

MURDERS SPIKE AT RECORD RATE ACROSS THE U.S.

TIED TO THE PANDEMIC

Surge Seen in Cities Big
and Small, Even as
Other Crimes Fell

By NEIL MACFARQUHAR

The United States experienced its biggest one-year increase on record in homicides in 2020, according to new figures released on Monday by the F.B.I., with some cities hitting record highs.

Although major crimes were down overall, there were an additional 4,901 homicides in 2020 compared with the year before, the largest leap since national records started in 1960. The significant rise has roughly coincided with the 18 months of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The higher murder rate has continued into 2021, although the pace has slowed as the year has progressed.

Overall, the toll of some 21,500 people killed last year is still well below the record set during the violence of the early 1990s. Still, several cities, like Albuquerque, Des Moines, Indianapolis, Memphis, Milwaukee and Syracuse, recorded their highest homicide numbers ever, according to the report.

There is no simple explanation for the steep rise. A number of key factors are driving the violence, including the economic and social toll taken by the pandemic and a sharp increase in gun purchases.

"It is a perfect storm," said Chief Harold Medina of the Albuquerque Police Department. He cited Covid-19, the fallout from social justice protests and other contributors. "There is not just one factor that we can point at to say why we are where we are," he said.

The report from the F.B.I., which tabulates crime numbers reported by almost 16,000 law enforcement agencies, also showed that killings were more widespread, occurring in all regions of

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There were 4,901 more murders in 2020 than in 2019.

Germany's Would-Be Chancellor Faces a Tangle of Clashing Goals

By KATRIN BENNHOLD

BERLIN — For a moment it felt like he was already chancellor. As Olaf Scholz stood on the stage surrounded by euphoric followers chanting his name and celebrating him as if he were the next leader of Germany, he was the clear winner of the night.

Mr. Scholz had just done the unthinkable — carry his long moribund center-left Social Democrats to victory, however narrow, in elections on Sunday that were the most volatile in a generation.

But if winning wasn't hard enough, the hardest part may be yet to come.

Mr. Scholz, an affable but disciplined politician, most recently served as the vice chancellor and finance minister in the outgoing

Covid Politics Are Walloping Red America

Concentration of Cases
in Right-Leaning Areas

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During the early months of Covid-19 vaccinations, several major demographic groups lagged in receiving shots, including Black Americans, Latino Americans and Republican voters.

More recently, while still existing — have narrowed. The partisan gap, however, continues to be enormous.

A P.W. Research Center poll last month found that 86 percent of Democratic voters had received at least one shot, compared with 60 percent of Republican voters.

The political divide over vaccinations is so large that almost every reliably blue state now has a higher vaccination rate than almost every reliably red state.

Because the vaccines are so effective at preventing serious illness, Covid deaths are also showing a partisan pattern. Covid is still a national crisis, but the worst forms of it are increasingly concentrated in red America.

As is often the case, state-by-state numbers can understate the true pattern, because every state has both liberal and conservative areas. When you look at the county level, the gap can look even starker.

It's worth remembering that Covid followed a different pattern for more than a year after its arrival in the U.S.

Despotic widespread differences in mask wearing — and scientific research suggesting that masks reduce the virus's spread — the pandemic was if anything worse in blue regions. Masks were more widely worn

Vaccination has changed the situation. The vaccines are powerful enough to overwhelm other differences between blue and red areas.

Some left-leaning communities — like many suburbs of New York, San Francisco and Washington, as well as much of New England — have such high vaccination rates that even the unvaccinated are partly protected by the low number of cases.

Conservative communities, on the other hand, have been walloped by the highly contagious Delta variant.

Since Delta began circulating widely in the U.S., Covid has exacted a horrific death toll on

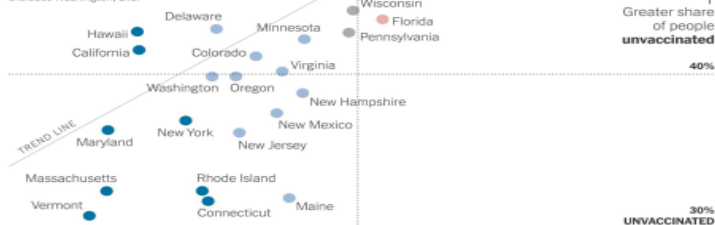
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The Partisan Tilt of Vaccination Rates ...

Almost every reliably red state now has a higher share of unvaccinated people than almost every reliably blue state.

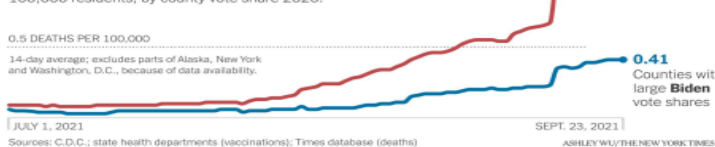
TWO-PARTY VOTE TO TRUMP:
● LESS THAN 40%
● 40-49%
● 50-51%
● 51-60%
● 60% +

Data as of Sept. 23;
excludes Washington, D.C.



... And Deaths From the Coronavirus

Average daily Covid deaths in the U.S., per 100,000 residents, by county vote share 2020.



Kelly Convicted of Running Sex Ring for Decades

By TROY CLOSSON

R. Kelly, the multiplatinum R&B artist whose musical legacy became intertwined with dozens of accusations of sexual abuse, was found guilty on Monday of serving as the ringleader of a decades-long scheme to recruit women and underage girls for sex.

The jury in New York deliberated for about nine hours before convicting the singer of all nine counts against him, including racketeering and eight violations

'My Voice Was Heard,' One Victim Says

of an anti-sex-trafficking law known as the Mann Act.

The decision represents the first criminal punishment against Mr. Kelly despite a trail of allegations of misconduct that extends for more than a quarter-century. His six-week trial exposed a harrowing system of trauma and

abuse, commanded by the singer and enabled by his associates.

Mr. Kelly, 54, once one of the biggest names in popular music, now faces the possibility of life in prison, capping a remarkable reversal of fortune. As the verdict was read, he sat motionless in the courtroom, wearing a navy blue suit and glasses, with his facial expression hidden behind a mask.

To many observers, Mr. Kelly's case represented a critical test of the inclusivity of the Me Too

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Heading North to the U.S.

Many of the Haitian migrants who recently entered Texas were fleeing poverty in Chile. Page A6.

As Mayoral Vote Nears, Adams Turns to Bloomberg for Support

By DANA RUBINSTEIN
and JEFFERY C. MAYES

In the lead-up to and aftermath of the New York City mayoral primary, Eric Adams and his team sought guidance from current and past city leaders — first, to help craft his successful bid for the

Democratic nomination, and then to prepare for a likely transition to the mayoralty.

But Mr. Adams has recently come to lean on one person in particular: Michael R. Bloomberg.

In mid-September, Mr. Bloomberg released a video endorsement of Mr. Adams for mayor. The next day, at a business conference

featuring various of Mr. Bloomberg's fellow billionaires, Mr. Adams declared, "New York will no longer be anti-business."

Two days later, Mr. Bloomberg hosted a fund-raiser for Mr. Adams on the roof of the East 78th Street headquarters of Bloomberg Philanthropies, featuring dozens of guests, several of them finan-

cial sector executives.

Last Wednesday, one of Mr. Bloomberg's closest advisers, Howard Wolfson, met with David C. Banks, who is thought to be among Mr. Adams's top choices for schools chancellor.

The meeting between Mr. Wolfson, Mr. Bloomberg's former dep-

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The new policy for Afghanistan's premier academy is another blow to women's rights under Taliban rule. Page A4

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The country is wrestling with the political and economic consequences of its sharp turn to counter Beijing. Page A8

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Soaring energy prices and high demand have forced some sites to shut down, threatening the country's economy and global supply chains. Page B1

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The automaker will spend billions on three battery factories and a truck plant, creating 11,000 jobs. Page B1

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Schools are offering less healthful lunch options as they struggle with shipping delays and fewer workers. Page A10

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John W. Hinckley Jr., who tried to kill the president in 1981, will be "unthethered to the court" in 2022. Page A20

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Military early-warning satellites have proved highly capable of detecting new blazes, but the Pentagon hasn't always willingly shared data with the civilian firefighting authorities. Page D1

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Improvements in other therapies are sparing thousands of patients each year from the dreaded treatment, with its accompanying hair loss, nausea, fatigue and other drawbacks. Page D1

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The pandemic has caused the Apple TV+ drama, with Reese Witherspoon and Jennifer Aniston, to make changes to its second season. Page C1



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Kurupi itaata

O Brasil acaba de ganhar nova espécie de dinossauro carnívoro, batizada em homenagem ao deus da sexualidade guarani — por ter sido achada perto de motel no interior paulista. Seu estudo ajuda a entender a evolução dos abelissauros.

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Ex-atletas vão ao DF por Plano Nacional do Desporto, parado desde 1998

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Perseguição a pessoas LGBTQIA+ na ditadura militar é narrada em livro

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De nadadeiras a sangue, chefs fazem aproveitamento total de peixes

Exigência com despesas dificulta visto para afegãos

Novas exigências de embaixadas brasileiras têm inviabilizado o visto humanitário a afegãos que fogem do Talibã, afirmam entidades. Eles precisam provar que serão mantidos por ao menos 6 meses por alguma organização, que banque despesas como plano de saúde. **Mundo A12**

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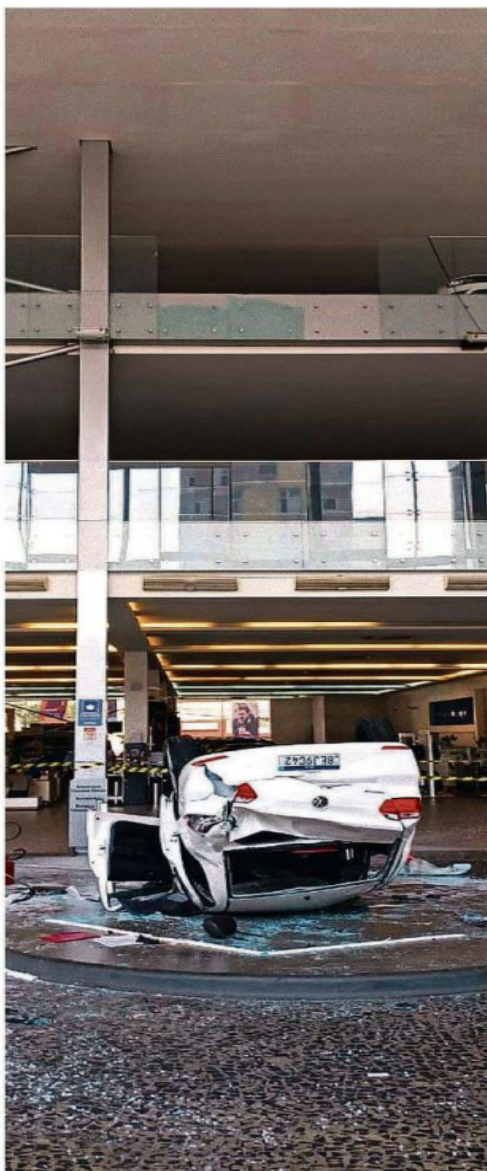
Acerca de variante delta e números da Covid no país.

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CARRO DESPENCA E ATINGE 2 EM SP

Veículo após cair do mezanino em concessionária no centro de São Paulo e acertar duas mulheres na recepção, ontem; um homem estava ao volante e perdeu o controle. **Cotidiano B5**

Petrobras contradiz Bolsonaro e afirma que preço deve subir

Presidente disse horas antes buscar meio de reduzir alta de combustível, que não é 'tão ruim que não possa piorar'

A Petrobras convocou ontem entrevista coletiva para contradizer o presidente Jair Bolsonaro e afirmar que não mudará sua política de preços para combustíveis — a qual deve trazer novos aumentos do valor cobrado na bomba para corrigir a defasagem atual.

Segundo o presidente da estatal, Joaquim Silva e Luna, "não há nenhuma mudança na política de preços".

"Continuamos trabalhando da forma que sempre trabalhamos", disse o general, acrescentando que não há controle de preço, embora a empresa evite repassar ao consumidor turbulências pontuais no mercado.

Cinco horas antes, Bolsonaro declarou que debate maneiras de reduzir o preço dos combustíveis, advertindo que "nada está tão ruim que não possa piorar".

A alta tem pressionado a inflação, e a deterioração da economia é apontada como um dos motivos para a queda de popularidade do presidente, que busca reeleger-se no ano que vem.

Os mercados reagiram bem às declarações de Silva e Luna. **Mercado A15**

Guedes diz que plano de 10 anos é privatizar empresa e BB A16

STF acumula ao menos 261 julgamentos inconclusos

O plenário do Supremo tem ao menos 261 julgamentos inconclusos por decisão do presidente da corte ou por pedidos de vista feitos pelos demais ministros. Alguns casos aguardam retomada há cinco anos ou mais — às vezes, por desinteresse em concluí-lo naquele momento, dado o contexto político.

Para especialistas, falta transparência sobre o controle da agenda do tribunal, e debates em andamento requerem mais celeridade por parte dos ministros.

Procurado, o STF respondeu indicando as bases de dados referentes aos processos parados, mas não comentou sobre eles. **Poder A4**

Wi-fi federal só libera acesso ao exibir propaganda do governo A7

Remédio contra câncer pode voltar a faltar em 15 dias

O ministro Marcos Pontes (Ciência) disse que os R\$ 19 milhões liberados para retomar a produção de insumos do tratamento de câncer só garantem 2 semanas. O Ipen já havia parado de fabricar os radiofármacos no dia 14. Governo e Congresso se culpam pelo problema. **Saúde B1**

Joel P. da Fonseca Um país sob intoxicação

Por que se criou uma torcida organizada, uma militância pela cloroquina? A resposta, como a de tantas outras tragédias recentes, é Bolsonaro. É tarde para recuperar as vidas que se perderam, mas não para encerrar precocemente a carreira do charlatão que nos governa. **Poder A8**

Presidente diz que Forças não cumpriram ordem absurda

Durante cerimônia alusiva à marca de mil dias de seu governo, Jair Bolsonaro afirmou que as Forças Armadas não seguiriam eventual "ordem absurda" dada por ele. "Elas vão cumprir? Não. Nem a mim nem a governo nenhum."

O presidente declarou ainda que "obviamente" a corrupção não foi eliminada nesse período. **Poder A6**

Paciente acusa Prevent de tentar tirá-lo da UTI

Um paciente acusa a Prevent Senior, investigada pela CPI da Covid, de ter tentado retirá-lo da UTI enquanto ainda se recuperava do coronavírus.

Segundo sua denúncia, profissionais do plano ofereceram a ele um tratamento paliativo, para estado terminal. **Saúde B2**

Covid provoca a maior queda da expectativa de vida desde a 2ª Guerra A14

Total da população vacinada

	ao menos uma dose*	totalmente vacinada*
Brasil	69,9%	41,0%
MS	75,5%	55,9%
SP	81,2%	54,6%
RS	73,1%	46,6%



Total de doses aplicadas

	1ª	2ª	única
Brasil	145 mi	83,2 mi	4,2 mi
1ª SP	36,7 mi	24,3 mi	1,2 mi
2ª MG	14,6 mi	7,5 mi	485,8 mil
3ª RJ	11,8 mi	6,4 mi	350 mil

Dados das 20h de 27 set.
* Tomou dose única ou 1ª dose
** Tomou dose única ou 2ª dose
*** Em relação a 14 dias

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