

Chatham County Democratic Party Weekly News Digest January 22, 2024

Upcoming CCDP-Sponsored Events

Join Our Texting Team

**2024 is here and we are gearing up for the elections ahead.
Early voting for the March primary begins on February 15th.
Help us spread the word!**

We are launching a very targeted texting program aimed at making sure our supporters have all the information they need to vote in 2024. We plan to begin texting shortly before early voting begins on February 15th and we will wrap up on March 5th, Primary Election Day. Then, we will gear up to do it again next fall for the November election.

If you are shy around people, but not around computers.....this is the volunteer opportunity you have been looking for!

Volunteer today so that we can get ready for early voting!

RSVP [here](#).

Manns Chapel Precinct Canvass, January 27, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

This will be a door-to-door canvass in Briar Chapel, designed to increase voter turnout in the upcoming primary election (early voting starts on February 15th). We will also be inviting folks to join our volunteer team.

We will meet at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 27th, in Briar Chapel at the intersection of Tobacco Farm Way and Grovewood Lane. We will go out in teams of 2 or 3 and canvass for a couple of hours. Each team will be assigned around 30 doors to canvass.

To sign up, go to: [Manns Chapel Precinct Canvass](#)

Training Options

You're invited to sign up for any of these upcoming training sessions:

January 26, February 9 & February 27, 2:30 - 3 p.m., [Volunteer Orientation](#) @Zoom

January 23, January 30, February 6 & February 13, 1:30 - 3:30, [Training - Join Our Office Crew](#) @Zoom

January 26, 2 - 2:30 p.m., [Events Team Orientation](#) @Zoom

January 27, February 10 & February 24, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., [Training - Introduction to Voter Registration & Voter Education](#), CCDP Community Engagement Center (CEC), 628 East Street, Pittsboro

February 13 & February 27, 1:30 - 3 p.m. [Training - Staffing Tent Events](#), CCDP Community Engagement Center (CEC), 628 East Street, Pittsboro

Event Hosts are needed for those trainings held at the CEC. To sign up, go to: [CEC Event Host](#) .

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Other Upcoming Events

Community Climate Conversation, January 22, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, Pittsboro

The Central Pines Regional Council (CPRC) was awarded a \$1 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) by EPA to develop the climate action plan for our region. Once complete, our local governments will be able to apply for \$4.6 billion in competitive funding, authorized by the Inflation Reduction Act, to implement projects and actions included in the climate plan. There will be a **Community Climate Conversation** on Monday, January 22, 2024, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro.

For more information and to register, visit:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/040997706fb448eb8acddf1a69402a2f/>

Fearrington Democratic Club Meeting, “This is What Democracy Looks Like,” January 23, 7-8:15 p.m., (Virtual Event)

The first Fearrington Democratic Club meeting of this very important election year for our country is *This Is What Democracy Looks Like*.

Congresswoman **Valerie Foushee** will join us for the first segment of this meeting by Zoom. She was this area’s representative in the NC House and then the NC Senate. In 2022 she was elected to Congress for the district that includes Chapel Hill, Durham, and points north – but not Chatham. Redistricting for 2024 again put the northeastern part of Chatham County in her district. We are delighted to (re)introduce her to our community, in the hope and belief that she will defeat her 2024 Republican challenger in November and once again represent our area beginning in 2025.

The January 23 Club meeting also features the two unopposed candidates for the two open seats on the Chatham Co. Board of Commissioners, incumbent **Karen Howard** and newcomer (to that Board) **Amanda Robertson**. Also joining us are four incumbent District Court Judges running unopposed for reelection. They are **Joal Broun, Samantha Cabe, Sherri Murrell, and Hathaway Pendergrass**.

The meeting will be live streamed on Zoom and recorded for later viewing on the Club website ([Home \(fearringtondems.org\)](http://Home(fearringtondems.org)). Click [here](#) to request the link to register for Zoom (by 5 p.m. of the day of the event, please, and sooner is better).

CORE Racial Equity Fundamentals Workshop, Saturday, March 9, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, Pittsboro

CORE's Racial Equity Fundamentals workshop builds a foundational knowledge of equity concepts and terminology. This workshop initiates conversations about race and racism while exploring methods to drive systemic change, shift power, and promote community healing as we move towards our collective liberation.

Cost to attend:

Standard rate - \$125/person

Equity-based - \$75/person

Pay-It-Forward - \$200/person (provides scholarship)

Community groups/nonprofits registering five or more: \$100/person. Contact info@corenc.org.

Registration cost includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Register [here](#).

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Events Sponsored by Red, Wine & Blue

Emergency Troublemaker Training: Stand Up to Bullies, Stand Up for Kids: How Anti-Trans Policies Harm Us All, Tuesday, January 23, 7:30 p.m. (Virtual Event)

Anti-trans legislation exploded across the country in 2023 and state legislatures are moving quickly to remove any and all protections for trans individuals. The Republican Governor of Ohio even vetoed HB68 as too extreme – but state legislators vow to override that veto and ban gender affirming care and sports participation for trans youth. Anti-trans legislation harms ALL of us – and it's time to fight back! Join us for an Emergency Troublemaker training to learn what you can do! Erin Reed of Erin in the

Morning will share the current trends in anti-trans legislation and we will get you up to speed on what is happening with HB68 and executive orders in Ohio and how to take action. Together we will say “hell no” and stand up to bullying!

Sign up [here](#).

Updating Title IX: How Changes Will Protect LGBTQIA+ Students, Thursday, January 25, 7:30 p.m. (Virtual Event)

Did you know that the Biden Administration is expected to make historic changes to Title IX? Want to be ready to use them to protect LGBTQIA+ youth? Join us to learn how these changes will affirm students’ identities in the classroom, fight bullying and harassment, and ensure access to sports programs and school facilities.

Sign up [here](#).

Little Banned Book Club: The Day You Begin, Wednesday, February 7, 7:30 p.m. (Virtual Event)

Join us for our next Little Banned Book Club as we read “The Day You Begin” by Jacqueline Woodson and illustrated by Rafael Lopez. “The Day You Begin” is a wonderful book about how everyone feels like an outsider sometimes.

Sign up [here](#).

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

ICYMI: Mark Robinson said MLK was “an Inferior Pastor” and a “Communist” and called the Civil Rights Movement “Crap”

“Martin Luther King Jr. was just an “ersatz pastor” and a “communist,” and the 1960s civil rights movement was “crap,” according to a series of Facebook posts by Mark Robinson, the leading Republican candidate to be North Carolina’s next governor.”

Robinson’s Facebook posts were highlighted in a new [HuffPost article](#) which found that Mark Robinson “regularly criticized King and the civil rights movement for years on Facebook — specifically on MLK Day.”

“Mark Robinson has once again embarrassed himself and our state with his latest shocking and bigoted remarks,” **said NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton**. “Mark Robinson has shown North Carolinians who he really is and that is someone who is on the wrong side of history, with a warped perception of reality.”

Read More:

[HuffPost](#): **MLK Was an Inferior Pastor And ‘Communist,’ Said Top GOP Candidate for N.C. Governor**

- Robinson also used MLK Day to dismiss the idea that racism is real. “The ‘state of race relations’ exist chiefly within your own mind,” he said.
- He also wrote on MLK Day that year, “I don’t like Communist. No matter what ‘color’ they are.” Robinson later admitted in his 2022 book, “We Are the Majority,” that he had been calling King a communist.
- Robinson hasn’t limited his Facebook criticisms to King on MLK Day. In 2017, he attacked John Lewis, who nearly lost his life fighting for voting rights. “Hey John Lewis, just because you got beat up by some Democrats in 1965 doesn’t mean you can’t get criticized by some Republicans in 2017,” Robinson wrote.
- The day before, Robinson also posted that he didn’t care what Lewis did in the 60s because the problem was what Lewis was doing that year, in 2017.
- That same day, Robinson posted that actual real-life slavery isn’t as bad as slavery “of the mind,” which is Satan’s greatest tool. “Slavery of the mind is FAR worse than physical slavery,” the GOP gubernatorial hopeful wrote. “Slavery of the mind cannot be seen, cannot be made illegal, and is and always has been the greatest tool of Satan against man...and men against each other.”

North Carolina Democratic Party Welcomes President Biden to North Carolina

Ahead of President Biden’s visit to Raleigh to speak about Bidenomics, Investing in America, and how his policies are repairing and rebuilding the country’s infrastructure, lowering costs, supporting the growth of small business and creating good-paying jobs, North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Anderson Clayton released the following statement:

“On behalf of North Carolina Democrats, I’m thrilled to welcome President Biden back to our state. I’m proud that this administration is bringing their track record of delivering

results directly to North Carolinians and showing folks what they've delivered for the working class. I've often said that Democrats don't have a messaging problem, they have a showing up problem, and with the VP's visit last week and President's Biden's visit this week, they're showing up and folks are taking notice. The Tar Heel state is the battleground state of this election cycle and having the administration take note of that and take the time to come here at the beginning of this cycle shows that our state is in play, and we are aiming to win. North Carolina Democrats are proud to support this President and will continue this grassroots fight for the future of our state and our country alongside him."

Our digital messages this week are:

- **The primary:** One week closer to election day, y'all. Absentee ballot request is open, so reach out to the college students, Democrats abroad, and homebound folks you know to make sure they're ready to vote. Also, the voter registration deadline is a few short weeks away on February 9th. For more information about the upcoming election, check out the [NCSBE website](#).
- **Mark Robinson:** Unsurprisingly, [journalists found more of Mark Robinson's hateful Facebook posts](#). This time, he derided Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement. This comes as the far right are ramping up anti-Civil Rights Act rhetoric as they seek to dismantle our voting rights institutions. It's up to us to remind folks of just who Mark Robinson really is.
- **POTUS in NC:** VP Harris was just in North Carolina last week, and this week President Biden is back in the Old North State to talk about [Bidenomics, job growth, and infrastructure](#). President Biden and Vice President Harris' visits back-to-back are demonstrating that the Biden campaign is putting a high priority on North Carolina this year. You can help boost the effectiveness of President Biden's visit by posting about his economic wins.

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News from Democracy North Carolina

With the implementation of North Carolina's Voter ID law, it is now more important than ever to ensure voters have the support they need to cast their ballot freely this election.

The nonpartisan North Carolina Election Protection Hotline (888-OUR-VOTE) is recruiting volunteer lawyers, paralegals, and law students to answer the hotline during peak periods in the 2024 Primary Election. The hotline will operate with volunteers from Monday, Feb. 12 through the day of canvass, or counting of ballots (Friday, March. 15).

Volunteers will answer calls from voters across the state, documenting problems and working to remove barriers to voting. Our hotline is 100% virtual -- meaning you can

get trained and answer calls from home. The first training date will be offered in early February.

Volunteers are especially needed on the first day of early voting (Thursday, February 15), the last day of early voting (Saturday, March 2), and Election Day (Tuesday, March 5).

[Sign up here today!](#)

As a reminder, to participate in the hotline you must:

- Either have a JD, be currently enrolled in law school, or have prior experience answering the NC voter hotline.
- Be able to serve a minimum of 2-3 shifts a month. You do not have to volunteer every month the hotline is active;
- Have access to a computer with reliable internet access and a headset with a microphone. One can be provided to you if needed.
- Have basic computer/internet skills and the ability to troubleshoot problems
- Be able to attend or complete a 2-hour online training;
- Be able to interact with voters in a calm, nonpartisan manner.

Check out what volunteers who work the hotline have to say about it!

“It was a great pro bono experience. I appreciated being able to make a meaningful contribution toward fairer elections from the comfort of my own home.”

“I volunteer with the hotline as a way to counterbalance voter suppression. It's cool to be part of the trained group of people who can resolve and triage complicated questions about voter eligibility when they move, help track down an absentee ballot and answer other complicated questions.”

“I found it very satisfying to get to do direct service work that unambiguously helped people. And I felt well supported throughout the process.”

Read the [2022 Election Protection](#) report, based on the voter calls volunteers helped answer!

For more information, visit the [hotline webpage](#) or contact Carol Moreno at carol@democracync.org

Onward,
Carol Moreno
Policy and Programs Manager

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News from All on the Line

It's an election year, and yet congressional and state legislative districts still hang in the balance in several states. There's a lot at stake with multiple ongoing legal challenges to unfair maps — including cases led by All On The Line's affiliate, the National Redistricting Foundation.

Keeping our fingers on the pulse of these cases can be tough, even for lawyers. The best way for you to get up to date is to [join our first virtual volunteer meeting of 2024 on Wednesday, January 17th](#). But let's take a quick spin through where things stand in a few key states:

Wisconsin: Last month, Wisconsin's Supreme Court struck down state legislative maps that would have continued to give Republicans an unfair advantage. This decision requires lawmakers or the court to draw up new maps in which each district is a "contiguous territory" rather than broken up into different parts. New constitutional maps need to be in place, likely before April.

Georgia: Last fall, a federal court ordered state lawmakers to redraw congressional and state legislative maps to comply with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, following a successful challenge initiated by the National Redistricting Foundation, an All On The Line affiliate. Many experts believe lawmakers' revised maps fall well short, papering over one issue by introducing unfairness in another form. Nevertheless, a U.S. District judge approved them. There's a lot of work to do here because the fight for fair maps in Georgia is far from over.

Louisiana: Last year, a federal judge ruled that congressional maps drawn by the Republican-led state legislature diluted the power of Black voters and ordered new maps to be drawn by the end of January 2024. AOTL and its affiliates are tracking the case closely and are prepared to take action to ensure every voter is represented fairly.

New York: In a victory for New Yorkers, the New York State Court of Appeals struck down the state's Congressional maps and ordered the state's Independent Redistricting Commission to redraw district lines in time for the 2024 election. As with the pending redraw in Louisiana, All On The Line and our affiliates are keeping a watchful eye on the Empire State.

There's a lot still up in the air, and I wouldn't blame anyone for feeling nervous about how much is at stake. **But the best antidote for anxiety is action.** All On The Line and our affiliates are tracking each one of these cases closely and are poised to take action to protect fair maps — and you have a role to play in this fight.

[Get started by signing up for All On The Line's first virtual volunteer meeting of 2024 — we'll pass along crucial updates on our work \(including the latest in these](#)

states) and tell you how to best take action to fight for fair maps, no matter where you live.

Sign up [here](#).

I hope to see you there!

Best,

Brianna Shamsuddoha
Director of Mobilization

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News from Neighbors on Call

NCDP's Roadmap to 2030 Wednesday, February 7 @ 7:30pm

The NC Democratic Party's leaders will join us to discuss:

- where things stand now, with a brief look back at key inflection points since 2010
- their vision for flipping the state by 2030
- what NCDP is doing to get us there
- and what they need from all of us

What's Neighbors on Call's role in all this? We'll talk about that, too, of course!

Sign up [here](#).

Legislative Updates for January 15, 2024

Fair Representation

- [On Wednesday a federal judge heard arguments in a gerrymandering case in which plaintiffs contend that new North Carolina Senate district maps are racially discriminatory against Black voters.](#) Advocates for the plaintiffs asked Wednesday for the current maps to be thrown out and replaced with a proposed fairer alternative. Representatives of the Republican legislative defendants claim both that no racial data were used to draw the new maps and that there is too little time to change maps for the upcoming elections. District Judge James C. Dever III, a Bush appointee, expressed skepticism about the plaintiffs' arguments but has not yet issued a ruling.

Voting Rights

- [Monday numbers: Key facts and figures surrounding North Carolina's upcoming primary election](#) – Clayton Henkel, NC Newswire

Education Policy

- [What parents can expect under NC's new parents' law for schools: The so-called Parents' Bill of Rights spans more than a dozen pages, but here's what's actually new.](#) – Emily Walkenhorst, WRAL

Economic Policy

- [On Thursday the North Carolina House Select Committee on Homeowners' Associations held a hearing in which homeowners from around the state spoke in favor of HOA reforms.](#) Members of the committee – a bipartisan group – worked last year on an HOA reform bill. Though the bill passed both the NC House and Senate unanimously, these were different versions, and it ultimately did not become law because the two chambers could not reach a compromise. A lobbying group for HOA board members and management companies opposes the proposed reforms.

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News from the Labor Caucus of the North Carolina Democratic Party

Homeowners Insurance Proposed Rate Hike (State 42.2%, Beach 99.9%)

We are actively undertaking five initiatives to raise awareness about the anticipated home insurance rate hikes for the year 2024. Please forward this to your friends.

[Facebook Event Page](#)

Please take one or more of the actions below:

1. Join us on January 22 as we gather at Piggly Wiggly in Swansboro at 6:30 am for a caravan heading to Raleigh to attend an in-person event at 10 AM where we will voice our opposition to the proposed home insurance rate increase. (The Jim Long Hearing Room is in the Albemarle Building, 325 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, N.C. 27603)
2. If you're unable to attend the Raleigh meeting, consider joining the virtual meeting on the same date and time via this link: <https://ncgov.webex.com/ncgov/j.php?MTID=mb3fe10c8f69bbedd2aaece485915db7e> ...
3. Share your thoughts via email by sending your comments on the proposed rate increase to 2024Homeowners@ncdoi.gov by February 2.

4. To submit written public comments, address them to Insurance Commissioner Causey and ensure they reach Kimberly W. Pearce, Paralegal III, by February 2. Send your letters to 1201 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1201.

5. Stay involved by reaching out to our local NC House and Senate Representatives. More information can be found below.

Email campaign to your Representatives in Raleigh. (Or call them).

Names and addresses of your NC House and Senate Representatives.

REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE G. CLEVELAND (REP)

Republican - District 14

Onslow

919-715-6707

George.Cleveland@ncleg.gov

REPRESENTATIVE PHIL SHEPARD (REP)

Republican - District 15

Onslow

Main Phone:

910-389-6392

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Republican - District 16

Onslow, Pender

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SENATOR MICHAEL A. LAZZARA (REP)

Republican - District 6

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Republican - District 13

Carteret, Craven

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SENATOR NORMAN W. SANDERSON (REP)

Republican - District 1

Carteret, Chowan, Dare, Hyde, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Washington
(919) 733-5706

Member's Email:

Norman.Sanderson@ncleg.gov

Sample Email: (Copy, Cut, and paste and send to your Rep.)

Date: _____

Representative/Senator name: _____

300 N. Salisbury Street, Rm. 417A

Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

(Sent via Email)

**Subject: Strong Opposition to Proposed Homeowners' Insurance Rate Increase
Dear [House Representative/Senator] [Last Name]**

My name is [Your Name], and I am a concerned resident of [Your City/County] writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed homeowners' insurance rate increase by the North Carolina Rate Bureau (NCRB).

According to a press release from NC Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey, the NCRB has requested a staggering 42.2% increase in homeowners' insurance rates, slated to take effect on August 1. The impact of this proposed increase is particularly alarming for many residents, including those in our community.

I am particularly troubled by the disproportionate rate hikes faced by homeowners in specific areas, such as the 99.4% increase for Emerald Isle homeowners and the 71.4% jump for those in the 28584 ZIP Code, encompassing Cedar Point, Cape Carteret, Pelletier, and Swansboro. Such substantial increases would undoubtedly place an unjust burden on the residents of these communities, affecting our ability to afford essential coverage for our homes.

I understand the need for a fair and sustainable insurance system, but a rate hike of this magnitude could have severe consequences for the financial well-being of our community members. As a homeowner, I am deeply concerned about the affordability of insurance coverage under these proposed changes.

I urge you to consider the hardships that such a substantial increase would impose on your constituents. I kindly request that you use your influence to oppose and advocate against the proposed homeowners' insurance rate increase by the NCRB. Additionally, I encourage you to work towards implementing policies that promote fairness, transparency, and affordability in the insurance industry.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will represent the best interests of your constituents in this crucial issue. I look forward to hearing about your stance and actions on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Name
Address
Email

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News from NC Congressman Jeff Jackson

I'm writing this the night before you're reading it.

I'm at the airport, waiting to board, trying to escape the snowstorm they say is about to hit D.C. I've got drill this weekend with the National Guard, so I can't afford to get stuck here.

Two important things happened in the House this week.

First, we passed our third budget extension.

Last week, I told you the Speaker would call this for a vote and that it would pass over the objection of his right-flank.

As it turned out, it was much worse than that. The Speaker came within one vote of losing half of his party - which meant he lost a lot more than his right-flank.

(Notably, one member of the majority did the Speaker a favor by switching his vote from no to yes at the last possible moment just so the Speaker could claim that a majority of his party voted for it. I watched the guy get the signal from a member of leadership to change his vote, then after he switched, he got a pat on the back and a fist bump.)

The moment the vote went through, social media was flooded with pre-scheduled statements from members in the majority who voted against it. Most of them cited the lack of budget cuts or the lack of immigration legislation.

Ok, sure. But what was *really happening* was this:

They knew that almost everyone in the other party was going to vote for it, so they didn't have to worry about it not passing, which meant they had the luxury of taking the messaging high-ground, voting against it, and casting stones. An age-old political tactic.

And boy do I have a great example for you.

The Speaker, as you'd expect, voted in favor of the extension. Because of course he did. He's the one who brought it to a vote. He understands why it's necessary, what a shutdown would mean, and the political reality of divided government.

But let's wind the clock back to our first budget extension vote. The one from last fall. *The one that got the old Speaker fired.*

We heard a very different tune from our current Speaker on that vote. Not only did he vote against it, but he gave a big speech on the House floor surrounded by other members of the right-flank in which he said... all the same stuff they're now saying *about him.*

So, either he has suddenly become a completely different person - he's not a "fighter," not willing to make "hard choices," not "standing on principle," and all the other stuff he's being accused of - or he simply no longer has the luxury of fantasy.

He has actual power, which comes with actual responsibility, and he's chosen to respect that enough to break with his old buddies and not shut down the government.

"But Jeff, what's the fantasy in wanting greater fiscal responsibility?"

No fantasy there at all. Perfectly sound.

But the notion that the Speaker could force a government shutdown and then condition the re-opening of government on a bunch of deep budget cuts - which was the strategy *he voted for* before he was Speaker - is 100% fantasy, as the right-flank absolutely knows.

It failed horribly the last time they tried and would certainly fail this time. Why? Because doing super unpopular things - like forcing a shutdown - *subtracts* negotiating power; it doesn't *add*.

And one more thing on that:

His old buddies in the right-flank know this. They needed to make noise about this to stay on brand, but I watched their attacks against him, and they weren't vicious - they were choreographed. He'll survive.

The second interesting thing that happened - and you had to really be paying close attention - is that the Speaker allowed a little bit of hope for a border deal. It appears the Senate is going to reach a bipartisan compromise on the border, and although the Speaker originally dismissed it out-of-hand (following the lead of his right-flank, who doesn't think it'll be strong enough), he walked that back a bit this week. That means

there's still a chance of a bipartisan deal addressing the southern border, even if it's a slim one.

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Selected News and Opinion Stories

NY Times: [The Most Durable Force in American Politics: Trump's Ties to His Voters](#)

NY Times (May Require Subscription): [Voters Look Past Legal Problems to Give Trump a Big Victory](#)

NY Times: [Opinion: The U.S. Lacks What Every Democracy Needs](#)

NY Times (May Require Subscription): [America Stares Down a Trump-Biden Repeat in Disbelief and Denial](#)

NY Times (May Require Subscription): [Trump Just Keeps Doing Appalling Things, And the Ranks of the Disengaged Are Growing](#)

NY Times: [Letting Trump Off the Hook Would Change the Shape of History](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Biden Visits Raleigh, Announces \\$82 Million for High-Speed Internet in NC](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [A New Child Tax Credit Could Pass This Month. Here's What It Would Do for Low-Income Families.](#)

NY Times (May Require Subscription): [Opinion: Netanyahu Is Turning Against Biden](#)

Chapelboro: [Reeves Farm Project Near Downtown Pittsboro Aims To Expand Connectivity and Town Character](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Iowa Another GOP Underperformance, Biden's Strong Presidency Causing GOP Attacks to Evaporate and Disappear](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Limited State Staff Struggles to Enforce Nursing Home Rules in NC](#)

CNN: [GOP Front-Runner for North Carolina Governor Supported Banning Abortions Without Exceptions. Now He Avoids Using the 'A-Word'](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Tom Keen Wins, GOP Limpes Into 2024, Axios: "Americans Are Actually Pretty Happy With Their Finances"](#)

Raleigh News & Observer: [Pittsboro's Farmlands Give Way to Suburban Sprawl and 'Walkable' Communities](#)

The Assembly NC: [How to Design Safer Schools](#)

The Atlantic: [The Great Normalization](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Retail Sales Strong, Dems Just Keep Winning Elections, My Appearance on Lawrence](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [With Democrats, Things Get Better \(Video\)](#)

WUNC: [Biden Announces High-Speed Internet Investment in NC as Part of Nationwide Broadband Goals](#)

Scene on Radio: [Echoes of a Coup](#)

NC Newsline: [NC Voting Rights Groups Ask for Clearer Voter ID Rules for County Boards Ahead of the First Batches of Absentee Ballots Going Out Friday](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Suozzi Leads in New Poll, More Good Economic News, A New Pew Hispanic Report, Rs Had a Bad Week](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Medicaid Expansion Is Providing a Lifeline to Rural North Carolina](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [NC Republicans Defend 'Unnecessary' Abortion Pill Restrictions in Court on Wednesday](#)

Washington Post (May Require Subscription): [Haley Sparks a 2024 Debate: Whether the U.S. is \(Or Ever Was\) a Racist Country](#)

Washington Post (May Require Subscription): [How Democrats Undermine Their Own Anti-Trump Message](#)

Washington Post (May Require Subscription): [Science Is Revealing Why American Politics Are So Intensely Polarized](#)

Washington Post (May Require Subscription): [Biden Advisors Brainstorm Best Policy Pitch to Halt Trump's Rise](#)

Washington Post (May Require Subscription): [Loyalty, Long Lines, 'Civil War' Talk: A Raging Movement Propels Trump](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [The Republicans Have a DeSantis Problem](#)

NC Health News: [Will Mask Mandates and COVID-Inspired Workplace Rules Continue to Stir Political Furor?](#)

NC Health News: [Grantmakers Program Aims to Empower Small Community-based Organizations to Tackle Environmental Justice Initiatives](#)

Carolina Public Press: [NC Confidential: Keeping Voters In Dark About Campaign Finance Probes](#)

NC Newslines: [‘We Have To Win.’ With Super Tuesday Approaching, Dems Participate in Candidate Forum](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Republicans Are Taking an Enormous Risk W/Trump, Powerful New Biden Videos/Ad, Suozzi Wed 8 p.m. EST](#)