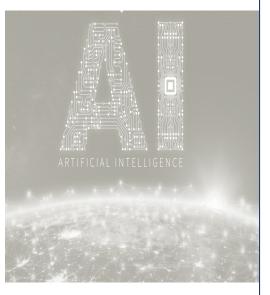


## THE GREAT ACCELERATION







How 2020's Crises Are Bringing the Future Faster

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## SUMMARY

#### The Great Acceleration

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

- 4<sup>TH</sup> Industrial Revolution Speeds Up
- Digital Disintermediation Expedited
- New Tech Regulation (aka "Techlash")

#### **GLOBALIZATION**

- New World Disorder
- Demographics Will Drive Declines
- Nationalism > Globalism

#### **CULTURE**

- New Psychology & Priorities Post-COVID
- Leadership Leaving Washington
- More Diversity & Inclusive America

#### **POLITICS**

- Bigger Government
- Party Civil Wars & Realignment
- New Reform Era

## 2020: A YEAR UNLIKE ANY OTHER

## Four Concurrent "Super-Disruptors"

(Since 1900 only 3 other years had 3)

	Recession.	Pandemic	Mass Protests	101 Intense Election
2020	YES	YES	YES	YES
1968	NO	YES	YES	YES
1957	YES	YES	YES	NO
1919	YES	YES	YES	NO

## **YESTERDAY**

The Age of Disruption & Backlash

## YESTERDAY'S KEY TRENDS: A WORLD REMADE

#### **TREND**

#### **OPPORTUNITY**

#### **CHALLENGE**

#### **BACKLASH**





Digital Age Dawns



Innovation Booms



**Inequality Grows** 



Regulators Rise

**GLOBALIZATION** 



Cold War Ends



Hyper-Globalization



Arbitrage & Authoritarianism

**AFFIRMS** 



Nationalists Rise

**CULTURE** 



**Comfortable Conformity** 



New Voices Heard



Old Gatekeepers Gone



Hyper-Activism

## **POLITICS YESTERDAY: LOST CONFIDENCE IN LEADERS**

#### **Loss of Trust**

(% Great Deal / Fair Amount of Trust)

1979	Institution	2019
54	The Military	73
72	Mass Media	41
45	Supreme Court	38
52	The Presidency	38
65	The Church	36
N/A	The Medical System	36
60	Banks	30
36	Public Schools	29
N/A	Organized Labor	29
32	Criminal Justice System	24
34	Big Business	23
34	Congress	11

## **Voting for Change**

House, Senate or WH Changed Parties

1960	1962	1964	1966	1968
1970	1972	1974	1976	1978
1980	1982	1984	1986	1988
1990	1992	1994	1996	1998
2000	2002	2004	2006	2008
2010	2012	2014	2016	2018

### **SOWING THE SEEDS OF 2020'S CRISES: FORSEEABLE FAILURES**

#### **PANDEMIC: UNPREPARED**







#### **ECONOMY: UNPROTECTED**

53% lacked emergency savings



Sources: Savings; Leave; Insurance; Broadband

27.9M lacked health insurance



21.3M lacked adequate broadband

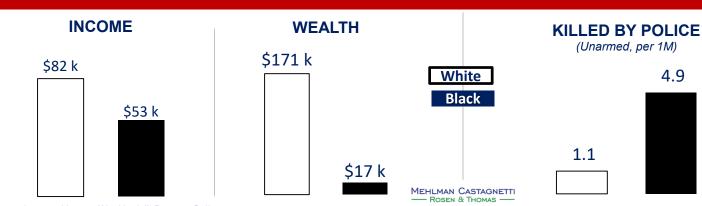


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33.6M lacked paid sick leave



#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE: GLARING GAPS**



**IN JAIL** (per 100k males 16+)

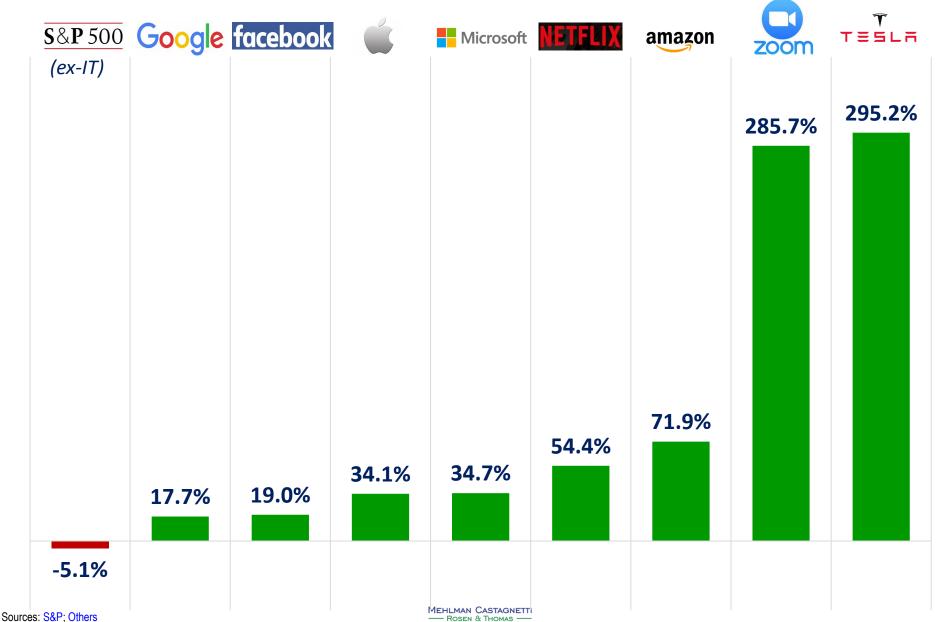
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# **TODAY**Divided We Fall

## **TECH: THE DIGITIZED ARE THRIVING**

YTD Stock Performance (thru 7/20)



## **GLOBALIZATION: A SOFT POWER VACUUM**

## Managing Global Challenges Without Trusted Global Leaders





**BULLY** 

**UNEQUAL** 

### **CULTURE WARS HAVE BECOME BUSINESS BATTLES**

## WHY ENGAGE? STAKEHOLDERS DEMANDING

#### "Wokeforce"



**Consumers** 



## **HOW TO ENGAGE? ACTIONS > WORDS**

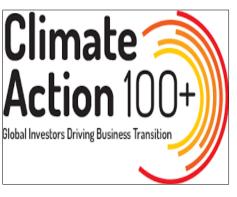
**Ad Spending** 



Advocacy



#### **Investors**



**Activists** 



#### **Partnership**



#### **Operations**



### **POLITICS: THE CENTER IS UP FOR GRABS**

### Who Will Occupy the Center? Both Parties Have Been Moving Away

**LEFT LOSING** 

(Too Politically-Correct)

**ISSUE** 

(Politically Exhausted)

**RIGHT LOSING** 

(Too Politically-Incorrect)

ABOLISH I.C.E.

**IMMIGRATION** 





**ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT** 





RACIAL JUSTICE





HEALTH CARE





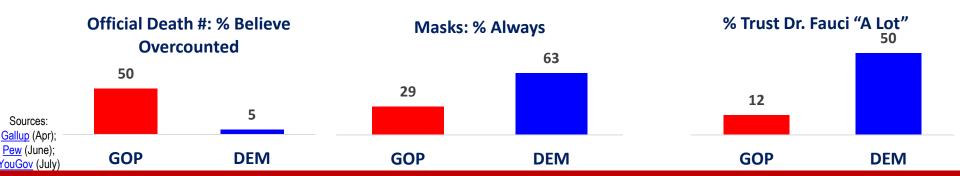
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## 2020 CRISES: IT'S THE PANDEMIC, STUPID

#### **PANDEMIC: OUR POLITICS ARE KILLING US**



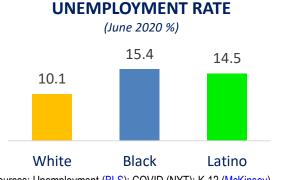
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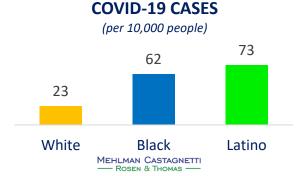


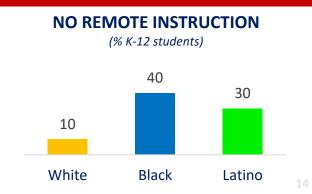




#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE: FIGHTING OVER STATUES WHILE...**







## **TOMORROW**

The Great Acceleration

### **TECH: DIGITAL DISINTERMEDIATION EXPEDITED**

### Internet Cutting Out More Middlemen: EDs, MEDs & FEDs



#### **EDUCATION**

- Hybrid online-offline degrees, more access
- Lower cost, higher enrollment, fewer schools
  - Employers are becoming the new schools





#### **HEALTH CARE**

- More telemedicine, greater access
- A.I. transforms diagnostics & discovery
- Real-time revolution: wearables + tracker apps + cloud





#### PHYSICAL BUSINESS MODELS

- "Retail-pocalypse" → "Office-pocalypse"
  - Cash & credit cards → ePayments
- Travel & Broadcast → Zoom & Streaming





- More virtual hearings & voting
- A.I. Oversight (fraud, waste, abuse)
- Smarter policing & national security





## **TECH: NEW TECHNOLOGY REGULATION**

## **Government is Coming**

In progress Very Likely Possible Unlikely N/A

	***	* * *	U.S. STATES  CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC	
Antitrust / Competition				
Privacy Enforcement				
Platform Liability / Content Ctrls				
New Digital Taxation				
Emerging Tech Regulations (A.I., Facial Recog., Blockchain)				
<b>Encryption Access</b>				
Export / Import Controls				
Anti-Gig Work Rules				
Supply Chain Security				

## **GLOBALIZATION: NEW WORLD DISORDER**

### **Post-Deglobalization Paradigms**



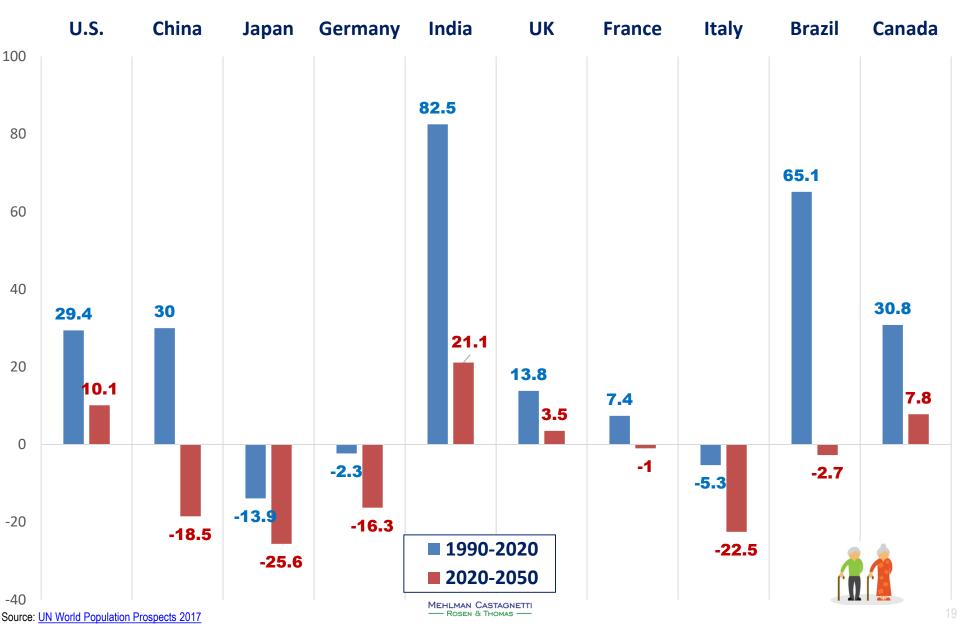




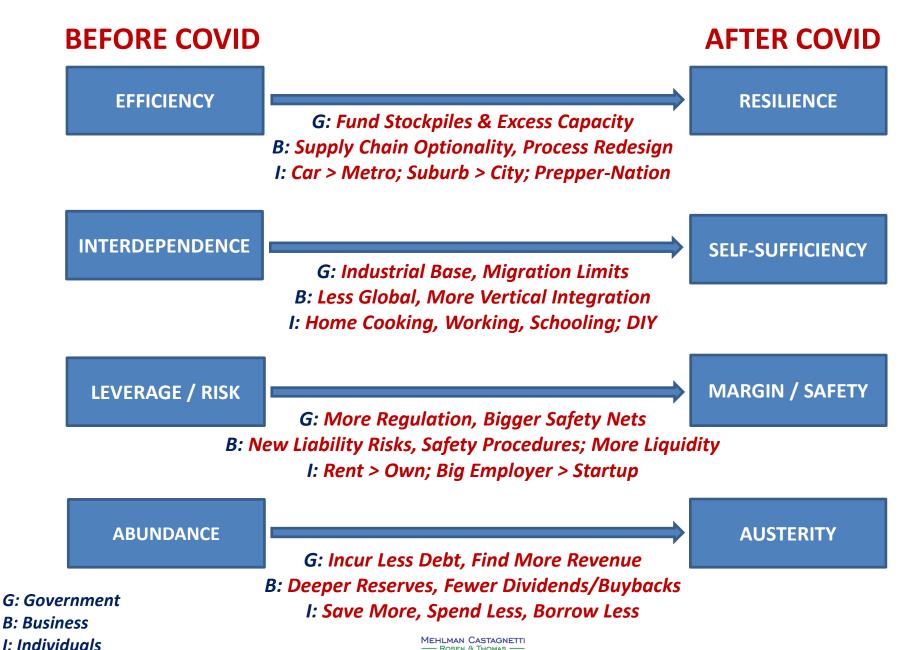


## GLOBALIZATION: DEMOGRAPHICS WILL DRIVE DECLINES

#### % Change in Working Age Population, Past & Future 3 Decades

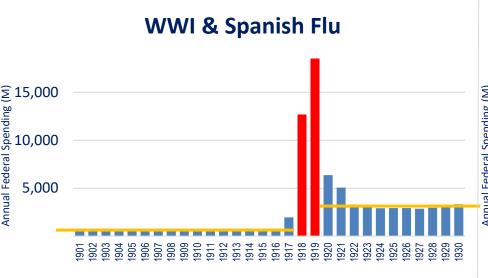


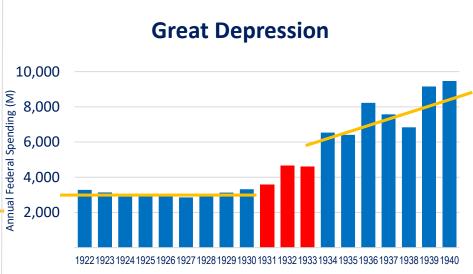
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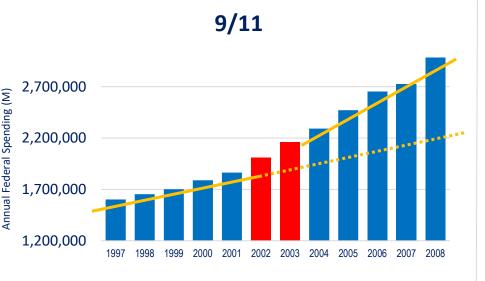


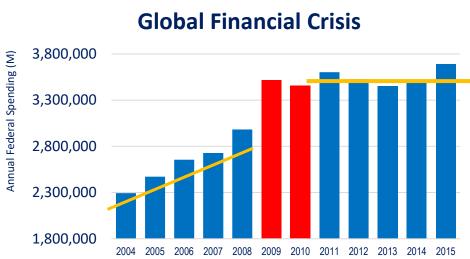
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## **POLITICS: CRISES GROW GOVERNMENT**

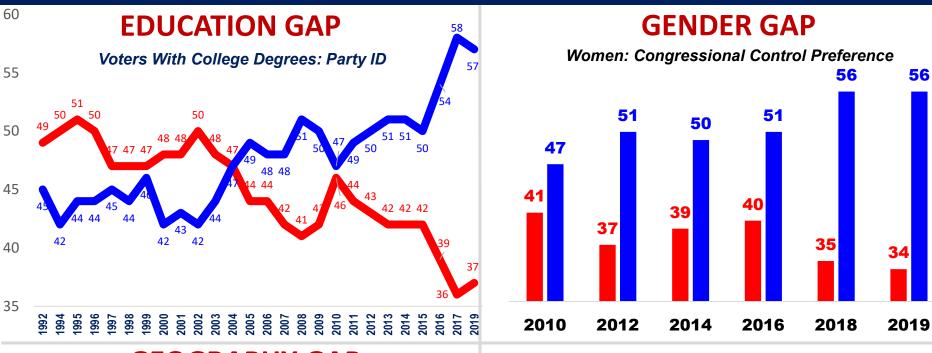


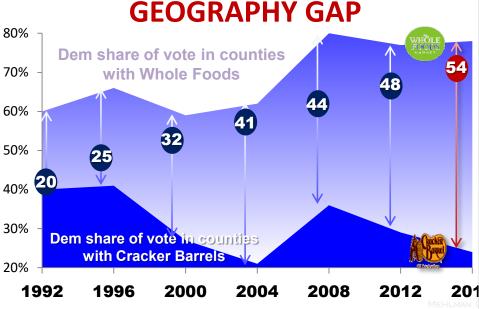




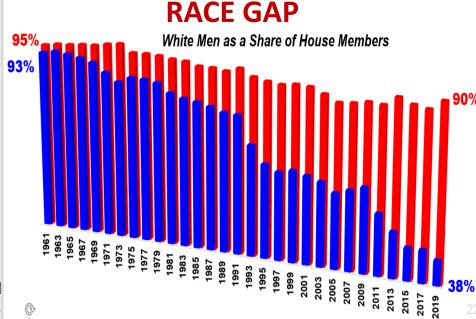


## **POLITICS: THE PARTIES ARE REALIGNING**





Sources: Pew (Education): WS.J/NBC (gender): Wasserman (Geography):



## THE 2020 ELECTIONS

## **Pandemic Politics**



## **CORE ELECTION DYNAMICS**

#### **PANDEMIC**

Looks Like: "Wartime President"



Feels Like: We're Losing the War

The New York Times							
	U.S. DEATHS NEAR 100,000, AN INCALCULABLE LOSS						
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Net Trump Approval (Handling Pandemic):

**-17** 

#### **ECONOMY**

The Re-Opener-in-Chief



Lockdown Joe



Better for the Economy (Trump vs Biden):

Trump +6

#### **TOLERABILITY**

Too Old, Too PC, Too Washington?



**Too Divisive, Dangerous & Corrupt?** 



Dislike both candidates:

2016: **Trump +17** 

2020: Biden +34

### **BATTLE OF THE BRANDS**



#### **BIDEN'S BRAND RISKS**

- 1. Uncle Joe → Grampa Joe (seen as too old)
- 2. Regular Joe → Radical Joe (seen as too PC for moderates)
- 3. Obama Era Joe → Clinton Era Joe (seen as too moderate for liberals)
  - 4. Patriotic Joe → Partisan Joe (seen as rooting against recovery)
  - 5. No Show for Joe (Fear of Disease + Lack of Enthusiasm + Voting Restrictions depress turnout)

#### TRUMP'S BRAND RISKS

1. Disruptor-in-Chief (seen as unstable in a time of crisis)

2. Divider-in-Chief (seen inflaming divisions, race-baiting)

- 3. The Pandemic President (seen as failing to manage COVID)
- 4. Lock Her Up → Throw Him Out (unable to shift focus off himself onto Biden)
  - 5. The Vision Thing (seen as lacking a plan for the future)

## **TURNOUT & TRUST**

People Are Very Eager to Vote in 2020

## Both Sides See Turnout Opportunities & Risks

Eligible Citizens Who Didn't Vote in 2016

People Are Very Afraid of COVID, Fraud & Voter Suppression

2018

Highest U.S. Midterm Voter Turnout Since 1914

2019

Highest "Extremely Enthusiastic" to Vote Ever Recorded (CNN)

2016	White No College	College White	Non- White
MI	1,564k	412k	643k
MN	786k	211k	259k
NH	220k	69k	25k
PA	2,290k	603k	695k
WI	819k	161k	306k
AZ	684k	228k	904k
FL	2,565k	719k	2,565k
GA	1,172k	327k	1,303k
NC	1,105k	321k	834k
TX	2,665k	813k	4,274k

25%

would be uncomfortable voting in person right now (40%D, 6% R)

59%

of Americans are not confident in the honesty of U.S. elections

## **HOW ELECTIONS MIGHT IMPACT POLICY**

ISSUE	BIDEN ADMINISTRATION	TRUMP ADMINISTRATION	
Immigration	More; give health care; DACA	Less; no gov't benefits	
Climate / Energy	Regulate & enforce; Paris Accord	Deregulate	
Gun Control	Gun safety laws & enforcement	No new laws	
Labor	PRO Act + \$15/hr	Deregulate; Fewer NLRB rules	
Policing Reform	Black Lives Matter; Have Feds lead	Blue Lives Matter; Let States lead	
Health Care	ACA+ public option; Lower age for Medicare; Lower Rx costs	Kill ACA but says he'll cover pre- existing conditions; Lower Rx cost	
Тах	Repeal Trump cuts for wealthy, corps	Maintain / more cuts	
Finance	Homeowner protection; undo regulatory rollback; enforcement	Relax Dodd-Frank	
Foreign Policy	Lead multilateral groups	End old multilateralism	
Trade	Cut "Fair" deals, TPP; re-shore U.S. supply chains; fewer tariffs	Cut "America First" deals; re- shore U.S. supply chains	
Deficits	<u>+\$8.6T</u> from '09-'16	<u>+\$8.3T</u> from '17-'20	
China	Confront with allies	Confront	
Infrastructure	\$\$\$\$\$ + green incentives	\$\$\$\$	
Antitrust/Big Tech	Restrain "Big Tech" (Antitrust, §230)	Restrain "Big Tech" (Antitrust, §230)	

## **GOP SENATE AT RISK IN 2020... IF BIDEN RUNS THE TABLE**

#### Since 1992, Incumbent Senators Win...

**97%** 

126/130

...of races when the Presidential candidate of their party **wins** their state



**70%** 

37/53

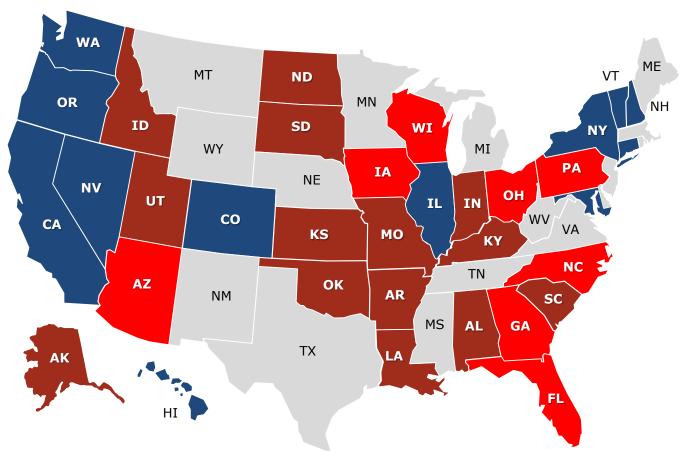
...of races when the Presidential candidate of their party *loses* their state

## Closest 2020 Senate Races by How State Is Leaning in the Presidential Race (per Cook Report)

Likely+ Dem	Lean Dem	Toss Ups	Lean GOP	Likely+ GOP
ME (Collins)	CO (Gardner) MI (Peters)	AZ (McSally) GA (Perdue) GA (Loeffler) NC (Tillis)	IA (Ernst)	AL (Jones) MT (Daines)

## **GOP SENATE 2022... IF TRUMP RE-ELECTED, HUGE RISKS**

## GOP Could Be Defending 8 of 10 Closest Trump 2016 States



#### 6th Year Itch?

1986 Reagan lost Senate 2006 Bush lost Senate 2014 Obama lost Senate

### **CONGRESS: DON'T WRITE-OFF 2020**

### Significant Legislative Tasks Remain

#### MUST DO / VERY LIKELY IN 2020

#### **COVID Recovery Package #5**

IN: liability limits, \$\$\$ for families, states+ health system TBD: UI levels, election help, OSHA, airlines, broadband

FY 2021 Spending Bills/CR

(or shutdown 9/30)

#### FY21 Nat'l Defense Authorization Act

#### **Expiring Authorizations:**

- FISA (expired 3/15)
- Surface Transportation (expires 9/30)
- National Flood Insurance (9/30)
- TANF & CCES programs (11/30)
- Water Resources Development Act
- Medicare, Medicaid, Community
   Health Ctrs & Other Public Health (11/30)

Sanctions (China, Russia, Venezuela)

**Great American Outdoors Act** 

(LWCF permanent reauthorization)

**Oversight of Recovery Spending** 



#### **MAY DO IN 2020 / LIKELY BY 2021\***

\$1T+ Infrastructure Overhaul

Policing Reform → by '21 new civil rights agenda (jobs, health, housing, education)

**Tech:** Limiting CDA §230; Promoting U.S. semiconductor manufacturing; Supporting 5G broadband deployment; Cyber Solarium recommendations

**HC:** Drug Pricing; Surprise Billing; Telehealth expansion; Moving Rx/PPE supply chains to U.S.; Health disparities/social determinants

Fin: Anti-Money Laundering bill

**Trade**: Carrots/sticks to re-shore supply chains

Post-COVID safety net fixes

**Oversight of Recovery Spending** 

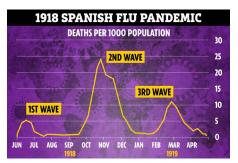
\* If Biden wins WH, new agenda & new team = more issues

## RECOMMENDATIONS

"Those Who Fail to Learn from History..."

## **MORE CRISES ARE LIKELY**

#### We Have Been Warned... Will We Be Prepared?



#### **Second Pandemic Wave**

- 8 of last 8 major pandemics had 2<sup>nd</sup> waves including Spanish Flu
- Coinciding with seasonal influenza could overwhelm public health in the Fall disrupting economy, elections, education

#### **Disrupted & Disputed Elections**

- Long lines, closed polling locations, fearful voters
- Winner may be unknown for week(s)
- High chance close results are disputed → largest protests in U.S. history





#### **Cyber "Pearl Harbor"**

- Cyber crime costs the world <u>\$6T</u> per year, is occurring with greater frequency with growing hacking by nations
- Critical U.S. infrastructure remains vulnerable

#### **Catastrophic Infrastructure Failure**

- Michigan suffered collapsed dam in 2019 & lead in groundwater in 2014-2016
- Trillions are needed to promote safety



Flint Water Crisis "Ground Zero"

## Climate Cataclysm

 Extreme weather events have occurred with increasing frequency, driven by changing climate



Increasing extreme weather events

in the USA to 2015 (NOAA)

Contiguous U.S. CEI (All Steps Combined)

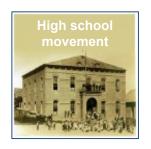
## **CRISES CATALYZE REFORMS**

#### **GILDED AGE**









#### **GREAT DEPRESSION**









MERS OUTBREAK (S. KOREA, 2015)



Fast, early, widespread testing



Universal mask wearing



Health care system prepared for surges



Compliance with quarantines

### **HOW LEADERS CAN PREPARE FOR COMING CRISES**

#### 1.TRUST: the Most Important Brand Attribute This Decade

> You will be judged on what you do to help in 2020... Expect aggressive government oversight, heightened media scrutiny & increasing activist engagement.

### 2. TECHNOLOGY: Disruptive Innovation Will Accelerate

➤ Leverage new opportunities to become more competitive... Build a smarter, more resilient business.

## 3. GEOPOLITICS: Plan for Ongoing Deglobalization

➤ Diversify supply chain optionality and engage local governments... but also lead by example in supporting multilateral institutions aimed at shared challenges.

## 4. CULTURE: Traditional Washington Gatekeepers Are Losing Power

> Expand stakeholder outreach, doing more than just writing checks... who will partner on your priorities later because you supported theirs now?

## 5. POLITICS: Reforms Are Necessary & Inexorable

➤ Engage in the messy process of political & policy reforms... populism will continue rising at home & abroad until more people feel "dealt-in".

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