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Billionaires spend $425 million fighting a tax on themselves, then collect $4 billion from the same ballot.

BY RUTH

The Money Desk

On August 25th, advocacy groups funded by Google co-founder Sergey Brin and venture capitalist Peter Thiel opened an advertising campaign against Proposition 40, under the names Building a Better California and Californians Against Wasteful Spending and Higher Taxes. On November 1st, the Hill reported the measure had split California's own Democrats, with experts raising unresolved questions about its economic impact. One day before voters went to the polls, a self-described wealthy Californian wrote in the Guardian that the tax would ease inequality and bolster healthcare without draining the state's coffers or triggering that same exodus. On November 3rd, Californians voted Proposition 40 down.

The final campaign filing closed on November 10th at $425 million spent to defeat Proposition 40, the most expensive opposition campaign in California history, outspending the measure's own backers 250 to 1.

The same day, the New York Post reported that Proposition 38 had officially passed, with more than 54 percent of the vote. Proposition 38 hands $4 billion in state money to two billionaires to run a research institute of their

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THE WORD

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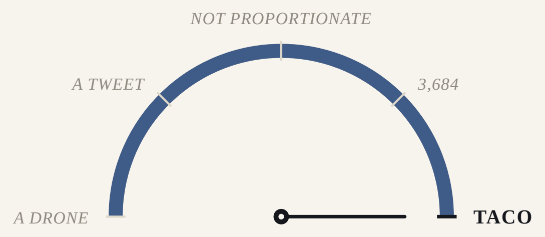

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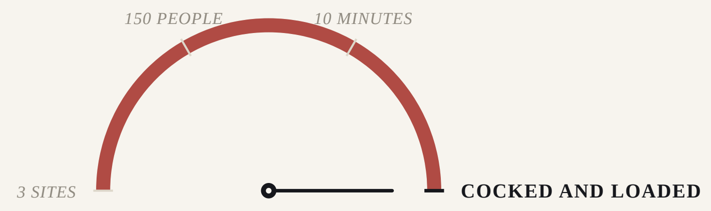

COCKED AND LOADED

"I'm slow with these things, so I wrote it on a napkin. The Times says the planes were in the air. The president says no, "pretty soon." He says ten minutes before. He also says they came in about a half an hour before. I'm sure there's a reason. On the other side of the napkin I put 150, not proportionate. Under that I put this year's count, 3,684, and that one stops in July. Sorry, one thing before you go. The man who said 150 was too many. Did anybody bring him the second number?" — Lou

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

THE RATION LINE

Tehran meters gasoline at a 110-liter monthly quota and prices a sangak loaf by provincial order; Washington keeps the lettered list that says which cargo crossing the strait a U.S. insurer may cover.

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Justice Department says man who plotted attack on British air base directed it from a New York jail

BY THE LODGERS

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Tennessee, after failing to kill Christa Pike, warns that one drug label could halt its executions

BY STERLING

The Ownership Desk

The label is the whole of it, and the label is what Tennessee will not surrender. You will have read that the execution failed. The statute did not. On September 30 the state gave Christa Pike, 50, two syringes of pentobarbital, and more than two hours later she was still breathing — critical condition, her lawyers told a court on October 2, the same day Governor Bill Lee suspended all executions in the state and ordered an inquiry. Its execution chief resigned. A judge ordered the syringes preserved. Preserved, mind you, not discarded. And now the filing: let her lawyers read the supplier's label and future executions in Tennessee could grind to a halt. Which is the arrangement stated outright. Secrecy is the consideration ... the thing the supplier is paid in, and the state cannot spend it twice. Pike paid two doses for the question. The answer stays sealed.

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> "Nothing up there is a conspiracy. That's the part that should worry you — it's all on the record, filed, stamped, and in a couple of cases notarized."
>
> *— Sal*

> "Nothing here is a scandal. A scandal requires surprise, and I can assure you nobody involved was surprised."
>
> *— Chip*

The second winter, a man watched the pass. Salt came, and no cart brought it.

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By **THE LODGERS**
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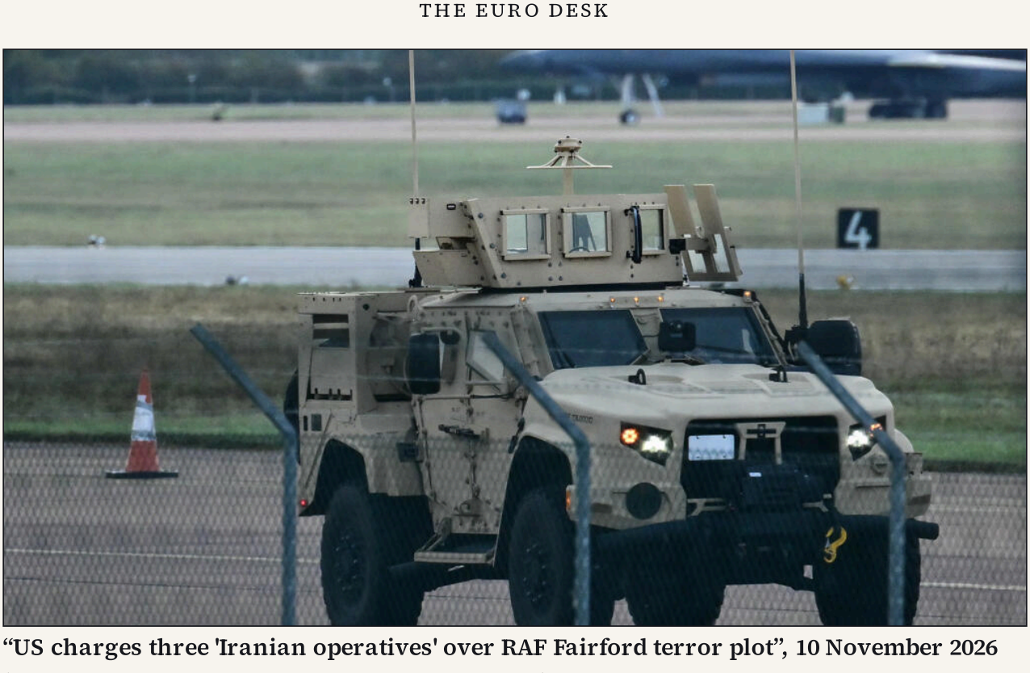

"US charges three 'Iranian operatives' over RAF Fairford terror plot", 10 November 2026
(PHOTO VIA FRANCE 24 — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ **THE SHORT VERSION**
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. The Justice Department charged three men with plotting to bomb a British air base, one already jailed in New York.

WHO GETS PAID. The receipts name no buyer yet.

WHAT SLIPS. The check that slipped was the federal prison's own monitoring of his calls, which did not catch the plot before British police had to make the arrests themselves.

WHAT'S NEXT. No trial date has been set for any of the three men charged in the United States, and the only court date in the record, for the two men charged in London, has already passed.

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Rob *Let go again. That's the house rhythm — something breaks, someone's released, and we carry on as if the boiler's the crisis.*

RAF Fairford itself may be taken by both ends and turned over: that same Saturday the Pentagon pulled all twelve B-1 bombers off it, back to their home stations in the United States, weeks after the threat was first identified.

Later in October, two men in London were charged under Britain's National Security Act 2023: Mohmed Abdulkarim, 24, with assisting a foreign intelligence service, and Nouman Essghir, 24, with entering a prohibited place for a purpose prejudicial to Britain, at RAF Fairford, on 22 August.

Gary *Prejudicial to the state. I'm prejudicial to that shed door, and I've still got a hammer waiting its turn.*

Now the part people are afraid of: the architect never got near a van. The Justice Department names him as Mohammad Dawood al-Saadi, a dual Iranian and Iraqi national, who ran the plot from inside a jail in New York, passing instructions out as coded calls to his family, who passed them on to two co-conspirators to buy chemicals for it.

France 24 has the charge as 'Iranian operatives,' quotation marks left in. CBS has them at home as Iran-backed operatives; Fox News, Iran-backed suspects — no quotes either place.

You will be looking for the attack itself. There is none; the Guardian calls this a foiled attack, which is the only kind an indictment gets to describe.

This one is eaten by the Justice Department, which gets an indictment naming an architect it never has to extradite. Britain pays at Westminster Magistrates' Court, for a base the Americans had already emptied.

Keith *Running the whole thing from a cell he never left. There's a format in that — no location needed, just a phone, same as this kitchen some mornings.*

❦ FROM THE CORNER ❦

DUTCH

THE CASE AGAINST THE MAN IN THE NEW YORK JAIL RESTS ON CALLS THE FACILITY WAS already recording before anyone called it an investigation. That isn't surveillance the government had to go get, it's a wiretap the prison ran for free that Washington cashed in when the headline needed a mastermind. Because that recorder never turns off, it logged every call you've ever accepted from someone inside too, which is why the collect-call bill still sitting in your mail drawer has your number filed right next to his.

"A man already locked up in federal custody in New York still manages to run an alleged attack on a base housing American troops. Either someone was listening to those calls and missed it, or the calls went unheard. The Pentagon quietly flew its bombers home before anyone explained why — that's the oversight question Washington isn't asking."

— Sal

"This is the system working exactly as designed — the Justice Department caught the plot before any van reached the gate, and the Pentagon moved those bombers purely out of caution. How a man under federal supervision ran coded calls to two co-conspirators without anyone flagging it is a Bureau of Prisons staffing issue, not a Justice Department failure. Did I just call a security breach a staffing issue? That's not how I meant that to land."

— Chip

EARLIER IN THIS STORY

— *A lawsuit written to activate only with a loss is still waiting for one.* By Ruth · the afternoon edition, 10 November 2026

— *The Justice Department's suit triggered only on a narrow Republican loss; Mississippi's trailing Republican filed second.* By The Wrecking Crew · the evening edition, 9 November 2026

— *The Justice Department sued to block Alaska's certification before a single vote was counted, naming no ballots, triggered only by a narrow Republican loss.* By The Wrecking Crew · the evening edition, 8 November 2026

THE RECEIPTS

US charges three 'Iranian operatives' over RAF Fairford terror plot

France 24 MAINSTREAM § *17:26 EST*

The US Justice Department on Tuesday charged three men it described as Iranian operatives over an alleged September terrorist plot at Britain's RAF Fairford airbase in England. Prosecutors said one suspect directed individuals to drive vans, some carrying fuel barrels, to the base, which housed US military aircraft and personnel.

~~Colom rips 'unlawful attack' after Hyde-Smith demands ballot preservation in Mississippi~~

National Republican committee, not Hyde-Smith, told 82 counties to isolate ballots

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *10:44 EST*

An attorney for Mississippi Democratic Senate candidate Scott Colom said Republican efforts to separate particular ballots are illegal under state law and should not be followed, according to a letter sent to county election commissioners Thursday. The letter comes in reaction to the National Republican Senatorial Committee's request to...

Iran-backed terror suspects plotted attack on US troops using vans packed with fuel, DOJ says

Fox News RIGHT § *15:25 EST*

A Justice Department indictment alleges three Iran-backed suspects used fuel-laden vans to target RAF Fairford, a British base housing U.S. troops.

Mississippi Democrat's lead continues to widen as race remains uncalled

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *09:13 EST*

Mississippi Democrat Scott Colom extended his lead against Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS) in the Senate race, outpacing her by just over 1,800 ballots. Initially, the election was a lot closer, with Colom leading the incumbent by fewer than 100 votes.

3 Iran-backed operatives indicted for alleged role in terror plots

CBS News MAINSTREAM § *16:59 EST*

Three Iran-linked operatives are accused of plotting a terrorist attack at an air base in the U.K. and attempting over a dozen attacks in the U.S. and Europe.

But: **Republicans' reconciliation package puts $70 billion into ICE's department** *NBC News, May 2026*

Courts Reject Trump's Attempt at Deploying ICE to Intimidate Voters

Truthout § *09:18 EDT*

A judge ordered Homeland Security to stop sending agents door to door in nine key states to hunt for "voter fraud."

US prosecutors charge Iranian operative allegedly responsible for UK air force base attack

The Guardian MAINSTREAM § *16:57 EST*

New indictment claims Mohammad Dawood al-Saadi, a dual Iranian and Iraqi national, plotted while in US custody US federal prosecutors have said that an Iranian operative jailed in New York was responsible for the foiled attack on a UK air force base where American B-1 bombers were stationed. A new indictment alleged that Mohammad Dawood...

But: **In special elections, Democrats have retained 10 points more of their previous turnout than Republicans** *Ballotpedia, 26 February 2026*

Mississippi Senate race leans Democratic; Colom holds narrow lead

CBS News MAINSTREAM § *16:19 EST*

The Senate race in deep-red Mississippi remains unresolved, as Democrat Scott Colom has mounted a surprisingly competitive challenge to incumbent Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith.

- Two charged over Iranian spy plot following RAF Fairford arrests *from the morgue, 27 Oct 2026*
- Sixth person arrested over RAF Fairford plot *from the morgue, 2 Oct 2026*
- Pentagon pulls B-1 bombers from UK base following alleged terror threat *from the morgue, 4 Oct 2026*
- Man arrested for alleged terror threat on US airbase RAF Fairford released on bail *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*
- 'Mississippi matters': Scott Colom aims to turn Mississippi blue *from the morgue, 29 Oct 2026*
- Obama rolls out ad for Dem Scott Colom in Mississippi Senate race *from the morgue, 12 Oct 2026*
- Trump ask to set aside 'Decoy Dan' Alaska Senate ballots 'not even possible': attorneys *from the morgue, 31 Oct 2026*
- Peltola repeats denial of ballot-stacking reports, stays silent on federal probe *from the morgue, 31 Oct 2026*
- Trump prosecutions under Biden set precedent for DOJ's Alaska 'Decoy Dan' probe, ex-FEC chair says *from the morgue, 31 Oct 2026*
- Murkowski snubs Trump-backed Alaska candidate, endorses Democrat for governor *from the morgue, 28 Oct 2026*
- DOJ sues to block Alaska Senate certification if Sullivan loses *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*
- Alaska Election Gambit Shows Justice Dept. Has Bowed to Trump's Demands *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*
- Donald Trump challenges Alaska Senate trace *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*
- Trump administration sues to block possible Democratic win in Alaska Senate race *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*
- The controversy surrounding convicted former election official Tina Peters *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*
- Alaska Senate race featuring two Dan Sullivans is 'blatantly corrupt': Joe Concha *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*
- Trump officials abandon effort to investigate election threats, experts warn *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*
- Tina Peters turns down job with California county's registrar of voters *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*
- Election deniers stoke Trump-driven ballot security fears before midterms *from the morgue, 6 Oct 2026*
- Facing an electoral wipeout, Trump goes after the system *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*
- Justice Dept. Demands That California Counties Help Identify Noncitizen Voters *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*
- Sabato's Crystal Ball shifts Alaska and South Carolina Senate races in favor of Democrats *from the morgue, 6 Oct 2026*
- Appeals Court Rejects 'Likely Unlawful' Trump Push to Undermine Mail-In Voting as Supreme Court Looms *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- US justice department sues California over alleged noncitizen voting *from the morgue, 15 Oct 2026*
- Trump knocks Alaska voting system: 'How stupid are we to do this?' *from the morgue, 9 Oct 2026*
- Corey Lewandowski Always Found His Way Back to Trump. Until Now. *from the morgue, 23 Oct 2026*
- Trump announces $6.6bn defense shipyard owned by top Republican donor's firm *from the morgue, 6 Oct 2026*
- Companies Backed by Trump Sons Have Scored Over $6 Billion in Pentagon Contracts: Analysis *from the morgue, 7 Oct 2026*
- DOJ demands that California counties help identify noncitizen voters *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*
- DOJ demands that some California counties set aside alleged noncitizen ballots *from the morgue, 25 Oct 2026*
- California officials ordered by DoJ to set aside 'likely' noncitizen ballots *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*
- LA feds move to halt ballot counting over 20K suspected noncitizen voters *from the morgue, 23 Oct 2026*
- Trump 'Laying the Groundwork for Election Meddling' With DHS Hunt for Noncitizen Voters *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- California has no real safeguards for voting and voter registration *from the morgue, 21 Oct 2026*
- Federal efforts over alleged noncitizen voting escalate with California arrests *from the morgue, 20 Oct 2026*
- Federal voter fraud arrests intensify in California days after DOJ warning *from the morgue, 19 Oct 2026*
- Trump DOJ issues stark warning to California ballot counters after suing state over 20K suspected noncitizen voters *from the morgue, 17 Oct 2026*
- Intel Democrats on how they'll react if Trump alleges election meddling *from the morgue, 23 Oct 2026*
- Trump told DOJ to sue to block Alaska Senate results if Republican narrowly loses *from the morgue, 26 Oct 2026*
- Trump says he personally ordered DOJ lawsuit intervening in Alaska Senate election *from the morgue, 23 Oct 2026*
- Ramaswamy accuses Acton of 'lying' about attack ad, but court records contradict mother's claim – live *from the morgue, 24 Oct 2026*
- DoJ sues to block certification of Alaska Senate results if Republican incumbent loses *from the morgue, 23 Oct 2026*
- Trump-Ordered DOJ Lawsuit in Alaska Seen as First Salvo in GOP Effort to Undermine Midterm Elections *from the morgue, 23 Oct 2026*
- Trump on the Alaska election lawsuit: 'I'm the one that said, "do it"' *from the morgue, 23 Oct 2026*
- Trump administration sues to block certification of upcoming Alaska election *from the morgue, 23 Oct 2026*
- DOJ files lawsuit to block results in Alaska Senate race after two Dan Sullivans land on November ballot *from the morgue, 23 Oct 2026*
- Trump previews trip to Alaska to campaign for Dan Sullivan, ripping into the other Dan Sullivan *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*
- Trump urges Alaskans to vote for the 'real' Dan Sullivan in tight midterms battle *from the morgue, 14 Oct 2026*
- Sullivan trails Peltola in Alaska Senate contest: AARP poll *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- Trump vows to probe other Dan Sullivan in alleged Dem plot to sabotage 'real' Alaska GOP senator *from the morgue, 14 Oct 2026*
- Trump administration sued over plans to send election monitors to voting sites *from the morgue, 7 Oct 2026*
- AGs v. Trump: How an AWOL Congress made hundreds of lawsuits possible *from the morgue, 16 Oct 2026*
- The Electoral College meets in the state capitals to officially elect the next President. Joe Biden, the presumptive president-elect, is officially elected president after securing California's 55 ele *from the morgue, 14 Dec 2020*
- US federal agents raid home of Democratic congresswoman and Trump critic Ilhan Omar *from the morgue, 12 Oct 2026*
- Ilhan Omar's Home Raided by DHS Following Trump-GOP Deportation Threats *from the morgue, 12 Oct 2026*
- Federal Agents Search Home of Rep. Ilhan Omar *from the morgue, 13 Oct 2026*
- Rep. Ilhan Omar's residence searched as part of ongoing criminal investigation: DOJ *from the morgue, 13 Oct 2026*
- Rep. Ilhan Omar's D.C. home searched by Homeland Security investigators *from the morgue, 12 Oct 2026*
- Rep. Ilhan Omar's DC home raided by DHS as part of probe into Dem's immigration paperwork *from the morgue, 12 Oct 2026*
- Homan confirms 'criminal' investigation involving Ilhan Omar, says he knows 'things are going on' *from the morgue, 13 Sep 2026*
- WATCH: Ilhan Omar denies feds have contacted her after border czar Homan confirms 'criminal' investigation *from the morgue, 18 Sep 2026*
- Could Trump revoke Ilhan Omar's citizenship for alleged brother marriage? Ex federal prosecutor breaks it down *from the morgue, 29 Sep 2026*
- Did Ilhan Omar marry her own brother? The claims explained *from the morgue, 22 Sep 2026*
- Russia's Lavrov blasts US, Western allies as "warmongers' in fiery UN tirade *from the morgue, 26 Sep 2026*
- Russia and China unite against US over Iran and Cuba in UN speeches *from the morgue, 26 Sep 2026*
- U.S. military lays groundwork for potential action around Cuba *from the morgue, 26 Sep 2026*
- The United Nations Security Council has resoundingly rejected a United States bid to extend a global arms embargo on Iran. In a Security Council vote, United States only got support from the Dominican *from the morgue, 14 Aug 2020*
- U.S. Threatens New Economic War on Iran by Targeting China & Tehran's Other Top Trading Partners *from the morgue, 25 Aug 2026*
- In Defiant UN Speech, Iranian President Says US and Israel Are the Real Terrorists *from the morgue, 23 Sep 2026*
- Trump slams reporting on removal of his endorsements from GOP candidate's website *from the morgue, 27 Sep 2026*
- Donalds removes several Trump mentions from campaign website *from the morgue, 22 Sep 2026*
- GOP hopeful removes 'Pro-Trump' mention from campaign slogan in deep-red seat *from the morgue, 23 Sep 2026*
- Where Trump's 2026 endorsement record stands after primary season *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*
- U.N. experts say U.S. may have committed war crimes with 2 Iran strikes *from the morgue, 22 Sep 2026*
- Trump Says 'Big Decision' Coming on Whether to 'Annihilate' Iran *from the morgue, 18 Sep 2026*
- Pentagon No. 3 frustrates senators in closed-door briefing on Iran war, Trump defense strategy *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- Senate Democrats, minus Fetterman, urge Hegseth to provide receipt for Iran war costs *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*
- Hegseth on "devastation" to Iran's capabilities *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*
- Trump admits Iran war will not end before midterms *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*
- Iran War Trump Said Would Be Quick Has Now Lasted 6 Months With 'No End In Sight' *from the morgue, 28 Aug 2026*

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""The Time Is Now for Change": Sanders Says He Won't Back Schumer for Leader", 10 November 2026 (PHOTO VIA TRUTHOUT — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

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WHAT'S NEXT. If Senate Democrats answer dissent the way parties often do, senators who keep crossing Schumer risk losing committee seats or facing a leadership-funded primary challenger; that is what Kentucky got after 19 May 2026, when Representative Thomas Massie lost his primary 55 to 45 after $37 million was spent against him.

❦ THE FORECAST ❦

On 4 November Chuck Schumer told reporters he will be reelected Senate Democratic leader next month despite dissent from a handful of newly elected senators. On 10 November Bernie Sanders and Elissa Slotkin told reporters they will not support him.

The party's leadership may withdraw its support from senators who keep crossing Schumer, back a primary challenger against them in the next election, and direct millions of dollars through a leadership-aligned committee to defeat them.

THE LAW. `Kentucky, 19 May 2026, after $37 million was spent on the primary.`

Happened once. Ask Kentucky, 2026.

Earl

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`More of Earl's calls, and the score, on E7`

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That is a condition on the caucus's next leader, stated before the caucus has chosen one.

Whoopi Goldberg told the party on television, the same day, to get its act together over that leadership fight and spend its energy on gas prices and food aid instead. It was the second time in six days she delivered that warning on the air; the first came 4 November, when she told the party to take care of business after its midterm sweep.

Schumer is still telling reporters he has the votes. The reporters have started asking the other senators instead.

"Schumer calls the no-votes "a handful" while the hand grows to include a Kansas candidate, two Senate colleagues, and a union with 600,000 members in it — that's not math, that's spin running on a vote that hasn't even been called yet. Van Hollen ties government funding to cutting off money for the Iran war, so the real leverage left in this fight is a budget line, not a gavel. Whoopi's right that infighting plays bad on TV, but the bigger problem is a caucus that just won big and still can't say who's cashing the check."

— Sal

"Look, a few restless freshmen and Bernie being Bernie is not a crisis, it's democracy working exactly as — well, actually Schumer himself said he's already got the votes, so maybe it is working, or maybe the math only works if you don't count the people saying no, which, fine, forget I brought up math."

— Chip

EARLIER IN THIS STORY

- *Schumer says he has the votes before the caucus that holds them has voted* By Chip · the afternoon edition, 10 November 2026
- *Prediction market credited with calling 98% of midterm races is under felony charges for taking the bets* By Sterling · the evening edition, 7 November 2026
- *Justice Department abandons hunt for ballots that don't exist; Peltola's campaign sues to see the ones that do.* By Mort · the morning edition, 7 November 2026
- *Justice Department abandons its own lawsuit against ballots the Supreme Court already let stand.* By Mort · the evening edition, 7 November 2026
- *Trump sued to block Alaska's count if the Republican lost; a week later Mississippi's trailing Republican tried the same move* By Mort · the morning edition, 6 November 2026
- *Grand conspiracy probe has spent three lead prosecutors since September and filed zero charges* By Lou · the morning edition, 6 November 2026

THE RECEIPTS

"The Time Is Now for Change": Sanders Says He Won't Back Schumer for Leader

Truthout § *17:22 EST*

Emerging leader Sen. Chris Van Hollen says he is refusing to fund the government next month until the war is defunded.

Whoopi Goldberg warns Democrats to 'take care of business' after midterm wins

Fox News RIGHT § *15:30 EST*

Whoopi Goldberg delivered a blunt warning to Democrats on "The View" after their midterm sweep, demanding they focus on taking care of business and avoid infighting.

Sanders won't back Schumer as Democratic leader

CBS News MAINSTREAM § *17:00 EST*

Sen. Bernie Sanders said Tuesday he won't support Sen. Chuck Schumer as Democratic leader in the new Congress, becoming the most prominent progressive to oppose his candidacy to date.

~~Sanders, Slotkin won't back Schumer as Senate Democratic leader~~

Sanders: Schumer too soft on inequality to lead

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *15:28 EST*

Sens. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Elissa Slotkin (D-Mich.) said they would not back Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) as leader of the incoming Democratic majority in the Senate, underscoring tensions in the caucus over who should lead the party after its stunning midterm victories.

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*

Whoopi Goldberg lectures Democrats over infighting about leadership, warns 'get your stuff together'

Fox News RIGHT § *17:10 EST*

Whoopi Goldberg called out Democratic infighting over congressional leadership demanding the party focus on gas prices and SNAP benefits.

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Opposition to Schumer leading Senate grows amid calls for a 'new generation' from Democrats

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *17:09 EST*

The chorus of Democrats demanding the party move on from Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) grew louder on Tuesday from across the caucus's ideological spectrum as the balance of power prepares to shift in Washington. Schumer has led Senate Democrats for nearly a decade. But the 75-year-old now faces a fight for survival when [...]

Andrews: Time for 'generational change' in Senate leadership

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *08:54 EST*

Sen.-elect Annie Andrews (D), who won a stunning victory in deep-red South Carolina by defeating Sen. Darline Graham (R-S.C.), says there needs to be "generational change" in the Senate leadership.

Sanders says he won't support Schumer for majority leader in next Congress

CBS News MAINSTREAM § *16:12 EST*

Sen. Bernie Sanders said Tuesday that he would not support Sen. Chuck Schumer's push to be the next Senate majority leader.

Schumer has votes for majority leader despite some Democratic dissent

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *12:49 EST*

Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) says he will be reelected as Senate majority leader next month when Democrats hold leadership elections despite the dissent of a handful of newly elected senators who threatened not to support him serving another term as leader. "The issue is not me.

Bernie Sanders says he will not back Schumer for Senate Democratic leader

The Guardian MAINSTREAM § *17:16 EST*

Progressive senator says 'I like Chuck … but the time is now for change' as calls grow for new Democratic leadership Bernie Sanders, a progressive senator from Vermont, said on Tuesday he would not support Chuck Schumer 's bid to serve as the Democratic leader in the US Senate, joining a growing cohort of Democrats calling for a change...

- Democratic Senate candidate in Kansas won't support Schumer for leader *from the morgue, 18 Sep 2026*

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Tennessee, after failing to kill Christa Pike, warns that one drug label could halt its executions

By **STERLING**
THE OWNERSHIP DESK

“Tennessee warns executions could grind to a halt if Christa Pike's lawyers see a single drug label: court docs”, 10 November 2026 (PHOTO VIA FOX NEWS — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ **THE SHORT VERSION**

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WHAT HAPPENED. Tennessee told a court that letting Christa Pike's lawyers see the drug label could stop future executions.

WHO GETS PAID. The pharmacy that sells Tennessee its pentobarbital, which keeps its name out of the court file and keeps the state as a customer.

WHAT SLIPS. If the label stays sealed, Pike's lawyers and the public cannot check what was injected, so no court can weigh whether the drug was fit to use.

WHAT'S NEXT. The governor's suspension runs only to the end of this year, and the inquiry he ordered reports to him. Executions can be scheduled again in January with the supplier's name still sealed.

❦ THE FORECAST ❦

Tennessee gave Christa Pike two doses of pentobarbital on September 30; she was alive more than two hours later. Governor Bill Lee suspended all executions until at least the end of the year and ordered an inquiry. On November 10 state lawyers warned a court that naming the drug's supplier could halt future executions.

When the suspension lapses at the end of the year, the state may set new execution dates, draw from the same sealed supply, and keep the label out of the file. A court may be asked to approve the method without being told who made the drug, and the prisoner's lawyers may argue against a label they are not permitted to read.

THE LAW. `Governor Bill Lee set the end of this year, 31 December 2026, as the floor of the suspension he ordered.`

Mark the date.

EARL

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`More of Earl's calls, and the score, on E7`

The label is the whole of it, and the label is what Tennessee will not surrender. You will have read that the execution failed. The statute did not. On September 30 the state gave Christa Pike, 50, two syringes of pentobarbital, and more than two hours later she was still breathing — critical condition, her lawyers told a court on October 2, the same day Governor Bill Lee suspended all executions in the state and ordered an inquiry. Its execution chief resigned. A judge ordered the syringes preserved. Preserved, mind you, not discarded. And now the filing: let her lawyers read the supplier's label and future executions in Tennessee could grind to a halt. Which is the arrangement stated outright. Secrecy is the consideration ... the thing the supplier is paid in, and the state cannot spend it twice. Pike paid two doses for the question. The answer stays sealed.

❦ FROM THE CORNER ❦

DUTCH

TENNESSEE PUT TWO DOSES OF PENTOBARBITAL INTO CHRISTA PIKE ON SEPTEMBER 30 and she was still breathing more than two hours later, and the state now tells a court that showing her lawyers the drug's label could halt future executions. That is not a confidentiality rule, that is a vendor writing the state's court filings. The supplier keeps selling because its name stays off the paper, so the label stays sealed because the supplier keeps selling, and the pill bottle in your own cabinet carries the maker's name in plain print because yours was sold to a customer and hers was bought by a state.

> Salt the cook wants. The boy
> sets the jar down empty.
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> — ENOCH
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> *The Ownership Desk*

“They had two hours and two syringes and could not finish, and now the state's big worry in court is that a lawyer might read the sticker on the bottle. That is not security, that is a supplier who sells only while its name stays off the paper. Pike is back in a cell, breathing, and Tennessee is in court arguing over who gets to know what it put in her.”

— Sal

“Look, there is a confidentiality statute, it has been on the books for years, so nobody is concealing — did I say concealing? That does not sound like me. The point is you out the pharmacy and the pharmacy walks, and then a state cannot carry out sentences a court ordered, and frankly the governor suspended everything and ordered an independent inquiry, so what exactly is the complaint here.”

— Chip

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THE RECEIPTS

~~Tennessee warns executions could grind to a halt if Christa Pike's lawyers see a single drug label: court docs~~

Tennessee's lethal drug failed to kill Christa Pike twice. It still won't name the supplier.

Fox News RIGHT § *10:40 EST*

Tennessee officials warn that exposing their pentobarbital supplier could halt all future executions after Christa Pike survived two lethal doses.

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On cocked and loaded

BY LOU
The Word

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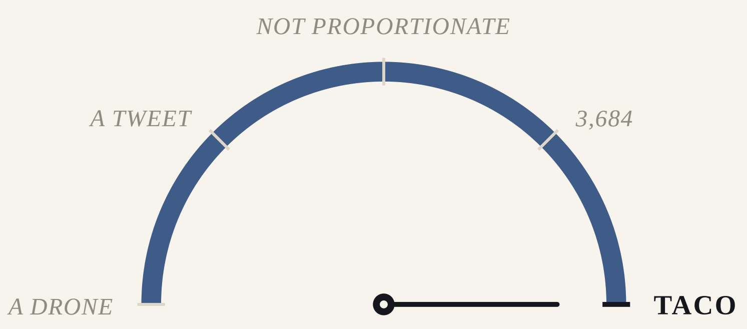

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This is the one entry on the ledger that could have gone in a different column. By his own number the fold spared 150 people. His account of the moment was exact: "150 dead people, that would have taken place probably within a half an hour after I said go ahead. And I didn't like it" [1]. It is entered here because the threat was published after the retreat.

The arithmetic has since been revised. U.S. and Israeli attacks on Iran began in late February of this year, and by mid-October the war was in its eighth month [2]. The rights group HRANA counted 3,684 dead in Iran through July 17; Iran's health ministry gave 3,528; the Pentagon had acknowledged 23 American military deaths by late October [3]. None of those figures is final. In 2019 the president said the unmanned part was "a big, big difference" [1]. The number that was not proportionate was 150. The HRANA count is more than 24 times that, and it stops in July.

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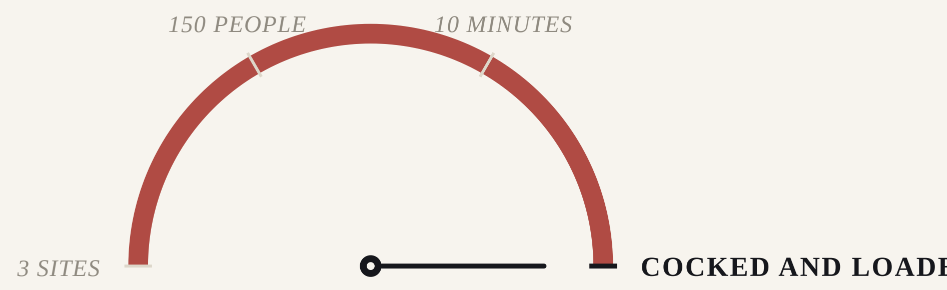

COCKED AND LOADED

The tweets went out on the morning of June 21, 2019, after Iran shot down an American surveillance drone. "We were cocked & loaded to retaliate last night on 3 different sights when I asked, how many will die." The answer from a general was 150. He wrote that he stopped it 10 minutes before the strike, because it was not "proportionate to shooting down an unmanned drone" [1].

Give the decision its due. A commander who asks the number and then stops is doing the job, and a machine is not 150 people. The trouble is the phrase. Cocked and loaded describes a gun already raised. The New York Times, citing senior officials, reported that planes were in the air and ships in position [1]. He told NBC that day that the planes were not up: "No, but they would have been pretty soon," and that the plan was "subject to my approval" [2]. The phrase was published after the gun was back in the drawer. Three sites and 150 lives had been one word away.

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> *"I'm slow with these things, so I wrote it on a napkin. The Times says the planes were in the air. The president says no, "pretty soon." He says ten minutes before. He also says they came in about a half an hour before. I'm sure there's a reason. On the other side of the napkin I put 150, not proportionate. Under that I put this year's count, 3,684, and that one stops in July. Sorry, one thing before you go. The man who said 150 was too many. Did anybody bring him the second number?"* — Lou

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"Cocked and loaded. You know when a guy tells you that? The morning after, when there's nothing to show you. A general says 150, he stops it ten minutes out, fine, I'll buy that man a drink. Then he tells NBC the planes never went up. So what was cocked? The tweet was cocked. Nobody cuts the trailer for the movie he didn't shoot unless the trailer was the product. And hold on to that number, 150, because that was too many. Too many. Now go read this year's number and tell me who moved the line."

— Sal

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"The president's restraint in 2019 proves he understands proportion, and the events of 2026 prove he understands that proportion can be revisited, which is what you want in a commander: a firm line, reviewed regularly."

— Chip

The Word today — 👍 👎