

Weekly Current Events: Posted: 10.19.2020

[Robin Givhan, "Dueling Town Halls," *Washington Post*, Oct. 15, 2020.](#)

1. Where were the town hall programs?
2. Why were there two, separate and simultaneous town hall broadcasts?
3. How does the author describe Joe Biden's town hall?
4. How does he describe President Trump's?
5. What did Trump claim regarding his presidency and African Americans?
6. Do you agree with this claim? Why or why not?
7. What policy-making mistake did Joe Biden admit making?

[David Schaefer, "Ancient Greeks and Ranked Choice Voting," *RealClearPolicy.com*, 8.16.20.](#)

1. Describe and explain ranked choice voting.
2. What state is trying to establish ranked choice voting via ballot initiative this coming election?
3. What two demographic voting blocs do Democrats need to keep in their tent?
4. What's one advantage of ranked choice voting? What makes it more democratic (small 'd')?
5. What's the author's overall take on ranked choice voting? And, provide one of his arguments.

[Leslie Stahl, *The Lincoln Project*," *60 Minutes*, 10.11.20.](#)

1. What is The Lincoln Project?
2. Name and describe one of The Lincoln Project's members.
3. What sort of electioneering does this organization engage in?
4. What sort of impact do you think the Lincoln Project will have on the election? Why?