July 2023 Events by Week

July, Week 1 (6/22-6/28)
• On Thursday (6/22), the U.S. Coast Guard confirmed that all five passengers aboard the Ocean Gate submersible died in a catastrophic explosion 1,600 feet away from the wreckage of the Titanic.
• President Biden made a political speech on Friday (6/23) at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington DC on the one-year anniversary of the Supreme Court overturning Roe vs. Wade where he signaled abortion rights would be front and center for his administration.
• A mutiny by Russia’s Wagner Group of mercenaries ended with the leader recalling his troops, but the uprising may have done irreparable damage to President Putin both at home and abroad.
• The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that state constitutions can protect voting rights in federal elections and state courts can force those protections.
• Much of the southern U.S. is under heat advisories with record breaking temperatures. In Texas, the heat is straining the power grid.

July, Week 2 (6/29-7/5)
• The Supreme Court struck down affirmative action in college admissions. In her dissent, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson wrote: “Deeming race irrelevant in law does not make it so in life.”
• The Commerce Department says personal spending jumped at an annual rate of 4% in the first three months of 2023, the sharpest increase since spring of 2021.
• Protests and rioting continued in France after a 17-year-old boy was shot in a western Paris suburb for running a red light.
• Twitter CEO Elon Musk capped the number of tweets users can view.
• AAA, the auto association, said a record-breaking 43 million people drove for holiday travel during the long July 4th holiday weekend, while bad weather affected air travel in major hubs, including Dallas, Denver, and Newark.

July, Week 3 (7/6-7/12)
• Meta unveiled an app called Threads to rival Twitter and had more than 70 million signups within the first few days.
• The Labor Department says U.S. employers added 209,000 jobs in June, below the pace in recent months. Unemployment fell to 3.6%.
• The Biden administration will provide cluster bombs to Ukraine, a weapon banned in more than 120 countries.
• At the NATO meeting in Lithuania, Sweden became a member after Turkey agreed to drop its opposition. NATO also pledged their support for Ukraine but did not give it a timeline for membership.
• A new cost of living report shows that prices in June were up 3% from a year ago - the lowest annual inflation rate since March of 2021.

July, Week 4 (7/13-7/19)
• The FDA approves Opill, the first daily birth control pill without a prescription.
• The Treasury Department said the federal government’s default nearly tripled in the first nine months of the fiscal year. The budget gap from October through June was nearly $1.4 trillion, a 170% increase from a year earlier.
• The Department of Education announced student loan forgiveness is on the way for more than 800,000 low-income borrowers.
• Climate scientists are alarmed by record-breaking water temperatures off Florida’s coast. Currently, these temperatures are five degrees higher than usual.
• Russia announced it has backed out of a deal allowing Ukraine to export grain to world markets.
• Former President Trump says he has been notified that he is a target of a federal grand jury probe into the siege of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.

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June Events by Week

June, Week 1 (5/25-5/31)
- Oath Keepers founder Stuart Rhodes is sentenced to 18 years in prison for his role in a seditious conspiracy charge to disrupt the electoral count. This is the stiffest punishment to date to stem from the violent assault on the Capitol.
- In a major win for industry and developers, the Supreme Court significantly limited the number and type of U.S. waterways that receive federal protection.
- Over the extended Memorial Day weekend, less than 1% of all flights scheduled were cancelled, even though it was the highest number of people to fly in the U.S. since the pandemic began.
- Turkey President Erdogan secured a victory for a third term in power, with 52% of the vote.
- On Saturday (5/27), President Biden and House Speaker McCarthy reached a deal on the debt ceiling and on Wednesday night (5/31), the House passed the measure with overwhelming bipartisan support by a vote of 314 to 117.

June, Week 2 (6/1-6/7)
- Unions are relieved as The Supreme Court leaves the right to strike intact.
- U.S. employers added a whopping 339,000 jobs in May, far more than forecasters had expected. The unemployment rate rose to a still low 3.7%.
- On Saturday (6/3), President Biden signed the bill that will raise the U.S. debt ceiling. Prior to the signing, the Senate passed the bill by a vote of 63 to 36 on Thursday and Biden made a rare Oval Office speech about it on Friday night.
- A major train crash in eastern India which involved two passenger trains traveling in opposite directions killed more than 280 people.
- Canadian wildfires have raised air quality alarms across much of the eastern United States.

June, Week 3 (6/8-6/14)
- A blanket of smoke from Canadian wildfires choked the Northeast, causing people to pull out their masks and cancel events. Dangerously polluted air was in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Washington D.C.
- Special Counsel Jack Smith’s historic federal indictment of Donald Trump over classified documents was unsealed and included 37 federal counts.
- Falling prices for gas and eggs took some of the sting out of inflation. Consumer prices in May were 4% higher than a year ago.
- According to the United Nations, India is now the world’s most populous nation with 1.486 billion people, passing China in April.
- On Tuesday afternoon (6/13), former President Donald Trump pleaded not guilty in a Miami federal courthouse to 37 federal charges, including unlawfully retaining government secrets and conspiracy to obstruct justice.
- The Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged but reaffirmed its commitment to get inflation down to 2%.

June, Week 4 (6/15-6/21)
- The U.S. Supreme Court rejected all challenges to the Indian Child Welfare Act by a vote of 7 to 2. The decision was seen as a huge win for Native American tribes.
- 1.1 million people have lost Medicaid coverage since April. Of that, about a quarter live in Florida.
- On Saturday (6/17), President Biden kicked off his reelection campaign in Philadelphia before more than 1,000 union workers.
- On Monday (6/19), the Juneteenth holiday, a rare signed copy of the Emancipation Proclamation was on display at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois.
- Secretary of State Blinken said his talks with Chinese counterparts in Beijing were candid, substantive, and constructive, while acknowledging “deep differences.”
- Hunter Biden, the surviving son of the President, has agreed to plead guilty to two misdemeanor offenses relating to his filing of income taxes and will avoid prosecution on a gun charge.
- A ProPublica report alleged that Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito did not disclose a luxury trip he took with billionaire Paul Singer, nor did he recuse himself from cases the businessman later had in front of the court.
May 2023 Events by Week

May, Week 1 (4/27-5/3)
- The Commerce Department said that the gross domestic product grew at an annual rate of 1.1% in the first quarter — down from 2.6% in late 2022.
- JP Morgan Chase has purchased First Republic Bank after it was closed by California regulators and placed in receivership.
- Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen warned lawmakers that unless the debt ceiling is raised soon, the federal government may not have enough money to pay its bills as early as June 1.
- The latest U.S. history scores from eighth graders are the lowest recorded since testing began in 1994, and this year marked the first-ever drop in Civics.
- The Federal Reserve raised interest rates by another quarter percentage point on Wednesday, extending its 14-month crackdown on stubborn inflation.

May, Week 2 (5/4-5/10)
- Former Proud Boys Chairman Enrique Tarrio and three other members of the far-right group were convicted on seditious conspiracy charges stemming from the January 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol siege.
- U.S. employers added 253,000 jobs in April, more than forecasters were expecting. The unemployment rate dropped to 3.4%, matching the lowest rate in more than half a century.
- The Head of the World Health Organization announced that COVID-19 is no longer a global emergency.
- On Tuesday (5/9), a Manhattan jury did not find former President Trump guilty of rape but did find him guilty of sexual abuse and defamation. The jury said he should pay writer E. Jean Carroll five million dollars.
- On Wednesday (5/10), congressman George Santos was arrested and charged with 13 counts of criminal wrongdoing at a federal courthouse in Islip, New York. He pled not guilty.

May, Week 3 (5/11-5/17)
- Coal and gas-fired power plants would have to eliminate nearly all their climate-warming carbon dioxide emissions in just a little over a decade, under proposed regulations issued by the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Twitter owner Elon Musk has named Linda Yaccarino, the former head of advertising at NBCUniversal, as the next CEO of the social media platform.
- Nearly three years after the murder of George Floyd, Minneapolis and the state of Minnesota say a negotiated agreement will change how Minneapolis police operate.
- On Sunday (5/14), Turkey President Erdogan fails to get a clear majority in the election, requiring a runoff contest in two weeks.
- The CEO of OpenAI, the company behind ChatGPT, went before a Senate subcommittee and strongly called for regulation of artificial intelligence.

May, Week 4 (5/18-5/24)
- Montana became the first state to ban the popular social media app TikTok due to concerns about people's user data being compromised by the Chinese government. On Monday (5/22), TikTok filed a lawsuit against the planned ban.
- On Sunday (5/21), Ukraine President Zelenskyy spoke to G-7 leaders in Hiroshima and secured more aid to counter Russian attacks.
- The seven Colorado River states announce a breakthrough water sharing deal with California, Arizona, and Nevada agreeing to cut their water use by well over a third.
- Florida Governor Ron DeSantis officially announced he is running for President in 2024, but the launch ended up as more of a crash landing. The Republican candidate's conversation with Elon Musk on Twitter began with 20 minutes of technical failures.
- On Wednesday (5/24), rock and roll icon Tina Turner died in her home in Switzerland after a long illness. She was 83.
April 2023 Events by Week

April, Week 1 (3/30-4/5)
- The Turkish parliament has approved Finland’s request to join NATO. Sweden’s application has been blocked by Turkey and Hungary.
- Tornadoes and severe storms struck swaths of the U.S. South and Midwest on Friday (3/31) and Saturday (4/1).
- The FDA approves the overdose reversing drug Narcan for over-the-counter sales without a prescription.
- On Tuesday (4/4), former President Trump surrendered to authorities in Manhattan. He was charged with 34 counts of falsifying business records in the first degree, marking the first time a former President has been charged with a crime.
- Chicago elected progressive Democrat Brandon Johnson as mayor.
- In Wisconsin, Democrats scored a major off-year election victory, winning the state’s open Supreme Court seat and flipping control of the court to liberals for the first time in 15 years.

April, Week 2 (4/6-4/12)
- Tennessee’s Republican controlled House voted to expel two Black Democrats who participated in a gun control protest on the House floor.
- Hiring slowed a bit in March, as U.S. employers added 236,000 jobs. The unemployment rate dropped to 3.5%, as nearly half a million people joined the workforce.
- On Friday (4/7), a Texas judge suspended the FDA’s approval of an abortion drug, the same day that a court in Washington State blocked the FDA from taking the drug off the market.
- On Tuesday (4/11), President Biden began a three-day visit to Ireland to honor the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday agreement, which ended the political violence.
- Both Democrats expelled from the Tennessee House were reinstated, Justin Jones on Monday (4/10) and Justin Pearson on Wednesday (4/12).

April, Week 3 (4/13-4/19)
- A 21-year-old air National Guardsman was arrested and appeared in a Boston federal court. He is accused of leaking a trove of U.S. intelligence documents and he is expected to face charges under the Espionage Act.
- Late Saturday night (4/15), a mass shooting occurred at a sweet 16 birthday party in Dadeville, Alabama. Four people were killed and 28 were injured.
- In Sudan, a battle between the country’s military and the Rapid Support Forces paramilitary group have killed more than a hundred civilians in the capital Khartoum.
- On Tuesday (4/18), Fox News averted a defamation trial by settling with Dominion Voting Systems for nearly $740 million. The voting-tech company sued Fox for falsehoods it broadcast after the 2020 presidential election.
- California Senator Diane Feinstein is facing pressure from fellow Democrats to resign. The 89-year-old has not voted since February as she recovers from a diagnosis of shingles.

April, Week 4 (4/20-4/26)
- SpaceX’s new Starship launched from Texas on a test flight. Four minutes into the mission, it tumbled and exploded. No one was on board the rocket, which is the largest and most powerful ever built.
- On Friday night (4/21), the U.S. Supreme Court blocked lower court decisions banning or limiting access to the abortion pill mifepristone. The medication will remain widely available while the case works its way through an appeals court.
- The U.S. Embassy staff was airlifted out of Sudan and arrangements are being made for other Americans to evacuate.
- On Monday (4/24), Fox News announced that prime-time star Tucker Carlson has left the network.
- Chief Justice John Roberts released a letter to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Dick Durbin, declining his invitation to testify about the ethical standards maintained by the Supreme Court.
March 2023 Events by Week

March, Week 1 (3/2-3/8)
- Attorney General Merrick Garland made a surprise visit to Ukraine to attend a war crimes conference.
- Nearly 200 United Nation member countries have agreed on a treaty to protect oceans.
- American credit card debt is at a record high, climbing nearly 19% in the fourth quarter of 2022.
- Labor unions in France have protested President Macron’s plan to raise the retirement age from 62 to 64.
- A Justice Department report following the police killing of Breonna Taylor found a pattern of civil right violations in its investigation of the Louisville police department.
- On Wednesday (3/8), the U.S. has over 104 million cases of COVID-19 and 1,123,303 deaths. Worldwide: 676.4 million cases and 6,880,330 deaths.

March, Week 2 (3/9-3/15)
- President Biden rolled out a $6.9 billion budget proposal with a speech in Philadelphia. Taxing the rich and large corporations is a major feature.
- The Labor Department said employers added 311,000 jobs in February. The unemployment rate rose to 3.6% from 3.4% in January as more than 400,000 people joined the workforce.
- On Friday (3/10), after three years of tracking COVID-19 around the world, the Johns Hopkins University of Medicine released their final totals: The U.S. has just over 104 million cases and 1,123,836 deaths. Worldwide: 676.6 million cases and 6,881,955 deaths.
- A levee broke on the Pajaro River in Monterey County, California, along the central coast, causing massive flooding. In the northwest corner of the state, Humboldt County is hit with two feet of snow.
- The Biden administration approved the controversial Willow Oil drilling project on Alaska’s north slope.
- On Wednesday (3/15), stocks tumbled as fears grew that the banking turmoil sparked by the recent collapse of U.S. Banks will widen and spread globally.

March, Week 3 (3/16-3/22)
- The Biden administration is demanding Chinese-owned TikTok be sold, or the popular video app could face a ban in the U.S. White House officials have grown increasingly concerned about the safety of Americans’ data on the app used by more than 100 million Americans.
- Over the weekend, former President Trump said he will be arrested on Tuesday in Manhattan, but that did not occur.
- China’s leader Xi Jinping visited Moscow to show support for President Putin and probed possible steps toward peace in Ukraine.
- On Tuesday (3/21), hundreds of thousands of students stayed home as the union representing bus drivers and support staff for the Los Angeles Unified School District began a three-day strike.
- On Wednesday (3/22), the Federal Reserve raised interest rates for the ninth time in a row, opting to continue its campaign against high inflation.

March, Week 4 (3/23-3/29)
- On Friday (3/24), a rare long-track tornado struck parts of Mississippi and Alabama overnight, killing at least 25 people and leaving thousands without power.
- The International Monetary Fund has agreed to loan Ukraine $15.6 billion, the first time the IMF loans money to a country at war.
- On Saturday (3/25), former President Trump held a rally in Waco, Texas, kicking off his presidential campaign. He said the U.S. is turning into a “banana republic.”
- After three months of protests and a nationwide labor strike on Monday (3/27), Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has put the brakes on his plan to take some control over the judiciary.
- On Monday (3/27) in Nashville, three nine-year old children and three adults are dead in a school shooting.

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February 2023 Events by Week

February, Week 1 (2/2-2/8)

- The Labor Department says U.S. employers added 517,000 jobs in January, the strongest job gains since last summer. The unemployment rate fell to the lowest level in over 53 years.
- On Saturday (2/4): The U.S. military shot down a Chinese spy balloon in the Atlantic Ocean just off the coast of South Carolina.
- An earthquake hit southeast Turkey on Sunday (2/5) night with a magnitude of 7.8. Buildings collapsed in an area that spans 200 miles around the epicenter. The confirmed death toll is over 11,000 people.
- On Tuesday night (2/7), President Biden delivered his State of the Union address. He bashed the right for threatening to cut Medicare and Social Security and got both parties to stand on police reform.
- On Wednesday (2/8): The U.S. has 102.7 million cases of COVID-19 and 1,113,236 deaths. Worldwide: Over 672.2 million cases and 6,848,604 deaths.

February, Week 2 (2/9-2/15)

- The inflation rate for January is 6.4%, down slightly from 6.5% the previous month. The costs of housing, food, and gas all rose.
- On Sunday (2/12), the Kansas City Chiefs defeated the Philadelphia Eagles 38-35 in the Super Bowl held in Glendale, Arizona as they kicked a field goal with eight seconds remaining in the game.
- On Monday (2/13), a 43-year-old man shot and killed three students at Michigan State University and five more people were hospitalized for their injuries. The suspect also died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.
- In a video posted on Twitter, former United Nations ambassador Nikki Haley, a Republican, announced she is running for President.
- The special counsel investigating Trump’s role in the January 6th attacks subpoenaed former Vice President Pence.
- On Wednesday (2/15): The U.S. has 102.9 million cases of COVID-19 and 1,115,564 deaths. Worldwide: 673.4 million cases and 6,857,334 deaths.

February, Week 3 (2/16-2/22)

- Pennsylvania Senator John Fetterman admitted himself to Walter Reed hospital for treatment of clinical depression.
- Former President Jimmy Carter, who is 98, has chosen to spend his final days at his Georgia home in hospice care.
- On the Presidents’ Day Holiday (2/20), President Biden made an unannounced visit to Kyiv to meet with Ukraine President Zelenskyy and announced a half a billion dollars of assistance.
- In Warsaw on Tuesday (2/21), on the one-year anniversary of the war in Ukraine, President Biden gave a speech about the West’s resolve for support. At the same, Russian President Putin gave a State of the Union type address in Moscow.
- On Wednesday (2/22): The U.S. has 103.3 million cases of COVID-19 and 1,118,719 deaths. Worldwide: 674.5 million cases and 6,866,074 deaths.

February, Week 4 (2/23-3/1)

- Chinese officials released a position paper calling for a cease fire for the war in Ukraine.
- A coalition of Democratic state attorney generals is suing the FDA, accusing the agency of excessively regulating the abortion pill mifepristone.
- Media magnate Rupert Murdoch said in a deposition that the Fox News stars endorsed lies about the 2020 election, and he chose not to stop them.
- On Tuesday (2/28), Chicago voters resoundingly rejected Mayor Lori Lightfoot’s reelection bid. The two top vote getters are Paul Voller, a former CEO of the city school district, and Brandon Johnson, a Cook County commissioner. The runoff is April 4.
- On Wednesday (3/1), the U.S. has 103.7 million cases of COVID-19 and 1,120,671 deaths. Worldwide: 675.4 million cases and 6,873,080 deaths.

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January 2023 Events by Week

January, Week 1 (1/5-1/11)
- Hurricane force winds and heavy rain left more than 100,000 people in Northern California without power.
- U.S. employers add 223,000 jobs in December and the unemployment rate fell to just 3.5%, matching the lowest level in half a century.
- Early Saturday (1/7) morning, Kevin McCarthy was elected Speaker of the House after 15 votes and days of negotiations.
- Supporters of former President Jair Bolsonaro stormed Brazil’s Congress building and Presidential offices in scenes that echo the January 6th event in Washington D.C.
- More storms in California cause evacuations in parts of Santa Barbara, Montecito, and Carpinteria due to fear of mudslides.
- On Wednesday (1/11): The U.S. has over 101.5 million cases of COVID-19 and 1,098,512 deaths. Worldwide: 665.6 million cases and 6,714,251 deaths.

January, Week 2 (1/12-1/18)
- The consumer price index fell 0.1% between November and December largely due to falling gasoline prices.
- On Thursday (1/12): A large and powerful tornado hit central Alabama in the afternoon killing six people and leaving behind extensive damage.
- A Manhattan judge ordered two companies owned by former President Donald Trump to pay $1.6 million in penalties.
- Attorney General Garland appointed a special counsel to probe President Biden’s potential mishandling of classified documents.
- Over the weekend California is placed on flood alert again amid severe rainstorms. At least 19 people have died across the state and damages are in the hundreds of millions of dollars.
- President Biden visited Atlanta on Sunday (1/13), the day before the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, and spoke at Ebenezer Baptist Church where King was once pastor.
- On Wednesday (1/18): The U.S. has over 101.8 million cases of COVID-19 and 1,102,286 deaths. Worldwide: 667.9 million cases and 6,729,522 deaths.

January, Week 3 (1/19-1/25)
- After eight months of investigations, the Supreme Court says it still does not know who leaked the draft decision that overturned Roe vs. Wade.
- New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern surprised her country and the world by announcing she will resign. She has served in this role since 2017.
- The U.S. reached its debt ceiling, and the Treasury Department does some fancy footwork to keep the country afloat until June.
- Two mass shootings in California: On Sunday (1/22), eleven people are shot while celebrating the Lunar New Year in a Monterey Park dance hall and on Monday (1/23), seven people are killed at a plant nursery and mushroom farm in Half Moon Bay.
- The U.S. and Germany both changed course and have promised to send state-of-the-art western tanks to the Ukraine military.
- On Wednesday (1/25): The U.S. has just over 102 million cases of COVID-19 and 1,106,142 deaths. Worldwide: 669.5 million cases and 6,790,177 deaths.

January, Week 4 (1/26-2/1)
- Five Black ex-Memphis police officers were jailed and charged with murder in the death of motorist Tyre Nichols. The video was released Friday (1/27) and sparked protests in Memphis.
- The U.S. economy grew 2.9% in the fourth quarter of 2022. However, a recent survey found most business forecasters still think a recession is likely this year.
- Secretary of State Blinken visited Jerusalem and called for calm as violence continues between Israel and Palestine.
- President Biden and House speaker Kevin McCarthy met at the White House and talked about the debt ceiling.
- On Wednesday (2/1), the funeral for Tyre Nichols was held in Memphis. Speakers included Vice President Kamala Harris and the Reverend Al Sharpton.
- On Wednesday (2/1): The U.S. has over 102.4 million cases of COVID-19 and 1,109,591 deaths. Worldwide: Just shy of 671 million cases and 6,835,266 deaths.