

From: Iverson, Dena (PAO)
Subject: RE: Media Query: WaPo Election officials Threats TF
To: Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)
Cc: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)
Sent: October 13, 2021 11:28 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: FACT SHEET. Investigating and Prosecuting Those Responsible for Jan. 6 Breach of the U.S. Capitol As of 10.3.21.docx, FACT SHEET. Protecting the Right to Vote As of 10.3.21.docx, FACT SHEET. Reaffirming Justice Department Norms As of 10.3.21.docx

Smaller group of leadership offices as this isn't as narrow a request about CRM work as originally sent from the reporters –

After talking to a few folks and getting some more detail from the reporters we now know the piece is looking at all of the commitments the president made on the campaign trail to protect democracy and what has been done so far on that front. So in addition to election threats they are interested in voting and any broader efforts that fit the bill of protecting democracy.

OPA's recommendation is to (b) (5)

. We would need to (b) (5)

Thanks,
Dena

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Hi Everyone,

The Post request is actually a bit broader than just election threats and more about everything the department is doing to protect democracy. OPA is going to pull together some suggested points for the broader question and will circle back to this group.

Thanks,
Dena

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Yes—300 is the universe so far for everything referred and being evaluated.

-John

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Hi –

Does the number 300 include all complaints that have been **and** are currently being evaluated, or is that a larger number? Thanks! T

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Thanks Josh -
I'm adding Matt and Kate for awareness

On Oct 12, 2021, at 11:50 AM, Stueve, Joshua (PAO) <(b) (6) > wrote:

Team: BLUF ... WaPo is seeking an update on our Threats Against Election Officials and Workers Task Force to include as part of a story they are likely to publish later this week on what steps the administration is taking to safeguard and fortifying democracy (query highlighted at bottom). They request a response

today.

Working with PIN, we recently pulled together the below to include as part of prep for the AGs upcoming Hill testimony. This has been cleared by OPA.

- **Election Threats Task Force:** In June, 2021, the department [launched](#) a task force to address the rise in threats against election officials. In August, the Attorney General [convened](#) a virtual discussion with a bipartisan group of over 1,400 election officials to discuss threats against election workers and the efforts of the department's task force to address these threats. Since the creation of the task force, the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section has trained staff in every to USAOs and FBI field office on election threats. The task force has also reviewed and assessed approximately 300 complaints of incidents involving harassing, intimidating, or threatening communications to election workers and officials.

I recommend we respond by providing the above information on background, attributable to a DOJ spox (or to me by name, if necessary).

Please advise. Thanks!

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From: Parker, Ashley <(b) (6)>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 12:40 PM
To: Stueve, Joshua (PAO) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Pager, Tyler <(b) (6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: DOJ task force — WaPo story — min to chat?

Perfect, thanks. The story is likely running later this week, so we'd love to chat by COB today, if possible. IS that doable?

From: "Stueve, Joshua (PAO)" <(b) (6)>
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 12:05 PM
To: "(b)(6) Ashley Parker" <(b)(6) Ashley Parker>
Cc: "Pager, Tyler" <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: DOJ task force — WaPo story — min to chat?

CAUTION: EXTERNAL SENDER

Hi Ashley. Happy to help with this. What kind of timeline are you working with?

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From: Parker, Ashley <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Stueve, Joshua (PAO) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Pager, Tyler <(b) (6)>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] DOJ task force — WaPo story — min to chat?

Hi Josh,

My name is Ashley Parker and I'm the Washington Post White House Bureau Chief. My colleague Devlin Barrett suggested I reach out to you. My colleague Tyler Pager (CCed here) and I are working on a story looking at what steps the administration is taking to safeguard and fortifying democracy, and as part of that, we were hoping to get an update from DOJ on where the task force announced in late July, to combat threats against election workers, stands: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/blog/justice-department-launches-task-force-combat-threats-against-election-workers-0> [justice.gov]

We were hoping you could walk us through what specific steps have been taken so far, and where things stand generally. And if you're not the right person, can you please point us in the right direction?

Thanks,
Ashley

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From: Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)
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To: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)
Sent: October 13, 2021 1:29 PM (UTC-04:00)
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As discussed

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From: Cheung-Smith, Bridget (CRT)
Subject: FW: Weekly Leadership Report - 10 20 2021
To: AGWeeklyReport (JMD); Braden, Myesha (ODAG); Carlin, John P. (ODAG); Colangelo, Matthew (OASG); Gupta, Vanita (OASG); Hyun, Peter (OASG); Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO); Bradford, Aryele (PAO); Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG); Thompson, Karl (ODAG); Visser, Tim (OAG); West Rasmus, Emma (OASG); Grogg, Adam (OASG); Hahn, Mary (OASG); Weekly Leadership Reports (ODAG)
Cc: Smith, Johnathan (CRT); Calderon, Tovah R (CRT); Clarke, Kristen (CRT); Cochran, Shaylyn (CRT); Friel, Gregory B (CRT); Herring, Oneshia (CRT); Howe, Suey (CRT); Karlan, Pamela (CRT); Moossy, Robert (CRT); Robins, Jennifer (CRT); Wertz, Jeremy (CRT); Powers, John (CRT); Simon, Eliza (CRT); Heming Segal, Julia (CRT); Polansky, Jessica (CRT)
Sent: October 20, 2021 4:37 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: CRT - Weekly Leadership Report 10.20.2021 SC2 - final.docx

Good afternoon:

Attached please find the Weekly Leadership Report for the week ending October 22, 2021.

Thank you,

Bridget

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WEEKLY REPORT

October 20, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

THE OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Kristen Clarke
Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: Civil Rights Division Report for the Week Ending October 22, 2021

Not Responsive

Not Responsive

4. Interagency or Policy Work

Not Responsive

Not Responsive

[VOT] *E.O. 14019: Promoting Access to Voting*. VOT is completing revised drafts of a voting rights brochure for the public and UOCAVA materials for DOJ overseas employees. These items are part of DOJ's strategic plan under the Order. VOT and DRS have been consulting with NIST on a draft report under the March 7 Executive Order called "Promoting Access to Voting: Recommendations for Addressing Barriers to Private and Independent Voting for People with Disabilities." (b)(5) per CRT [REDACTED]

- *Leadership Action*: No
- *OPA Involvement*: No
- *Kudos*: No

From: Cheung-Smith, Bridget (CRT)
Subject: FW: Weekly Leadership Report - 10 27 2021
To: AGWeeklyReport (JMD); Braden, Myesha (ODAG); Carlin, John P. (ODAG); Colangelo, Matthew (OASG); Gupta, Vanita (OASG); Hyun, Peter (OASG); Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO); Bradford, Aryele (PAO); Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG); Thompson, Karl (ODAG); Visser, Tim (OAG); West Rasmus, Emma (OASG); Grogg, Adam (OASG); Hahn, Mary (OASG); Weekly Leadership Reports (ODAG)
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Sent: October 27, 2021 4:14 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: CRT - Weekly Leadership Report 10.27.2021- final.docx

Good afternoon:

Attached please find the Weekly Leadership Report for the week ending October 29, 2021.

Thank you,

Bridget

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WEEKLY REPORT

October 27, 2021

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THE OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Kristen Clarke
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SUBJECT: Civil Rights Division Report for the Week Ending October 29, 2021

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Sent: November 3, 2021 4:18 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: CRT - Weekly Leadership Report 11-3-2021 - final.docx

Good afternoon:

Attached please find the Weekly Leadership Report for the week ending November 5, 2021.

Thank you,

Bridget

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WEEKLY REPORT

November 3, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

THE OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Kristen Clarke
Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: Civil Rights Division Report for the Week Ending November 5, 2021

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- *OPA Involvement*: No
- *Kudos*: No

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From: Rossi, Rachel (OASG)
Subject: FW: Strategic Plan Procedures
To: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)
Sent: November 3, 2021 10:20 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Strategic Plan_10-22 for ODAG and Components OASG 11.3.21.docx

We are soon (possibly tomorrow) going to send the attached edits on ATJ pieces of the ODAG strategic plan – wanted to get your thoughts before we send! My aggressive edits are in track changes.

From: Visser, Tim (OAG)
Subject: RE: sb 1 press release
To: Bradford, Aryele (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO)
Cc: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG)
Sent: November 4, 2021 9:43 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Draft SB 1 Press Release 2021.11.04 833am_tm.v.docx, FACT SHEET. Protecting the Right to Vote As of 10.3.21 ab_tm.v.docx

Thanks a ton, Aryele! Here are my thoughts on the PR and fact sheet. I have nothing to suggest on the potential Q&A. Once others have weighed in, we should discuss the right time to raise the PR for final AG clearance.

From: Bradford, Aryele (PAO) <(b) (6)>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:46 AM
To: Visser, Tim (OAG) <(b) (6)>; Iverson, Dena (PAO) <(b) (6)>
Cc: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <(b) (6)>; Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG) <(b) (6)>
Subject: RE: sb 1 press release

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Subject: RE: sb 1 press release

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From: Bradford, Aryele (PAO)
Subject: TX SB 1 Filing
To: Herren, Chris (CRT); Karlan, Pamela (CRT); Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO); Payton, Rayshon (OLA)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Braden, Myesha (ODAG); Visser, Tim (OAG); Sooknanan, Sparkle (OASG); Cochran, Shaylyn (CRT); Hyun, Peter (OASG)
Sent: November 4, 2021 3:35 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: FACT SHEET. Protecting the Right to Vote As of 11.4.21.docx

Hi All – I'm putting us all on one thread to make sure we are all on the same page for the TX rollout. Attached is the final fact sheet and CRT should be sending along the final press release momentarily. For ease of reference, the tick-tock is below.

Pam/Chris – Please notify the group with the complaint and SOI have been filed. *FYI to the group: It sounds like it will take longer to receive a stamped copy of the complaint than the SOI, so we need to make a decision on how long we want to wait or if we want to go with the filed copies.*

Kendall – Once Pam/Chris notifies the group that everything has been filed, please create the necessary links for the press release and share the final with Rayshon.

Rayshon – Please notify the group when you have made your notifications and then Kendall can hit send on the release.

Please let me know if there are any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you all!!

Aryele

Tick Tock
Thursday, November 4

~4:00 pm ET Department notifies defendants of filing (CRT)

4:00 pm ET Department files complaint and SOI (CRT)

4:10 pm ET Department notifies the Hill of filing (OLA)

4:15 pm ET Press release + social media announcing action (OPA)

Circulate press clips on enforcement action (OPA)

- *Distro List: Anthony, Dena, Aryele, Alivia, Kendall, Ricki, Tim, M. Klapper, Myesha, Sparkle, Pam, Kristen, Chris H., Shaylyn*

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FACT SHEET: Protecting the Right to Vote

“Nearly two and a half centuries into our experiment of ‘government of the people, by the people, for the people,’ we have learned much about what supports a healthy democracy. We know that expanding the ability of all eligible citizens to vote is the central pillar. That means ensuring that all eligible voters can cast a vote; that all lawful votes are counted; and that every voter has access to accurate information. The Department of Justice will never stop working to protect the democracy to which all Americans are entitled.” Attorney General Merrick B. Garland, June 11, 2021

Enforcement Actions to Protect the Right to Vote

- In November 2021, the Justice Department **filed** a lawsuit, *United States v. Texas*, that contends that Texas Senate Bill 1 violates Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act by improperly restricting assistance available to certain voters in the polling booth. The department’s complaint also alleges Senate Bill 1 violates Section 101 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by requiring rejection of mail ballots and mail ballot request forms because of certain errors that are not material to establishing a voter’s eligibility to cast a ballot.
- In August, 2021, the department **announced** a proposed consent decree to settle a voting rights lawsuit with the State of New Jersey. Under this decree, which was subsequently entered by the district court, the state will designate disability paratransit programs as voter registration agencies.
- In July, 2021, the department **announced** a proposed consent decree to settle a voting rights lawsuit with the Board of Elections of Oneida County, New York. Under this decree, which was subsequently entered by the district court, the board will develop and implement uniform and nondiscriminatory policies to ensure all election officials review and process all timely submitted voter registration applications and train all poll officials regarding provisional balloting.
- In June, 2021, the department filed a lawsuit, *United States v. Georgia*, that **contends** that several provisions of Georgia Senate Bill 202 were adopted with the purpose of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race. The department’s lawsuit alleges that the cumulative and discriminatory effect of these laws — particularly on Black voters — was known to lawmakers and that lawmakers adopted the law in spite of this.
- In May, 2021, the department sent a letter to the Arizona Senate expressing concern over, and explaining federal legal constraints on, the conduct of its post-election audit.
- In April, 2021, the department **announced** a proposed consent decree to settle a voting rights lawsuit with the City of West Monroe, Louisiana. The lawsuit, brought under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, challenged the current at-large method of electing the West Monroe Board of Aldermen. Under this decree, which was subsequently entered by the district court, the City of West Monroe will change its method of electing its Board of Aldermen to ensure compliance with the protections of the Voting Rights Act.
- In January, 2021, the department reached **agreement** with the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis to ensure polling place accessibility for voters with disabilities.

Department Efforts to Secure the Right to Vote

- **Increase Resources:** As **promised** by Attorney General Garland, the Civil Rights Division doubled the enforcement staff for protecting the right to vote. In addition, the Administration has requested Congress provide a total of \$183.2 million for the Civil Rights Division — the largest budget increase in the division’s history.
- **Review New and Current Voting Laws:** The department is scrutinizing *new* laws that seek to curb voter access, and where it sees violations of federal law, will not hesitate to act. It is also

scrutinizing *current* laws and practices, in order to determine whether they discriminate against Black voters and other voters of color.

- **Guidance to States:** In July the department [published](#) guidance explaining the federal civil and criminal statutes that apply to post-election audits and guidance regarding early voting, voting by mail, and voting for people with disabilities. In September the department [published](#) guidance to explain the requirements imposed by the Voting Rights Act on all jurisdictions as they redraw their legislative maps.
- **Increase Access to Voter Registration:** The department is ensuring access to voter registration for all eligible individuals in federal custody, which is consistent with President Biden's executive order to promote access to voting. It will assist other federal agencies in expanding voter registration opportunities, as permitted by law.
- **Combat Disinformation:** The department is partnering with other federal agencies to combat election disinformation that intentionally tries to suppress the vote.
- **Voter Education:** The department launched a new website – justice.gov/voting – to educate the public and expand access to voter registration and election information.

Prosecuting Threats Against Election Workers

- **Election Threats Task Force:** In June, 2021, the department [launched](#) a task force to address the rise in threats against election officials. In August, the Attorney General [convened](#) a virtual discussion with a bipartisan group of over 1,400 election officials to discuss threats against election workers and the efforts of the department's task force to address these threats. Since the creation of the task force, the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section has trained staff in every to USAOs and FBI field office on election threats. The task force has also reviewed and assessed approximately 300 complaints of incidents involving harassing, intimidating, or threatening communications to election workers and officials.

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To: Visser, Tim (OAG)
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See attached.

From: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)
Subject: FW: Strategic Plan Procedures
To: Ramamurti, Arjun R. (OAG)
Sent: November 4, 2021 5:45 PM (UTC-04:00)
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Subject: FW: Strategic Plan Procedures
Importance: High

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From: Iacono, Michael A. (ODAG)
Subject: ODAG Weekly Report - 11.5.2021
To: ODAG Full Staff; Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)
Sent: November 5, 2021 4:21 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2021.11.05 MASTER Weekly Report.xlsx, 2021.11.05 Weekly Leadership Report (DAG Recused).pdf, 2021.11.05 Weekly Leadership Report (Full Report).pdf

Hi all,

Thank you for your hard work on this week's report. You will find two leadership reports attached above as the DAG is recused from one entry in the report.

Have a great weekend!

Best,
Mike

Component POC (Name and Number)	Brian Fletcher
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