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SOLVING THE WORLD'S MICROPLASTICS PROBLEM

'CHEMICAL OF CONCERN'



Some microplastics are deliberately manufactured to be small, like confetti released at celebrations. $\textbf{Some cities, such as Boca Raton, Florida, have restricted plastic confetti.} \ \texttt{PHOTOS} \ \texttt{BY} \ \texttt{GETTY} \ \texttt{IMAGES}$

4 solutions cities and states are trying after global treaty talks collapsed

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Microplastics seem to be everywhere – in the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat.

They have turned up in human organs, blood, testicles, placentas and even brains.

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Countries have tried for the past few years to write a global plastics treaty that

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ANALYSIS



President Donald Trump has publicly listed a number of his political opponents he thinks should be "looked into." KEVIN DIETSCH/GETTY IMAGES

Trump seeking charges for more foes

3 already indicted but others on president's list

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WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump's former national security adviser John Bolton on Oct. 16 became the third high-profile Trump critic to be criminally charged after the president repeatedly attacked him publicly. All three maintain their innocence and plan to contest the charges.

The day before, Trump rattled off other names of people to be "looked into" as Attorney General Pam Bondi, Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche and FBI Director Kash Patel stood beside him at a news conference, smiling.

"I hope they're looking at all of these people," Trump said of former Justice Department Special Counsel Jack Smith, former Justice Department senior prosecutor Andrew Weissmann and Sen. Adam Schiff, D-California. "And I'm allowed to find out. I'm allowed, you know, I'm in theory chief law enforcement officer."

This presidential interference represents a major breach in the once-firm firewall between the White House and the Justice Department.

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