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Washington prepares for major protest as Democratic officials move to rein in police



Demonstrators walk past the U.S. Capitol Building during a protest against racial inequality in the aftermath of the death in Minneapolis police custody of George Floyd, in Washington, U.S. June 6, 2020. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Protesters began to gather in Washington for a big demonstration on Saturday as street marches across the United States to protest the killing of a black man in custody enter a 12th day and authorities move to rein in policing tactics.

George Floyd, 46, died on May 25 in Minneapolis after a police officer knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes. The killing has triggered protests against racism and police brutality in cities and smaller communities nationwide, as well as demonstrations by supporters around the world.

Some activists have called on social media for a million people to attend Saturday's rally in the U.S. capital.

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"We have a lot of public, open source information to suggest that the event on this upcoming Saturday may be one of the largest we've ever had in the city," Washington DC Police Chief Peter Newsham told local media without giving an estimate. Local media has predicted tens of thousands will attend.

Six buses unloaded several hundred uniformed military personnel, most wearing body armor and carrying shields, at the White House grounds early on Saturday, a Reuters photographer said. Military Humvees were parked on tree-

lined city streets.

On the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, a small group of protesters sang worship songs as crowds gathered. Free bottles of water and snacks were set up outside a church nearby. Delonno Carroll, a 27-year-old construction worker, said he had come out to demonstrate because he "simply cannot" sit and watch from home.

"Our voices need to be heard," Carroll said. "No longer can we have a man call out for his mom on the streets and have to go through what George Floyd did."

'EXTREME TACTICS'

Footage of Floyd's death recorded by an onlooker showed the man repeatedly pleading for his life and telling the officers he could not breathe, before he went silent.

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A second memorial service was held for Floyd on Saturday in North Carolina, where he was born. Hundreds lined up at a church in Raeford to pay their respects during a public viewing, and a private service for the family was scheduled for later in the day.

Thousands took to the streets across Europe and Australia, as did hundreds in Tokyo and Seoul, in support of U.S. protests against police brutality.

Marches and rallies took place on Friday in Atlanta, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Miami, New York and Denver, among other places. The night-time protests were largely peaceful but tension remains high even as authorities in several places take steps to reform police procedures.

A federal judge in Denver ordered city police to stop using tear gas, plastic bullets and other "less-than-lethal" devices such as flash grenades, with his ruling citing examples of protesters and journalists being injured by police. "These are peaceful demonstrators, journalists, and medics who have been targeted with extreme tactics meant to suppress riots, not to suppress demonstrations," U.S. District Judge R. Brooke Jackson wrote in the ruling.

In Minneapolis, Democratic city leaders voted to end the use of knee restraints and choke holds, while California's Democratic governor, Gavin Newsom, said he would end state police training of restraints that restrict the carotid artery in the neck. In New York, Governor Andrew Cuomo said his state would lead the way in passing reforms including banning choke holds and making police disciplinary records publicly available. "Mr Floyd's murder was the breaking point," said Cuomo, a Democrat. "People are saying enough is enough."
Black Lives Matter activists have called for cities to defund police departments. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, a Democrat who in April proposed increasing law enforcement funding, this week reversed course and said he would seek some \$150 million in cuts to the Los Angeles Police Department.



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Biden Becomes Democratic Nominee For President

manufacturing jobs in the last several decades. When you walk into any store, how many items are made in the USA? A lot of young students want to go to Wall Street to become stockbroker. They could easily become a millionaire overnight. But not too many of them want to study engineering or basic science.

As the leader of the world and the richest country, we should be looking at all the issues facing us from a global perspective. In this election we are not only just limited to who wins the national vote, but also how our vote will affect the rest of the world.

Former Vice President Joe Biden has earned enough delegates to officially secure the democratic nomination for president. His electoral victory in Guam last night allowed him to surpass the necessary 1991 delegates to claim the nomination in August at the democratic convention.

In his statement, Biden said Americans are hurting and have suffered so much loss. So many feel knocked down by the public health system and the economic crisis we are weathering, he said.

Today, we as a nation are facing so many challenges around the world. We continue to withdraw from international treaties and organizations. This is a very

big mistake. No matter if you like it or not, the world has become a global village. Look at the coronavirus pandemic. This is a worldwide crisis. We also have a moral responsibility to help the rest of the world, especially the poor countries.

The education system continues to be the most serious issue. All across the nation for many years, the rich areas always have had better school districts than the poor. Students today don't have equal opportunity to get their education, and without an education foundation, how are they going to find their future?

We are a nation that has lost so many



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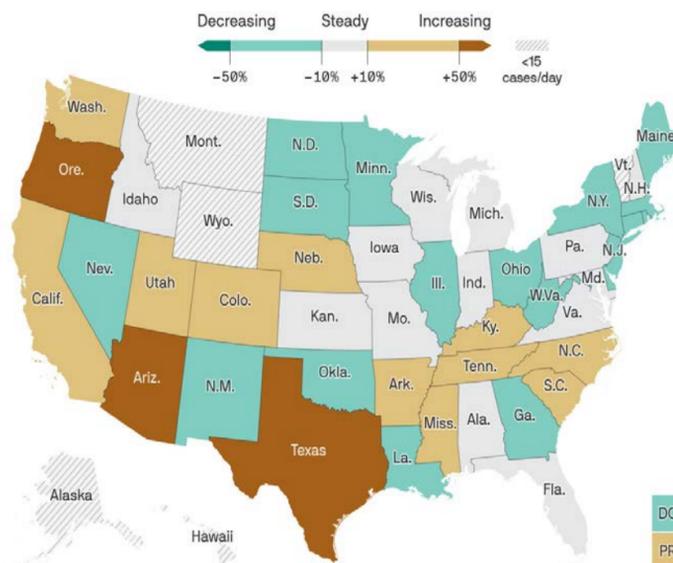
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Coronavirus Cases Spike In Texas, Oregon And Arizona

Change in new COVID-19 cases in the past week

Percent change of the 7-day average of new cases on May 26 and June 2, 2020



Data: The COVID Tracking Project, state health departments; Map: Andrew Witherspoon, Sara Wise, Naema Ahmed/Axios

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Texas, Arizona and Oregon saw significant spikes last week in new coronavirus infections, while cases also continued to climb in a handful of states where steady increases have become the norm.

Why it matters: Nationwide, new cases have plateaued over the past week. To get through this crisis and safely continue getting back out into the world, we need them to go down — a lot.

Between the lines: Improved testing can cause the number of confirmed cases in a particular state to rise, even if that state's outbreak isn't getting that much worse.

• At least in Texas, however, the spike in recorded cases does seem to reflect an actual increase in new infections — not just better testing.

• Testing in Texas increased by 36% over the past week, while the number of confirmed infections rose by 51%.

• Texas also saw an increase in the percentage of all coronavirus tests that came back positive. In a state where testing is improving and the underlying outbreak isn't getting worse, you'd expect the share of positive tests to go down.

The big picture: Axios is tracking each state's caseload week by week, using a seven-day average. The disparities between states, and these sudden spikes in places that had been making progress, underline just how tentative the U.S.' progress against the virus has been. (Courtesy axios.com)

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World Coronavirus Updates

Confirmed cases of COVID-19



Data: The Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins; **Map:** Axios Visuals

Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East all recorded spikes in coronavirus infections Thursday as cases spread to new hot spots worldwide.

By the numbers: More than 6.5 million people have tested positive for COVID-19 worldwide and over 2.8 million have recovered from the virus. Over 387,000 people have died globally. The U.S. has reported the most cases in the world with over 1.8 million.

• The U.K. confirmed over 39,800 deaths from the virus — the most fatalities outside the U.S.

• With over 584,000 infections, Brazil has the most cases outside the U.S.

What's happening: Israel's Parliament shut down after a lawmaker contracted the virus, the New York Times reports.

• **Germany announced Wednesday** a second economic stimulus package worth 130 billion euros (\$146 billion), taking the total economic injection to \$1.5 trillion since the pandemic began, per the Wall Street Journal.

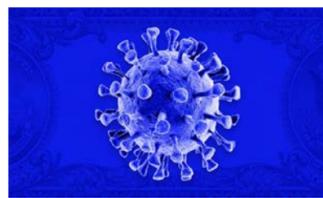
• **New Zealand** has gone 13 days without reporting a single new coronavirus case, the Ministry of Health confirmed on Thursday. Only one person in the entire country has the virus and they are not being hospitalized.

• **Italy** reopened all airports on Wednesday as restrictions on public transportation were eased. New cases in the

country have largely plateaued in recent weeks, per Johns Hopkins.

• **Treatment for diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular emergencies and hypertension** have been partially or totally disrupted by the pandemic across many countries, the **World Health Organization** reports.

• **Climate:** The pandemic underscores why market regulators, companies and investors should do a better job planning for climate risks to the financial system.



• **Hydroxychloroquine:** The U.S. is sending 2 million doses of the anti-malarial drug and 1,000 ventilators to Brazil.

• **President Trump delayed** the G7 conference from June to September amid concerns over international travel. Germany Chancellor Angela Merkel had originally declined Trump's invitation to the June summit over COVID-19.

• **Over 500 schools in South Korea** — which has been a model for how to handle the coronavirus — have either closed or postponed reopening, according to the Korea Times, which cites data from the Ministry of Education.

• **Russian President Vladimir Putin** said the country's annual military parade would take place on June 24, despite rising coronavirus cases.

The big picture: Policy responses to the crisis have been every-country-for-itself and — in the case of the U.S. and China — tinged with geopolitical rivalry. But the scientific work to understand the virus and develop a vaccine has been globalized on an unprecedented scale.

Coronavirus symptoms include: Fever, cough, shortness of breath, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat and a loss of taste or smell. (Courtesy axios.com)



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A protester reacts as water is poured on his face after being tear gassed during demonstrations in reaction to the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 30, 2020. REUTERS/Lucas Jackson



An Atlanta Police car burns as people protest against the death of George Floyd near CNN Center in Atlanta, Georgia, May 29, 2020. REUTERS/Dustin Chambers



A demonstrator is seen behind a fence during a protest against the death of George Floyd, near the White House, in Washington. REUTERS/Carlos Barria



Fireworks explodes over a protestor with his hands up during a protest against the police killing of George Floyd, in Ferguson, Missouri, May 30, 2020. REUTERS/Lawrence Bryant



A demonstrator holds a Palestinian flag in front of Israeli forces during a protest against Israel's plan to annex parts of the occupied West Bank, near Tulkarm. REUTERS/Mohamad Torokman



Relatives take part in the funeral of Fredy Amilcar Gomez Blanco and Jason Eulises Gomez Gomez, who died after they were dragged by river flooding caused by Tropical Storm Amanda, in Santa Tecla, El Salvador. REUTERS/Jose Cabezas



At sunrise, a soldier keeps watch at the Lincoln Memorial after a night of protests over the death of George Floyd in Washington. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque



John Landin of Las Vegas celebrates after winning a hand of blackjack during the reopening of The D hotel-casino during its reopening in downtown Las Vegas, Nevada. REUTERS/Steve Marcus

VOTING IN HARRIS COUNTY TEXAS 2020



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Vote by Mail Applications Sent to All Registered Voters in Harris County Age 65 and Up

(Houston, TX) – Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins has sent vote by mail applications to 376,840 registered voters who are 65 years of age and older.

"All registered voters 65 and older are eligible to vote by mail," said Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins.

Once applications are received and approved, mail ballots are sent to voters no later than the seventh calendar day after applications are received.

524,219 people voted in the March 2020 Primary Elections. Of those, 53,910 voted by mail.

Dates to remember:

- Monday, June 15 Last day to register to vote in the 2020 Primary Runoff
Monday, June 29 First day of in-person Early Voting period
Thursday, July 2 Last day to apply for a mail ballot for the 2020 Primary Runoff
Friday, July 10 Last day of in-person Early Voting
Tuesday, July 14 2020 Primary Runoff Election Day

Voters who choose to vote by mail must postmark their mail ballots by Election Day, and the ballot must be received by the County Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 PM on July 15 (the day after Election Day).

"Our office is preparing for an increase in mail ballots in addition to a safe and secure in-person voting process," added Hollins.

Click here for "Safety While Voting" tips and information. Stay informed at HarrisVotes.com and follow the Harris County Clerk on social media.

Link to County Clerk Video

Vote by Mail Application Mail Out PDF Sample Attached

VOTING INFORMATION VOTING BY MAIL

View Voting By Mail FAQs

Returning a voted ballot In the process of voting and returning your mail ballot, make sure to follow the steps below:

- 1. Read all the instructions;
2. Use BLACK or BLUE ink to mark your choices on the ballot;
3. Place voted ballot in the Ballot Envelope and seal it;
4. Place Ballot Envelope in the enclosed pre-addressed County Clerk carrier envelope;
5. Seal carrier envelope and sign where indicated exactly as you signed the ballot by mail request;
6. Place appropriate postage and return it;

Important Notes:

A voted ballot postmarked by Election Day must be received by the early voting clerk no later than 5:00 pm on the next business day after Election Day.

5th day after Election Day. Ballots from Military voters must be received by the early voting clerk no later than the 6th day after Election Day.

On ELECTION DAY mail voters may deliver their mail ballot from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to the early voting clerk's main office (1001 Preston 4th Floor, #440, Houston, TX 77002).

For more information: Call Us (713) 755-6965

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VOTING INFORMATION MILITARY & OVERSEAS VOTERS

Harris County registered voters who are temporarily out of the country and wish to vote, may complete the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). This type of application is limited to:

- A member of the U.S. Armed Forces, their spouse or a dependent;
A member of the U.S. Merchant Marines, their

spouse or a dependent;
A U.S. citizen domiciled in Harris County Texas but temporarily living outside the territorial limits of the United States.

SUBMIT AN FPCA ONLINE OR CHECK YOUR STATUS

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the FPCA online submission; please email the County Clerk's Office at FPCA@cco.hctx.net.

About FPCA

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) applications pre-qualify U.S. citizens who are temporarily outside of the country to automatically receive ballots for all elections in which they qualify to vote.

The FPCA is valid for one calendar year (last day of December), when completed properly. The FPCA must be resubmitted every time a voter changes mailing address.

To participate in an election taking place within a calendar year, an FPCA may be mailed starting on January 1 of that year.

For additional information visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program's website at www.fvap.gov.

VOTING INFORMATION VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

NOTICE OF VOTING ORDER PRIORITY Pursuant to Section 63.0013, Election Code: An election officer may give voting order priority to individuals with a mobility problem that substantially impairs the person's ability to move around.

- A person assisting an individual with a mobility problem may also, at the individual's request, be given voting order priority.
Disabilities and conditions that may qualify you for voting order priority include paralysis, lung disease, the use of portable oxygen, cardiac deficiency, severe limitation in the ability to walk due to arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition, wheelchair confinement, arthritis, foot disorder, the inability to walk 200 feet without stopping to rest, or use of a brace, cane, crutch, or other assistive device.
Voters who wish to be given voting order priority, and be accepted for voting before others in line to vote at that polling place may indicate this to any election officer serving at the polling place.

VOTING INFORMATION IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR VOTING

*IF YOU POSSESS ONE OF THE FOLLOW-

ING FORMS OF ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID, YOU MUST PRESENT IT WHEN VOTING IN PERSON:

NOTE: Providing a Texas Driver's License or Texas Personal ID expedites the voter qualification process.



Texas Driver License issued by the DPS



Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS



Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS



Texas Handgun License issued by DPS



United States Military Identification



United States Passport (book or card)



Card containing your photograph United States citizenship certificate containing your photograph

* With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or, for voters aged 18-69, have expired no more than 4 years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

above that has expired if the identification is otherwise valid.

Voters who currently do not have an approved form of photo ID may apply for an Election Identification Certificate (EIC) at no charge with the Department of Public Safety.

Fill out a declaration at the polls describing a reasonable impediment to obtaining it, and show a copy or original of one of the following supporting forms of ID:

- A government document that shows your name and an address, including your voter registration certificate
Current utility bill
Bank statement
Government check
Paycheck
(a) A certified domestic (from a U.S. state or territory) birth certificate or (b) a document confirming birth admissible in a court of law which establishes your identity (which may include a foreign birth document)
Voters who are unable to provide an acceptable form of photo ID or an acceptable supporting document may vote provisionally. Voters will need to sign a provisional affidavit and will have 6 days after the election to cure their ballot by bringing approved photo identification to the Voter Registrar.
EXEMPTION: Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a permanent exemption to showing acceptable photo ID or following the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the polls.
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拜登又說夢話，聲稱“10%至15%”的美國人“不是很好的人”



【美南新聞記者泉深報導】美國77歲的前副總統拜登（Joe Biden）年齡真的有點大，經常在關鍵場合講夢話，秒殺一部分選民。

正如《紐約時報》首次報導的那樣，拜登在周四晚上與黑人支持者舉行了虛擬的市政廳會議，他在這裏碰擊特朗普總統的分裂和軟弱的領導。

拜登對主持虛擬市政廳的組織者唐·奇德爾（Don Cheadle）說道：“總統所說的話很重要，因此，當總統一直站出來並分散人們的注意力時，您（總統）將成為我們中最糟糕的人。”

“作為一個國家，我們真的認為現任總統和我們能夠做的一樣好嗎？我認為絕大多數人都不會這樣認為，”拜登繼續說道，“那裏大約有10%到15%的人不是很好的人，但那不是我們，絕大多數人都是相當好的。我們必須呼籲這一點，我們必須團結人們，將他們放在一起，將它們放在一起。”

目前尚不清楚他在“10%到15%”的人口中的確切指的是誰，以及他是否認為這幫人在支持特朗普總統。

這些言論使人聯想到前國務卿希拉里·克林頓在2016年總統大選期間提出的有爭議的評論

，當時她在一次競選活動中估計，特朗普支持者的“一半”屬於“一籃子可悲的東西”。

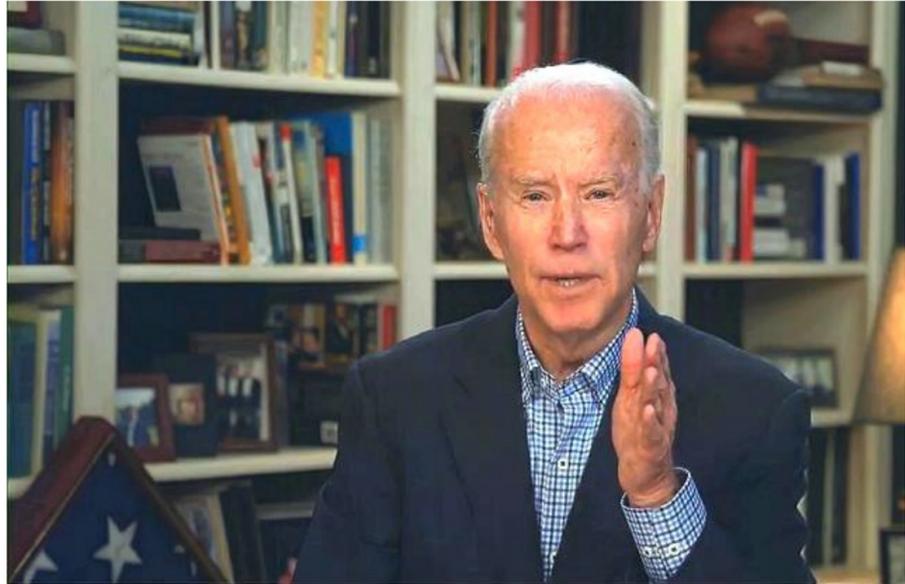
幾天前，喬·拜登的“你們就不是黑人”評論的視頻還在流傳。

在5月25日明尼阿波利斯黑人男子喬治·弗洛伊德被警察拘留期間去世後，拜登於本週早些時候因其對弗洛伊德的講話而受到讚揚，但這位推定的民主黨總統候選人在最近《早餐俱樂部》（The Breakfast Club）的一次採訪中陷入困境。

拜登的“那你們就不是黑人”這句話在社交媒體上廣為流傳並激起黑人的憤怒，許多黑人批評拜登是在教導他們如何思考。事後，拜登為他的失言道歉。他說：“我不應該如此的自以為是，如此的隨意不加思考。”

但是，從那以後，在多次採訪中，拜登似乎都因為對查拉曼的言論而遭到譴責和埋怨，這引發了一些進攻性言論。

拜登事後堅持認為主持人像一個“智者”一樣行事，後來聲稱主持人在“引誘”（bait）他。主持人查拉曼週六（6月3日）晚上



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向拜登反擊，告訴斯蒂芬·科爾伯特（Stephen Colbert）“我沒有引誘拜登，是他自己自願上鉤。”（I didn't bait Biden and that he volun-

teered that fish on his own）。（圖片來自網絡，版權歸原作者）