



Week in Review

Friday, June 15

- A federal judge ordered former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort [to jail](#) to await trial, citing witness-tampering charges lodged by Special Counsel Robert Mueller.
- The Trump administration [announced](#) that it will move forward on imposing \$50 billion worth of tariffs on Chinese products. Shortly after, China's Ministry of Commerce announced its own retaliatory tariffs on American products that would be "of the same scale."
- In a wide-ranging, [hour-long exchange](#) with reporters on the White House lawn, President Trump said he [won't sign](#) a "moderate" immigration bill put forth by House GOP leaders. Lawmakers are expected to vote on immigration legislation next week.
- About 2,000 children [have been separated](#) from their families at the U.S.-Mexico border from April 19 through May 31, according to Department of Homeland Security figures obtained by the Associated Press.
- The Democratic National Committee [announced](#) that its next presidential nominating convention will take place from July 13–16, 2020.

Monday, June 18

- During a meeting of the National Space Council, President Trump [ordered the Pentagon](#) to create a "space force," which would be the sixth branch of the U.S. military.
- Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen [defended](#) the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" immigration policy amid mounting pressure from Democrats and Republicans to stop the separation of families at the U.S.-Mexico border. Trump also [chimed in](#), again blaming Democrats for the unfolding crisis.

- The administration continued to receive pushback over its “zero tolerance” policy: A growing number of GOP lawmakers condemned the policy and called for legislation to address it. All 49 Democratic senators [signed onto a bill](#) prohibiting the separation of children from their families at the border, except in specific instances. California Senator Kamala Harris also went a step further—[calling on](#) Nielsen to resign.
- During a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz [defended his review](#) of the FBI investigation into Hillary Clinton’s private email server, saying there was no “documentary evidence” of political bias.
- The Supreme Court [avoided ruling](#) on two major cases dealing with partisan gerrymandering in Wisconsin and Maryland, allowing the current district maps to be used in November’s midterm elections.

Tuesday, June 19

- President Trump [again defended](#) his administration’s “zero tolerance” policy ahead of [a meeting with Republicans](#) on Capitol Hill Tuesday evening to discuss immigration.
- Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell [told reporters](#) that his Republican colleagues support legislation to end the practice of separating families at the border, adding that a bill “would need to be a narrow agreement to fix the problem we all agree needs to be fixed.”
- Joe Hagin, the White House deputy chief of staff for operations who led the planning for Trump’s meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, has [resigned](#).
- UN Ambassador Nikki Haley [announced](#) that the U.S. will withdraw from the UN Human Rights Council.
- Voters in the nation’s capital [are heading to the polls](#) for the D.C. primary election, where the mayor, attorney general, and several lawmakers are up for reelection. Polls close at 8 p.m. ET.

Wednesday, June 20

- President Trump [signed](#) an executive order he said would end his administration’s policy of separating families at the border, but it could face court challenges over portions that direct the Department of Homeland Security to hold families indefinitely.
- Republican lawmakers [still plan to vote](#) on two immigration bills tomorrow.

- Michael Cohen, Trump's longtime personal lawyer, [resigned](#) from his post as deputy finance chair of the Republican National Committee's Finance Committee, citing Special Counsel Robert Mueller's ongoing investigation.
- Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has reportedly [approved](#) a plan to spend \$80 million to boost Democratic candidates in the 2018 midterm elections.
- Trump [will hold a rally](#) in Duluth, Minnesota, starting at 7:30 p.m. ET to support Republican congressional candidate Pete Stauber, who is running in a highly contested district.

Thursday, June 21

- The White House will [propose](#) merging the Education and Labor departments into one federal agency.
 - The Foundation for Accountability and Civic Trust (FACT) cites Sen. Claire McCaskill's (D-MO) 2017 financial disclosure as cause to conduct a [Senate Ethics Committee investigation](#) into her use of a private plane owned by her husband's company. The disclosure shows that she reported less than \$201 of income from said plane.
 - Environmental advocacy group Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility released data showing EPA [has lost a tenth](#) of its criminal investigators since the 2016 election
 - An immigrant detained at a federal prison complex in California has been [diagnosed with chickenpox](#). The facility released a statement saying that officials are "taking the necessary precautionary measures" to protect the staff, inmates and surrounding community.
 - The Kremlin [announced](#) that President Trump's national security adviser John Bolton is set to visit Russia.
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Top Stories: Visualized

1. [Key takeaways from the June 12 primaries](#) — What are the major trends coming out of the June 12 primaries in NV, ME, VA, ND and SC?

Key takeaways from the primary elections in Virginia, Maine, South Carolina, North Dakota and Nevada

- 1 **Loyalty to Trump plays a major role in Republican primaries**
 - Trump campaigned through Twitter against incumbent Rep. Mark Sanford (R-SC), a frequent critic of the president, who lost his reelection bid to a vocal Trump supporter
 - Corey Stewart, a vocal Trump supporter, defeated more moderate candidates to win the Republican Senate primary in Virginia
- 2 **Democratic incumbents in Trump states downplay attacks on the president**
 - Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) is highlighting her work on a banking deregulation bill she cosponsored and Trump signed, and she has voted for some controversial nominees
- 3 **Maine tested a new “ranked-choice” voting system**
 - Voters rank their top choices and, if any candidate does not receive an outright majority, the last place finisher’s votes will be redistributed to his/her voters’ second choice, and so on
 - Approved by ballot initiative in 2016
- 4 **Democrats look to flip governor seats ahead of 2020 Census**
 - Six Republican-held governorships are considered “Toss Up” races (FL, IL, IA, ME, MI & NV)
 - Only two of those seats have an incumbent running (IA & IL)

2. [Charlie Cook’s 2018 Look Ahead: House](#) — What are the prospects for Republicans maintaining their majority in the House of Representatives?

House Republicans are defending 83 competitive seats to only 14 competitive Democratic seats

Cook Political Report ratings

COMPETITIVE 2018 HOUSE RACES

■ Democrat held seats ■ Republican held seats



3. [US-China trade dispute](#) — A timeline of the trade dispute between the US and China

Timeline of the US-China trade dispute



Hotline: Overlooked

Will the Youngin's Turn Out?: Gen Xers, Millennials, and post-Millennials accounted for 53 percent of the eligible electorate in the 2014 midterms but cast 21 million fewer votes than members of the Boomers, Silent, and Greatest generations, [Pew Research](#) reported. However, the number eligible voters from the younger three generations has increased by 18 million since 2014.

Time Is Running Out: With less than five months until Election Day, just 33 states have applied for their portion of the \$380 million in federal funding that Congress appropriated to improve election security, [NPR](#) reported.

What Makes a Wave: A new report by [Ballotpedia](#) attempts to objectively define a wave election by setting the parameters at within 20 percent of the most seats to change hands in the 50 even-year elections over the last 100 years. By that definition, a 2018 wave against the president's

party would require Republicans to lose 48 House seats, seven Senate seats, seven governor seats, and 494 state legislative seats.

Low and Outside: Rep. Dana Rohrabacher's (R-CA 48) 30.3 percent take on June 5 was the [second-worst](#) primary showing of any House incumbent in the state since the top-two system was instituted six years ago—behind former Rep. Gary Miller's 27 percent in 2012, when redistricting handed him an entirely new constituency. Other Republicans on the ballot with Rohrabacher received a collective 22.7 percent.

Hotline: Quotes of the Week

"We were playing even with them until the coach took out Scalise." — Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL), on Republicans losing 21-5 in the Congressional Baseball Game, [Roll Call](#), 6/14.

"By the way, my name ID is coming up because he keeps repeating it so much." — Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL), on getting outspent on the air by Florida Gov. Rick Scott (R), [Miami Herald](#), 6/18.

"The whole thing is a hot mess." — Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA), on the administration's border policy of separating families, [Politico](#), 6/18.

"If those two wells make sure he keeps his job and I lose my progressive bona fides ... so be it." — PA LG nominee John Fetterman (D), [Washington Post](#), 6/19

Look Ahead

Tuesday, June 26

ENERGY HEARING: The House Committee on Natural Resources holds a hearing titled, "[Legislative Hearing on Offshore Renewable Energy Opportunities](#)."

ELECTION INTERFERENCE HEARING: The Senate Committee on the Judiciary holds a hearing titled, "[Protecting Our Elections: Examining Shell Companies and Virtual Currencies as Avenues for Foreign Interference](#)."

TECHNOLOGY HEARING: The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology holds a hearing titled, "[Artificial Intelligence With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility](#)."

Wednesday, June 27

GOVERNMENT REFORM HEARING: The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform holds a hearing titled, "[Examining the Administration's Government-wide Reorganization Plan](#)."

SMALL BUSINESS HEARING: The House Committee on Small Business holds a hearing titled, "[ZTE: A Threat to America's Small Businesses](#)."

HEALTH CARE HEARING: The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions holds a hearing titled, "[How to Reduce Health Care Costs: Understanding the Cost of Health Care in America](#)."

Thursday, June 28

NATIONAL SECURITY HEARING: The House Committee on the Judiciary holds a hearing titled, "[Reauthorization of the Debbie Smith Act](#)."