

Rise in Killings
By Police Dims
Floyd’s Legacy

Reform Promises After
2020 Murder Fade

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After a police officer killed George Floyd on a Minneapolis street corner in 2020, millions of people flooded the streets of American cities demanding an end to brutal police tactics that too often proved fatal to those in custody.

Yet five years later, despite the largest racial justice protests since the civil rights era of the 1960s and a wave of measures to improve training and hold officers more accountable, the number of people killed by the police continues to rise each year, and Black Americans still die in disproportionate numbers.

Last year, the police killed at least 1,226 people, an 18 percent increase over 2019, the year before Mr. Floyd was killed, according to an analysis by The New York Times drawing on data compiled by The Washington Post and the nonprofit Mapping Police Violence. The vast majority of such cases have been shootings, and the vast majority of the people killed were reported to be armed. But police officers, as in the past, also killed people who had no weapon at all, some in the same manner as Mr. Floyd: pinned down by an officer and yelling, “I can’t breathe.”

Among them was Frank Tyson, an unarmed Black man in Canton, Ohio, who uttered Mr. Floyd’s famous words last year before dying when he was wrestled to the ground in a bar by police officers. This happened even though police departments around the country, especially in the aftermath of Mr. Floyd’s murder, have known about the dangers of asphyxiation when keeping a suspect in the prone position. (Two officers were charged with homicide in Mr. Tyson’s death.)

Derek Chauvin, the officer who knelt on Mr. Floyd’s neck for more than nine minutes as he gasped for air, was convicted and sentenced to prison, along with three other officers who were on the scene. But even as the number of police killings has risen in the years since, it has remained exceedingly rare for officers to be charged with crimes for those deaths.

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A Visionary Documentary Photographer

Sebastião Salgado of Brazil was known for his powerful images of nature and the human condition, like these workers toiling in a gold mine in Pará, Brazil. He died at 81. Page A16.

Israeli Strikes Said to Kill 7 of a Doctor’s Children

By AARON BOXERMAN and RAWAN SHEIKH AHMAD

JERUSALEM — It began on Friday afternoon with an immense boom that residents say reverberated throughout the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis.

Alaa al-Najjar, a pediatric physician, was at work at the city’s Nasser Hospital when she heard her neighborhood south of the city had been hit in an Israeli airstrike. By the time she arrived, emergency workers were pulling out the bodies of her children, said Ali

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al-Najjar, her brother-in-law, who had also rushed to the scene.

“We had pulled out three charred bodies and were pulling out the fourth,” Mr. al-Najjar said. “She recognized them immediately.”

At least seven of the Najjar family’s 10 children were killed, according to Gaza health officials

and the family. Two remained missing, presumed dead under the rubble of their home, according to Ali al-Najjar and Mohammad al-Najjar, the nephew of Dr. Najjar’s husband.

The building next door had been used to store car tires, Ali al-Najjar said, and they went up in flames in the blast. The fire quickly spread to the Najjars’ home, he said.

They were the latest casualties in a renewed round of fighting between Israel and Hamas after

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Trump Blares Profits,
Eliciting Barely a Peep

Family Moves Line for Accepted Behavior

By PETER BAKER

WASHINGTON — When Hillary Clinton was first lady, a furor erupted over reports that she had once made \$100,000 from a \$1,000 investment in cattle futures. Even though it had happened a dozen years before her husband became president, it became a scandal that lasted weeks and forced the White House to initiate a review.

Thirty-one years later, after dinner at Mar-a-Lago, Jeff Bezos agreed to finance a promotional film about Melania Trump that will reportedly put \$28 million directly in her pocket — 280 times the Clinton lucre and in this case from a person with a vested interest in policies set by her husband’s government. Scandal? Furor? Washington moved on while barely taking notice.

The Trumps are hardly the first presidential family to profit from their time in power, but they have done more to monetize the presidency than anyone who has ever occupied the White House. The scale and the scope of the presidential mercantilism has been breathtaking. The Trump family and its business partners have collected \$320 million in fees from a new cryptocurrency, brokered overseas real estate deals worth billions of dollars and are opening an exclusive club in Washington called the Executive Branch charging

\$500,000 apiece to join, all in the past few months alone.

Just last week, Qatar handed over a luxury jet meant for Mr. Trump’s use not just in his official capacity but also for his presidential library after he leaves office. Experts have valued the plane, formally donated to the Air Force, at \$200 million, more than all of the foreign gifts bestowed on all previous American presidents combined.

And Mr. Trump hosted an exclusive dinner at his Virginia club for 220 investors in the \$TRUMP cryptocurrency that he started days before taking office in January. Access was openly sold based on how much money they chipped in — not to a campaign account but to a business that benefits Mr. Trump personally.

By conventional Washington standards, according to students of official graft, the still-young Trump administration is a candidate for the most brazen use of government office in American history, perhaps eclipsing even Teapot Dome, Watergate and other famous scandals.

“I’ve been watching and writing about corruption for 50 years, and my head is still spinning,” said Michael Johnston, a professor emeritus at Colgate

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Firms Vowed Free Legal Work,
But Probably Not These Cases

This article is by Jessica Silver-Greenberg, Matthew Goldstein, Maggie Haberman and Michael S. Schmidt.

President Trump has tossed around many ideas about how elite law firms can fulfill their commitments to provide free legal work for causes he supports, among them fighting antisemitism, negotiating coal leases, hammering out trade deals and defending police officers accused of misconduct.

Greta Van Susteren, the conservative media personality and lawyer, had her own idea of how one of those elite firms, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, could make good on the pro bono promises. She wanted the large law firm to help a veteran sue a local Michigan judge.

So Ms. Van Susteren gave the head of Skadden’s pro bono prac-

tice a call about the 47-year-old veteran, who she said had been unfairly issued a protective order in his divorce proceeding that violated his civil rights.

Skadden, Ms. Van Susteren said, initially told her that it could not represent this person and later offered in an email to play “some sort of support role” in the case. The current Newsmax host, who formerly worked for Fox News, was not satisfied.

Ms. Van Susteren took to X, the social media site, to blast Skadden, calling it “disgraceful,” and tagged Mr. Trump.

“I was annoyed,” Ms. Van Susteren said in an interview. “I wanted them to actually help this veteran.”

Earlier this year, the Trump administration agreed to spare Skadden and eight other large law firms from executive orders that

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Qatar’s Push in Table Tennis Is Raising Questions

By HANNAH BEECH

In a near-empty venue in a near-empty patch of desert on the outskirts of Doha, Qatar’s capital, table tennis stars unfurled deadly slices and killer smashes last week as they vied to be crowned world champion.

Behind the scenes, another battle was playing out with just as much ferocity, as a wealthy Qatari businessman sought the presidency of the governing body of international table tennis, the latest example of Gulf interests trying to extend their influence over global sports.

For many, table tennis may evoke images of college dorms or suburban basements, but it is one of the world’s most popular sports and a growing commercial force, particularly in East Asia.

Interviews with dozens of the sport’s current and former officials and players have cast light on the rising power of Gulf nations



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A campaign to lead the sport’s global body is being investigated.

like Qatar and raised concerns about a history of bribery and lavish spending by Qatari officials, in table tennis and in other sports.

Last Monday, a Swiss whistleblower who has tangled with Khalil Al-Mohannadi, the Qatari

businessman who hopes to be elected president of the International Table Tennis Federation this week, was detained at the sport’s world championships in Doha.

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Citing the Sting of Stigma, Fetterman Reappears

By ANNIE KARNI

WASHINGTON — When Senator John Fetterman, Democrat of Pennsylvania, showed up at a hearing on May 8 with Sam Altman, the chief executive of OpenAI, his colleagues were surprised to see him. Until then, his chair on the dais of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee had sat empty all year.

But under intense scrutiny about his mental health and his ability to function in his job, Mr. Fetterman has been in damage control mode, attending hearings and votes that he had been routinely skipping over the past year. His colleagues, some of whom have privately described him as absent from the Senate and troubled when he is there, are trying to be supportive.

“Good thoughts, Senator Fetterman,” Senator Amy Klobuchar, Democrat of Minnesota, said encouragingly after Mr. Fetterman



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Senator John Fetterman has had big gaps in his attendance.

finished his turn questioning Mr. Altman.

Mr. Fetterman does not enjoy participating in these hearings that he has sat through in recent weeks as he seeks to prove that he is capable of performing the job he

was elected to do until 2028. In fact, at a critical moment for the country, he appears to have little interest in the day-to-day work of serving in the United States Senate.

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