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How a 'blue shift' in U.S. mail ballots might set off Election Week chaos



FILE PHOTO: An individual deposits letters into a U.S. Postal Service (USPS) collection mailbox in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S., August 14, 2020. REUTERS/Rachel Wisniewski/File Photo

(Reuters) - When polls closed in Arizona's U.S. Senate race in November 2018, initial results from in-person voting showed Republican Martha McSally in the lead. Her advantage evaporated in the days that followed with the tallying of postal ballots.

"Electoral corruption - call for a new election?" President Donald Trump posted on Twitter at the time. His suggestion had no effect, and McSally conceded to Democrat Kyrsten Sinema six days after Election Day.

A similar "blue shift," with blue representing Democrats, could play out in the Nov. 3 U.S. presidential election, with the Republican Trump, 74, ahead in early returns and Democrat Joe Biden, 77, emerging as the winner in the days that follow.

Nearly half of Democrats say they plan to vote by mail, while only one quarter of Republicans plan to do so, according to Reuters/Ipsos polling in August. Demand is driven in no small part by fear of infection from the coronavirus in public.

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Counting mail ballots is often slower because officials must open thick envelopes, verify the ballots and validate voters' identities, compared with the simpler, speedier

process at a polling center where voters cast ballots in person.

Biden's campaign is bracing for Trump to complain the contest is being stolen as the lead shifts, say people close to the Biden campaign.

Even some Republicans worry that Trump might exploit the uncertainty to cast doubt on the results if he ends up losing.

"The longer it takes to count absentee ballots, the more the narrative will take hold among Trump supporters and will be their 'proof' to question unfavorable election results," said Dennis Darnoi, a Republican strategist based in Michigan, a state Trump won by less than a percentage point in 2016

Trump repeatedly makes unfounded claims that mail voting leads to fraud, even though multiple studies show voter fraud in the United States to be extremely rare.

Trump refuses to say whether he will respect the outcome if he loses. His stance on the matter appears to have undermined Republican voters' confidence.

In more than 30 states, including such battleground states as Arizona, Florida and North Carolina that traditionally decide elections, officials can begin processing or even counting ballots before Election Day.

But three Rust Belt states considered among the most competitive - Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin - prohibit

officials from processing, let alone counting, ballots before Election Day.

"If the election comes down to these states, and everyone is waiting on results, I'm concerned about social unrest. This is especially true if Trump is ahead on Election Day," said Rick Hasen, an elections expert and law professor at the University of California at Irvine.

Trump campaign spokeswoman Thea McDonald said Democrats are creating chaos by "peddling conspiracy theories."

"President Trump and his campaign are fighting for a free, fair, transparent election in which every valid ballot counts — once," she said.

DOOMSDAY SCENARIO?

A winner might still emerge quickly if such states as Arizona and Florida, which have a long history of mail voting, post results hours after polls close.

"The most likely scenario is that we'll know who the president is on Election Night," said Michael McDonald, a political science professor at the University of Florida. "I'm not as worried by these doomsday scenarios."

FILE PHOTO: An individual deposits letters into a U.S. Postal Service (USPS) collection mailbox in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S., August 14, 2020. REUTERS/Rachel Wisniewski/File Photo

Florida election officials, for instance, will begin opening and verifying ballots at least three weeks before the election, though they are not able to tally the results to determine which candidate is ahead during that time.

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Trump Accuses Military Leadership



The pentagon did not respond to the President's comments. A critical area of concern is how the Pentagon would respond if Trump invokes the Insurrection Act to put U.S. military troops on the street to deal with the civilian protesters. Secretary of Defense Esper

country in the world. Our political system should be the model for rest of the countries.

not just for us, but also because a positive reaction from the rest of the world will depend upon it.

The Presidential election is less than sixty days away. We hope that all the logistics and voting processes will go very smoothly. We want to elect a leader

The contradiction between the White House and the military will not be good thing for us.

President Trump accused the U.S. military of waging wars to boost the profit of defense manufacturing companies.

publicly broke with Trump by saying he opposed any such move.

Trump told the reporters that, "I know the military's not in love with me, but the soldiers are. The top people in the Pentagon probably aren't because they want to do nothing but fight wars so all of those wonderful companies that make the bombs and the planes and make everything else stay happy."

Military leaders also expressed very real concerns about the aftermath of November's election, particularly if the results are not immediately clear after election night. In the event of a dispute, by law the U.S. courts and the U.S. congress are required to resolve any disputes, not the military.

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4. Health: Telemedicine racial disparity has shrunk, but big gaps persist.
5. Education: Colleges and universities have found at least 51,000 cases already.
6. Tech: Why the tech industry's biggest, richest companies couldn't save us.
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in expediting applications for these distribution facilities," he continued, "and, if necessary, asks that you consider waiving requirements that would prevent these facilities from becoming fully operational by November 1, 2020."

'Urgent' request sent to states in push for coronavirus vaccine delivery by Nov. 1

Dr. Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, sent a letter last week to the nation's governors with an urgent request. The Trump administration wanted them to do everything in their power to eliminate hurdles for vaccine distribution sites to be fully operational by Nov. 1.



Dr. Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention "CDC urgently requests your assistance

It was the latest hurried federal request of state governments to prepare for the arrival of a vaccine for COVID-19, the pandemic disease that has killed roughly 185,000 Americans. Last month, Dr. Nancy Messonnier, a top CDC official working on the federal coronavirus response, warned that state public health departments are "running out of time" to draft plans for the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines — and requested states submit proposals by Oct. 1.



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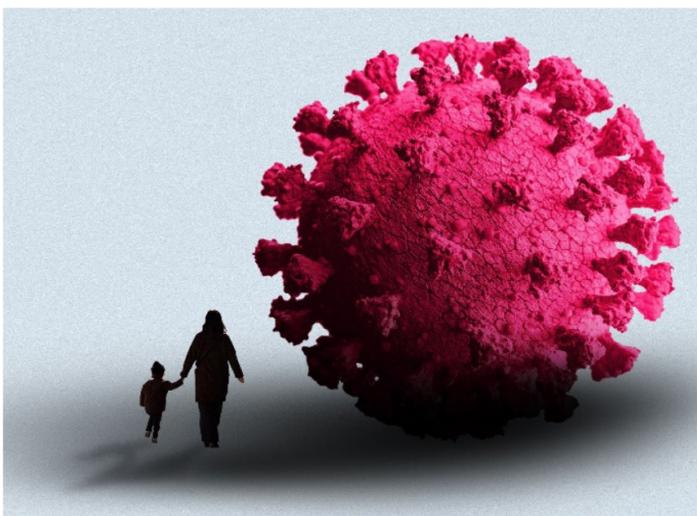


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Some supply chain experts are expressing concern that Trump administration officials with "Operation Warp Speed," the federal program accelerating vaccine development, have failed to adequately communicate the responsibilities that state and local governments will take on once the logistically demanding task of distributing a COVID-19 vaccine is upon them.

"At this point, we should know much more about what the intended distribution system looks like, and what the plan is," said Dr. Julie Swann, head of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering at North Carolina State University and an adviser to the CDC during its response to the H1N1 pandemic in 2009. The first vaccines most likely to emerge from Phase III clinical trials will pose exceptional challenges to public health officials, requiring storage in sub-zero temperatures and two doses per individual spread weeks apart.

The Pandemic Is Reshaping The Holiday Shopping Season The 2020 holiday buying season is ex-



Illustration: Aida Amer/Axios

What's new: The pandemic is changing the dynamics of the annual gift-buying ritual.

- More people than ever say they'll be buying most of their stuff online.
• With Halloween expected to be a bit of a bust this year, more stores will put renewed emphasis on Christmas and other year-end holiday sales.
• Target, Walmart and others have vowed

pected to be like no other: An avalanche of e-commerce deliveries, merchants running promotions earlier than ever, and tight crowd controls on Black Friday. Why it matters: Retailers desperately need the revenue from this critical time of year — and they fear that overwhelmed package-delivery services will leave their customers high and dry (and angry).



- UPS says it has already been seeing holiday levels of demand, and hired 39,000 employees in Q2 to deal with it.
• FedEx, meanwhile, "has limited the number of items that Kohl's Corp. and about two dozen other retailers can ship from certain locations, as the delivery company tries to prevent its network from being overwhelmed during the coronavirus pandemic," per the WSJ.
The bottom line: Experts advise getting your shopping done as early as you can. (Courtesy axios.com)

Editor's Choice



A firefighter takes a rest during works to extinguish a fire in Alpine, California. Steve Russo/via REUTERS



A Black Lives Matter activist lies on the ground as he is hit by supporters of President Trump during a scuffle between the two groups outside the Oregon State Capitol building in Salem. REUTERS/Carlos Barria



A fisherman collects his catch as a cat walks past him at Gaza Seaport, after Israel allowed fishermen back to work up to 15 nautical miles offshore following an agreement to end a weeks-long escalation between Israel and Palestinian militant groups,...MORE



A police officer talks to the member of the Animal Rebellion group dressed in a costume as they march during an Extinction Rebellion protest in London. REUTERS/Toby Melville



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Democratic U.S. presidential nominee Joe Biden speaks to supporters on the street in a neighborhood in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque



Palestinian athlete Ahmed Abu Hasira demonstrates his parkour skills in Gaza City. REUTERS/Mohammed Salem



A man wearing a face mask travels inside a Delhi metro train on the first day of the restart of their operations in New Delhi, India. REUTERS/Adnan Abidi

Texas Universities Blame Off-Campus Parties For Rising COVID-19 Cases, But Few Are Disciplining Students



KEY POINT

Schools, desperate to keep their doors open but worried about health risks to their students, are being put in the uncomfortable position of having to govern young adult behavior that is mostly happening off university property.

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As Texas college towns see rising COVID-19 cases with the return of hundreds of thousands of students to campus, a small but increasing number of universities are disciplining students who attend or host house parties or Greek rush events.

“We have already begun formal action with both individuals and organizations,” Kristen Harrell, associate director for student life and student affairs at Texas A&M University, said Friday. “We will continue to take action on reports where we can specifically identify students or organizations.”

Schools, desperate to keep their doors open but worried about health risks to their students, are being put in the uncomfortable position of having to govern young adult behavior that is mostly happening off university property. Baylor University is taking a comparatively hard line against students who violate the codes — promising fines, suspending Greek houses and a handful of students after parties, and increasing university police patrols in off-campus areas heavily populated by students. At Texas A&M University, officials are urging members of the community to report student activity off campus

that violates local, state and university health protocols such gatherings of more than 10 people and students not wearing masks.



But while reports of those crackdowns are beginning to increase, most Texas universities aren't penalizing individual students for partying that takes place off-site. Instead, those schools are relying heavily on cities, property managers, national organizations and the students themselves to combat risky off-campus behavior that threatens to increase community spread of the coronavirus. The reasons: lack of resources, an emphasis on personal responsibility, or the fear that stiff penalties for noncompliance will backfire.

“We just have to trust that the measures that we've taken on campus follow them around,”

said Dean Wilkinson, spokesperson for Sul Ross State University in Alpine. “We can't sit there and monitor every single off-campus resident and what they're doing. It's just not feasible.”

University leaders and health officials acknowledge that the desire to keep campuses safe and open often clashes with the logistics and, perhaps more significantly, the concern that punishment could deter students from getting tested, self-reporting cases and participating in contact tracing.

“I would love for universities to be able to provide some sort of punishment to students that are blatantly violating the social-gathering rules and having large house parties and organized events,” said Eric Schneider, epidemiologist for Hays County, home to Texas State University in San Marcos, which had one of the state's highest per capita rates of positive COVID-19 cases in the spring, mainly among young adults. “But it's a challenging line that they have to straddle because they want students to participate and help out when they do have a positive test, and to provide us with contact tracing and tell us who they were with, where they were at.”



A concerning situation Reports of private house parties and rush events — as much a part of the back-to-school culture as student orientation — turned into national headlines and resulted in suspensions of Greek houses by their governing bodies, strongly worded messages to students from school administrators, and cautionary tales of infected students mingling in dorms and on campus. A University of Texas at Austin student who witnessed Greek recruiting events said his peers “are pretending the virus doesn't exist.”

“There would be 80, 90 kids in one room and no masks,” said the student, who asked not to be named because of fear of repercussion by Greek organizations.

Many of the Greek events have since been halted, he said, but the off-campus parties continue.

“It's like all these kids do not care about the virus,” he said. “I have a feeling that the campus is going to shut down soon.”

UT-Austin has acknowledged in messages to

students that off-campus parties were an issue at the start of the semester and encouraged them to stop large gatherings to prevent spread of the virus. Nationally, schools such as Notre Dame University, California State University and the University of North Carolina moved classes online after cases spiked on campus. Notre Dame reopened classes after two weeks.



In a recent national survey by Washington, D.C.-based EAB, an education research organization, nearly three-quarters of campus leaders and officials said their greatest concern about repopulating campuses was “getting students to follow social distancing guidelines” on campus, said EAB Managing Director Liz Rothenberg. Those concerns only get worse when the situation moves off campus. At UT-Austin, only about 17% of the school's approximately 50,000 enrolled students live on campus.

“Enforcing social distancing in classrooms, libraries, and other public spaces isn't easy, but schools know they have little to no control over whether students adhere to safety guidelines when they go off campus or in private spaces in residence halls,” Rothenberg said in an email.

Last week, Lubbock, home to Texas Tech University, experienced its highest single-day jump in cases since the virus was first reported in the city. Officials there called an emergency press conference and blamed off-campus activities, but made no announcements regarding additional enforcement efforts. Instead, they urged students to comply or face a school year that is 100% online.

Texas Tech President Lawrence Schovanec said Friday that these gatherings “present a challenge” to efforts to stop the spread of the virus. The parties are being reported to the school and local police, both by members of the university and by local residents, but enforcement can be difficult.



“The mayor, city council, and the local police have

been very cooperative and supportive, but we all recognize that success in suppressing these gatherings is mixed,” he said in an email. “I've met with leaders of student organizations this week. They are proactive in their communication to the student body and supportive of the university's efforts to enforce compliance with our safety protocols.” Texas school officials say the situation is scary, to say the least.

Outside enforcement With a few exceptions, discipline for off-campus house parties and Greek rush events that violate local pandemic-era health ordinances is largely left to national fraternity and sorority organizations and local authorities.

“The university has rules it enforces on campus, and we rely on local authorities to enforce their rules off campus, which we support,” said J.B. Bird, spokesperson for UT-Austin, which has been in the spotlight in recent months for student gatherings that violated social-distancing rules. At Texas State University, the rules allow for sanctions against students for “off-campus conduct that is likely to have an adverse impact on the campus,” said spokesperson Jayme Blaschke, but none so far have been disciplined for coronavirus-related violations.

Citing privacy rules, UT-Austin officials won't say whether any students were sanctioned after a trip by 211 students to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, for spring break resulted in positive COVID-19 tests for at least 49 students. Austin and Travis County Public Health officials have met with police and city officials, Greek houses, apartment complex managers and student groups to ask for help in both enforcement and prevention of large gatherings off campus and similarly risky events. UT-Austin has also contacted property managers at some of the major housing complexes for college students when officials learn that residents have hosted large house parties or other events on their properties, UT interim President Jay Hartzell told students in a recent message.

“Property managers are eager to use our information to improve the safety of their communities,” Hartzell said.

Officials at the University of North Texas are asking national Greek organizations and off-campus housing organizations to prohibit guests from their properties, similar to what the school is doing on campus. Courtesy <https://www.texastribune.org/>

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