

## **The Election Absurdities**

**Frivolous lawsuits abounded, some 60 or more in all, in an absurd attempt to overturn the election that Joe Biden clearly won.**

### **Georgia's just peachy**

#### **U.S. Appeals Court rejects bid to block Georgia win for Biden**

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(Reuters) - A federal appeals court on Saturday rejected a bid by a conservative lawyer to block President-elect Joe Biden's victory in Georgia and left in place procedures that will make it easier for voters to cast absentee ballots in January when two Senate seats are up for grabs.

U.S. District Judge Steven Grimberg, **who was nominated by Trump**, rejected attorney L. Lin Wood's arguments and found in a Nov. 20 opinion that the lawyer had no standing to sue.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta agreed with the lower court, saying Wood had failed "to allege a particularized injury" and the request was moot anyway since Georgia had already certified the election.

"We may not entertain post-election contests about garden-variety issues of vote counting and misconduct that may properly be filed in state courts," the appeals court said in its ruling.

The ruling also means Georgia officials will be required to notify absentee voters so they can fix problems with their ballot in the upcoming U.S. Senate election.

**Only the President who has set the all-time record for number of lies told in public could be causing this many baseless lawsuits, asking courts to overturn reality itself. He and his rabid followers are living in an entirely different universe.**

## **An Absurdity as Big as Texas: Trump's last-ditch effort to steal the election is the biggest farce of all**

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"We will be INTERVENING in the Texas (plus many other states) case. This is the big one. Our Country needs a victory!" [tweeted](#) the soon-to-be-ex-president of the United States. A [filing at the Supreme Court](#) soon followed.

President Trump needs an intervention these days all right — but not of the kind he was talking about. And it's he who desperately needs a victory, not the country.

That's because Trump and his allies have lost [just about every lawsuit](#) they've brought to try to keep him in office. By one Democratic election lawyer's count, they have just [one win and 55 losses](#) to show for their efforts (a ratio that would be even more lopsided if he counted multiple losses in each case).

Adding insult to injury, the Trumpistas' solitary victory was a piddling, technical one that affected just a [tiny number](#) of ballots, nowhere near enough to change the result. Sad!

Trump and his litigation boosters have lost every which way, and everywhere. In state courts and federal courts. In trial courts and appellate courts, intermediate and supreme. Before Democratic judges and Republican ones. In [Pennsylvania, Georgia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Arizona and Nevada](#) — every state that could possibly matter. On substantive grounds and procedural ones, on the facts, and on the law.

Speaking of interventions, or perhaps voluntarily seeking treatment, one who seriously believes that any of Trump's desperate attempts to reverse his defeat have rational merit, probably needs one or the other. Disagreeing with the rest of the world on what is real and what is fantasy is not a sign of a healthy mind.

*-cosmic rat-- Dec 10 2020*

**As expected...**

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***Despite the childish tantrums ("Tantrumps"?), the sane majority have affirmed the people's mandate.***

## **Electoral College affirms Biden win, shaking loose fresh Republican recognition**

Joe Biden was once again declared the winner of the presidential election Monday after members of the Electoral College gathered in [all 50 states and the District of Columbia](#) to cast their ballots.

It's a constitutionally mandated ritual that's typically no more than a curious afterthought following a presidential election, but the ceremonial vote took on newfound significance this year as President Donald Trump and his GOP allies made unprecedented efforts to subvert the popular will of the voters and overturn Biden's November victory.

The vote finally shook loose statements acknowledging Biden's win from previously reluctant Republicans, but Republican-appointed electors in several states gathered to hold symbolic votes for Trump -- while a retiring Republican congressman announcing he was leaving the party over his colleagues' unwillingness to move on."

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/12/14/politics/2020-election-electoral-college-vote/index.html>

## **The Late Mitch McConnell**

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/12/15/opinions/mitch-mcconnell-gets-no-applause-filipovic/index.html>

### **Mitch McConnell deserves no praise for finally recognizing reality**

"Let's be clear: McConnell doesn't get applause for foot-dragging, for belatedly doing the normal thing. It's not even the right thing -- "doing the right thing" implies some sort of moral courage. He simply, finally acknowledged the real outcome -- plain for all to see for weeks now -- of the American democratic process. For one of the most powerful people in the country, that should be the baseline. It is time for other delinquent members of his party to do the same."

## **Hello, reality calling...is everyone listening now?**

### **The real American divide.**

Max Boot really hits the nail on the head (or "heads"). THIS is what really divides us.

"The America that helped develop coronavirus vaccines in record time is the same country where, in one recent poll, 36 percent of all voters (and 77 percent of Trump voters) say that the 2020 presidential election was stolen, even though there is zero evidence that any ballot fraud occurred. Such widespread looniness — which is promoted by the president himself — is dangerous."

"Modern America is both impressively smart and dangerously dumb — an “idiocracy” side by side with a “geniusocracy.”

The good news is that roughly two-thirds of the country inhabits the land of facts, where information comes from mainstream media. The bad news is that at least one-third live in a la-la-land of “alternative facts” and “fake news.”

The biggest divide in modern America, I would argue, is between those who are rational and those who aren't.

There is a vast, unbridgeable chasm that separates the brilliant scientists who came up with the coronavirus vaccines and the ignoramuses who believe that the coronavirus was engineered by Bill Gates to profit from vaccinations, or that it was created as a bioweapon by China, or that it is spread by 5G cell towers, or that it doesn't actually exist"

### **America's pandemic of ignorance and irrationality**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/12/22/no-vaccine-can-end-americas-pandemic-ignorance-irrationality/?fbclid=IwAR1zRScQehdph2zNhSTGLp37WCd2lRj17sSJR0MH48MN3z1eQwZ9Abww0Hk>

**While the Liar in Chief exacerbated the problem, the irrational and deliberately ignorant were there already, a source of chaos easily tapped as a power base.**

### **Abuse of the legal system**

What do you call someone who does the same thing repeatedly after failing, and expecting different results? There are many possible labels, but now we can just call such a person "A Trump". And, since it is costing state taxpayer money to respond to these junk lawsuits, we should tell him "Stop it!" As lawyers keep pushing Trump election challenges, calls for sanctions mount.

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As [President Donald Trump](#) and his allies continue their legal barrage in an effort to overturn the presidential election despite a succession of adverse rulings, some state and local [election](#) officials are starting to cry foul.

In Michigan Thursday, Republican lawyers were back in court seeking an audit of election results in the heavily-Democratic county that is home to Detroit -- even after the state's Supreme Court had already rejected an earlier request from the same group to halt certification. An exasperated lawyer for the city pleaded with the judge to do something.

"They are trying to use this court in a very, very improper way," said Detroit city attorney David Fink. "We ask this court not just to deny the relief that is requested but to grant significant sanctions, because this has to stop."

The attorney for the Trump poll observers shot back: "I didn't realize I was such a threat to our republic by simply asking that this court to enforce our constitutional right."

The Michigan case is not isolated, and opponents say they are starting to see the relentless effort as abusive. In just the past week, at least five new cases were filed on the president's behalf. Between the Trump campaign and the president's allies, there have now been [at least 46 lawsuits filed](#) challenging the 2020 presidential contest -- many employing the same recycled fraud claims and witness affidavits.

And if more cases land on court dockets with glaring errors or what judges have described as anemic evidence, legal experts told ABC News that even some slow-to-boil judges may see no choice but to impose sanctions.

"You could see a court saying, 'Enough is enough,'" said Daniel I. Weiner, deputy director of the Brennan Center for Justice's Election Reform Program at New York University.

## **BACK TO REALITY**

When Trump was elected back in 2016, the majority of Americans found it hard to believe, and a disaster. Though many more voted for Hillary Clinton, the electoral college effect happened. A recount in narrow-margin states didn't help. As awful as we thought the result was, it happened, and the question was "why?" not "whether".

As we prepare to remove Trump from the White House, and resign from our collective position as his captive audience, it is time to bring the 4-year era of Truth-Optional to an end. The suspension of reality can last only a limited time, no matter how many Trump fans desperately and frantically try to block its return.

For the majority of Americans, reality never disappeared, but we were constantly bombarded with "alternate facts" and watched in astonishment as some 40+% of our citizens swore they believed the Trumpian absurdities.

*That in itself seemed unreal, though, as if we were watching a dystopian movie, yet we were IN the movie we were watching. Presidents, political parties, and their voters don't behave like that in real life, do they? Yes, it seems that sometimes they do.*

For thousands of years humans have been telling one another stories that aren't true, often to actually deceive, but also to entertain. Stories were told or sung orally, later written, performed on stage, and made into cinemas. Most of the time their consumers knew they were fiction and enjoyed them for that. Fiction can be used to present ideas, philosophies, opinions, or humor.

Some fictional stories have been turned into religions, which insist that whole populations suspend disbelief for a lifetime, the purpose being to alter or control the behavior of the believers.

The fact that this can be done might be considered a warning that fiction can be used effectively in politics, too. That has happened many times in the past. Wars and genocides have often been started by lies. The powers of monarchs, emperors, and dictators are facilitated by lies. In the past, the people had less access to the truth than we do now, but even then they had to be convinced to want to believe the lies.

Now, despite our systems of communication enabling us to find truth instantly at our fingertips, politically motivated fiction still works on willing believers. This time, the process turned into a war on truth itself. It began not to matter how quickly a proclamation could be determined to be a lie. The believers kept believing, or at least acted as though they did.

So, we have a democratic republic inhabited by people who differ not just in

opinion or preferred ideology, but by existing in different realities, one real, the other not.

That is a problem that won't be instantly corrected on January 20.

At least, without a Liar in Chief in the White House, the volume and impact of falsehoods will wane.

*Perhaps, like a flood after a storm, the lies will soak into the ground and run off into streams, rivers, and oceans, leaving us to repair our foundations and scrub the silt from our streets. How long will that take? We'd better get started.*

--cosmicrat December 2020