**The situation in the morning**

**Biden is betting on America, Trump on the courts**

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Dear reader, good morning,

Today we are dealing with the US election, the consequences of Trumpism, the Bundeswehr in the corona crisis and Sahra Wagenknecht.

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**Only one state is missing in Biden**

Welcome to day 2 after the US elections. Joe Biden is a good 3.5 million ahead of Trump in the *popular vote* with around 72 million votes, **breaking Barack Obama's record** - never before in US history has a presidential candidate won more votes than Biden this year.

Candidate Biden, wife Jill Biden

Photo: Andrew Harnik / dpa

Only: As is well known, the total number of votes does not matter, it has not yet been determined who will be at the fore in America in the future. **But you may not have to wait another day for** the last postal votes to be counted in Pennsylvania.

Because Biden only needs one state to win - and as things stand, that no longer has to be Pennsylvania .

Voilà, **a few numbers** for breakfast:

* If Biden's narrow lead in **Arizona** holds - and it can be assumed at this point in time - then the challenger currently has **264 votes** in the electoral college. Only 6 are missing from the majority. Trump currently comes to **214** .
* The southern state of **Georgia** (16 votes) and **Nevada** in the west (6) could soon declare a winner. In Nevada, Biden is just ahead, in Georgia, Trump's lead is melting - and the postal votes to be counted tend to be for Biden.
* Then the big prize: **Pennsylvania** (20), where Biden was born 77 years ago. If Trump wins Georgia, Nevada and North Carolina (15), then it would be 264 to 251 for Biden - and in Pennsylvania the election would be decided, but possibly not until Friday. Trump is currently ahead there with around 200,000 votes, but hundreds of thousands of postal votes are still missing, for example from the Pittsburgh region, and they are - you guessed it - the majority in favor of Biden.
* [US election 2020: Joe Biden still needs a state](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=de&prev=_t&sl=de&tl=en&u=https://www.spiegel.de/ausland/us-wahl-2020-joe-biden-braucht-noch-einen-staat-zum-sieg-a-d4f3eb3e-e6cd-434d-b911-2542be743ad5)

**And what about Trump?**

Since the president declared his victory against his better judgment on election night and he has now already lost decisive states (Wisconsin, Michigan), he has been looking for **alternative ways to win the election** through the courts.

President Trump

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Our US correspondent [Roland Nelles comments aptly](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=de&prev=_t&sl=de&tl=en&u=https://www.spiegel.de/ausland/trumps-vorschnelle-siegeserklaerung-der-antidemokrat-a-37092f3f-7160-456b-905c-396c6b2ffb30) : "It all seems like **the plot of a second-rate autocrat** who needs a fallback position to arguably anticipate a possible defeat. One wonders: What is that supposed to mean? Why can't the man just wait and see honestly Win wisely - or lose? "

Yeah what's that supposed to

In Georgia, for example, where he is just in the lead, Trump is suing for a count stop. Reason: According to one observer, **53 late-arriving ballots** in a municipality were added to the pile of voting papers that had arrived on time. In Pennsylvania, Trump's people want the count to be suspended until their election observers are supposed to have better access. In Wisconsin, Team Trump is calling for a recount due to the tight election result. And so on.

* [Will US Courts Stop Counting? "Trump's announcement is roaring"](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=de&prev=_t&sl=de&tl=en&u=https://www.spiegel.de/ausland/us-wahl-donald-trumps-ankuendigung-ist-getoese-der-yale-jurist-samuel-moyn-im-interview-a-4af39789-c210-4b07-88c6-d7acf00fe00c)

**What will happen to Trumpism?**

Whether Trump loses or not, the hatred and division he has sown in this country will continue to flourish. **Because it is fertile soil** . Trump is only a symptom of the precarious situation in which the former leading power of the West finds itself.

If after four years with a racist and a liar in the White House nearly 70 million Americans vote for this person - what does that say about the state of the country? Again: **Trump won votes compared to 2016 - not lost** .

The publicist Paul Krugman noted that Biden always spoke of the Americans being different from Trump and his politics ("that's not who we are"). But it had to mean: The majority of Americans are not like that - and Biden will be just five percentage points ahead of the overall votes in the end. **"It shows,"** says Krugman, **"that many of us are like that."** Like Trump.

* [Destiny Protocol: America on a Day That Will Change the World](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=de&prev=_t&sl=de&tl=en&u=https://www.spiegel.de/ausland/us-wahl-amerika-am-tag-der-die-welt-veraendern-wird-reportage-a-8ecaf565-6347-494b-99f5-3eba3f9717ed)

**Antiviral combat mission**

The Bundeswehr is informing today about its anti-corona mission. Martin Schelleis, Lieutenant General of the Air Force with the military-prosaic title of "National Territorial Commander", is responsible for the around 15,000 soldiers who can help fight the Corona in Germany - if they are asked.

Soldiers help track corona infection chains in the Hanover region

Photo: Julian Stratenschulte / Julian Stratenschulte / picture alliance / dpa

Indeed, the military is desperately needed. The Robert Koch Institute (RKI) has received more than three dozen bottleneck reports from health authorities. According to the Ministry of Defense, 5,350 soldiers are currently on duty, helping with contact tracking at the offices or the corona tests.

Most recently, even the **Berlin problem district of Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg has** given up resistance to a deployment of the Bundeswehr. The district superiors, who were hard hit by the second wave (7-day incidence: 245), have been receiving help since Wednesday. The left and the green had prevented that for weeks. Now medical soldiers should cut back.

**What does Sahra Wagenknecht actually do?**

You can no longer really work with her, but also not without her: The Left and her political star Sahra Wagenknecht **have become estranged** , a year **ago** the 51-year-old resigned from the parliamentary group chairmanship. Wagenknecht's central accusation paraphrased: **The Left cares too much about city hipsters and gender stars and too little about workers and the unemployed.**

Left-wing politician Wagenknecht

Photo: Britta Pedersen / dpa

Last weekend, her eternal opponent Katja Kipping should have been replaced as party leader. But the party conference planned in Erfurt had to be postponed due to Corona. The designated new chairmen - Janine Wissler and Susanne Henning-Wellsow - are not, however, considered Wagenknecht buddies. So what to do

"What role can, should and they still want to play in a party in which still hardly anyone can keep up with their popularity before most of which they alienated but obvious?", My colleagues Kevin Hagen and Jonas Schaible ask today **in a profound piece about Sahra Wagenknecht** and her party, which I would like to recommend to you.

* [Left-wing politician Wagenknecht: The Sahra factor](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=de&prev=_t&sl=de&tl=en&u=https://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/sahra-wagenknecht-und-die-linke-star-im-schatten-a-0a6d42d4-aa00-4e20-a82c-a85e4fca106e)

**Winner of the day ...**

... is the CDU member of the Bundestag **Elisabeth Motschmann** . As a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, she clearly condemned Trump's attempts to stop a democratic election: "President Donald Trump's hasty declaration of victory is illegal and dangerous. **It is an ultimate attack on the very core of democracy: the election** ."

Your party **friend** and **CDU chairman Friedrich Merz** behaves differently. The appeal to stay out can be heard from him. But Motschmann is of course right. This is about the core of democracy. Without free choice everything is nothing.

**The latest news from the night**

* **"My short-term memory is over":** Michael J. Fox is open about his Parkinson's disease - now he has spoken about recent health setbacks. [His memory has suffered considerably. But he still has a hobby](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=de&prev=_t&sl=de&tl=en&u=https://www.spiegel.de/panorama/leute/michael-j-fox-schauspieler-spricht-ueber-verlust-von-kurzzeitgedaechtnis-a-dbf76c54-79c7-4721-83ca-7bb7385eff1c)
* **First full throttle, then overdrive:** With three goals, Borussia Dortmund decided the game at Club Bruges after only half an hour. This enabled the team to save energy - [they will need it on Saturday against FC Bayern](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=de&prev=_t&sl=de&tl=en&u=https://www.spiegel.de/sport/fussball/borussia-dortmund-siegt-in-der-champions-league-schnell-erledigt-kraft-gespart-a-fef85133-185d-451b-9713-700bb93f8831)
* **Children's doors, tilting technology, feeding bowls for the dog:** cargo bikes are becoming more and more sophisticated - and more powerful. The segment is also booming because of the corona pandemic. [Manufacturers are offering many new models for 2021](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=de&prev=_t&sl=de&tl=en&u=https://www.spiegel.de/auto/fahrberichte/lastenrad-boom-die-cargobike-neuheiten-fuer-2021-a-b6a72088-1640-436a-8b7a-532f1f48f162)