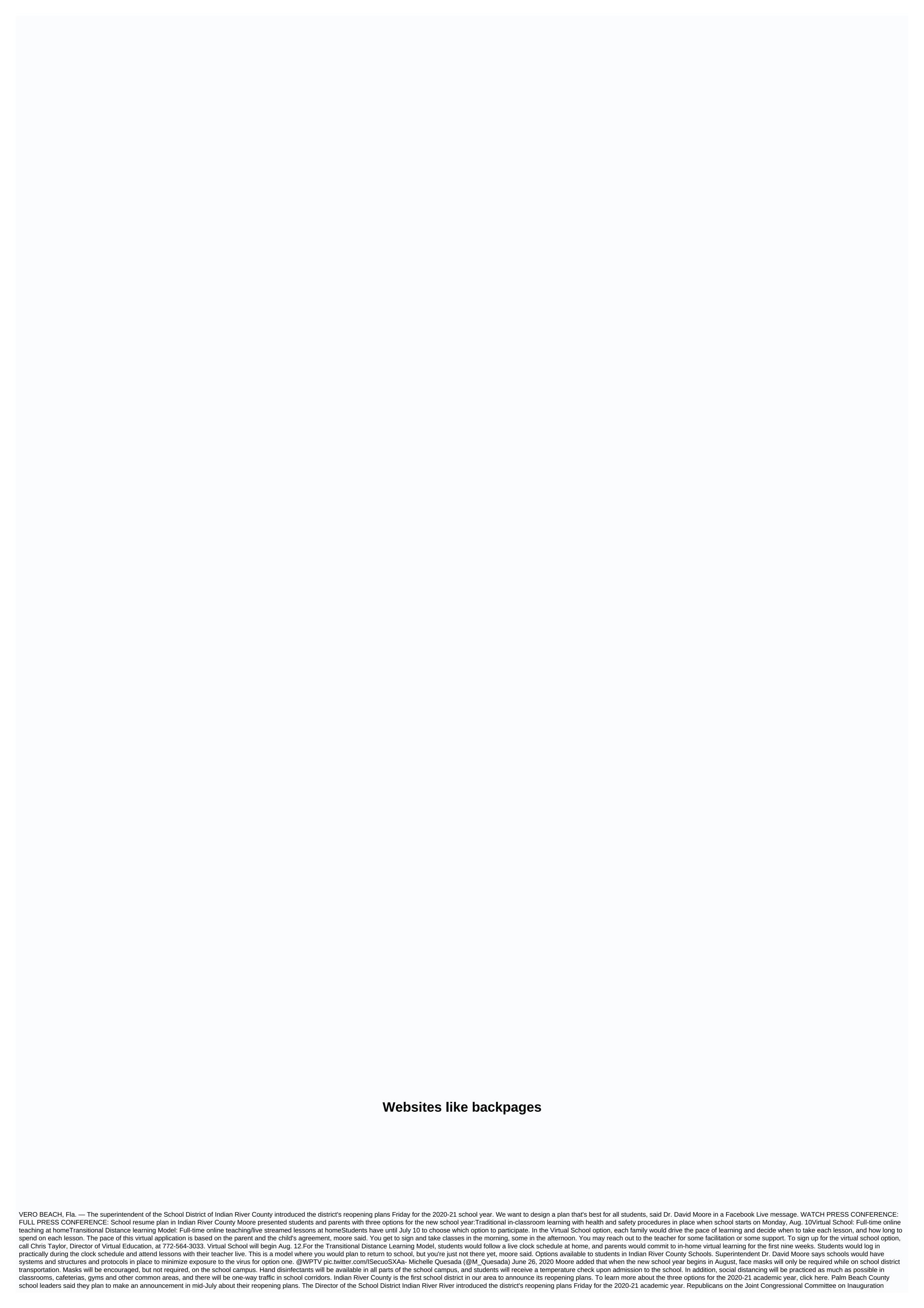
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Ceremonies voted on Tuesday against a resolution that the committee was preparing for the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris.S shot or suspended 14 officers and enlisted soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, and ordered policy changes to address chronic leadership failures that contributed to a widespread patter.	ern of violence, including murder, sexual assault and harassment. In a sweeping condemnation of the Fort Hood command
nierarchy, Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy fired three top commanders and suspended two others pending further investigation. DUBAI (Reuters) -Some of those involved in the Tuesday, according to the half-time official news agency ISNA. Iran has blamed Israel for the Nov. 27 assassination of Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, who was seen by Western intelliger Vulnerable to prosecution for a number of potential crimes when he leaves office. But would investigating him cause more harm than good? Margaret Keenan, a 90-year-old gran	ice services as the mastermind behind an animates Iranian nuclear program. Legal experts say President Trump may be
outside a trial as Britain began vaccinating its population. Pastor Raphael Warnock, the Democratic U.S. Senate candidate in Georgia, repeatedly obstructed a 2002 police inves by the Washington Free Beacon detailed Warnock's attempts to interfere with interviews and to deter counselors from speaking to police during an investigation into physical abu	tigation into child abuse at a church-affiliated summer camp, according to a new report. Maryland State Police reports obtained
the summer camp. Warnock, who now faces a tight runoff fight against Republican Kelly Loeffler on January 5, interrupted police interviews of advisers on July 31, 2002, according the runoff fight against Republican Kelly Loeffler on January 5, interrupted police interviews of advisers on July 31, 2002, according to the runoff fight against Republican Kelly Loeffler on January 5, interrupted police interviews of advisers on July 31, 2002, according to the runoff fight against Republican Kelly Loeffler on January 5, interrupted police interviews of advisers on July 31, 2002, according to the runoff fight against Republican Kelly Loeffler on January 5, interrupted police interviews of advisers on July 31, 2002, according to the runoff fight against Republican Kelly Loeffler on January 5, interrupted police interviews of advisers on July 31, 2002, according to the runoff fight against Republican Kelly Loeffler on January 5, interrupted police interviews of advisers on July 31, 2002, according to the runoff fight against Republican Kelly Loeffler on January 5, interrupted police interviews of advisers on July 31, 2002, according to the runoff fight against Republican Kelly Loeffler on January 5, interrupted police interviews of advisers on July 31, 2002, according to the runoff fight against Republican Kelly Loeffler on January 5, interrupted police interviews of advisers of advisers of the runoff fight against Republican Kelly Loeffler on January 5, interrupted police interviews of advisers of advisers of a loeffler on January 5, interrupted police interviews of advisers of advisers of the runoffler of the runoffle	ng to the report. This investigator informed [camp administrators] that if the counselors requested that a lawyer be present that
the charges. At the time the Baltimore reported that Warnock and a colleague were accused in court documents of trying to prevent a state trooper from interviewing advisers at merely arguing that lawyers should be present when camp counselors were interviewed. During a debate on Sunday, Warnock said that law enforcement officials actually later the content of the	Camp Farthest Out and that ministers interrupted a police interview with an adviser. Warnock said at the time that he was
November 2002.Police reports filed by state troopers after Warnock and Pastor Mark Andre Wainwright were arrested for obstructing and obstructing police show that investigate Maryland State Police's child abuse division, wrote in its report that the couple interfered with a criminal investigation by interrupting interviews and directing people not to talk to	ors warned Warnock a number of times to stop interfering with the investigation prior to his arrest.TFc. , an investigator with the
with advisers, they later expressed concern about the legal implications of the alleged abuse case and insisted that the camp's lawyer be present for any interviews with advisers 17-year-old counselor in a private camp office and demanded that [they] be present for the interview, according to the report. Barry told them that they were not allowed to join the	or campers. Warnock and Wainright walked into the room where investigators conducted their first interview of the day with a
onger allow investigators to use the camp office for interviews, and he and Wainright told Barry that they didn't like the way things are progressing and therefore they would not owhich they could be arrested, the report says. After investigators moved to an outside picnic area to continue their interviews, the pastors again demanded to sit in on an interview	cooperate in the case further. This investigator explained to the pastors that what they were doing was committing a crime for
subject for interview when one of the pastors grabbed the camper by the arm and directed him away from these investigators and told the camper that he would not talk to these decision was made to arrest Warnock and Wainwright.Kristen Choi had high fever, nausea and fatigue after her second shot, but the effects were She said getting the shot was was a subject to the control of the camper that he would not talk to these	people, according to the report. Barry then reached out to the assistant state attorney about involvement, she wrote, and a
House to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), and it includes some funding for state and local governments, a top priority for Democrats, and accountability for businesses, hand it's unclear whether the White House proposal will influence discussions on the bipartisan package, The New York Times says. In a statement, Pelosi and Senate Minority L	
Lawmakers are trying to get a relief bill put together before Congress leaves at the end of the year, and this is the first time since the November 3 election that the Trump adminis but \$300 weekly improved unemployment benefits from previous legislation are not included. It also requires direct stimulus payments of \$600 for some Americans and a revival	
said the new administration will ask for another package, referring to President-elect Joe Biden, and recommended lawmakers suspend responsibility, and unseat state and local McConnell's efforts to undermine good faith, bipartisan negotiations are daunting. More stories from theweek.com Former Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson says he wo	
smallest House majority in a centuryPolice in Russia said Wednesday that they were looking for thieves who looted technical equipment from a top-secret military aircraft called a search for the culprits is underway. Russian military experts speculated that the items had been stolen because some of the devices had been fitted with precious metals such	as gold and platinum. Media coverage of San Francisco's recent passage of a citywide wealth tax has been difficult to obtain, to
say the least. One can be forgiven for wondering if left-leaning media even see the writing on the city wall. It is not just that this bill will do little to provide additional net income to prescriptions like this see as counterproductive. At the current COVID-19 moment, San Francisco needs all the help it can get to attract businesses and well-paid taxpayers. This	couldn't come at a worse time. So, what is this new treasure? Supporters call it overpaid executive tax. (Kudos to them for
raming so bluntly.) Technically, the citywide tax will serve as a levy of at least 0.1 percent on companies that pay their CEO more than 100 times the median salary for their work CEO's total compensation is. Embedded in the name associated with this new legislation is the belief that oegennytoparts should determine fair and appropriate pay. Whether it is a solar of the control	s city bureaucrats or voters who have no connection with the company in question, the view that such actors should act as
arbiters of accurate pay levels is nothing more than a form of price and wage control. An easy retort to my concern here might be, why care about a clean 0.1 percent hit? Well, i stop at 0.1 percent? In other words, if the motive for this 0.1% is what its proponents say it is, why are we only talking about 0.1%? If a Silicon Valley tech billionaire makes an an oureaucrats up the ante here, looking for much more than a 0.1 percent surtax? The fatal flaw in this bill and others similar lies in the idea that fair compensation should be define	nount deemed unfair in relation to the money paid to, in all likelihood, administrative support staff, shouldn't voters and
shareholders it reports. Once the principle is acknowledged that legislative intervention is necessary to force those within a company to change the way they pay people, the doo evel was arbitrary, and arbitrary judgments are easy to change. Sure, it's still there today, but maybe 1 percent or 5 percent will be the right number next year. And maybe even	r opens to arbitrary exercise of power. Make no mistake: There is no magic behind the 0.1 percent figure. Setting the tax at that
t even more dangerous is that San Francisco is already on the slide. The rich leave the city at a record high and at record speed. And unlike many of the rich in New York City st argest companies in Francisco makes them tech-forward, not only able to take advantage of different work environments, but is rewarded for doing so. Throw in the recent incre	ill waiting out the pandemic from their beach houses, San Francisco defectors are not coming back. The very nature of the
and there's almost no confusing message the city sends to wealthy corporations and their owners: Your type isn't wanted here. This brings us back to the most important practical wealthy employer to stay in inhospitable business environments. San Francisco's new wealth tax aims to address that by saying companies must pay 0.1 percent tax if they have	al problem for those who want to suck the rich into a city or a state. In a country that allows mobility, there is no reason for a
Power the company's headquarters out, and their satellite offices as well. Every day brings a new headline of high-profile companies and executives leaving the Golden State. The not mind the stratospheric price of real estate, their employees certainly do. What a COVID-damaged city like San Francisco needs is to appeal to Sacramento to reduce taxes a	ne 13.3 percent top government tax rate is punitive enough. The regulations are notorious. And while tech companies CEOs may
ncentives to leave the state, and even more inexplicably, by encouraging those who stay in the state to do so just outside the city. That's right – San Francisco can't just drive suapproach to taxation, it's worth adding that a true wealth tax on the balance sheets of ultra-high net worth people isn't working. As I wrote back when Elizabeth Warren raised the	
over-stated, and the misallocations of capital it creates are significant. San Francisco's modified version of a wealth tax is equally misguided. It will lead to reduced revenue as m Income inequality is not solved by poor people becoming poorer, or by making them unemployed. San Francisco would be wiser to pursue what it is chartered to do as a city – a	ddressing high crime and homelessness – rather than what it is in itself unable to do – acting as the arbiter of what wages
should be. So far, things are not going very well either. Giuliani told a that the coronavirus is cured, and added, when you are a one they're worried if something happens to you. elect Joe Biden.Johnson was in the running for several Cabinet positions, including the Secretary of Defense and Attorney General, people close to the Biden transition team sai	d. Although he hasn't announced his choice yet for attorney general, Biden has tapped retired Gen. Lloyd Austin for the top role
on Pentagon.In an email to Reuters, Johnson confirmed that he won't be in the Biden administration, mentioning news in the past 24 hours, likely referring to austin's election. Be and later the Department of Defense.More stories from theweek.com Trump's startling vaccine screwup Fudge's HUD appointment leaving Democrats with his smallest House meaning the startling vaccine in the past 24 hours, likely referring to austin's election. Be	ajority in a century YouTube to remove new videos falsely claiming widespread fraud changed the outcome of the
electionInvestigators say DNA testing has an identified Missouri toddler whose body was found on a riverbank in Mississippi in 1982. The child, long known only as Baby Jane or the child's identity at a press conference Friday. The Taliban militant Afghanistan has become richer and more powerful since their fundamentalist Islamic regime was overthrown	by U.S. forces in 2001. In the fiscal year that ended in March 2020, the Taliban reportedly brought in US\$1.6 billion, according
to Mullah Yaqoob, the son of the late Taliban spiritual leader Mullah Mohammad Omar, who disclosed Taliban sources of revenue in a confidential report on behalf of NATO and same period. The government is now holding peace talks with the Taliban to end its 19-year insurgency. I am studying Taliban finances as an economic policy analyst at the Cer	ter for Afghanistan Studies. Here's where their money comes from. 1\. Drugs – \$416 millionAfghanistan accounted for about
84% of global opium production over the past five years, according to the Un World Drug Report 2020. Much of these illegal drug profits go to the Taliban, which manages opium report by the Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit, an independent research organization in Kabul. It includes the Afghan farmers who grow poppies, the main ingredient o \$464 millionMining iron ore, marble, copper, gold, zinc and other metals and rare earth minerals in mountainous Afghanistan is an increasingly lucrative business for the Taliban.	f opium, the laboratories that convert it into a drug and the traders who move the final out of the country. 2\. 2\. – \$400 million to
ousinesses running. Those who don't pay have been subjected to death threats. According to the Taliban Stones and Mines Commission, or Da Dabaro Comisyoon, the group e Extortion and taxes - \$ 160 millionLike a government, Taliban tax people and industries in the growing swath of Afghanistan under their control. They even issue official receipts	arns \$400 million a year from mining. NATO estimates that figure higher, at \$464 million - up from just \$35 million in 2016. 3\.
nternational aid. Drivers are also charged for using highways in Taliban-controlled regions, and shopkeepers pay the Taliban for the right to do business. The group also faces a According to Mullah Yagoob, tax revenue – which can also be considered extortion – bring in around \$160 million annually. Since some of those taxed are poppy growers, there	traditional Islamic form of taxation called ushr – which is a 10% tax on a farmer's crop – and zakat, a 2.5% wealth tax.
receives secret financial contributions from private donors and international institutions worldwide. Many Taliban donations come from charities and private trusts in Persian Gulf million to \$200 million each year, according to the Afghanistan Center for Research and Policy Studies. These charities are on the U.S. Treasurey Department's list of terrorist fu	
Taliban, contributing an additional \$60 million annually to the Taliban-affiliated Haqqani network, according to U.S. anti-terrorist agencies. 5\. Exports – \$240 millionIn portion to la Famous corporate subsidiaries include multinational Noorzai Brothers Limited, which imports auto parts and sells assembled vehicles and spare parts. The Taliban's net income	from exports is believed to be about \$240 million a year. This figure includes the export of poppies and plundered minerals,
there may be economic overlap with drug revenues and mining revenues. 6\. Real Estate - \$80 \$80 The Taliban owns properties in Afghanistan, Pakistan and potentially other correvenue is around \$80 million. 7\. Specific countries According to BBC reporting, a secret CIA report estimated in 2008 that the Taliban had received \$106 million from foreign southern the second sec	urces, particularly from the Gulf states. Today, the governments of Russia, Iran, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia are all believed to
cankroll the Taliban, according to many U.S. and international sources. Experts say that these funds can amount to as much as \$500 million a year, but it's hard to put an exact f devastation, destruction and death in Afghanistan. To combat its insurgency, the Afghan Government also spends a lot on war, often at the expense of basic public services and would allow the government to redirect its scarce resources. The government may also see significant new revenue flow in from legal sectors now dominated by the Taliban, suc	economic development. [Deep knowledge, daily. Sign up for the Conversation newsletter.] A peace agreement in Afghanistan
on donors such as the United States and the European Union. There are many reasons to root for peace in war-torn Afghanistan. Its financial health is one of them. This article is Hanif Sufizada, University of Nebraska Omaha.Read more: * How a troop cutback in Afghanistan signals American weakness and could send Afghan allies into Taliban arms * A	republished from The Conversation, a nonprofit news site dedicated to sharing ideas from academic experts. It was written by:
shares in or receive funding from any company or organization that would benefit from this article, and has not disclosed any relevant affiliations beyond their academic appointr GOP gloatfest with a pandemic twist. Some of the top players in the party who have been monitoring coronavirus chaos in the Sunshine State tweeted photos and a video of Des	nent. On Saturday, Gov. Ron DeSantis and Florida Republican leaders turned the backyard of the governor's mansion into a
DeSantis, who had appeared with a mask at Donald Trump's strange vaccine summit in D.C. on Tuesday.One of the photos, tweeted by Florida Republican Party Vice Chairmar particularly high risk of covid-19. Ziegler boasted: 'Florida is in big hands and everyone in this photo will serve as if to crush whoever goes against him to keep it going. The GOP	Christian Ziegler, shows a wormless DeSantis from behind, in front of his guests, a majority of whom were elderly-one with a
DeSantis: It will be fun to work for him and crush the Socialists in Florida. Florida GOP chairman, state Sen. Joe Gruters, tweeted a photo of the crowd from a different angle that and for all your help in delivering record success this cycle here in Florida. Gruters also tweeted a two-minute clip of DeSantis, who slyly suggested that he still supported the cur	showed him flanking the governor. Gruters wrote: Thank you Governor @GovRonDeSantis for loving freedom and freedom
may have confidence that this [choice] was made over board and done the right thing, DeSantis galad. We don't wait three weeks to then change the winner with poll dumps and governor. But maga conspiracies aside, the scene was an empathetic prelude to the problems a new Biden administration faces in coronavirus-skeptical states like Florida, wher	
gatherings of people. Photos Show Why Miami Public Schools Could Be The Next Ron DeSantis Coronavirus DebacleIn in the meantime, experts said, he could have put his ow disease expert and University of South Florida professor Dr. Jill Roberts told The Daily Beast. This event may have exposed people in unbearable exposure to coronavirus. >.	
s in big hands and everyone in this photo will serve as if to crush whoever goes against him to keep it going. MAGA FlaPol pic.twitter.com/zmE89IVcle> > — Christian Ziegwas entirely possible DeSantis had hosted a so-called superspreader event given the proximity of the participants who were not wearing masks. Gruters, Ziegler, and a spokesm	an for DeSantis did not respond to requests for comment for this story. In the months leading up to the election and in its
mmediate aftermath, DeSantis has stood out for his cowboy approach to the pandemic. One of the last governors to lock up his state, he particularly aggressive in opening it bach is administration ordered Department of Health officials at the county level not to discuss COVID-19 with the public in the run-up to the election. The governor's office questione	d the newspaper's characterizations, insisting DeSantis has been consistent in promoting COVID-19 precautions. But from
opening bars arbitrarily to pressuring schools to holding classes in person, the governor has slammed virtually every pressure group imaginable for pandemic negligence. Meanwater that the state of the pandemic parties is indicated and the pandemic provides the pandemic parties and the pandemic provides the pandemic parties and the pandemic provides the pandemic parties and the pandemic parties and the pandemic parties and the pandemic parties and the pandemic parties are parties as the pandemic parties and the pandemic parties are parties as the parties are parties are parties as the parties are parties are parties a	ed his false claims that mask mandates and gridlock are ineffective in the fight against proliferation. As for masks, DeSantis
said, I don't think you need to (be) strung by a bayonet to do that. Fining people is completely overboard. His position is in direct conflict with Biden's plan to ask Americans to we ouses. DeSantis is also handicapping the efforts of the new mayor of Miami-Dade, the county with the largest number of coronavirus cases in the state and experiencing a third v contracted COVID-19 herself, said during a Dec 4 Zoom call that she hasn't been able to speak with DeSantis since the election, according to the Miami Herald.The footage of the	vave, from reinstating fines for not wearing masks. County Mayor Daniella Levina Cava, who revealed last week that she had
some of DeSantis' harshest critics. Among them: Orlando state Rep. Anna Eskamani and Rebekah Jones, Florida's COVID-19 dashboard architect and former Health Department Monday, after state police raided her home with guns drawn to seize her computer and cell phone, Jones accused DeSantis' administration of targeting her by launching a crimin	nt computer scientist who claims she was fired because she refused to manipulate data on Florida's coronavirus number. On
emergency alert email system to send an unauthorized mass of emails, a claim she disputes. DeSantis has been trying-and-failing- to shut me down and silence me since May, COVID-19 Dashboard ArchitectEskamani, the state legislator, said the images depicted a waiver for covid-19 guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prev	Jones told The Daily Beast. It didn't work then, and it won't work now. Pointed a Gun in My Face: Florida Police Raid Home
In September, DeSantis eliminated most of the state's measures to curb the spread of the corona virus, including an executive order that limited social and recreational gathering Eskamani told The Daily Beast. He is not modeling good behavior and takes his role for granted. It's totally disheartening. Ignoring the increase in cases, hospitalizations, and da	s to a maximum of 10 people. The images showed how reckless our governor is acting to enable the spread of COVID-19,
moment—is quite tone-deaf, Roberts added. On Dec. 5, the day of the incident, the Florida Department of Health reported more 10,000 cases for the third day in a row. Since the candemic began. As for the GOP gathering, the precedent set by what appears to have been a superspreader event at the White House Rose Garden party is touting the Supres	me Court nomination of Amy Coney Barrett loomed. Dr. Marissa Levine, another University of South Florida infectious disease
professor, said even outdoors, well-ventilated events can be considered high risk when there is a high turnout, no facial coverings, and prolonged contact time. But with cases seemed the right message with respect to our efforts needed to control the pandemic right now, Levine said. Read more at The Daily Beast.Got a tip? Send it to The Daily Beast he	reGet our top stories in your inbox every day. Sign up now! Daily Beast Membership: Beast Inside goes deeper on the stories
that matter to you. Learn more. Germany's COVID-19 death toll and per capita deaths are still much lower than those of the United States and are among the lowest in the world students, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D.D.) said Monday. Schumer held a press conference along with Democratic Congressmen electRitchie Torres, Mondaire Jon forgive \$50,000 in debt on the first day be becomes president. You don't need Congress, all you need is flicking a neg and taking office. Biden a then President Biden a can do this	es and Jamaal Bowman of New York, during which the group announced that they have come to the conclusion that Biden can
forgive \$50,000 in debt on the first day he becomes president. You don't need Congress, all you need is flicking a pen and taking office. Biden - then President Biden - can do thi student loan debt for all borrowers. pic.twitter.com/KS4WNgAb79> > - The Hill (@thehill) December 7, 2020He added that the group is calling on Biden to elect an Educatic Biden wants it, I'm sure it will happen. This debt is a huge burden on the backs of our students standing in the way of them and their finances and it stays with them for a very lor	n Secretary who will support student loan forgiveness because it's up to the Secretary of Education officially, but if President
debt for federal student loan borrowers with an income below \$125,000, and to do so in a way that borrowers would have no tax liability when they receive forgiveness. Schumer the executive authority to forgive the blame, the New York senator said the president-elect is researching that and I think when he does his research, he will find that he does. W	said he has spoken with Biden about how important loan forgiveness is and that he is considering it. Asked if Biden will have
be good for everyone. Lots of students paid off student loans but it's such a burden that it's good for everyone to make sure that this debt is defeated, he said. It's never been this German prime suspect in the disappearance of Madeleine McCann killed her, but it cannot be shared with the public, German prosecutors said on Tuesday. If you knew the evid	s high. He added that when he finished college it cost \$1,700 but people can't afford it now. There is compelling evidence the
the BBC. But I cannot give you details because we do not want the accused to know what we have on him — these are tactical considerations. Christian Brückner, a 43-year-old connection with the case. German prosecutors say that even if they have evidence against him, it is not yet enough to secure a conviction. I can't promise, I can't guarantee we have a conviction are convicted as a conviction of the case.	convicted paedophile and rapist, was named as a suspect in the child's disappearance in June, but is not yet charged in
told the BBC. The allegation comes days after Scotland Yard said it had yet to see any evidence that Madeleine was dead or had been murdered, and that it is still treating her cashare relevant things at relevant times with us. We're working really, really closely with them, Dame Cressida Dick, metropolitan police commissioner said. Last month, an international process.	ase as a missing person investigation. I wouldn't necessarily expect, individual piece of of to be shared with us. I'm sure they
on their evidence against Brückner. Portuguese police left the meeting convinced that the Germans have no evidence, only speculation and were determined to keep Brückner in the state of t	jail at all costs, according to the memo. The Trump administration is back in the middle of Capitol Hill confusing COVID-19
Republicans and appeared to show some flexibility by powerful Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Mcconnell.	

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