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Judges' response to Trump criticism: Silence

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's unusually personal criticism of federal judges has drawn rebukes from many quarters, including from Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch, but not from the judges themselves.

And that's not likely to change, even if the tweeter in chief keeps up his attacks on judges. Bolstered by lifetime tenure, independent judges should not respond to criticism, no matter how harsh or that its source is the president, said a former judge, a law school dean and a constitutional law professor.

Judges "should basically give the tweets the attention they deserve, which means they should be ignored. This is basically a childish tantrum from someone who didn't get his way. And the judiciary should go about its business and decide cases, including cases involving him," said Vanderbilt University law professor Suzanna Sherry.

Trump's style may be different and his language more coarse, but the comments themselves are not the "threat to judicial independence that some commentators have made them out to be," said University of Pennsylvania law school dean Theodore Ruger.

Former U.S. District Judge Paul Cassell said judges would find themselves in unfamiliar territory "if they start critiquing the Twitter feed of the president."

Company to resume work to finish Dakota Access pipeline

CANNON BALL, N.D. — With the green light from the federal government, the company building the Dakota Access oil pipeline said Wednesday it plans to resume work immediately to finish the long-stalled project. Opponents of the \$3.8 billion project meanwhile protested around the country in an action some dubbed their "last stand."

The Army on Wednesday granted the developer of the four-state oil pipeline formal permission to lay pipe under a Missouri River reservoir in North Dakota, clearing the way for completion of the disputed project.

"We plan to begin immediately," Vicki Granado, a spokeswoman for developer Energy Transfer Partners, said in an email to The Associated Press Wednesday night.

Work had been stalled for months due to opposition by the Standing Rock Sioux, but President Donald Trump last month instructed the Army Corps of Engineers to advance pipeline construction.

The tribe fears a pipeline leak could contaminate its drinking water. ETP says the pipeline is safe.

GOP lawmakers around the US push for restrictions on voting

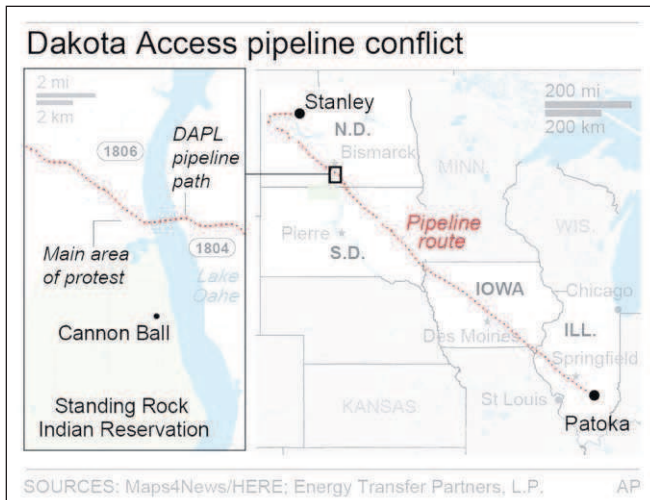
CONCORD, N.H. — As President Donald Trump hurls unfounded allegations of colossal fraud in last fall's election, lawmakers in at least 20 mostly Republican-led states are pushing to make it harder to register or to vote.

Efforts are underway in places such as Arkansas, Iowa, Maine, Nebraska and Indiana to adopt or tighten requirements that voters show photo ID at the polls. There is a move in Iowa and New Hampshire to eliminate Election Day registration. New Hampshire may also make it difficult for college students to vote. And Texas could shorten the early voting period by several days.

Supporters say the measures are necessary to combat voter fraud and increase public confidence in elections. But research has shown that in-person fraud at the polls is extremely rare, and critics of these restrictions warn that they will hurt mostly poor people, minorities and students — all of whom tend to vote Democratic — as well as the elderly.

They fear, too, that the U.S. Justice Department, under newly confirmed Attorney General Jeff Sessions, will do little to intervene to protect voters.

Some election watchers see voting rights under heavy attack.



Federal government about to green-light the final phase of the Dakota Access pipeline.

Trump vs. Nordstrom: The latest bout raising ethical concerns

NEW YORK — Donald Trump just can't seem to separate the presidency from his family's businesses.

Whereas other presidents took pains to avoid even the appearance of using their office for private gain, Trump is pushing the limits. He met with Indian business partners before his inauguration, and decided to hold on to his company, while expanding his hotel brand.

On Wednesday, he added to a string of presidential firsts, and drew fire from ethics lawyers, with a Twitter attack on Nordstrom. The Seattle-based retailer earned Trump's ire by dropping his daughter Ivanka's clothing and accessory line.

The implication, intended or not: Hurt my daughter's business and the Oval Office will come after you.

"My daughter Ivanka has been treated so unfairly by @Nordstrom," the president tweeted. "She is a great person — always pushing me to do the right thing! Terrible!"

Government delays listing bumblebee as endangered

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Federal officials have delayed the first-ever listing of a bee species in the continental U.S. as endangered — one day before it was to take effect.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said Jan. 11 it was placing the rusty patched bumblebee on the endangered list. It's among many types of bees that play a vital role in pollinating crops and wild plants. It once was common across the East Coast and much of the Midwest but its numbers have plummeted since the late 1990s.

The listing was to take effect Friday. But in a Federal Register notice, the service said it was postponing the effective date to March 21 because of a White House order temporarily freezing any regulations that have been published but haven't taken effect.

Price nears Senate confirmation as Trump health secretary

WASHINGTON — Republicans are ready to overpower Democrats and push another of President Donald Trump's Cabinet nominees through the Senate, the man who will help lead the GOP drive to erase and replace the health care law.

The Senate voted 51-48 Wednesday to short-circuit Democratic delaying tactics against Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga., Trump's choice for health secretary. Final approval of Price seemed certain, a vote that would elevate the long-time proponent of dismantling President Barack Obama's health care law and reshaping and curbing Medicare and Medicaid. Those goals, for many Republicans, are high on the GOP agenda.

The debate over Price was coming in a week that has so far seen Democrats, eager to show liberal constituents that they are taking a stand against Trump, ferociously but unsuccessfully opposing two nominees for top administration jobs.

Over solid Democratic opposition and two GOP defections, it took a tie-breaking vote by Vice President Mike Pence for the Senate to approve wealthy GOP donor Betsy DeVos on Tuesday to head the Education Department. Under the Constitution, one of the duties of a vice president is to break tie votes in the 100-member Senate.

On Wednesday, the chamber confirmed Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., to be attorney general. That debate was bitter, fueled by Democratic accusations that Sessions lacked a devotion to civil rights laws and wouldn't stand up to Trump.

Chance and challenge: Japan Inc worried but hopeful on Trump

TOKYO — President Donald Trump's salvos on trade and currency are rattling Japan Inc., but many here hope Prime Minister Shinzo Abe can sell him a "win-win" package of job creation and investment when they meet this week, averting a return of the Japan-bashing of the 1980s.

Abe moved early to build a personal rapport with Trump, meeting him in New York shortly after he was elected. With Japan's largest export market at stake, its businesses need him to keep at it.

Japan's status as the cornerstone U.S. ally in the Pacific was reassuringly reaffirmed in a recent visit by U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis. Tokyo has reiterated its commitment to spending more on its own security and buying more military aircraft and other equipment from the U.S.

That won't directly affect trade figures, however, which are measured by the private sector.

Japan logged the second largest trade surplus with the U.S. last year, at \$68.9 billion dollars. That's way below China's, at \$347 billion, and on a par with the surpluses run by Germany and Mexico.

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Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING												FEBRUARY 9	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's A. "None of Your Business" (N)	Scandal "Fates Worse Than Death" (N)	Murder "Go Cry Somewhere Else" (N)	KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grey's A. "None of Your Business" (N)	Scandal "Fates Worse Than Death" (N)	Murder "Go Cry Somewhere Else" (N)	KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Superstore (N)	Powerless (N)	Chicago Med "Theseus' Ship" (N)	The Blacklist "Isabella Stone" (N)	KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Great Indoors (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	Training Day "Tehrangles" (N)	KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Great Indoors (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	Training Day "Tehrangles" (N)	KIRO News	(35) S. Colbert	
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	Inside Edition	Superstore (N)	Powerless (N)	Chicago Med "Theseus' Ship" (N)	The Blacklist "Isabella Stone" (N)	KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show		
9	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Supernatural "Regarding Dean" (N)	River "Chapter Three: Body Double" (N)	KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother		
10	KOPB	(10) Born to Explore	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Midsomer M.	(50) Midsomer	Dance With the Dead	(35) DCI Banks	Wednesday's Child	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Chef "Quest for the Apron, Pt. 1" (SP) (N)	My Kitchen Rules (N)	10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls		
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	Cleveland Show		
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Chef "Quest for the Apron, Pt. 1" (SP) (N)	My Kitchen Rules (N)	Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	The Simpsons		
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	The Simpsons		
22	KZJQ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	
29	ESPN	(29) NCAA Basketball UNC/Duke (L)		NCAA Basketball	Oregon at UCLA (L)			SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Friends	
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball Southern Methodist University at Temple (L)				SportsCenter		NFL Live		College Basketball Jalen & Jacoby (N)		NCAA Basketball North Carolina at Duke	
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	Ride	Game Shakers	★ Scooby-Doo ('02) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Matthew Lillard, Freddie Prinze Jr.		Nashville "Hurricane"			
32	DISN	(32) Bunk'd	Bizaardvark	K.C. Undercover	Good Luck Charlie	Stuck in Middle	Good Luck Charlie	★ Liv and Maddie	★ Liv and Maddie	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	
34	FAM	(34) Movie	★ ★ Because I Said So (2007, Romance)	Mandy Moore, Gabriel Macht, Diane Keaton.				★ ★ ★ 10 Things I Hate About You ('99)		★ ★ ★ 10 Things I Hate About You ('99)	Julia Stiles, Heath Ledger.		The 700 Club
35	FMC	(35) Movie	(50) ★ ★ The Green Hornet (2011, Action)	Jay Chou, Christoph Waltz, Seth Rogen.				(10) FXM Presents	★ ★ ★ Reno 911!	Miami ('07) Kerri Kenney, Thomas Lennon.	(10) Reno 911!	Miami Thomas Lennon.	
36	LIFE	(36) Project Runway "Light Up the Runway"	Project Runway "Firefighting Clients"	Project Runway "High End Italian Fashion" (N)		Project Runway "Race to the Finale" (N)		★ ★ Ghosts of Girlfriends Past ('09) Jennifer Garner, Matthew McConaughey.					
38	ROOT	(38) In Depth	Mark Few	NCAA Basketball Gonzaga at Loyola Marymount (L)		The Game 365	In Depth	NCAA Basketball Santa Clara at San Francisco					
39	F51	(39) (4:00) UFC UFC 193		NCAA Basketball Washington vs. Colorado (L)		Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.					
43	SPIKE	(43) (4:30) X-Men Origins: Wolverine		Hercules (2014, Adventure) John Hurt, Irina Shayk, Dwayne Johnson.			Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle (N)	Caraoke (N)	Hercules ('14, Adv) Dwayne Johnson.			
44	COM	(44) (2:00) Futurama	(55) Futurama "A Farewell to Arms"	(25) ★ ★ We're the Millers (2013, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Emma Roberts, Jason Sudeikis.				Detroiters	Tosh.0	The Daily Show (N) @midnight (N)			
45	HIST	(45) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Alone "The Point of No Return"	Alone "Day 87" (SF) (N)	(05) Alone "Reunion Special" (N)		(05) Detroit Steel "The Price is Right"			
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Broad Daylight"	The First 48 "Broken Home"	The First 48 "The Other Wife"		Nightwatch "Behind the Badge" (N)	Nightwatch "Life on the Line" (N)	(05) Nightwatch "New Beginnings" (N)		(05) 600 Life: Supersized "Erica's Story"			
47	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life "Joe's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Brittani's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Erica's Story" Erica regrets not keeping a promise to her mom. (N)		Extreme Weight Loss "David"							
48	DISC	(48) Fast N' Loud "The Pickup Artist"	Fast N' Loud "Pickup the Pieces"	Fast N' Loud "Camaro Rising"		Fast N' Loud: Revved Up "High Speed Bet" (N)							
49	NINGO	(49) Untamed Americas "Deserts"	Wild Yellowstone "The Frozen Frontier"	Wild Yellowstone "Grizzly Summer"		Wild Hawaii "Secrets of the Deep"		Wild Hawaii "Land of Fire"		Wild Mississippi "Raging Waters"			
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Cleveland vs Oklahoma (L)		NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Portland Trail Blazers Site: Moda Center -- Portland, Ore. (L)		Inside the NBA		NBA Basketball Cleveland vs Oklahoma					
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) Megamind ('10, Ani) Will Ferrell.	★ ★ ★ The Matrix (1999, Action) Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss, Keanu Reeves.			★ ★ The Matrix Reloaded ('03) Carrie-Anne Moss, Keanu Reeves.							
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Poisoned Motive"	Law&Order: SVU "Girls Disappeared"	Law&Order: SVU "American Disgrace"	Law&Order: SVU "Assaulting Reality"	Colony "Company Man" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Child's Welfare"					
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Walk on the Whelk Side"	Chopped "Haricot Flair"	Chopped "Cooking Caribbean"	Chopped "Knife Strife"	Beat Flay (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay		
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)		
56	FX	(56) (5:00) ★ ★ X-Men: Days of Future Past ('14) Ian McKellen, Hugh Jackman.	★ ★ The Hangover Part III ('13, Com) Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper.			Baskets (N)	Baskets	Baskets	Baskets	Neighbors ('14)			
57	CNN	(57) CNN Special	Comedy "F***ing Funny" (P) (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		History of Comedy "F***ing Funny"		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon					
58	FNC	(58) Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity	The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		The First 100 Days					
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	Super Rich (N)	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	Lives-Super Rich	
63	BRVA	(63) ★ ★ ★ Mrs. Doubtfire (1993, Comedy) Sally Field, Pierce Brosnan, Robin Williams.	To Be Announced			Top Chef		WatchWhat (N)		Beverly Hills			
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Gigi (1958, Musical) Leslie Caron. (15) ★ ★ ★ Gold Diggers of 1933 ('33) Ruby Keeler, Joan Blondell.	★ ★ ★ ★ Gold Diggers of 1933 ('33) Ruby Keeler, Joan Blondell.			★ ★ ★ ★ Gone With the Wind (1939, Epic) Clark Gable, Olivia De Havilland, Vivien Leigh.							
65	SYFY	(65) (5:00) ★ ★ ★ Robin Hood ('10, Adv) Cate Blanchett, Mark Strong, Russell Crowe.	★ ★ Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (2006, Adventure) Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightly, Johnny Depp.			I, Frankenstein ('14) Yvonne Strahovski.							
69	RFN	(69) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "Live"		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library	

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