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What We're Reading¹

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Ben Rhodes, [I Study Guys Like Trump. There's a Reason They Keep Winning.](#) *The New York Times*: “Donald Trump has won the presidency, but I don’t believe he will deliver on his promises. Like other self-interested autocrats, his remedies are designed to exploit problems instead of solving them, and he’s surrounded by oligarchs who want to loot the system instead of reforming it. Mass deportation and tariffs are recipes for inflation. Tax cuts and deregulation will exacerbate inequality. America First impulses will fuel global conflict, technological disruption and climate conflagration. Mr. Trump *is* the new establishment in this country and globally, and we should emphasize that instead of painting him as an outlier or interloper.”

Reid J. Epstein and Lisa Lerer, [Democrats Draw Up an Entirely New Anti-Trump Battle Plan](#), *The New York Times*: “States in our system have a lot of power — we’re entrusted with protecting people, and we’re going to do it,” said Keith Ellison, the attorney general of Minnesota, who said his office had been preparing for Mr. Trump’s potential return to power for more than a year. “They can expect that we’re going to show up every single time when they try to run over the American people.”

Sydney Bauer, [Trans People Shouldn't Be Scapegoated for Democrats' Failures](#), *The Nation*: But as election results continue to trickle in, it has also become clear that the governing majority needed to achieve these goals may not be as robust as it was projected on election night. Trump failed to win 50 percent of the popular vote, and the GOP’s House and Senate majorities are both razor-thin.

Yet instead of thinking about how this unexpectedly small mandate on how this could be used for their advantage, a subset of Democrats have decided to spend their time saying that the true reason for the 2024 election loss lies with some of their coalition’s most vulnerable members: transgender Americans and the allies that seek to protect their civil rights.”

¹ [The Delray Democrat](#), November 2025, page 3.