Weekly Current Events: Posted: 10.21.2019

[Mitch McConnell. “Pulling Out of Syria a Grave Mistake.”](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/opinion/opinions-mitch-mcconnell-withdrawing-from-syria-is-a-grave-mistake/ar-AAIZyoI) *[Washington Post](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/opinion/opinions-mitch-mcconnell-withdrawing-from-syria-is-a-grave-mistake/ar-AAIZyoI)*[, 10.20.19.](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/opinion/opinions-mitch-mcconnell-withdrawing-from-syria-is-a-grave-mistake/ar-AAIZyoI)

1. Recap one of Senator Mitch McConnell’s three lessons.
2. Who is the chief enemy or concern for the United States in Syria?
3. What is the United States’ role in the post-WW II era?
4. How does McConnell regard or describe the Trump administration’s actions?
5. What does he suggest for the solution?

[Joe Sonka. “Bevin and Beshear Tied in Race for Kentucky Governor.” *Courier Journal*. 10.16.19](https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/politics/elections/kentucky/2019/10/16/kentucky-election-matt-bevin-andy-beshear-tied-race-governor/3988544002/)

1. Who are the candidates for Kentucky Governor?
2. How close is this race?
3. How do Kentuckians view their incumbent governor and how do they view President Trump?
4. Examine the charts below. Do the demographic groups in Kentucky follow national partisan trends? What’s one example?
5. Which candidate is winning independents, by how much?

[Valerie Bauerlein. “Republican Party and Primary Election in S.C.” *Wall Street Journal*. 10.18.19.](https://www.wsj.com/articles/in-south-carolina-republican-party-fights-to-skip-presidential-primary-11571391002)

1. What is this lawsuit about, what is it trying to accomplish?
2. How did South Carolina’s Republican Party decide to not hold a presidential primary?
3. What notable S.C Republican is running for the presidential nomination?
4. What has the state party done in past years when an incumbent Republican president sought re-election?
5. Do you think the state party should hold a primary election? Why or why not?