

December 2020 Events by Week

December Week 1 (11/5-11/11)

- A historic 14 billion dollars is spent in the 2020 Presidential and congressional races.
- U.S. employers added 638,000 jobs in October as the unemployment rate drops to 6.9%. The country regains about half of the jobs lost in March and April, but the rage of new COVID-19 cases clouds a recovery.
- At 11:25 am EST on Saturday, 11/7, the AP and NPR declare Joe Biden the winner in Pennsylvania and the winner of the Presidential race with at least 290 electoral votes.
- On Saturday, 11/7, VP-elect Kamala Harris and President-elect Joe Biden give victory speeches in Wilmington, Delaware. Biden calls for healing and unity.
- On Monday, 11/9, Joe Biden names a 13-member transition COVID-19 Advisory Board, while the GSA administrator refuses to sign a letter that would give the Biden team access to money and space.
- In a news release from Pfizer and its partner BioNTech, the company said results among study participants indicated the vaccine is more than 90% effective in preventing COVID-19.
- 11/11: On Veteran's Day, the U.S. has over 10.39 million cases of COVID-19 and 241,619 deaths. Worldwide, there are just over 52 million cases and 1,282,796 deaths.

December Week 2 (11/12-11/18)

- President-elect Joe Biden picks Ron Klain as his chief of staff.
- The U.S., U.K., E.U., Canada and Japan have already claimed, through an advanced purchase agreement, 80% of the Pfizer BioNTech coronavirus vaccine to be manufactured next year.
- The Biotech company Moderna announces its coronavirus vaccine is 94% effective.
- President Trump promises to withdraw 2,000 U.S. soldiers from Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia.
- China and 14 other Asia-Pacific nations have signed one the world's biggest trade pacts, leaving the U.S. on the sidelines.
- On Tuesday, 11/17, President Trump tweets that he has fired Christopher Krebs, head of the agency in Homeland Security that oversaw cyber election security, after Krebs called the 2020 election "the most secure in American history."
- 11/18: The U.S. has over 11.4 million cases of COVID-19 and 250,180 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 56.1 million cases and 1,347,741 deaths.

December Week 3 (11/19-11/25)

- A study released by the federal government shows the number of hospitals in the U.S. with staffing shortages is rapidly increasing.
- President-elect Biden announces his nominees for Secretary of State, Treasury Secretary, U.S. representative to the United Nations and the Secretary of Homeland Security.
- On Monday night, 11/23, President Trump tweets he is recommending the GSA and others in his administration to begin initial protocols to start the formal transition of presidential power.
- On Tuesday, 11/24, the Dow Jones industrial average hits 20,000 for the first time ever due to vaccine news and the beginning of the transition.
- On Wednesday, 11/25, President Trump pardons Michael Flynn, his former National Security Advisor, who pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI.
- Airlines see the highest number of passengers since March on the day before Thanksgiving. One million passengers fly compared to a "normal" two million.
- 11/25: The U.S. has over 12.7 million cases of COVID-19 and 262,145 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 60.3 million cases and 1,420,462 deaths.

December Week 4 (11/26 -12/2)

- On Thanksgiving, 11/26, hospital workers say they are still low on masks, gowns and gloves with 90,000 COVID-19 patients admitted.
- An Iranian scientist, who U.S. intelligence says is one of Iran's top nuclear officials, is assassinated in a drive-by shooting outside Tehran.
- A CDC vaccine advisory committee says health care workers and residents in long-term care facilities should be the first to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S.
- On Monday, 11/30, Moderna applies for FDA emergency use authorization for their coronavirus vaccine, which they say is 94% effective.
- Attorney General Bill Barr says his Justice Department has found no evidence of widespread voter fraud.
- 12/2: The U.S. has over 13.9 million cases of COVID-19 and 273,847 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 64.6 million cases and 1,495,311 deaths.

November 2020 Events by Week

November Week 1 (10/8-10/14)

- President Trump announces he will not participate in the second presidential debate because it was announced it will be virtual.
- Thirteen people are arrested and charged with federal and state crimes for an alleged plot to violently overthrow the state of Michigan and kidnap Governor Gretchen Whitmer.
- On Friday, 10/9, Hurricane Delta hits the Louisiana Gulf Coast leaving more than half a million people without power.
- The first three days of the Senate confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett are held Monday through Wednesday (10/12-14).
- On Tuesday, 10/13, the Supreme Court allows the Trump administration to end census counting on October 15th.
- On 10/14, the U.S. has over 7.9 million cases of COVID-19 and 216,639 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 38.4 million cases and 1,091,123 deaths.

November Week 2 (10/15-10/21)

- Coronavirus cases are rising rapidly in the U.K., France, Italy and Spain. Paris is among eight French cities currently under curfew.
- On Thursday, 10/15, at 8 PM EDT, President Trump holds a town hall on NBC and Joe Biden is on ABC.
- China posts 4.9% economic growth in its third quarter compared to the same period last year, keeping it on track to be the only major global economy to record an economic expansion this year in the midst of the novel coronavirus pandemic.
- More than one million Americans dropped out of the workforce during September, with more than 800,000 of them women.
- Purdue Pharma reaches an 8.3 billion dollar deal with the Justice Department over aggressive marketing of opioid medications, including OxyContin.
- 10/21: The U.S. has over 8.3 million cases of COVID-19 and 221,990 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 41.1 million cases and 1,129,710 deaths.

November Week 3 (10/22-10/28)

- On Thursday night, 10/22, the second and final presidential debate in Nashville is characterized as more calm and policy-oriented than the first.
- Scientists say climate change is extending the fire season across the western U.S.
- The parents of 545 children separated at the U.S.-Mexico border have not been located.
- On Monday night, 10/26, after a Senate confirmation vote of 52-48, Amy Coney Barrett is sworn-in as a Supreme Court Justice by Clarence Thomas at a White House ceremony.
- On Tuesday, 10/27, Facebook bans new political and issue ads one week before Election Day.
- On 10/28, the U.S. has over 8.85 million cases of COVID-19 and 227,673 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 44.4 million cases and 1,173,292 deaths.

November Week 4 (10/29 -11/4)

- The FBI and other federal agencies warn that cybercriminals from Russia are attacking U.S. hospitals.
- Of the 1.1 million people who left the job markets in September, more than 860,000 are women.
- Former President Obama campaigns for Biden in Michigan, Florida and Georgia during the final days of the campaign.
- On Monday, 11/2, the final day of the campaign, President Trump holds five rallies in four states.
- By Tuesday, 11/3, Election Day, more than 100 million Americans had already voted, 70% of the turnout of the 2016 election.
- On Wednesday, 11/4, the Presidential race is too close to call.
- On 11/4, the U.S. has over 9.47 million cases of COVID-19 and 233,651 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 47.9 million cases and 1,223,456 deaths.

October 2020 Events by Week

October Week 1 (9/10-9/16)

- On Thursday, 9/10, the National Football League begins its season with the Houston Texans at the Kansas City Chiefs.
- On Friday, 9/11, President Trump and Joe Biden both visit New York to mark the 19th anniversary of 9/11.
- Bob Woodward's new book *Rage* reveals President Trump knew in February how lethal the coronavirus is, but told Americans something else repeatedly for months.
- Microsoft says it found that the Russian spies who hacked the 2016 election are targeting political parties again. The company says more than 200 organizations have been targeted since 2019.
- The West Coast is blanketed in clouds of smoke and ash because of wildfires in California, Oregon and Washington.
- The city of Louisville announces a \$12 million settlement in a wrongful death lawsuit filed by the family of Breonna Taylor.
- The U.S. has over 6.65 million cases of COVID-19 and 197,831 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 29.4 million cases and 931,321 deaths.

October Week 2 (9/17-9/23)

- On Friday, 9/18, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg dies from pancreatic cancer at age 87. Mourners gather in front of the Supreme Court to pay tribute.
- President Trump agrees to the sale of TikTok to Oracle and Walmart.
- On Monday, 9/21, stocks plunge amid worries about the strength of the economic rebound. The Dow falls 20%.
- Researchers at John Hopkins University announce that more than 200,000 people have died in the U.S. from the coronavirus. Only heart disease and cancer are claiming more lives.
- The U.S. has over 6.94 million cases of COVID-19 and 201,930 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 31.7 million cases and 975,038 deaths.

October Week 3 (9/24-9/30)

- Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg becomes the first woman to lie in state at the U.S. Capitol.
- President Trump questions the legitimacy of the upcoming election.
- On Saturday, 9/26, the President announces his nominee for the Supreme Court: Amy Coney Barrett, an Indiana Court of Appeals judge.
- According to the New York Times, President Trump paid \$750 in federal taxes in 2016 and 2017 and did not pay anything in 10 of the last 15 years.
- On Monday, 9/28, John Hopkins University says one million people have died of COVID-19 worldwide in just nine months.
- On Tuesday, 9/29, President Trump and Joe Biden debate in Cleveland in what is characterized as a train wreck with shouting, insults and interruptions.
- California wildfires rage in Napa and Sonoma counties.
- The U.S. has over 7 million cases of COVID-19 and 203,875 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 33.5 million cases and 1,004,421 deaths.

October Week 4 (10/1-10/7)

- President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump test positive for the coronavirus.
- American and United airlines notify 32,000 employees that they are being furloughed as federal payroll support runs out.
- On Friday, 10/2, President Trump takes Marine One and is admitted to Walter Reed Medical Center in the evening. He is discharged on Monday night.
- Job growth slows in September as U.S. employers add just 661,000 jobs. Unemployment dips to 7.9%, largely driven by people leaving the workforce.
- On Wednesday, 10/7, the Vice-Presidential debate is held in Salt Lake City between Mike Pence and Kamala Harris.
- The U.S. has over 7.57 million cases of COVID-19 and 211,721 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 36.2 million cases and 1,058,012 deaths.

September 2020 Events by Week

September Week 1 (8/13-8/19)

- For the first time since the pandemic hit, the economy claims for state unemployment benefits drop below one million.
- House lawmakers are called back during their recess to address U.S. Postal Service changes.
- The World Health Organization says over half of Beirut's health care facilities are unable to function after a massive explosion.
- A heat wave causes power outages in California.
- On Monday (8/17), the virtual Democratic convention begins with opening night featured speaker Michelle Obama. On Tuesday, a roll call vote nominates Joe Biden and the concluding speech is by his wife Dr. Jill Biden. On Wednesday, the featured speakers are Barack Obama and Vice-Presidential nominee Kamala Harris.
- On Wednesday (8/19), the U.S. has over 5.5 million cases of COVID-19 responsible for 173,125 deaths. Worldwide, 22.3 million cases and 786,258 deaths.

September Week 2 (8/20-8/26)

- On Thursday, 8/20, the final night of the DNC is highlighted by Joe Biden's acceptance speech.
- California is under a state of emergency as 500 wildfires rage across the state devouring over one million acres in ten days.
- Former White House adviser Steve Bannon is arrested with three other people in connection with an online fundraising scheme connected with the southern border wall.
- On Sunday, 8/23, Jacob Blake, a 29 year-old black man, is shot in the back by police in Kenosha, Wisconsin.
- Wednesday, 8/26, marks the first three days of the Republican National Convention, including speeches by Nikki Haley, Senator Tim Scott, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo from Jerusalem, first lady Melania Trump from the Rose Garden and Vice President Mike Pence from Ft. McHenry.
- On Wednesday, 8/26, the U.S. has over 5.8 million cases of COVID-19 and 179,538 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 24 million cases and 822,403 deaths.

September Week 3 (8/27-9/2)

- On Thursday, 8/27, President Trump gives a 70 minute acceptance speech on the final day of the Republican National Convention in the Rose Garden before a crowd of 1,500.
- 500,000 people evacuate the Texas and Louisiana coasts before Hurricane Laura makes landfall with 150 MPH winds, killing over 30 people and causing over 8 billion dollars in damage.
- India is the country where the coronavirus is spreading the fastest. It is on track, within weeks, to become the worst affected country in the world.
- Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliff announces that House and Senate intelligence panels will no longer receive in-person briefings on foreign election interference due to leaks.
- On Tuesday, 9/1, Massachusetts Senator Edward Markey fends off Representative Joe Kennedy III in a Democratic primary challenge.
- On Wednesday, 9/2, the U.S. has over 6.1 million cases of COVID-19 and 185,399 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 25.8 million cases and 859,258 deaths.

September Week 4 (9/3-9/9)

- The federal government's accumulated debt burden next year is projected to be larger than the overall economy for the first time since 1946.
- A U.S. District court rules that census counting must continue through the end of October.
- On Monday, 9/7 (Labor Day), the governor of California declares a state of emergency due to major wildfires, which in three weeks have burned 2.5 million acres.
- Nine companies issue a joint statement saying they will not seek government approval for their coronavirus vaccines until safety and effectiveness data is in hand.
- The Rochester police chief resigns over the March death of an African American man by asphyxiation after being restrained by police officers.
- On Wednesday, 9/9, the U.S. has over 6.5 million cases of COVID-19 and 193,239 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 28 million cases and 907,919 deaths.

August 2020 Events by Week

August Week 1 (7/16-7/22)

- Federal officers use unmarked vehicles to grab protestors in Portland.
- On Friday (7/17), John Lewis, an icon of the civil rights movement, Georgia congressman and force in the Democratic party, dies at age 80 of pancreatic cancer.
- Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg announces that her liver cancer has returned and she is receiving chemotherapy but she will remain on the court.
- 40 states report COVID-19 cases are rising.
- Members of the European Union agree to an \$850 billion dollar stimulus plan to help economic recovery from the damage done by the Coronavirus pandemic.
- On Wednesday (7/22), over 4.1 million cases of COVID-19 cases in the U.S. and 146,183 deaths. Worldwide, over 15.3 million cases and 630,191 deaths.

August Week 2 (7/23-7/29)

- On Thursday (7/23), Major League Baseball begins a pandemic shortened season.
- California passes New York in total COVID-19 cases with more than 413,000.
- President Trump cancels the Jacksonville Republican National Convention amid Florida record high daily COVID-19 infections.
- On Saturday night (7/26), Hurricane Hanna hits part of south Texas with 90 mph winds and 15 inches of rain.
- Representative John Lewis is the first Black lawmaker to lie in state at the U.S. Capitol.
- The CEOs of Facebook, Amazon, Apple and Google testify before the House Judiciary Committee about censorship, free speech and monopoly.
- On Wednesday (7/29), over 4.5 million cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 153,719 deaths. Worldwide, over 17.1 million cases and 669,241 deaths.

August Week 3 (7/30-8/5)

- Commerce Department says the Gross Domestic Product shrank at an annual rate of 32.9% in the second quarter of 2020. This is more than three times the previous record of 10% in 1958.
- President Trump tweets that the November election should be delayed, but Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell shuts down the idea quickly.
- Civil rights leader John Lewis is laid to rest in Atlanta where Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama all speak.
- Census Bureau is cutting short critical door knocking efforts for the 2020 census by one month. Employees are fearful of a massive undercount.
- A massive explosion rocks Beirut, Lebanon caused by 2,000 tons of ammonium nitrate. Over 130 confirmed dead and 4,000 injured.
- On Wednesday (8/5), over 4.8 million cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 158,171 deaths. Worldwide, over 18.7 million cases and 706,041 deaths.

August Week 4 (8/6-8/12)

- On Thursday (8/6), more than three million people lose power in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut after rain and high winds from tropical storm Isaias.
- The New York Attorney General seeks to dissolve the National Rifle Association following an investigation finding alleged fraud and abuse by the non-profit's executives.
- The Lebanese prime minister and cabinet resign after outrage over the catastrophic explosion in Beirut.
- U.S. employers add 1.8 million jobs in July, less than half the number added in June.
- On Tuesday (8/11), Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden picks Senator Kamala Harris of California as his 2020 running mate.
- On Wednesday (8/12), over 5.1 million cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 165,934 deaths. Worldwide over 20.5 million cases and 747,845 deaths.

July 2020 Events by Week

July Week 1 (6/18-6/24)

- The Supreme Court blocks the Trump administration from ending DACA and the protection of “DREAMers.”
- On Friday (6/19), Juneteenth gets widespread attention as Americans protest police brutality and racism.
- On Saturday (6/20), only 6,200 attend an indoor Trump rally in Tulsa.
- On Tuesday (6/23), five states hold primary elections: New York, Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia and Mississippi.
- The President visits the U.S. border in Yuma and holds a Students for Trump rally for a crowd of 3,000 in a church in Phoenix.
- On Wednesday (6/24), over 2.45 million cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 137,073 deaths. Worldwide over 9.2 million cases and 477,273 deaths.

July Week 2 (6/25-7/1)

- COVID-19 cases spiking in Florida, Texas and Arizona as the U.S. sets new daily record of over 40,000 cases.
- A poll by NPR, PBS and Marist shows President Trump's approval rating at just 40% overall, while a record 58% disapprove.
- The Supreme Court strikes down a restrictive Louisiana abortion law.
- The Supreme Court voids state constitutional provisions in as many as 38 states that bar taxpayer aid to parochial schools.
- The New York Times and Washington Post report that U.S. intelligence says Russia offered bounties to the Taliban for the killing of American soldiers.
- On Wednesday (7/1), over 2.6 million cases of Covid-19 in the U.S. and 127,251 deaths. Worldwide, over 10.4 million cases and 511,215 deaths.

July Week 3 (7/2-7/8)

- Biden campaign raises 141 million dollars in June to Trump's 131 million.
- A close associate of financier and convicted sex-offender Jeffrey Epstein is arrested. Ghislaine Maxwell is charged with six counts and is held without bail.
- President Trump brings fireworks back to Mt. Rushmore on Friday night (July 3). In his speech on Friday and at the White House on Independence Day he said, “Our nation is witnessing a merciless campaign to wipe our history and defame our heroes.”
- The U.S. Supreme Court (7/6) upheld state laws binding Electoral College delegates to vote for the candidate who wins the popular vote in their state.
- The U.S. Supreme Court (7/8) allows employees to opt out of contraception coverage under the Affordable Care Act due to religious objections.
- On Wednesday (7/8), over 3.1 million cases of COVID-19 cases in the U.S. and 135,213 deaths. Worldwide, over 12.1 million cases and 552,781 deaths.

July Week 4 (7/9-7/15)

- The Labor Department announces nearly 2.4 million new applications for unemployment last week.
- On Friday (7/10), President Trump commutes Roger Stone's sentence.
- The Supreme Court rejects President Trump's claim of absolute immunity under the law regarding financial records.
- The Washington NFL team announces it will drop the Redskins name and logo.
- Former Attorney General Jeff Sessions loses Alabama Republican Senate runoff election to one-time Auburn football coach Tommy Tuberville.
- The Treasury Department says the federal deficit was 864 billion dollars for June.
- On Wednesday (7/15), over 3.5 million cases of COVID-19 cases in the U.S. and 138,565 deaths. Worldwide, over 13.6 million cases and 585,482 deaths.

June 2020 Events by Week

June Week 1 (5/21-5/27)

- 4 million Americans file for unemployment last week, bringing the nine week total to 38.6 million and the U.S. unemployment rate at 14.7%.
- Pakistan plane crash in Karachi and all 97 passengers and crew die.
- Monday (5/25) is the Memorial Day holiday and the evening when 46 year-old unarmed African American George Floyd is killed in Minneapolis by a police officer who knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes.
- On Tuesday, the four Minneapolis police officers involved in the death of George Floyd are fired. Protest demonstrations ensue on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.
- The floor of the New York Stock exchange opens for the first time in two months.
- Through Wednesday (5/27), 100,047 deaths from COVID-19 in the U.S. and over 1.6 million cases. Worldwide, 5.5 million cases and over 355,000 deaths.

June Week 2 (5/28-6/3)

- The Boston Marathon is cancelled for this year after a 124 year run and the National Spelling Bee is called off for the first time since World War II.
- The Minnesota governor deploys the National Guard due to protests.
- On Saturday (5/30), NASA and Space X launch the first U.S. astronaut into orbit since 2011.
- Protests over George Floyd killing prompt demonstrations and curfews across the country.
- On Tuesday (6/2), eight states and the District of Columbia hold primary elections.
- In Minnesota, Derek Chauvin, the police officer who killed George Floyd is charged with second degree murder and three other officers at the scene are charged with aiding and abetting murder.
- Millions of Americans are reported skipping payments on mortgages, auto loans and other bills.
- On Wednesday (6/3), 1.8 million cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 107,578 deaths. Worldwide, 6.4 million cases and 381,467 deaths.

June Week 3 (6/4-6/10)

- Labor Department says U.S. employers added 2.5 million jobs in May with unemployment at 13%.
- On Thursday (6/4), a memorial service for George Floyd is held in Minneapolis and on Tuesday (6/9), he is buried next to his mother in Houston after another memorial service at the Foundation of Praise Church.
- Minneapolis City Council announces plans to dismantle the police department.
- On Tuesday (6/9), Georgia voters face long line and equipment problems during the state's primary election.
- NASCAR bans the confederate flag at all of its events.
- On Wednesday (6/10), COVID-19 infections are rising in more than 20 states. 1,988,872 cases reported in the U.S. and 112,660 deaths. Worldwide, more than 7.2 million cases and at least 412,000 deaths.

June Week 4 (6/11-6/17)

- Daily coronavirus infection numbers hit new highs in three of the most populous states: Florida, Texas and California.
- Atlanta police chief Erika Shields resigns after the killing of 27 year-old African American Rayshard Brooks in a Wendy's parking lot.
- On Monday (6/15), the Supreme Court rules LGBTQ workers are protected against sex discrimination.
- President Trump announces plans to cut troops stationed in Germany.
- On Wednesday (6/17), over 2.1 million cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 117,694 deaths. Worldwide, over 8.3 million cases and 447,628 deaths.

May 2020 Events by Week

May Week 1 (4/23-4/29)

- During a Covid-19 task force briefing the President suggests injecting disinfectant as treatment.
- On Friday (4/24) Georgia reopens hair and nail salons, barbershops, gyms, tattoo parlors, and bowling alleys.
- Over the weekend the mayors of Augusta and Savannah push back on the Georgia reopening.
- An estimated 3.5 million American homeowners are skipping mortgage payments.
- 80% of front line nurses surveyed say they don't have enough protective gear.
- On Wednesday night (4/29) 1,010,970 cases of coronavirus reported in the U.S. and 58,258 deaths.

May Week 2 (4/30-5/6)

- Last week, 3.8 million Americans file for unemployment benefits, bringing the total during the pandemic to just over 30 million individuals.
- On Friday (5/1) stay-at-home orders end in more than a dozen states.
- Border wall construction continues in Texas, Arizona, and California.
- On Monday (5/4) the Supreme Court live streams oral arguments for the first time in history.
- Netflix adds 16 million subscribers in the first quarter of this year.
- White House announces plans to phase out the Coronavirus Task Force by Memorial Day.
- By Wednesday (5/6) 1,226,405 cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 73,321 deaths. Worldwide numbers are at over 3.7 million cases and 263,838 deaths.

May Week 3 (5/7-5/13)

- Americans filed 3.2 new million unemployment claims last week bringing the total during the pandemic to 33.5 million.
- The Justice Department drops the criminal case against Trump former national security advisor Michael Flynn but a U.S. District Judge delays the effort.
- Unemployment soars to 14.7% in April, the highest level since the Great Depression.
- By Monday (5/11), 31 states partially reopen after seven weeks.
- The Kaiser Family Foundation estimates 27 million Americans have lost their health insurance as unemployment soars.
- Through Wednesday (5/11), 1,397,400 cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 84,102 deaths. Worldwide figures at 4.3 million cases and 296,254 deaths.

May Week 4 (5/14-5/20)

- Nearly three million Americans file for unemployment last week, for a total of 36 million in the last eight weeks.
- On Friday (5/15), President Trump ousts the State Department inspector general extending a streak of firing government watchdogs.
- In virtual speech to black college graduates, President Obama says U.S. lacks leadership on Coronavirus.
- President Trump announces he is taking hydroxychloroquine as a preventive measure for COVID-19 and says, "I'm not going to be hurt by it."
- A breach in two dams in central Michigan causes major flooding in two counties.
- Through Wednesday (5/20), 1,551,095 cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and 93,061 deaths. Worldwide, 5.1 million cases and 333,351 deaths.

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April 2020 Events by Week

April Week 1 (3/26-4/1)

- On Friday, 3/27, the President signs a \$2.2 trillion economic aid package into law.
- The CDC issues a nonbinding travel advisory for New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.
- On Monday, 3/30, President Trump issues social distancing guidelines until April 30.
- The state of New York announces 1,000 people have died from COVID-19.
- There are many stories about shortages of COVID-19 tests, ventilators, and personal protective equipment for health care workers.
- The U.S. government projects 100,000 to 200,000 deaths from the pandemic.
- On Wednesday (4/1), the U.S. has 211,000 cases of COVID-19, causing more than 4,600 deaths.

April Week 2 (4/2-4/8)

- Jobless claims at 6.6 million for last week.
- Florida issues Stay-at-home order effective April 3rd.
- British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, suffering from COVID-19 is moved to the ICU.
- On Tuesday (4/7) Wisconsin primary held, after State Supreme Court overrules the Governor Tony Evers' order to postpone the election.
- Stephanie Grisham out as White House press secretary, President Trump removes the Pandemic Inspector General, and the acting Navy Secretary resigns.
- Bernie Sanders leaves the Presidential race.
- On Wednesday (4/8), over 1.5 million cases of COVID-19 worldwide with 87,974 deaths. In the United States 424,900 cases and 14,529 deaths.

April Week 3 (4/9-4/15)

- 17 million Americans have filed for unemployment in the last three weeks.
- On Saturday (4/11) U.S. passes Italy for number of COVID-19 deaths.
- On Easter Sunday Andrea Bocelli offers free concert on You Tube.
- On Sunday, tornadoes run through the southern U.S. killing over 30 people in five states.
- Bernie Sanders endorse Joe Biden for President.
- President Trump announces he wants to suspend funding of the World Health Organization.
- On Wednesday evening (4/15) 638,000 cases of COVID-19 and 30,844 deaths in the U.S.

April Week 4 (4/16-4/22)

- 22 million Americans have filed for unemployment in the last four weeks.
- China's economy declines 6.8% in the first quarter of 2020. China's economy got smaller for the first time since it started releasing such data in 1992.
- In Nova Scotia a gunman kills 22 in a weekend shooting rampage.
- Oil prices fall below zero for the first time in U.S. history.
- President announces the issuance of U.S. green cards to be halted for 60 days.
- First coronavirus death traced back to February 6th in Santa Clara county in California.
- On Wednesday (4/22) 833,069 cases of Covid-19 cases reported in U.S. and 46,302 deaths.

March 2020 Events by Week

March Week 1 (2/27-3/4)

- Financial markets plunge due to Coronavirus with the assessment on Friday (2/28) as the worst week since the 2008 financial crisis.
- On Saturday (2/29) South Carolina Democratic Presidential primary with big win for Joe Biden.
- Syria faces devastating humanitarian crisis.
- Two Coronavirus deaths in Seattle.
- Both Pete Buttigieg and Amy Klobuchar suspend campaigns and endorse Joe Biden.
- 14 states vote in Super Tuesday (3/3) elections where Joe Biden picks up substantial wins.

March Week 2 (3/5-3/11)

- Elizabeth Warren drops her Presidential bid.
- Shortage of COVID 19 test kits.
- Austin cancels South by Southwest festival.
- Saudi Arabia cuts oil prices.
- Italy attempts mass quarantine in response to Coronavirus.
- On Tuesday (3/10) six states hold Presidential primaries: Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, Idaho, and Washington. Biden wins in four states, Sanders in North Dakota, and too close to call in Washington. World Health Organization declares COVID-19 a Pandemic.
- On Wednesday (3/11) President Trump gives oval office address (9pm EDT) in which he calls for a ban on European travel and announces measures to shore up the U.S. economy.

March Week 3 (3/12-3/18)

- The NBA cancels the regular season, the NHL suspends play, and MLB ends Spring Training and delays the start of the regular season.
- President Trump (3-13) declares the Coronavirus crisis a National Emergency.
- Trump administration expands Europe travel ban to include U.K. and Ireland.
- The Federal Reserve cuts interest rates to near zero.
- On Sunday (3-15) Democratic presidential candidates Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders debate one-on-one for the first time from Washington DC.
- The governors in California, Ohio, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Washington State order bars and restaurants closed. The same order from the mayor of New York.
- Airlines request 50 billion dollar bailout in face of near standstill.
- On Tuesday (3/17): Joe Biden wins primaries in Florida, Illinois, and Arizona, while the Ohio governor cancels the primary in his state.
- Vice President Pence warns COVID-19 outbreak "could last well into July."

March Week 4 (3/19-3/25)

- Claims for unemployment insurance in U.S. jump by 33%.
- On Friday (3/20) California Governor Gavin Newsom orders stay-at-home, followed the next day by Illinois and New York. On Tuesday, Ohio does as well.
- Stock market records worst week in 11 years.
- Tokyo Olympics postponed until 2021.
- The President says he wants the country up and running by Easter, while health care workers protest over shortage of protective gear.
- On Wednesday (3/25) the Senate agrees on a two trillion dollar aid package.
- On Wednesday, 65,201 cases of COVID-19 in U.S. and 928 deaths.

February 2020 Events by Week

February Week 1 (1/30-2/5)

- The Senate Impeachment Trial consumes four days of this week: on Thursday (1/30) the final question and answer session from Senators beginning at 1pm EST; on Friday (1/31) the vote not to allow witnesses held at 4pm EST; on Monday (2/3) the final arguments by House Managers and the President's defense team beginning at 1pm EST; and finally on Wednesday (2/5), the vote to acquit at 4pm EST.
- Sunday (2/2) the Super Bowl is held in Miami: Kansas City Chiefs 21 and the San Francisco 49ers 20.
- On Monday night (2/3) the Iowa caucuses were held plagued by vote counting problems.
- On Tuesday night (2/4) at 9pm EST President Trump's State of the Union address.

February Week 2 (2/6-2/12)

- The week begins with day after analysis of the Senate vote to acquit President Trump of impeachment.
- On Friday (2/7) the Director for European Affairs for the National Security, Alexander Vindman, and his brother are escorted from the White House.
- On Friday night a New Hampshire Democratic Presidential debate.
- On Sunday (2/9) night the Oscar Awards ceremony is held in Los Angeles.
- On Tuesday (2/11) four federal prosecutors resign from the Roger Stone case after the justice department seeks less prison time. Also the day of the New Hampshire primary.

February Week 3 (2/13-2/19)

- Over 1,100 Justice Department alumni call for Attorney General Bar to resign.
- 300 Americans quarantined on a cruise ship in Japan for the Coronavirus are evacuated and flown to military bases in TX and CA.
- On Tuesday (2/18) President Trump grants seven pardons and four commutations.
- On Wednesday night (2/19) a Democratic Presidential Debate in Las Vegas (9pm EST).

February Week 4 (2/20-2/26)

- Trump associate Roger Stone sentenced to three years and four months in prison.
- S. Intelligence officials brief a House committee that Russia favors reelecting Trump, angering him.
- On Saturday (2/22) Nevada holds Democratic Presidential caucuses.
- Movie mogul Harvey Weinstein found guilty on two of five counts.
- The President visits India
- On Tuesday night (8pm EST) a Democratic Presidential Debate in Charleston, South Carolina.
- On Wednesday (2/26) the President announces the federal government's response to the Coronavirus and places Vice President Pence in charge.

January 2020 Events by Week

January Week 1 (1/2-1/8)

- Death of Major General Soleimani
- Missile retaliation against two U.S. bases
- Crash of a passenger plane in Tehran resulting in 176 deaths

January Week 2 (1/9-1/15)

- Iran admits to shooting down Ukrainian airliner
- Cory Booker drops out of the 2020 presidential race
- On Tuesday night (14th) six Democratic presidential candidates debate in Des Moines
- On Wednesday (15th) the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame announced the 2020 inductees

January Week 3 (1/16-1/22)

- Pre-impeachment coverage
- MLK Holiday (Monday the 20th)
- Day one of the Senate Impeachment Trial (Tuesday the 21st) beginning at 1pm EST
- Day two of the Senate impeachment Trial (Wednesday the 22nd) also beginning at 1pm EST

January Week 4 (1/23-1/29)

- Six of the seven days include the Senate Impeachment Trial. On Thursday (24th) and Friday (25th) the House managers make the case for impeachment, beginning both days at 1pm EST
- The Trump impeachment lawyers defend the President on Saturday (26th) for two hours beginning at 10am, and again on Monday (27th) and Tuesday (28th), beginning at 1pm EST
- On Wednesday (29th) Senators begin their question period, beginning at 1pm EST
- Three other major stories break this week including the lockdown of the Chinese city of Wuhan due to the coronavirus (Friday), NPR's Mary Louise Kelly has a contentious interview with Secretary of State Pompeo (also Friday), and on Sunday, NBA star Kobe Bryant and eight others die in helicopter crash in Los Angeles