

Weekly Current Events: Posted: 8.31.2020

[Charlie Savage, “White House Dismisses Questions of . . . Anti-Corruption Law,” *New York Times*, 8.26.20.](#)

1. What is the Hatch Act? What is it designed to prevent?
2. How might the Trump administration have violated the Hatch Act, according to experts?
3. What is the Trump administration’s response to these allegations? Do you find it to be adequate? Why or why not?
4. What do you think the line between campaigning and governing should be?

[Natasha Korecki, “It’s Playing into Trump’s Hands: Dems fear swing-state damage from Kenosha unrest,” *Politico*, 8.27.20.](#)

1. What is the ‘law and order’ strategy of President Trump?
2. Why are some Democrats worried that the unrest may harm Biden and help Trump?
3. How do you think the riots in urban areas throughout the United States will impact the 2020 General Election?
4. What is your own personal reaction to the riots in Kenosha and Portland?

[Isabelle Khurshudyan, “Russia’s Putin ready to send forces to Belarus,” *Washington Post*, 8.27.20.](#)

1. Why might Russian leader Vladimir Putin intervene and send forces into the neighboring country of Belarus?
2. How do Russia and Putin disagree with European countries and leaders on the election in Belarus?
3. What qualification did Putin put on his statement or warning of intervention?
4. Why does Putin suggest that Belarus should take care of Belarus?
5. What did the state-run interview fail to address regarding Alexei Navalny?
6. What role should the United States play in this global affair, if any?