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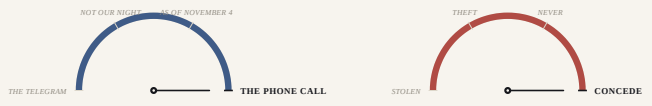
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THE WORD

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On concede

DEMOCRAT REPUBLICAN



THE PHONE CALL CONCEDE

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Justice Department abandons hunt for ballots that don't exist; Peltola's campaign sues to see the ones that do.



PHOTO: WASHINGTON EXAMINER

BY MORT
The Records Bureau

The Justice Department's lawsuit to block Alaska's Senate certification died this week in dismissal, in a courtroom that was never in Alaska. It was born on 24 October in Anchorage, and it came with a condition built into its birth certificate: it only lived if the Republican lost.

Its early beats were noisy and short on evidence. On 28 October, after reading a newspaper account of a second man named Dan Sullivan running in the race, the president called Mary Peltola's campaign's role in the matter illegal and demanded her disqualification. By 29 October, and again on 2 November, the same story was still the only one on offer: Republicans wanted an investigation; no one had found anything to investigate. On 31 October, the president's own attorney told a reporter the thing being demanded — setting aside the disputed ballots — was not even possible under Alaska law. That did not stop the demand. That same day, Peltola's campaign denied any coordination with the second Sullivan and declined to say anything about the federal probe already circling it; four probes, in the end, filed zero charges.

The lawsuit's cousin, filed in California against 20,000 disputed ballots on the same legal theory, met the Supreme Court on 2 November. ...

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PHOTO: THE GUARDIAN

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

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THE FORECAST

EARL **OPEN**

THE PREMISE. The White House named Stephen Miller its 33rd chief of staff on Thursday, 6 November 2026.

Miller told Fox News in August of last year that the Democratic Party "is not a political party. It is a domestic extremist organization." A month after he said it, the president signed a memo under which the attorney general may recommend any group whose members meet the legal definition of domestic terrorism for designation as a domestic terrorist organization, the list to be delivered to the president through the homeland security adviser. The homeland security adviser was Miller. So the office that opened the mail now runs the building, and the one person on record with a nominee holds the pen.

THE ENVELOPE. NSPM-7, Sec. 3, 25 September 2025. No statute creates a domestic terrorist list; the experts said so the week the order was signed.

What's next, a political party on the list?

The designation would carry no legal force. The investigations the memo orders in Section 2 already do.

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The receipts and the score, on E7

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

THE RESCUE IS A LOAN

Chapter 3: The Signature

Put the two pieces of paper on the kitchen table, side by side, and smooth them flat. This is the chapter where we stop walking. I find people enjoy it more than they expect to, the way one enjoys the landing on a long staircase: nothing happens, and you can finally see how high you've come. The first paper is a city web page from Austin. It says an account "totaling $25 or more" and "56 days past due" goes to a private collector with "a ser-

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"Groceries... an old-fashioned word, but it sort of says a bag with different things in it."
— DONALD TRUMP, TARIFF REMARKS, APRIL 2025

"Joe Biden became mentally impaired. Lying Kamala Harris, honestly, I believe she was born that way."
— DONALD TRUMP, ERIE RALLY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

"The United States of America has just entered into an Agreement with the Country of Venezuela on, THE BIGGEST OIL DEAL IN WORLD HISTORY!"
— DONALD TRUMP, TRUTH SOCIAL, 28 AUGUST 2026

"Read the page top to bottom and notice what connects it: somebody priced something you thought was yours — your ballot, your checkup, your tank of gas — and mailed you the bill with a flag stamped on it. I started circling the good news. Still holding the pen."

— Sal

LOST The East Wing. Last seen April, near a bulldozer. *If found, do not return. He's redecorating.* **— Classifieds**

LOST Measles, eliminated in the year 2000, since recovered. *Reward for its re-loss. Ask a kindergarten.* **— Classifieds**

LOST $1.17 billion in Secret Service funds. Last seen heading toward a ballroom. *Finder's fee negotiable, out of your taxes.* **— Classifieds**

"Every story on this page is a success that hasn't been explained to you properly yet."

— Chip

At first light the dog got up.
The fox heard the chain fall.

ENOCH · THE OWNERSHIP DESK

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By RUTH
THE MONEY DESK



"The diploma outvoted the paycheck", 7 November 2026 (PHOTO VIA WASHINGTON EXAMINER — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. Voters named affordability their top concern on Nov. 3; the poorest and richest brackets voted almost the same way.

WHO GETS PAID. The receipts name no buyer yet.

WHAT SLIPS. Neither party has put a price on its affordability promise, so voters have nothing to hold either side to.

WHAT'S NEXT. If the relief stays unpriced, it will land the way unverified savings claims did; in Washington on 19 February 2025, an administration's listed $8 billion contract turned out to be worth $8 million.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

On November 1, Gina Jones, on strike since February with her coworkers at the Lorain County Job and Family Services office — the longest public-sector strike in Ohio history — told a reporter she has to pick between medicine or groceries. Two days later the rest of the country cast its ballots on the same question.

By November 7 the New York Post was calling the message plain: voters want cheaper gas and groceries and proof their elected officials are laser-focused on delivering it. The same day, the Guardian ran the numbers on what that proof would cost. A mandate that size and a shrug that size arrived on the same newsstand....

...(cont) The exit poll underneath the mandate does not line up with the stump speech either. The Washington Examiner's breakdown of that poll put families earning under $30,000 at 59 percent Democratic to 39 Republican, and families earning over $300,000 at 61 to 39 Democratic — two points of daylight between them. The filing should show the affordability message splitting along income. It doesn't. The bracket earning ten times more backed the same promise two points harder than the bracket it was supposedly written for.

Higher education ran its own version of the same reconciliation. The Hill filed the reminder that affordability on a financial aid worksheet and affordability in a student's bank account are two different columns; a program can look affordable on paper and still sit out of reach once the paper closes. That is the same gap Gina Jones named on November 1: the number that describes the help and the number that describes the person getting it are kept in separate ledgers.

Iowa already has a draft of this promise on file.

The affordability relief both parties promised within days of this election is the same line item Iowa is still waiting on, and the same line item the exit poll's breakdown left unpriced by income. Nobody has filed a dollar figure next to it yet. Hon, that's not a forecast. That's just what the ledger says today.

"Everybody's running on "affordability" now, both sides, which means it stopped being a policy and started being a word they rent for the news cycle. The exit poll proves it: the household clearing $300,000 a year backed that word two points harder than the family in Lorain County picking between pills and groceries. Nobody in Washington has written a dollar figure down next to either one."
— Sal

"Look, a historic majority takes time to translate into policy, that's just how legislating works, nobody delivers affordability relief in four days — did I say four days? The Post's right that voters want proof, and proof is coming, it's just not itemized yet, which, okay, is sort of the whole complaint."
— Chip

THE RECEIPTS

The diploma outvoted the paycheck

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *06:00 EST*

The poorest households in Tuesday's electorate and the richest voted the same way. Families earning under $30,000 went Democratic by 59 to 39, and families earning over $300,000 went Democratic by 61 to 39. Between those two brackets lies everything politics is supposed to be about, and the poll found two points of daylight.

But: The 2025 reconciliation law cut SNAP by $187 billion - the largest cut in the program's history. SNAP feeds one in five American children *Congressional Budget Office estimate, via CBPP SNAP tracker*

Democrats' dubious plans to deliver on their 'affordability' vows

New York Post RIGHT § *10:56 EST*

America spoke loud and clear on Nov. 3: Voters want cheaper gas and groceries and proof that their electeds are laser-focused on improving economic life for everyone.

But: NAR puts the median first-time homebuyer at 40 years old - a record - and first-time buyers at a record-low 21% of the market *National Association of Realtors, 2025 Profile*

Trump may have lost but don't bet Democrats can fix the economy

The Guardian MAINSTREAM § *06:00 EST*

There's not much they can do over the next couple of years to alleviate angry voters' stress over prices It was the economy, again. Although Donald Trump largely ignored it, voters' acute concerns over the rising cost of living fuelled a political upheaval for the ages that is likely to deliver the biggest swing toward Democrats since...

Higher ed affordability is about more than tuition

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *11:00 EST*

A program can look affordable on paper but still be financially and pragmatically out of reach for many students.

· Affordability top of mind for voters in final sprint to midterms: 'I have to pick between medicine or groceries' *from the morgue, 1 Nov 2026*

· Skepticism mires Trump's Iowa steel plant project: 'Promises are not the same as jobs' *from the morgue, 7 Oct 2026*

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By LOU
ONE MORE QUESTION



'Ivy League daughter sparks fury for flaunting cruel 'Tax the Poor' shirt during economic crisis", 7 November 2026 (PHOTO VIA NEW YORK POST — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
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WHAT HAPPENED. Paraguay's senate removed President Santiago Peña after Ueno Bank's collapse froze depositors out of their own accounts.

WHO GETS PAID. Pedro Alliana, the successor who now holds the presidency, is the one beneficiary the receipts name.

WHAT SLIPS. Depositors have no way to check whether Alliana's promise to pay them back ever gets kept.

WHAT'S NEXT. If Alliana's pledge follows the usual pattern of big compensation promises with no itemized accounting, the eventual payout could fall far short of what's promised; that is what Washington got after 24 November 2025, when an office that claimed $214 billion in savings was found to have delivered somewhere between $1.4 billion and $7 billion.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

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Thursday I drove the car — the one that needs a new fan belt and tells you so the whole way there — down to the bank, with the dog in the back seat because he doesn't like being left in the lot too long. I had a check to cash. The line was four people. While I waited I got to thinking about a longer line, so when I got home I found my notes on it....

...(cont) Nearly three million depositors, I wrote that number down to make sure I had it right — nearly three million people in Paraguay who, as of this week, cannot get to the money in their own accounts at Ueno Bank. Not won't. Can't.

The senate there voted to remove the president over it. Unanimous, I wrote that down too — every senator. The president, Santiago Peña, is now under house arrest. He denies any wrongdoing — I want to be fair, that's in my notes, he denies it. The man who took his place, a Mr. Alliana, has pledged to compensate the people locked out. Pledged is his word, not mine — I checked it against the original. What exactly did he pledge: the money back in three million accounts, or just that one word, "compensate"? Near as I can find in my own notes, it's the word. Is there more than the word somewhere? I haven't found it yet.

Here's the other thing I found, same week, different folder. The president's daughter is a student at Columbia University — a fine school, I'm told, the kind of place a family's savings might go toward, assuming the family in question could reach its savings. She posted a photograph of herself. I had to read the caption twice because I didn't believe it the first time: a T-shirt, worn for the camera, that says "Tax the Poor."

I keep going back and forth between these two entries in my notebook — the three million locked out, and the shirt — and I can't get them to sit on the same shelf without bumping into each other. Maybe that's just me. I fix my own fan belt when I can afford to, which is not always, so I'm not claiming to understand international banking. But I can hold two pieces of paper at once, and when I do, one of them says nobody can reach their own money, and the other says "Tax the Poor" in letters big enough for Instagram. I don't know what a person does with both of those at the same time. Do you?

Oh — before you go. One more thing, and I promise this is the last page I'll bother you with. The shirt says "Tax the Poor." The nearly three million people locked out of Ueno Bank this week — are they the ones paying that tax, or are they the poor it's aimed at? Because by my notes, they can't be both at the same time. Somebody in that family already knows which. I'd just like to see it written down.

❦ FROM THE CORNER ❦

DUTCH

UENO BANK'S COLLAPSE LOCKED NEARLY THREE MILLION PARAGUAYANS OUT OF THEIR OWN SAVINGS, AND THE SENATE REMOVED PRESIDENT SANTIAGO PEÑA FOR IT THIS WEEK, UNANIMOUSLY. That T-shirt his daughter wore at Columbia isn't a careless photo, it's the family's actual fiscal plan, printed and worn in public. Because a frozen account still carries your name, because your name still owes whatever the bank says you owe, because a pledge to compensate is a sentence and not a transfer, you already know where this ends: at your own bank statement, the one with your name printed at the top, showing a balance you can see and cannot touch.

"They're calling it a "bank collapse," like Ueno just tripped and fell — nearly three million Paraguayans locked out of money that's theirs, this week, not someday. The senate voted the president out over it, unanimous, same week his own kid is up at Columbia modeling the government's actual position on a T-shirt: Tax the Poor. You don't need a conspiracy board for that one — the balance sheet is just stitched onto cotton now."
— Sal

"It's just a T-shirt — kids are ironic now, you've heard of irony — it's got nothing to do with his banking policy, nothing. He didn't collapse the bank, the bank collapsed, verbs happen to people. And sure, the senate vote removing him was unanimous, which — okay, that's not really the talking point I meant to lead with."
— Chip

THE RECEIPTS

Ivy League daughter sparks fury for flaunting cruel 'Tax the Poor' shirt during economic crisis

New York Post | RIGHT | *10:03 EST*

Columbia University student Constanza Peña, the daughter of Paraguay President Santiago Peña, was slammed for posting a selfie on her Instagram Stories that shows her wearing a "Tax The Poor" t-shirt.

Paraguay places ousted president Peña under house arrest after bank collapse

France 24 | MAINSTREAM | *01:18 EST*

Paraguayan authorities placed ousted president Santiago Peña under house arrest on Friday, shortly after the Senate unanimously removed him from office over a massive banking crisis that locked nearly half of Paraguayans out of their savings. Peña offered his resignation over the scandal, but lawmakers pressed ahead with impeachment...

Banking scandal topples Paraguay leader

France 24 | MAINSTREAM | *07:16 EST*

Paraguay's ousted president Santiago Peña has been placed under house arrest after senators unanimously voted to remove him over a banking scandal. The collapse of Ueno Bank left nearly three million customers unable to access their savings. Peña denies any wrongdoing, while his successor, Pedro Alliana, has pledged to compensate those...

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By MITCH
INVESTIGATIONS



"If He Wants to Pass Trumpcare-for-All, I'm OK With It,' Says Medicare for All Champion Abdul El-Sayed", 7 November 2026
(PHOTO VIA COMMON DREAMS — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

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WHO GETS PAID. The receipts name no buyer yet.

WHAT SLIPS. Michigan voters looking up a candidate's record in the last week read a page an unnamed hand had cleaned, and the receipts do not say who that hand belongs to.

WHAT'S NEXT. El-Sayed is sworn in as Trump's lame-duck term begins in January, and he has said on camera he will take a Medicare for All bill with the president's name on it if that is what passes.

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...(cont) What I can give you is the public record of those same weeks, none of which was anonymous. On October 22, Democracy Now! took up AIPAC's role in the race between El-Sayed and Republican Mike Rogers. On October 28, Sen. Ted Cruz said that if El-Sayed becomes Michigan's senator there is nothing to stop Chuck Schumer from placing him on the Senate Intelligence Committee, and that Americans could die — denounced that week as straight-up incitement. On November 3, El-Sayed closed his campaign in a Fox News op-ed about his stops in rural counties that usually vote Republican: no Michigander deserves to be left behind. On November 4 he beat Rogers, becoming the first Muslim US senator in a decisive Democratic majority.

The week was not short of material. Somebody with a keyboard, a handle and no name decided the encyclopedia wanted a cleaner version of it anyway.

Then Friday, page tidy and race called, the senator-elect did his own editing out loud, on camera. Mehdi Hasan asked him on Zeteo whether he agreed with Sen. Bernie Sanders, who the night before said he wasn't so sure Trump wouldn't sign a Medicare for All bill passed by Democratic majorities in both chambers. El-Sayed: "If he wants to pass Trumpcare-for-All, I'm ok with it. He seems to like to put his name on things."

All together now — clause by clause. Clause one: the policy passes. Clause two: the other guy gets the marquee. Hasan asks whether he'll offer the name so everyone gets healthcare. "Yeah," El-Sayed says, and then, to the camera: "Donald, if you're watching, we'll put your —." The wire copy stops there, mid-offer, which is the second truncated document in this column.

Trump's lame-duck term begins in January. One man spent Friday volunteering, by name, to hand the president a title page. The only part of this story anyone did anonymously was the cleanup. Wikipedia keeps every revision, so the tidying is now a permanent line on the page it tidied.

> "Think about who needs a clean page here — not the guy who went on Fox News to ask rural Michigan for a vote, and not the guy who said out loud on camera he'll let Trump stamp his name on the bill if the bill passes. The one hand in this whole business that wouldn't sign its work is the hand that volunteered to help. Cruz stood up and said Americans could die if this man wins; that's on the record with a name on it, and some anonymous volunteer thought the encyclopedia was the problem."
> — *Sal*

> "Look, the Post found it, we didn't, and nobody here is saying the senator-elect touched a keyboard — did I say that? That doesn't sound like me. The point, which people keep missing, is that the page needed cleaning at all, and then two days later he's offering to call his own plan Trumpcare, which tells you the whole platform was branding. I'm not criticizing. I'd take the deal. I'm not saying I'd take the deal."
> — *Chip*

THE RECEIPTS

~~Mehdi Hasan on AIPAC's Role in El-Sayed vs. Rogers Race in Michigan & Trump's Targeting of Ilhan Omar~~

Trump-backed Rogers smears Muslim opponent with unproven Brotherhood claim

Democracy Now! | *08:14 EDT*

One of the most closely watched races in the midterm elections is in Michigan between Democrat Abdul El-Sayed and Republican Mike Rogers. El-Sayed is a former public health official who is campaigning on a platform of Medicare for All, ending military aid to Israel, and getting corporate money out of politics. Rogers is a former...

'If He Wants to Pass Trumpcare-for-All, I'm OK With It,' Says Medicare for All Champion Abdul El-Sayed

Common Dreams | *08:27 EST*

Dr. Abdul El-Sayed, the Democratic Senator-elect from Michigan who ran on a progressive platform with Medicare for All at its center, said Friday that he doesn't care what the policy is called so long as it passes, even during President Donald Trump's lame duck term, which will begin in January. Appearing on Zeteo with editor-in-chief...

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New York Post RIGHT | *07:28 EST*

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But: Democrats are running an average of 11.5 points ahead of their 2024 baseline across 2026 special elections *MultiState Elections, 2026 special election tracking*

'No Michigander Deserves to Be Left Behind': Abdul El-Sayed Makes Final Election Pitch in Fox News Op-Ed

Common Dreams | *12:58 EST*

Michigan Democratic US Senate hopeful Abdul El-Sayed made a final pitch to voters in an op-ed published by Fox News on Monday. In his op-ed, El-Sayed discussed his campaign stops throughout rural parts of the state that typically support Republican candidates, while declaring that "no Michigander deserves to be left behind." El-Sayed...

~~Progressive Abdul El-Sayed wins Michigan Senate race to become first Muslim US senator~~

El-Sayed wins Michigan Senate despite Islamophobic attacks from Trump, GOP allies

The Guardian | MAINSTREAM | *03:42 EST*

Democrat defeats Mike Rogers in race marked by Islamophobic attacks from Trump and Republican allies US midterm elections – live updates Track live results from all 50 states Tell us: what do you want to know about the midterm election results? Abdul El-Sayed, the doctor and progressive insurgent, has made history in winning the closely...

· Latest Ted Cruz Attack on Abdul El-Sayed Denounced as 'Straight-Up Incitement' *from the morgue, 28 Oct 2026*

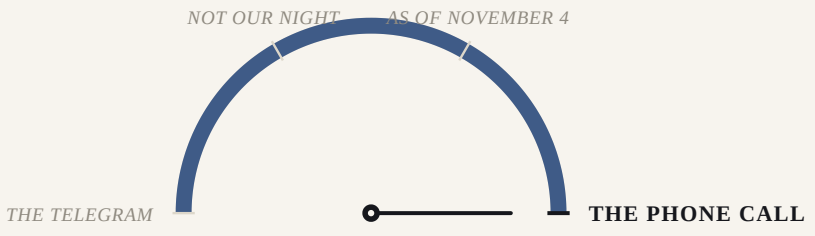
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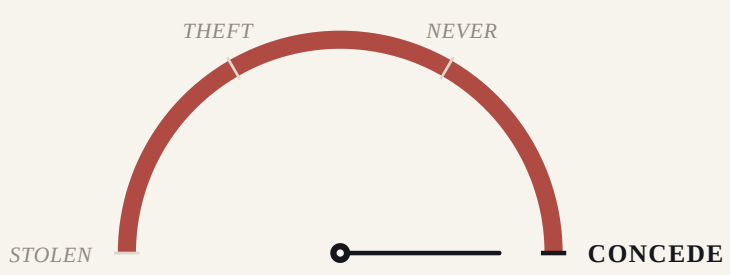
William Jennings Bryan started the modern habit by telegram in 1896: "We have submitted the issue to the American people and their will is law" [1]. Kamala Harris conceded on November 6, 2024 [2].

This week's log. Susan Collins: "It has been the honor of my life to serve the people of Maine" [3]. John Sununu: "it is not our night" [3]. Ken Paxton said he would be "praying" for James Talarico [3]. Mike Lawler called before 11 p.m. [4]. Richard Hudson, chair of the House GOP's campaign arm: "I called to congratulate Richard Ojeda on his victory" [5]. As of November 4 two Senate races stayed open. Scott Colom led Cindy Hyde-Smith by 43 votes at a 3 a.m. count, and Dan Sullivan said he was "confident when all the votes are counted" [4][6]. That is a count finishing. There is no legal or constitutional need for any of these calls [1]. The last one that did not come was followed by an attack on the Capitol [1].

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REPUBLICAN



CONCEDE

Give the waiting its due. A candidate may wait for a count. Al Gore phoned George W. Bush on November 8, 2000, took the call back when Florida tightened, and conceded on December 13 after the Supreme Court ruled [1]. That is a loser with a count to finish.

The 2020 version came with a doctrine. The networks projected Biden the winner on November 7, six years ago today [2]. On January 6, 2021, Trump stated the doctrine to a crowd: "We will never give up, we will never concede. It doesn't happen. You don't concede when there's theft involved" [3]. There were more than 60 court cases [4]. His January 7 statement pledged a smooth transition and admitted no defeat [1]. Now the word is back in service. On election night he told the Times, "I am absolutely willing to accept those results" [5]. He had no race to concede. The one he had reads never.

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"My brother-in-law and I played gin for thirty years. You lose, you say "good game," you push the cards over. No law says so. I looked. A concession, same thing, there's no legal or constitutional need for it. Collins called. Sununu said it was not their night. Paxton said he'd be praying. Sorry, one thing before you go. About this election he told the Times, "I am absolutely willing to accept those results." He wasn't running in this one. The one he ran in, he said "we will never concede." Which of those is the phone call?" — Lou



"Concede. One phone call. That's the whole technology. Bryan did it by telegram in 1896. This week Collins did it, Sununu did it, Paxton did it, and the chair of the House Republicans' entire campaign arm did it before the network got to the end of the sentence. Over sixty court cases and one man still can't find the phone. You know what he calls it? Theft. Nobody needs a word that big for losing unless the small word costs him something. There's no law behind a concession. It's manners. The whole republic runs on somebody picking up."

— Sal



"The president has accepted the results of an election in which he did not run, which I'd call a meaningful down payment on the one in which he did."

— Chip

The Word today — 👍 👎