

KEY POINTS AND LINKS

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While Speaker Pelosi and House Democrats continue to defend lawlessness and use this pandemic as an opportunity to enact their disastrous policies, Republicans are committed to responding responsibly to the challenges our nation is facing. Below, find additional updates on how the Administration and Congressional Republicans are showing real leadership at a time when America needs it most:

HOLDING CHINA ACCOUNTABLE

- Because of leadership from President Trump and Congressional Republicans, the United Kingdom [announced](#) this week that they will be banning Huawei from participating in their 5G Network, protecting them from data collection and spying by the Chinese Communist Party.
- Secretary of State Mike Pompeo also [announced](#) this week that the CCP's claims to offshore resources across most of the South China Sea are unlawful, formally bringing U.S. policy in line with international law and taking another step to hold China accountable for their malign activity. He also [announced](#) new sanctions against Chinese tech company employees who provide "material support to regimes engaging in human rights violations and abuses globally," including some who work at Huawei.
- President Trump [signed](#) the Hong Kong Autonomy Act into law yesterday which authorizes and imposes sanctions on foreign persons, entities, and financial institutions that contribute to China's actions to remove autonomy from Hong Kong, and he also [signed an Executive Order](#) that subjects Hong Kong to the same tariffs the White House has imposed on goods from mainland China.
- Prior to the South China Sea announcement, The Treasury Department [said](#) that they'd be enforcing more sanctions against the CCP because of the human rights abuses they are carrying out against the Uighur Muslim community.
- The importance of holding China accountable took on greater significance this week after [reports that they are nearing a trade and military partnership with Iran](#), a rogue nation that obviously is intent on working against American interests.
- This all comes as Speaker Pelosi has [called the issue of holding China accountable a "diversion,"](#) and Democrats in Congress refuse to even take steps to try and combat the threats posed to the United States by the CCP.

OPERATION WARP SPEED

- [Operation Warp Speed \(OWS\)](#) is working at a historic pace to develop, manufacture, and distribute a safe and effective vaccine as quickly as possible.
- OWS is being coordinated by the Department of Health & Human Services and the Department of Defense and is being funded by \$10 billion in resources that were approved when Congress passed the CARES Act.

- Already, OWS has chosen 14 promising vaccines candidates from the 100+ that are currently in development, and those will be narrowed down to the seven options that will go through further testing in early-stage clinical trials.

- A number of U.S. companies have announced progress on this front. Most recently, [Moderna announced](#) that an analysis of their Phase I trial of a vaccine “provoked a promising immune response against the virus and appeared safe in the first 45 people who received it” according to [The New York Times](#).



DEFEND AMERICA. DEFEND LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Speaker Pelosi, the third-ranking official in the United States government, [refused to condemn criminal behavior](#) across the country, claiming that “people will do what they do,” when asked about the lawless attacks on our statues.

- Our country is a nation of laws and Republicans are committed to upholding law and order to protect the safety and security of all Americans. We stand with our police officers and recognize that they take heroic risks every day to keep us safe.

- Even [as violent crime spikes in Democrat-run cities across the country](#), their party continues to endorse and enable the reckless defund police movement. Already, City Councils in Minneapolis, Seattle, Los Angeles, and New York have taken steps to defund the police.

- Two prominent Democrats are [supporting legislation](#) designed to not only defund the police, but close all federal prisons, abolish ICE, eliminate basic school safety measures, and more. Even Vice President Biden has [backed](#) redirecting funding for police departments, while Speaker Pelosi [refuses to say if she opposes these efforts](#).

- Today, President Trump [received](#) an update on the progress that Department of Justice and United States law enforcement agencies have made in their effort to dismantle, defeat, and destroy MS-13 in the United States. During the briefing, he [announced](#) that DOJ had just concluded a, “historic operation leading to the arrest and indictment of dozens of savage MS-13 members and leaders all across the country.”



BIDEN HIGHLIGHTS HIS FAR-LEFT AGENDA

- Last week, [Vice President Biden released a “framework” of policy ideas](#) that were crafted with supporters of Bernie Sanders that reflected an all-out surrender to the socialist wing of the Democratic Party.

- The framework endorses a number of radical positions on immigration, the economy, health care, criminal justice, education, and energy, specifically raising taxes, supporting Green New Deal polices, laying the groundwork for a one-size-fits-all government takeover of health care, ending cash bail, abolishing the death penalty, ending solitary confinement for dangerous criminals, giving free government health care to illegal aliens, expanding welfare for new immigrants, ending school choice, rejoining the Paris Accord, eliminating all carbon emissions, appointing social justice prosecutors, requiring taxpayers to fund gender reassignment surgeries, and more.

- Biden also rolled out his [\\$2 trillion energy plan](#) that would ban coal, oil, and natural gas, all while raising taxes and [eliminating 10 million jobs](#). One [study](#) found that a plan of this scope would actually cost \$4.5 trillion, or \$35,000 per household.

- The former Vice President has also endorsed other tax hikes, including the [repeal](#) of the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act and [\\$4 trillion in new tax increases](#) that [The Wall Street Journal](#) called “severe.” His proposed tax hikes [would](#) shrink the economy by 1.5% and destroy 585,000 jobs.

- *In Joe Biden's America, families would not be safe. He refuses to condemn the lawless mob violence taking place in America and said that he supports the defund police movement.*



COVID-19 OVERSIGHT

- *Led by Republican Whip Steve Scalise, Republican Members on the Select Committee on the Coronavirus Crisis [continue to demand answers](#) from Democrat Governors who forced seniors with COVID-19 into nursing homes, leading to further infections among vulnerable populations and more unnecessary deaths.*
- *Earlier this week, Governor Cuomo [released a "dubious" report](#) that used flawed methodology to attempt to absolve himself from responsibility for his poor decision-making that led to the deaths of senior citizens from COVID-19.*
- *These Democrat governors who forced seniors with the virus into nursing homes did so [in direct opposition to federal guidance](#). CMS Administrator Seema Verma even said, "[u]nder no circumstances should a hospital discharge a patient to a nursing home that is not prepared to take care of those patient's needs."*



REOPENING SCHOOLS

- *Experts, medical professionals, pediatricians, and parents have all said in recent days that schools can and should be safely open and students should return to the classroom this fall.*
- *For the wellbeing of students, it's critical that they begin safely learning again and receiving supportive services from schools.*
- *We have strong evidence that suggests that in-person learning environments are more productive for students and we cannot afford for them to fall further behind by remaining home. Research has shown that school closures disproportionately affect the most vulnerable students, widening disparities in achievement and harming economic potential.*
- *The safety of students and teachers is of the utmost importance and the Trump Administration is committed to providing resources so K-12 students continue to learn while mitigating the spread of the virus.*