# TO PAY OFF HIS ELECTION DEBTS, TRUMP SEEMS PREPARED TO DESTROY THE UNITED STATES

Kimberly Strassel thinks Trump wants to hire people who intend to do grave damage to the US to pay off electoral debts. More likely, the grave damage is the point.

# CHUCK GRASSLEY SAYS THE FBI MUST COMBAT SEXUAL MISCONDUCT BUT THE SENATE CAN WHITEWASH IT

The NYT let Chuck Grassley and other Senators make false claims that could have been debunked by a great deal of NYT reporting. Better yet, NYT could have simply called out Grassley's own failures to uphold his own standards.

## THE LESSONS OF ZERO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR A KASH PATEL BUREAU

As we talk about what a politicized FBI run by Kash Patel will look like, it helps to review

how the House GOP already helped to politicize the FBI's work.

#### IN ADVANCE OF THE KASHTASTROPHE, DOJ IG RAISES THE STAKES ON INVESTIGATIONS OF CONGRESS

The recommendations in a DOJ Inspector General Report on leak investigations might give Congress further protection to leak. But it also might give aspiring FBI Director Kash Patel an excuse to prioritize prosecutions of journalists, before his former Congressional colleagues.

### THE MYTHS OF BLUEBEARD AND ORANGESKIN

Humans have been telling a story in which the same familiar elements have occurred because humans universally find it relatable across history and now — the myth of Bluebeard.

#### ZEYNEP TUFEKCI'S TWO BLIND SPOTS CROSS AT DOGE

The glee surrounding Brian Thompson's death is not unprecedented — Donald Trump campaigned on a similar mob glee, targeting Paul Pelosi, to get elected. And then he installed a bunch of billionaires to start looting. And politicians like Elizabeth Warren have already suggested some "broad public solutions" to that looting.

#### FRIDAYS WITH NICOLE SANDLER

We talked about nominations and the Hunter Biden pardon.

## YOU CAN'T PARDON AMERICA'S WAY OUT OF TRUMP'S ASSAULT ON RULE OF LAW

You can't pardon your way out of Trump's attack on rule of law. It's going to take much harder work than that.

# THE WHITE HOUSE CRYPTO CZAR: TRUMP'S ELECTION HAS HELPED BITCOIN FAR MORE THAN THE DOLLAR

Trump's support of the dollar arises from his honestly held but incompetently implemented belief in American Greatness. His reckless support for a bubble cryptocurrency arises from his greed. With Trump, his greed tends to win out.

## DEVLIN BARRETT MAKES SHIT UP ABOUT HUNTER BIDEN, AGAIN

Devlin Barrett attacked Joe Biden's claims about how political pressure affected Hunter Biden's case by inventing a straw man and then linking the reported article that debunked him.