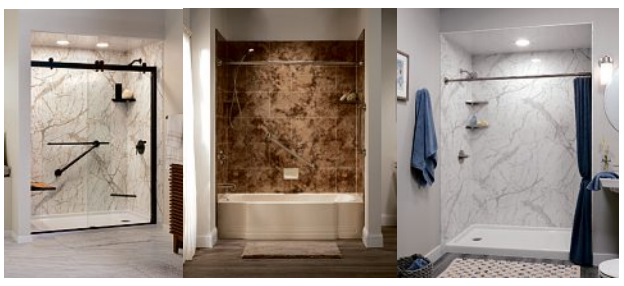
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Could 'election denialism' finally be losing its grip?

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The day after Democrats won sweeping victories in the midterm elections, an Arizona county official delivered a stark warning to his fellow Republicans about election denialism — it needed to stop.

The state has been a hotbed of election fraud conspiracy theories. After President Donald Trump's 2020 election loss, state lawmakers even pursued an audit in Maricopa County, which includes Phoenix, that found no evidence of fraud.

"To my fellow Republicans who have been trafficking in these lies for the last six years, you need to stop," Maricopa County Supervisor Thomas Galvin said at a county Board of Supervisors meeting.

As Republicans grasp for answers following their stunning losses, election officials, voting rights advocates and researchers are watching to see whether Trump will lead the party toward false narratives around election fraud or to

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Pro-Trump protesters storm into the U.S. Capitol during clashes with police, during a rally to contest the certification of the 2020 U.S. presidential election results by the U.S. Congress, in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021. SHANNON STAPLETON/REUTERS



Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vermont, wants to make all income above $250,000 subject to the payroll tax and redefine income to include investment income such as capital gains and dividends. ANNA MONEYMAKER/GETTY IMAGES

Sanders seeks Social Security benefit boost

Senator set to take helm of important committee

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Since 2022, Social Security's health has deteriorated significantly. In 2022, the trust fund's forecast depletion date was 2035, but it's now earlier, in 2032. Using 2025 data, Social Security's trustees said eliminating the payroll tax wage cap to include all wages would only fund the trust for three years before returning to a shortfall and requiring additional new taxes or benefit changes.

Sen. Bernie Sanders is taking advantage of the Democrats' sweep of Congress to tout his plan to save, and even boost, Social Security benefits.

The independent from Vermont who frequently caucuses with Democrats will take the helm in January as the Senate's Social Security subcommittee chair. As the new chair, he posted on X in early November, he'll not only fully fund the trust fund that supplements payroll taxes to pay Social Security retirement benefits but increase individual benefits by at least $2,400 annually. And he plans to do this for 75 years.

"How?" he wrote. "By scrapping the cap & demanding that the wealthy pay their fair share of taxes."

Eliminating or raising the wage cap that dictates how much income is subject to the payroll tax isn't a new idea, but adding increased payouts to the mix is. And all of it is proving controversial.

"Eliminating the payroll tax cap wouldn't even cover the benefits Congress has already promised, let alone fund an expansion," said Romina

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PROJECT STARS & STRIPES

Spectrum replaces damaged U.S. flags

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Spectrum technicians are offering free replacement American flags when they spot torn, faded or frayed flags outside homes.

The offer is available even to people who are not Spectrum customers, according to a community announcement. When a field technician notices a damaged flag on a porch, the technician can knock on the door and offer to replace it at no charge.

If the homeowner accepts, the technician removes the old flag and puts up a new one. Spectrum says the old flag

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Trump pulls Vance off negotiations with Iran

Joey Garrison
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump signaled he plans to wind down negotiations with Iran, saying a deal with Tehran is not needed as he pulled Vice President JD Vance off diplomatic efforts to broker a peace deal to end the war.

Trump said he asked Vance, who has been leading negotiations with Iran, to instead focus his "complete and total attention" on tackling alleged crime and corruption in Democratic-led cities.

"We don't need a deal with Iran,"

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