

A1 - OPEN

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{2-SHOT/JOEY}

TONIGHT ON POLITICAT --
REPEATED ATTEMPTS AT
OBSTRUCTION --HIGHLIGHTS AND
TAKE-AWAYS FROM THE REDACTED
MU-LLER REPORT

{2-SHOT/JUSTIN}

AND MARATHON TOWN HALL --
WE LOOK AT THE PERFORMANCES
OF FIVE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES
ON C-N-N LAST NIGHT

{2-SHOT/JOEY}

PLUS... FROM ACTING TO
REALITY -- A FORMER COMEDIAN IS
NOW PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

{2-SHOT/JUSTIN}

THOSE STORIES AND MORE
TONIGHT ON POLITICAT

{2-SHOT/JOEY}

IT'S YOUR POLITICS...

{BOTH}

RIGHT NOW.

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A3 - WELCOME

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{JOEY/2-SHOT}

GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME
TO POLITICAT. I'M JOEY SAFCHIK.

{JUSTIN/2-SHOT}

AND I'M JUSTIN SWEETWOOD.
LOTS OF NEWS TO COVER THIS
WEEK -- LET'S GET RIGHT INTO IT.

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A4 - HEAD- TAX RETURNS

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{CAM/JUSTIN}

A DECISION ON WHETHER TO RELEASE PRESIDENT TRUMP'S TAX RETURNS HAS BEEN DELAYED UNTIL MAY 6.

TREASURY SECRETARY STEVE MNUCHIN SAID TODAY THAT THE TREASURY AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENTS WERE DETERMINING IF THE HOUSE'S REQUEST FOR THE RETURNS WAS LEGAL.

HE CITED PRIVACY CONCERNS IN A LETTER TO THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE'S DEADLINE WAS TODAY AT 5 EASTERN... THOUGH IT WAS NOT LEGALLY BINDING.

IT WAS THE COMMITTEE'S THIRD SUCH DEADLINE. THE WHITE HOUSE SAID EARLIER TODAY THAT IT DID NOT PLAN TO RELEASE THE RETURNS.

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A5 - HEAD- SRI LANKA

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{CAM/JOEY}

AND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD... THE ISLAMIC STATE CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY TODAY FOR SUNDAY'S SUICIDE BOMBINGS IN SRI LANKA... BUT THE CLAIM HASN'T BEEN CONFIRMED.

OVER 300 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AT THREE HOTELS AND THREE CHURCHES DURING EASTER SUNDAY MASSES.

THE SRI LANKAN GOVERNMENT ADMITTED THAT IT WAS WARNED ABOUT POSSIBLE ATTACKS AND DIDN'T ACT ON THESE DIRECT WARNINGS.

RELIGIOUS TENSIONS HAVE RISEN AS CHRISTIANS LASH OUT AT LOCAL MUSLIMS.

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{CAM/JUSTIN}

SAUDI ARABIA SAID TODAY THAT IT EXECUTED 37 PEOPLE FOR TERRORISM-RELATED CRIMES.

THE COUNTRY'S OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY TWEETED THAT THE MEN WERE CONVICTED FOR ADOPTING EXTREMIST IDEOLOGIES... FORMING TERRORIST CELLS... AND SPARKING CONFLICT BETWEEN RELIGIOUS GROUPS.

ACTIVISTS SAY THAT NEARLY ALL OF THOSE EXECUTED WERE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY'S SHIA MUSLIM MINORITY.

HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SAID THAT CONFESSIONS WERE EXTRACTED THROUGH TORTURE. THIS IS SAUDI ARABIA'S LARGEST MASS EXECUTION SINCE 2016.

A7 - HEAD- INTRO MUELLER

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{CAM/JOEY}

A REDACTED VERSION OF ROBERT MU-LLER'S REPORT WAS RELEASED LAST THURSDAY.

THE SPECIAL COUNSEL'S INVESTIGATION EXAMINED RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN THE 2016 ELECTION... AND POSSIBLE OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE BY PRESIDENT TRUMP.

THE REPORT STATES THAT RUSSIA THOUGHT IT WOULD BENEFIT FROM A TRUMP PRESIDENCY... AND THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN BELIEVED IT WOULD BENEFIT SYMBIOTICALLY FROM RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE.

BUT... THE REPORT DETERMINED TRUMP'S ASSOCIATES DIDN'T PARTICIPATE IN A CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY.

TRUMP TWEETED THAT THIS GRANTS HIM "TOTAL EXONERATION..." BUT THE REPORT SAID IF THE PRESIDENT QUOTE "CLEARLY DID NOT COMMIT OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE..." THEY WOULD HAVE EXPLICITLY SAID SO.

FURTHER... THE REPORT DIDN'T

RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT
EVIDENCE OF CRIMINAL
WRONGDOING BY TRUMP'S
CAMPAIGN DOES EXIST.

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A8 - PANEL/MUELLER QUESTION ONE

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{4-SHOT/JOEY}

TO UNPACK THIS... I'D LIKE TO
WELCOME OUR PANEL. N-N-N'S
LEGAL ANALYST VIRGINIA
LANGMAID AND VICE PRESIDENT OF
COLLEGE DEMOCRATS OO-ZAIR KA-
DEER.

SO... WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF
THIS REPORT?

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A10 - MUELLER QUESTION 2

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{4-SHOT/JOEY}

PARTS OF THE REPORT SEEM TO INDICATE THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN DIDN'T NECESSARILY OPPOSE RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN THE CLINTON CAMPAIGN... AND A MEMBER OF TRUMP'S LEGAL TEAM... SAID THAT ANYONE WOULD TAKE INFORMATION ON AN OPPONENT.

IS THAT A SOLID MORAL AND POLITICAL STANDPOINT?

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A12 - MUELLER QUESTION 3

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{4-SHOT/JUSTIN}

NOW THAT THE INVESTIGATION HAS CONCLUDED... DEMOCRATS MUST DECIDE WHETHER TO PURSUE IMPEACHMENT. SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI SAID SHE WANTS TO MOVE ON FROM THE ISSUE... BUT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE KAMALA HARRIS SAID SHE'S STILL INTERESTED IN PURSUING IT.

WHAT'S THE DEMOCRATS' BEST STRATEGY?

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A14 - MUELLER QUESTION 4

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{4-SHOT/JUSTIN}

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT...
TRUMP EXPRESSED WORRY THAT
THE MUELLER INVESTIGATION
WOULD PREVENT HIM FROM
GETTING WORK DONE IN HIS
PRESIDENCY.

DOES HE HAVE A VALID POINT?
ALSO... HOW MUCH WILL THIS
AFFECT HIS CHANCES OF WINNING
THE 2020 ELECTION?

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A16 - MUELLER TAG

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{JUSTIN}

WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO LEAVE IT
THERE. WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

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B1 - INTRO MONEY MINUTE

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{CAM/JOEY}
NOW LET'S SEND IT OVER TO JUSTIN WHO'S STANDING BY WITH THIS WEEK'S MONEY MINUTE.

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B2 - MONEY MINUTE

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Camera:	2	WRITER:	JUSTIN

{JUSTIN}

THANKS JOEY... BEFORE WE GET INTO LAST NIGHT'S SERIES OF DEMOCRATIC TOWN HALLS... WE'RE GOING TO TAKE AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT *ONE* CADIDATES' POLICY PROPOSAL THAT HAS BEEN MAKING HEADLINES.

ON MONDAY MASSACHUSETTS SENATOR AND PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL ELIZABETH WARREN RELEASED A \$1.25 TRILLION DOLLAR PLAN **{TAKE GRAPH 1}** THAT WOULD ELIMINATE TUITION AND FEES AT TWO AND FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES. IT WOULD ALSO CANCEL STUDENT LOAN DEBT FOR MORE THAN 95 PERCENT OF AMERICANS. THOSE WITH HOUSEHOLD INCOMES LESS THAN \$100,000 DOLLARS WOULD HAVE UP TO \$50 GRAND IN DEBT CANCELLED... WITH A SMALLER TOTAL FORGIVEN AS HOUSEHOLD INCOME APPROACHES A QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS. **{BACK TO JS}** THE LATTER GROUP WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR DEBT FORGIVENESS. WARREN ALSO

WANTS TO EXPAND PELL GRANT FUNDING BY \$100 BILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS... AND CREATE A \$50 BILLION DOLLAR FUND FOR HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES... AND MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS.

NOW HOW EXACTLY IS THIS GOING TO BE PAID FOR? WARREN ENVISIONS A WEALTH TAX ON THE ULTRA RICH **{TAKE GRAPH 2}**... WHICH WOULD SUBJECT TO HOUSEHOLDS WORTH MORE THAN \$50 MILLION TO PAY A 2 PERCENT ANNUAL TAX... AND THOSE MAKING MORE THAN \$1 BILLION TO PAY A 3 PERCENT TAX. WHILE THAT MAY SOUND NICE TO MANY AMERICANS... THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF SAID WEALTH TAX IS UP FOR DEBATE **{BACK TO JS}**. IT ALL HINGES UPON THE DEFINITION OF A DIRECT TAX...WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN PROVIDED... THE CONSTITUTION STATES THAT NO DIRECT TAX CAN BE LEVIED UNLESS IT COLLECTS AN EQUAL AMOUNT PER CAPITA IN EACH STATE... EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF AN INCOME TAX. AND WHETHER THE WEALTH TAX FALLS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF A DIRECT TAX HAS

ALSO NEVER BEEN SETTLED... IT
WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY REACH
THE NATION'S HIGHEST COURT IF
WARREN MAKES IT THE WHITE
HOUSE. LET'S SEND IT BACK TO
THE DESK.

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B3 - MONEY MINUTE TAG/INTRO TOWN HALL

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{CAM/JOEY}

THANKS JUSTIN. SENATOR WARREN DISCUSSED THAT WEALTH TAX DURING A C-N-N TOWN HALL ON MONDAY NIGHT. THE TOWN HALL FEATURED FOUR OTHER DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES... SENATORS BERNIE SANDERS... KAMALA HARRIS... AND AMY KLOBUCHAR... AND SOUTH BEND MAYOR PETE BUTTIGIEG. ALL THE QUESTIONS CAME FROM COLLEGE STUDENTS.

THE TOWN HALL COVERED A RANGE OF TOPICS... FROM FELONS VOTING TO IMPEACHMENT.

AS THE DEMOCRATIC FIELD IS ALREADY SO LARGE... IT FEATURED ONLY A FRACTION OF THE DECLARED CANDIDATES. THE FIVE CANDIDATES WHO SPOKE ARE ALL CURRENTLY POLLING IN THE TOP AND MIDDLE OF THE FIELD.

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B4 - TOWN HALL QUESTION 1

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{CAM/JOEY}
TO ANALYZE THIS FURTHER...
WE'RE BRINGING BACK OUR PANEL.
IT'S STILL VERY EARLY IN THE
CAMPAIGN. HOW MUCH DID THE
CANDIDATES HAVE TO GAIN OR
LOSE LAST NIGHT?

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B6 - TOWN HALL QUESTION 2

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{4-SHOT/JUSTIN}

BERNIE SANDERS SAID HE SUPPORTED GIVING FELONS THE RIGHT TO VOTE WHILE STILL IN PRISON...REGARDLESS OF THEIR CRIME. KAMALA HARRIS SAID SHE'D LIKE TO HAVE THAT DISCUSSION AND PETE BUTTIGIEG SAID HE OPPOSED IT.

IS BERNIE WAY OUT OF LEFT FIELD HERE? IS THIS GOING TO BECOME A MAJOR ISSUE?

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B8 - TOWN HALL QUESTION 3

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{4-SHOT/JUSTIN}

IMPEACHMENT HAS BEEN IN THE NEWS LATELY WITH THE RELEASE OF THE MUELLER REPORT AND CAME UP SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE TOWN HALL. ELIZABETH WARREN HAS PUBLICLY SUPPORTED IMPEACHMENT AND LAST NIGHT KAMALA HARRIS SAID SHE BELIEVES THE SAME.

IS IMPEACHMENT JUST AN ISSUE RIGHT NOW SINCE THE MUELLER REPORT JUST CAME OUT OR DO YOU SEE IT REMAINING AN ISSUE THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN?

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B10 - TOWN HALL QUESTION 4

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{4-SHOT/JOEY}

SENATOR WARREN WAS ASKED IF SHE HAS CONCERNS ABOUT BEING QUOTE HILLARIED...MEANING IF SHE WORRIES ABOUT HER RECORD AND CAPABILITY BEING IGNORED OR DEGRADED SIMPLY BECAUSE SHE IS A WOMAN.

OBVIOUSLY CONCERNS ABOUT SEXISM AFFECTING A CAMPAIGN ARE NOT UNIQUE TO ELIZABETH WARREN...BUT IS THERE ANYTHING TO BE MADE OF THE QUESTION BEING ASKED OF HER SPECIFICALLY...RATHER THAN ANY OF THE OTHER WOMAN CANDIDATES THERE LAST NIGHT?

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B12 - TOWN HALL TAG

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{4-SHOT/JOEY}

WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE IT THERE.
WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

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C1 - INTRO NYDK

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{CAM/JUSTIN}

WE KNOW THE NEWS CAN BE A LITTLE OVERWHELMING SO WE'D LIKE TO CATCH YOU UP ON SOME STORIES YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED...

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY RICHARD GRENELL FIRED A SHOT AT DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE PETE BUTTIGIEG LAST WEEK ACCUSING HIM OF TRYING TO CAPITALIZE ON VICE PRESIDENT PENCE'S STANCE ON HOMOSEXUALITY. GRENELL ACCUSED BUTTIGIEG OF DRAWING ON A QUOTE "HATE HOAX"... SIMILAR TO THAT OF JUSSIE SMOLLETT. WHEN THE SOUTH BEND MAYOR WAS ASKED ABOUT GRENELL'S COMMENTS LAST NIGHT... HE RESPONDED BY SAYING QUOTE "I'M NOT A MASTER FISHERMAN... BUT I KNOW BAIT WHEN I SEE IT... AND I'M NOT GONNA TAKE IT."

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	<p>{CAM/JOEY}</p> <p>WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNOR JAY IN-SLEE SIGNED A BILL LAST FRIDAY THAT WILL STRONGLY ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS TO TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT THE HOLOCAUST. THE BILL DOES NOT *REQUIRE* SCHOOLS TO TALK ABOUT THE GENOCIDE... BUT IT WILL NOW BE RECOMMENDED CURRICULUM FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS ACROSS THE EVERGREEN STATE.</p> <p>INSLEE SAYS THAT IT WAS QUOTE HARD TO SMILE GIVEN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS... BUT I DO FEEL THAT THIS IS SOMETHING PEOPLE SHOULD FEEL GOOD ABOUT.</p>
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{CAM/JUSTIN}

UKRAINIAN COMEDIAN VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY WILL NOW BE THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE EASTERN EUROPEAN NATION. HE DEFEATED INCUMBENT PRESIDENT PETRO POROSHENKO AFTER TAKING 73 PERCENT OF THE VOTE IN THE RUN-OFF ELECTION. ZELENSKY WAS BEST KNOWN FOR PLAYING A CHARACTER WHO ACCIDENTALLY BECOMES PRESIDENT IN THE SATIRICAL TELEVISION SERIES SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE... BUT IT'S NO JOKE NOW... ZELENSKY SAID HE DECIDED TO GO INTO POLITICS TO CHANGE THE DYNAMIC AND SENTIMENT AROUND THE POLITICAL SPHERE.

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{CAM/JOEY}

LAST OCTOBER... THE DEPARTMENT STORE SEARS FILED FOR CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY AND HAD TO CLOSE 700 STORES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. BUT IT IS NOW SUING FORMER C-E-O EDDIE LAMPERT - AND TREASURY SECRETARY STEVEN MIN-OO-CHIN FOR STEALING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THE LAWSUIT ALLEGES THAT LAMPERT QUOTE "CAUSED MORE THAN \$2 BILLION DOLLARS OF ASSETS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO HIMSELF."

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{4-SHOT/JUSTIN}

TO END OUR PANEL ON A FUN
NOTE... WE'RE PLAYING THE GAME
WE INTRODUCED BACK IN MARCH...
HEAD*LIES*

WE'LL READ YOU THREE
HEADLINES -- TWO OF THEM FAKE...
ONE OF THEM REAL. YOU FIGURE
OUT WHICH ONE YOU THINK IS
SERIOUS.

READY?

C6 - HEADLIES ROUND 1

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{4-SHOT/JUSTIN}

FIRST... THE U.S. NAVY IS DRAFTING NEW GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING UFOS IN ORDER TO WORK TOWARD DESTIGMATIZING UNEXPLAINED AIRCRAFT SIGHTINGS.

SECOND... SOUTH BEND MAYOR AND 20-20 DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE... PETE BUTI-EDGE-EDGE... RETRACTED A STATEMENT HE MADE DURING LAST NIGHT'S CNN TOWN HALL REGARDING VOTING RIGHTS FOR INCARCERATED PEOPLE. HE CHANGED HIS STANCE AND EXPLAINED HE **WOULD** SUPPORT VOTING RIGHTS FOR INCARCERATED PEOPLE.

THIRD... ON EARTH DAY... STARBUCKS C.E.O. ANNOUNCES THEY ARE GOING GREEN. STARBUCKS STORES WILL INTRODUCE BIODEGRATIBLE CUPS TO PHASE OUT THEIR PLASTIC CUPS FOR COLD BEVERAGES.

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C8 - HEADLIES ROUND 2

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{4-SHOT/JUSTIN}

ALRIGHT...WE'LL GIVE YOU
ANOTHER SHOT... HERE'S ROUND 2.

FIRST... NOLA.COM PUBLISHED A
QUIZ THIS WEEK THAT HAD PEOPLE
GUESS WHETHER STATEMENTS
WERE MADE BY SENATOR JOHN
KENNEDY OF LOUISIANA OR
CARTOON CHARACTER FOGHORN
LEGHORN.

NEXT... ELON MUSK
RECOMMENDED USING
HOLOGRAMS OF CANDIDATES
DURING DEBATES SO CANDIDATES
WOULD NOT HAVE TO TRAVEL TO
DEBATE SITES.

THIRD... IN RESPONSE TO
TWITTER THREADS COMPARING
THE MUELLER REPORT TO
CELEBRITY OUTFITS... GUCCI HAS
ANNOUNCED A SERIES OF OUTFITS
GENUINELY BASED ON POPULAR
POLITICAL FIGURES.

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{4-SHOT/JOEY}
THANKS FOR PLAYING ALONG
WITH US. WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

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D1 - FINAL WORD

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{2-SHOT/JUSTIN}

ON THURSDAY

NIGHT...JOURNALIST LYRA MCKEE WAS KILLED IN DERRY...NORTHERN IRELAND. MCKEE WAS SHOT WHILE COVERING RIOTS IN THE CITY LINKED TO AN EASTER CELEBRATION OF AN IRISH REVOLT AGAINST BRITISH FORCES IN 1916. THE IRISH INDEPENDENCE GROUP "NEW I-R-A" HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK.

{2-SHOT/JOEY}

MCKEE WAS A PROMINENT JOURNALIST IN NORTHERN IRELAND WHO COVERED THE LASTING LEGACY OF THE TROUBLES IN IRELAND AND WROTE ABOUT HER OWN EXPERIENCE AS A YOUNG LESBIAN.

MCKEE'S DEATH REMINDS US THAT JOURNALISM IS BECOMING AN INCREASINGLY DANGEROUS CAREER. ACCORDING TO THE COMMITTEE TO PROTECT JOURNALISTS... 78 JOURNALISTS WERE KILLED IN 2018 ALONE... COMPARED TO 67 THE YEAR

BEFORE. AND THE VIOLENCE APPEARS TO BE SPREADING OUTSIDE OF AREAS OF ACTIVE CONFLICT... WHERE JOURNALISTS HAVE LONG FACED VIOLENCE AND DEATH. IN 2018... THE UNITED STATES HAD THE FIFTH-HIGHEST NUMBER OF JOURNALIST DEATHS WORLDWIDE.

{CAM/JUSTIN}

SOME CITE THE INTERNET AS AN INFLUENCING FACTOR. TWENTY YEARS AGO...A TERRORIST OR TERRORIST GROUP WOULD *NEED* A JOURNALIST REPORTING ON THEM TO SPREAD THEIR MESSAGE TO THE WORLD. NOW... THE SAME ENDS CAN BE REACHED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA...LESSENING THE VALUE OF A LIVE JOURNALIST. AND WHILE THE TWO AREN'T DEFINITELY LINKED...ANTI-PRESS RHETORIC FROM THOSE IN AUTHORITY CAN CREATE AN IMPLICIT SENSE OF PERMISSIVENESS TOWARDS VIOLENCE AGAINST JOURNALISTS.

AS OF TODAY...THE UNITED STATES' RANKING ON THE 2019 WORLD PRESS FREEDOM INDEX IS 48...DOWN THREE SPOTS FROM 2018 AND FIVE SPOTS FROM 2017.

THE ORGANIZATION THAT PUTS OUT
THE RANKINGS...REPORTERS
WITHOUT BORDERS... CITES
PRESIDENT TRUMP'S "ENEMY OF
THE PEOPLE" RHETORIC AS A
REASON FOR THE DROP.

THAT'S ALL THE TIME WE HAVE
FOR TONIGHT. I'M JUSTIN
SWEETWOOD.

{CAM/JOEY}

AND I'M JOEY SAFCHIK. THANKS
FOR WATCHING.

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