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Taking On the Outbreak Themselves
Tenants handing out masks and sanitizer in the South Bronx. Residents of public housing aren’t waiting for the city to help. Page A6.

Virus Surges, Knocking U.S. Back on Ropes

By MATT PHILLIPS and ANUPREETA DAS

On Wednesday, governors, mayors, investors and others across the United States woke up to news that was impossible to ignore. More than 35,000 new coronavirus cases had been identified the day before. It was the highest number reported in a single day since late April.

The news kept getting worse. Florida, Texas, Oklahoma and South Carolina reported their highest single-day totals. New York instituted a quarantine for some travelers from out of state. And the stock market slid 2.6 percent as investors fretted about what the latest troubling news meant for economic recovery.

It was as if the country had found itself back in March — at the start of the pandemic, in the early days of the lockdown, when masks were in short supply and the death toll was skyrocketing.

By the end of Wednesday, more than 36,000 new cases had been reported nationwide, the second-highest daily total since the pandemic began.

The new cases showed that the outbreak had been far from contained. That could lead some states to slow the process of reopening businesses, further hobbling the economy and delaying its recovery.

Some states, including New York, which at one point had the most virus cases, have brought the number under control. But cases are still rising in more than 20 states, especially in the South and West.

Florida reported a new daily high of 5,508 cases on Wednesday, and the percentage of residents

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Unable to Eradicate Covid-19, World Learns to Live With It

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China is testing restaurant workers and delivery drivers block by block. South Korea tells people to carry two types of masks for differing risky social situations. Germany requires communities to crack down when the number of infections hits certain thresholds. Britain will target local outbreaks in a strategy that Prime Minister Boris Johnson calls “Whac-a-Mole.”

Around the world, governments that had appeared to tame the coronavirus are adjusting to the reality that the disease is here to stay. But in a shift from damaging nationwide lockdowns, they are



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A movie theater in Tokyo. Japan is trying to keep its limits light.

Race Will End Nov. 3, Right? Don’t Bet on It

By SHANE GOLDMACHER

The cliffhanger elections on Tuesday night in Kentucky and New York didn’t just leave the candidates and voters in a state of suspended animation wondering who had won. Election officials, lawyers and political strategists in both parties said the lack of results was a bracing preview of what could come after the polls close in November: no clear and immediate winner in the presidential race.

With the coronavirus pandemic swelling the number of mailed-in ballots to historic highs across the nation, the process of vote-counting has become more unwieldy, and election administrators are straining to keep up and deliver timely results. The jumble of election rules and deadlines by state, including in presidential battlegrounds like Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, all but ensures that the victor in a close race won’t be known on Nov. 3.

And top election officials are warning that if the race between Donald J. Trump and Joseph R. Biden Jr. is anything but a blowout, the public and the politicians need to recalibrate expectations for when the 2020 campaign will come to a decisive conclusion.

“I don’t think it matters when you go to bed — you can stay up as late as you want, you won’t have an answer,” said Chris Thomas, who served for 36 years as the state director of elections in Michigan.

Already in this primary season, state after state has seen it take longer than usual to tally enough votes to project winners. New York and Kentucky are just the

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Biden Holds 14-Point Edge Over Trump in a New Poll

Voters Signal Disapproval Over President’s Handling of Pandemic and Protests

This article is by Alexander Burns, Jonathan Martin and Matt Stevens.

Joseph R. Biden Jr. has taken a commanding lead over President Trump in the 2020 race, building a wide advantage among women and nonwhite voters and making deep inroads with some traditionally Republican-leaning groups that have shifted away from Mr. Trump following his ineffective response to the coronavirus pandemic, according to a new national poll of registered voters by The New York Times and Siena College.

Mr. Biden is currently ahead of Mr. Trump by 14 percentage points, garnering 50 percent of the vote compared with 36 percent for Mr. Trump. That is among the most dismal showings of Mr. Trump’s presidency, and a sign that he is the clear underdog right now in his fight for a second term.

Mr. Trump has been an unpopular president for virtually his entire time in office. He has made few efforts since his election in 2016 to broaden his support beyond the right-wing base that vaulted him into office with only 46 percent of the popular vote and a modest victory in the Electoral College.

But among a striking cross-section of voters, the distaste for Mr. Trump has deepened as his administration failed to stop a deadly disease that crippled the economy and then as he responded to a wave of racial-justice protests with angry bluster and militaristic threats. The dominant picture that emerges from the poll is of a country ready to reject a president whom a strong majority of voters regard as failing the greatest tests confronting his administration.

Mr. Biden leads Mr. Trump by enormous margins with black and Hispanic voters, and women and young people appear on track to choose Mr. Biden by an even wider margin than they favored Hillary Clinton over Mr. Trump in 2016. But the former vice president has also drawn even with Mr. Trump among male voters, whites and people in middle age and older — groups that have typically been the backbones of Republican electoral success, including Mr. Trump’s in 2016.

Arlene Myles, 75, of Denver, said she had been a Republican for nearly six decades before switching her registration to independent earlier this year during Mr. Trump’s impeachment trial. Ms. Myles said that when Mr. Trump

If the election were held today, whom would you vote for?		
	Biden	Trump
All registered voters	50%	36
GENDER		
Female	55	33
Male	43	40
AGE		
18 to 34	59	25
35 to 49	53	30
50 to 64	44	45
65 and older	47	45
RACE AND EDUCATION		
Black	79	5
Hispanic	64	25
White	43	44
White, college	58	30
White, no college	34	53
PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
Democrat	90	5
Independent	50	29
Republican	5	90
IDEOLOGY		
Very liberal	88	5
Somewhat liberal	80	11
Moderate	57	24
Somewhat conservative	26	58
Very conservative	11	84
Based on a New York Times/Siena College poll of 1,337 registered voters, June 17 to 22. Other responses not shown. THE NEW YORK TIMES		

Divided Appellate Panel Orders Dismissal of Case Against Flynn

By CHARLIE SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — A divided federal appeals court panel ordered an immediate end on Wednesday to the case against Michael T. Flynn, President Trump’s former national security adviser — delivering a major victory to Mr. Flynn and to the Justice Department, which had sought to drop the case.

In the ruling, two of three judges on a panel for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ordered the trial judge overseeing the matter, Emmet G. Sullivan, to immediately dismiss the case without further review. The third accused his colleagues of “grievously” overstepping their powers.

But the full appeals court has the option of reviewing the matter, and Judge Sullivan did not immediately dismiss the case in response to the ruling. Instead, he

suspended deadlines for further briefs and a July 16 hearing in his review, suggesting he was studying his options or waiting to see what the broader group of judges might do.

The order from the panel — a so-called writ of mandamus — was rare and came as a surprise, taking its place as yet another twist in the extraordinary legal and political drama surrounding the prosecution of Mr. Flynn, who twice pleaded guilty to lying to F.B.I. agents in the Russia investigation about his conversations in December 2016 with the Russian ambassador to the United States.

Mr. Flynn’s case became a political cause for Mr. Trump and his supporters, who have sought to discredit the broader inquiry into Russia’s interference in the 2016 election and links to the Trump

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Facial Recognition Tool Led to Black Man’s Arrest. It Was Wrong.

By KASHMIR HILL

On a Thursday afternoon in January, Robert Julian-Borchak Williams was in his office at an automotive supply company when he got a call from the Detroit Police Department telling him to come to the station to be arrested. He thought at first that it was a prank.

An hour later, when he pulled

into his driveway in a quiet subdivision in Farmington Hills, Mich., a police car pulled up behind, blocking him in. Two officers got out and handcuffed Mr. Williams on his front lawn, in front of his wife and two young daughters, who were distraught. The police wouldn’t say why he was being arrested, only showing him a piece of paper with his photo and the words “felony warrant” and “lar-

ceny.”

His wife, Melissa, asked where he was being taken. “Google it,” she recalls an officer replying.

The police drove Mr. Williams to a detention center. He had his mug shot, fingerprints and DNA taken, and was held overnight. Around noon on Friday, two detectives took him to an interrogation room and placed three pieces of paper on the table, face down.

“When’s the last time you went to a Shinola store?” one of the detectives asked, in Mr. Williams’s recollection. Shinola is an upscale boutique that sells watches, bicycles and leather goods in the trendy Midtown neighborhood of Detroit. Mr. Williams said he and his wife had checked it out when the store first opened in 2014.

The detective turned over the

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