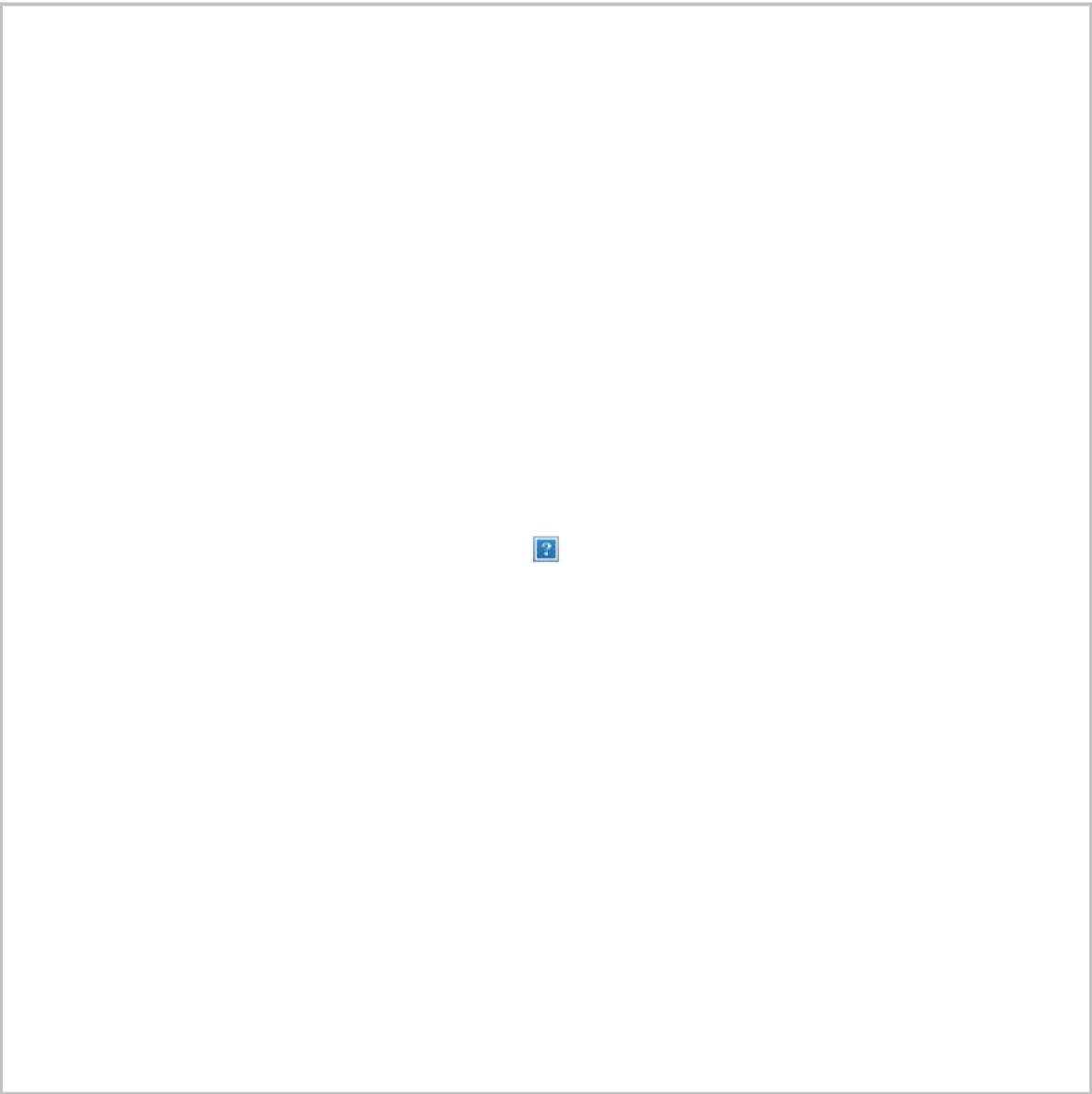




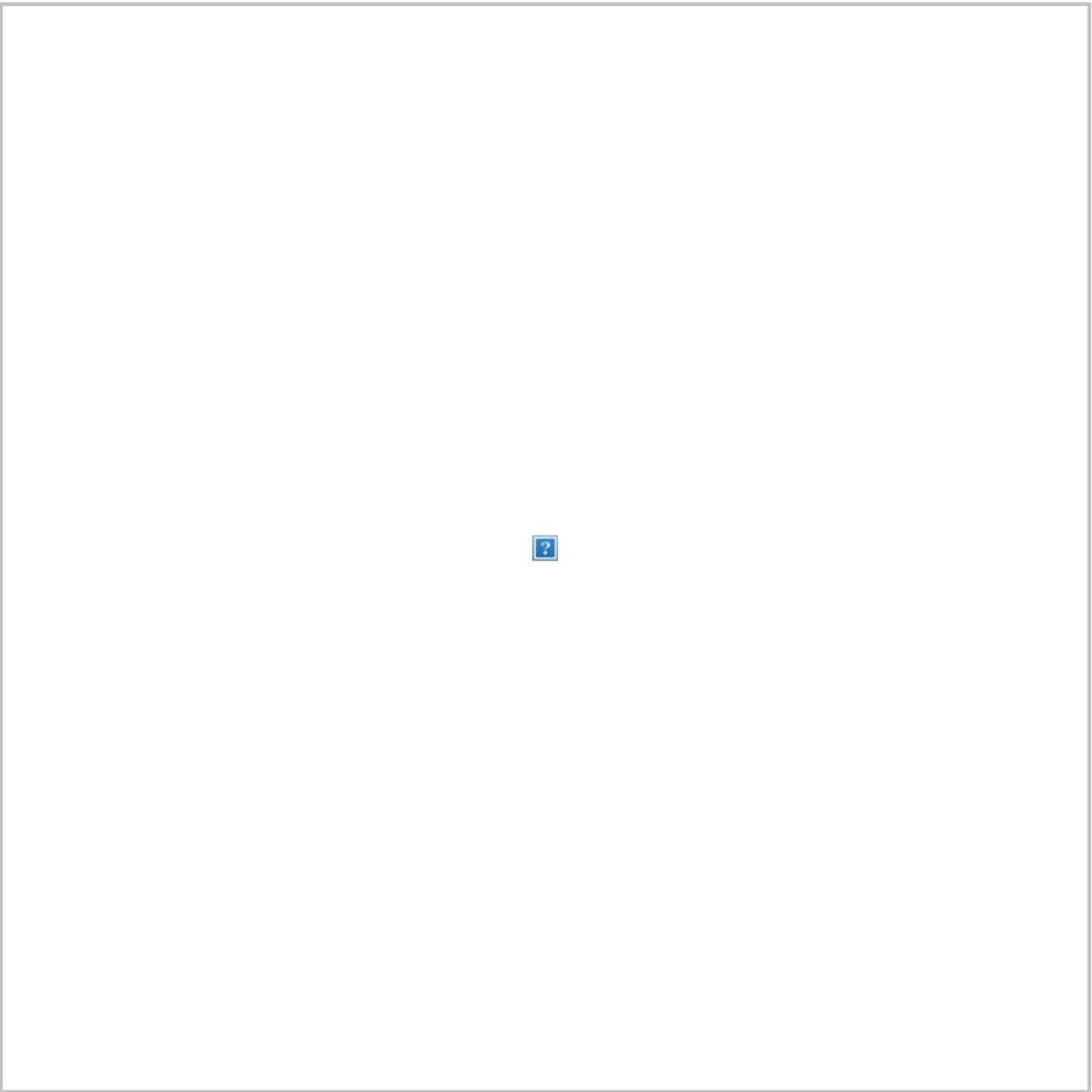
The KKK will march in North Carolina to celebrate Trump's victory:



California congressman Jared Huffman came upon Confederate flags at a Veterans Day parade:

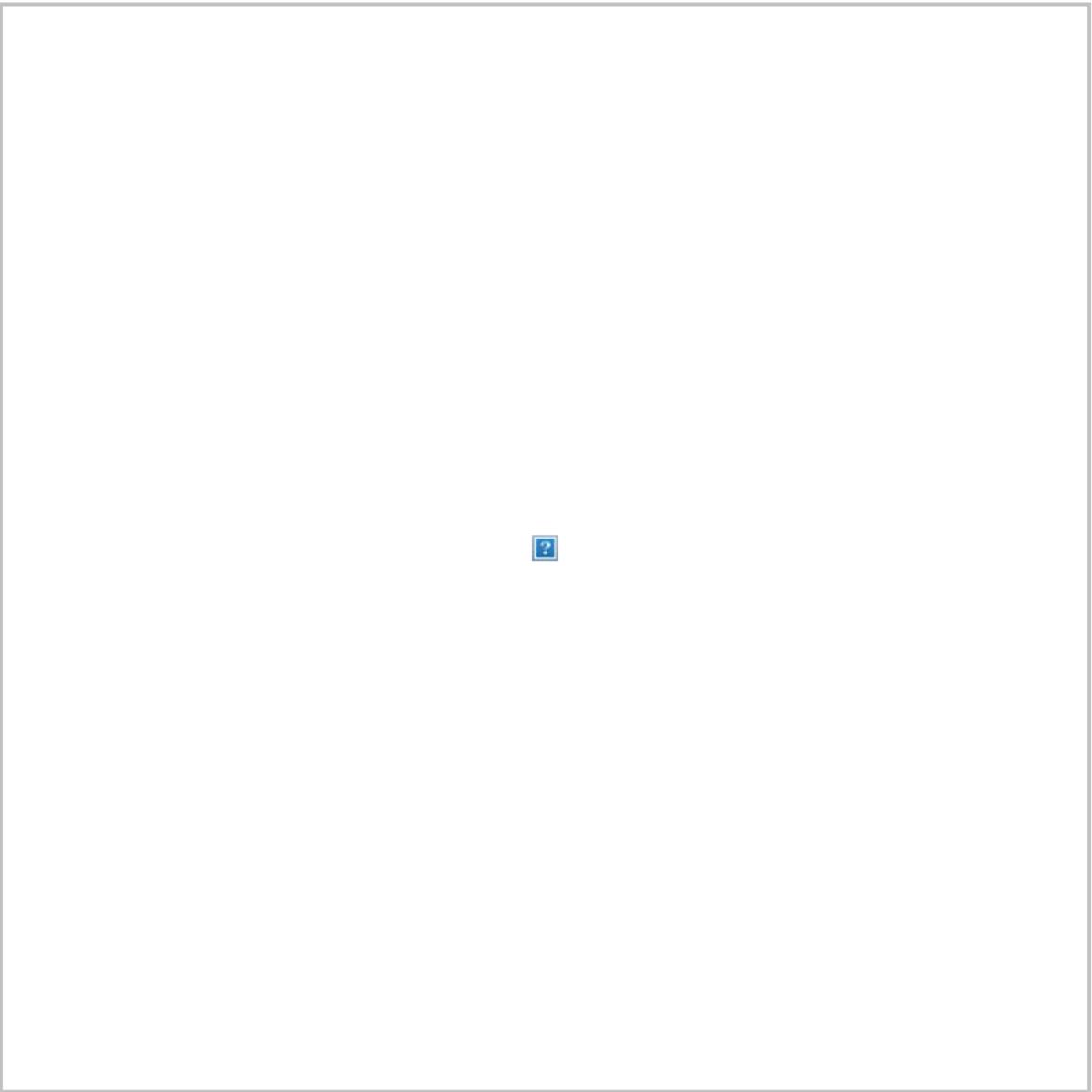


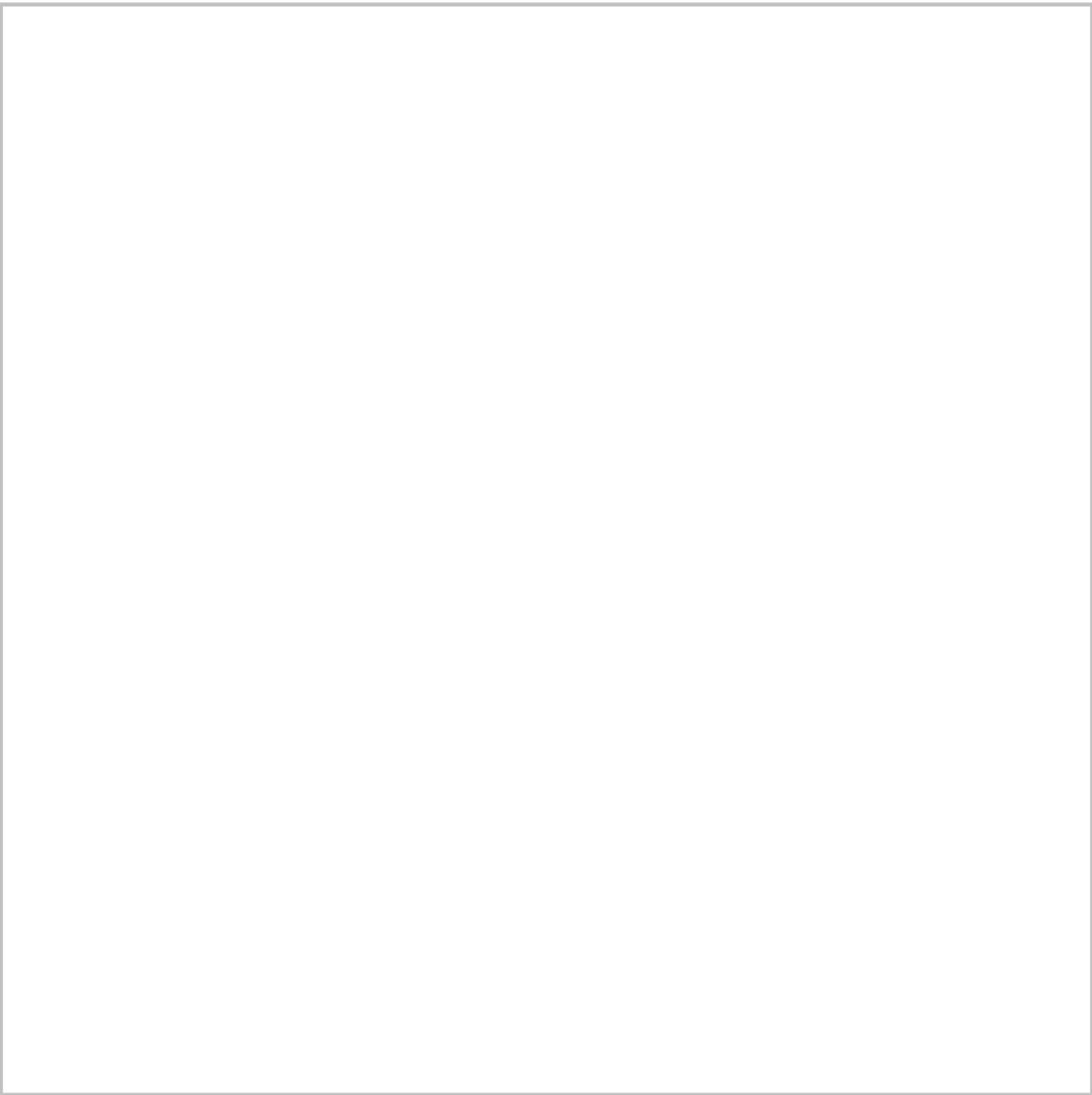
Protests took place in D.C. and elsewhere, including in front of Trump's hotel (click to watch):



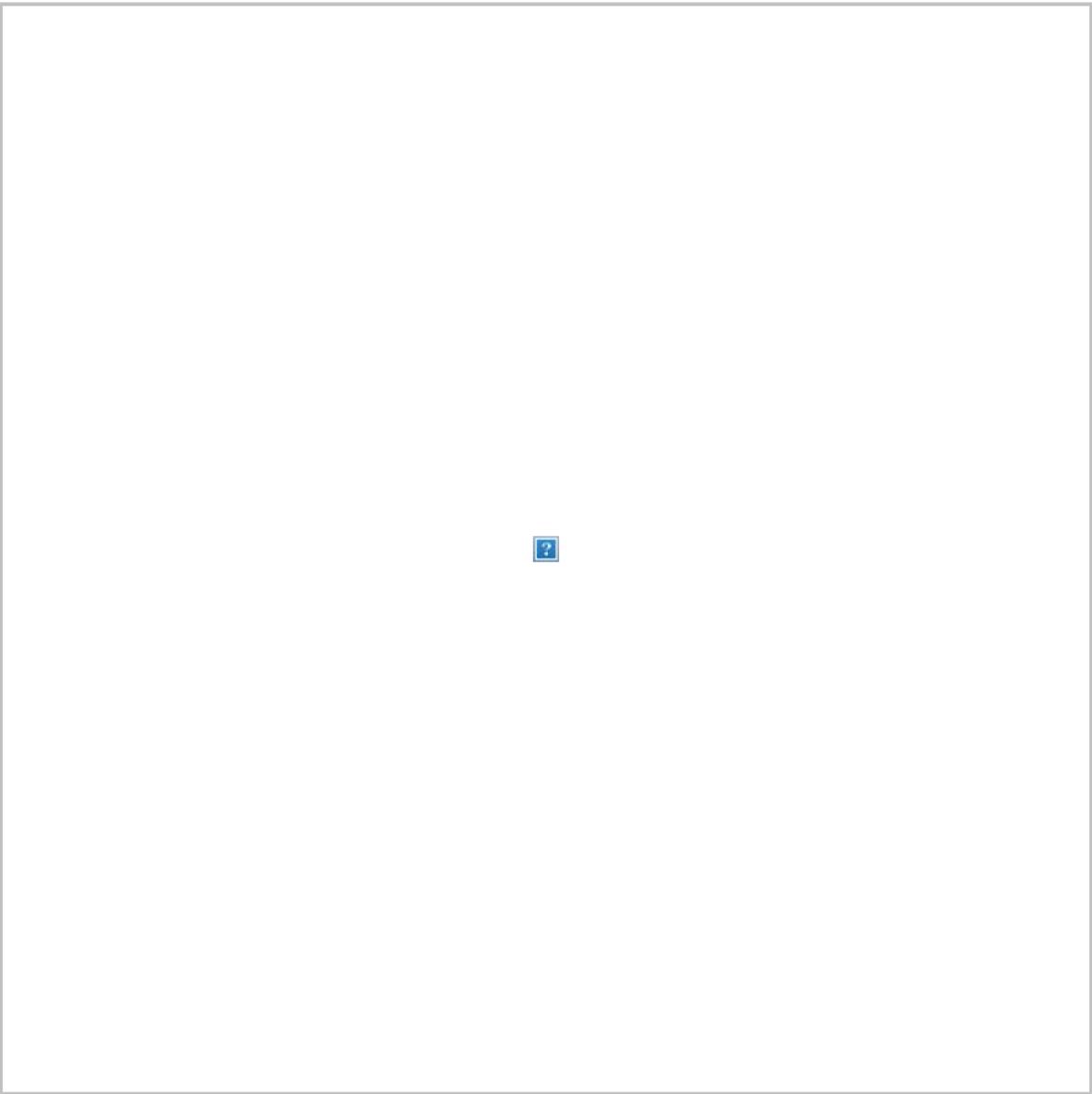


Republicans complained about the protests:

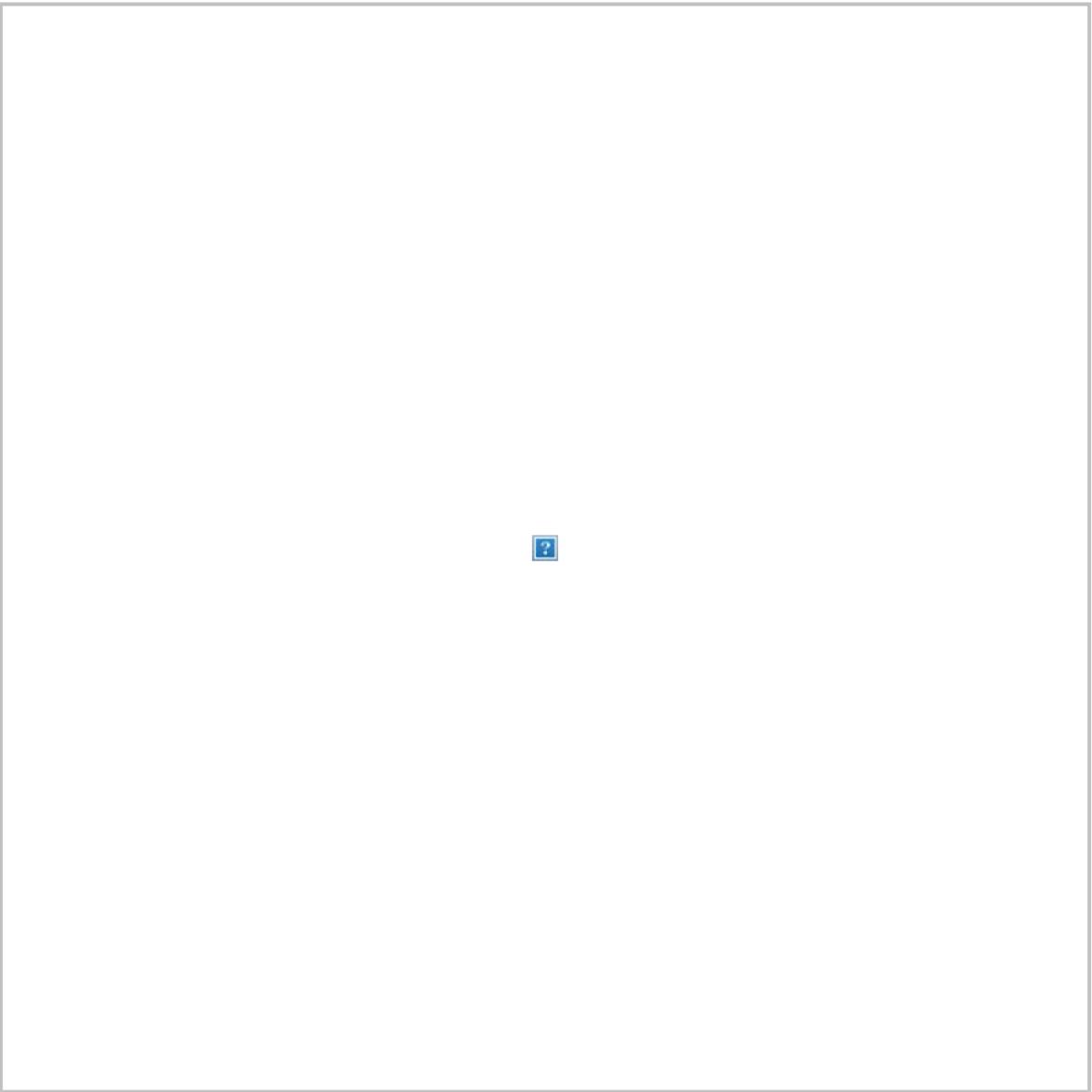




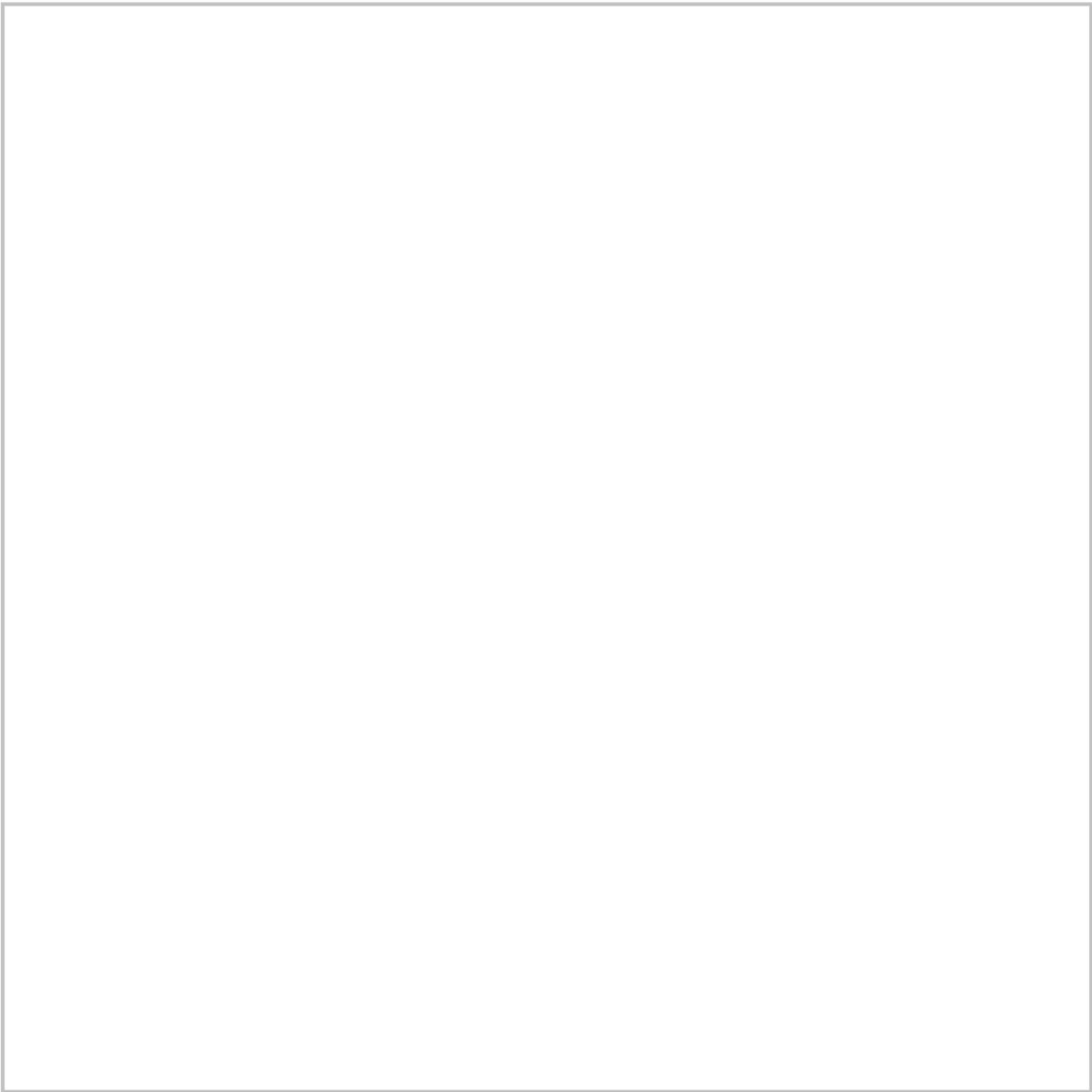
Russia, which just successfully meddled in a U.S. presidential election and has been celebrating Trump's victory, stepped up its attacks on the Obama administration, specifically former ambassador Michael McFaul:



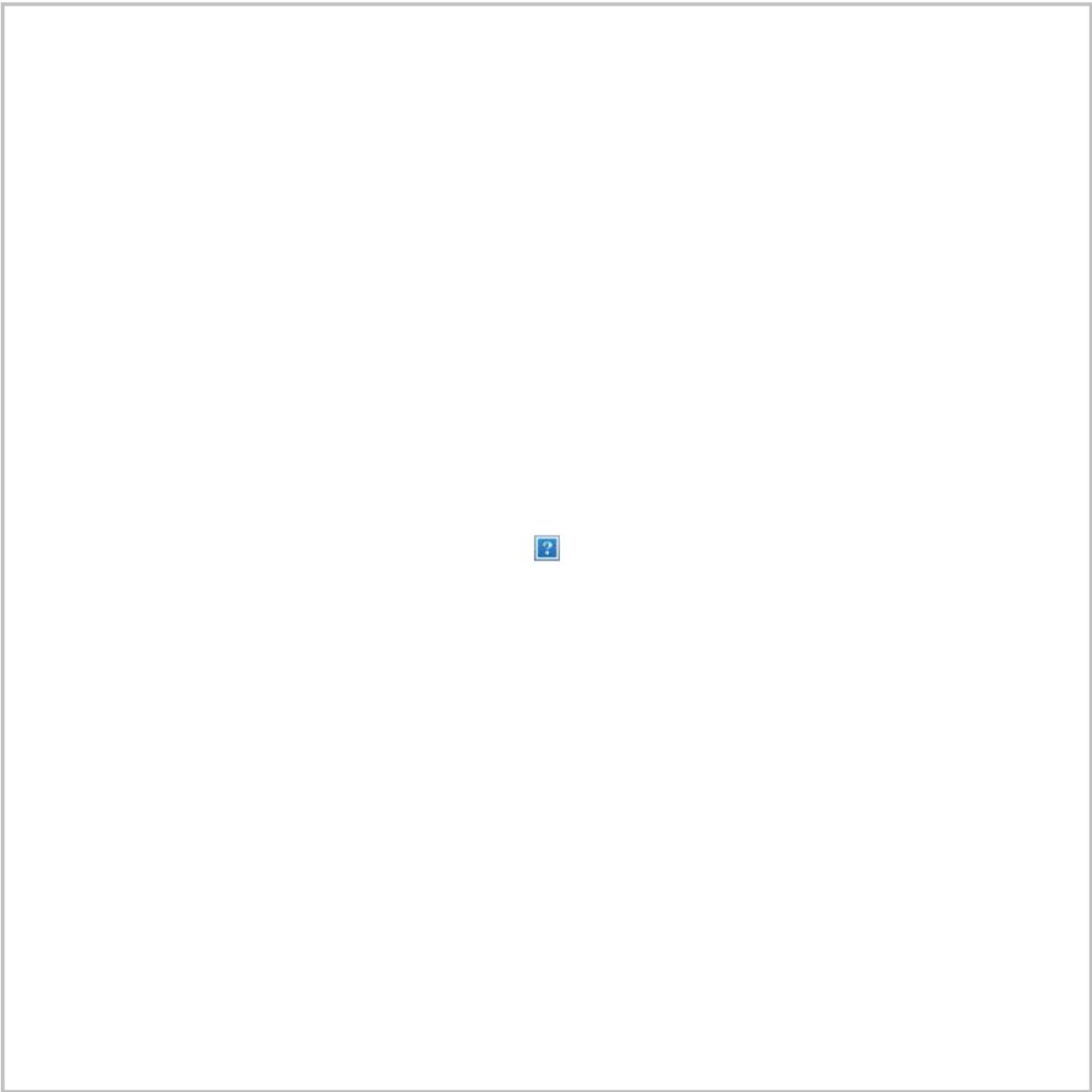
Trump said he received congratulations from Republicans who opposed his candidacy:



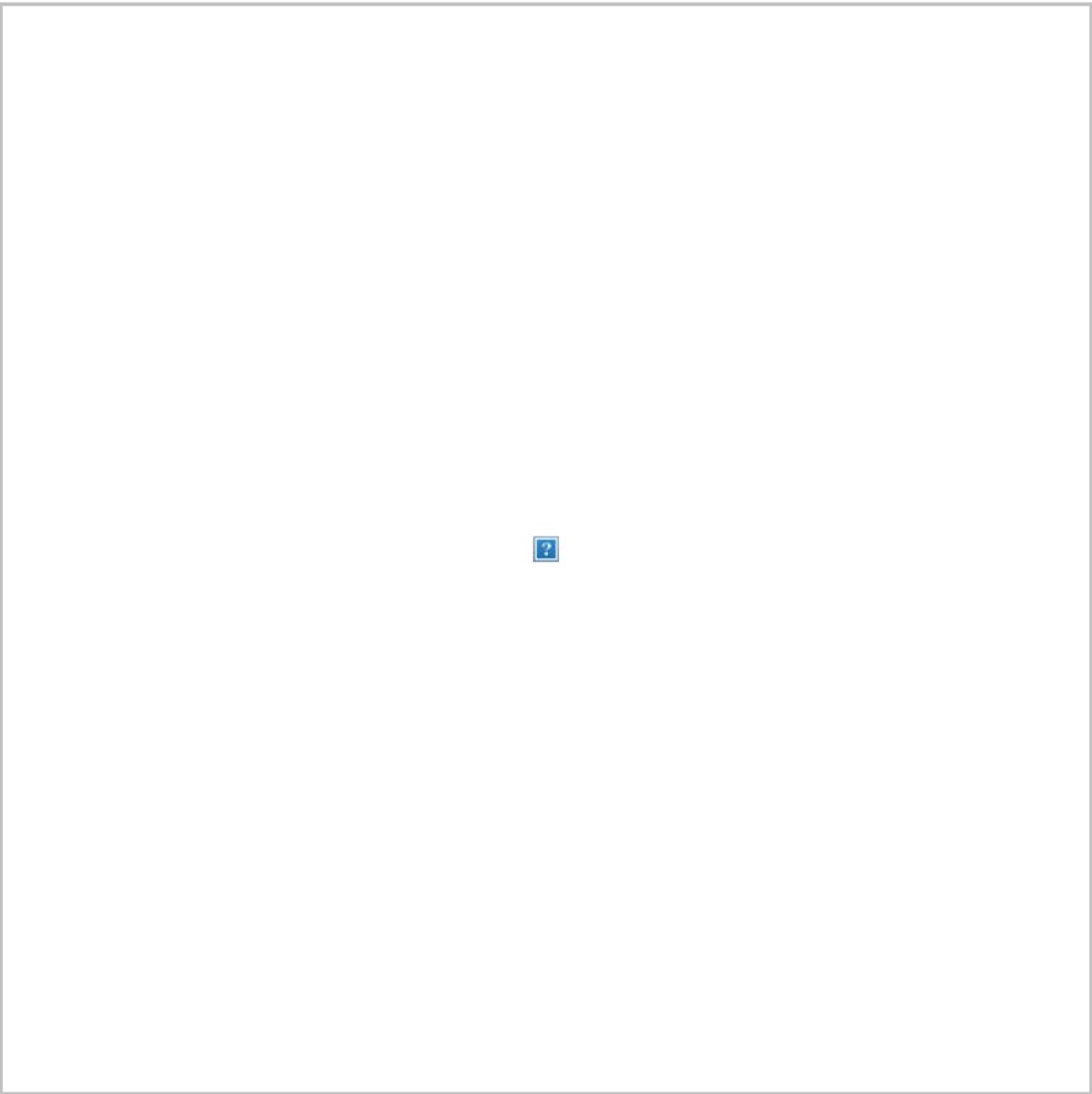




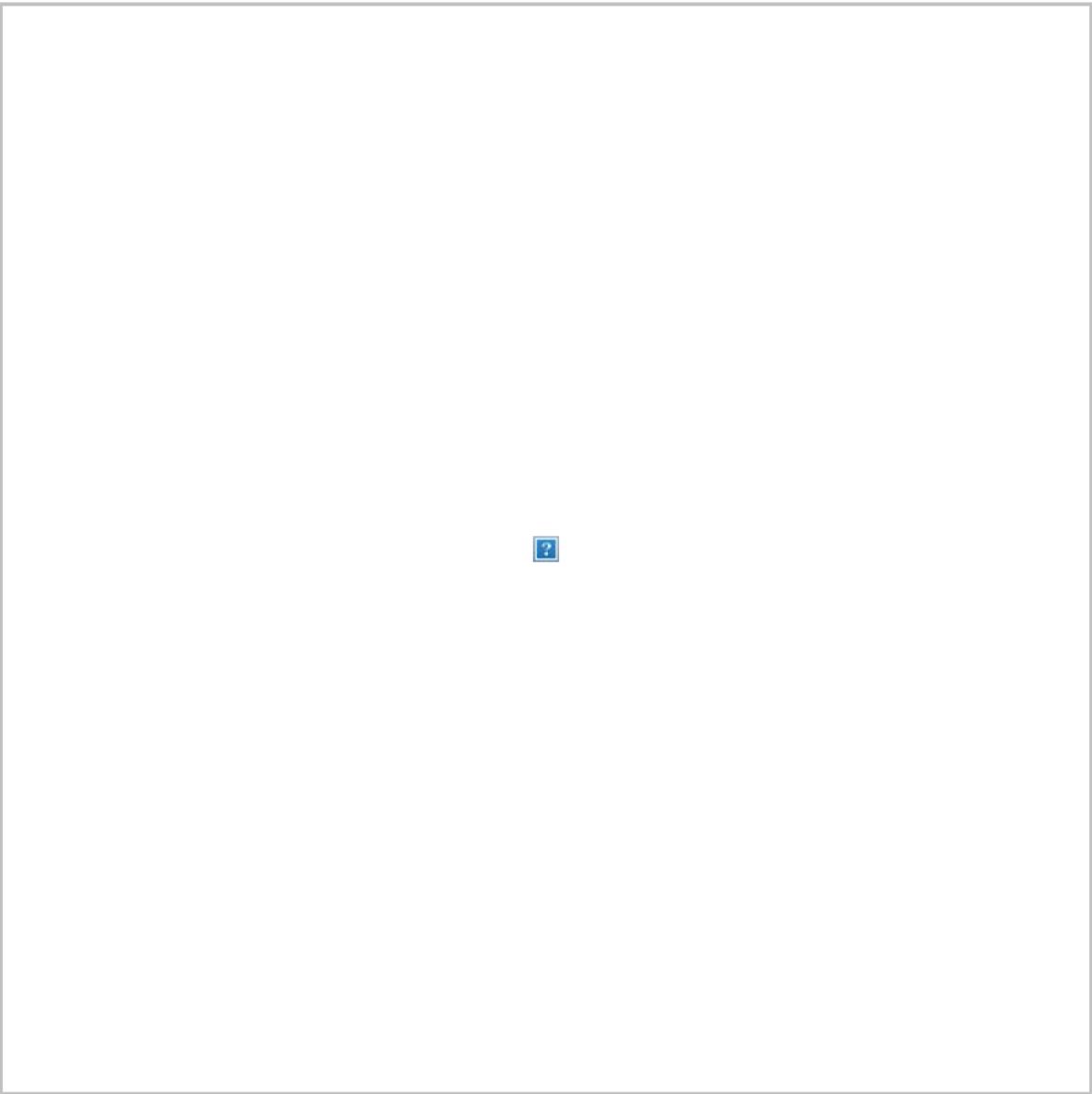
A joke? Check out this Daily News piece:



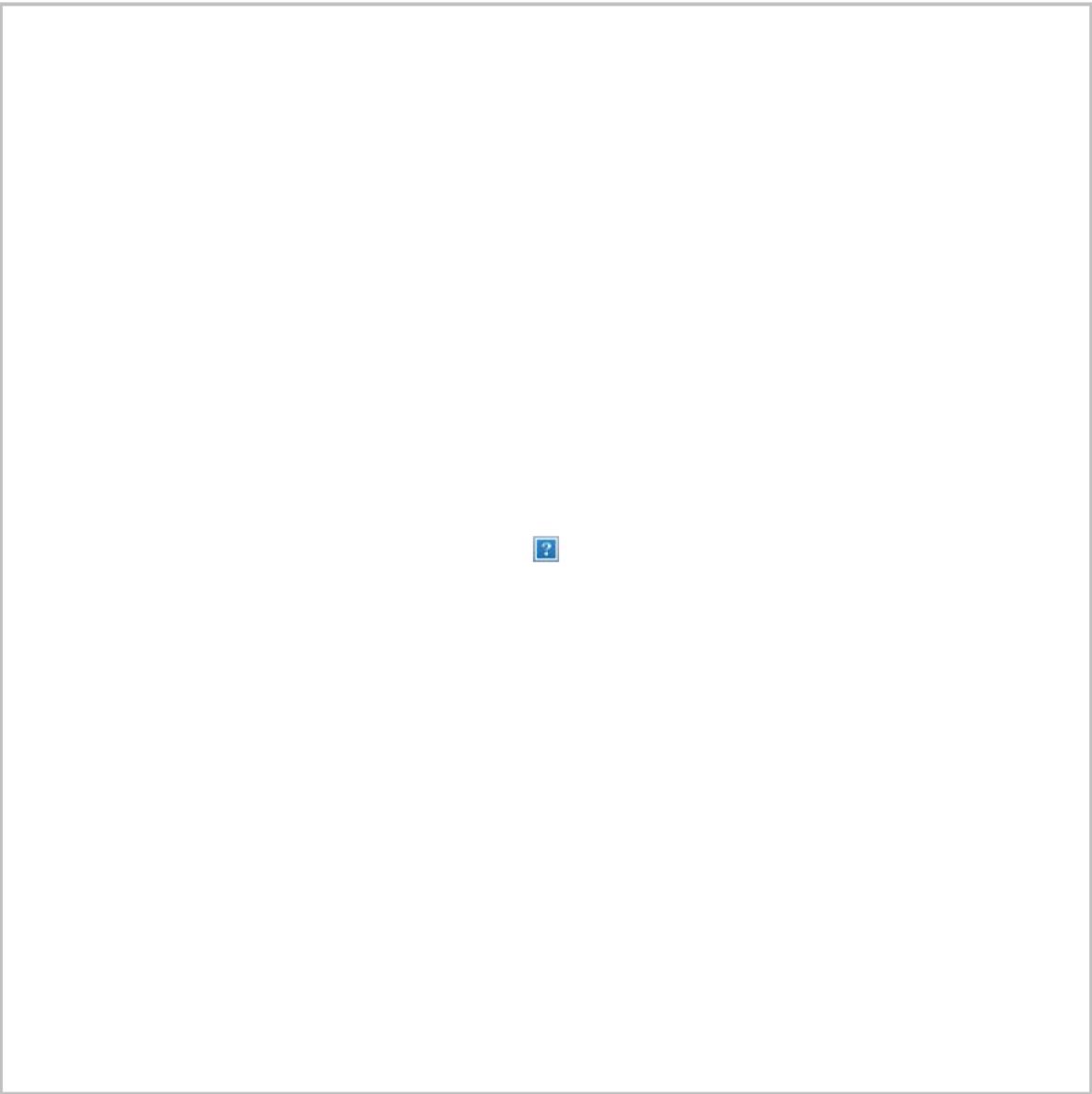
Monmouth University Polling Institute Director Patrick Murray made this joke about Facebook's "death glitch":



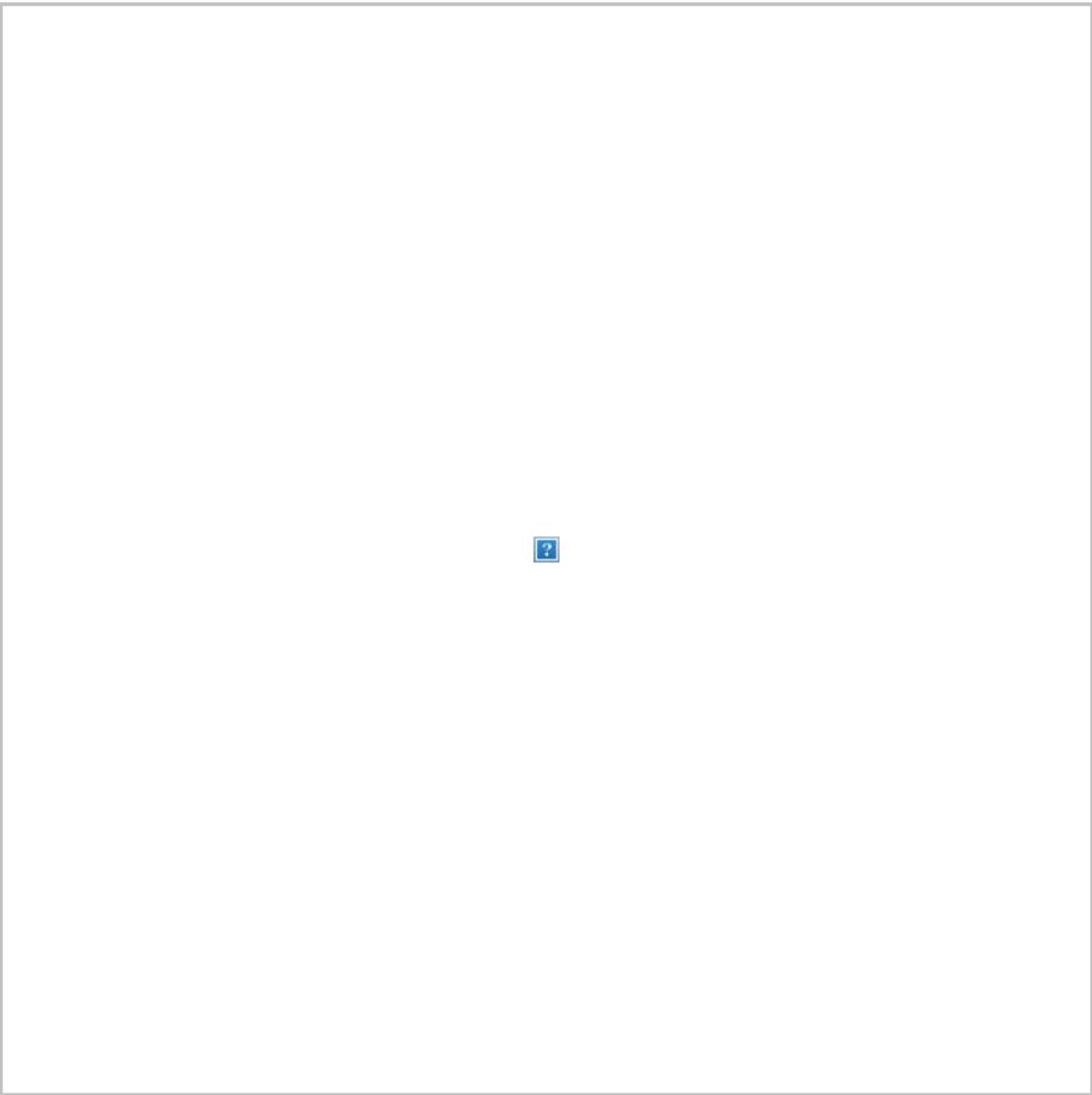
Meanwhile, Michelle Obama covered Vogue magazine:



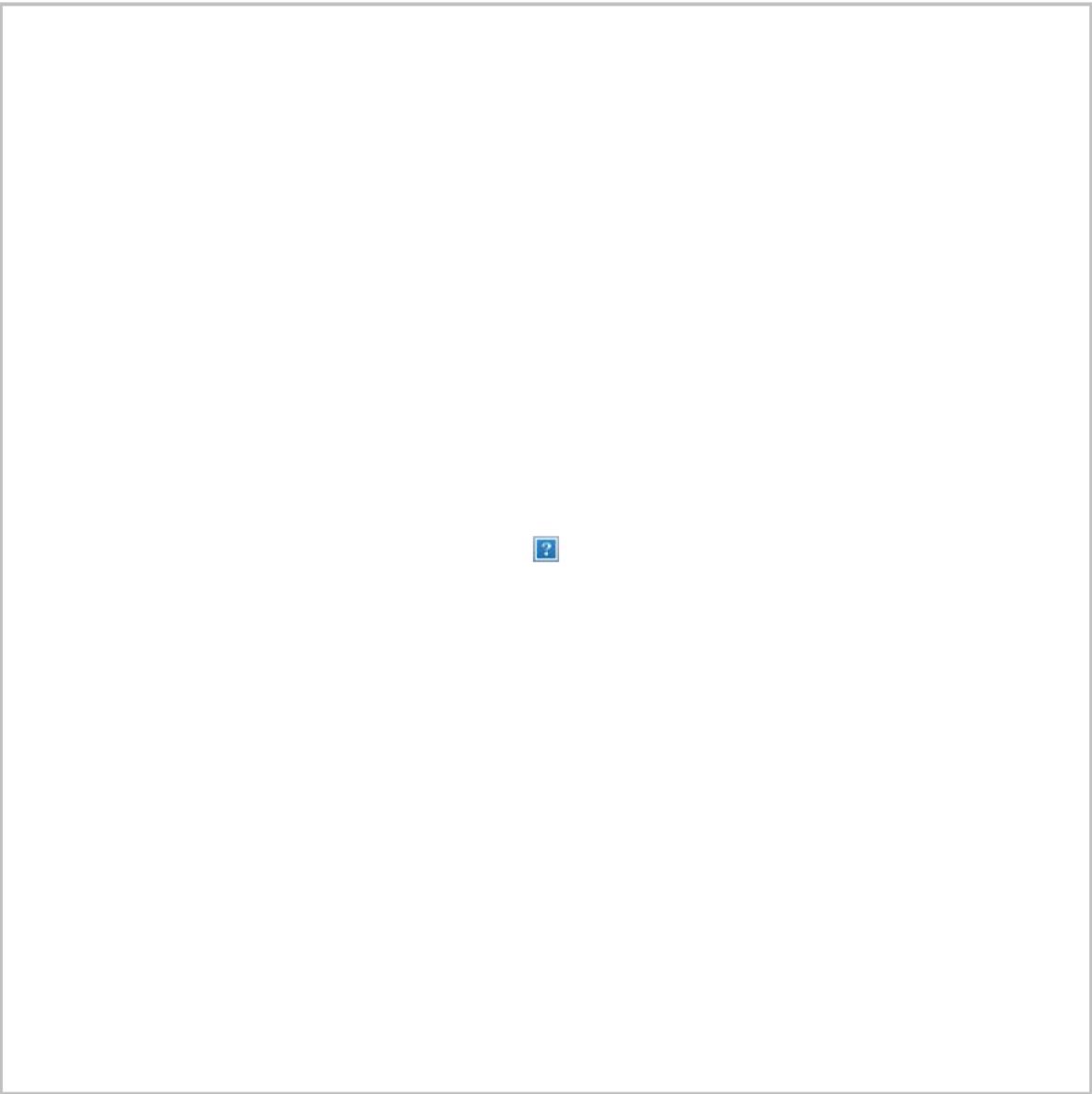
Martin Heinrich snapped this selfie with students:



Scott and Tonette Walker met Chewbacca:



Kevin McCarthy quoted the Steve Miller Band about hanging with Tim Allen:



Lawmakers celebrated Veterans Day:



### HOT ON THE LEFT

**“2016 will be the hottest year on record, UN says,”** from [the Guardian](#): “2016 will very likely be the hottest year on record and a new high for the third year in a row, according to the UN. It means 16 of the 17 hottest years on record will have been this century. The scorching temperatures around the world, and the extreme weather they drive, mean the impacts of climate change on people are coming sooner and with more ferocity than expected, according to scientists. The El Niño weather phenomenon helped push temperatures even higher in early 2016 but the

### HOT ON THE RIGHT

**“UCLA Poli Sci Department Calls For Emergency Meeting In Wake Of Trump Victory,”** from the [Daily Caller](#): “The University of California, Los Angeles political science department has called for an emergency meeting Monday in the aftermath of Donald Trump’s presidential victory, according to an email sent to the entire UCLA political science department by the department chair ... College campuses around America have struggled to cope with Trump’s victory. Expulsions have been demanded for students at Babson College who celebrated Trump’s victory, and anti-

global warming caused by the greenhouse gas emissions from human activities remains the strongest factor. The WMO said human-induced global warming had contributed to at least half the extreme weather events studied in recent years, with the risk of extreme heat increasing by 10 times in some cases. 'It is almost as if mother nature is making a statement,' said climate scientist Michael Mann, at Penn State University."

Trump protests have occurred on multiple campuses, including UCLA. 'At this meeting, we will come together to discuss and inventory the fears and circumstances that students are facing and the resources available to help those in crisis.' [the department chair wrote]. Following Trump's win ... an email was sent to the UCLA student body that included the number for the school's counseling and psychological services mental health center."

#### **DAYBOOK:**

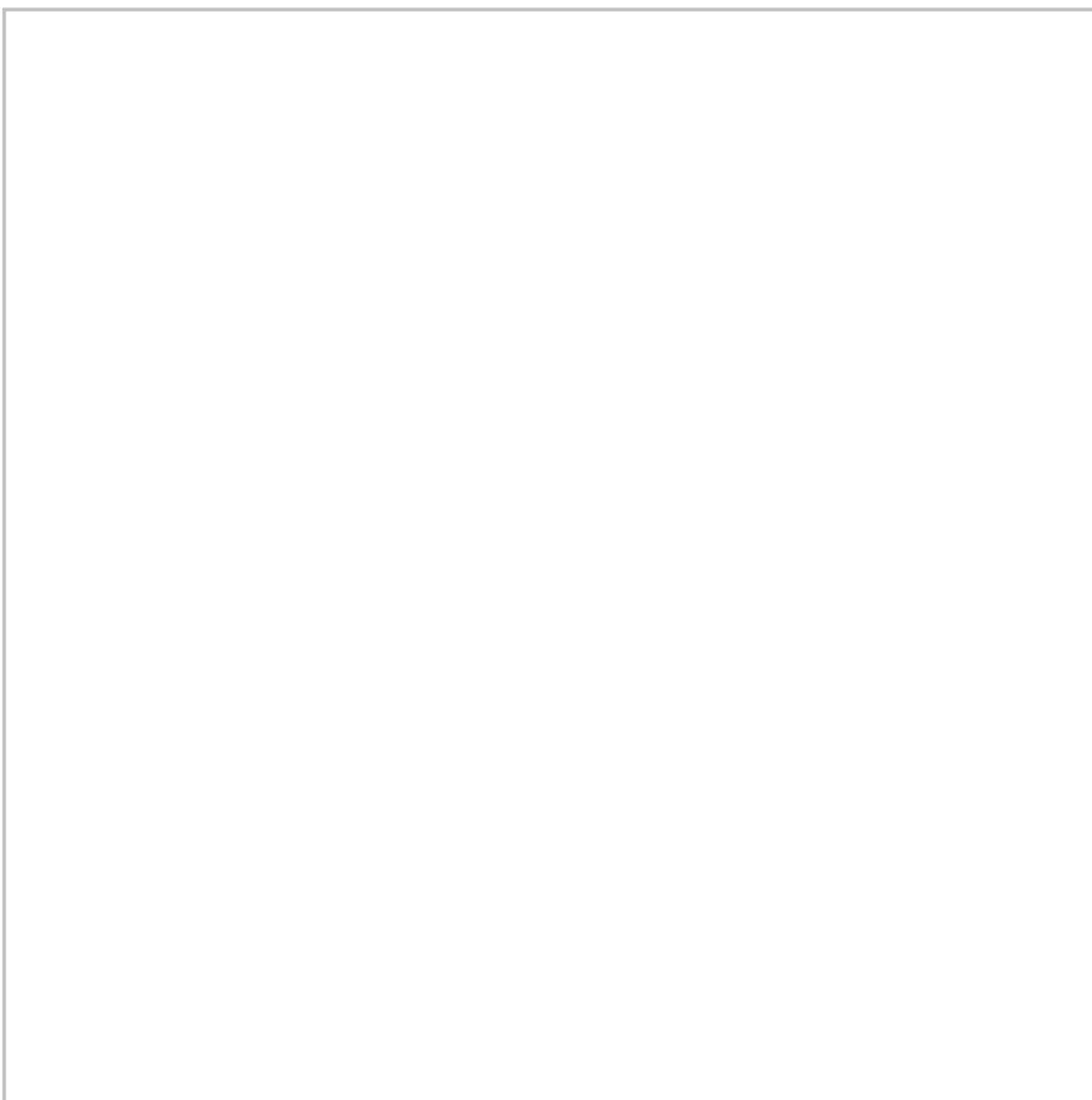
**At the White House:** Obama and Biden meet over lunch. Later, Obama holds a press conference before departing for Athens.

**On Capitol Hill:** The House convenes in pro forma session. The House meets at 2 p.m. for legislative business, with eight suspension votes scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

#### **QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

"Do you think your husband would have had a better chance at beating Donald Trump than Hillary Clinton did?" CNN's Wolf Blitzer asked.

"Absolutely," Jane Sanders replied. "but it doesn't matter now." [Philip Bump](#)



Dustin Hopkins kicks his second field goal in the fourth quarter at FedEx Field. (John McDonnell/The Washington Post)

#### **NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:**

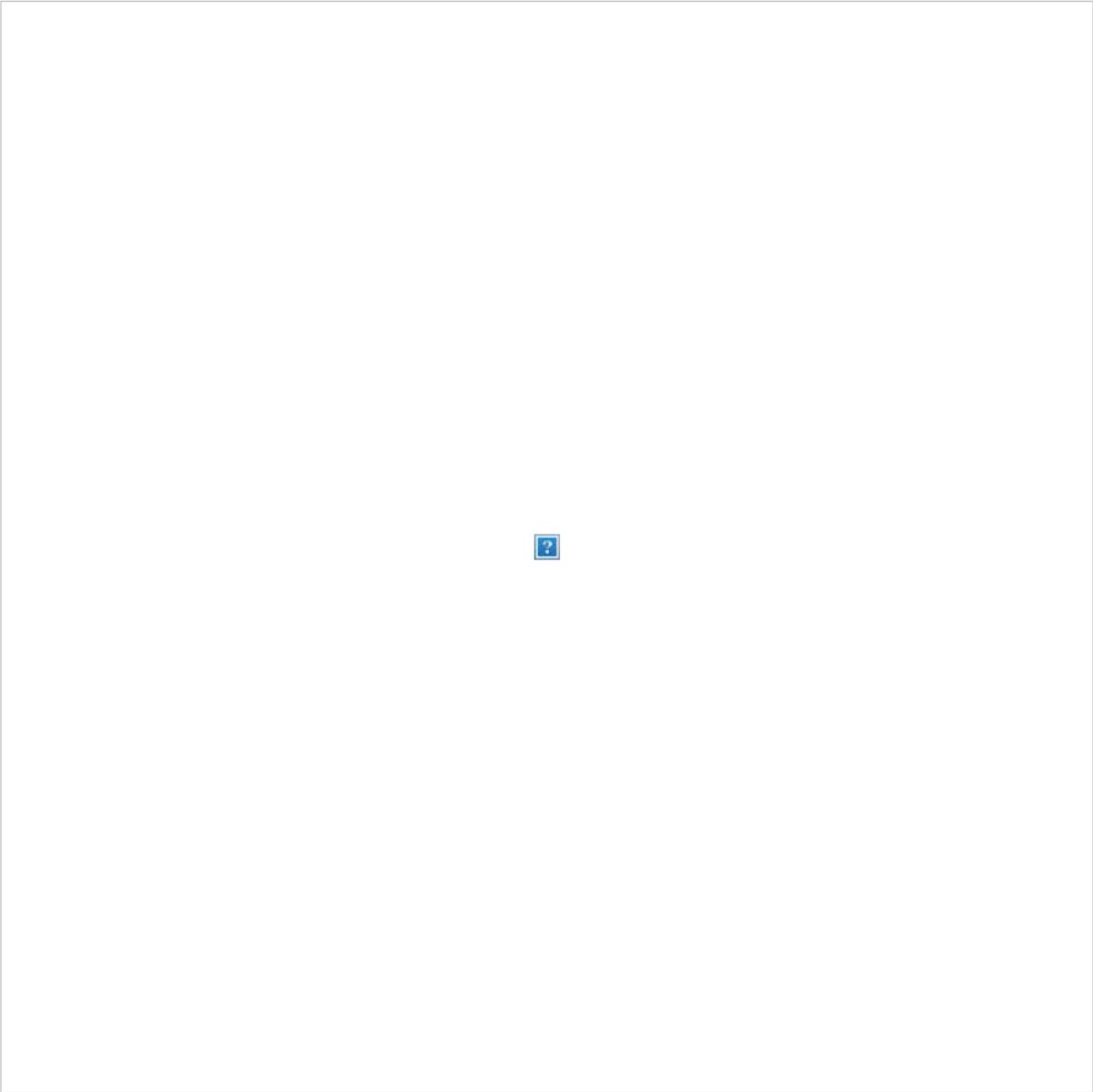
-- **The Redskins [beat the Vikings 26-20](#).**

-- **Cloudy with a chance of rain, per today's [Capital Weather Gang](#) forecast:** "A weak coastal disturbance spreads clouds over the region from south to north between the morning and midday hours. By late in the afternoon, some light rain may start to break out, especially in our southern areas. The clouds keep it a bit cool, with highs mostly in the mid-50s."

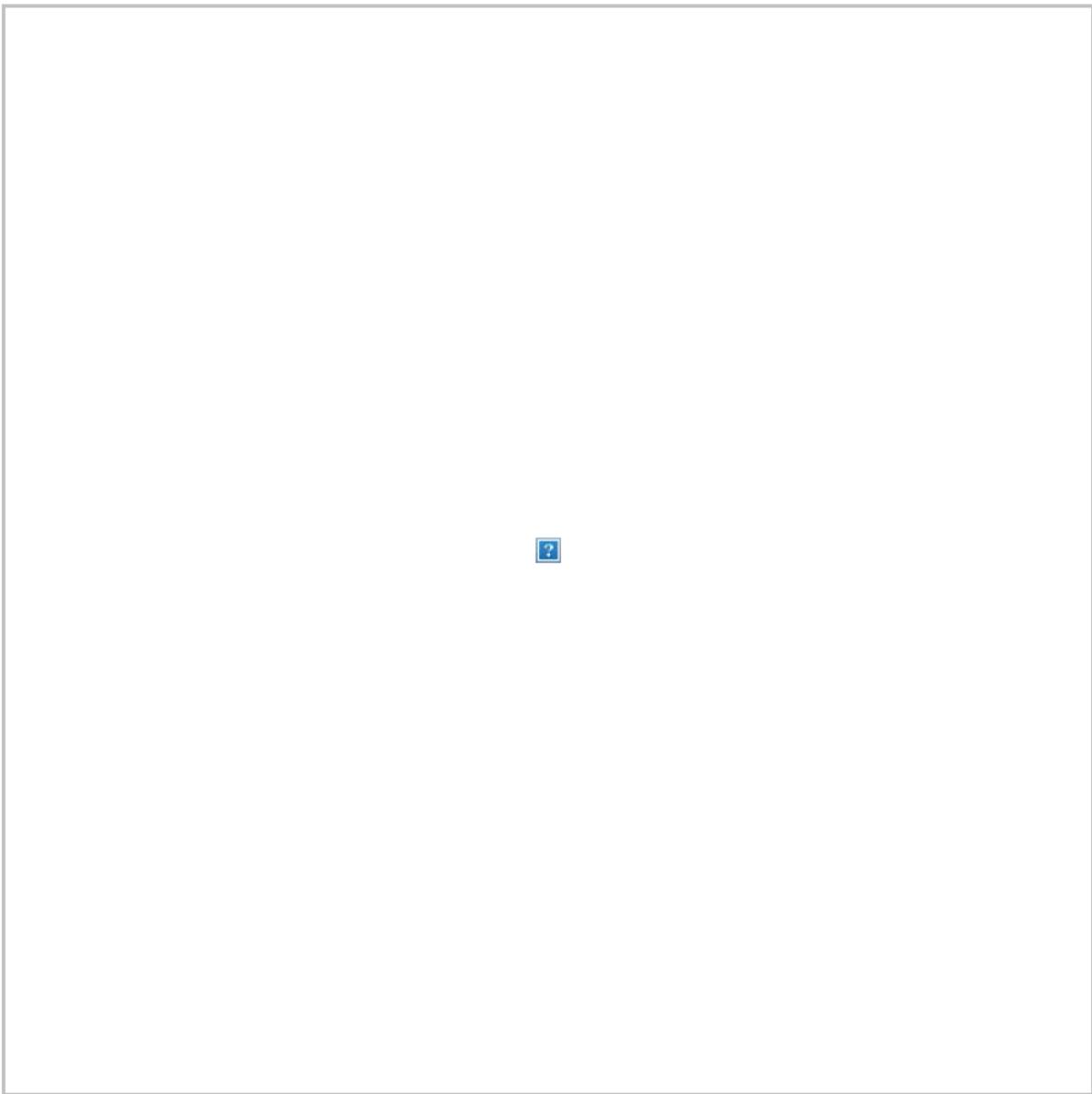
#### **VIDEOS OF THE DAY:**

Anything can happen on any given Sunday. That's why you play the game. The New Orleans Saints battled back late in the fourth quarter against the Denver Broncos yesterday, tying the game 23-23 after quarterback Drew Brees threw a 32-yard touchdown with a little over one minute left, leaving just the extra-point to put them over the top. BUT Broncos defense blocked the extra point attempt and then safety Will Parks ran 84 yards for the two-point conversion the other way. Neil Greenberg says the odds of that happening were [17,000](#)

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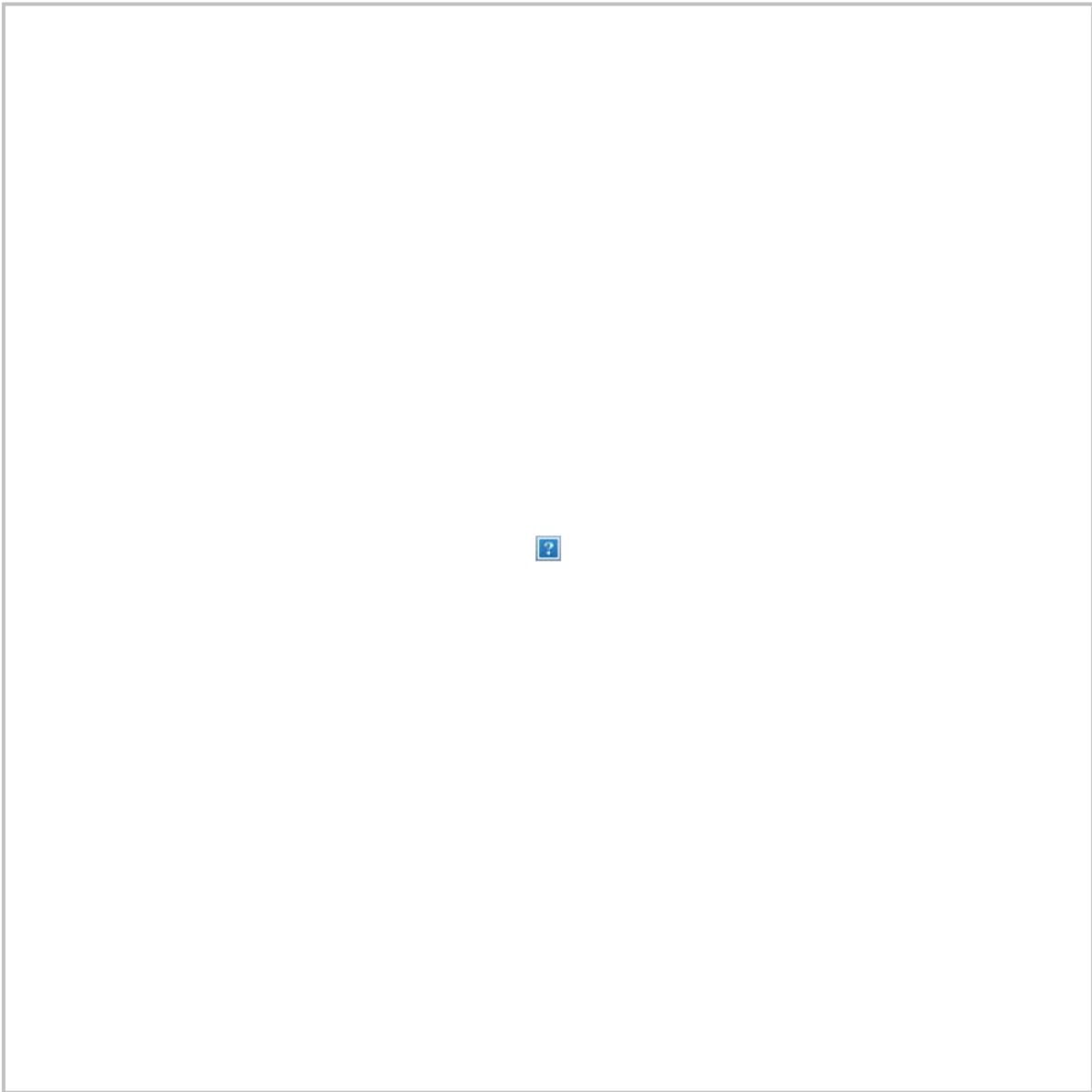


To open SNL, Kate McKinnon (as Hillary Clinton) performed Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah":



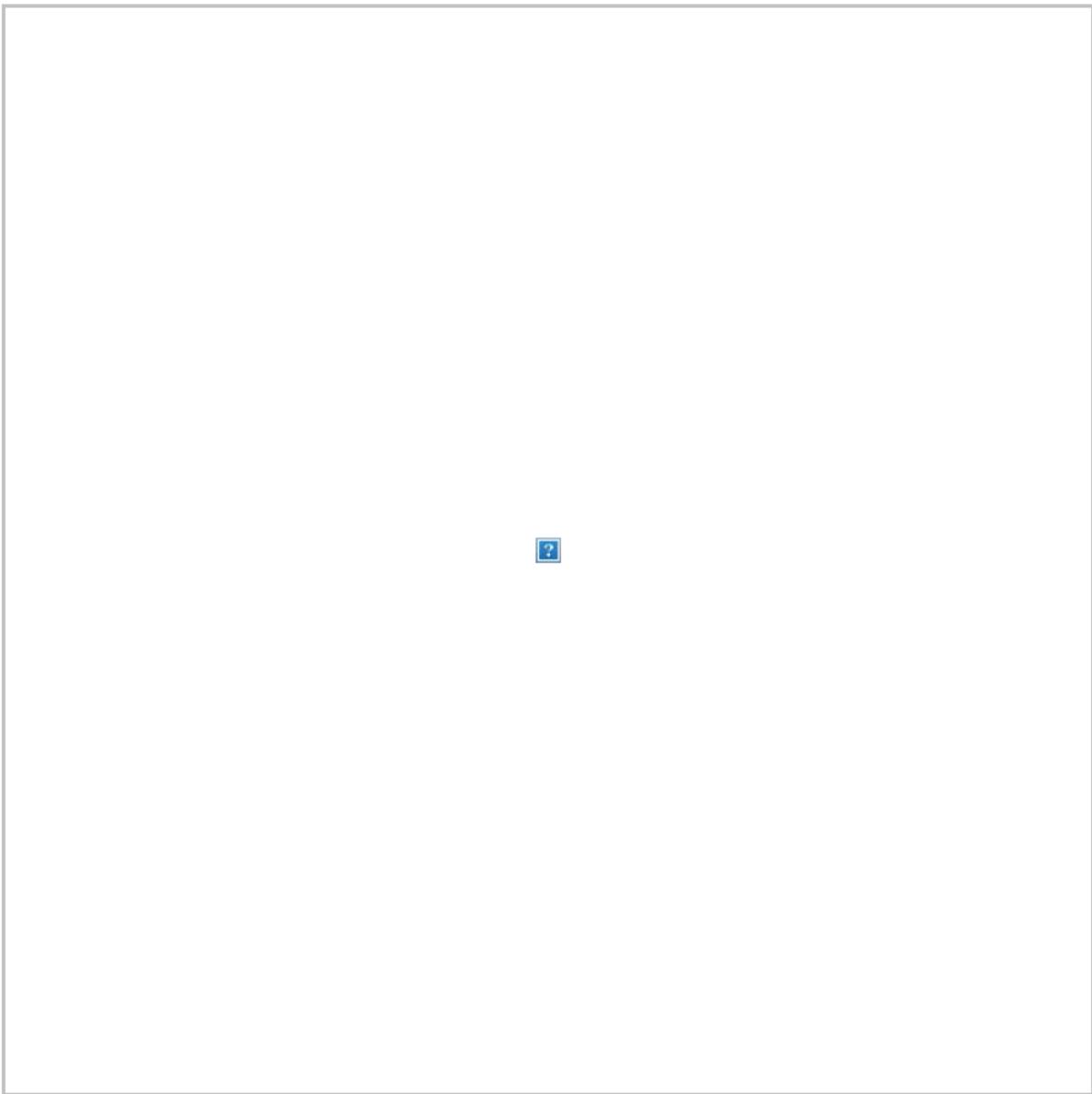
Election Week Cold Open - SNL

Here's Dave Chappelle's opening monologue on the election and the shooting of unarmed black men (warning: adult language):



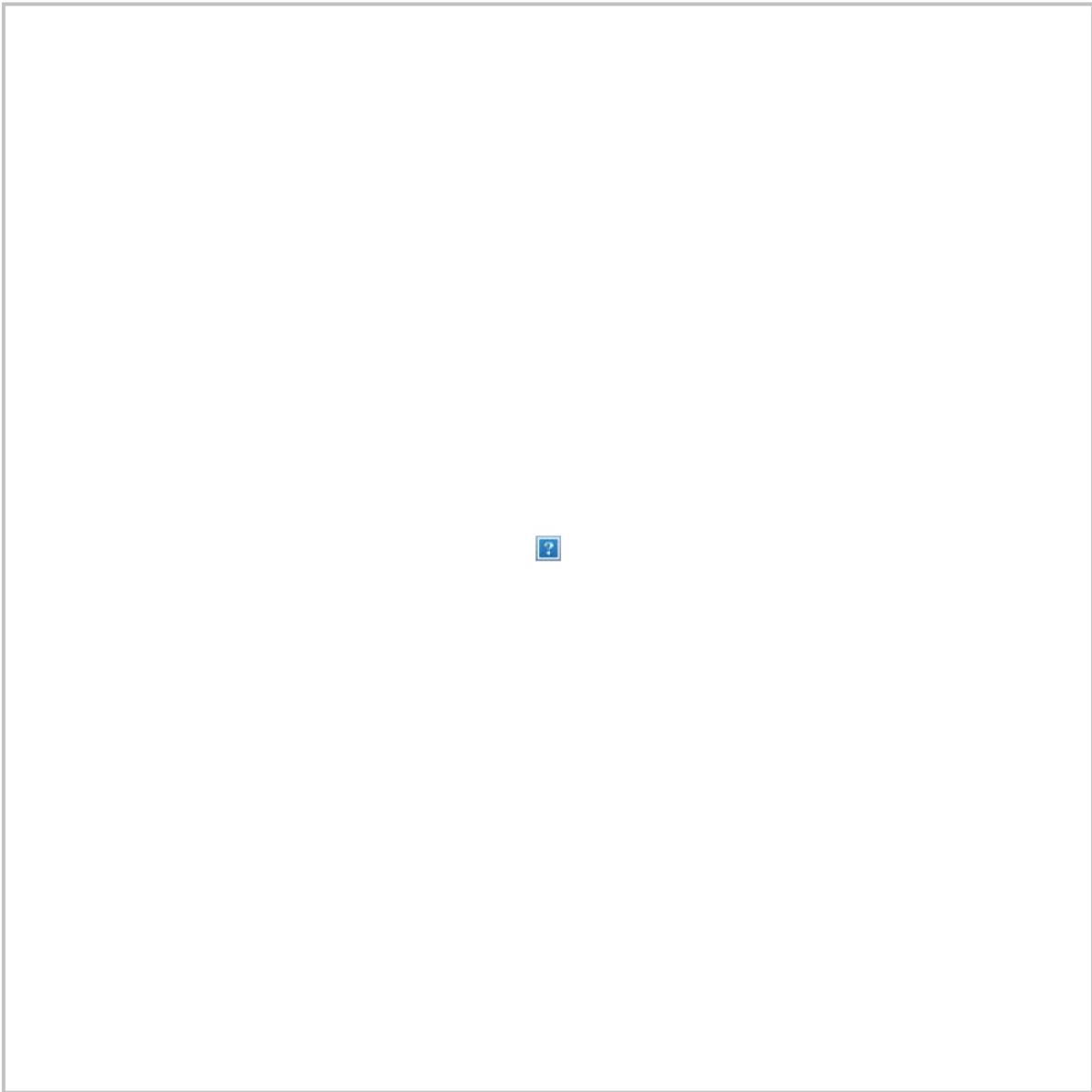
Dave Chappelle Stand-Up Monologue - SNL

The cast imagined a group of liberal friends watching as Trump won:

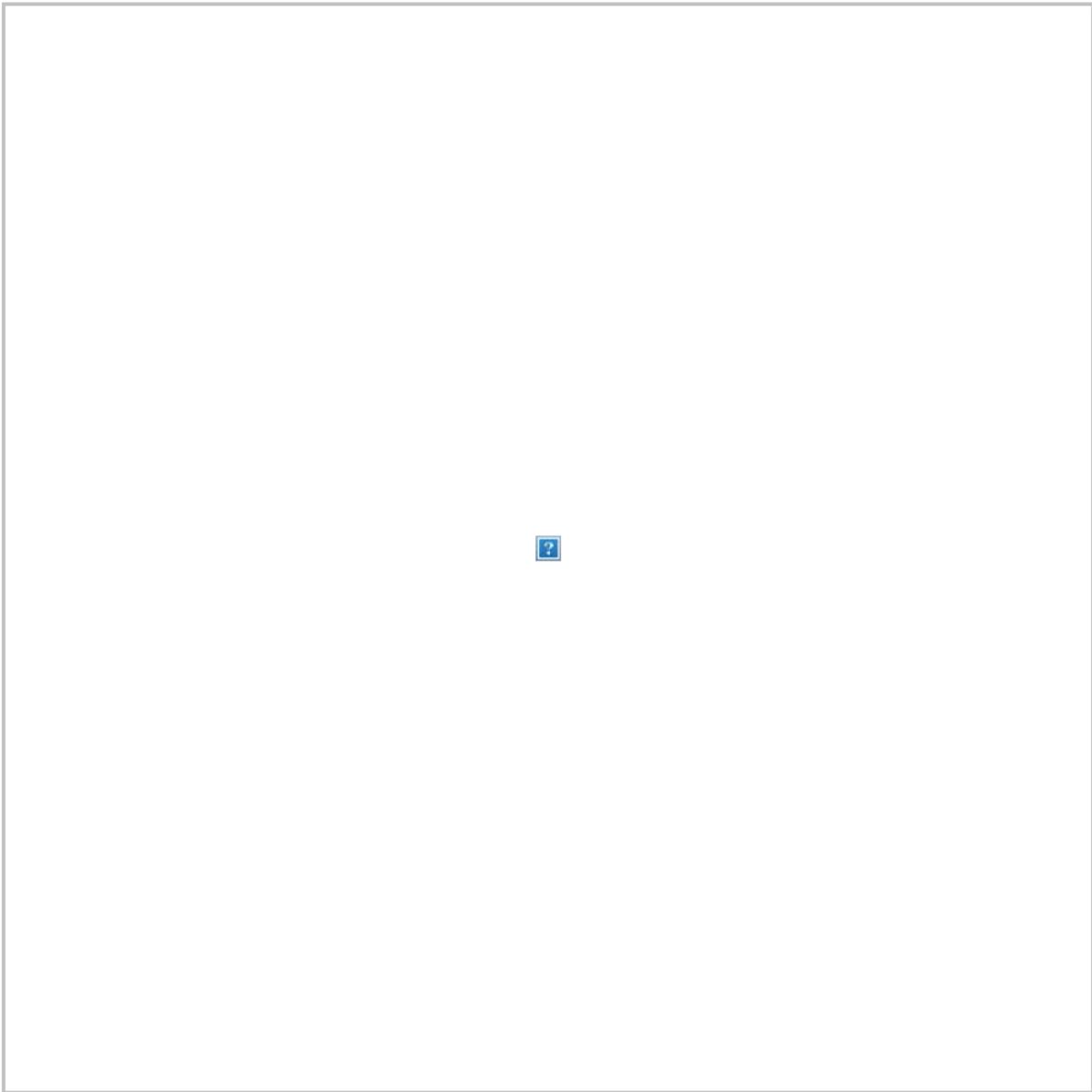


Election Night - SNL

Protests rocked Miami and Portland:

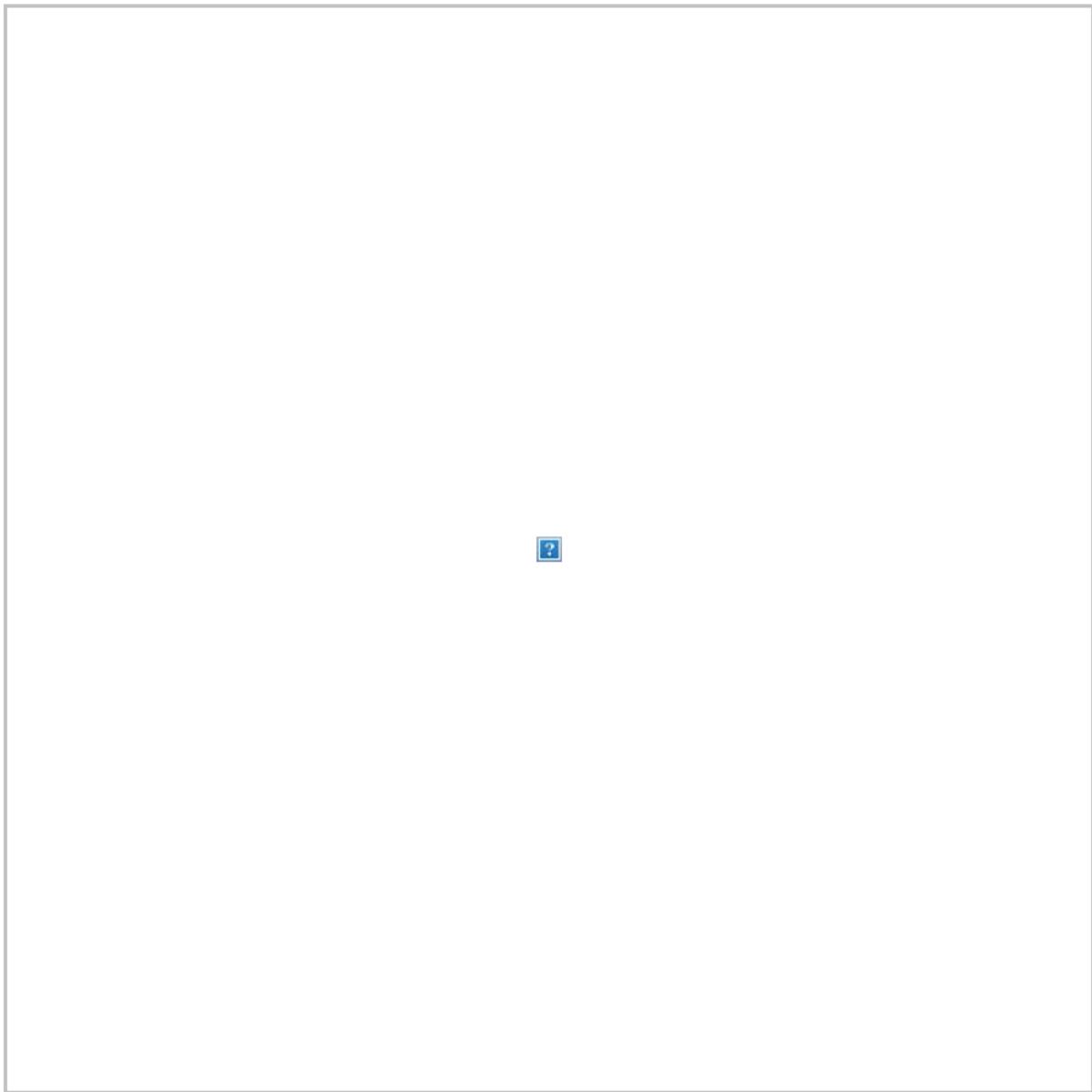


Anti-Trump protest takes over streets of Miami



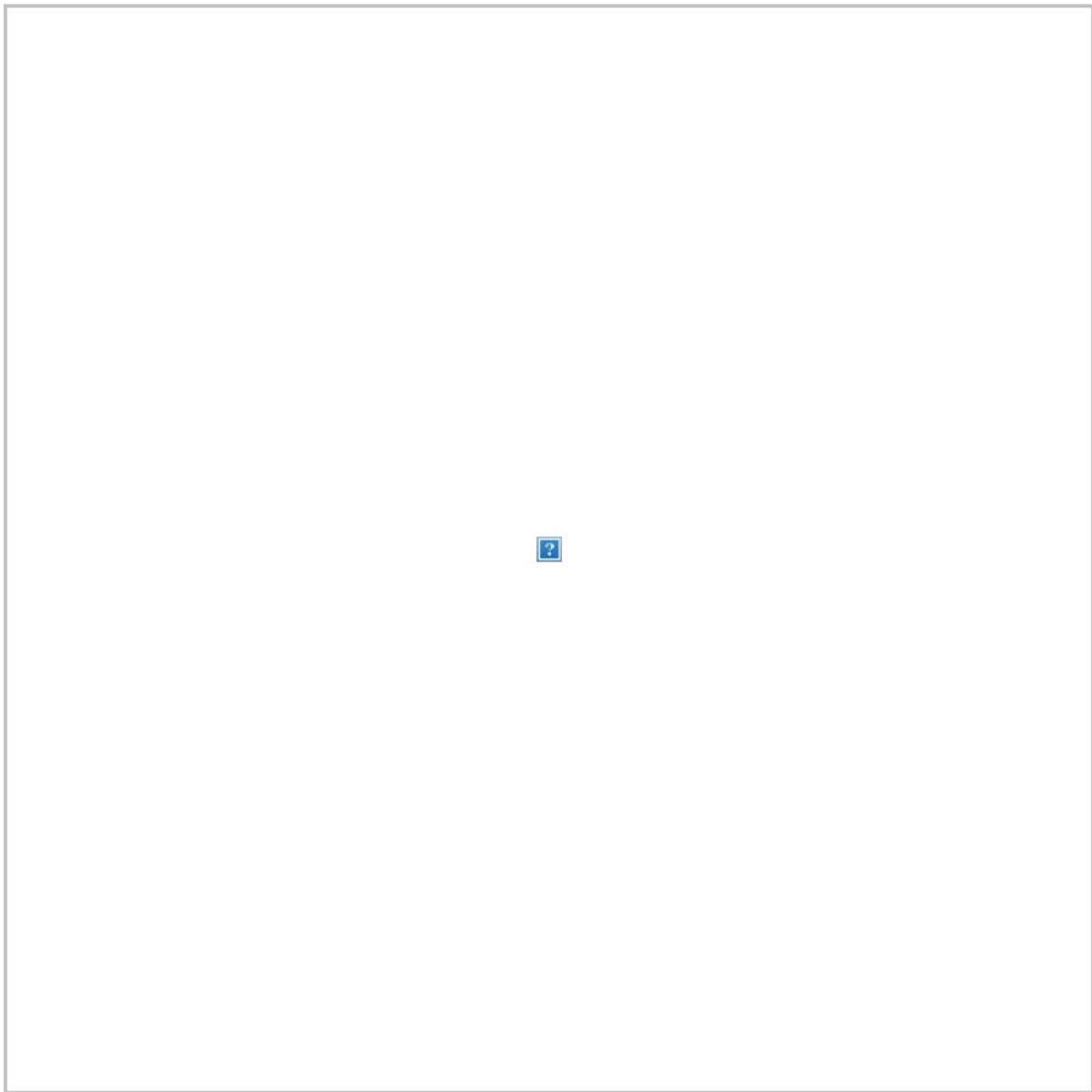
Portland's anti-Trump protest turns destructive

How the Trump administration could look like the swamp he promised to drain:



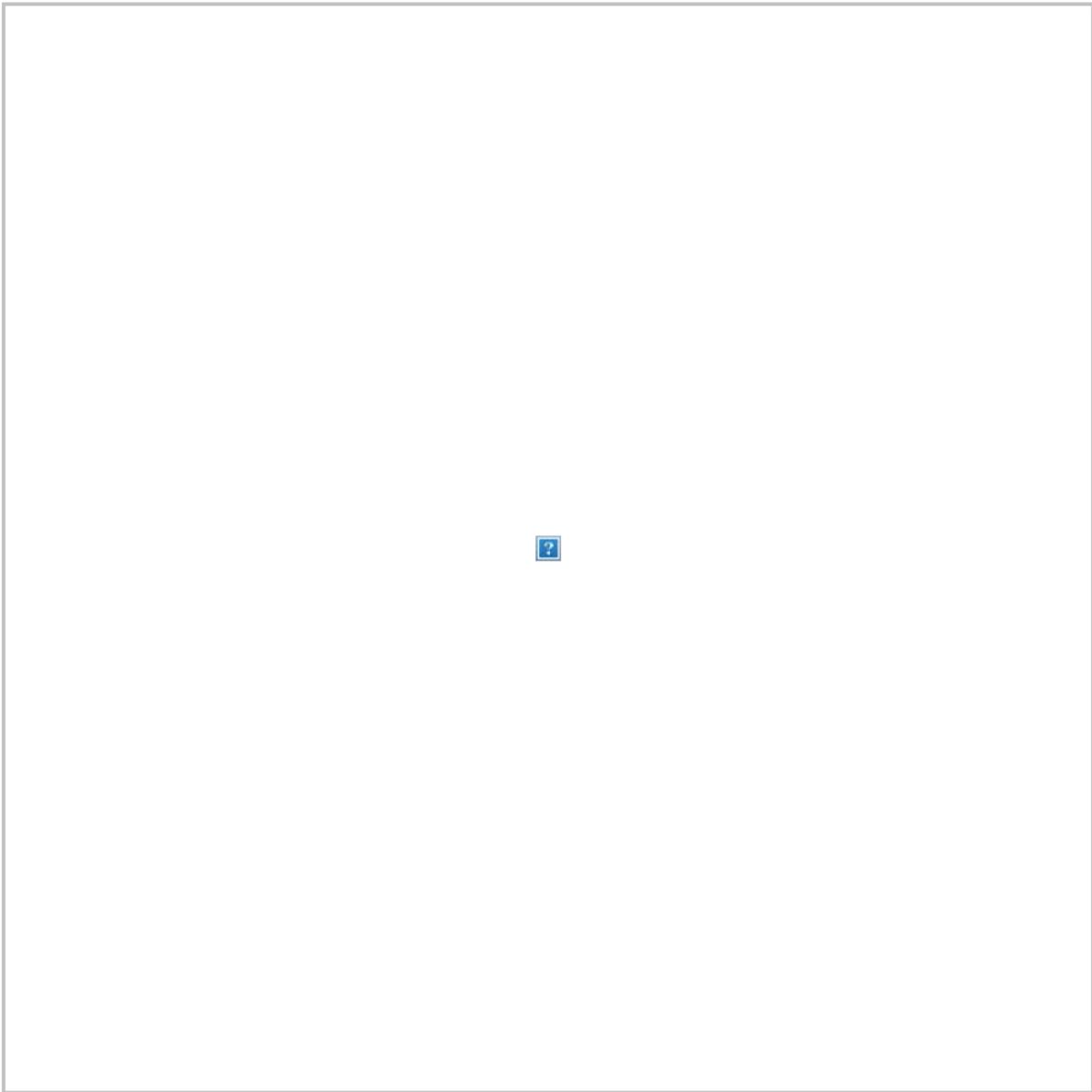
Trump's administration could look a lot like the 'swamp' he vowed to drain

Prof. Allan Lichtman was one of the few professional prognosticators to call a Trump win – and now he predicts Trump will be impeached:



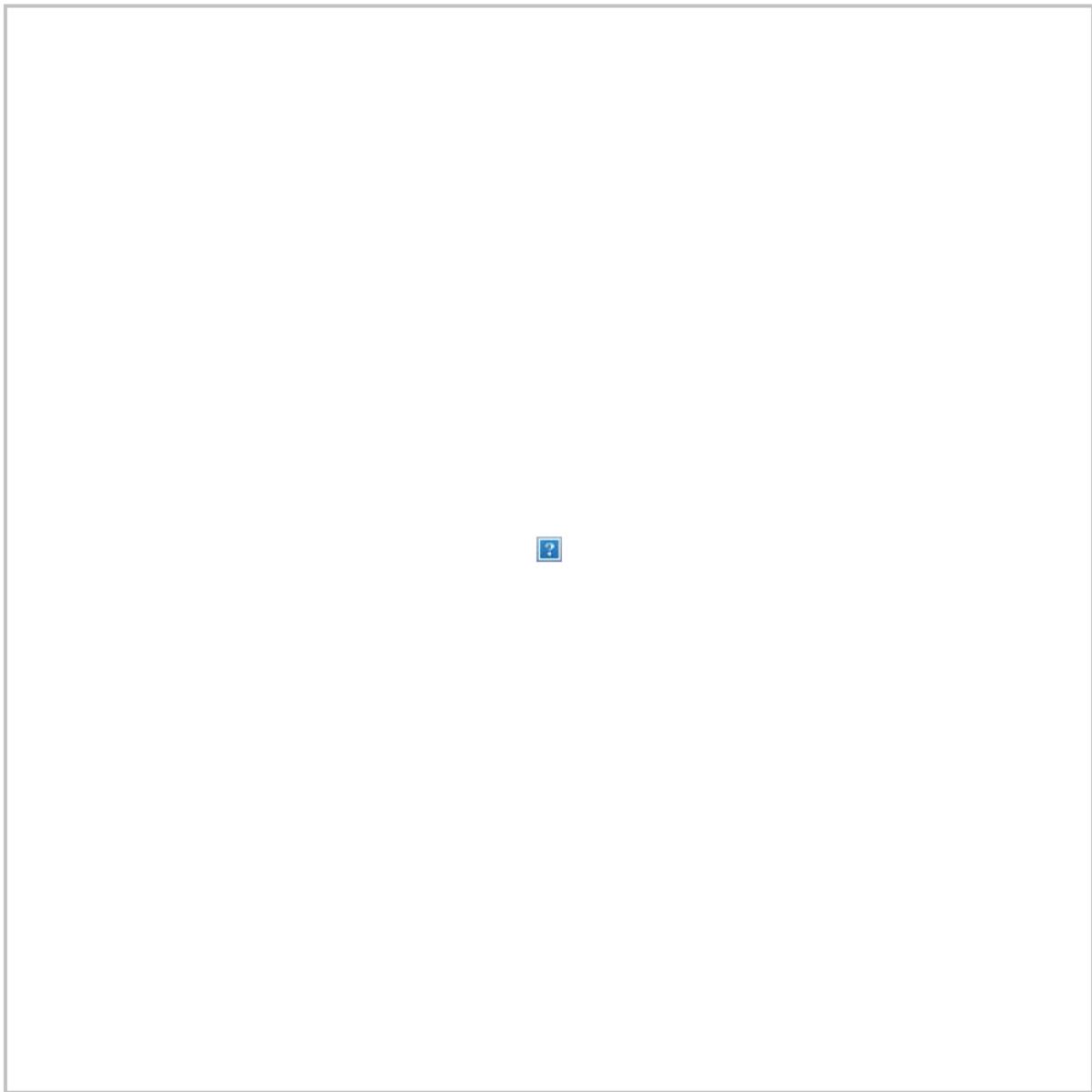
Professor predicts Trump will be impeached

Michael Moore left a note for Trump at Trump Tower:



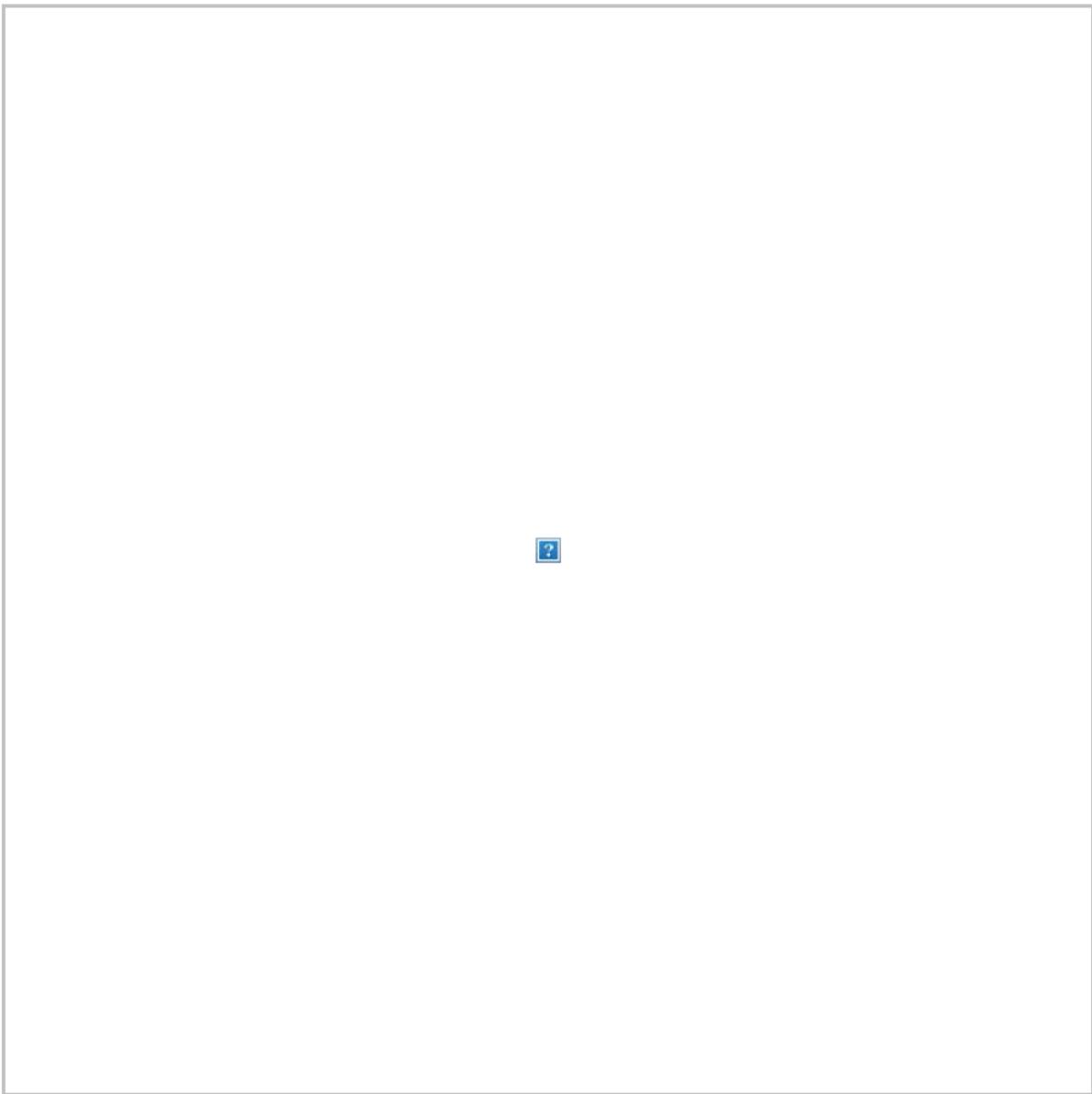
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John Cleese and Eric Idle reacted to Trump's election:



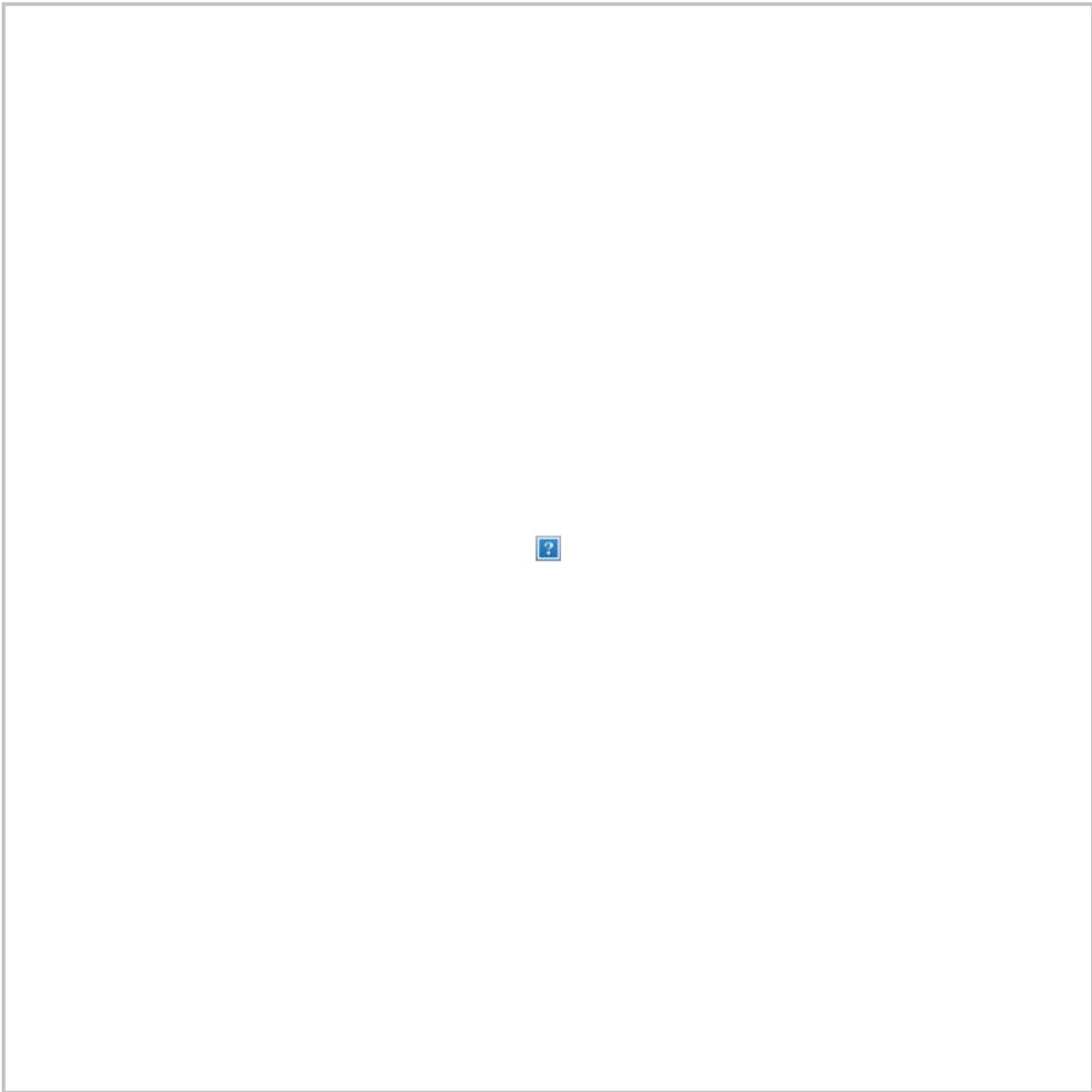
John Cleese Is Looking Forward To KGB-Trained President Trump - CONAN on TBS

Seth Meyers walked through his favorite jokes of the week:



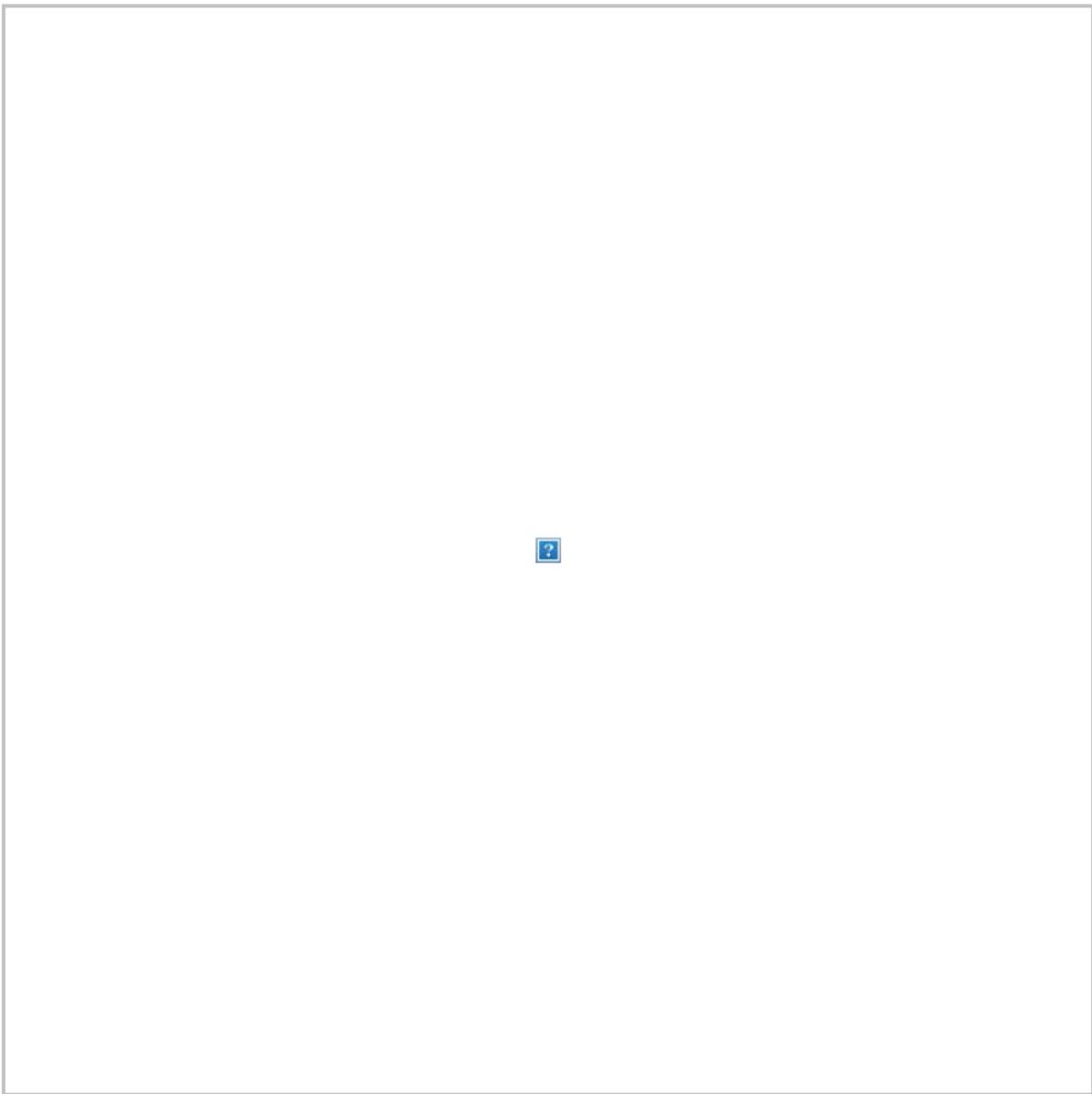
Seth's Favorite Jokes of the Week: Donald Trump Wins Election, Chicago Cubs Win World Series

Not too long ago, serious people laughed at the very idea of Trump running for president:



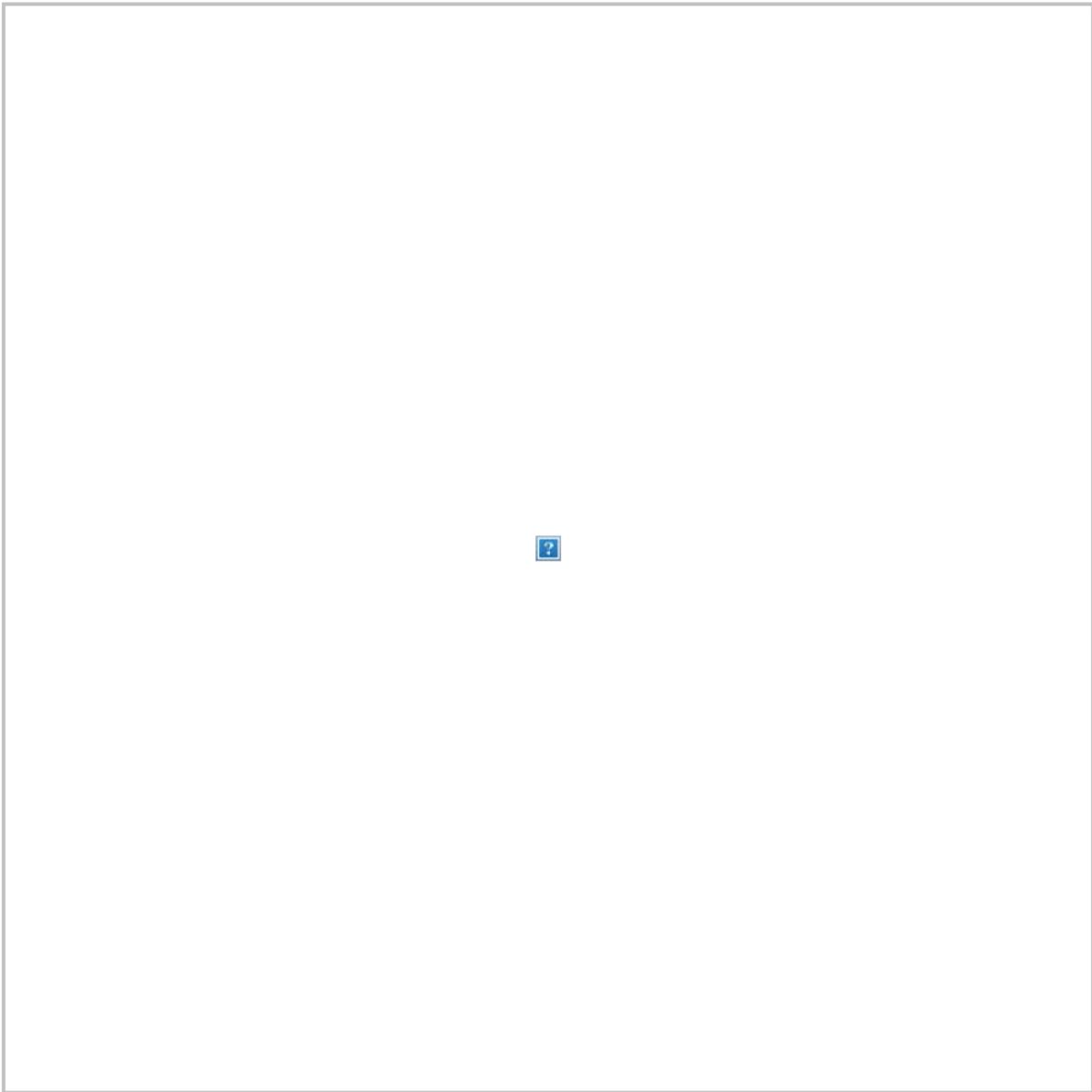
When People Laughed At The Idea Of Trump Actually Being Elected President! [Compilation]

Here's what the Obamas did this week:



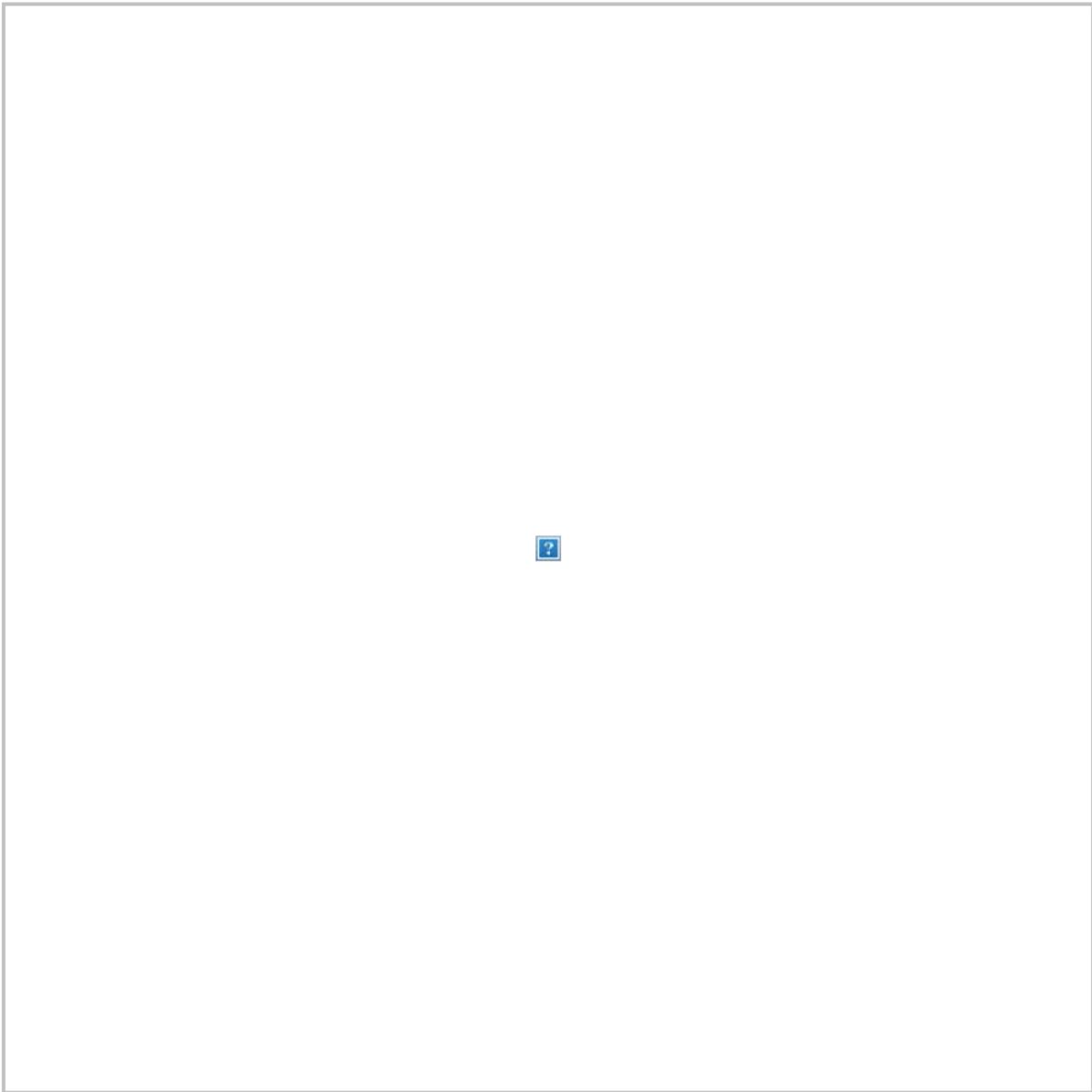
West Wing Week: 11/11/16 or, "Be Kind, Be Useful, Be Fearless"

On Veterans Day, Obama laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier:



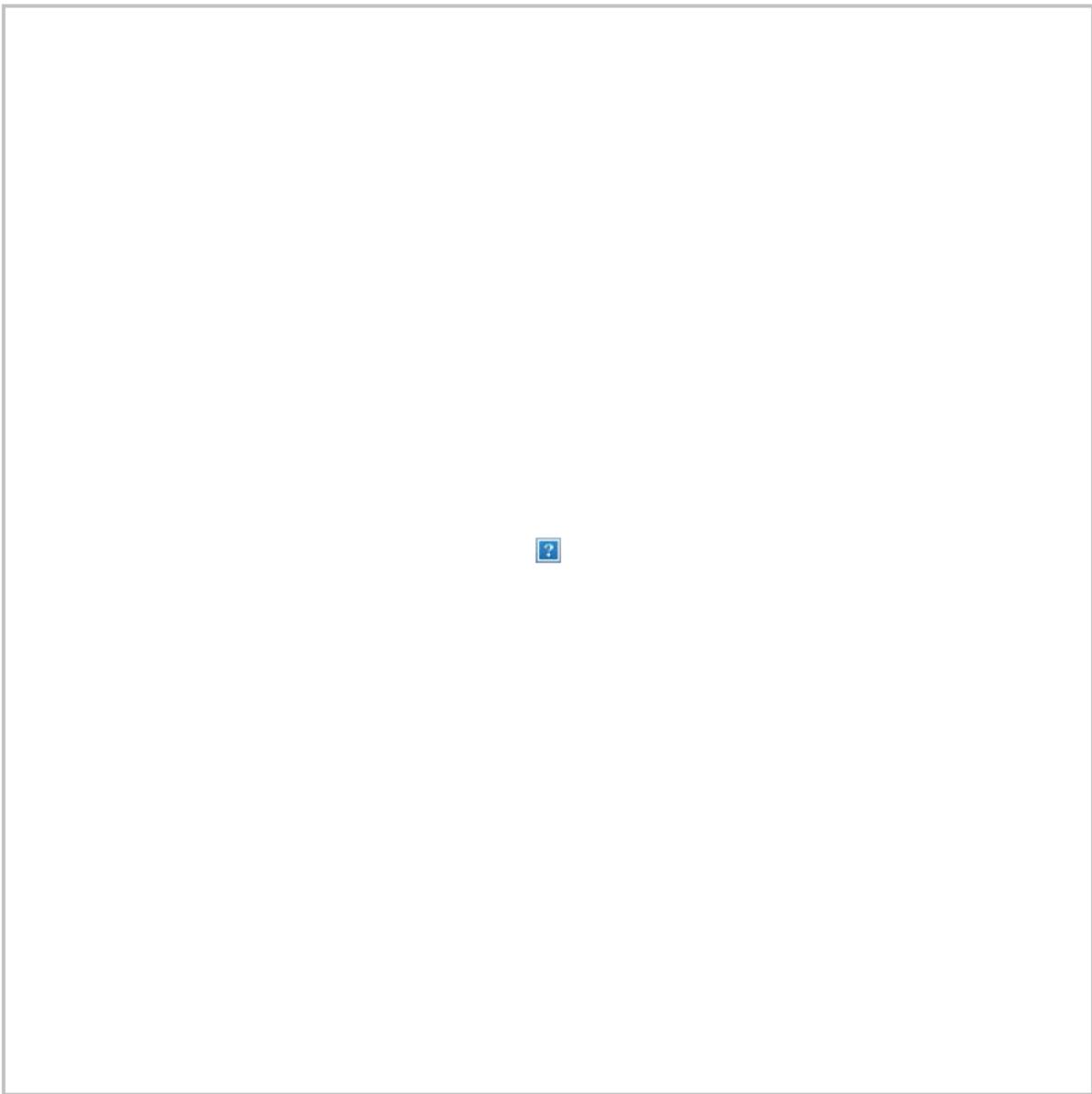
Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Watch a robot solve a Rubik's Cube in [six-tenths of a second](#):



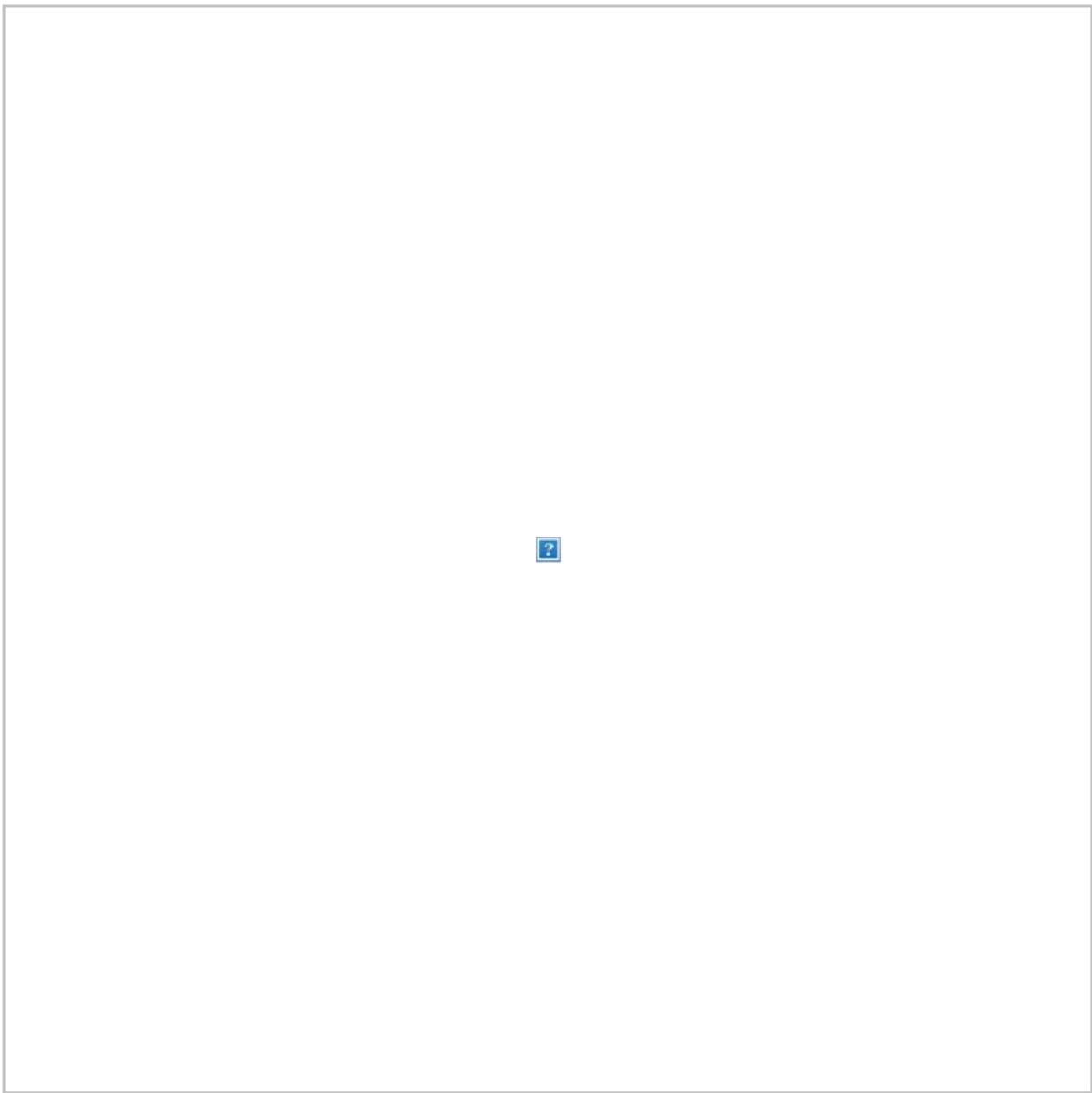
World's Fastest Rubik's Cube Solving Robot - Now Official Record is 0.900 Seconds

Stephen Colbert reflected on the meeting between Obama and Trump:



Trump And Obama, Sitting In DC, A-W-K-W-A-R-D

Finally from 2011, when Colbert asked, "What's a Reince?":



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Yawning age gaps bring calls for fresh blood, prompts delay in leadership election

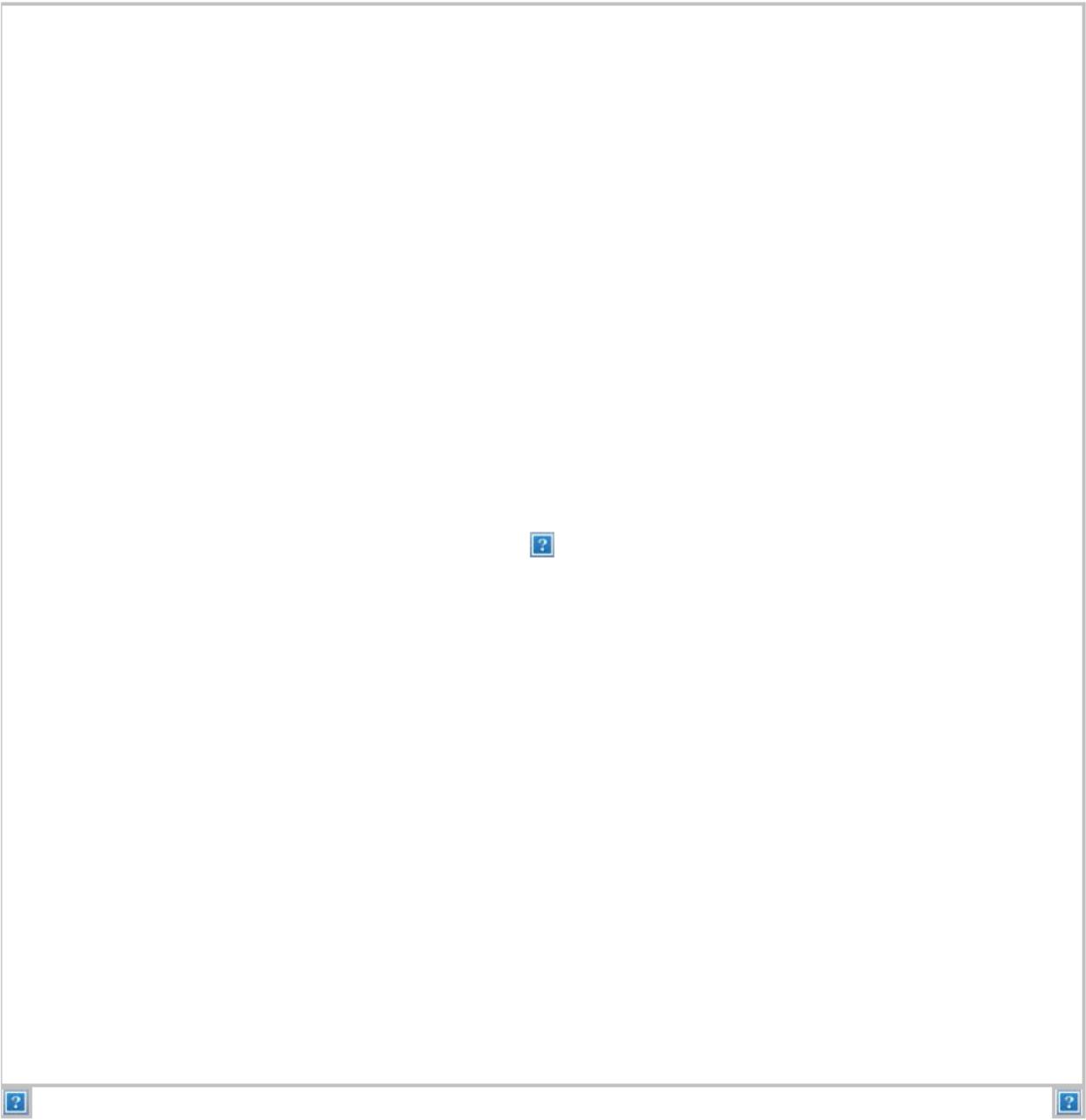
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*With Breanne Deppisch*

**THE BIG IDEA: The uprising inside the House Democratic caucus is about much more than last**

**week's election results.**

Yes, Nancy Pelosi poorly managed expectations. At one point, she said that her party could pick up the 30 seats necessary to win the House majority. Even during the home stretch, she mulled a gain of more than 20 seats. She wound up getting only six.

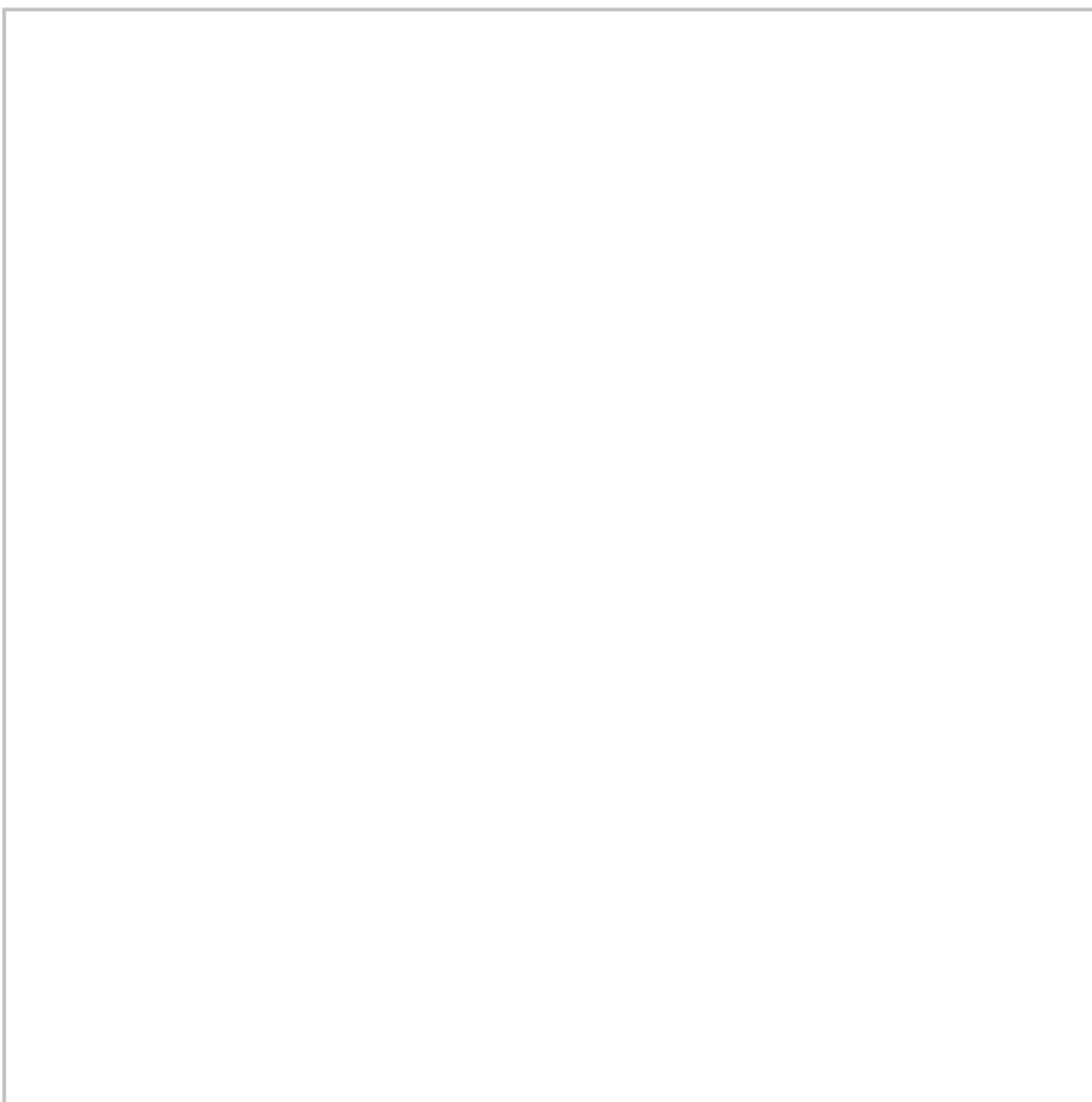
But the blow-up that caused the postponement of leadership elections from this Thursday to Nov. 30 – a decision made at the end of a tumultuous, two-hour meeting – is really about young lawmakers who are frustrated by a seniority system that limits their influence, African Americans who don't feel like they have enough sway over Pelosi's strategy and members from the heartland who feel that the dominance of coastal elites in the caucus has made it harder for them to connect with their constituents.

-- **For years now, there has been a problematic lack of upward mobility for younger Democrats.**  
Consider:

**The top three Democrats in leadership are 76 (Pelosi), 77 (Steny Hoyer) and 76 (Jim Clyburn). The top three Republican leaders, in contrast, are 46 (Paul Ryan), 51 (Kevin McCarthy) and 51 (Steve Scalise).** Pelosi and Hoyer have together led the House Democrats for 14 years now. Ryan, of course, replaced John Boehner just last year after an open election process. (And while rank-and-file Republicans get to vote on who will chair the NRCC, Pelosi picks the leader of the DCCC.)

**House Democrats do not have term limits for their committee chairs, as Republicans do.** The average age of the Democratic ranking members on the 22 House committees this Congress is 68. The average age of the Republican chairmen is 60. On only four of the 22 committees is the top Republican older than the top Democrat.

**The seniority rules mean that the most important committees are led by the oldest members.** The ranking Democrat on the Judiciary, John Conyers, is 87. Ways and Means ranking member Sander Levin is 85. Nita Lowey, ranking on Appropriations, is 79. Maxine Waters, ranking on Financial Services, is 78. For context, the Republicans who lead those crucial committees are 78, 64, 61 and 59.



Dave Camp, then chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, questions CMS chief Marilyn Tavenner during a hearing with ranking member Sander Levin back in 2013. (Andrew Harrer/Bloomberg)

-- **There is palpable concern among Democratic elites around town that too many of these ranking members in the House are not pit bull types who can effectively argue for Democratic principles on television and during floor debates.** It's a refrain you hear constantly: Do Democrats really want the 85-year-old Levin running point against the GOP's drive to repeal Obamacare and negotiating what could be the most significant rewrite of the tax code in a generation? Do they want the 87-year-old Conyers being the tip of the spear against a Trump Justice Department and all the scandals that could potentially bring?

"There is broad angst in the Democratic caucus," said Rep. Richard Neal (D-Mass.), speaking of no one in particular. "To stick with the same message over four bad election cycles is a mistake. I think part of it is that the messengers have to change."

-- **This is a stark contrast to the Senate, where Democrats have several proven fighters who are ready to rumble with the Trump administration.** Pelosi's team will complain that the aforementioned sentiment is ageist, but it's really about more than age. It's about temperament and drive. [Bernie Sanders](#) is 75 and [Elizabeth Warren](#) is 67, but no one doubts their willingness or ability to go toe-to-toe with the right.



Newly-elected House members gather for a freshman class photo on the Capitol steps yesterday. (Andrew Harnik/AP)

-- **Junior House Democrats – chock full of potential and ambition – grumble constantly about how suffocated they feel. The reality, which no wants to grouse about publicly, is that toiling away on the back bench in the minority party is a pretty horrible existence.** You think you're important when you get elected, but then once you arrive it turns out you're almost totally irrelevant. Only people in your home district actually care about you, and even there your name ID is probably embarrassingly low.

Unlike the Senate, the lower chamber is a purely majoritarian institution. There is no filibuster. There are no earmarks. Unless you're a crazy firebrand, or have an especially impressive resume (e.g. you're a war hero), your press secretary probably cannot even get you booked on the three major cable news channels. You get fewer staffers than you assume when you arrive, and many of your employees are basically fresh out of college. They don't really know anything about legislating, but it doesn't really matter because leadership calls all the shots.

The young members who do get lavished with attention are the ones in competitive districts that make them vulnerable. But those are the members who have to spend almost all of their time dialing for dollars, begging rich people they don't know for money from a windowless call center. You may wear the member's pin

proudly, but really it is a life of indignity after indignity.

Seth Moulton campaigns north of Boston. (Steven Senne/AP)</p>□



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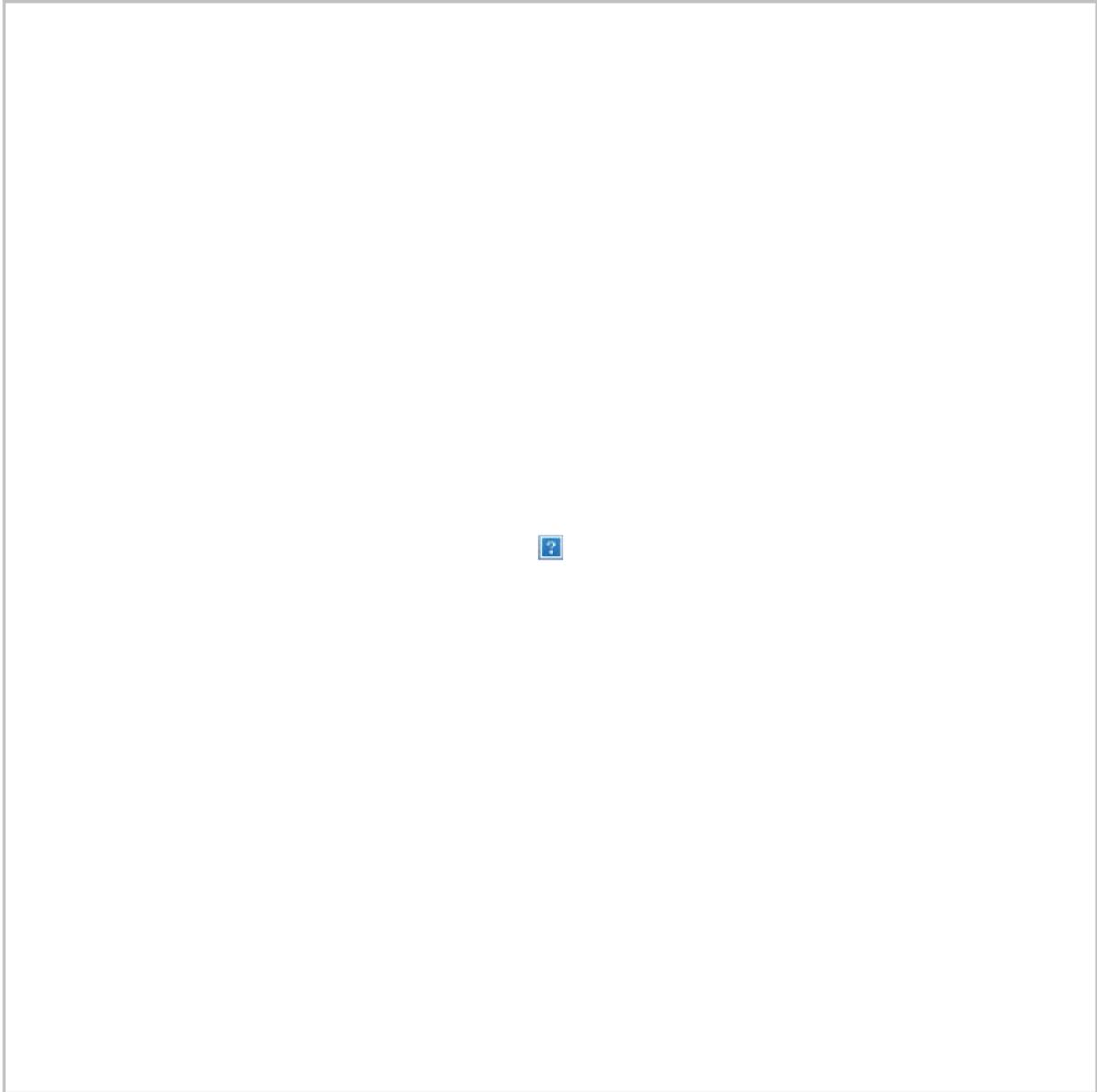
-- **The young generation of Democrats does not want to wait for God knows how long to be heard. Two whippersnappers illustrate this tension perfectly:** Ruben Gallego, 36, is from Phoenix and Seth Moulton, 38, is from Boston. Both graduated from Harvard. Both saw combat as Marine infantrymen in Iraq. Both won a second term last week. Both envision themselves doing much bigger things. And both agitated publicly to delay the leadership elections.

“We don’t want to rush to a leadership vote for them to think everything is business as usual,” said Gallego. “Everything is not good. Business as usual is not going to work.”

“Delaying the vote on leadership positions is the necessary first step to have that conversation,” said Moulton, who defeated Democratic incumbent John Tierney in a 2014 primary. “The American people cried out last week, and we’ve got to listen.”

On Monday night, to prepare for the contentious caucus meeting, Moulton convened [a strategy dinner](#) of about 20 fellow insurgents at Acqua Al 2, the fancy Italian restaurant in Eastern Market. He declined yesterday to

say whether he will back Pelosi.



Paul Ryan and Nancy Pelosi participate in the "first nail ceremony" kicking off the construction of the Inauguration Platform on the West Front of the Capitol in September. (Yuri Gripas/Reuters)

-- **Nancy Pelosi is both beloved and feared by her members.** Even many of the young bucks who want to rise through the ranks faster recognize what an incredibly shrewd deal-maker she is. She's often out-foxed Republican leaders and has capitalized on the unruly and undisciplined House Freedom to extract big concessions at key moments. She's typecast as a limousine liberal, but the much better way to understand Pelosi is that her dad was the mayor of Baltimore. She learned machine politics in a big city.

**Pelosi knows how to keep her caucus in line, or at least the majority, and that's why she remains VERY HEAVILY FAVORED to stay on as minority leader – even with the postponed election.** A smaller Democratic caucus even works to her advantage in some ways. With all but a handful of Blue Dogs gone, she's got California locked up. The female members adore her (More than 40 of the 54 have signed a letter offering support). And the bleeding-heart liberals, who dominate the Democratic caucus to a greater degree than at any point in U.S. history, see her as a fellow traveler. She's also one of the best fundraisers in political history.

-- **Tim Ryan is the likeliest challenger to Pelosi, but even he may still decide not to go through with it.** He told our Paul Kane during an interview this morning that he has not made a final decision. "This is not fun anymore. This is not fun to wallow in the minority," he said about the morale of rank-and-file Democrats. Asked about the party's standing, he deadpanned: "You can't fall off the floor."

**The Ohioan must consider what happened to Heath Shuler, a moderate from North Carolina, when he challenged Pelosi in 2010 after the party lost 63 seats:** She crushed him like a bug, 150-43, and he subsequently left Congress.

**Some of the rambunctious youngsters are playing more of the inside game, recognizing the clear risks of crossing Pelosi.** Joe Kennedy III, who like Moulton is a member of the Massachusetts delegation in his 30s, expressed support yesterday for retaining her as minority leader. Not only is he a member of the Kennedy clan, which guarantees a national profile, but he is considered the favorite to succeed Warren whenever his former Harvard law school professor decides to give up her Senate seat. (Moulton, if his bid to shake up the House fails, might feel compelled to, hypothetically, run against someone like Ed Markey in a primary.)

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-Missouri) in Kansas City last week. (Whitney Curtis/Getty Images)</p>□



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-- **The key issue going forward now is whether the Pelosi dissidents stay unified or they break up into**

**competing factions.** As the trite but true Will Rogers aphorism goes, “I’m not a member of any organized party. I’m a Democrat.” Some people just want to force the old guys at the top of the committee dais to be more politically and legislative active, which is altogether different than those who want to oust the top leaders.

-- **The Congressional Black Caucus privately would like to depose Pelosi, if she could be taken out. But, but, but: The CBC is also the leading opponent to creating term limits for committee chairs and steadfastly opposes other reforms that the younger, mostly white, members want.** It was a CBC member, 72-year-old Emanuel Cleaver, who formally made the motion to postpone the leadership elections. “We just got a shellacking last Tuesday,” CBC chairman G.K. Butterfield said after the meeting. “We got an unexpected defeat and we’ve got to recalibrate and decide how we go forward.” (For what it’s worth, Cleaver and Butterfield claimed that this was not the first step in a coup d’etat.)

Rep. Tim Ryan (D-Ohio) speaks during a news conference. (Bill Clark/CQ Roll Call)</p>□



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-- **Another flashpoint: Coastal elites really have a vice grip on the House Democratic caucus.** In the current Congress, 121 of the 186 Democrats come from states on the Left Coast or the Eastern seaboard. That’s two thirds, and the number will actually tick higher next year. Even more starkly, more than one-third of House Democrats hail from just three states: California (39), New York (18) and Massachusetts (9).

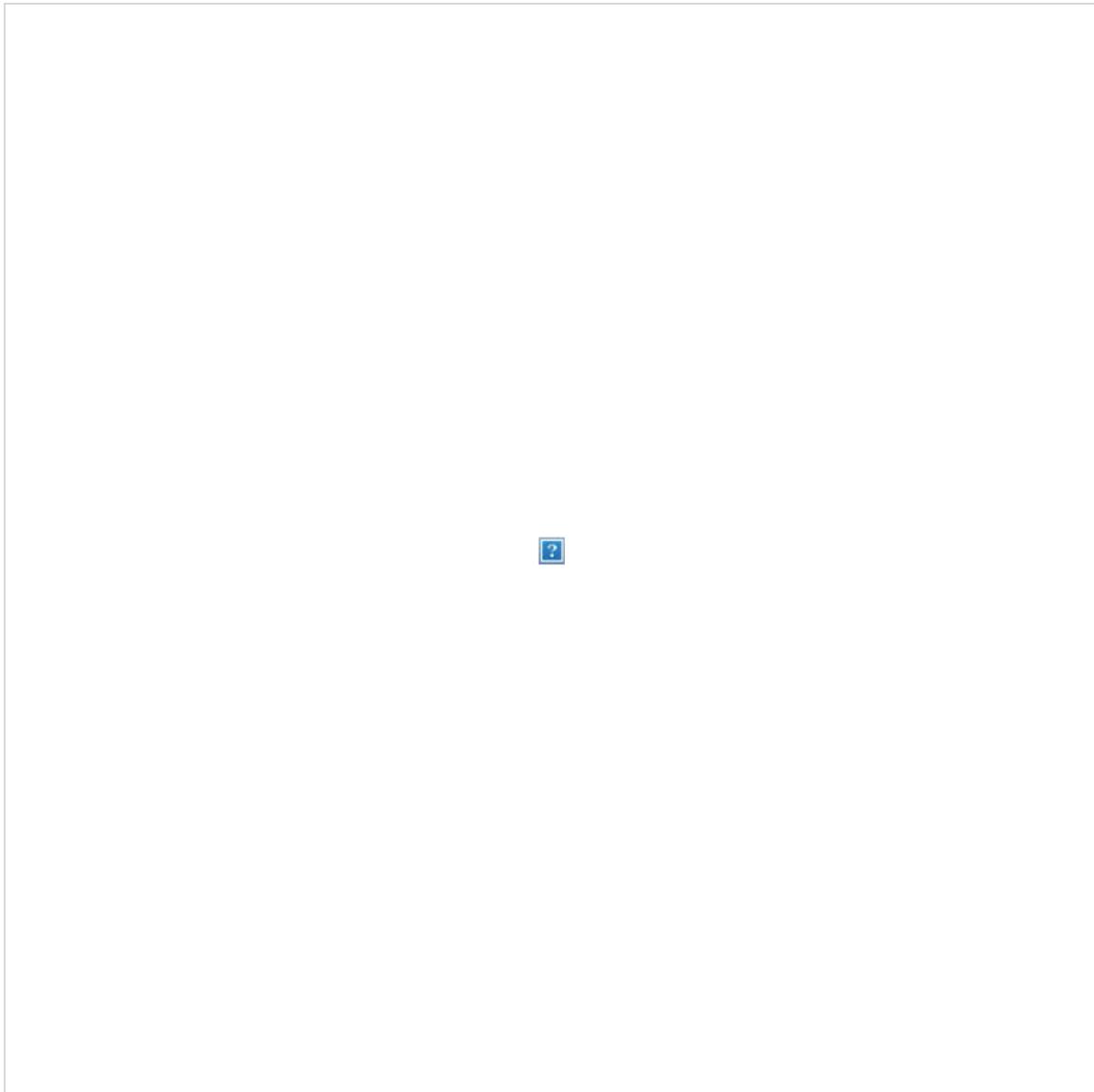
-- **Meanwhile, Democrats have gotten totally throttled in the Rust Belt:** Pennsylvania's delegation has 13 Republicans and five Democrats. Ohio's delegation has 13 Republicans and five Democrats. Michigan has nine Republicans and five Democrats. Wisconsin has five Republicans and three Democrats. The fact that the GOP won big in the 2010 midterms and then controlled the redistricting process is a very important factor here, but it's a red herring to pretend that it is the only one. Democrats will never control the House again until they figure out how to flip those numbers. That's partly what animates Ryan's potential challenge.

-- **To be sure, Republicans have their own problems. Namely diversity.** Seven of the top eight House Republican leaders are men. Just one is a woman. In fact, there are only 21 Republican women in the House...

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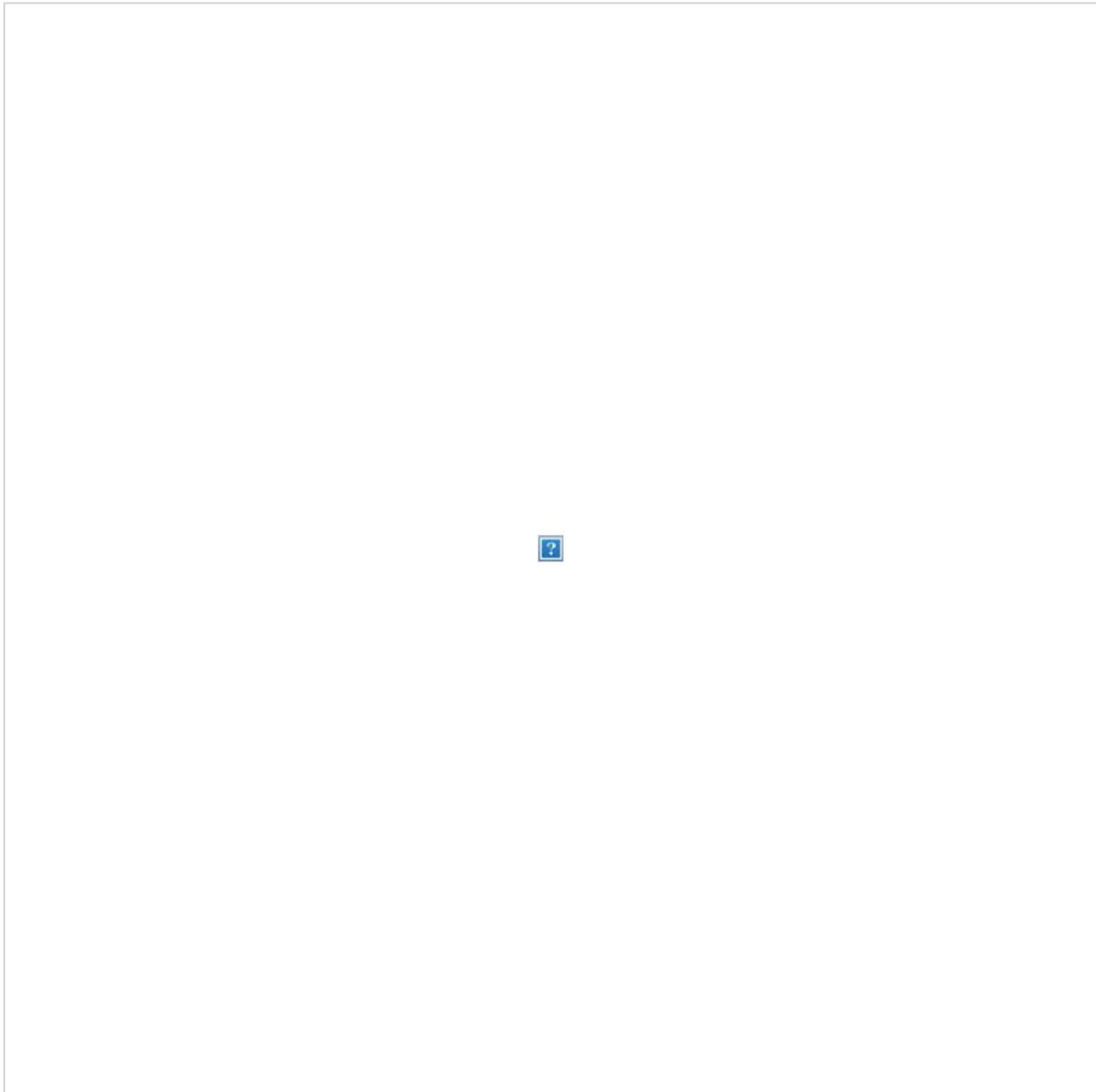
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#### **WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:**



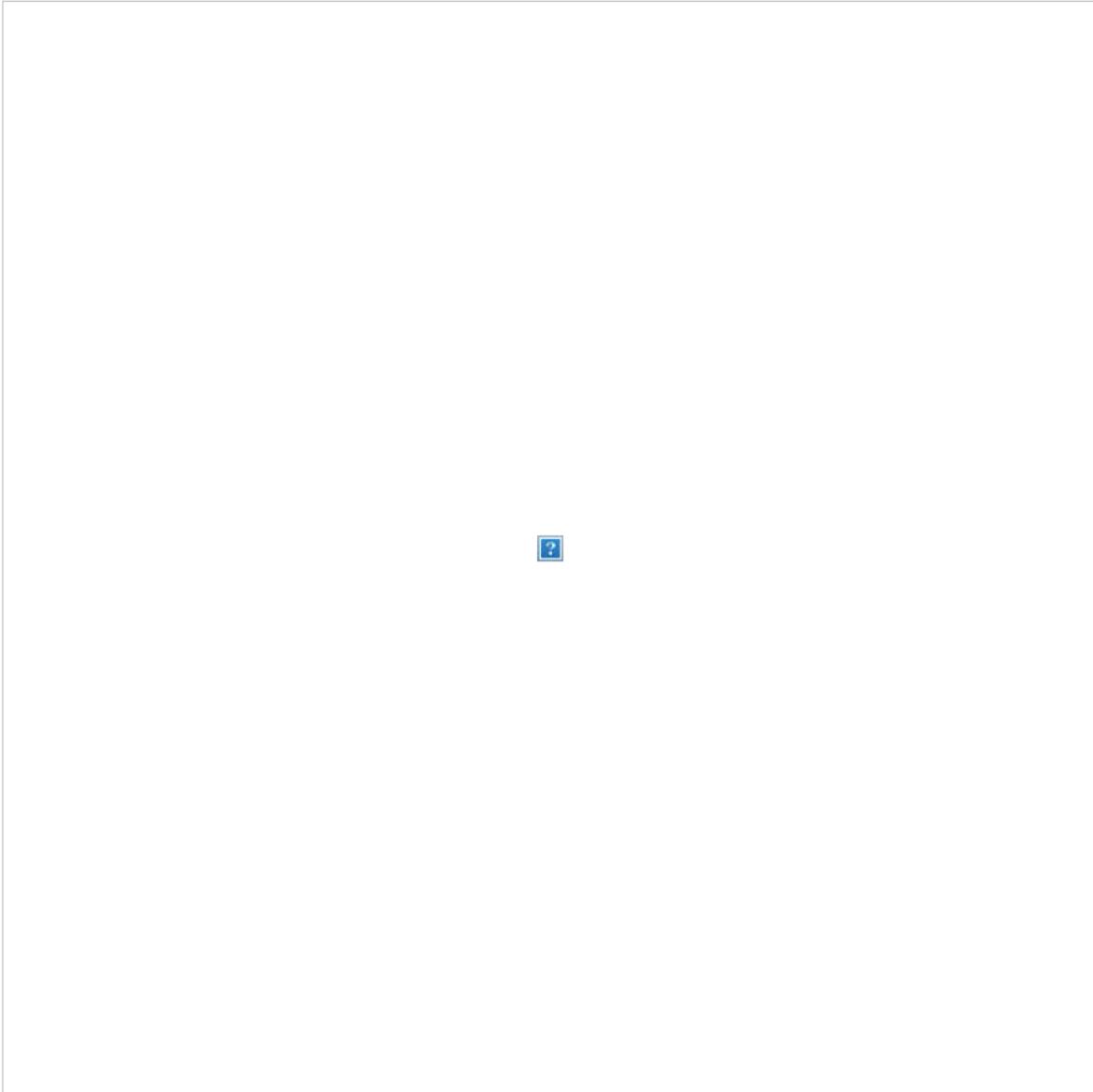
-- A brand new [Washington Post-Schar School national poll](#) asked Americans about the path forward after the election. Key numbers, via [Scott Clement and Dan Balz](#):

- **Just 3 in 10 Americans say Trump has a mandate to carry out his agenda.**
- **Six in 10 say he should seek compromise with Democrats when they strongly disagree with his proposals.**
- **More than 7 in 10 Americans said the campaign made them “angry” and more than half reported feeling “stressed out” by campaign news.** Trump’s supporters say they are largely “ebullient” about the result, while Clinton backers range from disappointed to fearful to “apoplectic.”
- **More than 6 in 10 said they expect to see “major” changes in Washington during his presidency.**
- **Trump supporters want to see decisive action in the next four years: 9 in 10 said they are dissatisfied with the country in recent years, and 8 in 10 say “large scale changes” are necessary to correct the nation’s course.** These responses are particularly striking when set against the fact that Obama’s approval rating stands at 56 percent – and the 28 percent who “strongly disapprove” is the lowest level in more than five years.



Donald Trump, right, kisses his son Eric farewell after dining at the 21 Club last night in New York. (Kathy Willens/AP)

-- **Trump ditched his press pool again last night, slipping out of Trump Tower in order to dine with his family at [the 21 Club](#) in Midtown.** The campaign told reporters that the president-elect would not be moving from Trump Tower for the rest of the evening. Less than two hours later, Trump and his family were seen driving away from the building in a motorcade. A Bloomberg reporter happened to be eating at the restaurant when he arrived.



-- **Statement from Jeff Mason, the president of the White House Correspondents Association:** “One week after the election, it is unacceptable for the next president of the United States to travel without a regular pool to record his movements and inform the public about his whereabouts. The White House Correspondents' Association is pleased to hear reassurances by the Trump transition team that it will respect long-held traditions of press access at the White House and support a pool structure. But the time to act on that promise is now. Pool reporters are in place in New York to cover the president-elect as he assembles his new administration. It is critical that they be allowed to do their jobs.”

-- **Donald Jr. pushed back on the media's complaints this morning:**



#### GET SMART FAST:

1. **The House passed two sanctions bills targeting Iran and Syria**, sending a strong message about how it will try to shape foreign policy in the Trump administration. ([Karoun Demirjian](#))
2. **German police in 60 cities staged sweeping raids targeting an Islamist missionary group, searching more than 190 mosques, apartments and offices in search of evidence that the group is recruiting for the Islamic State.** ([Anthony Faiola](#))
3. **White House officials urged the technology industry to better secure millions of devices such as fitness trackers and thermostats from hacking**, citing runaway security problems in a wide range of devices that have recently been made internet-capable. ([AP](#))
4. **Bob McDonnell is joining the faculty of Regent University as a distinguished professor.** The former Virginia governor will establish the Governor's Center for Federalism and Civility at the Virginia Beach-based school. ([Laura Vozzella](#))
5. **Federal prosecutors in Boston are probing potentially illegal campaign contributions from lawyers at the Thornton Law Firm, investigating the firm's practice of reimbursing partners for millions of dollars in political donations -- often in the exact amount and on the same day.** ([Boston Globe](#))
6. **San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, despite his protests during the national anthem, has never been registered to vote!** ([Sacramento Bee](#))

7. **An Oberlin College professor was finally fired for an outrageous post that said “Israeli and Zionist Jews” were responsible for the 9/11 terrorist attacks and for the 2015 Charlie Hebdo attacks in Paris.** ([Valerie Strauss](#))
8. **The earliest intact stone version of the Ten Commandments is going up for auction today in Beverly Hills.** Officials think the white marble slab was engraved around AD 300 to 800, and prospective buyers are bidding accordingly – pre-auction prices have already spiked to \$240,000. ([Jasper Scherer](#))
9. **A study on new cholesterol-busting drugs – known as PCSK9 inhibitors – found them to be highly effective in reducing plaque buildup in heart patients’ arteries.** Researchers said the drugs sent plaque volume plunging to “subterranean” levels, and are optimistic that the medicine could one day supplement or replace statin medications taken daily by millions of Americans. ([Ariana Eunjung Cha](#))
10. **Oklahoma City's airport was temporarily shut down after an airline employee was fatally shot in the parking lot.** Authorities said they believe there may be a second victim, but they have not yet disclosed key details. ([Mark Berman](#))
11. **Stanford sexual assault survivor “Emily Doe” was honored as Glamour’s 2016 Woman of the Year at an award ceremony in Los Angeles.** Doe, who made headlines for her wrenching court statement against freshman swimmer Brock Turner, watched the ceremony at home— but said in prepared remarks that she was proud, grateful and still “determined to fight back and create joy in this life.” ([Amy B Wang](#))



Ivanka Trump and her husband, Jared Kushner, leave dinner at the 21 Club last night. (Kathy Willens/AP)

#### **TRUMP'S DYSFUNCTIONAL TRANSITION CONTINUES TO GET MESSIER:**

-- Vice president-elect Mike Pence, trying to assert more control over Trump's transition effort, decided yesterday to ban all lobbyists from being officially involved, the [Wall Street Journal](#) reports.

-- The bloodletting in Trump's transition team that began with last week's ouster of Chris Christie escalated Tuesday with new departures -- particularly in the area of national security -- as power consolidated within an ever-smaller group of top Trump loyalists. From [Karen DeYoung and Greg Miller](#): Ex-congressman Mike Rogers, a former chairman of the House Intelligence Committee and the leading candidate for CIA director, was among at least four transition officials purged this week, apparently because of their perceived ties to the New Jersey governor. "As he had during the campaign, Trump appeared to be increasingly uncomfortable with outsiders and suspicious of those considered part of what one insider called the 'bicoastal elite,' who are perceived as trying to 'insinuate' themselves into positions of power. Those in the inner circle were winnowed to Trump loyalists and campaign staffers who helped devise his winning strategy."

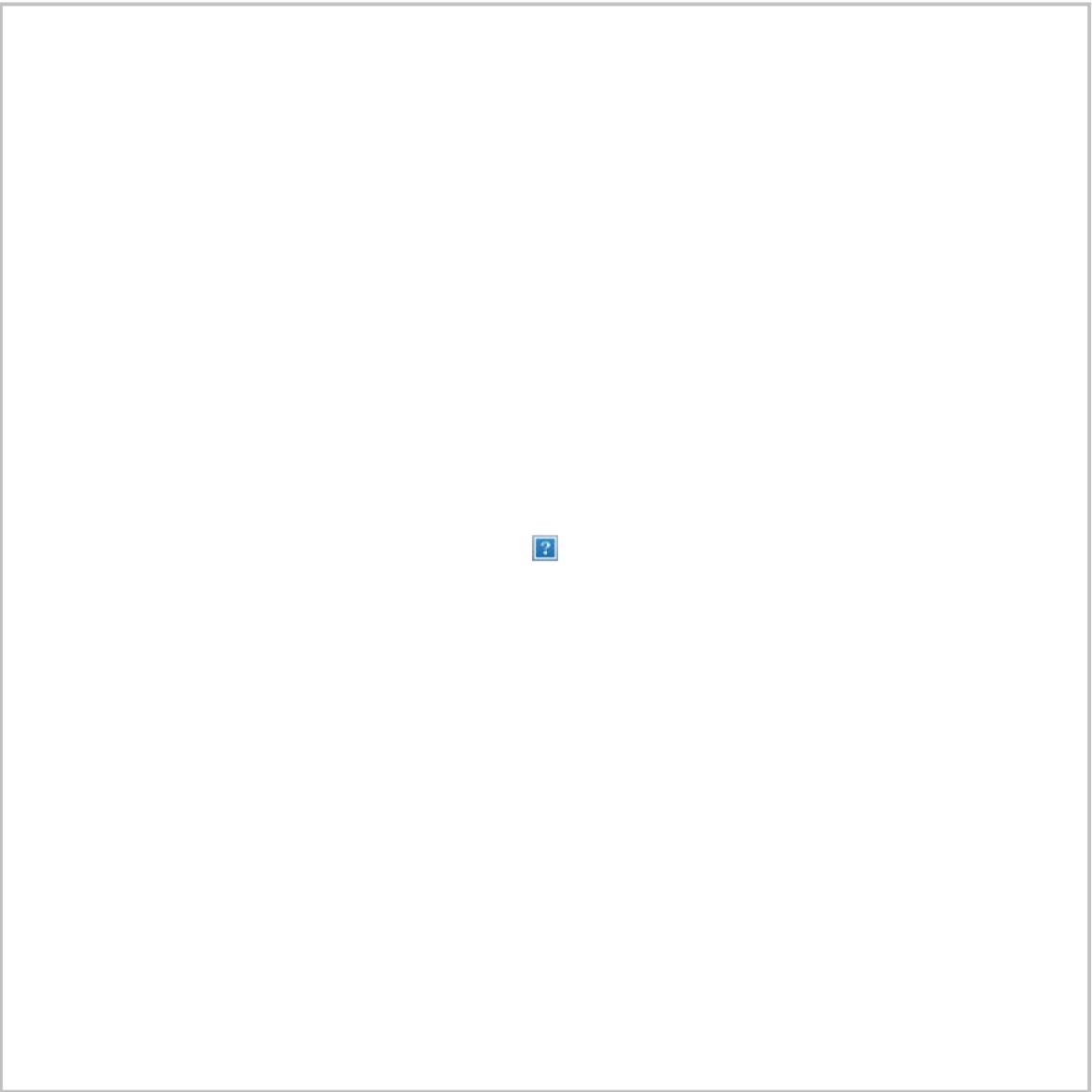
-- A source close to Rogers told NBC that he was "[the victim of a Stalinesque purge.](#)"

-- Trump has requested that his son-in-law Jared Kushner sit in on his Presidential Daily Briefing, [NBC News's Andrea Mitchell scooped](#). Trump received his first full briefing yesterday and has reportedly designated both Kushner and Michael Flynn as his staff-level companions for the briefings going forward.

-- When you have to say that your process is "very organized," it's probably not. Trump tweeted this last night:



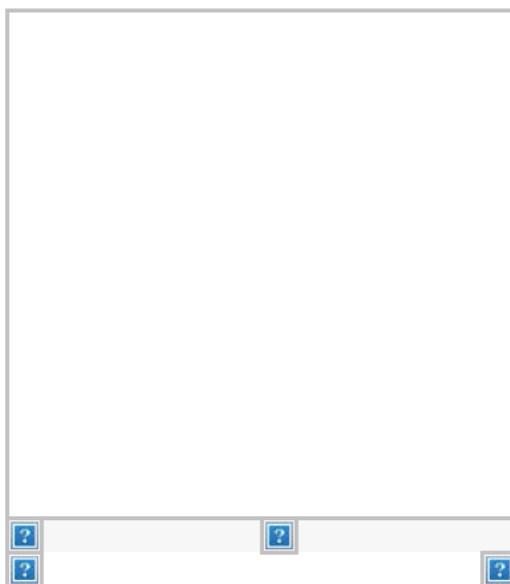
Trump also denied Andrea's reporting (which is perhaps why whoever leaked it went to her...):



Ted Cruz departs Trump Tower last night. (Carlo Allegri/Reuters)</p>□

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-- **Ted Cruz is being considered for attorney general, per [Bloomberg](#).** The Texas senator visited Trump Tower yesterday, telling reporters the election was a “mandate for change” but declining to comment on any prospective position. Cruz spokeswoman Catherine Frazier said in a statement that Cruz “looks forward to assisting the Trump administration.”.

-- **Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, who helped write the state's tough immigration laws and is helping Trump’s transition efforts, says the president-elect could push “rapidly” ahead on construction of a Mexican border wall *without Congressional approval* by re-appropriating existing funds.** In an interview with [Reuters](#), Kobach said that Trump’s policy advisers had also discussed drafting a proposal for his consideration to reinstate a registry for immigrants from Muslim countries.

-- **“Ethics experts say it’s crucial that the team building the new administration have a formal code of principles. But here’s a little understood fact about presidential transitions: They don’t have to follow a code of ethics unless they want to, and even if they do, they come up with the terms themselves,” [Lisa Rein and Elise Viebeck](#) report.** “In a break with tradition, the campaign — so far — has not produced one. While executive branch employees are subject to a variety of ethics rules, those rules have no power over administrations-in-waiting, which exist in legal limbo. All presidents-elect in modern history have developed codes of conduct, though.” And experts say concerns about Trump turning the management of his real estate empire over to his children are complicated by their appointment as executive council to his transition efforts — essentially empowering them to have a hand in decisions about top appointees who could affect their family business.”

-- **Top Trump donors, meanwhile, were rewarded with slots on his official “inaugural committee.” [From Matea Gold and Elise Viebeck](#):** Chairing the panel will be real estate investor Thomas Barrack Jr., who hosted Trump’s first fundraiser in May. Casino magnate Sheldon Adelson and his wife, Miriam — who collectively gave at least \$11.2 million to Trump and Trump-allied groups, were named as finance vice-chairs. Other major financial backers on the committee include Lew Eisenberg, who headed the RNC’s joint fundraising effort with Trump, Diane Hendricks, who gave at least \$1.9 million, and Laurie J. Perlmutter, who gave \$5 million to a pro-Trump super PAC.

Bob Corker doesn't think he'll get State. (J. Scott Applewhite/AP)</p>□



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### **WHO WILL TAKE OVER FOGGY BOTTOM?**

-- **Bob Corker said he is “unlikely” to be chosen as secretary of state**, Paul Kane and Elise Viebeck [report](#). “Has my name been in the mix? I’m pretty sure, yeah. Have I been having intimate conversations? No,” the Tennessee senator said in an interview. “Do I understand that it’s likely that people who’ve been involved in the center of this for some time, and have been surrogating on television, are likely front-runners? I would say that’s likely, yes.”



Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News Corp, quietly huddles with Rudy Giuliani at a Wall Street Journal event at the Four Seasons Monday night. (Joshua Roberts/Reuters)

**-- But, but, but: Rudy Giuliani and John Bolton would both have a very hard time getting confirmed.**

**Giuliani's business ties are seen by many as a major red flag that should disqualify him from serving as the country's chief diplomat.** From [Mark Landler, Eric Lipton, and Jo Becker](#) in the New York Times: "He built a lucrative consulting and speechmaking career after leaving City Hall. His firm, Giuliani Partners, has had contracts with the government of Qatar and the Canadian company that is building the Keystone XL oil pipeline, and Mr. Giuliani has given paid speeches to a shadowy Iranian opposition group that until 2012 was on the State Department's list of foreign terrorist organizations. In one year — 2006 — Mr. Giuliani reported in a financial disclosure report that he had made 124 speeches, for as much as \$200,000 each, and had earned a total of \$11.4 million. He often made extravagant demands in return for agreeing to make a speech, including that the private plane that flew him to the engagement be a certain size."

**Rand Paul threatened to filibuster both Bolton and Giuliani.** He called on Trump to appoint someone who opposed the Iraq war like Trump claimed he did. This matters a great deal because he is on the Foreign Relations Committee. ([Politico](#))

-- Frank Gaffney, a virulently [anti-Muslim gadfly](#), has been brought in to assist Trump on national security issues, per the [Journal](#).

-- Eliot Cohen writes an [op-ed in today's Post](#) explaining why he has reversed his recommendation that Never Trump foreign policy hands try to participate in a Trump administration.

Michael Flynn speaks at the RNC. (Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images)</p>□



Michael Flynn speaks at the RNC. (Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images)

-- “According to GOP insiders, the most likely picks for CIA director include [Rep. Devin] Nunes and former Rep. Pete Hoekstra (Mich.), who served on the House intelligence panel,” [foreign affairs columnist David Ignatius](#) writes. “Former Defense Intelligence Agency chief Lt. Gen. Mike Flynn is being considered as well, though there are doubts he could be confirmed. A wild card mentioned by one source is ... Frank Gaffney. All four are known as combative personalities who disdain the bipartisan approach that Rogers represented. ... Like most of the rest of the government, the intelligence agencies literally don’t know what to expect next.”

-- Top Pentagon officials said they have yet to receive so much as a phone call from Team Trump. From the [Washington Examiner](#): Officials have prepared office space and get-acquainted guides for the newcomers - Secretary Ash Carter even directed his chief of staff to man the Pentagon while he travels, in case anyone

should decide to make contact – but so far, it's been radio silence. "As of this moment, there's not been any contact from the president-elect's transition team," said Capt. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman. "We stand ready to assist the president-elect's transition team with a smooth and orderly transition in the interest of national security and for our country."

House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Jeff Miller (AP File)</p>□



House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Jeff Miller (AP File)

-- **Trump is leaning toward outgoing Florida congressman Jeff Miller to run the V.A.**, per the [Times](#): "As the chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, Mr. Miller has hounded the agency for failing to enact meaningful changes to cut wait times and fire workers who hid delays. If selected, he will be the first secretary of veterans affairs who has never served in the military."

Ben Carson campaigns for Trump in Pennsylvania on Nov. 1. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)</p>□



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-- **Ben Carson took himself out of the running. The retired neurosurgeon, who was under consideration for positions including secretary of health and human services, told [Robert Costa](#) he plans to remain an informal adviser instead.** “The way I’m leaning is to work from the outside and not from the inside,” he said. “I want to have the freedom to work on many issues and not be pigeonholed into one particular area.”

-- **Top donor Carl Ichan, who has turned down a job in the administration, tweeted that Trump is leaning to his campaign finance chairman, Steven Mnuchin, and economic adviser, Wilbur Ross, for Treasury and Commerce.** He did not specify who would receive which title, but Mnuchin has been considered by Trump insiders as a top pick for Treasury and Ross as an option for both jobs. ([Ylan Q. Mui](#))

-- **TREND: Trump is having a hard time getting many of the best people to work for him.** [From the New York Times](#): “Rebekah Mercer, the scion of a powerful family of conservative donors and a member of Mr. Trump’s executive transition committee, has had little success in her mission to solicit names and résumés for potential administration posts, according to a person familiar with her outreach efforts. Ms. Mercer, 42, the daughter of the New York investor Robert Mercer, has told Republican operatives and members of previous administrations that she was having trouble finding takers for posts at the under secretary level and below. She also made it clear that the transition team was more than a month behind schedule and on a tight timeline.”



Sen. Jeff Merkley, Debbie Stabenow, Mazie Hirono and Edward Markey called on Trump to fire Stephen Bannon, (Mark Wilson/Getty Images)

#### **BANNON BLOWBACK CONTINUES:**

-- **IF YOU READ ONE STORY** --> **“How Bannon flattered and coaxed Trump on policies key to the alt-right,”** by [David A. Fahrenthold and Frances Stead Sellers](#): After last year’s terrorist attacks in Paris, Trump faced sharp criticism for saying the U.S. had “no choice” but to close down some mosques. “Two days later, Trump called in to a radio show run by a friendly political operative who offered a suggestion. Was it possible, asked the host, [Steve Bannon], that Trump hadn’t really meant that mosques should be closed? ‘Were you actually saying, you need a [New York police] intelligence unit to get a network of informants?’ Bannon asked. **Trump — presented with a less controversial but entirely different idea than what he’d actually said — agreed.**”

**Now, Trump is president-elect, and Bannon is slated to be one of his most influential advisers.** “The clearest public sense of how the two will work together — and what policies Bannon may try to push — can be gleaned from a series of one-on-one interviews on Bannon’s radio show. ... **In those exchanges, a dynamic emerged, with Bannon often coaxing Trump to agree to his viewpoint, whether on climate**

**change, foreign policy or the need to take on Republican leaders in Congress.** At times, Bannon seemed to coach Trump to soften the harder edges of his message, to make it more palatable to a broader audience, while in other cases he pushed Trump to take tougher positions. He flattered Trump, praising his negotiating skills and the size of his campaign crowds. The conversations marked a coming-together of Trump ... and the alt-right ...”

-- **Meanwhile, a growing chorus of Democrats is seeking to rally the party around a common goal of resisting Trump, while pressuring moderate Republicans to reject Trump’s most controversial administration appointments.** [Abby Phillip and John Wagner report](#): “Congressional Democrats say they have not ruled out working with Trump on areas of common ground, especially on infrastructure and populist economic policies ... But they plan to train their attention on the immediate challenge of contesting Trump’s appointments to key roles ...” Meanwhile, organized labor leaders, who share a middle ground with Trump on certain economic issues, said the ascension of such figures as Bannon must be addressed before cooperation is put on the table. “We can’t do business with this guy as long as he’s in the business of hate,” the official said.

- **Harry Reid called on Trump to retract his appointment of Steve Bannon in an impassioned Senate floor speech on Tuesday, calling the former Breitbart CEO a “champion of white supremacy”:** “If Trump is serious about seeking unity, the first thing he should do is rescind his appointment of Steve Bannon,” Reid said. “Rescind it, don’t do it.” ([Elise Viebeck](#))
- **“This just keeps going back to, what is [Trump] going to do?” Sen. Elizabeth Warren said.** “And he’s now giving us at least the first tangible sign of his vision of how to run a Trump presidency and a big part of that are lobbyists and Washington insiders and the other part of it is to bring someone who is a white supremacist into the White House to be a senior strategist.”

-- **Paul Ryan continued to dodge questions on the former Breitbart news chief, whose publication aggressively criticized his leadership and promoted his opponent in the GOP primary.** “I’m not looking backwards; I’m looking forward,” Ryan responded. “I’m looking to the future and I’m looking forward to how we make this work for the American people and how we make President Trump the most successful president in a lifetime.” ([Politico](#))

-- **Was Bannon being paid illegally during the campaign?** From The [Daily Beast’s Betsy Woodruff](#): “A campaign watchdog group filed a complaint with federal election officials that alleges Stephen Bannon ... may have gotten paid illegally during Trump’s campaign by pro-Trump billionaires. And now, a new set of [FEC] filings that haven’t yet been reported on may give the group’s case some additional heft. **At issue are payments of nearly \$200,000 that a super PAC called Make America Number 1 made to a company tied to Bannon ...** On Aug. 17, Bannon left his post as chairman of Breitbart News and became the Trump campaign’s CEO. Available FEC filings show the campaign didn’t pay Bannon a salary. Larry Noble, General Counsel for the Campaign Legal Center, said he believes the super PAC covertly paid Bannon for his campaign work through his moviemaking company. Neither the super PAC nor Bannon provided a response to Noble’s comment.”

**(BONUS READ: [Buzzfeed News](#) published a transcript of rare public remarks delivered by Bannon in 2014, in which he lays out his global vision, says racism in the far right gets “washed out,” and calls Vladimir Putin a kleptocrat.)**

Students protest Trump's election during a march in Washington. (Reuters/Joshua Roberts)</p>□



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#### **A DIVIDED AMERICA BECOMES EVEN MORE POLARIZED:**

-- **A West Virginia mayor resigned after her racist comments on a Facebook post comparing First Lady Michelle Obama to an “ape in heels” gained national attention.** ([Lexi Browning and Lindsey Bever](#))

-- **A Connecticut bonfire party is being investigated as a potential hate crime after video footage showed a man dressed in Ku Klux Klan robes and waving a Trump flag on the back of an ATV.** Police say the ATV driver wore a Trump hat and believe other attendees may have been wearing white supremacist badges. ([Cleve R. Wootson Jr.](#))

-- **Multiple NBA teams are now avoiding Trump hotels while traveling on the road.** From [Des Bieler](#): “On Tuesday, ESPN’s Marc Stein and Zach Lowe identified the Dallas Mavericks, Milwaukee Bucks and Memphis Grizzlies as having ‘moved away from Trump hotels in New York City and Chicago, which bear Donald Trump’s name through a licensing agreement.’ In addition, the pair reported that another, unidentified Eastern Conference team has decided to stay elsewhere after its contract with New York’s Trump SoHo hotel expires at the end of the season.”

-- **An Upper West Side apartment complex called “The Trump Place” has agreed to change its name after hundreds of its tenants complained, signing a petition to demand their buildings be disassociated with the president-elect.** Officials said the three rental buildings will be renamed for their street addresses instead. ([Bloomberg](#))

-- **A cybersecurity CEO found himself out of a job after he joked on election night about assassinating Trump.** “I’m going to kill the President Elect,” he wrote in an alcohol-fueled Facebook rant. “Bring it secret service.” The internet has since responded in kind, publishing his home address and issuing a deluge of threats so severe that he said he had to relocate his wife and children. ([Derek Hawkins](#))

-- **A Texas mother is under investigation for forcing her elementary-aged son to leave the house after he voted for Trump in a mock election at his school.** Video footage shows her shooing the sobbing boy out the front door and handing him a packed suitcase. “Bye, Trump lover,” she said. ([Lindsey Bever](#))

-- **Politico's top editors sent a note to staff addressing the alarming spike in anti-Semitism after several reporters and editors received threatening correspondence in the mail.** “Your personal safety is of the utmost importance to us,” John Harris and Carrie Budoff Brown wrote, outlining a list of safety protocols. ([Erik Wemple](#))

-- **Officials are investigating graffiti on the bathroom walls of a Montgomery County elementary school reading “Kill Kill Kill Blacks.”** ([Donna St. George](#))

-- **More than 2,000 D.C.-area middle school and high school students staged a walkout to protest Trump’s election, closing down several lanes on Pennsylvania Avenue and gathering in front of his new hotel.** Students billed the demonstration as a show of unity and acceptance in the aftermath of a hotly divided election. ([Perry Stein and Joe Heim](#))

-- **Sonia Sotomayor carefully weighed in on Trump’s election during an interview with Bill Press, declining to say whether she was “apprehensive” about the future president-elect.** “I’m going to demur from answering that question that way,” said Sotomayor, who was appointed by Obama in 2009. “I will answer it in a different way, which is I think that this is the time where every good person has an obligation both to continue being heard and to continue doing the right thing.” She also said she looked forward to a nomination that will restore the court to full strength. “It’s not an ideal situation. We function better as nine,” she said. ([Robert Barnes](#))

-- **George W. Bush waded into the political fray during a discussion about trade, making a passionate argument that “anger should not drive policy.”** [From the Dallas Morning News:](#) “One of the things that is important for people who are frustrated and angry [to know] is that in order to close the wage gap, for example, trade is beneficial,” he said, speaking to members of the North American Strategy for Competitiveness. “Trade shows a confidence in our workers and in our businesspeople, because trade really means we are willing to compete.” Regarding NAFTA, Bush recalled going to the Rio Grande Valley as a child and said it was like “a Third World country on both sides of the border.” “I would urge people to go down to the border now and see how transformed the border is,” he said. “There is a thriving middle class on both sides of the Rio Grande. It is in our interest for our country that that be the case.”

-- **We're going to win so much that we'll get tired of winning:** President-elect Trump hasn’t even taken office yet, but Republicans are already feeling the difference. [Gallup](#) reports that, just before the election, 16 percent of Republicans said the economy is getting better. Now 49 percent say the exact same thing...

-- **20 million people watched Trump’s sit-down with Lesley Stahl on “60 Minutes” Sunday night.**

Nikki Haley celebrates Trump's win at the RGA meeting yesterday. (John Raoux/AP)</p>□

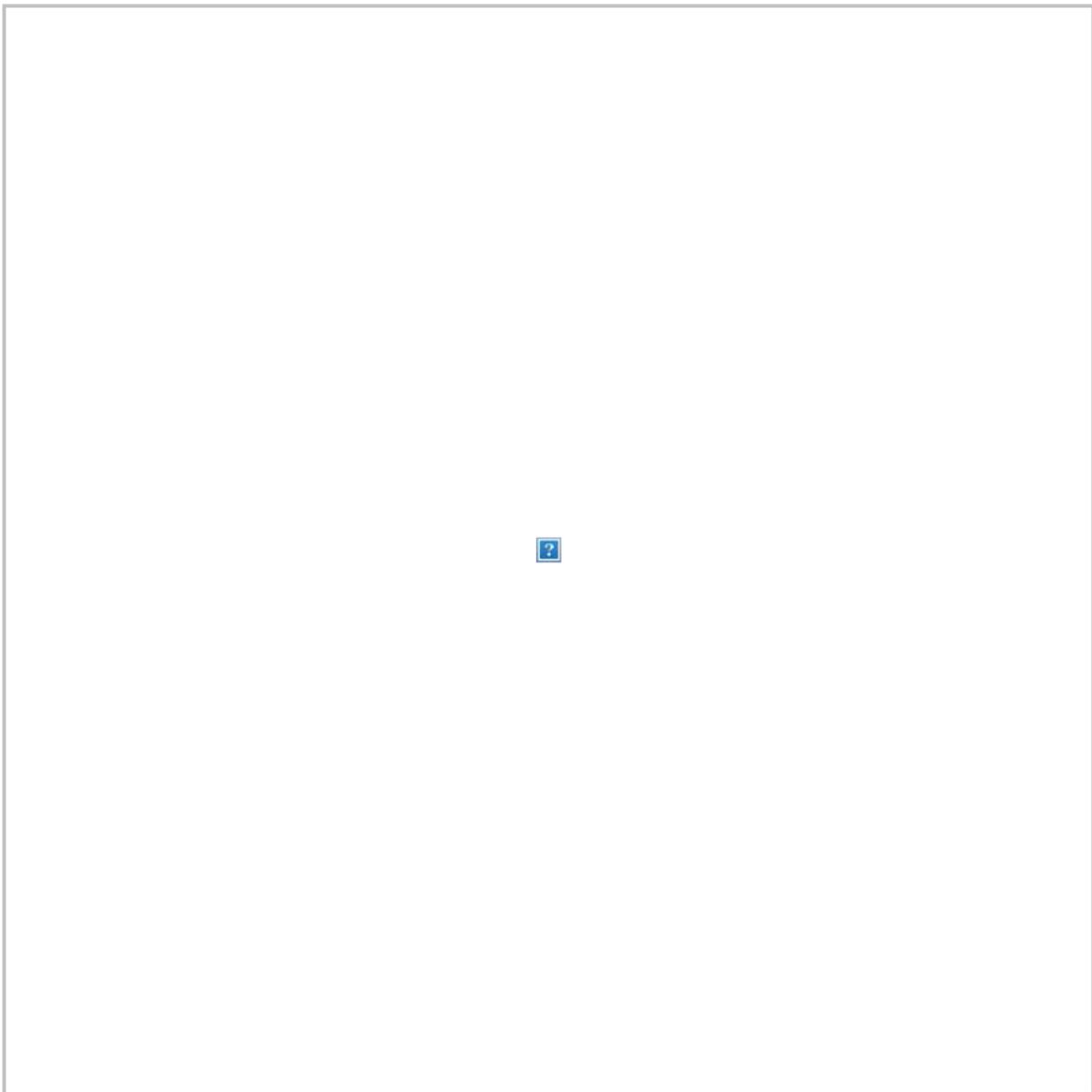


Nikki Haley celebrates Trump's win at the RGA meeting yesterday. (John Raoux/AP)

-- **What a difference three weeks can make:**

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley put out a [press release](#) on Oct. 27: “**This election has really turned my stomach upside down. It has been embarrassing for both parties.** It’s not something the country deserves...”

Speaking yesterday about the incoming Trump administration during a press conference at the Republican Governors Association meeting in Orlando, Haley [said](#): “**I’m just giddy**, and if you talk to any of the governors here, we are so excited at the possibility and the opportunities that are going to be here.”



Obama walks with Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras upon his arrival in Athens. (Reuters/Kevin Lamarque)

#### **THE WORLD REACTS TO TRUMP:**

-- **President Obama held a joint news conference with Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras in Athens, warning against a “crude sort of nationalism” taking root in populist movements around the world. From [Juliet Eilperin and Greg Jaffe](#):** “Obama ... refrained from criticizing [Trump] directly as he discussed the impact of his electoral victory last week. But the president made it clear that he sees a dark side to the kind of populist movements Trump's campaign embodied — ideals that other conservative leaders are advocating in Europe and elsewhere.” “We are going to have to guard against a rise in a crude sort of nationalism, or ethnic identity or tribalism that is built around an us and a them, and I will never apologize for saying that the future of humanity and the future of the world is going to be defined by what we have in common, as opposed to those things that separate us and ultimately lead us into conflict,” Obama said.

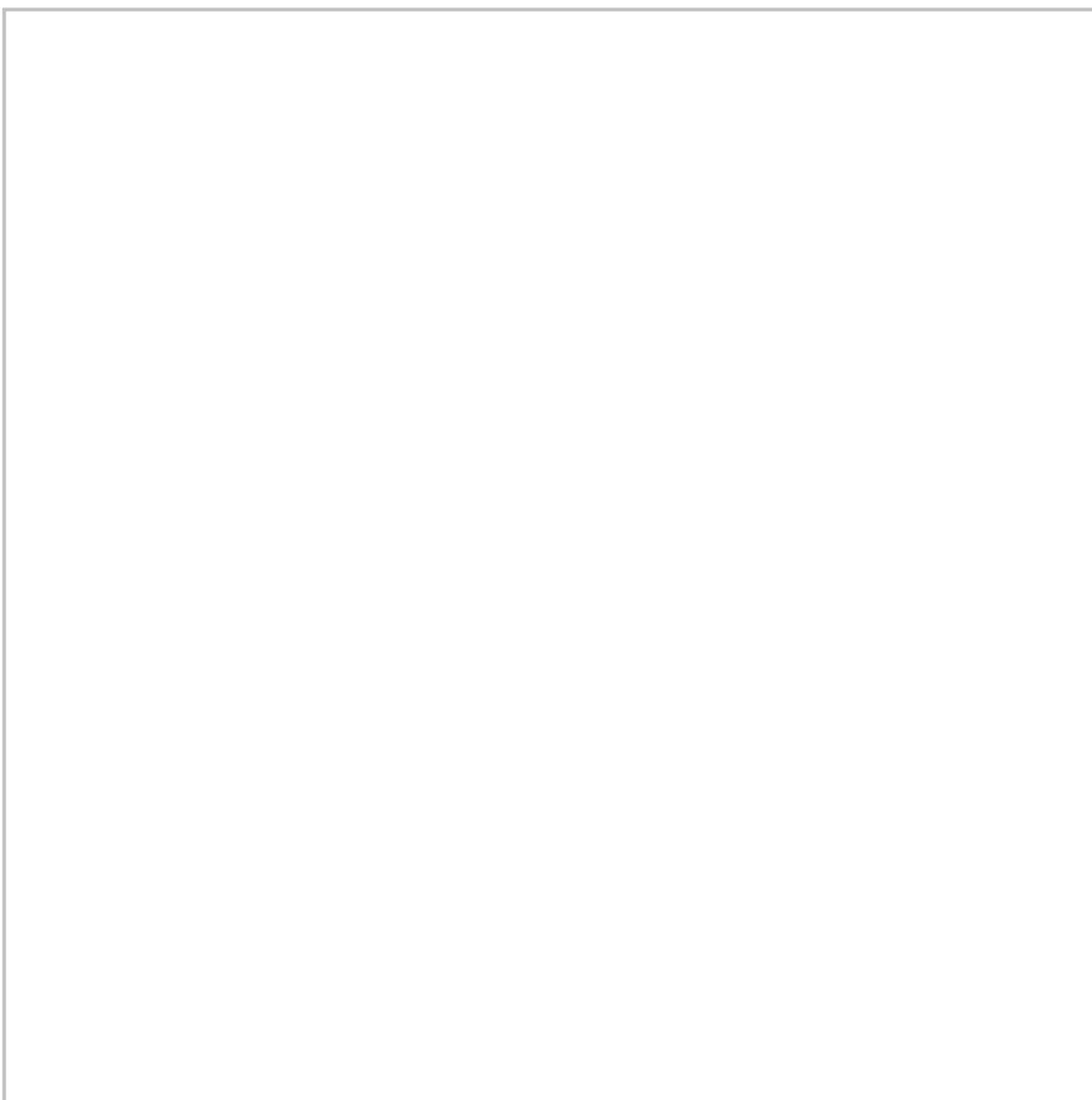
**Obama’s remarks came during a trip to Europe meant to quell fears of a Trump presidency among U.S. allies.** Tsipras, for his part, thanked Obama for his support over the years and said he was hopeful the U.S.-Greece alliance would “remain unchanged.”

-- **European and NATO defense officials cautioned Trump about his warming relationship with Putin, saying that they welcome dialogue but that the United States should not abandon its allies in a bid for improved ties with Moscow.** [Michael Birnbaum](#) reports:

- **German Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen urged Trump to be cautious in his dealings with Putin:** “It is always good for us to remain in dialogue with Russia,” von der Leyen told reporters ahead of a meeting of European Union defense ministers in Brussels. “But for us it’s also important that we not forget our principles. That means that international laws should not be broken.”
- **NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg** said it is “very normal” for Trump to speak to world leaders such as Putin, but warned against abandoning countries that have taken hits from Russia in recent years: “We think it is important to respect the territorial integrity and the sovereignty of all nations, including Ukraine,” he said.

-- **John McCain said Trump’s efforts to work more closely with Putin amounted to “complicity in [the] butchery of the Syrian people” and “an unacceptable price for a great nation.”** ([Karen DeYoung](#))

-- **“Trump’s administration could upend the Middle East,”** by **Liz Sly:** “The Middle East is bracing for an incoming American president who seems intent on radically reordering the regional balance of power, heralding new uncertainty and perhaps new turmoil for a part of the world already engulfed in multiple wars. So vague and contradictory were many of [Trump’s campaign] pronouncements ... that governments and analysts are puzzling out which ones he meant and how he would be able to implement them all. Will Trump be an isolationist, continuing the risk-averse instincts of Obama? Or an interventionist, more in the mold of George W. Bush, whose global war on terrorism took the United States into wars in Iraq and Afghanistan?” “There is the potential for a chaos factor,” said Theodore Karasik, a Gulf State Analytics adviser who has held discussions on the region with several Trump advisers. “But the idea now is to shake up the arrangement of nation-states in the region in order to move forward and allow them to police themselves.”



Paul Ryan smiles as he arrives for a caucus meeting with House Republicans yesterday. (Jonathan Ernst/Reuters)

**ON THE HILL:**

-- **Paul Ryan unanimously won the nomination of his Republican colleagues to continue as House speaker on Tuesday**, advancing to a full floor vote in January. "Welcome to the dawn of a new unified Republican government," he told reporters ahead of Tuesday's vote. ([Mike DeBonis](#))

-- **Rep. Steve Stivers of Ohio won the race to become NRCC chairman, beating out Rep. Roger Williams (Texas) to replace outgoing Oregon Rep. Greg Walden.** ([Cleveland Plain Dealer](#))

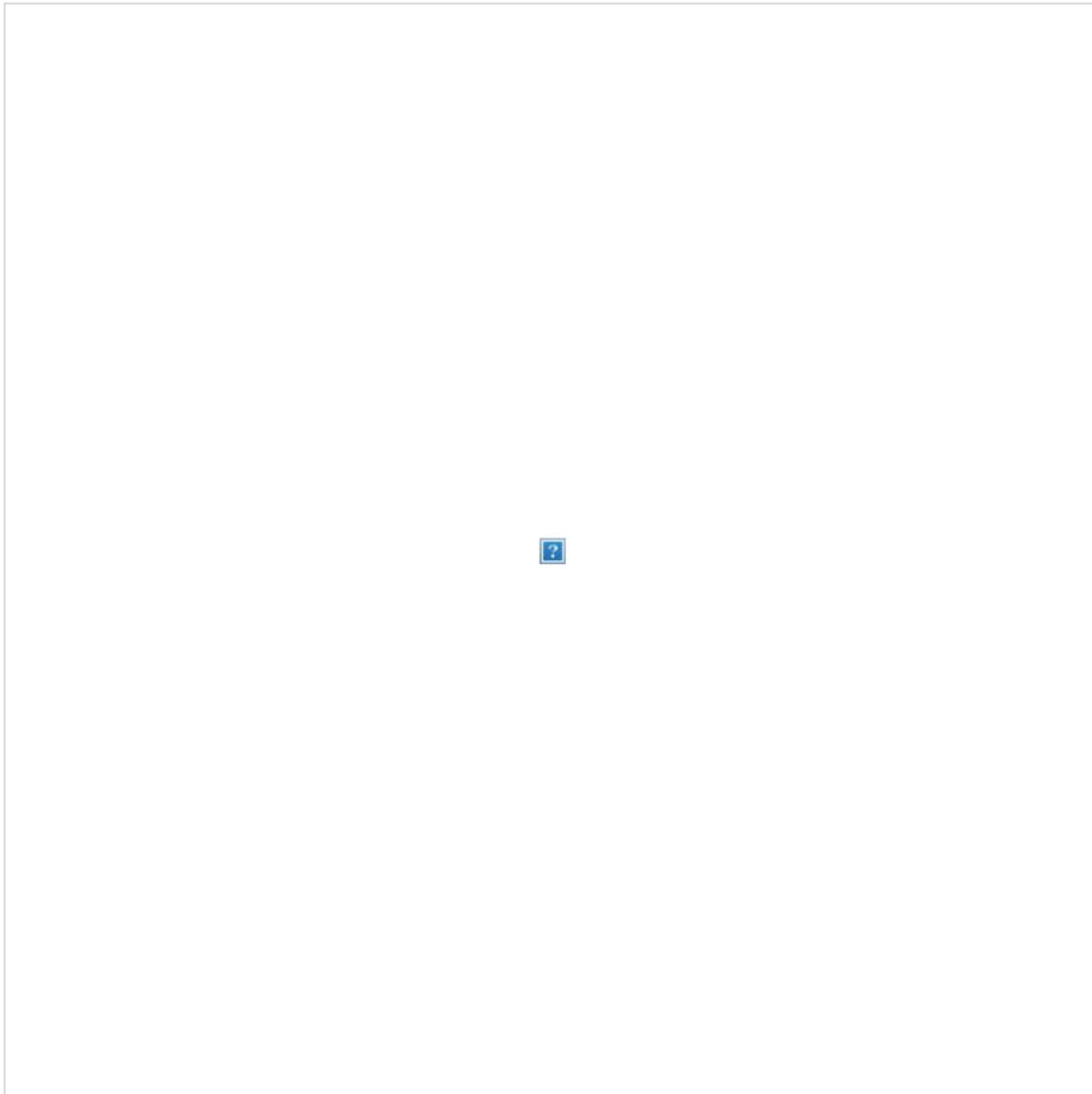
-- **NARAL chief Ilyse Hogue is weighing a bid for DNC chair, potentially throwing her hat into the ring alongside Howard Dean, Keith Ellison and South Carolina party chairman Jaime Harrison. Other rumored contenders are Labor Secretary Tom Perez and former Maryland governor Martin O'Malley.** ([Politico](#))

**WAPO HIGHLIGHTS:**

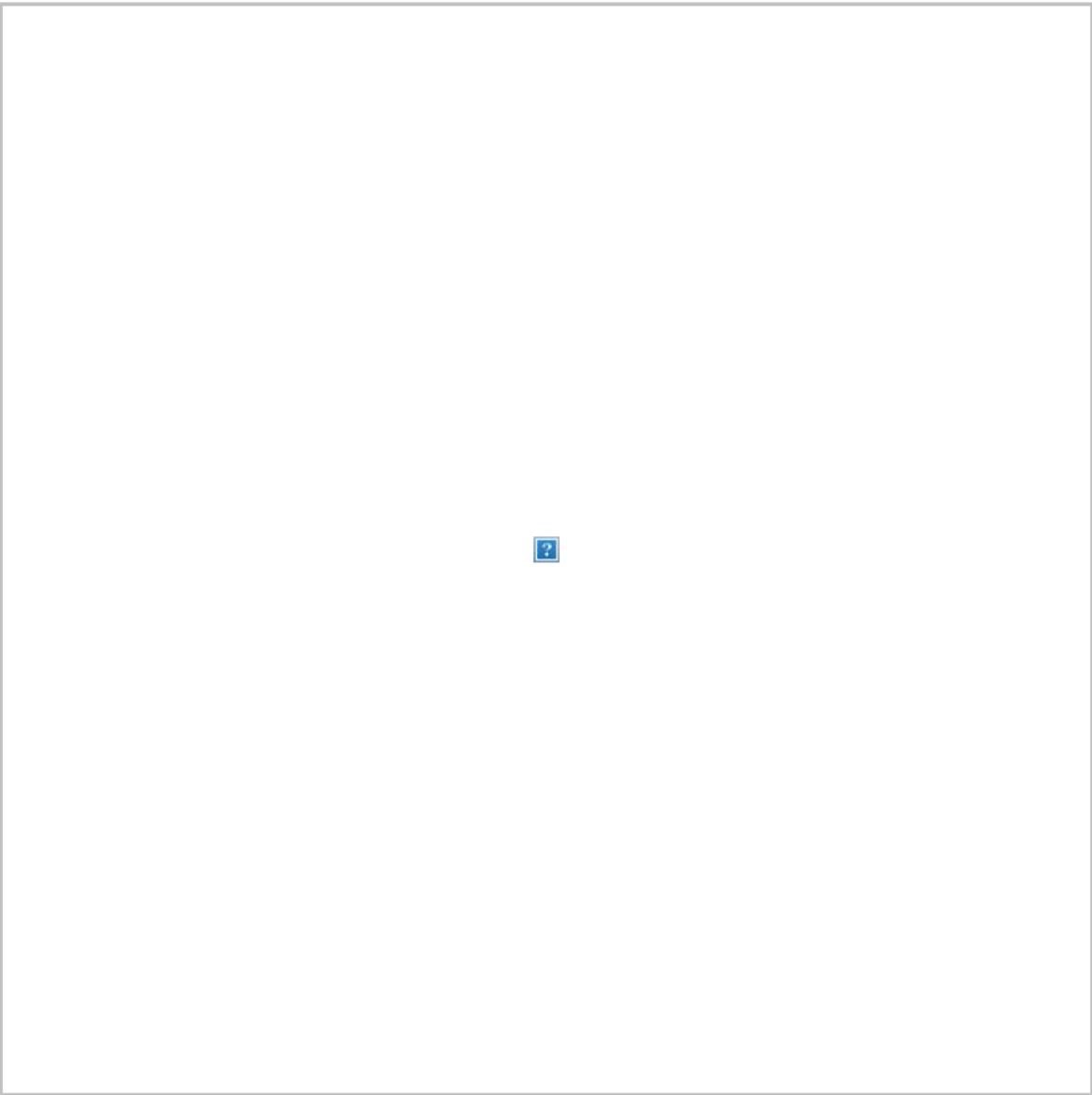
-- "[The troubled lives of Secret Service agents](#)," by Joe Davidson: "This is a story about the troubled lives of Secret Service agents. It is not a story for supermarket tabloids or a TMZ expose. But it is a scandal, though not in the sense of misdeeds that have sullied the Secret Service in recent years. Secret Service agents lose tens of thousands of dollars, because they are required to work many hours, days and weeks for no pay. That's a scandal. Agents' annual pay, including overtime, is capped at \$160,300. But during presidential campaign years they can easily work far more time than covered by that amount. They don't stop working when they reach the cap. They stay on the job without pay. No wonder **the Secret Service ranks 319 out of 320 agencies on the Best Places to Work in the Federal Government** rankings published by the Partnership for Public Service."

**SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:**

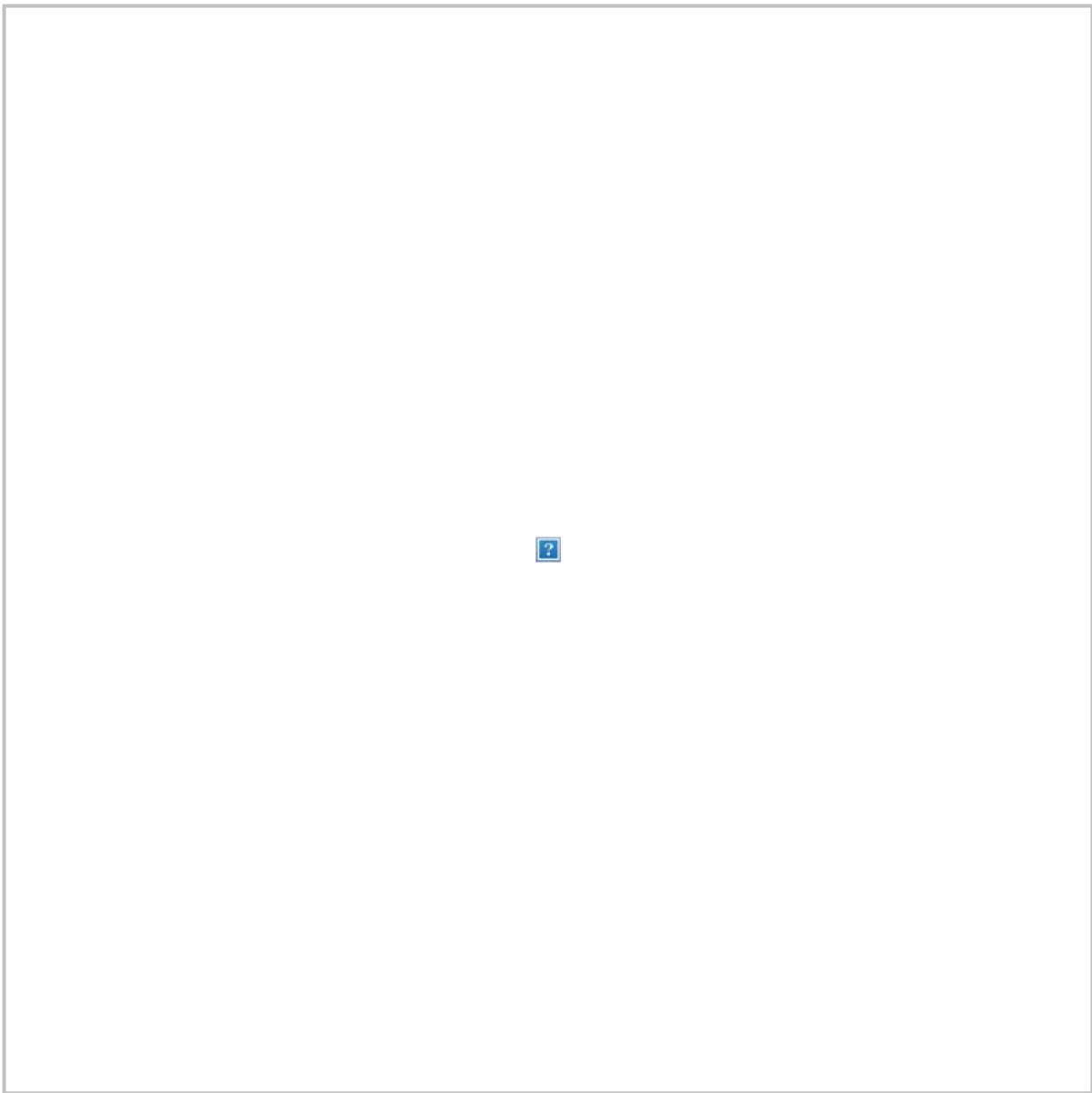
Former Speaker John Boehner reflected on one his more memorable quotes from the campaign:



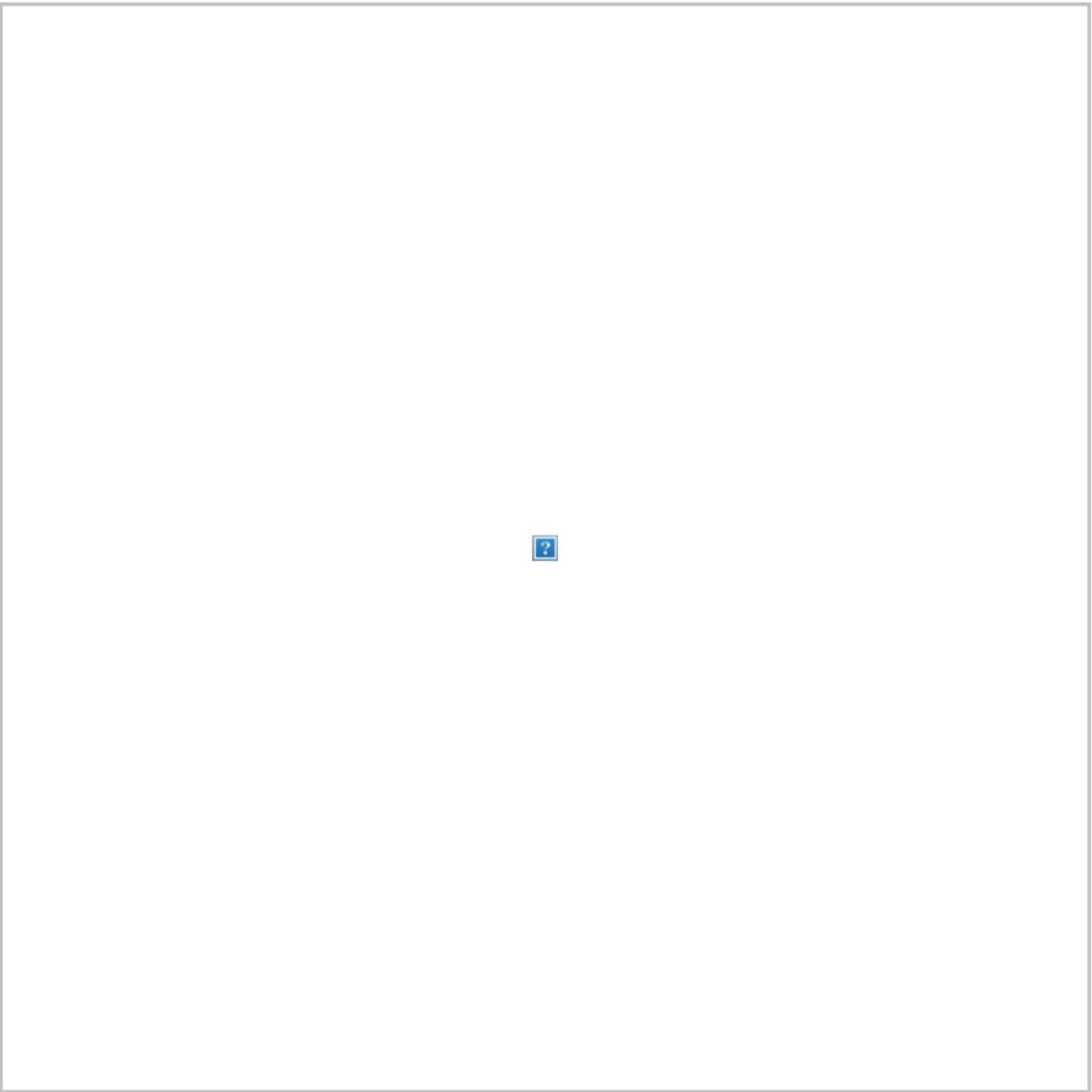
From a Penn State demographer who specializes in rural sociology (click for a pretty remarkable scatterplot):



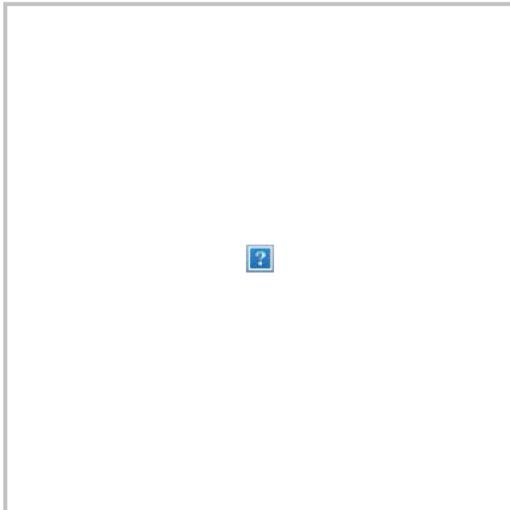
A disheartening Facebook note from a former Reagan administration official:



There are some very troubling signals that a few rank-and-file Republicans in the Capitol are following Trump's lead in blacklisting reporters whose coverage they don't like. A Politico reporter says Richard Burr, who narrowly won reelection in North Carolina, would not speak to him yesterday:

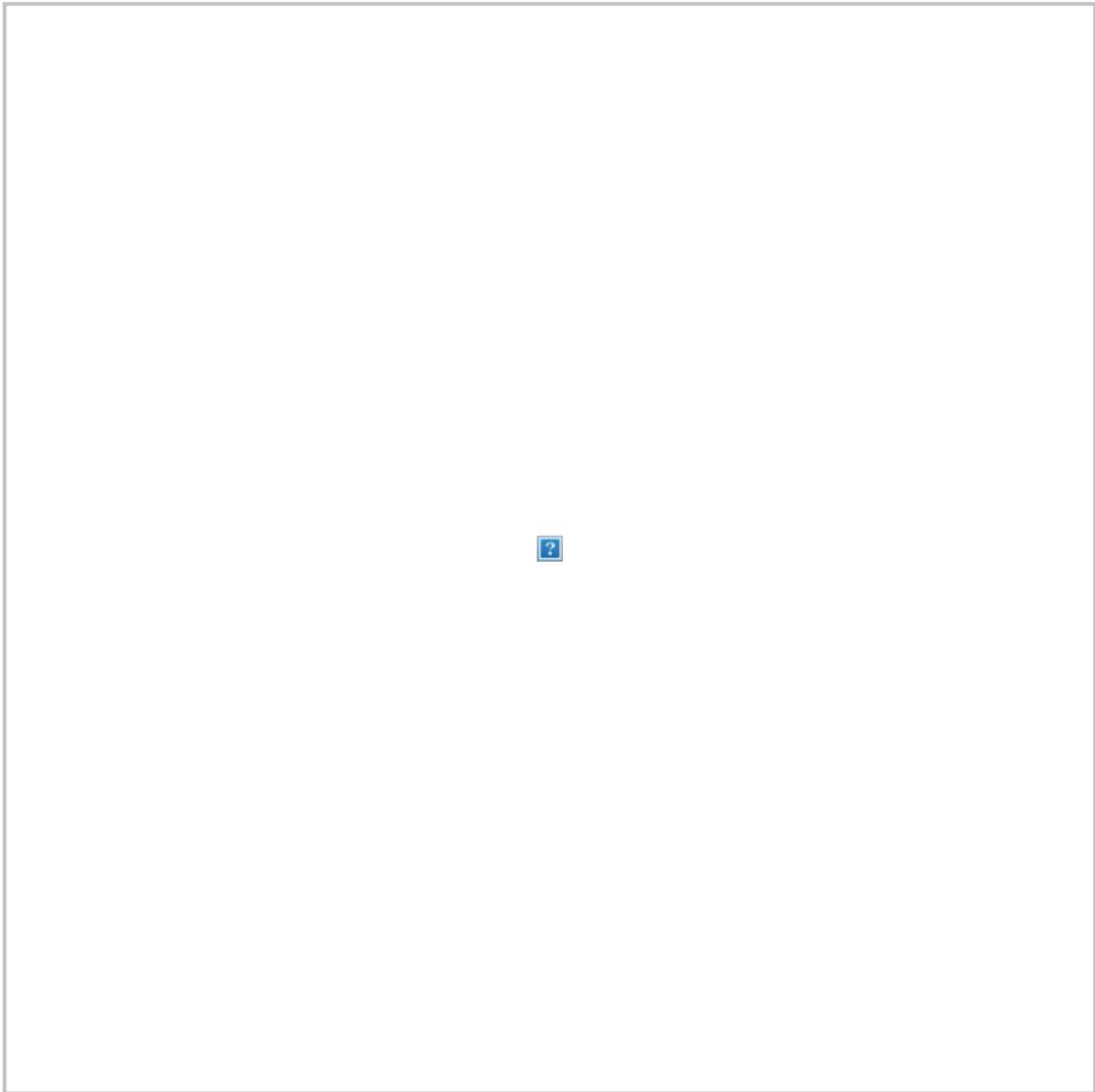


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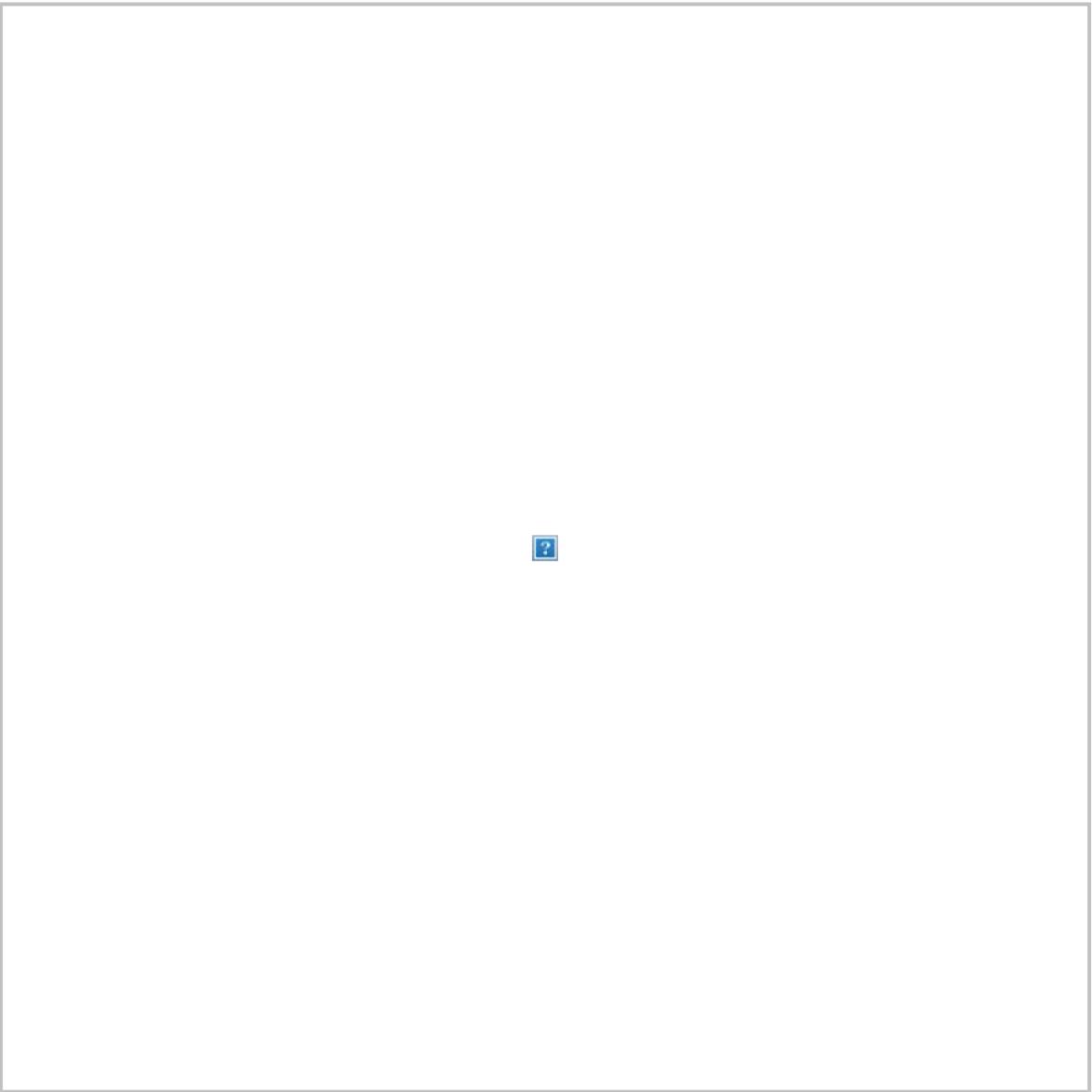




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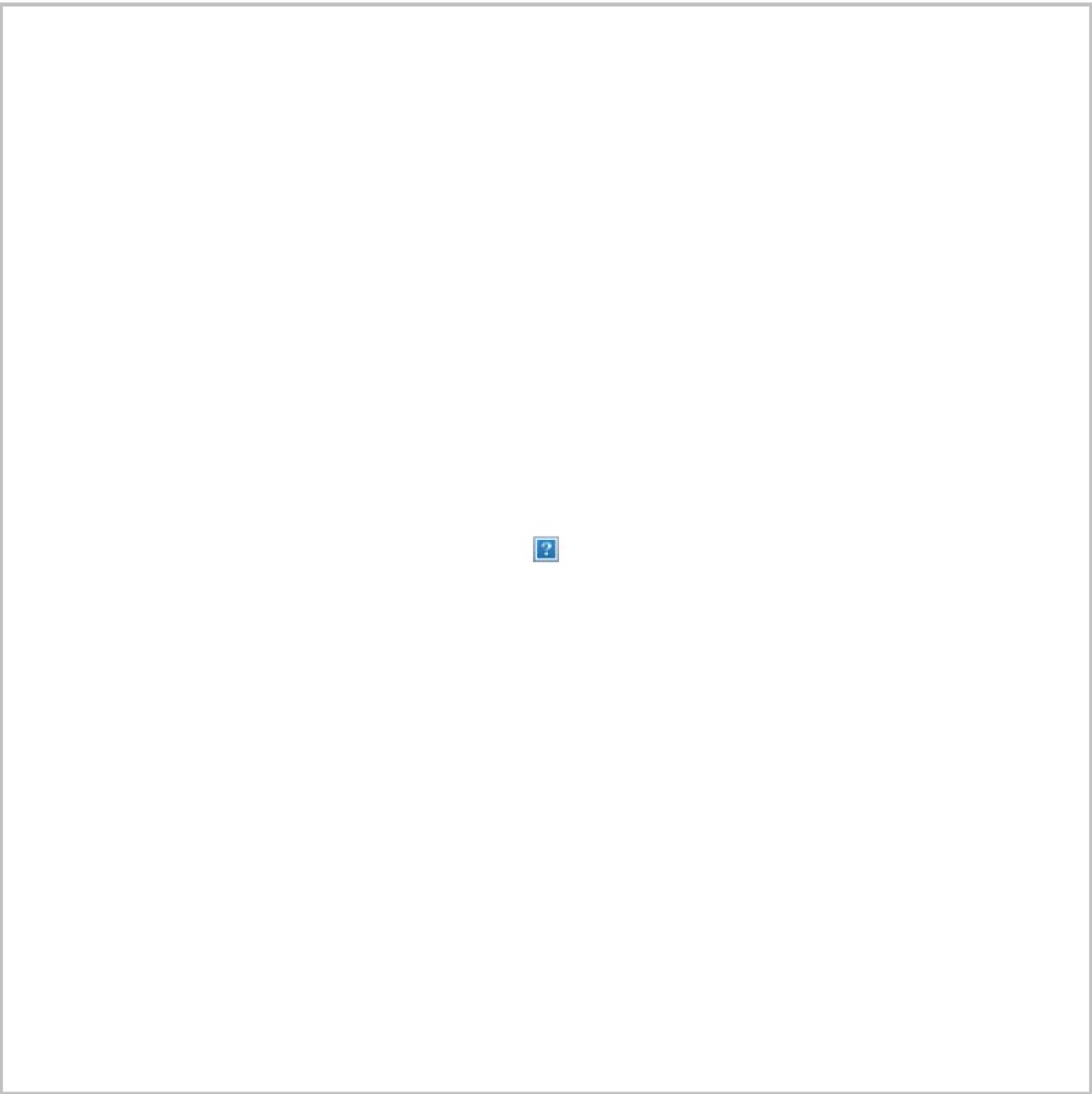


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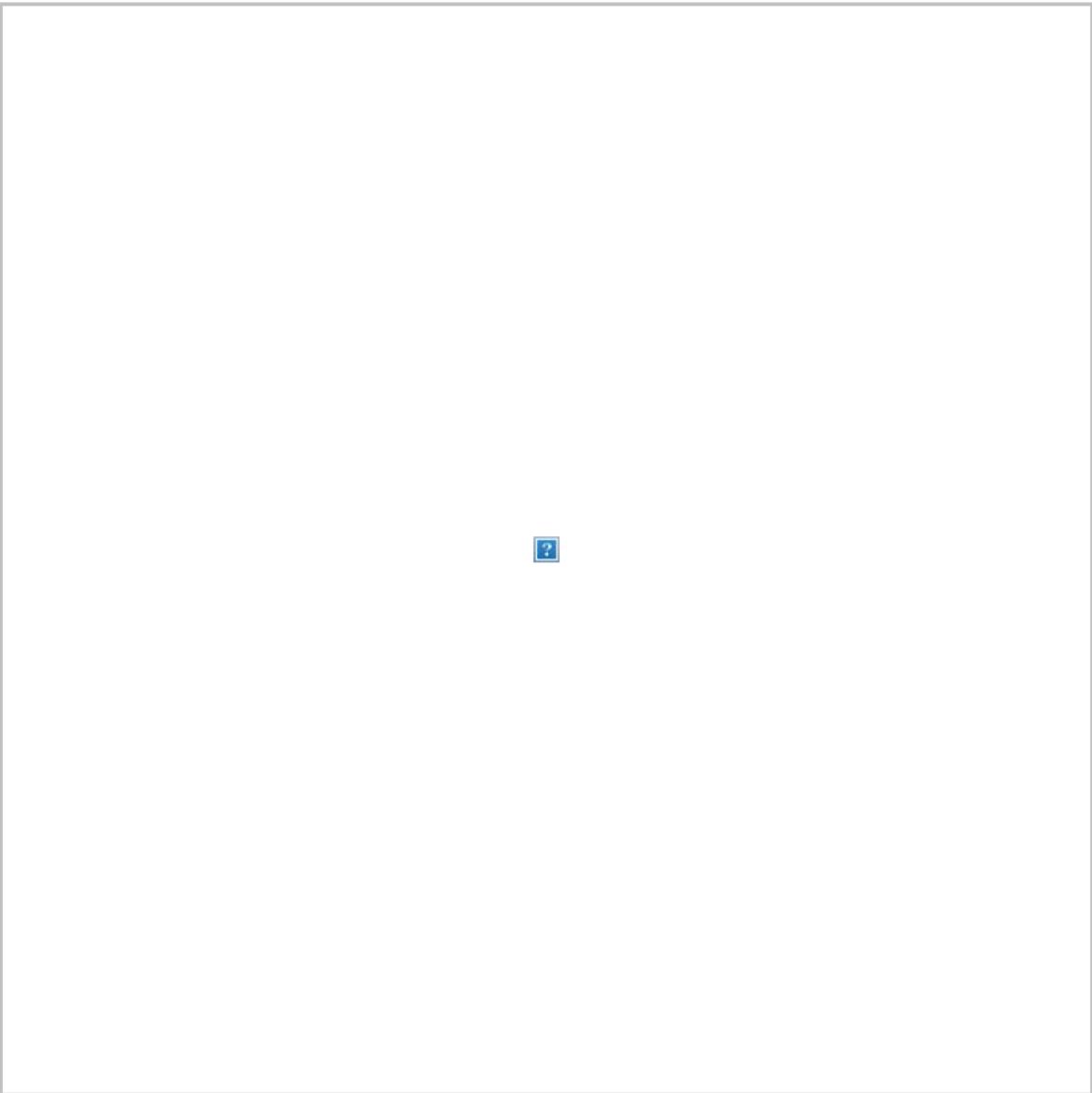




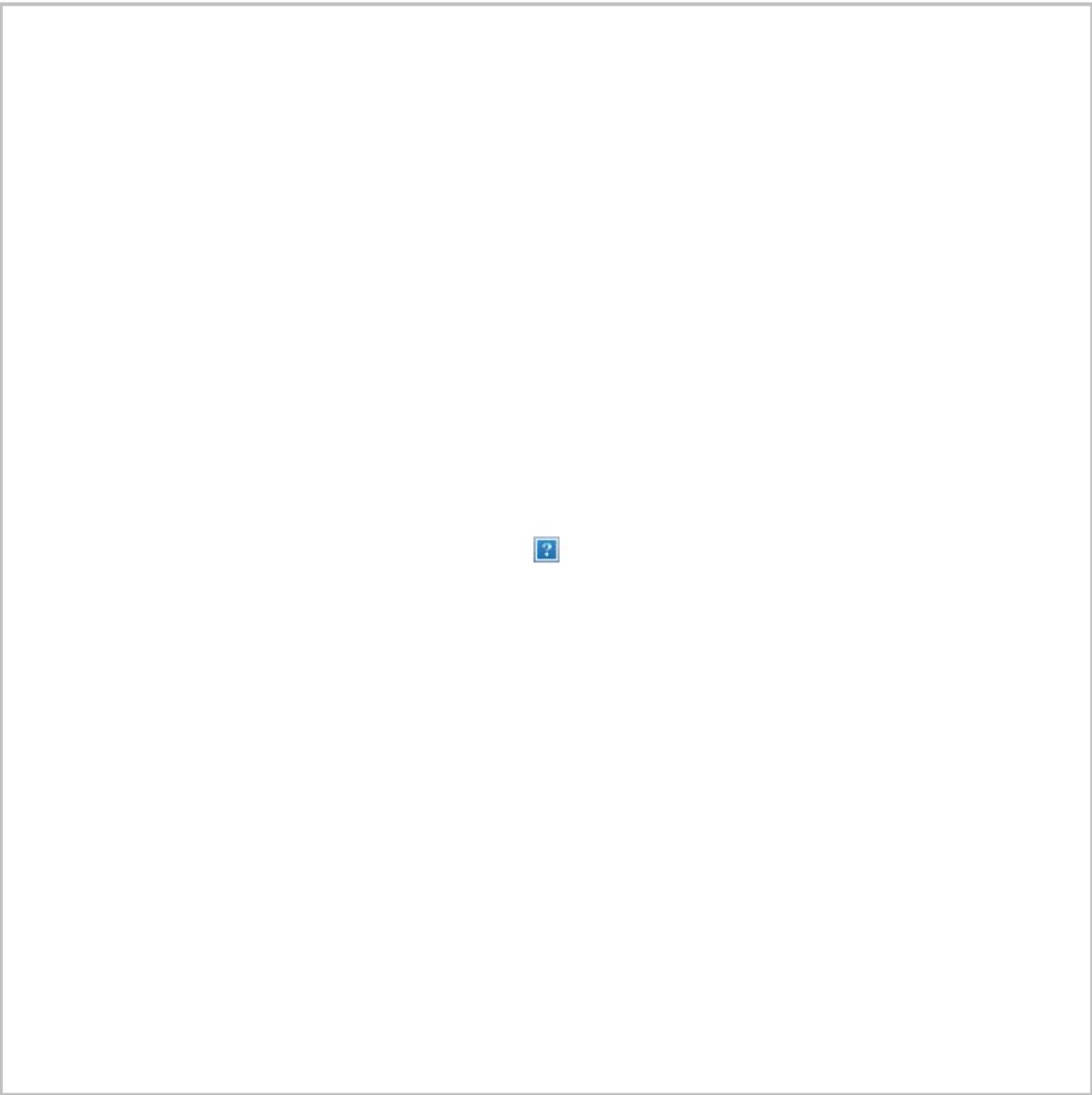
Trump seems sensitive about his loss of the popular vote:



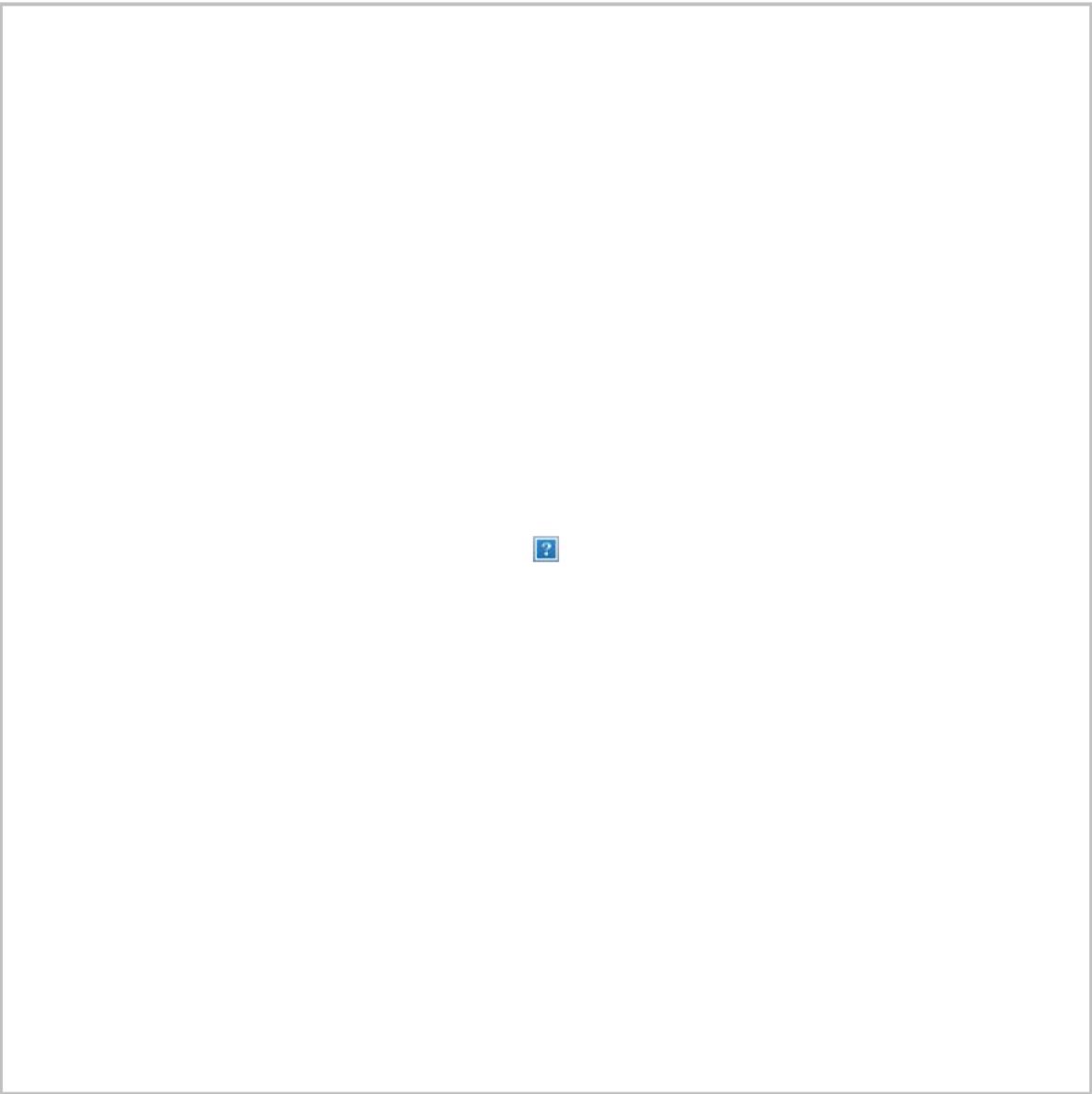
Shortly after, he changed his tone and defended the electoral college:



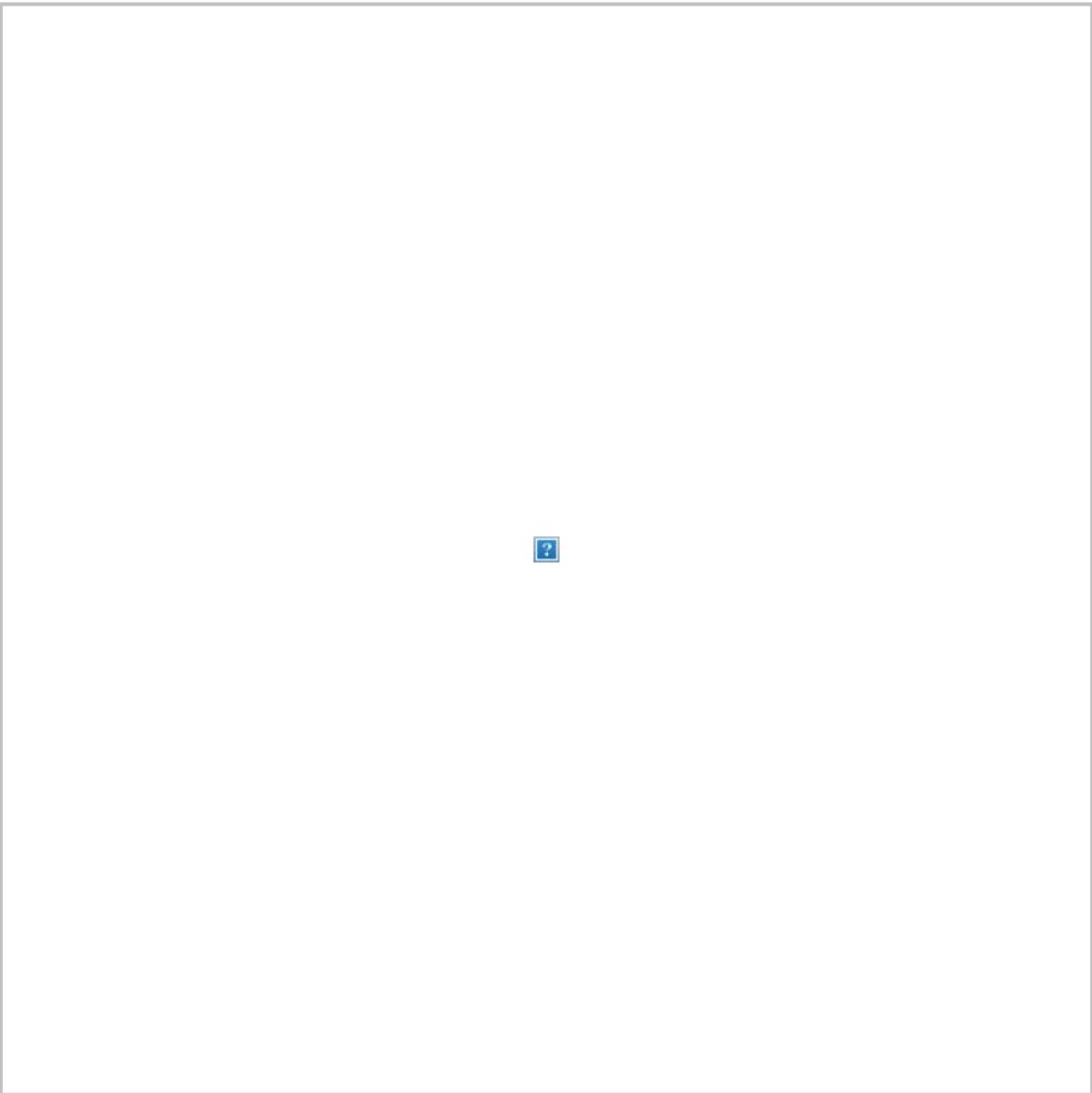
This is what he posted after Mitt Romney lost in 2012 -- just four years ago:



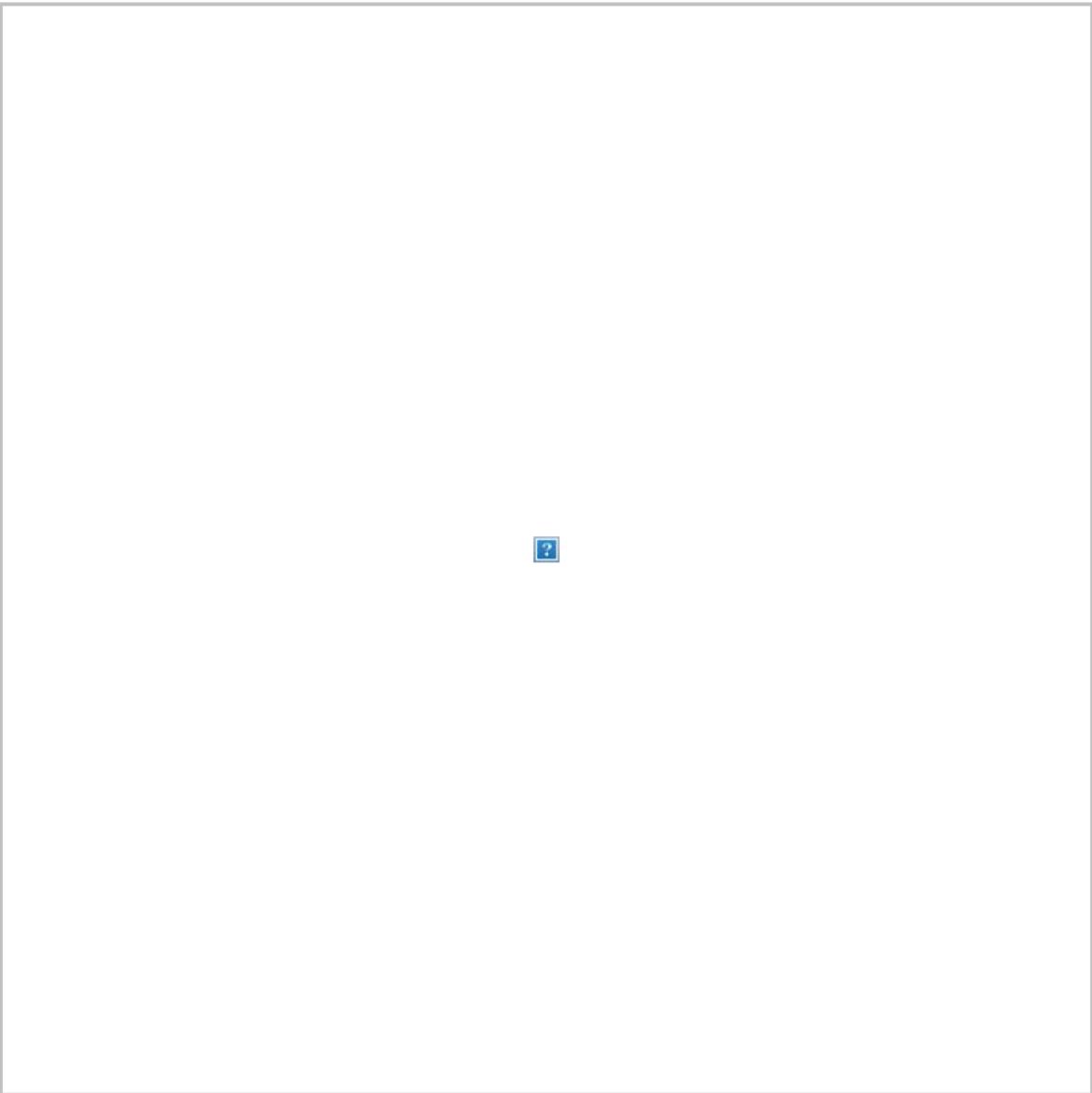
From the DNC's national field director (a former HRC aide):



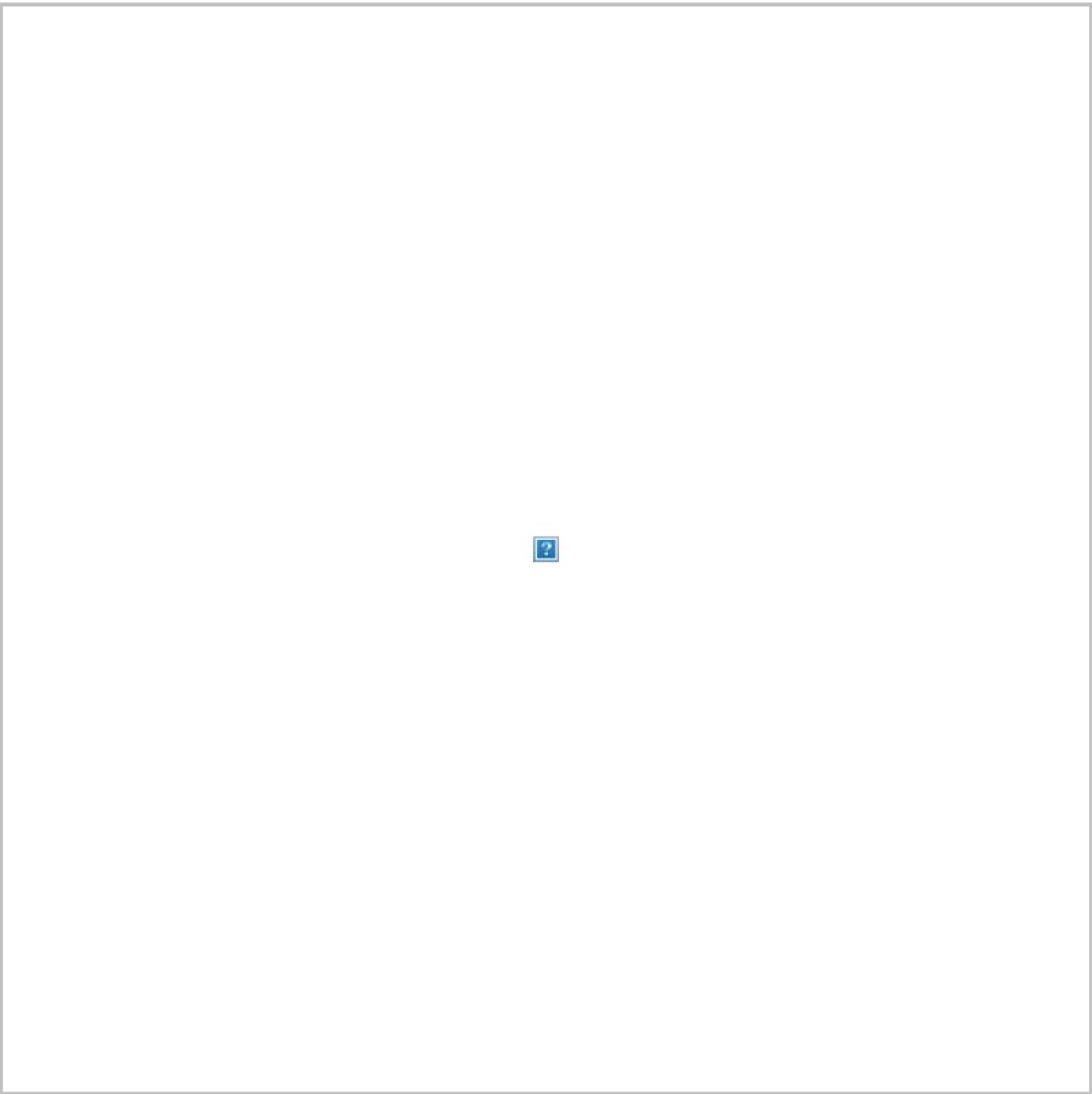
Donald Jr. is still in awe of the attention and scrutiny that comes with being the president's son:



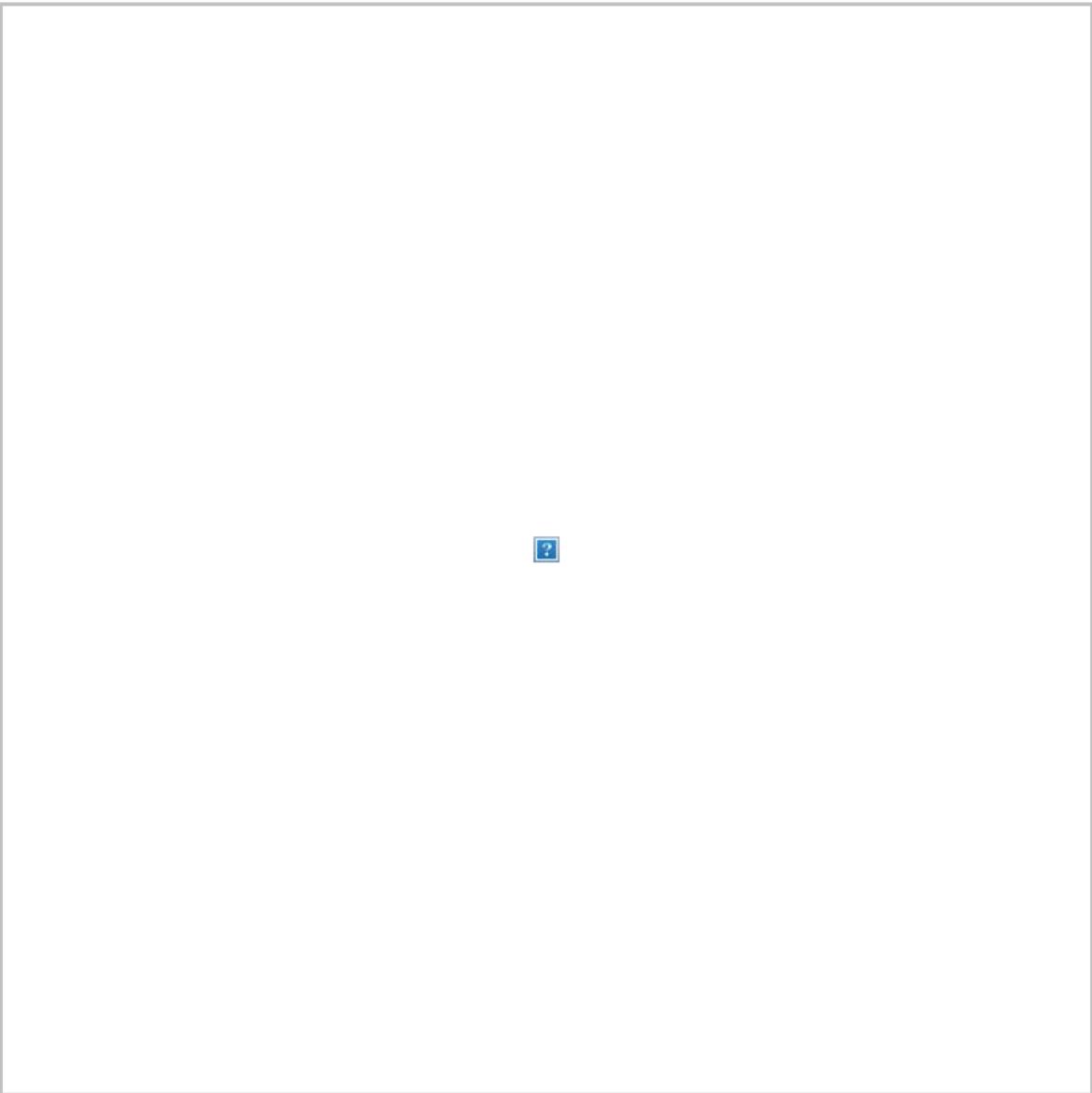
From a Texas Supreme Court justice who was on Trump's list of possible Antonin Scalia replacements:



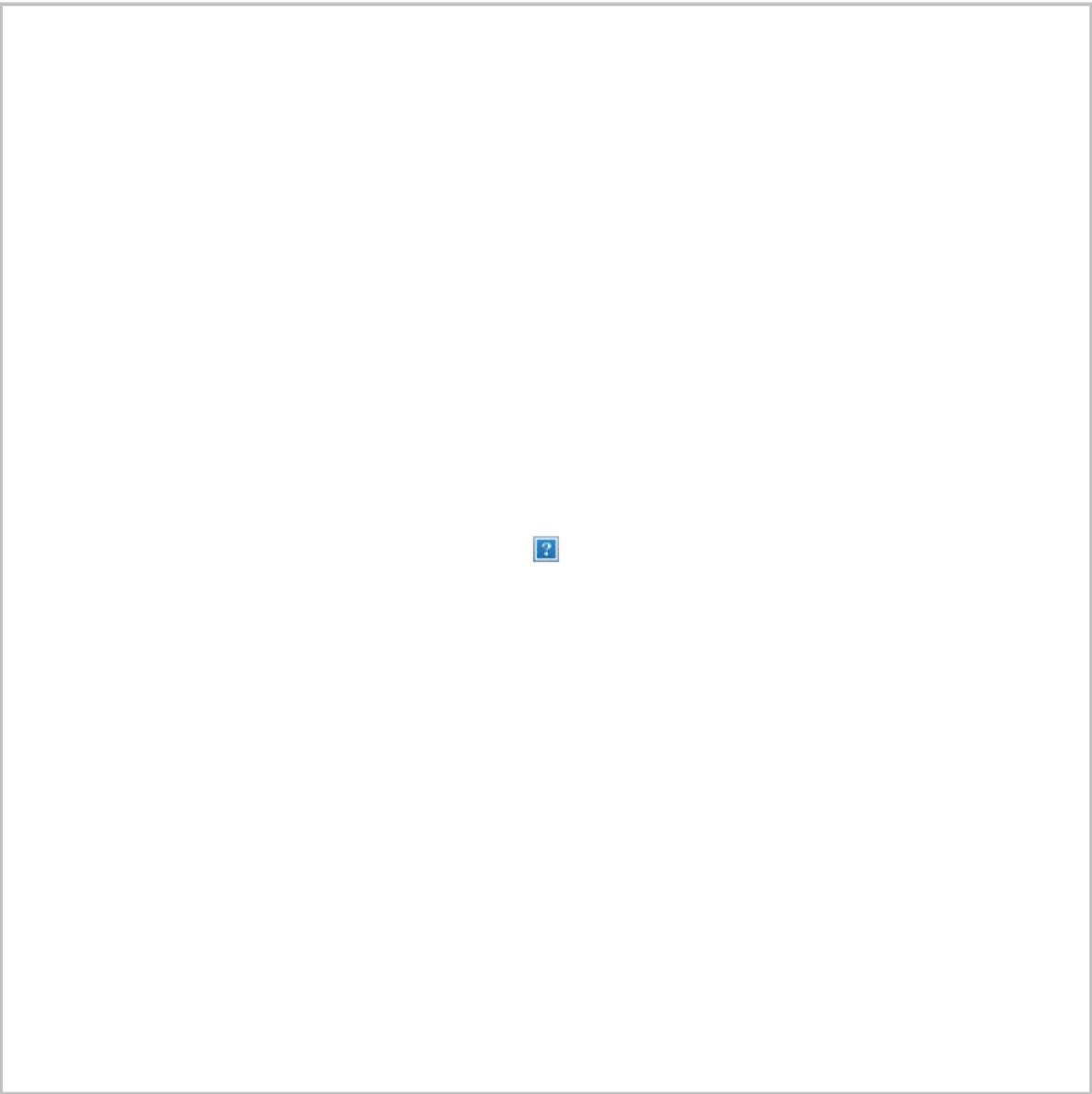
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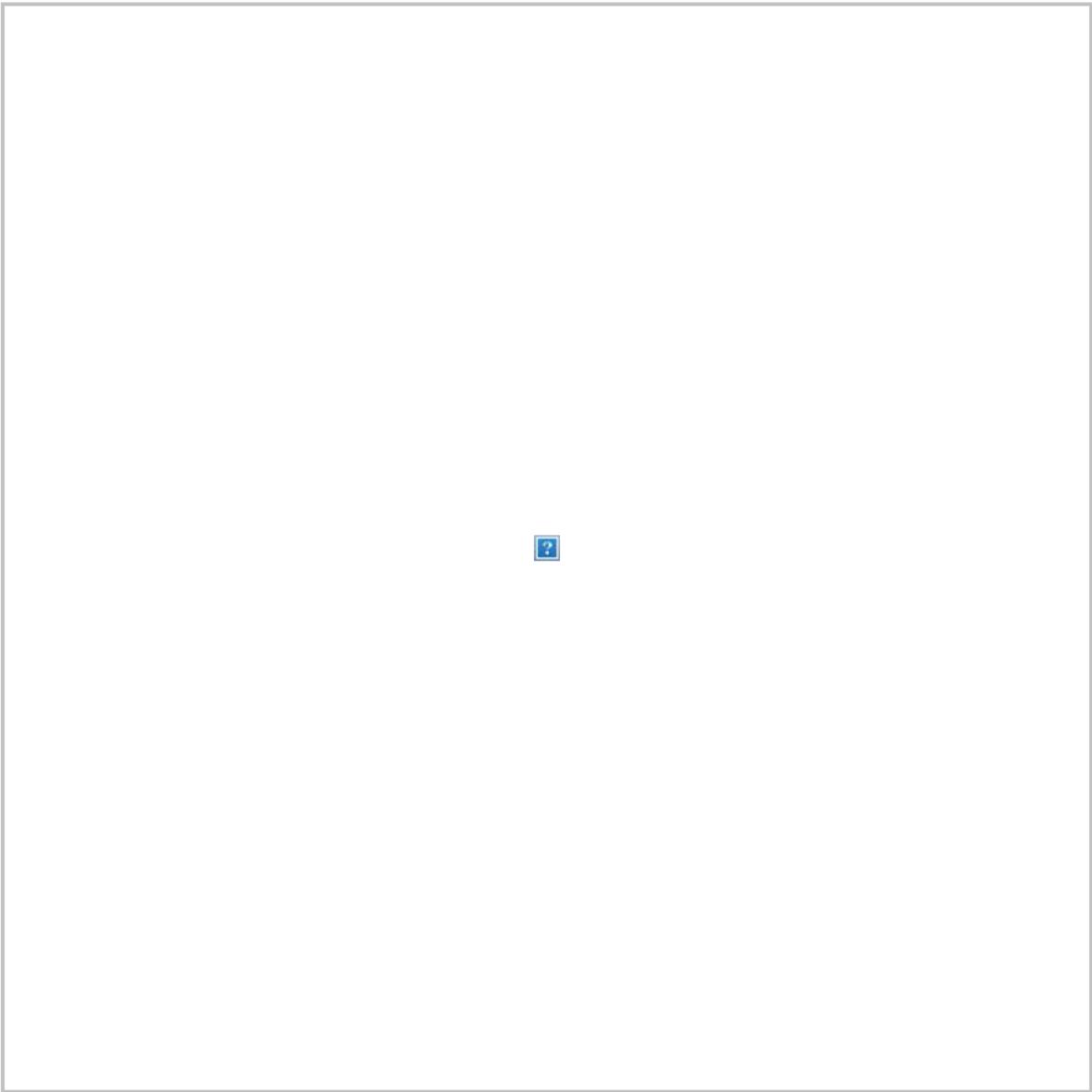
Larry Kudlow suggested the campaigns won't work:



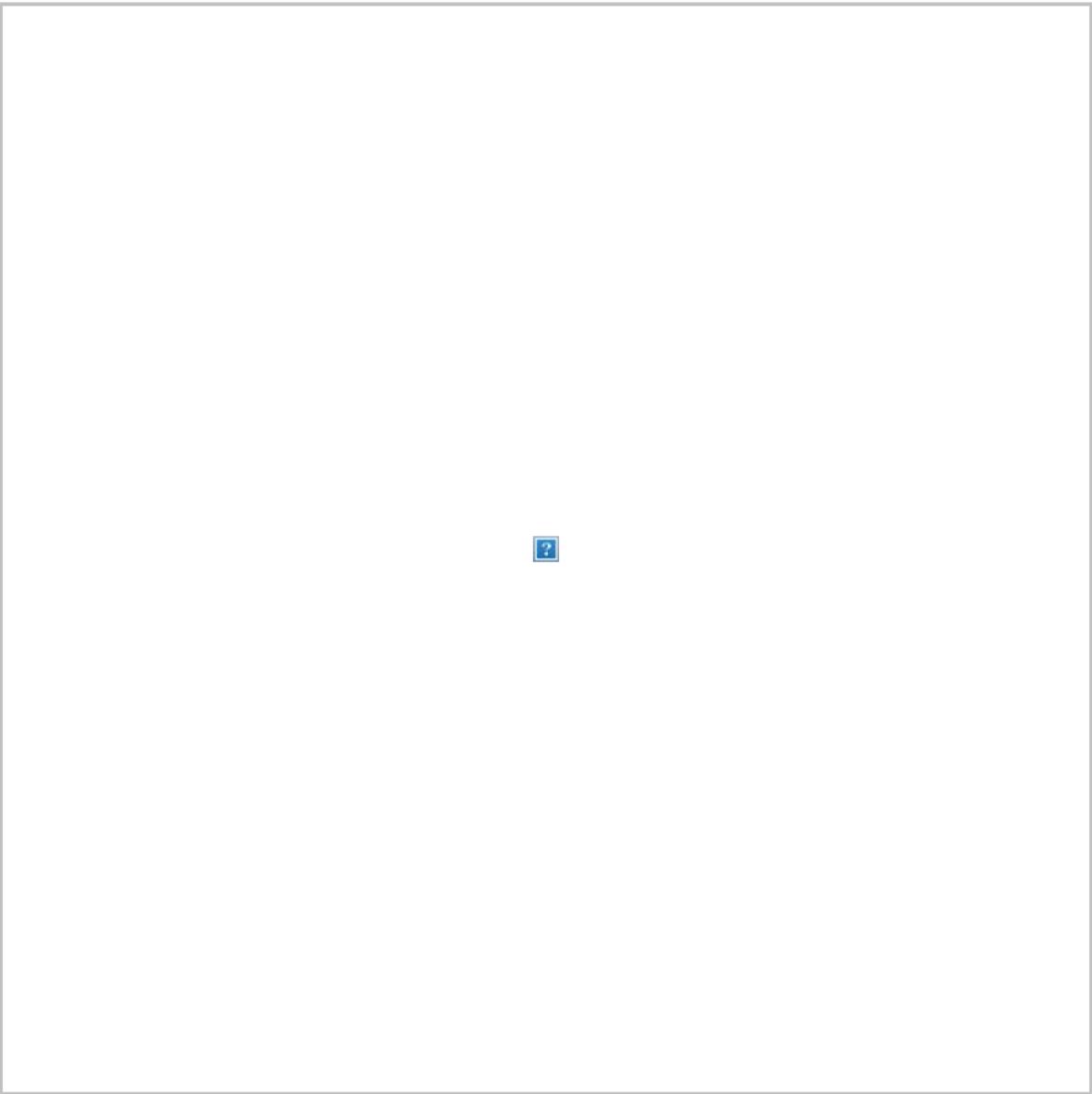
Brian Schatz is concerned about a potential head of the EPA under Trump:



Margaret Atwood made this crack about the incoming president:



A frightening chart in the wake of Facebook belatedly moving to crack down on fake news getting top billing on its platform:



Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Nebraska) retweeted this picture:



#### **GOOD READS FROM ELSEWHERE:**

-- [The New Yorker's Alexandra Schwartz](#) reflects on the Paris terrorist attacks one year later: "Security for freedom has always seemed something of a false trade-off when it comes to terrorism. A year after the attacks, a new kind of testimony is necessary. We continue to mourn the horrors of November 13th; they were terrible, and finite. **What we need now are stories of survival, the hard work that doesn't end.** 'Of course, having a culprit, someone to take the brunt of your anger, is an open door, a chance to temporarily escape your suffering,' [Antoine] Leiris writes, of the terrorists who took his wife. 'You think about him in order not to think about yourself. You hate him in order not to hate what's left of your life. You rejoice at his death in order not to have to smile at those who remain.' **Leiris has every claim to vengeance, to raise his son with the cold flame of hatred in his heart. He renounces it so that they both can live. That courageous trade-off is the one worth making.**"

#### **DAYBOOK:**

**At the White House:** The Bidens hold a luncheon for the Pences at the Naval Observatory and, later, a reception in honor of Diwali.

**On Capitol Hill:** Senate Republicans hold leadership elections. The Senate meets at 2:30 p.m. to resume consideration of the American Energy and Conservation Act. The House meets at 12 p.m. for legislative

business, with first and last votes expected between 5 and 6 p.m. on H.R. 5711, prohibiting the treasury secretary from authorizing certain transactions by a U.S. financial institution in connection with the export or re-export of a commercial passenger aircraft to Iran.

#### QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"It's an absolute knife fight," a Trump insider told Politico. "But that just makes it Tuesday."

#### NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:

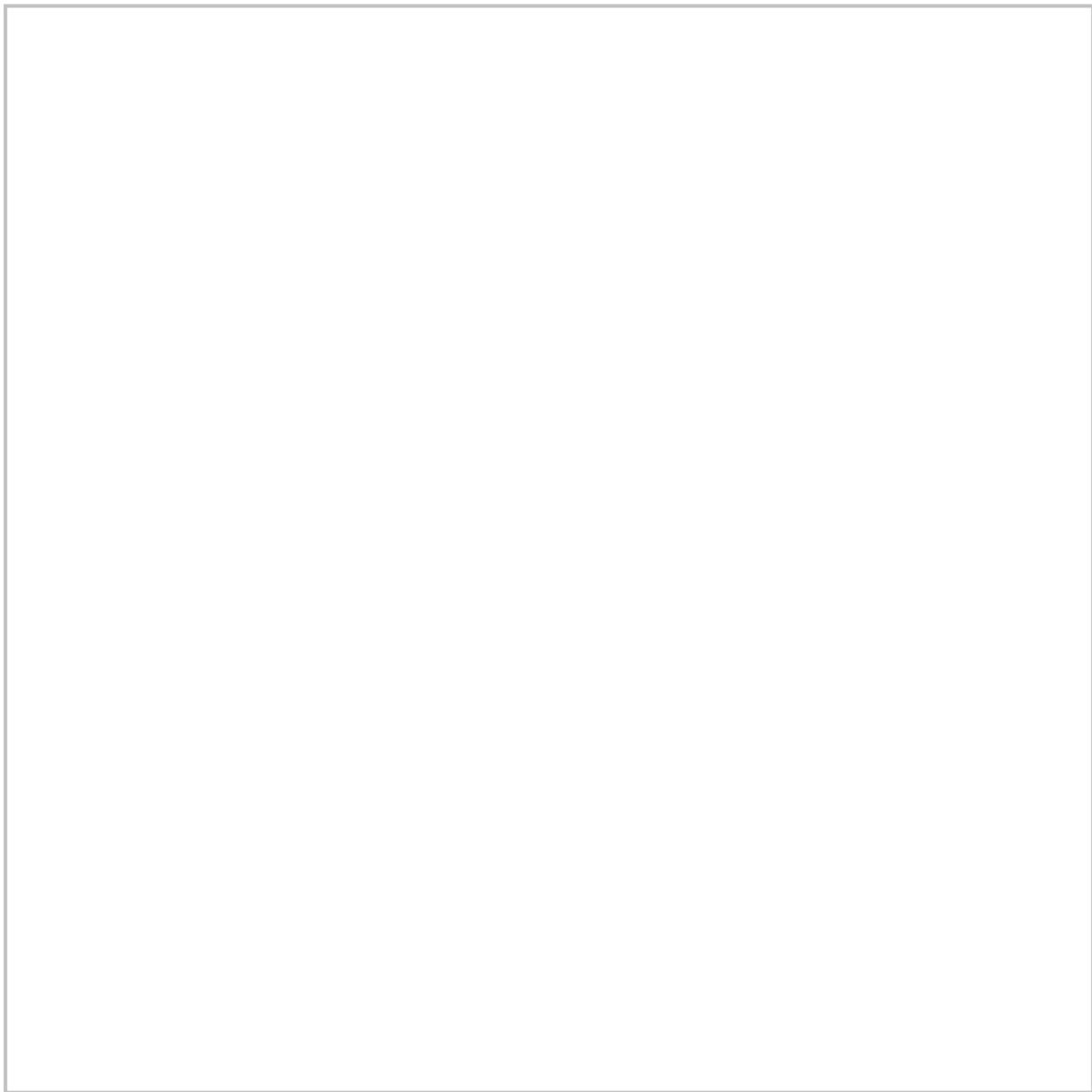
-- **A few more mild days before potential SNOW FLURRIES head our way this weekend, the [Capital Weather Gang](#) forecasts:** "A weak disturbance moving through shouldn't produce any precipitation, but could make skies partly cloudy at times. A mild breeze from the west-southwest ... counters the cooling effect of any clouds, however, as afternoon highs head for the low-to-mid 60s."

-- **D.C. Council passed an assisted suicide bill, giving final approval to legislation that would allow physicians to prescribe fatal drugs to terminally ill residents in the District.** Washington is the seventh jurisdiction in the country to allow the practice. ([Aaron C. Davis and Fenit Nirappil](#))

-- **Two off-duty federal agents helped subdue an armed man on the Metro who began swinging a knife at another passenger, coming within inches of his face.** Officials said the suspect had been asking passengers for money prior to the attack, and appeared to be in an "altered mental state." ([Faiz Siddiqui](#))

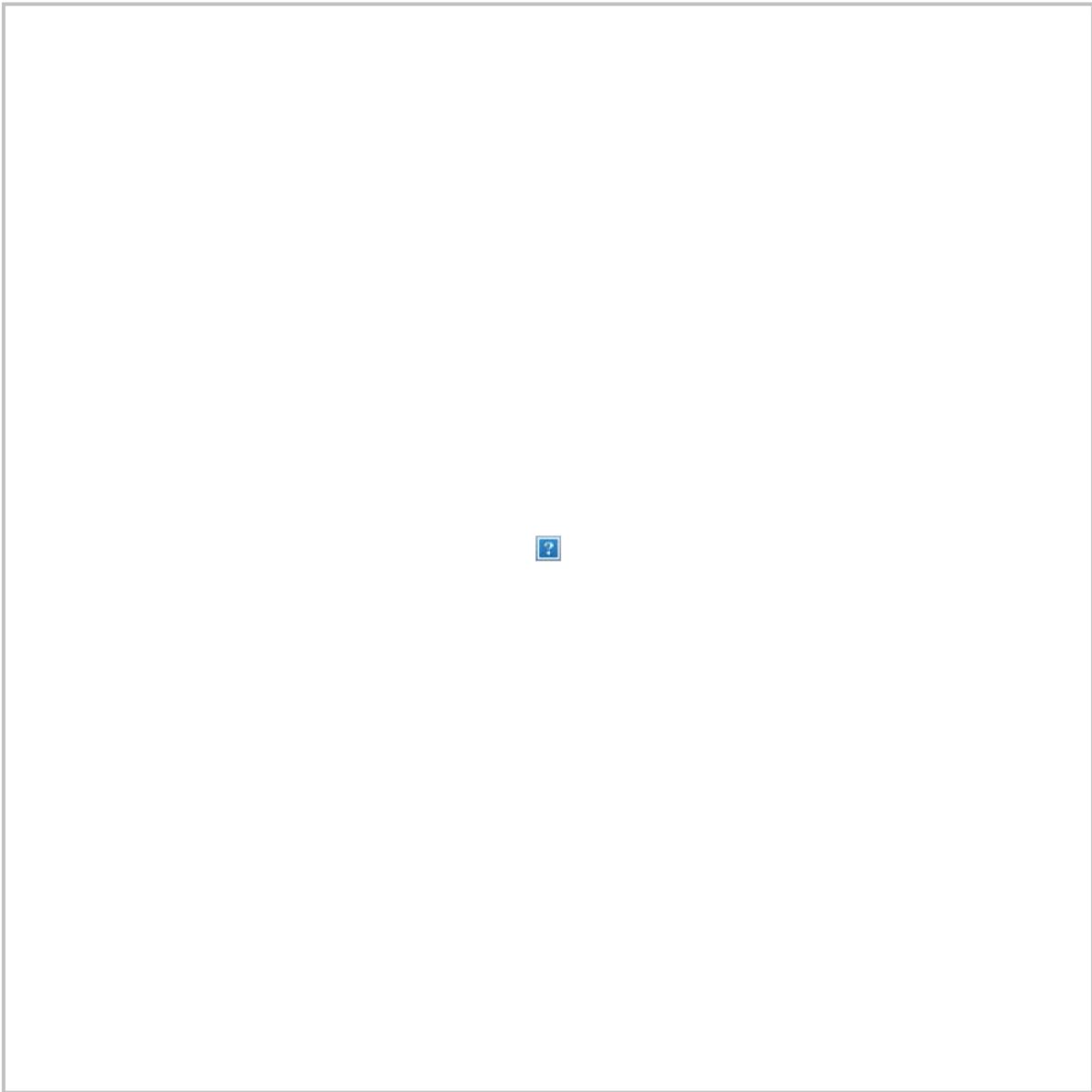
#### VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

President Obama, in Greece a few minutes ago, said American democracy is bigger than any one person:



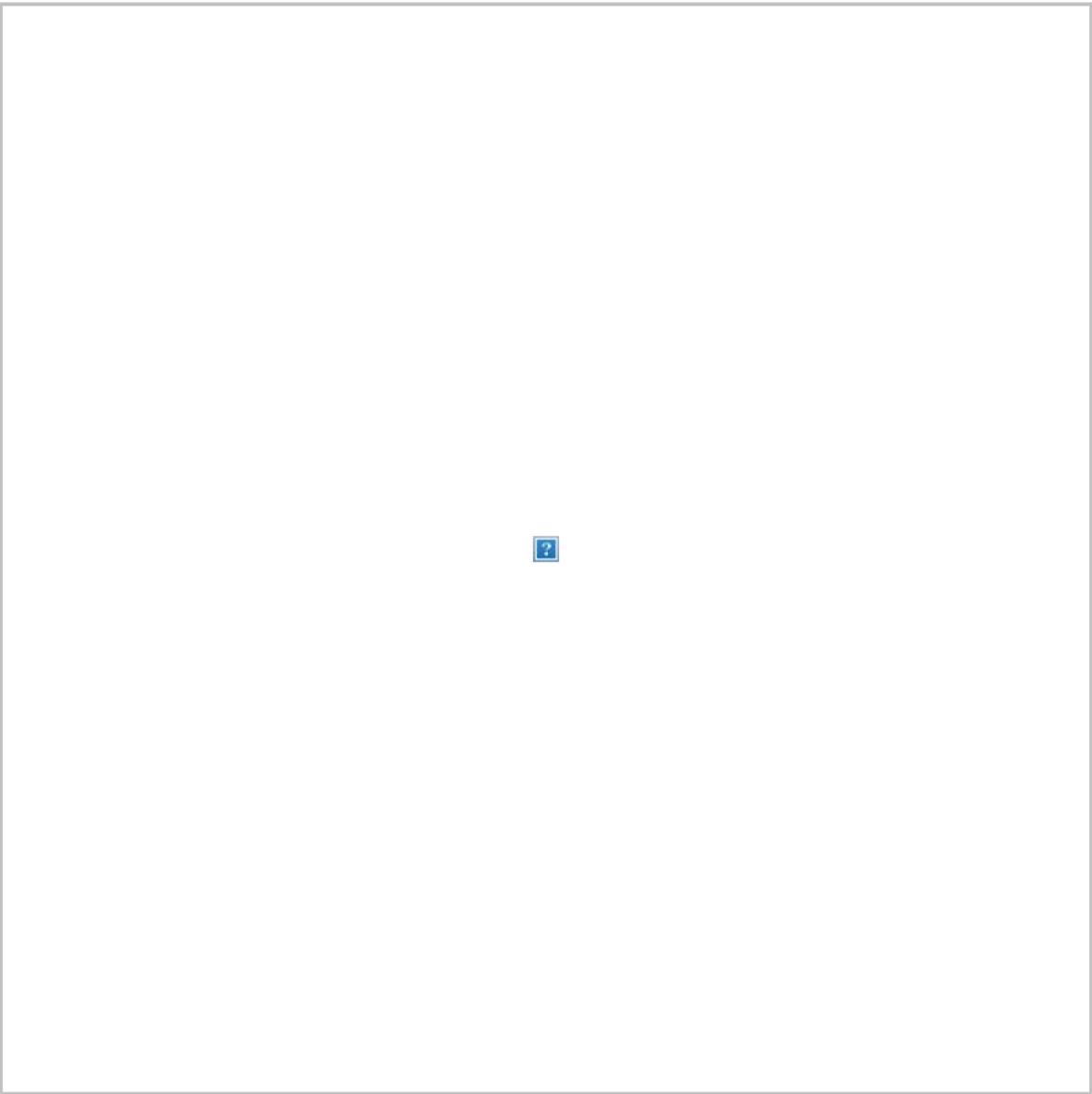
Obama: American democracy 'bigger than any one person'

Listen to some clips from Breitbart's radio show which offer a window into Trump's relationship with Bannon:

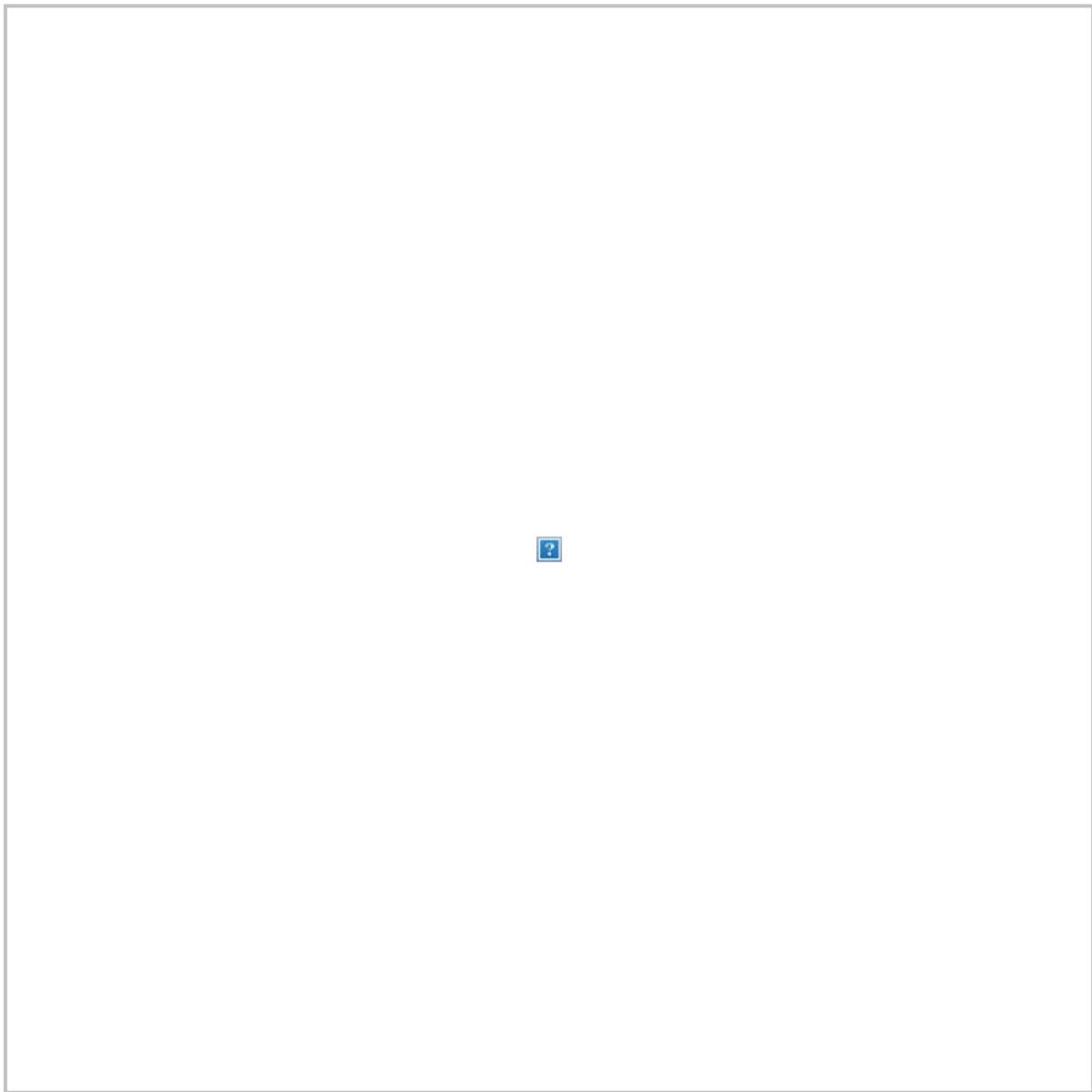


Clips from Breitbart radio show reveal Trump's relationship with Stephen Bannon

This video from February of Arabella Kushner reciting a poem in Chinese has taken off on Chinese social media:

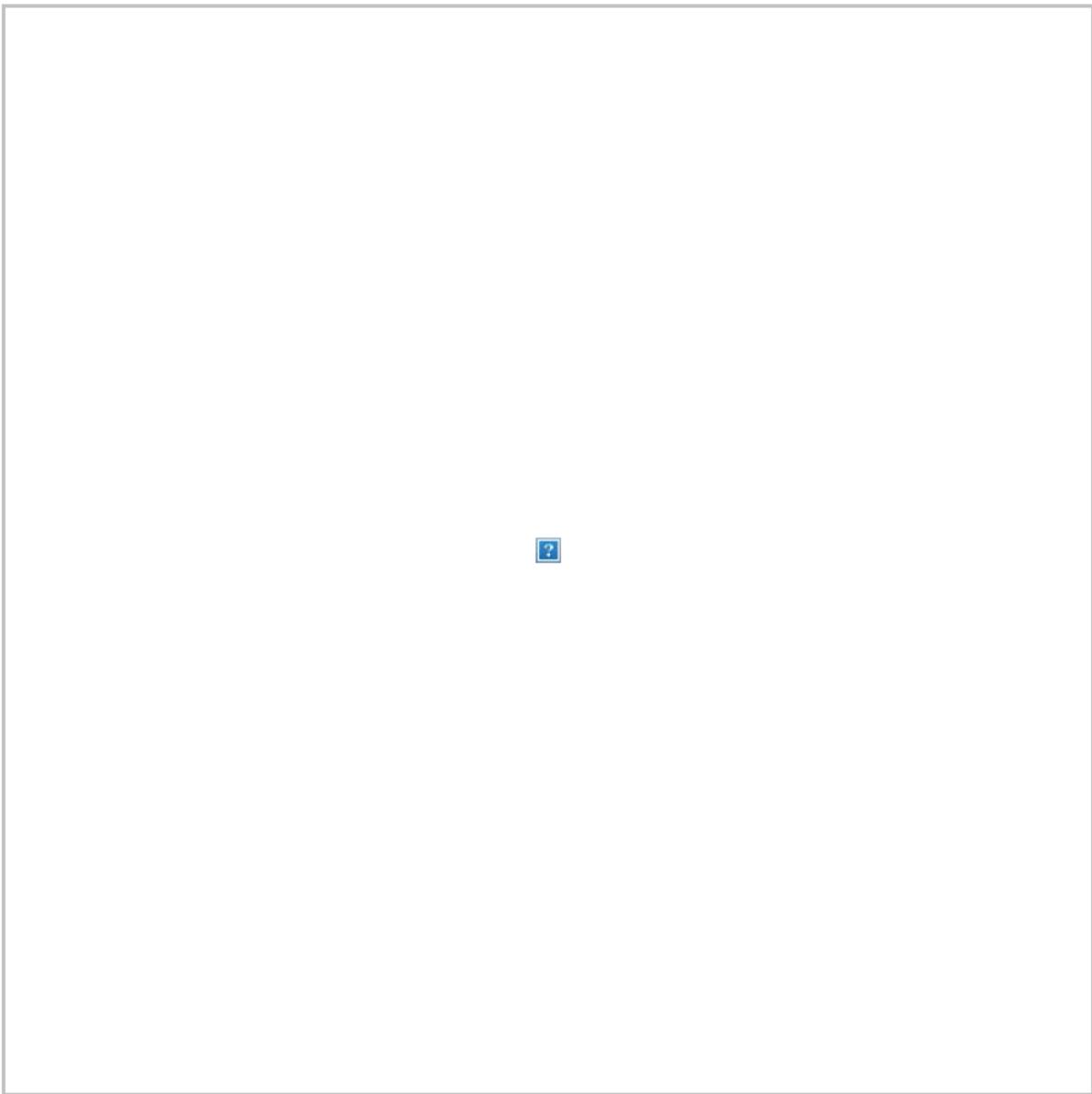


Elizabeth Warren spoke to the Wall Street Journal's CEO Council:



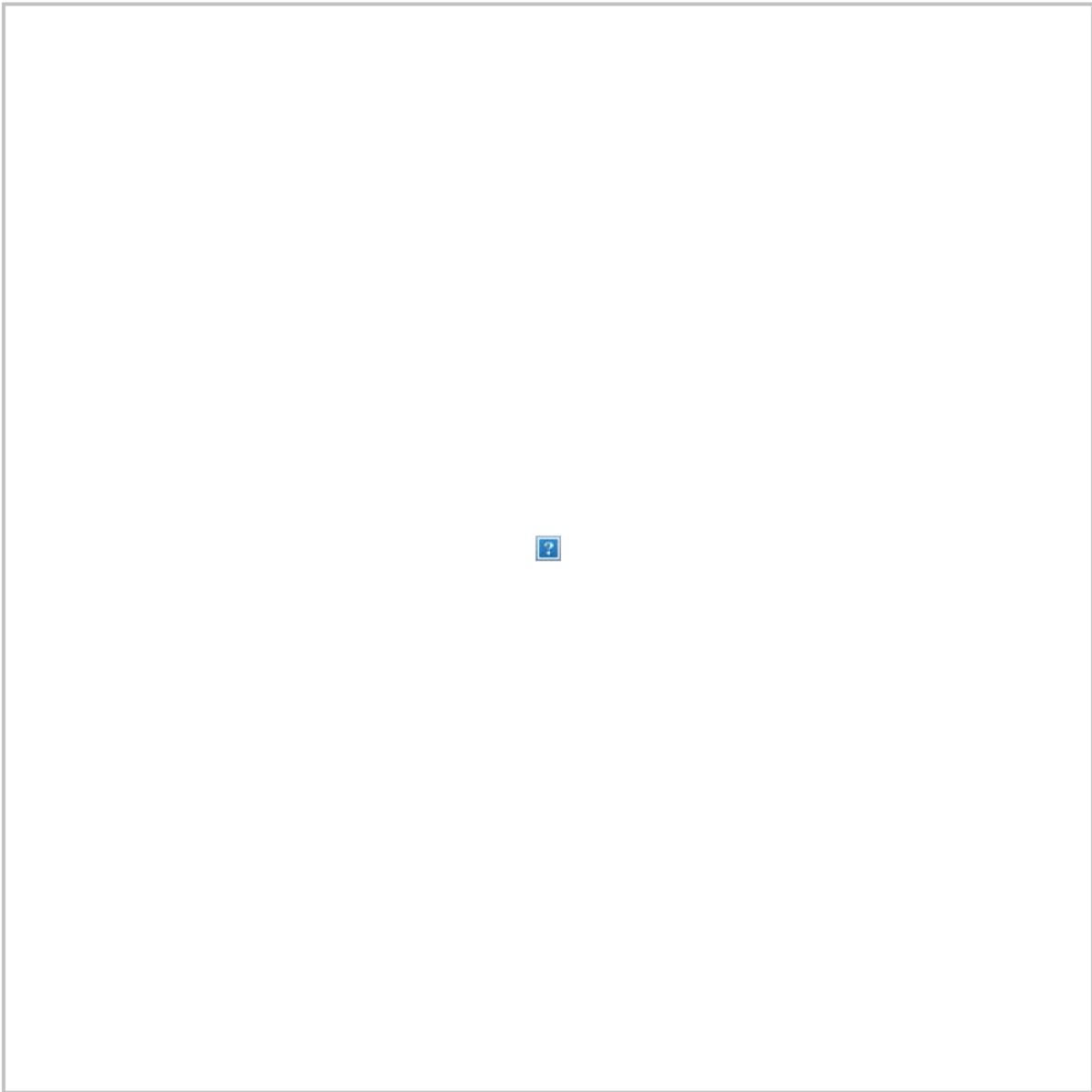
Senator Elizabeth Warren speaks to the Wall Street Journal's CEO Council

Seth Meyers walked through Trump's first moves as president-elect. He makes fun of Paul Ryan for saying he doesn't personally know Bannon so he can't offer an opinion by noting that he didn't know John Wilkes Booth but can still reach a judgment based on what he's heard:



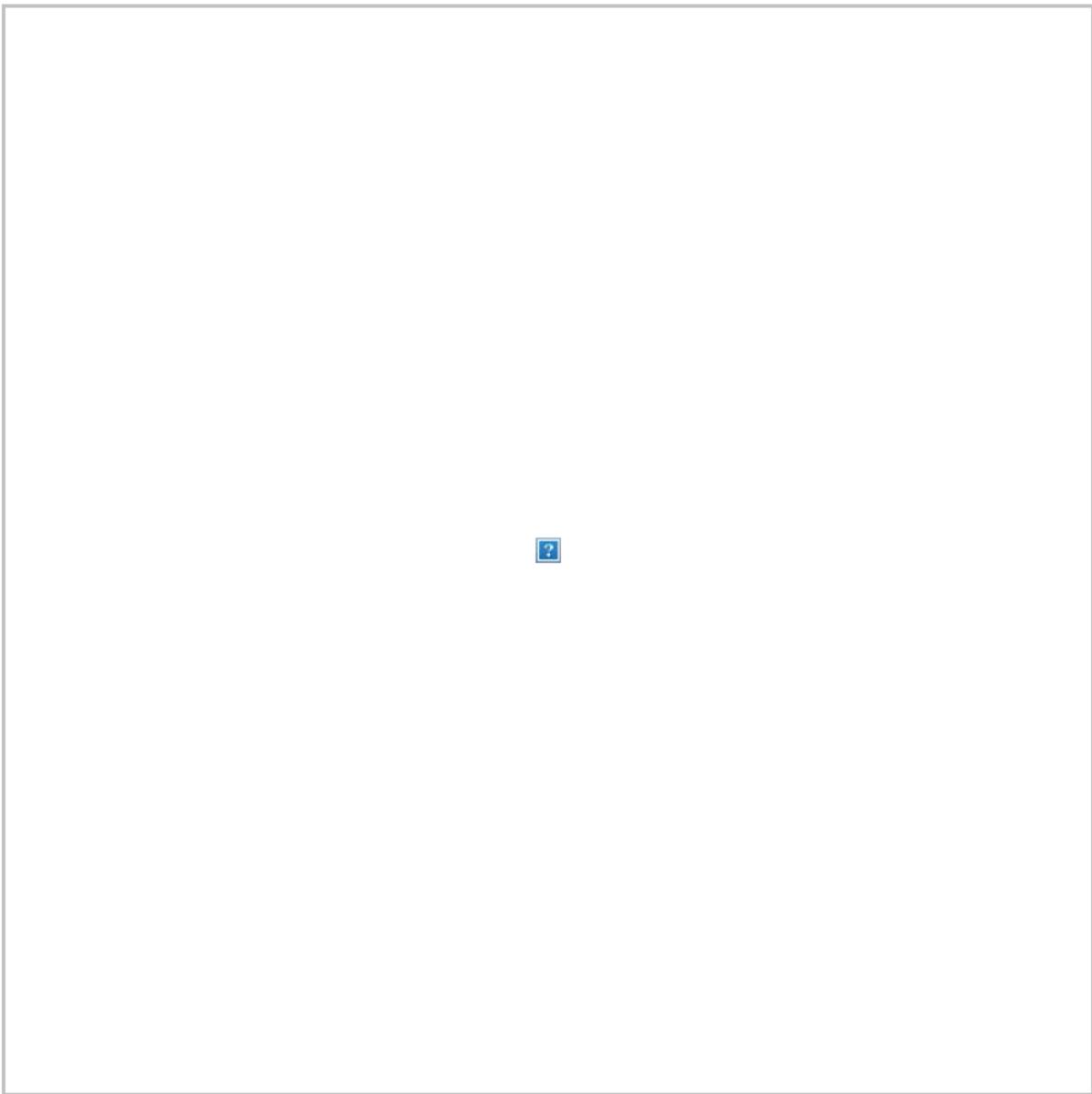
Donald Trump's First Moves as President-Elect: A Closer Look

Lin-Manuel Miranda talked about channeling Ja Rule as he wrote Hamilton:



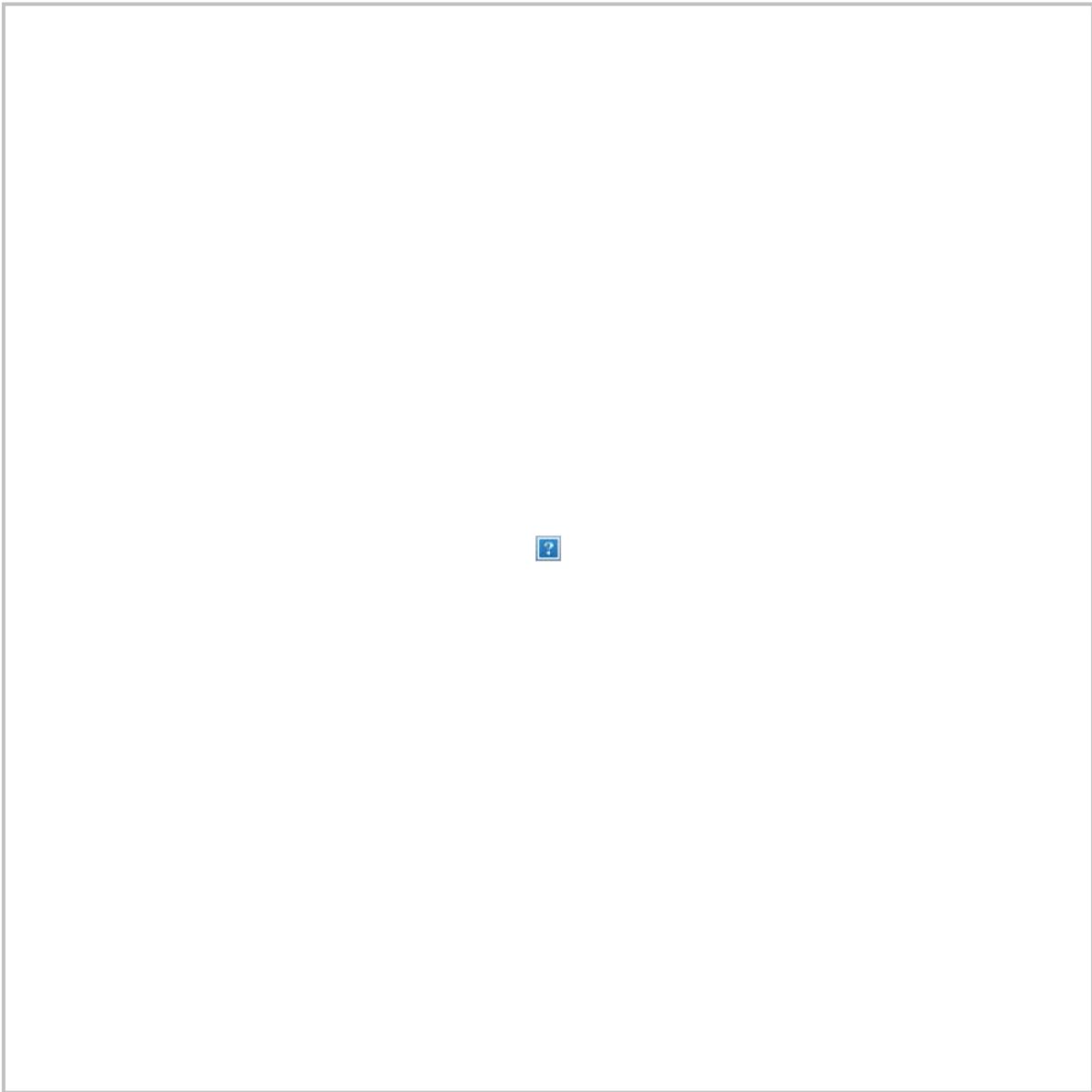
Lin-Manuel Miranda Channeled Ja Rule In "Hamilton" - CONAN on TBS

New York City built a wall of sticky notes to protest Trump:



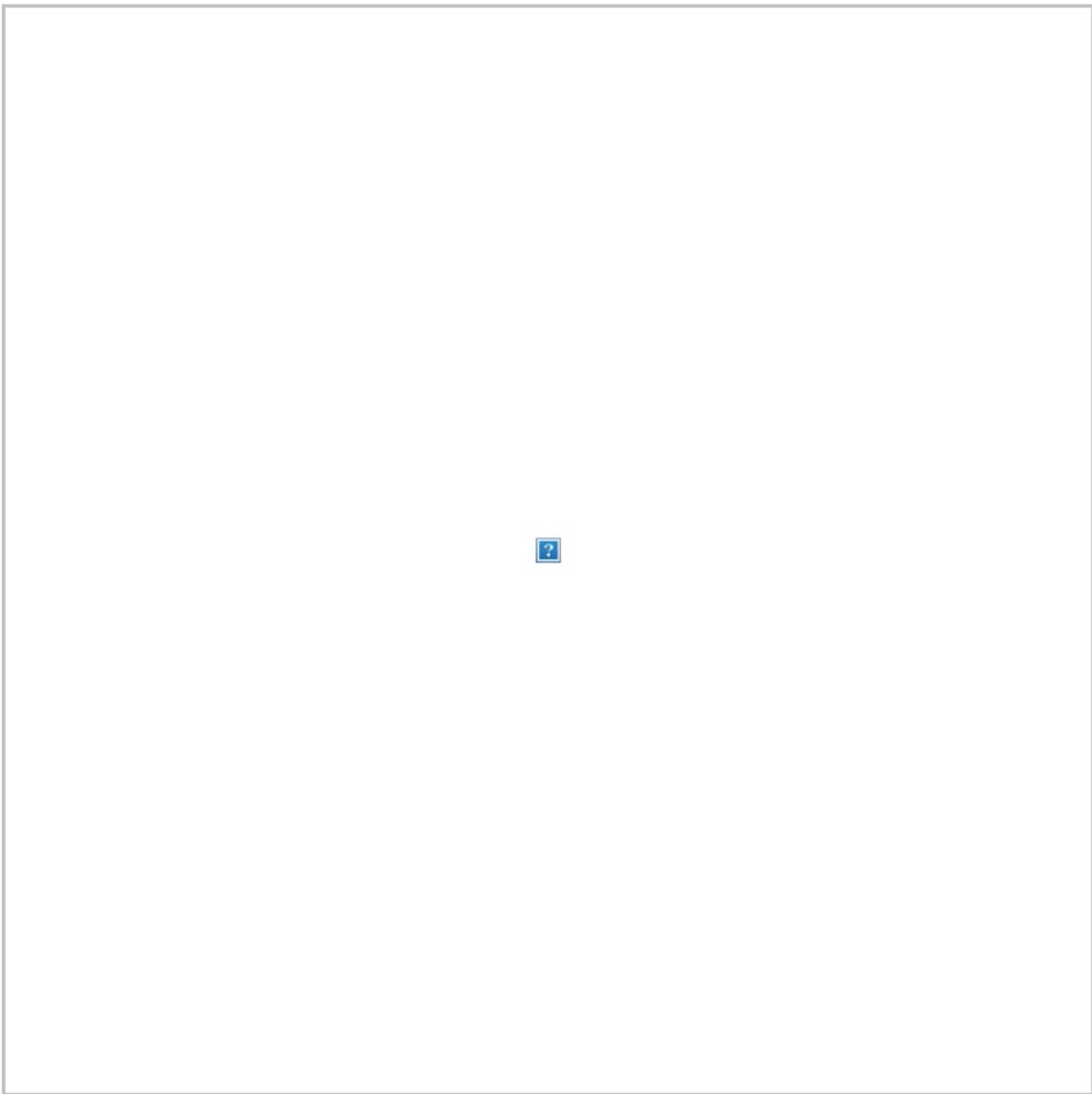
NYC builds wall of sticky notes in defiance of Trump

This leopard cub was rescued from a well in eastern India:



Leopard cub rescued from a well in eastern India

Finally, watch a drone deliver Domino's pizza in New Zealand:



Watch New Zealand's first commercial pizza delivery by drone

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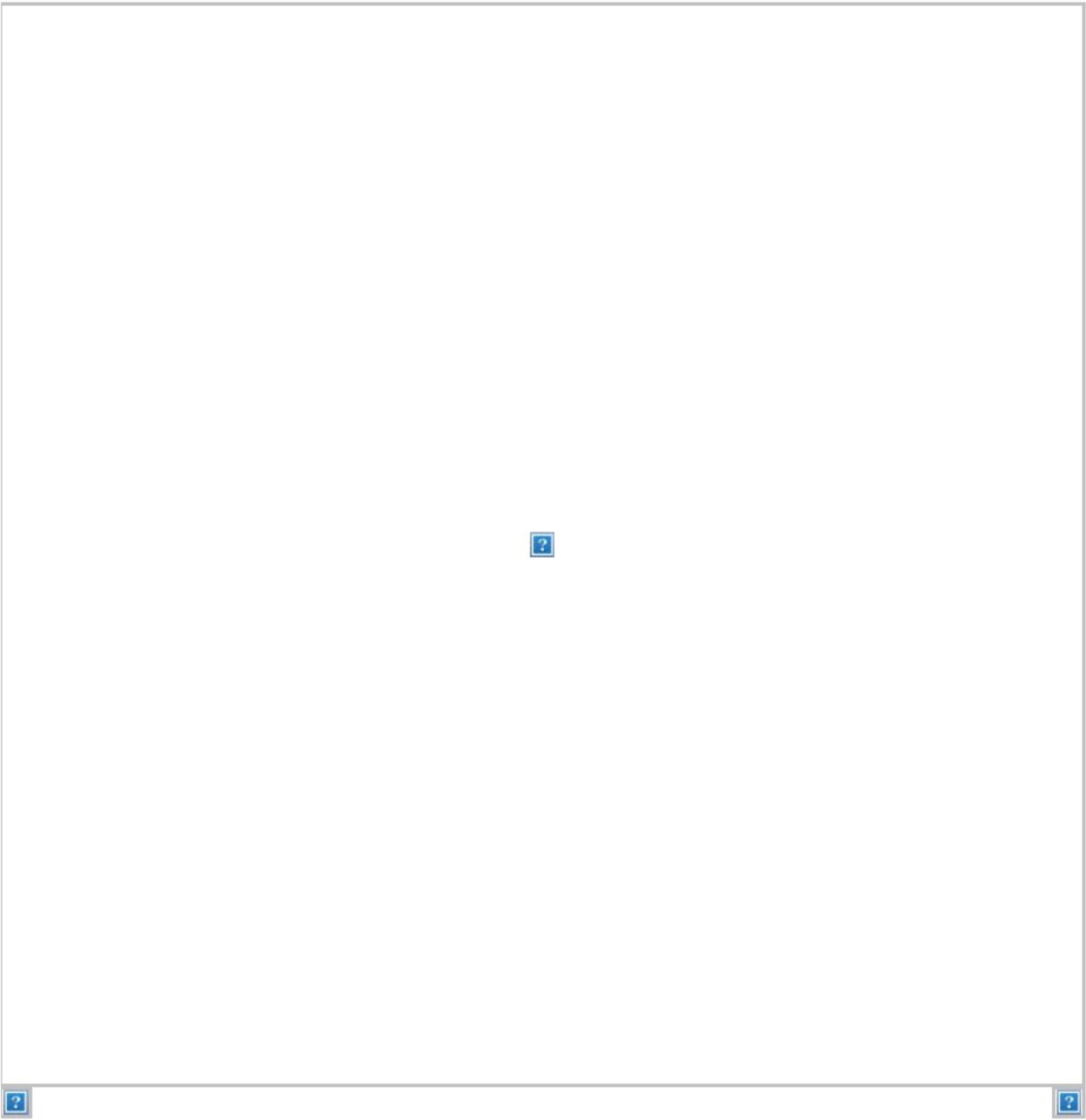
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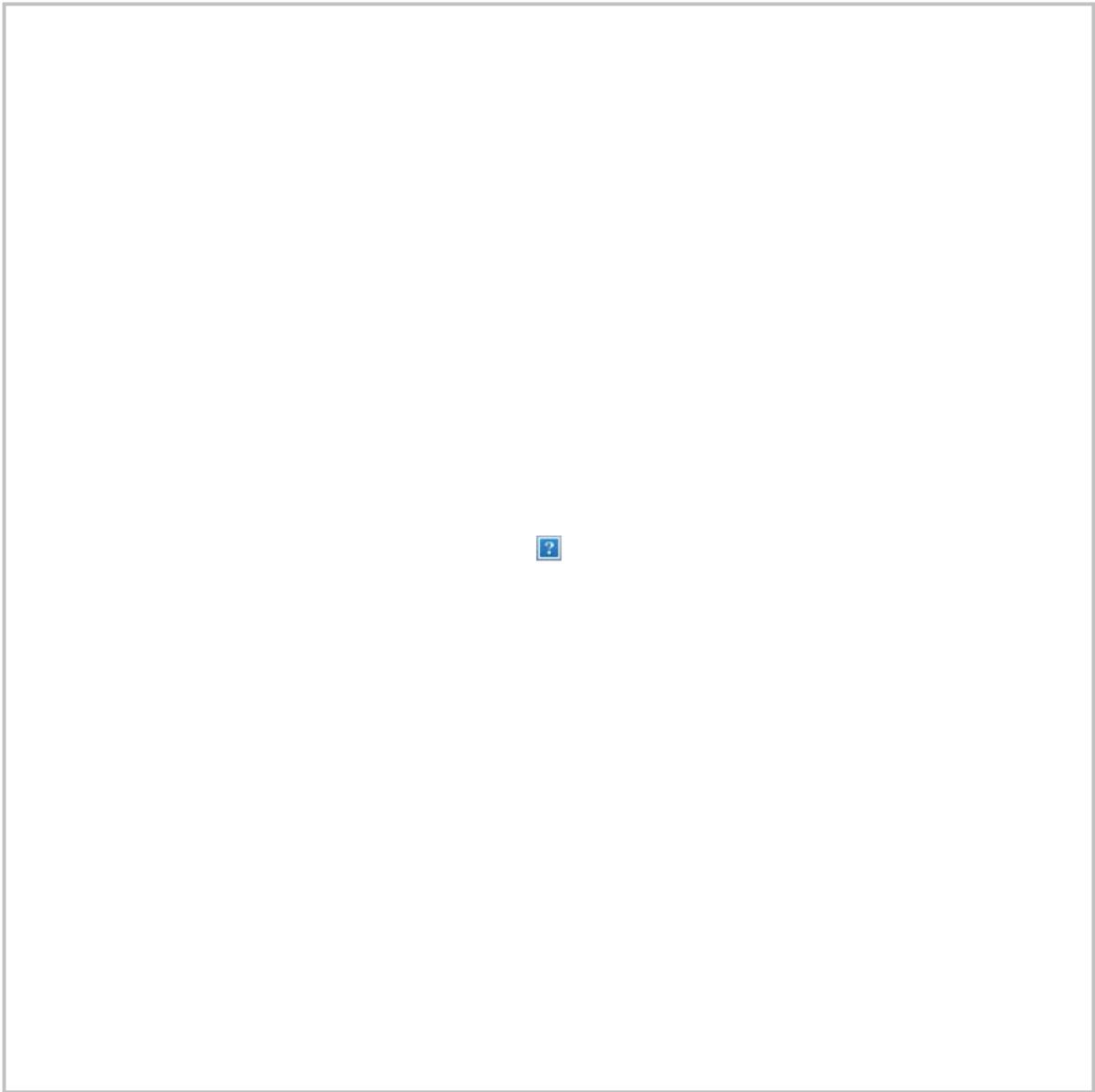


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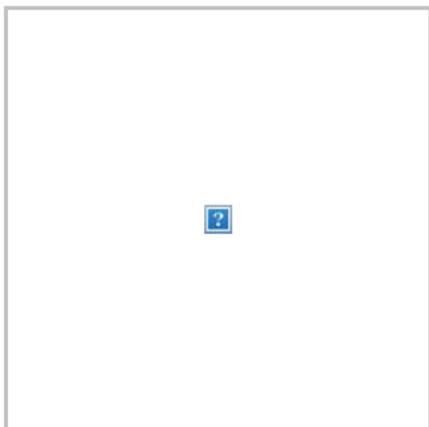
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[Obama in a state of denial about Trump, as Democrats work through the stages of grief](#)



President Obama listens to a question during a news conference in the Brady press briefing room at the White House yesterday. (Manuel Balce Ceneta/AP)



*With Breanne Deppisch*

**THE BIG IDEA: Barack Obama has deluded himself with the misguided hope that Donald Trump will not even try to follow through on many of his biggest campaign promises.** He is consoling himself with the hope that, if he does, the new president will be measured, self-restrained and respectful of custom. That he will “study ... deeply” and “look at the facts.” That logic and reason, not emotion or ideology, will drive him above all else.

**The lame-duck president has convinced himself that Republicans probably won't go through with repealing Obamacare when they realize just how hard it will be. Ditto with the Iran nuclear deal and the Paris climate accord.** “Reality has a way of asserting itself,” Obama reasoned. “I also think that he is coming to this office with fewer set hard-and-fast policy prescriptions than a lot of other presidents might be arriving with. I don't think he is ideological. I think ultimately he's pragmatic in that way.”

**-- Is Obama really that naïve? Probably not. He is just wallowing in a state of denial and has resorted to wishful thinking as a coping mechanism. It is a natural psychological condition that afflicts most human beings grieving a major loss, at least for a time. Presidents are not immune.**

For a little over an hour yesterday afternoon, Americans saw a 55-year-old who has not come to grips with just how big a blow Trump's victory is to his legacy and his party. He rationalized. He downplayed. He justified. He minimized. With all the trappings of the presidency still his, it hasn't fully sunk in yet. And it might not for 66 more days, when Trump gets sworn in on the West Front of the Capitol – and Obama begins living as a civilian in Kalorama.

**-- Trying to project reassurance, circumspection and a sense of continuity, Obama came across at times as both nonchalant and almost ambivalent about the results.** He expressed confidence in how hard it is to move the levers of power. “The federal government and our democracy is not a speedboat. It's an ocean liner,” he said. But with [the stroke of a pen](#) Trump could instantly undo much of what Obama has pushed with through executive action during the second term. And the new president will have Republican majorities in both chambers of Congress.

**-- Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, in her 1969 book “On Death and Dying,” identified the five stages of grief as denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. Obama is clearly still in stage one.**

Obama waves as he leaves the White House, bound for Europe. (Manuel Balce Ceneta/AP)</p>□

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-- **Other Democrats have already progressed further along in their recovery over the past seven days.**

The protesters chanting “not my president” in the streets every night are angry (stage two).

Many more went right into depression (stage three), almost to the point of being inconsolably paralyzed by it. **A bunch of Democratic groups and lobbying firms scheduled parties around Washington this week, assuming folks would be in a mood to celebrate. But several events that took place last night were sparsely attended, since so many movers-and-shakers just want to sit in their basements and drink alone.**

The liberals who won’t stop talking about how Hillary Clinton won the popular vote are in the bargaining phase (stage four).

Meanwhile, the intensifying debate over who should chair the DNC has forced acceptance (stage five) in some quarters.

-- **The Republican establishment already [had to work through this grieving process](#) vis-à-vis Trump in**

**the spring.** Pretty much everyone in the GOP reached the acceptance phase by Election Day.

Obama speaks. (Andrew Harnik/AP)</p>□



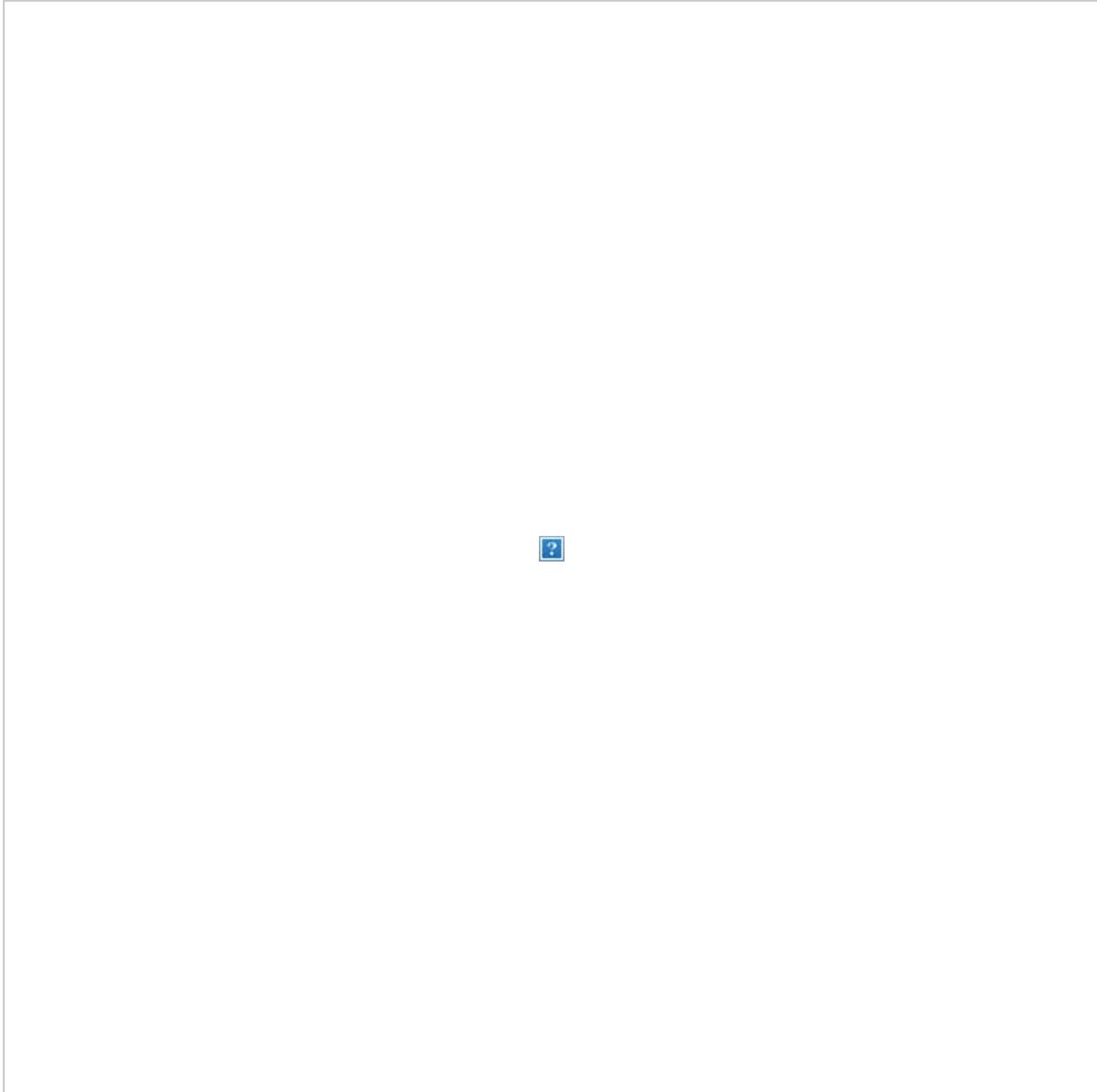
Obama speaks. (Andrew Harnik/AP)

-- **Obama is a textbook case of denial right now.** The president allowed himself to hear what he wanted to hear during his 90-minute sit-down with Trump last Thursday. His successor somehow managed to both reassure and flatter him. Perhaps Trump privately told him that he was not serious about many of his priorities and stressed that they are merely opening bids in a negotiation.

It is also possible that **the same confirmation bias which caused so many in the mainstream media to tune out all the signals that Trump was on the verge of pulling off the biggest political upset since at least “Dewey defeats Truman” has now apparently convinced Obama that his successor is not actually about to massively roll back many of his proudest achievements,** despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. (Trump may not be ideological, but his administration will be full of committed movement conservatives who are focused on systematically unwinding the regulatory state that Obama built up. And Trump’s advisers are already sketching out plans to use the budget reconciliation process to eviscerate the Affordable Care Act.)

Taking questions from reporters for the first time since the election, before boarding Air Force One for his flight to Athens, Greece, **Obama declared that he will reassure our allies that Trump never actually**

believed what he said about NATO. Never mind that, in the hours before he said this, the president-elect was on the telephone with Vladimir Putin—the single biggest threat to the transatlantic alliance—pledging to improve “unsatisfactory” relations and agreeing that [their aides will set up a face-to-face meeting](#).



Obama: Trump not ideological, calls him 'pragmatic'

**-- What a difference a few days makes.**

Last week, making his closing argument against Trump, Obama told audiences: **“Who you are (and) what you are does not change once you become president.** It magnifies who you are. You have more power ... so folks will enable you to be more of who you are. It will shine a spotlight on who you are.”

Yesterday, he took the opposite view: **“This office has a way of waking you up.** My advice to the president-elect when we had our discussions was that campaigning is different from governing. I think he recognizes that.”

**“Of course I’ve got concerns,”** Obama allowed later, when another journalist asked basically the same question that had already been asked three times. “There are going to be certain elements of his temperament that will not serve him well unless he recognizes them and corrects them.”

But he pointedly declined to say whether he still believes Trump is unqualified to be president. In fact, when pressed, **Obama praised his “gregarious” successor whom – behind the same podium in the same briefing room – he once called “a carnival barker.”**

Trump checks out Paul Ryan's balcony at the Capitol last week. (Nicholas Kamm/AFP/Getty)</p>□



Trump checks out Paul Ryan's balcony at the Capitol last week. (Nicholas Kamm/AFP/Getty)

-- **The outgoing president spoke as if a guy who channeled Jean-Batiste Colbert on the campaign trail will become an Adam Smith-like acolyte of open markets once he gets briefed on how “a global supply chain” actually works.** “When it comes to trade, I think when you’re governing, it will become increasingly apparent that ... it’s not as simple as it might have seemed,” Obama said.

**On the Iran deal,** he explained: “My suspicion is, is that when the president-elect comes in, and he’s consulting with his Republican colleagues on the Hill, that they will look at the facts. ... When you’re not responsible for it, I think you can call it a terrible deal. When you are responsible for the deal and preventing Iran from getting a nuclear weapon, you’re more likely to look at the facts. That is going to be true in other circumstances. For example, the Paris agreement.”

**“Do I think that the new administration will make *some* changes? Absolutely,” he continued.** “But these

international agreements, the tradition has been that you carry them forward across administrations, particularly if, once you actually examine them, it turns out that they're doing good for us and binding other countries into behavior that will help us."

As Politico's Edward-Isaac Dove [notes](#), "This is precisely the kind of argument that Republicans in Congress have felt so patronized by over the last eight years, and one that is completely out of whack with the shake to the system delivered by Trump's campaign, which racked up few political debts to anyone as he claimed victory."

President Obama boards Marine One on the South Lawn last night. (Manuel Balce Ceneta/AP)</p>□



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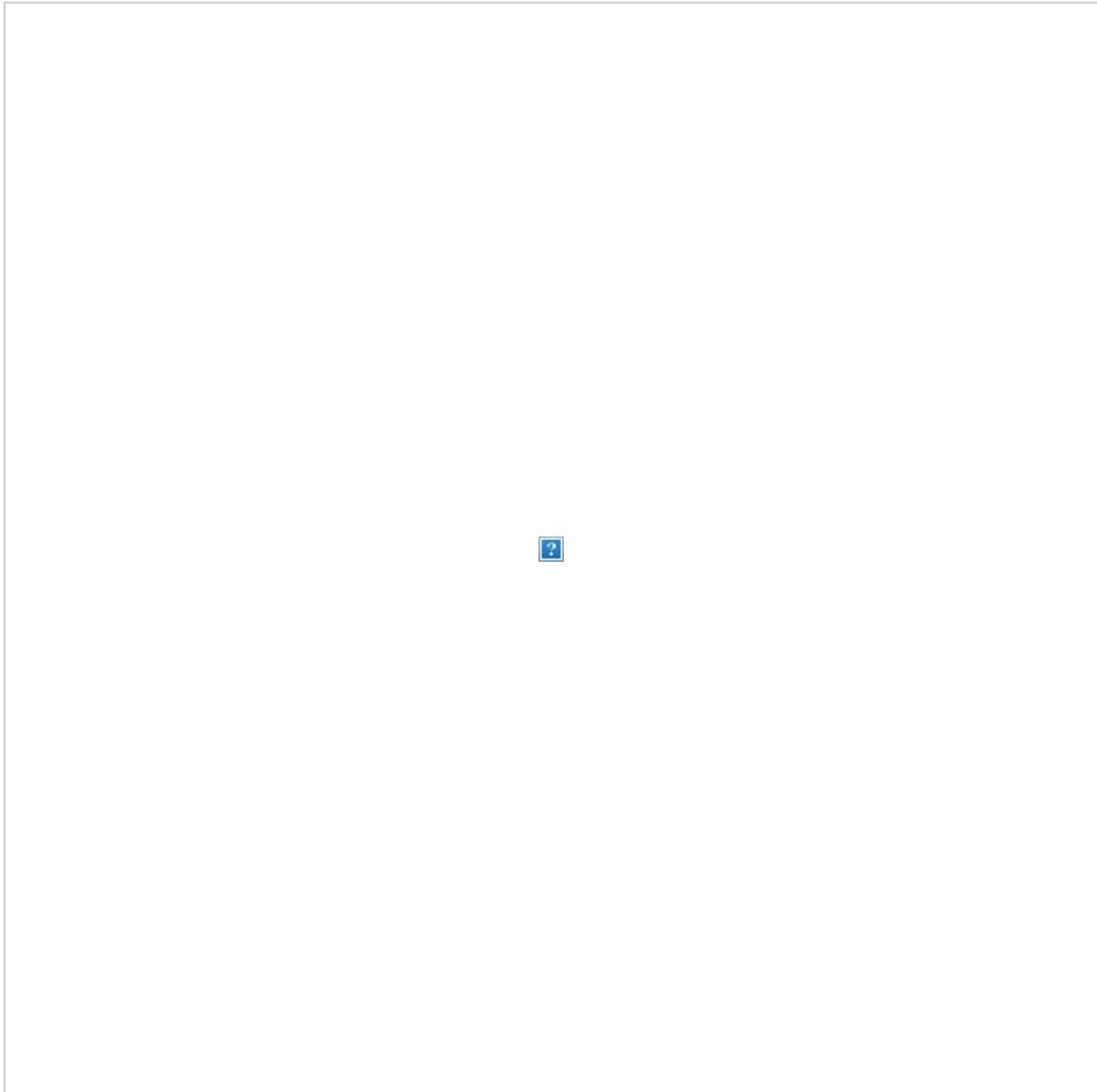
-- **Many thought leaders on the left are upset about the president's demeanor, as well. [In his column](#), Dana Milbank rips Obama for "cool detachment" and "happy talk": "Why is this man smiling? ... Obama's post-election remarks seemed utterly at odds with the national mood. Half the country is exultant because Trump has promised to undo everything Obama has done over the past eight years. The other half of the country is alarmed that a new age of bigotry and inwardness has seized the country. ... This has been Obama's pattern. At times when passion is called for, he's cerebral and philosophical and taking the long view — so long that it frustrates those living in the present."**

**-- Obama conveyed a similar message during two conference calls with supporters after the press conference.** “I’ve always said, progress doesn’t follow a straight line. It zigs and zags, and sometimes it moves forward and sometimes it moves backwards or moves sideways,” he said. “So, as a consequence, I think it is fine for everybody to feel stressed, sad, discouraged for a while, but I’m giving you like a week and a half to get over it. ... By next week and Thanksgiving ... you’re going to have to be in a more positive place. ... So don’t mope.”

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#### **WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:**



Rudy Giuliani speaks last night at the Wall Street Journal CEO Council in the Four Seasons in Washington.  
(Joshua Roberts/Reuters)

-- **Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani is the leading candidate for Secretary of State, the [Wall Street Journal says on A1](#).** "I will NOT be attorney general," Rudy said at an event last night. **Trump aides have also considered former U.S. Ambassador John Bolton as a contender, but the close relationship between Giuliani and Trump was a "major consideration," per [Damian Paletta](#).** "For Mr. Trump, it is a choice between a longtime friend and ally in New York, Mr. Giuliani, and a hawkish conservative diplomat, Mr. Bolton, who called last year for the U.S. to bomb Iran. A final decision could be several weeks away ... and other candidates could still emerge." Personnel deliberations are likely to quicken today, when newly-installed transition team chairman Mike Pence arrives in New York from Orlando, where he met last night with Republican governors.

**The former New York mayor said last night that Trump will likely focus much of his early foreign policy strategy on destroying the Islamic State, setting aside more vexing problems in the Middle East and elsewhere to focus on the militant group.** "ISIS, short-term I believe, is the greatest danger and not because ISIS is in Iraq and in Syria, but because ISIS did something al Qaeda never did—ISIS was able to spread itself around the world," Giuliani said, speaking during a Monday evening appearance at The Wall Street Journal CEO Council gathering. He also signaled strong interest in potentially serving as Trump's secretary of state, going into "great detail" about how his foreign policy views overlap with the president-elect. ([Paletta](#))

Jeff Sessions talks with reporters as he arrives at Trump Tower yesterday. (Evan Vucci/AP)</p>□

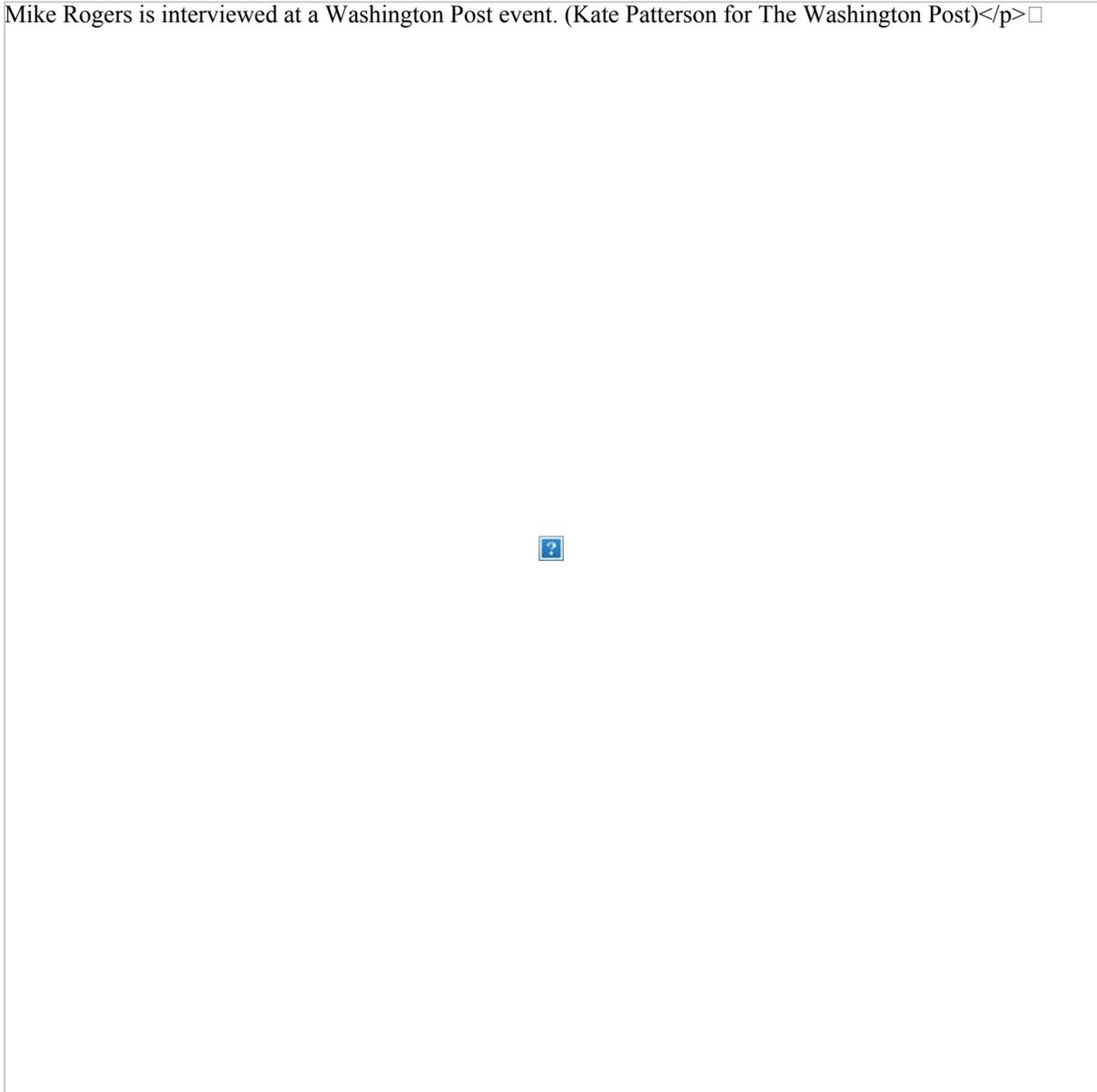


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-- **Jeff Sessions is the leading choice to be Defense secretary, Politico reports.** "It is a choice that would reward the president-elect's most outspoken congressional loyalist but offer few olive branches to a Trump-wary Republican national security establishment," Jeremy Herb and Connor O'Brien note. "The two men haven't seen eye to eye on everything: Sessions is a budget hawk who favors caps on defense spending, while Trump has called for an arms and troops buildup that could cost \$55 billion or more per year."

**"Establishment Republican defense officials may still try to push back against a Sessions nomination as Pentagon chief,"** Politico adds. **"The main alternative is Stephen Hadley,** one of George W. Bush's former national security advisers, who unlike many other Bush alums shrewdly refrained from criticizing Trump during the campaign. Other possibilities include Bill Clinton's hawkish CIA director, Jim Woolsey, who endorsed Trump in September, as well as former Sen. Jim Talent of Missouri and outgoing Sen. Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire."

Mike Rogers is interviewed at a Washington Post event. (Kate Patterson for The Washington Post)

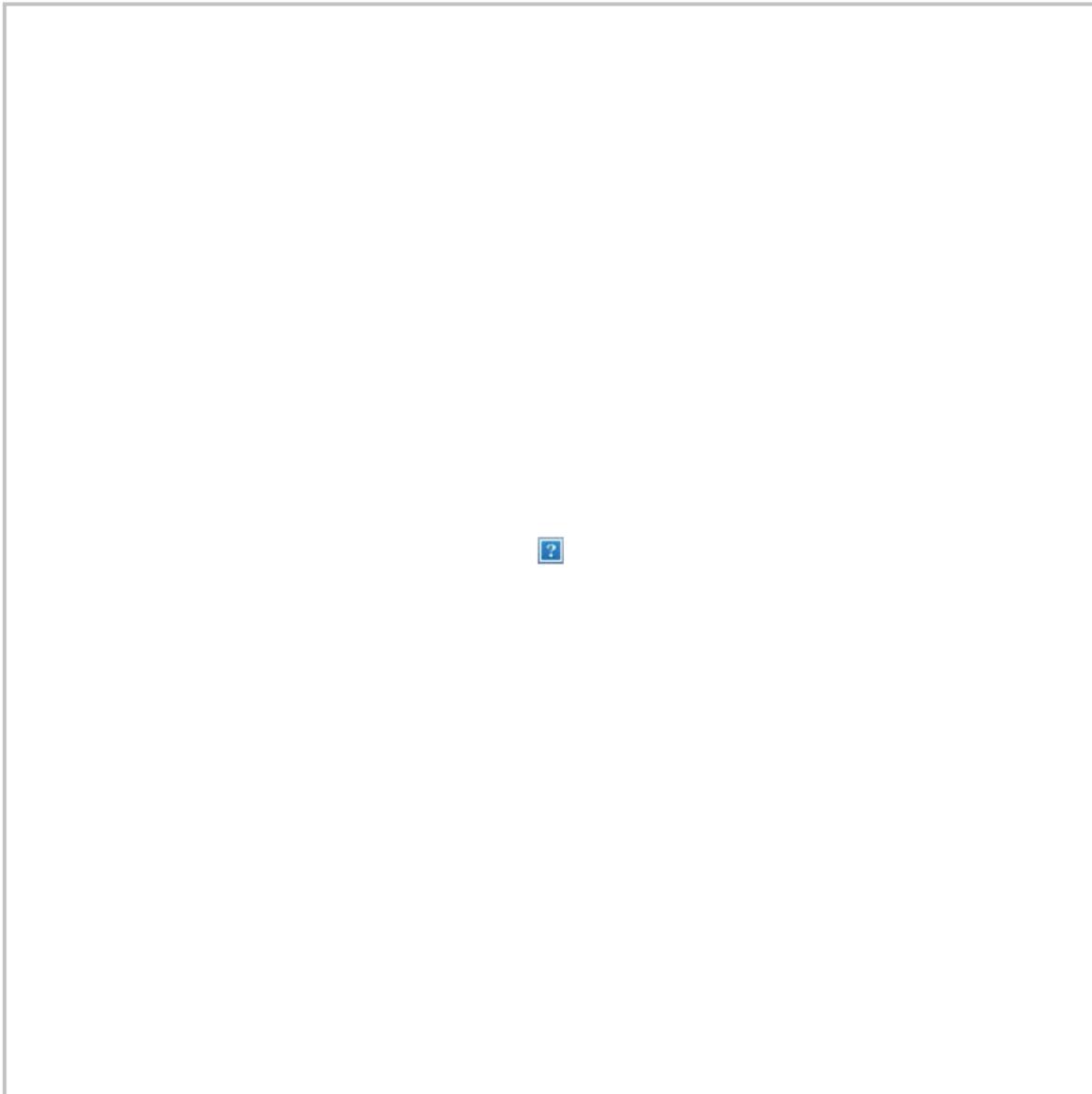


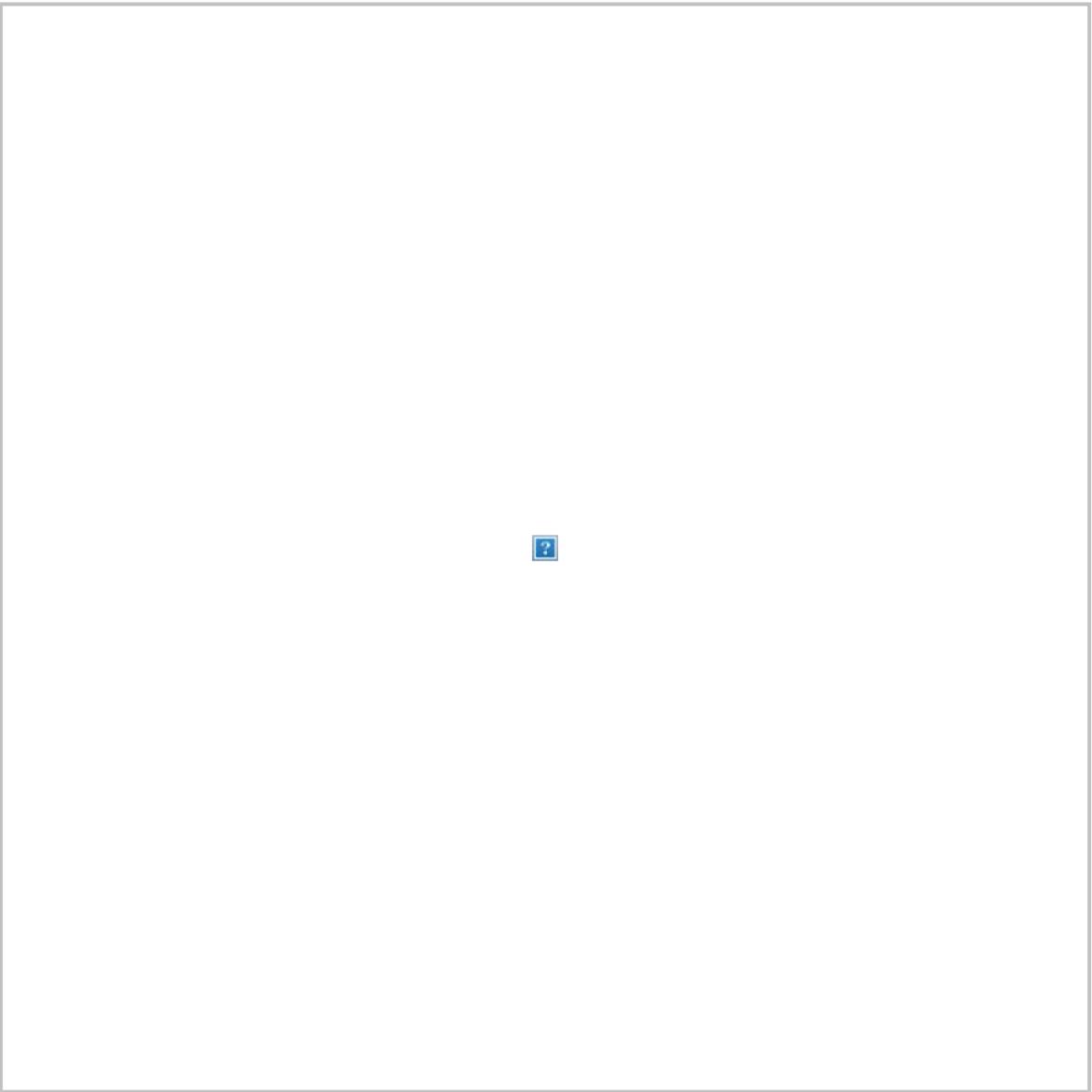
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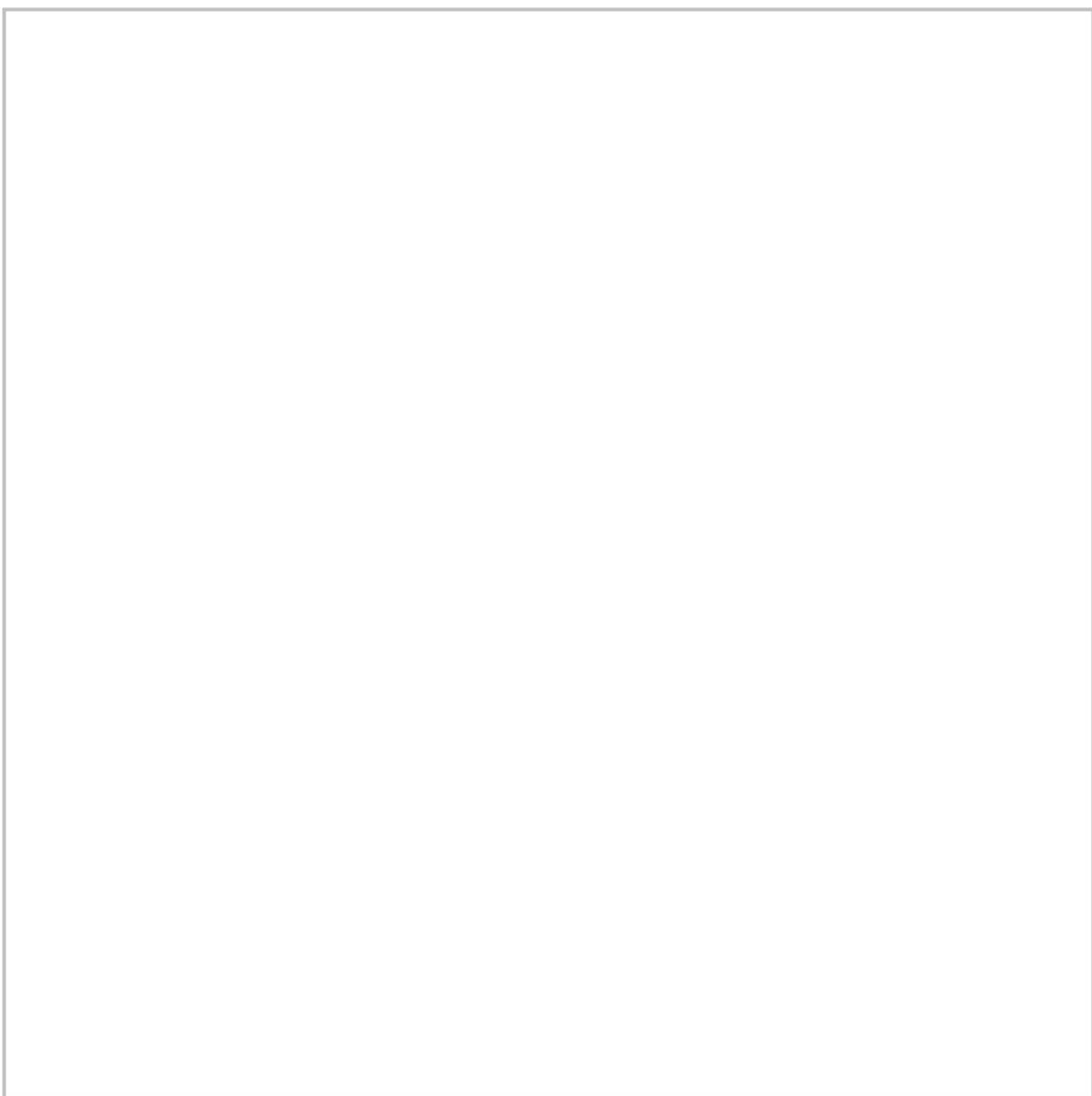
-- **More signs of disarray and dysfunction: Former House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers abruptly left Trump's transition team.** "Rogers' abrupt departure came at the request of team

officials, said two people familiar with the matter,” per Bloomberg’s Jennifer Jacobs. “The Michigan Republican, who’d also worked for the FBI, had been tapped to help guide the new administration on national security issues.”

-- **And then a respected Republican foreign policy hand just tweeted this:**







Steven Mnuchin, left, and Eli Miller, chief operating officer of the Trump campaign, walk into the lobby of Trump Tower yesterday. (Evan Vucci/AP)

-- **Former Goldman Sachs partner and Trump campaign finance chair Steven Mnuchin is the top candidate for Treasury secretary, according to [Bloomberg](#).**

-- **A short list has emerged for the next RNC chair, including deputy Trump campaign manager David Bossie, RNC state party liaison Matt Pinnell, and Michigan GOP chair Ronna Romney McDaniel (Mitt's niece).** "Of the group, Trump knows Bossie the best. But party insiders see Bossie setting his sights higher — perhaps the role of White House political director, a behind-the-scenes post with a direct line to Trump, and a position where he could be delivering orders to the next RNC chair," [Politico's Shane Goldmacher and Kyle Cheney](#) report. "A wild-card pick that members are discussing among themselves could be [Kellyanne] Conway — a constant presence on television who Trump trusts fully and who could continue to operate her polling business while running the party, something she would have to give up if she joined the administration." Other names being circulated include Pence adviser Nick Ayers, South Carolina GOP chair Matt Moore, Virginia GOP chair John Whitbeck, and Mississippi GOP chair Joe Nosef.



I'm all in - Kristi for South Dakota Governor

-- **The 2018 campaign has begun: GOP Rep. Kristi Noem announced that she will run for governor of South Dakota.** It makes sense for Noem, who has no real upside for staying in D.C. She's stuck in the lower chamber. John Thune just got reelected to a six-year term, and Mike Rounds is not up for at least four years and could hold onto the seat as long as he wants. Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard is termed out. Noem, the instant frontrunner, would be the state's first female chief executive. ([KELO](#))

#### **GET SMART FAST:**

1. **Facebook announced it is banning fake news sites from its advertising network, seeking to prohibit misleading and deceptive information from generating revenue on the site.** The decision came hours after a similar move from Google. ([Wall Street Journal](#))
2. **The FAA temporarily restricted flights over New York City until Trump is sworn in as president at the behest of the Secret Service.** ([Mark Berman](#))
3. **Columbia University announced it is suspending its wrestling season after discovering sexually explicit, homophobic and racist text messages sent by members of the team.** In a statement, Obama's alma mater said team members will not compete until an investigation on the incident is complete. ([Scott Allen](#))
4. **Hate crimes against Muslims in the U.S. spiked by 67 percent in 2015, according to new FBI data,**

reaching their highest levels since the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 terror attacks. ([New York Magazine](#))

5. **Former Army private Chelsea Manning is petitioning Obama for clemency after she was convicted in 2013 of leaking a trove of classified documents to WikiLeaks.** Manning, who pleaded guilty to the charges, has served more than six years in federal custody – longer than any other convicted leaker in U.S. history. ([Ellen Nakashima](#))
6. **Meanwhile, Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl’s court-martial trial has been delayed for a second time, as the defense team grapples with how to review “reams” of classified case information.** Bergdahl, who faces charges of desertion and misbehavior after walking off his post in Afghanistan in 2009, will now be tried in May. He could face life in prison if convicted. ([Dan Lamothe](#))
7. **The International Criminal Court is considering launching a war-crimes investigation in Afghanistan,** after a prosecutor said there is “reasonable basis” to believe U.S. soldiers committed war crimes, including torture. ([New York Times](#))
8. **A federal judge ordered the release of Brendan Dassey, the Wisconsin man featured in the Netflix series “Making a Murderer,”** after his homicide conviction in the 2005 death of Teresa Halbach was overturned. ([WTMJ-Milwaukee](#))
9. **New Zealand rescue workers are using military helicopters and a navy ship to evacuate tourists and residents from a coastal town,** after a powerful earthquake Monday night left thousands stranded. Officials said the 7.8-magnitude quake killed at least two people and triggered a small tsunami. ([AP](#))
10. **Russian Economy Minister Alexei Ulyukayev was detained overnight for bribery charges, following accusations that he received \$2 million in connection with a huge oil deal.** Ulyukayev is the highest-level Russian official arrested since the country’s failed 1991 coup. ([Reuters](#))
11. **A Russian fighter jet crashed into the Mediterranean Sea while trying to land on an aircraft carrier stationed off the Syrian coast.** Officials said the crash was a result of “technical malfunction” during training and said the pilot ejected safely from the plane. ([Thomas Gibbons-Neff](#))
12. **Russia deported a 29-year-old U.S. citizen who reportedly sneaked into the country “for a better life.”** Authorities sent him back to New York with a slap on the wrist and a small fine, noting he seemed extremely dejected by the experience: “He had been hoping for Russian hospitality, but he failed to get it and was deeply disappointed.” ([Adam Taylor](#))
13. **Chinese authorities executed a farmer who murdered a local official responsible for tearing down his house just days before his wedding ceremony.** Authorities ignored impassioned clemency pleas from legal and academic experts, who said the so-called nail gun killer’s case typifies deep property injustices faced by many poor people in China. ([Simon Denyer](#))

Melania, Ivanka, Eric and Donald Jr. watch the second debate. (Tasos Katopodis/AFP/Getty Images)</p>□

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**TRUMP'S CHILDREN GETTING OUTSIZED ROLES:**

-- **Trump wants top-secret security clearances for his children, [CBS News reports](#).** "Logistically, the White House must designate them as national security advisers to their father before they could receive top secret clearances. However, once Trump is sworn in, he will be able to place the request himself. And while his children would need to go through the requisite background checks before being cleared, the issue raises another layer of questions about the unique role his children are playing and conflicts of interest as they continue to run his businesses."

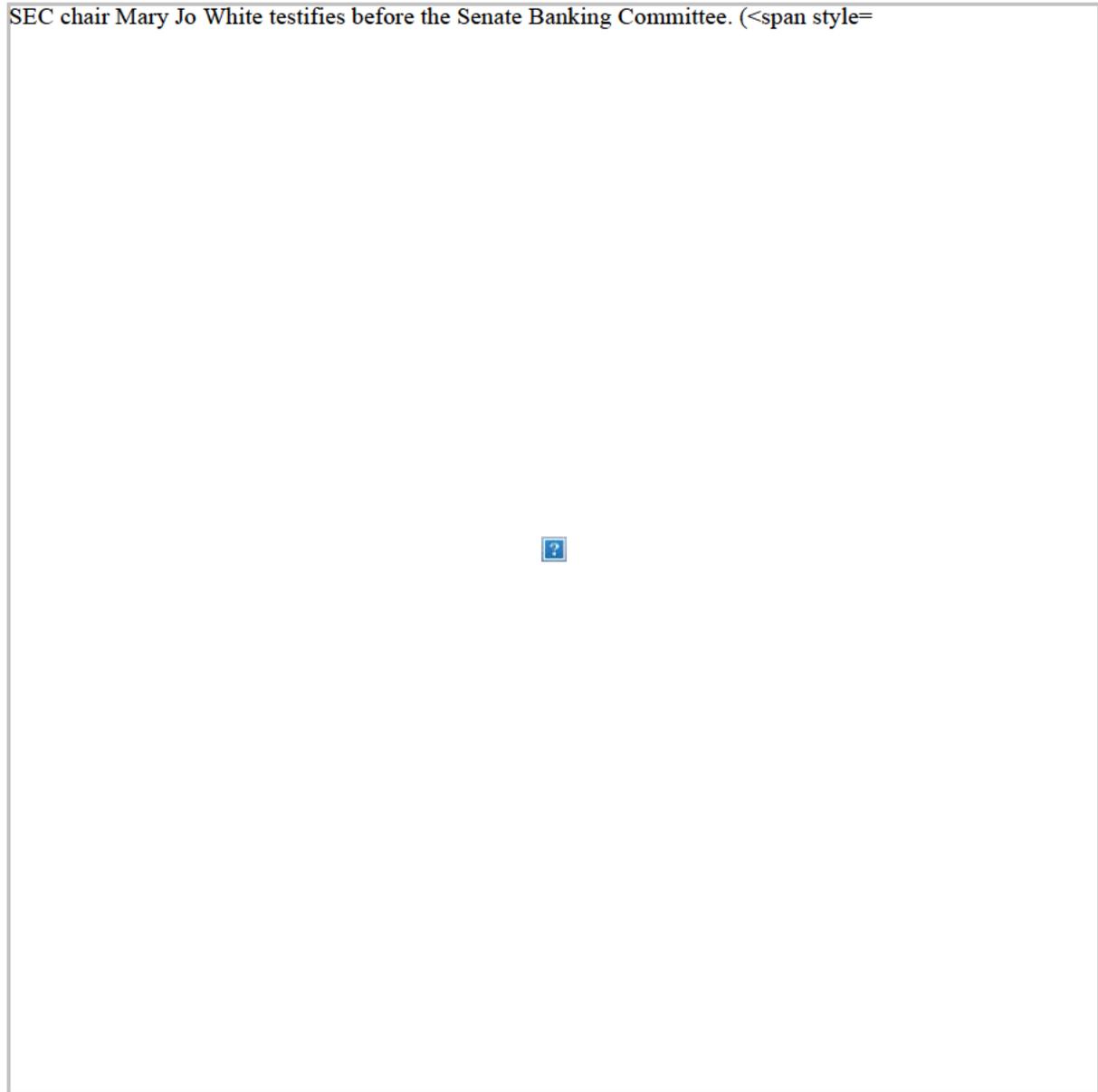


-- **New York Times**, "[Trump's Far-Flung Holdings Raise Potential for Conflicts of Interest](#)," by **Eric Lipton and Susanne Craig**: "Just a few blocks down Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House sits the Trump International Hotel, one of the newest luxury additions to [Trump's] real estate empire, and perhaps the most visible symbol of the ethical quandary he now confronts. The Trump International operates out of the Old Post Office Building, which is owned by the federal government. That means Mr. Trump will be appointing the head of the General Services Administration, which manages the property, while his children will be running a hotel that has tens of millions of dollars in ties with the agency. He also will oversee the [NLRB] while it decides union disputes involving any of his hotels. A week before the election, the board ruled against Mr. Trump's hotel in a case in Las Vegas. The layers of potential conflicts he faces are in many ways as complex as his far-flung business empire."

-- **Obama said during his news conference that he urged Trump to hire a really good White House Counsel**. "I am very proud of the fact that we will -- knock on wood -- leave this administration without significant scandal," he said. "We've made mistakes, there have been screw-ups, but I will put the ethics of this administration and our track record in terms of just abiding by the rules and norms, and keeping trust with the American people -- I will put this administration against any administration in history. And **the reason is because, frankly, we listened to the lawyers**. And we had a strong White House Counsel's Office. We had a strong Ethics Office. We had people in every agency whose job it was to remind people, this is how you're supposed to do things. It doesn't mean everybody always did everything exactly the way it's supposed to --

because we got 2 million people working in the federal government ... and so we had to just try to institutionalize this as much as we could. And that takes a lot of work.”

SEC chair Mary Jo White testifies before the Senate Banking Committee. (<span style=



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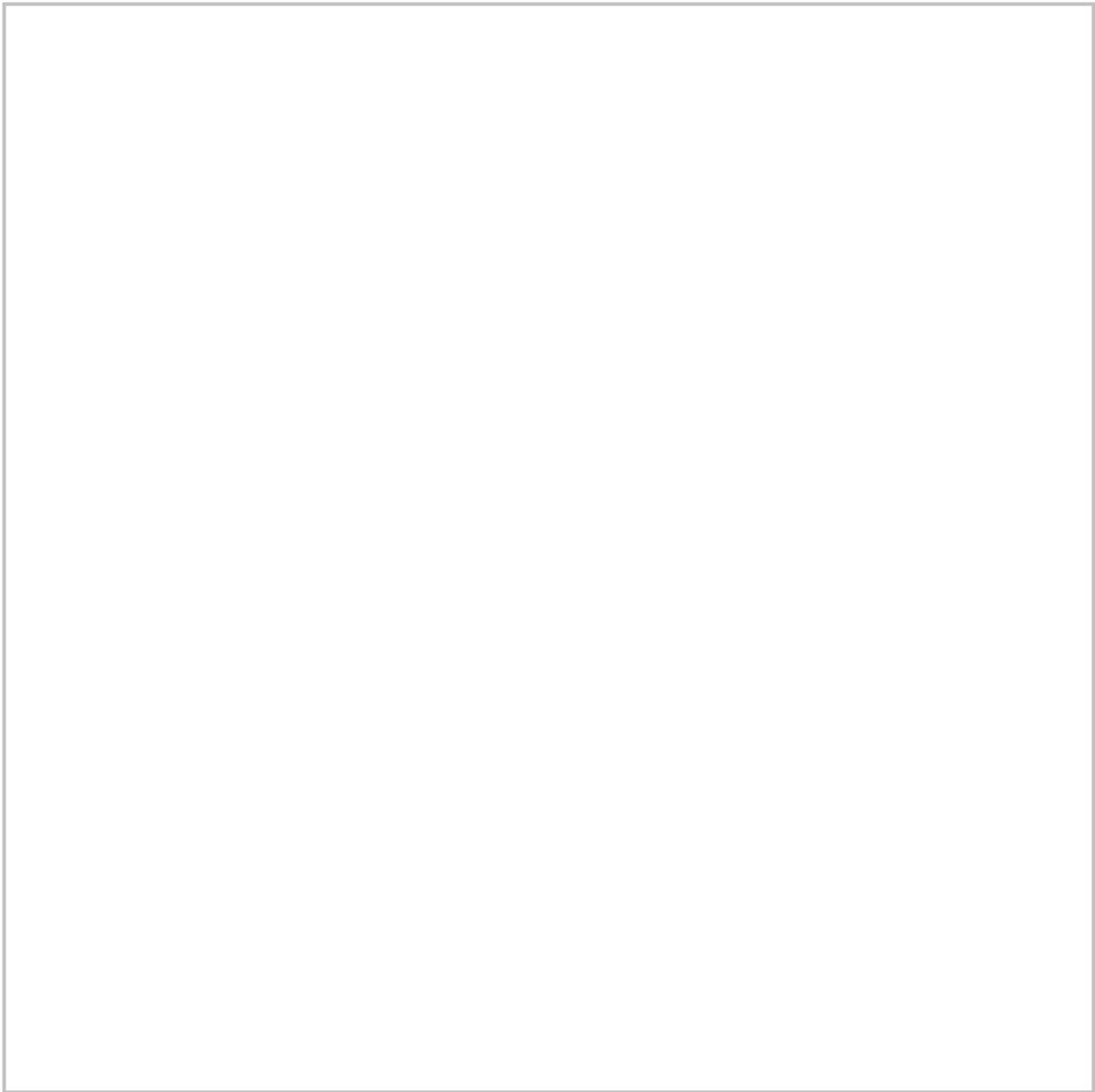
### **TRUMP'S WASHINGTON:**

-- SEC Chairman Mary Jo White announced that she will step down in January, leaving two years before the end of her term and clearing the way for Trump to massively reshape the way Wall Street is regulated. From [Renaë Merle](#): “White was widely expected to step down no matter who won the election to allow the next president to appoint their own chair. Trump has already indicated he would usher in a period of deregulation, including dismantling ... the Dodd-Frank Act. He appointed Paul Atkins, an industry veteran, who has called Dodd-Frank a ‘calamity,’ to lead the agency’s transition. ... Atkins served as an SEC commissioner for six years during the President George W. Bush administration. ... In addition to replacing White, Trump will be able to fill two openings on the five-member commission. Trump could also choose to ignore the more than 20-year-old tradition of allowing the opposing political party to pick its own

representative on the commission, one industry official said, further bolstering his influence over the agency. ... Also, Thomas Curry, the head of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, another important Wall Street regulator, has less than six months on his term."

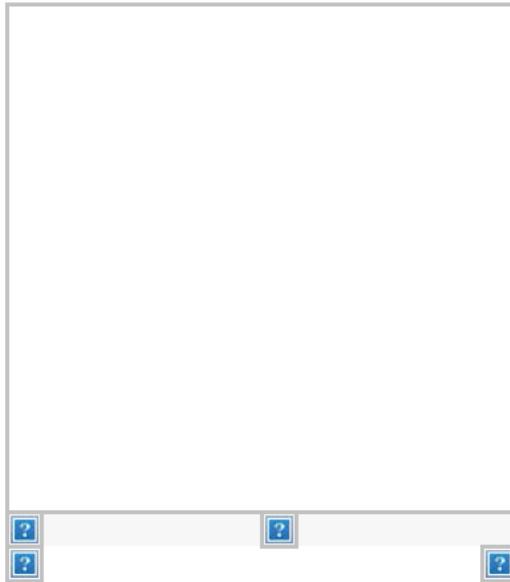
-- **Mike Pence is going to court to argue for email secrecy.** [The Indianapolis Star's Fatima Hussein](#) reports on the irony: "Now that the presidential campaign and most of the furor over Hillary Clinton's email scandal are behind us, the Pence administration is going to court to argue for its own brand of email secrecy. The administration is fighting to conceal the contents of an email sent to Gov. Mike Pence by a political ally. That email is being sought by a prominent Democratic labor lawyer who says he wants to expose waste in the Republican administration. But legal experts fear the stakes may be much higher than mere politics because the decision could remove a judicial branch check on executive power and limit a citizen's right to know what the government is doing and how it spends taxpayer dollars. 'It comes down to this — the court is giving up its ability to check another branch of government, and that should worry people,' said Gerry Lanosga, an Indiana University media professor specializing in public records law."

-- **When Trump first launched his presidential campaign in 2015, he told Chris Christie he "didn't expect to make it past October" – at which point he'd throw his support behind the New Jersey governor,** [CNN's Thomas Lake, Jodi Enda, and Susan Baer report](#) in an excerpt from their forthcoming book, "Unprecedented," which covers the 2016 race. "I think they always had an understanding that the first one out would probably endorse the other," a Christie adviser said.



German President Joachim Gauck toasts Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during a dinner hosted by Abe at the Prime Minister's Office in Tokyo yesterday. (David Mareuil/AFP/Getty Images)

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### **THE WORLD REACTS TO TRUMP:**

-- **Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is paying a visit to Trump in New York on Thursday, becoming one of the first world leaders to meet with the next president-elect.** Abe said he will use the meeting to “build a trusting relationship” with Trump, and on that front, they reportedly have plenty in common. [From Anna Fifield](#) in Tokyo: “For one, Trump sets a tone that Abe, a strong nationalist in his own right, will be comfortable with ... Trump promised to ‘make America great again,’ while Abe is set on turning Japan back into a ‘beautiful country.’ For another, they both have a bromance going on with Vladimir Putin, the unequivocally nationalist Russian leader whom Trump has praised and whom Abe will welcome to Japan next month.” **“The point of this meeting is to develop trust and chemistry on a personal level, to reassure people in both countries that everything is fine,”** said **Michael Green, of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, who has strong ties to Abe’s team.**

-- **Right-wing Israeli leaders are pushing assertive new legislation to legalize Jewish settlements built on privately owned Palestinian land, seizing on the timing of Trump’s election to force passage of the controversial law.** ([William Booth and Ruth Eglash](#))

Steve Bannon exits an elevator in the lobby of Trump Tower in New York City. (Drew Angerer/Getty)</p></p>

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#### **BANNON BLOWBACK:**

-- **Where does Breitbart end and Bannon's role in the Trump White House begin?** Neither camp has spelled out the details of their future relationship, [Paul Farhi writes](#). "But even if Bannon and the website sever all ties, they will face an unusual, and awkward, situation: Bannon would be the former executive of a media organization that openly supported his political patron who will serve the president in a senior capacity while his media organization continues to cover him and his new boss." **Adding yet another layer of entanglement:** one of Breitbart's primary financial backers is billionaire hedge-fund manager Robert Mercer, whose daughter, Rebekah, is part of Trump's presidential transition team. "They were the house organ for Trump and will obviously remain so," said Ben Shapiro, former Breitbart editor at large.

- **Trump officials quickly pushed back on criticism, with spokesman Jason Miller saying Bannon has done a "fantastic job" since joining Trump's inner circle.** "If you've seen the president-elect since the election, he's taken a very measured tone," Miller said [on CNN's "New Day."](#)
- **Former campaign manager Kellyanne Conway praised Bannon as a "brilliant tactician" and the "general of this campaign":** Asked whether Bannon should explain his connections to the alt-right movement, Conway said: "I'm personally offended that you think I would manage a campaign where

that would be one of the going philosophies. It was not — 56 million-plus Americans or so saw something else.”

-- **Congressional Republicans scrambled to avoid criticizing Trump’s future senior aide before the new administration begins.** From [Karoun Demirjian](#): “The former head of Breitbart news, Bannon has published stories taking aim at Muslims, Jews, women and African Americans, as well as making his own allegedly anti-Semitic statements. But Republicans seem unwilling to judge Bannon on that track record — or even accept that he bears responsibility for the more incendiary headlines ...”

- **“Did he write it? Give me something that he wrote,” said Rep. Dave Brat.** “I hear a lot of innuendo of this, but I haven’t seen it.”
- **House Majority leader Kevin McCarthy also suggested the reported information could be untrue:** “I’ve seen things said about me that I know are not true, but because they’re on the Internet, ‘they must be true,’ ” McCarthy said.

**Others said they didn’t expect the racist and sexist headlines approved under Bannon to have any bearing on his future role as a White House adviser.** “Of course I’d have serious problems with anti-Semitic statements coming out of the White House, but I don’t expect that,” said Rep. Kevin Cramer of North Dakota. Rather, he said Bannon’s appointment “symbolizes tremendous loyalty” and that Trump understands a system of “checks and balances is appropriate even within his own shop.”

**House Speaker Paul Ryan sought to assuage fears about Trump’s election in a Wisconsin radio interview, saying “there is a lot of hysteria and hyperbole.”** “I would tell people to just relax — things are going to be fine,” he said. ([Viebeck, Markon, DeYoung](#))

-- **Many Republican lawmakers claimed they “don’t know” Bannon, feigning ignorance.** From [Buzzfeed’s Tarini Parti](#): Utah Rep. Jason Chaffetz said he’ll continue to be a “champion for religious freedom,” but he doesn’t have “the bandwidth” to go through what every staffer he hires has said in the past. Ohio Rep. Steve Stivers praised Priebus’ appointment as evidence Trump has “done a good job of an inclusive pick so far.” Pressed on Bannon, Stivers said: “I don’t know a lot about Steve Bannon, so I don’t care to be an expert on him.”

-- **HOW WILL HE HELP SHAPE A TRUMP WHITE HOUSE? “If Bannon’s past is prologue, he will not care about criticism,”** [Dave Weigel](#) writes. “Under his leadership, Breitbart became an anti-‘globalist’ news site clearly aligned with the European far right. Under the site’s founder, the late Andrew Breitbart, accusations of ‘racism’ were dismissed as ‘cultural Marxism.’ **The attacks lobbed at Bannon, one plumbing [a] 2007 divorce record for evidence of anti-Semitism, resemble the ones that failed to stop Trump’s rise. There is even talk of more Breitbart reporters joining Bannon at the White House, in roles that do not require Senate confirmation.**” “Bannon will answer directly to Trump and focus on the big picture, and not get lost in the weeds,” white nationalist thinker Richard Spencer wrote last night on Twitter. “Bannon is not a ‘chief of staff,’ which requires a ‘golden retriever’ personality. He’ll be freed up to chart Trump’s macro trajectory.”

-- **In an interview with the [New York Times](#), Bannon rejected what he called “ethno-nationalist” tendencies of some in the movement, saying he believes his enemies are misstating his views and the views of many Trump supporters:** “These people are patriots,” he said. “They love their country. They just want their country taken care of. ... **It’s not that some people on the margins, as in any movement, aren’t bad guys — racists, anti-Semites. But that’s irrelevant.**”

-- **The over-the-top praise for Priebus is a sign of how far the media has lowered the bar for Trump,** [Vox’s Matthew Yglesias](#) argues. “Trump’s elevation to the presidency has people worried about everything from the collapse of America’s democratic institutions to the spectacle of violence in the streets. But it’s worth recalling that any presidency also features a range of more or less banal crises in which the fate of the nation and the world is nonetheless at stake. Can Trump really tear up the nuclear agreement with Iran without completely destabilizing the Persian Gulf, for example? I’m not sure, I’m *sure* that Trump is not sure, and I’m frankly skeptical that Priebus is the right person to figure it out. It’s great that Trump has decided to make the premier digital popularizer of white nationalism the *second* most important person in his White House rather than the first. But the presidency is still a really big job that Trump has no relevant experience for. More to the point, the country needs people who can help Trump actually run the government.”

-- **Analysis: Less than a week into Trump's transition, and [The New Yorker's John Cassidy](#) argues that he has already pulled a "bait-and-switch" from rhetoric espoused during his populist campaign: "To sum up, this is the prospect we are facing. A populist but semi-engaged President who is less interested in governing than in soaking up adulation at big rallies. (He might hold more of them even though the campaign is over...). Meanwhile, his cronies and members of the permanent establishment make many of the actual decisions, which will largely benefit the already rich, including the ruling family. Debt mushrooms as El Presidente approves prestige construction projects but not the taxes needed to pay for them. And skilled propagandists, like Bannon, whip up nationalist fervor to keep the masses diverted from what is really going on. We've seen this movie before, many times. But not here in the United States."**

Trump protesters walk through downtown Santa Ana, Calif. (Ana Venegas/ AP)</p>□



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#### **AMERICA IS DIVIDED:**

-- **A Michigan police officer is under criminal investigation after he was spotted barreling by a "Love Trumps Hate" rally in a pickup truck adorned with Confederate flags. He was suspended and has now resigned. ([Lindsey Bever](#))**

-- **Chaos erupted on the sprawling greens of Brown University after students began tearing up and**

**snapping in half American flags that were set up for a Veterans Day ceremony.** The move prompted a counter protest from *other* students, who staged a sit-in to protect the remaining flags. ([Susan Svrluga](#))

-- **More than 300 students at Baylor University gathered to walk to class with a girl who said she was shoved off the sidewalk and called the n-word by a fellow student,** who declared he was “just trying to make America great again.” ([Cleve R. Wootson Jr.](#))

-- **A United Airlines pilot was forced to mediate a heated political argument – via intercom – after a dispute broke out over the results of the presidential election.** Footage from the flight shows the pilot urging passengers to “let cooler heads prevail,” before eventually banning all political discussion on the plane completely. ([Faiz Siddiqui and Lori Aratani](#))

-- **Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck said his department will not help deport immigrants under a President Trump.** “We are not going to engage in law enforcement activities solely based on somebody’s immigration status,” he said. “We are not going to work in conjunction with Homeland Security on deportation efforts. That is not our job, nor will I make it our job.” ([LA Times](#))

-- **A social studies instructor who teaches at a school for recent immigrants shared some of the heartbreaking letters he received from students after Trump’s victory in a [Post op-ed](#).** “I’m worried that this country is not going to be any better than my country,” said one female student from Afghanistan. “Nobody listens to women in my country, and now the president will do the same here?” **Said another student from El Salvador:** “All my dreams can fall down because of a decision that people made last night. I don’t understand how a person who says bad things, that hurt people, is the head of a country ... I have faced many troubles in order to come here. I don’t know how but I have to continue.”

-- **Trump’s proposed deportation plans could have potentially severe consequences for the U.S. economy, according to a newly-published National Bureau of Economic Research analysis, which offers the first detailed estimates of how a mass deportation policy would affect specific industries.** From Wonkblog’s [Max Ehrenfreund](#): “Unsurprisingly, the greatest number of undocumented workers — 1.3 million — were employed in leisure and hospitality, followed by the construction sector, which employed 1.1 million. These two sectors were followed by professional and business services, which ... included nearly 1 million undocumented workers. If all undocumented workers were immediately removed from the country, [researchers] forecast a decline of 9 percent in agricultural production and declines of 8 percent in construction and leisure and hospitality over the long term.” And relative to the overall economy, the effect would be a **decline in manufacturing output of \$74 billion over the long term.**

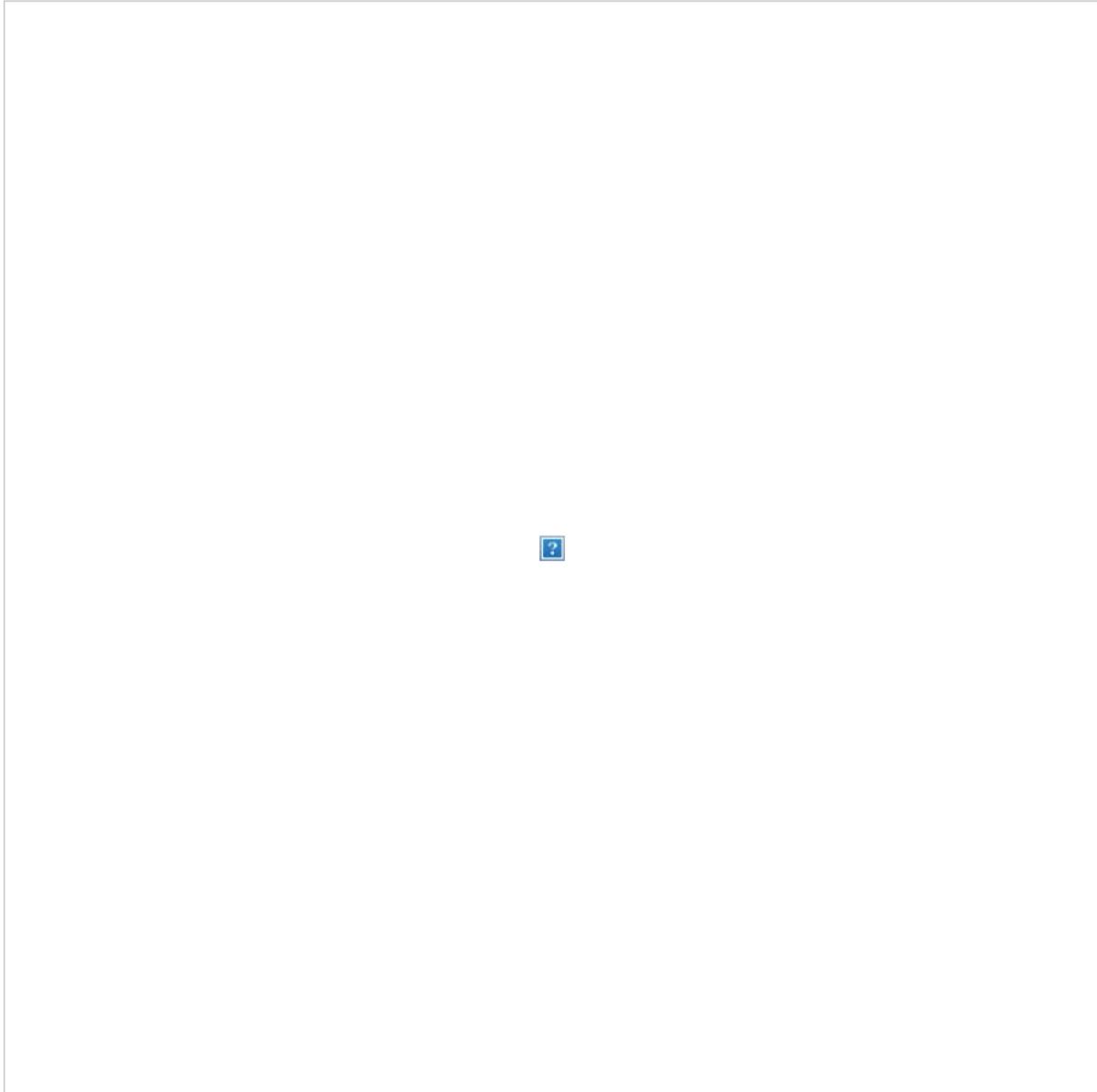


Hundreds of Maryland high school students march down Georgia Avenue after leaving their schools in peaceful protest. (Toni L. Sandys)

-- **Hundreds of high school students in Montgomery County, Maryland, staged a walkout to protest Trump's election, a march that gained strength as peers from nearby schools streamed out to join them.** Officials estimate that 1,000 students attended the march, which remained peaceful. ([Donna St. George, Perry Stein and Alejandra Matos](#))

-- **[“Are we in an age of intolerance?”](#)** by the **Boston Globe's Nestor Ramos**: “Racist taunts ring out at a Cambridge gas station. Slurs and swastikas appear spray-painted ... Letters arrive at a Natick home espousing a townwide ban on black people. **Even in Massachusetts, a locus of progressive politics, the days surrounding [Trump's] victory on Tuesday have seen reports of incidents grounded in racial, ethnic, and religious bias.** Even before the election, ugly graffiti appeared at the top of Mount Tom, a rocky peak on the Connecticut River. On Friday, after reading about the anti-Semitic and racist messages on the mountain, a small group climbed to the top with buckets and brushes to scrub away the hateful messages. Tom Peake, who lives nearby and can see Mount Tom from his window, said he had the day off ... and decided to spend it ‘scrubbing away some swastikas.’ He declined to speculate about why someone might deface a small Western Massachusetts landmark. ‘I’ve been speculating all year’ he said, ‘and I’ve been wrong about everything.’”

-- News of anti-Trump demonstrations seemed to infiltrate every corner of the web this weekend -- including on the children's game site "Club Penguin," where users gathered to hold a virtual protest. ([Buzzfeed](#))



Keith Ellison looks at Minnesota memorabilia in his office on Capitol Hill. (Linda Davidson/The Washington Post)

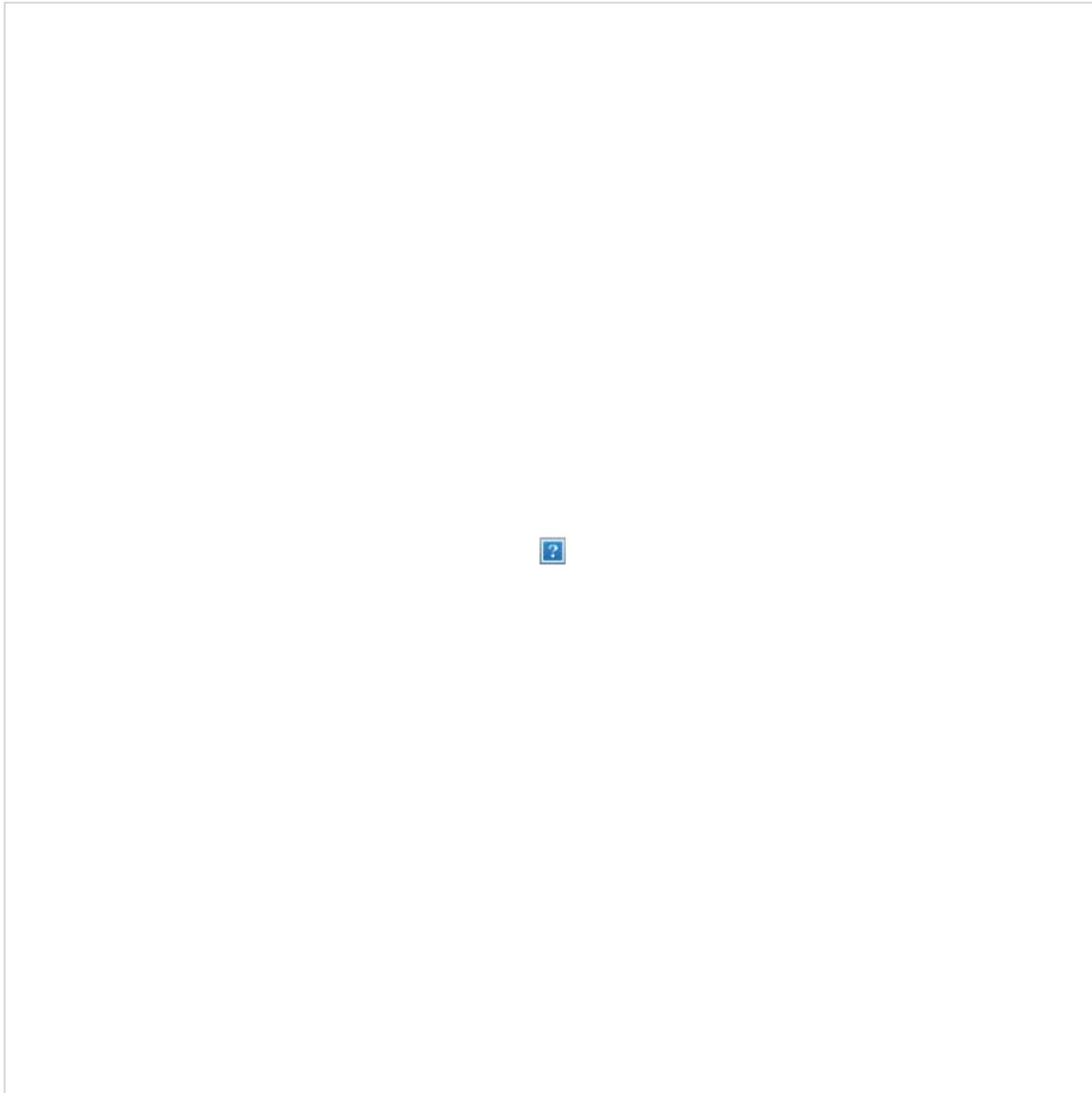
#### **THE DEMOCRATIC CIVIL WAR:**

-- **Rep. Keith Ellison formally kicked off his bid to be chairman of the Democratic National Committee.** Ellison, a prominent progressive and country's first Muslim lawmaker, netted 40 endorsements -- including Sens. Bernie Sanders, Harry Reid and Chuck Schumer. Several other Democrats have put their names forward as possible contenders, including former Maryland governor Martin O'Malley, South Carolina Democratic Party Chairman Jaime Harrison and the DNC's national finance chairman, Henry R. Muñoz III and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean. ([Abby Philip and John Wagner](#))

-- **Jaime Harrison, chair of the South Carolina Democratic Party and a protégé of Jim Clyburn, also announced that he will run on Rachel Maddow's show last night.**

-- **Dozens of House Democrats are urging Nancy Pelosi to postpone their scheduled leadership elections on Thursday, saying they need more time to grapple with their party-wide wipeout – and potentially elect new House leadership.** From Politico's [Heather Caygle and John Bresnahan](#): **While Pelosi herself has years of party loyalty to fall back on, anger within the Democratic Caucus “is real” – and she faces a possible long-shot challenge from Ohio Rep. Tim Ryan,** who hails from the kind of working-class Rust Belt district in which Democrats got trounced. "This was not my thing. I never had any intention of running for a leadership position," Ryan said in an interview on Monday. He said he began considering a challenge after hearing from a couple of dozen other members over the weekend who urged him to launch a bid. Meanwhile, Kevin McCarthy on Pelosi (another Californian) said at his pen and pad: "If I'm being selfish, I truly believe as long as she's leader we keep the majority."

Quite a moment from the halls of Congress, via Politico's Capitol bureau chief:

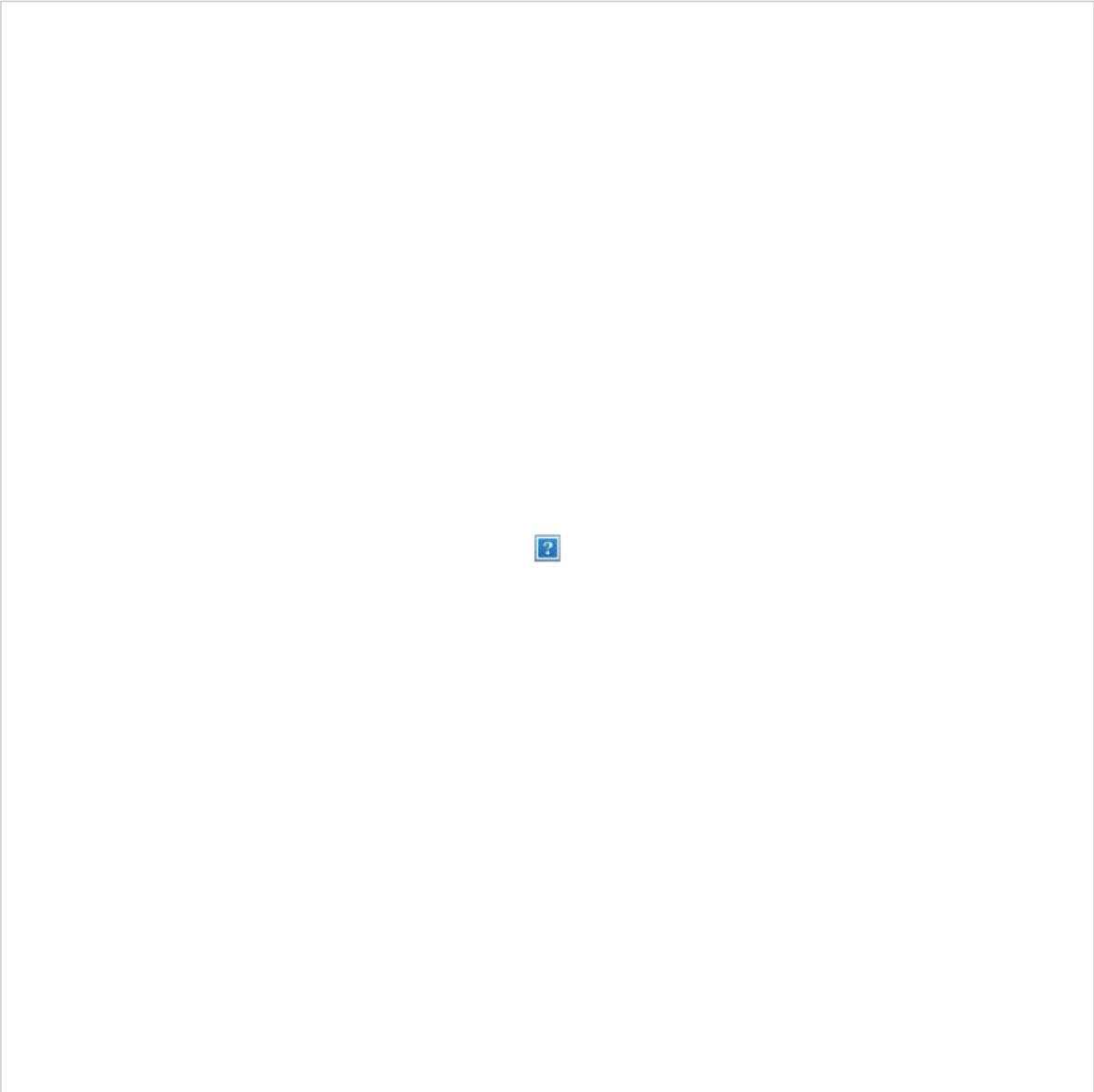


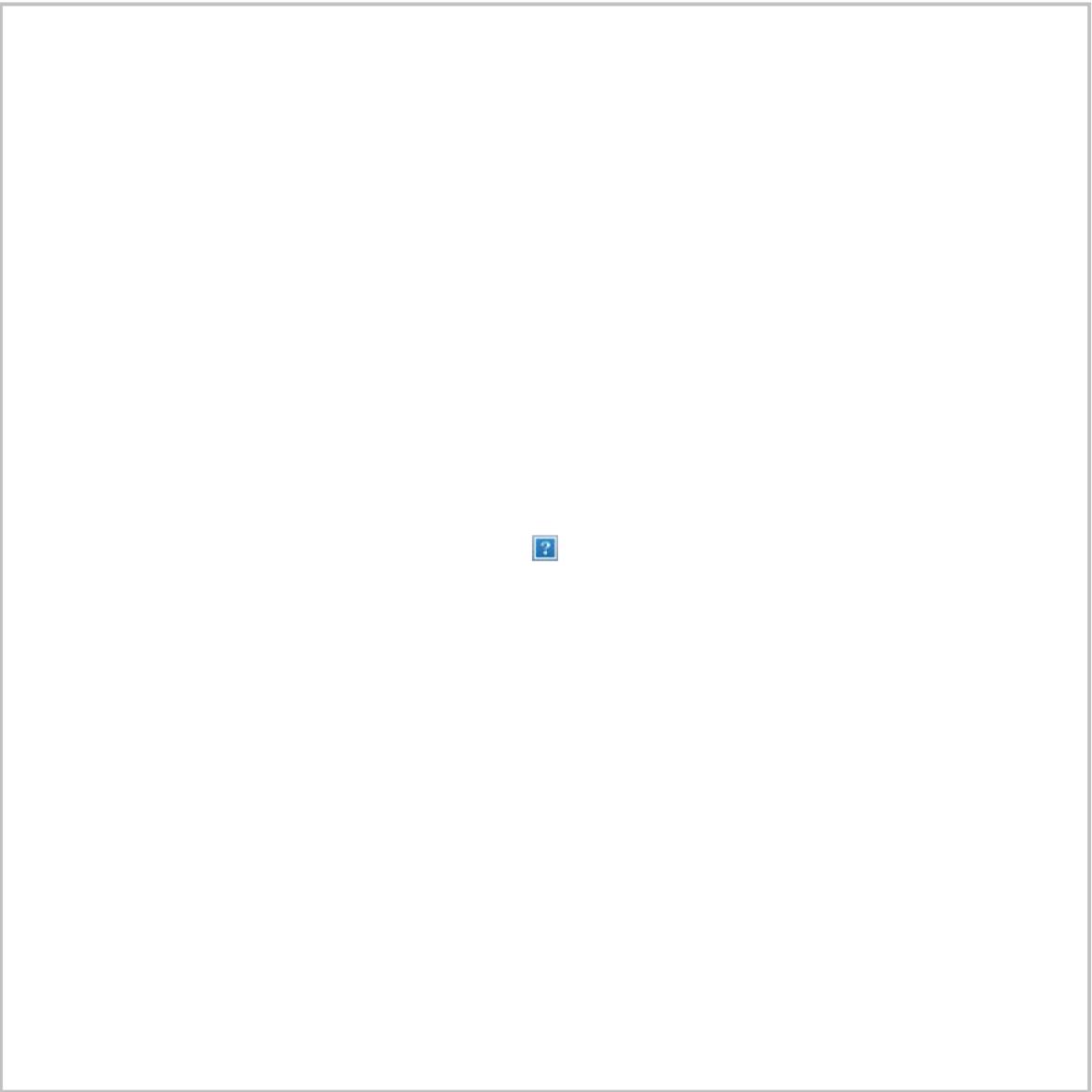
-- **Hillary Clinton is being honored tonight at a Children's Defense Fund event in Washington, making her first public appearance since conceding the presidential election.** President Marian Wright Edelman praised Clinton's work for the group in a statement, calling her a "tireless voice for children." ([Bloomberg](#))

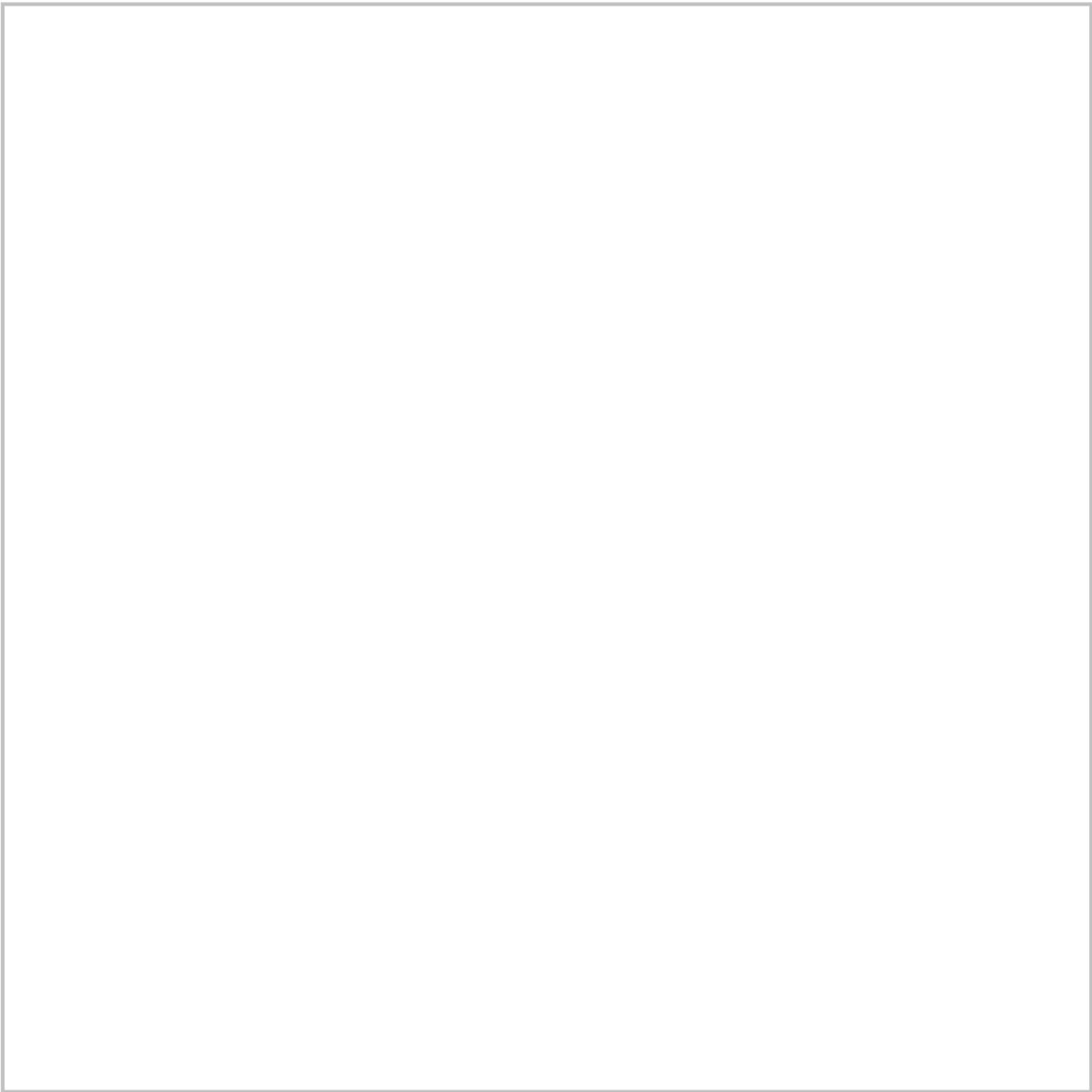
-- **Hillary was declared the winner of New Hampshire on Monday, edging out Trump in a (belated) 2,700 vote victory.** Trump's edge in the Electoral College now stands at 290 to 232, with only Michigan still

to be called. ([AP](#))

-- Sanders, trying to promote his new book, unleashed a storm of tweets:







This was the scene as Sanders kicked off his book tour last night:



#### **REPUBLICANS RE-CORONATE RYAN:**

**-- Paul Ryan is poised to secure another term as House Speaker today, continuing in his leadership role and serve as chief legislative partner to President-elect Donald Trump.** From [Mike DeBonis](#): "Trump and Ryan met last week on Capitol Hill and appeared before cameras together for the first time since the campaign began. Both men have said in the past week that action to repeal the Affordable Care Act, secure the southern U.S. border and cut taxes are among their shared priorities. That show of unity has mostly quieted two groups of Republicans that have been vexed by how Ryan has handled Trump."

**Several members made clear that, although Trump's victory may have eased the internal party tensions that threatened Ryan's speakership, it has not eliminated them entirely:** "I haven't heard from him what he wants to change — what's going to be different the next two years...?" said Freedom Caucus co-founder Rep. Raúl R. Labrador. "Labrador is in a clear minority among House Republicans — Ryan enjoys broad support among the GOP rank-and-file — but his qualms reflect ongoing discomfort over how Ryan's brand of Republican politics will meld with Trump's."

**-- But fierce competition has emerged over the chairmanship of the NRCC, with Rep. Steve Stivers of Ohio and Rep. Roger Williams of Texas battling it out to lead the House GOP campaign arm.** From [Politico's Rachel Bade](#): "Multiple sources Stivers appears to have the votes to succeed Rep. Greg Walden as

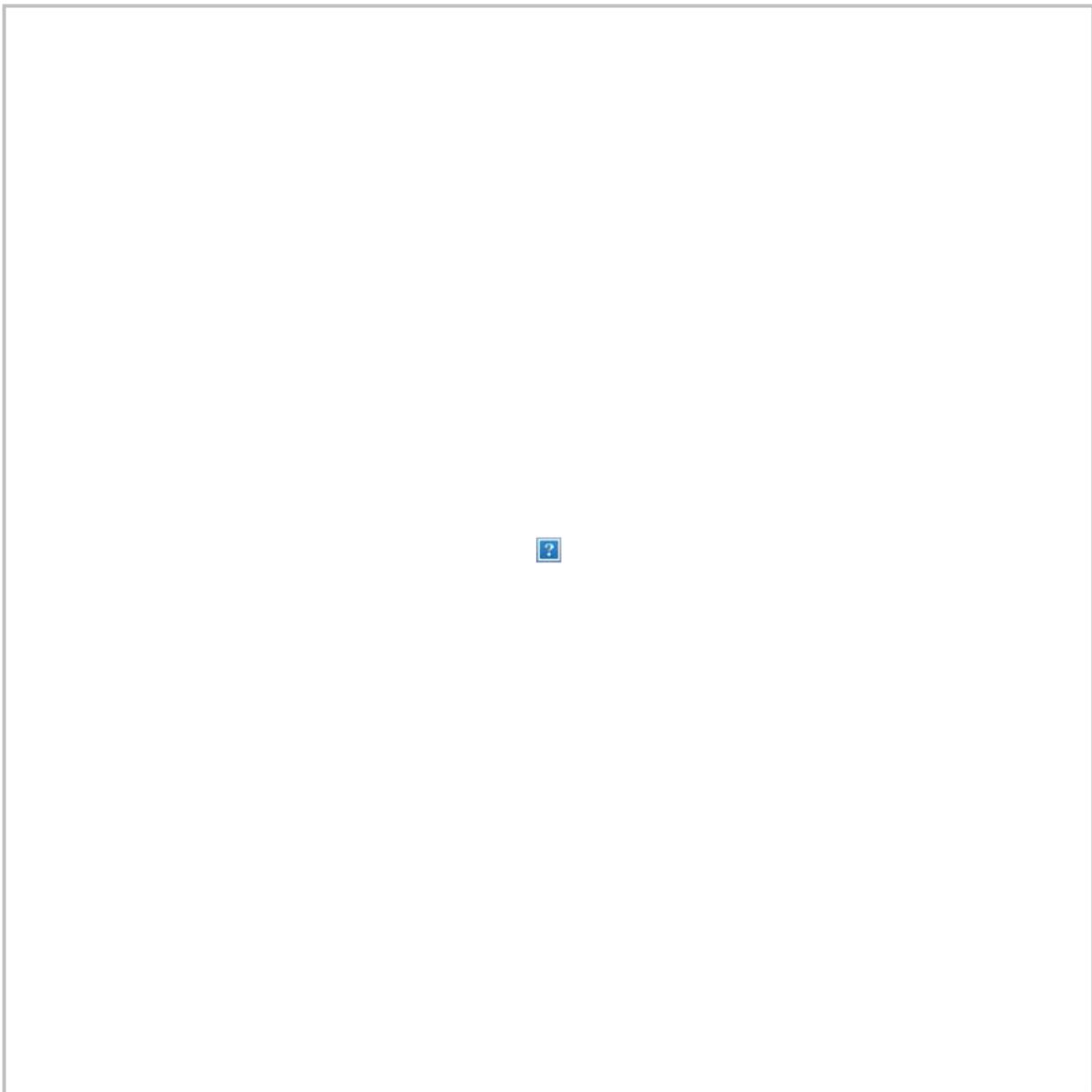
chairman, with about 150 lawmakers committed to voting for him. But Williams is making a last-ditch effort to win the job, running on a platform of capping the widely-loathed annual dues requirements."

Tim Scott celebrates winning a full term in the Senate last week. (Mic Smith/AP)</p>□



Tim Scott celebrates winning a full term in the Senate last week. (Mic Smith/AP)

-- **South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott and Rep. Trey Gowdy are said to be considering a joint bid for governor and lieutenant governor in 2018, per [The Post and Courier](#).** The popular Republican lawmakers could probably clear the rest of the prospective GOP field, which would otherwise include Attorney General Alan Wilson, the son of a congressman, and Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster. This theory does not make sense to us, but it's getting buzz in the Palmetto State, so we're flagging.



John Kerry walks on a frozen section of the Ross Sea near the McMurdo Station, Antarctica. (Mark Ralson/AFP/Getty)

#### **WAPO HIGHLIGHTS:**

-- **“John Kerry wanted to see how Antarctica was changing. When he returned, the entire world had,”** by **Chris Mooney**: “As the United States neared election day, Secretary of State John Kerry announced he would take a historic trip to the massive, frozen seventh continent: Antarctica. The goal was to see firsthand the place that perhaps more than any other has climate scientists worried about melting ice and rising sea levels. The idea was that the secretary, being the highest ranking U.S. official ever to visit Antarctica, would then take that experience back to the international climate meetings now underway in Marrakech, Morocco, where he is slated to speak this week on the dangers of a warming planet. Somewhere along the way, though, the election of [Trump] sort of shattered that thought glacier — leaving Kerry with a more complicated message, by any stretch. **When Kerry reaches Marrakech this week and addresses the world, he will indeed have seen firsthand what few others ever will. But the political ground will have entirely shifted since he left.**”

Gwen Ifill speaks in 2012. (Frederick M. Brown/Getty Images)</p>□

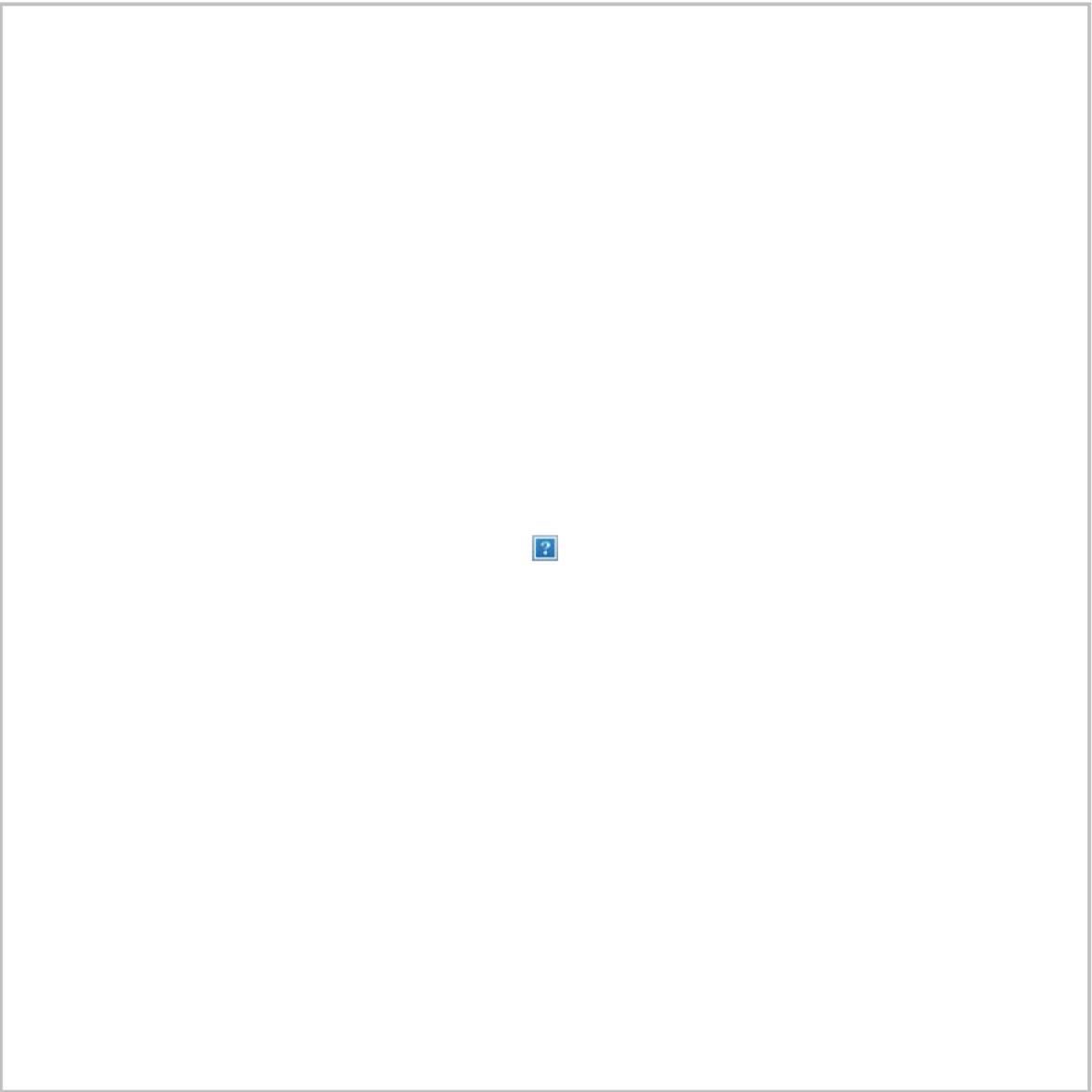


Gwen Ifill speaks in 2012. (Frederick M. Brown/Getty Images)

-- **Gwen Ifill, a groundbreaking reporter who spent more than three decades covering politics in print and on broadcast television, and who shattered gender and racial barriers along the way, died on Monday of cancer.** “NewsHour” co-anchor Judy Woodruff called Ms. Ifill a consummate communicator who exuded “the rare combination of authority and warmth. She came through the screen as a friend to people who watched her, but she also displayed the authority for people to believe you, to have credibility.” PBS president Paula Kerger praised Ifill as “one of America’s leading lights in journalism and a fundamental reason public media is considered a trusted window on the world ...” “She often said that her job was to bring light rather than heat to issues of importance to our society,” Kerger added. ([Read Adam Bernstein's obituary.](#))

**SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:**

Many mourned Ifill's passing, especially women in the media:







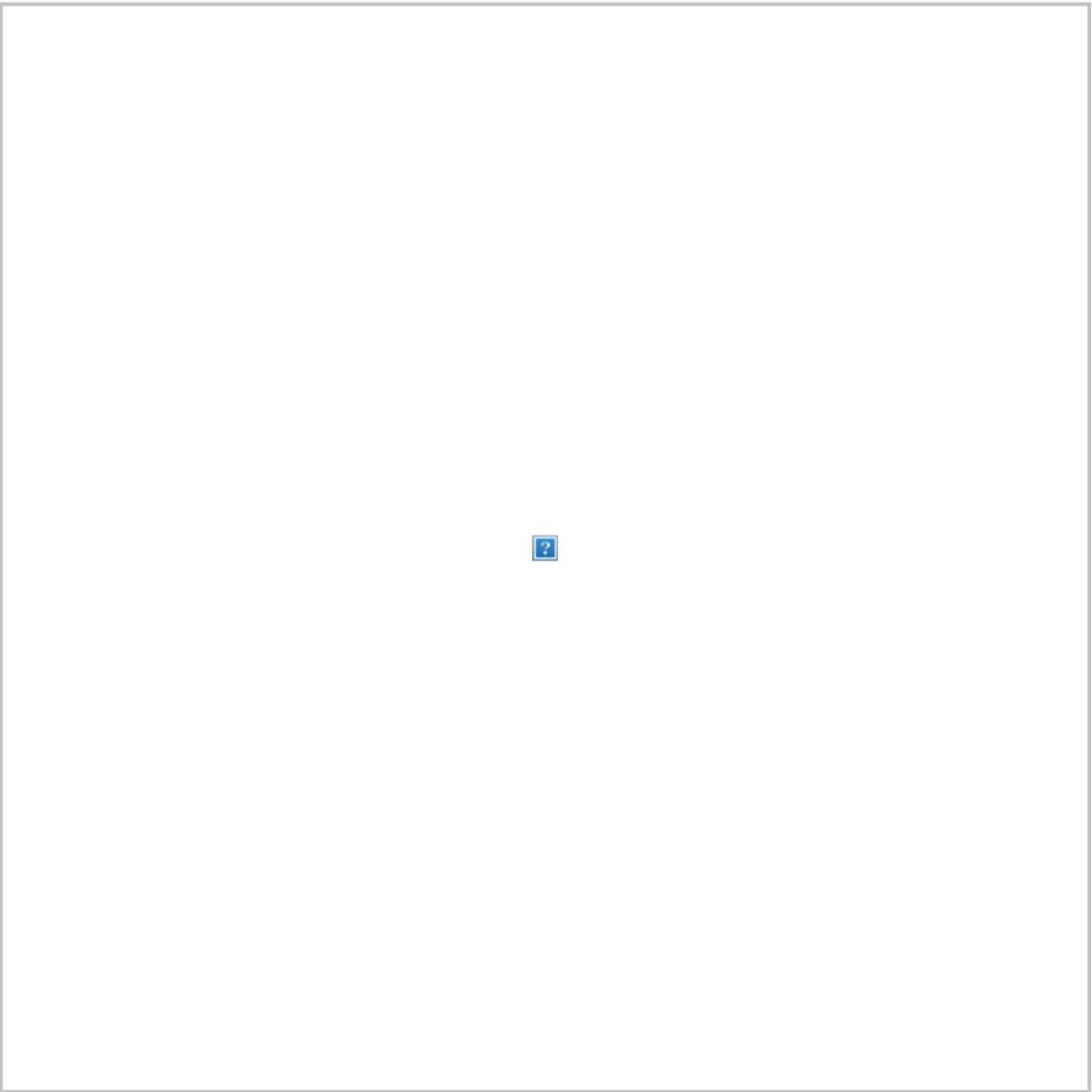




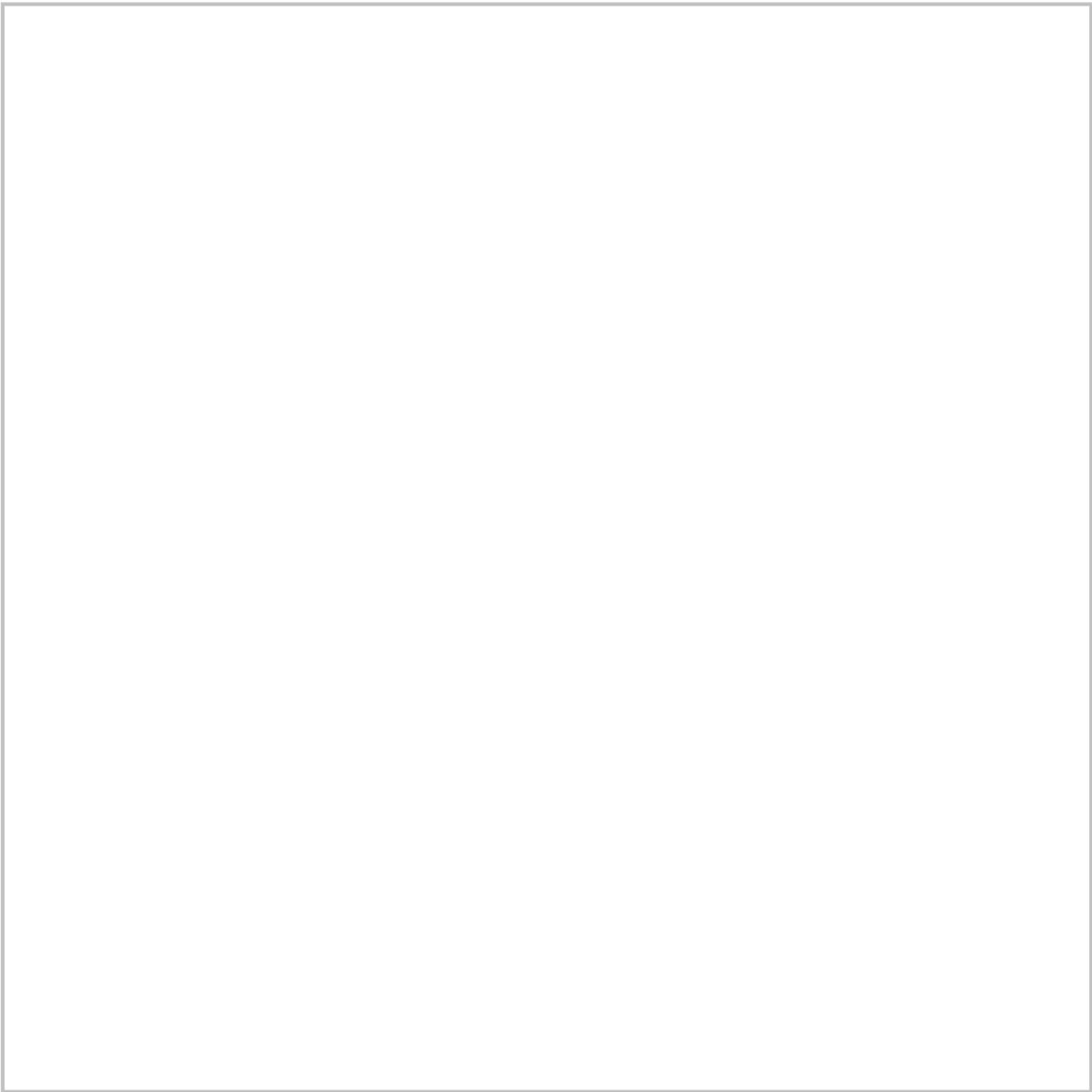




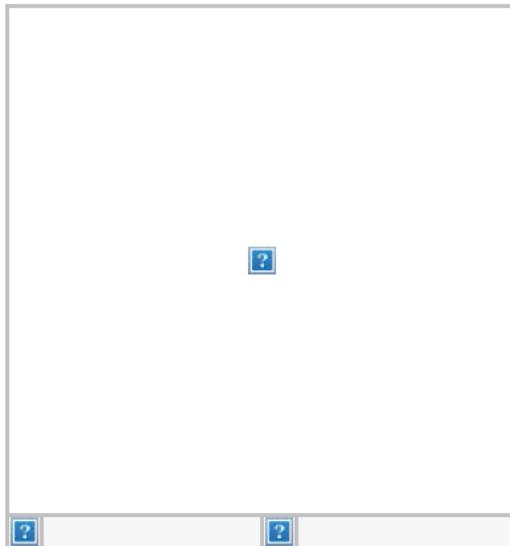
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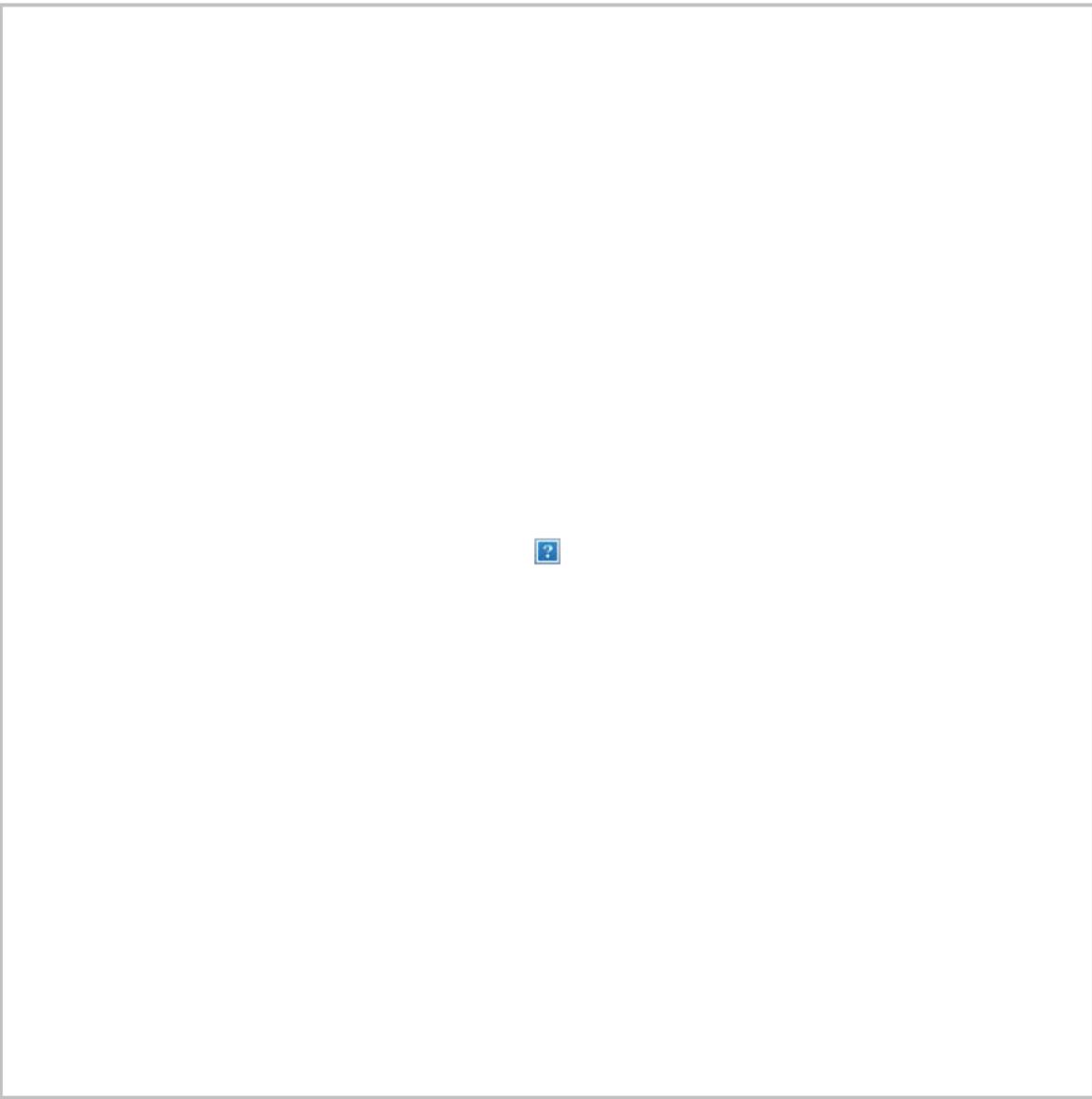


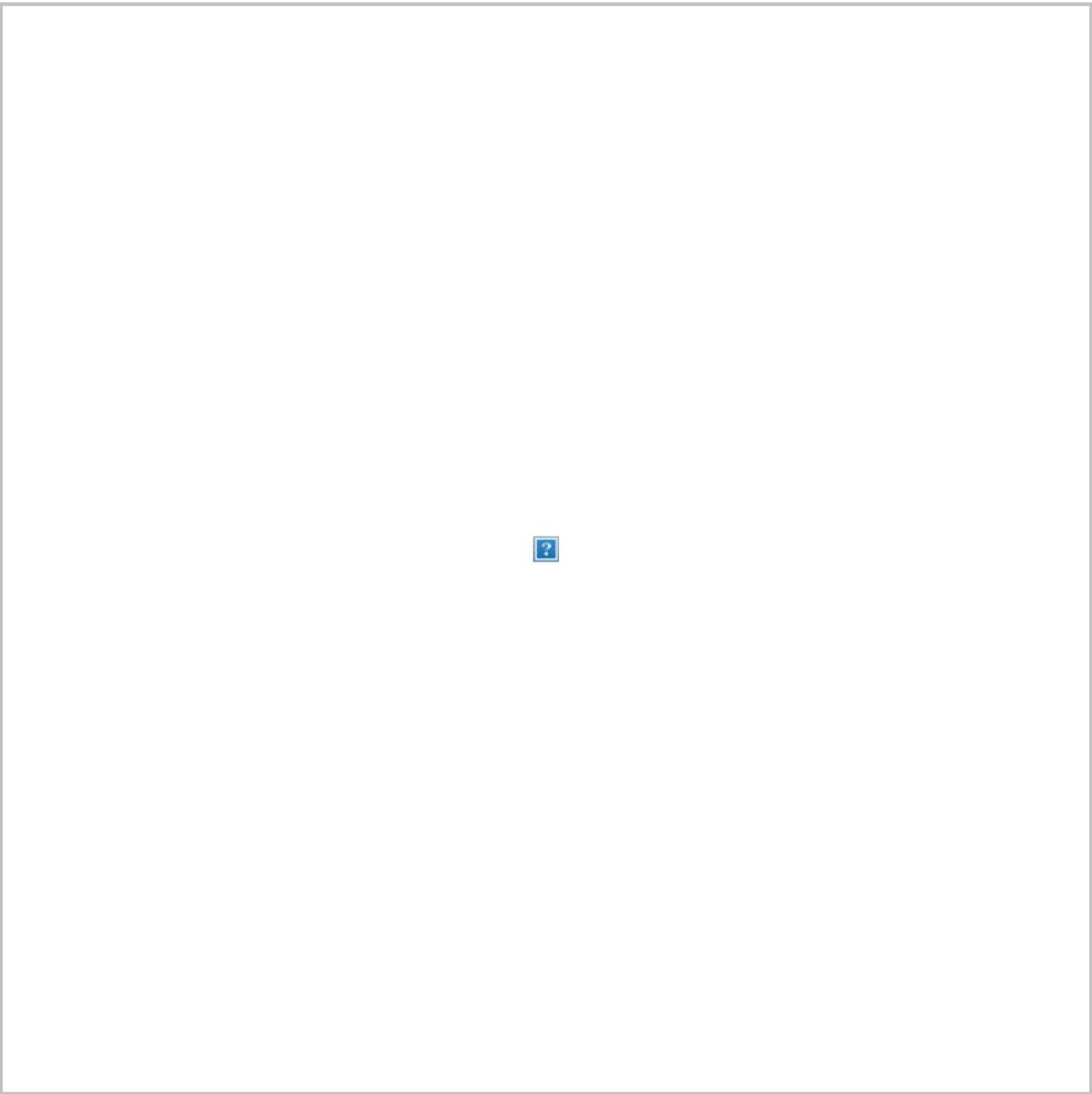




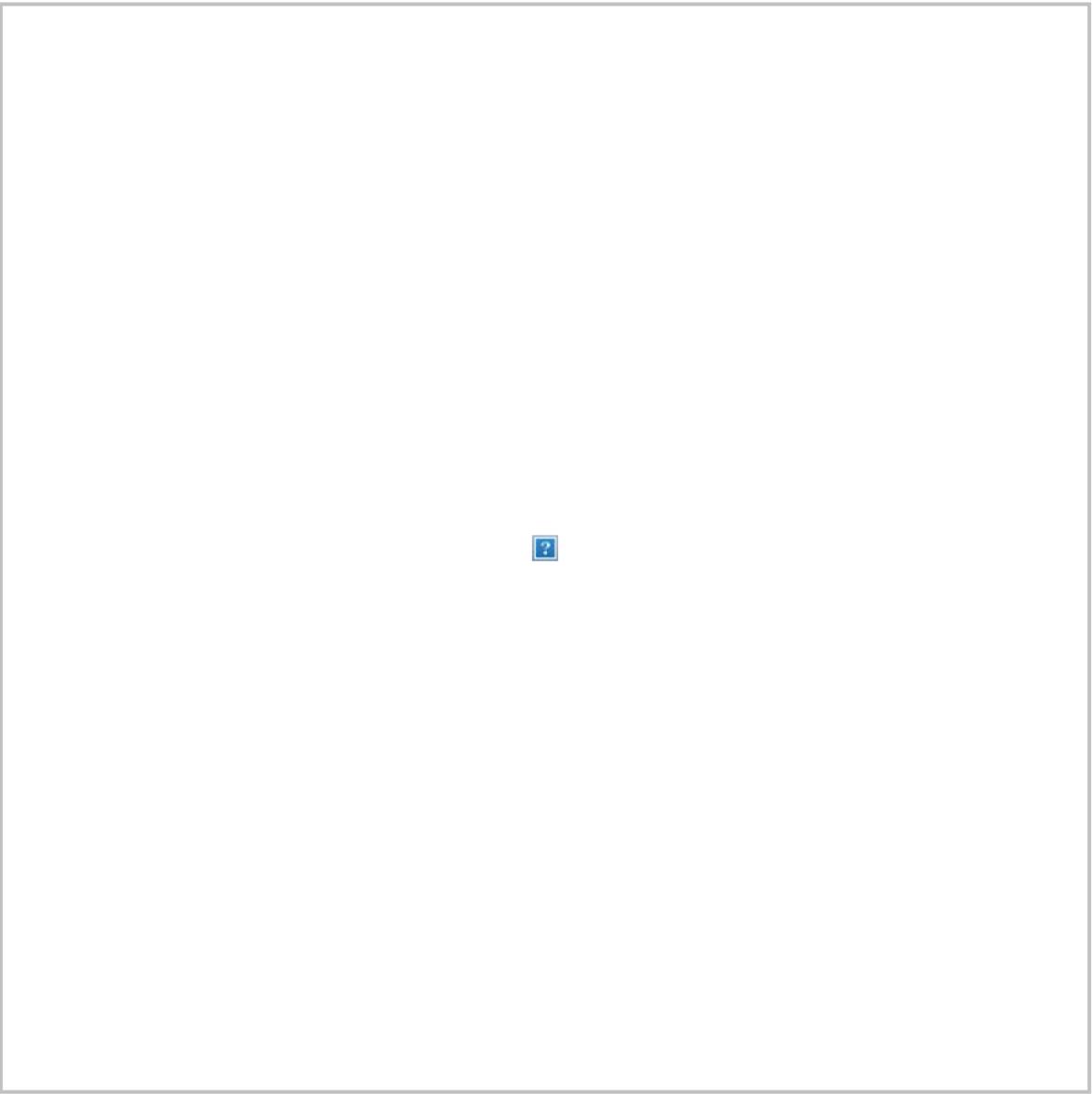
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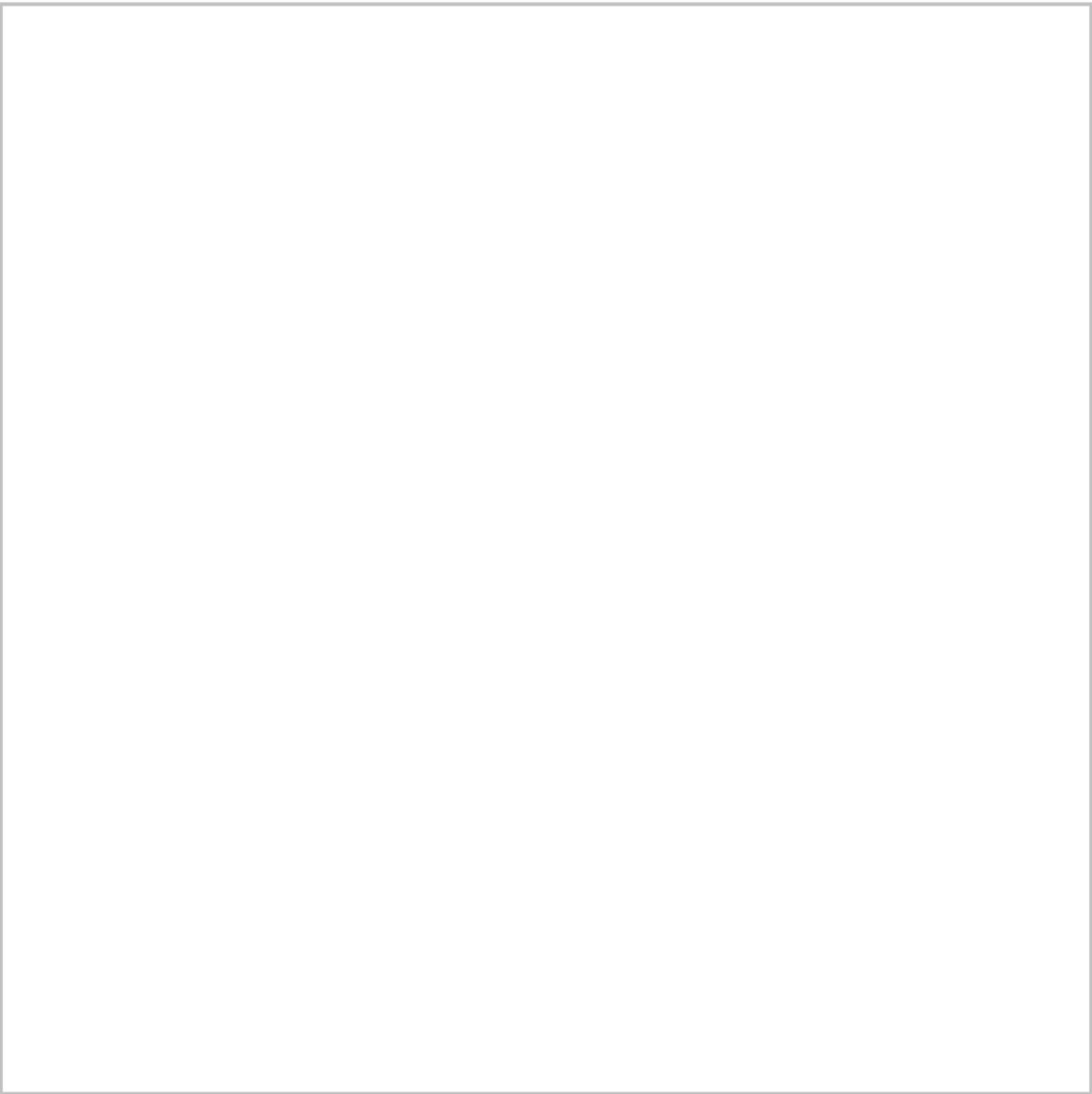




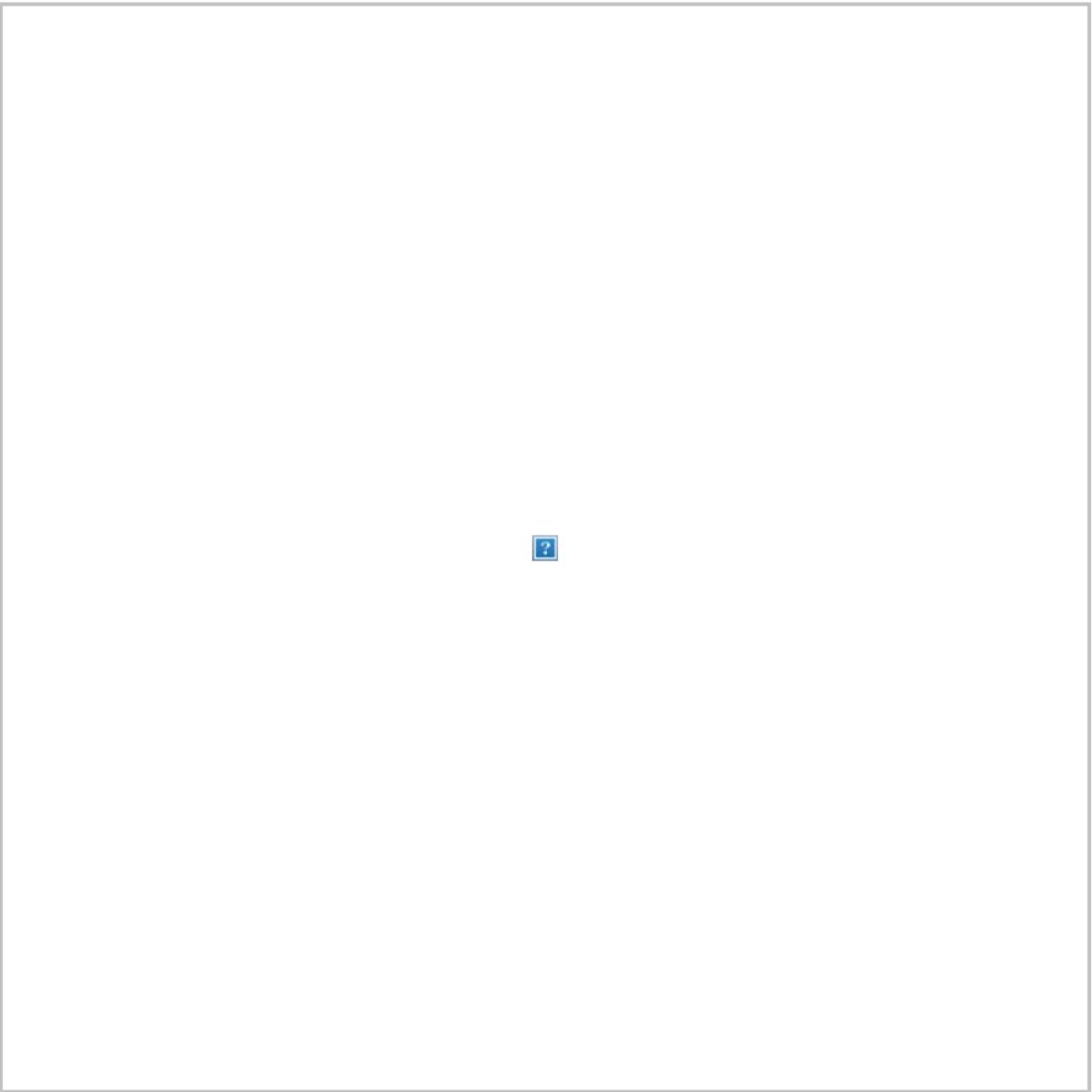


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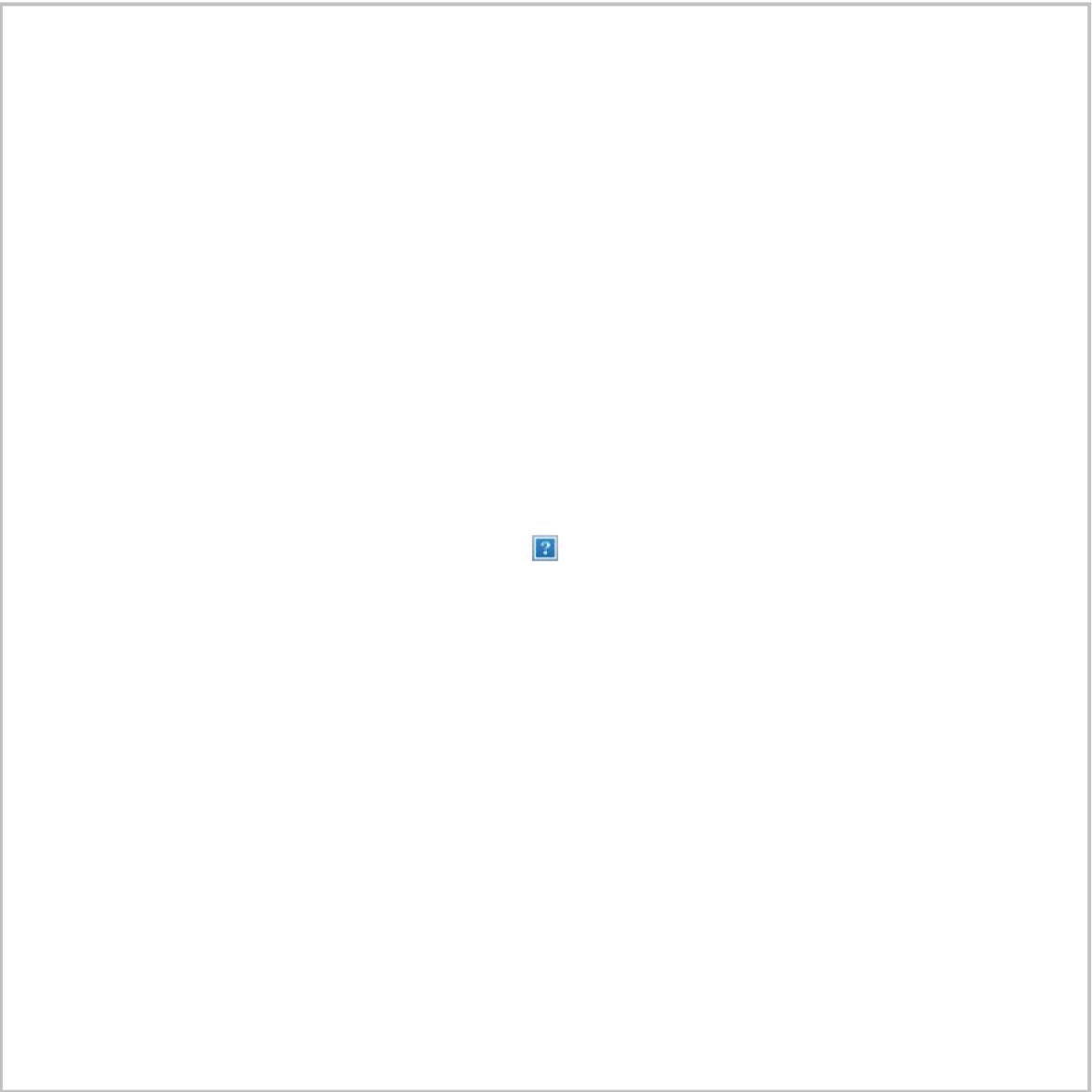


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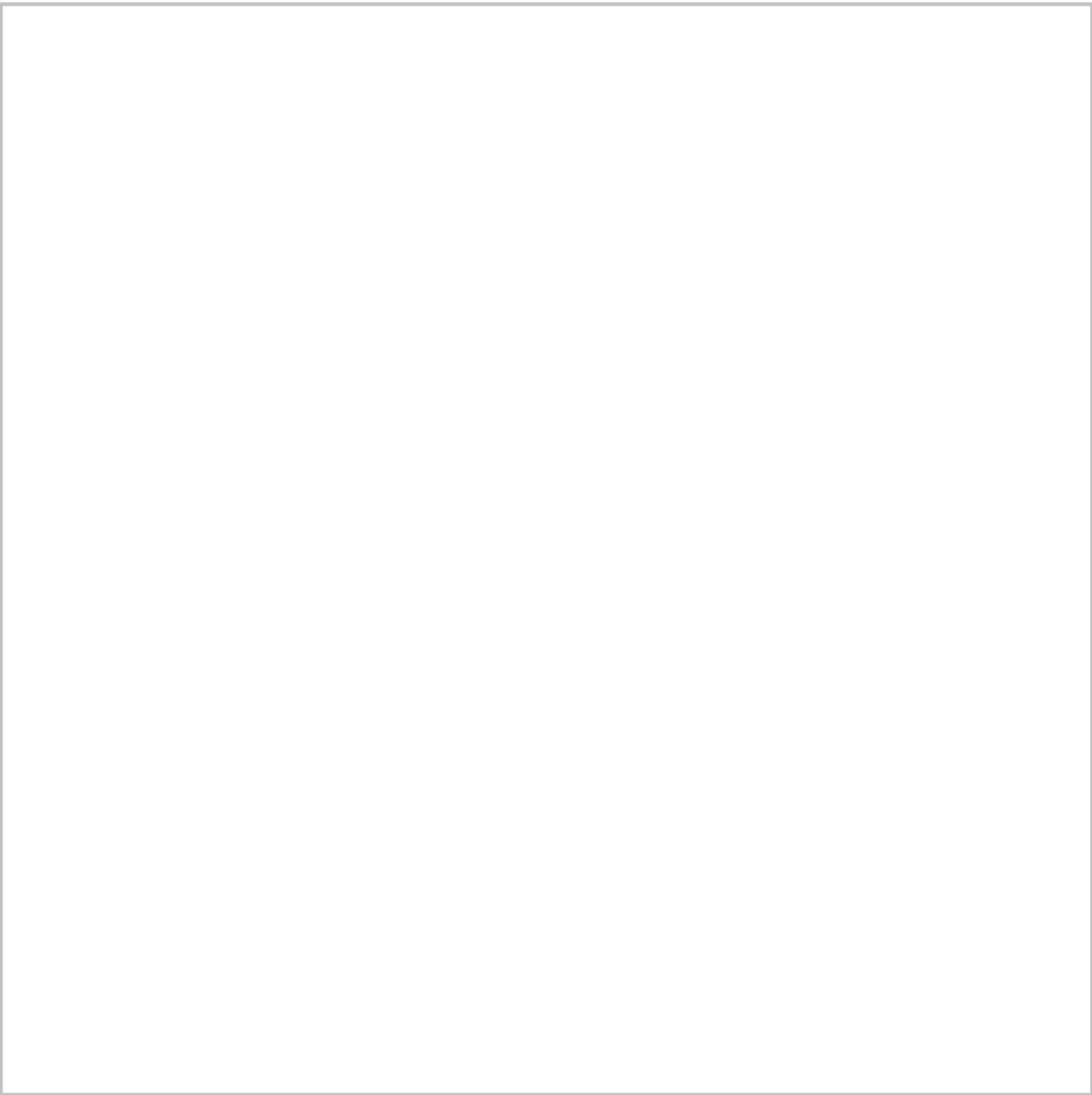


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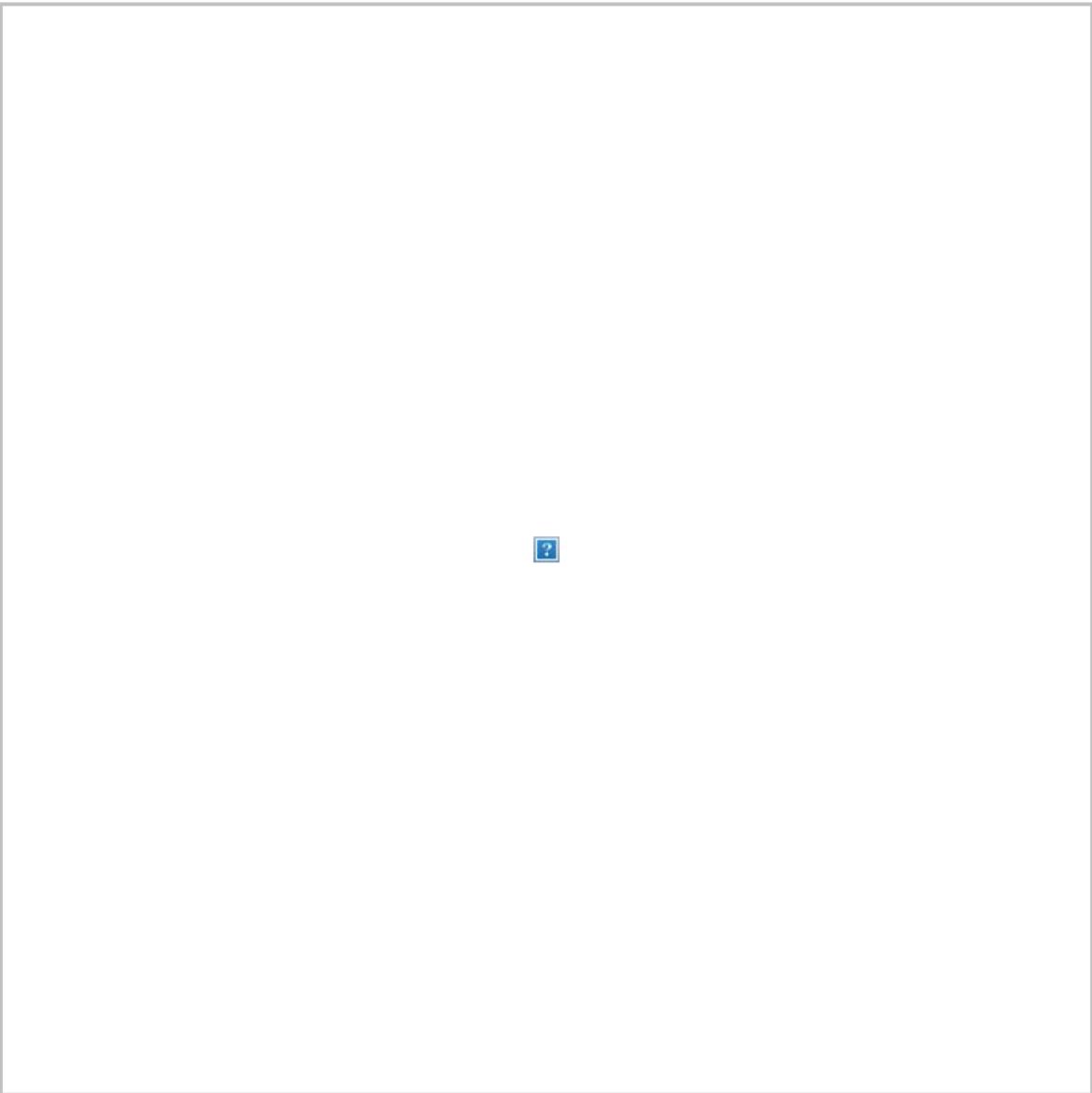




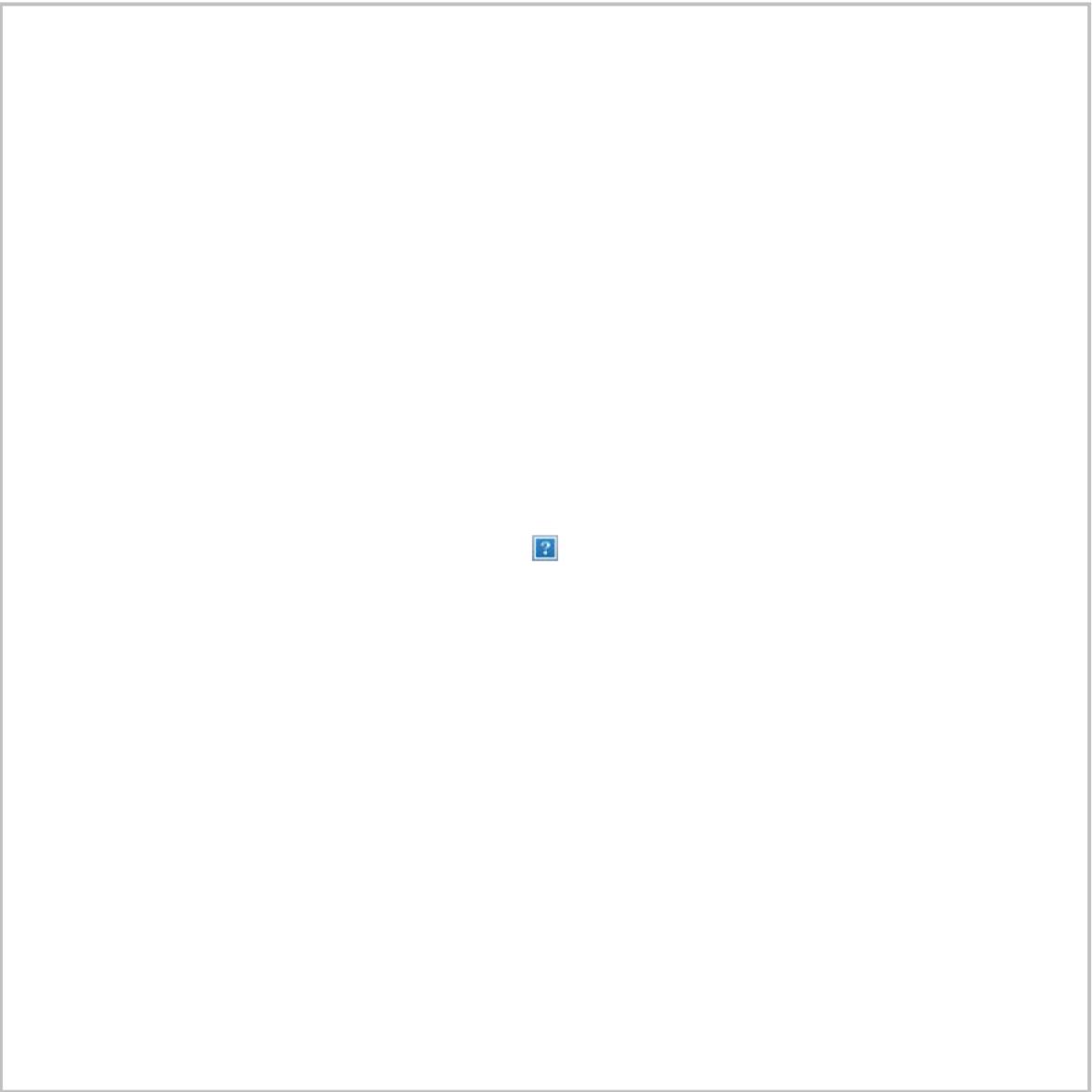




New York's junior senator lamented the rising number of hate crimes:

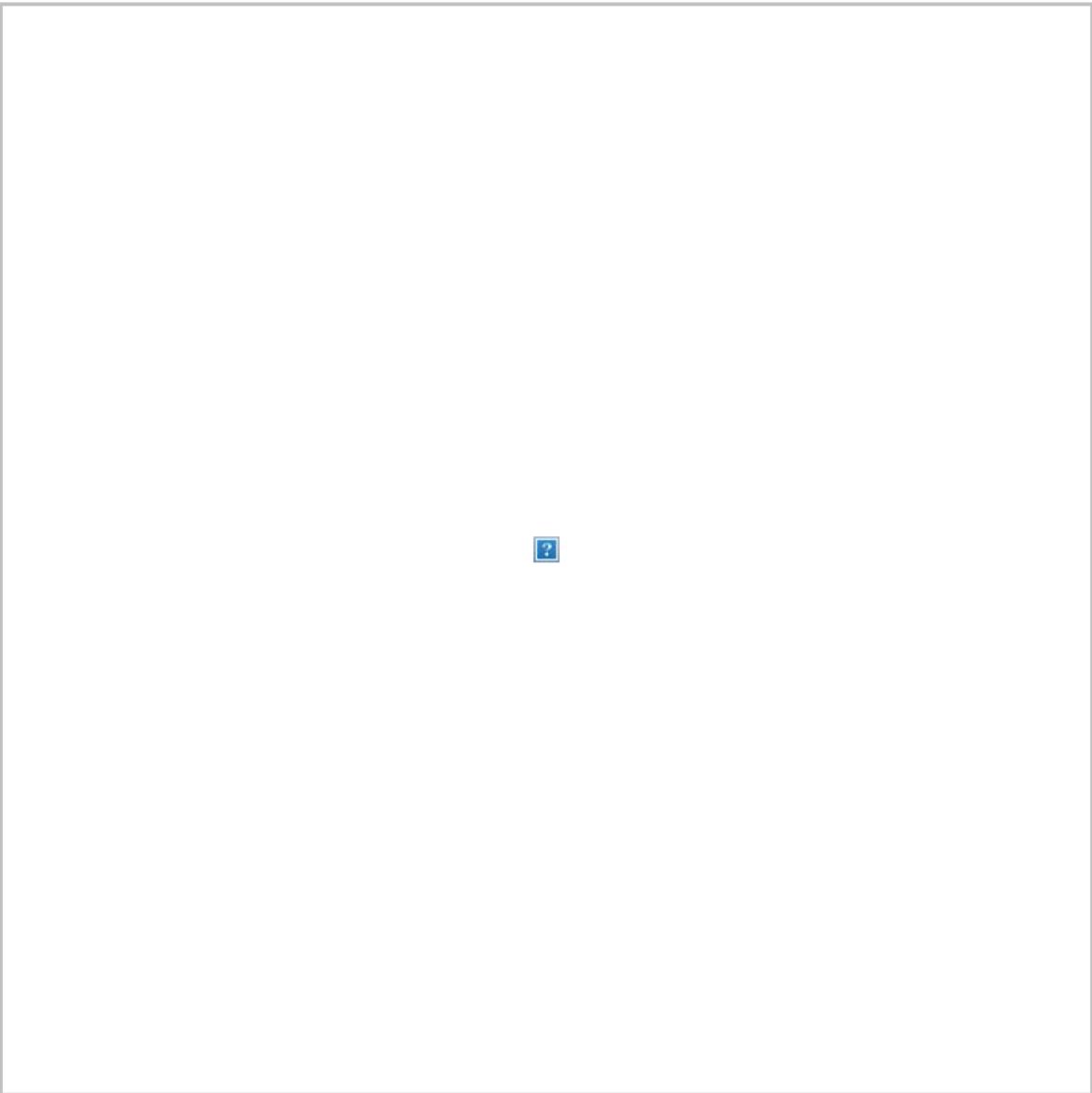


Democratic lawmakers continued to pile on Trump over Bannon:

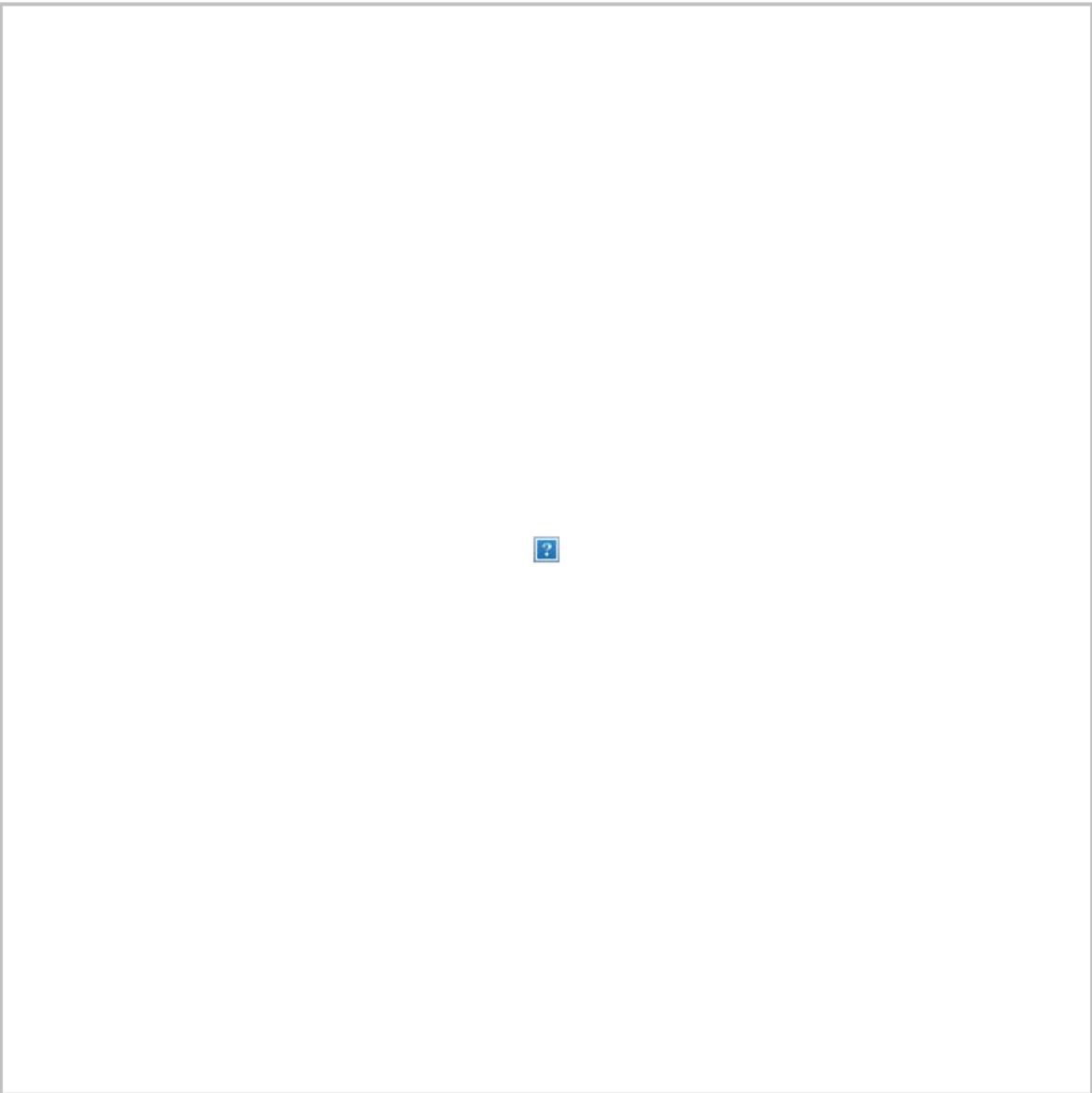




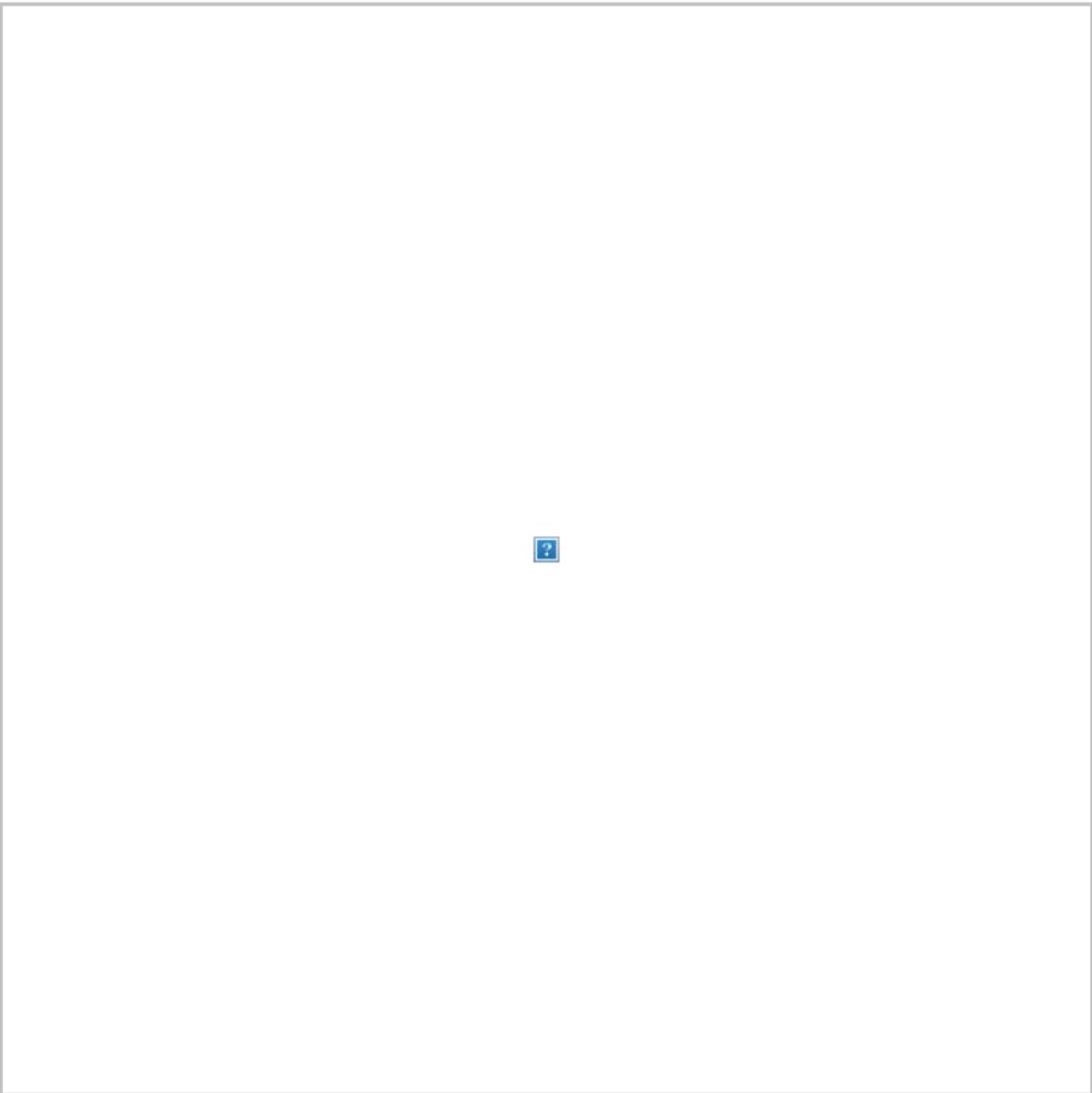
A former Obama White House adviser wondered when Republicans were going to criticize Bannon:



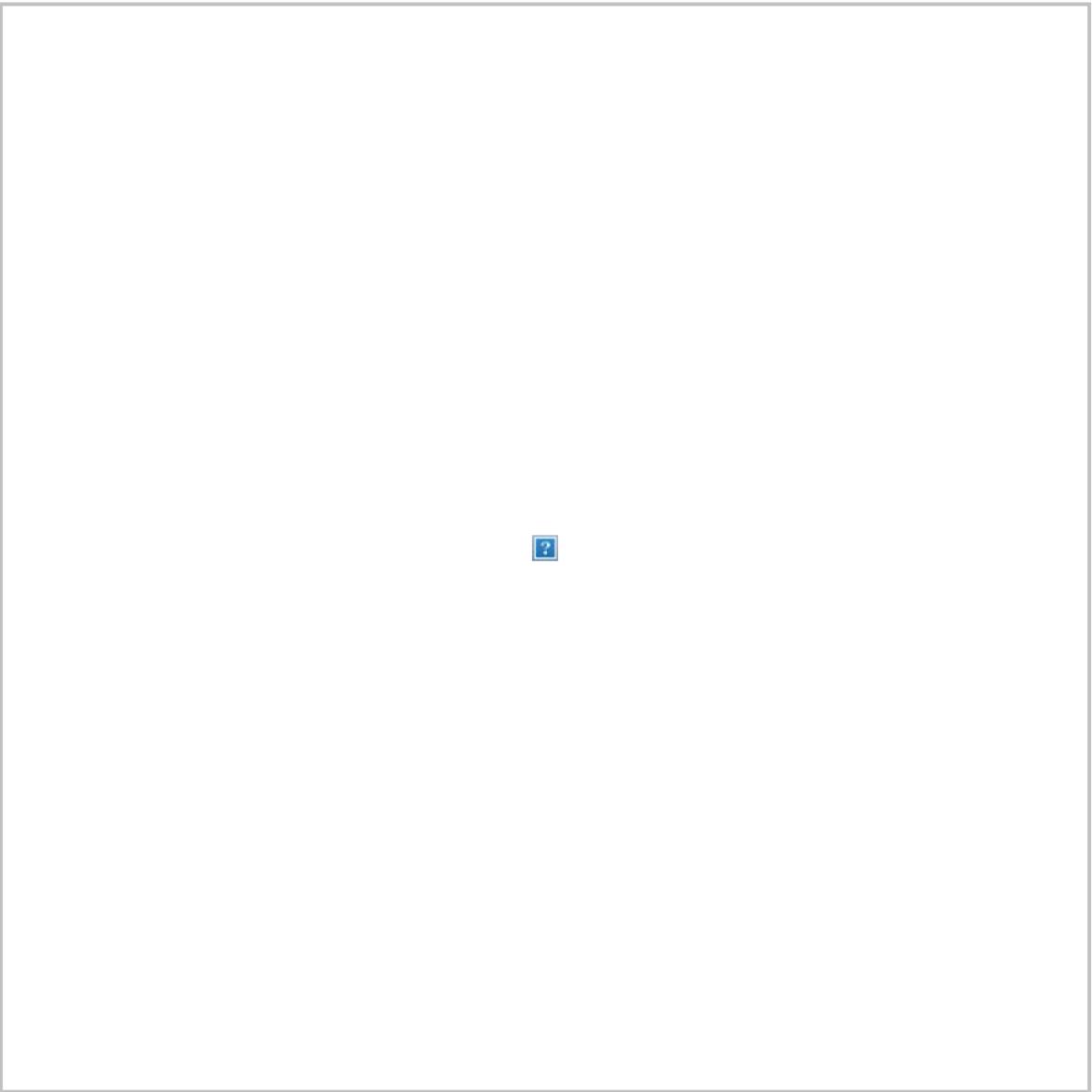
Mike Huckabee said the criticism of Bannon, especially by Muslims, was a good sign:

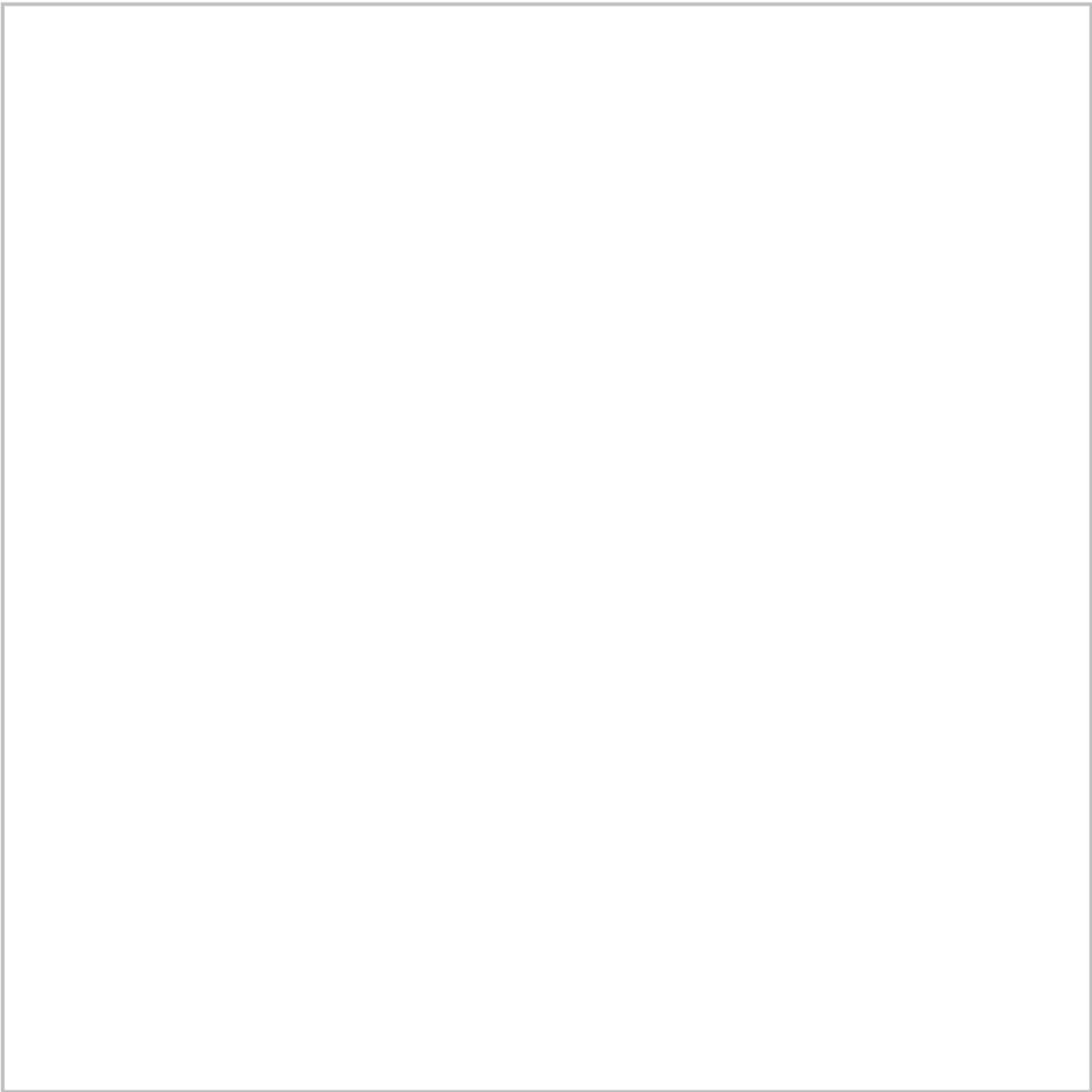


From Harry Reid's communications director:

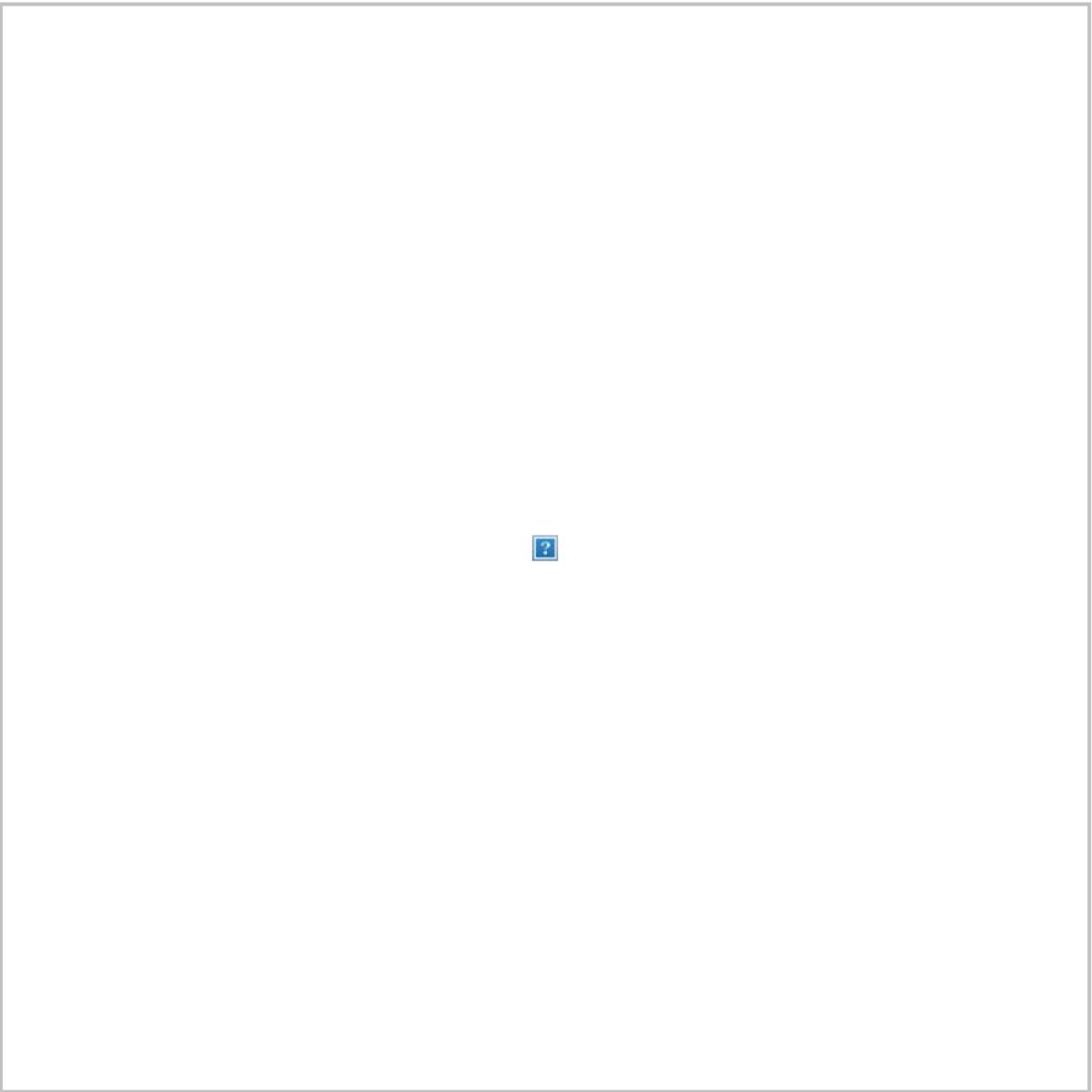


J Street said AIPAC removed the two-state solution from its talking points:





Check out this supermoon photo from Pete Souza:



The Bushes of Dallas got a new dog:



#### **HOT ON THE LEFT:**

**“Ape in heels’: W.Va. officials under fire after comments about Michelle Obama,”** from [Lindsey Bevet](#): “A nonprofit group’s director and a mayor in a small town in West Virginia have been swept up in a firestorm surrounding comments about Michelle Obama that have been perceived as blatantly racist. After [Trump’s election], Pamela Ramsey Taylor, who was director of Clay County Development Corp. ... reportedly posted about the move from Michelle Obama to Melania Trump on Facebook, saying: ‘It will be so refreshing to have a classy, beautiful,

#### **HOT ON THE RIGHT:**

**“Professors ask Sullivan to stop quoting Jefferson,”** from [Cavalier Daily](#): “Several professors on [University of Virginia] Grounds collaborated to write a letter to University President Teresa Sullivan against the inclusion of a Thomas Jefferson quote in her post-election email Nov. 9. In the email, Sullivan [quotes Thomas Jefferson and encourages] students to unite in the wake of contentious results, arguing that University students have the responsibility of creating the future they want for themselves. [But some] professors from the Psychology

dignified First Lady back in the White House. I'm tired of seeing a Ape in heels." The town's mayor than reportedly replied, "Just made my day Pam." The comments were later deleted, but images of the post were shared widely online. As of Monday, an online petition calling for the women's terminations had garnered more than 14,000 signatures.

Department — and other academic departments — did not agree with the use of this quote. Their letter to Sullivan argued that in light of Jefferson's owning of slaves and other racist beliefs, she should refrain from quoting Jefferson in email communications. "For many of us, the inclusion of Jefferson quotations in these e-mails undermines the message of unity, equality and civility that you are attempting to convey," the email said.

#### DAYBOOK:

**At the White House:** The president has arrived in Athens, Greece. He will meet with President Prokopis Pavlopoulos. Later in the afternoon, Obama will arrive at the Maximos Mansion and hold a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras. Afterward, he will hold a press conference with Tsipras. In the evening, the president will host a state dinner. The President will remain overnight in Athens.

**On Capitol Hill:** The Senate meets at 4 p.m. for speeches, then moves at 5 p.m. to consider the Gold Star Families Voices Act. The House meets at noon for legislative business.

#### QUOTE OF THE DAY:

On a conference call with congressional Democrats, Hillary Clinton said: "No one is sorer than me. Heartbreaks don't heal overnight, and this one won't."

#### NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:

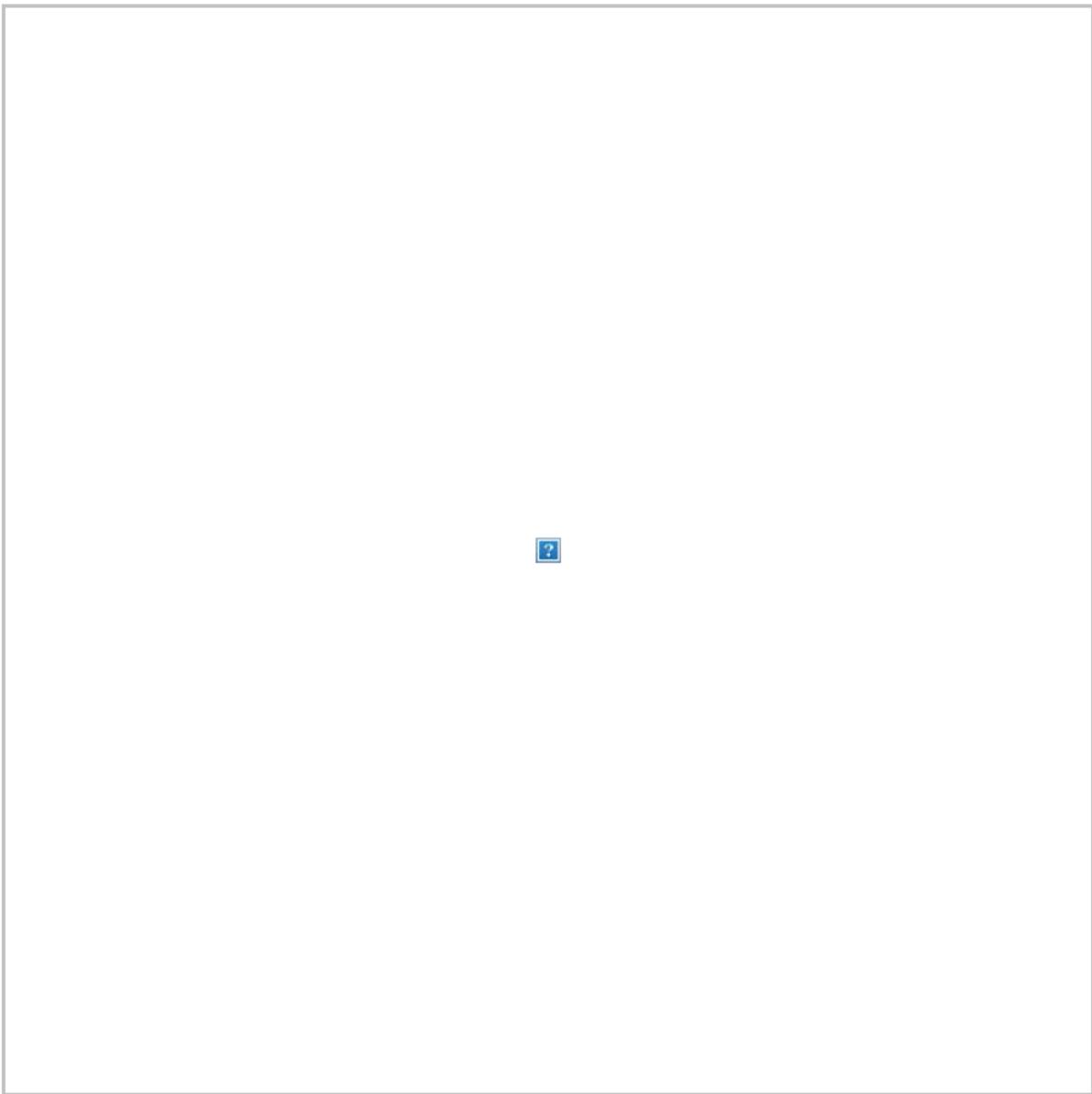
-- **Partly sunny and some warm temps in the afternoon. Today's [Capital Weather Gang](#) forecasts:** "Early-morning showers are possible, but then skies turn partly sunny and highs reach 60 degrees. Breezes blow from the northwest at 5 to 10 mph, which dries out remnant moisture from last night."

-- **Virginia schools have grown increasingly segregated in the past decade, according to a new report:** The number of students attending schools that are considered to be "racially and economically isolated" has doubled from 2003 to 2014, rising from 36,000 to more than 74,000. ([Moriah Balingit](#))

-- **Attendees at Clinton and Trump's Manhattan election parties may have pulled a late night partying (or mourning), but new Fitbit data shows it was actually those of us in Washington who lost the most shut-eye on Election Night.** Researchers said this year's election night marked the greatest sleep loss numbers since it began tracking patterns in 2009. ([Keith L. Alexander](#))

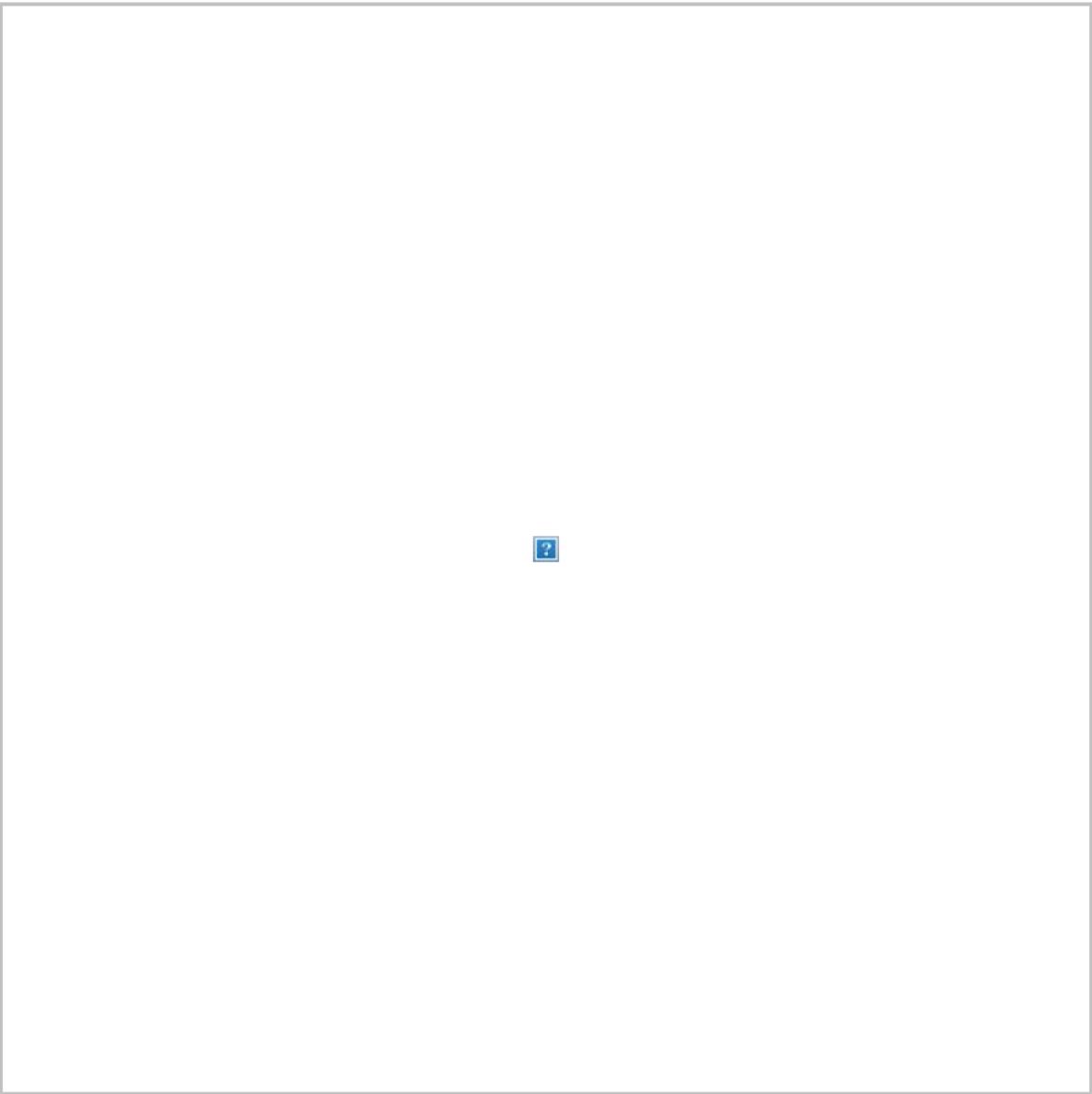
#### VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

These Ukrainian lawmakers got into a fist fight during a government meeting:

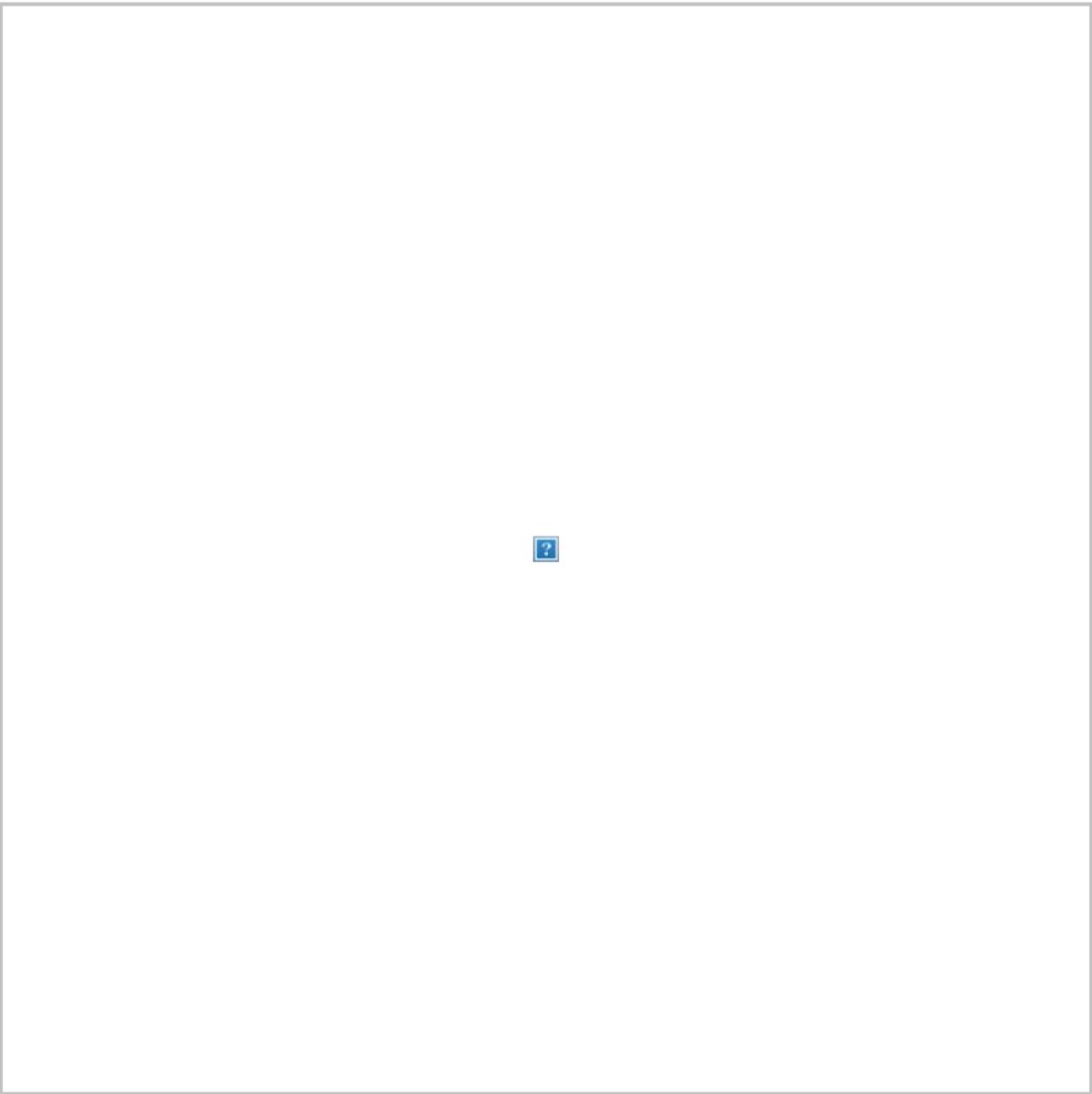


Watch as a fistfight breaks out in Ukraine's parliament

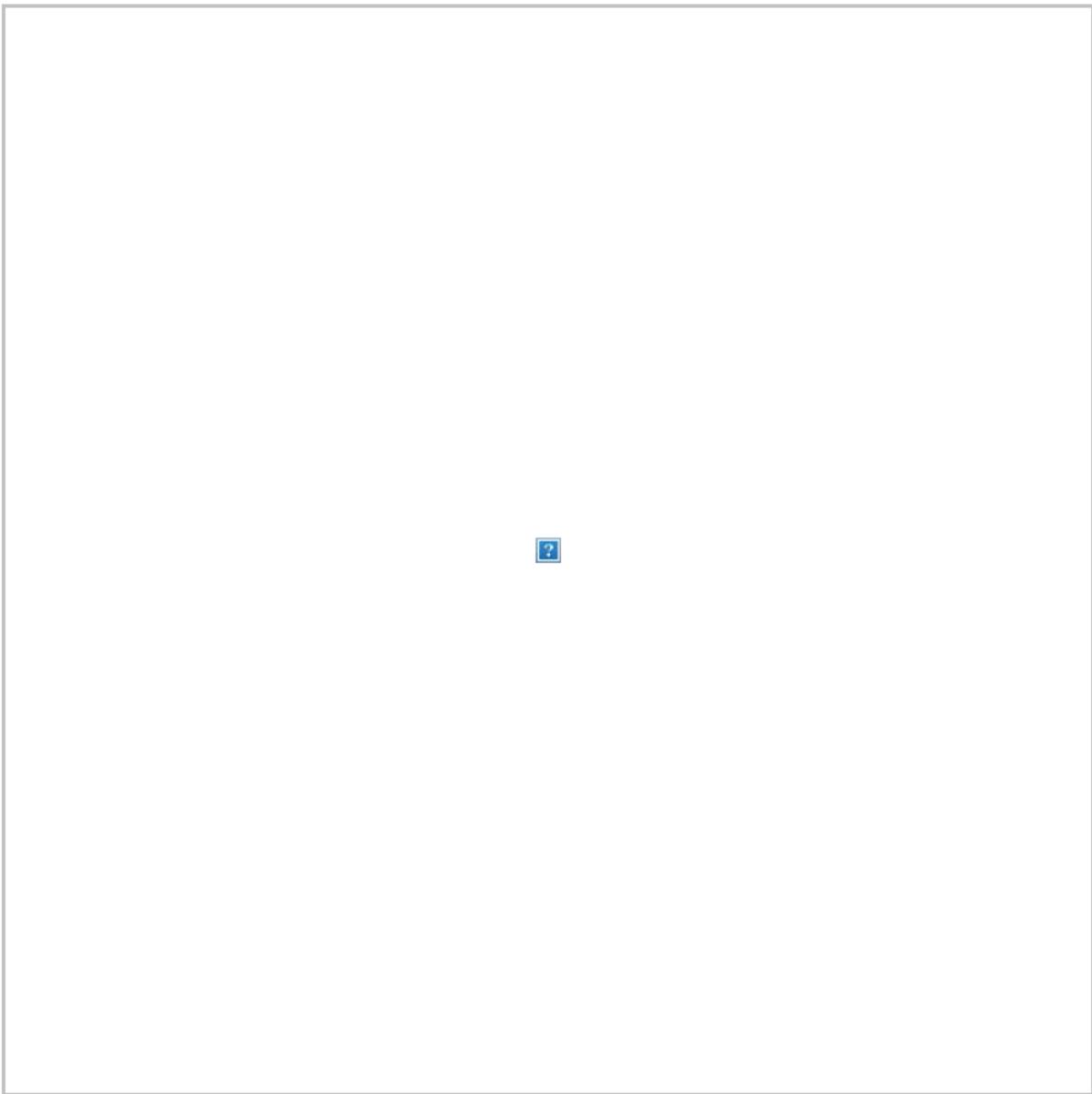
Watch Ifill talk about race and American life:



Check out what Michelle Obama said to someone who yelled she should run for president (click to watch):

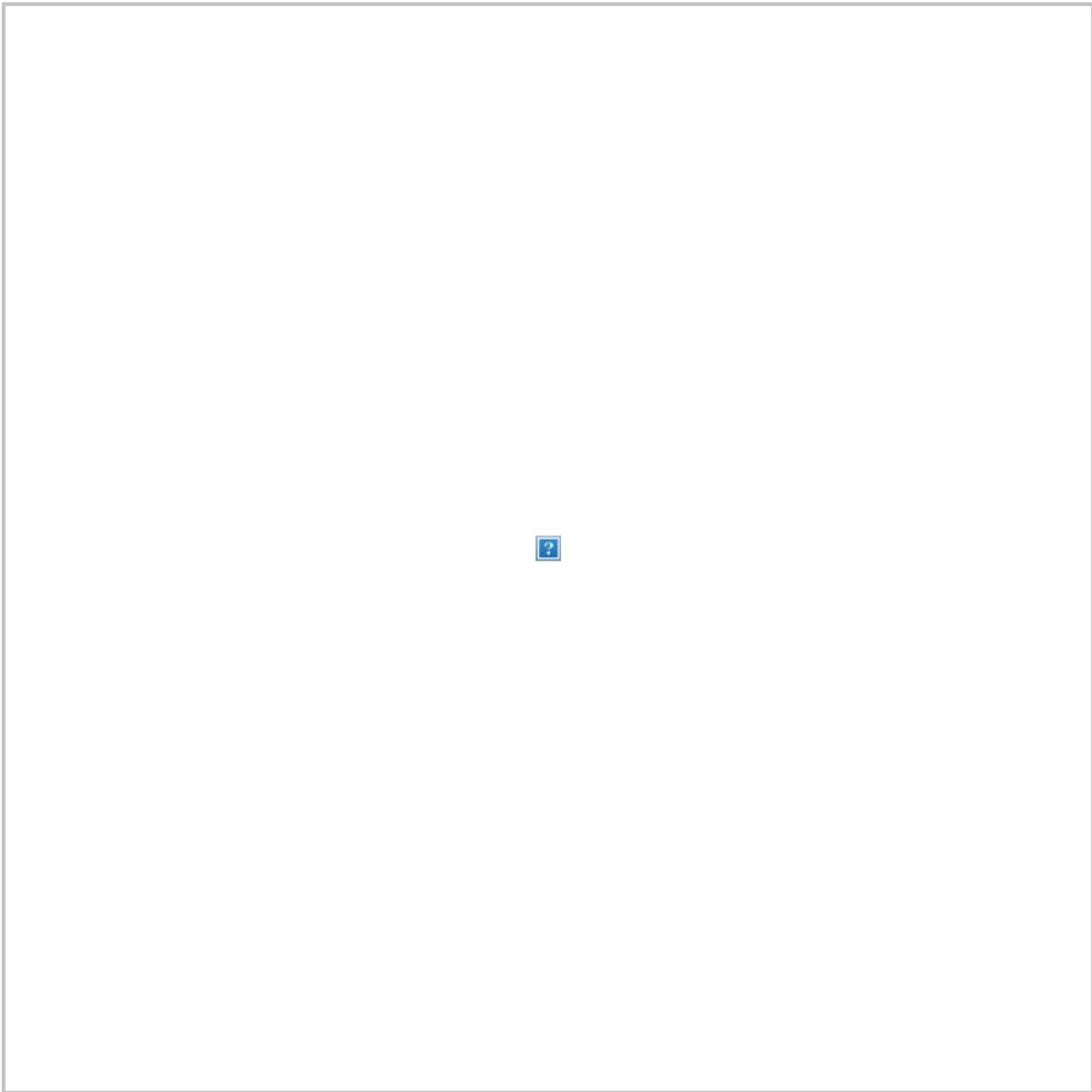


Bernie went on Colbert to promote his book. Part one:



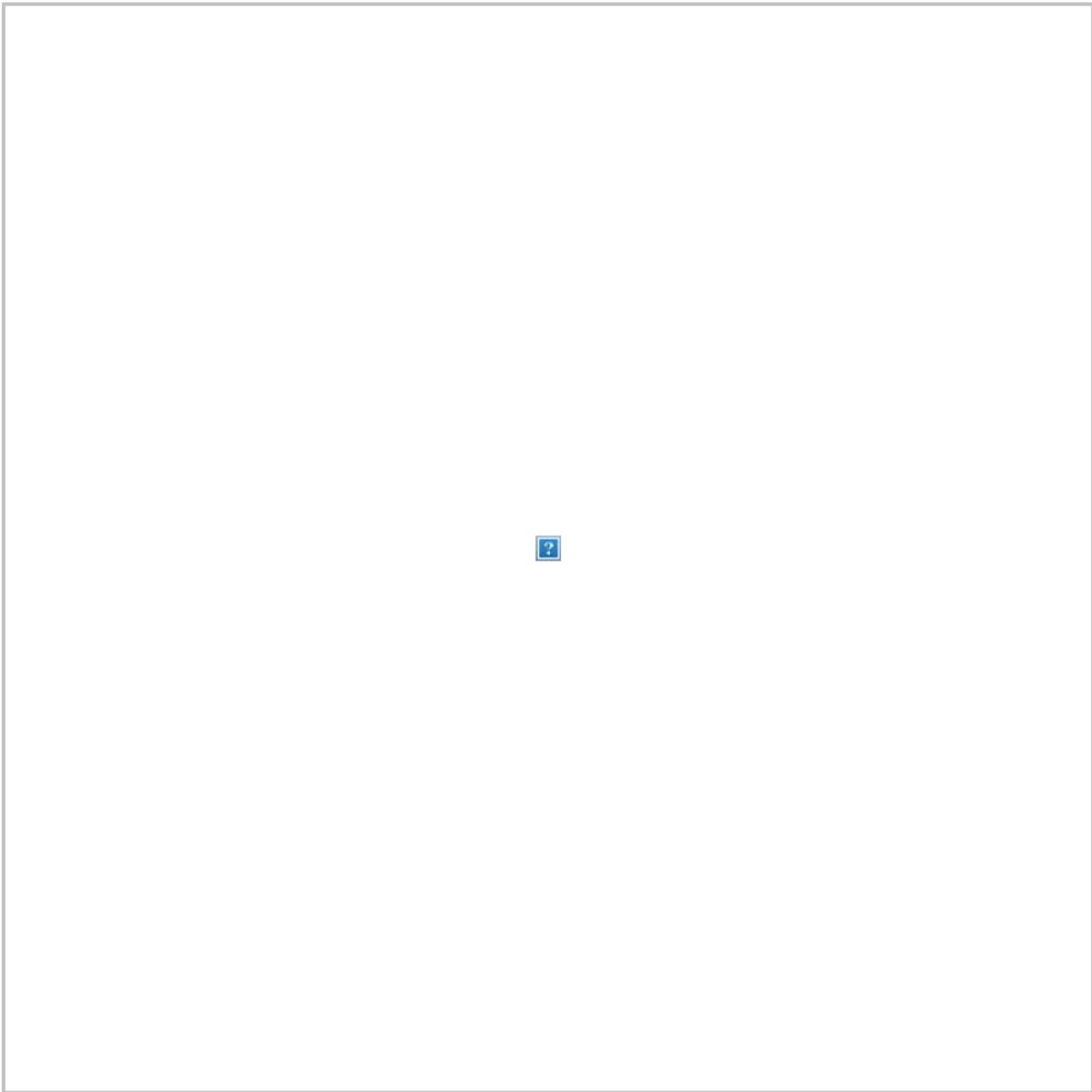
Bernie Sanders: The Democrats Have To Become A Grassroots Party

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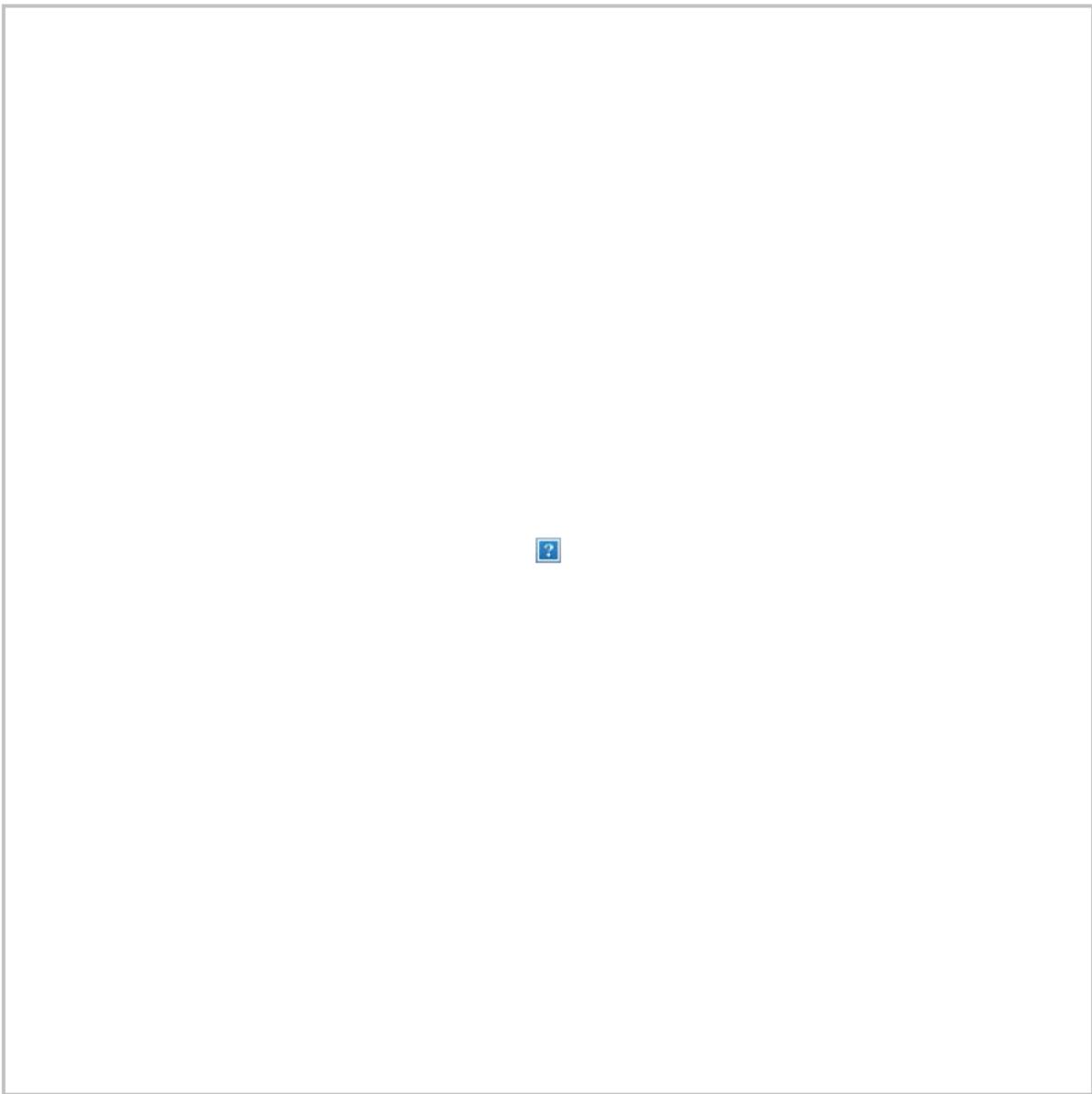
Bernie Sanders: Now More Than Ever, It's Our Revolution

Ruth Bader Ginsburg played her small part at the Washington National Opera:



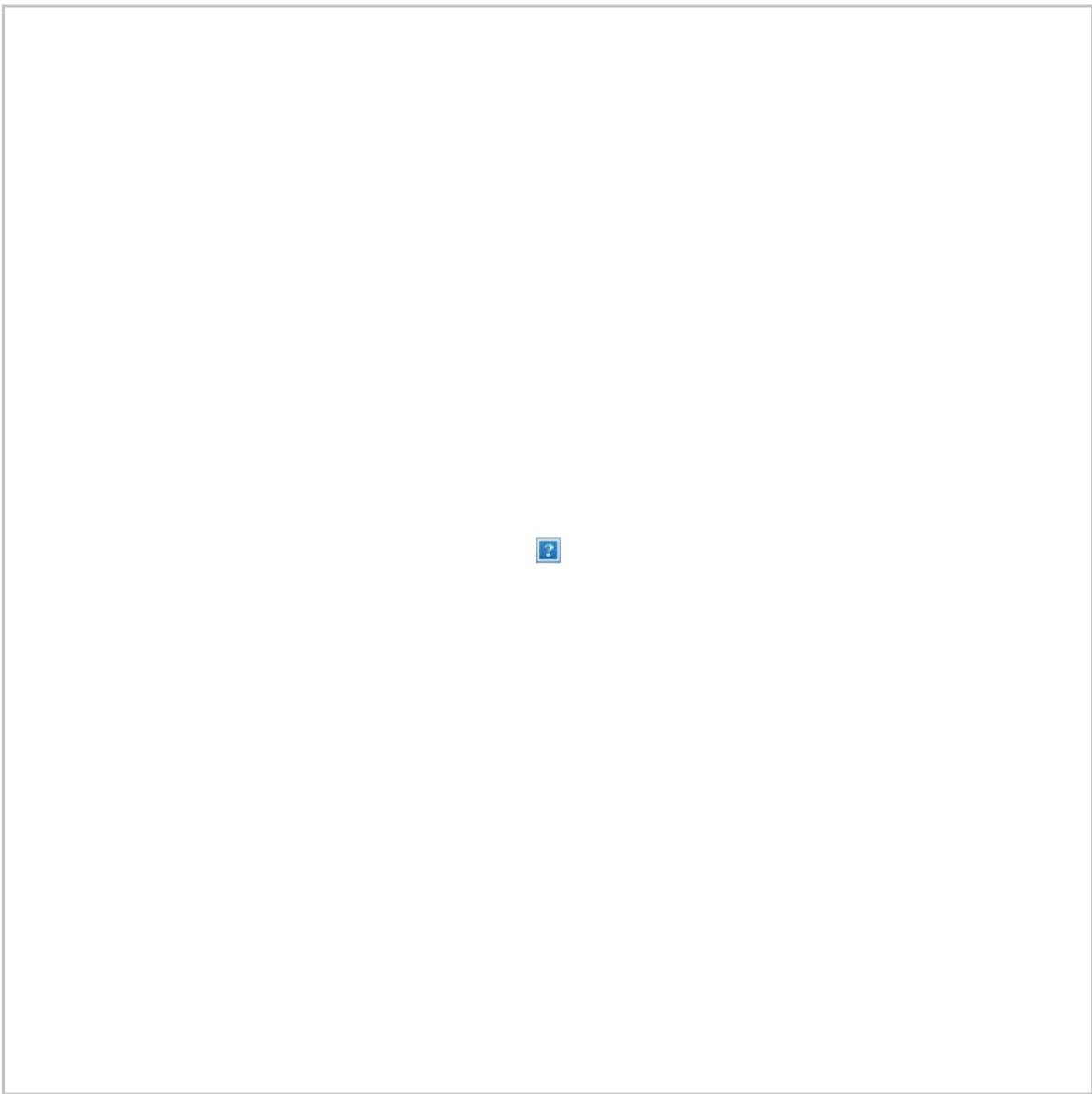
Washington National Opera: The Daughter of the Regiment - Ruth Bader Ginsburg's first appearance

Robert DeNiro and Danny DeVito responded to Trump's win:



Robert DeNiro & Danny DeVito On Donald Trump

An anti-Trump protester was tackled at Ohio State University:



Anti-Trump protester tackled at Ohio State University

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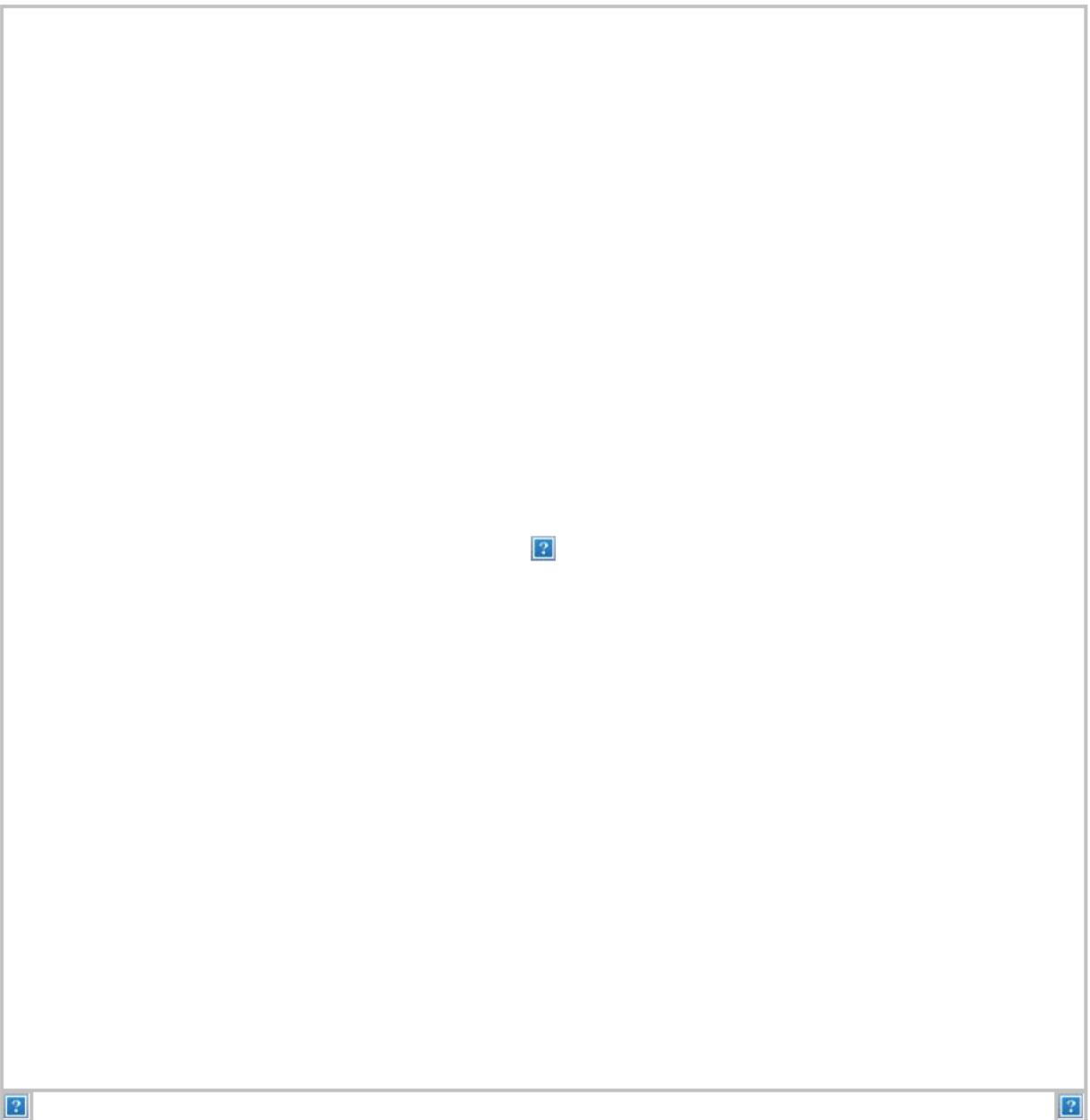
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Donald Trump campaigns earlier this month. (Evan Vucci/AP)</p></p>



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**BY JAMES HOHMANN**  
with Breanne Deppisch

**THE BIG IDEA: The Trump revolution won't just be televised. It will be led by television talking heads.**

In August 2015, Chuck Todd asked Donald Trump on “Meet the Press” who he talks with for military advice. “Well, **I watch the shows,**” said the former star of “The Apprentice,” another NBC franchise. “I mean, I really see a lot of great— you know, **when you watch your show and all of the other shows, you have the generals and you have certain people that you like.**”

So it should come as no surprise that **the president-elect is now stocking the federal government with these generals and other people that he's seen on TV and likes.**

**Trump and Mike Pence have now met with 70 individuals about potential positions within the administration.** The visitors to Trump Tower, Mar a Lago and the Bedminster golf club in New Jersey can almost all be grouped into just a handful of food groups: Current or former members of Congress. CEOs/rich

tycoons. Pillars of the Republican establishment. And, last but not least, cable pundits.

Frances Townsend exits Trump Tower yesterday. (Drew Angerer/Getty Images)</p>□



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**Yesterday, Trump sat down with [CBS News analyst Frances Townsend](#), a former counterterrorism adviser to George W. Bush.**

**Today, he will meet with [Fox News contributor Pete Hegseth](#).** After serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, Hegseth tried to run for U.S. Senate in Minnesota against Amy Klobuchar. His campaign went so poorly that he lost the GOP nomination to a random Ron Paul supporter, who went on to lose by 35 points. Afterward, Hegseth was hired to lead a Koch-funded group focused on veterans' issues and then picked up by Fox in 2014. Now, at just 36, he's being considered as a potential secretary of veterans affairs.

Scott Brown arrives to meet with Trump last week. (Brendan McDermid/Reuters)</p>□



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**Scott Brown also came to Trump Tower last week to talk with Trump about the V.A. job.** The former Massachusetts senator served just half of one term before losing to Elizabeth Warren. Then he moved to New Hampshire so he could run for Senate again – and lost. He served 35 years in the Army National Guard, but he’s never managed a large bureaucracy. **Since his 2014 comeback bid failed, he’s [worked at a bike shop](#) and [hawked dubious dietary supplements](#) (which he claimed allowed him to lose 15 pounds in 24 days).** **But, much more importantly than that, he’s a Fox contributor and on-call guest host. He’s on “Fox & Friends” a fair amount, which Trump keeps on in the mornings.**

After his meeting with the president-elect, **the onetime male model told reporters that he thinks he is “the best person” for the V.A. job**, which would require him to oversee a staff of 345,000 and a budget of more than \$100 billion.

**Trump is looking to all of these folks largely because he’s never forged deep relationships with the Republican establishment, and he has a greater sense of familiarity with them – even if many are not anywhere near the most qualified options for the jobs they’re being considered for.**

**Ironically, even as he derides the press, Trump is making these institutions more powerful since he relies on them so much and pays such close attention to what they’re saying.**

Kathleen "KT" McFarland at her home in 2006. (Jason DeCrow/AP/File)</p>□



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**At the end of last week, Trump nominated Kathleen T. McFarland to serve as the deputy national security adviser under Mike Flynn.** She has appeared frequently on Fox News and Fox Business as [an analyst](#). She anchors a program called "DEFCON3." But **the last time she worked in government was more than three decades ago, as a Pentagon spokeswoman and speechwriter.** McFarland tried to [run against](#) then-Sen. Hillary Clinton in 2006, but she too lost in the Republican primary.

**In the spring of 2011, then-Fox News chairman Roger Ailes (forced out this year after female employees accused him of sexual harassment) used McFarland as the go-between to encourage David Petraeus to turn down Barack Obama's offer to run the CIA.** [Bob Woodward obtained the audio tape of a 90-minute meeting](#) in Afghanistan, during which she told Petraeus that Ailes thought he should accept nothing less than the chairmanship of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. And, if Obama did not offer that job, Petraeus should resign from the military and run for president. "McFarland also said that Ailes ... might resign as head of Fox to run a Petraeus presidential campaign," Woodward reported. "At one point, McFarland and Petraeus spoke about the possibility that Rupert Murdoch, the head of News Corp., which owns Fox News, would 'bankroll' the campaign. 'Rupert's after me as well,' Petraeus told McFarland."

**Yesterday, perhaps not coincidentally, Petraeus met with Trump about possibly becoming secretary of state or taking another top job in the new administration.**

**Fox News contributor John Bolton, who is [routinely](#) on the air, was also mentioned early on as a possible pick for State, though that buzz died down when key people expressed their displeasure to Trump.**

**Trump is considering Laura Ingraham and Monica Crowley, both on the Fox payroll, for the role of White House press secretary, according to [several published reports](#).** Ingraham, best known for her radio show, addressed the speculation on, where else, Fox News. “It’s a big decision, but I’m at the point where, if my country needs me, and if I can do something to actually advance the Trump agenda ... then I obviously have to seriously consider that,” she told Tucker Carlson.

It typically works the other way around. Someone like Dana Perino earned her coveted Fox hosting gig after serving as White House press secretary.

**Stephen Bannon, who will be the chief strategist in the White House, is not a cable talking head, but he ran Breitbart until August and he had his own radio show.** And don’t forget all the pre-election chatter that Trump might launch an anti-establishment cable network of his own had he lost, with Bannon playing some role. (There was even at least one meeting with a financier.)

Jeanine Pirro&nbsp;arrives at Trump Tower on Nov. 17. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/AFP/Getty Images)</p>□

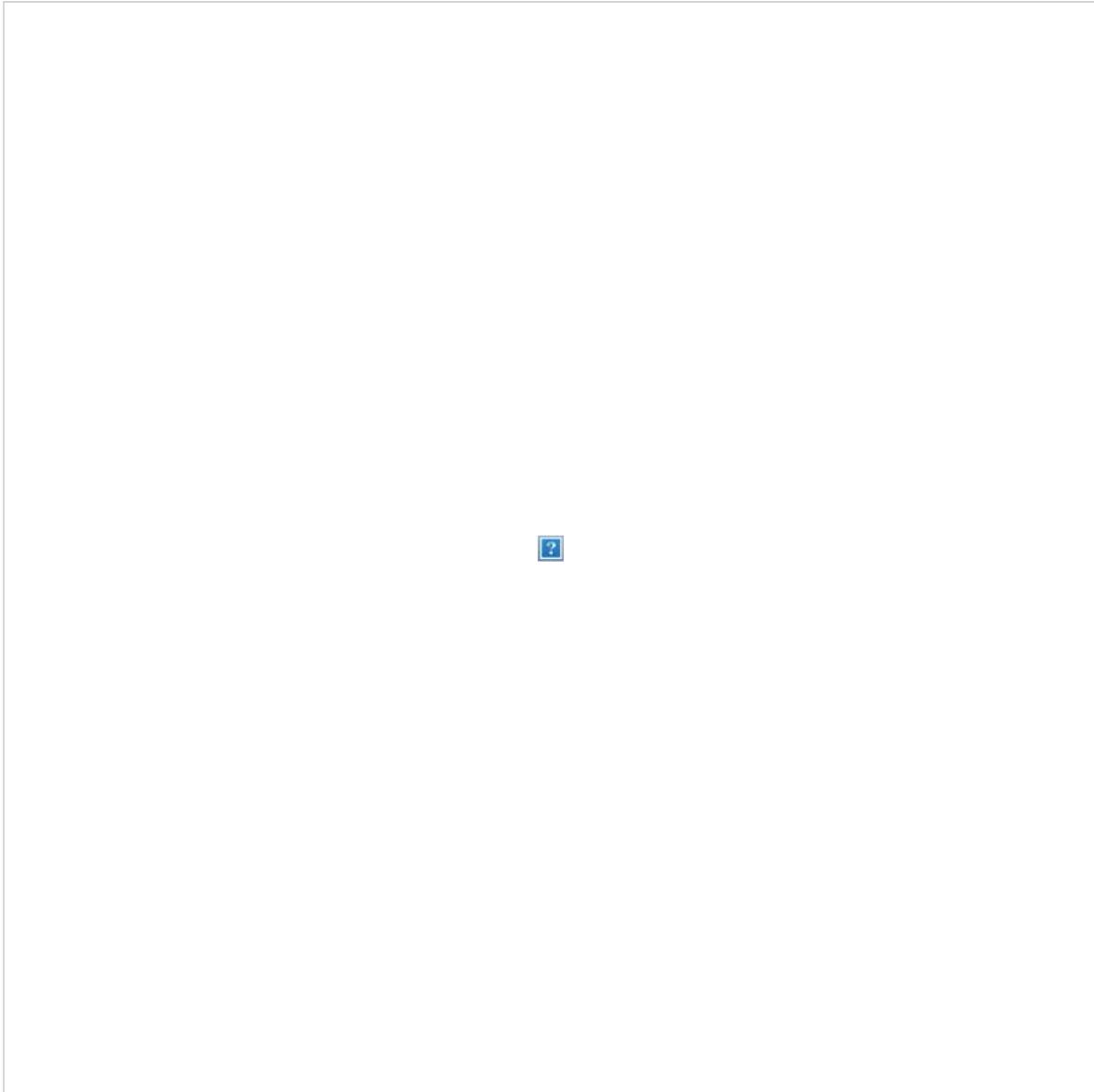


Jeanine Pirro arrives at Trump Tower on Nov. 17. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/AFP/Getty Images)

**The list goes on and on. Donald huddled with Jeanine Pirro (the host of Fox News’s [“Justice with Judge](#)**

[Jeanine](#)”), as well as (less surprisingly) **Mike Huckabee**, whose Saturday night show was canceled when he ran for president but who was [re-signed](#) as a contributor in April after he dropped out. Former Fox contributor [Elaine Chao](#), the former Labor secretary and wife of Mitch McConnell, met with Trump last Monday afternoon.

**Trump has also been meeting with people who are not employed by Fox or other channels but appear regularly.** Last night, for instance, he sat down with Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke – who is often on Fox in primetime. He’s ubiquitous enough on cable (and recognizable because he wears a cowboy hat) that a New York fire department captain, helping with security in the lobby of Trump Tower, fist bumped him on his way out the door.



Fox News President Bill Shine departs after meeting with Trump at Trump Tower last week. (Lucas Jackson/Reuters)

**The president-elect’s focus on cable talent has become so blatant in recent days that it’s become a punch line.** On Fox News’s “The Five” last night, Greg Gutfeld joked that the new administration is emptying out the green rooms. “I’m looking at the roster so far,” Gutfeld told his co-hosts, scanning a list of who Trump has been meeting with. “You’ve got K.T. McFarland, Ben Carson, Bolton, Crowley, Huckabee [and] Scott Brown. These are all [Fox News Channel] mainstays. Are they going to replace the Supreme Court with ‘Outnumbered’? Does that make Clarence Thomas ‘one lucky guy’? I’m worried. We’re not going to have

anybody here anymore. ... I'll be hosting every show!" He added, "What becomes of Fox News?"

**The office he's about to assume has not changed the man, at least not yet. People who have been around Trump say he watches cable as much as ever.** During his off-the-record meeting with 25 TV executives and anchors last week, he outlined grievances with coverage about him. Among them: he asked the president of NBC's news division why the network only uses unflattering pictures of him, according to [Politico's Hadas Gold](#). Last night, he retweeted anti-CNN messages posted by random people online.

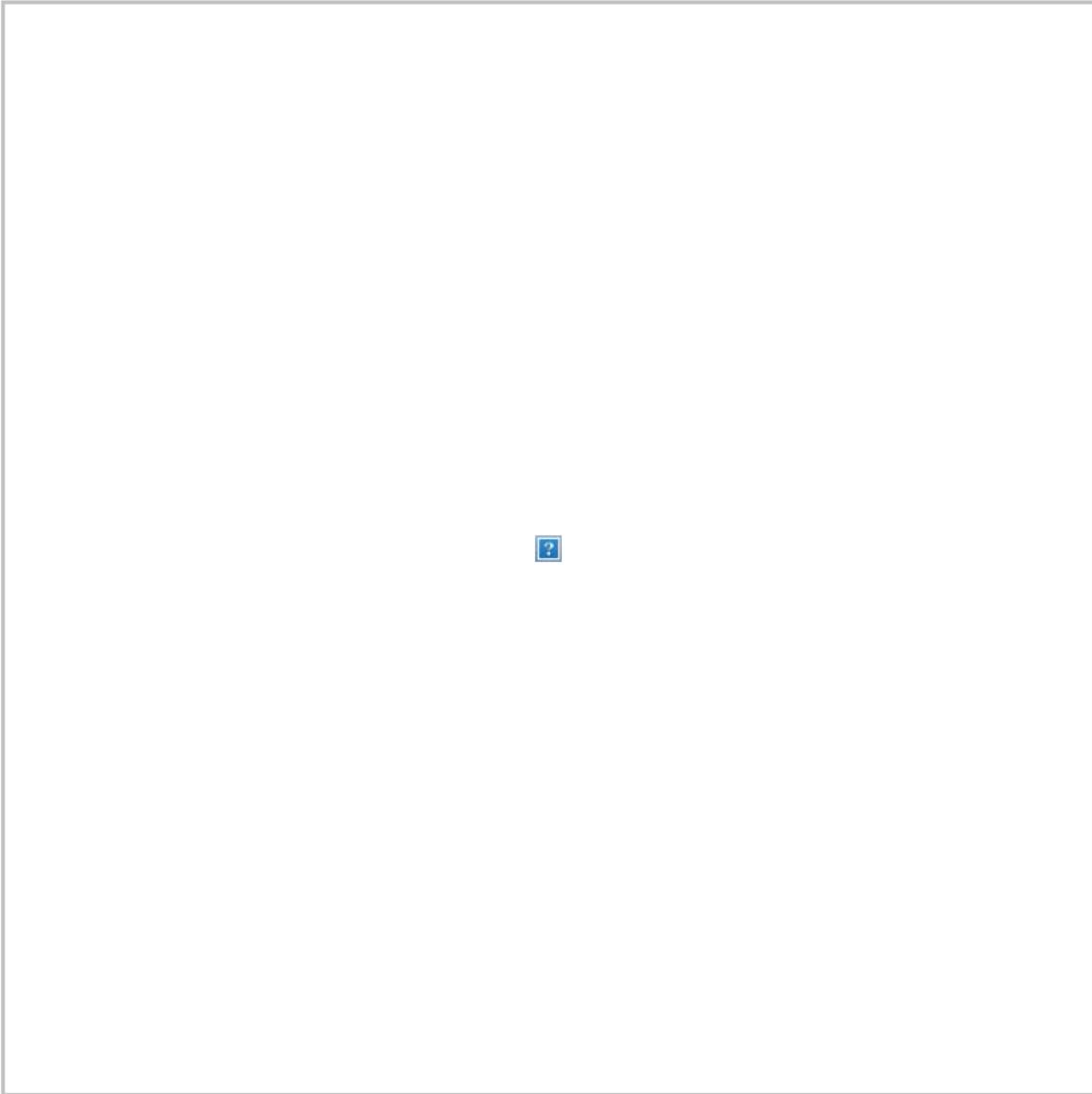


**Finally, Fox briefly suspended Newt Gingrich as a contributor after it became clear he was a finalist to be Trump's running mate. But he was quickly re-activated after Trump picked Pence.** The former Speaker says he will not take a formal position in the new administration, but his stock has certainly risen because of his closeness with the incoming commander-in-chief. As has his number of television hits. Newt was on Sean Hannity's show last night to again decry Mitt Romney, who crushed his presidential dreams in 2012, as a bad choice for secretary of state. With the backdrop of the Capitol, Gingrich said: "There is an enormous base that wanted to drain the swamp, and they see Romney as the swamp."

-- **More palace intrigue: Trump released a statement yesterday saying that he green-lighted former campaign manager [Kellyanne Conway's broadsides against Mitt Romney on the Sunday shows](#).** "Kellyanne came to me and asked whether or not she could go public with her thoughts on the matter," he said in an email to the [New York Times](#). "I encouraged her to do so. Most importantly she fully

acknowledged there is only one person that makes the decision."

-- **Amid the scrutiny of her influence, Conway posted this photo from Trump's office last night:**



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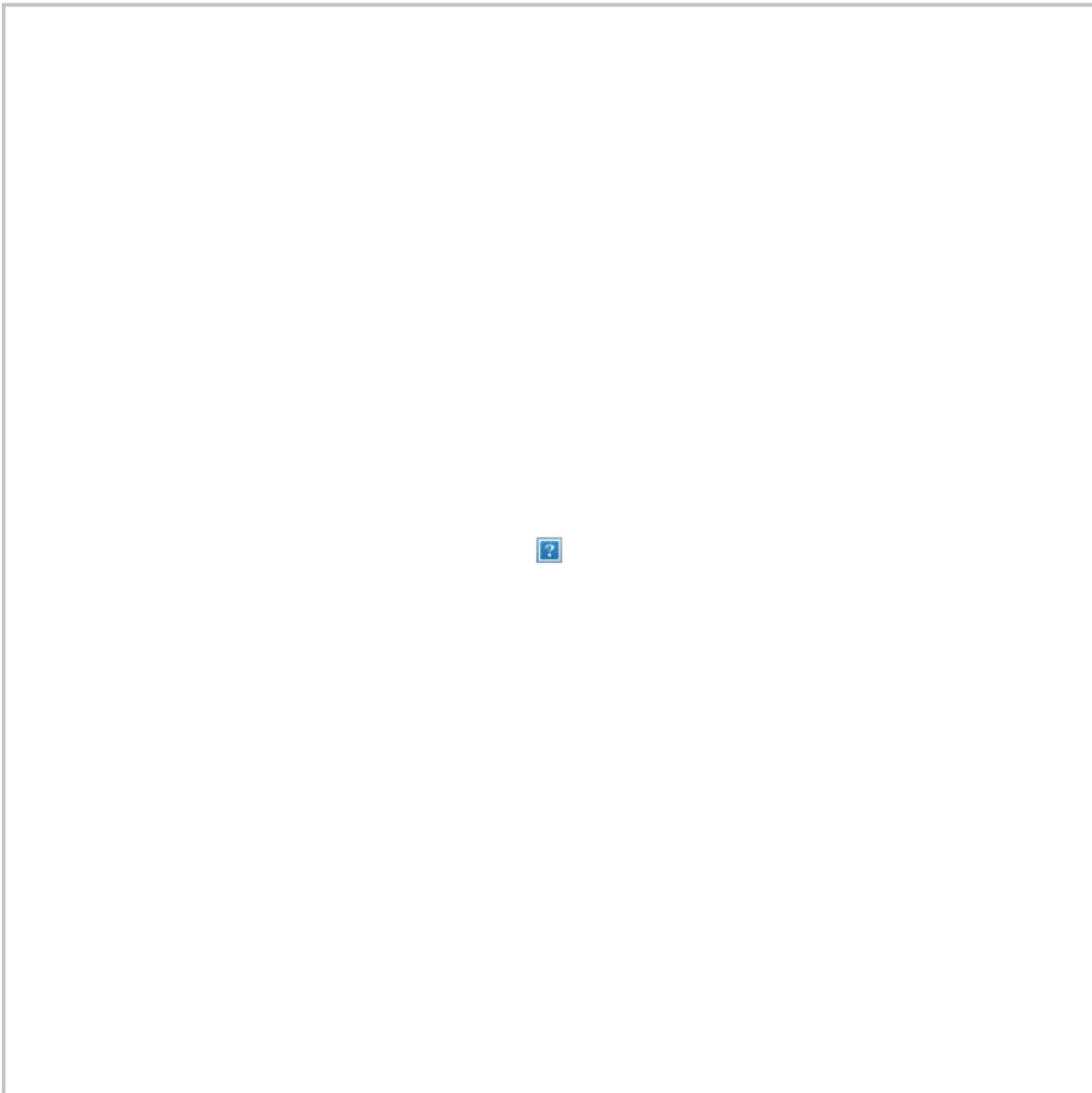
**WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:**

-- **Trump tapped Tom Price, a six-term Georgia congressman and outspoken Obamacare critic, as health and human services secretary.** From [Philip Rucker](#): Trump's selection of Price, who chairs the House Budget Committee, is expected to be publicly announced as early as today. "As HHS secretary, Price would become the Trump administration's point person on dismantling and replacing the Affordable Care Act, one of Trump's major campaign promises ... But after meeting with Obama in the Oval Office shortly following the election, he was convinced to perhaps keep some of the more popular elements of the law intact and amend the law rather than repeal it. In picking Price to fill a key Cabinet position, Trump will add to his team a veteran lawmaker who is close to [Paul Ryan]."

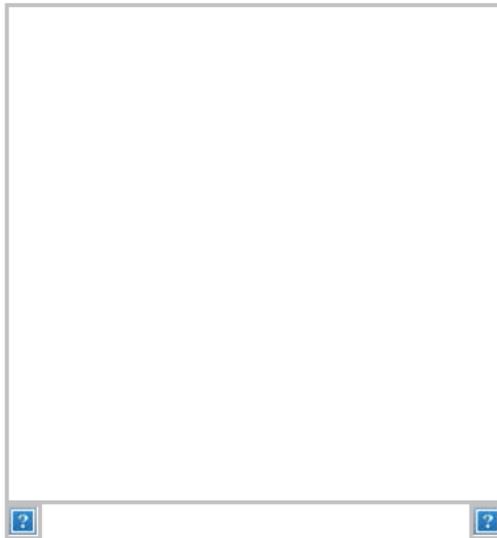


Plane carrying Brazilian team to Copa Sudamericana finals crashes

-- **A charter plane carrying 81 people, including players from a rising Brazilian soccer team headed for a championship match, crashed en route to Medellín's airport in Colombia Monday night.** [From Fred Barbash, Samantha Schmidt and Dom Phillips:](#) "At least five passengers survived and the rest were killed, Colombia's aviation authority confirmed this morning. It was uncertain whether that was a final count, however, as the figures had fluctuated during the night. General José Acevedo, commander of Medellín police, told a Colombian radio station that 75 people had been killed at the site of the crash and six others had been injured and rescued from the scene. One of the rescued passengers died on the way to the hospital, Acevedo said. A local television station, [Telemedellin](#), reported that a sixth survivor was rescued from the crash at about 5 a.m. Tuesday morning."



Abdul Razak Artan, a third-year student in logistics management, is seen in an August 2016 photo provided by The Lantern, the student newspaper of OSU. (Kevin Stankiewicz for The Lantern/Handout via Reuters)



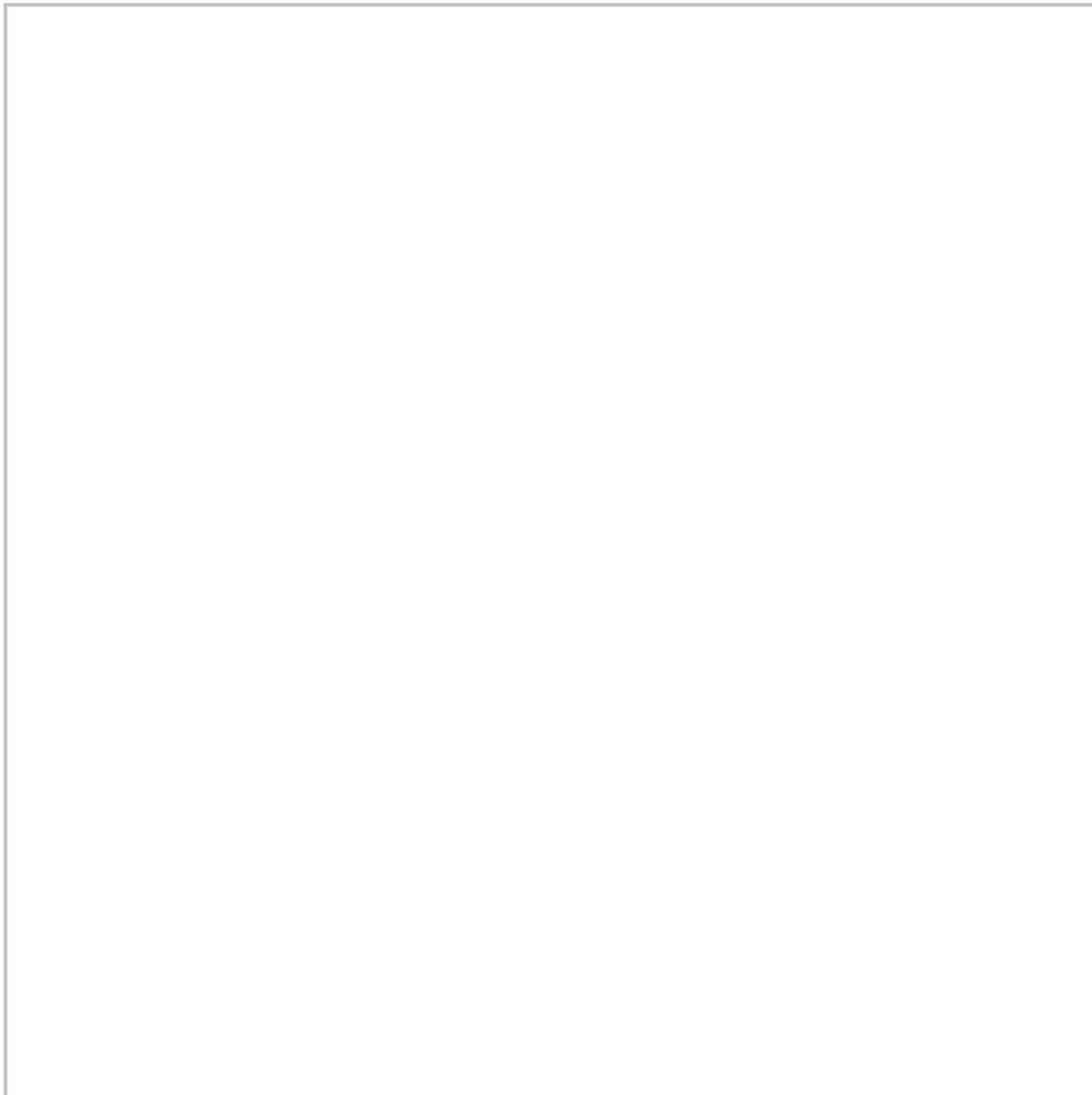
-- **The Ohio State University student who injured 11 in a knife attack on campus before being fatally shot by police had written in a Facebook post shortly before the rampage that the abuse of a little-known Muslim community in Burma drove him to the “boiling point.”** From [Annie Gowen](#): More than 1 million Rohingya Muslims live in Burma, but they have long been denied citizenship and other basic rights. And in recent weeks, thousands of Rohingya Muslims have been fleeing into the forests and neighboring Bangladesh on the heels of a brutal military crackdown that followed a terror attack on police posts. Earlier this week, a U.N. refugee agency official was in the Bangladesh region of Cox’s Bazar — where more than 30,000, many of them Rohingya, have fled — and told the BBC that Burmese troops were "killing men, shooting them, slaughtering children, raping women, burning and looting houses, forcing these people to cross the river" into Bangladesh. He said that the "ultimate goal" of the Burma government is "ethnic cleansing of the Muslim minority." The attacker has been identified as 18-year-old Abdul Artan. ([Kathy Lynn Gray](#), [Susan Svrluga](#), [Mark Berman](#) and [Matt Zapotosky](#) have much more on what happened in Columbus.)

#### GET SMART FAST:

1. **A federal judge ruled that Dylann Roof, the 22-year-old accused of killing nine black parishioners at a Charleston church last year, can represent himself at a federal hate-crimes trial.** The decision means that Roof could potentially confront directly survivors of the attack if they are called to testify in the case. ([Mark Berman](#) and [Matt Zapotosky](#))
2. **Texas officials confirmed the first case of the locally-transmitted Zika virus in Brownsville,** making the border town the second place in the continental U.S. to have the virus spread directly by mosquitos. ([Lena H Sun](#))
3. **The Lone Star State also announced it is requiring all fetal remains be “properly buried or cremated” regardless of the period of gestation** – garnering an intense outcry from pro-choice advocates, grieving mothers who lost children in utero or through miscarriages, and from medical providers, who have questioned who will foot the costly bill. ([Texas Tribune](#))
4. **The Department of Education released new rules on how to judge schools in accordance with the “Every Student Succeeds Act,”** the federal education law that replaced No Child Left Behind in 2015. It is unclear, however, whether a President Trump plans to abide by the contentious new set of regulations. ([Emma Brown](#))
5. **Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) has officially won reelection,** narrowly edging out Democratic challenger Doug Applegate in a race that took weeks to tally. ([AP](#))
6. **Democrats will have supermajorities in both chambers of the California legislature, after a Democratic candidate very narrowly won a tight state Senate race.** That will let liberals push through big tax hikes, enact a far-reaching social agenda under an “emergency clause” and override Jerry Brown's vetoes. ([LA Times](#))
7. **South Korean President Park Geun-hye issued a third national apology for her role in an influence-peddling scandal, saying she would resign if lawmakers vote to impeach her.** The unexpected announcement means Park could step down from her post as early as this Friday, [Anna Fifield](#) reports.
8. **Jimmy Carter is urging Obama to grant diplomatic recognition to Palestine before his term ends,** stressing the importance of securing a two-state solution because of continued settlement activity.

"I am convinced that the United States can still shape the future of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict before a change in presidents, but time is very short," the former president writes [in a New York Times op-ed today](#).

9. **Britain's pro-Brexit party picked Paul Nuttall as its new leader**, selecting the former top deputy to replace firebrand and Trump ally Nigel Farage as he seeks to carve out influence in the president-elect's budding administration. ([Brian Murphy](#))
10. **Italians are voting on a Constitutional amendment this weekend to help smooth gridlock in parliament and increase the rate of government efficiency**. But unlike U.S. elections, voters won't be compulsively refreshing polls or forecasting sites all day -- in Italy, it's illegal to publish polls during the final two weeks before a vote. ([Anna Momigliano](#))
11. **A headless corpse served as a most unlikely arbitrator in a years-long land dispute between the Netherlands and Belgium**, which was finally resolved on Monday after a tense, years-long dispute. ([New York Times](#))
12. **Police are investigating the death of a Good Samaritan who was gunned down while trying to help a woman being beat in the parking lot of a San Antonio Walmart**. The 39-year-old had braved the Black Friday crowds to help his wife find a holiday outfit, she said, before attempting to step in and help the ailing woman. ([Cleve R. Wootson Jr.](#))
13. **A Japanese amusement park drew swift condemnation after unveiling its new ice-skating rink – which featured some 5,000 dead fish frozen into the ice**. Photos of the now-shuttered exhibit showed some of the fish displayed with their heads *partially protruding* from the ice, while others were laid out in whimsical patterns (one spelled out the word 'hello'!) ([Amy B Wang](#))



Trump gives the thumbs-up as Romney leaves Trump National Golf Club Bedminster. (AP/Carolyn Kaster)

#### **TRUMP TRANSITION:**

-- **The president-elect remains “unswayed” by the public revolt over the possible choice of Mitt Romney for the State Department and continues to see his foe as a serious contender for the diplomatic post,** [Philip Rucker and John Wagner report](#).

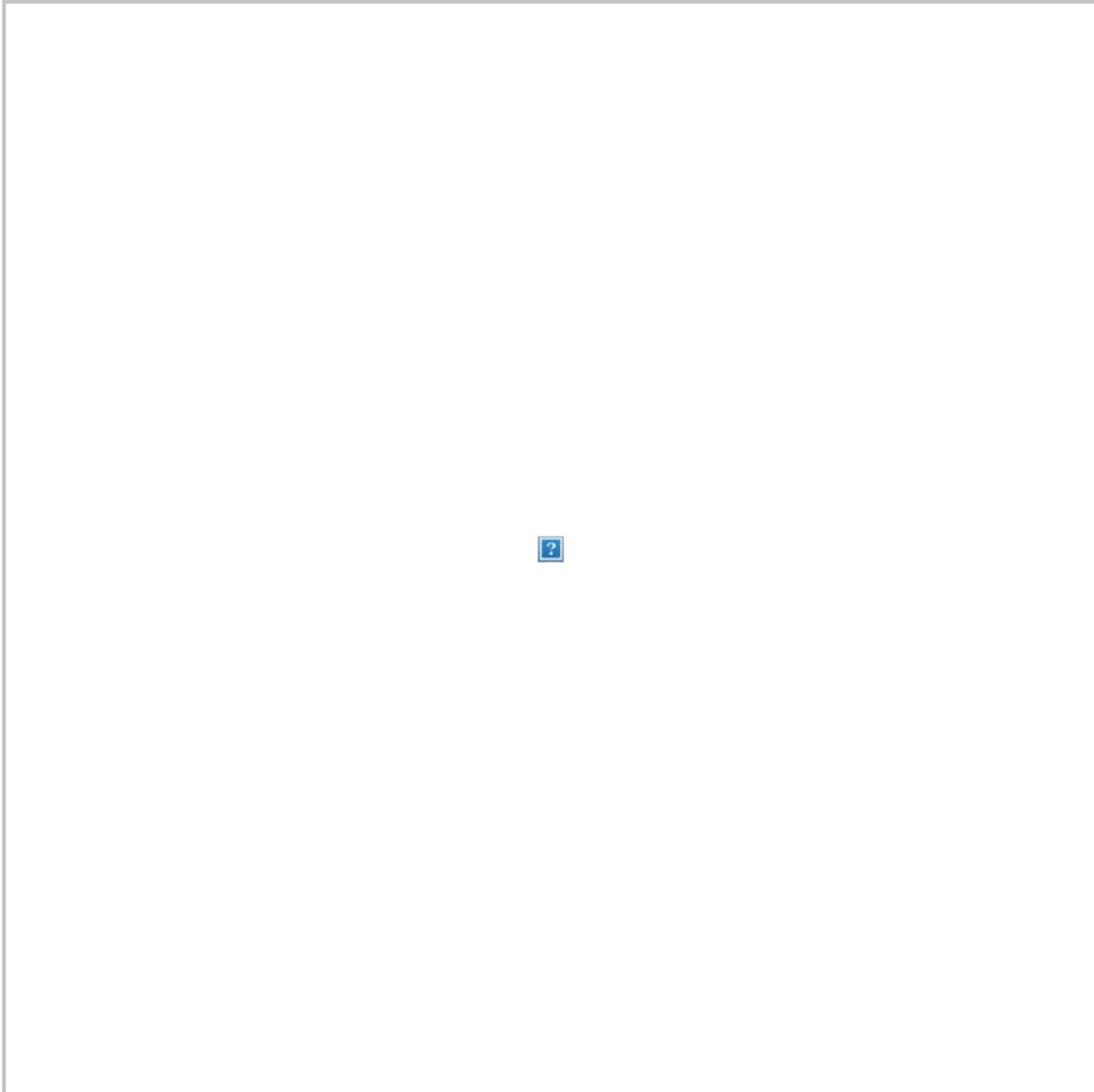
**Romney plans to have a private dinner tonight with Trump**, who is said to be “intrigued” by the notion of reconciling with one of his fiercest Republican antagonists. But he wants assurances that Romney could be trusted to defend and promote Trump’s markedly different worldview.

**More people in Trump’s orbit came out against Mitt.** Rep. Chris Collins (R-N.Y.) blasted Romney as “a self-serving egomaniac who puts himself first, has a chip on his shoulder, and thinks that he should be president of the United States” on CNN.

**Mike Pence is viewed as a Romney supporter**, “believing that he has a steady hand that would benefit Trump in the turbulent world of diplomacy.”

**Romney and Rudy Giuliani were seen previously as “co-favorites,” but Trump officials now say that Giuliani’s international business ties and consulting could prevent him from winning Senate**

**confirmation.**



Petraeus describes 'very good' meeting with Trump

-- Petraeus, who has emerged as a possible alternative for secretary of state, and whose tenure as CIA director ended amid revelations that he had an affair with his biographer, said he is taking a “wait and see” approach on serving in Trump’s administration. “I was with him for about an hour,” Petraeus told reporters after the meeting. “He basically walked us around the world. Showed a great grasp of a variety of the challenges that are out there and some of the opportunities as well. Very good conversation and we’ll see where it goes from here.” ([Jerry Markon and Paul Kane](#))

Transition officials said Trump has long admired Petraeus and described his candidacy as formidable, despite the baggage he would carry into any confirmation hearings because of his 2015 conviction for mishandling classified information. (Remember when Trump made Hillary Clinton's mishandling of classified information, for which she was never charged with a crime, a central issue in the presidential campaign? That was earlier *this month*.)

-- A wrinkle: Just as the former CIA director met with Trump in New York yesterday, Defense Department officials [confirmed to the AP](#) that they are conducting a new leaks investigation related to the sex scandal that led to his resignation. "Investigators are trying to determine who leaked personal information about Paula Broadwell, the woman whose affair with Petraeus led to criminal charges against him

and his resignation. The latest twist in the case could [resurface] details of the extramarital affair and FBI investigation that ended his career at the CIA."

-- **Pence: "It's going to be a busy week. Get ready. Buckle up."** Among those scheduled to drop by Trump Tower today: House Homeland Security Committee chair Michael McCaul.

West Virginia residents hold signs supporting coal in Cleveland. (Reuters/Aaron P. Bernstein)</p>□



West Virginia residents hold signs supporting coal in Cleveland. (Reuters/Aaron P. Bernstein)

#### **TRUMP TAKES WASHINGTON:**

-- **Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner could face serious conflict-of-interest questions of his own – even if he only takes a role as an unpaid adviser to the president-elect.** From the [Wall Street Journal's Peter Grant](#) on A1: "The real-estate company [Kushner controls] ... has hundreds of millions of dollars in loans outstanding from domestic and foreign financial institutions, markets condominiums to wealthy U.S. and foreign buyers and has obtained development financing through a controversial U.S. program that sells green cards. The president himself isn't subject to the conflict-of-interest law, but all other government employees must follow it. Even if Mr. Kushner were to serve in the new administration as an unpaid adviser, his potential influence on policy would invite scrutiny, legal experts said." Some wealthy individuals and business people who have joined previous administrations have sold stocks, bonds and a wide range of other assets to comply with conflict laws. **"It's a criminal statute so you don't want to get too close to the line," said former**

**White House ethics lawyer Richard Painter.**

-- **Democrats on the House Oversight Committee called on Jason Chaffetz to launch a formal probe into Trump's finances**, asking (futilely) that the GOP's top investigator request copies of Trump's income tax returns and to invite Trump aides to brief lawmakers on "their plans for protecting against conflicts of interest." ([Mike DeBonis](#))

-- **White House officials urged Trump not to reverse Obama's policies on Cuba, after Trump said in a tweet that he would "terminate" newly-thawed U.S.-Cuba policy unless Havana is willing to make a "better deal" for Cubans and Americans. (He did not specify what he wanted or what he would do.)** "It's just not as simple as one tweet might make it seem," said White House press secretary Josh Earnest, noting that Monday marked the resumption of direct commercial flights between the U.S. and Havana for the first time in half a century. "There are significant diplomatic, economic [and] cultural costs that will have to be accounted for if this policy is rolled back." ([The Hill](#))

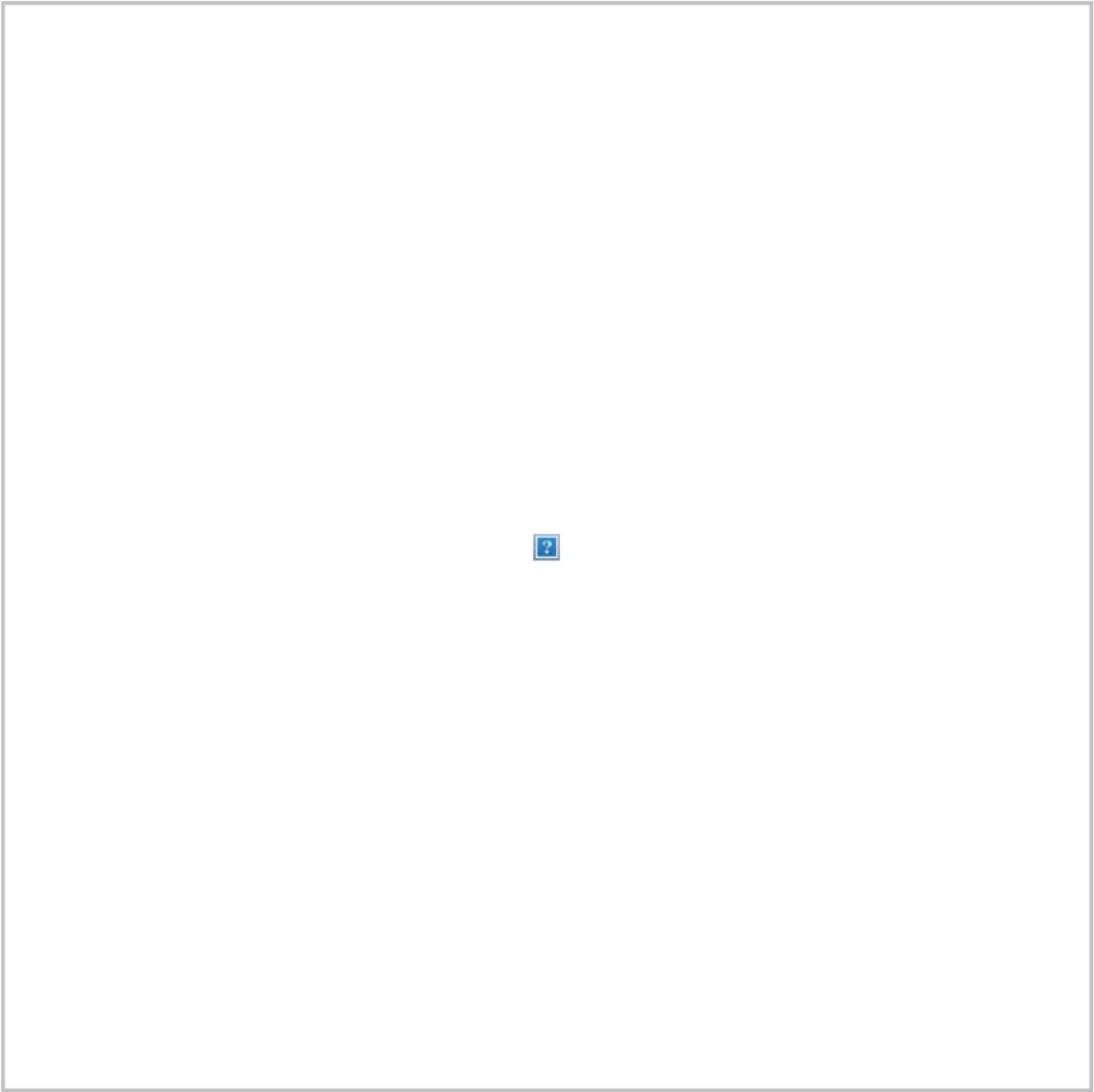
-- **"Trump's election suddenly created an awful lot of international Trump-branded targets for terrorists," Philip Bump writes.** "Protecting Trump Tower is relatively easy. Protecting a Trump-branded resort in Indonesia is something else entirely, and raises a slew of questions. How? Who?"

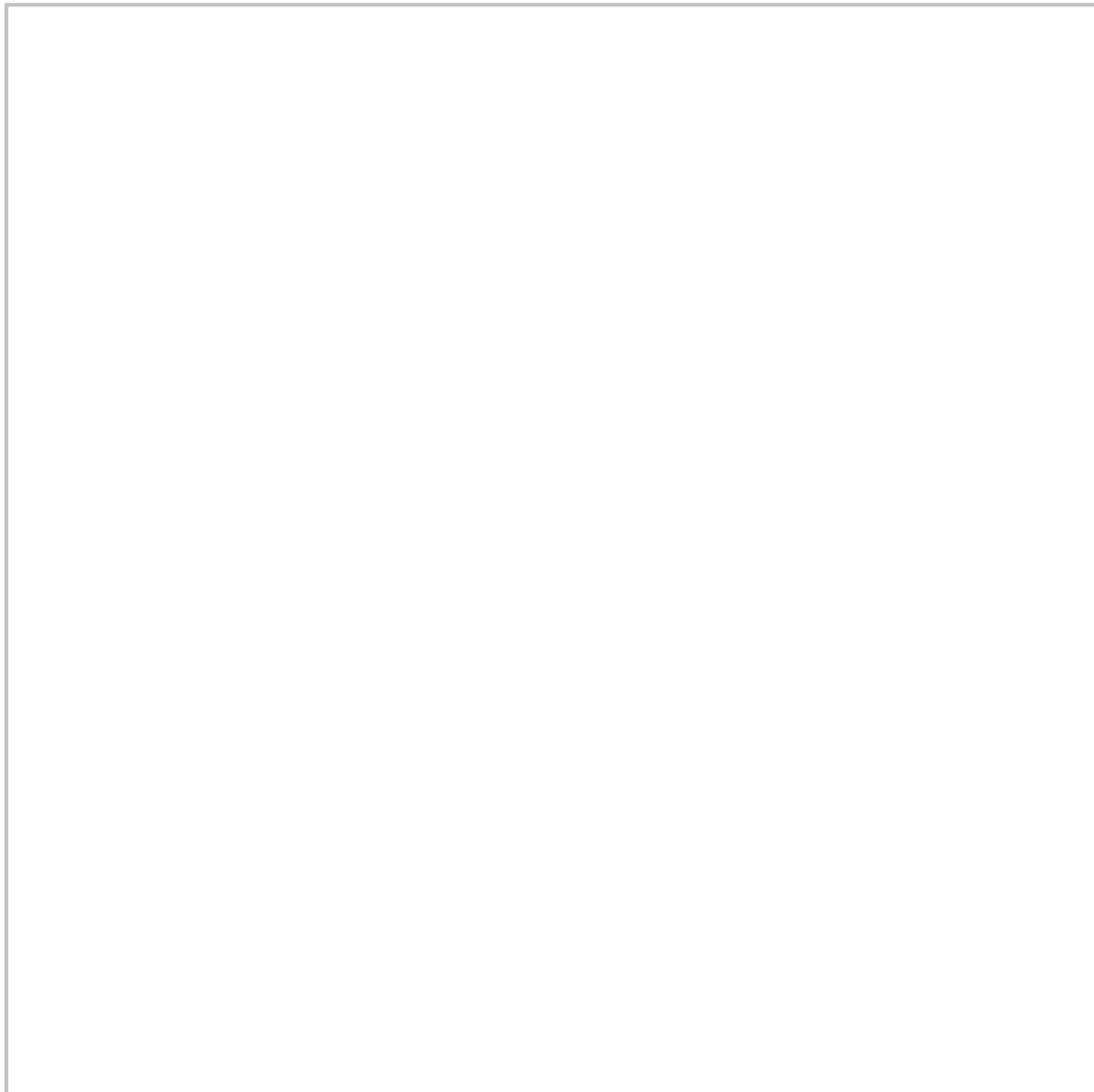
-- **Wall Street Journal, "Will Political Reality Derail Markets' Bet on Donald Trump?," by Gerald F. Seib:** "So far, the financial markets love the coming Trump presidency, and why not? They look at the combination of a big tax cut, big infrastructure spending and lower regulations ... Less obvious is the implicit assumption the markets are making that two looming problems with all this stimulation won't short-circuit the good times. But are the markets making a safe bet? Let's look at each element in turn":

- **TAX CUTS:** "Republicans have a working majority in the House, but barely hung on to their majority in the Senate. Still, with likely across-the-board Democratic opposition, it also leaves little margin for error ..."
- **INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING:** In theory, everybody in Washington loves more infrastructure spending. In reality, there are enormous differences, between parties and within the GOP ... Can Mr. Trump use Republican votes to pass a big tax cut and then Democratic votes to get a big infrastructure plan through? **Perhaps that is what an unorthodox president who essentially ran as an independent can do. But it will be trickier than it looks on the potholed surface.**"
- **TRADE WARS:** "Trade tensions still lie ahead, and China is stepping into the free-trade void in Asia quite nicely, to the potential detriment of American companies. But visions of an all-out trade war aren't as vivid as some feared ..."
- **DEFICITS:** "This is the big potential showstopper ... Look for a moment of truth in mid-2017, when a Republican president and a Republican Congress have to agree on a plan to raise the federal debt ceiling or face a market-rattling default ..."

-- **New York Times, "Trump's Promises Will Be Hard to Keep, but Coal Country Has Faith," by Sheryl Gay Stolberg:** "Appalachians are eyeing Washington with a feeling they have not had in years: hope. It is difficult for outsiders to fathom how deeply faith and work are intertwined here, or the economic and psychological depression that sets in when an entire region loses the only livelihood many of its people have ever known. Coal has always been boom and bust ... But in West Virginia alone, 12,000 coal industry jobs have been lost during (Obama's) tenure. In this land of staggering beauty and economic pain, Trump backers said over and over again that while coal might never be what it once was, the businessman they helped send to the White House could indeed put them back to work."

-- **Some perspective on the favorability ratings of presidents-elect at this point in the past:**





Former Michigan Democratic Party chair Mark Brewer testifies on the side of Jill Stein and promises a formal demand for a recount as members of the Michigan Board of Canvassers meet to certify the presidential election and consider a recount yesterday in Lansing. Michigan officials yesterday certified that Trump won the state by 10,704 votes out of nearly 4.8 million to claim all of its 16 electoral votes. (Dale G. Young/Detroit News via AP)

#### **AMERICA, DIVIDED:**

-- **Trump and Jill Stein continued to raise competing doubts about the election results on Monday, with Trump's transition team voicing more unsubstantiated concerns about "voter fraud" and the Green Party candidate taking legal action to trigger a recount in Pennsylvania.** From [Sean Sullivan](#): "Trump was also officially declared the winner in Michigan by a slim margin. (Stein's team said it plans to demand a statewide hand-recount on Wednesday, in accordance with the 48-hour deadline to do so.) In Wisconsin, where Stein asked for a recount last week, elections officials on Monday announced a timeline and procedure for it." In Pennsylvania, Stein's campaign said requests had been filed by voters in more than 100 precincts already.

"I really do think it's ridiculous that so much oxygen has been given to recount efforts when there is absolutely no chance of the election results changing," said Trump spokesman Jason Miller. "This election has been decided. It's a conceded election." (The Trump camp continues to dubiously cite two sources to back up

its claims on voter fraud. Post Fact Checker Michelle Ye Hee Lee explains why neither [actually backs up their argument.](#))

-- **An airline passenger who went on an expletive-laden, pro-Trump rant has been banned from flying Delta for life.** The incident is the latest in a string of political disputes to break out among passengers mid-air including one United Airlines flight in which a pilot was forced to ban all talk of politics completely.

-- **A Texas Republican presidential elector resigned his post, saying he could not vote for a man who he does not believe is “biblically qualified” to serve in the White House.** “I will sleep well at night knowing I neither gave in to their demands nor caved to my convictions,” welding supply salesman Art Sisneros wrote in a blog post. (Fort Worth [Star-Telegram](#))

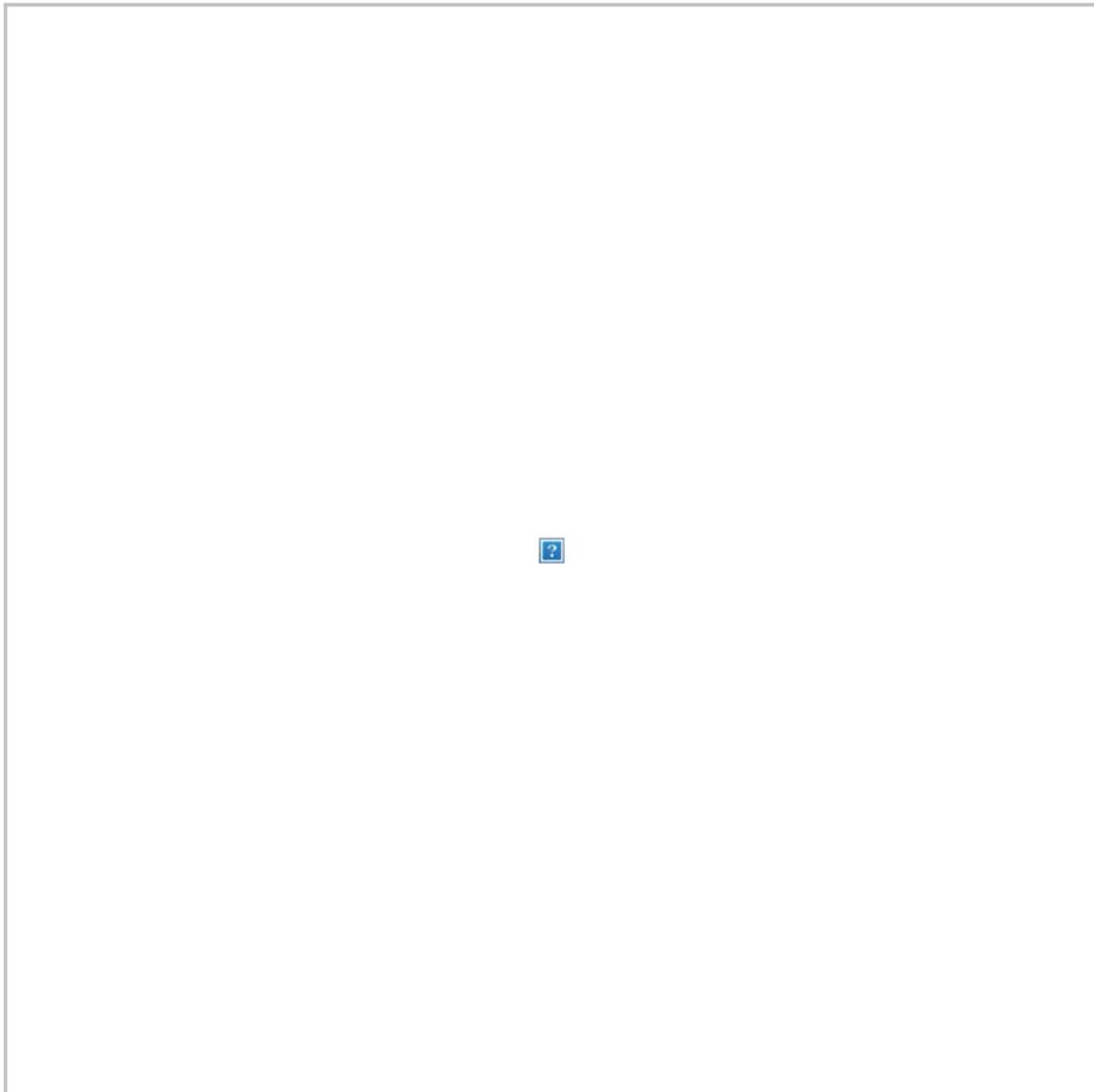
-- **Evansville, Indiana, police are investigating racist threats that were spray painted onto a black church last week,** as the congregation hosted and fed nearly 300 people during its annual Thanksgiving feast for the needy. ([Cleve R. Wootson Jr.](#))

-- **Hundreds of flag-waving veterans gathered at Hampshire College to protest the school’s decision to remove all flags, including the U.S. flag.** ([Peter Holley](#))

-- **Former students at a North Dallas prep school have started an online petition protesting their ex-classmate Richard Spencer,** a white nationalist who coined the term “alt-right” and who last week led a D.C. conference advocating for a whites-only state. **Proceeds from the effort will benefit refugee resettlement efforts.** ([Amy B Wang](#))

-- **Rolling Stone, “‘Radically Mainstream’: Why the Alt-Right Is Celebrating Trump’s Win,”** by Sarah Posner: “[Richard Spencer] says he sees Trump as a symbol, a vehicle for white aspirations, in much the same way so many projected their hopes and dreams onto Obama. What has been “legitimized,” in the Alt-Right view, is the movement’s central creation myth: that white people are being “dispossessed” in contemporary America. As he hungrily eats an omelet ... Spencer begins to dream out loud. The Alt-Right ‘can plausibly say we are influencing Breitbart,’ he says – but now, in the wake of the Trump win, he can imagine, even predict, that Fox News will develop a show speaking directly to the movement. He imagines producing a series of white papers that would trickle up into conversations inside the White House ... **‘That is influence, where people are thinking things that they had no idea who planted this in their head,’** he says. **‘It’s planting ideas. People will come to the conclusions themselves, but the true influencer is the one who kind of helps them, that kind of leads them there.’**”

-- **“Angry Woman at Michaels Store Cries Discrimination for Being White, Voting Trump,”** from [Chicago Patch](#): “The offer of a \$1 reusable bag erupted into a meltdown by a woman who proclaimed she had voted for [Trump] and was being discriminated against by African-American employees at a Chicago arts and crafts store. According to [a bystander,] the woman, who is white, went into a “30-minute racist rant complete with yelling and cursing and repeated references to the fact that both employees were African-American.” “Yes, I voted for Trump, so there. You want to kick me out because of that? And look who won,” the customer yelled. The bystander and her son watched the scene for several minutes before she began recording the yelling customer, which she wanted to document to ensure store employees would not get in trouble.



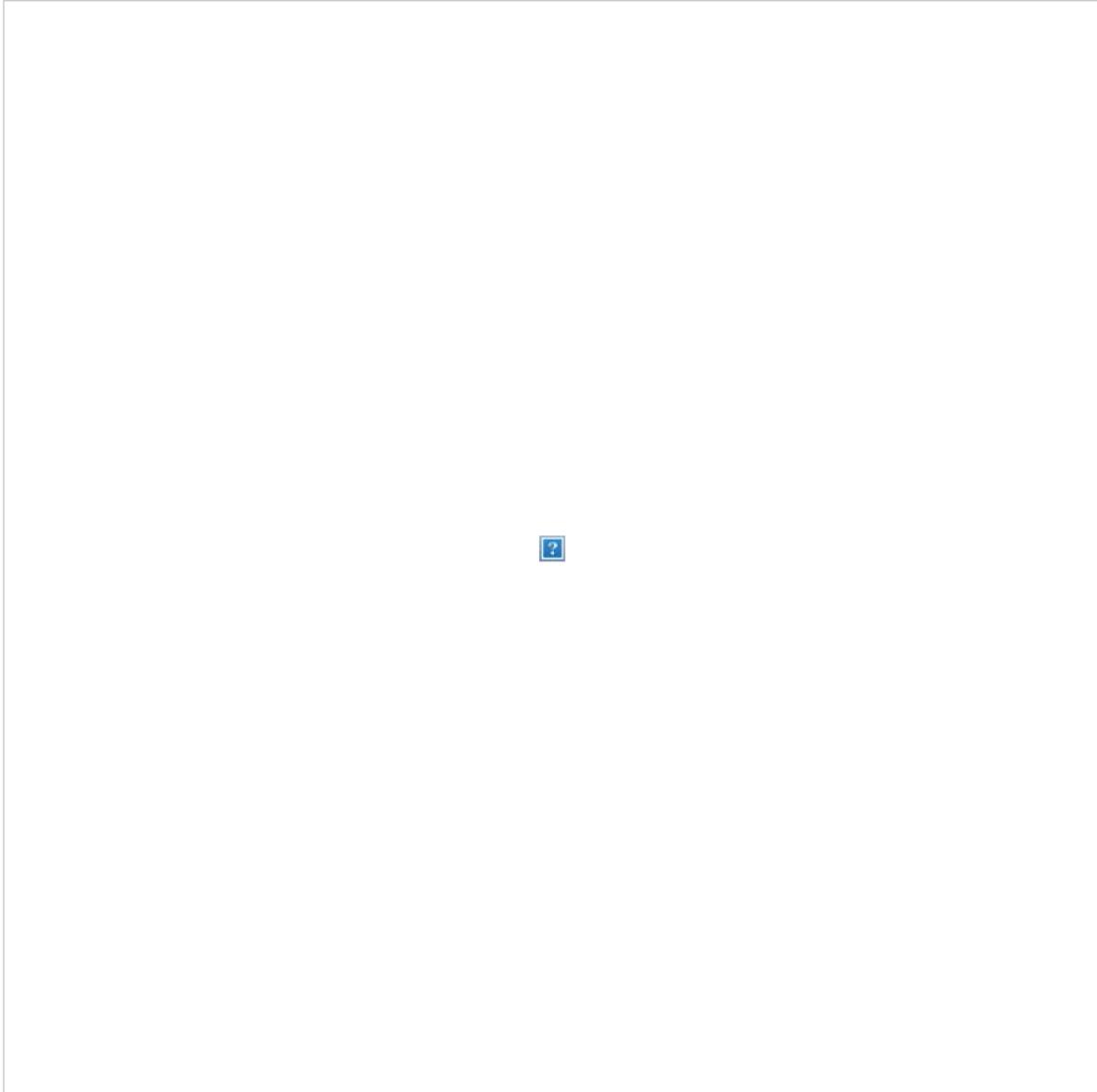
Abu Mohammed al-Adnani, ISIS's chief strategist, who laid out the blueprint for the extremist group's attacks against the West, was killed this summer while overseeing the group's operations in northern Syria. (Militant Photo via AP)

#### **WAPO HIGHLIGHTS:**

-- If you read one thing --> [Joby Warrick has an awesome piece on the rise and fall of a top Islamic State leader](#): “For a man given to fiery rhetoric and long-winded sermons, Abu Muhammad al-Adnani became oddly quiet during his last summer as the chief spokesman for the Islamic State. **The Syrian who exhorted thousands of young Muslims to don suicide belts appeared increasingly obsessed with his own safety ... He banished cellphones, shunned large meetings and avoided going outdoors in the daytime. He began sleeping in crowded tenements ... betting on the presence of young children to shield him from the drones prowling the skies overhead.** But in late August, when a string of military defeats suffered by the Islamic State compelled Adnani to briefly leave his hiding place, the Americans were waiting for him. The Aug. 30 missile strike was the culmination of a months-long mission targeting one of the Islamic State’s most prominent [and] most dangerous — senior leaders. At least six high-level Islamic State officials have died in U.S. airstrikes in the past four months ... all but erasing entire branches of the group’s leadership chart. ... The loss of senior leaders does not mean that the Islamic State is about to collapse, [U.S. officials caution]. ... But the deaths point to the growing sophistication of a targeted killing campaign built by the CIA and the Defense Department over the past two years for the purpose of flushing out individual leaders who are

working hard to stay hidden.”

-- **[“The mounting death toll in Mosul forces questions about the battle plan,”](#)** by Kareem Fahim, Missy Ryan and Mustafa Salim: “Civilian and military casualties are mounting as misery spreads in Mosul six weeks after the Iraqi army launched an offensive to capture the city from the Islamic State. Nearly 600 civilians have been killed, according to one estimate, along with dozens of Iraq’s elite, U.S.-trained special forces soldiers ... The carnage has slowed the army’s advance and revived debate about the wisdom of the battle plan, which envisioned Mosul’s residents sheltering in their homes — a means, it was hoped, of staving off a mass dislocation and the city’s destruction. They also say their U.S. allies are urging them to consider steps that could ease the civilian toll but also hasten a shared victory [in the waning days] of the Obama administration ... **But with the Islamic State intentionally targeting civilians, any plan to evacuate them was fraught with risk. ‘If they suffer, it will be on us,’**” said Maj. Gen. Sami al-Aridhi.



People stand in line yesterday to pay tribute to Cuba's late President Fidel Castro in Revolution Square in Havana. (Alexandre Meneghini/Reuters)

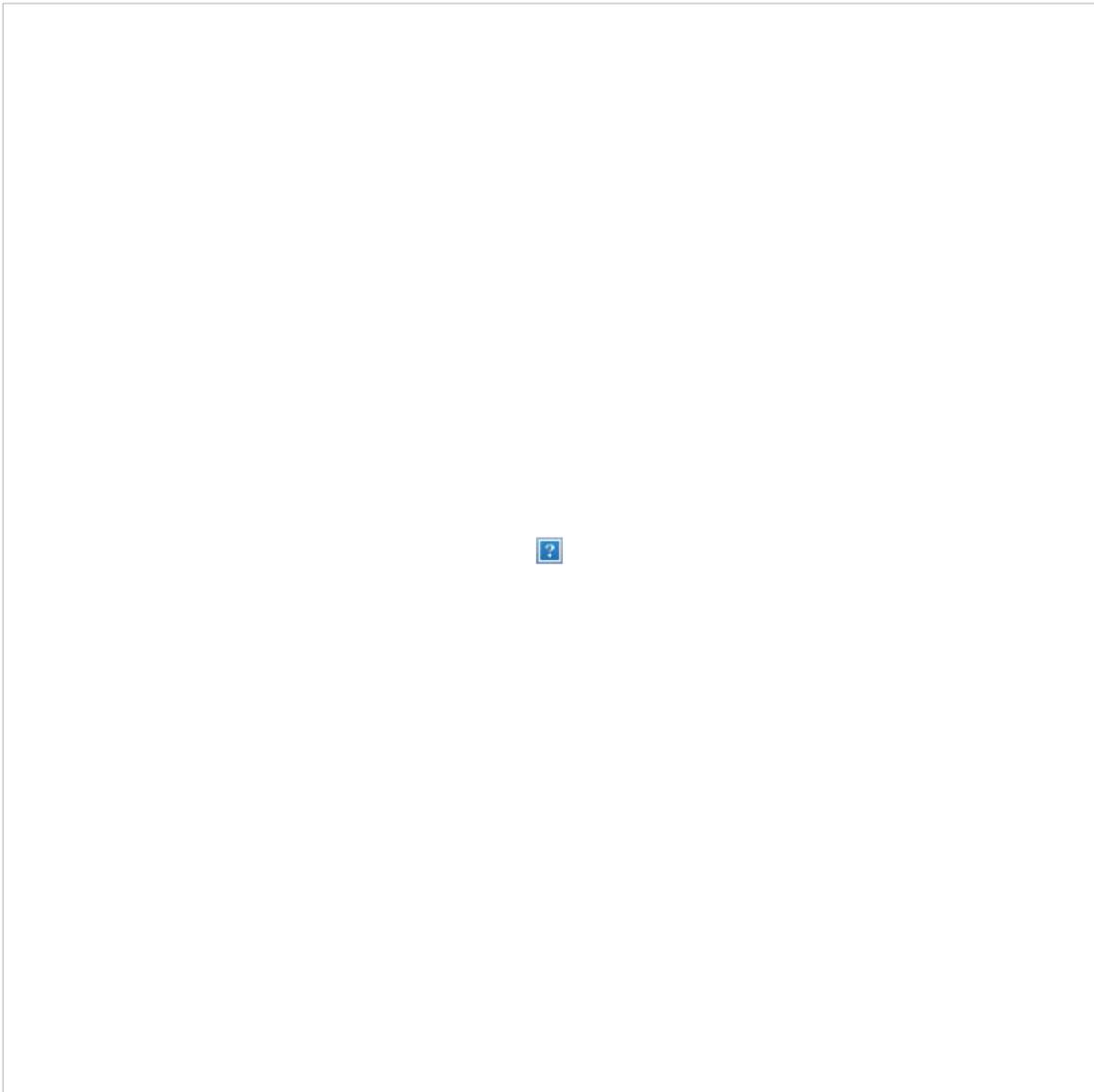
-- **“Out of loyalty, obligation, or perhaps a bit of both, Cubans lined up for hours Monday to pay respects to Castro in a hushed procession that was tightly choreographed by their government,”** **[Nick Miroff files from Havana.](#)** “Shuffling forward in three columns ... the tribute had a dutiful feel, with nothing left to chance. Castro evolved over his half-century in power, and the swaggering, infallible figure he

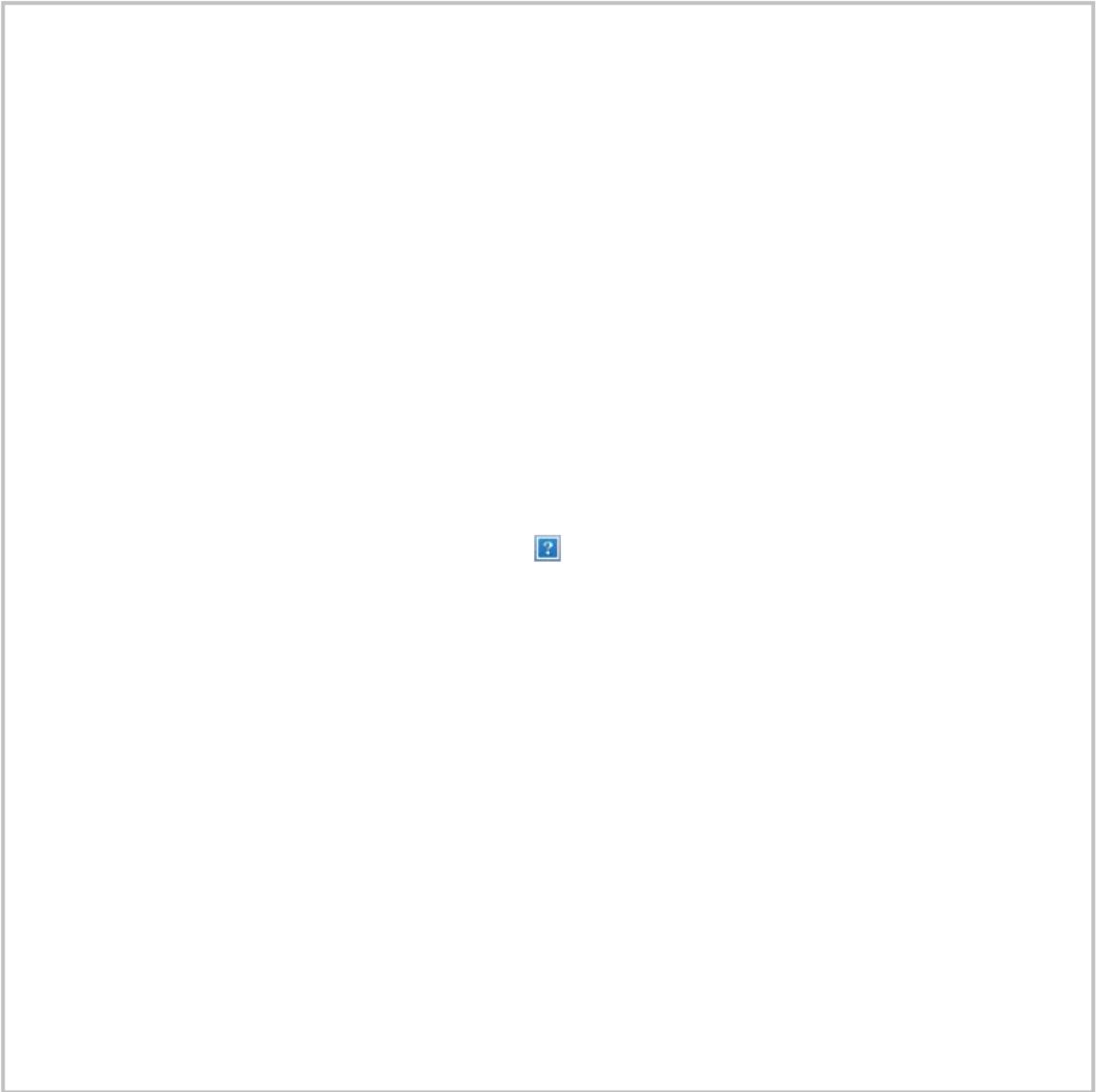
projected as a younger man gave way to something less imposing as he went gray and his lofty socialist ideals crashed into economic ruin. Over the years, many younger Cubans came to see him like a stubborn, grandfatherly figure whose musings on history and geopolitics were divorced from the grinding struggles of their daily lives. [And] just as Castro's one-party state imposed ideological and political conformity, the public response to his death on Friday night at age 90 has been a kind of state-directed emotional uniformity."

-- "[How the far right is trying to woo an unlikely ally — Jews,](#)" by **Anthony Faiola**: "Attendees gathered this month inside Vienna's opulent Grand Hotel for an extraordinary event billed as the 'New Anti-Semitism Conference.' The Israeli superspy who hunted down war criminal Adolf Eichmann flew in for the occasion, timed to commemorate the 1938 night when the Nazis stormed Jewish synagogues and businesses. What made the event truly remarkable, however, was its sponsor: Austria's Freedom Party — a far-right movement founded in part by former Nazis and now on the cusp of capturing this nation's presidency. 'They are one of the most pro-Israel parties in Europe,' insisted Michael Kleiner, ... a former member of the Israeli parliament. Newly energized by the presidential victory of Trump, far-right and anti-establishment forces are pushing into the mainstream on both sides of the Atlantic. As they do, many are seeking to neutralize one of their oldest and most debilitating labels: as anti-Semites ..."

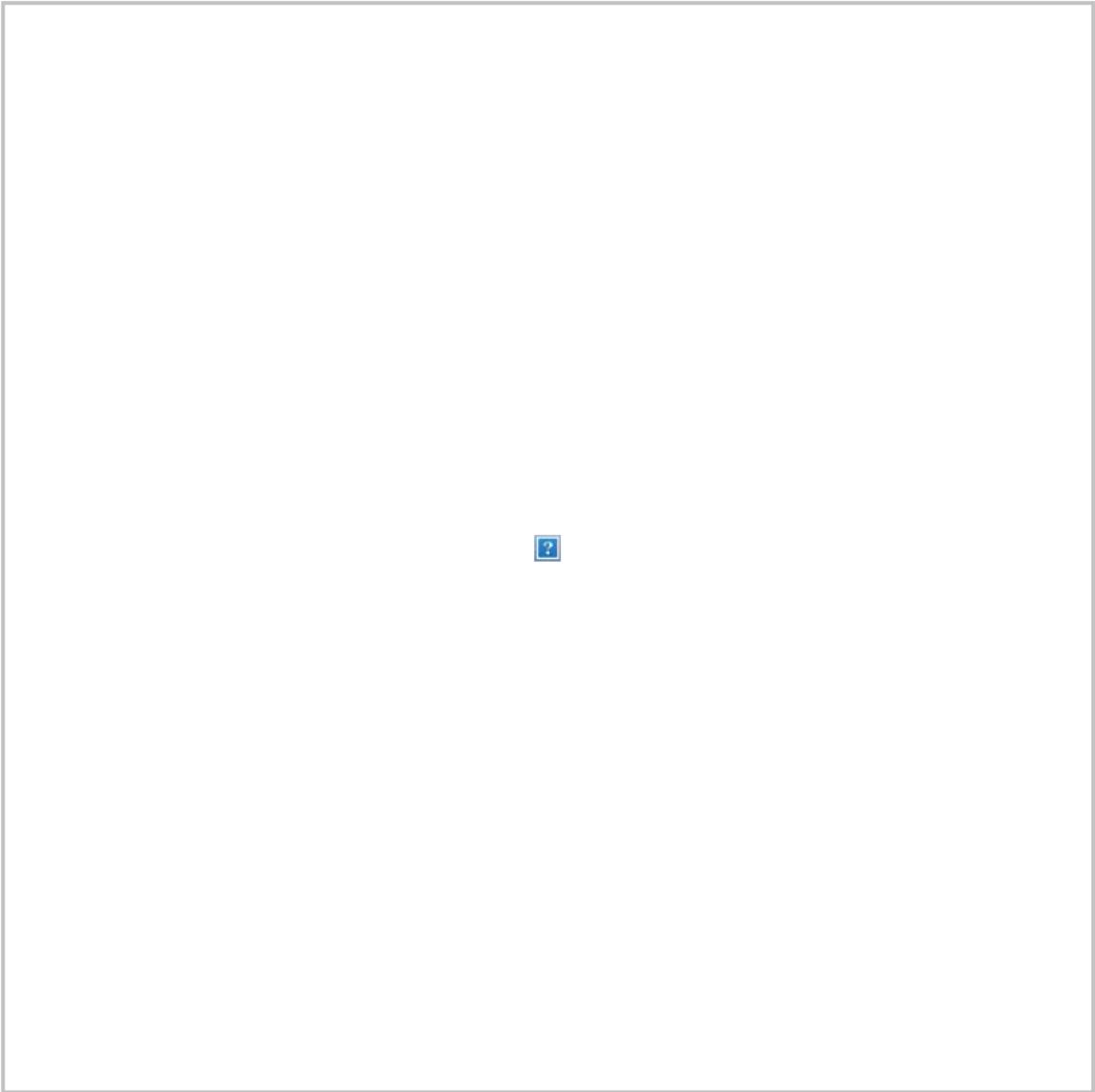
#### **SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:**

Here's an update from Trump's Twitter feed, starting with this threat to the Cuban regime:

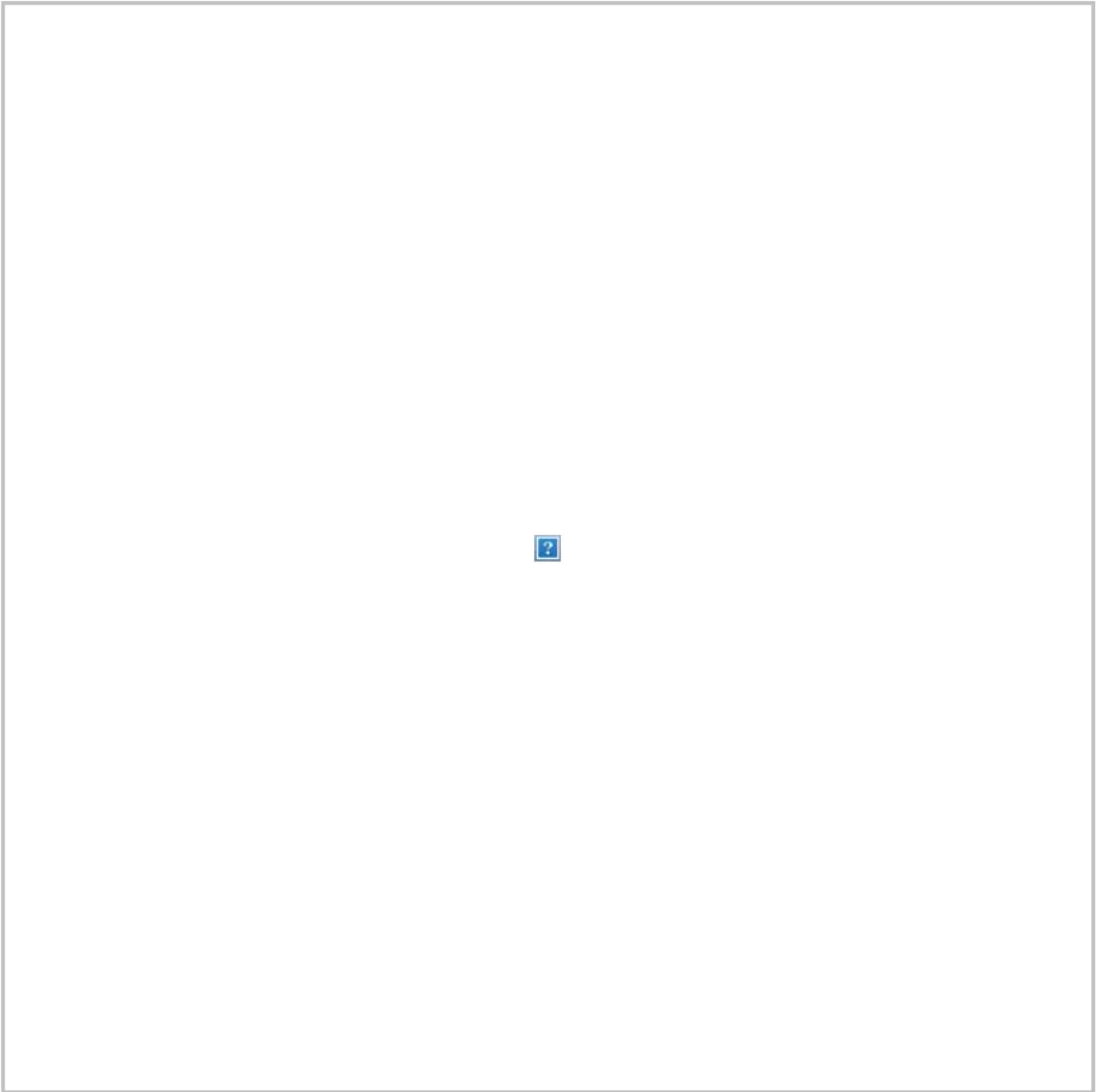




Trump complimented David Petraeus after their meeting at Trump Tower:

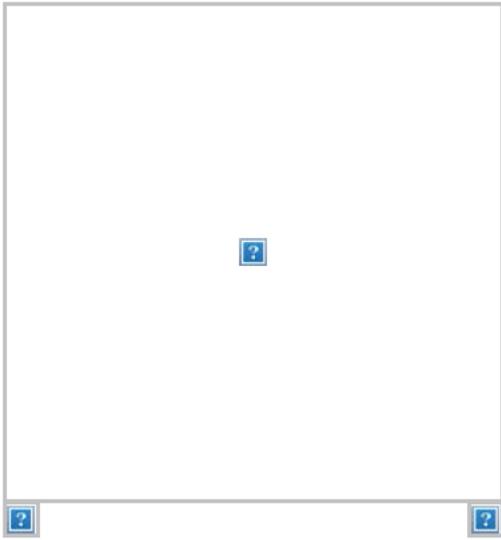
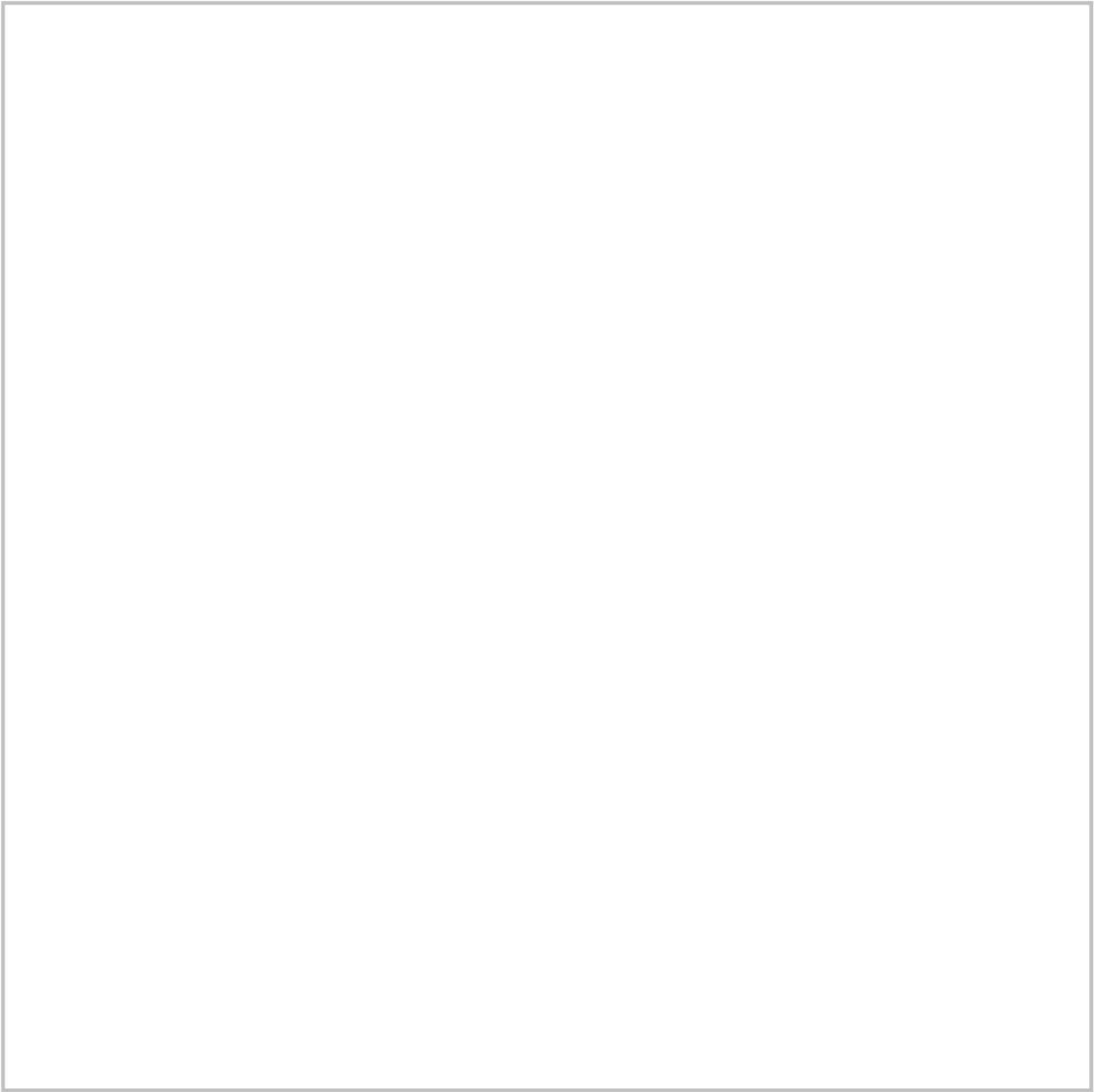


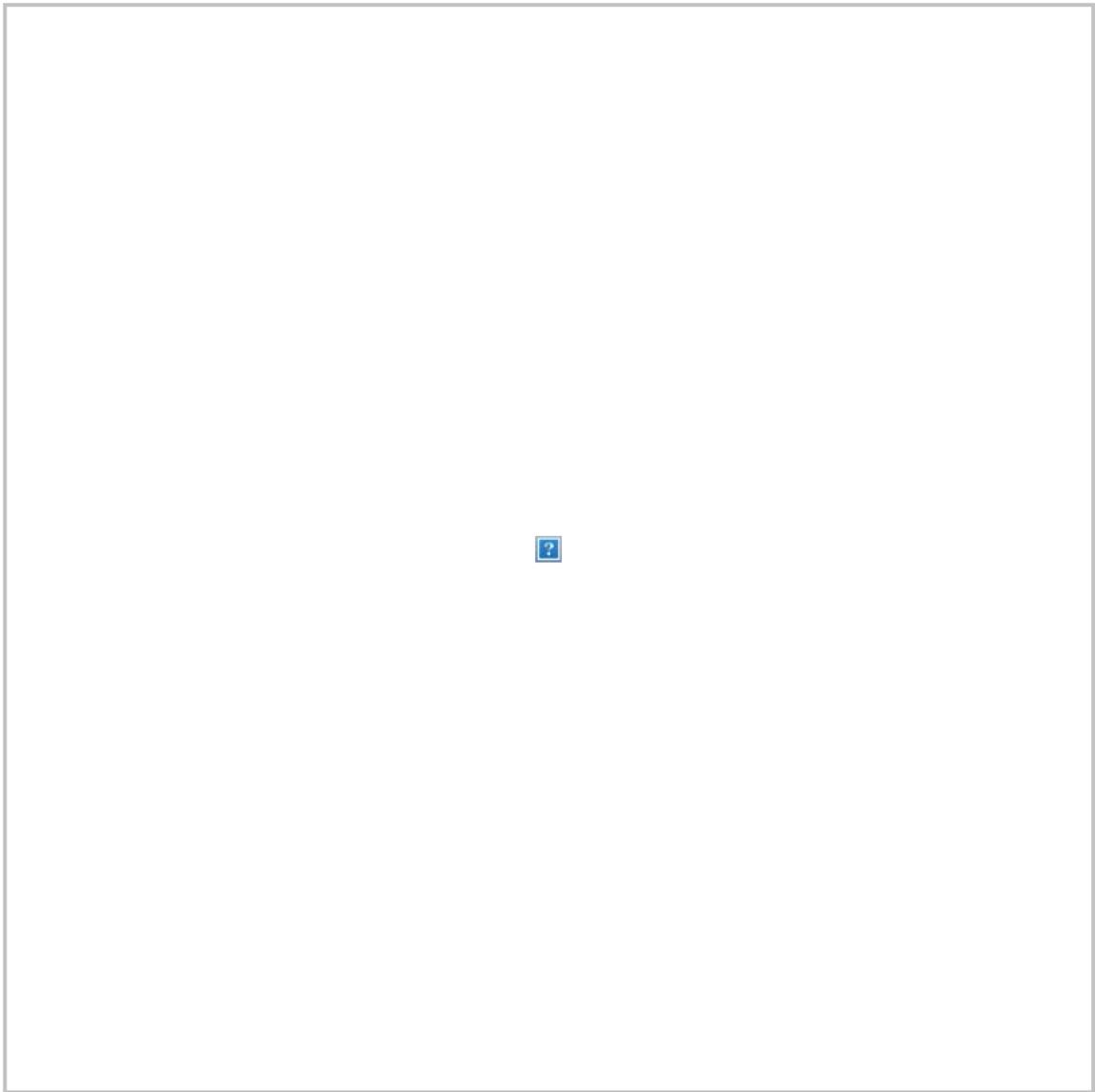
He then proceeded to go after CNN by retweeting random people's attacks on correspondent Jeff Zeleny (including a teenage kid's):



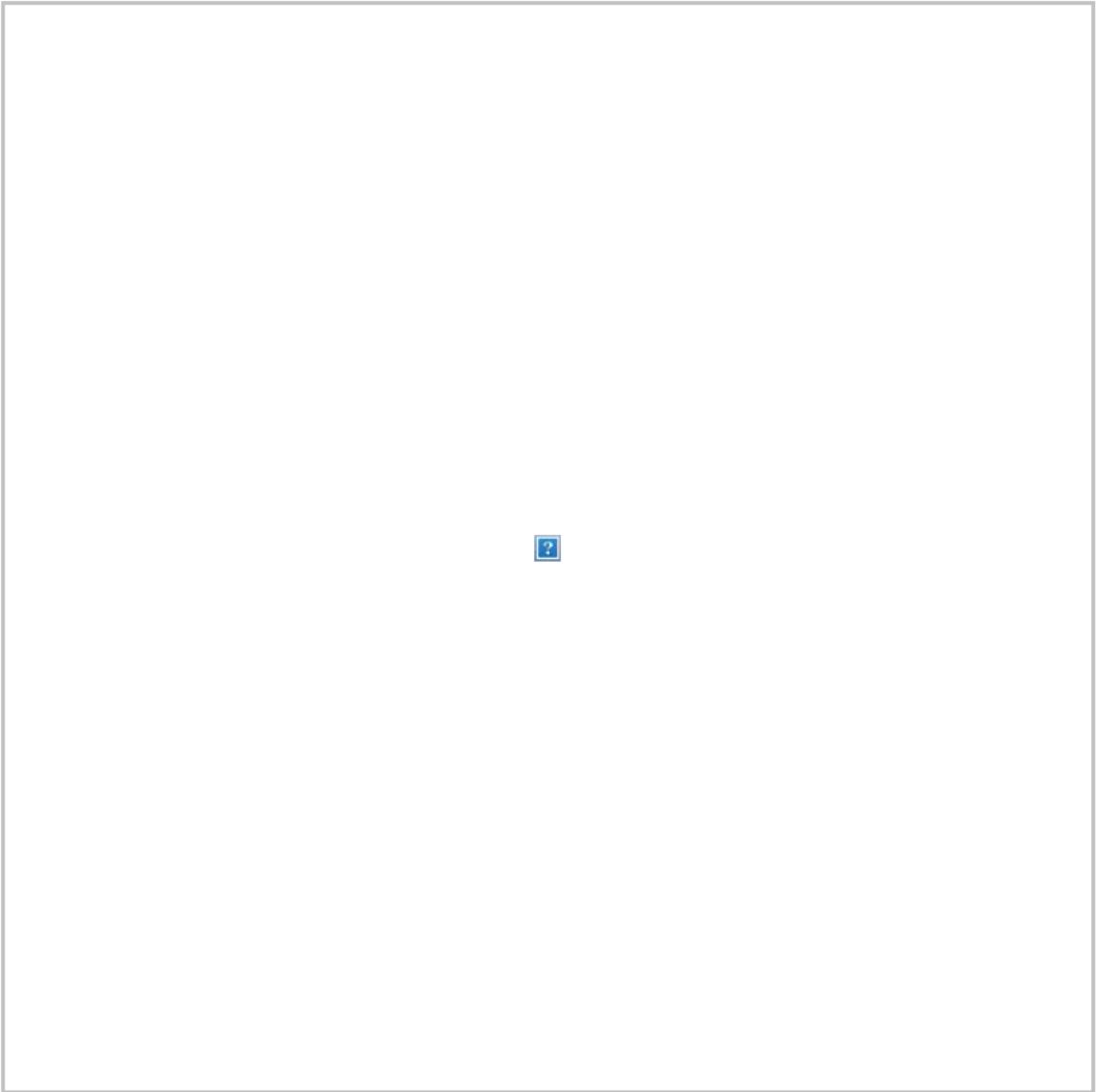




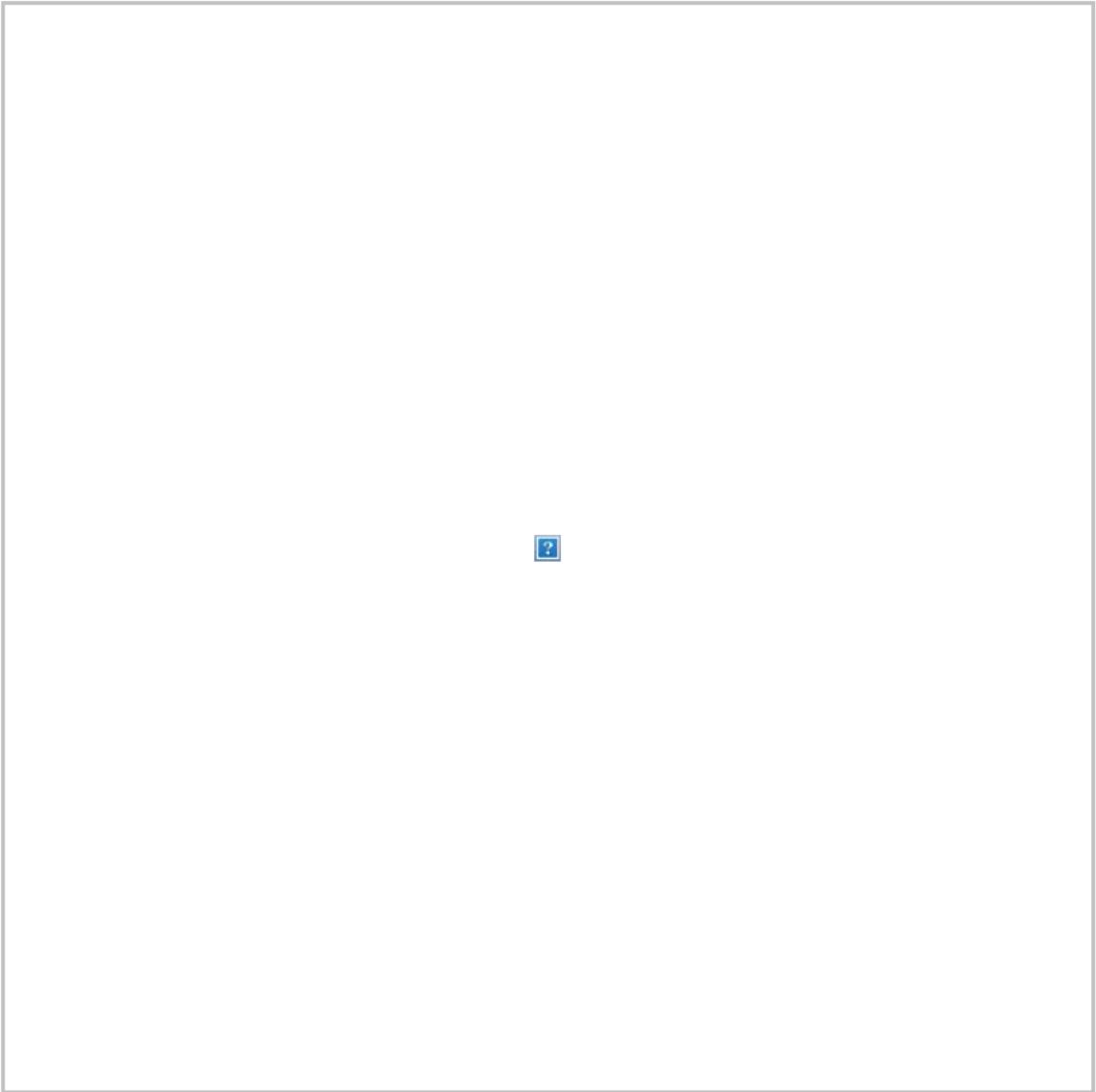




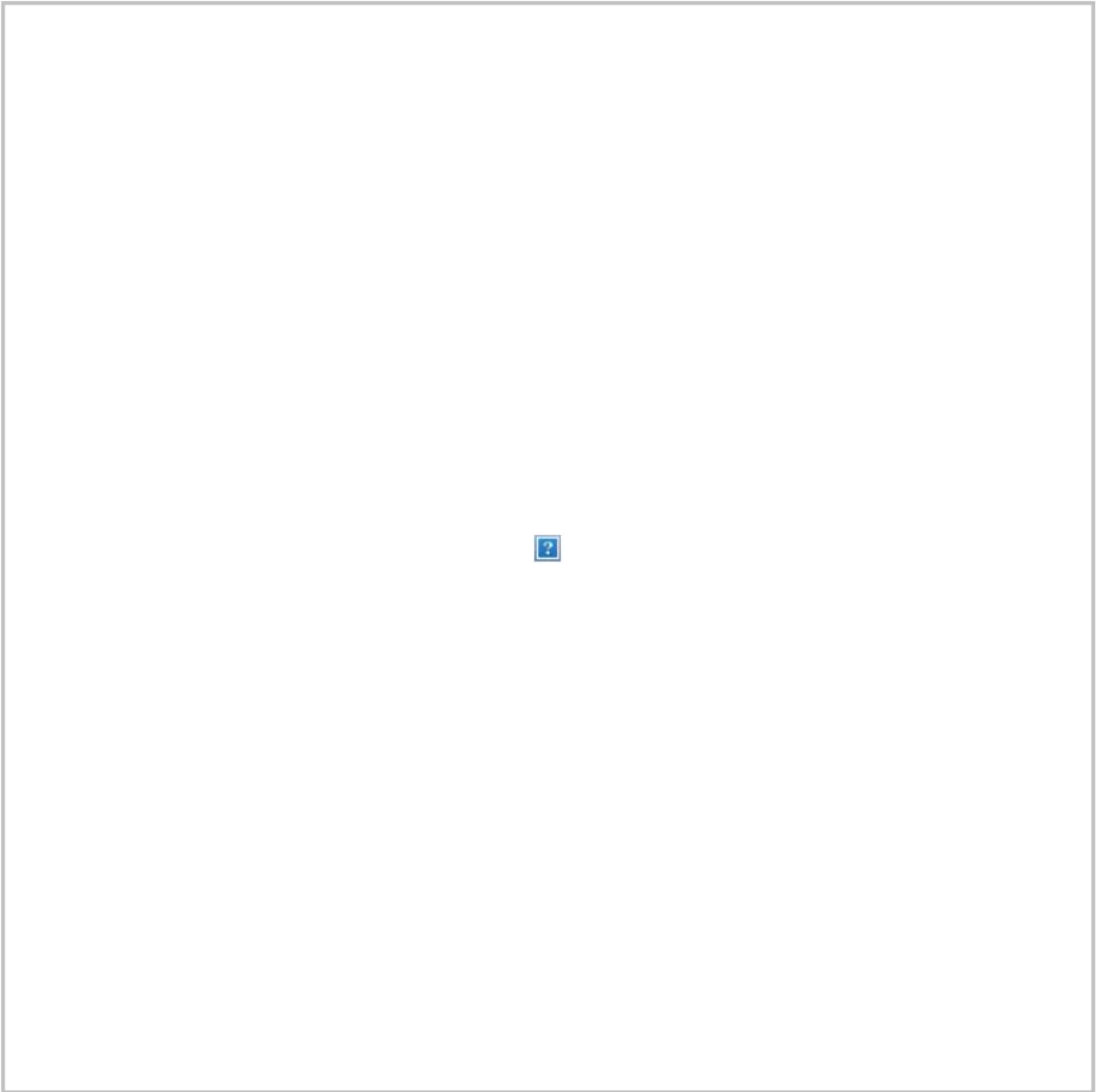
Alex Jones, who runs the pro-Trump conspiracy web site Infowars, posted a clip from an interview that Trump gave on Sept. 11, 2001, to claim that the president-elect is actually a 9/11 truther who has "been awake all along."



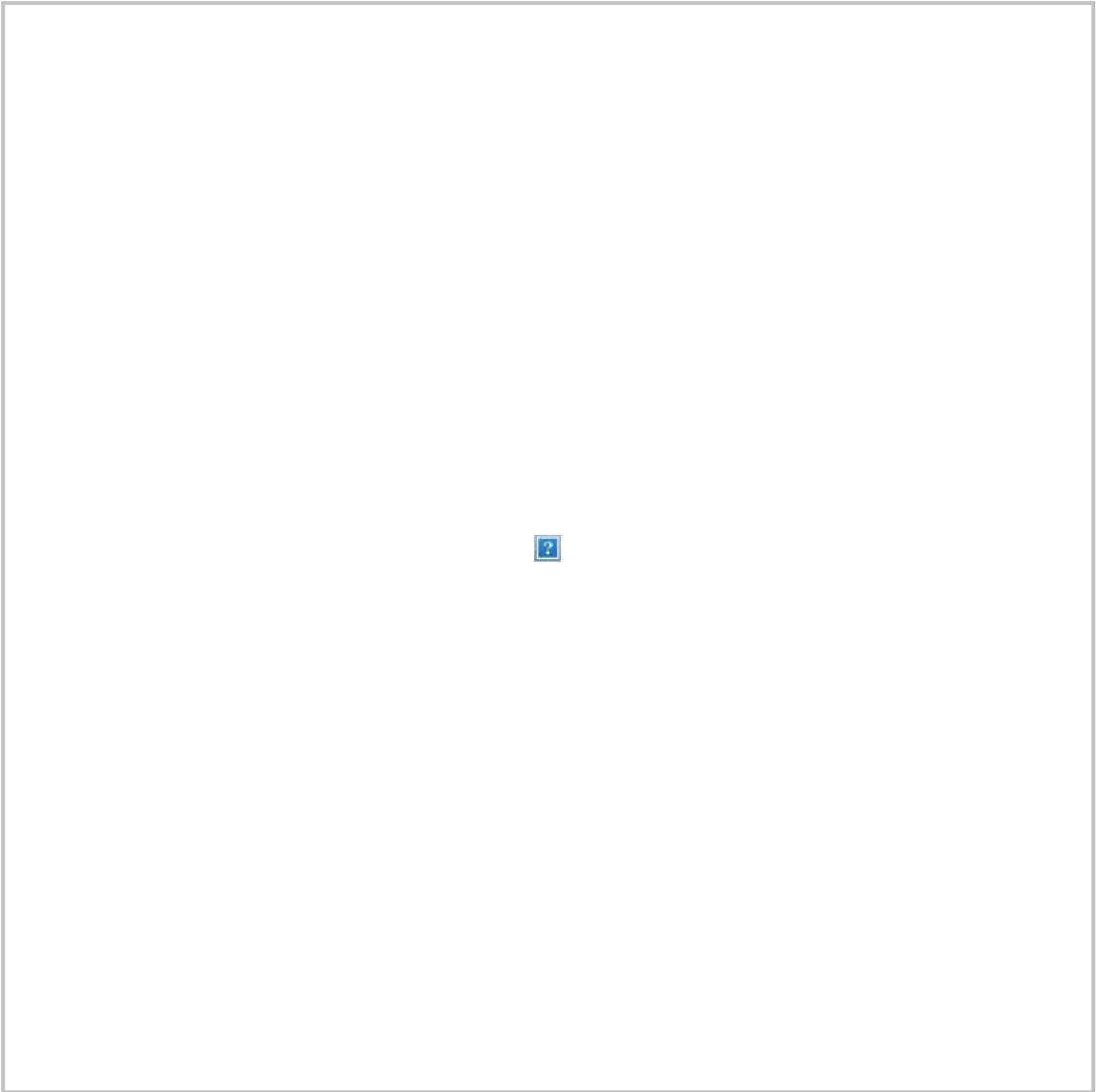
A staff writer at The New Yorker made this chilling accusation:



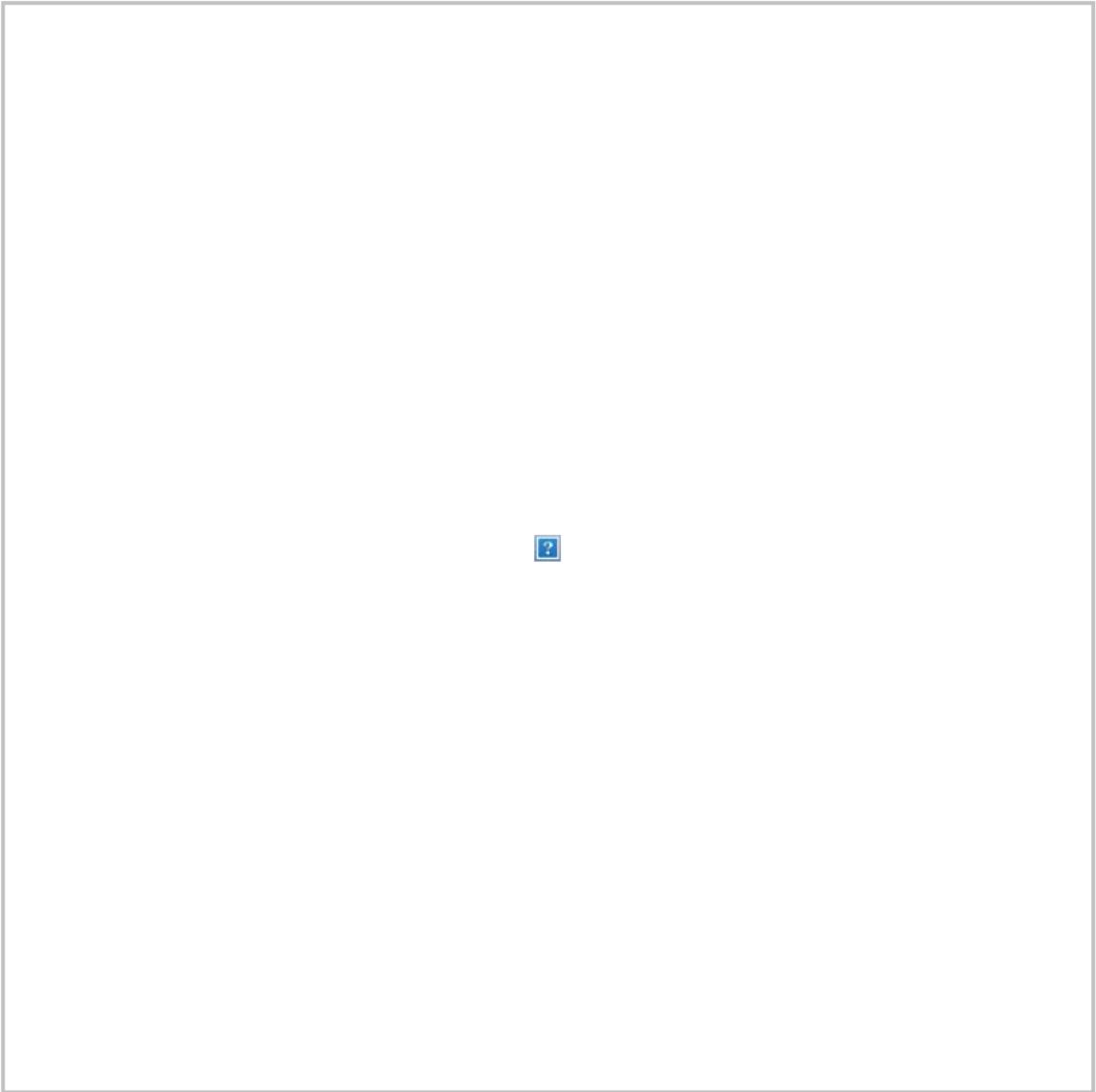
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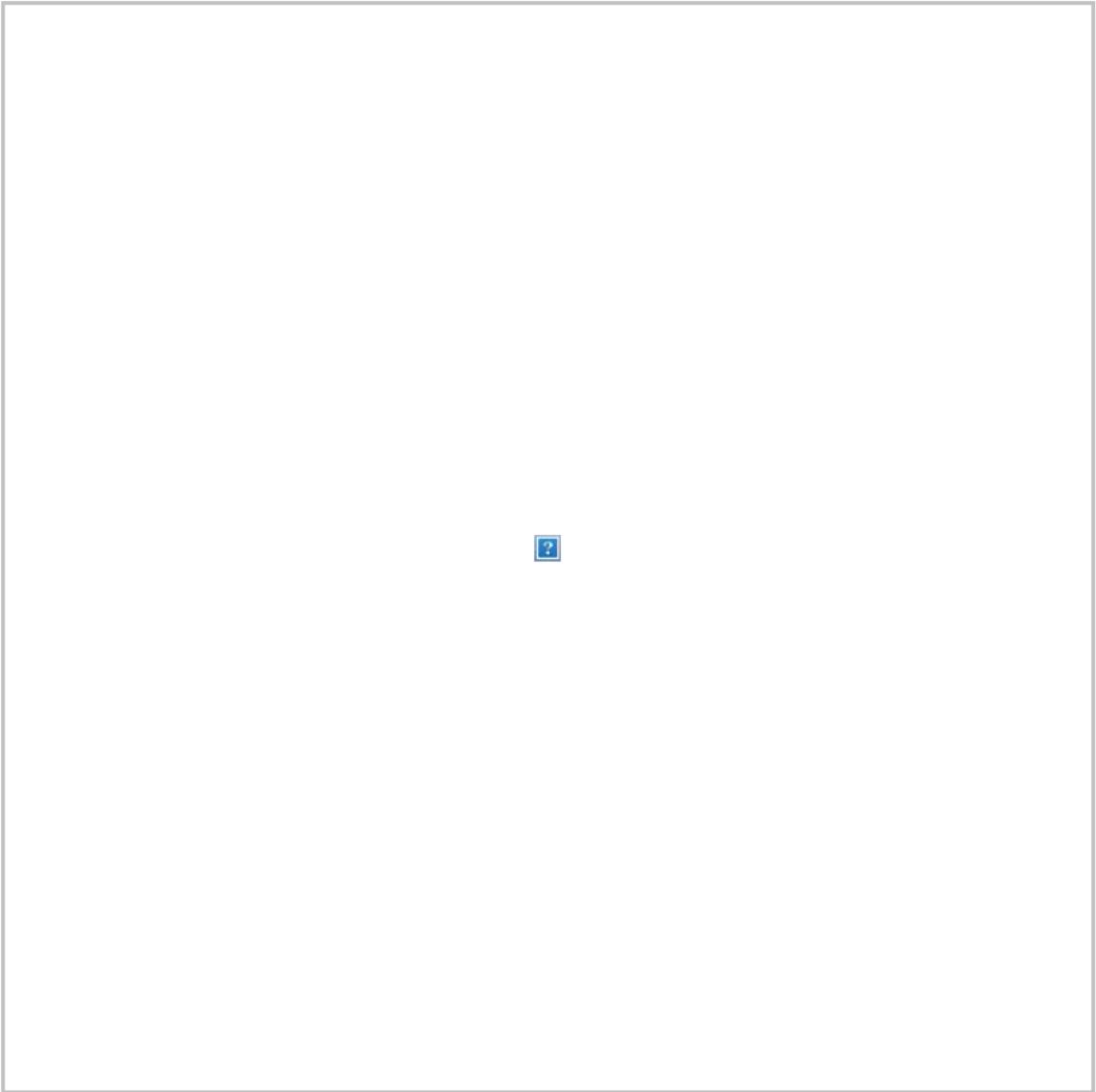
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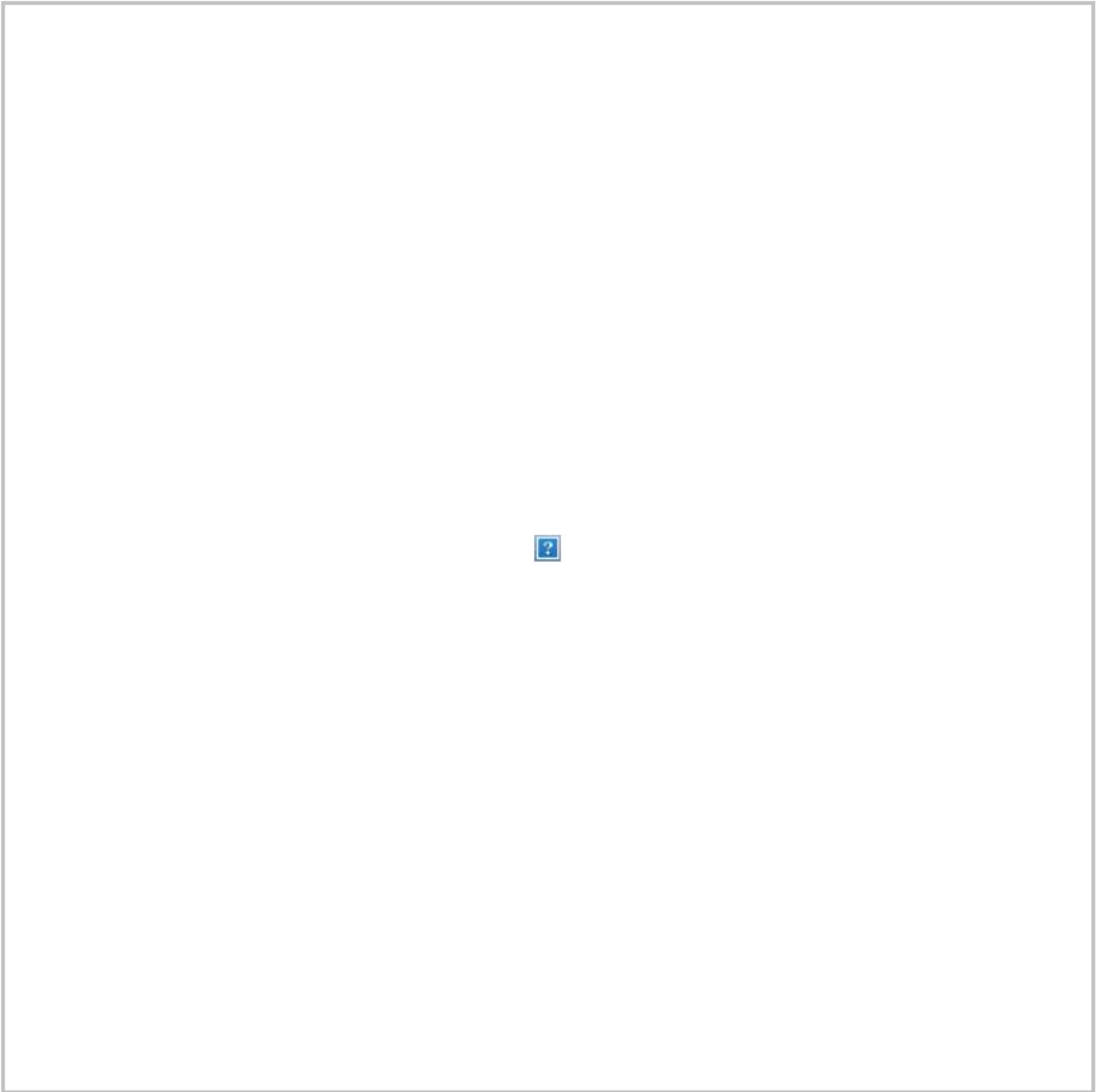
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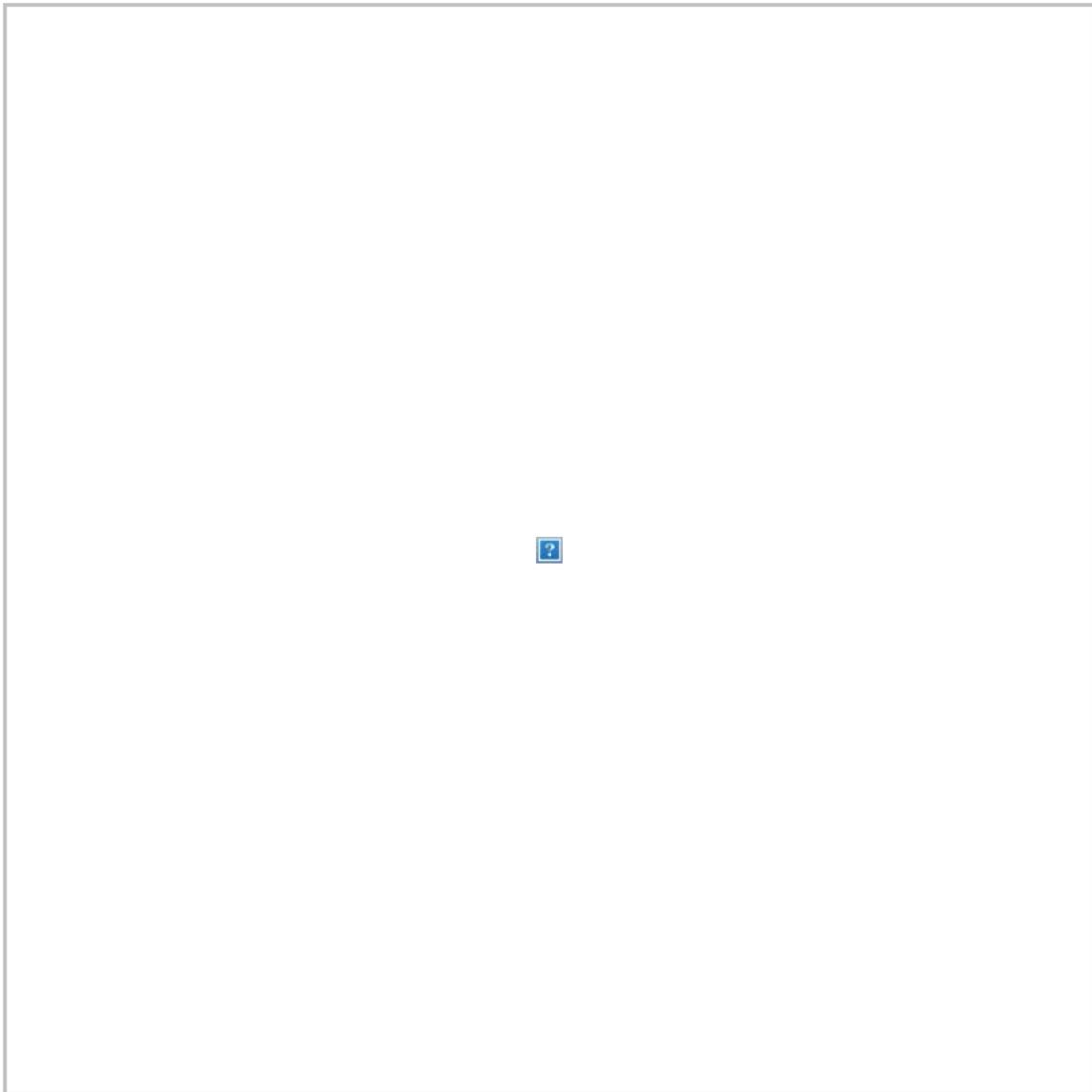
Lawmakers are posting snow pictures:



Jennifer Palmieri is looking forward to catching Hillary Clinton on a hiking trail soon:



This letter to the editor is going viral:



#### **DAYBOOK:**

**In Trump's world:** Trump meets with Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.); Pete Hegseth, president of Concerned Veterans of America; Marion Blakey, president of Rolls-Royce North America; Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chair Bob Corker (R-Tenn.); House Homeland Security Committee Chair Mike McCaul (R-Texas); Rep. Lou Barletta (R-Pa.); and former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney.

**At the White House:** Obama visits the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

**Harry Reid had a private dinner at the White House last night with the president and vice president.**

**On Capitol Hill:** The Senate meets at 10 a.m. and begins consideration of the ECHO Act and the Alexander substitute amendment at 11 a.m. The House meets at 2 p.m. for legislative business, with 16 suspension votes postponed until 6:30 p.m.

#### **QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, the former Iowa governor, compares Democrats to a tree that "looks healthy on the outside, but is in the throes of slow and long-term demise." "Democrats need to talk to rural voters," Vilsack told Greg Jaffe. "They can't write them off. They can't ignore

them. They actually have to spend a little time talking to them."

#### **NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:**

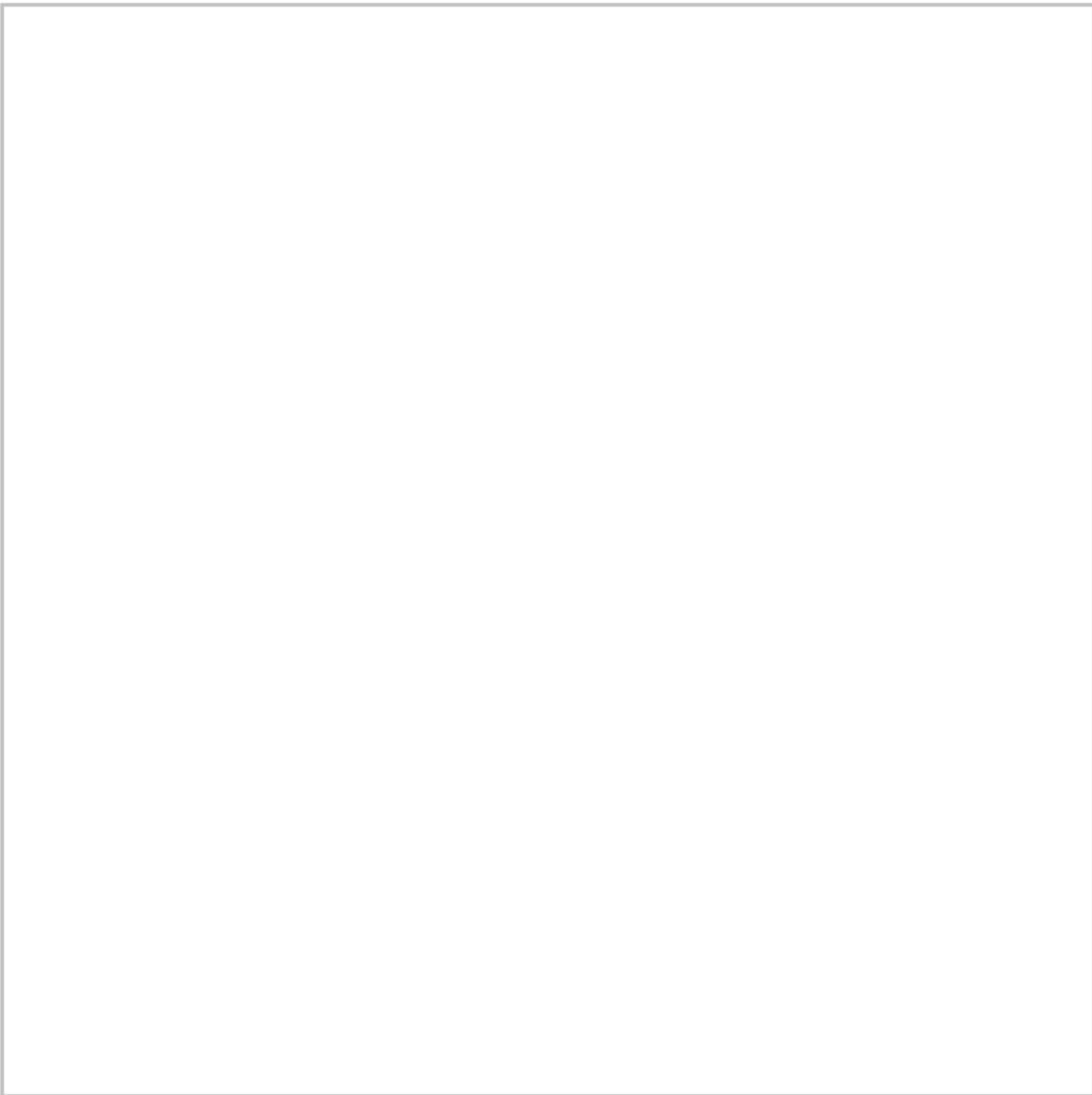
-- **"Waves of rain showers remain likely through much of the day,"** the [Capital Weather Gang forecasts](#). "...You'll want to plan on keeping an umbrella handy throughout [the day]. Despite the clouds and the rain, we should get into the warm air of a storm system to the west. It might even feel a little muggy as temperatures rise from near 60 to perhaps as high as the mid-60s. Winds are from the south around 10 mph.

-- **D.C. Council members are voting on whether to pass the most generous family leave law in the country.** The measure, which dwarfs the most progressive efforts passed in California and New Jersey, would allow new parents for 11 weeks off with up to 90 percent pay. The proposal – which will be voted on tonight, as well as later in December – is expected to draw wide majority support. ([Aaron C. Davis](#))

-- **The [Wizards beat the Kings 101-95](#).**

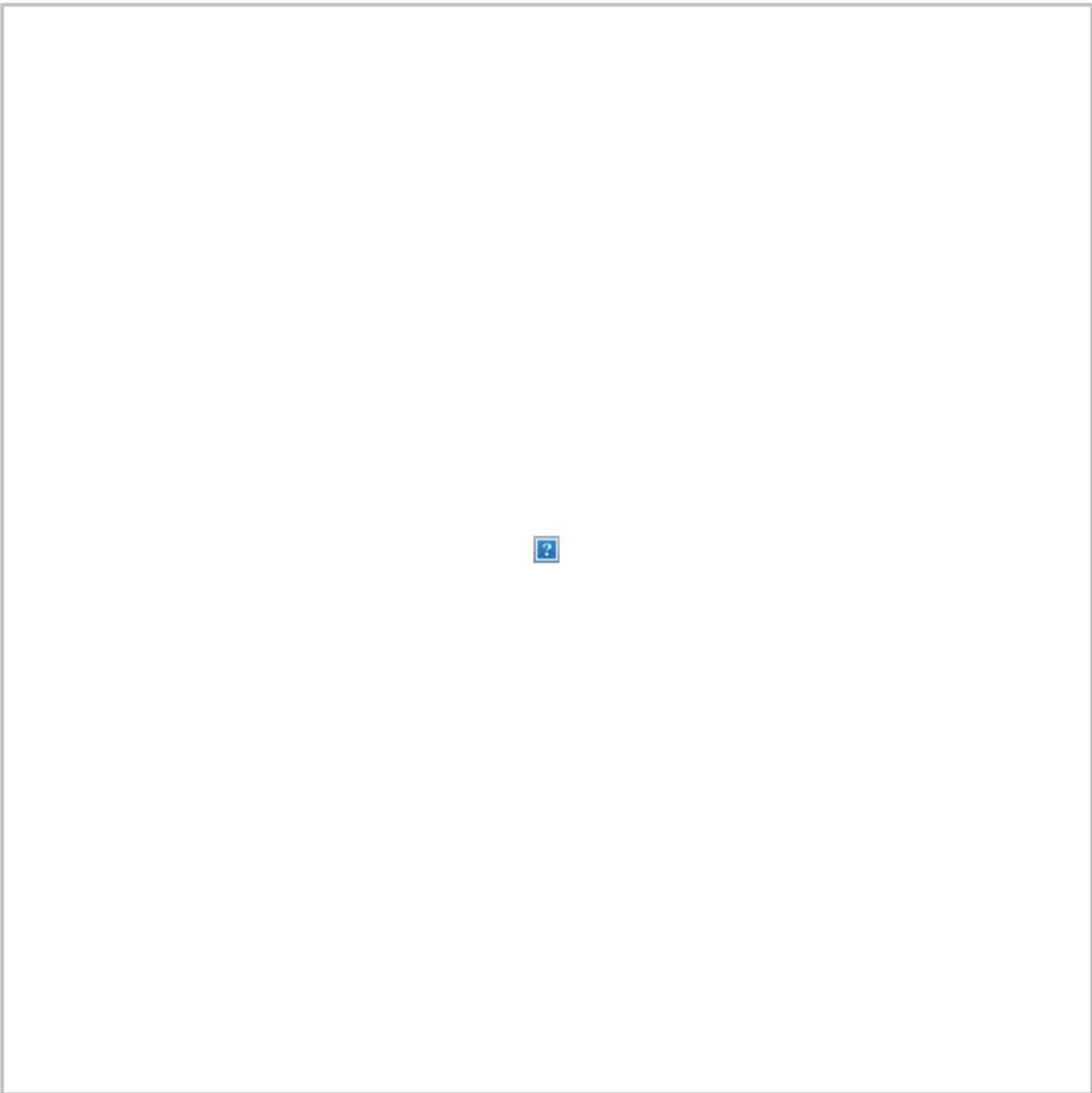
#### **VIDEOS OF THE DAY:**

Kellyanne Conway was serenaded by two guys who have taken to hanging out in the lobby of Trump Tower:



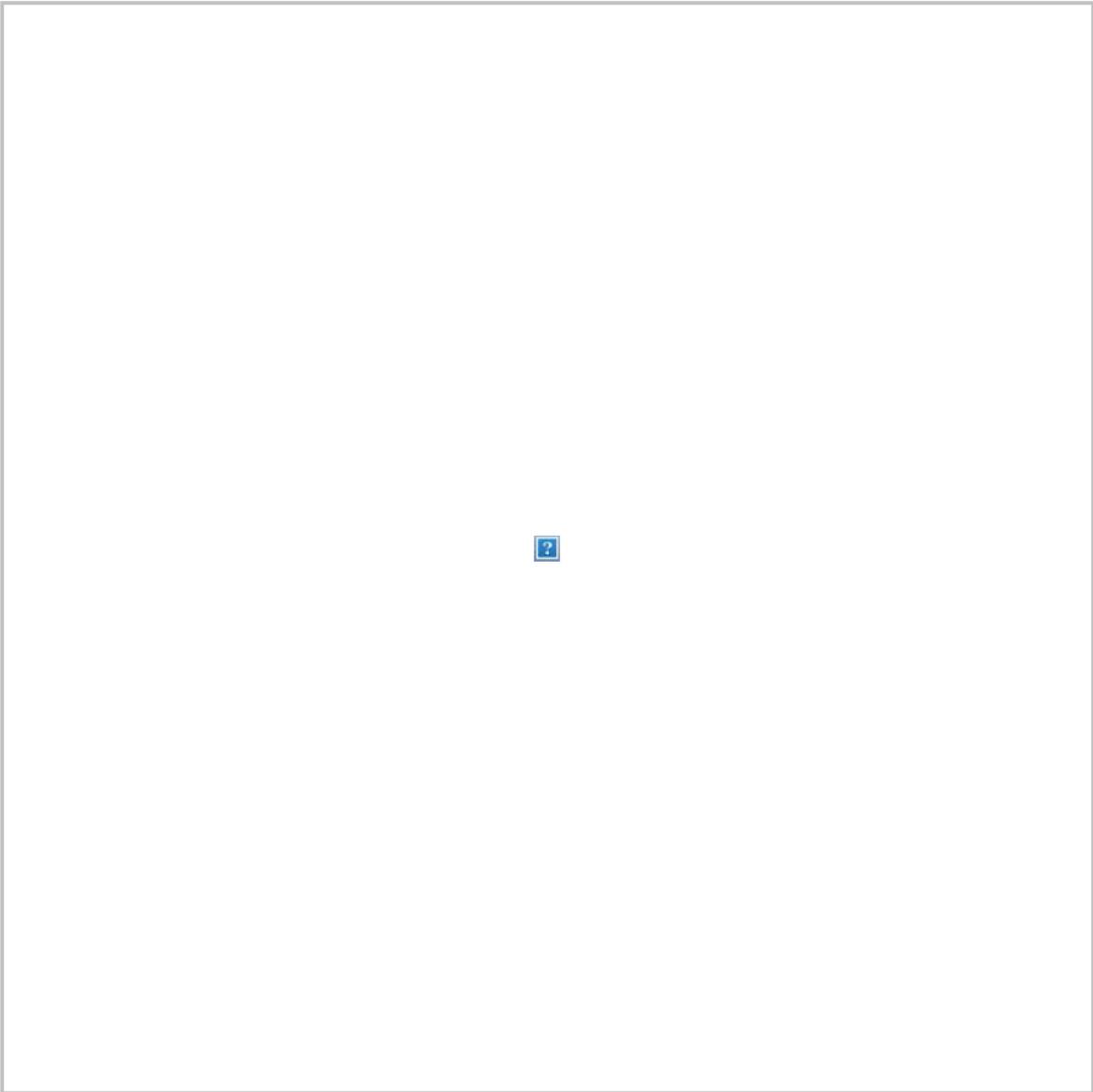
Kellyanne Conway serenaded by the naked Cowboys at Trump Tower.

TMZ covered the high level of security enlisted to protect Trump's family:



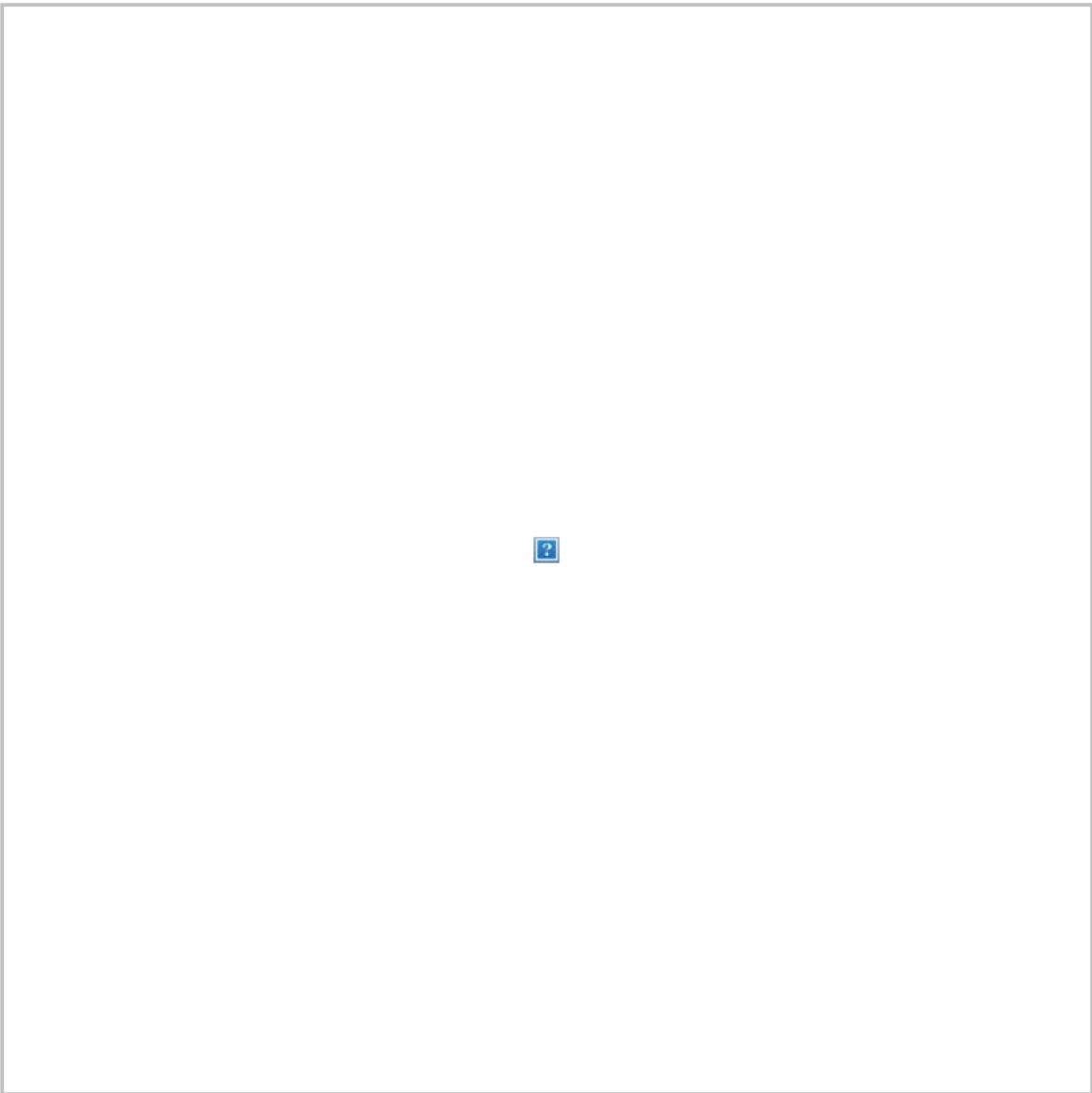
Barron Trump Play Date Covered by Secret Service's Big Guns | TMZ Chatter

Kathy Griffin walked through how she's preparing for Trump's presidency:



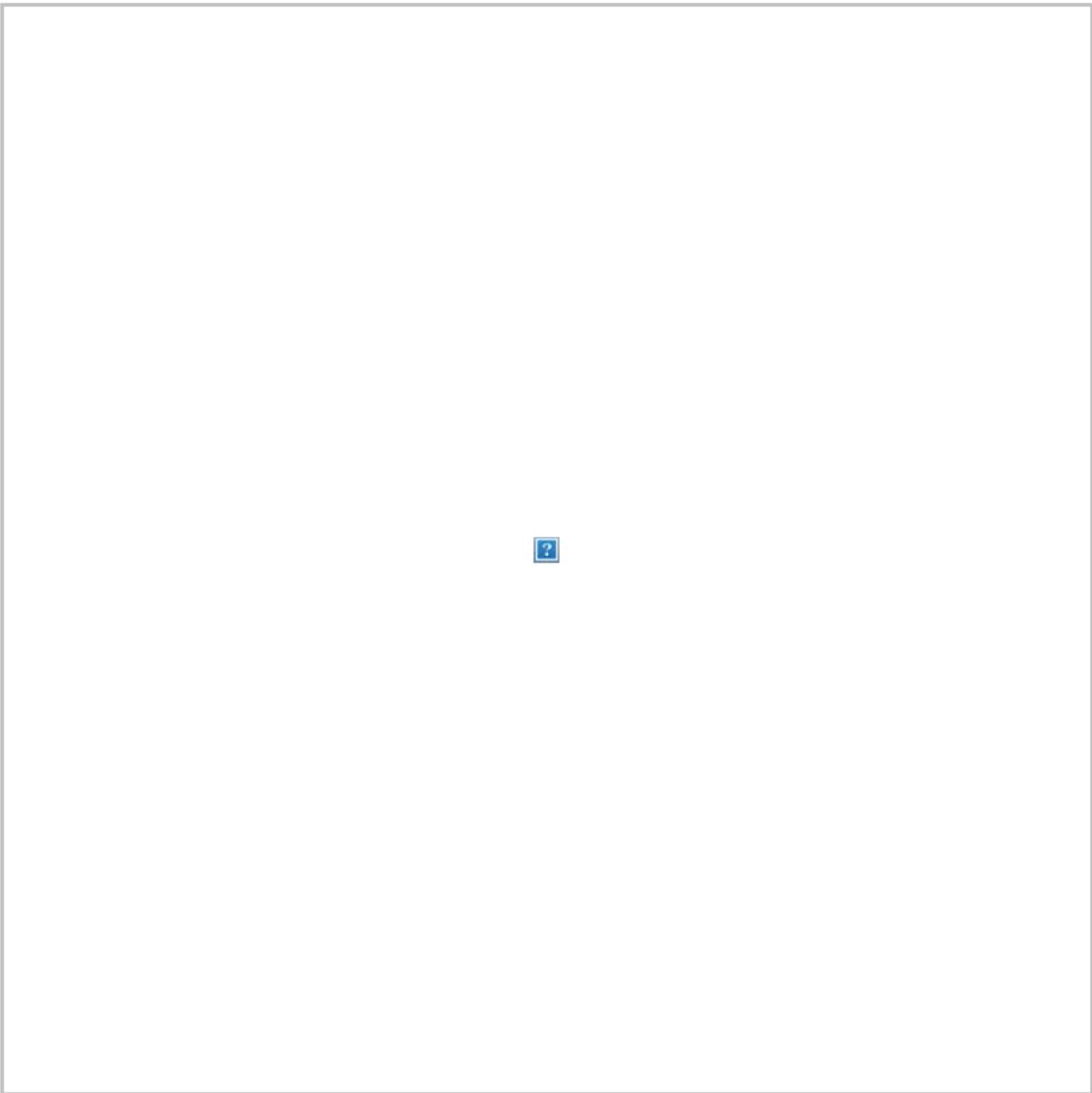
Kathy Griffin Prepares for a Trump Presidency

Seth Meyers compiled his favorite jokes of the week:



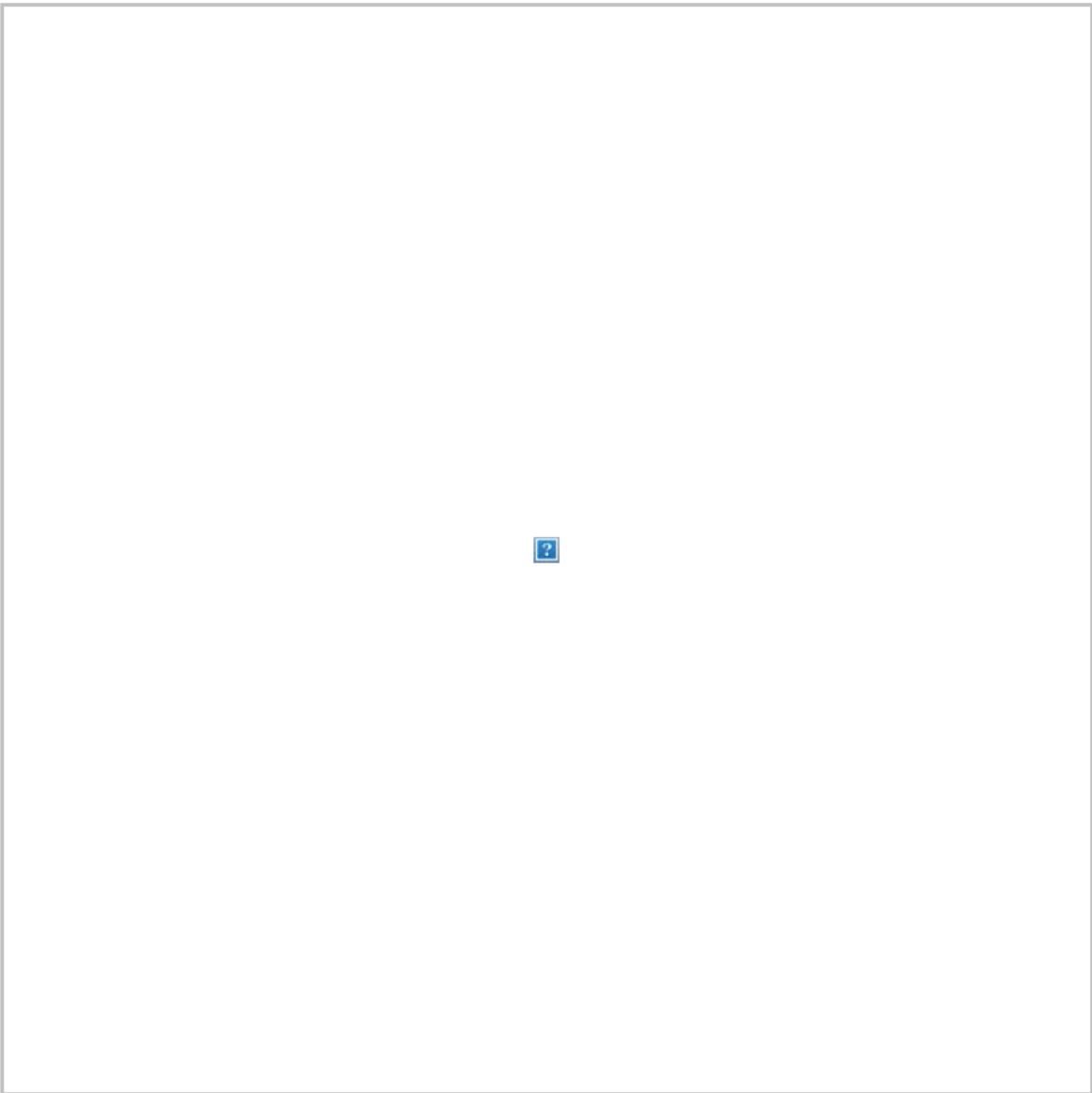
Seth's Favorite Jokes of the Week: Donald Trump Demands Hamilton Apology

Celebrities -- including Gloria Estefan and Colin Kaepernick -- reacted to Fidel Castro's death:



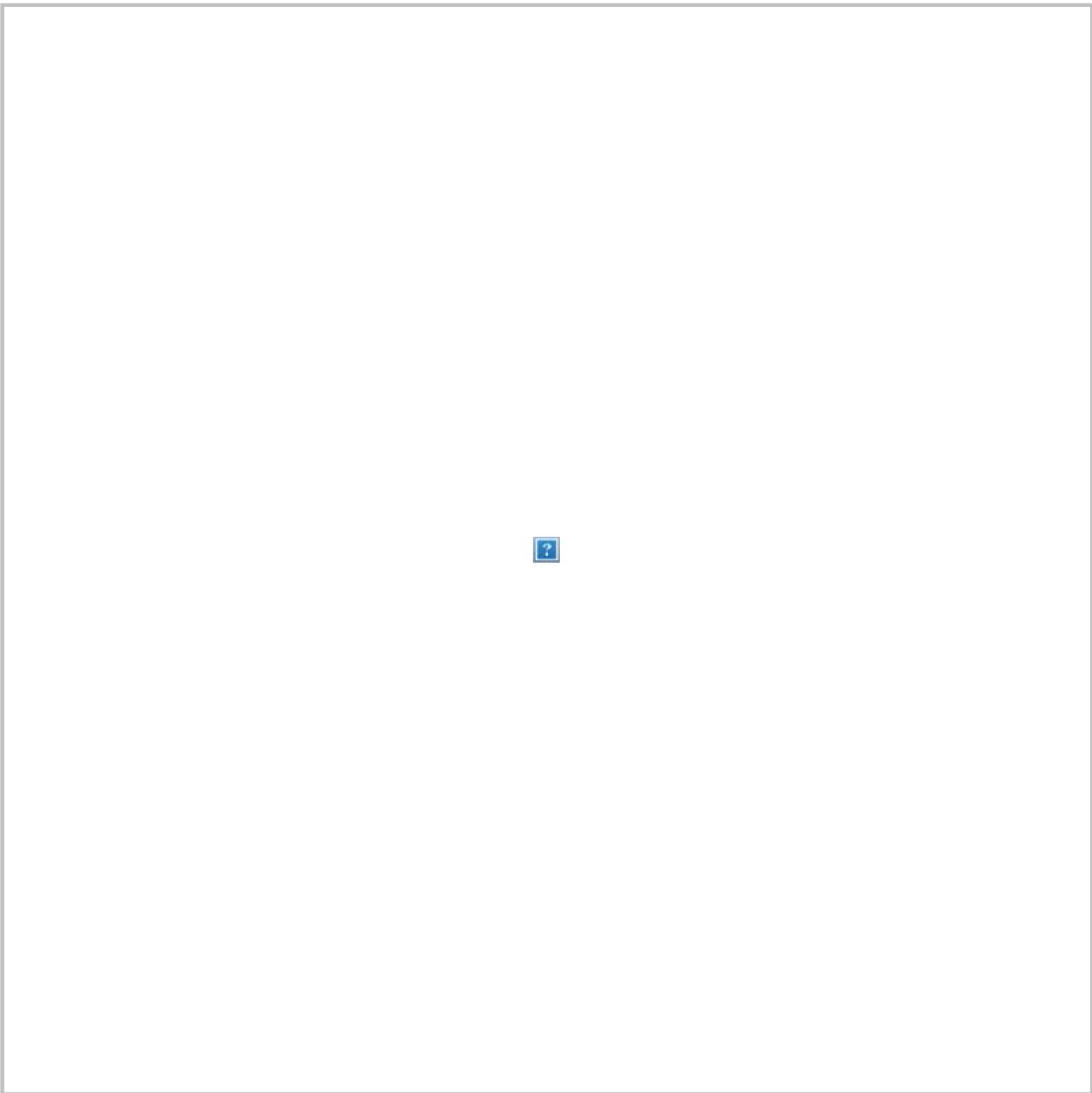
Gloria Estefan, Colin Kaepernick, Elián González React To Fidel Castro's Death | People NOW | People

Scott Walker thanked residents of his state for a successful deer hunting season:



2016 Gun Deer Hunt

Reindeers in Japan auditioned for a pizza delivery job:



Reindeers audition for pizza delivery job in Japan

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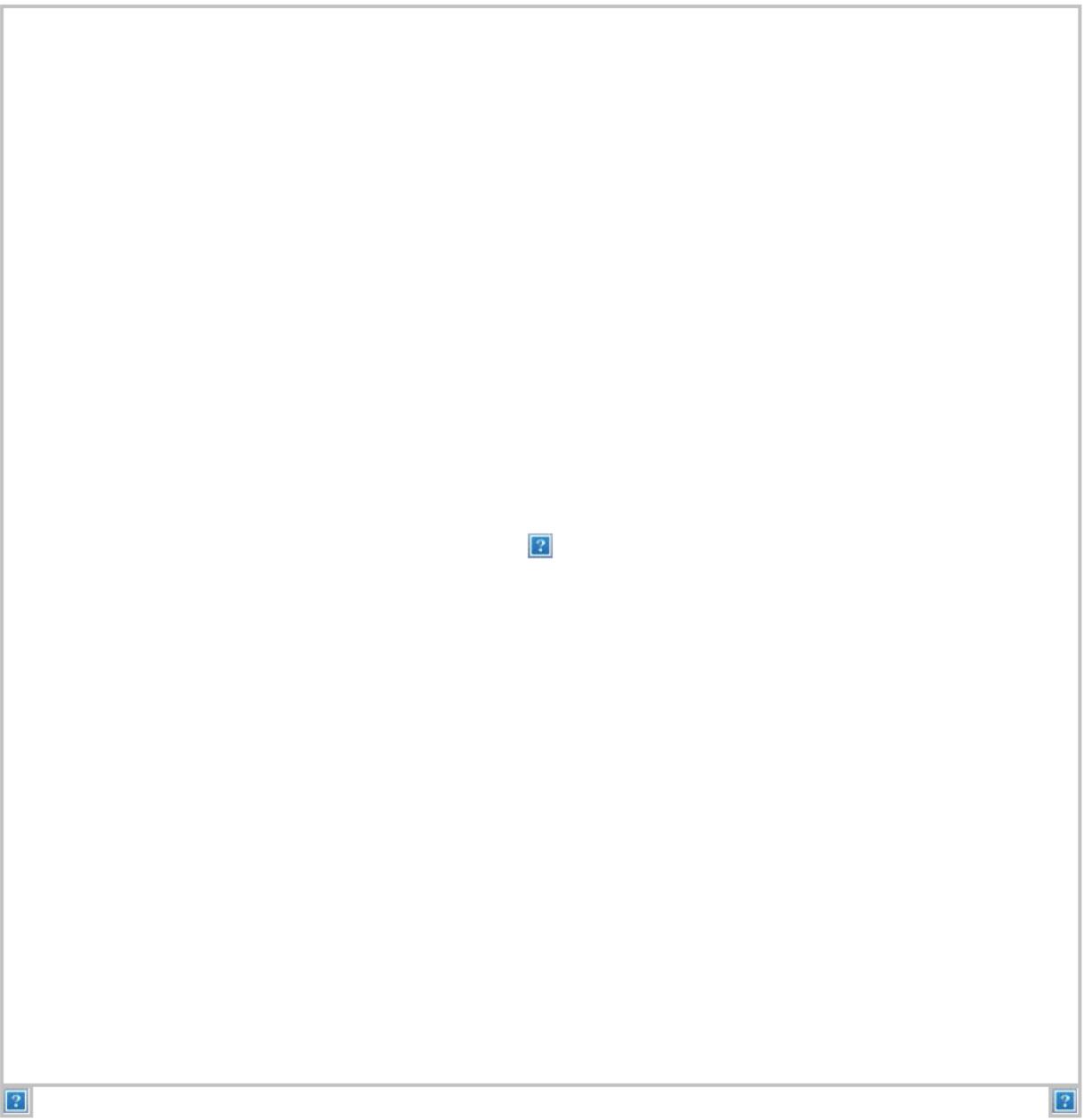
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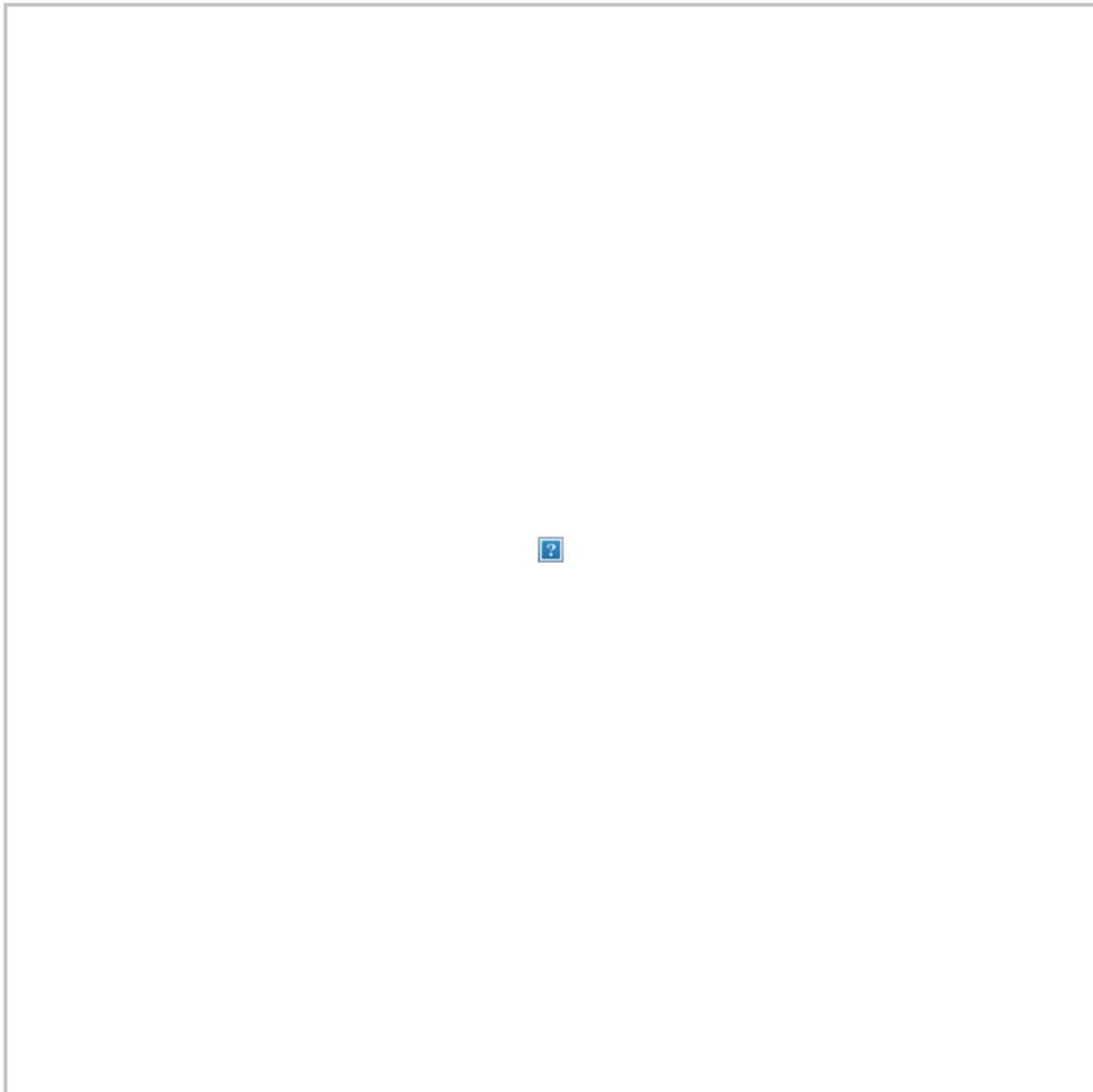


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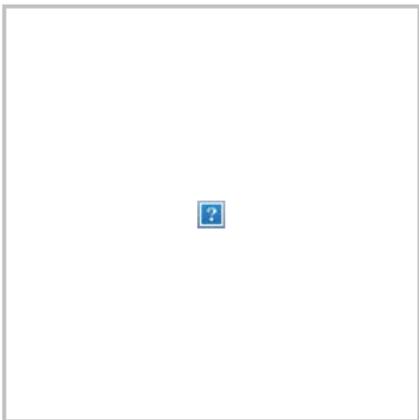
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[Why Trump won -- and why the media missed it](#)



Donald Trump addresses supporters early this morning at the New York Hilton Midtown. (Photo by Jabin Botsford /The Washington Post)



*With Breanne Deppisch*

**THE BIG IDEA: President-elect Donald Trump was right all along. He had a silent majority. The**

media, the pollsters and Republican elites never saw it – even though it was right in front of them the whole time.

-- **Because his adopted party maintained its majorities in the Senate and the House, Trump can now advance a very ambitious agenda.** He gets to pick Antonin Scalia's replacement, vindicating Mitch McConnell's decision to deny Merrick Garland a hearing and ensuring that the GOP will control all three branches of government. Because Barack Obama has relied so much on executive actions since the 2010 midterms, if he chooses, Trump can roll back many of the president's signature achievements. The Republican Congress can also use budget reconciliation to eviscerate Obamacare. TPP is definitively dead.

-- **The reality TV star will be the first president in American history to take office without prior government or military experience.**

-- **It's going to take some time for this new reality to fully sink in, but the question of the hour is: How the heck did this happen?** What follows are several of the most plausible explanations...

-- **"Confirmation bias" is the tendency to interpret new evidence as confirmation of one's existing theories.** Since he came down that escalator at Trump Tower 17 months ago, many elites could never fully visualize Trump as the president of the United States. That made it very hard to see him winning the nomination – until he did – or winning the White House – until he did. Confirmation bias does not mean one preferred a particular outcome. Rather, it is a condition of psychology: All human beings tend to put a premium on information that validates their existing expectations and downplay new data points that undermine them.

**Even many members of the Republican establishment who supported Trump could never envision him prevailing.** That meant that some very talented GOP operatives (who have won very big races) were insisting until late last night that the votes were not there for Trump. A Republican who won a statewide race in Florida two years ago texted after polls closed to say Clinton was going to win that state by four points. (Trump won 49 percent to 48 percent.) Another veteran Republican, who has served the Bush family in various roles, emailed in the wee hours of this morning: "I no longer need to go to Rome. Going to watch an empire fall right here in the next four years."

-- **That said, even Trump's own internal models were wrong.** Staffers at the Republican National Committee were telling reporters that Trump would win 240 Electoral College votes. "The best data inside the Trump campaign and the RNC had his chances of winning the presidency as a 1 in 5 proposition," [Yahoo's Jon Ward reports](#).

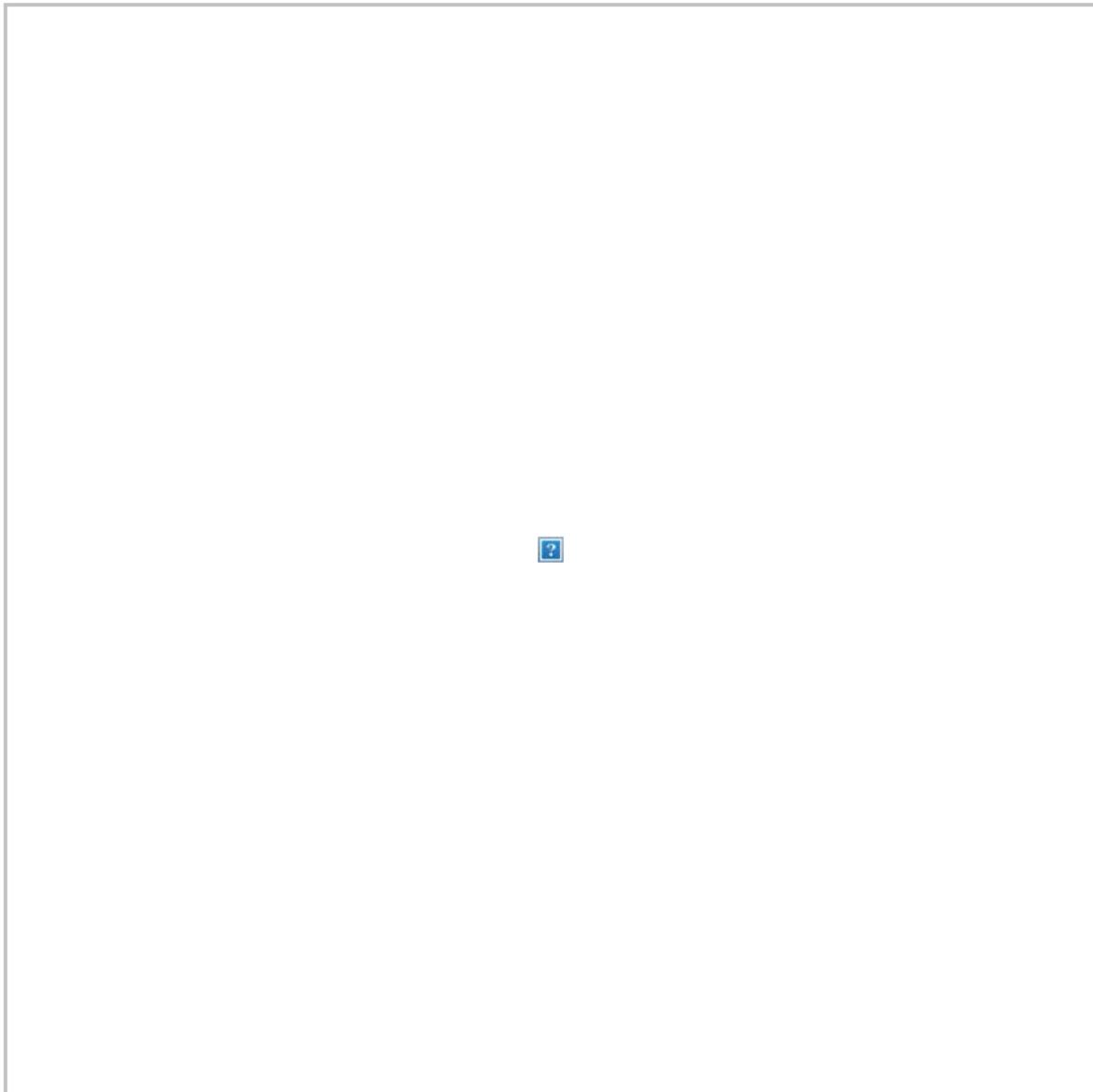
Trump supporters rally in front of the White House. (Reuters/Joshua Roberts)</p></p>

Trump supporters rally in front of the White House. (Reuters/Joshua Roberts)

-- **Looking back, there is so much anecdotal evidence:** All those guys at [the bar in a hollowed out Ohio steel town](#) who did not know a single Clinton supporter. The two dozen independents at a Pirates-Reds baseball game in Pittsburgh who talked how much they [love Bill but loathe Hillary](#). The conservatives in rural Selma, North Carolina, who said they [stayed home four years ago but would vote for Trump](#).

**There were also so many red flags of lagging enthusiasm for Clinton:** The paid canvasser for the Clinton campaign at The Ohio State University [who could not find a single person](#) to commit to support her during his shift in Columbus. The African Americans in Raleigh this past weekend who wanted to vote early and supported Clinton but [gave up because the lines were too long](#). The North Carolina college students down the road who said they were *probably* going to vote for her – but also described her as a pathological liar. In Richmond, there were [no yard signs for Clinton](#) in places that were full of Obama signs four years ago.

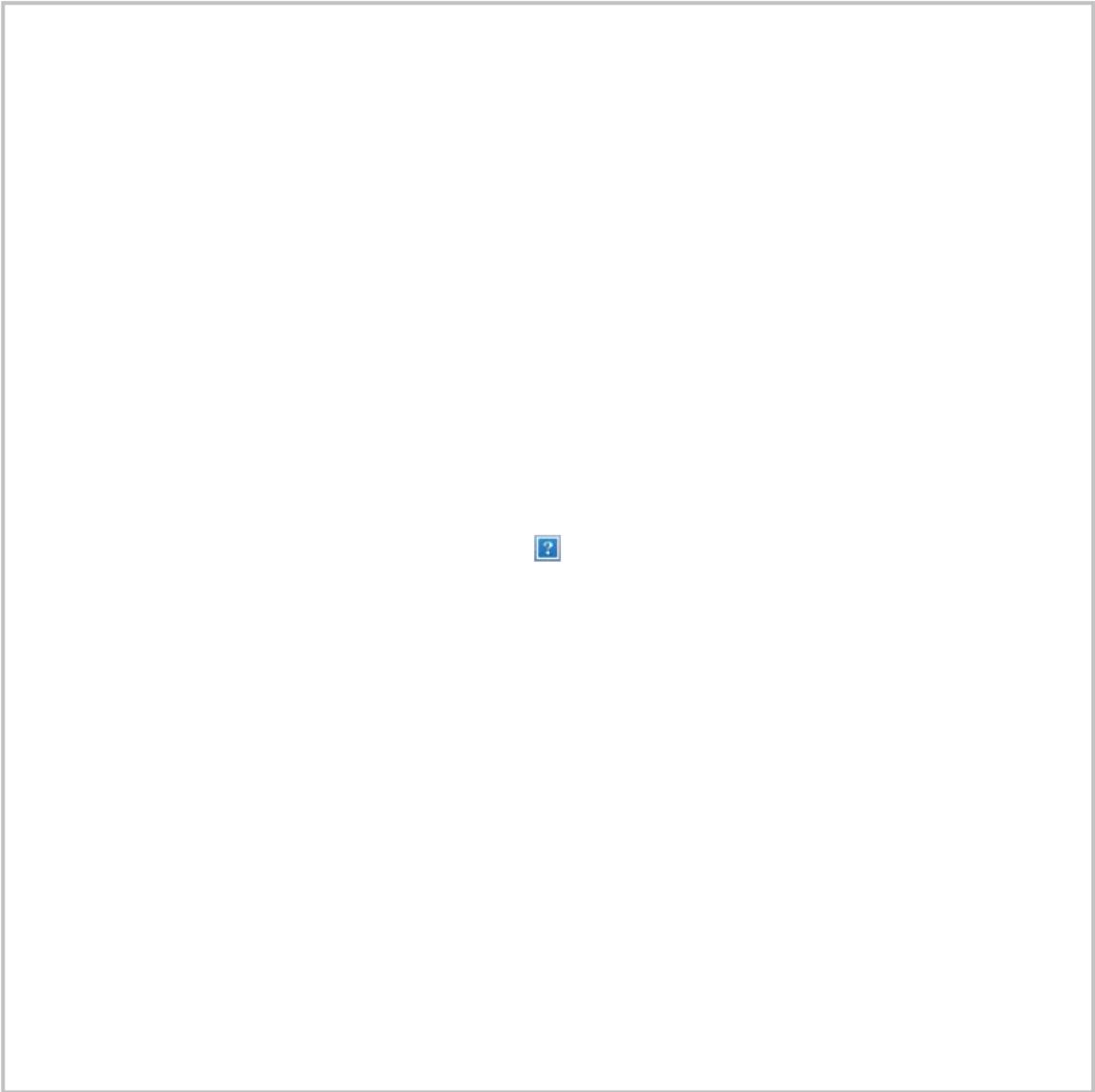
**All these anecdotes should have received more weight vis-à-vis the polls**, which were themselves based on assumptions about what the electorate would look like.



British Prime Minister David Cameron puts his arm around his wife Samantha after announcing his resignation at 10 Downing Street in London after the country voted to leave the E.U. (Daniel Leal-Olivas/PA via AP)

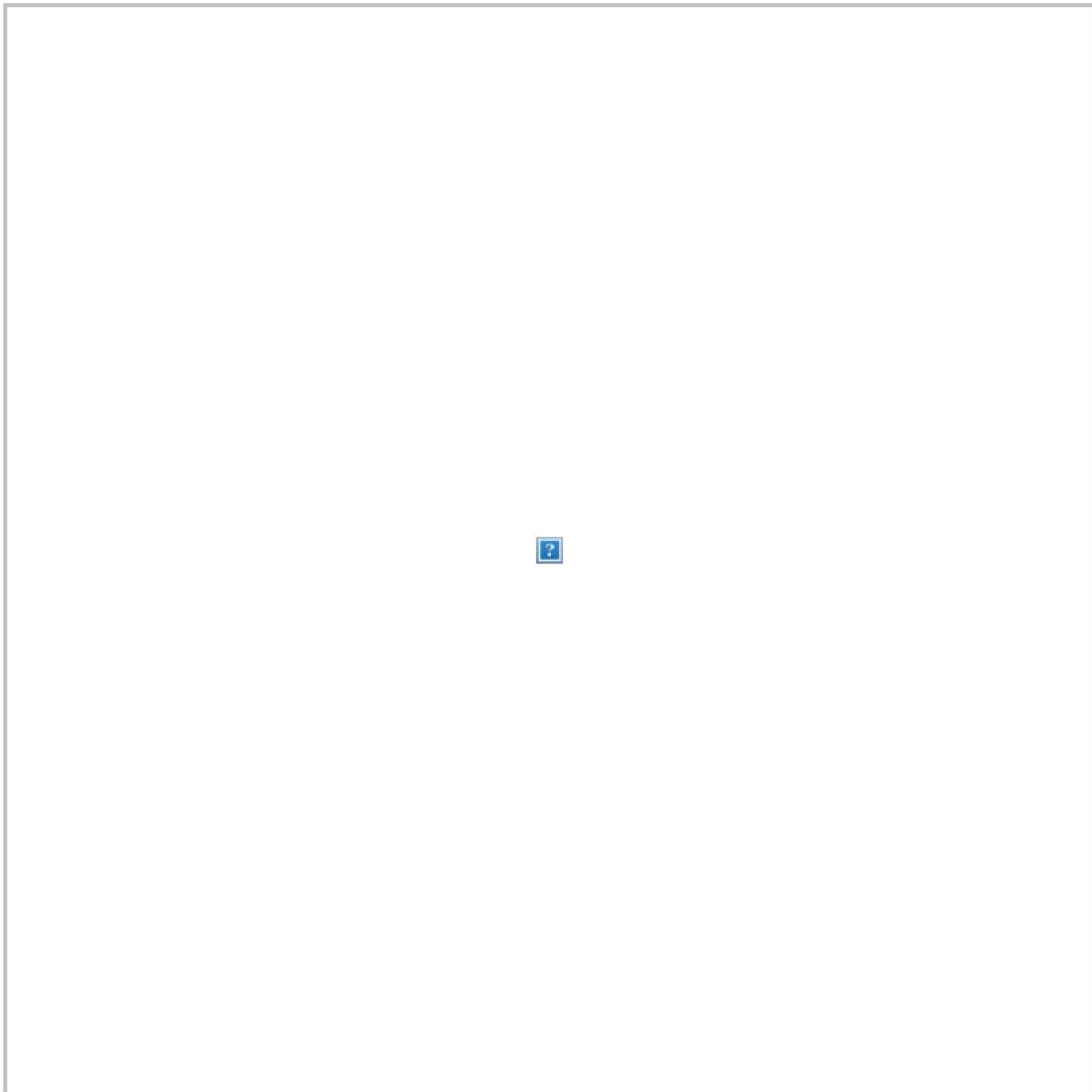
-- **Trump's victory must be viewed as part of a global wave of reaction to immigration, trade and globalization.** Donald has been calling himself "Mr. Brexit" in his stump speech for a while, drawing heavy parallels between the British vote to exit the European Union and his own campaign. Elites in Europe thought it was inconceivable that Brexit would happen – until it did. Also look at the rise of nationalists across continental Europe.

Nigel Farage, the U.K. Independence Party member known for his strong support for Brexit, even came to the U.S. to campaign with Trump. "2016 is going to be the year of two great political revolutions," Farage said on London [television](#) overnight.

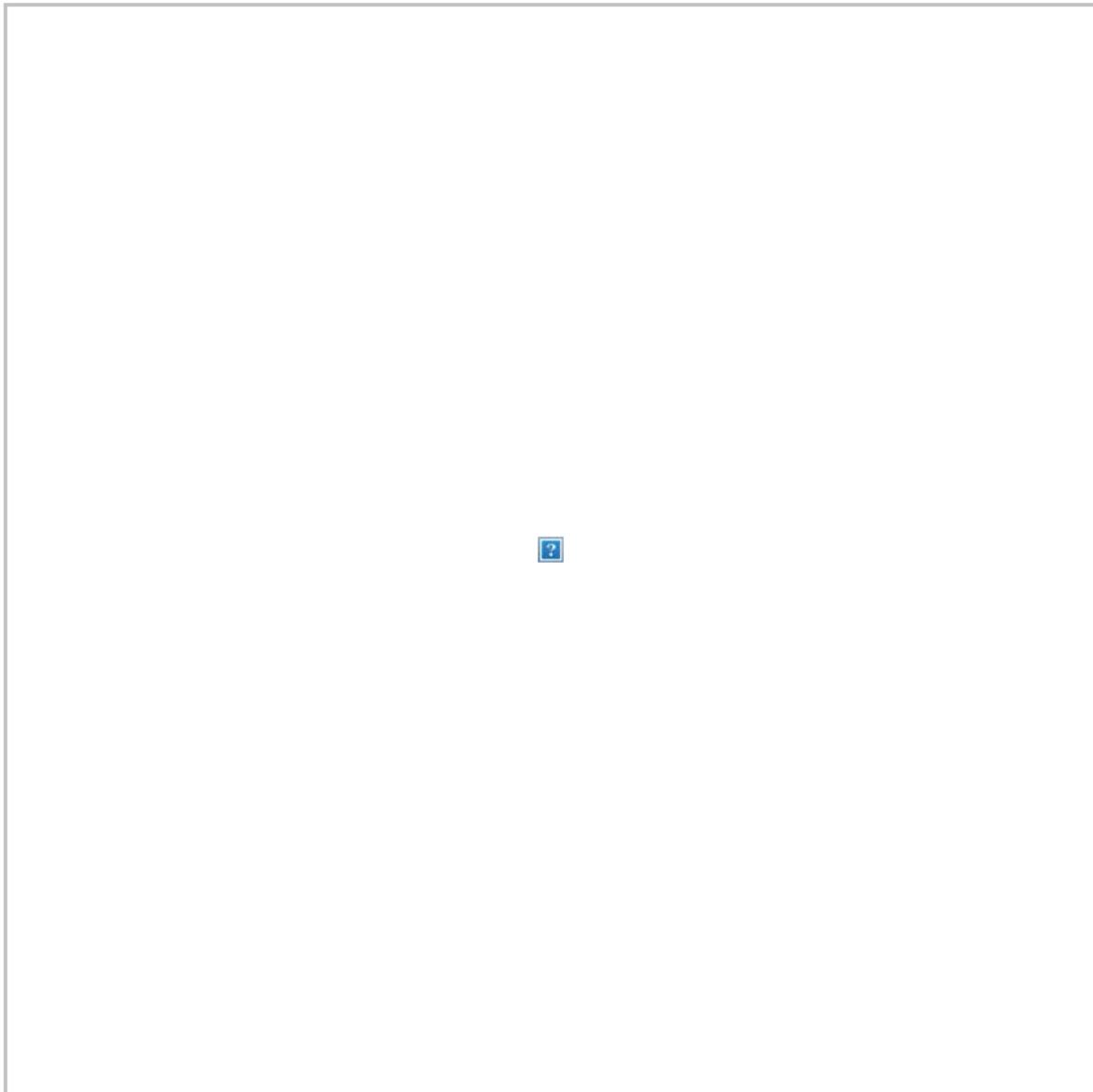


The Clinton campaign, blinded by hubris, ridiculed and heavily pushed back on [journalists who argued that Brexit showed Trump could win](#).

*To borrow a lyric from "Hamilton":*



-- 2016 truly was **THE YEAR OF THE OUTSIDER** – even more so than even 2008. Few elites in December 2014 believed that neither a Clinton nor Bush would be president in 2017. But there has been a ravenous hunger and deep thirst for change, even if that change agent is imperfect. (Only 38 percent of voters in the exit polls said Trump is qualified to be president – which means about one-fifth of Trump’s voters did not think he was qualified but supported him anyway.)



Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin, wearing a hat with the logo #newmajority, speaks in Louisville last night. (Timothy D. Easley/AP)

Exactly one year ago, Republican Matt Bevin won the Kentucky governor's race despite every single poll showing him down. Two of the top people on his campaign, Jason Miller and Jessica Ditto, worked for Trump this fall. Bevin had quixotically challenged Mitch McConnell in a 2014 primary and been crushed. But he prevailed in a three-way GOP primary just one year later, and then the millionaire businessman tapped into a [coalition](#) very similar to Trump's with [a message that sounded a lot like his](#).

A few months later, Jeb's shock and awe strategy failed. Money could not buy him the love of the voters.

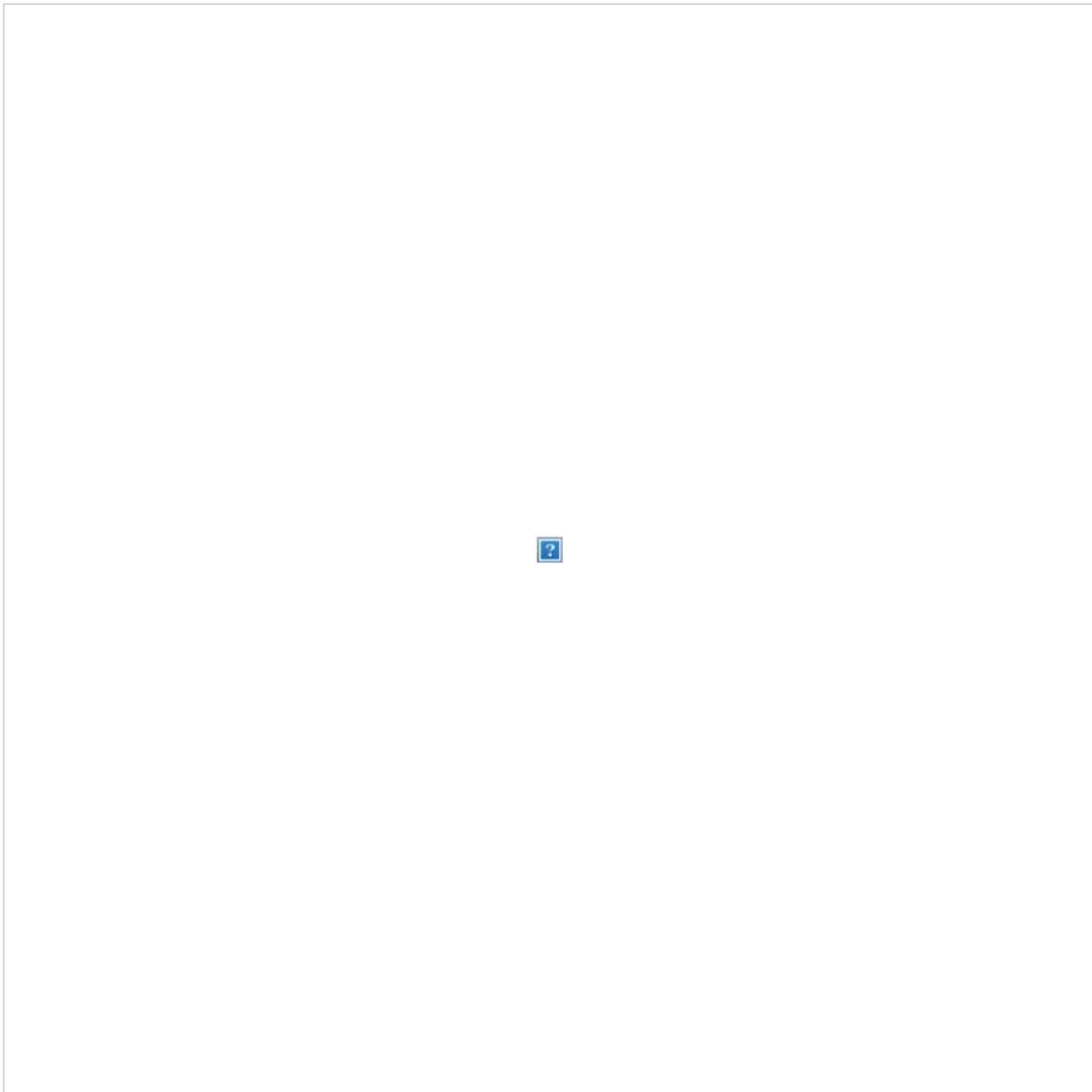
Hillary, who has been in the public eye over four decades and who has had a Secret Service detail for almost 25 years now, insisted during the primaries that she was not part of the Democratic establishment. No one, even her, actually believed that. The fact that a septuagenarian socialist from Vermont kept her sweating through the California primary in June should have set off even louder alarm bells than it did. The fact that Bernie won so many primaries in states dominated by conservative Democrats, such as West Virginia, also underscored the extent to which [his appeal was really more about tapping into disaffection](#) with the status quo than his far-left ideology.

Evan Bayh led by more than 20 points in public and private polls when he first [jumped into the Indiana Senate](#)

[race](#) this summer. The son of a onetime presidential candidate thought his surname and huge war chest – held over from 2010 – would allow him to easily get his old seat back. But Republicans defined him as a consummate D.C. insider who made millions as an influence peddler after leaving office. He lost by *10 points*, a margin no one expected.

Republican Sen. Roy Blunt narrowly survived after getting hammered for his fancy house in Washington and the fact that his wife and all his kids are lobbyists. Trump won Missouri by 19 points. Blunt won by just three points, underperforming the top of the ticket by 215,000 votes. If Trump had not fared quite so well, even Blunt advisers agree he would have gone down.

Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson won a shocking upset against challenger Russ Feingold by successfully presenting himself as the outsider in the race despite being the incumbent. It was a rematch of 2010, when the political neophyte had knocked off the three-termer. “Obviously something is happening in this country,” Feingold said in his concession speech. “I’ll be honest. I don’t understand it completely.”



Rep. John Mica (R-Florida) gets a hug from his wife, Patrica, after conceding defeat to Democratic challenger Stephanie Murphy in Altamonte Springs last night. (Joe Burbank/Orlando Sentinel via AP)

John Mica, the 12-term Republican congressman, fell in the Orlando suburbs. He based his campaign on [his ability to bring home the bacon](#), highlighting earmarks and road projects that he facilitated as chairman of the

House Transportation Committee. That did not resonate with voters in this environment.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who like Mica has been in office since 1992, [went down in Phoenix](#). Trump won his county by four points, but Arpaio – despite being one of his most prominent early supporters -- lost by 10 points. Why? Voters were exhausted by all the drama associated with him and wanted a fresh face. “There’s a new sheriff in town,” his challenger, Paul Penzone, said at his [victory party](#).

North Carolina Republican Gov. Pat McCrory [apparently](#) went down, even as Trump carried his state and Sen. Richard Burr survived, because voters were angry about the so-called bathroom bill that he signed into law earlier this year.

FBI Director James Comey&nbsp;(Michael Reynolds/EPA)</p></p>

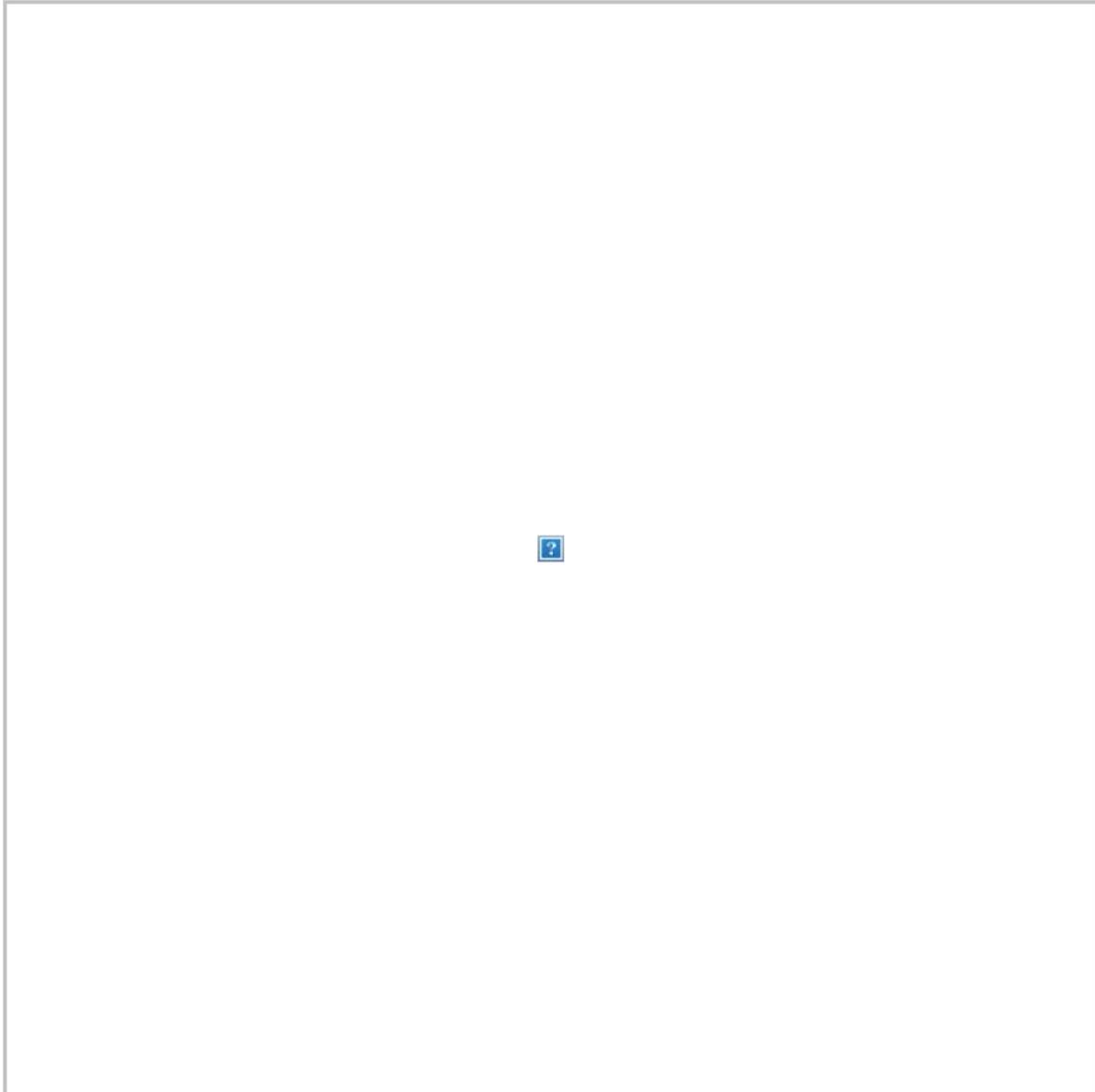


FBI Director James Comey (Michael Reynolds/EPA)

-- **James Comey deserves a significant share of credit/blame/responsibility, whichever word you want to use, for Clinton’s loss.** The percentage of likely voters who saw the former secretary of state as untrustworthy rose after the FBI director's bombshell announcement only 11 days before the election. Comey undercut Democratic enthusiasm, and his suggestion that the investigation into her would reopen motivated Republicans to fall in line.

Democrats will [forever more](#) hate Comey, who [contributed](#) financially to John McCain in 2008 and Mitt Romney in 2012, even though he tried to clean up the mess he created this past Sunday. But by then it was too

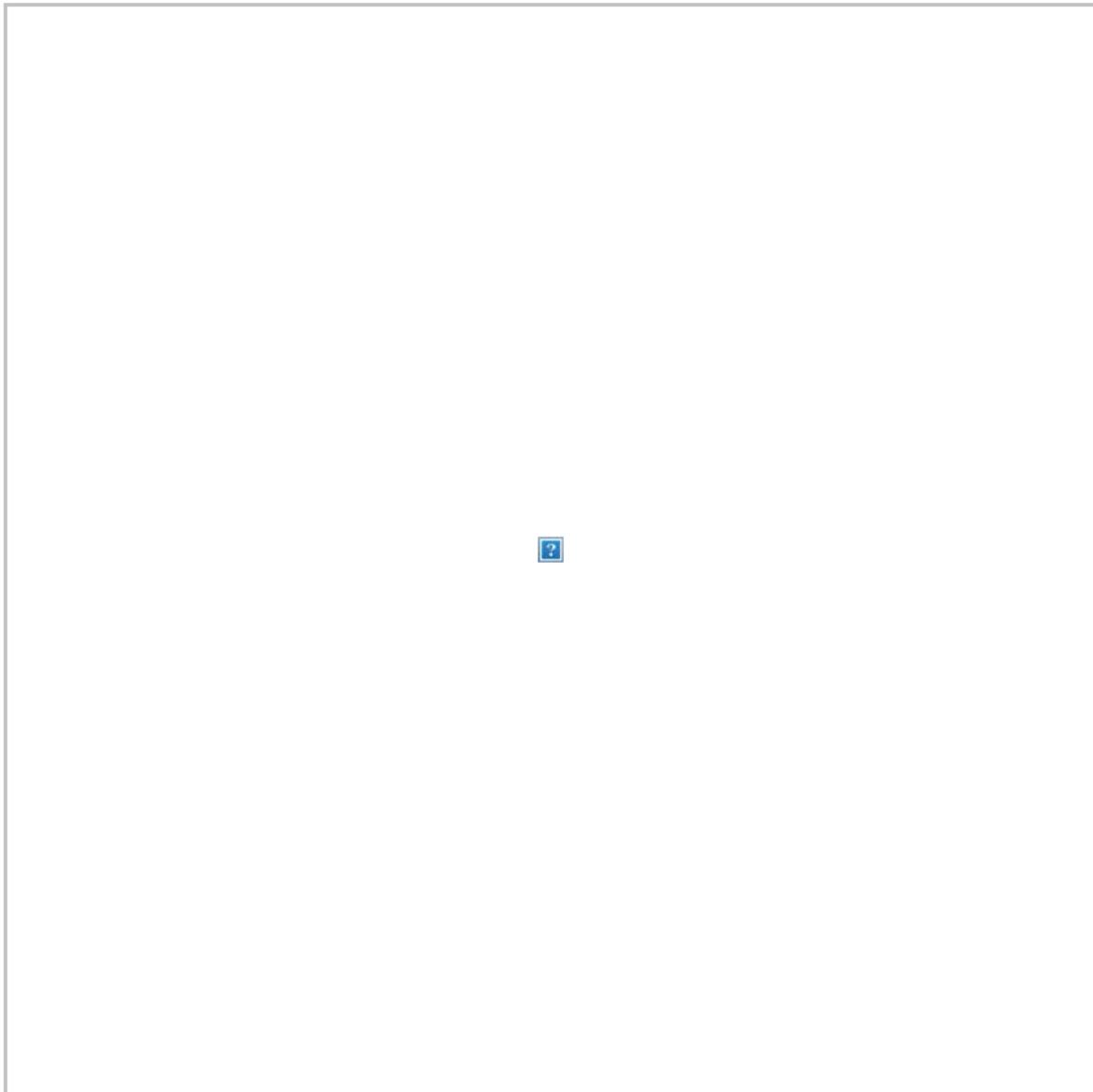
late. Tens of millions of early votes had been cast, and his walk back received a fraction of the attention.



-- **Recalcitrant Republicans definitely [came home](#) in the final days.** Trump [won](#) 88 percent of self-identified Republicans. He wound up doing better than expected in places like the Milwaukee suburbs, where there had been strong pockets of Never Trump resistance. **He wound up garnering 60 percent of white men and 52 percent of white women, according to the exit polls.** He even won college-educated whites!

White evangelicals supported Trump by an 81 percent to 16 percent margin in the exit polls. Compare that to 2004, when George W. Bush pandered to this group by endorsing a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage and still only got 78 percent among this group. Maintaining control of the Supreme Court – with the long-term goal of overturning Roe v. Wade – was definitely one motivator. Trump's list of potential justices reassured many in this bloc who feared him.

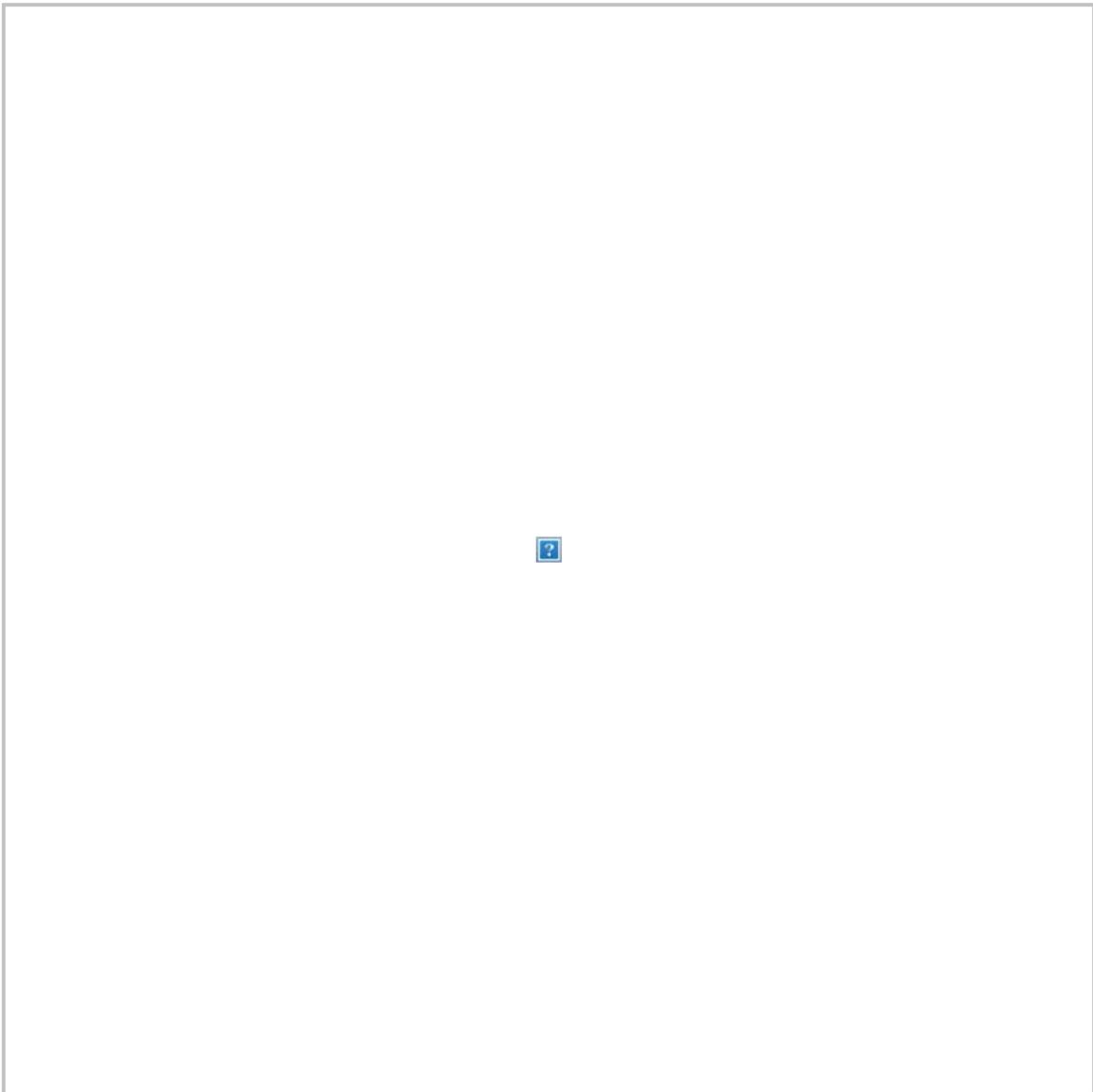
-- **Trump's Rust Belt and rural strategies were smarter than he got credit for.** He really ran up the score outside of urban areas everywhere. Florida, his second home, was [always a pretty good fit](#). He wound up outperforming Romney in 51 counties. Clinton outperformed Obama in just seven.



John Podesta leaves the stage after telling people at the Javits Convention Center to go home early this morning. (Jewel Samad/AFP/Getty Images)

-- **The Clinton campaign blew it.** Top officials on the campaign became way too overconfident and complacent. They believed their own spin. They were measuring the drapes. They had too much confidence in their models, and they chastised anyone who doubted them as bedwetters. Hillary lost the primaries in Wisconsin and Michigan, but she invested little in shoring up her support there until the 11th hour. Her team clearly failed to see the race tightening in both places.

-- **Trump was helped in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania by Republican Senate candidates running great campaigns.** Ron Johnson campaigned with Trump. Pat Toomey avoided ever saying whether he'd vote for him or not. But both first-term incumbents invested heavily in get-out-the-vote efforts that wound up benefitting Trump. The Koch political network steered clear of the presidential but also invested massively in field programs to boost these down-ballot Republicans. Trump certainly helped both senators at the end of the day, but they also helped him.



Hillary Clinton acknowledges the crowd after delivering her acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. (Melina Mara/The Washington Post)

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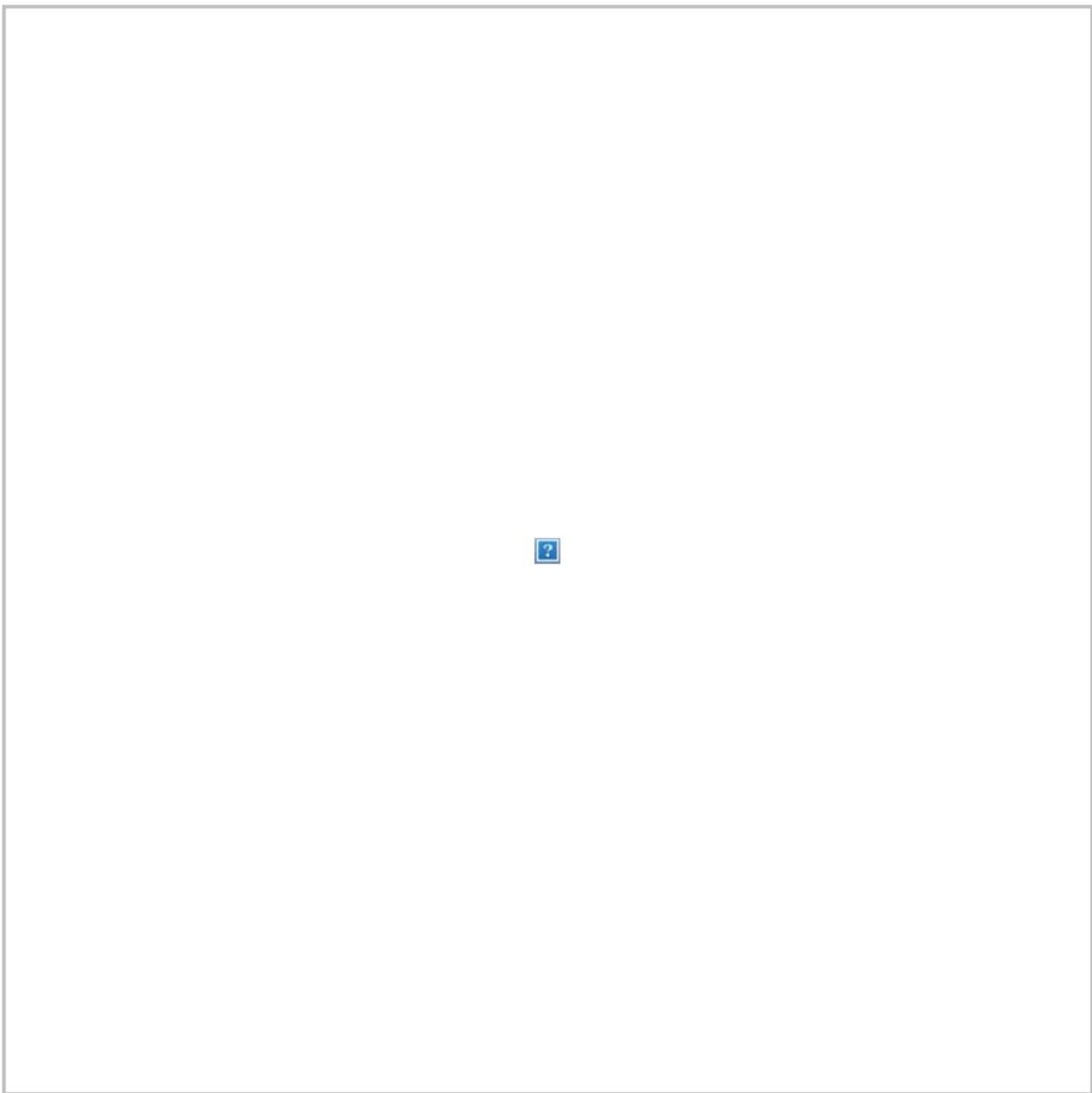


-- **Misogyny also remains alive and well in America. It would be intellectually dishonest to pretend that Clinton's gender did not work against her as she sought to break the ultimate glass ceiling.** Women have never been elected to the top jobs in Ohio and Pennsylvania (governor or senator), and you cannot discount the reality that at least some voters in those places were uncomfortable with a woman as president. Especially in Pennsylvania, where Katie McGinty narrowly lost to Toomey. (Until 2014, Iowa – another Trump state – was also in this ignominious category.)

-- **History was actually always on Trump's side.** One American University professor predicted a GOP victory [this way](#).

**The pendulum swings.** America has a long history of replacing its presidents with someone who is temperamentally the opposite. The hot-headed and brash Trump is the un-Obama in almost every way. Obama, outwardly intellectual and cerebral, was perceived as the opposite of Bush 43, who went with his gut. He was seen as a reaction to Clinton, who was seen as a reaction to his father. Reagan was the un-Jimmy Carter. Nixon was the un-LBJ. Kennedy was the un-Eisenhower. Historian Arthur Schlesinger called this "[cyclical theory](#)."

-- **Just like in the 1930s, many Americans want to turn inward. The Republican coalition is not as hawkish as the neocons who have controlled the party.** Elites freaked out about Trump saying the U.S. might not fulfill its obligations under the NATO charter. It's hard to imagine that cost him a single vote.



Trump campaign manager says 'undercover Trump vote' was real

-- **Some number of Americans were ashamed to tell pollsters that they supported Trump.** Pollsters will have a lot of explaining to do. Speaking to reporters last night, Trump campaign manager Kellyanne Conway (a pollster by training) said “the undercover Trump vote” was real.

Ronald Reagan and Arnold Schwarzenegger, both actors when they ran for governor of California, outperformed polls on Election Day for similar reasons.

There was evidence during the cycle that Trump fared better in online polls and robopolls than live-caller polls because people felt more anonymous when disclosing their preference. Call it the reverse Bradley Effect.

Hillary and Bernie during a rally in Raleigh last Thursday night. (Melina Mara/The Washington Post)</p></p>

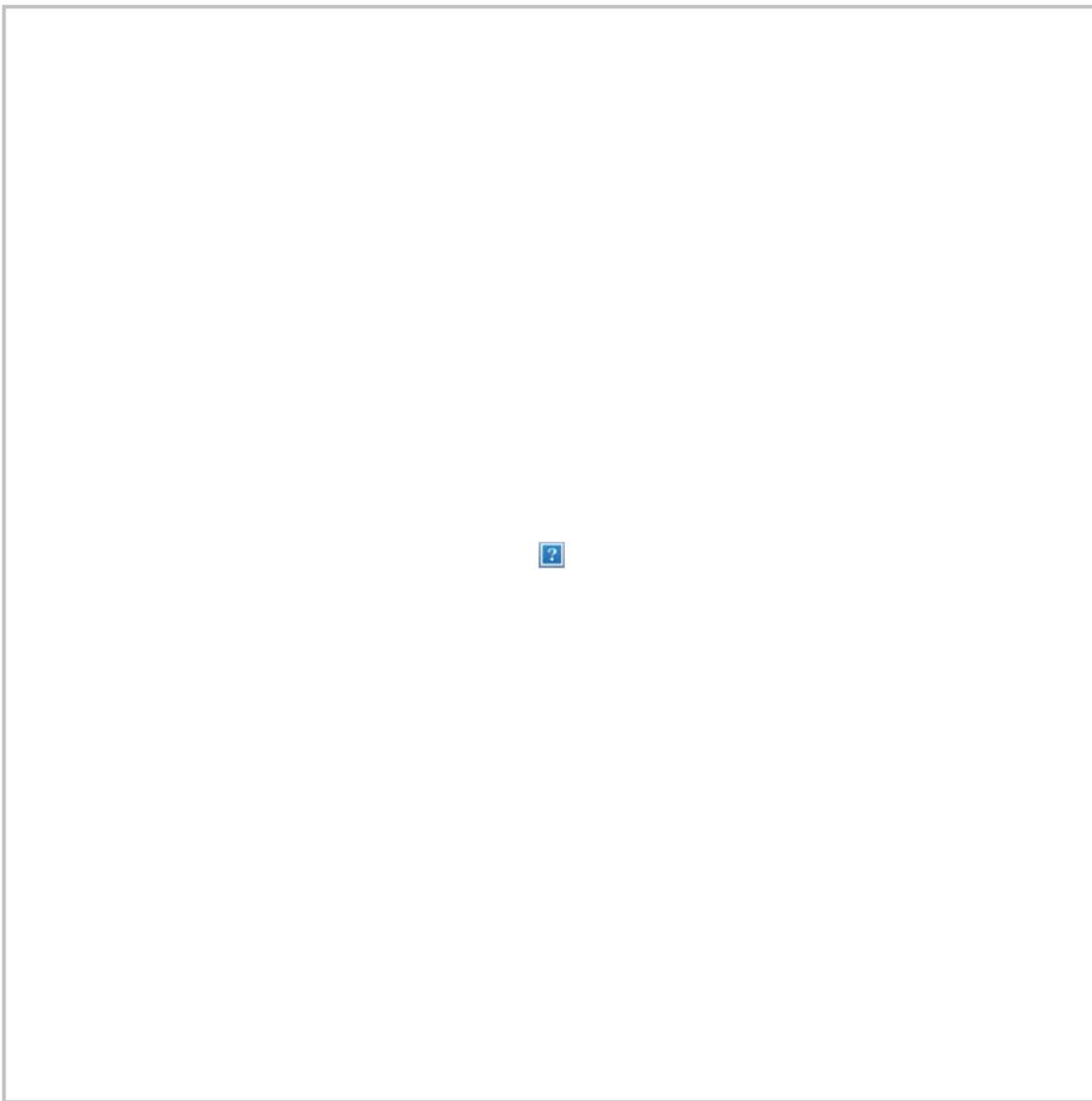


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### **IT IS TRUMP'S WASHINGTON NOW – WHAT'S NEXT?**

-- **The Democratic Party is about to descend into full-scale civil war. It's going to get very ugly.** Who is the head of The Democratic Party come Jan. 21? Just like Bush leaving office in 2009 created a vacuum that allowed for the rise of the tea party movement, Obama leaving office will do the same. Many supporters of Sanders who very reluctantly got onboard the Clinton bandwagon are going to take from yesterday's results that the Democratic Party must nominate an unapologetic and unabashed liberal in 2020. Sanders and Elizabeth Warren are going to have a whole lot more juice than they would have had Clinton won. **There is also no obvious frontrunner for the nomination four years from now – which could mean an especially nasty primary contest.**

**The grassroots of the party will clamor for someone that really excites the left. Indeed, Clinton's palpable enthusiasm problem cannot be overlooked. Her public image has taken a beating for years, and the protracted attacks took a toll.** "It's not the same as Obama," a 55-year old Clinton supporter told [the Boston Globe's](#) Annie Linskey while he waited around at Clinton's "party" last night. "Obama was like a new car coming off the boat. This year you're buying a used car where you know all the problems." Again, this quote comes from someone who was at Clinton's own party...



Pete Wilson 1994 campaign ad on illegal immigration

*Pete Wilson's 1994 "They're coming" ad has doomed the California GOP for more than a generation.*

-- **But Trump's victory may also be Pyrrhic. If he governs as he's campaigned – if he tries to build the wall, if he blocks Muslims from entering the country, etc., etc., etc. – he may relegate Republicans to long-term minority status.** People talk a lot about the lessons of Proposition 187 in California in 1994, which denied public services to undocumented immigrants and which Republican Gov. Pete Wilson latched onto to boost his reelection bid. What people forget is that Prop 187 passed and Wilson won. The Republican Party has just never recovered in the Golden State.

On the other hand, Trump has no clear ideology – only a belief in his own ability to solve problems. He could surprise a lot of people by being a pragmatist who cuts deals with fellow New Yorker Chuck Schumer, to the great chagrin of his base.

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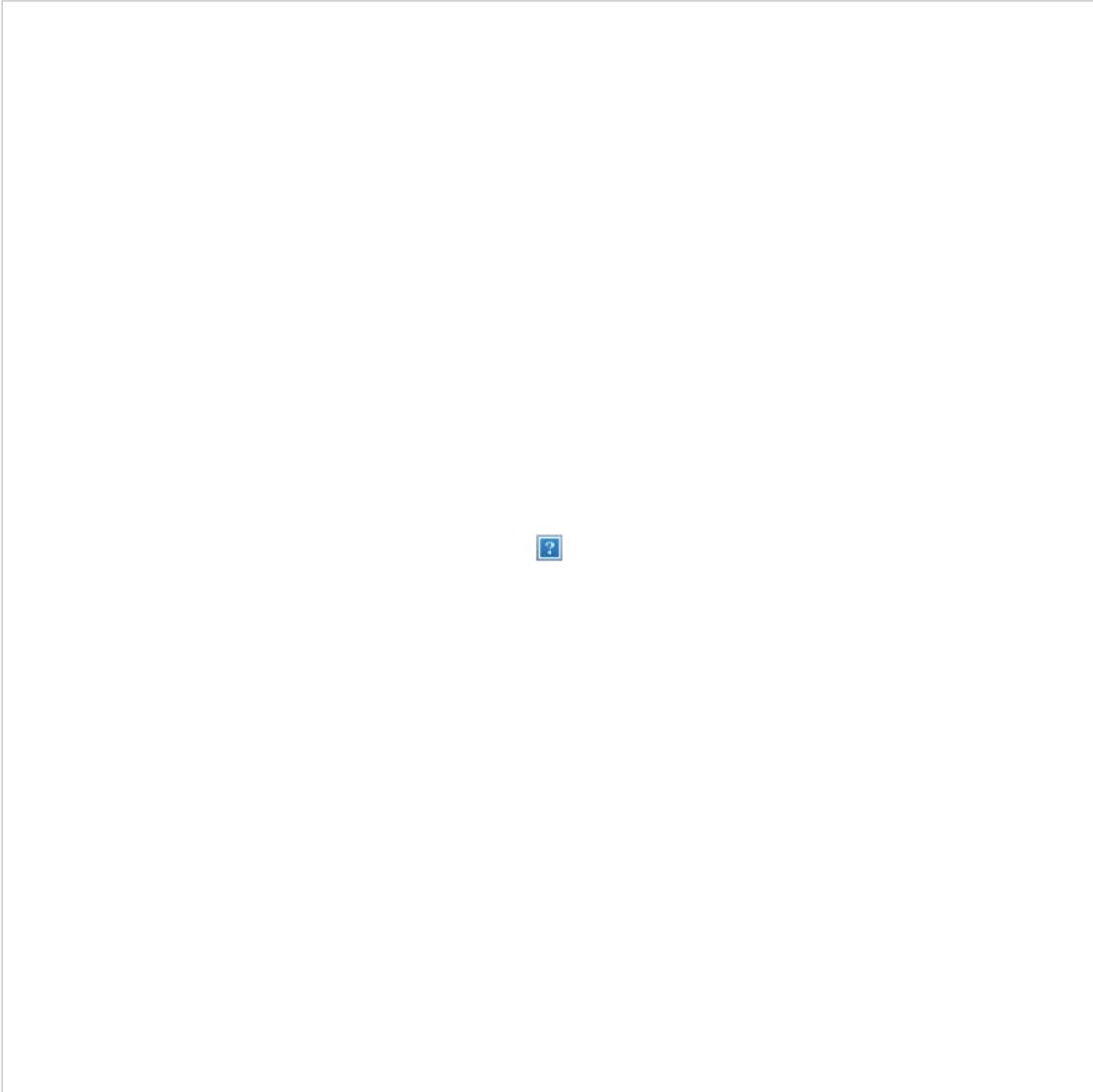
Trump congratulates Clinton, calls for country to come together

#### **WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:**

-- **"From the White House residence, the President phoned Donald Trump to congratulate him on his victory early this morning," Josh Earnest said in a statement.** "The President also called Secretary Clinton and expressed admiration for the strong campaign she waged throughout the country. The President will make a statement on Wednesday at the White House to discuss the election results and what steps we can take as a country to come together after this hard-fought election season. **The President invited the President-elect to meet with him at the White House on Thursday, November 10th,** to update him on the transition planning his team has been working on for nearly a year. Ensuring a smooth transition of power is one of the top priorities the President identified at the beginning of the year and a meeting with the President-elect is the next step."

-- **Trump addressed supporters in New York shortly before 3 a.m., sounding a magnanimous note for reconciliation after Clinton called him to concede.** From [Karen Tumulty, Philip Rucker and Anne Gearan](#): "Hillary has worked very long and very hard over a long period of time and we owe her a major debt of gratitude for her service to our country," Trump said. "I mean that very sincerely. Now it's time for America to bind the wounds of division. We have to get together. To all Republicans, Democrats and independents across this nation, I say it is time for us to come together as one united people." Under his administration, he said, "America will no longer settle for anything less than the best." And he promised foreign countries that

“while we were always put America’s interests first, we will deal fairly with everyone,” adding: “We will seek common ground, not hostility.” He also thanked Melania and his children for their patience, saying, “This was tough. This was tough. This political stuff is nasty and it’s tough.” ([Here's an annotated transcript of Trump's speech.](#))



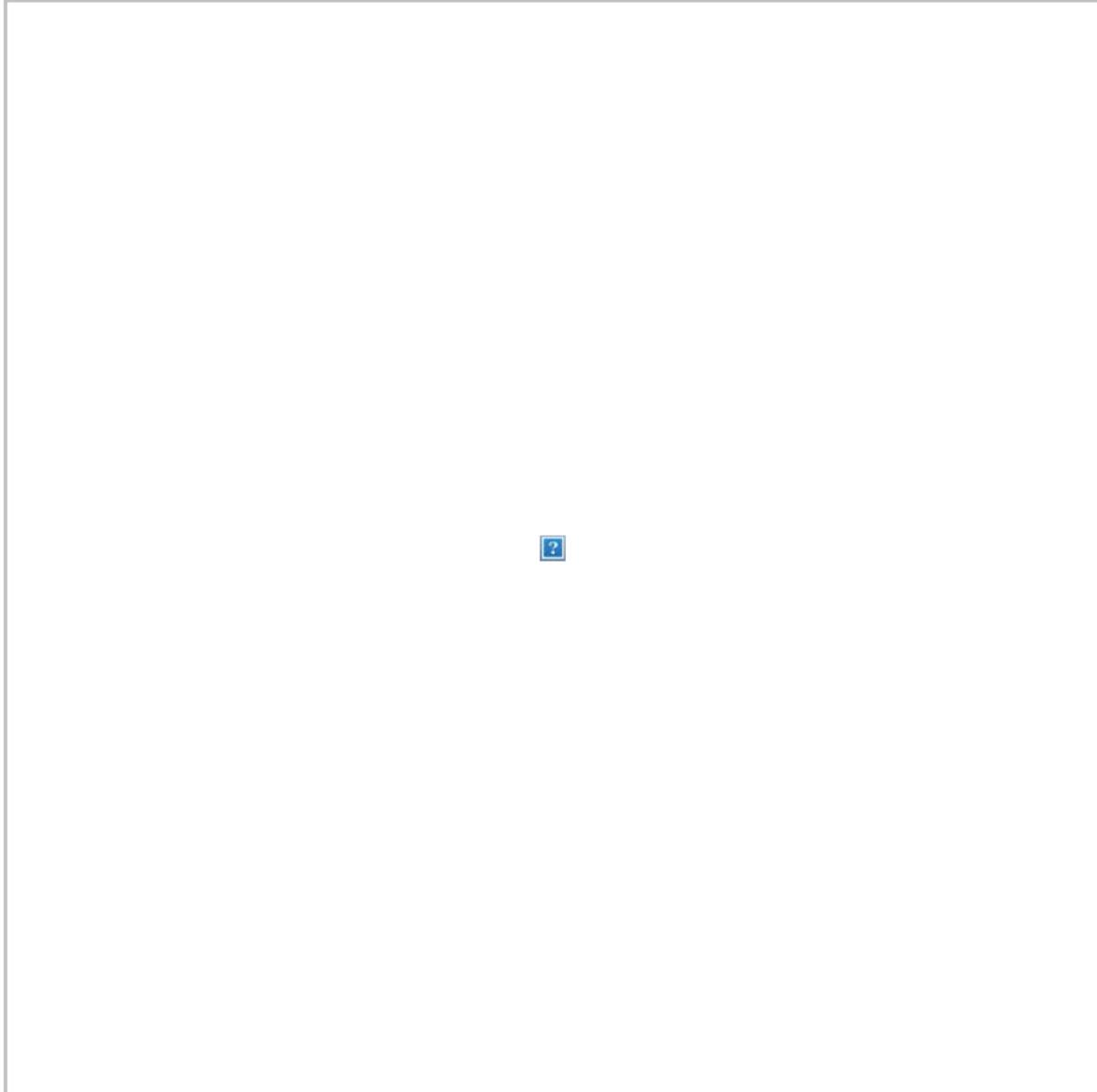
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-- **Trump campaign manager Kellyanne Conway said Clinton’s concession call was “very gracious”:** “I looked down at my phone and I saw Huma Abedin on it,” Conway told reporters, saying they both “commended each other on a well-fought campaign.”

-- **Paul Ryan called Trump early this morning to congratulate him, calling his victory a “repudiation of the status quo”:** “I want to congratulate [Trump] on his incredible victory. It marks a repudiation of the status quo of failed liberal progressive policies,” Ryan said. “We are eager to work hand-in-hand with the new administration to advance an agenda to improve the lives of the American people. This has been a great night for our party, and now we must turn our focus to bringing the country together.”

-- **Mitch McConnell congratulated Trump on his “historic election”:** “After eight years of the Obama administration, the American people have chosen a new direction for our nation. President-elect Trump has a significant opportunity to bring our nation together,” he said in a statement. “It is my hope and intent that we succeed in the years ahead by working together with our colleagues across the aisle to strengthen our national

and economic security.”



A group of women react as voting results come in at Clinton's election night event at the Javits Convention Center in New York. (Drew Angerer/Getty Images)

-- **A very different scene played out inside the Javits Center, where the "once-jovial atmosphere" grew darker and darker as the night wore on.** "Senior Clinton aides, who had been circulating among the press risers, had long since disappeared and stopped answering their phones. The only Clinton staff in evidence as the 11 o'clock hour approached were fairly junior aides, looking nervous and uncertain. By midnight, supporters were streaming out the exits. Many of those who remained were in tears. 'I'm actually speechless right now,' said a dejected Julia Beatty, 38, who left the Javits Center with her Clinton sticker peeling off her leather jacket. **'I just want to make it safely uptown so I can sob into a glass of wine.'**"

-- **Hundreds of Clinton supporters who had gathered outside the White House to celebrate her victory stood in stunned silence as poll results began coming in.** Here's the vantage point of one: "Minister Carol Kelly, 64, and seminary student Bettina Hindes, came to Lafayette Park to help sing in what they thought would be a new Democratic regime. Their excitement quickly turned into depression. They sang along with the Avaaz activists — songs like 'God Bless America.' The hymns sounded more funereal than celebratory, however ... Kelly, who is from College Park, said she had expected to 'put this polarizing election behind us and move toward progress' after the voting. 'But I'm concerned if Trump is president we won't get that. He's

so divisive,' Kelly said. "It is so disheartening ... It's time to head home.'" ([T. Rees Shapiro, Arelis R. Hernández and Jasper Scherer](#))



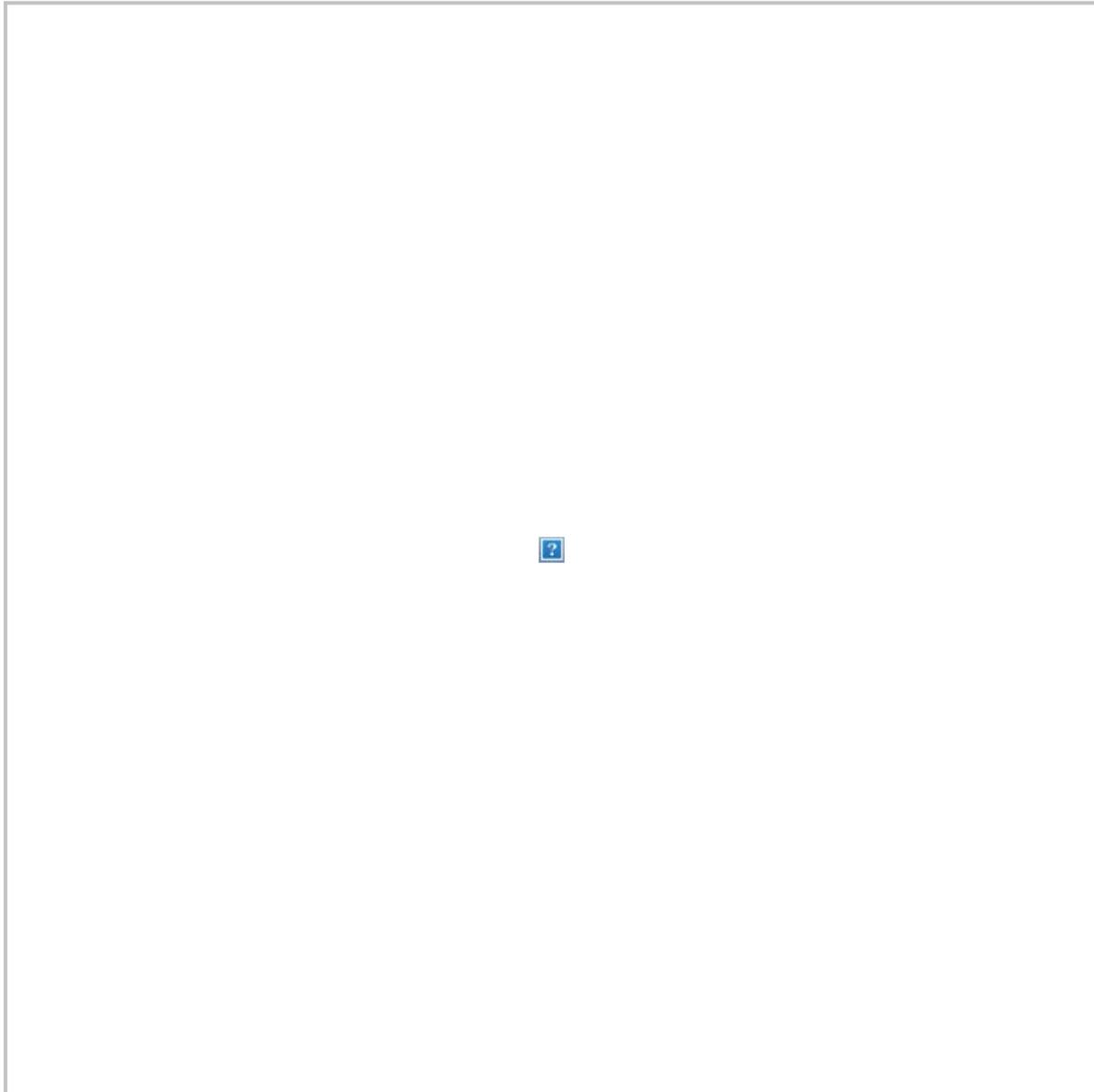
A trader in Frankfurt, Germany reacts as a television news report shows Trump speaking. (Alex Kraus/Bloomberg)

#### **THE MARKETS TANK:**

-- **Global financial markets convulsed as Trump steadily climbed to victory, with all three major stock market index futures down by four percent or more by late evening.** From [Ylan Q. Mui and Simon Denyer](#): "Dow Jones industrial average futures slid more than 700 points at one point. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index sank more than 100 points, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq dropped over 200 points. Anxious investors sought out the safety of gold instead, sending the precious metal soaring 3.6 percent." Global leaders were also rattled, with Japan's Nikkei index plunging more than 800 points, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index losing 650 points. Meanwhile, the Mexican peso nosedived to an eight-year low."

-- **"The possibility of a Trump victory makes investors anxious for a couple of reasons,"** [Max Ehrenfreund](#) **explains:** "For one, investors are unsure of what, exactly, Trump would do if elected, since he wavered between various economic policies on the campaign trail. **Moody Analytics' Mark Zandi predicts if Trump were able to implement his agenda in full, the economy would enter a two-year recession and**

**see unemployment rates spike to 7.4 percent.** Another cause for concern among economists is Trump's proposal for heavy tariffs on goods imported from China and Mexico, reducing spending and slowing down the U.S. economy overall."



Russian President Vladimir Putin celebrates Trump's victory this morning in the Kremlin. (Sputnik)

#### **THE WORLD RESPONDS:**

-- **Vladimir Putin congratulated Trump, expressing his "hope to work together for removing Russian-American relations from their crisis state" in a telegram.** Members of the largely pro-Kremlin house of parliament reportedly broke into applause after his victory. ([AP](#))

-- **The world gasped in collective disbelief after Trump's victory on Wednesday, with apprehensive allies seeking to put a brave face on a result they had dreaded and American adversaries exulting in an outcome they see as a potential turning point in global affairs, [Simon Denyer and Griff Witte](#) report.** "Within minutes of Trump's triumph, congratulatory messages to the Republican nominee poured in from leaders around the world, both friend and foe alike ... But beneath the assurances was a deep anxiety that Trump's win could unsettle the global order. The terms 'shock' and 'nightmare,' which were trending on Twitter in Germany, appeared to reflect the sentiment among many observers and politicians in Berlin. Concerns were also sharp in Brussels, the headquarters of NATO and the European Union, where Trump had

been universally opposed, as well as in key Asian strategic allies such as Japan and South Korea. But China's state media chortled at how the elections revealed the decline of American democracy. "The probably most divisive and scandalous election in American history has eroded voters' faith in the two-party system, as many voters called it a game of money, power, and influence," wrote state-run news agency Xinhua."

-- **France's National Front party leader Marine Le Pen warmly congratulated Trump on Wednesday, "Congratulations to the new president of the United States Donald Trump and to the free American people!" she said on Twitter.** France's National Front has been building support for its anti-immigration, anti-European Union stance in recent years, [Reuters](#) notes.

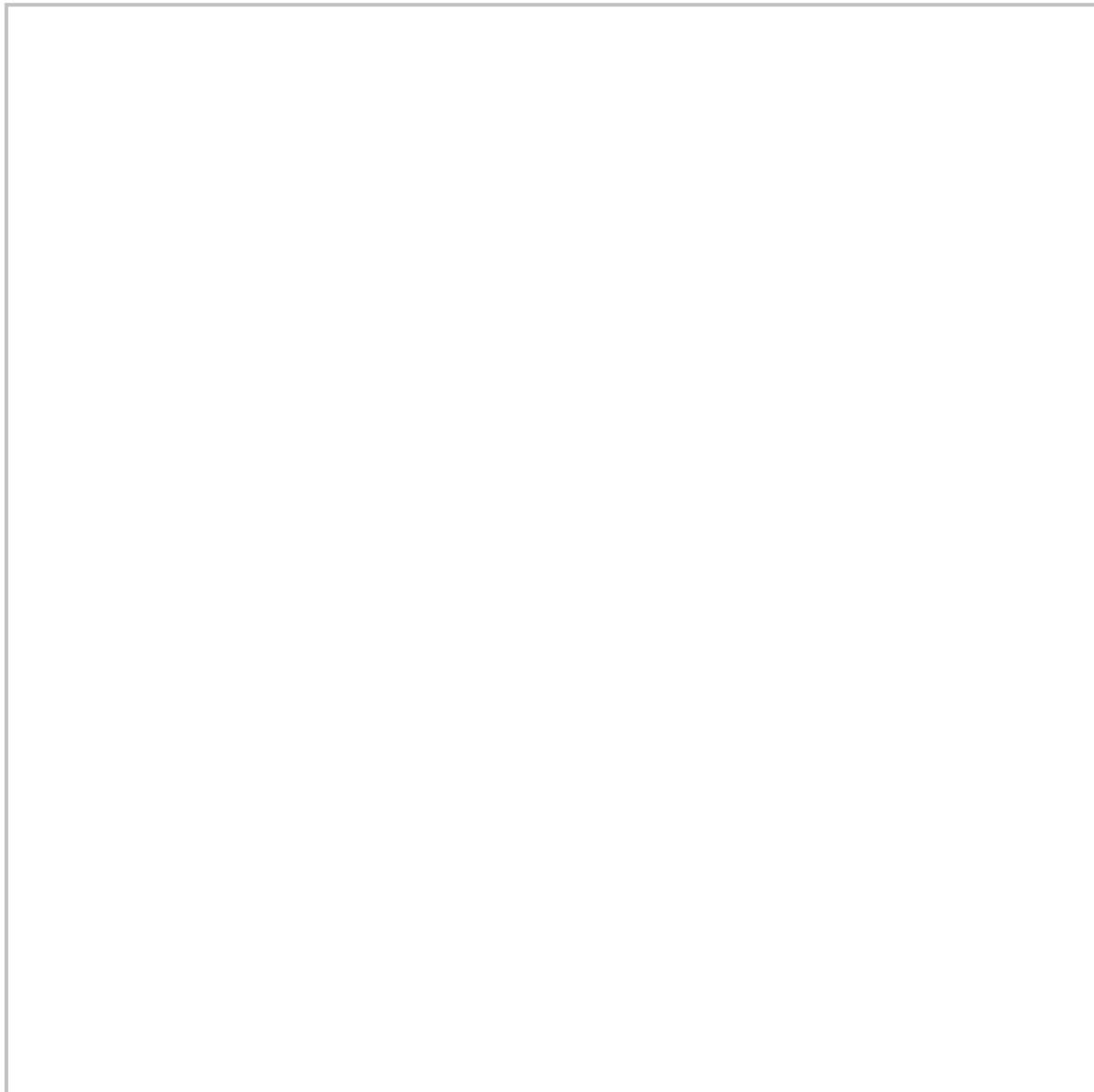
-- **The Vatican's secretary of state cardinal wished Trump well, saying he would pray for the new incumbent to be "enlightened."** "We pledge to pray that God enlightens him and supports him in the service of his country of course, but also in the service of wellbeing and peace in the world," Pietro Parolin said. "I think today everyone needs to work to change the global situation, which is one of deep laceration and serious conflict." ([Reuters](#))

-- **"Canada has no closer friend, partner, and ally than the United States," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau [said in a statement](#).** "We look forward to working very closely with President-elect Trump, his administration, and with the United States Congress in the years ahead, including on issues such as trade, investment, and international peace and security.

-- **Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu congratulated Trump, calling him a "true friend of Israel":** "I am confident that President-elect Trump and I will continue to strengthen the unique alliance between our two countries and bring it to ever greater heights," he [said in a statement](#).

-- **"A Trump foreign policy, based on his statements, will bring an intense 'realist' focus on U.S. national interests and a rejection of costly U.S. engagements abroad," [Post foreign affairs columnist David Ignatius](#) writes. "It will likely bring these changes":**

- **A move to improve relations with Russia:** Trump stressed repeatedly during the campaign, at some political cost, that he would work with President Vladimir Putin.
- **A joint military effort with Russia and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to defeat ISIS:** "If Russia and the United States got along well and went after ISIS, that would be good," he said during the second presidential debate.
- **An attempt to alter the terms of trade in Asia by renegotiating trade pacts** and forcing China to revalue its currency.
- **A new push for European allies to pay more for their own defense:** "It's unlikely that Trump will dismantle NATO, as critics charged during the campaign. But he never retreated from an April 27 speech in which he said 'the U.S. must be prepared to let these countries defend themselves,' even if that means letting them acquire nuclear weapons."



Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio acknowledges the cheers from supporters after winning a second term in office. (AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

**IT WAS THE BEST CASE SCENARIO FOR DOWN-BALLOT REPUBLICANS--**

**IN THE SENATE:**

- Only Mark Kirk went down in Illinois, to Tammy Duckworth.
- Kelly Ayotte is clinging to a 1,500 vote lead in New Hampshire against Democratic Gov. Maggie Hassan, with 93 percent of votes counted.
- Pat Toomey won the most expensive Senate race ever in Pennsylvania.
- Richard Burr survived in North Carolina, running slightly ahead of Deborah Ross.
- Roy Blunt narrowly survived because Trump ran so strong in Missouri.
- John McCain coasted in Arizona.
- Democrat Catherine Cortez Masto will succeed Hary Reid in Nevada, becoming the first Latina senator

ever.

-- Kamala Harris, an African American woman, easily won the race to succeed Barbara Boxer in California.

#### AND IN THE HOUSE:

-- **Republicans also maintained a comfortable majority, poised to lose only a handful of seats that fall far below the double-digit losses predicted by some.** From [Mike DeBonis](#): "Democrats seized four redrawn, GOP-held districts in Florida and Virginia and ousted incumbents in a few more. But they could not unseat Republicans in key districts across the country, including suburban seats that they thought they could win easily with Trump on the ticket. In the Northern Virginia suburbs, Rep. Barbara Comstock (R) fended off a strong challenge that generated \$6 million in television spending in the past week alone. Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R) handily won a Miami-area district that Democrats targeted for months. And Rep. Mike Coffman (R) was able to separate himself from Trump in a diverse pocket of the Denver suburbs."

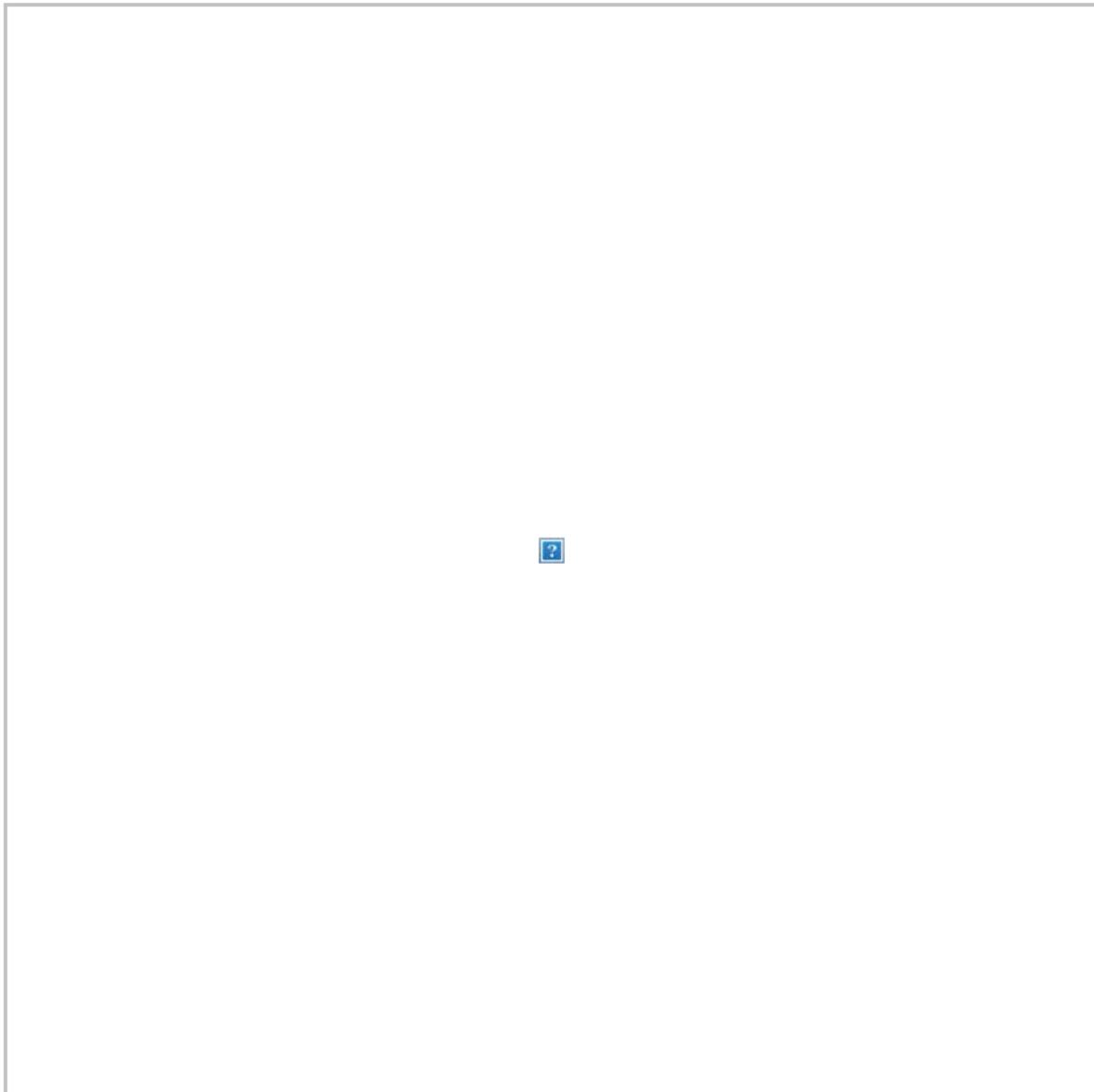
-- **Democrats edged out victories in a few districts:** "Reps. Scott Garrett (R-N.J.) and Bob Dold (R-Ill.) lost, and Democrats claimed a pair of GOP-held seats in Nevada. In New Hampshire's first district, Democrat Carol Shea-Porter defeated Republican incumbent Frank Guinta. But they struck out in many more."

#### EXIT POLL BREAKDOWN:

-- **"The composition of the 2016 electorate was similar to that of the 2012 voting population. But Trump was performing exceptionally well among white voters, while Clinton was doing less well among nonwhite voters than [Obama] did four years ago,"** per [Rosalind S. Helderman, Philip Bump and Scott Clement](#). "In general, a pattern appeared to be taking hold across a number of key battleground states late Tuesday: **In places where Obama won, Clinton appeared to be winning as well — but often by significantly less. Where Romney won, Trump won, too — but his margins were much bigger.**" Among nonwhite voters, Clinton led Trump by 54 points -- a whopping advantage, but less than Obama's 61-point lead four years ago.

-- **Across Florida, in counties that were under 60 percent white, Clinton was performing about 2.5 percentage points worse than Obama and Trump was doing a bit less than a percentage point better than Romney.** "In counties that are three-quarters white, Clinton was down 4.8 points versus the president and Trump up 3.1 points," [Philip Bump](#) notes. "And preliminary exit poll data shows that Trump got about as much support from Republicans as Clinton did from Democrats — not atypical for a presidential candidate, but something that seemed to be unlikely even a few weeks ago. Those same exit polls also suggest that Clinton's margin among nonwhite voters was a little over 50 points, down from the 61-point margin Obama enjoyed in 2012. These margins are friendlier to Trump than they were expected to be."

-- **There was a dramatic shift in party support at nearly every income level:** "Historically, lower-income voters have tended to support Democrats, and wealthier voters leaned more Republican. But income correlates with education, which strongly divided voters this cycle," [NYT analysts](#) noted.



Trump supporters cheer during the election night event at the New York Hilton Midtown. (Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images)

#### **MORE ON HOW TRUMP DID IT:**

-- **[“How Trump won: The insiders tell their story.”](#)** In four dozen interviews over the course of this year’s presidential campaign, Dan Balz and Philip Rucker chronicle Trump’s rise to success: “By the spring of this year, it was clear that Americans were heading into one of the ugliest, most consequential and often bizarre presidential campaigns in memory. Donald Trump would become the improbable Republican nominee, and Democrat Hillary Clinton the first woman to head a major-party ticket. Their clash challenged Americans to confront divisions over race, gender, ideology and our very national identity. This is how the race unfolded, as retold by the people who lived it. This oral history is based on four dozen on-the-record interviews with campaign advisers and other key players, conducted during the final two weeks.”

--**“Rejected by the elites from the very start of his career as a real estate developer in Manhattan in the 1970s, Trump had a lifetime of resentments that he had reacted to with searing attacks against his enemies and often-successful revenge plays against those who believed they were better than he,”** says **[The Post’s Marc Fisher](#)**. “The big real estate developer families in New York had long sneered at Trump as a brash, nasty, nouveau riche intruder on a business that took pride in doing things quietly and diplomatically. The banks treated him like an out-of-control adolescent who needed to be reined in and taught a lesson. The

politicians humored him, then scrambled to be by his side to catch some of his reflected fame. Trump beat them all back, again and again, by appealing to the people, his customers, his admirers. On Tuesday, he reached [the] final step in a half-century-long ascent.

**What he plans to do with his newfound power, even he does not know:** “Asked earlier this year if he has spent much time preparing to actually be president, Trump admitted that his focus had been solely on the campaign. ‘I’m all about the hunt and the chase,’ he said. ‘When I get something I really wanted, I sometimes lose interest in it.’ **Trump has 73 days until his inauguration.**”

-- **“How the stampede for big money enabled Donald Trump’s rise,”** by [Matea Gold](#): “The hunt for big dollars began in January 2015 outside Palm Springs, Calif. ... [where] the emerging crop of Republican presidential candidates jockeyed to impress the millionaires and billionaires who make up the Koch political network. In the end, there would be plenty of big checks to go around. And rich benefactors, it turned out, would have a limited ability to keep their chosen candidates aloft. But the all-consuming pursuit of mega-donors had a deeper, more fundamental effect on the 2016 presidential race. **The magnet of six- and seven-figure contributions tugged at the early White House front-runners in both parties, reshaping their political strategies and their early priorities. It drew them away from the campaign trail, leaving them vulnerable to the fiercely populist mood gripping voters — and to a candidate on the GOP side, Donald Trump, uniquely positioned to harness that anger ...**”

-- **“What Trump has done is nothing short of cataclysmic,”** [Chris Cillizza writes](#). “He has fundamentally reshaped the political map. He has broken the Republican Party into pieces — and its shards still remain scattered everywhere. He has proven that the political polling and punditry industries need a deep re-examination. But, even more than all that, Trump’s victory reveals that many of the assumptions that people have long made about who we are as a country and what we want out of our politicians, our political system and each other are, frankly, wrong.”

**“Trump’s candidacy was premised on the idea that everyone — politicians, reporters, corporations — is lying to you, and lying to you to feather their own nests,”** [Chris adds](#). It was a Holden Caulfield campaign: Everyone, except Trump and his supporters, were phonies. In short: Trump played on the deep alienation and anxiety coursing through the country. A prevailing sense that things were so screwed up that radical change — and make no mistake that is what Trump cast himself as in this contest — was the only option left. **How Trump happened then, while remarkable, can be understood and analyzed. What Trump will do as president is a far more difficult question to answer.**”

-- **“Big elections are supposed to help settle some of (the big) disputes, or at least point a direction for the new leader,”** [Balz writes](#). “Yet, as the campaign ended Tuesday, the question remained as to what had been resolved, if anything. Everyone knew the campaign was unlike anything they had seen in the past. Everyone wanted it to end. **Now it falls to Trump, the unlikely winner of the most traumatic election in memory, to chart the course ahead and try, if he can, to prove that he can lift the whole country out of its morass and make Washington work.**”

-- **“Usually elections bring a measure of closure ... [But] you wonder if anyone will even bother this time,”** [Mark Leibovich writes in the Times](#). “At the very least, I’ll offer a small proposal, take it or leave it. Maybe the purest act of patriotism involves well-meaning citizens redoubling their efforts at being respectful, compassionate and decent in their everyday lives. It’s what we can control, after all, our small gift to democracy, beyond all the noise and fallout that our politics inflicted in 2016. We toast to our endurance and maybe our resilience, too. We survived the rough trip to Nov. 8, and now we unpack.”

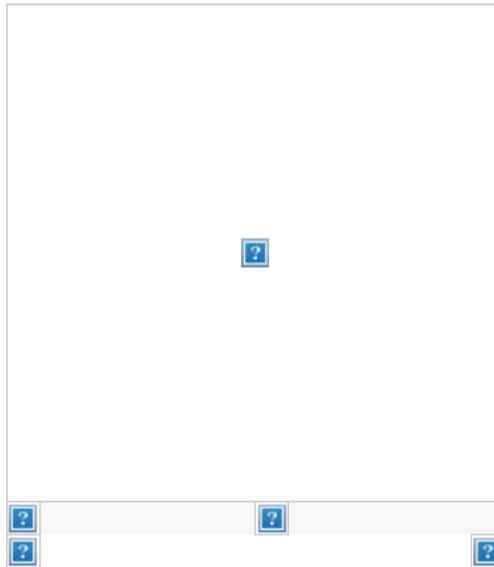
-- **“The new president will face immense and unrelenting challenges from Day One,”** [The Post’s Editorial Board writes](#). “He inherits a world in which liberal democracy is in retreat and U.S. leadership is doubted. The Middle East is in turmoil, North Korea’s nuclear arsenal is growing, Russia and China are flexing their muscles. At home, President Obama bequeaths an economy in generally good health but facing problems: slow growth, stubborn inequality, long-term stress on the federal budget. ... Americans are not and have never been united by blood or creed, but by allegiance to a democratic system of government that shares power, cherishes the rule of law and respects the dignity of individuals. We hope our newly elected president will show respect for that system. Americans must stand ready to support him if he does, and to support the system whether he does or does not.”

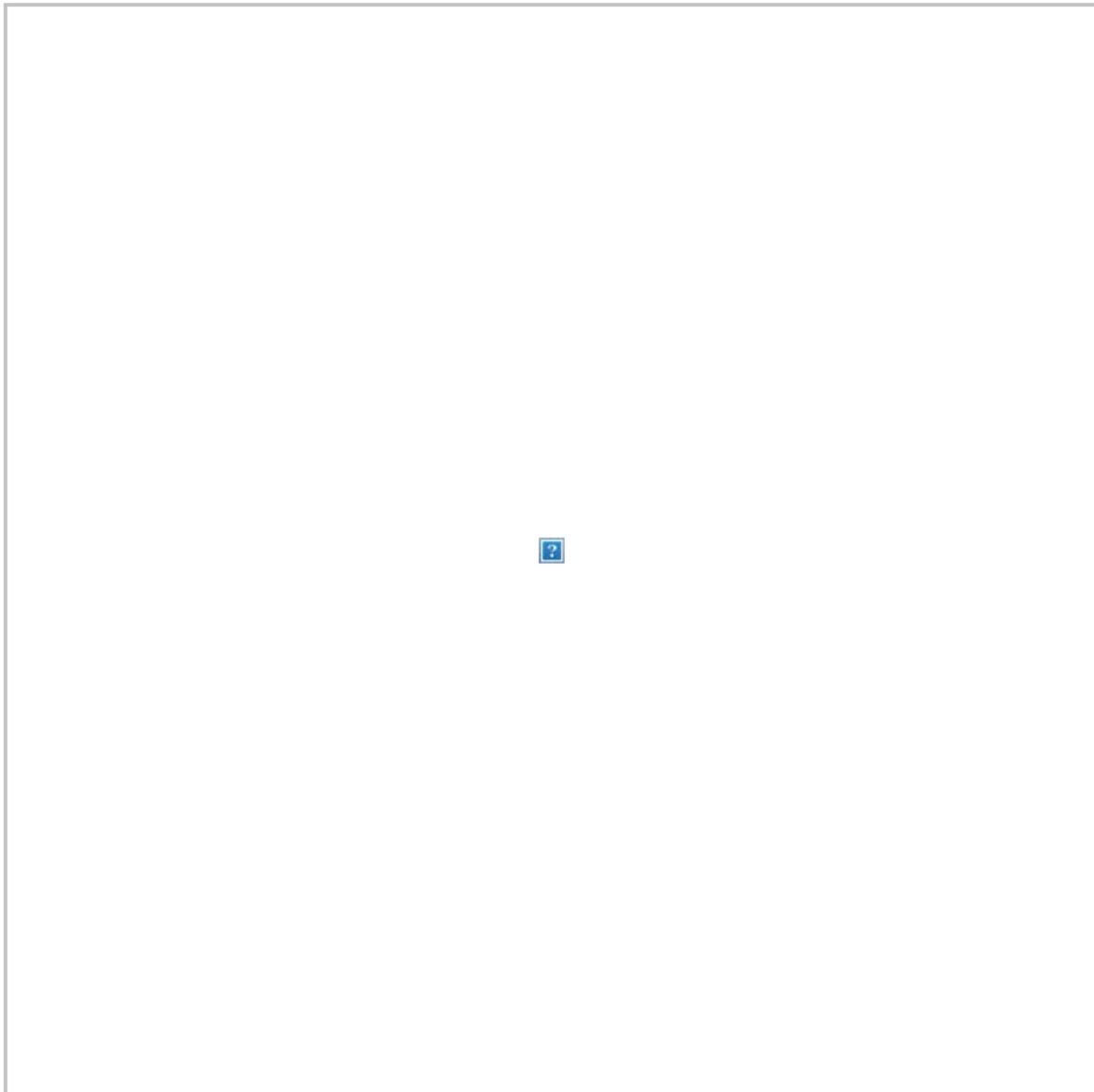
-- **“Baker Melissa Alt showed up unbidden at Trump Tower on Election Day with a 40-pound cake in the form of a Donald Trump bust ... But there was something wrong with the chocolate confection,”**

[Dana Milbank](#) writes. “Alt was aiming to reproduce Trump’s pout, but she wound up making him look startled and sad. After Tuesday night, that’s the exact expression worn by tens of millions of Americans and countless more across the globe. When [John Podesta] appeared ... on the Fox News screens in the room to say Clinton wasn’t yet conceding, Trump’s supporters punched fists in the air and raised middle fingers at the screens. More cases of beer were wheeled in. Next to the bar, the Trump cake still looked worried. **Maybe the human Trump should worry, too. He stirred up racial and religious hatred and stoked gender and class resentments, validated conspiracy theorists and the racist alt-right, employed a vast oeuvre of untruths and promised followers an unachievable agenda. How does he govern now?**”

-- “**On Saturdays in synagogues across the United States, Jews recite a prayer for our country. In my synagogue, the custom is that the congregation stands, and says the prayer in unison,**” Post columnist [Ruth Marcus](#) writes. “**Until [Trump’s] run for the presidency, this moment in the liturgy felt like boilerplate.** It was a nice expression of patriotism; certainly, in the edgy days after Sept. 11, our country felt in need of joint and fervent prayer. But its exhortations to justice and tolerance seemed superfluous. No one could disagree with them. **Until Trump, and Trump’s divisive rhetoric, upended the assumption that politicians of both parties share an essential platform of agreement on matters of basic decency, of respect for those of other religions and backgrounds ...** And until Trump’s election made the prayer for our country all the more relevant — and all the more imperative.”

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Mike Voss high-fives Jim Geldrich as they hear a television report projecting Trump winning Wisconsin in West Bend, Wis. (John Ehlke/West Bend Daily News via AP)

#### **COVERAGE FROM THE BATTLEFIELDS:**

-- **“Trump's victory in Wisconsin makes him the first Republican since 1984 to carry the state,”** the [Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel's Craig Gilbert](#) writes. “According to exit polls, 63% of voters [view him unfavorably]. But 21% of those voters who dislike him still voted for him — a testament to their hunger to shake things up.” White, blue-collar voters made up the demographic core of Trump’s support, supporting him by far larger margins (31 points) than Romney in 2012 (8 points.) “The most staggering divide Tuesday was the one between white college women (Clinton won them by 21 points) and white non-college men (Trump won them by 44 points). That gap was twice as big as it was in the 2012 presidential race. Trump also won rural voters by 29 points — far more than Romney four years ago, capturing a long list of small counties that [Obama] won in both of his elections.

-- **“Across [Iowa], election returns suggest Trump comfortably carried Republican areas while making significant gains in toss-up counties and places where Democrats previously ran up meaningful margins,”** the [Des Moines Register's Jason Noble](#) writes. “Clinton won the state's urban centers but badly underperformed Obama's victories in 2012 ... [Meanwhile], Trump nearly won in Scott County — the county containing Iowa's Quad Cities that Obama won by almost 14 percentage points four years ago. **Trump**

**cruised to victory in Des Moines County — a Mississippi River county encompassing the old industrial city of Burlington that Obama won by better than 18 points in 2012. It was a similar story in Jasper County, a blue-collar county that Obama carried by more than 7 percentage points.**In Iowa's five northwestern-most counties, the state's social-conservative heartland where Republicans routinely win with 70 percent of the vote or better, Trump outpaced the party's 2012 showing.

-- **Trump's Florida victory was a "microcosm" of what unfolded nationwide.** From [Politico's Marc Caputo](#): "Despite losing big to Clinton in diverse, urban areas of south Florida, Trump dominated in every other corner of the state and outperformed past Republican candidates with older, white and blue collar voters. Despite [Clinton's] large margins in Miami/Dade County and Broward County, Trump ran up the score elsewhere in the state -- from the Deep South Panhandle to the interior of Florida to peninsula's southwest, a bastion of working-class whites and retirees from the Midwest. ... By the end of the night, Trump's lead was so big that, even if turnout in Florida was modeled at 80 percent – far higher than recent elections – Clinton would still not win if she beat Trump by double digits."

-- **The Raleigh News and Observer's Tim Funk:** "The polls that forecast a close race and the targeted wooing by the candidates and their campaigns were testaments to the fact that North Carolina is a rapidly changing state – demographically and politically. But North Carolina was a sea of Republican red as Trump carried virtually all of the suburban and rural counties outside the state's big cities, including some that [Obama] won in 2012."



People embrace at Clinton's election night event at the Javits Center in New York. (Jonathan Newton/The Washington Post)

#### **LET THE MEDIA CRITICISM BEGIN:**

-- **"To put it bluntly, the media missed the story,"** [Post columnist Margaret Sullivan](#) writes. "In the end, a huge number of American voters wanted something different. And although these voters shouted and screamed it, most journalists just weren't listening. They didn't get it. They didn't get that the huge, enthusiastic crowds at [Trump's] rallies would really translate into that many votes. They couldn't believe that the America they knew could embrace someone who mocked a disabled man, bragged about sexually assaulting women, and spouted misogyny, racism and anti-Semitism. It would be too horrible. ... Trump — who called journalists scum and corrupt — alienated us so much that we couldn't see what was before our eyes. We just kept checking our favorite prognosticating sites, and feeling reassured, even though everyone knows that poll results are not votes. **Make no mistake. This is an epic fail. And although eating crow is never appealing, we'll be digesting feathers and beaks in the next weeks and months — and maybe years.** The strange thing, of course, is that the media helped to give Trump his chance."

... **Except for a handful of fringe-right news outlets that, at all odds, had correctly predicted the movement all along.** From [Paul Farhi](#): "Election Day began hopefully for the clarions of the right, the conservative media outlets that have championed Trump's long-shot candidacy for months and hated on Hillary Clinton for years. "Trump could win, they said. Trump would win, they asserted — a breast-beating prediction with more than a little vested interest behind it. A Trump victory, after all, would boost the prestige and profile of the conservative media and make de facto establishment figures out of some of its leading journalists. And slowly at first, the poll-defying assertions began to seem like prescience as the evening wore on."

-- **The Huffington Post ended its editor's note calling Trump a "serial liar, rampant xenophobe, racist, misogynist and birther" that for months had accompanied every Trump article posted on the site.** A staff note from Huffpost's Washington Bureau Chief Ryan Grim on Tuesday evening said the decision to remove the note was for a "clean slate". "The thinking is that (assuming he wins) that he's now president and we're going to start with a clean slate," Grim said. "If he governs in a racist, misogynistic way, we reserve the right to add it back on. This would be giving respect to the office of the presidency which Trump and his backers never did." ([Politico](#))

#### **WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF THE GOP?**

-- **George W. and Laura Bush left the presidential spot blank on the ballot and voted straight-ticket Republican down the ballot,** a spokesman said. ([Texas Tribune](#))

-- **Ohio governor and outspoken Trump critic John Kasich will give a speech in Washington on Thursday, outlining his vision for the future of the Republican Party after 2016.** ([Cincinnati Enquirer](#))



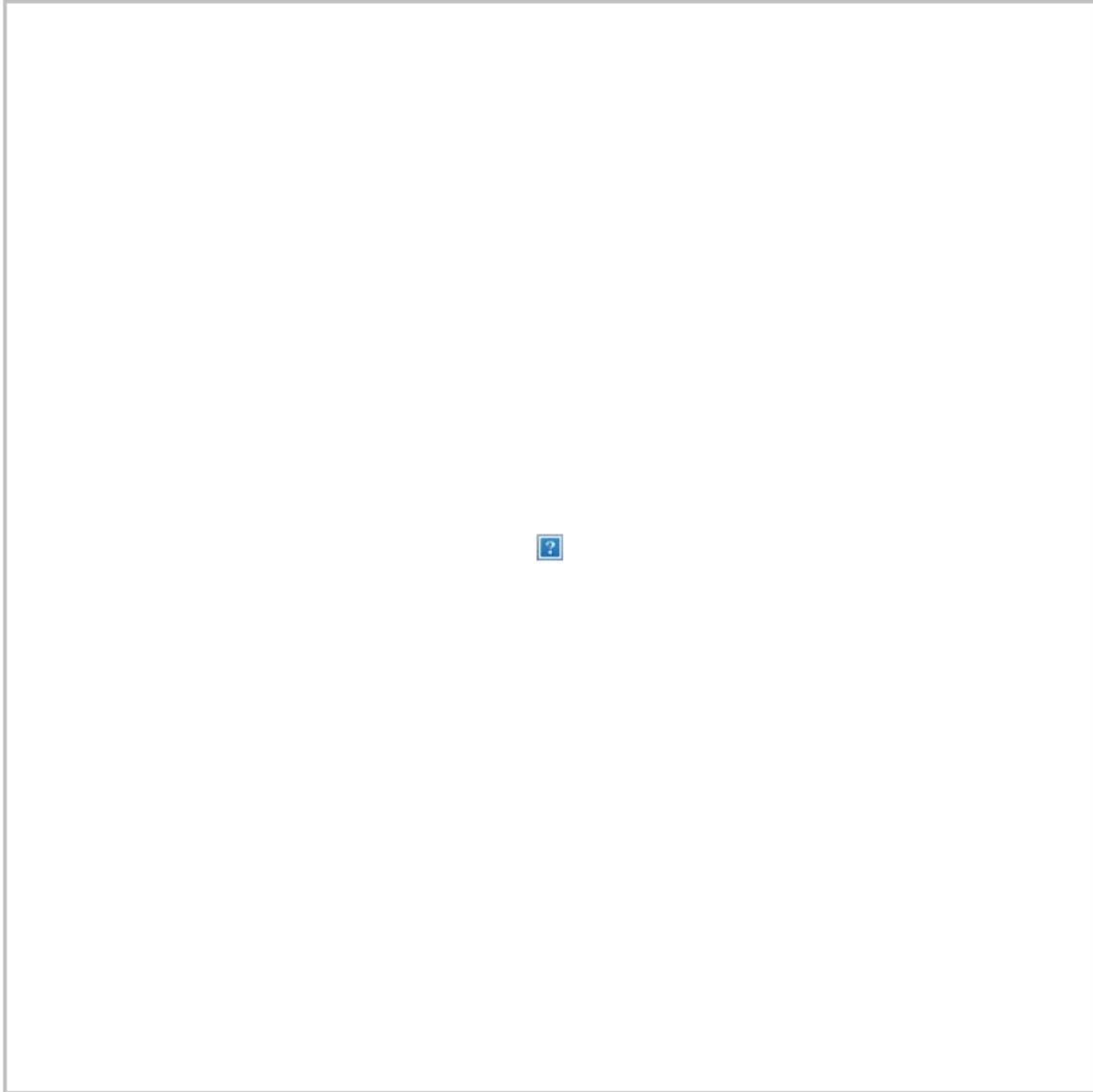
-- **New York Times conservative columnist [Ross Douthat](#)**: “On the global stage Trump’s populism and nationalism makes him very much a man of his times, with parallels to figures as diverse as Marine Le Pen, Recep Tayyip Erdogan and of course Vladimir Putin. But in the American context he is like nothing we have seen before — a shatterer of all norms and conventional assumptions, a man more likely to fail catastrophically than other presidents, more constitutionally dangerous than other presidents, but also more likely to carry us into a different political era, a post-neoliberal, post-end-of-history politics, than any other imaginable president. **I retract none of the warnings that I issued about the likelihood of catastrophe and crisis on his watch.** But he will be our president ... So we must hope that he has the wit to be more than a wrecker, more than a demagogue, and that his crude genius can actually be turned, somehow, to the common good. And if that hope is dashed, we must find ways to resist him — all of us, right and left, in the new chapter of American history that has opened very unexpectedly tonight.”

-- **“It’s 2009 all over again. Except this time Republicans are in charge and Democrats have been run over,” Politico’s [John Bresnahan](#) and [John Burgess Everett](#) write.** “Tuesday’s astonishing victory means everything’s on the table for Republicans: Tilting the Supreme Court in a conservative direction for years to come, repealing Obamacare, overhauling the tax code, boosting defense spending, tearing up trade deals and cutting regulations. Some of this Republicans will be able to do under ‘reconciliation,’ the special parliamentary procedure that Democrats used to enact the Affordable Care Act on a party line vote in 2010. Now Republicans can ‘reverse engineer’ Obamacare with Democrats powerless to stop it. Tax reform, another GOP dream dashed during the Obama years, could also happen under this process. Republicans are looking at an open-ended opportunity next year to reshape American policy across an array of issue areas and the

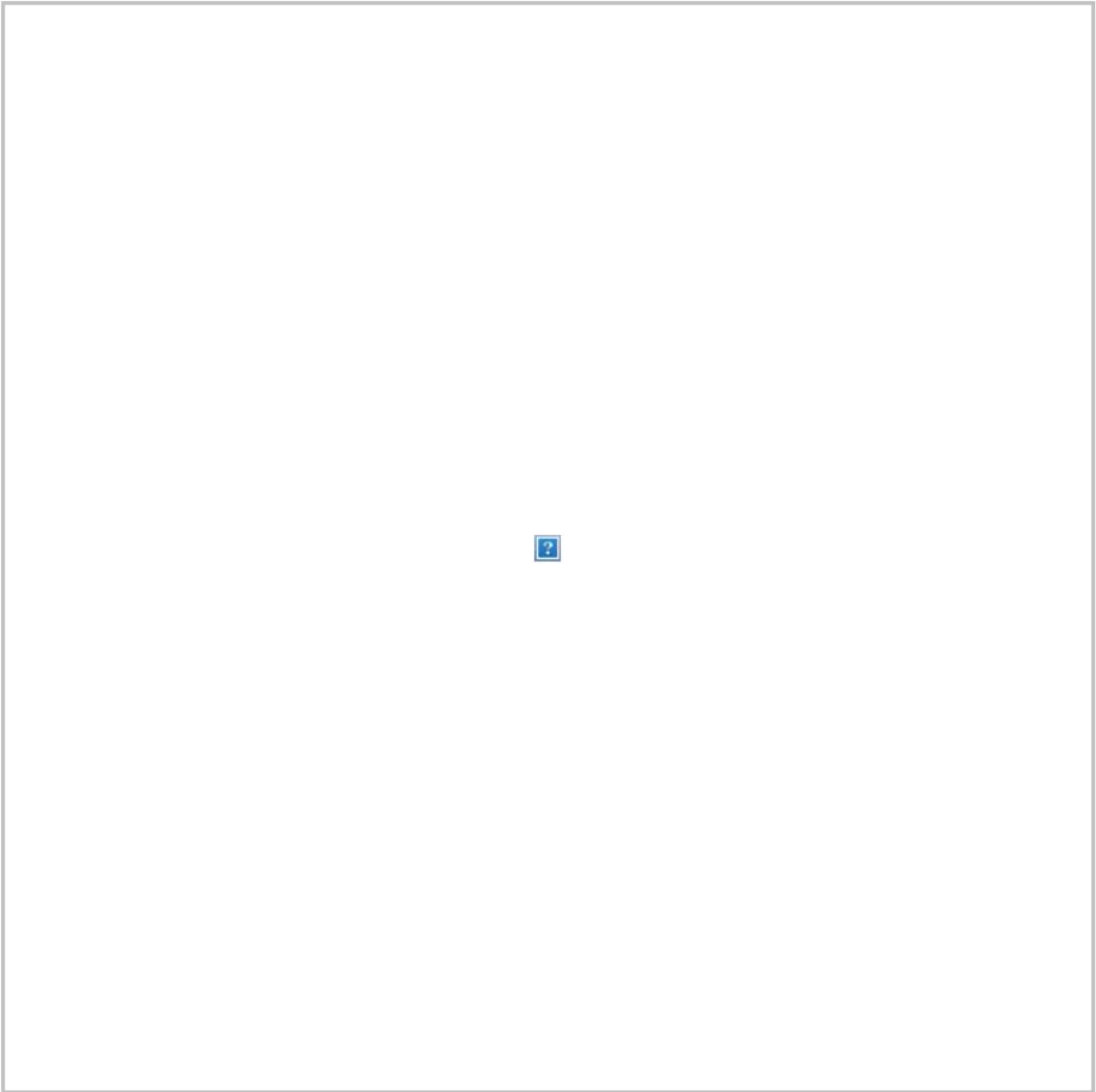
Supreme Court, with a vacancy ready to be filled due to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's blockade of [Merrick Garland]. That nomination is now a moot point."

**SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:**

Some common themes from social media:



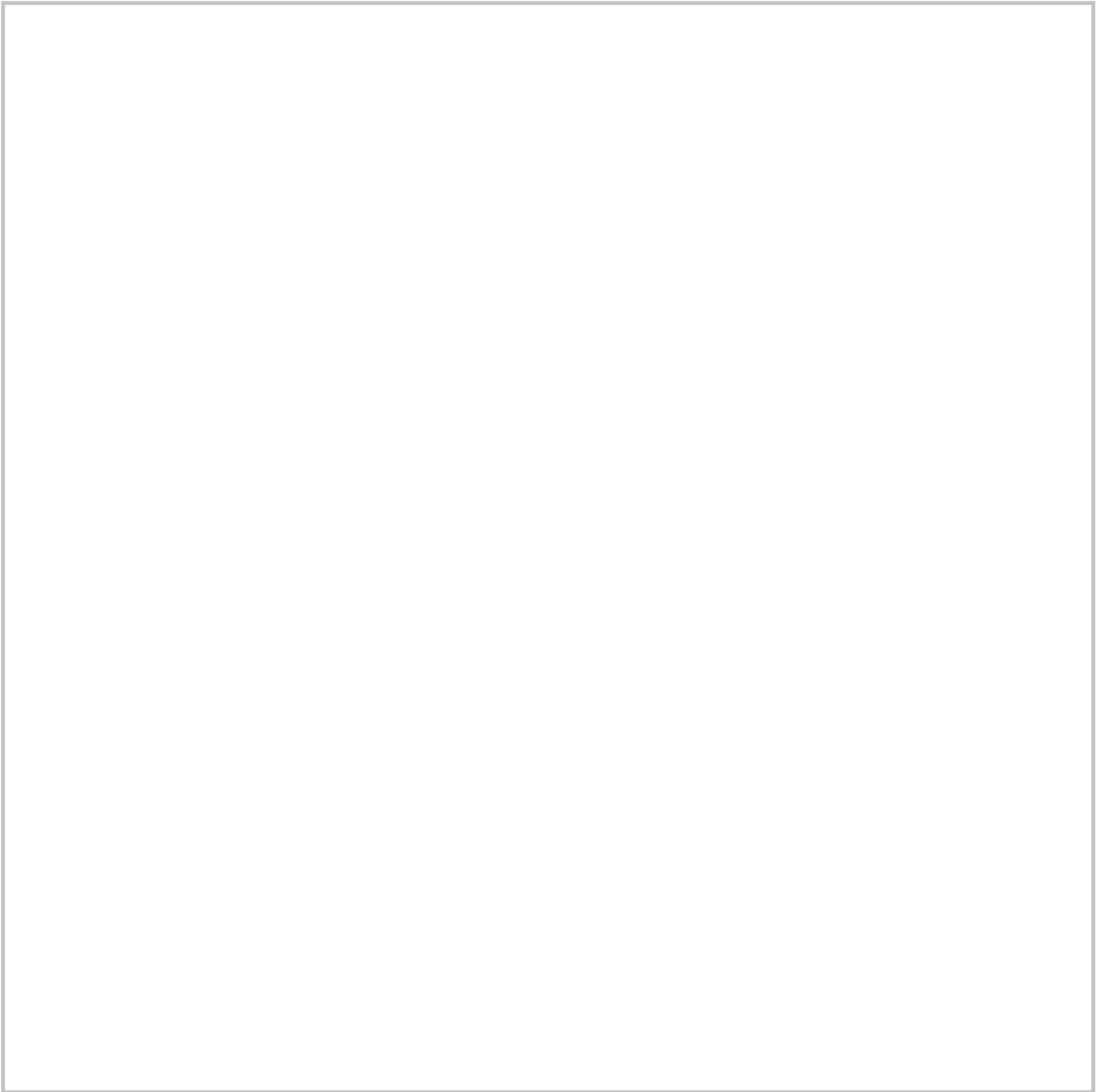
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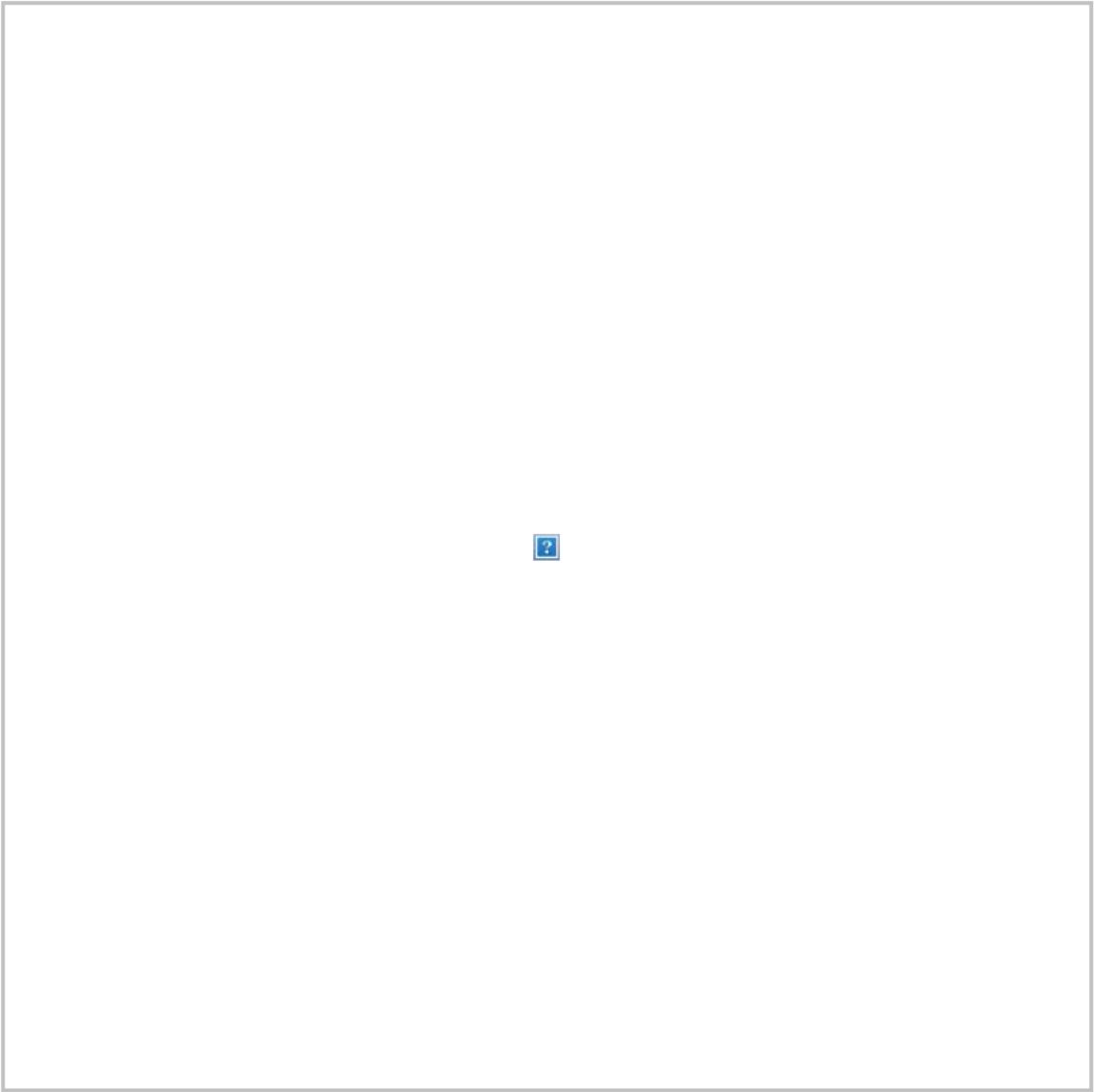


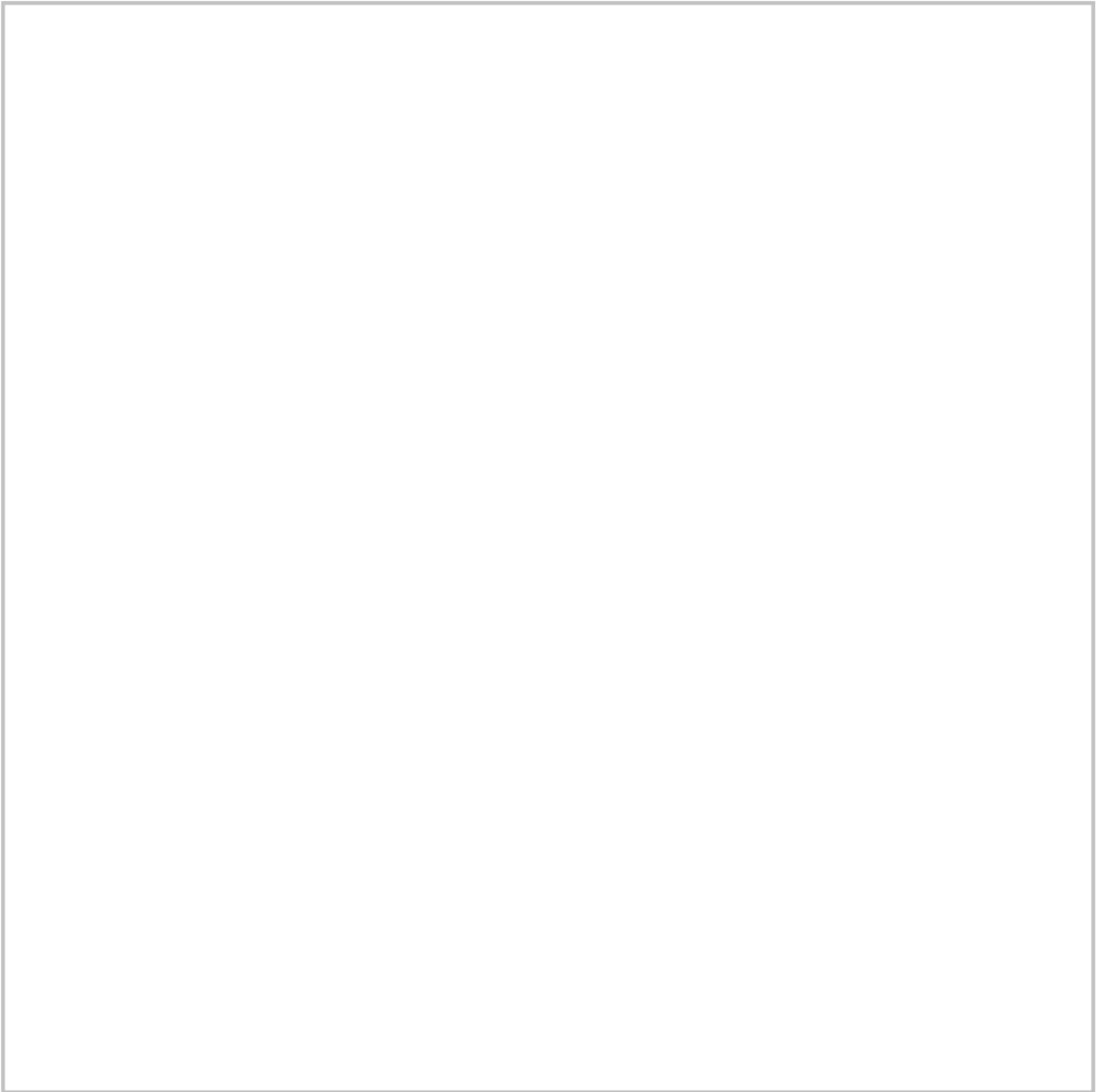




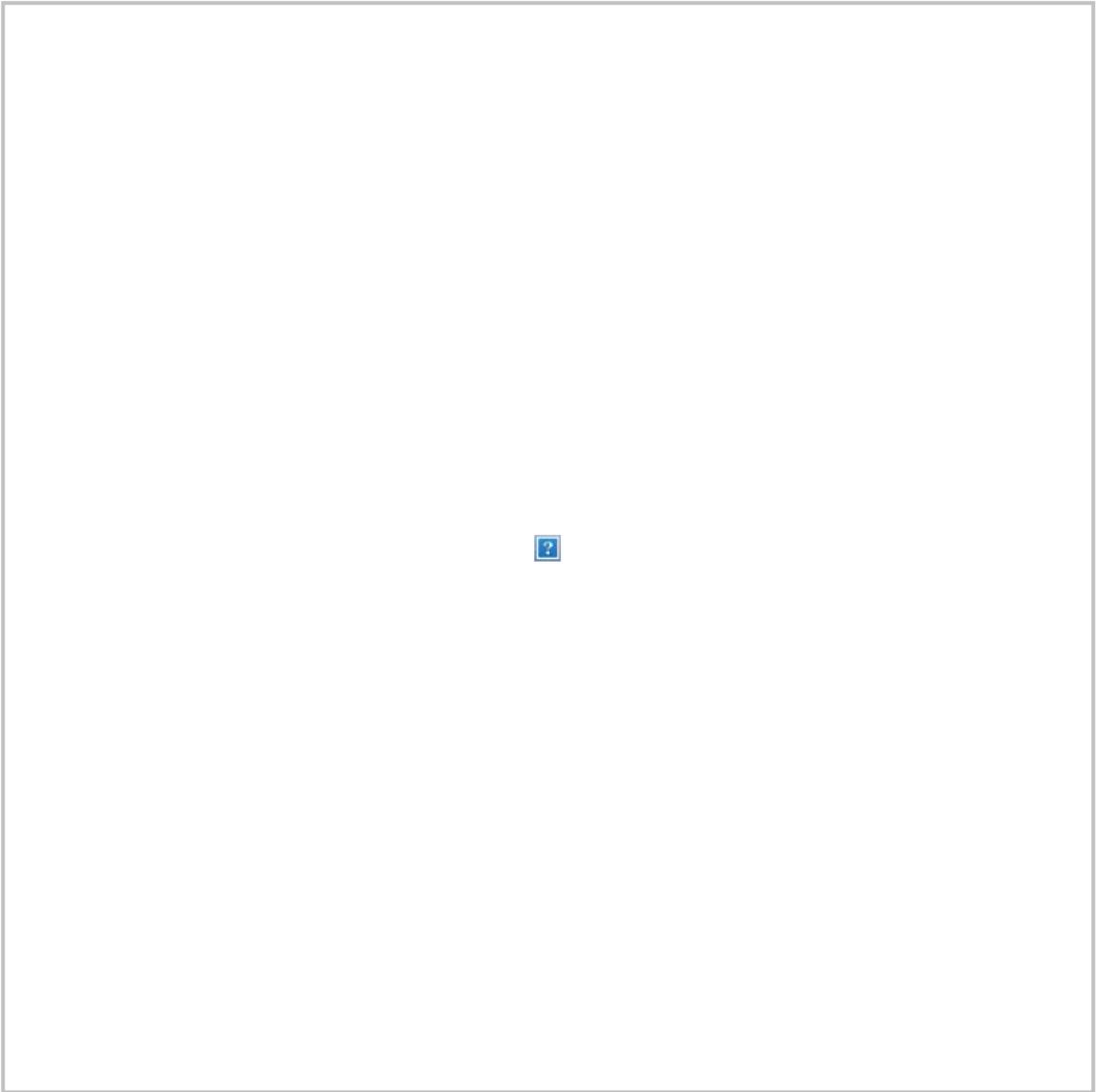


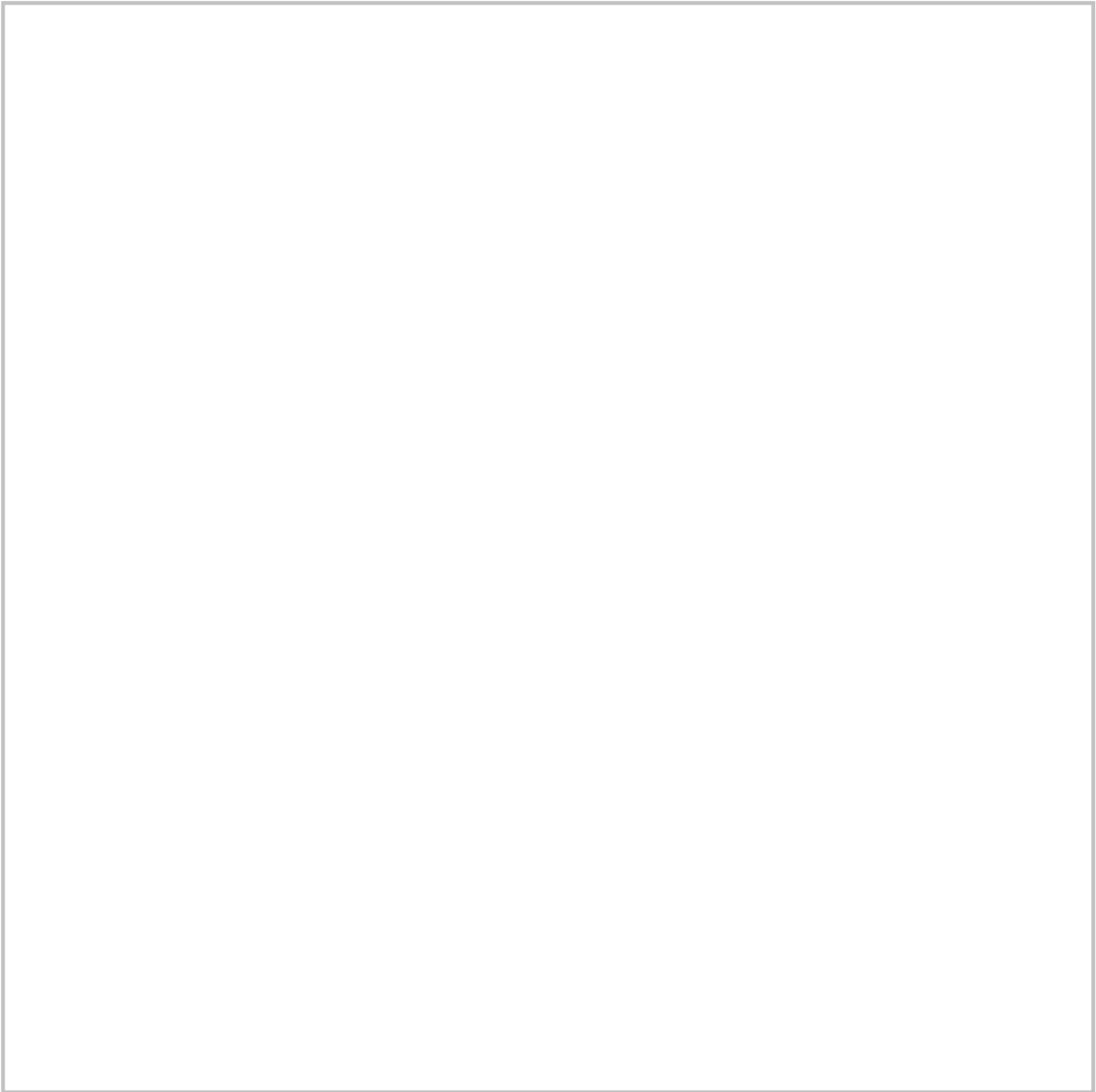
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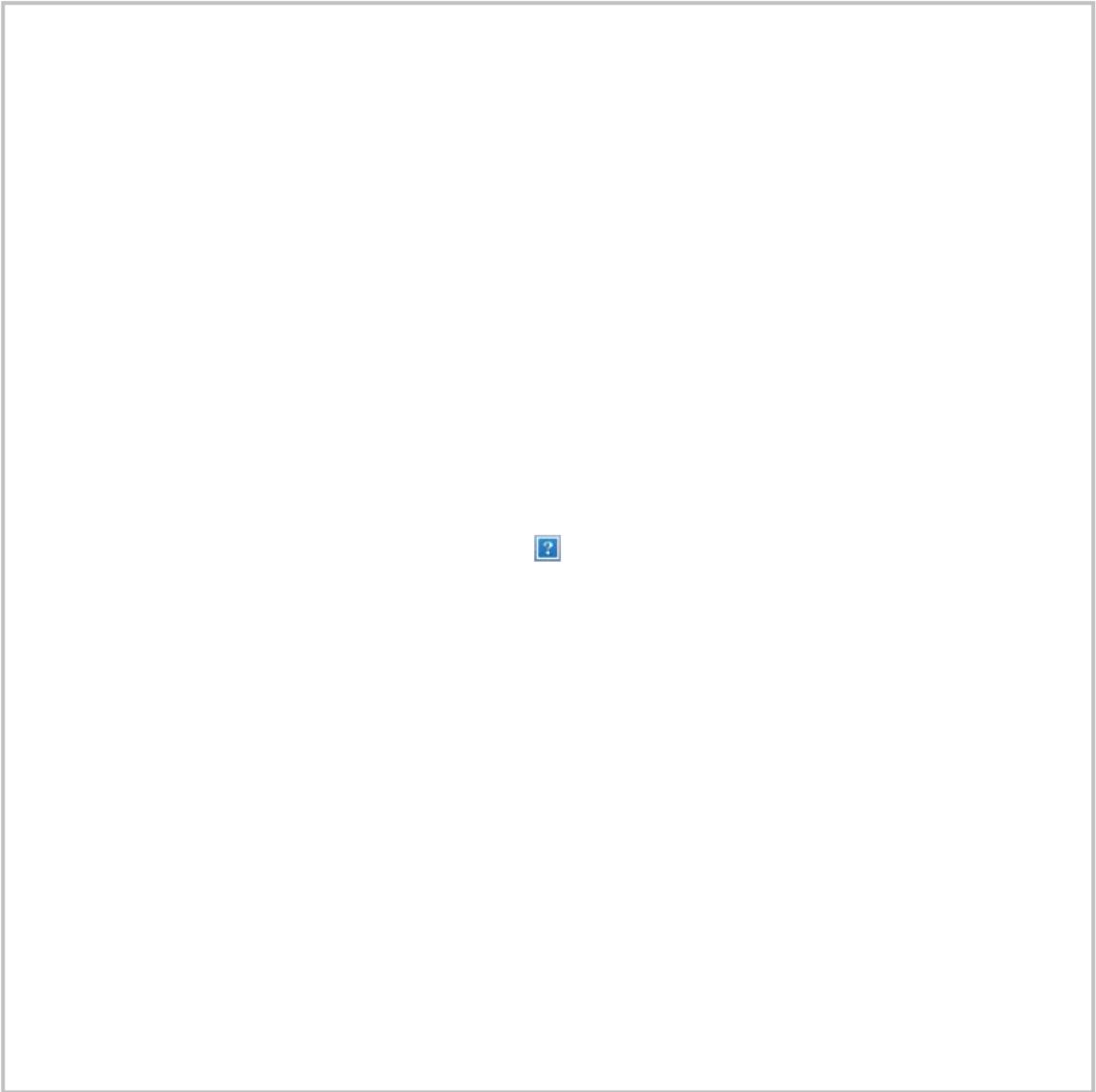


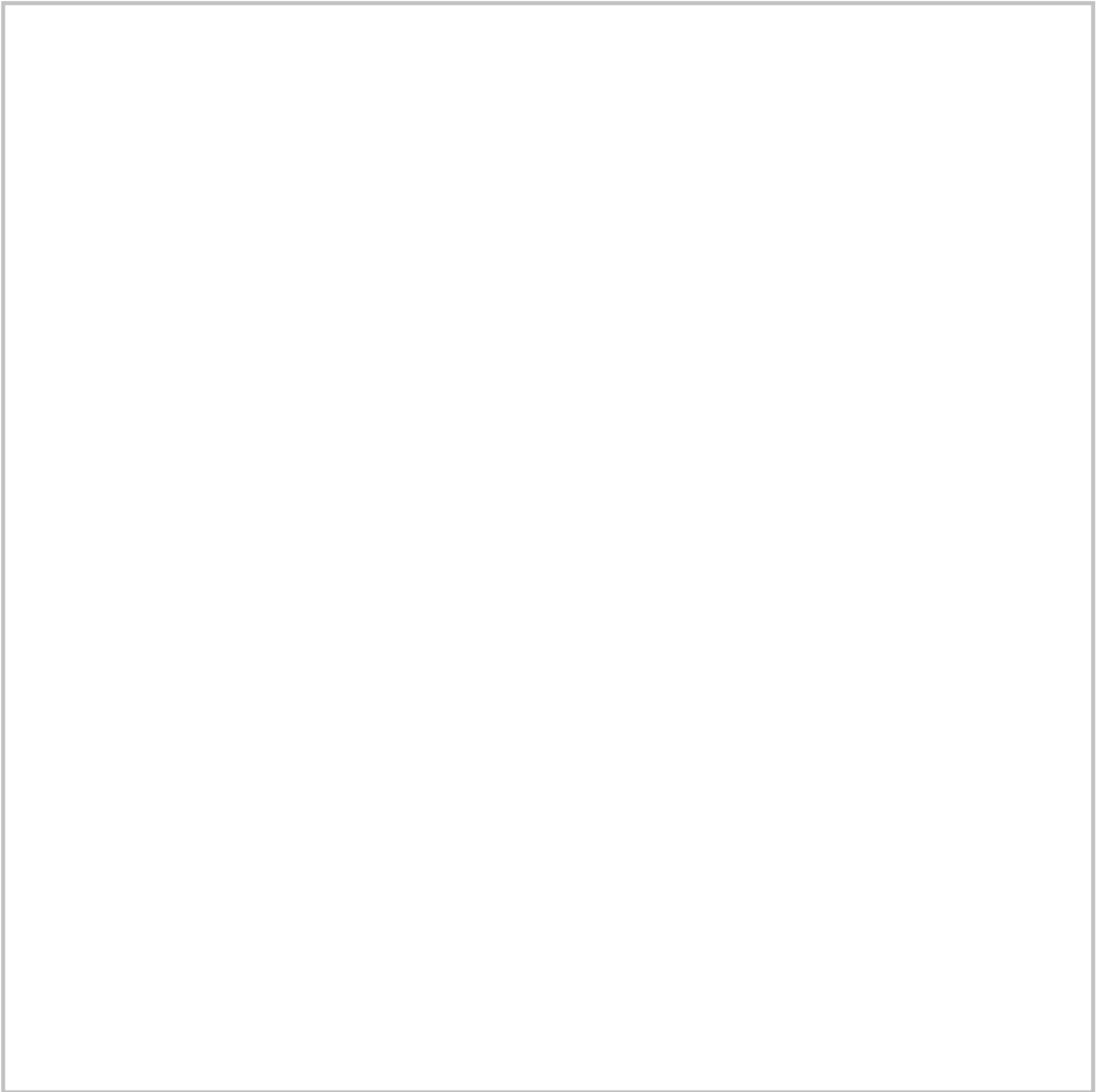
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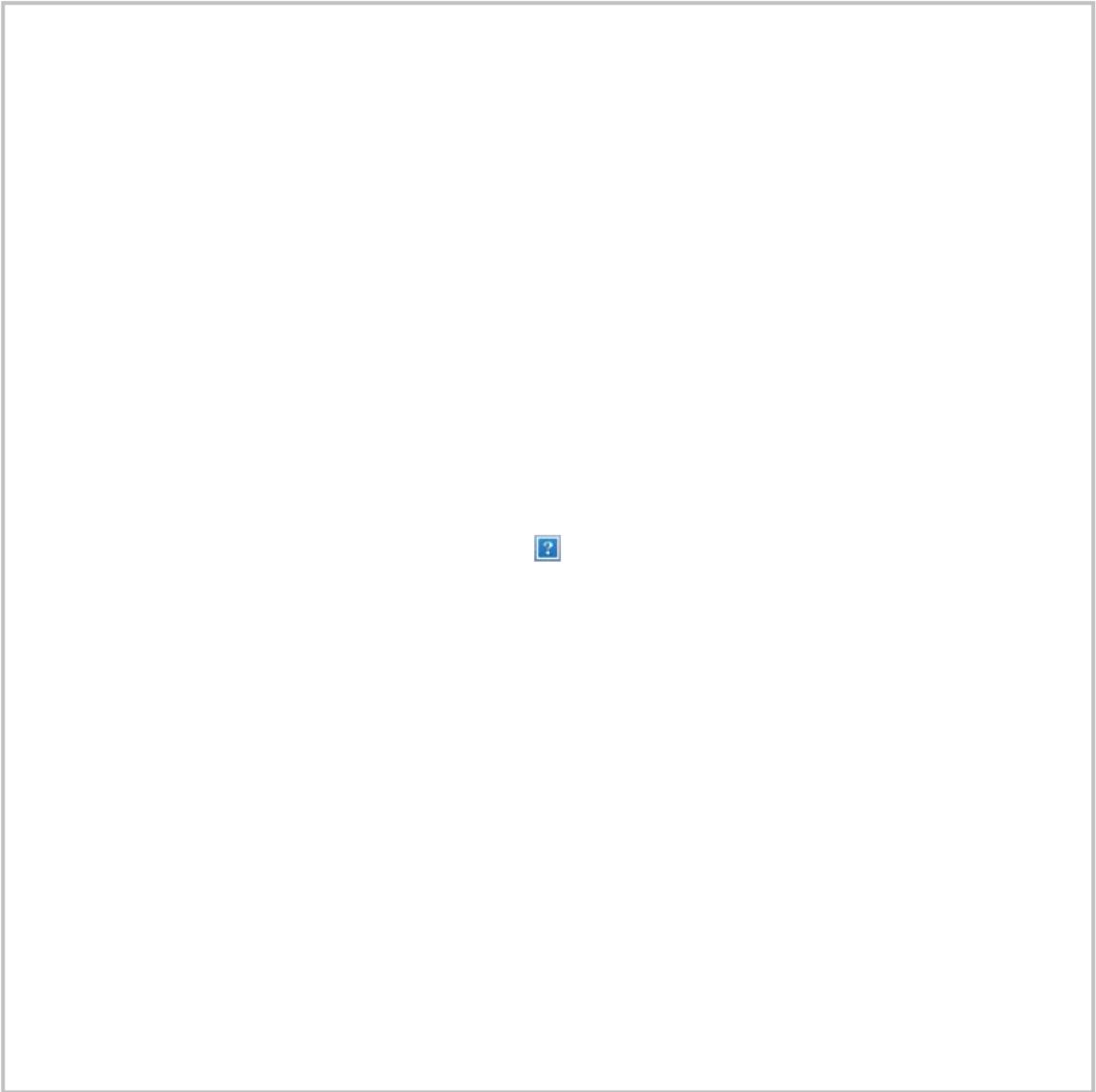


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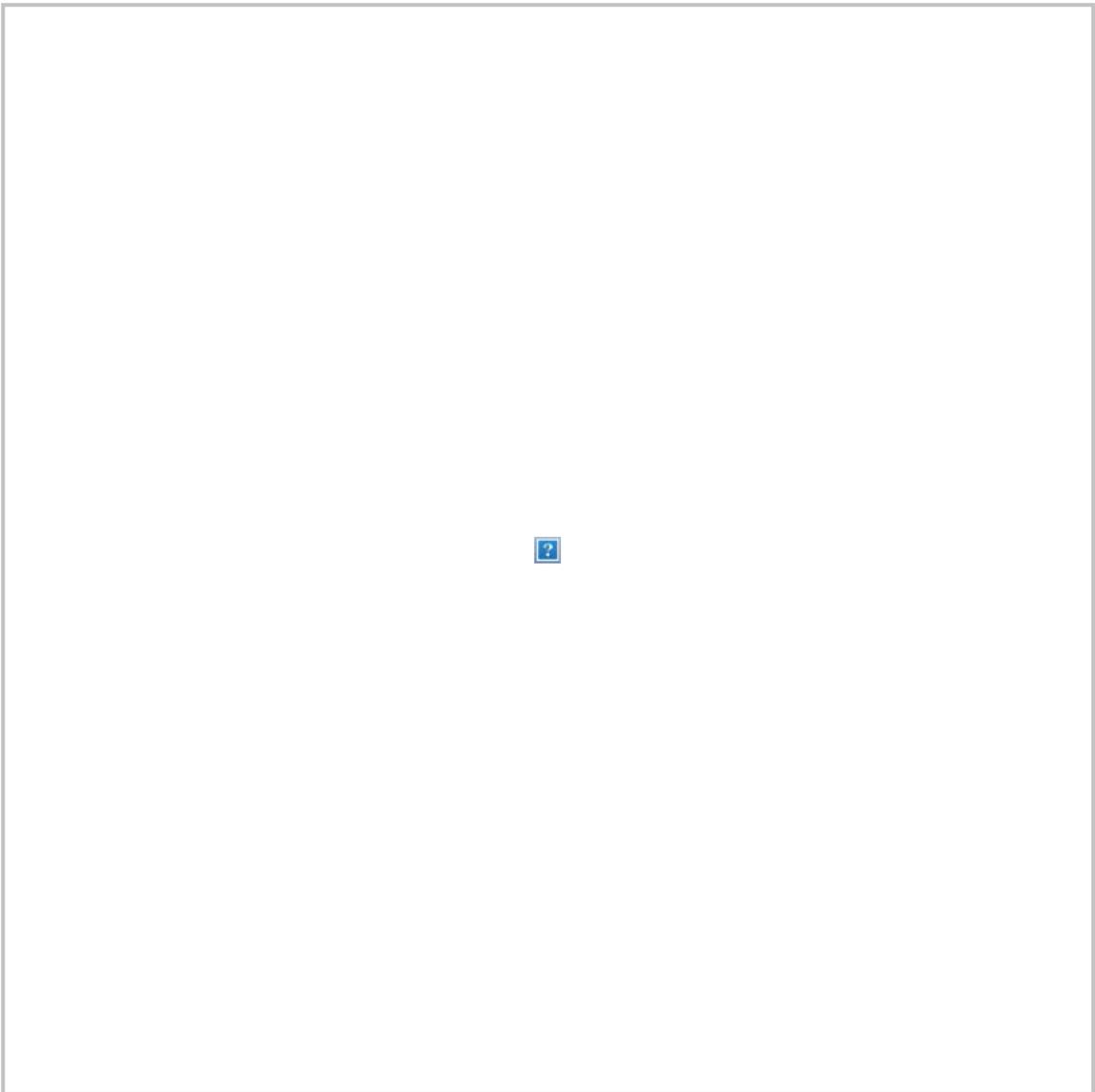




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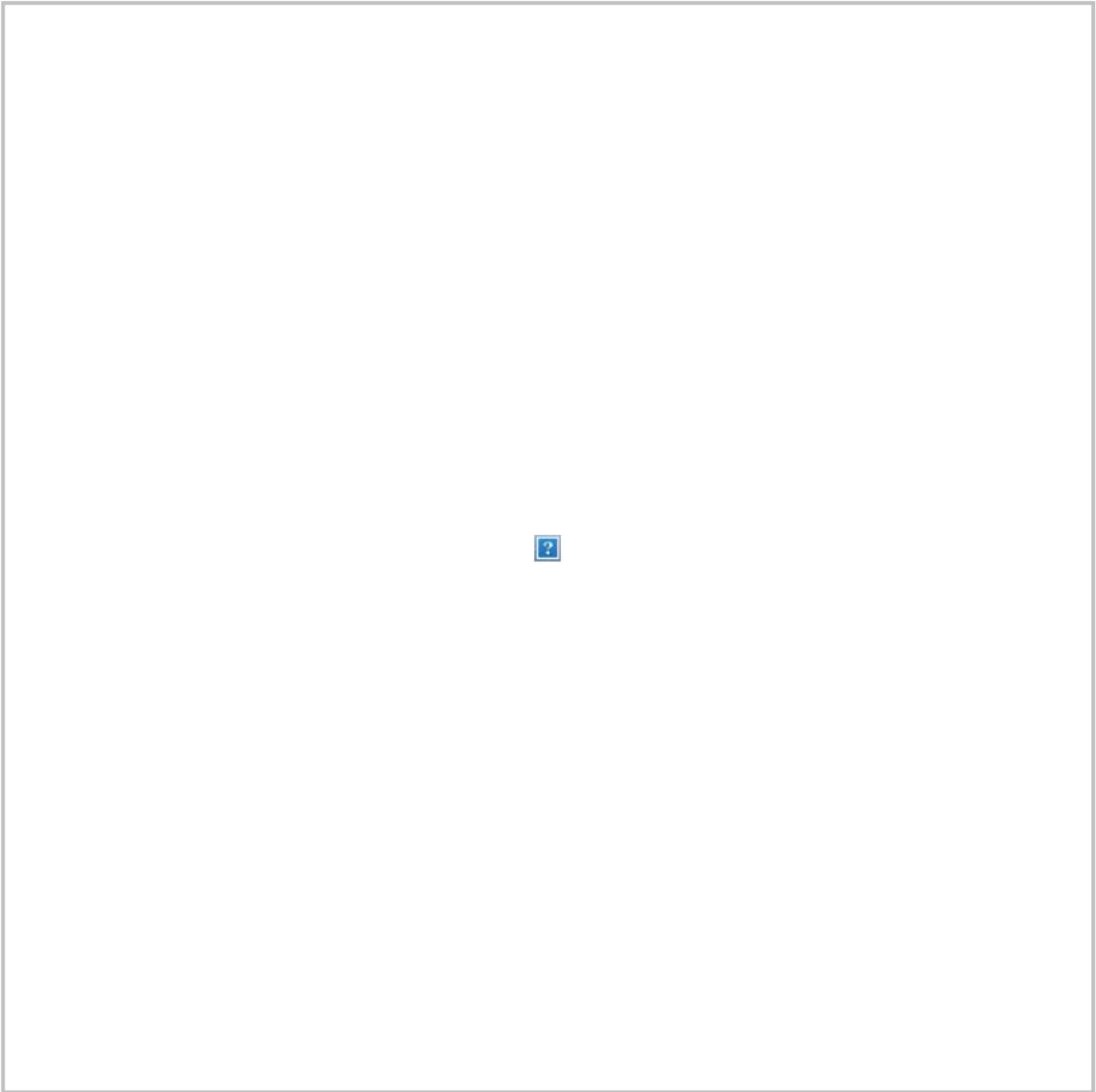


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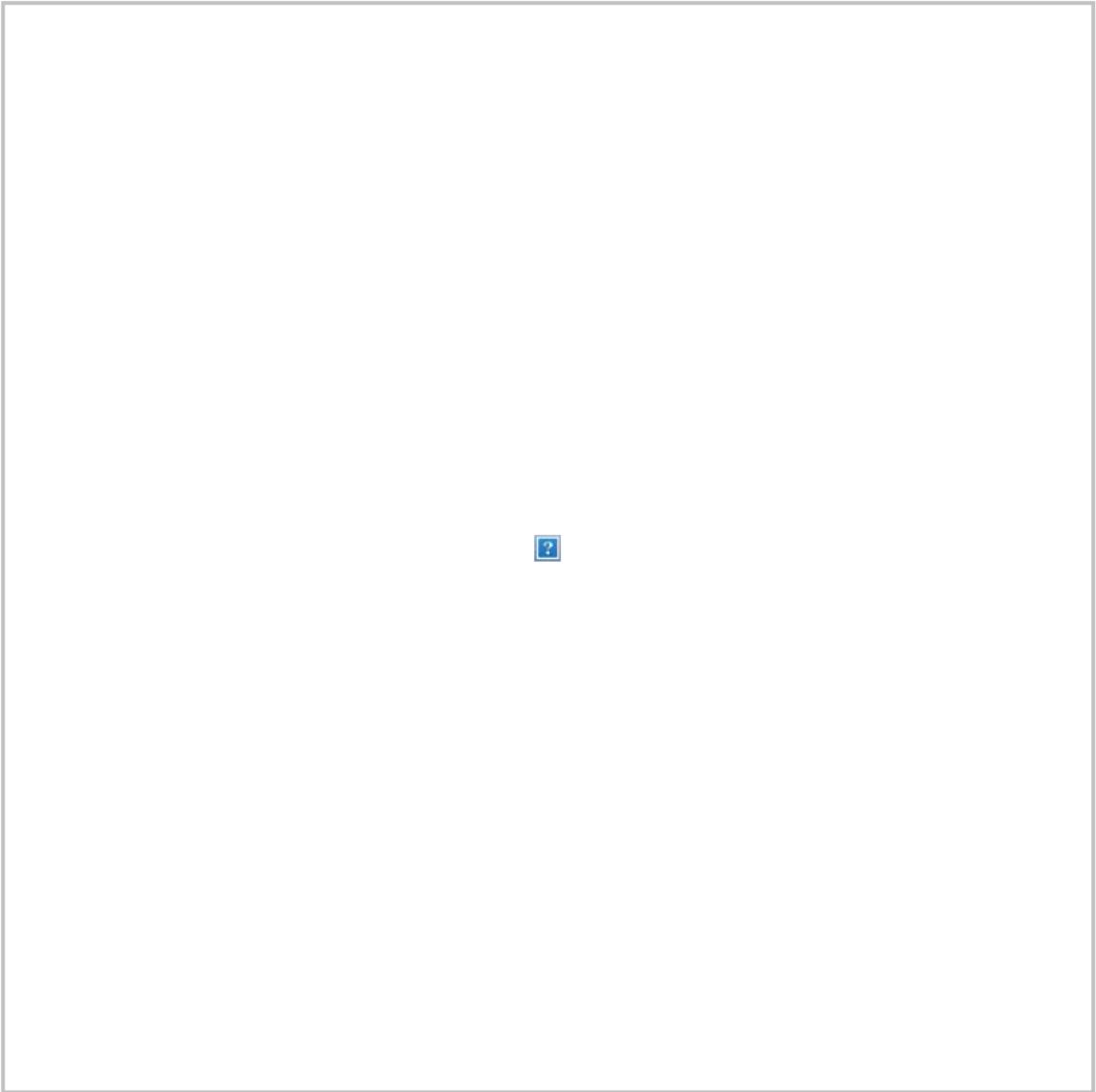
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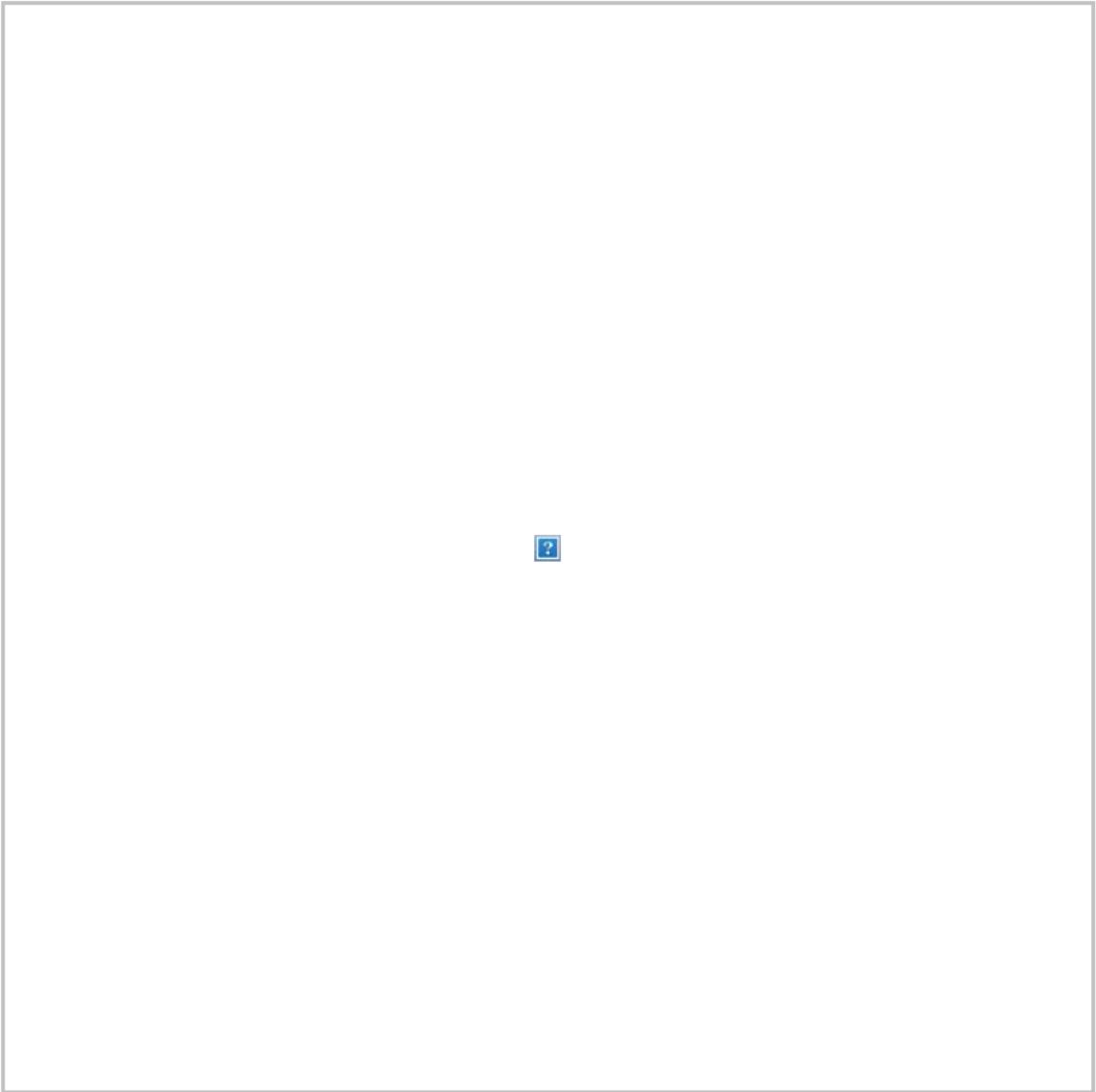
This tweet summed up all of us on election night:



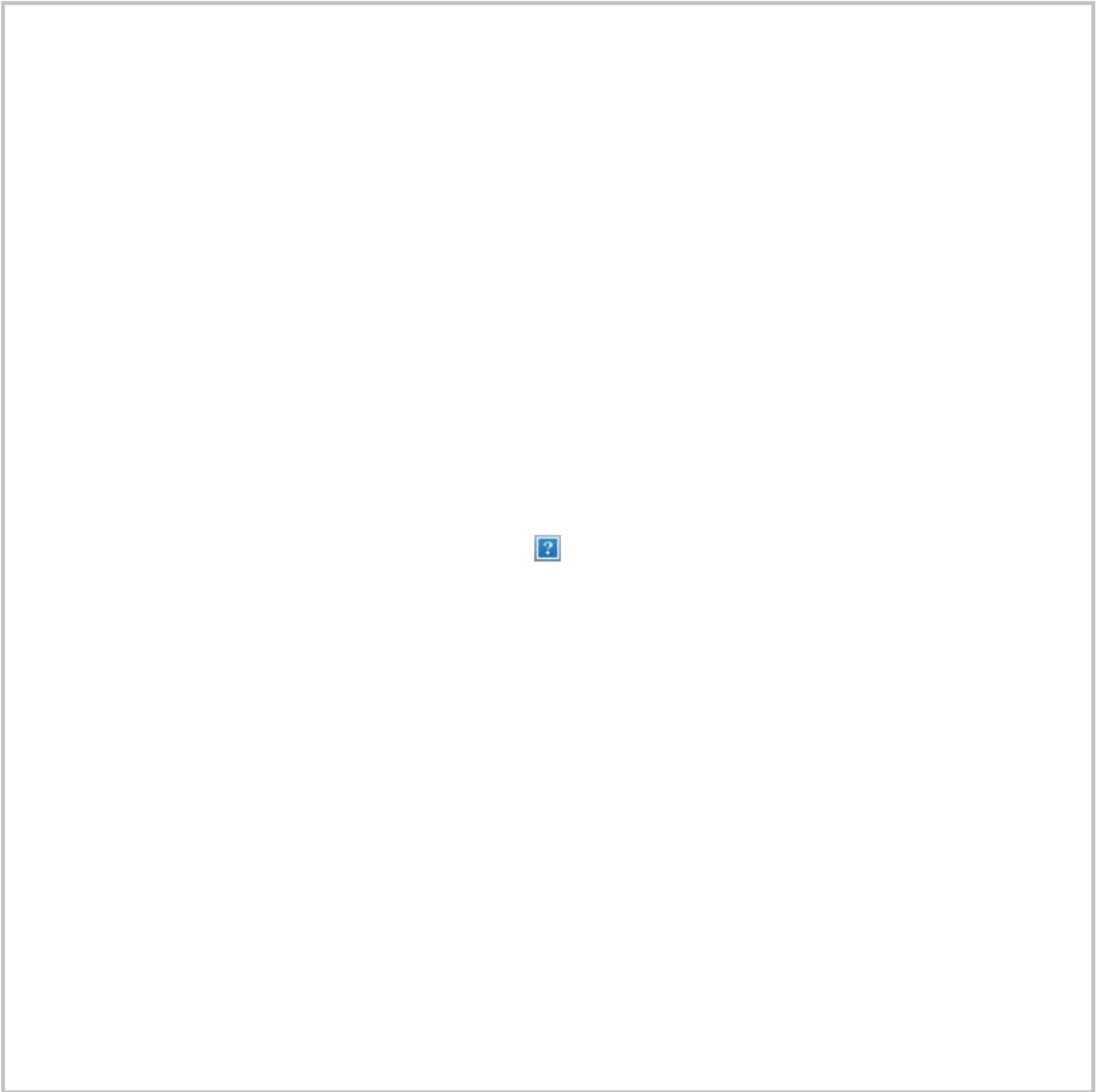
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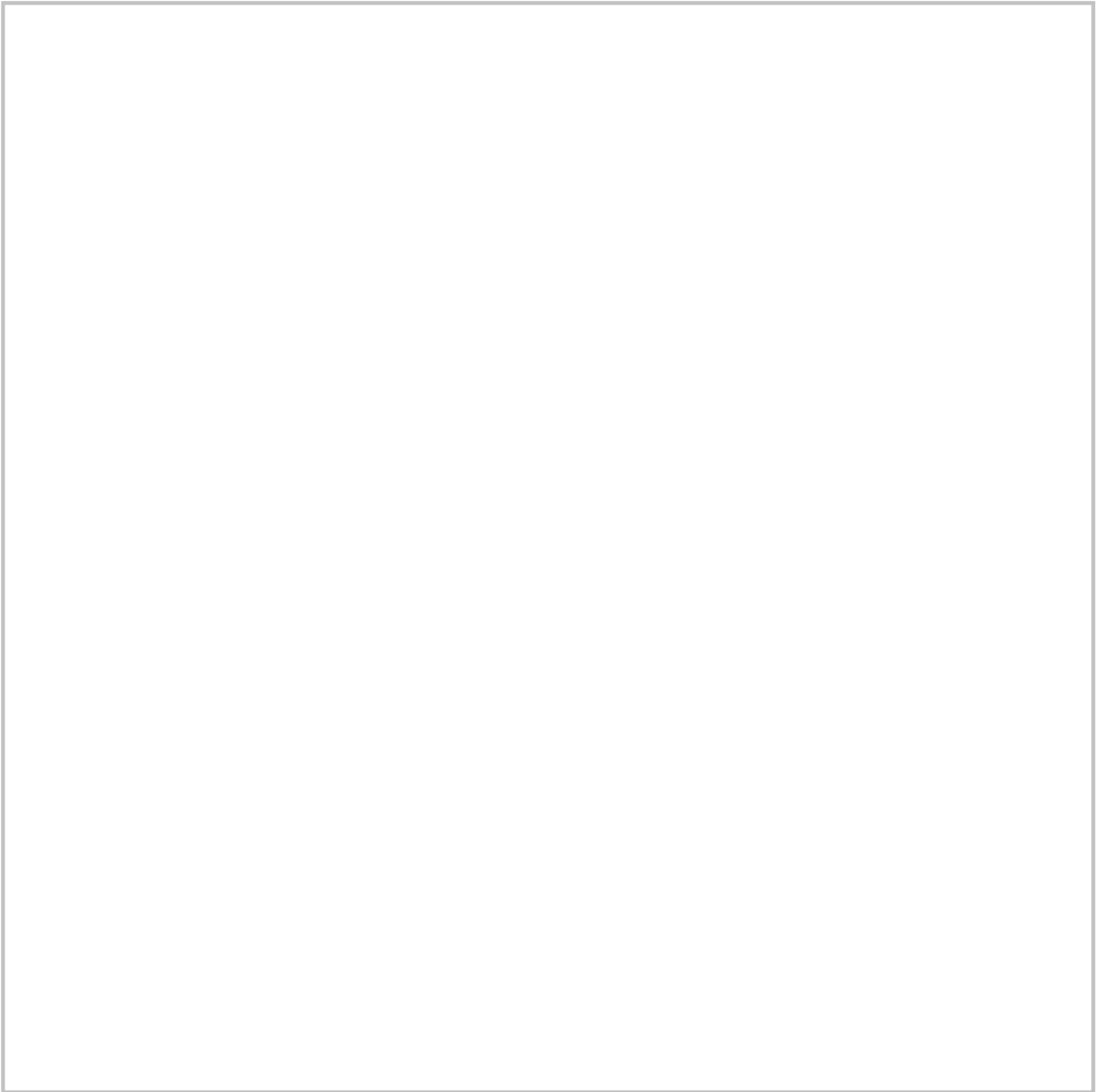


Today's New York Daily News cover:

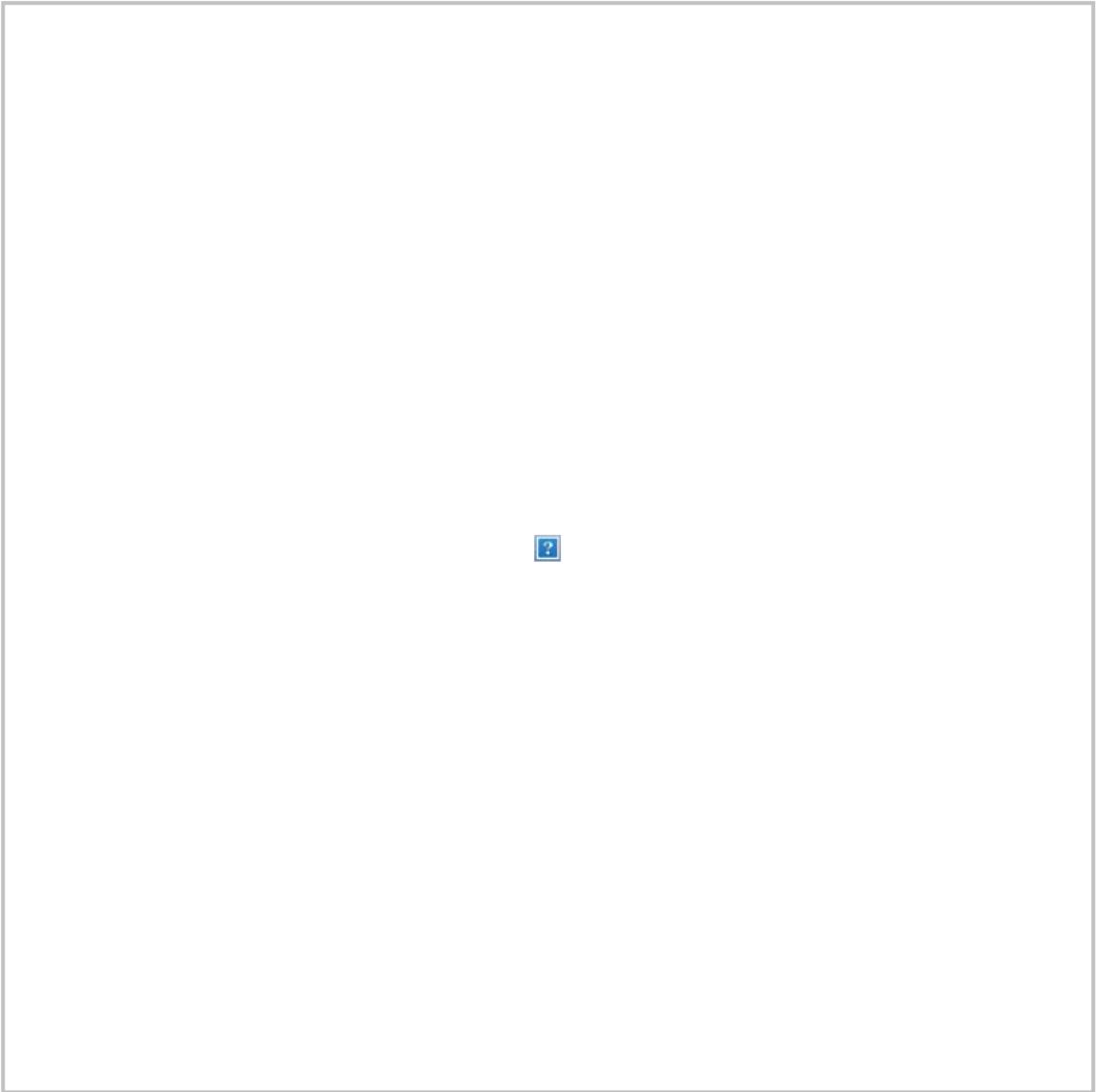


And the New York Post:

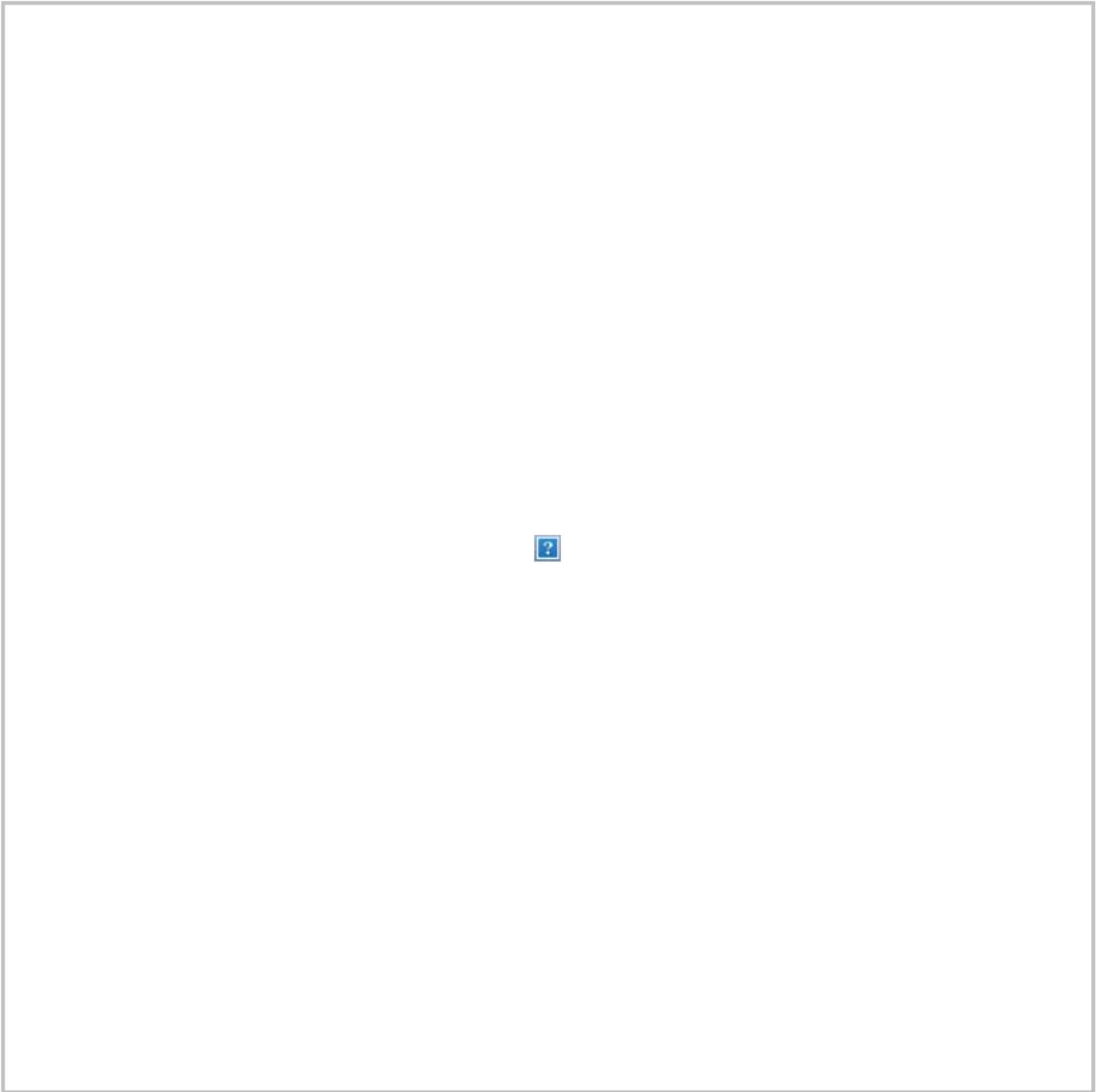




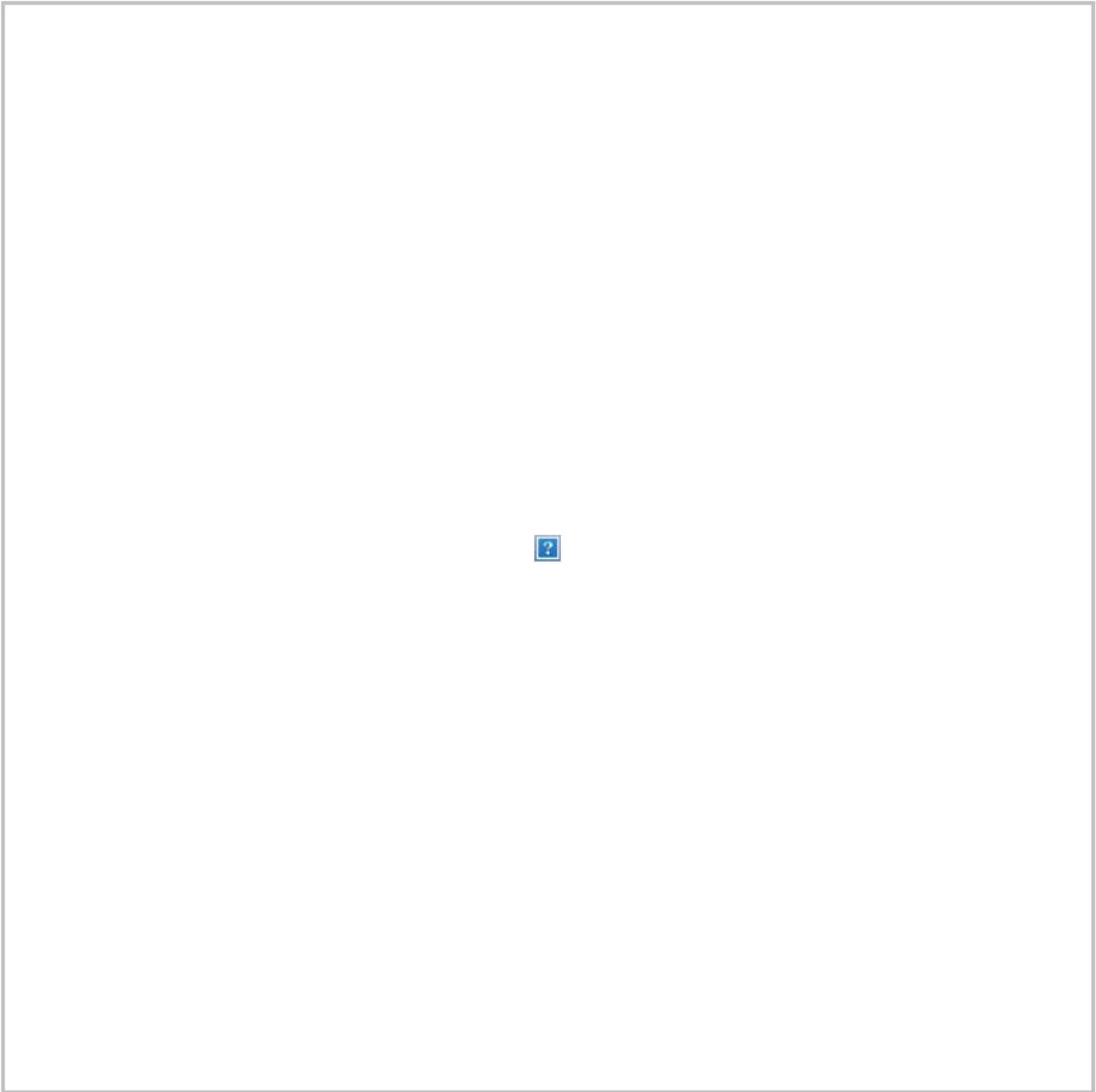
A picture of Trump sneaking a peek at Melania's vote went viral:



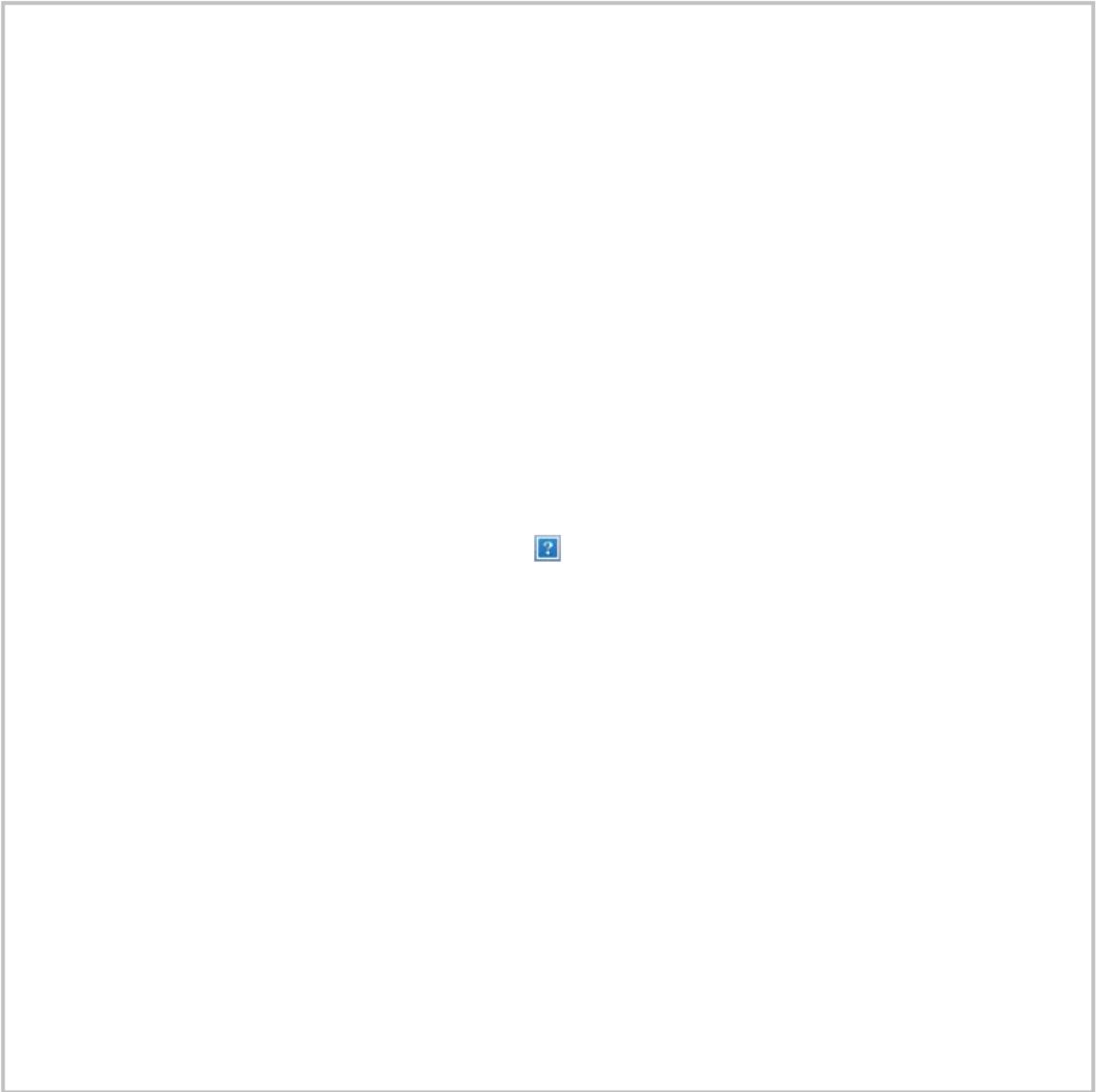
This Trump cake was spotted being wheeled into Trump Tower:



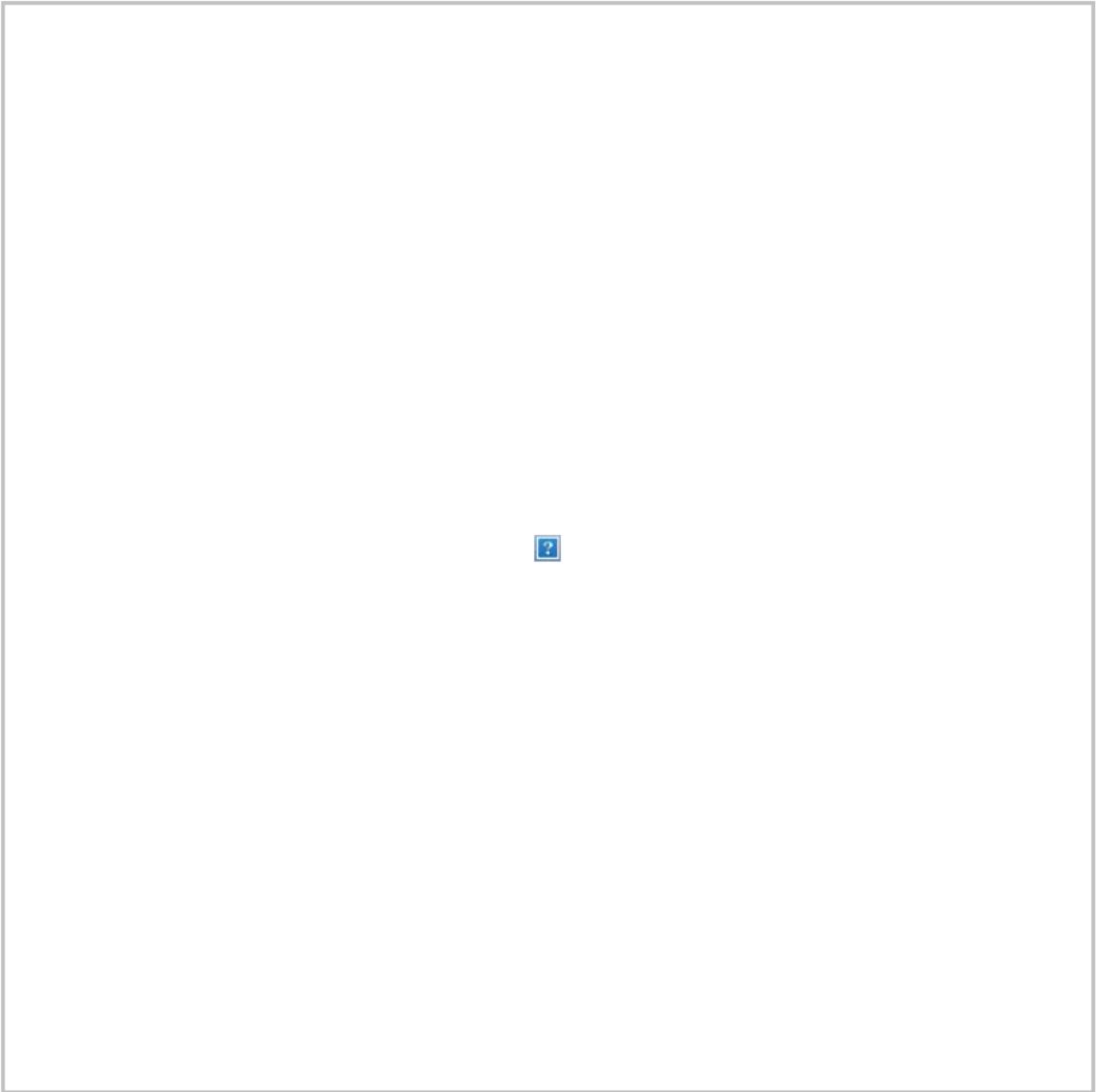
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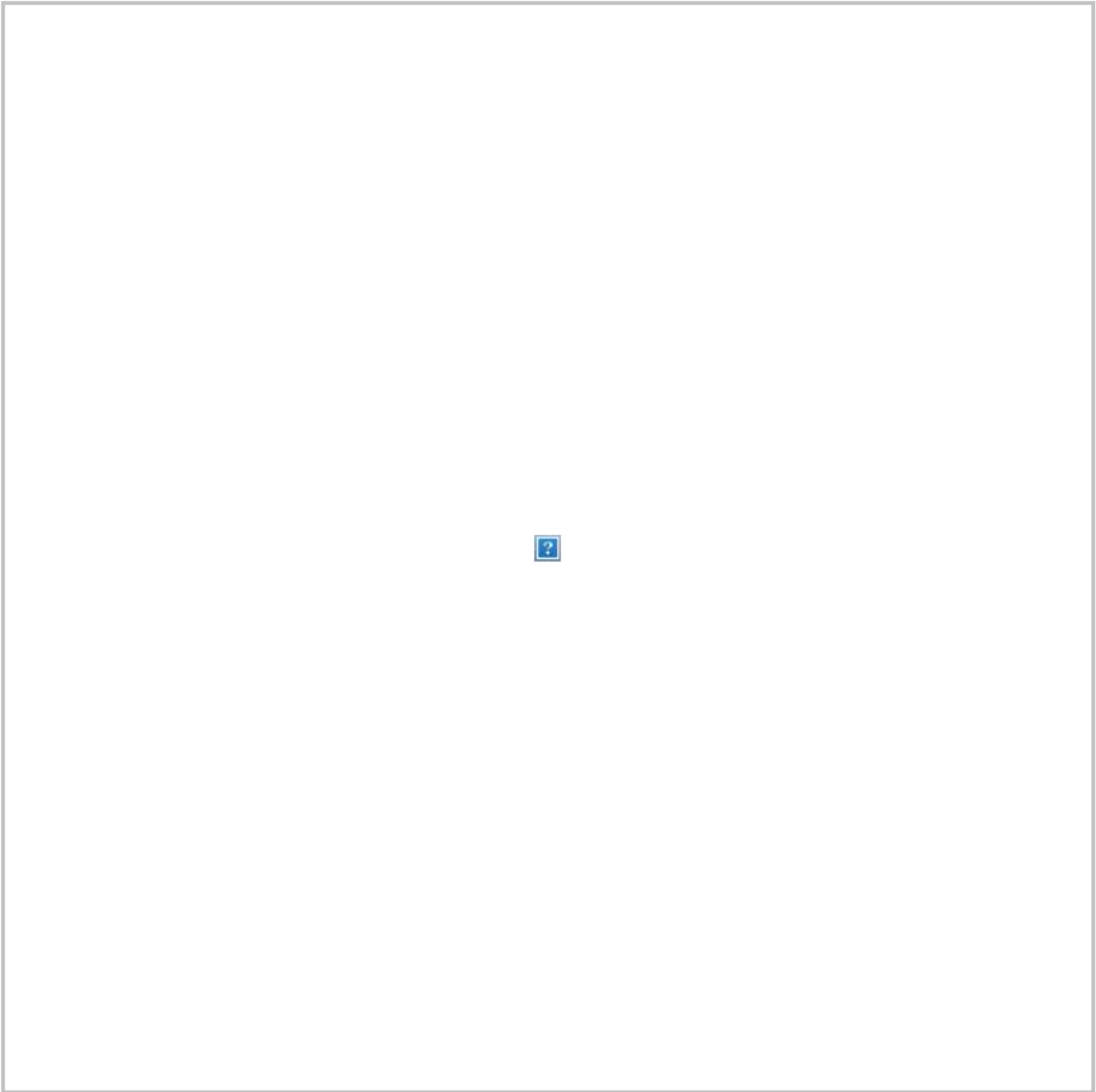
From Cruz's former communications director:



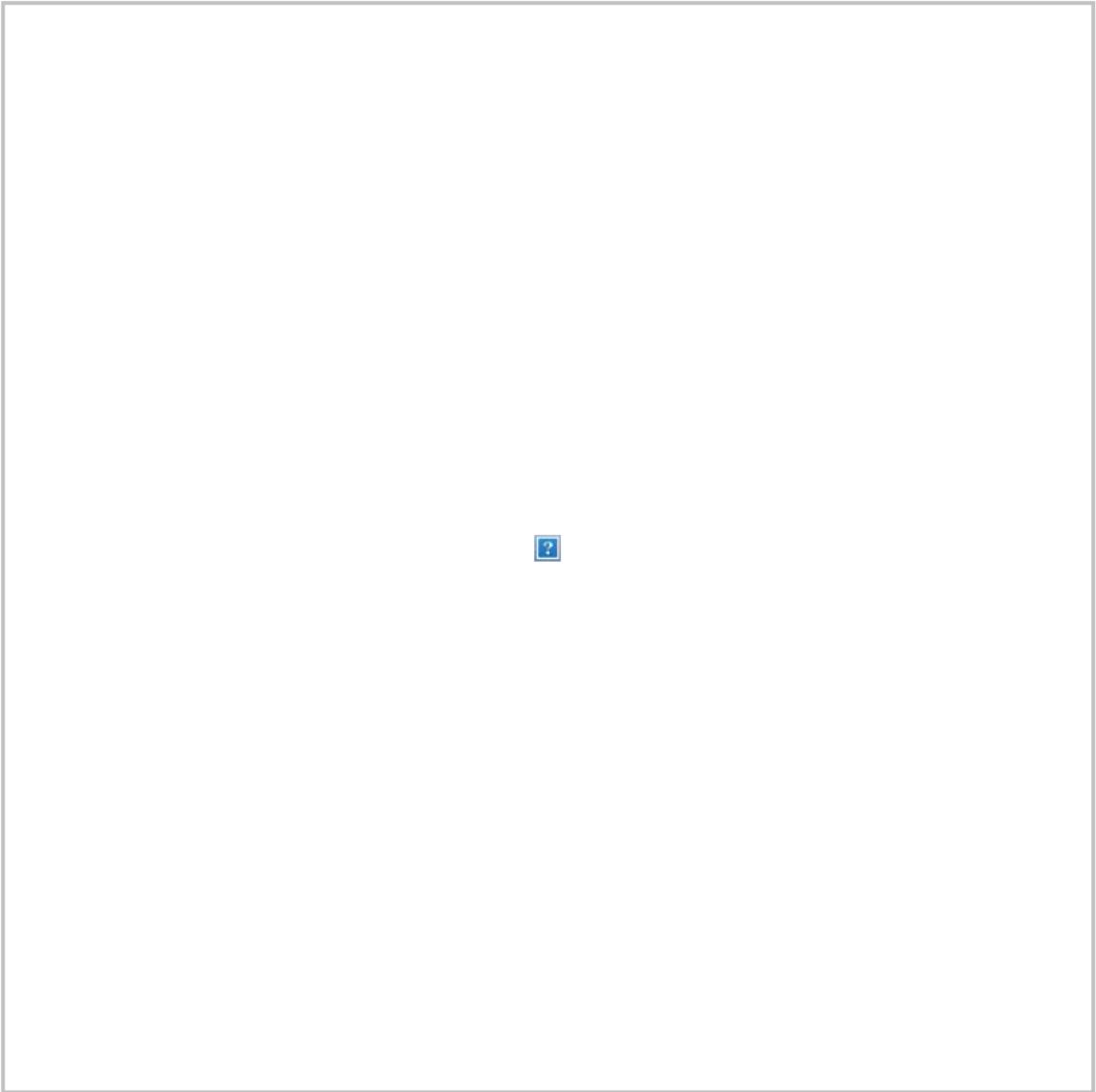
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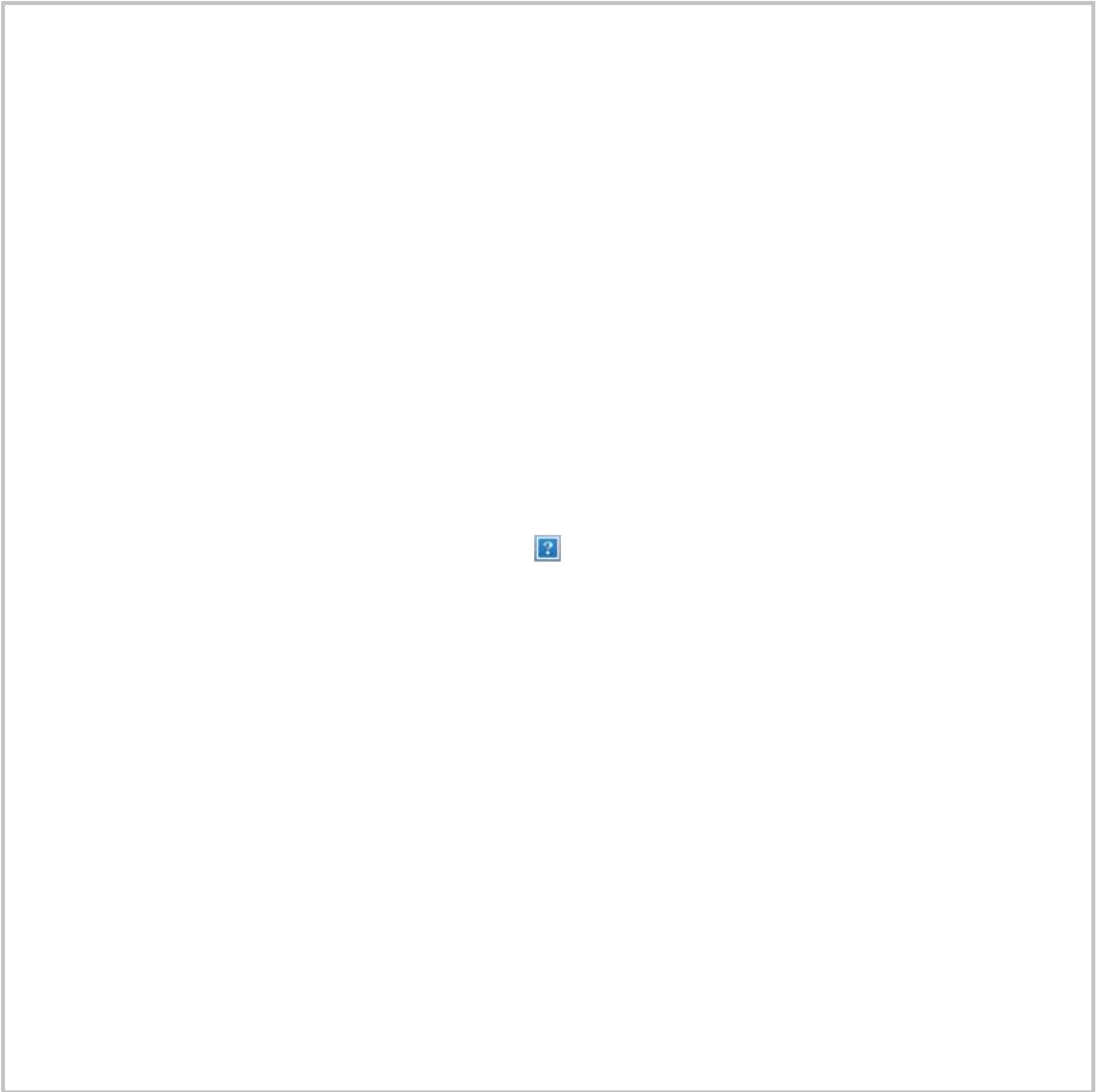
Here's how the news is playing internationally:



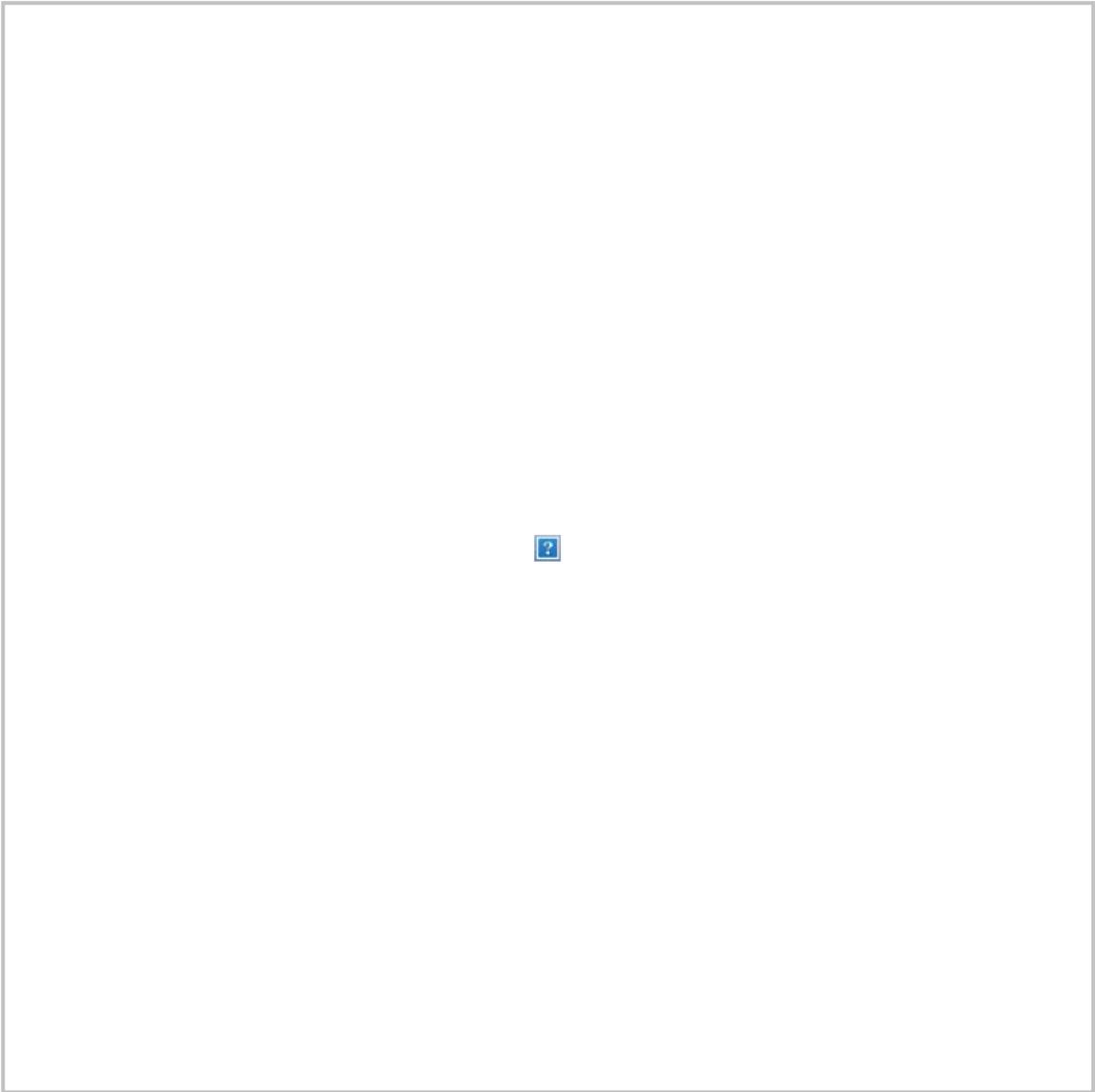
The scene at Trump's D.C. hotel as results came in:



Hundreds of people lined up in to Rochester to place “I Voted” stickers on Susan B. Anthony’s grave:



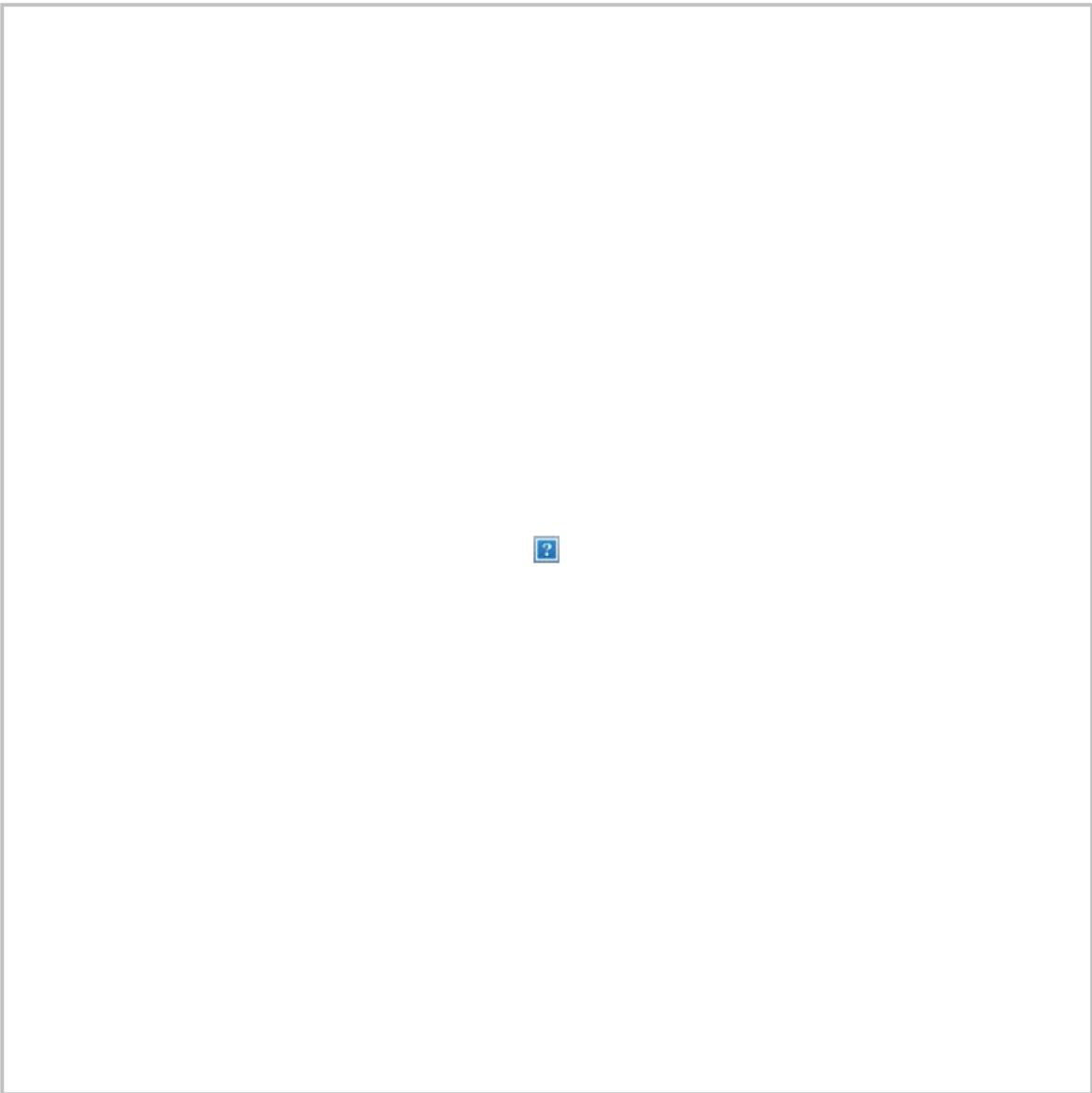
The late great David Broder, probably the best political reporter ever, wrote this in 1972:



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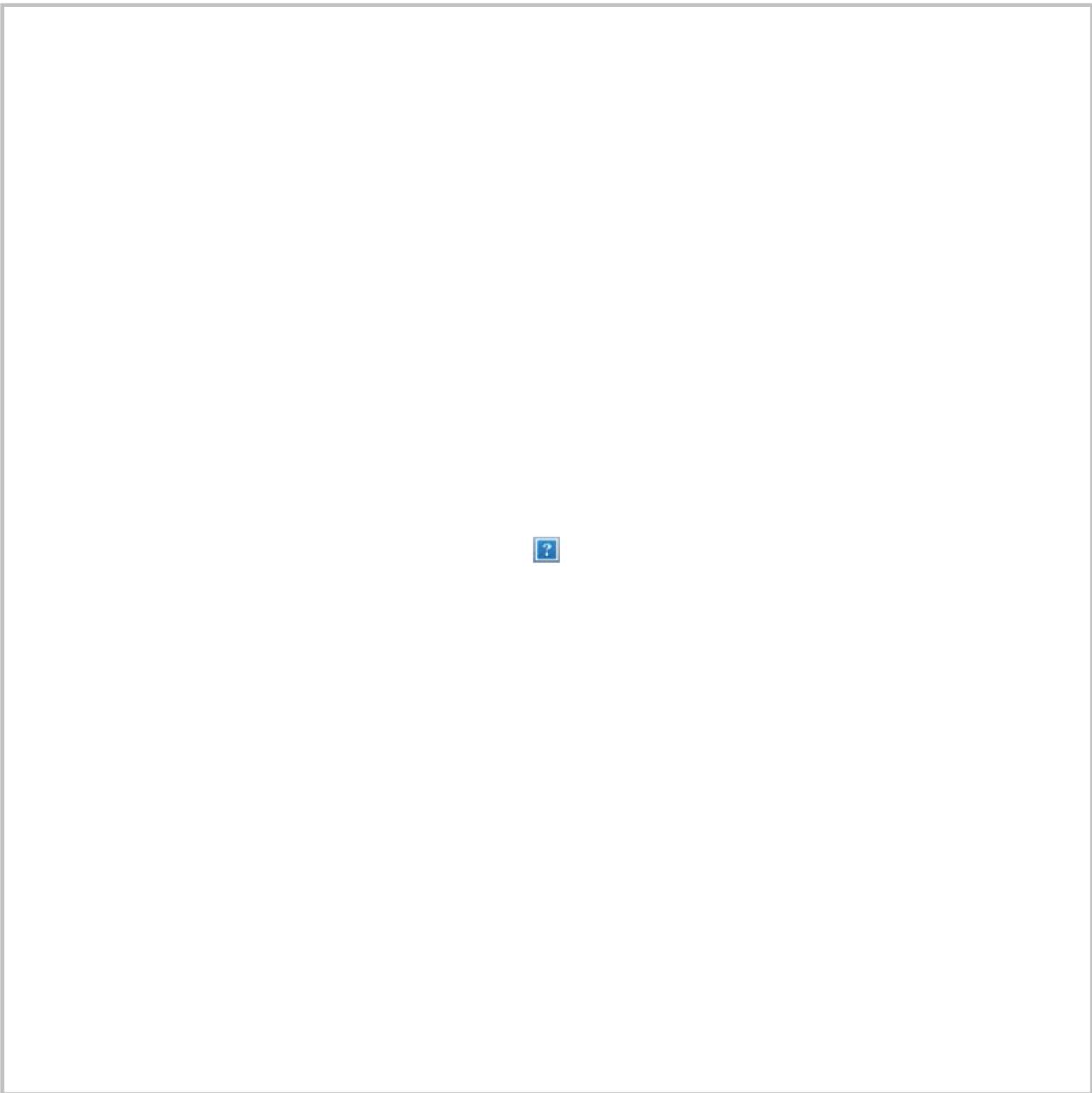
Watch [a 14-minute clip from Stephen Colbert's live show here](#).

WaPo's Scott Clement breaks down what pollsters missed this year:



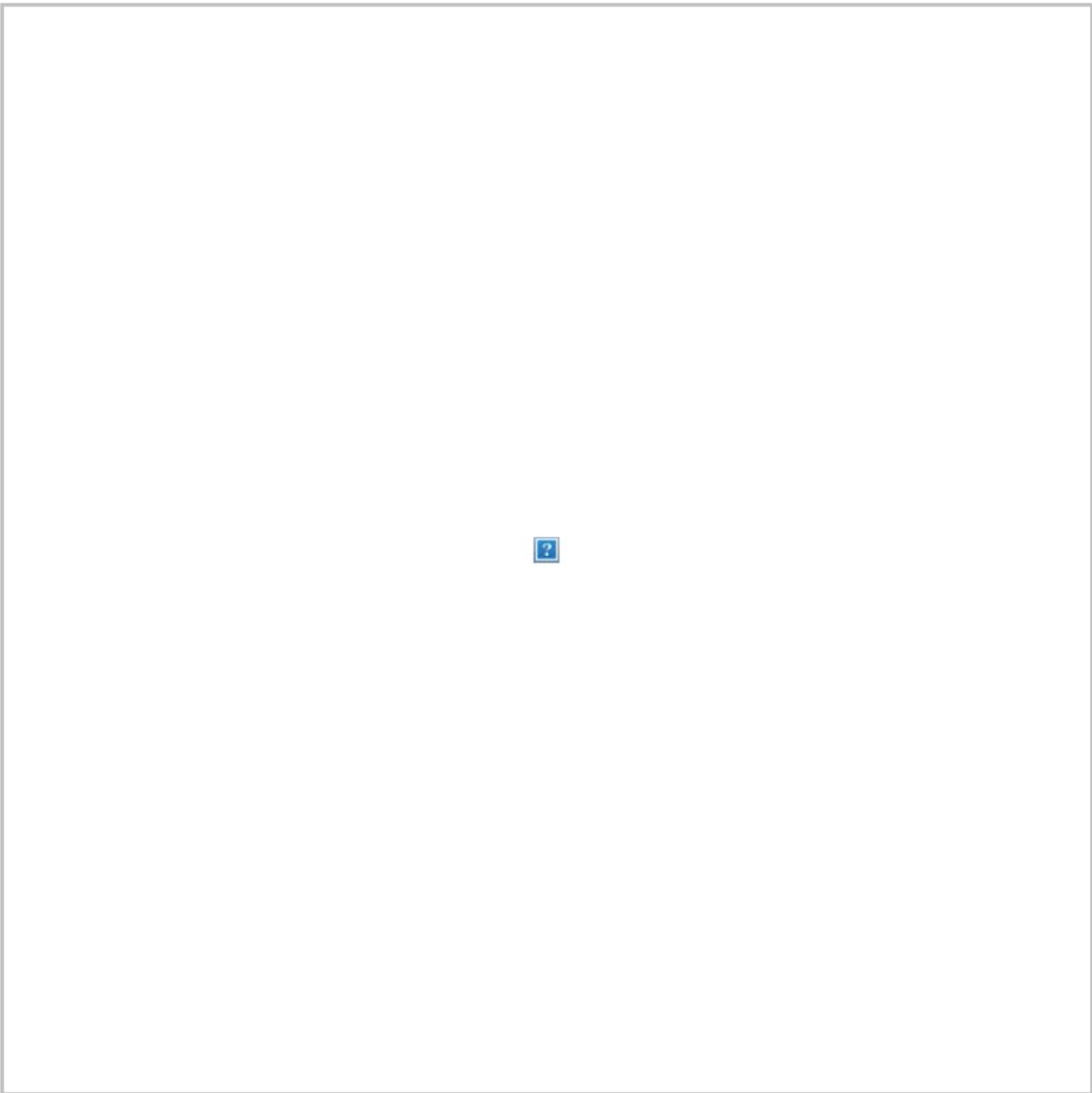
Scott Clement on what the polls missed

Marco Rubio said "America is going to be okay":



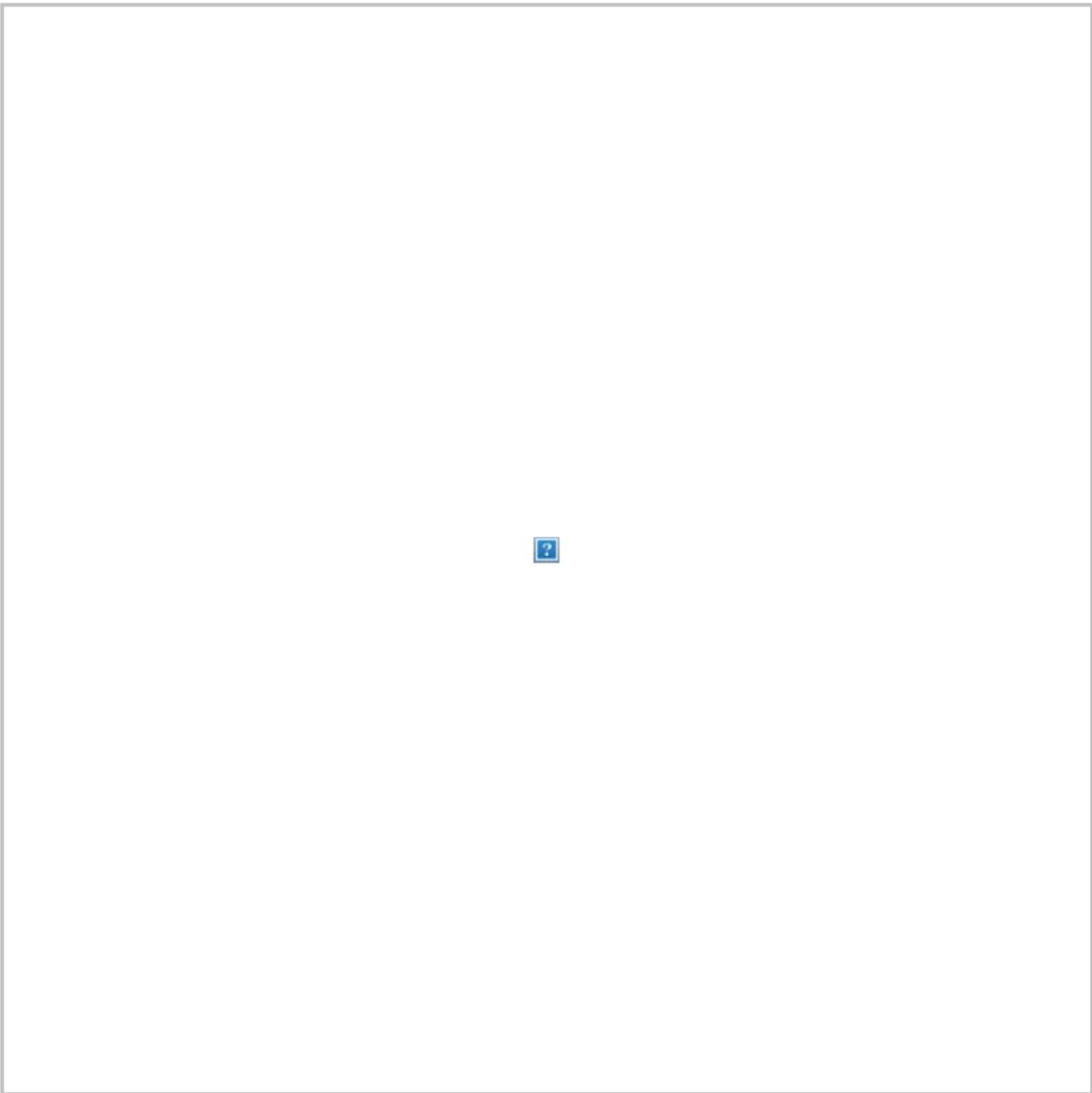
Marco Rubio: 'America is going to be okay'

Watch Vice President-elect Mike Pence's victory speech:



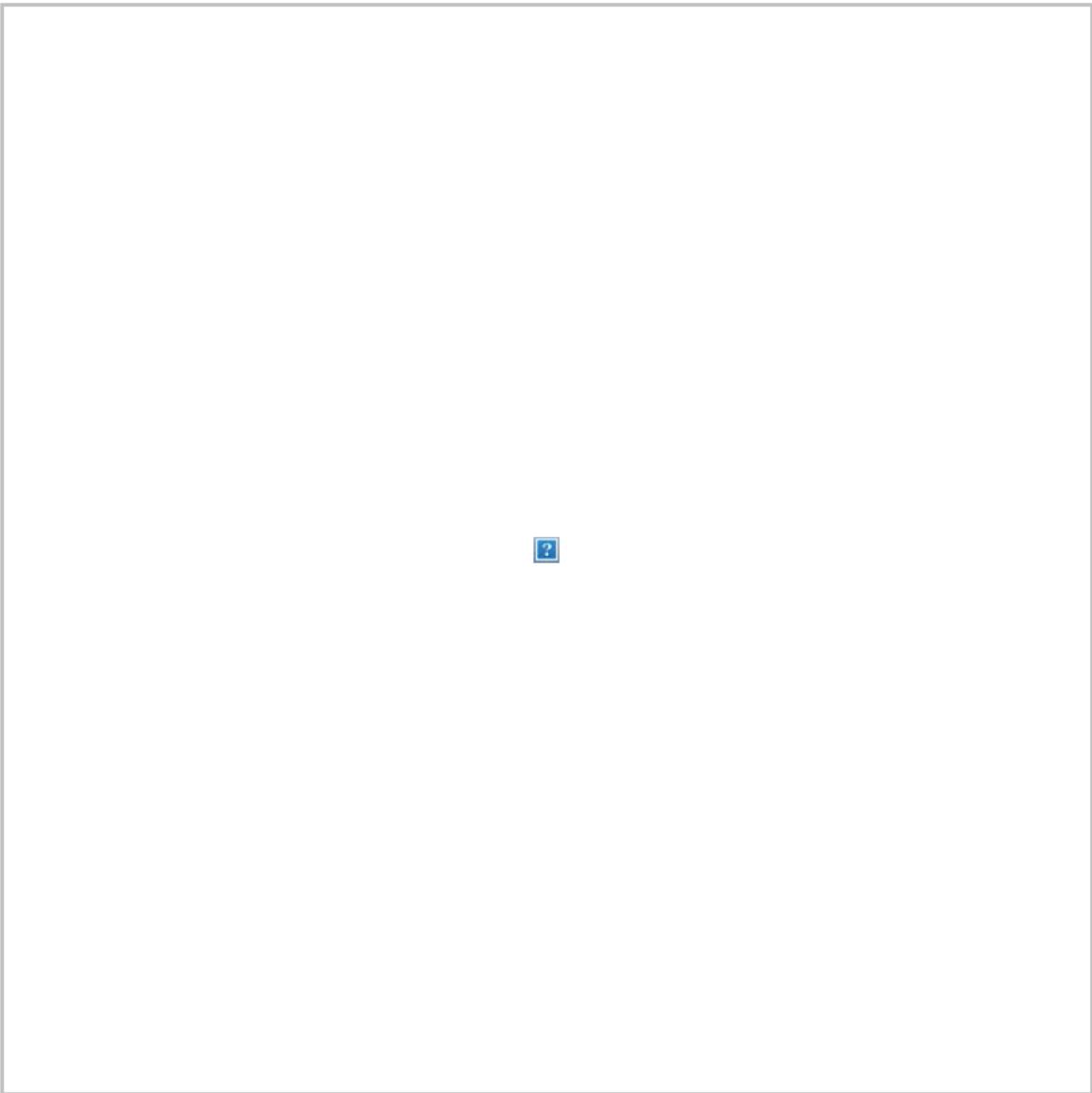
Pence celebrates 'historic night'

Watch John Podesta tell supporters at the Clinton event to go home:



Clinton campaign tells supporters 'head home ... get some sleep'

Tensions ran high on CNN after 2 a.m., as Van Jones told Corey Lewandowski: "you're being a horrible person right now."



Here's Van Jones telling Corey Lewandowski that he... by davis\_spenser Election Night in America CNN

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### Today in 5 Lines

President-elect Donald Trump [spoke with](#) President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan over the phone on Friday, according to a statement released by Trump's transition team. Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette [announced](#) he would file a lawsuit to stop Green Party candidate Jill Stein's "frivolous, expensive" election recount efforts in the state. The U.S. Supreme Court [agreed to hear](#) seven new cases, including those involving Christian-affiliated hospital systems claiming religious exemption to federal pension rules. Former Vermont Governor Howard Dean [took himself out of the running](#) for chairman of the Democratic National Committee. The U.S economy [added](#) 178,000 jobs in November, and the unemployment rate fell to 4.6 percent.

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### Today on *The Atlantic*

- **Obamacare Lives On—For Now:** The GOP has pledged to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. But [executing the plan](#) is an "enormously difficult task," and Republicans may leave the law "on the books for as many as three more years." (*Russell Berman*)
- **Party in Turmoil:** Representative Keith Ellison of Minnesota is vying to become chairman of the Democratic National Committee, but the party's confusion and internal disagreements about its future are [complicating his bid](#) for the position. (*David A. Graham*)
- **Falling Short:** While many of Hillary Clinton's critics say she failed to inspire Democrats to vote for her, the numbers show counties that Obama lost in 2012 ultimately sealed her fate. As Andrew McGill [writes](#): "They didn't like him, but they really hated her."

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### Snapshot



Former North Charleston police officer Michael Slager, center, is escorted to the

courthouse during his trial in Charleston, South Carolina. Slager is charged with murder for fatally shooting Walter Scott in 2015. Chuck Burton / AP

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### What We're Reading

**A New Narrative:** North Carolina Republicans are challenging the results of the 2016 gubernatorial race, citing voter fraud concerns. But in the process, they are helping form a new “[fraud narrative](#)” that Americans can expect to hear more of under a Trump administration. (*Barry Yeoman, New Republic*)

**‘Still Throwing Punches’:** Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump’s top campaign officials [analyzed the election](#) during a forum at Harvard University on Thursday. The exchange—which was full of “interruptions, accusations and plenty of cross-talk”—showed that while the race might be over, tensions between the two sides persist. (*Shane Goldmacher and Gabriel Debenedetti, Politico*)

**In Their Hands:** One concern for the Obama administration is whether Trump will roll back the president’s efforts to reform the criminal-justice system. If so, Attorney General Loretta Lynch told a crowd in Washington, D.C. this week that it will be up to local governments to [maintain his legacy](#). (*Issie Lapowsky, Wired*)

**‘The Last Diplomat’:** Adam Entous and Devlin Barrett chronicle the life of Robin Raphel, a former U.S. diplomat who “distinguished herself by building vast networks of contacts,” and later [became the subject](#) of an FBI investigation. (*The Wall Street Journal*)

**Standing Her Ground:** Green Party nominee Jill Stein “is now attracting far more media attention than her campaign ever did” by pushing for vote recounts in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. Despite the criticism she’s received, [Stein said](#) she’s not backing down. (*Tina Nguyen, Vanity Fair*)

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### Visualized

**Planes, Trains, and Automobiles:** President-elect Donald Trump has proposed a plan to spend \$350 million on improving America’s infrastructure. Here are [six maps](#) that show where that money could be spent. (*Tim Meko, The Washington Post*)

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### Question of the Week

This week we asked which restaurants you might expect to find President-elect Donald Trump and Vice President-elect Mike Pence once they’re both in the District. Here are some of our favorite responses:

John Bianchi predicted Trump will be spotted at Russia House on Connecticut Avenue.

Christopher Cormier suggested The Hamilton might be a good place for them to go, “given its proximity and past success [distracting the media](#).”

And reader Howard Cohen figured Pence would probably just [stick with Chili's](#).

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-Written by Elaine Godfrey ([@elainegodfrey](#)) and Candice Norwood ([@cjenorwoodwrites](#))

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## [The Presidential Transition Roadmap](#)



Hi Seth,

After a dramatic election night, POLITICO Pro launched Transition 2017, an exclusive newsletter that puts a spotlight on the presidential transition. The Transition 2017 newsletter covers developments from President-elect Trump's transition team, incoming administration hires and key policy decisions in the early days of the new White House.

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 Office of Government Ethics gushes over Trump move in bizarre tweetstorm <https://t.co/gOZ4It6NFG> #DonaldTrump <https://t.co/8glForSDWb> 

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 financial disclosure that he swore to be true, filing same with the *U.S. Office of Government Ethics*. At p. 16, of this disclosure, Trump 

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 The *Office of Government Ethics* is messaging Trump on his 'total' divestiture ...  via Twitter? <https://t.co/eyWMvMlcd4>

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policies that could affect his assets. Ethics office spokesman *Seth Jaffe* said *Trump* would more clearly resolve potential conflicts if he



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 as profit for *Trump*. The key here is that the *Trump* Organization is a privately held corporation and is, in essence, an extension of *Trump*. 

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to conflicts of interest when *Trump* becomes president. In response to *Trump's* tweets yesterday, the *Office of Government Ethics* tweeted, as



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would probably get away with that in a *Trump* administration. If the *Trump* administration does what Donald *Trump* wants to do and gets rid of



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have been pressuring *Trump* to place his holdings inside a blind trust, like virtually every president before him. But *Trump* has balked,



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added that *Trump's* business acumen and the many business interests he has as a result of it is "nothing to be ashamed about". Donald *Trump*



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*Trump* even sitting in on a meeting with a foreign head of state. “Although it is of course important that he have no involvement in *Trump*



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is a provision in the federal lease allowing *Trump* to sell or transfer his stake in the hotel to "any *Trump* Family Member." Selling it to a...



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*Trump* has got "the best people in America working on it," and that his tweets should indicate he is "taking it seriously." photo of *Trump*



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about getting ahead of themselves in going after *Trump* this quickly. He called the Times report on *Trump's* golf course in Scotland "trivial..."



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-elect Donald *Trump*. But Kennedy still has an advertising advantage, as well as a steep partisan advantage in a state *Trump* carried by 20



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drew an...enthusiastic? sarcastic? certainly unusual response from the *Office of Government Ethics*, which tweeted its “congratulations” for “

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anti-*Trump* posts calling for a recount, for electors to vote against *Trump*, and this one from the ACLU that raise concerns over a *Trump*-run



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rallies that fueled Donald *Trump's* victory. He'll be setting aside those job meetings and those interviews right here at *Trump* Tower to go



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Faint praise The *Office of Government Ethics* has praised Donald *Trump* for saying he will divest himself of his interests in *Trump* Org. One



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on the planned *Trump* Tower Buenos Aires, to be completed by 2020. But one of *Trump's* most serious conflicts of interest is the new *Trump*

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, the U.S. *Office of Government Ethics* has told lawyers for the president-elect. (New York Times) • *Trump* said Wednesday he plans to leave

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he also intends to have his children be advisers to his presidency. If *Trump* actually intends to divest himself of his business interests, ...

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day at the *Office of Government Ethics* that some observers thought it had been hacked—or driven over the edge by the challenges of the *Trum...*

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financial disclosure, *Trump* noted several foreign licensing deals, including the



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 said CNN critic Donald *Trump* has been good for business, and his election changes nothing for the news network. — [Recode] *Trump*'s tweeted 

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 have been skeptical as to whether *Trump* can separate his business interests from the interests of the nation. *Trump* must "exit the ownershi...

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of the President living in this particular executive mansion. It seems that Mr. *Trump* may become sort of -- or his family certainly a part-

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### [Nixon Peabody Beats Jailed Ex-Partner's Suit Over Arrest](#)

A California judge on Thursday granted Nixon Peabody LLP's request to nix sanctions in an ex-partner's suit claiming the firm should have funded his defense over a client's Ponzi scheme, noting the imprisoned attorney's "total lack of cooperation" warranted tossing the suit.

### [Labaton Attys Used False Witness Statements, Intuitive Says](#)

Intuitive Surgical Inc. has urged a California federal judge to toss class allegations that it lied about a defect in its robotic surgical equipment, saying the investors' Labaton Sucharow LLP lawyers used disavowed confidential witness statements in the complaint.

### [Atty Behind \\$67M 'Missing Pants' Lawsuit Fights Probation](#)

The lawyer who famously sued his dry cleaner for \$67 million over a pair of lost pants defended the lawsuit in front of a D.C. disciplinary board contemplating his probation Thursday, insisting that if he didn't challenge the cleaner's allegedly unfair advertising, "likely nobody would."

### [Wachovia On The Hook For Seller's Fraud, 9th Circ. Told](#)

Investors who unwittingly bought two Los Angeles office buildings involved in a Ponzi scheme told the Ninth Circuit during oral arguments Thursday that the clock on the statute of limitations for suing Wachovia Bank for aiding in securities fraud didn't start until the investors learned of the bank's culpability in 2011.

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## LITIGATION

### [Malpractice Suit Dismissal Upheld By Pa. Appeals Court](#)

A Pennsylvania appeals court on Thursday upheld the dismissal of a malpractice suit against Pittsburgh's Matis Baum O'Connor over a settlement it was accused of entering without the consent of its client.

### [NJ Panel Upends DQ Of Expert In Legal Malpractice Row](#)

The New Jersey Appellate Division on Thursday reversed the disqualification of an

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expert witness for the plaintiff in a legal malpractice case, ruling that the trial judge granted the request to nix the witness before the plaintiff had the chance to file an answer.

#### [Minority Owners Say PE Firm Wrote Docs In Buyout Fight](#)

The minority owners of a network infrastructure company involved in a dispute over a private equity buyout asked a Pennsylvania federal judge not to rule against them on their cross-claims against the company, arguing Thursday that they were induced into signing certain agreements.

#### [DOJ Seeks 5-6 Years For NY Lawyer In \\$30M Mortgage Fraud](#)

A New York lawyer facing prison time for his role in a \$30 million scheme to rip off lenders by lying about property values should get five to six behind bars, the U.S. government told a New York federal court Thursday.

Expert Analysis

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#### [The US Supreme Court In 2017](#)

The ideologue's main problem is believing in conformity of thought. They will now search for true believers, but fortunately very few judges harbor the dark, conservative uniformity desired. If they do find one, the Senate will not confirm, says James Brosnahan, a senior trial counsel with Morrison & Foerster LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

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#### [Religious Freedom In Danger, Alito Says In Political Speech](#)

Conservative Justice Samuel Alito struck a political tone Thursday in a speech honoring the late Justice Antonin Scalia, warning that religious freedom was in great "danger" and suggesting executive agencies have overstepped their constitutional authority in the Obama administration.

#### [10,000 Attys Sign Letter Opposing Bannon White House Role](#)

A letter being circulated by a Colorado law professor calling for Donald Trump to rescind his pick of Steve Bannon from a top White House role has garnered more than 10,000 lawyer signatures, an outpouring of support she hopes will dislodge the "alt right" news executive from the new administration.

#### [Law360's Weekly Verdict: Legal Lions & Lambs](#)

Attorneys representing business groups opposing expanded federal union-organizing rules clinched a spot on Law360's legal lions list Monday when a federal judge deemed the rule unlawful, while attorneys at Greenberg Traurig representing Medtronic in a patent suit landed on the legal lambs list after a jury slammed their client with a \$20 million verdict.

#### [Kidnapped LA Judge Rescued By Colombian Authorities](#)

Colombian authorities have rescued a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge who was kidnapped several days prior while in the South American nation on vacation, the court announced on Thursday.

#### [Bond Dickinson Reopens Salary Review After Brexit Freeze](#)

U.K. law firm Bond Dickinson LLP said Thursday it will revive its attorney salary review process after a temporary freeze related to the country's vote to leave the European Union, which caused economic uncertainty and a drop in value of the British pound.

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[Rainmaker Q&A: Winston & Strawn's Dan Webb](#)

You need to make your presence felt and get involved in politics, community activities or charities. You need to appear to the world to be a lawyer who is on an upward adventure in life and in the practice of law, says Dan Webb, partner at Winston & Strawn LLP.

[Rainmaker Q&A: Fox Rothschild's Mark Morris](#)

I make it my personal goal to never have a client call with a question that I need to answer with, "Let me check and get back to you." I want to be up to date on every aspect of a matter so that I continue to foster that client's confidence, says Mark Morris, partner at Fox Rothschild LLP.

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### [How Immigration Attys Can Prep Clients For Trump Policies](#)

An era of heavy immigration enforcement is likely on its way under President Donald Trump, but attorneys can still help clients without legal status explore relief options like asylum and prepare them for the possible cancellation of the popular deferred deportation program. Here, experts share some strategies to prepare for the incoming Trump administration changes.

Analysis

### [DOL's Tip Pool Rule Poses Tough Decision For Restaurants](#)

The U.S. Department of Labor's tip pooling rule, which bars restaurants from requiring their wait staff to share tips with employees in the back of the house, may be facing legal challenges and a potential revisit from the Trump administration, but experts say that in the meantime restaurants are facing tough compliance choices.

### [NATO Chief Urges Trump Not To Abandon Alliance](#)

The head of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization on Sunday tacitly urged President-elect Donald Trump to reconsider his stated antipathy to the NATO alliance, describing the partnership as "indispensable" to both Europe and the U.S. amid a deteriorating security environment.

Analysis

### [LinkedIn Boot Shows Russian Data Law Can't Be Brushed Off](#)

A Russian court's recent decision to ban LinkedIn from the country for allegedly violating strict data localization rules signals the law will be aggressively enforced even against businesses that only interact with Russians over the internet, leaving both multinationals and the new Trump administration to face difficult decisions about how to respond.

### [SEC Chair White To Step Down When Obama Leaves Office](#)

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Chair Mary Jo White said Monday that

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she will leave the agency at the end of the Obama administration, concluding a tenure that saw the SEC extend its regulatory framework and demand greater accountability from wrongdoers.

Analysis

#### [Campaign Cash Warning To Pa. Judges May Boost Recusals](#)

As the cost of campaigning for a seat on one of Pennsylvania's three statewide courts has exploded over the last decade, experts say new guidance urging judges to be more sensitive to perceptions of bias in cases involving campaign donors could prompt a rash of recusals.

### BANKING & SECURITIES

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#### [Muni Watchdog Detects 4 Market Risks For Retail Investors](#)

Retail investors in municipal bonds are potentially facing risks in disclosure practices, price fairness and transparency, types of ownership, and senior investor protection, the municipal bond market's regulatory body recently told the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### [Hong Kong Delays Rollout Of Derivatives Volatility Controls](#)

The owner of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange delayed a rollout scheduled Monday for a volatility control mechanism designed to restrain its derivatives markets from wild price swings, citing technical problems that require further testing.

Analysis

#### [Big SEC Whistleblower Bounties Won't Change With Trump](#)

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's whistleblower program is likely to continue its record-breaking streak, bolstered by a \$20 million award announced Monday, experts said, despite the newly elected Trump administration's threats to repeal the Dodd-Frank Act that created the program in 2011.

#### [House, SEC Drop Health Care Subpoena Fight At 2nd Circ.](#)

The U.S. House Ways and Means Committee has dropped its Second Circuit appeal seeking to stop the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission from subpoenaing a former staffer in a health care insider trading probe, putting to rest more than two years of litigation.

#### [SEC OKs FINRA Rule Making It Easier To Toss Arbitrations](#)

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission signed off last week on a rule change to Financial Industry Regulatory Authority arbitrations that will make it easier for arbitrators to dismiss claims that have previously been adjudicated.

### ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

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#### [NJ Lawmakers Oppose Hazardous Waste Facility In Pa.](#)

New Jersey lawmakers on Monday advanced a resolution opposing a hazardous waste incinerator proposed for a Pennsylvania property across the Delaware River from several Garden State towns, citing the high probability of pollution and its potential impact on air and water quality.

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#### [Texas Agency's Likely Renewal Will Sharpen Energy Oversight](#)

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State lawmakers are expected to renew the Texas Railroad Commission following a 2017 review and pave the way for a slate of modest changes to improve monitoring and enforcement of its oil and gas production rules and enhance oversight of state pipelines, leaving behind years of contentious policy fights, experts say.

## IP & TECHNOLOGY

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### [DOJ Appeals Loss On BMI Music Rights Accord To 2nd Circ.](#)

The U.S. on Friday appealed to the Second Circuit a September decision in favor of Broadcast Music Inc. in its challenge to the U.S. Department of Justice's interpretation of 75-year-old antitrust settlements regarding the licensing of music performance rights.

## MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

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### [Five States Push High Court To Take NJ Sports Betting Case](#)

Five states on Monday urged the U.S. Supreme Court to review a Third Circuit decision that shot down New Jersey's attempt to repeal sports betting prohibitions pertaining only to its casinos and horse racetracks, arguing the decision "fundamentally alters the nature of federal-state relations."

## TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

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### [NHTSA Puts Long Delayed 'Quiet Car' Sound Rule Into Effect](#)

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on Monday announced that an audible sound requirement will be put on all new electric and hybrid light-duty vehicles, referred to as "quiet cars" because pedestrians often don't hear the vehicles approaching, in an effort to reduce injuries affecting those that rely more heavily on sound to detect oncoming cars.

## INSURANCE

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### [Class Action Over Hep C Coverage Falls Flat, Colo. Says](#)

The state of Colorado on Thursday said a Medicaid beneficiary doesn't have the right to bring a potential class action challenging the state's since-updated policies for denying coverage of hepatitis C medication, including AbbVie Inc.'s Technivie.

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### [Scrapping OT Regs Would Spike Employer Profits, CBO Says](#)

Employers should expect to see a spike in profits totaling billions of dollars over the next six years if the U.S. Department of Labor's overtime expansion is halted before its forthcoming Dec. 1 implementation date, the Congressional Budget Office said Monday, while cautioning that workers would likely see a drop in pay.

### [Christie Wants To Nix Benefits For Striking Workers](#)

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie has conditionally vetoed legislation that would give unemployment benefits to employees involved in labor disputes, recommending Monday that lawmakers remove striking workers from eligibility under the proposed law.

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### [FTC Eyes Changes To Contact Lens Competition Rule](#)

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[Lawyers' Committee for Civil](#)

The Federal Trade Commission is seeking comments on two proposed changes to a rule that specifies what eye care sellers and prescribers must do to be in compliance with regulations relating to consumers and contact lenses.

[Rights Under Law](#)

[Level 3 Communications Inc.](#)

[Libbey Inc.](#)

## PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

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[LinkedIn Corp.](#)

### [Trans Student Tells 6th Circ. To Deny Stay In Bathroom Row](#)

[Merck & Co Inc.](#)

The Sixth Circuit shouldn't stay an order requiring Ohio's Highland School District to let a transgender student use the bathroom that matches her gender identity while the school district appeals, because the girl's life and wellbeing are at risk without the court's protection, she told the appeals court Friday.

[Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund](#)

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## GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

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[Morgan Stanley](#)

### [Feds Clarify Sole-Source Contracting Justifications](#)

[National Association of Broadcasters](#)

The Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council on Monday proposed a new rule meant to clarify exactly when and how contracting officials are to explain themselves when awarding a "sole-source" contract, meaning one given without full solicitation and open competition, for disadvantaged business awards exceeding \$22 million in value.

[National Collegiate Athletic Association](#)

[National Restaurant Association](#)

### [GAO Finds Flaw In Tool For Sifting Out Bad Gov't Payments](#)

[New York Times Co.](#)

A system overseen by the Office of Management and Budget and the U.S. Department of the Treasury that is intended to prevent federal agencies from making improper payments fails to provide complete access to necessary databases, according to a U.S. Government Accountability Office report released Monday.

[Nucor Corp.](#)

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### [White House Wants Additional \\$11.6B To Fight Islamic State](#)

[PricewaterhouseCoopers](#)

The White House has asked Congress to approve an additional \$11.6 billion in federal funding for the campaign against the Islamic State group and to support the Afghan government, saying that the additional money is needed to help effectively defeat the militant organization.

[QEP Resources Inc.](#)

[Sierra Club](#)

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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[Simon Property Group, Inc.](#)

### [US Trade Policy 'A Guess' Under Trump, Ex-Trade Reps Say](#)

[Skype Technologies SA](#)

A pair of former U.S. Trade Representatives said Monday that the country's foreign trade policy would be up in the air in the administration of President-elect Donald Trump, speculating that a protectionist United States could empower China to write international trade rules.

[Spotify Technology SA](#)

[Tenneco Inc.](#)

[The Cato Corporation](#)

## TAX

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[Toro Company](#)

### [Colo. Can't Appeal Case It Already Won, Retail Group Says](#)

[Verizon Communications](#)

Colorado's victory in a dispute over tax-related reporting requirements for out-of-state retailers bars it from appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court to revisit a controversial 1992 ruling requiring retailers to have a physical presence in a state for the purpose of collecting sales and use taxes, according to a New York-based retail trade group.

[Washington Post Co.](#)

[Windstream Corporation](#)

## GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

### [IRS Defends Cost-Sharing Rule In Altera Row At 9th Circ.](#)

[Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services](#)

The IRS once again attacked a U.S. Tax Court decision scrapping its rule regarding stock-based compensation in cost-sharing agreements, telling the Ninth Circuit Thursday in a dispute with chipmaker Altera Corp. that the rule was the "product of

[Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#)

reasoned decisionmaking.”

#### [IRS Says Tea Party Suit Need Go No Further](#)

The IRS urged a D.C. federal court to dismiss outstanding claims from several conservative advocacy groups accusing the agency of discrimination and political bias, saying Friday that the agency has taken permanent actions to correct its conduct and render those claims moot.

#### BANKRUPTCY

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##### [Former NJ AG Appointed To Steer Atlantic City's Finances](#)

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC member Jeffrey S. Chiesa, New Jersey’s onetime attorney general and former chief counsel to Gov. Chris Christie, has been appointed to oversee Atlantic City’s fiscal recovery in the wake of the state’s rejection of a financial plan the struggling resort town hoped would save its autonomy.

##### [Essar Steel Fights Minn. Permit Yank In \\$2B Ch. 11 Battle](#)

A Minnesota attorney told a Delaware bankruptcy judge Monday that the North Star State never intended to tie up indefinitely the publicly owned iron ore rights on thousands of acres with an unfinished \$2 billion mine and mill venture now claiming a Chapter 11 shield against default claims.

#### IMMIGRATION

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##### [Mayor: Chicago To Stay Sanctuary City Amid Trump Plans](#)

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel said Monday the city will remain a sanctuary for immigrants, despite President-elect Donald Trump’s plans to deport or jail 2 million to 3 million people who are in the country illegally.

##### [Immigrant Bonds Should Be Tied To Ability To Pay: Judge](#)

A California federal judge has certified a class of immigrants challenging the government's process for setting cash bonds in detention cases and ordered judges to consider the immigrants' ability to pay bond when setting amounts.

##### [USCIS Releases Revamped Work Authorization Form](#)

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on Monday issued a new version of the Form I-9, a work authorization form used by employers that now has informational prompts and room for providing extra information.

#### NATIVE AMERICAN

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##### [Navajo Group Says County Exec Can't Trim Voting Rights Row](#)

The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission urged a Utah federal court Friday not to let a San Juan County commissioner escape part of a lawsuit challenging the county’s predominantly mail-in voting system as detrimental to Navajo citizens.

#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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##### [House Passes Anti-Spoofing, Rural Calling Bills](#)

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a pair of telecommunications quality and consumer protection bills Monday, its first day back since the election, providing more protections against caller ID spoofing in text messages and for rural call quality.

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### [Directors Guild Presses FCC To Release Set-Top Plan](#)

A Directors Guild of America representative on Thursday urged the Federal Communications Commission to release to the public a proposal to unlock the consumer television set-top box market, saying that a fact sheet on the plan does not address concerns from programming copyright holders.

[U.S. Department of Defense](#)

[U.S. Department of Education](#)

[U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#)

### [Level 3 Says FCC Empowered To Limit Nat'l Security Reviews](#)

Level 3 Communications has told the Federal Communications Commission it has the authority to set time limits on national security reviews of broadcast transactions involving foreign ownership, saying it can consider concerns but has the freedom to set deadlines, according to a filing posted publicly Monday.

[U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#)

[U.S. Department of Justice](#)

[U.S. Department of Labor](#)

### [Frontier Lobbies FCC Chief Over Harm From Rate Regs](#)

The CEO of Frontier Communications Corp. has pushed Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler to ensure new regulations proposed for the business data services market do not harm mid-size, older carriers, warning that jobs and connectivity could otherwise be endangered.

[U.S. Department of State](#)

[U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

[U.S. Department of the Treasury](#)

### [NY Wants Quick FCC Approval Of Rural Broadband Funds](#)

Representatives from New York state urged the Federal Communications Commission last week to expedite approval of a petition to deploy \$170.4 million in federal funding to build out rural broadband infrastructure in the state.

[U.S. General Services Administration](#)

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### EXPERT ANALYSIS

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### [What To Expect From The New Senate](#)

A word of caution to our fellow Republicans — one lesson learned from President Obama's first two years in office is that pushing through partisan legislation could come back to haunt a party and a presidency, say former Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, and Curt Beaulieu of Bracewell LLP.

### [Opening Up Libel Laws Would Test 1st Amendment](#)

In an era when terms like "libel" and "slander" are increasingly used, and the broad and nebulous term "media" is becoming a convenient scapegoat for all of society's social ills, the possibility that someone may seriously consider a subsidy to bring defamation suits against the media — as President-elect Trump suggested while on the campaign trail — "dampens the vigor and limits the variety of public debate," say Ehren Fournier and Adam Losey of Foley & Lardner LLP.

### [Immigration Predictions Under A Trump Presidency](#)

Among other campaign promises, President-elect Donald Trump boasted that he would deport those living in the U.S. illegally and build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. As president, will Trump stick to these promises, and even if he has a will to do so, does he have a way? Becki Young, co-founder of Hammond Young Immigration Law LLC, discusses what to expect from Trump's immigration policies over the next four years.

### [Considerations When Hiring Legislative Branch Employees](#)

With the 114th Congress drawing to a close, private and nonprofit sectors can soon recruit seasoned professionals with recent congressional experience. However, without appropriate controls this process can create legal and reputational risks for prospective employers and employees alike, say attorneys at WilmerHale.

### [How US Federal Elections Will Impact US-China Relations](#)

Taking President-elect Trump at his word, the global trading system in general, and U.S.-China relations in particular, is about to hit a rocky four-year stretch, say Bruce Heiman and Stacy Ettinger of K&L Gates LLP.

#### [OPINION: Goodness First, Then Greatness](#)

For many, the United States missed an opportunity after 9/11 to emphasize similarities rather than differences, to seek healing rather than punishment, to build understanding between cultures. Is Trump's election another such opportunity? asks Kevin Curnin, president-elect of the Association of Pro Bono Counsel.

#### LEGAL INDUSTRY

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#### [Chadbourne Says Attys In Bias Suit Not Employees](#)

A pair of lawyers with a \$100 million proposed class action accusing Chadbourne & Parke LLP of discriminating against them and other female partners are or were Chadbourne shareholders and have no right to sue their own business under employment discrimination laws, the firm said on Monday.

#### [Carlton Fields Attorney Dies In Scuba Diving Accident](#)

A Carlton Fields attorney who worked in the firm's Tampa, Florida, office died Sunday from injuries believed to be related to a scuba diving incident over the weekend in the Gulf of Mexico, according to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

#### [4 Ways Firms Can Be More Tech-Forward](#)

Law firms looking to take advantage of the most advanced technology for ease of workflow and productivity may not have to look very far, given the proliferation of new products and software on the market, but industry experts say firms need to foster an environment that allows for innovation.

#### [How To Know When It's Time To Go In-House](#)

If you've ever toyed with the idea of taking a law department gig, you've probably also wondered whether it will serve your career better to flee BigLaw the first chance you get or wait it out. Here are some milestones that can tell you when the time is right to make the in-house jump.

#### [Rainmaker Q&A: Latham & Watkins' Mark Gerstein](#)

One skill most important for becoming a rainmaker is the confidence that allows you to go into any pitch with the expectation that you will win it, and treating those you lose not as a personal loss, but simply part of the business, says Mark Gerstein, a global chairman of Latham & Watkins' mergers and acquisitions practice.

#### [Rainmaker Q&A: Nossaman's Yuliya Oryol](#)

While practicing law in South Korea I continued to work full-time while pregnant with both of my daughters. It was challenging to pitch work as a non-Korean speaking, Russian-American woman, working in a mostly male Asian business culture. In fact, I was regularly the only woman in the room, says Yuliya Oryol, co-chairwoman of the public pensions and investments practice group at Nossaman LLP.

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## **The Senate is not in session.**

## **The House reconvened at 9 a.m.**

The House reconvened at 9 a.m. for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider the conference report to accompany a bill (S 2943) that would authorize defense and other national security funding and programs for FY 2017.

## **Legislative and Related News**

*Federal News Radio* reports that House Speaker Paul Ryan expects that the Senate's calendar, specifically its role in confirmation hearings and votes, could extend the end date of the next continuing resolution. [Trump confirmation hearings likely to extend continuing resolution](#)

*Government Executive* and *Federal News Radio* report that some Senate Democrats have joined the queue of those seeking answers from GSA as to how it will resolve any conflicts of interest related to the Old Post Office Pavilion lease to Donald Trump. [The Government's Landlord Needs to Explain How It Will Resolve Trump's Hotel Lease](#) [Senators join House probe into GSA lease with Trump organization](#)

*Government Executive* and *The Washington Post* report that House lawmakers criticized Agriculture Department officials for their handling of a decades-old culture of sexual harassment at the U.S. Forest Service. [Lawmakers Appalled at Forest Service Sexual Misconduct, Demand Firings](#) [Forest Service slammed over sexual-harassment and civil rights complaints](#)

## **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

Multiple outlets report that President-elect Trump has announced his intention to nominate retired Marine General James Mattis for Secretary of Defense. [Trump picks retired Marine Gen. James Mattis for secretary of defense](#) [Trump picks General 'Mad Dog' Mattis as defense secretary](#) [James Mattis, Outspoken Ex-Marine, Is Trump's Choice as Defense Secretary](#). In connection with that announcement, *Politico* reports that Senator Gillibrand plans to vote against the legislative waiver required for the retired general to serve as defense secretary. [Gillibrand says she won't vote for Mattis waiver](#)

*Politico* and *The Hill* report that President-elect Trump plans to announce most of his remaining cabinet choices next week. [Trump to announce 'almost all' Cabinet picks next week](#) [Trump: 'Almost all' cabinet picks coming next week](#)

*The Washington Post* reports that the President-elect's stock portfolio reflects millions of dollars held in companies that could benefit from policy decisions he might make as President. [Trump's stock holdings may give him a personal stake in rules on banks and oil firms](#)

*Government Executive* opines that the STOCK Act reporting requirements might be a nuisance

for top candidates in a Trump administration but ultimately it would not deter prospective appointees. [Trump's Top Nominees Unlikely to Be Deterred by STOCK Act](#)

*STAT* reports that President-elect Trump's choice for HHS secretary has a stock portfolio with numerous potential conflicts of interest. [Investments by Trump's HHS pick raise questions over conflict of interest](#)

*The New York Times* outlines the conflicts of interests facing President-elect Trump. [The Array of Conflicts of Interest Facing the Trump Presidency](#)

### **International and Related News**

*Fox News* reports that Czech lawmakers have approved legislation to limit the business activities of future government ministers. [Czech lawmakers pass divisive conflict of interest amendment](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

**House:** December 9-12; 19-30

**Senate:** December 19-30

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**The Senate and House are not in session.**

**Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Federal News Radio* and *Government Executive* both report on OGE's amendments to the executive branch ethics program regulation at part 2638. [Ahead of election, OGE finalizes ethics program overhaul](#), [Ethics Rules Receive First Comprehensive Update in 35 Years](#)

*Government Executive* reports on the presidential transition process and the time it takes to fill about 1000 senior appointee positions, noting that "ethics/financial reviews" take two weeks. [Get Ready: Presidential Transitions Are Full of Surprises](#)

The *BBC* reports on potential conflict of interest issues facing U.S. presidents, including the U.S. Constitution's Emoluments Clause. [US election 2016: Trump and Clinton trust in daughter power](#)

**Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 10 – November 11

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## **The Senate meets in a pro forma session.**

## **The House meets in a pro forma session.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

Multiple outlets report on lawmakers' discussions to fund the government. [Republicans, Trump close in on spending deal GOP opts for short-term spending bill Pence Previews Trump Priorities While GOP Seeks to Punt Funding Debate Into New Year Congress Will Pursue Continuing Resolution to Keep Government Open Through March](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

Multiple outlets report on the President-elect's newly announced nominees for attorney general, secretary of state, CIA director, and national security adviser. [Donald Trump Selects Senator Jeff Sessions for Attorney General Trump picks Sessions for attorney general, Pompeo for CIA Trump taps Sessions for attorney general, Pompeo for CIA Trump picks Rep. Pompeo as CIA chief Trump offers national security adviser post to Michael Flynn Trump taps Flynn for national security adviser: reports](#)

*Politico* and *The New York Times* report on the legal issues surrounding a possible White House appointment for the President-elect's son in law. [Trump's appointment of son-in-law could rest on Clinton precedent Kushner, Trump's Son-in-Law, Tests Legal Path to White House Job](#)

*Politico* discusses the existing White House ethics rules that could apply to the President-elect's chief strategist in connection with his former employer. [Ethics rules bar Bannon from helping Breitbart](#)

*The Washington Post* reports on the possible conflicts of interest raised by the close industry ties of one of the leading candidates for treasury secretary. [With Treasury candidate come possible conflicts](#)

*Politico* reports that the Trump transition team filed the last pieces of necessary paperwork late Thursday afternoon that enables it to start receiving briefings and go into federal agencies. [Trump team files final paperwork to get federal transition started](#) *Government Executive* reports that, according to Trump aides, the first batch of the so-called transition "landing teams" will arrive at "national security" agencies Friday, while the rest of the teams will deploy next week. [Trump Sets Timetable for Agency Meetings, but Transition Efforts Have Already Fallen Behind Schedule](#) *Government Executive* also offers a brief timeline comparison between the current transition and the 2008 transition. [How Far Behind is Donald Trump's Presidential Transition Compared to Obama's?](#)

*Politico* reports that legal experts and lobbyists expect President-elect Trump's 5-year lobbying ban to either deter top talent from joining the administration or, for those who do join, to expand the use of loopholes to avoid registering as a lobbyist when they leave

government. [Lobbyists scoff at Trump's five-year ban](#)

*The Root* reports that a member of Congress recently introduced legislation that would force presidents and vice presidents to resolve any financial conflicts of interest when taking office. The article notes that they would accomplish this by establishing a blind trust for their assets or publicly disclosing decisions they make that affect their financial interests. [Congresswoman Introduces Conflict of Interest Bill Targeting Donald Trump](#)

*Reuters* reports that a legal challenge involving a nondisclosure contract used by Mr. Trump is now pending before the National Labor Relations Board. The article notes that President-elect Trump is expected to appoint two Board members to the 5-member NLRB. [Case on Trump worker contract raises conflict of interest question](#)

*Politico* reports that a 19-member coalition that includes good government groups petitioned President-elect Donald Trump to make major changes to his business arrangements before taking office. [5 ethics steps watchdog groups want Trump to take](#)

### **Federal Agency and Related News**

*Federal News Radio* reports that OPM released the 2017 federal holiday schedule which includes a holiday on Inauguration Day for many DC-area federal employees. [OPM tells DC-area feds how to plan for Inauguration Day](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

**House:** November 18-28

**Senate:** November 19-27

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### **The Senate reconvenes at 4 p.m.**

The Senate reconvenes at 4 p.m., and following leader remarks, will be in a period of morning business until 5 p.m. At that time, the chamber is expected to consider a bill that would allow the Veterans History Project to collect audio and video recordings of biographical histories by immediate family members of service members who died as a result of serving in war (HR 4511). The Senate is expected to vote on passage of the bill at approximately 5:30 p.m.

### **The House reconvenes at 2 p.m.**

The House reconvenes at 2 p.m. for legislative business and is expected to consider measures under suspension of the rules. Roll call votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

### **Legislative and Related News**

*Roll Call* reports on orientation week for newly-elected members of the House. [The Week When the Capitol Is Like College in the Fall](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*FedWeek* reports on newly released OPM guidance on the presidential transition, which includes information on ethics provisions applicable to career federal employees. [Guidance Issued on Transition](#)

*ABC News* reports on information being provided to potential transition team applicants about the vetting process for transition team positions, including financial disclosure requirements and conflict of interest rules. [Trump Transition Team Members Will Have to Disclose Finances](#)

### **Federal Agency and Related News**

*The Washington Post* posts a list of “dos and don’ts” for federal workers during a presidential transition. [Do’s and Don’ts for federal workers anticipating a Trump administration](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** November 18-28  
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## **The Senate and the House are not in session.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

*The Hill* reports that House members decided they will pass a short-term stopgap measure to fund the government into March instead of an omnibus, skirting a final budget deal with President Obama. [Week ahead: Short-term spending bill in the works | Trump Treasury talk | Rate hike clues](#)

*ABC13* discusses the Senate confirmation process. [HOW SENATE CONFIRMATION WORKS](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Federal News Radio* and *The Hill* report that the Office of Government Ethics published a final rule that updates gift acceptance rules for executive branch officials. [Federal News Radio - OGE's new guidance for accepting gifts pushes feds to reach for 'higher standard'](#); [The Hill - Ethics watchdog updates gift rules for federal workers](#)

*Bustle* reports that debate continues over President-elect Trump's potential conflicts of interest and whether his foreign business ties may violate the Constitution's emoluments clause. [The Emoluments Clause Explains Why Donald Trump Giving His Businesses To His Kids Isn't Enough](#)

*CNN* and *The Washington Post* report that Donald Trump's soon-to-be chief of staff, Reince Priebus, said that the incoming White House counsel will be tasked with making sure there are no conflicts of interest with the real estate mogul's business empire. [CNN - Priebus: Trump's White House counsel will ensure no conflicts of interest](#); [The Washington Post - Reince Priebus: Trump will avoid conflicts of interest as president](#)

*Huffington Post* reports that President-elect Donald Trump's son-in-law and close advisor may have a \$2.7 billion conflict of interest centered around Obamacare. [Donald Trump's Top Adviser Has A Potential \\$2.7 Billion Obamacare Conflict Of Interest](#)

*Politico* reports that a top member on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is seeking more information from President-elect Donald Trump's transition team about apparent conflicts of interests of retired Gen. Mike Flynn, tapped to be Trump's national security adviser. [Top Democrat seeks details about Mike Flynn's possible conflicts of interest](#)

*The Wall Street Journal* reports that the Federal Reserve said it has expanded its curbs on bank supervisors departing for private practice, moving to address criticisms of an alleged "revolving door" between the regulator and Wall Street. [Fed Tightens Rules Addressing Alleged "Revolving Door" With Wall Street](#)

*The Washington Post* reports that President-elect Donald Trump's new proposals to crack down on lobbyists' influence in Washington appear vague and could be unconstitutional. [Trump's new lobbying rules could 'drain the swamp.' But they may be illegal and are porous.](#)

*Politico* reports that Vice President-elect Mike Pence said that overhauling the government's ethics laws will be a top priority for President-elect Donald Trump in Congress next year. [Ethics reform bill a Trump priority, Pence says](#)

*The New York Times* reports that President-elect Donald Trump's meeting with three Indian business partners who are building a Trump-branded luxury apartment complex raises new questions about how he will separate his business dealings from the work of the government once he is in the White House. [Donald Trump Meeting Suggests He Is Keeping Up His Business Ties](#)

**Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** November 18-28

**Senate:** November 19-27

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### **The Senate reconvenes at 3 p.m.**

The Senate reconvenes at 3 p.m. and will be in a period of morning business. No roll call votes are expected.

### **The House is not in session.**

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Forbes* reports that President-elect Donald Trump owns stock in the company building the Dakota Access pipeline, something that protesters say could sway any decision the new president would have to make next year over its fate. [Trump Owns Stake In Hotly Disputed \\$3.8 Billion Oil Pipeline, Conflict Of Interest Looms](#)

*The Guardian* reports that Constitutional lawyers and White House ethics counsellors from Democratic and Republican administrations have warned Donald Trump his presidency might be blocked by the electoral college if he does not give up ownership of at least some of his business empire. [‘A recipe for scandal’: Trump conflicts of interest point to constitutional crisis](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** December 9-12; 19-30

**Senate:** December 19-30

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#### **The Senate reconvenes at 9:30 am.**

The Senate reconvenes at 9:30 a.m. and will be in a period of morning business. At 1:45 p.m., the Senate will vote on passage of a bill (HR 6297) that would reauthorize the 1996 Iran Sanctions Act for 10 years.

#### **The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business.**

The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 6392) that would eliminate the \$50 billion or greater asset threshold for enhanced supervision and regulation of bank holding companies and a resolution (H Res 933) that would provide additional funding for the Energy and Commerce Committee.

#### **Legislative and Related News**

*The Daily Beast* and *Law News* report that all 16 Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee signed a letter to Chairman Bob Goodlatte requesting that they hold hearings on President-elect Trump's conflicts of interest. <http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2016/12/01/democrats-target-trump-hotel-as-federal-government-shrugs.html> [dems-call-for-hearing-citing-trumps-tweets-about-conflict-of-interest](http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2016/12/01/democrats-target-trump-hotel-as-federal-government-shrugs.html)

*Politico* reports that top House Democrats are calling on the General Services Administration to explain how it plans to handle legal concerns presented by Donald Trump's lease of the Old Post Office building in Washington. <http://www.politico.com/story/2016/11/democrats-trump-post-office-232030>

#### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*ABC* reports that President-elect Donald Trump announced Wednesday he plans to nominate Todd Ricketts as Deputy Secretary of Commerce. <http://abc7chicago.com/politics/trump-nominates-todd-ricketts-as-deputy-secretary-of-commerce/1632408/>

*Bloomberg News* reports that former White House ethics attorneys have advised Trump to completely divest his assets. <http://www.craigslist.com/article/2016/11/30/POLITICS/161139996/president-elect-donald-trump-vows-to-get-out-of-business-operations>

*ABC* reports that the Trump transition team is requiring applicants to file financial disclosures to avoid conflicts of interest. <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-transition-team-members-disclose-finances-president-elect/story?id=43434537>

*Fox Business* reports that it is the opinion of attorneys that President-elect Trump must sell his D.C. hotel before inauguration. <http://www.foxbusiness.com/markets/2016/12/01/lawyers-trump-has-to-sell-dc-hotel-before-taking-office.html>

Multiple outlets report on OGE's tweets regarding President-elect Trump's potential divestiture. <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/30/us/politics/donald-trump-transition.html>  
<http://www.vox.com/2016/11/30/13801484/vox-sentences-office-of-government-ethics-trump>  
<http://www.rollcall.com/news/politics/donald-trump-office-of-government-ethics-tweetstorm>  
<https://boingboing.net/2016/11/30/u-s-ethics-office-tweets-sarc.html>  
<http://nypost.com/2016/12/01/trump-on-receiving-end-of-twitter-rant-from-feds-ethics-office/>  
<http://www.vox.com/2016/11/30/13797226/trump-conflict-of-interest-office-government-ethics-tweets>  
<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/us-ethics-agency-responds-trumps-business-announcement-snarky-tweets-1594298>  
<http://www.theindychannel.com/news/the-us-office-of-government-ethics-is-really-really-happy-with-trump>  
<http://www.newser.com/story/234810/office-of-government-ethics-sends-odd-tweets-about-trump.html>  
[http://www.slate.com/blogs/the\\_slatest/2016/11/30/office\\_of\\_government\\_ethics\\_sarcastically\\_praises\\_donald\\_trump\\_on\\_twitter.html](http://www.slate.com/blogs/the_slatest/2016/11/30/office_of_government_ethics_sarcastically_praises_donald_trump_on_twitter.html)  
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<http://dailycaller.com/2016/11/30/obama-ethics-office-unleashes-tweet-storm-praising-trump/>  
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2016/11/30/office-government-ethics-praises-trump-over-announcement-leave-business/94677196/>  
<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/11/30/503879587/not-a-hack-u-s-office-of-government-ethics-tweets-at-trump>  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/30/us/politics/donald-trump-business-president-elect.html>  
<http://www.dailydot.com/layer8/office-government-ethics-trump-twitter/>  
<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/ethics-office-reacts-with-joy-at-trumps-decision-to-avoid-conflicts-of-interest/article/2608541>  
<http://kfgo.com/news/articles/2016/nov/30/democrats-urge-hearings-on-trump-conflict-of-interest-rules/>  
[https://mic.com/articles/160825/office-of-government-ethics-trolls-donald-trump-in-bizarre-tweetstorm#\\_5Sp49e6G](https://mic.com/articles/160825/office-of-government-ethics-trolls-donald-trump-in-bizarre-tweetstorm#_5Sp49e6G)  
<http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2016/11/30/ethics-offices-tweets-at-donald-trump-cause-a-stir/>  
<http://money.cnn.com/2016/11/30/news/office-government-ethics-trump-tweets/>  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/donald-trump-government-ethics\\_us\\_583f46cee4b017f37fe27a88](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/donald-trump-government-ethics_us_583f46cee4b017f37fe27a88)  
<http://www.businessinsider.com/office-government-ethics-trump-business-conflict-2016-11>

#### **Federal Agency and Related News**

*Federal News Radio* reports that a major rewrite of federal HR policies is almost complete and is under final review. <http://federalnewsradio.com/workforce/2016/11/major-rewrite-federal-hr-policies-final-review/>

#### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** December 9-12; 19-30

**Senate:** December 19-30

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## **The Senate meets in a pro forma session.**

## **The House is in recess and will reconvene on Monday, Nov. 14.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

*Washington Examiner* opines that Speaker Ryan's ability to retain the speakership could depend on whether a proposed rule change is instituted that would prevent a member from putting forth a motion to vacate the speaker's chair. [Paul Ryan's job could hinge on House rule change](#)

*TPM* report that members of the majority party in the Senate and House have indicated that they may seek to impeach Ms. Clinton should she be elected. [Sen. Johnson Already Ringing Impeachment Bell For Hillary Clinton Homeland Security Chairman: Clinton Could Be Impeached If Elected](#) Meanwhile, *The Hill* asks: [Should Obama just pardon Hillary?](#)

*Roll Call* discusses how retirements and the upcoming election may impact leadership in the House. [A Guide to House Leadership, Committee, Caucus Elections](#)

*The Washington Post* reports that a top aide to Sen. Schumer was hired by K&L Gates. [Top Schumer aide lands lobbying job at law firm K&L Gates](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*The Wall Street Journal* opines that a Trump presidency would pose unparalleled conflicts of interest as a result of his foreign business activities. [Trump's Foreign Business Entanglements Would Create Unparalleled Conflicts](#) (and attached) *Nonprofit Quarterly* contrasts steps Ms. Clinton is taking to avoid conflicts of interest with those of Mr. Trump. [Conflicts of Interest: The Presidency and the Candidates' Business Interests](#)

While discussing taxes, *The New York Times* discusses Mr. Trump's financial disclosure form. [Trump Probably Avoided His Medicare Taxes, Too](#)

*USA Today* reports that a leaked email appears to show that the Assistant AG notified the Clinton Campaign that the Justice Department was "[l]ikely to get questions on State Department emails" at a House Judiciary Committee hearing. [WikiLeaks email shows Justice official alerting Clinton team to House hearing](#) *FOX News* reports that the Assistant AG "is a political appointee and former private-practice lawyer who kept Clinton Campaign Chairman John Podesta 'out of jail,' lobbied for a tax cheat later pardoned by President Bill Clinton and led the effort to confirm Attorney General Loretta Lynch." [DOJ official who penned letter on Clinton probe represented her campaign chairman](#) *DW* reports that emails also appear to show coordination between the State Department and the Clinton Campaign. [New emails suggest coordination between State Department and Clinton camp](#)

Outlets continue to report on the recent controversy involving the FBI. [Grassley to DOJ watchdog: Probe Clinton email investigation FBI's Clinton Foundation investigation now 'a very high priority.' sources say](#) [Growing torrent of FBI Clinton leaks included secret recording, agency infighting](#) [Why is the FBI continuing to release documents days before the election?](#) [In another twist to this](#)

[bizarre election, the FBI is now investigating its own tweets](#) [Indictment 'likely' in FBI's Clinton Foundation probe](#) [Senior FBI officials were told of new emails in early October but wanted more information before renewing Clinton probe](#) [Why James Comey must resign now](#) [Why James Comey should resign](#) [Clinton won't say if she'd ask for Comey resignation if elected](#) [Chuck Schumer Says He's Lost Confidence In James Comey](#) [Obama critical of FBI 'leaks' and 'innuendo' in Clinton investigation](#) [Right-Wing Book Was A Source For FBI Inquiry Into Clinton Foundation](#) [FBI More Out of Control Than We Knew](#) [Just imagine what the FBI saga would look like under a vengeful President Trump](#) [Leaks suggest FBI agents felt DOJ blocked their Clinton investigations](#)

Outlets report on various aspects of the transition. [OPM releases presidential transition guide for feds](#) [Want to learn about the Trump transition? You'll have to pay \\$5,000](#) [Trump transition team pulls out the stops](#) [What is a transition? Presidential turnover explained](#)

*The Washington Post* reports that social media is replacing traditional lobbying. [K Street says social media is growing faster than traditional lobbying as way to influence Washington](#)

### **International Ethics and Related News**

*The Star* reports that Kenyan police clashed violently with anti-corruption protesters. [Kenyan police beat anti-corruption protesters, fire tear gas](#)

*Euro News* reports that while Romania was ranked poorly for perception of bribery and fraud, the country took big strides in rooting out high-level corruption. Experts say that Romania standing up a directorate in 2002 to tackle corruption has slowly begun to produce results. The report notes that Romania also uses its intelligence agency to amass evidence in corruption cases. [CORRUPTION CRACKDOWN GAINS MOMENTUM IN ROMANIA AS BULGARIA'S STALLS](#)

*The Straits Times* reports that the South Korean president faces a probe over corporate donations to charitable foundations that then allegedly were used for the personal gain of the president's close friend. [South Korean president could face probe over influence peddling scandal; aide in custody](#)

*BBC* reports that Iran's former Chief Prosecutor was sentenced to 135 lashes for corruption. [Iran ex-prosecutor sentenced to 135 lashes for corruption](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 10 – November 11



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**The Senate meets in a pro forma session.**

**The House is in recess and will reconvene on Monday, Nov. 14.**

**Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

Multiple outlets discuss various aspects of the transition. [FACT SHEET: Facilitating a Smooth Transition to the Next Administration](#) [Guidance Issued on Transition](#) [Trump staff line up for White House jobs](#) [New details emerge on Trump transition organization](#) [Donald Trump Recruits Corporate Lobbyists to Select His Future Administration](#) [Trump's 'GreatAgain.gov' transition site up and running](#) [Preliminary list shows potential Trump Cabinet picks](#) [Want to work in Trump's administration? The process starts online.](#)

Multiple outlets discuss President-Elect Trump's alleged conflicts of interest. [Trump's conflicts of interest are without precedent in American presidential history](#) [Trump the businessman under pressure to put assets in a trust](#) [Trump to trust in daughter power](#) [The Next Showdown: Trump the Brand vs. Trump the President](#)

*The Washington Post* opines that the election of Mr. Trump will likely accelerate the shift in lobbying from traditional well-connected "hired guns" to social media and digital advocacy. [Trump victory could mean big business for K Street](#) *Politico* reports that lobbying firms believe the flurry of lawmaking in 2017 will result in big business for their firms. [K Street poised for big business in GOP-run Washington](#)

**Federal Agency and Related News**

*Fed Smith* discusses how President-Elect Trump's campaign promises might impact the federal workforce. [Federal Government and Federal Employees Under President Trump](#) *Federal News Radio* opines on how his business acumen might impact the workforce. [How Trump's business acumen could influence the federal workforce](#)

**Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 10 – November 11



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### **The Senate reconvened at 9:30 a.m.**

The Senate reconvened at 9:30 a.m. and will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to a bill (S 3110) related to energy production revenue sharing.

### **The House reconvened at 9:00 a.m.**

The House reconvened at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 5711) that would block U.S. financial assistance for the sale of commercial airliners to Iran and a bill (HR 5982) titled the Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2016.

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Politico* gives an agency-by-agency look at President-Elect Trump's alleged conflicts of interest. [Trump's vast web of conflicts: A user's guide](#)

*The Washington Post* has a list of candidates being considered for various cabinet appointments. [Here are the people whose names have been floated for Trump's Cabinet](#) In addition, *NY Post* reports that Sen. Cruz is being considered for AG. [Trump considering Ted Cruz for US attorney general](#) *The Verge* reports on the alleged conflicts of interest of one of the potential nominees. [A White House position could cost Peter Thiel more than he's willing to give up](#) *The Hill* opines that many of the cabinet picks are likely in for a rocky confirmation process. [Trump's nominees may face roadblocks](#)

*Vox* reports that, should secret service fly on President-Elect Trump's private plane, Mr. Trump would likely be funneling taxpayer money to himself because the secret service uses its budget to pay airfare. The piece notes that during the campaign the secret service was billed \$1.6 million by the Trump Campaign. [Trump can now loot millions of dollars from the Secret Service with no disclosure](#)

*New York Magazine* reports that President-Elect Trump's son-in-law is being considered for a job at the White House as either senior adviser or special counsel. The piece opines that his real estate holdings would present complex conflicts of interest. [Trump's Son-in-Law Is Considering a White House Job — Which Might Not Be Legal](#)

*The Hill* reports that retired Gen. Flynn will be President-Elect Trump's national security advisor. [Trump to pick Michael Flynn for national security advisor](#) *Newsweek* reports that an intelligence consulting firm he founded has ties to Turkey that present conflicts of interest. [TRUMP TEAM'S FIRST ETHICS SCANDAL](#)

*Politico* reports that it appears that President-Elect Trump's transition team violated its internal code of ethical conduct when 8 members of the team violated the prohibition barring lobbyists whose work for Mr. Trump would overlap with matters on which they lobbied in the previous year. [Trump transition appears to have flouted internal ethics rule on lobbyists](#) *Business Insider*, however, reports that all lobbyists were purged from the transition team. [All lobbyists have been cut from Trump's transition team](#) But, *The American Prospect* reports that while it appears that Mr. Trump has removed the lobbyists from the transition team, the transition team is stacked "with Wall Street, K Street, and corporate insiders." [Will Trump's Administration Be an Ethics-Free Zone?](#)

*Politico* reports that President-Elect Trump's lobbying ban is softer than President Obama's ban, because Mr. Trump's ban allows lobbyists to continue lobbying until just before joining the transition, whereas President Obama's ban included a one year break. [A jam in the revolving door](#) *The New York Times* also reports on the ban. [Trump Team Sets Broader Limits on Lobbying by Former Staff](#)

*Regulatory Affairs Professional Society* discusses the alleged revolving door between the FDA and industry. [FDA and Industry: How Dangerous is the Revolving Door?](#)

*Politifact* fact checks whether President-Elect Trump is free from conflicts of interest laws. The piece rates it as true. [Giuliani: President Trump will be exempt from conflict-of-interest laws](#) Meanwhile, *The Washington Post* reports on which ethics rules apply to Mr. Trump's family. [The ethics rules that apply — and don't apply — to Trump's children](#)

*NPR* and *The Hill* discuss the purported turmoil with the transition. [Reports Of Turmoil Color Trump's Transition](#) [Trump transition is like no other](#) Meanwhile, *The New York Times* compares the current transition to past transitions, concluding that transition dysfunction is normal. [Trump's Transition in a 'Long History' of Rocky Presidential Handovers](#) *NPR* has a guide to the members of the transition team. [From Lobbyists To Loyalists, See Who's On Donald Trump's Transition Team](#)

*KTVZ* reports that wealthy donors to the Trump Campaign were appointed to the Presidential Inaugural Committee. The piece opines that this shows pay-for-play. [Trump donors get pay-for-play seats on committee](#)

*ABC* and *Washington Business Journal* report that President-Elect Trump's Washington hotel could pose a conflict of interest because he will be the landlord and the tenant at the same time. [Trump's Washington hotel could become ethical headache](#) [Donald Trump will soon be president. He also holds a lease with the GSA. How will that work?](#)

*Washington Examiner* reports that the majority party will try to impeach the IRS Commissioner. [Conservatives will try to oust IRS chief this month](#)

*The Week* reports that the Director of National Intelligence is resigning within 64 days. [Director of National Intelligence James Clapper submits resignation](#)

## **Federal Agency and Related News**

*FedWeek* discusses the proposed hiring freeze. [Hiring Freeze in the Works, but How Would It Work?](#) [Much of Government Could Be Exempt from Hiring Freeze](#)

## **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** November 18-28

**Senate:** November 19-27



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### **The Senate reconvenes at 4 p.m.**

The Senate reconvenes at 4 p.m., and, following leader remarks, will be in a period of morning business. Thereafter, the chamber is expected to begin consideration of HR 4511, the Gold Star Families Voices Act.

### **The House reconvened at 12 p.m.**

The House reconvened at noon for legislative business and is expected to consider measures under suspension of the rules. First and last votes are expected between 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Legislative and Related News**

*Government Executive* reports that lawmakers have not yet settled on how to fund the government beyond Dec. 9. [Path for Agency Funding Unclear as Congress Begins Lame-Duck Session](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

In a piece discussing the transition team for President-Elect Trump, *Politico* notes that the team has yet to publicly release a code of ethics. The piece notes that President Obama's transition team was deep into the vetting process in early November. [Trump advisers steamroll Christie's transition](#)

Various outlets discuss aspects of the alleged conflicts of interest presented by President-Elect Trump. [Donald Trump's Far-Flung Holdings Raise Potential for Conflicts of Interest](#) [Donald Trump's Complex Businesses Bring Potential Conflicts of Interest](#) [Why Trump Won't Use A Blind Trust And What His Predecessors Did With Their Assets](#) [Critics See Legal, Political Risks If Trump Keeps Ties To His Businesses](#) [Why Aren't Donald Trump's Epic Conflicts of Interest Illegal?](#) [Trump's 'blind trust' is neither blind nor trustworthy](#)

*Fed Week* reports on OGE's LA 16-09. [New Ethics Requirements Spelled Out](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** November 18-28

**Senate:** November 19-27



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**The Senate next meets in a Pro Forma session on Thursday, November 3.**

**The House is in recess and will reconvene on Monday, November 14.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

*The Washington Post* reports that Akin Gump hired Sen. McConnell's chief of staff as a lobbyist. [Akin Gump hires former McConnell chief of staff in boost to firm's Senate Republican bench](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*NY Times* published an Op-Ed by Richard Painter questioning the actions taken by the FBI Director. Mr. Painter notes that he filed an ethics complaint with OGE and OSC. [On Clinton Emails, Did the F.B.I. Director Abuse His Power?](#) Several other outlets picked up on the Op-Ed. [Did FBI's Clinton disclosure and its search of Anthony Weiner's computer violate the law?](#) [Former Ethics Counsel to Bush Files Complaint Against FBI Director for Latest Disclosures on Clinton Email Probe](#) [Deeply Disturbing What is the Hatch Act, and how could it affect James Comey?](#) [Former Bush Ethics Lawyer Accuses FBI Director of Violating Hatch Act Did the FBI director abuse his power? Who Cares What George W. Bush's Ethics Adviser \(!\) Thinks About James Comey? 7 Reasons to Give Comey the Benefit of the Doubt](#)

*Bloomberg* reports that Sen. Reid also raised concerns regarding Hatch Act violations. [Reid Says Comey May Have Broken the Law by Disclosing Probe](#) *The Hill* reports that Mr. Comey may be under investigation by OSC. The piece notes that OGE did not respond to an inquiry concerning the matter. [Comey may be under investigation for Clinton letter](#) *Huffington Post* reports that Mr. Comey previously cited the 60-day rule as his reasoning for not having the FBI sign onto a statement that Russia was meddling in the US election. [FBI's James Comey Opposed Naming Russia As An Election Meddler, Source Confirms](#)

*The Daily Mail* reports that while at State Ms. Clinton did not disclose \$400k worth of travel and other perks Mr. Clinton received in connection with his work for the Clinton Foundation. [Hillary Clinton failed to disclose \\$400,000 in pricey presents, private jets and vacations gifted to Bill although she was obligated to do so as Secretary of State](#)

*The Ledger* alleges that Mr. Trump's various business enterprises would pose conflicts of interest for a Trump administration. [Trump's broad businesses pose conflict tests, specialists say](#)

*The Week* opines that a Clinton administration is likely to face multiple Congressional investigations into various allegations, including pay-to-play schemes. [Hillary Clinton's presidency is inevitable. It's also over.](#)

*Mother Jones* reports that a senior official from a western intelligence agency notified the FBI that his sources told him that Russia has actively cultivated Mr. Trump as an asset. [A Veteran](#)

## [Spy Has Given the FBI Information Alleging a Russian Operation to Cultivate Donald Trump](#)

*The Hill* reports that FBI agents pushed for a criminal investigation into pay-for-play allegations against the Clinton Foundation, but that the DOJ's Public Integrity Unit chose not to move forward because of insufficient evidence. [FBI agents argued for Clinton Foundation investigation: report](#)

*The Wall Street Journal* ties decreased trust in government to how government officials in watchdog roles handle scandals. [Meltdown at Justice](#) The article is also attached as a PDF.

### **Federal Agency and Related News**

*Federal News Radio* reports that the Air Force has proposed eliminating certain training requirements. The list of courses to be eliminated includes training discussing the role of the IG, filing an EO complaint, FOIA, records management, etc. One of the courses to be streamlined concerns whistleblower protection. [Air Force cuts training to give airmen more time](#). The list of courses is available [here](#).

*The White House* discusses the digital transition. [The Digital Transition: How the Presidential Transition Works in the Social Media Age](#)

*Government Executive* reports that 14% of the federal workforce surveyed says they would leave public service if Mr. Trump is elected, while 9% would leave if Ms. Clinton is elected. [Just 65 Percent of Feds Commit to Staying During a Trump Administration](#)

### **International and related news**

*Deutsche Welle* reports that Ukraine now requires lawmakers to declare the full extent of their wealth. The data is publicly searchable online. [Ukraine lawmakers made to declare assets online](#)

Next Scheduled Recess:

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 10 – November 11

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## **The Senate and the House meet in pro forma sessions.**

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Government Executive* reports that President-elect Trump posted a video announcing six executive actions he will be ready to take on day one of his administration, including a five-year ban on executive branch officials lobbying the government after they leave their posts. [Donald Trump, in a Video to Americans, Promises to Take Six Actions 'On Day One'](#)

*The Hill* reports that the ranking member on the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee sent a letter Monday to OGE Director Walter Shaub, asking him to detail the ethics office's plans "for handling potential conflicts of interests on a myriad of topics from the Trump Organization to the involvement of Trump's children in his administration." [Dem senator wants details on guidance for Trump's conflicts of interest](#)

*Lawnewz.com* reports on the Trump Organization's contract with GSA for the Old Post Office building. The article alleges that "The Office of Government Ethics apparently determined ethics rules preventing other federal employees from making money from their positions do not apply to the President." [Experts: Trump's Conflict-of-Interest With His D.C. Hotel Raises Impeachment Concerns](#) The *Sydney Morning Herald* also reports on the Old Post Office contract, stating that "Officials at the General Services Administration, the landlord, have consulted the Office of Government Ethics about how to handle such conflicts, but the measures preventing other federal employees from profiting from their positions do not apply to the president." [Staying at Trump hotel allows foreign diplomats to curry favour with President-elect](#)

*NPR* and other outlets report that a spokesperson for President-elect Trump denied that he asked Argentina's President Macri to help facilitate a construction project in Buenos Aires during a courtesy call last week. The allegation was made by an Argentinian journalist. [Trump Denies He Sought Business Favor From Argentina's President](#)

*Bloomberg* and *NPR* report that the man appointed by Philippine President Duterte last month to be special government envoy to the U.S. is the chief executive and controlling stakeholder of the Philippine company behind the development of a Trump Tower set to open in Manila next year. [Trump's Business Partner Will Be Manila's Man in Washington Who's The New Philippine Envoy? The Man Building Trump Tower Manila](#)

*The Washington Post* reports that the Trump Organization's business ventures in India are prompting conflict of interest concerns. [Trump's extensive deals in India raise conflict-of-interest concerns](#)

*The New York Times* reports on how the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution might apply to Donald Trump once he takes office. The article cites Richard Painter, who called on Congress to pass a resolution to "send a clear message to him that he should divest his assets, and that they will regard dealings with his companies that he owns abroad and any entities owned by foreign governments as a potential violation of the Emoluments Clause unless he can prove it was an arm's-length transaction." [Donald Trump's Business Dealings Test a Constitutional Limit](#)

**Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** November 18-28

**Senate:** November 19-27

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## **The Senate and the House are not in session.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

*Roll Call* reports that the Pentagon comptroller has warned Congress that continuing to rely on stopgap spending bills will undermine U.S. forces in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. The article notes that lawmakers are expected to send President Obama a continuing resolution that would fund government operations at current levels through the end of March after they return from Thanksgiving break. [Pentagon Warns Stopgap Spending Bill Could Hurt Terrorism Fight](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Politico* reports on the process of vetting President-elect Trump's nominees, including a discussion of OGE's role in reviewing nominees' financial disclosure reports. [Inside Trump's freewheeling vetting operation](#)

*Mondaq.com* published a summary of OGE's changes to the gift rules. [United States: Office Of Government Ethics Revises Executive Branch Gift Rules](#)

*Politico* and multiple other outlets report on ethics-related issues discussed during President-elect Trump's meeting with The New York Times yesterday. The Politico article provides an in-depth look at George H. W. Bush's role in the passage of the 1989 Ethics Reform Act. [Trump owes ethics exemption to George H.W. Bush](#)

### **Federal Agency and Related News**

*Federal News Radio* reports that, after a six-year freeze, agencies are getting approval to raise their limits on spending for employee awards in fiscal 2017. [Feds' bonuses to grow slightly in 2017, after 6-year freeze](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** November 18-28

**Senate:** November 19-27

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### **The Senate reconvened at 10 a.m.**

The Senate reconvened at 10 a.m. and began a period of morning business. The Senate is expected to consider S.2873, the ECHO Act.

### **The House reconvenes at 2 p.m.**

The House reconvenes at 2 p.m. for legislative business.

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Multiple outlets* discuss President-Elect Trump's alleged conflicts of interest. [Trump's Business Tangles Rankle Democrats, Watchdog Groups](#) [Congress needs to restrict the president's financial conflicts](#) [We May Not Know If Trump's Foreign Business Deals Violate the Constitution](#) [HOW THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION COULD BE A CONFLICT-RIDDEN NIGHTMARE, A CITIZEN'S GUIDE](#) [The conflict of interest for President-elect Trump that no one's talking about](#) [Dear President-Elect Trump: Here's How to Fix Your Conflict-of-Interest Problem](#) [The Trump conflicts of interest we can see are just the tip of the iceberg](#) [Why Corruption Matters](#)

*The Wall Street Journal* questions whether President-Elect Trump's son-in-law serving as an unpaid adviser presents conflicts of interest given his business dealings. [Donald Trump Son-in-Law Jared Kushner Could Face His Own Conflict-of-Interest Questions](#)

*The National Law Review* alleges that a recently issued proposal by the SEC shows that the agency has been captured by institutional investors. [Is SEC's Universal Proxy Proposal Product Of Agency Capture?](#)

*The Journal Gazette* reports that a former lobbyist working on the Trump Transition Team removed himself from the government's rolls of federal lobbyist two days before the Transition Team announced its policy on registered lobbyists. [Indiana lobbyist on Trump team ends state work](#)

*Bloomberg* reports that former Rep. Price was nominated to lead HHS. [Trump Picks Tom Price to Lead Health and Human Services](#)

*The Washington Times* reports that the majority party in Congress warned President Obama's appointees against burrowing in. [GOP warns against Obama appointees 'burrowing in' for career federal jobs](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** December 9-12; 19-30

**Senate:** December 19-30

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**The Senate is not in session.**

**The House is in recess and will reconvene on Monday, Nov. 14.**

### **Legislative and Related News**

*Daily Herald* and *KUTV.com* report that a group filed an ethics complaint against Rep. Jason Chaffetz with the Office of Congressional Ethics regarding his role in releasing information from FBI Director James Comey about Hillary Clinton's email investigation. [Daily Herald - Ethics complaint filed against Chaffetz over Twitter comment](#); [KUTV.com - Democratic Coalition Against Trump files ethics complaint against Chaffetz](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*DESMOG* reports that the spouse of a high-ranking official at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) who led the review for two gas pipeline projects by Spectra Energy, is a paid consultant for Spectra on a related pipeline project, amounting to what appears to be a conflict of interest. [Exposed: Husband of FERC Official Responsible for Reviewing New Spectra Energy Pipelines Consults For Spectra on Related Project](#)

*USA Today* reports that the Pentagon's Inspector General has decided that a general fired from the Joint Chiefs of Staff for an extramarital affair will not be sanctioned for living rent-free in the home of the defense contractor because their long-standing friendship allows such gifts. [Pentagon OKs general's rent-free living courtesy of defense contractor](#)

*Government Executive* reports that the White House announced principles with which it plans to conduct the first digital presidential transition. [White House Lays Out Digital Tools for Presidential Transition](#)

### **Federal Agency and Related News**

*Federal News Radio* reports that victims of the Office of Personnel Management's cyber breach who enrolled in credit monitoring services with Winvale/CSID about 18 months ago will soon have to re-enroll for the same services with a new vendor. [600,000 breach victims need to re-enroll in credit monitoring services, OPM says](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** October 3 – November 11

**Senate:** October 10 – November 11

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### **The Senate reconvenes at 2:30 p.m.**

The Senate reconvenes at 2:30 p.m. and will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to a bill (S 3110) related to energy production revenue sharing.

### **The House reconvened at 12:00 p.m.**

The House reconvened at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 5711) that would block U.S. financial assistance for the sale of commercial airliners to Iran.

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Government Executive* reports that Rep. Elijah Cummings, ranking member of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, wrote to panel Chairman Rep. Jason Chaffetz requesting a “review” of President-elect Donald Trump’s financial arrangements “to ensure that he does not have any actual or perceived conflicts of interest and that he and his advisers comply with all legal and regulatory ethical requirements when he assumes the presidency.” [House Democrats Demand Oversight Probes of Trump and Potential Conflicts of Interest](#)

*CNN* reports that Mary Jo White announced plans to step down as chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission even though her term hadn’t been scheduled to expire until June 2019. [Mary Jo White leaving SEC before Trump takes office](#)

*Politico* and *The Washington Post* discuss candidates for various cabinet positions. [Politico - Donald Trump's Cabinet-in-waiting: What we know so far](#); [The Washington Post - Lobbyists in the running for Trump Cabinet jobs, despite ‘drain the swamp’ pledge](#)

*The Washington Post* reports that Donald Trump’s transition team has not produced a formal code of conduct even though all presidents-elect in modern history have developed them. The article notes that while executive branch employees are subject to a variety of ethics rules, those rules have no power over administrations-in-waiting and that presidential transitions don’t have to follow a code of ethics unless they want to. [Trump gets to decide if his transition team will have a code of ethics](#)

*WTOP* and *Salon* report that President-elect Donald Trump’s ethics plan to ban all executive-branch officials from lobbying for five years after leaving their government jobs might make it difficult for him to fill all the jobs in his administration. [WTOP - Trump’s lobbyist ban complicates administration hiring](#); [Salon - Trump’s lobbyist ban complicates administration hiring](#)

*Politico* and *The Hill* report that former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, reportedly the leading candidate for secretary of state, faces potential conflicts of interest should he be appointed to the position because he has been paid as a lawyer and consultant for foreign governments. [Politico - Giuliani took money from Qatar, Venezuela, Iranian exiles](#); [The Hill - Conflict-of-interest questions dog Giuliani](#)

Various outlets discuss possible conflicts of interest arising from a press release promoting a bracelet worn by incoming first daughter Ivanka Trump and sold by Ivanka Trump Fine Jewelry following the Trump family’s appearance on “60 Minutes.” [Bloomberg - The Conflicts in Ivanka’s ‘60 Minutes’ Look](#); [ATTN: - Ivanka Trump’s Brand Raises an Ethical Question](#); [Mediaite - Ivanka](#)

[Trump Peddles \\$10K Bracelets She Wore on 60 Minutes; Death and Taxes Mag - Did Ivanka Trump violate ethics laws by shilling her brand on '60 Minutes'?](#)

*BBC* and *The Sydney Morning Herald* discuss the potential ethical implications if President-elect Trump's children serve in his administration. [BBC - Donald Trump's children: Will they be his advisers?; The Sydney Morning Herald - The ethics rules that apply - and don't apply - to Donald Trump's children](#)

*The Intercept* reports that Joshua Wright has been put in charge of transition efforts at the influential Federal Trade Commission after pulling off the rare “revolving-door quadruple-play,” moving from Google-supported academic work to government – as an FTC commissioner – back to Google and now back to the government. [Google Gets a Seat on the Trump Transition Team](#)

*The Washington Post* reports that a retired Navy captain who also served as the U.S. naval attache in the Philippines pleaded guilty to corruption in federal court, admitting that he secretly worked as an agent for an Asian defense contractor in exchange for gifts, travel and the services of prostitutes. [Retired Navy captain becomes latest officer to admit taking bribes and prostitutes from 'Fat Leonard'](#)

**Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** November 18-28

**Senate:** November 19-27

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### **The Senate reconvened at 10 a.m.**

The Senate reconvened at 10 a.m. and will be in a period of morning business.

### **The House reconvenes at 12 p.m.**

The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business and is expected to consider measures under suspension of the rules.

### **Legislative and Related News**

*Roll Call* reports that Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen is expected to become the next chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. [Frelinghuysen Poised to Take the Gavel of House Appropriations](#)

*The Hill* reports that the chairmanship of the House Budget Committee is up for grabs now that President-elect Donald Trump has selected Rep. Tom Price to take the helm of the federal health department. [Budget chairmanship suddenly up for grabs](#)

*The Hill* reports that Senate Democrats are slamming a GOP plan to pass a continuing resolution ahead of the Dec. 9 deadline to fund the government, but stopped short of pledging to block it. [Senate Dems pan talk of short-term spending bill](#)

*Bloomberg BNA* reports that the updated 21st Century Cures bill may revise some financial disclosure requirements designed to prevent federally funded scientists from cozying up to drug and device companies. [New Cures Bill to Reconsider Conflict-of-Interest Rules](#)

*USA Today* reports that Sen. Ben Cardin is planning to ask his colleagues to pass a resolution that would require Donald Trump to hand over control of his businesses to someone who doesn't have a relationship to him while he is president. [Sen. Cardin pushes resolution for Trump blind trust](#)

*The Hill* and *The Huffington Post* report that House Oversight Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz brushed off questions about President-elect Donald Trump's potential conflicts of interest with his business empire, arguing such concerns were premature before the real estate mogul takes office. [The Hill - Oversight chairman downplays Trump conflict of interest concerns](#); [The Huffington Post - Top Congressional Watchdog Uninterested In Trump's Conflicts Of Interest Before He Takes Office](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*The Washington Post* reports that at least four lobbyists who are involved in the Donald Trump transition or who are being considered for a Cabinet-level position have filed paperwork in the past week and a half to terminate their status as federal lobbyists — an apparent move to comply with the president-elect's new ban on lobbyists in the administration and transition. [Wave of lobbyist deregistrations in Trump orbit after announcement of new policy](#) See also, [The Wall Street Journal - Trump Names Mortgage Industry Lobbyist to HUD Transition Team](#) and [Standard Examiner - Trump's energy-policy advisers have ties to oil industry](#)

Multiple outlets report that President-elect Donald Trump announced that he will leave his “great business in total in order to fully focus on running the country” in the White House. [Politico -](#)

[Trump to leave business to 'fully focus on running the country'](#); [Bloomberg - Trump to Outline Plans for 'Leaving My Great Business' Dec. 15](#); [The Washington Post - Trump announces he will leave business 'in total' — leaving open how he will avoid conflicts of interest](#); [Politico - How Trump can keep his company](#); [Talking Points Memo - Trump: I'll Leave My Business 'In Total' To Avoid Conflict Of Interest](#)

A piece in *Government Executive* opines that GSA cannot foist the challenging situation regarding the Trump Organization's lease of the historic Post Office Pavilion on the Office of Government Ethics because "OGE is a policy shop." [GSA's Trump Hotel Lease Debacle](#) Relatedly, multiple outlets report that the lease—in which Donald Trump would, in effect, be both landlord and tenant—presents unprecedented conflicts of interest. [The Washington Times - Donald Trump would be violating D.C. hotel lease once he takes office: Report](#); [McClatchy DC - Could Trump be forced to sell his DC hotel to keep the White House?](#)

### **Federal Agency and Related News**

*Federal News Radio* reports that President Barack Obama officially raised locality pay for federal employees by 0.6 percent, effective Jan. 1. The increase couples with the 1 percent across-the-board pay raise for all federal employees to equal the 1.6 percent of basic payroll requested in the 2017 budget. [Obama authorizes locality pay raise](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** December 9-12; 19-30

**Senate:** December 19-30