

China Targeted  
As U.S. Weighs  
Ban on Visitors

Focus Is Said to Be on  
Communist Loyalists

By PAUL MOZUR  
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The Trump administration is considering a sweeping ban on travel to the United States by members of the Chinese Communist Party and their families, according to people familiar with the proposal, a move that would almost certainly prompt retaliation against Americans seeking to enter or remain in China and exacerbate tensions between the two nations.

The presidential proclamation, still in draft form, could also authorize the United States government to revoke the visas of party members and their families who are already in the country, leading to their expulsion. Some proposed language is also aimed at limiting travel to the United States by members of the People’s Liberation Army and executives at state-owned enterprises, though many of them are likely to also be party members.

Details of the plan, described by four people with knowledge of the discussions, have not yet been finalized, and President Trump might ultimately reject it.

While the president and his campaign strategists have been intent on portraying him as tough on China for re-election purposes, Mr. Trump has vacillated wildly in both his language and actions on the Chinese government since taking office in 2017. He has criticized China on some issues, particularly trade. But he has also lavished praise on President Xi Jinping, pleaded with Mr. Xi to help him win re-election and remained silent or even explicitly approved of the repression in Hong Kong and Xinjiang.

There are practical issues as well. The Chinese Communist Party has 92 million members. Almost three million Chinese citizens visited the United States in 2018, though the numbers have plummeted because of the coronavirus pandemic and the current ban on most travelers from China.

The U.S. government has no

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Protesters, Police and Video

Police officials say there were “isolated cases” of inappropriate force. But 64 videos show seemingly unwarranted attacks. Page A18.

Clashing Environmental Views  
Define a Presidential Contest

By LISA FRIEDMAN  
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President Trump traveled on Wednesday to the new political battleground of Georgia to blast away at one of the nation’s cornerstone conservation laws, vowing to speed construction projects by limiting legally mandated environmental reviews of highways, pipelines and power plants.

One day earlier, his Democratic presidential rival, Joseph R. Biden Jr., took a different tack, releasing a \$2 trillion plan to confront climate change and overhaul the nation’s infrastructure, claiming he would create millions of jobs by building a clean energy economy.

In that period, the major party candidates for the White House displayed in sharp relief just how far apart they are ideologically on infrastructure and environmental matters of vital importance to many voters, particularly in criti-

Biden’s Clean Energy  
Overhaul vs. Trump’s  
Regulatory Cuts

cal battleground states, including Pennsylvania and Florida.

Mr. Biden is trying to win over young voters and supporters of his vanquished rival, Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont, by showing an aggressive awareness of climate change and promising to move urgently to combat it. At the same time he has sought to maintain his promised connection to white, working-class voters, especially in the Upper Midwest, who swung to Mr. Trump four years ago and are leery of what they see as threats to their livelihood, especially jobs in the oil and gas industry.

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Protests Against Racism Reveal  
Hidden Diversity in Small Towns

By CAMPBELL ROBERTSON

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. — Nikki Wilkerson was used to thinking of herself as the “small brown girl” growing up in rural Pennsylvania.

She has been eyed skeptically while out shopping and questioned by the police for no clear reason at all. But she had resigned herself to keeping quiet about racism, which her white friends never seemed to notice even when it happened right in front of them. Nobody around here ever talked about any of this. It’s just what it was.

And yet there one afternoon in early June, right in the middle of the county seat, she happened upon it: a crowd of white people demanding justice for Black lives. They would be joined by Black high school students, children of Latino farmworkers, “gays, lesbians, queer, transgender, what-

Wave of Activism Rises  
as Neighbors Learn  
They’re Not Alone

ever,” Ms. Wilkerson, 34, said. “This was not the Chambersburg I grew up in. I had no idea. All of these people are just coming out of the woodwork.”

The sight was inspiring, she said. But also frustrating. “Why weren’t we doing this a long time ago?”

Black Lives Matter could be responsible for the largest protest movement in U.S. history, which sprang up in countless cities and small towns after George Floyd was killed by the police in May. While the street protests have tapered off in most places, newly minted activists in small towns

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ECONOMIC STRAIN  
SEEN IN FORECAST  
THROUGH AUTUMN

BARRIERS TO RECOVERY

Uncertainty Grows Amid  
New Cases, Layoffs  
and Closures

By JIM TANKERSLEY  
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WASHINGTON — The United States economy is headed for a tumultuous autumn, with the threat of closed schools, renewed government lockdowns, empty stadiums and an uncertain amount of federal support for businesses and unemployed workers all clouding hopes for a rapid rebound from recession.

For months, the prevailing wisdom among investors, Trump administration officials and many economic forecasters was that after plunging into recession this spring, the country’s recovery would accelerate in late summer and take off in the fall as the virus receded, restrictions on commerce loosened, and consumers reverted to more normal spending patterns. Job gains in May and June fueled those rosy predictions.

But failure to suppress a resurgence of confirmed infections is threatening to choke the recovery and push the country back into a recessionary spiral — one that could inflict long-term damage on workers and businesses large and small, unless Congress reconsiders the scale of federal aid that may be required in the months to come.

The looming economic pain was evident this week as big companies forecast gloomy months ahead and government data showed renewed struggles in the job market. A weekly census survey on Wednesday showed 1.3 million fewer Americans held jobs last week than the previous week. A new American Enterprise Institute analysis from Safegraph.com of shopper traffic to stores showed business activity had plunged in the second week of July, in part from renewed virus fears.

Amazon on Wednesday extended a work-from-home order for eligible employees from October to January, and Delta Air Lines said on Tuesday it was cut-

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Twitter Accounts of Biden, Gates,  
Obama and Others Are Hacked

This article is by Sheera Frenkel, Nathaniel Popper, Kate Conger and David E. Sanger.

It was about 4 in the afternoon on Wednesday on the East Coast when chaos struck online. Dozens of the biggest names in America — including Joseph R. Biden Jr., Barack Obama, Kanye West, Bill Gates and Elon Musk — posted similar messages on Twitter: Send Bitcoin and the famous people would send back double your money.

It was all a scam, of course, the result of one of the most brazen online attacks in memory.

A first wave of attacks hit the Twitter accounts of prominent cryptocurrency leaders and companies. But soon after, the list of victims broadened to include a Who’s Who of Americans in politics, entertainment and tech, in a major show of force by the hackers.

Twitter quickly removed many of the messages, but in some cases similar tweets were sent again from the same accounts, suggesting that Twitter was powerless to regain control.

The company eventually disabled broad swaths of its service,

Brazen Scam Soliciting  
Bitcoin That Quickly  
Raises \$100,000

including the ability of verified users to tweet, for a couple of hours as it scrambled to prevent the scam from spreading further. The company sent a tweet saying that it was investigating the problem and looking for a fix. “You may be unable to Tweet or reset your password while we review and address this incident,” the company said in a second tweet. Service was restored around 8:30 Wednesday night.

The hackers did not use their access to take aim at any important institutions or infrastructure — instead just asking for Bitcoin. But the attack was a concern to security experts because it suggested that the hackers could have easily caused much more havoc.

There was little immediate evidence for who conducted the attack. One of the most obvious culprits for an attack of this scale,

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Henry Holt



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Simon & Schuster



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Plotting the Future of Publishing, Now Under New Management

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Getting to the top in book publishing has traditionally been a plodding and prolonged climb — and once you got there, you didn’t leave. Knopf has had four publishers in its 105-year history. Farrar, Straus and Giroux has been run by only two people since John C. Farrar, Roger W. Straus and Robert Giroux.

But over the last year, deaths, retirements and executive reshuf-

fling have made way for new leaders, more diverse and often more commercial than their predecessors, as well as people who have never worked in publishing before. Those appointments stand to fundamentally change the industry, and the books it puts out into the world.

The latest move came on Wednesday, when Pantheon and Schocken Books announced that it had hired Lisa Lucas, the executive director of the National Book Foundation, to be its publisher. “Everything is up for change,

Sea Change of Gender,  
Race and Sensibility

and will change,” said Reagan Arthur, who was named publisher at Knopf in January. “Ten years from now, I don’t think anything will look the same.”

With the deaths of industry titans like Carolyn Reidy, the chief executive of Simon & Schuster; Sonny Mehta, Ms. Arthur’s prede-

cessor at Knopf; Susan Kamil, publisher at Random House; and the longtime Simon & Schuster editor Alice Mayhew, American publishing has lost some of its most prominent leaders.

Not only did they define contemporary literature, they steered an industry not known for its agility through such seismic shifts as the digital revolution, the rise of Amazon and online retail, the 2008 financial crisis, the rise and subsequent decline of Barnes

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A sculpture of a protester, above, was installed where one of a British slave trader had been toppled.

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An Arab tahini magnate’s donation to a gay rights group led to a backlash and then a counter-backlash.

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With his poll numbers sagging, the president replaced his longtime campaign manager, Brad Parscale, with the veteran operative Bill Stepien.

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Making History at Vanity Fair

Viola Davis is on this month’s cover, the magazine’s first by a Black photographer — Dario Calmese, above — in an image meant to be a protest.

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