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2020 NFL Draft: Recap

By: Neil Chibber

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The NFL Draft is where players from college football are picked to join different national teams. There are seven rounds in the NFL Draft, with each team getting first to last picks on new players based on their ranking the previous season. This was the first year the NFL Draft was done virtually. The commissioner of the NFL announced the picks from his home in New York. [The first three picks](#) went to the Cincinnati Bengals, Washington Redskins, and

Detroit Lions. The Bengals chose Joe Burrow, Quarterback, from Ohio State, but transferred to LSU. The Redskins chose Chase Young Defensive End, Ohio State. Finally, the Lions chose Jeff Okudah Cornerback, Ohio State. This was the first time all the first drafts had attended the [same college](#).

This year the Baltimore Ravens were one of the most dominant teams in the NFL between, winning the AFC and [Lamar Jackson winning MVP](#) the Ravens were cruising all through the season. Although a playoff [loss to the Titans](#) ended their road for the Lombardi Trophy, according to many draft analysts the Ravens had the best NFL draft. Brian Baldinger of NFL.com says, “The Baltimore Ravens won this year’s draft, hands down. They moved up and down the board, ultimately making 10 picks and drafting almost every position”.

The [Washington Redskins](#) had a challenging season finishing with a 3-13 record. Because of this, they were given the second pick in the draft. They chose, as mentioned before, Chase Young, Defensive End, from Ohio State. According to ESPN writer John Kiem, “The Redskins made a no-brainer choice by selecting Young second overall...many considered the best [player] in the draft.” You can view all the picks from the draft [here](#).

The Weeknd And Kendrick Lamar Are Being Sued Over The Black Panther Soundtrack

By: Shreeya Thakre

Source: [The Rolling Stone](https://www.rollingstone.com)

Caption: Kendrick Lamar, Chris Keating of Yeasayer, and The Weeknd, respectively



Kendrick Lamar and The Weeknd have been accused of stealing bits of music from rock band Yeasayer, with the Black Panther album’s third single, “Pray For Me.” Legal documents claim the artists pulled material from Yeasayer’s 2007 song “[Sunrise](#)” and altered it purposefully with “intent to conceal the infringement.” Yeasayer is referencing a “distinctive choral performance” two-thirds of the way into “[Pray For Me](#).” It features a number of male voices singing with a pulsating vibrato at high volumes – which the rock band claims they recorded themselves specifically for “Sunrise.” In the legal documents, Yeasayer has demanded a jury trial to determine if they may be compensated for all profits and damages for “Pray For Me.” They’ve also asked to block all further sales and airplay of the song.

Yeasayer claims the song’s infringement is “immediately recognizable” eight times throughout the track. The Weeknd and Kendrick Lamar have not commented yet about the pending lawsuit.

Why Old Books Are the New Thing

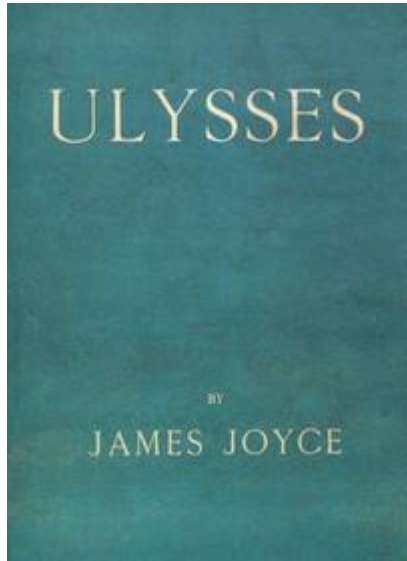
By: Michael Kittredge

Source: gutenberg.org

In an age where it has become increasingly rare to go to a library and instead go online, old books have begun to fade. However, according to Erin Pehlivan, a writer and editor, “[old books] show a different way of life from another time, [and] they don’t need to prove themselves.” Old books are a nice way to learn about what life was like during various eras in history. In addition, many old books are free online and can be accessed for free using websites such as gutenberg.org.

Because of this, why doesn’t everyone read old books online? The reason is the feeling of the books. According to LizztheLibrarian, “You know that someone else once handled that book and read the same words you are now reading.” This feeling makes readers feel more at home and secure when reading. For example, when a reader goes on the couch, picks up a Narnia book from their parents, and starts reading, they can feel how weathered it is and can almost sense the people who have held that same book.

So why are old books the new thing? Because they give insight into the different perspectives of the past, oftentimes are free and accessible online (don’t forget MackinVia, available on hcpss.me), and they have a comforting feel about them.



The NFL Adds Two New Playoff Teams and a 17th game

By: Neil Chibber

Source: tvtropes.com



The NFL added two playoff teams as of Saturday and will most likely add a 17th game in the 2021 season. According to the *New York Times*, “The N.F.L. has played a 16-game schedule since 1978 and has had a 12-team playoff format since 1990.” Currently, the NFL playoffs work like this: All 32 teams are split into the AFC and NFC (like the American and National Leagues in baseball). Each team plays 16 games (which has been turned into 17). They would add one team to the NFC Wild Card, and one to the AFC Wild Card. According to *ESPN*, “As part of the deal ... players ... go from a 47% revenue share under the current deal to 48% share at 16 games, and then to a 48.5% share if they go to 17 games, shifting \$5 billion of revenue to the players' side.” If this new rule were to come into play, there would be a greater push to be the #1 seed in the division because only the first seed would be given a first-round bye (when a team can skip one round of the playoffs).

Rise of Magic the Gathering

By: Michael Kittredge

Source: TCGPlayer.com



Caption: Zacama, Primal Calamity - Legendary Creature

Boasting over 35 million players worldwide, Magic the Gathering (MTG) was created in 1994 and has been growing for 27 years. Although many people doubted that this kind of game could last so long, it has, and also has created a worldwide video game that rewards ten million dollars to winners on esports. Despite its popularity now, Magic had humble beginnings. It started as a game to be played in lines for conventions and was meant to be quick and easy. But as popularity for the game grew, so did the amount of cards, budget, and players. Now what about the future? There has been an exponential growth of MTG starting at only 12 expansion sets in the first 14 months, then growing to over sixty more up until 2015. With this kind of growth we can expect good things for the future of MTG, one of the most beloved card games in the world. Especially because there is such a welcoming community of gamers. Walking into a gaming store you can expect to see a sales clerk that will help you by giving you two free decks if you tell them you are new. With such a great game and an even better community we can expect great things for the future.

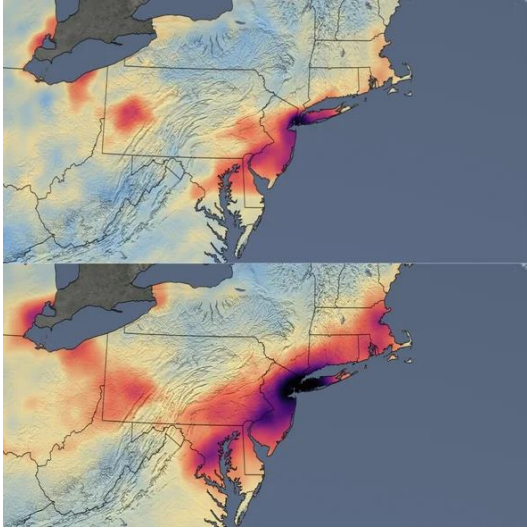
The Impact of COVID-19 on Climate Change

By: Sarozini Shrestha

Source: Human Rights Watch

Caption: Nitrogen oxide levels were about 30% lower in March of 2020 compared to the average throughout 2015-19.

Credit: NASA



**See below for an image of climate change's impact on France*

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought a serious threat to human health and the world's economy, and unfortunately, it could pose a serious threat to the environment too. According to Daniel Wilkinson and Luciana Chavez at the Human Rights Watch, actions and regulations that focus on reducing climate change have either been postponed or relaxed. 196 countries were planning to try and meet emission reduction goals that the 2015 Paris Agreement established, however, they had to postpone their attempts until next year due to the pandemic. Trump is planning to withdraw from the agreement after the 2020 election.

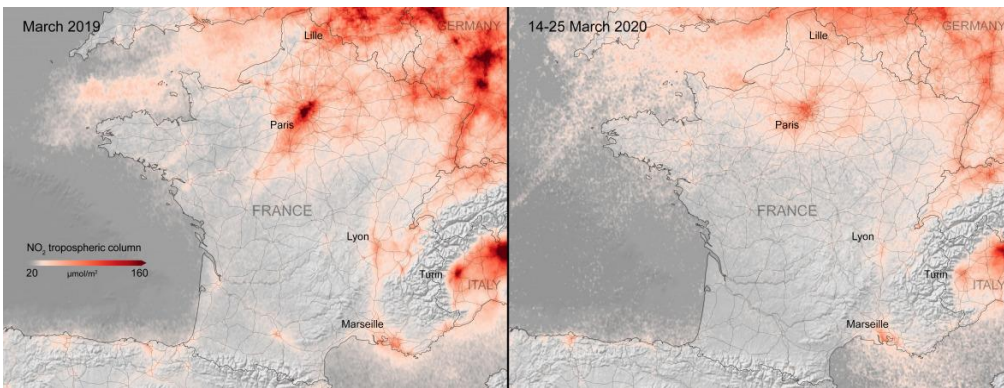
Smaller, more local attempts to impact climate change have been affected too. The EPA has announced that they won't penalize companies who fail to meet reporting requirements and federal monitoring expectations if their failures can be tied to the pandemic. The Trump administration has also rolled back auto emission rules that have been a staple of U.S. efforts to reduce greenhouse gas

emissions. Along with that, Brazil cut down on their enforcement work which protected the Amazon Rainforest from even faster deforestation, and airlines have been pushing for delays on emission cutting policies, with China already complying.

However, there is a silver lining. According to Georgina Lawton at the Independent, the lack of human activity due to the pandemic has reduced greenhouse gas emissions and positively affected the climate. As of April, coal consumption at power plants in China had dropped 36% and satellites show that nitrogen oxide levels are 37% lower than last year. Italy saw a 40% drop in nitrogen oxide levels and the waters are a lot clearer and seeing higher levels of fish. New York has lowered carbon monoxide emissions by 50% as well, and oil production in the Middle East has slowed incredibly. Kelly McLaughlin at the Insider says that the coronavirus lockdown has improved air quality so much that people in India are able to see the Himalayas for the first time in 30 years, from more than a hundred miles away at that.

When people return to the streets and the world resumes again, there is no saying what will happen for sure. Human behavior will likely remain the same as before the pandemic, but the actions governments have taken in order to ensure human health has had a significant impact on rules that focus on global warming. These rules have been made much more lenient, and there is no telling whether or not they'll be enforced again. But, if we all do our part, including our world leaders, we can ensure that our environment flourishes for many generations to come.

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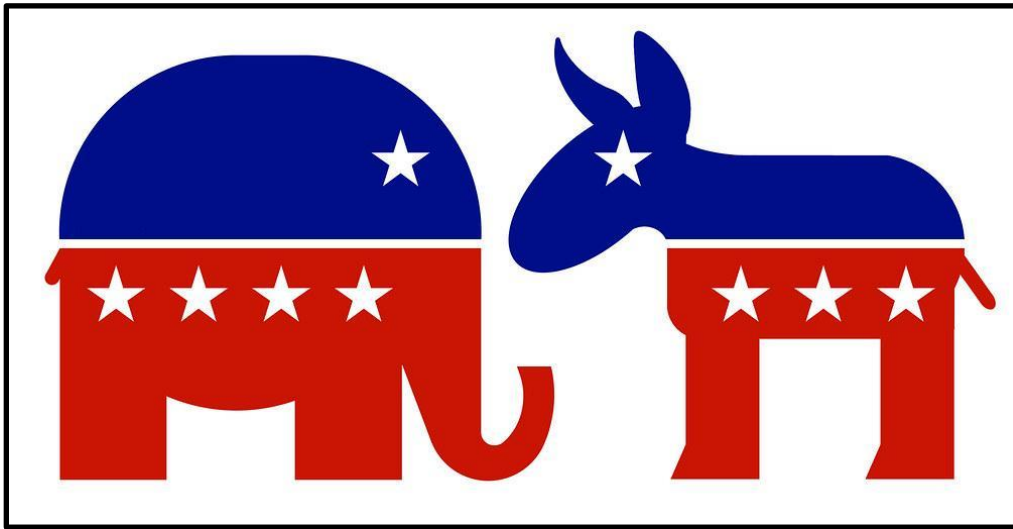


A Brief Summary of The 2020 Election (So Far)

By: Neel Singh

Source: Vox

The 2020 election has been a fascinating and puzzling piece of American politics and culture. The two main primaries were between candidates running for the Democratic and Republican nominations. [There were 28 Democrats and 4 Republicans running for the presidency.](#) The majority of Democrats and Republicans dropped out after Super Tuesday because they did not receive enough votes in the primaries. However, Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and Former Vice President Joe Biden stayed in the Democratic primaries and Former Massachusetts Governor Bill Weld and current



incumbent Donald Trump stayed in the Republican primaries. Most recently, [Bernie Sanders dropped out of the race](#) due to the current crisis and a lack of support in the primaries, and [Bill Weld suspended his campaign due to similar predicaments](#).

This leaves Joe Biden and Donald Trump as the presumptive nominees for their parties. Joe Biden has been endorsed by the majority of his former Democratic rivals including Senator Bernie Sanders, Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA), Senator Cory

Booker (D-NJ), Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Former South Bend, Indiana Mayor, Pete Buttigieg, former Representative Beta O'Rourke (D-TX), etc. Similarly, he was also endorsed by the former commander-in-chief, Barack Obama, and Bill Weld even said he would vote for Biden over Trump. Additionally, it is worth noting that many of these Democratic campaigns were historic. Many people of color, women, and the first gay candidate, Pete Buttigieg, were running for the office of the presidency.

The two candidates left have major differences in policy which is best explained by this [interactive website](#). In addition, Joe Biden has announced that he will choose a female Vice President (which is unprecedented in US politics) and many are speculating he may choose one of his former rivals such as Senator Kamala Harris or Senator Elizabeth Warren.

Additionally, all votes may be cast by [mail](#) in the election to slow the spread of COVID-19. However, this potential solution has caused fierce debates between the Republicans (fighting against it) and Democrats (fighting for it) and it is possible voters may have to go to the polls to cast their votes in the 2020 election. The Democrats are trying to avoid another hard decision for voters. An example of this was in Wisconsin, where voters had to choose between protecting their health or using their constitutional rights to vote for a Federal Judge in person. Finally, Representative Justin Amash (I-MI) has announced he is running for President under the Libertarian Party. Although he does have a small chance for winning the presidency, it is more likely that he will detract votes from Trump or Biden and may cause the other to win.

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