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A federal judge in California has ordered the Trump administration to stop investigations in nine states into whether noncitizens are registered to vote. US judge orders Trump administration to halt noncitizen voting investigation | Trump administration | The Guardian

A judge ordered Trump to sit for a deposition in his $10 billion defamation lawsuit against the BBC by Dec. 11. Judge orders Donald Trump deposition in defamation lawsuit against the BBC by Dec. 11 | AP News

A federal judge ruled that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's practice of knocking on doors and asking people about their immigration status — and whether they have voted in recent elections — likely violates the Voting Rights Act. Judge rules against DHS's policy of knocking on doors to track down possible noncitizen voters - CBS News

The Justice Department dropped its appeals of two court rulings that struck down the Trump administration's restrictions on the popular student-loan forgiveness program for public servants. DOJ drops fight to put Trump's restrictions on public service loan forgiveness - The Washington Post

A record number of women are running for state legislatures this November, more than two-thirds of whom are Democrats. A record number of women are running for state legislatures this year • Stateline

A new PRRI poll finds 58% of Americans agree that "President Trump is a potentially dangerous dictator whose power should be limited before he destroys American democracy" — up from 52% in March 2025. Darkening Mood and Shifting Political Loyalties Ahead of Midterm Elections: Findings from the 2026 American Values Survey - PRRI

A federal appeals court upheld a lower court ruling that barred the Trump administration from taking control of the state's National Guard troops and deploying them to Los Angeles. Opinion – #179, Att. #1 in Newsom, et al. v. Trump, et al. (9th Cir., 25-3727) – CourtListener.com