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[“The Hong Kong Protests Explained.” BBC.com. 9.4.19.](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-49317695%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

1. Describe the relationship between the People’s Republic of China and Hong Kong.
2. Why are Hong Kong’s residents protesting against the Chinese government and how could this impact the United States?
3. The United States has long prided itself as being the leader of the free world and an advocate for democracy around the world. However, the American economy is deeply tied to the Chinese economy. What should the U.S. role be in regards to the strained relationship between China and Hong Kong?

[Anne D’Innocenzo. “Walmart to Stop Selling Ammo . . . Asks Customers . . .” *Chicago Tribune*. 9.3.19.](https://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-biz-walmart-handgun-ammunition-20190903-v7qqfl4l7zc2dd6cd2bum2wu5q-story.html)

1. Why are Walmart stores refusing to sell some types of ammunition?
2. How is Walmart using its size and influence to set the agenda for the gun control debate?
3. What is your opinion on Walmart’s or Kroger’s actions and what impact do you think these will have?

[Russell Berman. “2020 Congressional-Retirement Tracker.”](https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2019/09/retirement-congress-2020-hurd-alexander/596965/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=politics-daily-newsletter&utm_content=20190904&silverid-ref=NTA0ODA5NzU1NTQ4S0) *[The Atlantic](https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2019/09/retirement-congress-2020-hurd-alexander/596965/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=politics-daily-newsletter&utm_content=20190904&silverid-ref=NTA0ODA5NzU1NTQ4S0)*[. 9.5.19.](https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2019/09/retirement-congress-2020-hurd-alexander/596965/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=politics-daily-newsletter&utm_content=20190904&silverid-ref=NTA0ODA5NzU1NTQ4S0)

1. Why are so many prominent Republicans who haven’t faced serious re-election challenges suddenly retiring?
2. What is the difference between serving as a member of the minority party in the House and a minority member in the Senate?
3. In your opinion could Texas be the next “battleground state?”