

CN Morning Rundown: States Declare Legal War Over Presidential Election Results

Here's a quick summary of the top stories on :

Supreme Court to Hear States v. States Election Lawsuit

The states have declared legal war over the Nov. 3 presidential election results. And the next and greatest battle will occur before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Tuesday, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton filed a lawsuit against Pennsylvania, Georgia, Michigan and Wisconsin to block the states from finalizing electoral votes for Democrat Joe Biden.

"The four states exploited the COVID-19 pandemic to justify ignoring federal and state election laws and unlawfully enacting last-minute changes, thus skewing the results of the 2020 general election," the attorney general's office said. "The battleground states flooded their people with unlawful ballot applications and ballots while ignoring statutory requirements as to how they were received, evaluated and counted."

The suit was filed directly in the Supreme Court. Paxton is asking the Supreme Court to order the four states to allow the state legislatures to appoint their electors.

"Fair and transparent elections are the foundation of a free society," said Liberty Counsel founder and Chairman Mat Staver. "There are so many irregularities in several states that cast serious doubt on the process. We must ensure that this election follows the law and protects the fundamental right of the people to elect their leaders. This rule of law

must be followed. Every legitimate vote must be counted, and every illegitimate vote must be disregarded.”

White Evangelical Support for Trump Was Not About Whiteness

According to a lengthy new article and a recent book, a driving force behind white evangelical support for Donald Trump was the preservation of white America. This factor, we are told, and not just Trump’s support for other causes of importance to white evangelicals, such as being pro-life and pro-Israel, helps explain why so many Christian conservatives got behind such an unlikely candidate.

Is This True?

According to Sarah Posner, in her book *Unholy: Why White Evangelicals Worship at the Altar of Trump*, a key factor in white evangelical support for Trump was “the realization that Trump was the strongman the Christian right had long been waiting for. They had been waiting for a leader unbowed, one who wasn’t afraid to attack, head-on, the legal, social and cultural changes that had unleashed the racist grievances of the American right, beginning with *Brown v. Board of Education* and persisting through the 1960s and ’70s in opposition to school desegregation and government policies to promote it—long before evangelicals made opposing abortion their top issue.”

Sarah Jones, in her Dec. 6 article for *The Intelligencer*, titled “White Evangelicals Made a Deal with the Devil. Now What?” touched on this well. She wrote, “As hypocritical as white Evangelical support for Trump may look from the outside, the president actually understood his base quite well. Eight years of a Black, liberal president threatened their hegemony. So had the Supreme Court’s ruling legalizing same-sex marriage.”

Jones agrees with Posner, who told her “that Trump managed to tap into two key Evangelical tendencies. ‘Those two things

were the racial grievances of the white base of the Republican Party, and how televangelism had changed Evangelicalism from the 1970s onward,' she said."

Real-Life Scrooges Cannot Squelch Christmas Joy and Cheer

The internet is in an uproar over the Scrooge-like attitudes of those who are missing that extra bit of Christmas joy this season.

Recently a young boy went to visit Santa at a local mall. At the top of his Christmas list? A Nerf gun.

He eagerly requested it, and immediately the mall worker said, "No, no guns."

When the mom clarified that her son meant a toy Nerf gun, the "woke" Santa insisted, "No, not even Nerf guns."

Next, Santa told the boy, "If your dad wants to get it for you, that's fine, but I can't bring it to you." He asked what else the boy might like, adding, "There's lots of other toys."

The joyful Christmas music in the background of videos bystanders took during the exchange could not hide the sobs wracking the little one. {eoa}