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Voters count down to decision day

Abortion measures in 10 states could boost turnout — and change the rules

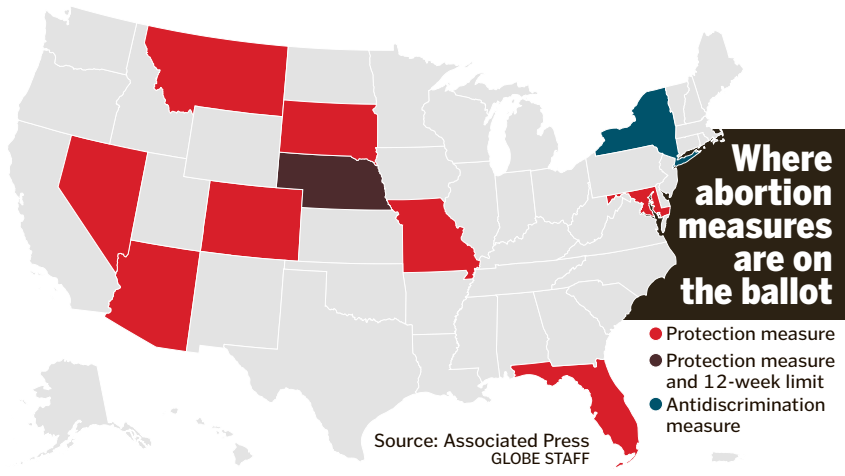
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The Supreme Court's 2022 decision that overturned Roe v. Wade, striking down constitutional protections for abortion, left the issue to individual states. The result has been a patchwork of laws and executive orders around the country that either restricted or expanded access to the

procedure, depending on the state.

Many Republican-led states opted to severely limit abortions, with some enacting laws that ban the procedure at just a few weeks, before many people know they are pregnant, or without exceptions in cases of rape or incest. By contrast, Democrat-led states, including Massachusetts, sought to

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Mass. has a leading role in N.H. governor's race

By Samantha J. Gross and Matt Stout
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MANCHESTER, N.H. — Kelly Ayotte has accused her Democratic rival of believing in a “Massachusetts model,” warned New Hampshire should not “go the way of Massachusetts” in housing migrant families, and pledged to keep the state from “turning into Massachusetts.”

Joyce Craig may be Ayotte's Democratic opponent in the New Hampshire governor's race. But Massachusetts, at least in the Republican nominee's telling, is the real boogeyman in the contest.

Be it on taxes, immigration, or housing, Ayotte has repeatedly pummeled New Hampshire's southern neighbor as a stand-in for Craig in what is rated as the country's only true gubernatorial tossup this election cycle.

The former US senator has built her campaign on a pitch of “Don't Mass. Up New Hampshire,” a derogatory nod to Massachusetts' reputation as a tax-and-spend state, implying it's a “model” Craig

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Activists encourage low-income citizens to cast ballots

By Katie Johnston
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On a rainy Saturday in early October, volunteers with the Poor People's Campaign, a national movement calling attention to the injustices of poverty, fanned out in Mattapan Square. Dressed in yellow and black and armed with flyers, the group sought out potential low-income voters

who are often ignored by election campaigns — and often don't vote.

On the sidewalk alongside Blue Hill Avenue, Jean Philippe Joseph said he had no plans to cast a ballot in an “unfair system.” Berline Bastien, a pharmacy tech student, told the volunteers she had just registered to vote: “I'm a Haitian, and they say Haitians eat dogs.” A man leaning

against a lamp post railed against the Electoral College but said he still planned to cast a ballot — even though he didn't think his vote would count.

The mobilization effort is part of a growing effort to show these votes do count. In Massachusetts, an estimated 1.3 million eligible voters live in households with incomes under \$50,000 — 23

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HAPPY GOLDEN HOURS

Renz Sabino took a photograph of some gulls perched on pilings during sunrise on Long Wharf in Boston on Friday. The unseasonably warm weather shifts a little more toward fall through the weekend. Details, **D5**.

Back in time

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour.



Job creation stalled in October, a month battered by strikes and hurricanes. **D1**.

Texas hospitals must ask patients whether they are in the United States legally and track the cost of treating people without legal status following an order by the governor. **A2**.

The Israeli military launched waves of deadly airstrikes across Lebanon and Gaza. **A4**.

A rake in the action

Saturday: Sunny, cooler. High: 56-61. Low: 36-41.

Sunday: Mostly sunny. High: 51-56. Low: 36-41. Sunrise: 7:19 Sunset: 5:36

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Trial reveals gender care dispute

In-person evaluations of minors seeking transition shortened at Boston Children's

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A trial involving one of Boston's premier hospitals is laying bare a sharp divide among specialists over how to evaluate minors seeking gender transition care.

The dispute centers around the shortened time psychologists at Boston Children's Hospital spend assessing patients in person before recommending medical interventions: two hours. Some clinicians contend that

is far too little time for an assessment that can open the door to powerful treatments, including puberty blockers and hormones that can help align a person's body with their gender identity. Others defend the shortened assessment time as reasonable given other information they gather about the child — and necessary in light of the growing caseload the hospital's gender clinic has faced in recent years.

“That is crazy in my mind,” said

Laura Edwards-Leeper, the former lead psychologist of the Boston Children's gender clinic, of the two-hour assessment time.

But Kerry McGregor, a psychologist who is now a co-director of the clinic, testified that shortening the assessments was appropriate.

“We were able to get all the information in much less time,” she said.

While the basis of the trial is an employee discrimination case against Children's, the lawsuit nonetheless provides an extraordinary window into the inner workings of what is perhaps the most influential pediatric

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IN SPAIN, CLEANUP CONTINUES

A woman rested as residents and volunteers worked in an area affected by floods in Paiporta, near Valencia, Spain, on Friday. Horrors continued to emerge from the debris and layers of mud left by the walls of water that produced Spain's deadliest natural disaster in living memory, killing at least 158 with more still missing. **A5**.

Congressional report on bias at Harvard brings backlash

House committee cites antisemitism on campus

By Hilary Burns
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Professors at Harvard University pushed back Friday against a new congressional report about campus antisemitism, citing concern about political overreach into university affairs and what many academics view as a nationwide crackdown on political activism and free speech.

The 325-page report, released Thursday by the Republican-led House Committee on Education and the Workforce, argues university leaders have failed to confront antisemitism on their campuses since the Hamas-led attack on Israel last fall.

“I find it pretty upsetting,” said Vincent Brown, Harvard professor of American history and African and African American Studies. “This doesn't look like they're trying to protect students on campus. When you read the report, overwhelmingly, it looks like what they're concerned with is universities' failure to punish their students. I didn't get into education to punish my students.”

Brown and other professors accused Republican committee members of setting out to make institutions of higher education look bad with a biased and unfair report that ignores other forms of hate prevalent on college cam-

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