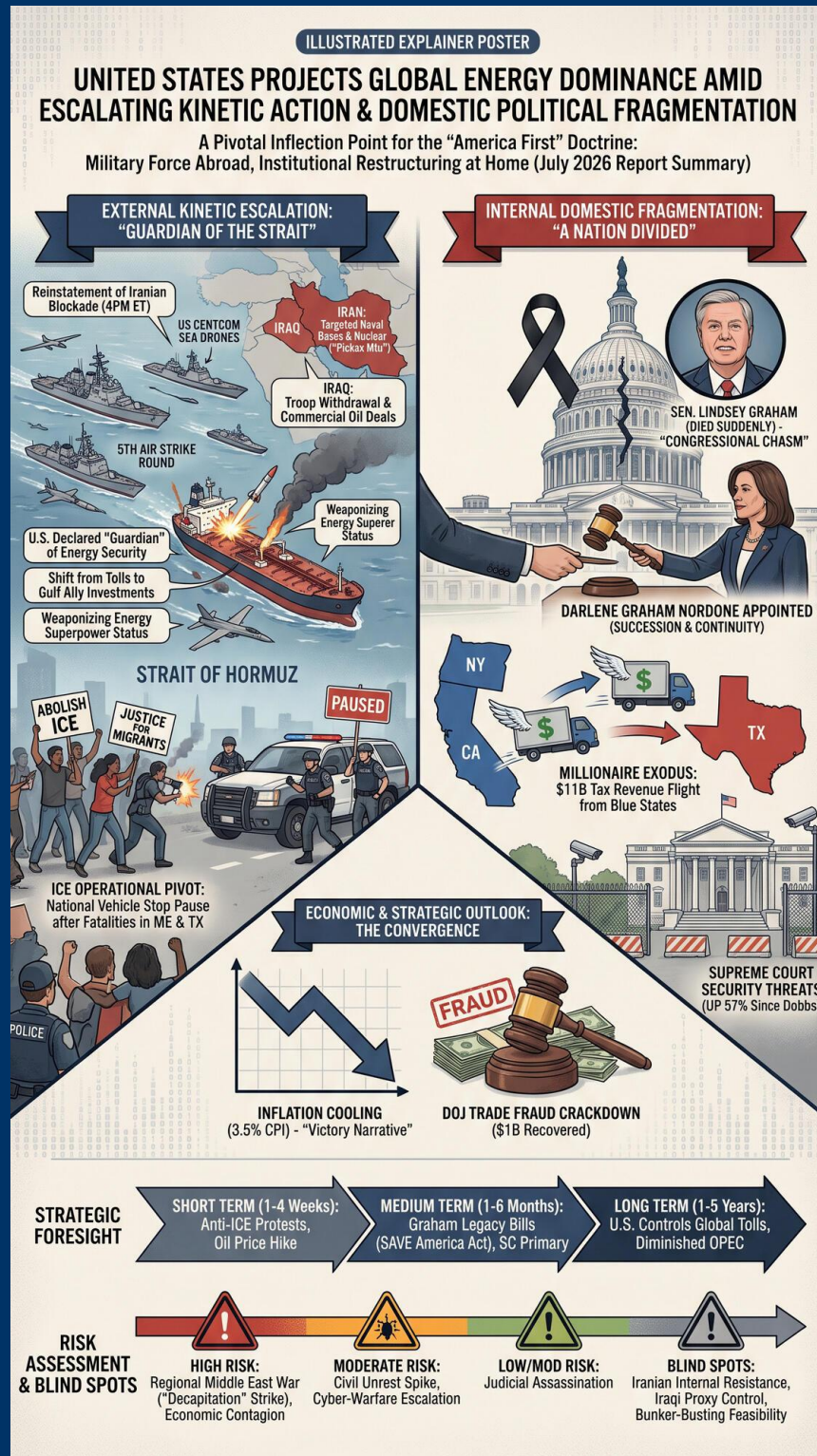


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ENERGY DOMINANCE AMID
ESCALATING KINETIC ACTION WITH
IRAN AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL
FRAGMENTATION

DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

July 14, 2026, serves as a pivotal inflection point for the Trump administration's "America First" doctrine, characterized by a dual-track strategy of overwhelming military force in the Persian Gulf and aggressive domestic institutional restructuring. The official reinstatement of a full [naval blockade](#) against all Iranian ports, coupled with a fifth round of air strikes in a single week, signals a transition from deterrent posturing to active economic strangulation. The administration has leveraged recent Iranian violations of a short-lived cease-fire to declare the U.S. the "Guardian of the Strait of Hormuz," a move that redefines global energy security as a U.S.-managed utility. While initially proposing a 20% passage fee for commercial vessels, President Trump pivoted to a model of [massive infrastructure investment](#) from Gulf allies, effectively externalizing the costs of

U.S. military operations while tying regional stability to American capital markets.

Domestic stability is concurrently challenged by the sudden death of Senator Lindsey Graham, whose passing has created a "congressional chasm" and triggered a snapshot of deep partisan polarization. The immediate appointment of his sister, [Darlene Graham Nordone](#), to his seat ensures continuity for the administration's legislative agenda, particularly the "SAVE America Act" and the "Lindsey Graham Russia Accountability Bill." However, this stability is countered by escalating civil unrest in Maine following a fatal ICE shooting, which has forced a nationwide [pause on vehicle stops](#) by federal immigration agents. This tactical retreat by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) highlights the tension between the administration's mass deportation mandate and the reality of mounting social resistance in "blue" enclaves.

Economically, the administration is capitalizing on a cooler-than-expected [CPI report](#) showing inflation at 3.5%, a figure the White House is framing as proof of its "prices are coming down" narrative ahead of the midterms. This economic optimism is being used as a shield against criticisms of the costs associated with the burgeoning conflict in the Middle East. The convergence of these events—kinetic escalation abroad, a "cleansed" economic narrative at home, and the rapid backfilling of legislative vacancies—suggests an administration moving to consolidate power and neutralize "bad actors" both foreign and domestic before the 2028 election cycle begins in earnest.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **Reinstatement of the Iranian Blockade and "Guardian" Status:** The U.S. has officially resumed its naval blockade of all Iranian ports as of 4:00 PM Eastern. This follows a fifth round of air strikes targeting Iranian [offensive capabilities](#) and naval bases like Bandar Abbas. The administration has declared the U.S. the "Guardian of the Strait of Hormuz," signaling a permanent shift in how international waterways are policed and funded.
- **Lindsey Graham's Death and Succession:** Senator Lindsey Graham died suddenly at age 71 from a cardiac emergency. His sister, Darlene Graham Nordone, has been [ceremonially sworn in](#) to fill his seat until January 2027. This transition is being used by both parties to push through specific "legacy" legislation, including a significant Russian sanctions package.
- **ICE Operational Pivot Following Fatalities:** Following fatal shootings of migrants in Texas and Maine, ICE has [temporarily suspended](#) most vehicle stops nationwide. This development has energized the "Abolish ICE" movement and created a new political flashpoint in the Maine Senate race, where Democrats are seeking to capitalize on anti-enforcement sentiment.

- **Economic Indicators and Federal Reserve Testimony:** The June CPI report showed inflation slowing to 3.5%, the [largest monthly decrease](#) since 2020. Federal Reserve Chairman Kevin Warsh testified before Congress for the first time, signaling a more transparent "balls and strikes" approach to monetary policy while facing criticism from progressives over his alleged "sock puppet" status for the President.
- **DOJ Trade Fraud Crackdown:** The Justice Department announced a milestone in fraud enforcement, surpassing [one billion dollars](#) in recoveries related to trade and customs fraud in less than a year. The creation of a new permanent Global Trade and Commerce Enforcement Section signals a long-term commitment to weaponizing trade laws against foreign adversaries and unethical domestic importers.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- US Central Command (CENTCOM) launched its [sixth round of air strikes](#) in a week, using new "sea drones" to strike Iranian naval facilities.
- Deployment of 50,000 service members across the Middle East to maintain the [naval blockade](#) and project power against Iranian proxies in Iraq, Syria, and Yemen.

Leadership Dynamics & Governance

- The appointment of **Darlene Graham Nordone** as the 2,020th Senator marks a historic sibling succession, aimed at preserving the GOP's thin margin in the [Senate floor](#).

- President Trump's meeting with the new Iraqi Prime Minister, **Ali al-Zaidi**, focuses on the withdrawal of 2,500 U.S. troops by [late September](#) while maintaining commercial oil interests.

Macroeconomics & Trade

- The administration's shift from a 20% Strait toll to "bilateral investment deals" with [Gulf states](#) represents a new model of military-economic statecraft.
- Evidence of a "millionaire exodus" from high-tax states, with New York losing [eleven billion dollars](#) in tax revenue in a single year, driving a narrative of blue-state fiscal decay.

Civil Unrest & Social Order

- Protests in Biddeford, Maine, over the ICE shooting of a Columbian national are being characterized by some as "anarchist" performance art, while [anti-ICE sentiment](#) grows among mainstream Democrats.
- Threats against Supreme Court justices have increased [fifty-seven percent](#) since the Dobbs decision, prompting requests for a \$228 million security budget.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

Strategic Unpredictability as a Negotiating Lever

The President's "Strait of Hormuz" policy illustrates a deliberate use of chaos and rapid pivots to extract concessions. By floating a 20% toll and then "scrapping" it in favor of [massive investments](#), the administration forced Gulf allies to choose between a direct tax and increased capital flow into the U.S. economy. This "Trump Doctrine" relies on

keeping both allies and adversaries uncertain about the next kinetic or economic move. The framing of the U.S. as the "Guardian Angel" or "Guardian" of the Strait suggests a long-term goal of controlling a fifth of the world's [oil supply](#) as a geopolitical cudgel.

Fragmentation of the Democratic Opposition

The transcripts reveal a deepening "civil war" within the Democratic Party between the moderate establishment and an insurgent socialist wing led by the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA). The DSA's [updated platform](#)—which includes abolishing the Senate and replacing the Presidency—is being treated by critics as a "kiss of death" for mainstream viability, yet it is where the party's current "energy" resides. The [humiliation](#) of established figures like Hakeem Jeffries in the face of these radical shifts suggests a loss of institutional control that the GOP is moving to exploit in the midterms.

Institutional Decay and the Security State

A recurring theme is the perceived vulnerability of key U.S. institutions, from the Supreme Court to local law enforcement. Justices Barrett and Kagan testifying for [security funding](#) depicts a high court under siege by "political pressure tactics." Simultaneously, the ICE [operational pause](#) shows that even robust enforcement agencies are susceptible to the pressure of civil unrest and "narrative warfare." This suggests a trend where governance is increasingly conducted under high-security conditions, further insulating leadership from a polarized and often hostile public.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

The internal stability of the United States is currently threatened by a combination of high-profile political death and escalating anti-government sentiment. The passing of Senator Lindsey Graham has not only removed a key "Trump whisperer" but also highlighted the fragility of the GOP's legislative majority, especially with **Mitch McConnell** reportedly [out of commission](#) for weeks due to pneumonia. The rapid appointment of **Darlene Graham Nordone** is a stabilizing move, but it has invited criticism regarding political dynasties and a lack of "policy expertise" [from the right](#).

Furthermore, the ICE fatal shooting in Maine has catalyzed a wave of domestic instability. Protesters [storming](#) Senator Susan Collins' office and the subsequent [national pause](#) on vehicle stops suggest that the federal government is struggling to balance its mass deportation mandate with the rising risk of civil disobedience. The characterization of these protesters as "anarchists" by media commentators [polarizes](#) the public further, framing domestic law enforcement as a choice between a "police state" and a "kill zone." The "millionaire exodus" from states like New York and California, driven by [high taxes](#) and regulation, suggests a geographic re-sorting of the population that may have long-term consequences for national unity and fiscal stability.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The U.S. global posture has shifted to a "maximum pressure" kinetic model that seeks to isolate Iran while subordinating the interests of traditional allies. The

administration's framing of the Middle East is as a "hostile threat matrix" that requires a [Guardian](#) to prevent total economic collapse. By using sea drones and cruise missiles to destroy Iranian naval infrastructure, the U.S. is signaling that it no longer recognizes "traditional" naval boundaries if they interfere with American security goals.

Simultaneously, the U.S. is weaponizing its position as an energy superpower. With the U.S. now being the world's [biggest producer](#), the administration is less reliant on the Strait of Hormuz for its own consumption, allowing it to use the waterway as a "negotiating sledgehammer" against [Europe and China](#). The withdrawal of troops from Iraq by [September 30](#) is framed not as a retreat, but as a strategic consolidation of forces to better strike Iran from a distance, while keeping Iraqi oil fields under American-friendly commercial management.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economic landscape is currently defined by a "victory narrative" regarding inflation and a strategic pivot in trade enforcement. The administration is using a positive CPI report to justify continued high interest rates and aggressive fiscal policy, while ignoring the

potential for oil price spikes should the Iran conflict deepen.

- **Key Economic Vectors:**

- **Inflation:** June CPI slowed to 3.5% year-over-year, with the core rate (abstracting energy) at [2.6%](#).
- **Energy Prices:** Crude oil is currently trading in the [high \\$70s](#), down from a peak of \$150 during the height of the conflict, as markets bet on a U.S. victory.
- **Capital Flows:** New York state saw nearly [\\$11 billion](#) in tax revenue flee the state in a single year due to a "millionaire exodus" to states like Florida and Texas.
- **Trade Enforcement:** The Trade Fraud Task Force has surpassed [\\$1 billion](#) in criminal and civil recoveries in its first year.
- **Market Sentiment:** The NASDAQ rose [234 points](#) following the inflation report, despite ongoing geopolitical risks in the Persian Gulf.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Significant personnel shifts are consolidating the administration's power base and adjusting to sudden vacancies.

- **Darlene Graham Nordone:** Appointed by Governor McMaster to fill her late brother's seat, she becomes the [2,020th Senator](#) and the first woman to represent South Carolina in the U.S. Senate. Her role is strictly as a "caretaker" until the snap primary in August.
- **Kevin Warsh:** Testified as the new **Federal Reserve Chairman**, signaling a break from the "guidance" model of his predecessors toward a more [transparent approach](#).

- **Ali al-Zaidi:** The new Iraqi Prime Minister, described as a "champion" by Trump, is moving to distance Baghdad from [Tehran](#) while managing the withdrawal of U.S. forces.
- **Todd Blanch:** Nominated as **Attorney General**, facing a likely contentious confirmation process following Senator Graham's [death](#), which tightened the GOP's committee margin.
- **Jay Clayton:** Mentioned as a potential appointee for **Director of National Intelligence** as part of a broader [cabinet reshuffle](#).

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The network's editorial hierarchy emphasizes national strength and the "decapitation" of foreign threats while minimizing the complexities of domestic civil unrest. The **Lead Stories** were the death and legacy of Senator Lindsey Graham and the ongoing U.S. bombardment of Iran. These stories were used to create a sense of national unity and purpose, framing Graham as a "warrior" and the Iran strikes as a "slap" [against a bully](#). The **Buried Stories** include the specific legal nuances of the ICE shooting in Maine and the potential for a labor strike in Major League Baseball in 2027, which were overshadowed by patriotic imagery of the [All-Star Game](#). The emotional tone is one of aggressive reassurance: the economy is "putting inflation to sleep," and the military is "owning the Strait." **Conspicuous Omissions** include any detailed reporting on Iranian civilian casualties from the strikes or the specific legal authority under which the U.S. is claiming "Guardian" status over international waters.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The subtext of today's coverage frames the international arena as a binary struggle between competent, strong American leadership and chaotic, corrupt "rogue" elements.

COUNTRIES

- **Iran:** Portrayed as a "Mafia" and a "bully" that understands only force. Their leadership is described as "decapitated" and "foolish" [for breaking deals](#).
- **Iraq:** Framed as a "friend" in transition, moving away from its role as an "Iranian proxy" to become a stable [commercial partner](#) for American oil companies.
- **Russia:** Depicted as a target of upcoming "Accountability" bills, with Senator Graham's death being used as moral leverage to [tighten sanctions](#).

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump:** Portrayed as the "Guardian Angel" of the Strait, a decisive negotiator who can switch from "love taps" to ["bitch slaps"](#) with surgical precision.
- **Benjamin Netanyahu:** Framed as a strong, competent leader who provides the U.S. with "specific plots" [to kill President Trump](#), reinforcing the bond of the alliance.

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **ICE:** Portrayed as an agency of "American patriots" being [unfairly targeted](#) by "anarchist" groups despite record-breaking arrest numbers.
- **DSA (Democratic Socialists of America):** Framed as a "cult" that has "captured and subverted" elite institutions like the [Smithsonian](#).

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The "meta-narrative" of the day is a contest over the legitimacy of law enforcement and the judiciary. Narrative seeding is evident in the characterization of the ["Woke" movement](#) as a dead but lingering threat that has infiltrated the Smithsonian to "program our kids" with "left-wing nonsense." Domestic propaganda is used to frame the ["Success Tax"](#) in blue states as a step toward "Bolshevik revolution." Conversely, the framing of the Iran blockade as "operation around and find out" [weaponizes information](#) to ensure public support for kinetic escalation. The delta between Ground Truth and Spin is most visible in the ICE reporting: the "spin" is a training pause, while the "ground truth" may be a strategic retreat to avoid [political triage](#) during a midterm year.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **The Nuclear "Big Fat Shot":** Given the repeated mentions of Pickax Mountain as a "target for a nice big fat shot," it is highly probable that the U.S. will attempt to destroy Iran's deepest [nuclear facility](#) within the next 14 days, potentially using unrevealed "new assets."
- **The Rise of Independent "Pro-America" Candidates:** The deep schism in the Democratic party may lead to the emergence of third-party or "Independent Democrat" candidates in swing states like [Michigan](#), as voters reject both the establishment and the socialist wing.

- **Institutional Militarization:** Security budgets for the high court and high-profile politicians will likely pass with [bipartisan support](#), further isolating the governing elite from the general public and formalizing a "security-first" governing model.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect a surge in [anti-ICE protests](#) in Portland and Houston, potentially leading to more federal arrests. The Iranian blockade will likely cause a [crude oil price hike](#) as shipping firms wait for the first U.S. escort missions to be fully operational.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): The Senate Primary in South Carolina in August will be a referendum on the "Graham legacy," with Trump-endorsed candidates likely to sweep. The [SAVE America Act](#) will be fast-tracked through the House as a tribute to Graham.

Long Term (1-5 Years): A permanent restructuring of the [global energy power structure](#), where the U.S. controls regional tolls and investments, will potentially diminish the relevance of OPEC and force China into a more subservient energy-dependent role on the U.S.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Geopolitical and domestic tensions are creating several high-impact flashpoints.

- **Regional Middle East War:** Escalating strikes and the blockade could trigger a "decapitation" strike by Iran or its proxies on U.S. bases in Kuwait or Bahrain. **Triggers:** A U.S. strike on Pickax Mountain. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** Global oil shock and potential for nuclear exchange. **Mitigations:** Successful "bilateral investment" deals that buy Iranian silence from regional neighbors [like Qatar](#).
- **Domestic Civil Unrest Spike:** The "Abolish ICE" movement could merge with economic frustration. **Triggers:** Another fatal shooting during the "training" [pause](#). **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Breakdown of order in major "blue" cities. **Mitigations:** Immediate rollout of federal [body camera](#) mandates.
- **Judicial Assassination:** The 57% rise in threats against justices could manifest in a successful attack. **Triggers:** High-profile rulings on [birthright citizenship](#). **Likelihood:** Low to Moderate. **Impact:** Constitutional crisis. **Mitigations:** Passing the \$228 million security budget [immediately](#).
- **Economic Contagion from "Millionaire Exodus":** Rapid loss of tax base in NY and CA could lead to municipal bankruptcy. **Triggers:** Passage of a ["Success Tax"](#) in California. **Likelihood:** High. **Impact:** National economic drag and failure of urban public services. **Mitigations:** Federal incentives for corporations to remain in-state.

- **Cyber-Warfare Escalation:** Iranian retaliation for the blockade may target the U.S. financial system or energy grid. **Triggers:** Re-imposition of the blockade [at 4:00 PM](#). **Likelihood:** Moderate. **Impact:** Widespread infrastructure disruption. **Mitigations:** Enhanced "Space Force" satellite [monitoring](#) of communication nodes.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **Iranian Internal Resistance:** There is almost no reporting on the state of the 52,000 [killed protesters](#) in Iran or how the U.S. kinetic action is actually impacting the morale of the "Persian people" Graham claimed to love.
- **Iraqi Proxy Dynamics:** While the Prime Minister is in D.C., there is a lack of clarity on how much control he actually has over the Iranian-linked militias that have [refused to disarm](#).
- **Pickax Mountain Technical Feasibility:** The broadcasts suggest a "nice big fat shot" can destroy a facility [340 feet underground](#), which ignores significant technical challenges of bunker-busting weapons.
- **Economic Impact of Energy Blockade:** The CPI report is backward-looking. There is zero analysis of how the current week's kinetic action will impact the [next month's](#) gas prices.
- **Justice McConnell Health Status:** The report that McConnell has been "out of commish for weeks" [following a fall](#) is treated as secondary but is a major gap in assessing the Senate's real capability.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

Scenario 1: The Iraqi Withdrawal as a "Trojan Horse"

The stated plan to withdraw 2,500 troops from Iraq by [September 30](#) might be a tactical ruse to entice Iran into a more aggressive naval posture, providing a pretext for a much larger, "un-peace-fired" kinetic engagement that includes the destruction of all Iranian coastal assets before the November elections.

Scenario 2: The "Guardian Fee" as a Domestic Wealth Tax Distraction

The rapid pivot from the 20% toll to "investment deals" might have been a "psy-op" to frame the administration as flexible and business-friendly [to Gulf allies](#), while simultaneously distracting from the real economic danger: the mass exit of wealth from "Blue" states which is eroding the [federal tax base](#) more than Iranian piracy ever could.

Black Swan Event: Successful Assassination of a Supreme Court Justice

Given the 57% increase in [threats](#) and the "bloodthirsty monster" rhetoric from radical factions, a successful attack on a justice would likely trigger the immediate declaration of a national state of emergency, a postponement of midterms, and a total suspension of the First Amendment rights of "radical" non-state actors [like the DSA](#).

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- **Security:** Immediately implement the [increased security budget](#) for federal judges to prevent a constitutional collapse from domestic terrorism.
- **Economic:** Leverage the "Success Tax" narrative to draw businesses and [high-net-worth individuals](#) into federally incentivized "Stability Zones" in the South.
- **Diplomatic:** Formalize the "Guardian Angel" status with a UN-alternative maritime coalition to bypass [European resistance](#).

For Private Sector/Investors:

- **Supply Chains:** Reroute all critical shipping [away from the Strait](#) for the next 30 days until the blockade and escort missions are normalized.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Audit all [supply chains](#) for forced labor origins immediately, as the DOJ's new section is targeting "bad actors" with \$1 billion in penalty goals.
- **Capital Allocation:** Shift investments to [AI and data processing](#) infrastructure in states with "conservative reforms," as high-tax states face imminent fiscal instability.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

Legislative activity has moved to fill the power vacuum left by Senator Graham, with a focus on national security and election integrity. The "SAVE America Act" has become the [centerpiece](#) of the GOP's midterm push, while radical opposition has coalesced around the DSA's "Workers Deserve More" platform.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **SAVE America Act:** Aimed at federalizing [voter ID laws](#) and election machine integrity. Strategic intent: Secure GOP electoral dominance in 2028.
- **Lindsey Graham Russia Accountability Bill:** A major [sanctions bill](#) against the Russian industrial base. Strategic intent: End the war in Ukraine through economic exhaustion.
- **Citizenship Act of 2026:** Proposed to end [birthright citizenship](#) for children of illegal immigrants. Strategic intent: Constitutional restructuring of national identity.
- **Workers Deserve More Platform (DSA):** Proposes [eliminating the Senate](#) and replacing the Supreme Court. Strategic intent: Total socialist transformation of the U.S. state.

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Supreme Court Budget Hearing:** Justices Kagan and Barrett [pleading for money](#) to counter a 57% rise in violent threats. Strategic intent: Protect the judiciary from political violence.
- **Trump-al-Zaidi Bilateral Meeting:** Discussion on [troop withdrawal](#) and oil partnerships. Strategic intent: Isolate Iran while securing Iraqi energy.
- **Federal Reserve Testimony (Warsh):** Discussion on [inflation trends](#) and interest rate guidance. Strategic intent: Stabilize markets amid war-driven uncertainty.
- **DOJ Trade Fraud Press Conference:** Announcing the [\\$1 billion](#) enforcement milestone. Strategic intent: Weaponize trade laws for national security.

KEY STORIES

- **Death of Senator Lindsey Graham:** Graham died of a [cardiac emergency](#) at his home in SC shortly after returning from his 10th trip to Ukraine. His desk in the Senate was draped in black with white roses.
- **Darlene Graham Swearing-In:** His sister Darlene was [sworn in](#) by Senator Chuck Grassley. She is the first sibling in U.S. history to succeed a brother in the Senate and the first woman Senator from SC.
- **Guardian of the Strait Declaration:** Trump declares the U.S. the [official guardian](#) of the Strait of Hormuz, resuming a blockade that costs Iran \$400 million daily.
- **ICE Fatal Shooting in Maine:** A 26-year-old Columbian national was [shot and killed](#) by ICE agents while fleeing in a vehicle; protests erupted at Senator Susan Collins' office.
- **ICE Vehicle Stop Pause:** DHS orders a [temporary nationwide halt](#) on most vehicle stops for retraining after two deaths in a week.
- **CPI Inflation Report:** June inflation reported at [3.5%](#), showing a significant cooling trend since the spring peak of 9-10%.
- **Pickax Mountain Nuclear Threat:** Trump identifies Iran's deepest [underground facility](#) as a target for a "nice big fat shot" due to suspected re-enrichment activity.
- **DSA Platform Rollout:** The Democratic Socialists of America updated their [official platform](#) to include defunding the "Department of War" and abolishing the Senate.
- **New York City Map Controversy:** Mayor MAMDANI [omitted Little Italy](#) and Irish neighborhoods from a new "immigrant map," while including "Little Palestine" and "Little Odessa."
- **Millionaire Exodus Study:** Research shows NY lost [\\$11 billion](#) in revenue as high-earners moved to FL and TX, reducing the city's millionaire share from 12.7% to 8.7%.
- **Supreme Court Security Swatting:** Justice Amy Coney Barrett reveals a [swatting incident](#) at her home six weeks ago involving a false report of gunshots.
- **Iraqi Prime Minister Visit:** Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi meets Trump at the White House to discuss [\\$110 billion](#) in energy deals and troop withdrawal.
- **DOJ Trade Fraud Section:** DOJ creates a permanent Global Trade and Commerce Enforcement Section after seizing [\\$549 million](#) in a single aluminum extrusion case.
- **Texas Flash Flooding:** Over a [foot of rain](#) fell outside San Antonio, leading to swift-water rescues and a state of emergency declaration for 59 counties.
- **Jordanian Arrest in Ireland Murder:** A person of interest was [detained in Jordan](#) for the suffocation murder of an American single mother, Jamie Carney, in Ireland.
- **MLB All-Star Game Philly:** Baseball's All-Star Game celebrates [America 250](#) with stars and stripes uniforms and a 3-D ceremonial home plate.
- **MasterChef Global Gantlet:** Promo for the show returning this Wednesday, highlighting [intense competition](#).
- **UCLA DEI Hearing:** House hearing on [diversity in med schools](#), with allegations that black applicants are given an "illegal edge."

- **Stolt Magnesium Tanker Hit:** A Dutch-flagged vessel was hit by an [Iranian missile](#), starting a fire in its engine room in the Strait.
- **Graham Plattner Dropout:** The Maine Senate candidate [dropped out](#) following sexual assault allegations in a New York Times article.
- **Whiskey Raccoon Souvenir:** Soccer star Erling Haaland leaves the U.S. with a [taxidermy raccoon](#) holding booze, named "it followed me home."

ABOUT THIS REPORT

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