

Trump's Efforts To 'Drain The Swamp' Lagging Behind His Campaign Rhetoric

The phrase didn't originate with the Trump campaign. Advocates of tougher laws on political money and lobbying have used it for years.

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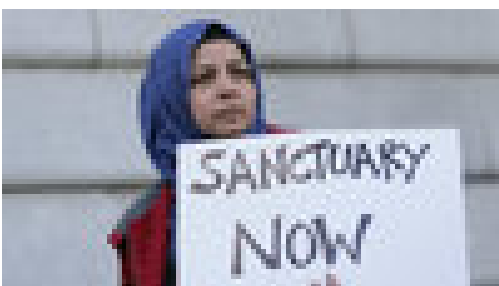


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Federal Court In San Francisco Blocks Trump's Threat Against Sanctuary Cities

The president's immigration policies have been dealt another setback as the ruling stops the administration from penalizing sanctuary cities while a lawsuit winds through the courts.



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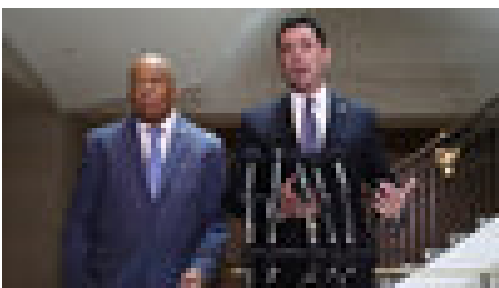


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Lawmakers Say It Appears Michael Flynn Acted Illegally In Taking Russian Payments

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AUTHOR INTERVIEWS

'Just Show Up': Sheryl Sandberg On How To Help Someone Who's Grieving

The Facebook executive lost her husband in 2015. She says, "Rather than offer to do something, it's often better to do anything. Just do something specific." Her new book is called *Option B*.

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Psychiatrist Recalls 'Heartbreak And Hope' On Mental Hospital's Prison Ward

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Wearing A Hijab, A Young Muslim Boxer Enters The Ring

After three years of training and a battle with USA Boxing over its uniform policy, Amaya Zafar will fight in her first competitive bout on Saturday. She says she fell in love with the sport at 15.



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But the Cherokee tribe says these companies regularly filled large, suspicious prescriptions within the Cherokee Nation's 14 counties in northeastern Oklahoma.

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Dale Earnhardt Jr. Retiring From NASCAR At Season's End

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Robert Siegel Stepping Down As 'All Things Considered' Host In 2018

Siegel has spent more than 40 years at NPR — and more than three decades as host of *Things Considered*. He says he will be leaving that role in January to "begin a new phase of life."



Robert Schuchman



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