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Sore winners, sore losers and the press in the crosshairs

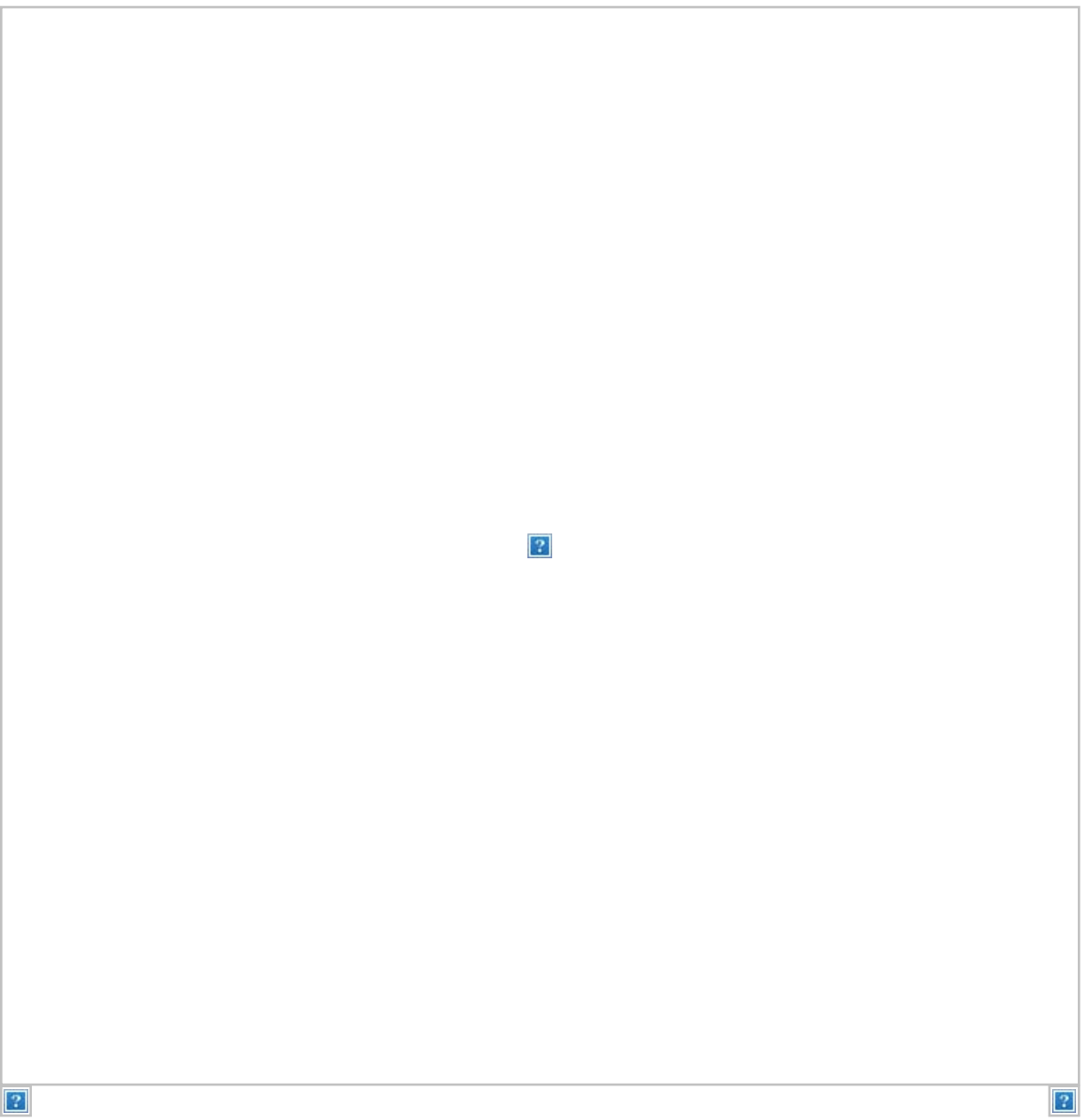
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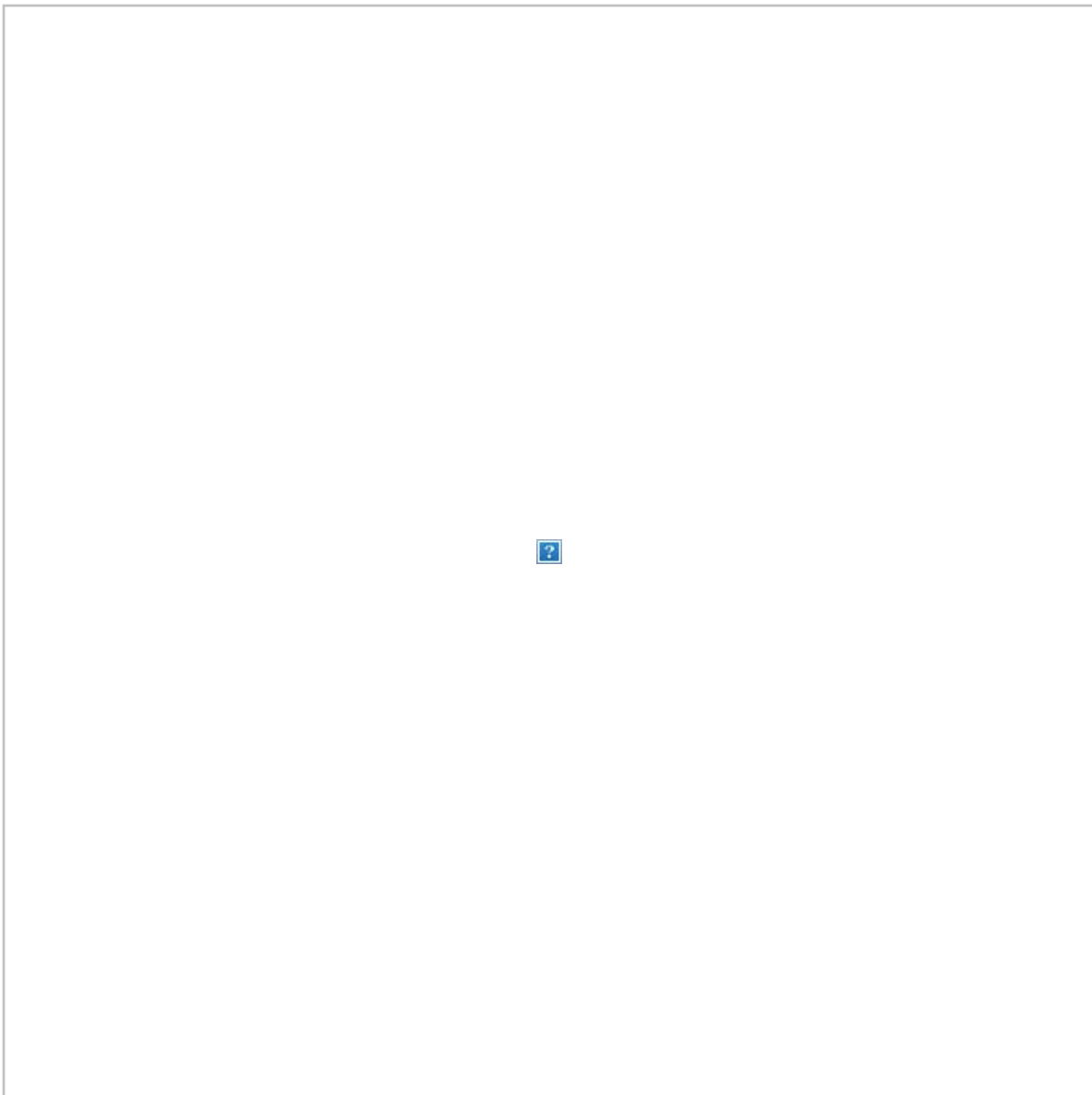


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At acrimonious post-election conference, Trump and Clinton strategists agree only on anger at the media. Even then, not really.



Kellyanne Conway, Donald Trump's campaign manager, and Robby Mook, Hillary Clinton's campaign manager, before a forum at Harvard last night. (Charles Krupa/AP)



**BY JAMES HOHMANN**

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**THE BIG IDEA:**

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Donald Trump's former campaign manager thinks the editor of the New York Times should be imprisoned for wanting to publish the president-elect's tax returns.**

Corey Lewandowski made this caustic declaration Thursday afternoon during a panel discussion at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, as he argued with six top officials from Hillary Clinton's campaign about who benefited more from media coverage that both sides see as horribly flawed.

After every presidential election [since 1972](#), the top advisers to both major party nominees gather for a postmortem to discuss what they were thinking behind the scenes at key moments. The transcripts of these sessions go to libraries, and historians use them for research.

But the two-day symposium here, just like the campaign it was convened to discuss, devolved into name calling and a shouting match. It ran headlong into two of the biggest fault lines in American life: race and gender. And it underscored just how alarmingly polarized the country remains three weeks after one of the nastiest political campaigns in American history.

In 2012, it was easy for the professionals who worked for Barack Obama and Mitt Romney to antiseptically dissect the race together. But 2016 is different: **The wounds are still too fresh for Clinton's advisers** – who had been measuring the drapes in the West Wing. **Trump's strategists are still riding too high on the endorphins of a victory** – which caught even most of them by surprise – to reflect soberly. (Karen Tumulty and Philip Rucker have a blow-by-blow in their spot story, [which you can read here](#).)

-- **Unlike previous iterations of the Harvard conference, both sides focused heavily on attacking the press – often in ways that were removed from reality and at times seemingly designed to avoid taking responsibility for their own blunders.**

Clinton communications director Jennifer Palmieri lambasted the coverage of her candidate's homebrew email server. **“It is going to go down in history as the most grossly over-rated, over-covered and most destructive story in all of presidential politics,”** she said. **“If I made one mistake, it was legitimizing the way the press covered this storyline.”**

Clinton campaign manager Robby Mook then insisted that reporters did not press Trump very hard for refusing to release his tax returns.

**“Oh my God, that question was vomited to me every day on TV,”** said Kellyanne Conway, Trump's third and final manager, rolling her eyes.

Clinton chief strategist Joel Benenson replied, “The number of stories about his tax returns paled in comparison exponentially to coverage of emails.”

That's when Lewandowski, who remains in touch with Trump as a trusted adviser, noted that New York Times executive editor Dean Baquet, during [an appearance at Harvard](#) this fall, said he'd risk jail time to publish Trump's tax returns if the paper obtained them. **“He's willing to commit a felony,”** Lewandowski said. **“It is egregious. He should be in jail!”**

Corey Lewandowski arrives at Trump Tower this Tuesday. (Evan Vucci/AP)</p>□

Corey Lewandowski arrives at Trump Tower this Tuesday. (Evan Vucci/AP)

**-- In a critique that generated audible groans among the dozens of assembled journalists who covered the 2016 campaign, Lewandowski complained that reporters erred by reporting on what actually Trump said at his events.** “This is the problem with the media,” he said, when discussing the proposed Muslim ban. “You guys took everything that Donald Trump said so literally! The American people didn’t. They understood it. They understood that sometimes — when you have a conversation with people, whether it’s around the dinner table or at a bar — you’re going to say things, and sometimes you don’t have all the facts to back it up.”

**-- Clinton’s people made clear how much they view Lewandowski with utter disdain.** “We’re not at a Trump rally, Corey,” Benenson told him when he started talking about how Trump was right to say that people who burn the flag should be stripped of their citizenship.



Hillary Clinton disembarks from her plane with Jennifer Palmieri this fall. (Melina Mara/The Washington Post)

-- And so it went. **Reporters pressed the Clinton team on why they did not talk more about the economy. Palmieri complained that, every time they tried to, the press just wanted her to respond to whatever Trump had just said or tweeted.** Then, when she would talk about Trump, pundits would criticize Clinton for not focusing enough on the issues. Jen noted that NBC's Andrea Mitchell, who was co-moderating the panel, focused on the donnybrook over the Gold Star Khan family during what was supposed to be a jobs-focused bus tour in the days after the Democratic National Convention. "You guys only covered her when she talked about him," Palmieri complained.

-- **Even the Trump team marveled at the extent to which reporters chase after whatever their boss tweets.** "It was like owning the New York Times without the overhead or the debt," said Michael Glassner, who was Trump's deputy campaign manager. Lewandowski said Trump could "change the narrative" with 140 characters." Trump pollster Tony Fabrizio said a post-election poll showed only 20 percent of voters actually use Twitter, which means that the candidate's messages could never have broken through without so much amplification by the press.

**But Trump folks said he needed to use Twitter and other alternative mediums because he was not getting a fair shake from the people assigned to cover him.** "The largest super PAC is called the media,"

said Trump digital director Brad Parscale. “We had media bias that we had to spend money and energy to push back on and correct the message. ... We had to fight media bias *and* corporate bias.”

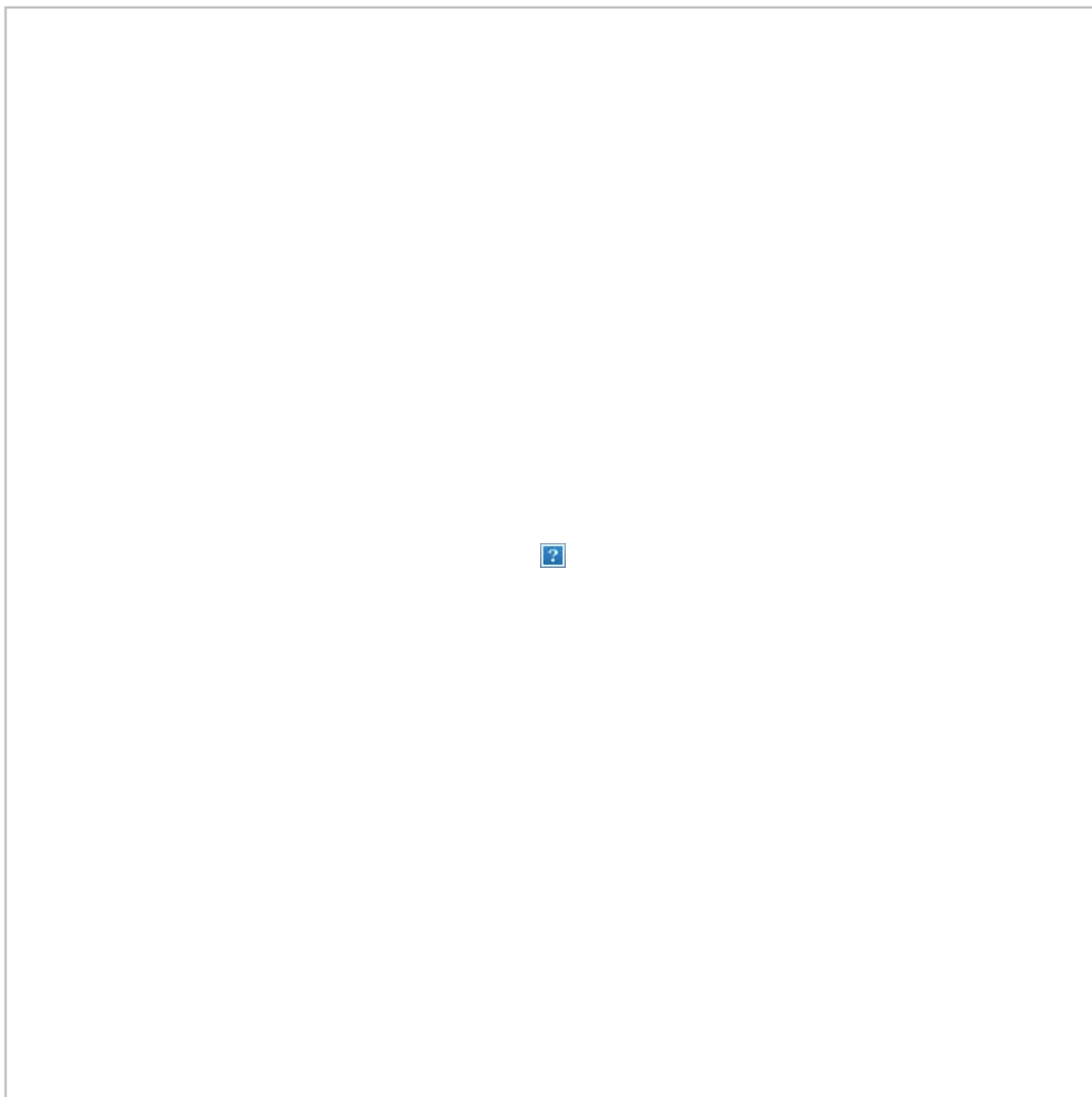


Robby Mook talks to press aboard the Clinton campaign plane on Oct. 28. (Melina Mara/The Washington Post)

**-- Mook complained that media coverage of campaign chairman John Podesta’s hacked emails in the final weeks did not sufficiently stress the role that the Russians played in pilfering and distributing them.** “It is outrageous ... It has got to be investigated,” Mook said of Russia’s meddling. “We know the Russians were propagating fake news.”

**“The biggest piece of fake news in this election was that Donald Trump couldn’t win,”** replied Conway. Asked if she believes the U.S. intelligence community that Russia was behind much of the mischief, she said: “I’m not going to assume it’s true.” “It is a fact! ... It is true,” replied Mook. “We’re not pro-foreign government interference, if that’s what you’re asking,” Conway clarified.



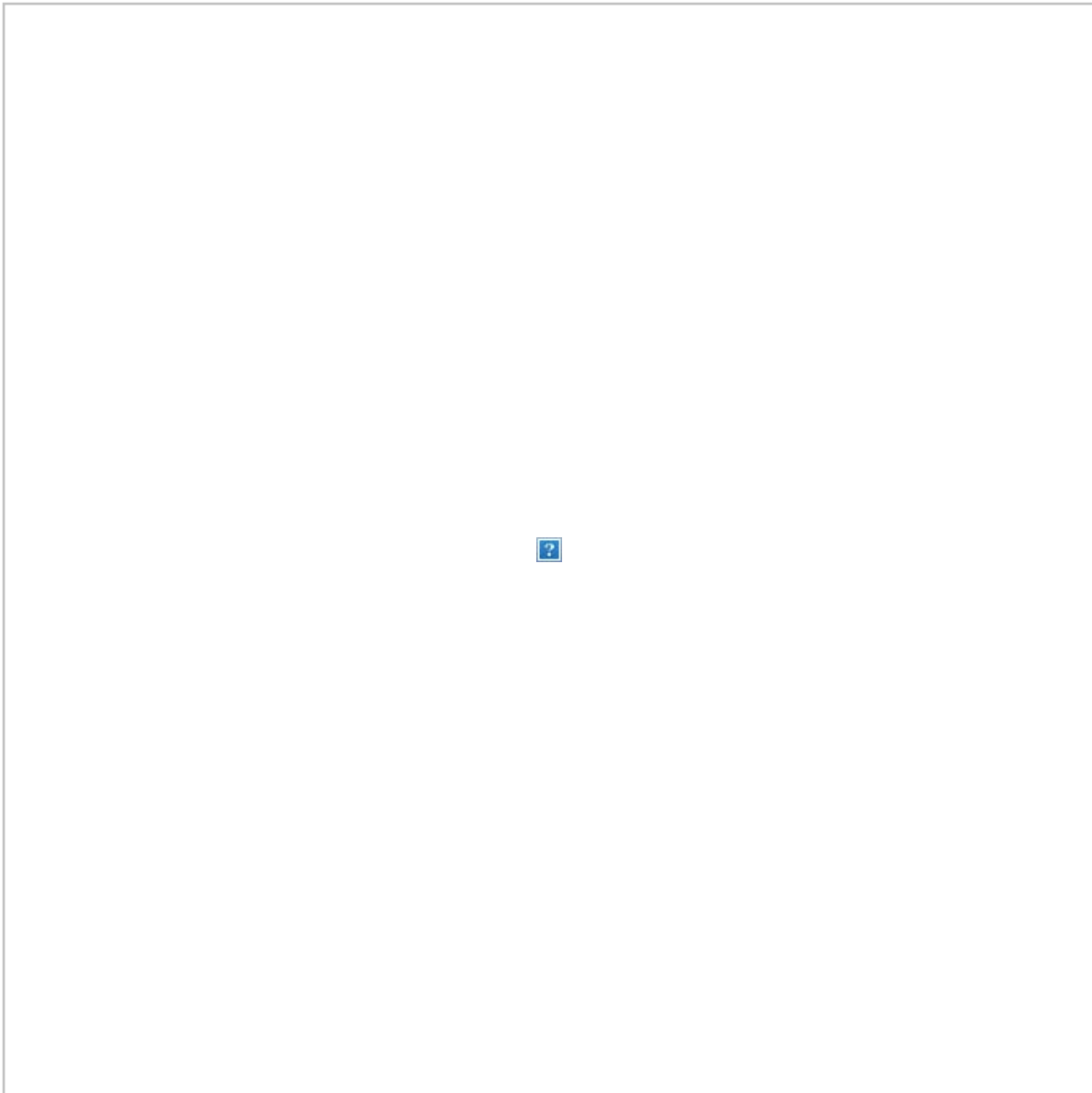


Jeff Zucker, president of CNN, arrives to meet with Trump at Trump Tower on Nov. 21. (Brendan McDermid/Reuters)

-- **The head of CNN also came under particularly intense fire.** The campaign managers for all of Trump's Republican primary rivals were also invited to this conference, and they made themselves known during a dinner on Wednesday night.

**During a panel discussion with media heavyweights, Jeff Zucker called it “bull\*\*\*\*” to blame his cable channel for elevating Trump back in 2015 when he first got into the race.** Veterans of the GOP campaigns which Trump vanquished began to yell from the audience, especially about CNN airing live footage of an empty podium where Trump was about to speak while mostly ignoring whatever they were doing. Zucker claimed that his producers let other candidates call in to the network, rather than requiring them to appear on camera. (Not true, a few yelled.) He added that Marco Rubio refused to come on the air for 10 weeks because he was upset about a question he'd been asked on abortion.

**Reporters from print outlets, meanwhile, pressed Zucker on his decision to hire Lewandowski as a paid contributor** after he technically got fired by Trump as manager but remained on the campaign payroll and continued to dispense private advice. As Politico's Gabe Debenedetti recounts in [his piece](#) on what followed, **“Zucker said Lewandowski was a ‘good investment and decision,’ as Lewandowski clapped and the rest of the room remained silent.”**



Fox moderator Megyn Kelly listens as Chris Wallace speaks during the first Republican debate in Cleveland. (John Minchillo/AP)

-- **The Republican managers are also mad at Fox News, though they were more nuanced in their on-the-record critiques in order to preserve relationships with the conservative giant.** Lewandowski complained that Trump “felt he was set up” by Fox when he was asked during the first debate in Aug. 2015 if he’d commit to support the eventual nominee, and that they both suspected that it was because family members of Fox employees worked for his rivals.

That led to a much-publicized “feud” between Trump and Megyn Kelly. But **Chris Christie’s senior strategist, Mike DuHaime, complained that the Fox-Trump fight was phony and helped both sides at the expense of the more serious GOP candidates.** “Fox was not at war,” he said. “The way Fox goes to war is to ignore someone!”



In July at the Republican convention, David Bossie, then the president of Citizens United, and Phil Robertson, of Duck Commander, talk with Stephen Bannon of Breitbart. (Ben Jackson/Getty Images for SiriusXM)

-- **The biggest blow-up of the whole conference came after David Bossie, who left his job as head of Citizens United to become Trump's deputy campaign manager, praised Stephen Bannon as "a brilliant strategist."** The former head of Breitbart, who will be chief strategist in the new White House, was supposed to come but pulled out at the last minute after hundreds of Harvard students made plans to protest him. **Here is just a taste of what followed:**

Palmieri: **"If providing a platform for white supremacists makes me a brilliant tactician, I am proud to have lost. I would rather lose than win the way you guys did."**

Conway: **"Do you think I ran a campaign where white supremacists had a platform?"**

Palmieri, who choked up at times: **"You did, Kellyanne. You did!"**

Conway: **"Are you kidding me? ... Do you think you could have just had a decent message for white, working-class voters? How about, it's Hillary Clinton, she doesn't connect with people? How about, they have nothing in common with her? How about, she doesn't have an economic message?"**

Benenson then asked the Trump team to say who they were trying "to take America back from." **"There were**

**dog whistles sent out to people,” he said.** “Look at your rallies. He delivered it.”

Conway: “Guys, I can tell you are angry, but wow. **Hashtag he’s your president.** ... Will you ever accept the election results? Will you tell your protesters that he’s their president, too?”

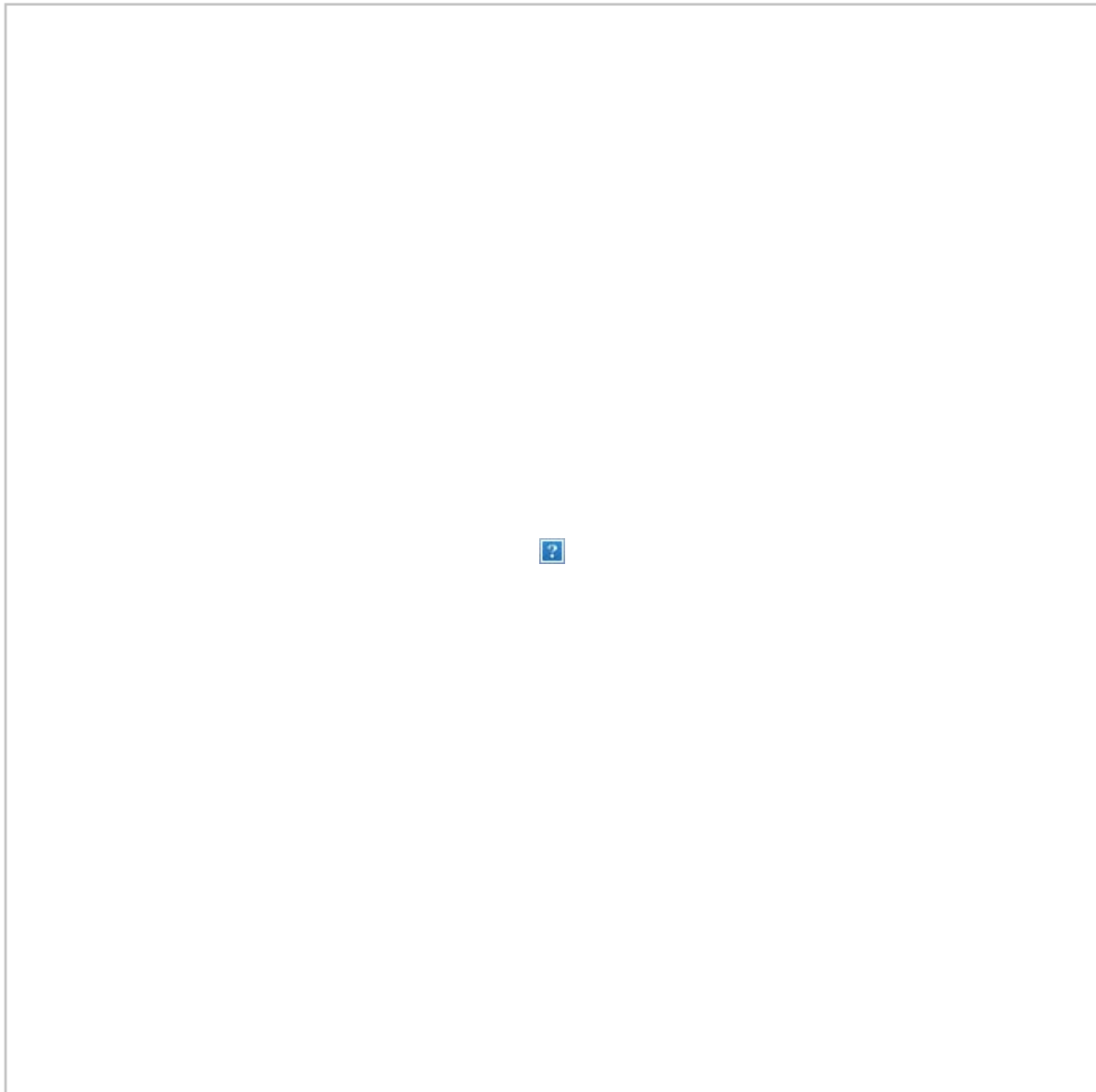
Clinton senior adviser Karen Finney retorted: “**Hashtag, if he's going to be my president, he's going to need to show me that white supremacy isn't acceptable!** ... Part of what Donald Trump did during this campaign was to mainstream the alt-right.”

Conway: “**You guys are bitter.** ... I’ve tried to be very gracious. You’re bitter.”

Clinton senior media adviser Mandy Grunwald grew frustrated as the Trump officials claimed that they ran a more positive campaign with a more uplifting vision than Clinton did: “I don’t think you give yourself enough credit for the negative campaign you ran. ... **I hear this heroic story of him connecting with voters, but there was a very impressive gassing of her!**” (She talked about how Trump used “the dark arts” of fake news and the National Enquirer.)

“Take the compliment, Kellyanne,” Mandy said.

“I would if it were one,” Kellyanne shot back.



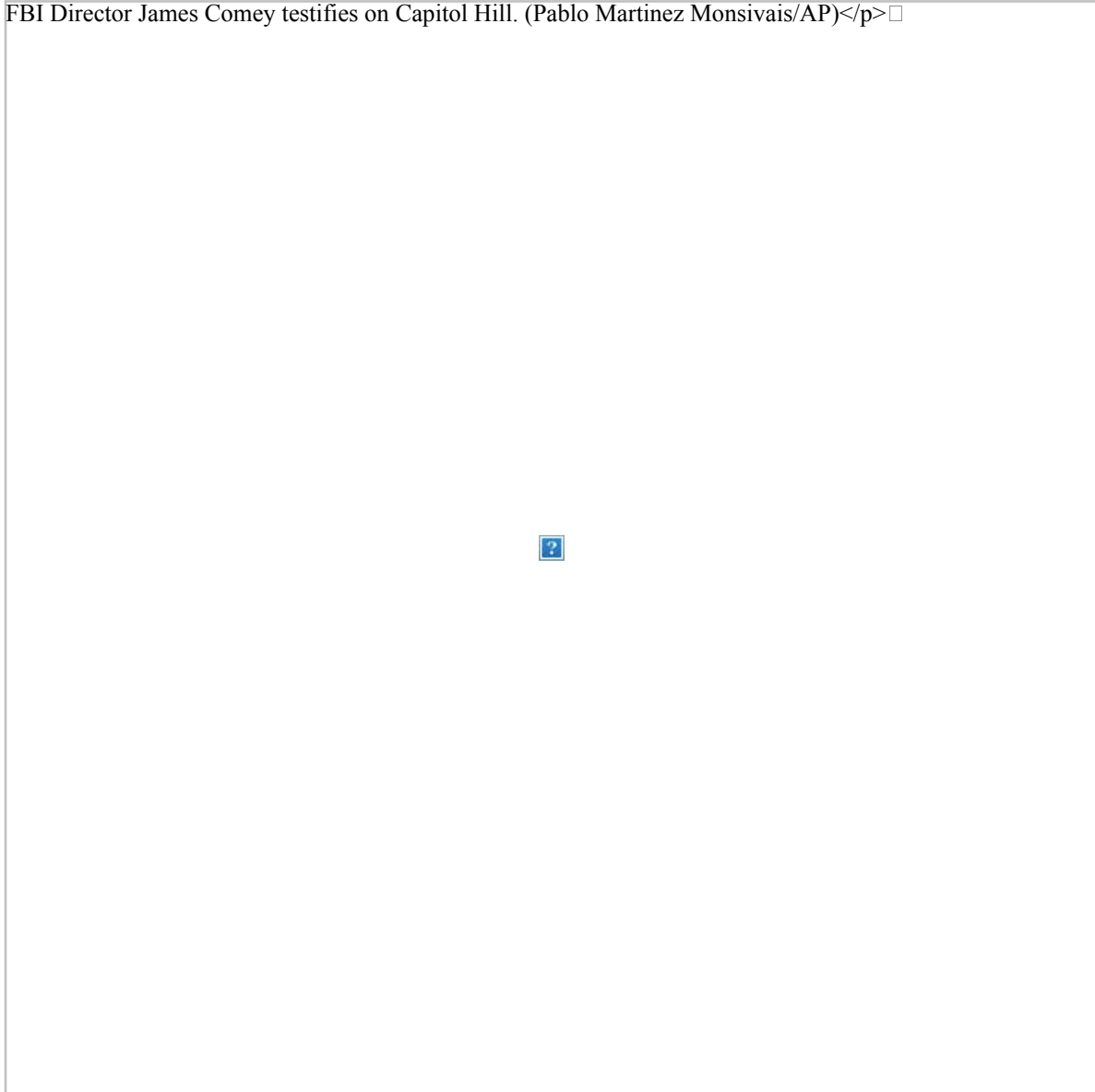
Donald Trump and Mike Pence stand onstage together at U.S. Bank Arena last night in Cincinnati, Ohio. (Ty Wright/Getty Images)

-- **What really seemed to set the Trump operatives off, besides being linked by association with white supremacists, was when the Clinton people kept saying that the president-elect has no mandate.**

Benenson: "You guys won. That's clear. But let's be honest: Don't act as if you have a popular mandate for your message. The fact of the matter is that more Americans voted for Hillary Clinton than for Donald Trump."

Conway turned to her five Trump colleagues: "Hey, guys, we won. You don't have to respond. He was the better candidate. That's why he won. Why is there no mandate?"

FBI Director James Comey testifies on Capitol Hill. (Pablo Martinez Monsivais/AP)

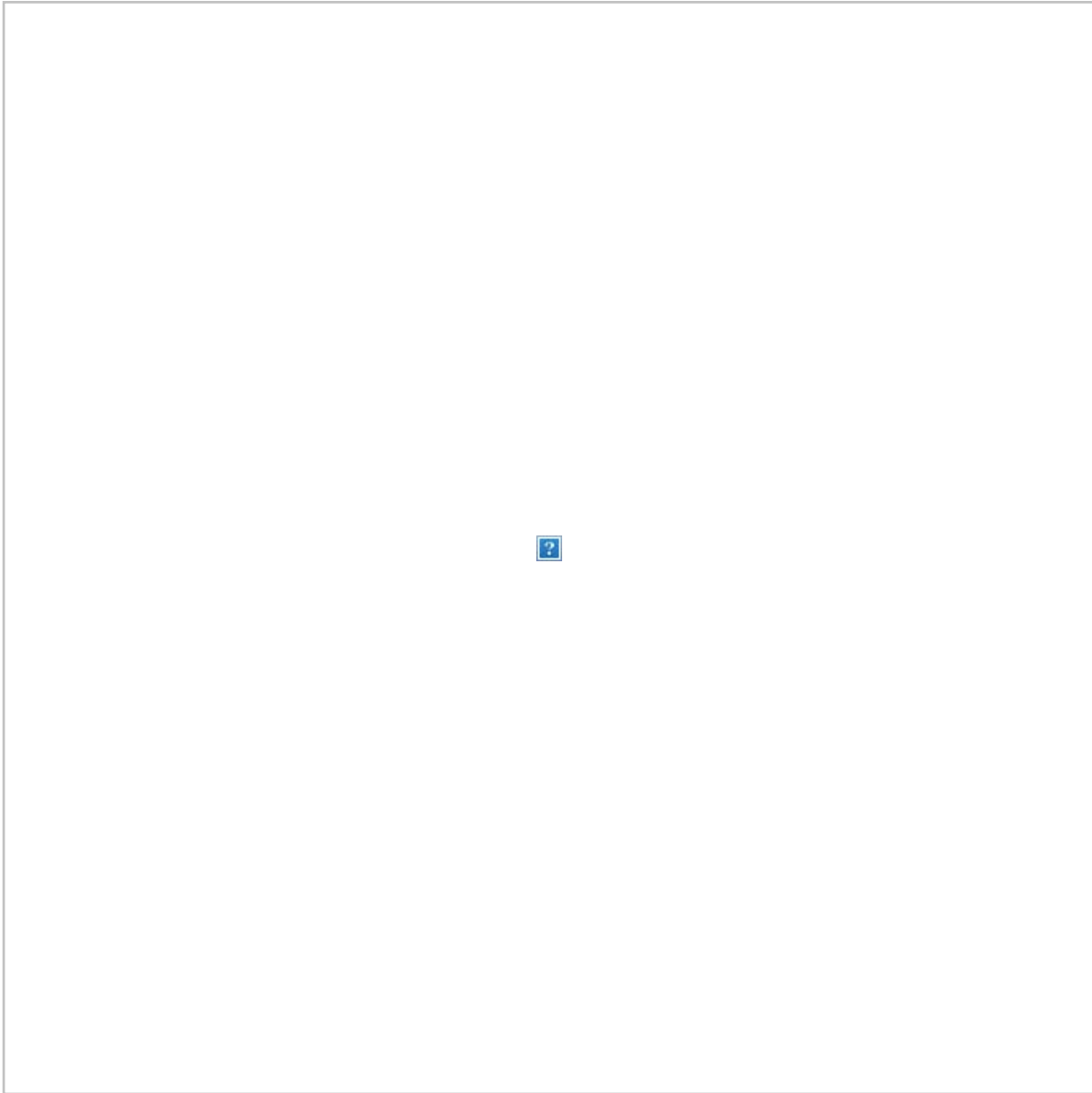


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-- **Another flash point: Did Clinton lose because of the FBI director?** "What is the single greatest headwind we faced in the race? The two letters from James Comey," said Mook, echoing comments that have been made by HRC since the election. "The first letter stripped away a lot of the college educated support that President Obama had not had. The second letter inflamed some of those voters in Mr. Trump's base. ... I think we underestimated the force of that when it changed."

**The Republicans repeatedly said the Clintons themselves, not Comey, deserves the blame for her email server becoming such a big issue.** They argued that Comey would not have been in a position to hold his summer press conference had Attorney General Loretta Lynch not foolishly met with Bill Clinton aboard a private airplane on the tarmac in Phoenix. The ensuing firestorm led her to recuse herself from the email investigation, which empowered Comey.

**Conway said Trump was hurt more by the 2005 “Access Hollywood” video than Clinton was hurt by Comey’s bombshell.** “I will tell you, if you look at the polling, that incident effected Donald Trump’s numbers much more than the Comey letter affected Secretary Clinton’s,” she said.



Huma Abedin and Robby Mook watch Clinton campaign in New Hampshire this summer. (Melina Mara/The Washington Post)

-- **One area of concurrence: Both sides think Clinton was hobbled by the expectation she’d win.** It made it harder to get volunteers and led young people to think they could safely vote third party. Hillary needed upward of 60 percent of young voters, but she got “in the high 50s at the end of the day,” Mook said. “That’s why we lost.”

**The Clinton team said that the Democratic nominee was always scrutinized as if she was already an incumbent, a burden Trump never faced.**

**Asked when he knew that his boss had lost, Mook said he started to get worried when the first numbers started coming in from places like Florida and Virginia on election night:** “I thought, ‘Well, maybe this is just a Southeast thing. In that case, we’ll be alright.’ Well, it wasn’t just a Southeast thing.” Looking back, he added, “Would I have 300 paid staff in Michigan instead of 200? Absolutely. Because we lost Michigan by less than one point.”

Kellyanne Conway answers a question at Harvard last night. (Scott Eisen/Getty Images)</p>□



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**-- Finally, Conway argued that voters weighed, then dismissed the groping allegations because Trump was speaking directly about their economic problems:** “There’s a difference for voters between what offends you and what affects you.”

**CNN’s Jake Tapper asked her whether it is appropriate for Trump, now that he’s won, to make baseless claims on Twitter that millions of votes were fraudulently cast or to retweet random people attacking specific members of the media.** “He’s the president-elect, so that’s presidential behavior,” she replied.

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**WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:**

-- The U.S. economy added 178,000 jobs in November, while the unemployment rate fell to 4.6 percent from 4.9 percent the previous month, according to new government data released at 8:30 a.m. ([Ana Swanson](#))

Trump meets with James Mattis on Nov. 19. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)



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-- Trump tapped retired Gen. James Mattis to be secretary of defense, selecting a former senior military officer who says responding to “political Islam” is the major security issue facing the United States.

[From Dan Lamothe](#): Mattis, 66, served more than four decades in the Marine Corps and is known as one of the most influential military leaders of his generation, serving as a strategic thinker while occasionally drawing rebukes for his aggressive talk.

**To take the job, Mattis will need Congress to pass new legislation to bypass a federal law stating that defense secretaries must not have been on active duty in the previous seven years.** Congress has granted a similar exception just once [in 1950].” (R and D sources tell us the votes will be there.)



**Mattis, whose nicknames include “Mad Dog” and the “Warrior Monk,” has had a leading hand in some of the U.S. military’s most significant operations in the past 20 years.** “As a one-star general, he led an amphibious task force of Marines that carried out a November 2001 raid in helicopters on Afghanistan’s Kandahar province, giving the Pentagon a new foothold [after the 9/11] attacks,” Lamothe notes. **“Using the call sign ‘Chaos,’ he commanded a division of Marines during the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003 and returned ... to lead Marines in bloody street fighting in the city of Fallujah.”**

**He has occasionally come under scrutiny for impolitic remarks.** “It’s fun to shoot some people,” he famously said in 2005. “I like brawling.”

**-- Red flag: “Trump’s pick for defense secretary went to the mat for the troubled blood-testing company Theranos,” by Carolyn Y. Johnson:** “[Mattis] had a long military career, leading the U.S. Central Command before he retired in 2013. But a series of emails obtained by The Post last year revealed that, in a lesser-known incident late in his military tenure, Mattis took the unusual step of personally pushing for a start-up company — the controversial blood-testing Theranos — to land a deal for a military field test. In 2012, Theranos — which has since had a long and tortuous fall from Silicon Valley darling to cautionary tale — was a secretive blood-testing company with politically connected board members. The emails revealed Mattis’s interest in the start-up’s blood-testing technology and the personal actions he took to try and push its technology into a field test in Afghanistan.”

Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.) in the Capitol. (Andrew Harnik for The Washington Post)</p></p>



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#### **TRUMP'S VERSION OF POLITICAL SURVIVOR CONTINUES:**

-- **North Dakota Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp is meeting today at Trump Tower with the president-elect amid rumors she is in the running to be Energy or Interior secretary.** The move would be a smart one for Trump in terms of picking off a Democratic senator. Republicans would definitely pick up her seat. There is also talk West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin, also a Democrat in a state Trump won, is under consideration, though Manchin says he has yet to be contacted by the Trump team. Both Democrats sound open to serving. ([Steven Mufson](#))

-- **Chris Christie is considering throwing his hat into the ring as RNC chair,** telling several Trump transition team officials that he is interested in the post. The move comes as Christie's prospects for a position in the Trump administration have dimmed in recent weeks, [Politico's Alex Isenstadt reports](#). This job would let him serve out his term as governor of New Jersey.

-- **If nominated as secretary of State, Gen. David Petraeus "would have to undergo a potentially bruising confirmation hearing that would probably reexamine the lurid case that led to his conviction and dredge up old comparisons to Clinton,"** [Matt Zapposky](#) writes. "Petraeus pleaded guilty last year to a misdemeanor charge of mishandling classified information, admitting that he gave sensitive materials to his former lover and biographer, Paula Broadwell. He was sentenced to two years of probation ... [which include] several restrictions that could complicate his holding a Cabinet position ... [but] Petraeus's probation expires in April 2017, and Trump, upon taking office, could commute his sentence. "Those involved in the Petraeus case at one point contemplated much more serious charges of lying to the FBI and violating a section of the Espionage Act. Officials have said the information contained in the eight notebooks Petraeus gave to Broadwell could have caused grave damage to national security, if disclosed."

-- **"Trump has disclosed owning millions of dollars of stock in companies with business pending before the U.S. government and whose value could rise as a result of his policies,"** [Rosalind S. Helderman and Drew Harwell report](#) this morning. "Trump's stock holdings, which are separate from the more high-profile real estate and branding empire that he has said he will separate from in some fashion, represent another area rife with potential conflicts of interest that Trump has yet to address." Trump's stock portfolio presents "a smaller bore but significant example of the same problem he has with the Trump Organization," said Norm Eisen, "Nobody will know if the decisions he's making are influenced by the public interest or by his and his family's personal financial interests."

Xavier Becerra just got a big boost. (Andrew Harrer/Bloomberg)</p>□

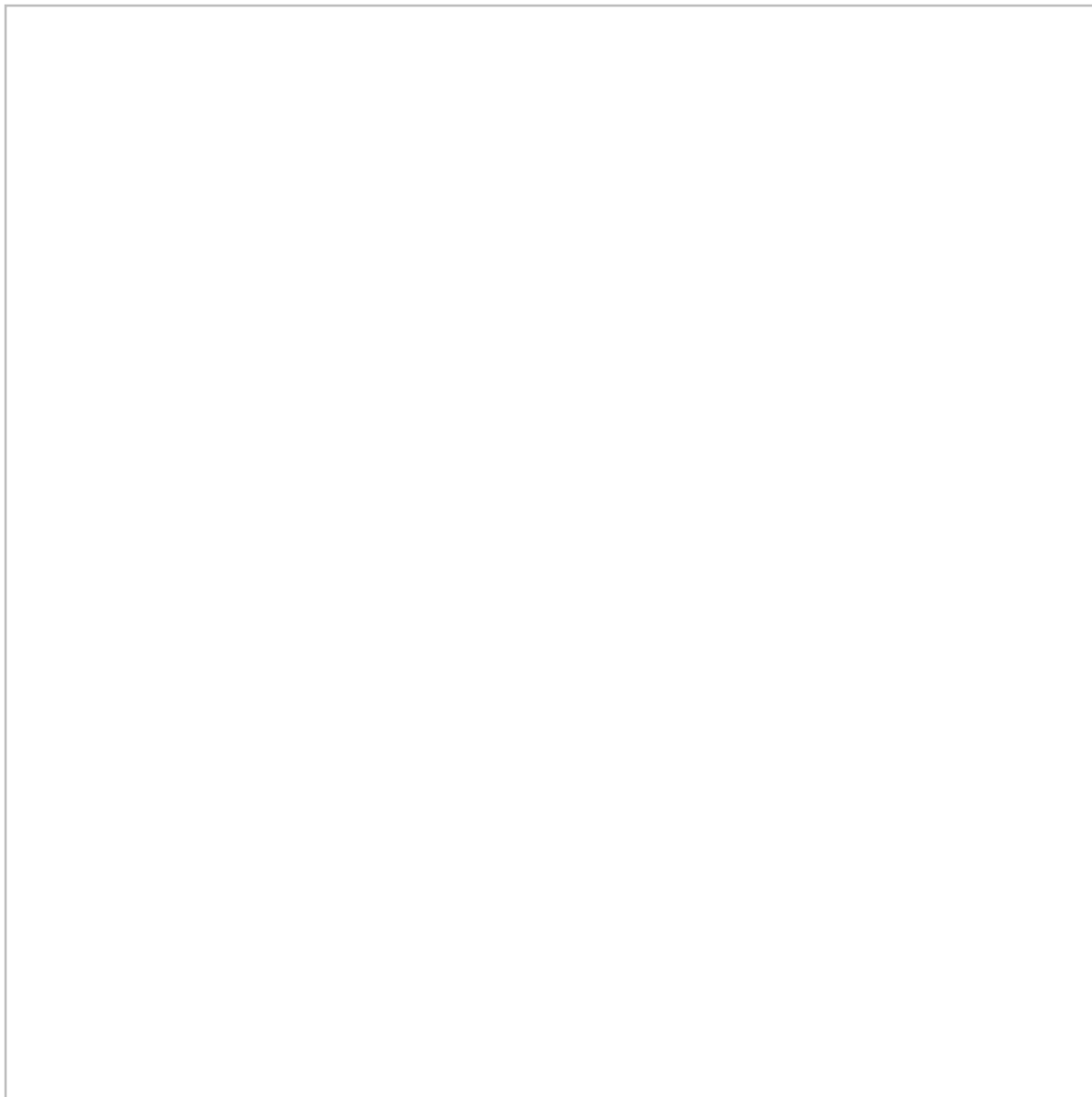
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**GET SMART FAST:**

1. **Jerry Brown picked Rep. Xavier Becerra (D) to replace Sen.-elect Kamala Harris as California's attorney general.** The post will allow Becerra, the highest-ranking Latino in Congress, a perch from which he can run statewide. **It also clears the way for Rep. Richard Neal (D-Mass.) to become the ranking member on the powerful Ways and Means Committee.** ([Mike DeBonis](#))
2. **Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) is celebrating his narrow re-election by suing challenger Doug Applegate for libel.** The wealthiest member of Congress is seeking \$10 million in damages over a pair of what he claims are defamatory campaign ads. ([San Diego Union Tribune](#))
3. **The pilot of the jet carrying a Brazilian soccer team that crashed on Monday decided to skip a scheduled refueling stop, opting instead to fly directly into Colombia.** The news corroborates early theories that the aircraft crashed after running out of gas. ([CNN](#))
4. **Princess Cruise Lines was slapped with a raft of felony charges and a \$40 million penalty after it was revealed the company has been illegally polluting the ocean for years – and instructing employees to lie about it.** Feds say the punishment is the largest-ever criminal penalty involving deliberate ocean pollution. ([Brady Dennis](#))
5. **The U.S. government is expected to forgive more than \$108 billion in student debt over the next several years, according to a new GAO report.** The projections come as part of a new report to

Congress, which criticized the way current loan programs account for debt repayments. ([Wall Street Journal](#))

6. **Embattled French President Francois Hollande announced he will not seek re-election in 2017, ending a term characterized by consistently high unemployment levels and a string of deadly terror attacks in the country.** His announcement, which clears the way for another leftist candidate to enter the ring, comes after a recent poll in the country showed Hollande's approval ratings at four percent ([James McAuley](#))
7. **Hundreds of people are demanding an Ohio State University administrator be fired after she urged compassion for the student attacker who slashed 11 people.** ([Susan Svrluga](#))
8. **Two Army soldiers looking to make some side cash are now facing hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines, as well as a decade in federal prison, after they admitted to smuggling undocumented immigrants through patrol checkpoints for cash.** ([Kristine Guerra](#))
9. **Wisconsin officials are investigating a VA facility dentist for reusing disposable dental equipment on his patients – putting some 600 veterans at risk for HIV and hepatitis.** Officials haven't found evidence of infection yet, but said they are continuing an aggressive investigation out of an abundance of caution. ([McClatchy DC](#))
10. **Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz said he is stepping aside,** stoking public speculation that the business executive could be considering a future in the political sphere. ([Sarah Halzack and Jena McGregor](#))
11. **The NFL announced a new multi-year deal with CBS,** allowing subscribers of the "All Access" package to stream Sunday football games. Coverage begins this weekend. ([CBS News](#))
12. **Sun exposure can reduce risk for nearsightedness, according to a new study.** Researchers found that those with the highest levels of UV-B exposure, especially young people and teenagers, had about a 30 percent lower risk for myopia than those with the lowest exposure. ([New York Times](#))



Secretary of Labor Tom Perez addresses a women's summit. (Bill O'Leary/The Washington Post)

**THE RACE FOR DNC CHAIR:**

**-- The field in the race for chairman of the Democratic National Committee might not be set, and two more names are being talked about as possible candidates. We're hearing credible chatter at high levels that Labor Secretary Tom Perez is leaning toward getting in.** Another pol expressing interest: Phil Angelides, the former California state Treasurer and the 2006 Democratic nominee for California governor (He lost to Arnold). Perez got more serious when Joe Biden announced he would not get in.

Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) speaks at the DNC. (David Paul Morris/Bloomberg)</p>□



Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) speaks at the DNC. (David Paul Morris/Bloomberg)

-- **The current frontrunner for DNC chair, Keith Ellison, is facing increasing scrutiny for his past ties to the Nation of Islam and his defense of its anti-Semitic leader, Louis Farrakhan.** From [CNN's Andrew Kaczynski](#): "Ellison, the first Muslim elected to Congress, publicly renounced his association with the Nation of Islam in 2006 after it became an issue during his run for Congress. ... But several outlets have resurfaced Ellison's past writings as he runs for DNC chair, raising new concerns about his own views and what they would mean for the Democratic Party if he were to be its leader. A review of Ellison's past writings and public statements during the late 1980s through the 1990s reveal his decade-long involvement in the Nation of Islam and his repeated defense of Farrakhan and other radical black leaders against accusations of anti-Semitism in columns and statements to the press." No one has found evidence yet of Ellison making any anti-Semitic comments himself.

-- **Also in the running are two state chairmen from early states: New Hampshire's Ray Buckley and South Carolina's Jamie Harrison.**



Trump starts victory tour with Carrier stop, Cincinnati rally

#### **TRUMP'S MIDWEST VICTORY LAP:**

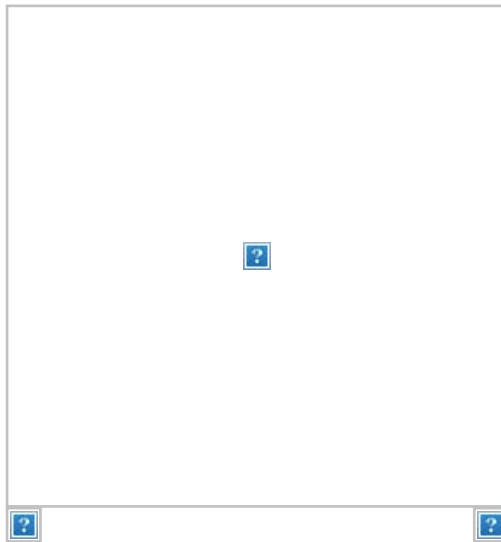
-- **The election might be over, but Trump seems intent on continuing to campaign, [Jenna Johnson and John Wagner report](#). “At his first rally since being elected president, Trump only occasionally read from his teleprompters ... recounted in great detail all the ways that he won, noted that world leaders now call him from ‘their magnificent rooms,’ and gleefully reflected on how it was ‘a lot of fun’ fighting [Clinton], to which **the crowd chanted: ‘Lock her up! Lock her up!’** He complained about his party’s top leaders, prompted the crowd to boo their state governor ... and told the crowd to keep going as they booed ‘the extremely dishonest press.’ **He mocked a small group of protesters as they were led out: ‘They don’t know that Hillary lost a couple of weeks ago.’** And somewhere amid the insults, grievances and brags, Trump promised to heal this divided country.”**

-- **Before the rally last night, Trump toured the Indiana-based Carrier factory at which he helped keep roughly 1,000 jobs from moving to Mexico. There, the president-elect threatened “consequences” for U.S. firms that relocate elsewhere, suggesting he will broaden his bid to personally intervene with individual companies to keep jobs in the country, per [Ylan Q. Mui, Matea Gold and Max Ehrenfreund](#): “Trump’s remarks came as he triumphantly celebrated a decision by the heating and air-conditioning company Carrier to reverse its plans to close a furnace plant here and move to Mexico, helping keep 1,100 jobs in Indianapolis.” Under the terms of the agreement, Carrier would reportedly receive a \$7 million tax incentive**

package from the state of Indiana in exchange for making a \$16 million investment in the facility, Trump claimed.

**Speaking at Carrier, Trump also predicted more companies will stay in the U.S. because his administration will lower corporate taxes and reduce regulations.** He also warned that businesses that decide to go abroad will "pay a price": "Companies are not going to leave the United States anymore without consequences," Trump declared Thursday. "Not gonna happen."

-- **Experts said no modern president has intervened on behalf of an individual company like this. But Trump dismissed such concerns, saying he plans to "personally call" other companies that are contemplating moving operations out of the country. "I think it's very presidential. And if it's not presidential, that's okay because I actually like doing it," Trump said. "But we're going to have a lot of phone calls made to companies when they say they're leaving this country, because they're not going to leave this country."**



#### **BLOWBACK FROM BOTH PARTIES ON THE CARRIER DEAL:**

-- **On the right, the Carrier deal was sharply criticized by some conservatives, who viewed it as government distortion of free markets, as well as liberals, who derided it as corporate welfare** "I think it sets a pretty bad precedent," [said Cato Institute's Dan Ikenson](#), "I don't think we should be addressing issues like this on an ad hoc basis. It certainly incentivizes companies to make a stink and say: 'We're going to leave, too. What are you going to do for me?'"

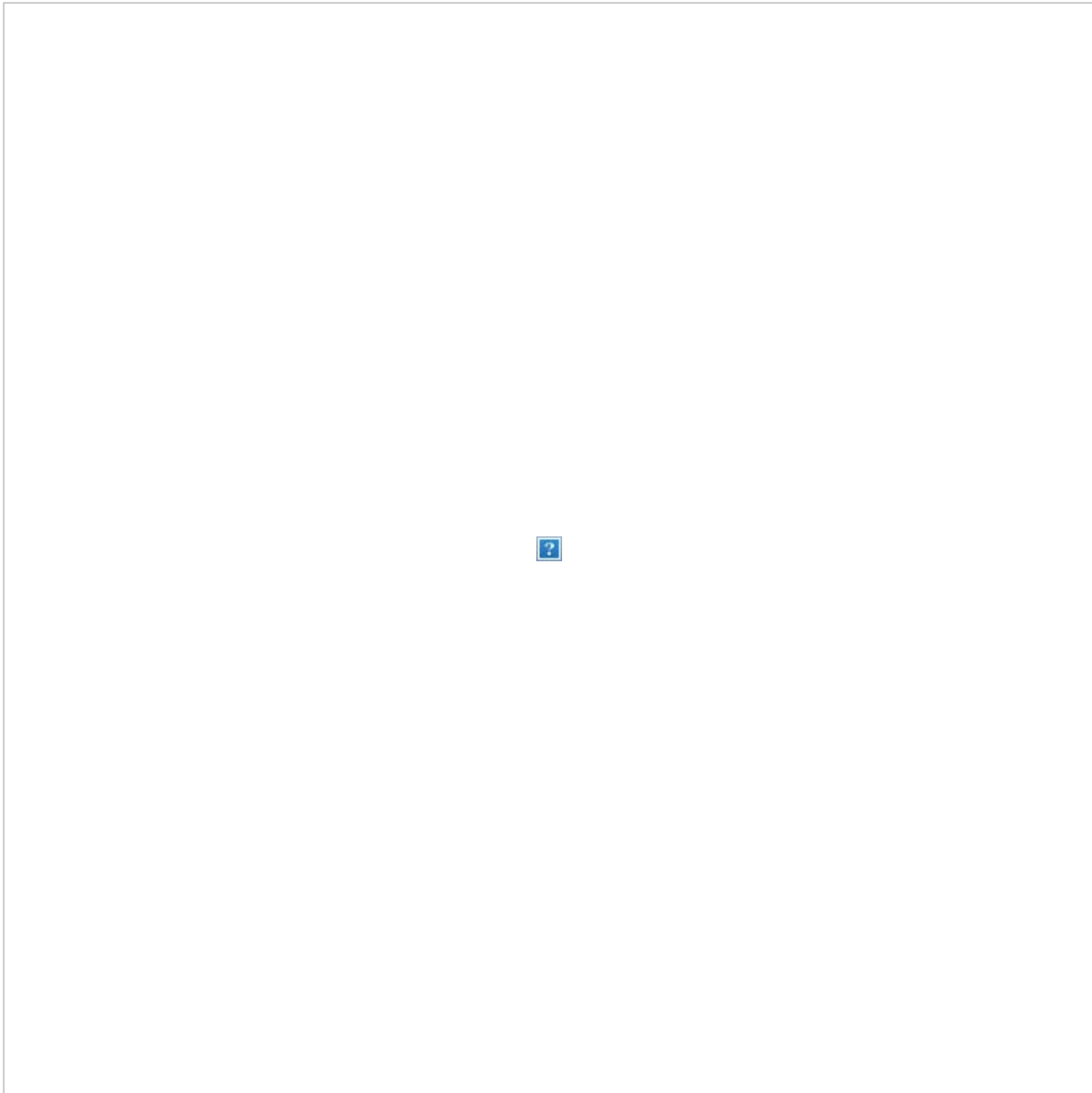
-- **On the left, in a [Post op-ed](#), Bernie Sanders said the deal essentially shows corporations "how to beat Trump"**: "Just a short few months ago, Trump was pledging to force United Technologies to 'pay a damn tax'. He was insisting on very steep tariffs for companies like Carrier that left the United States and wanted to sell their foreign-made products back in the United States. [Now], instead of a damn tax, the company will be rewarded with a *damn tax cut*. Trump has signaled to every corporation in America that they can threaten to offshore jobs in exchange for business-friendly tax benefits and incentives. Even corporations that weren't thinking of offshoring jobs will most probably be reevaluating their stance ... In essence, United Technologies took Trump hostage and won. And that should send a shock wave of fear through all workers across the country."

-- "It's good that about 1,000 Carrier Corp. workers will not be losing their jobs," says [The Post's Editorial Board Editor Fred Hiatt](#). "But *there is a whiff of Putinism in the combination of bribery and menace that may have affected Carrier's decision* ... If this were to become the U.S. government's standard method of operation, the results would be Russian, too: dwindling investment, slowing economic growth, fewer jobs. **In the long run, Americans are best served by policies that promote growth and trade at home and abroad. True, that is cold comfort to U.S. workers who lose their jobs** ... [but] if Trump wants conservative solutions to help them, he could abolish a lot of the failed government retraining programs and redirect the funds into vouchers or tax credits for workers who want to complete college or retrain themselves. He could



support apprenticeship programs. He could make sure that workers can carry their health and retirement support with them when they change jobs ... Eventually, that would allow him to take victory laps in countless factories — because the benefits of his policies would have spread across the land without czarist vagary or caprice.”

-- **Part of a pattern: Breitbart News is going to war with Kellogg's after the cereal maker decided to pull its advertisements from the far-right news site in protest of its political views, [CNN's Dylan Byers reports](#).** The move sparked boycotts and anti-Kelloggs hashtags from loyalists of the alt-right website, as well as a scathing letter from the site's editor. "Boycotting Breitbart News for presenting mainstream American ideas is an act of discrimination and intense prejudice," editor-in-chief Alex Marlow wrote "If you serve Kellogg's products to your family, you are serving up bigotry at your breakfast table."



Vladimir Putin attends a meeting with Russia's cultural figures in St. Petersburg this morning. (Mikhail Klimentyev/Sputnik, Kremlin Pool Photo via AP)

#### **SPEAKING OF PUTINISM:**

-- **“[Putin, Russia's grand inquisitor and 'fixer-in-chief,'](#)” by David Filipov:** “On any given nightly news broadcast, Vladimir Putin ... interrogates a cabinet minister or a director of a state-run factory or a utilities chief. If the economic news is good, the subordinate is off the hook and the next segment comes on. But if

prices have spiked, or salaries are low, or costs have gone way over budget, then Putin lays into the unfortunate bureaucrat — ‘What’s wrong with your head?’ ‘Are you crazy?’” ... as the cameras roll and the Russian president’s quarry stammers and squirms. It’s populist political theater that makes for really, really awkward television. **But it helps explain the riddle of the enduring popularity of a ruler who has no checks on his power, no serious opposition, and who presides over a country mired in an economic slowdown.** Even as Putin plays the role of grand inquisitor, he has also positioned himself as the one person in the country to whom citizens can turn at a time when faith in government institutions is low. Putin’s popularity has become closely tied with the idea that he is the decisive factor at all levels of Russian politics,” said Brookings Fellow Fiona Hill. He is Russia’s “fixer-in-chief.”

-- **In the face of a weak, divided West, the Russian bear is growing bolder, says [The Post’s Editorial Board](#):** “Russian meddling in Western democracies is often portrayed as malicious but soft-boiled, centered on cyberattacks, propaganda operations and financial help for pro-Moscow politicians. So it’s worth calling attention to a couple of recent episodes in Eastern Europe that were of an entirely different character. **In NATO member Hungary, Russian agents have been fingered for training with a neo-Nazi militia; in the tiny Balkan state of Montenegro, which is on the verge of joining the transatlantic alliance, Moscow is accused of plotting a violent coup.** Russian intelligence services have been known for meddling in foreign countries ... **But veteran analysts say such bold attempts to sow chaos in countries linked to NATO are virtually unprecedented. They reflect a regime that has given free rein to its covert operatives, on the calculation that there will be little or no pushback from a weak and divided West.**” Until that theory is proved wrong, they write, expect more trouble to come.

The Rosenbergs in 1951 (AP Photo)</p>□

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**WAPO HIGHLIGHTS:**

-- [\*\*“Sons of executed spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg ask Obama to exonerate their mother,”\*\*](#) by Joe Heim: “On the day Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were scheduled to face the electric chair as convicted spies in June 1953, their sons, Michael and Robert, then 10 and 6, were told to go to a friend’s house and play baseball until dark. When they walked back in the house that evening, Michael asked family members if his parents’ lives had been spared. When he didn’t get a direct answer, he knew his worst fears had been realized. It was just days after the two boys had protested at the White House and ... [asked] the president, Dwight D. Eisenhower, for clemency. The request hadn’t been granted.” Now, the two brothers have returned: Armed with 40 years of research and a lifetime of painful memories, they are asking Obama to exonerate their mother, who they say was wrongly convicted and sentenced.” “This time we are not merely advocates for our family, but for our country,” Robert said. “It is never too late to learn from the mistakes of the past.”



Proponents of the hairstyle in question: The rapper Macklemore, left; white-nationalism advocate Richard Spencer, center; and soccer superstar David Beckham, right. (Reuters; Linda Davidson/The Washington Post; Andrew Innerarity/Reuters)

**-- HIPSTER OR NAZI? POST STYLE COLUMNISTS WEIGH IN: “We need to talk about a haircut. Also about identity, and hatred, and maybe about the total end of American civilization — but first about a haircut,” [Monica Hesse and Dan Zak write](#). “You have seen it. It is short on the sides and long on the top. It is clean and tidy, with a military sheen. It’s been popular among young people for several years. But now this haircut is making us ask ourselves, with seriousness that seems unthinkable in 2016: hipster or Nazi? Young city-dwelling men leaving their SoulCycle classes in leftover ‘I’m With Her’ T-shirts. Young white-nationalism enthusiasts leaving a recent conference in Washington, D.C., where several of them performed a Nazi salute. The same haircut. *The exact same haircut*. **Until a few weeks ago, you saw a man with that haircut and assumed he might be a good person to hit on, or to buy small-batch beer from ... Now you see him and wonder if he’s trying to deport half the nation ...**”**

**The solution, they say, is for white nationalists to identify themselves through a different look. But don't fret!** There's plenty of alternatives, such as a include a "double man bun (“We really just want to create a taboo around this look”) as well as “The Rachel.” (“Remember how every teenage girl in the '90s wanted to look like Jennifer Aniston on “Friends”? Nazis, you may now have it.”)

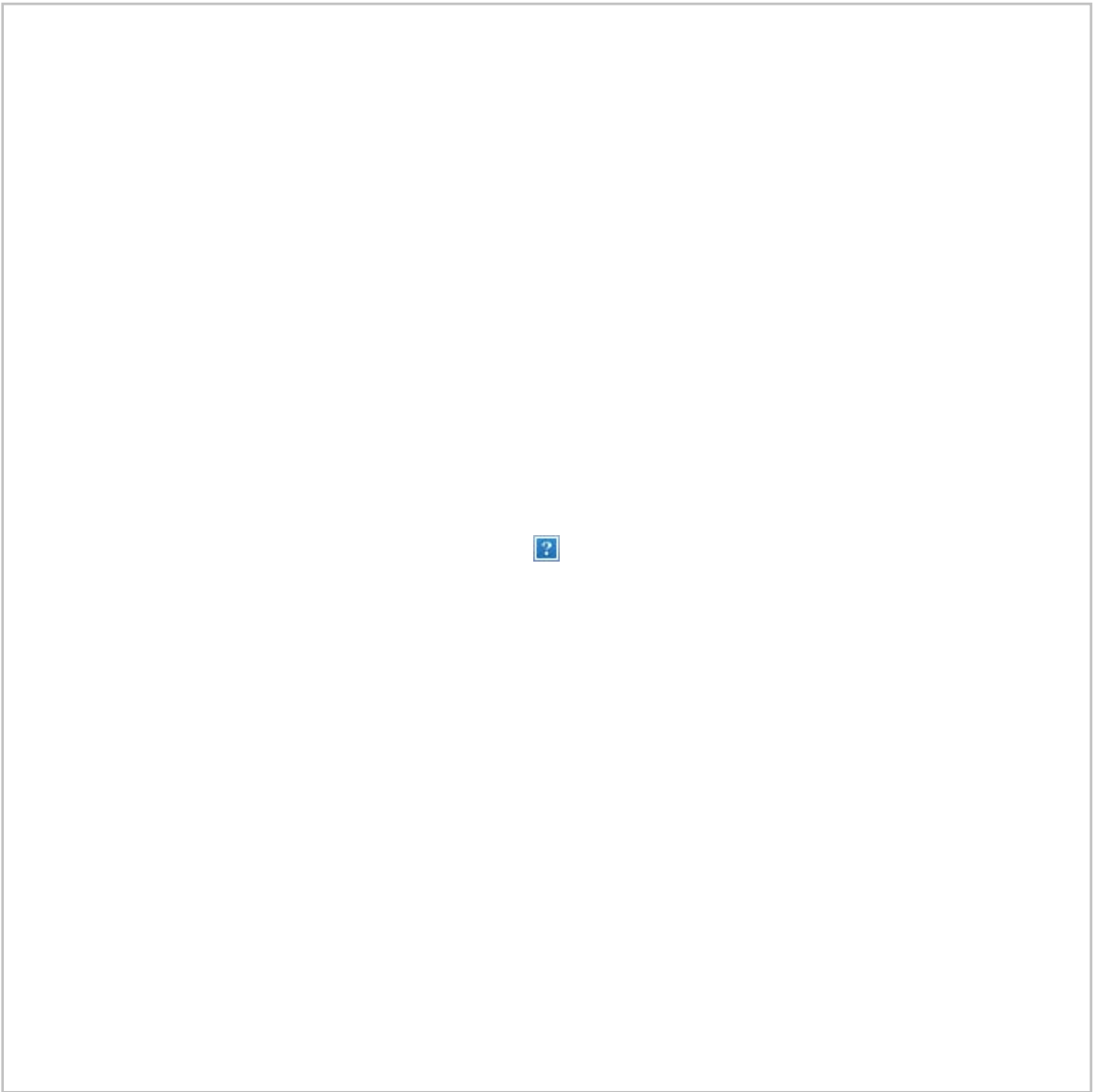
Jill Stein takes questions from reporters. (D. Ross Cameron/AP)</p>□



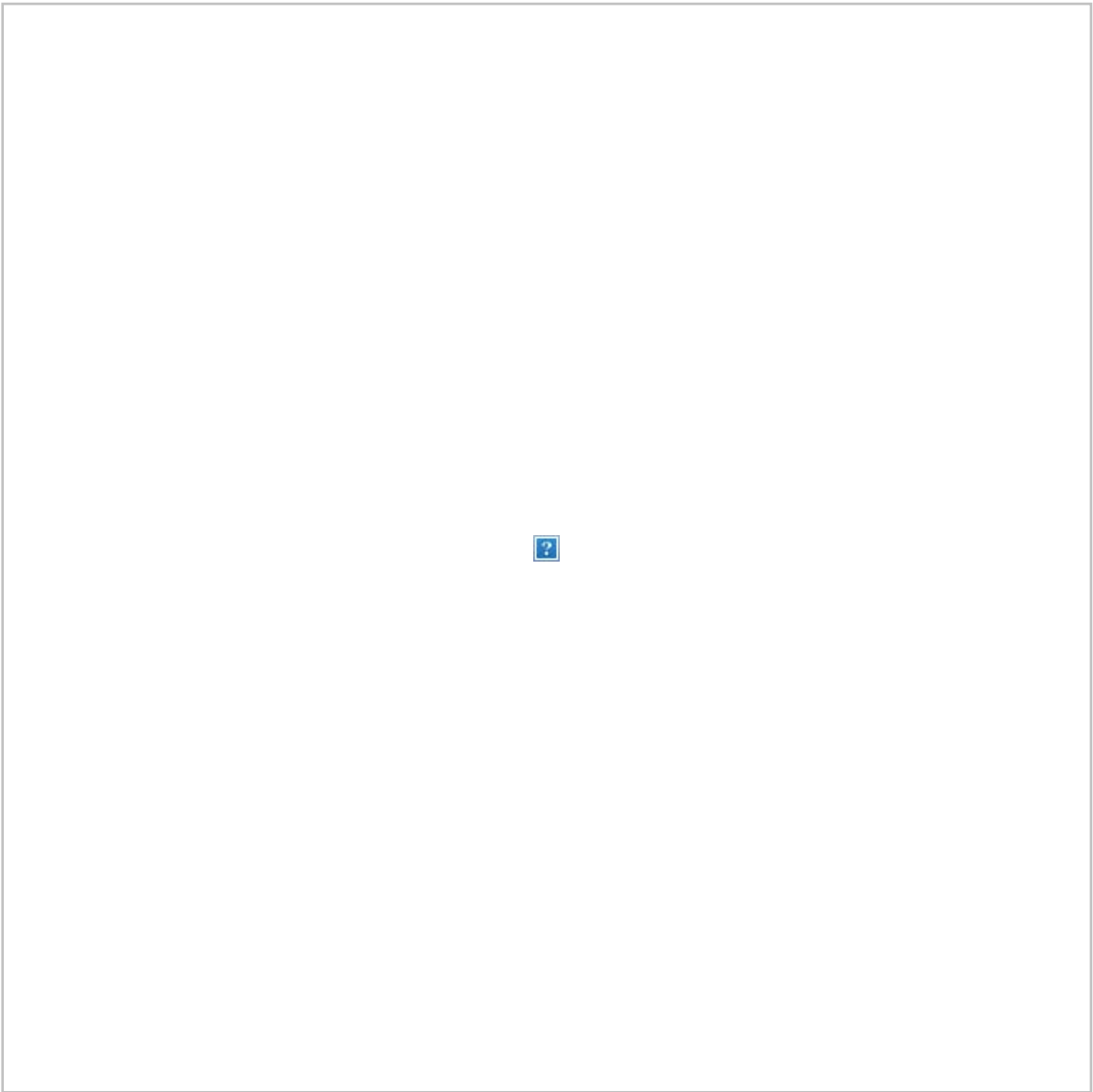
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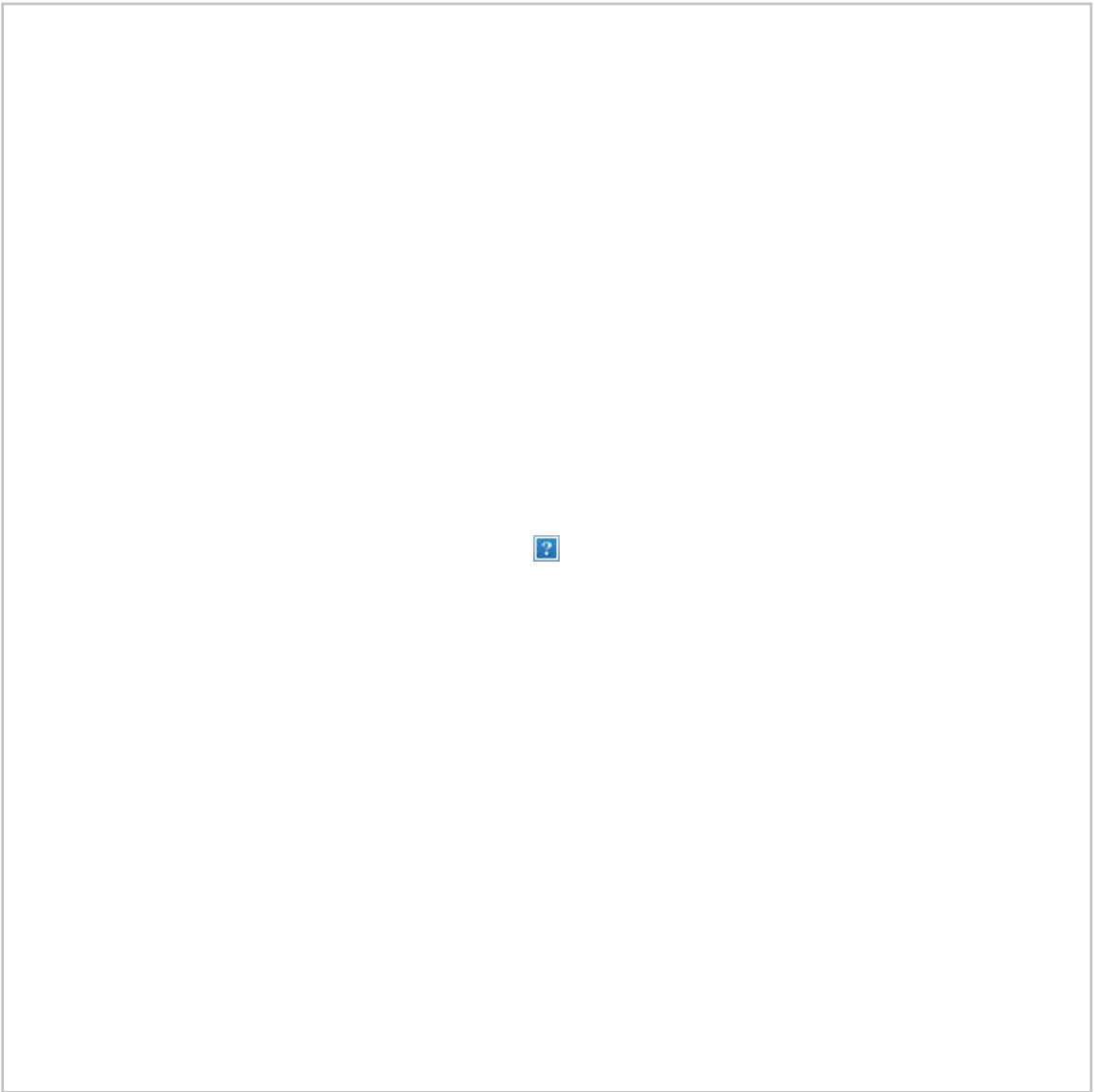
**-- Wisconsin began its presidential election recount, honoring a request made by Green Candidate Jill Stein in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.** Almost no one expects Stein's push for recounts in to change the race, however: "This is certainly not Bush v. Gore," said Wisconsin's chief elections administrator Mike Haas. ([AP](#))



Tennessee firefighters are shown here taking a nap after 36 straight hours on the job:

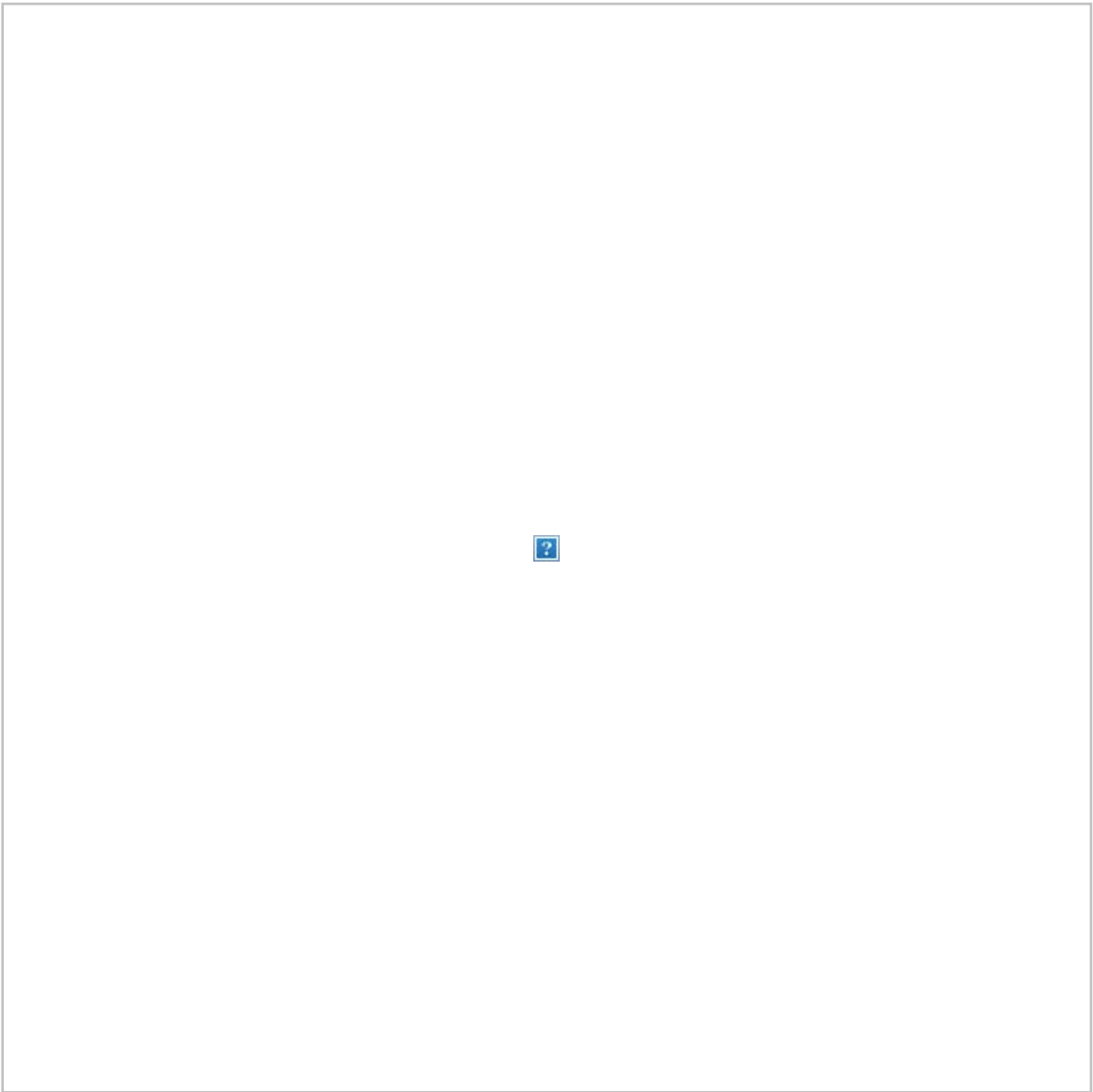


The House Science, Space and Technology Committee drew widespread criticism for posting this article to its Twitter feed:

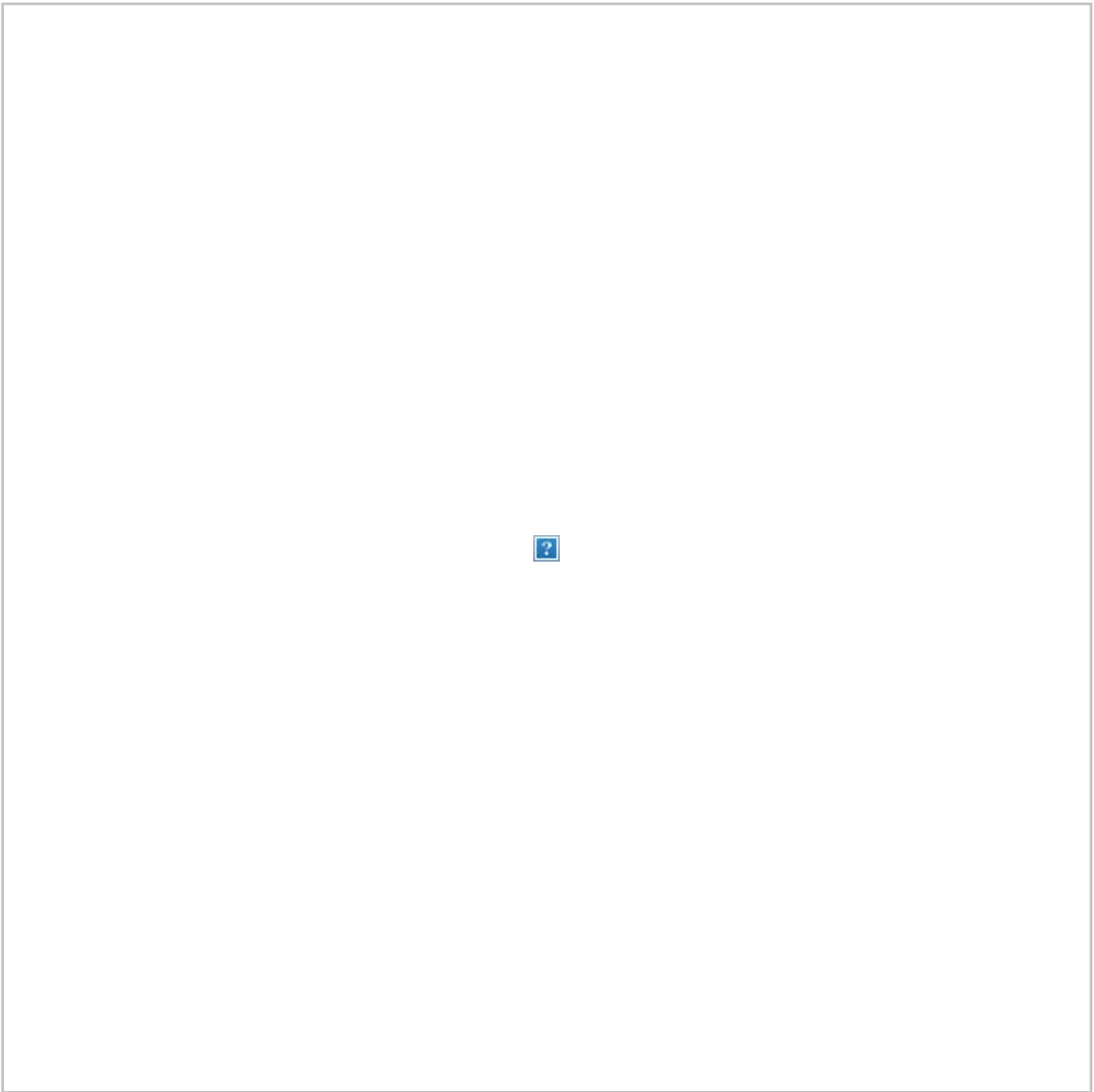


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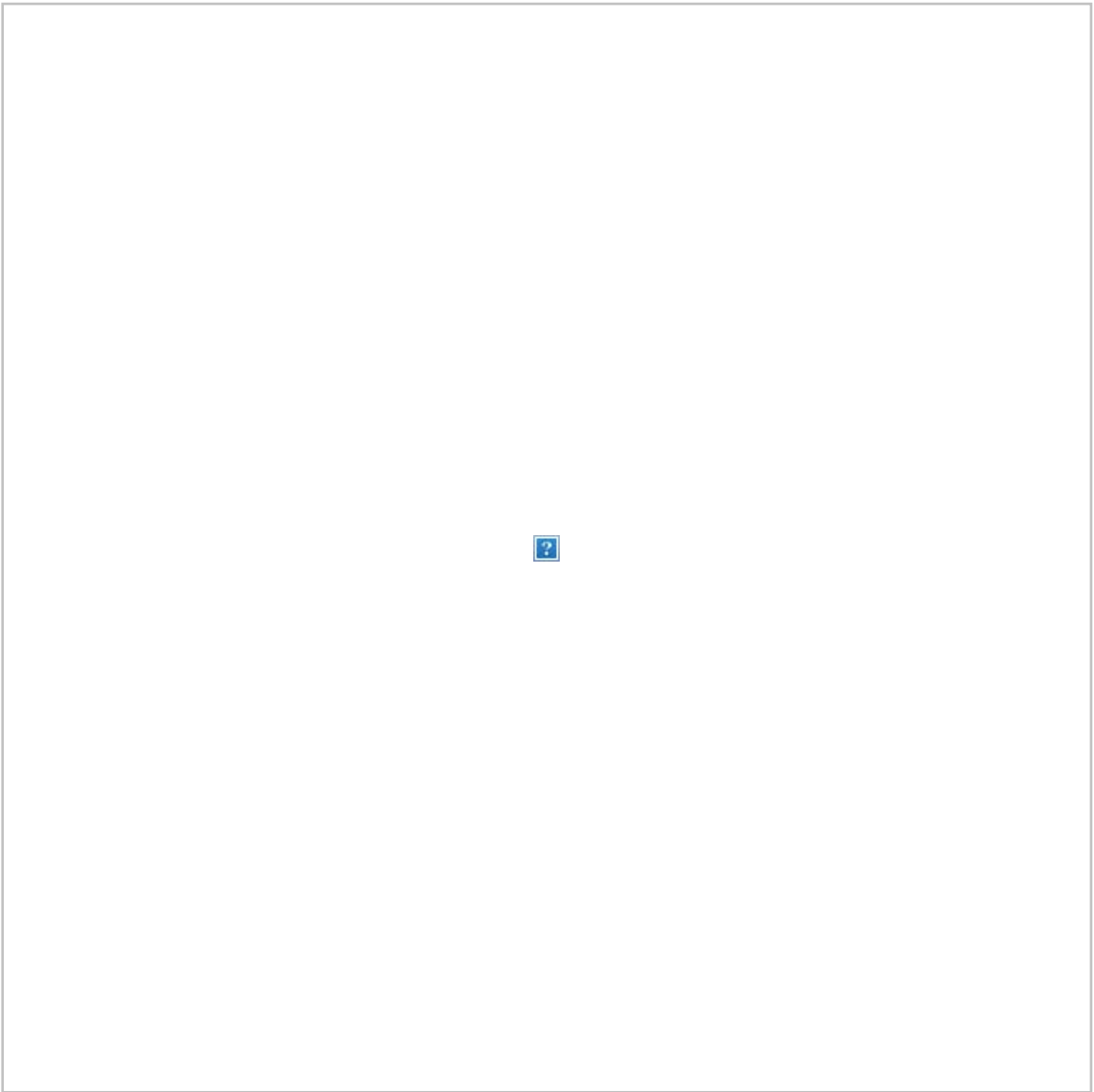




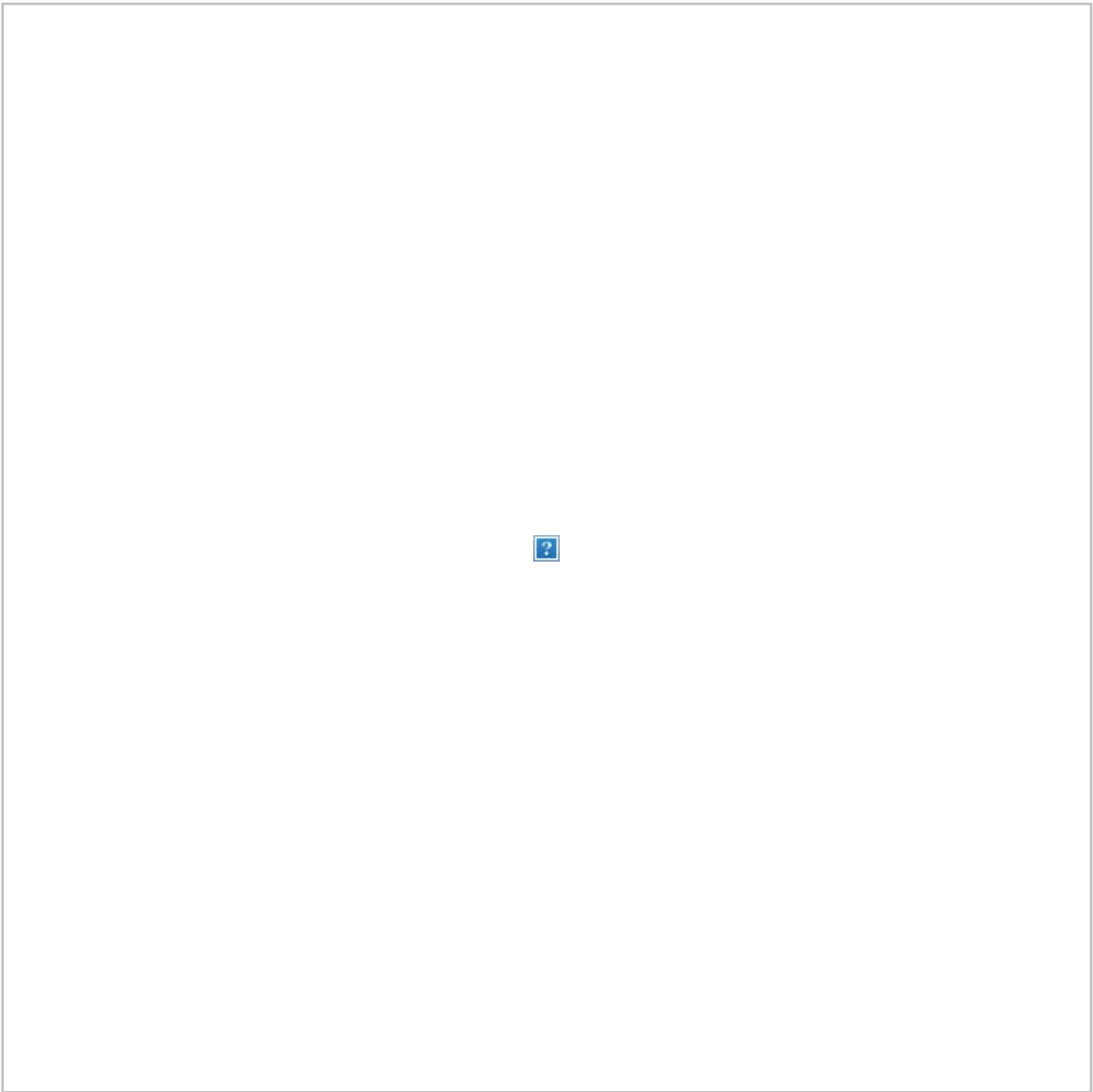
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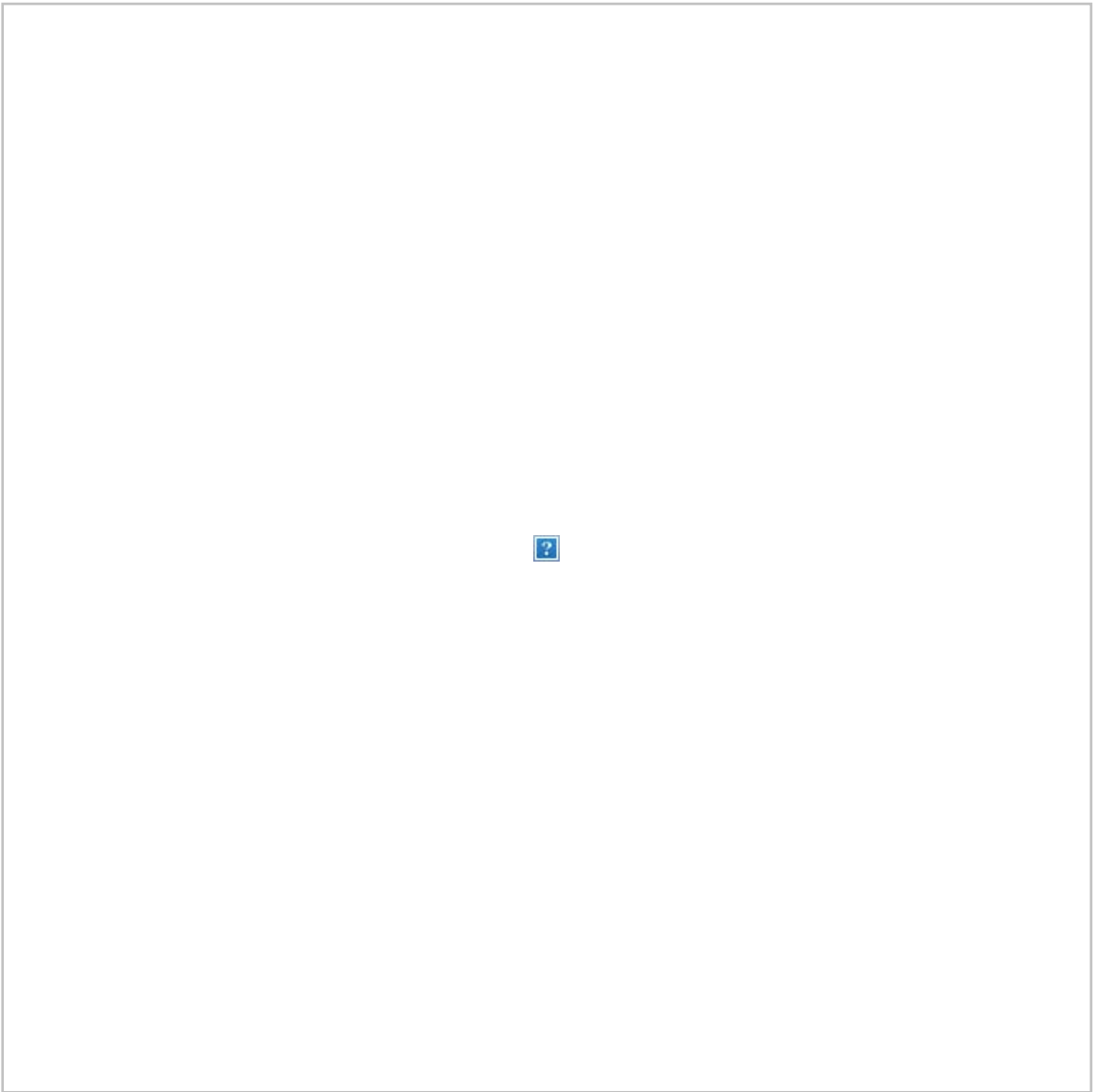
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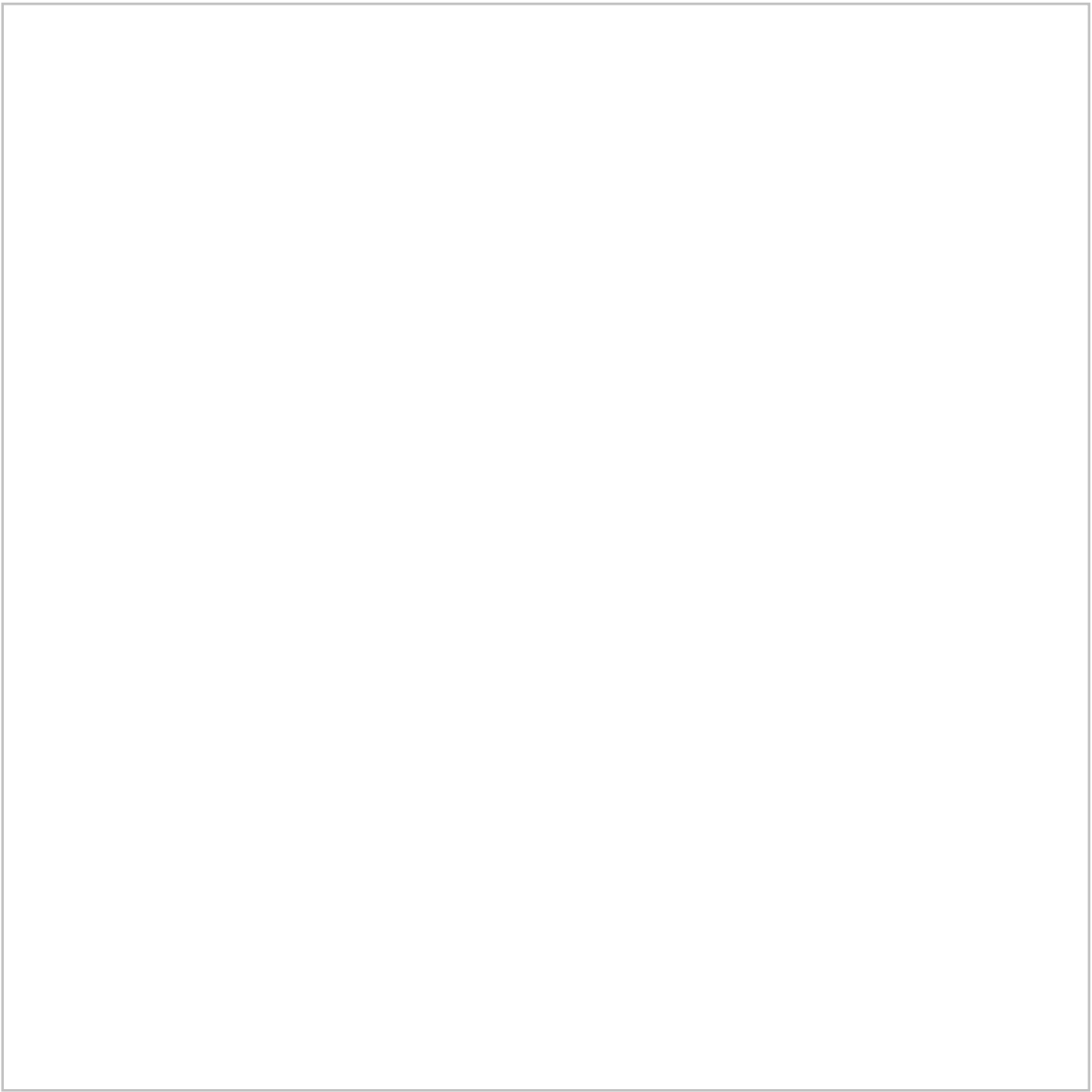


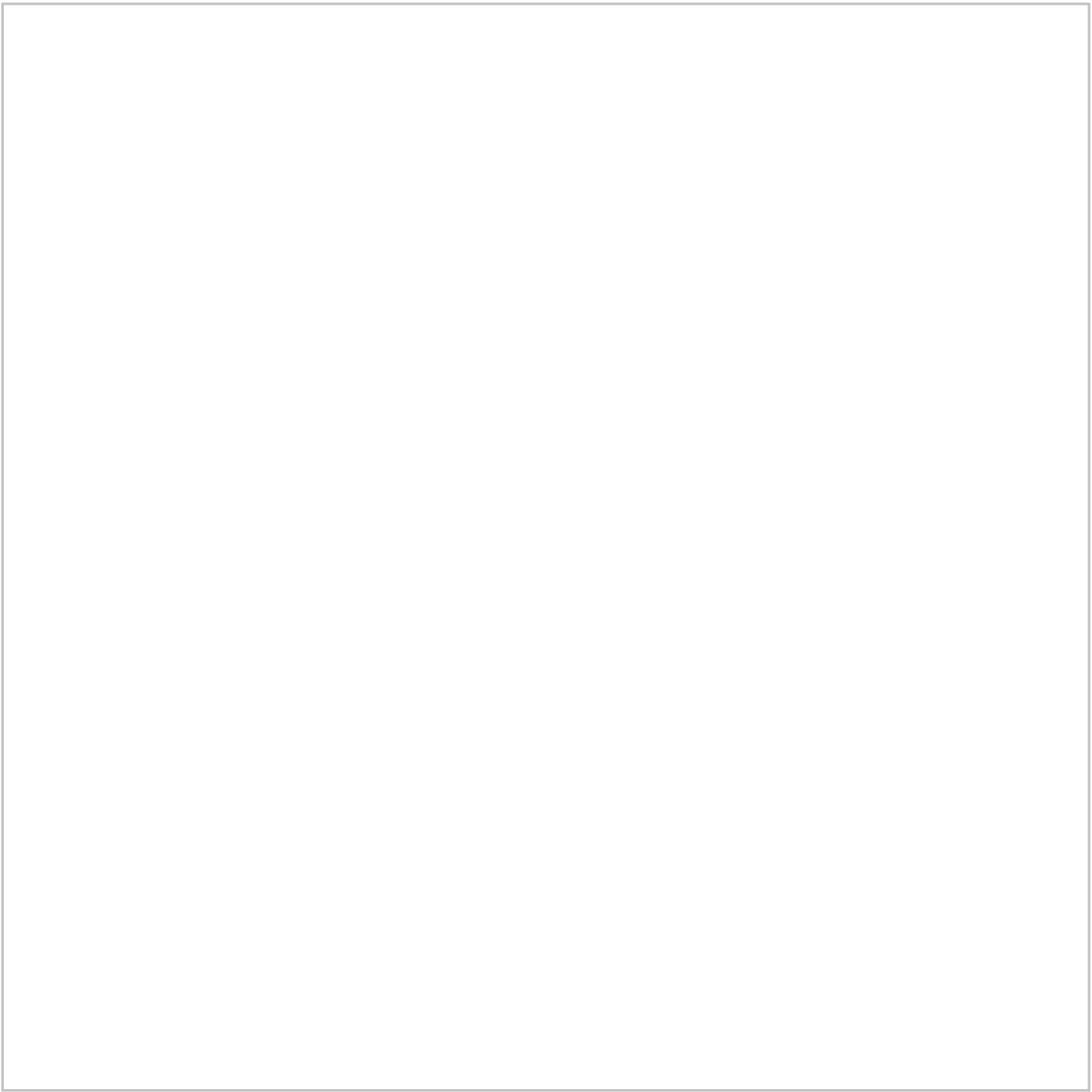
This reporter was apparently denied access to Trump's Carrier plant event:

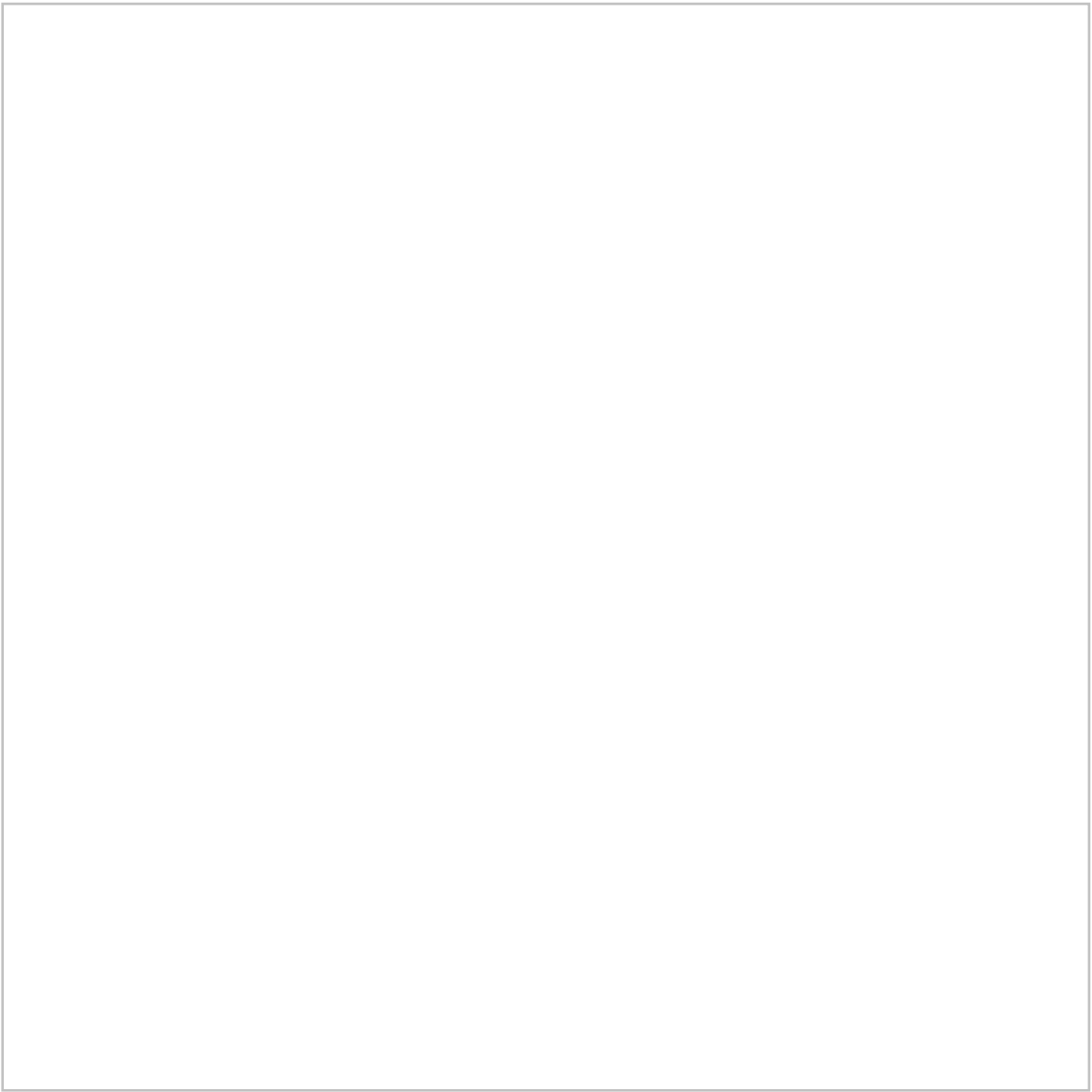


Ben Sasse delivered a tweetstorm on the decline of manufacturing jobs and the politicians who aren't honest about the causes:

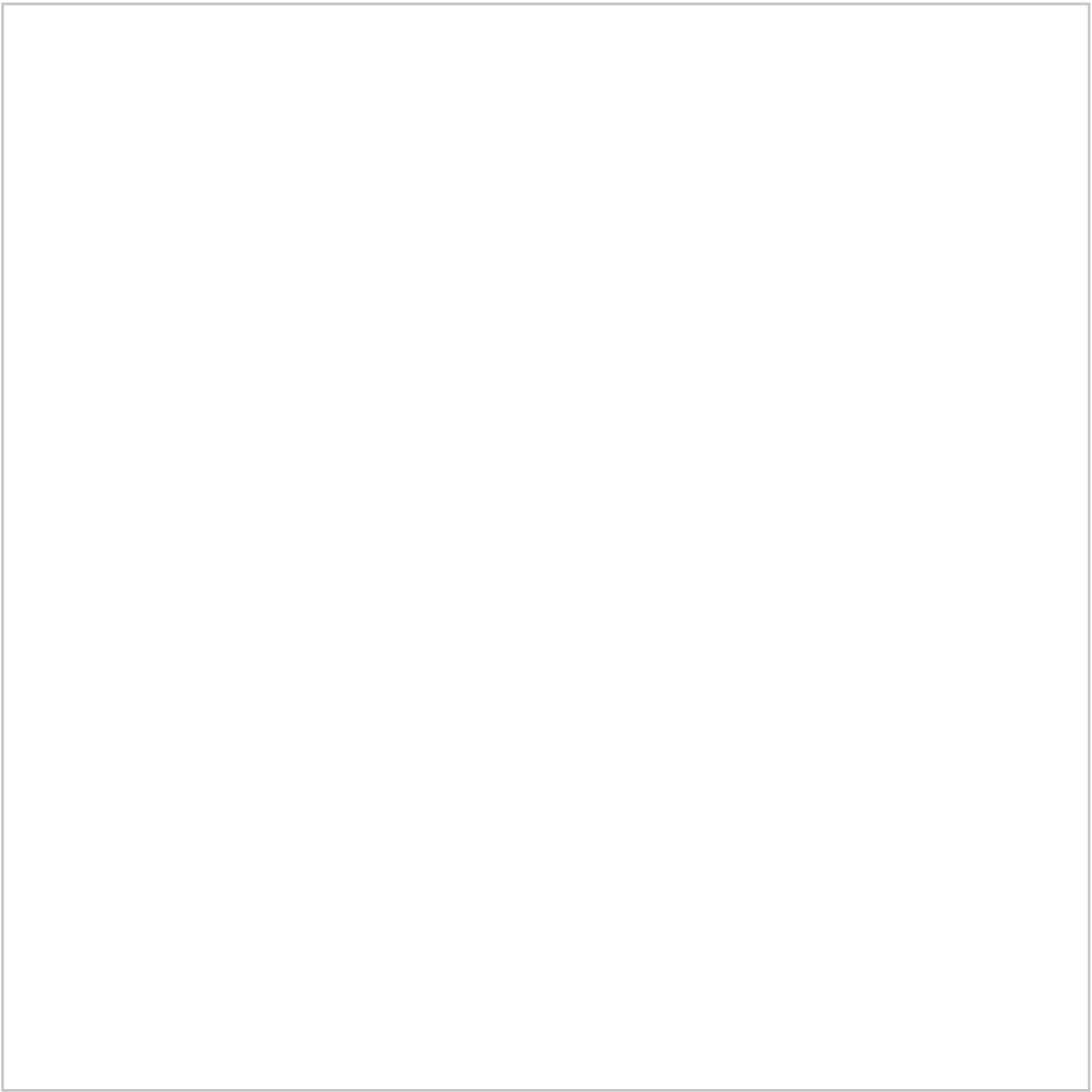


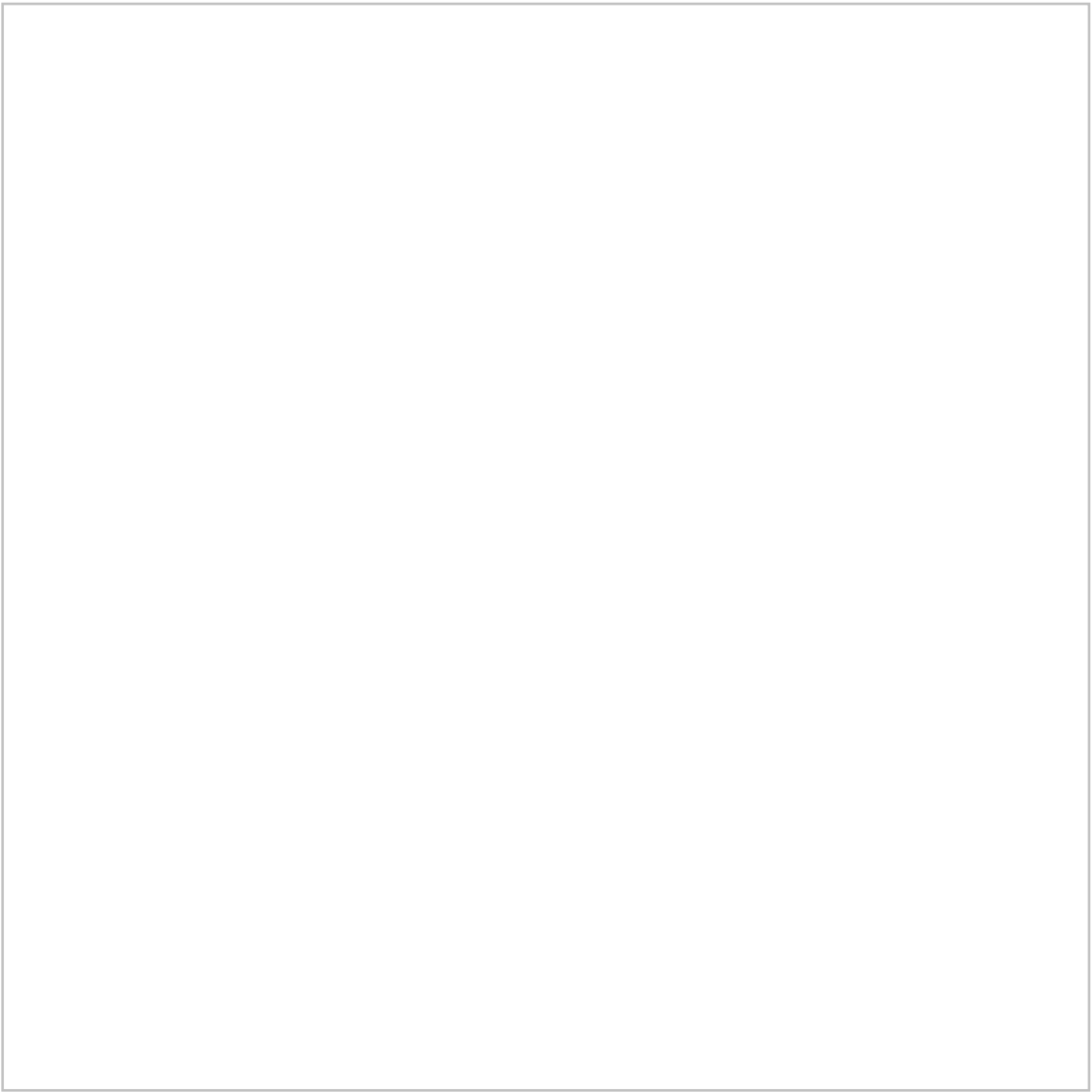


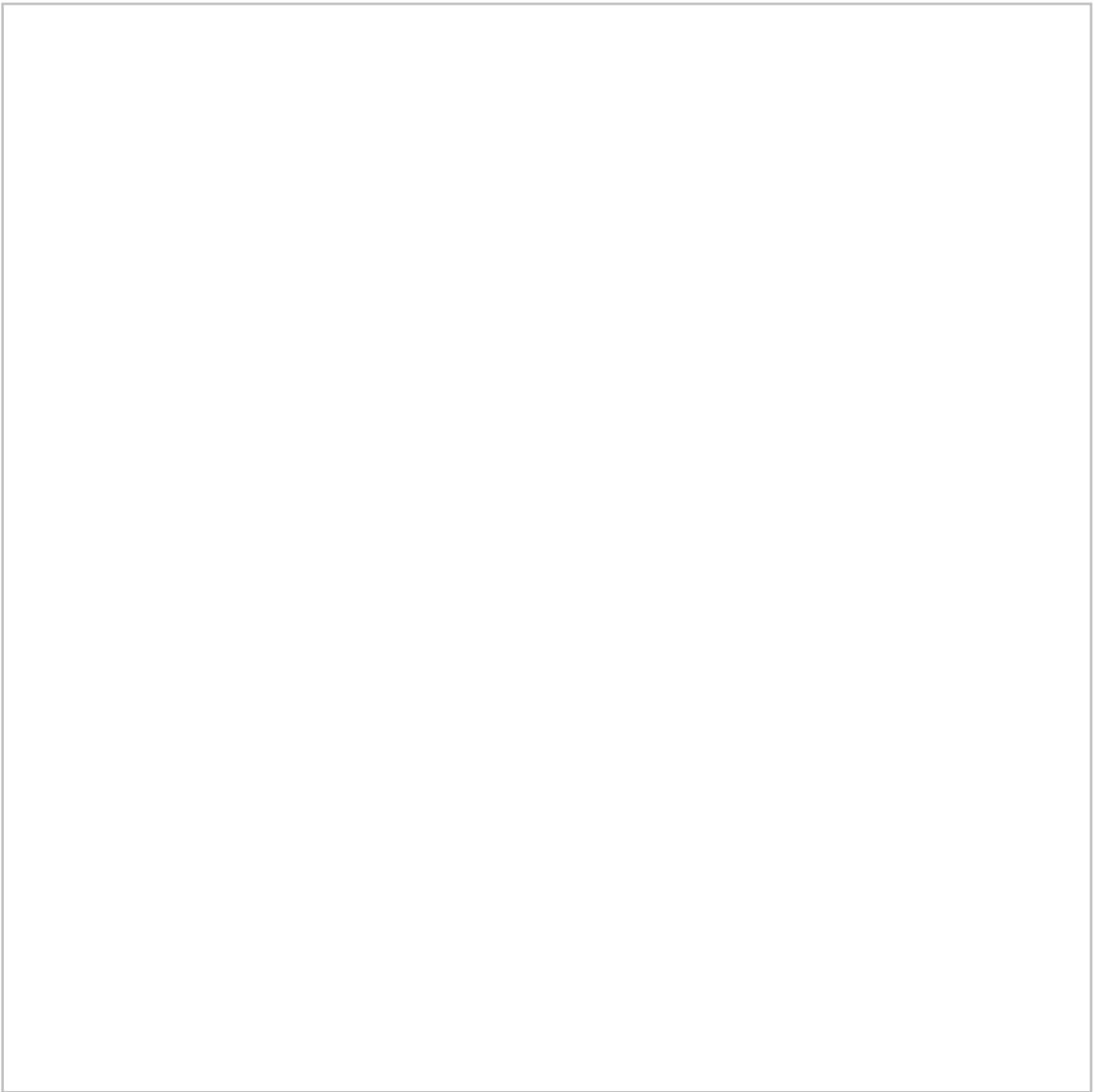




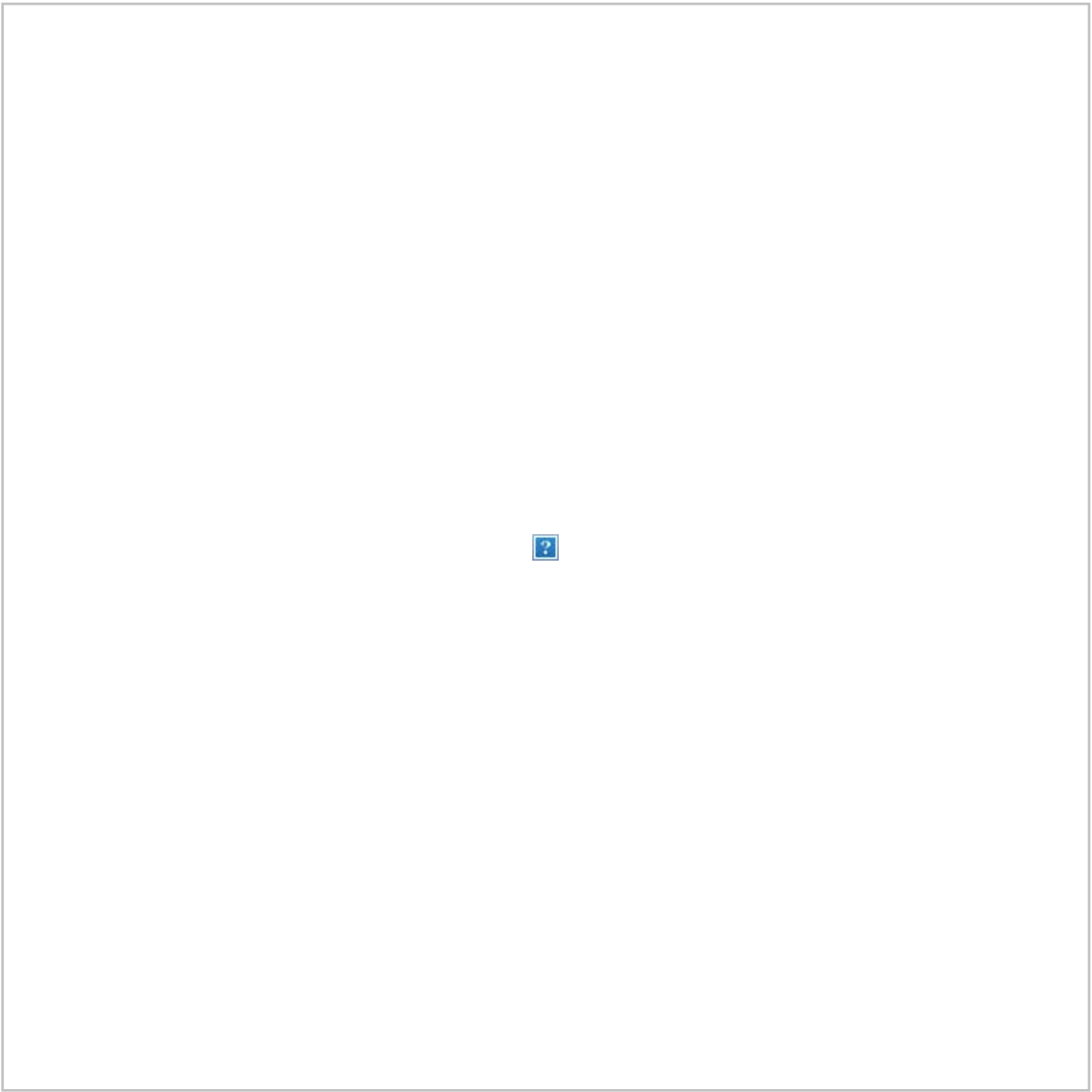


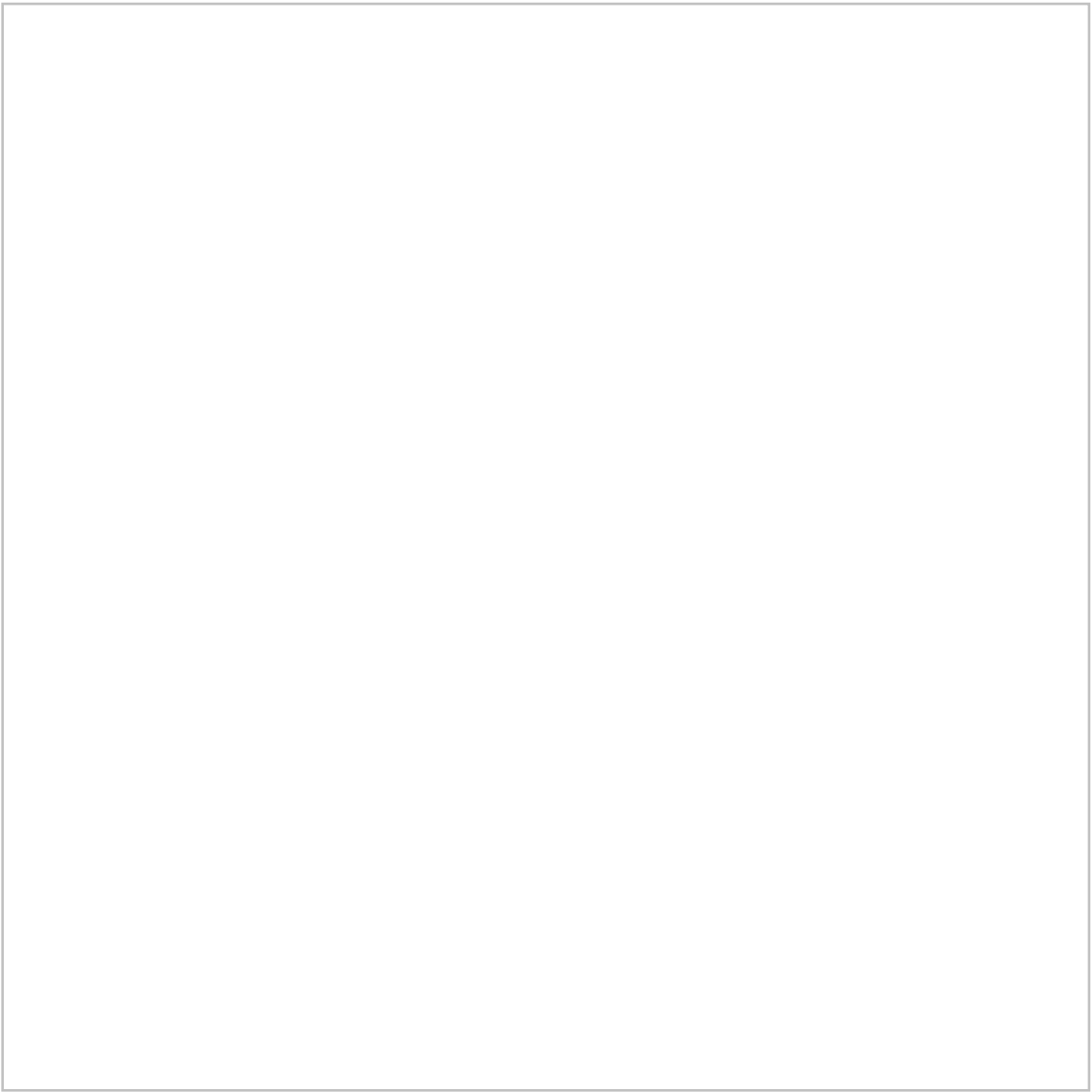


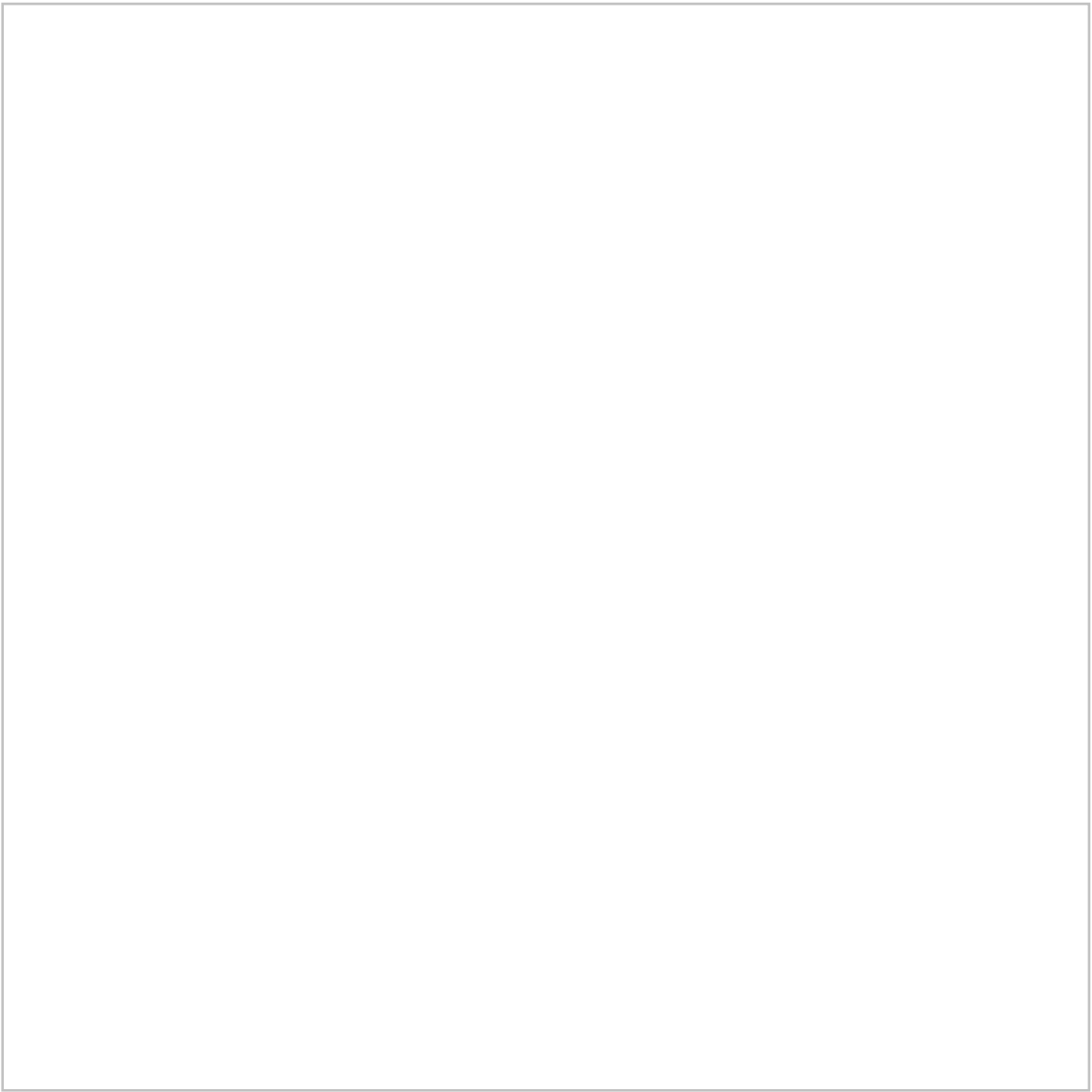


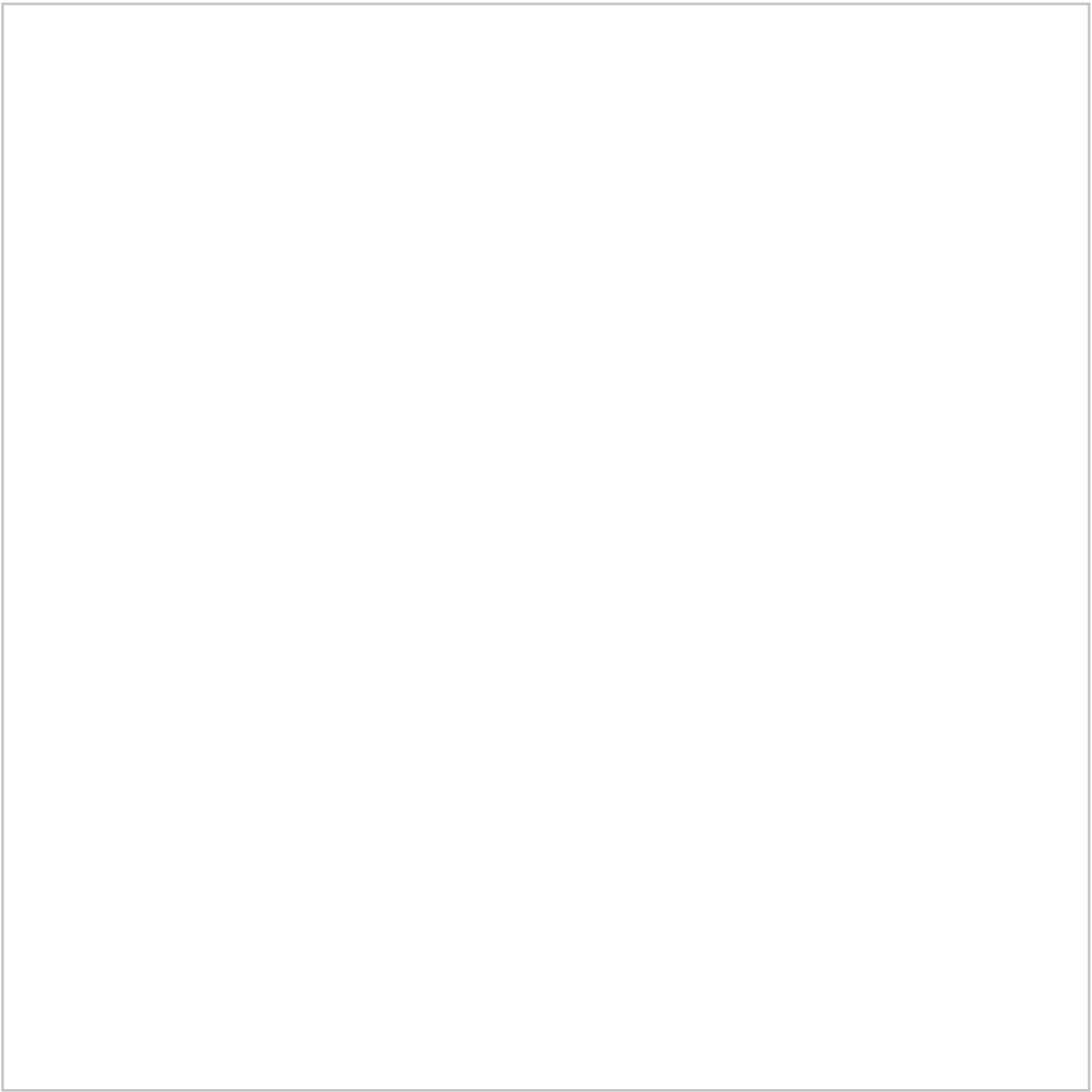


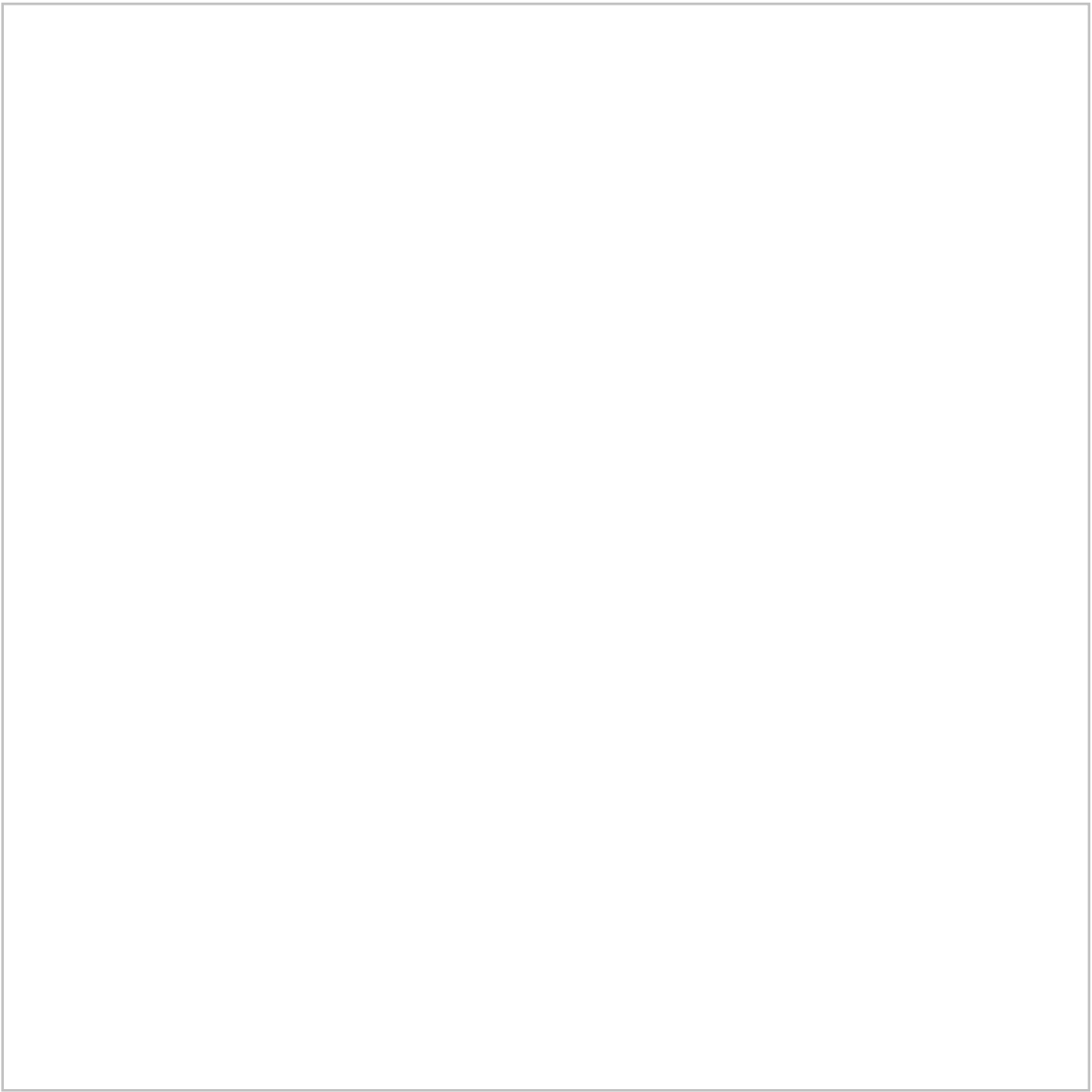
Some similarities in this tweetstorm from Rick Wilson about economic nostalgia:



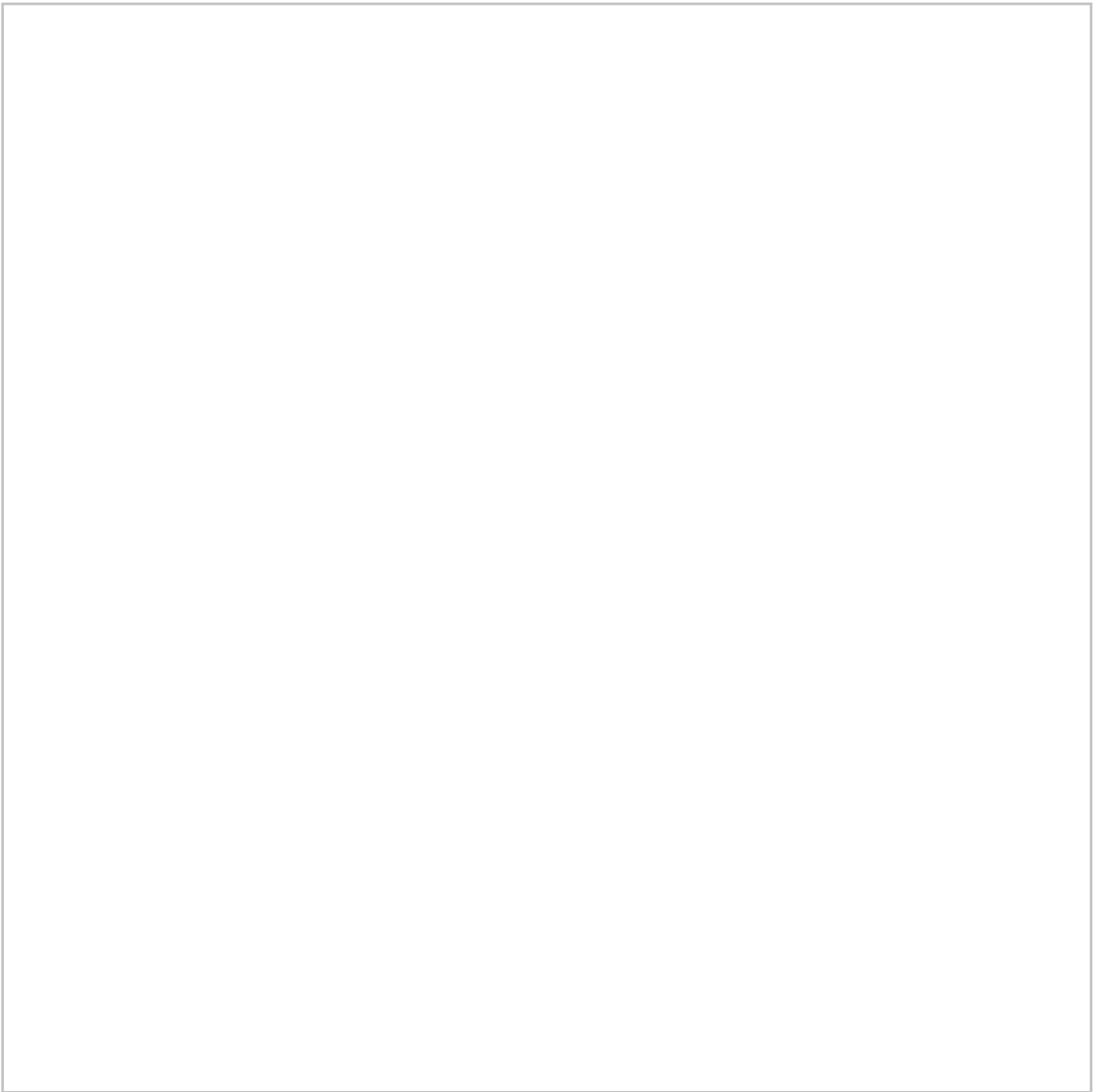




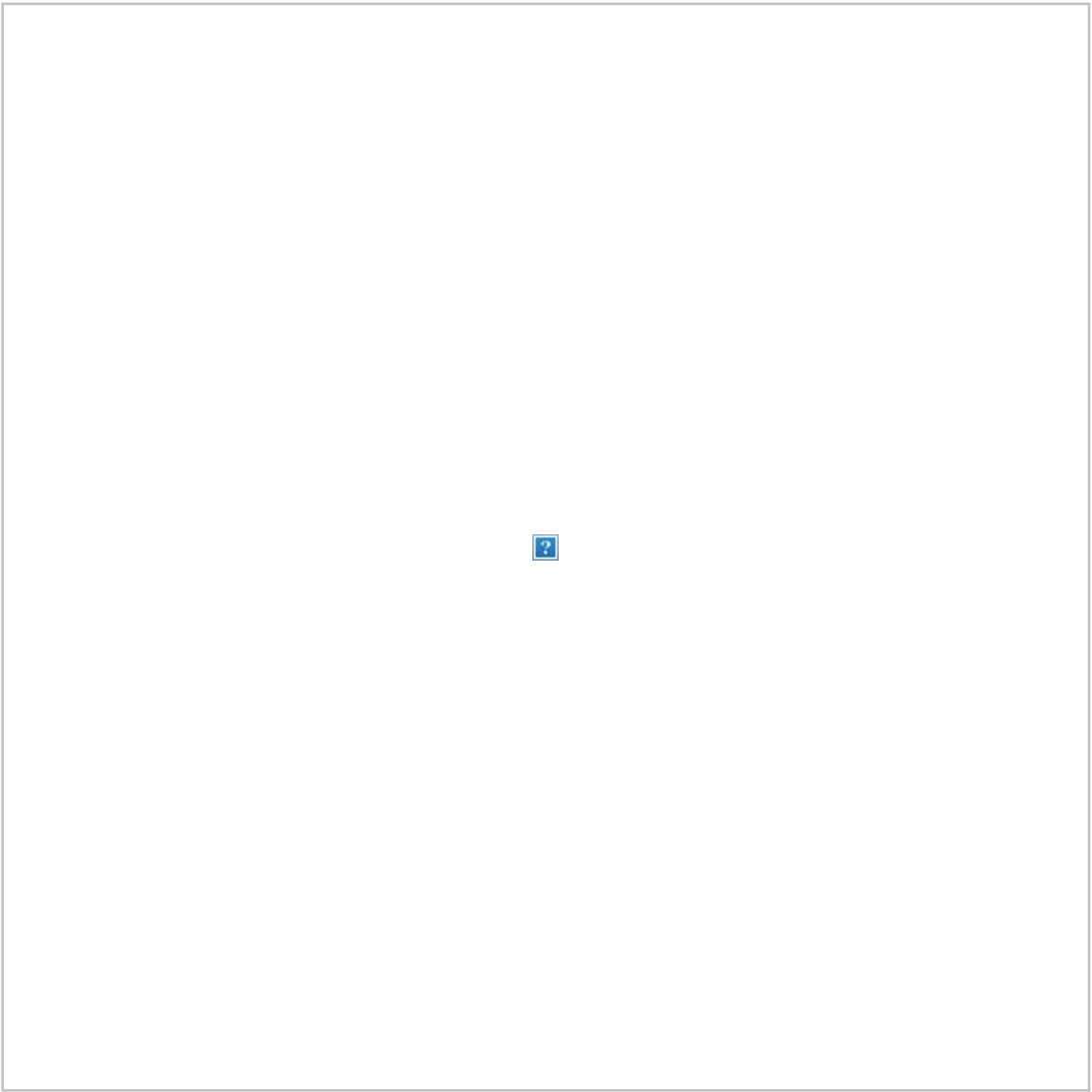


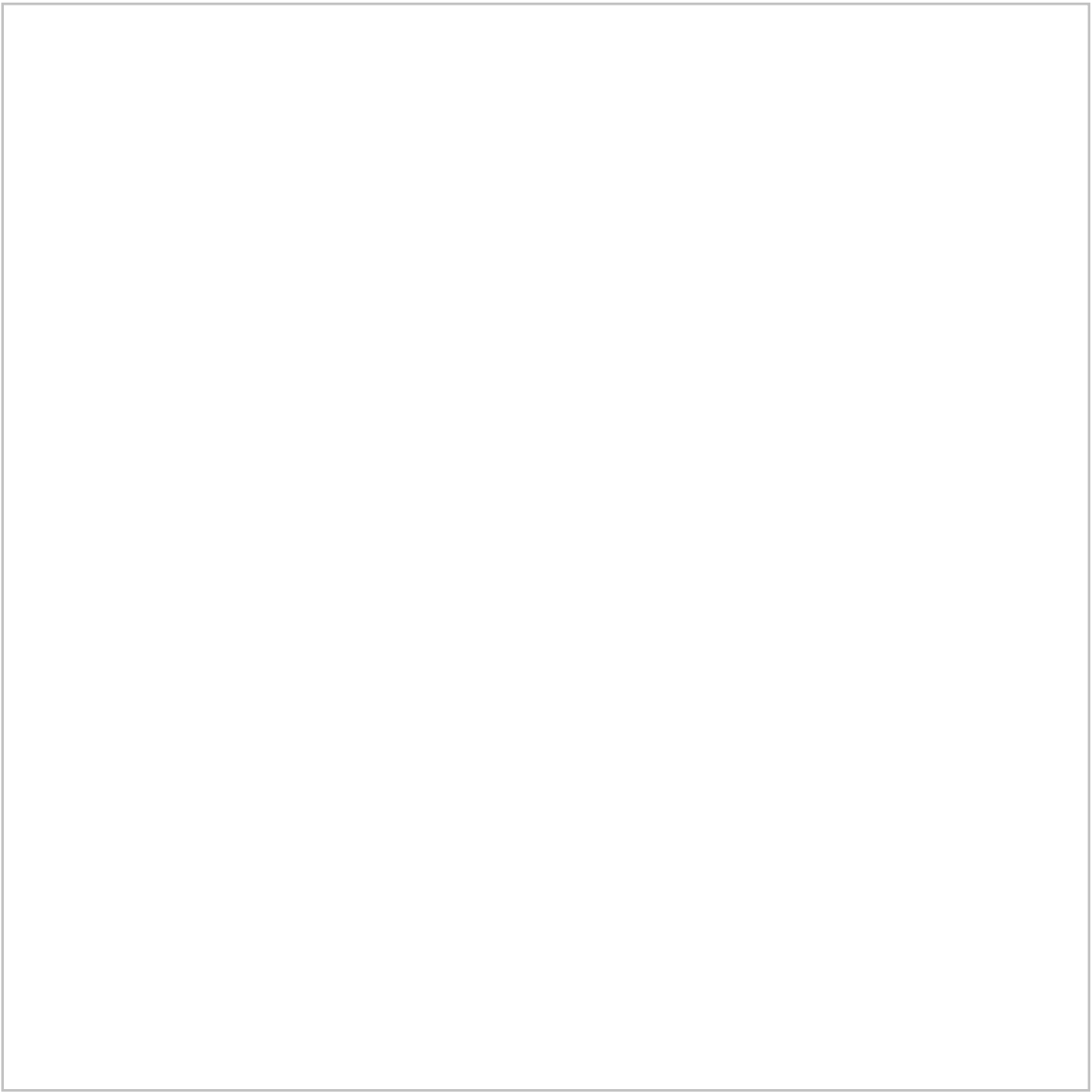


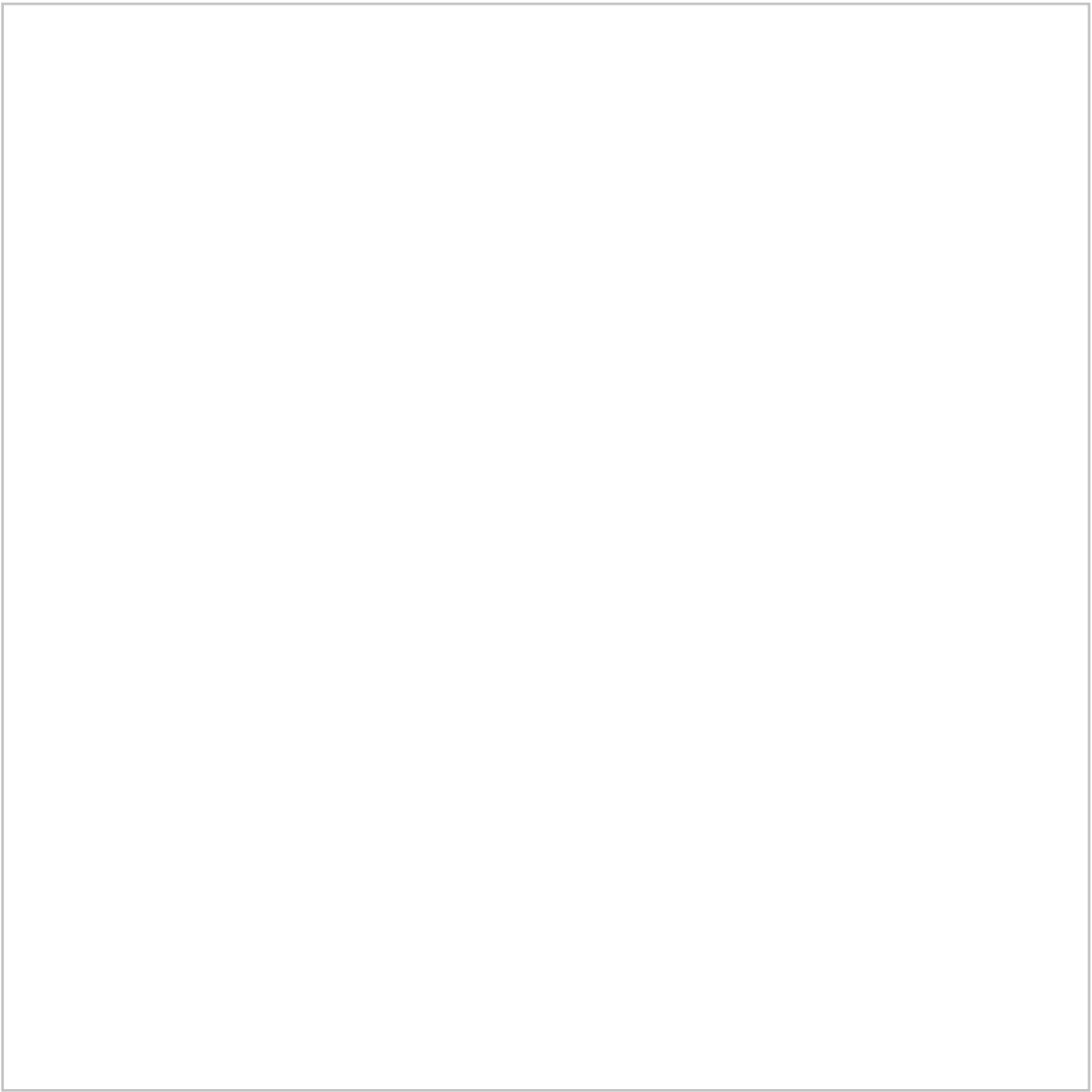


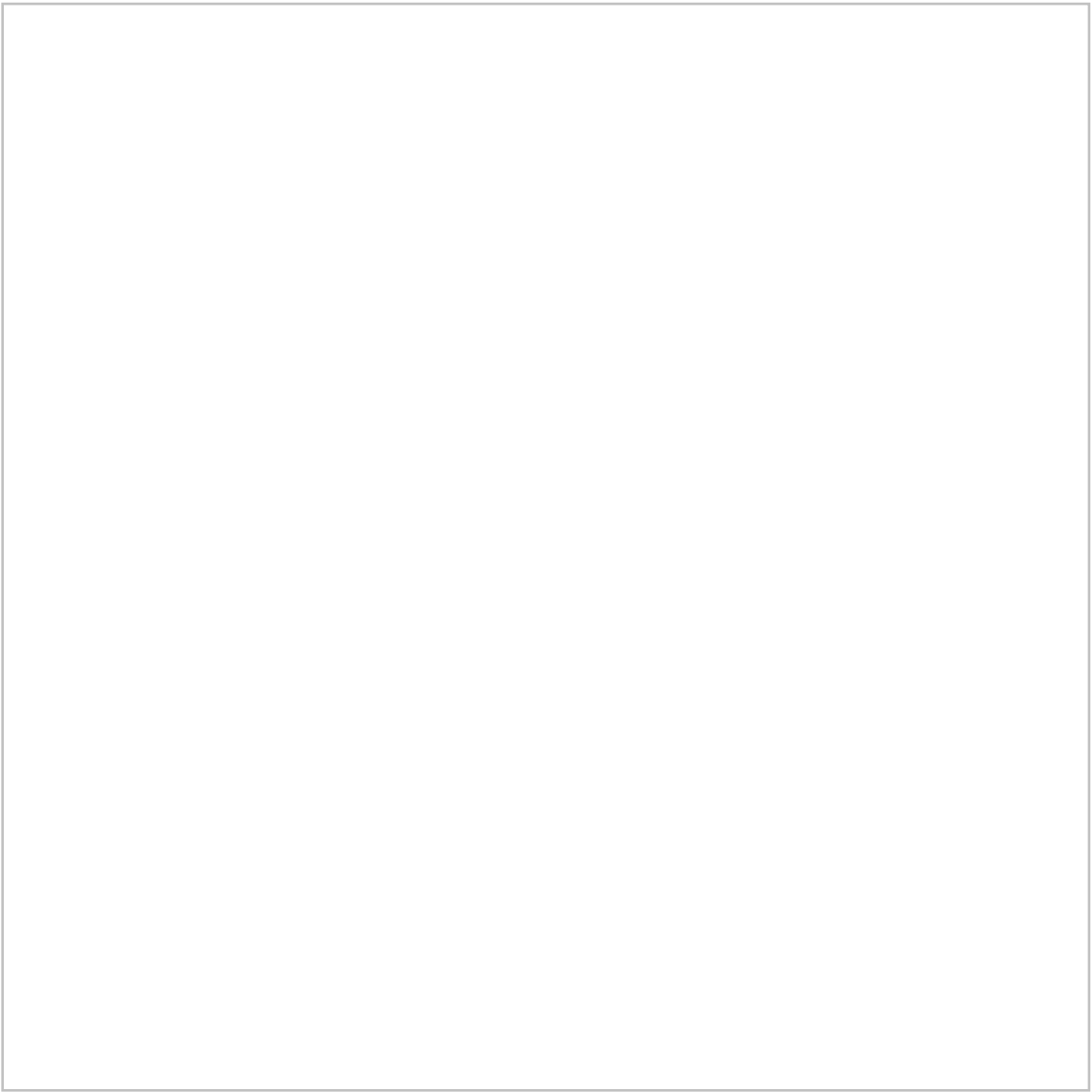


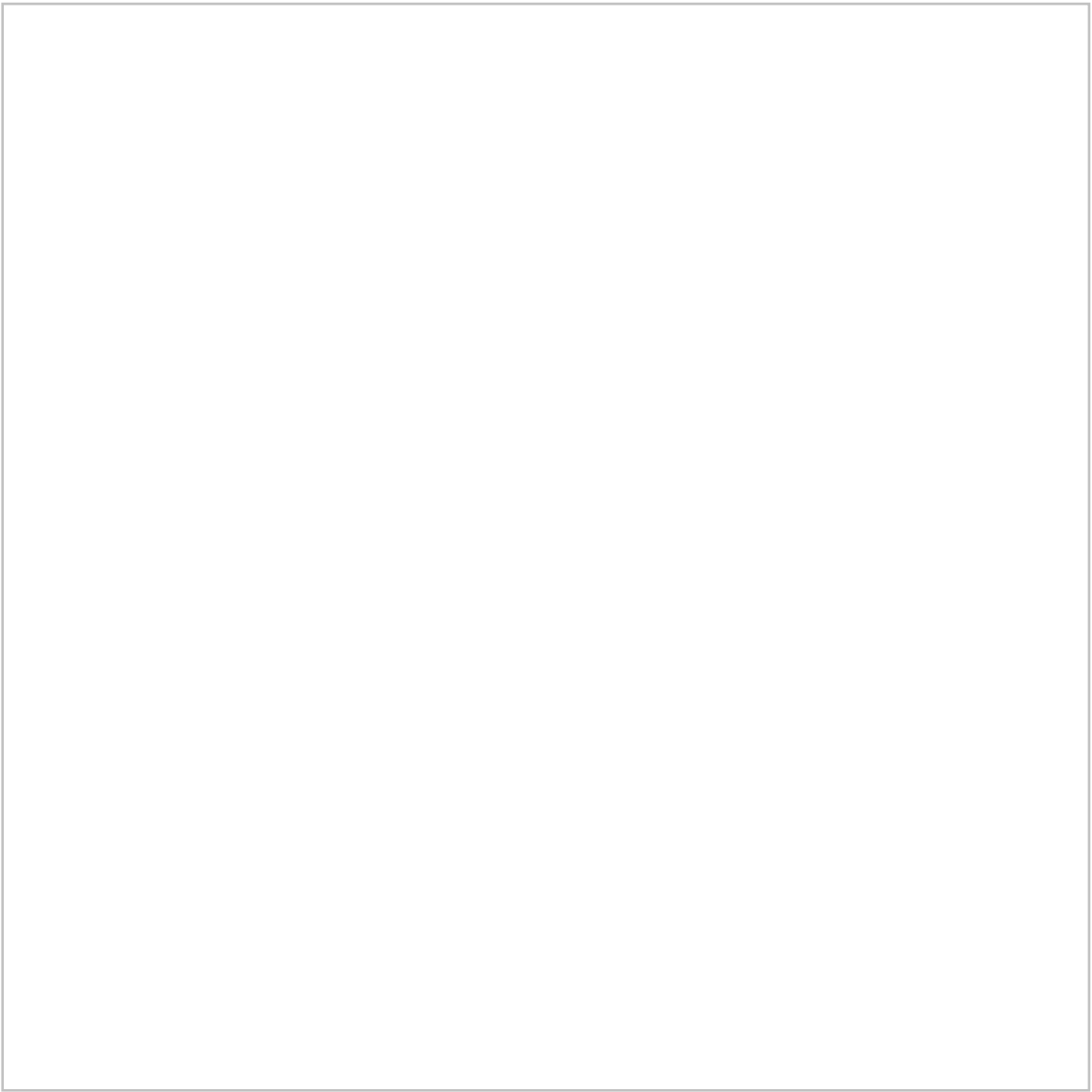
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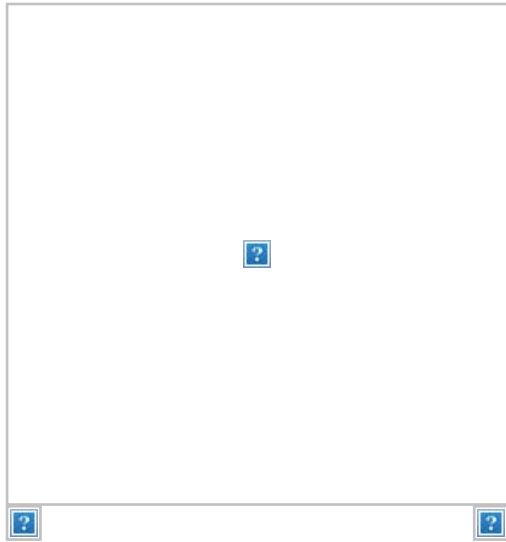
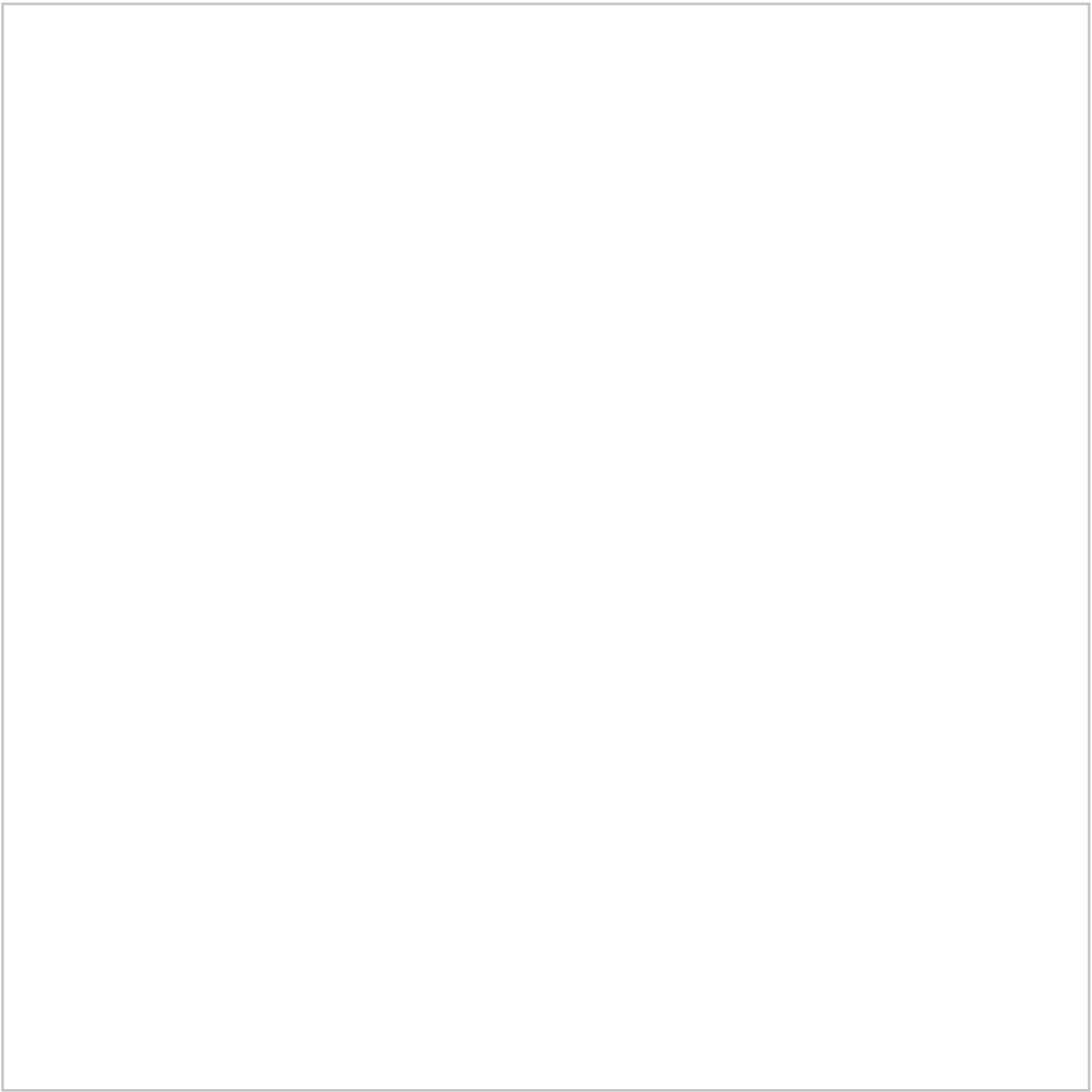


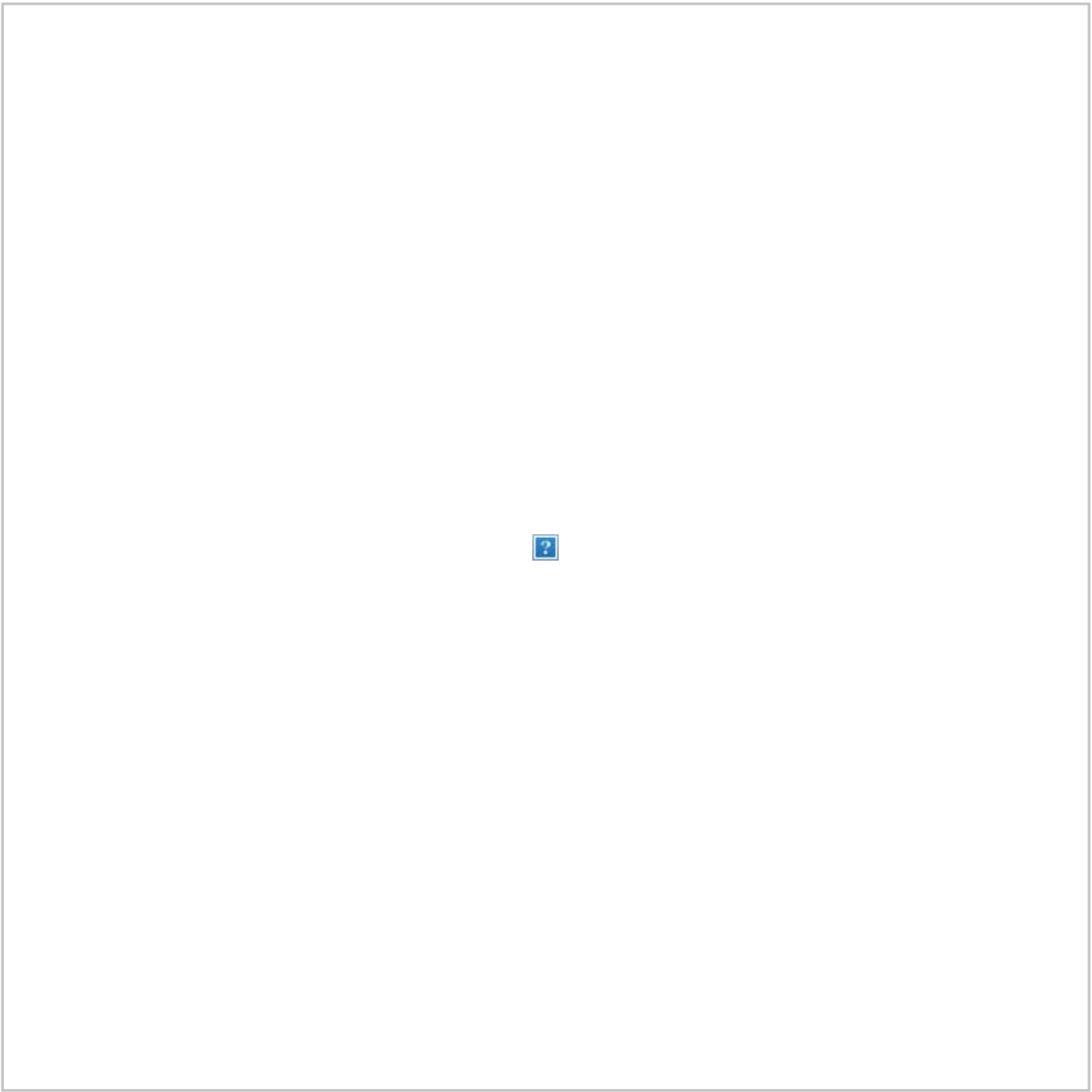




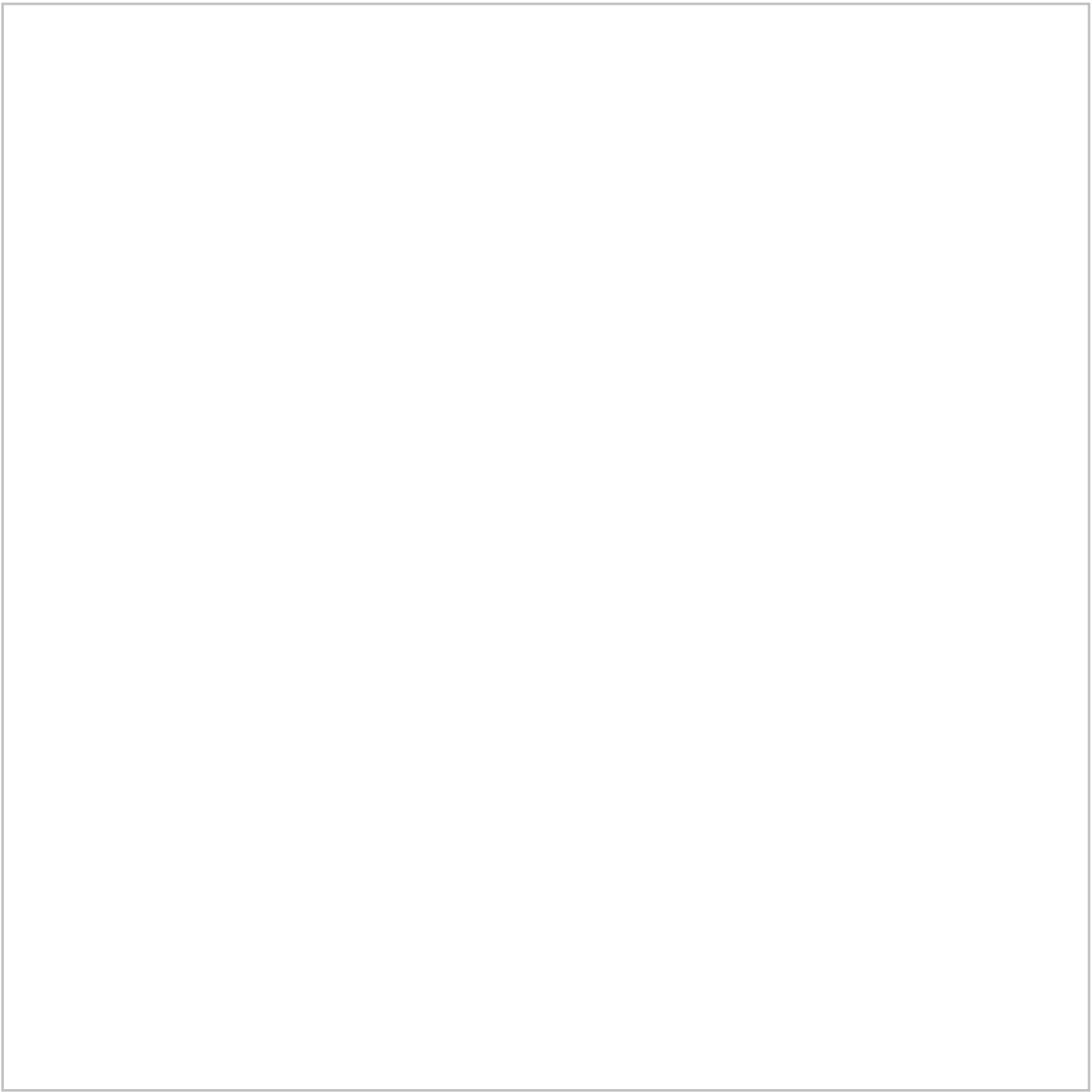


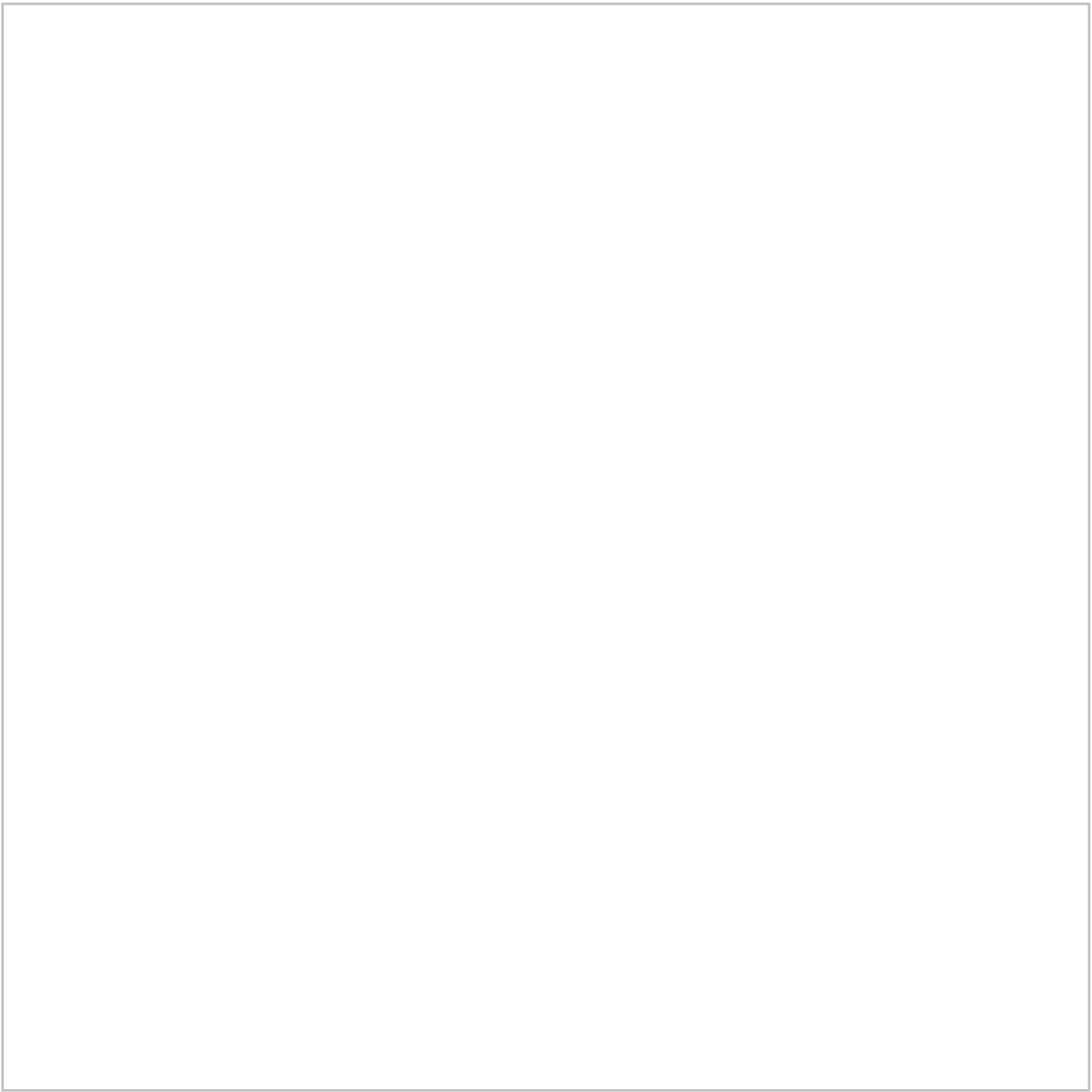


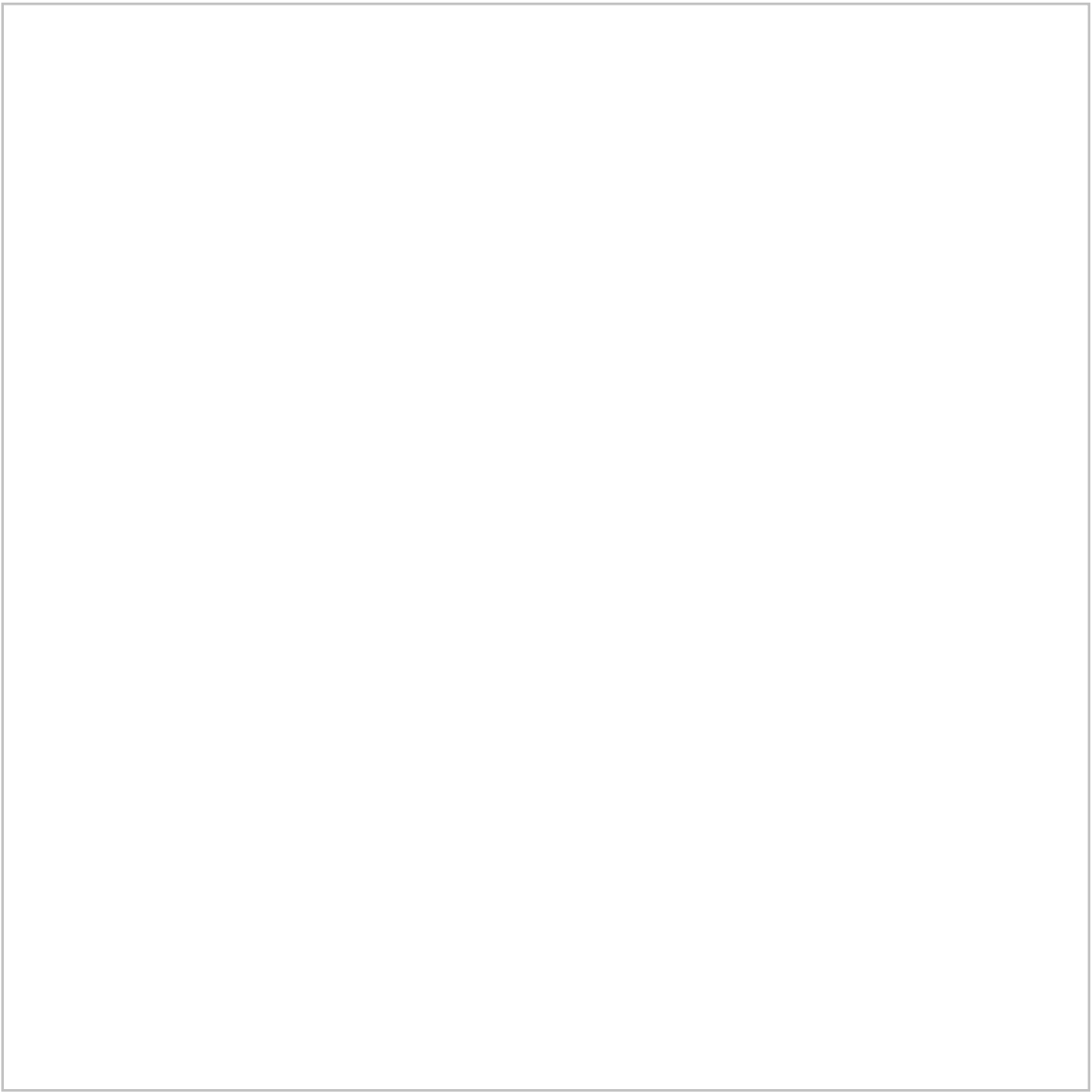


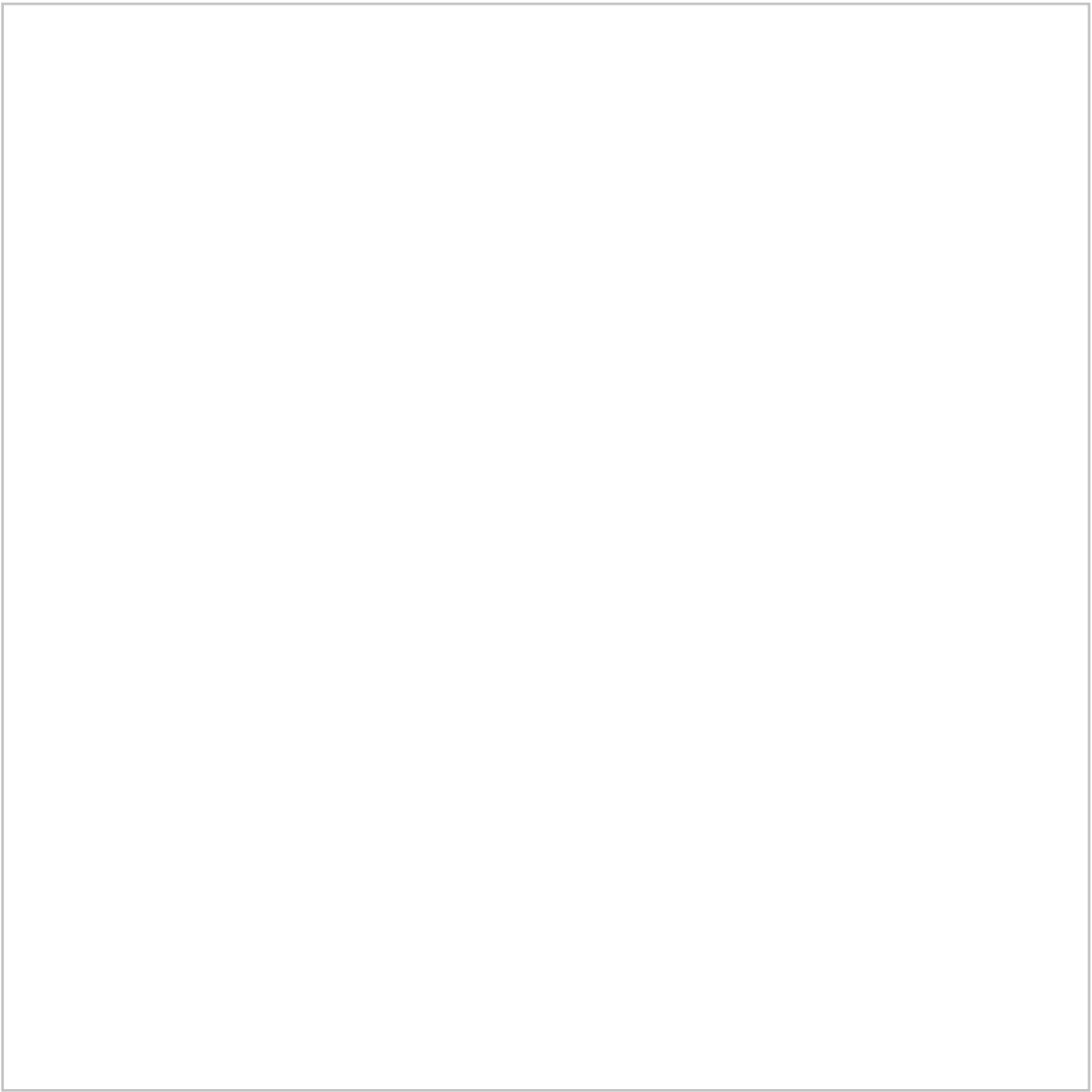


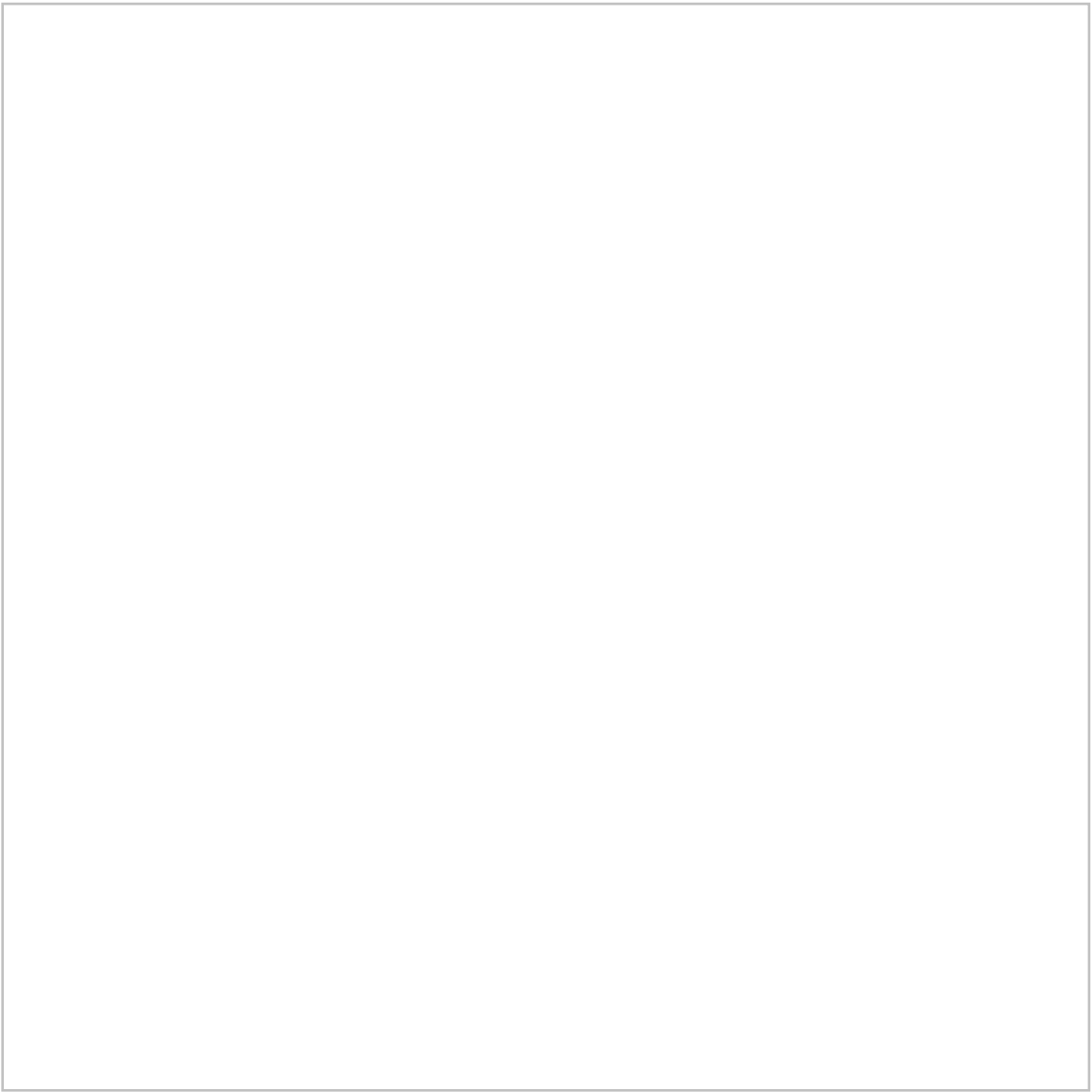


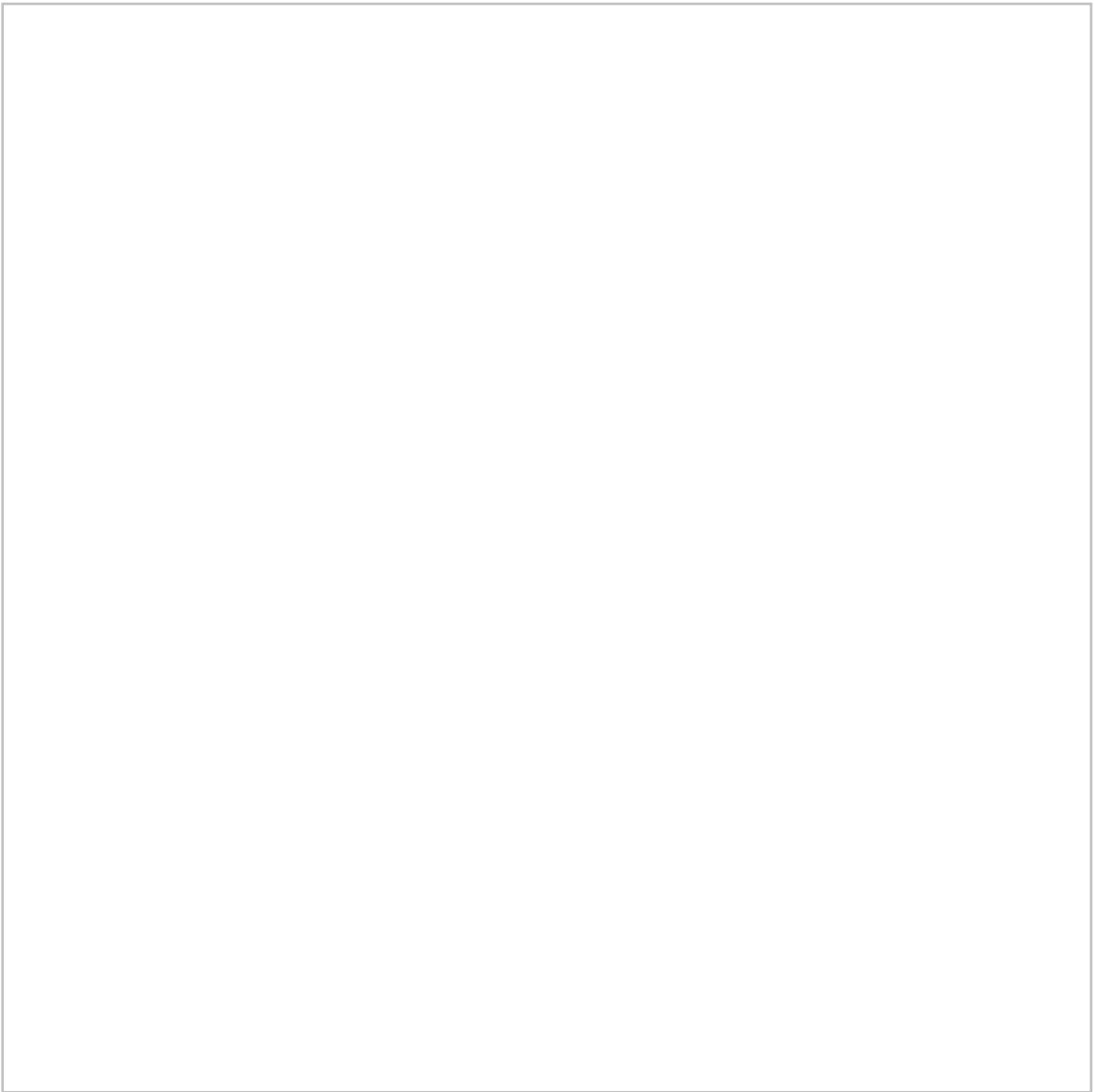




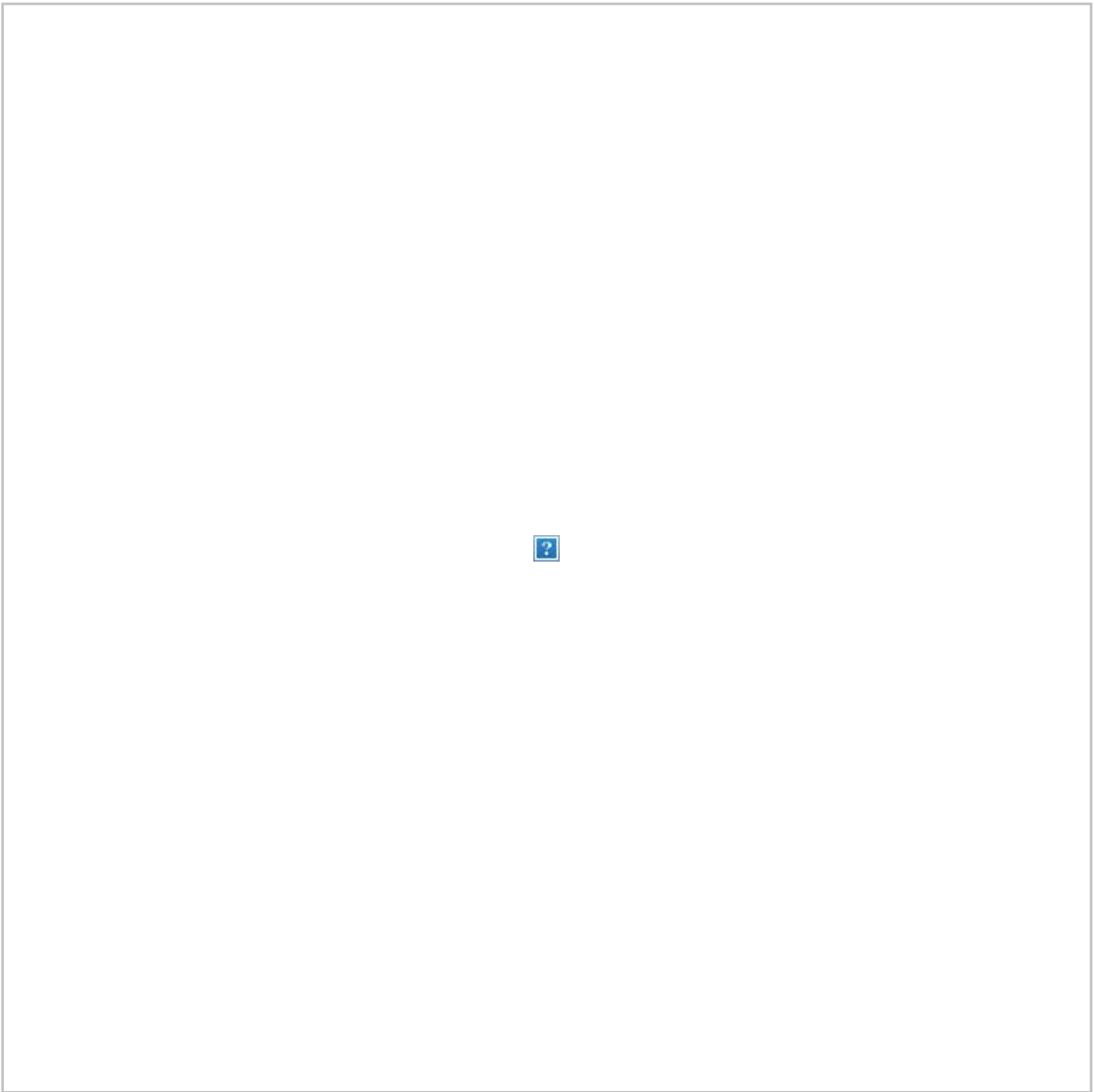




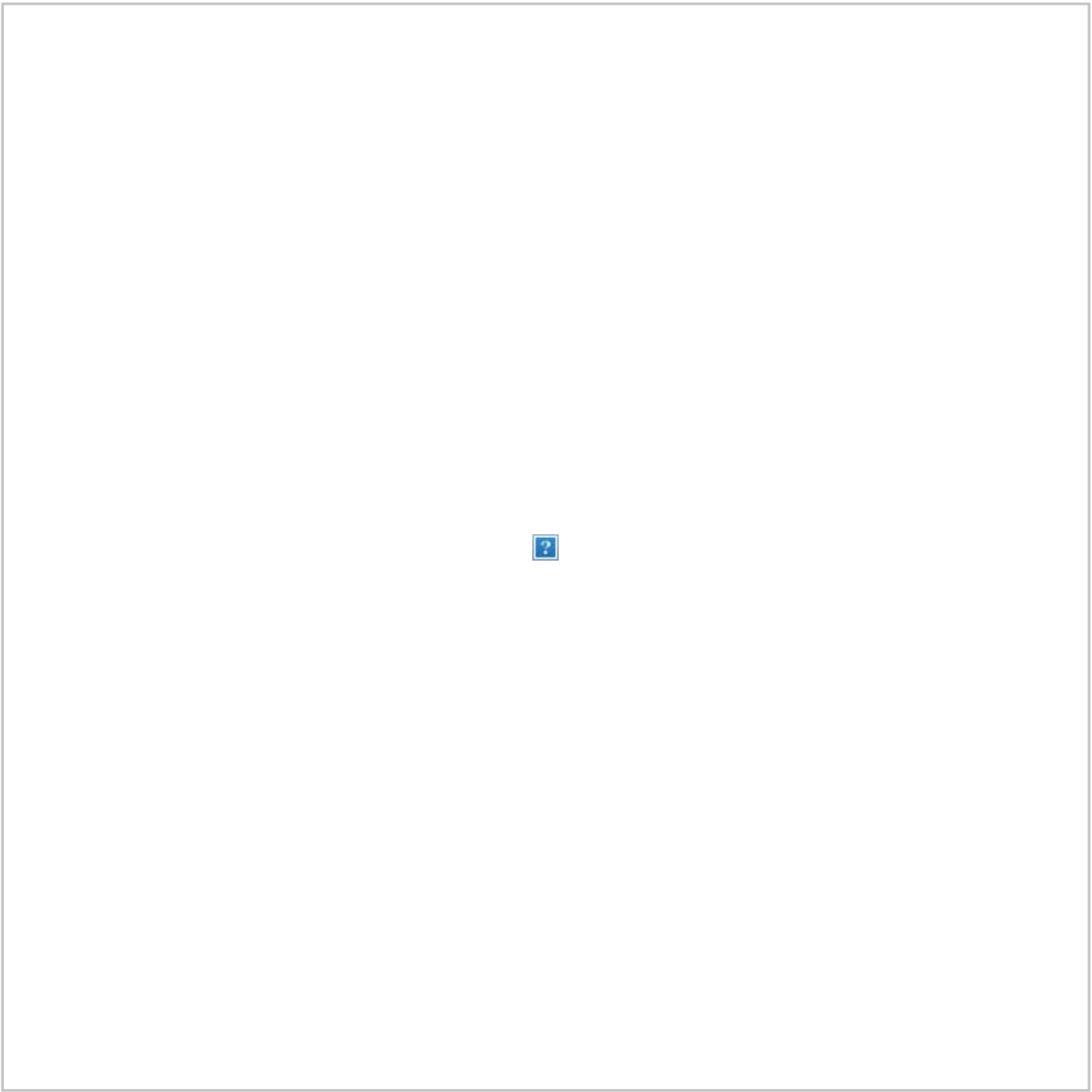




A warning from one of the country's leading health insurance experts:

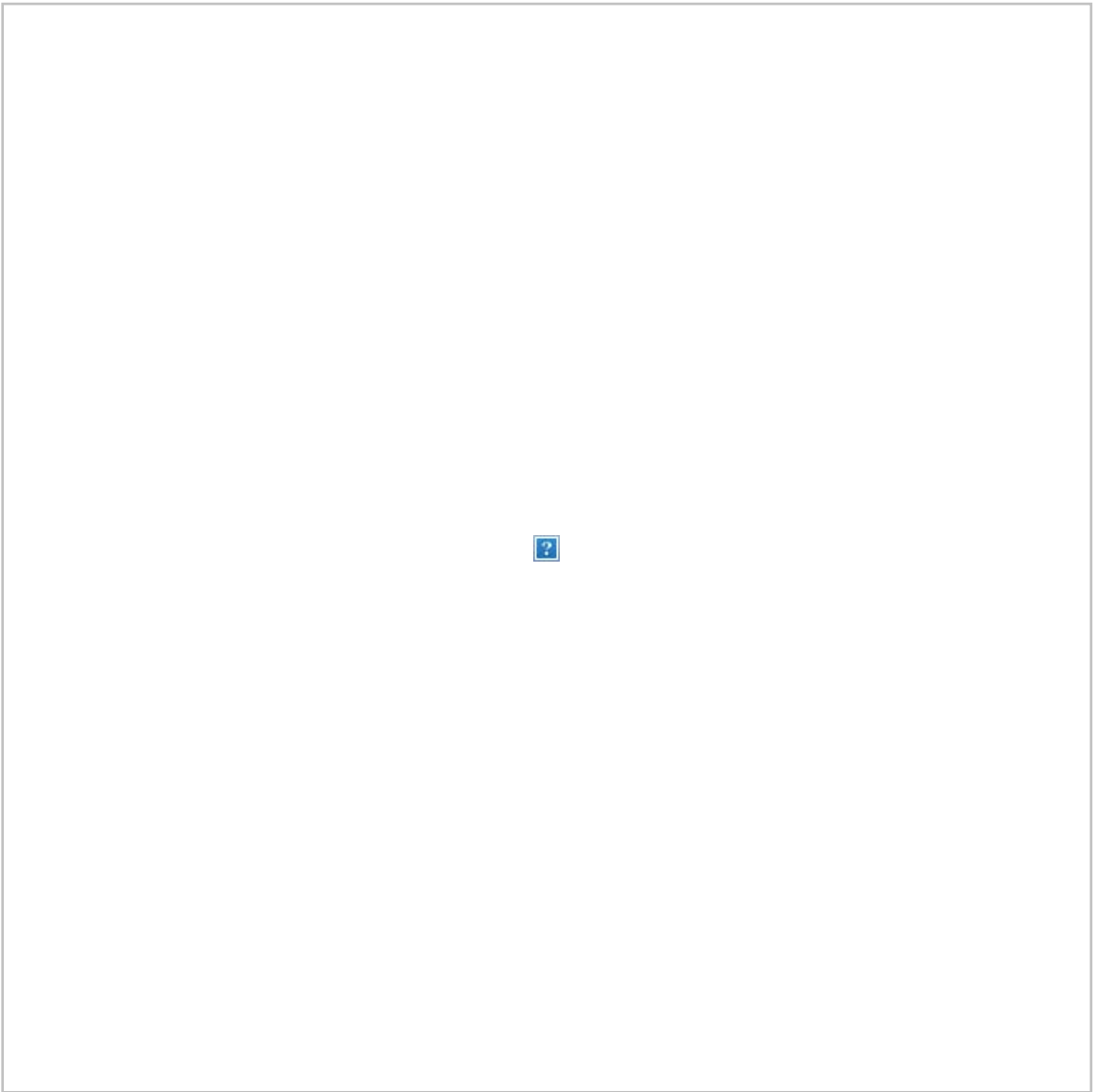


Spotted at Trump Tower -- Larry King:

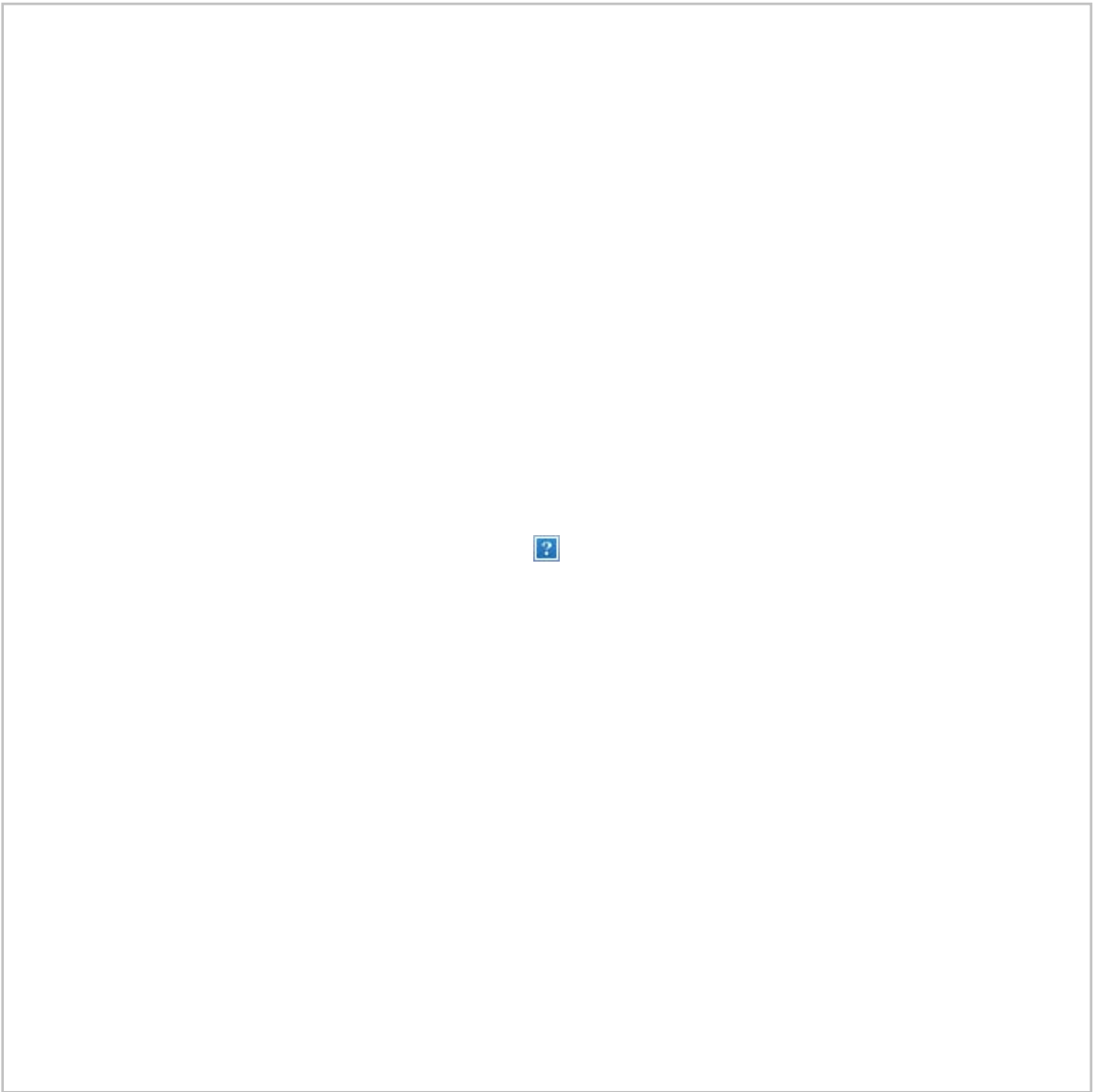


And Robert Gates:

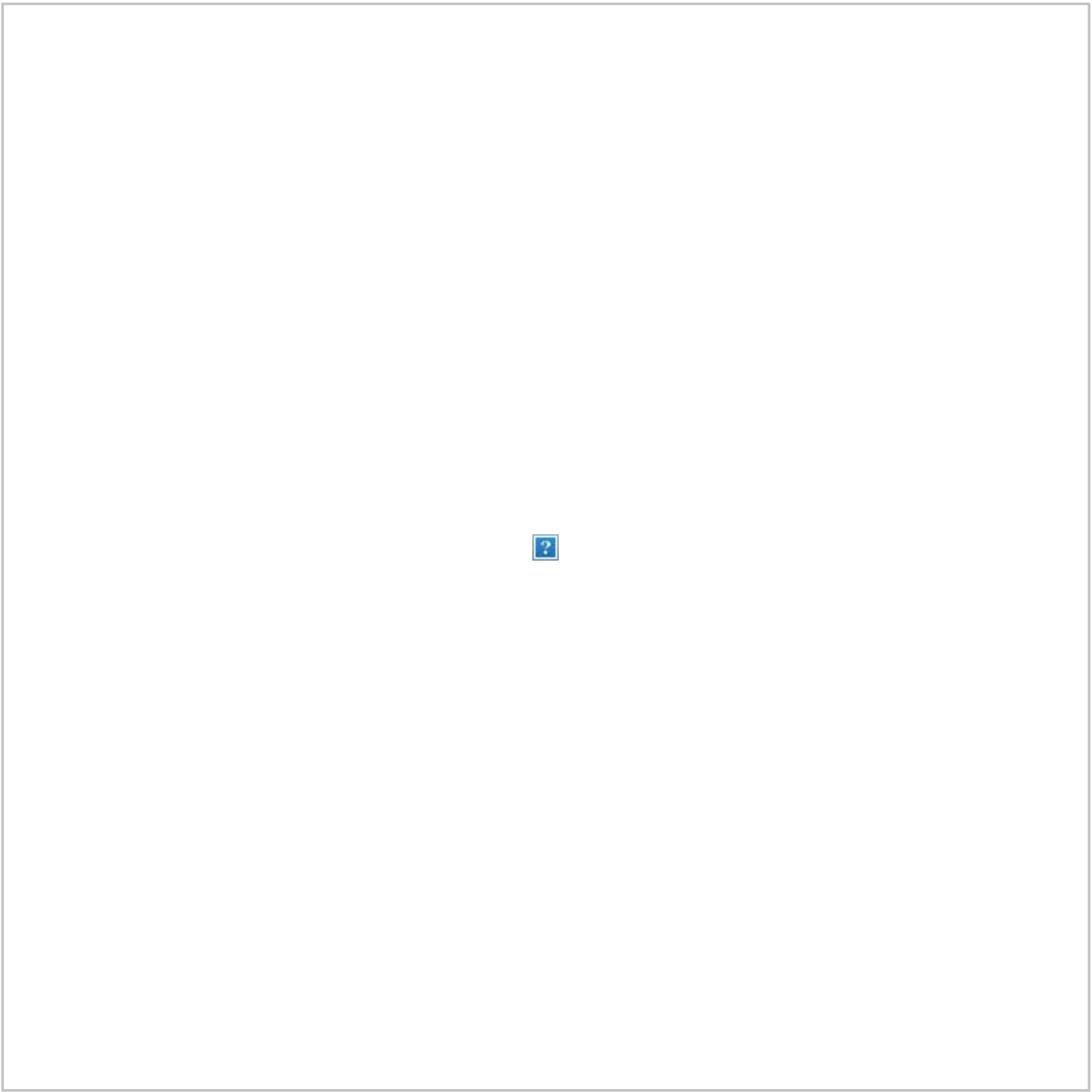




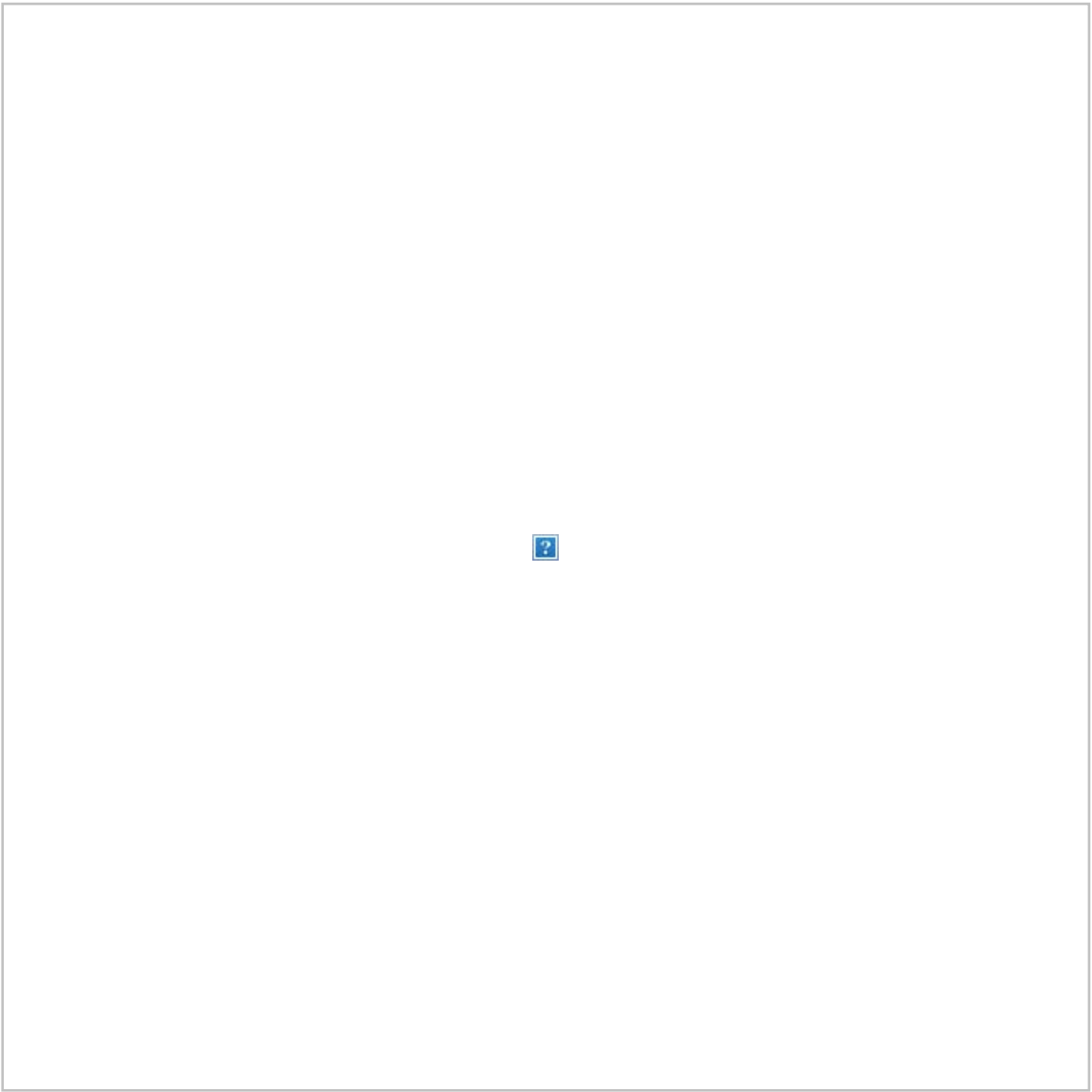
Katy Perry posted a warm message to Hillary Clinton on Instagram:

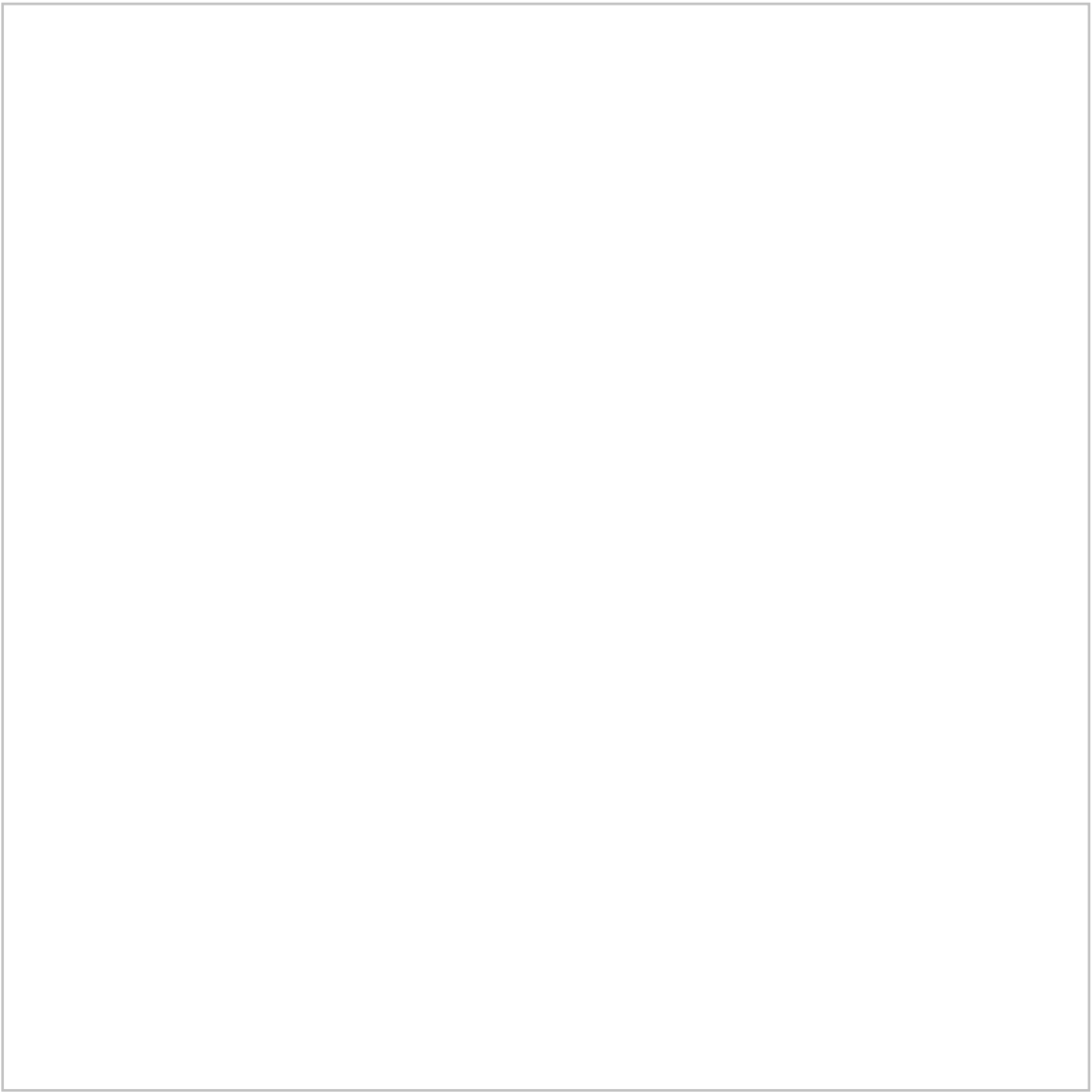


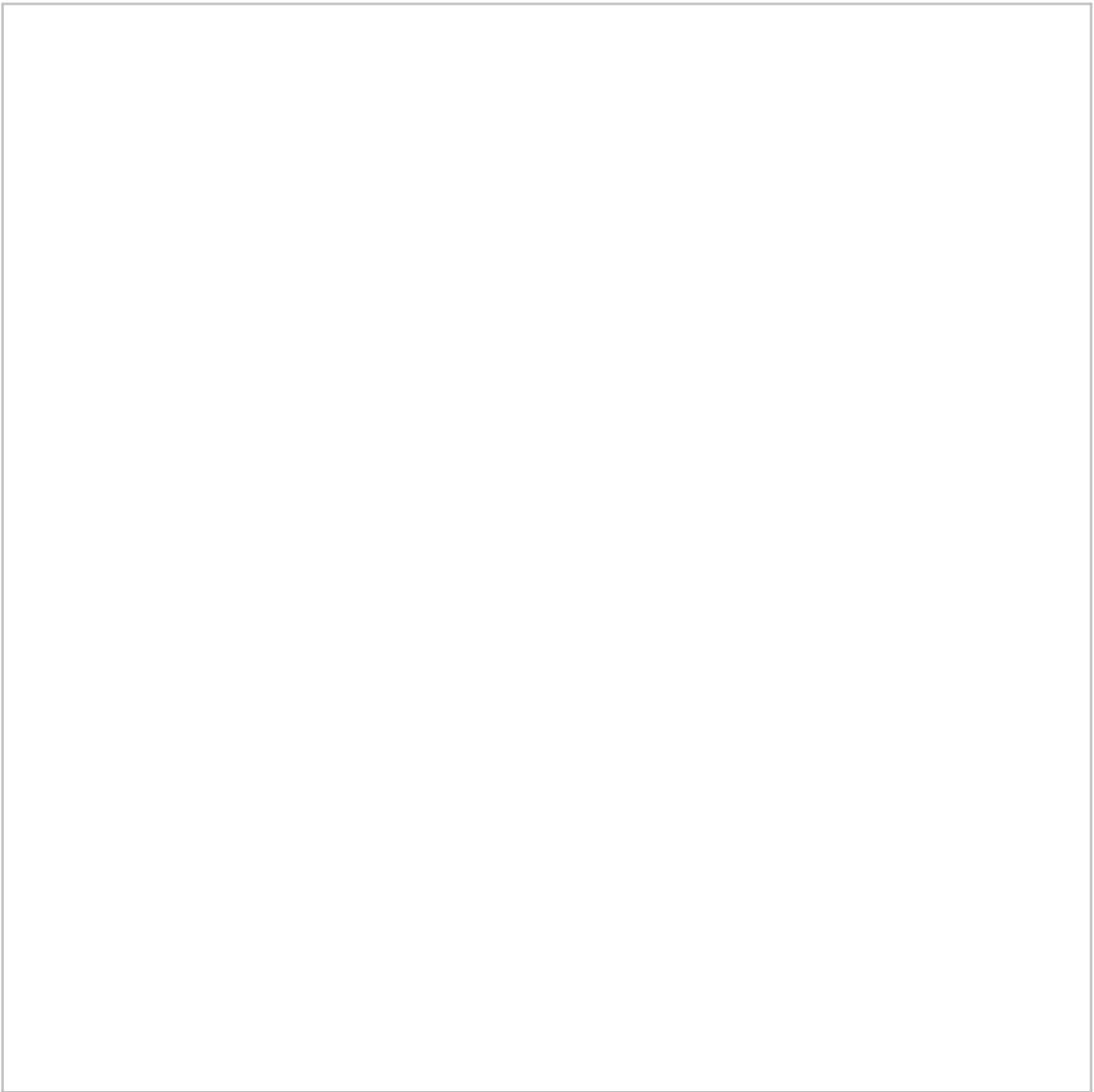
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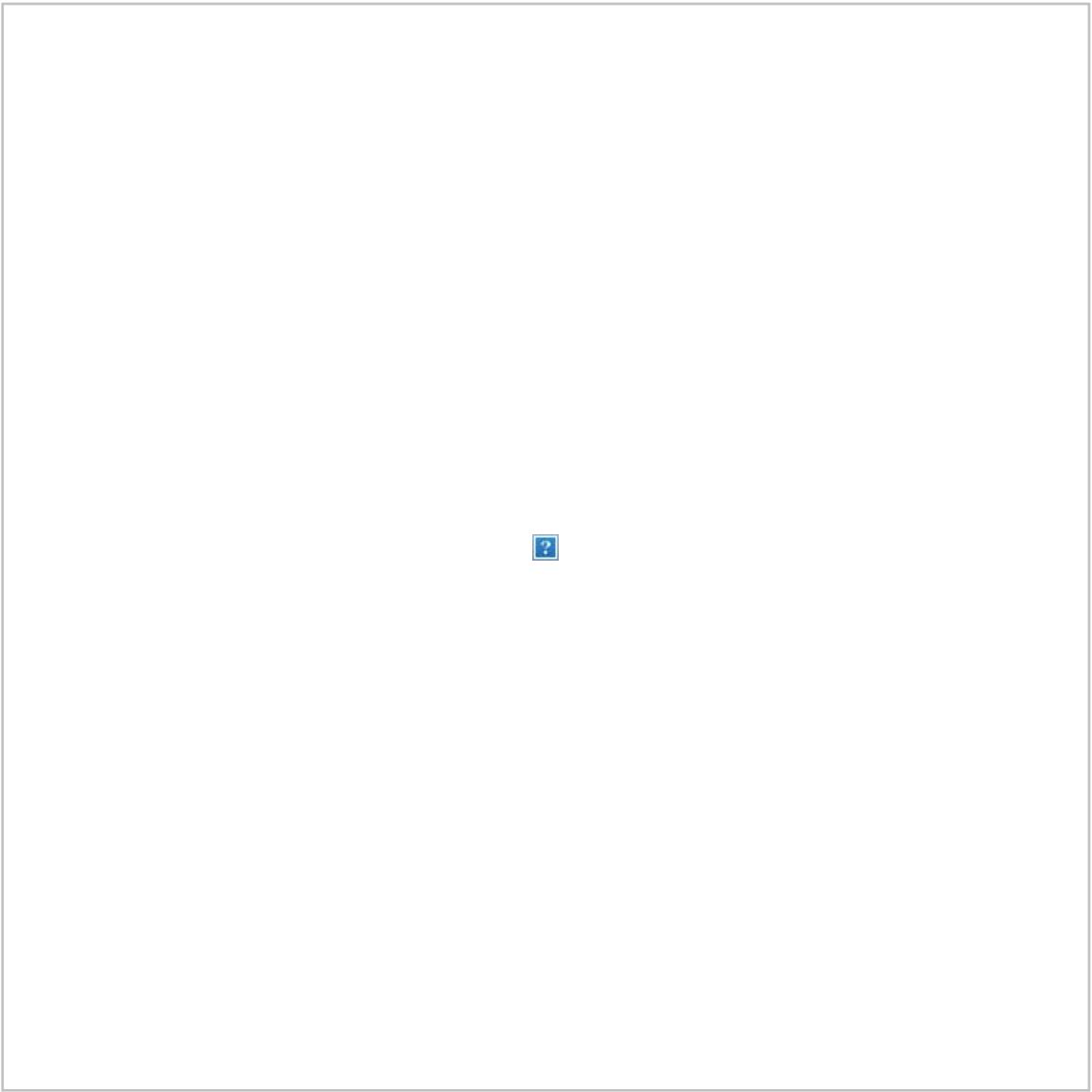
A few photos from the national Christmas tree lighting:

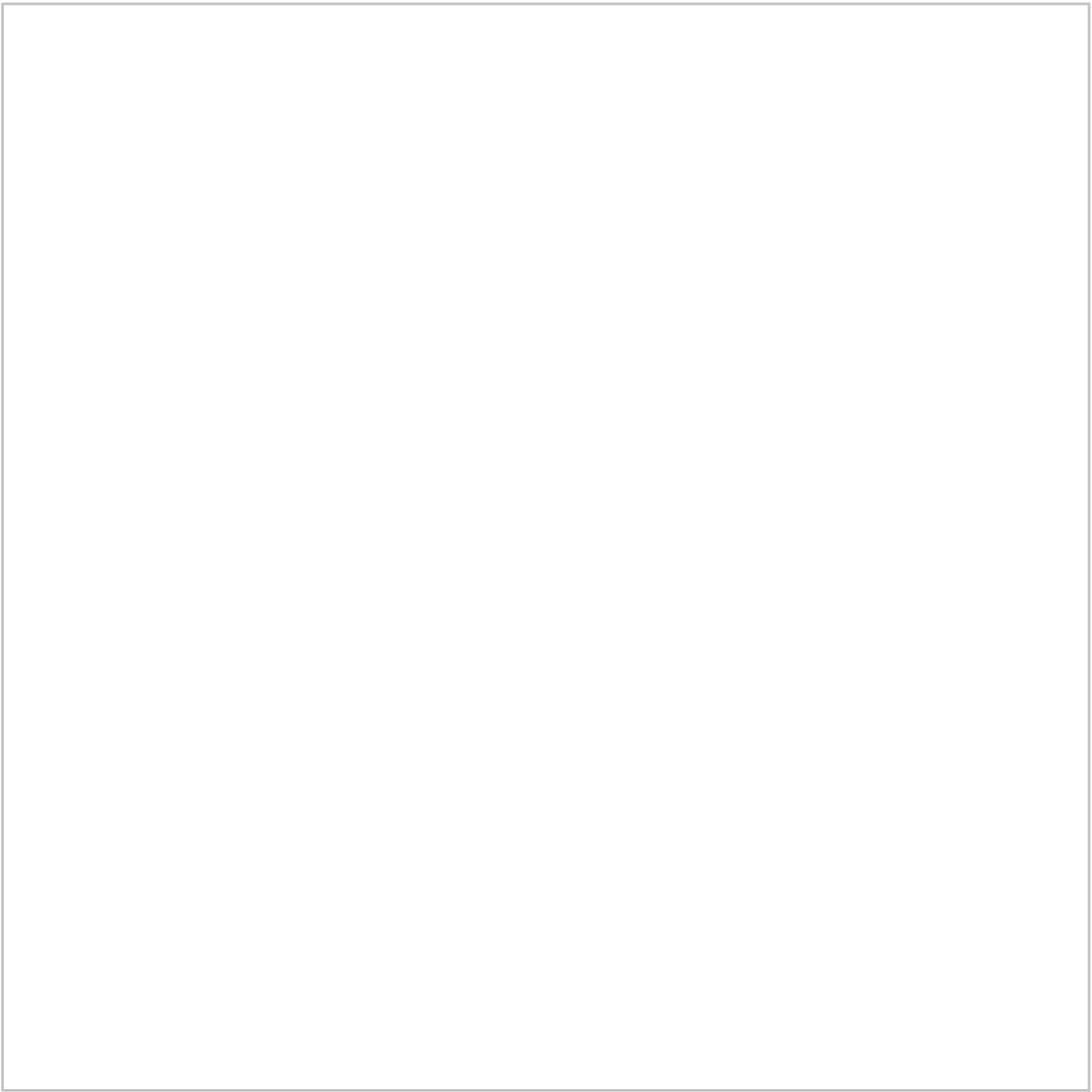




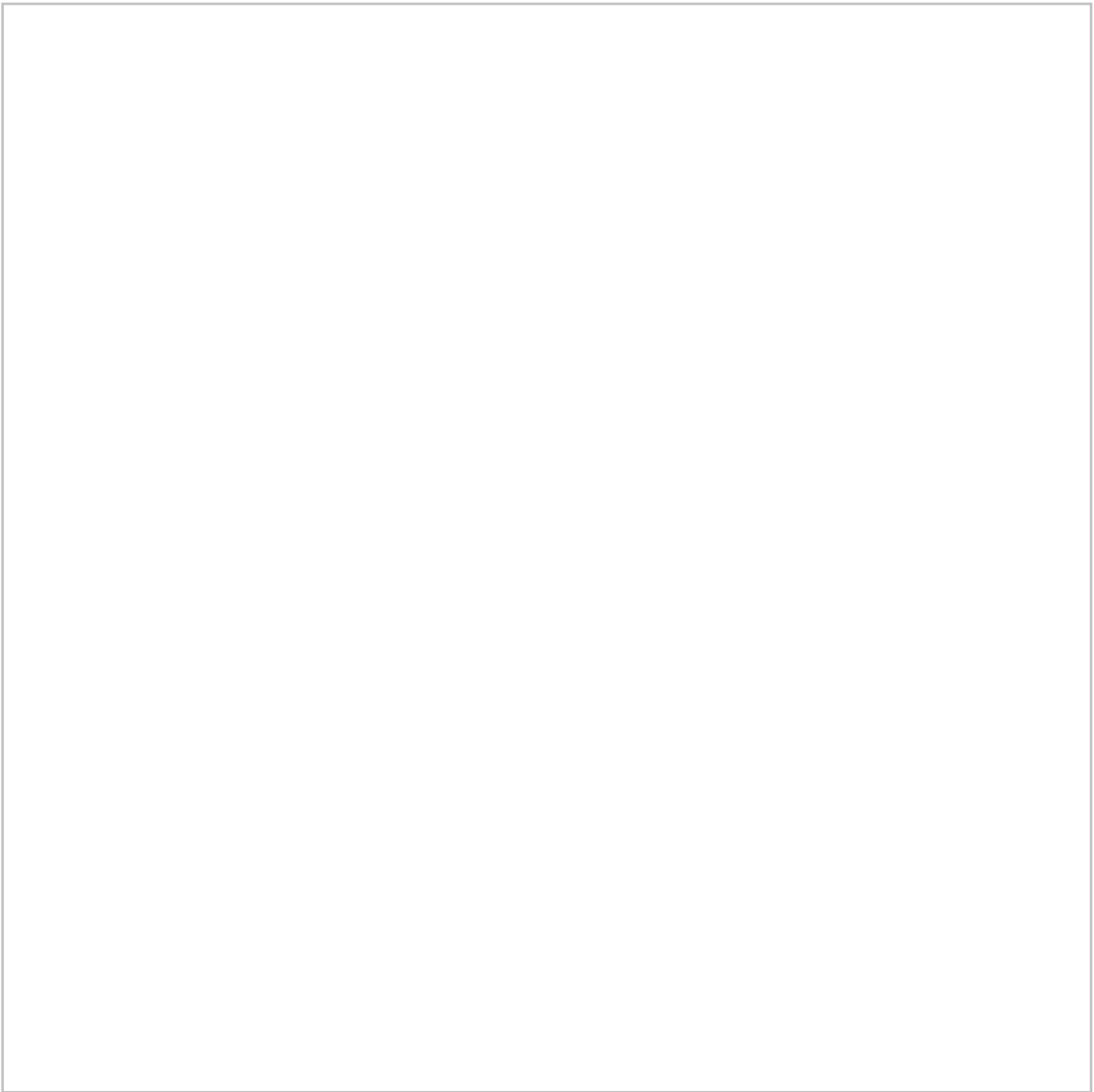


Lawmakers are getting in the holiday spirit:

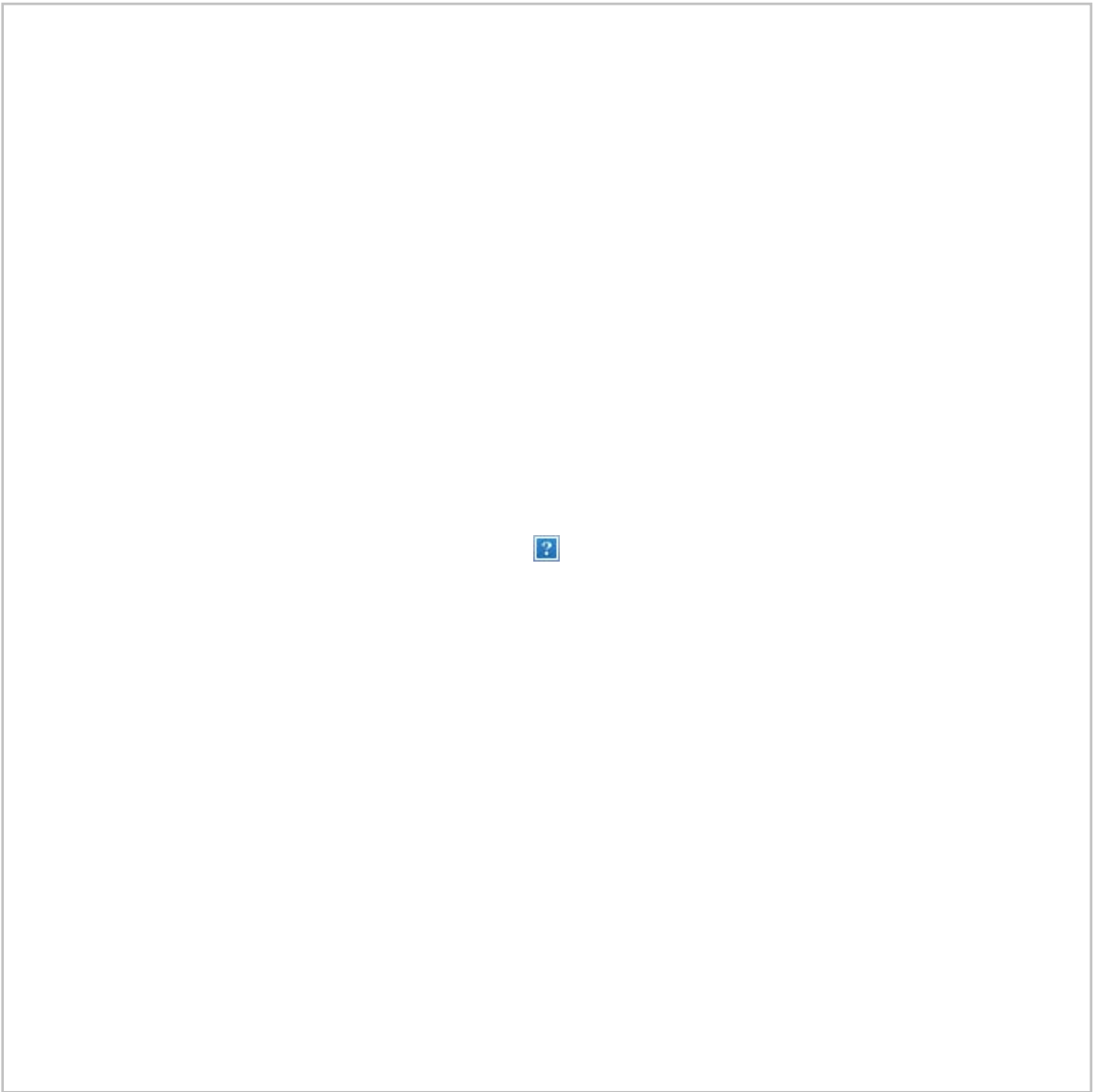




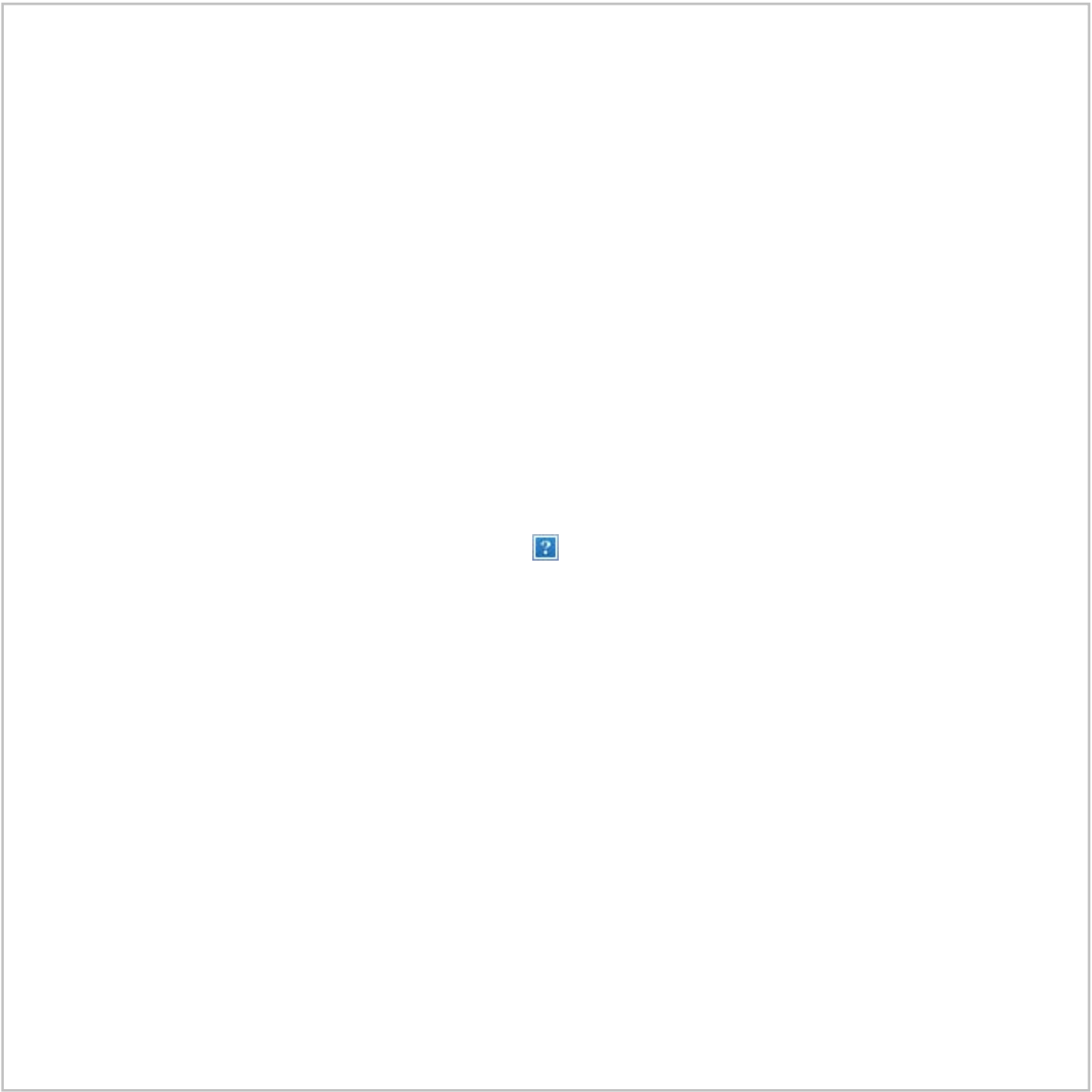


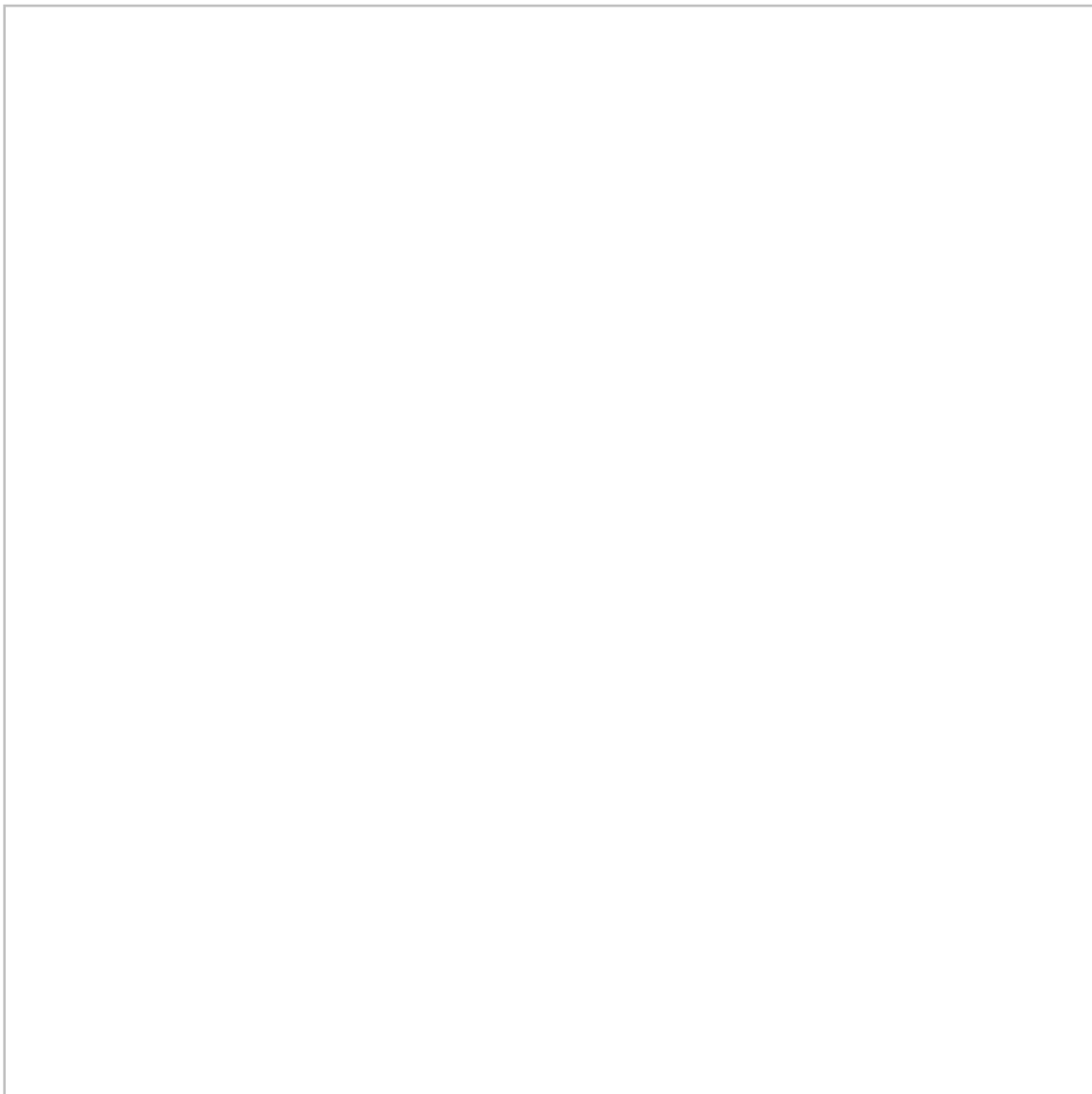


Eric Swalwell posted this photo from his first D.C. visit:



Vicky Hartzler and Blake Farenthold snapped shots of the Capitol dome at night:





#### GOOD READS FROM ELSEWHERE:

-- **Buzzfeed, “[How Snapchat Kept Fake News Out](#),” by Nitasha Tiku:** “There are a handful of obvious reasons why Snapchat might be a less fertile ground for propaganda from Macedonian teens, hoax purveyors, or hyperpartisan websites masquerading as news. User-generated content on Snapchat disappears after a short period of time. News is contained in a separate section, called Discover. Posts from the people you follow are displayed chronologically, not by popularity or personalized algorithm. ... and it’s hard to go viral when you can’t pass around a link to an individual’s post.” **And the process publishers go through to get on the news section, Discover, is controlled by human gatekeepers:** “Before they can post in Discover, news publishers have to be vetted as a potential partner, an agreement that comes with strict terms. Discover partners who publish daily on Snapchat in the US, France, and UK include recognizable names like CNN, MTV, Le Monde, Sky News, and Cosmopolitan. “ **And although publishers have editorial independence, there is collaboration between content-producers and Snapchat formatters, who reformat content to fit within the app.**

#### HOT ON THE LEFT:

[“Doctor Calls Michelle Obama ‘Monkey Face,’ But Says She’s Not](#)

#### HOT ON THE RIGHT:

[“A city attorney involved in an anti-Trump vandalism incident ...](#)

**Racist,” from HuffPost:** “A Colorado doctor has been ordered to stop seeing patients and is being fired from her medical school teaching job after calling first lady Michelle Obama ‘monkey face’ on Facebook and defending herself as ‘still not racist.’ Dr. Michelle Herren, a white pediatric anesthesiologist ... made the comment after another Facebook user called Obama eloquent. ... Herren responded with an unflattering photo showing the first lady yelling, and this: ‘Doesn’t seem to be speaking too eloquently here, thank god we can’t hear her!’ a post attributed to Herren read. ‘Monkey face and poor ebonic English!!! There! I feel better and am still not racist!!! Just calling it like it is!’”

**remains in his job for now...” from Philly.com:** Duncan Lloyd, an assistant city solicitor, was identified in surveillance footage that captured Lloyd and a second man... In the footage, Lloyd is seen wearing a blue blazer and holding a glass of wine, filming or taking photos, while a second man spray paints “F--- Trump,” on the wall of a newly opened Fresh Grocer. As of Thursday morning, police said no arrests have been made in the incident and Kenney said Lloyd remains employed ... “If the image of an upper-middle-class city attorney clad in a blazer and sipping wine while vandalizing an upscale grocery store with an anti-Trump message strikes you as perhaps the most bourgeois sight imaginable, that’s because it is,” said city party chairman Joe DeFelice, who said he should be fired.”

#### DAYBOOK:

**In Trump's world:** At Trump Tower, Trump and Pence meet with Sen. David Perdue (R-Ga.), retired Rear Adm. Jay Cohen, Florida attorney general Pam Bondi, former UN ambassador John Bolton and Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.).

**At the White House:** Obama meets with United Nations Secretary-General-designate Antonio Guterres.

**On Capitol Hill:** The Senate is out. Biden speaks at the U.S.-Colombia Advisory Council Meeting with President Juan Manuel Santos and tours the Bolivar Naval Base in Cartagena.

#### QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Sanders campaign manager Jeff Weaver at the Harvard event: “We probably would’ve won.”

#### NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:

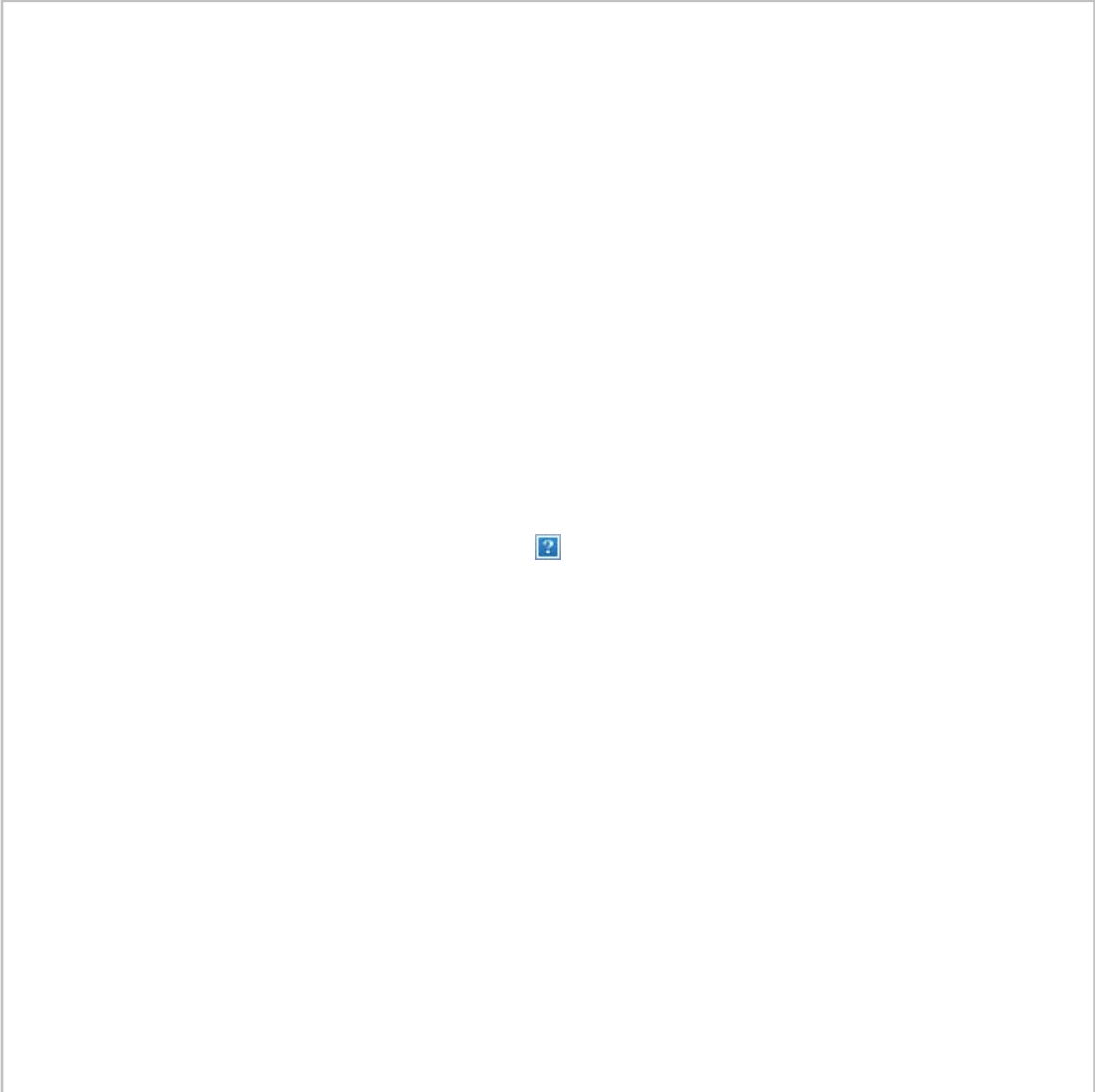
-- **Dress with layers! Today’s forecast looks like it’ll be a chilly one, per the [Capital Weather Gang](#):** “Some clouds are around, but sun likely wins for the day. High temperatures are near 50 in the cooler spots but, perhaps, mid-50s downtown and south of town. West-northwesterly winds do pick up a bit, to around 10 mph with gusts near 20 mph possible during the midday into afternoon”

-- **A Prince George’s councilman arrested on DUI charges while operating a government vehicle this week has twice before damaged cars owned by the county, officials said. In 2010,** the lawmaker crashed two vehicles from the fleet – leaving one with more than \$1,000 in damages; the other completely totaled. ([Arelis R. Hernández](#))

-- **The Capitals [lost to the Islanders 3-0.](#)**

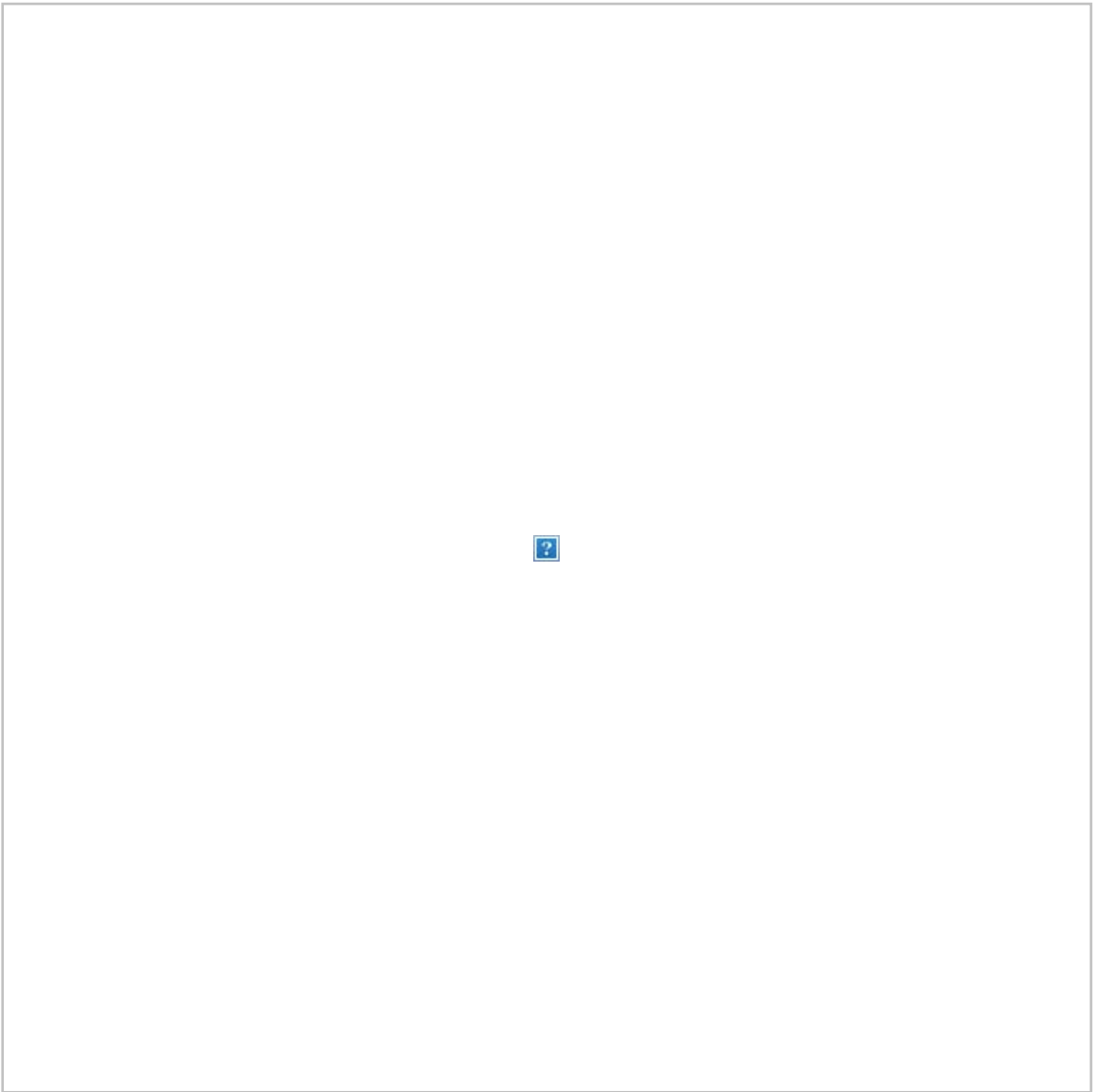
#### VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Conan O'Brien took aim at Trump, Pence and Bannon in this segment:

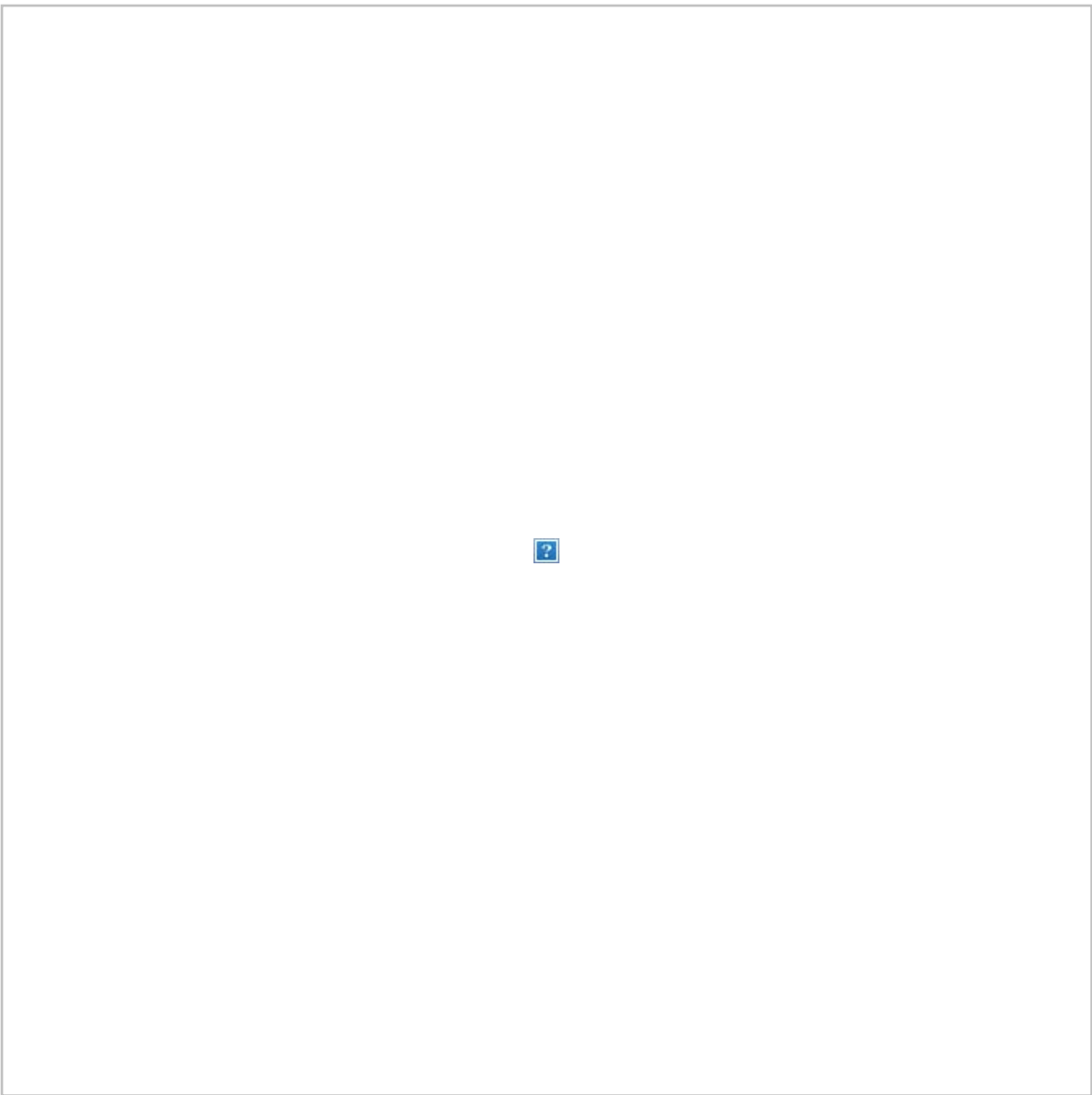


Celebrity Survey: Mike Pence, Donald Trump Edition - CONAN on TBS

This video clip of Trump supporters talking about fake news went viral (click to watch):

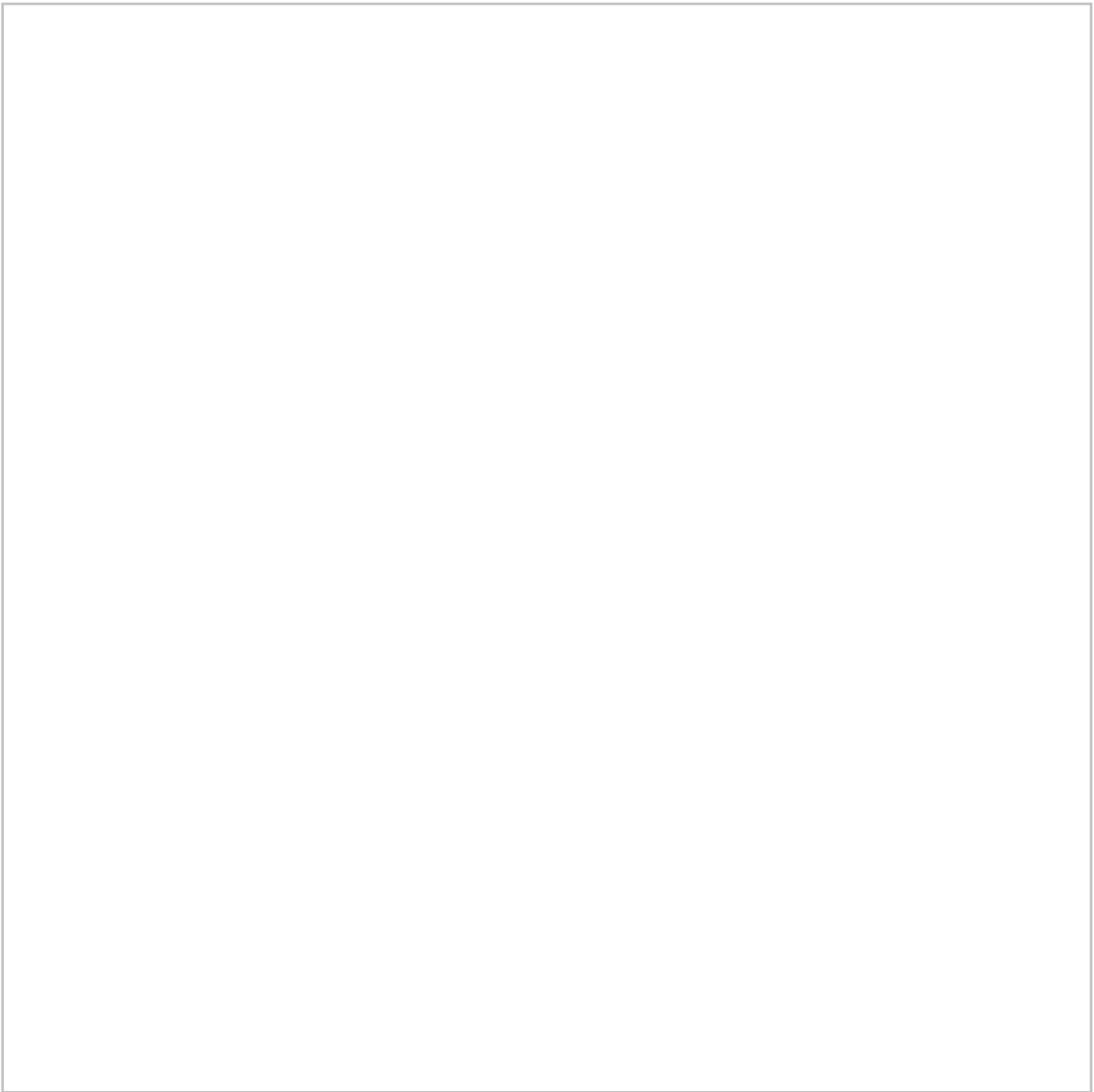


"Tomi" host Tomi Lahren gives her take on the Black Lives Matter movement and explains why she lashed out against Colin Kaepernick for his national anthem protest:

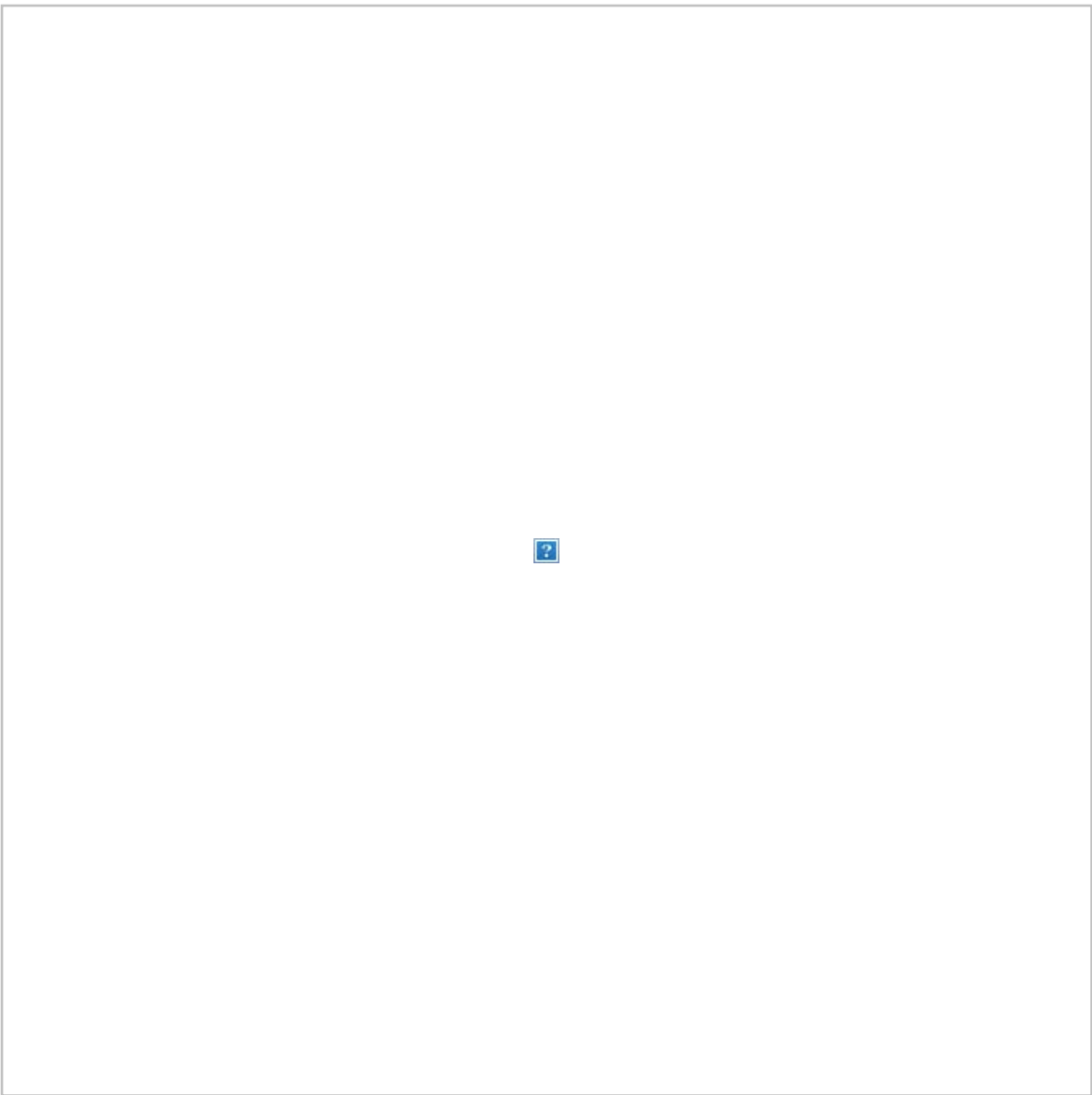


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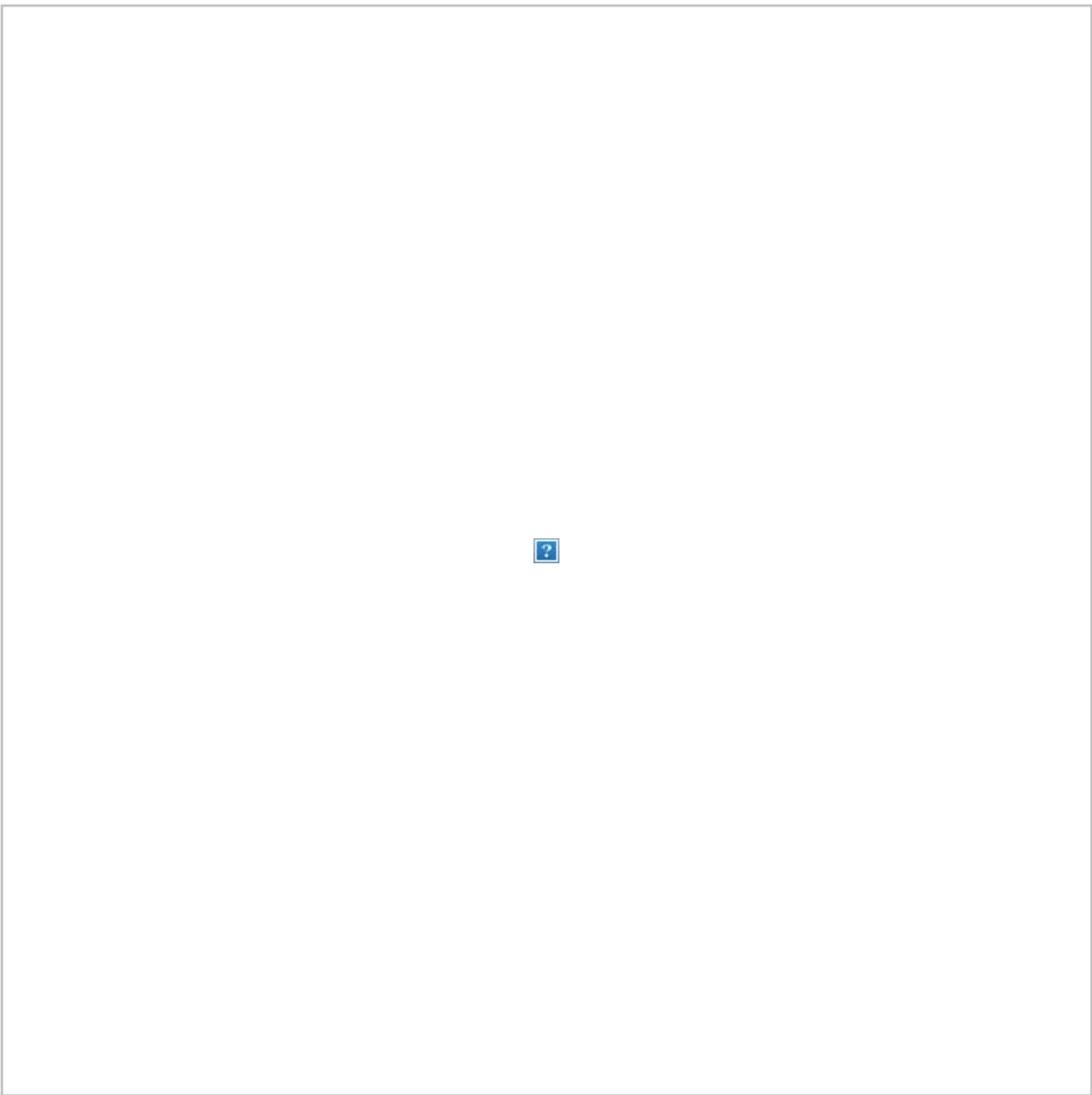


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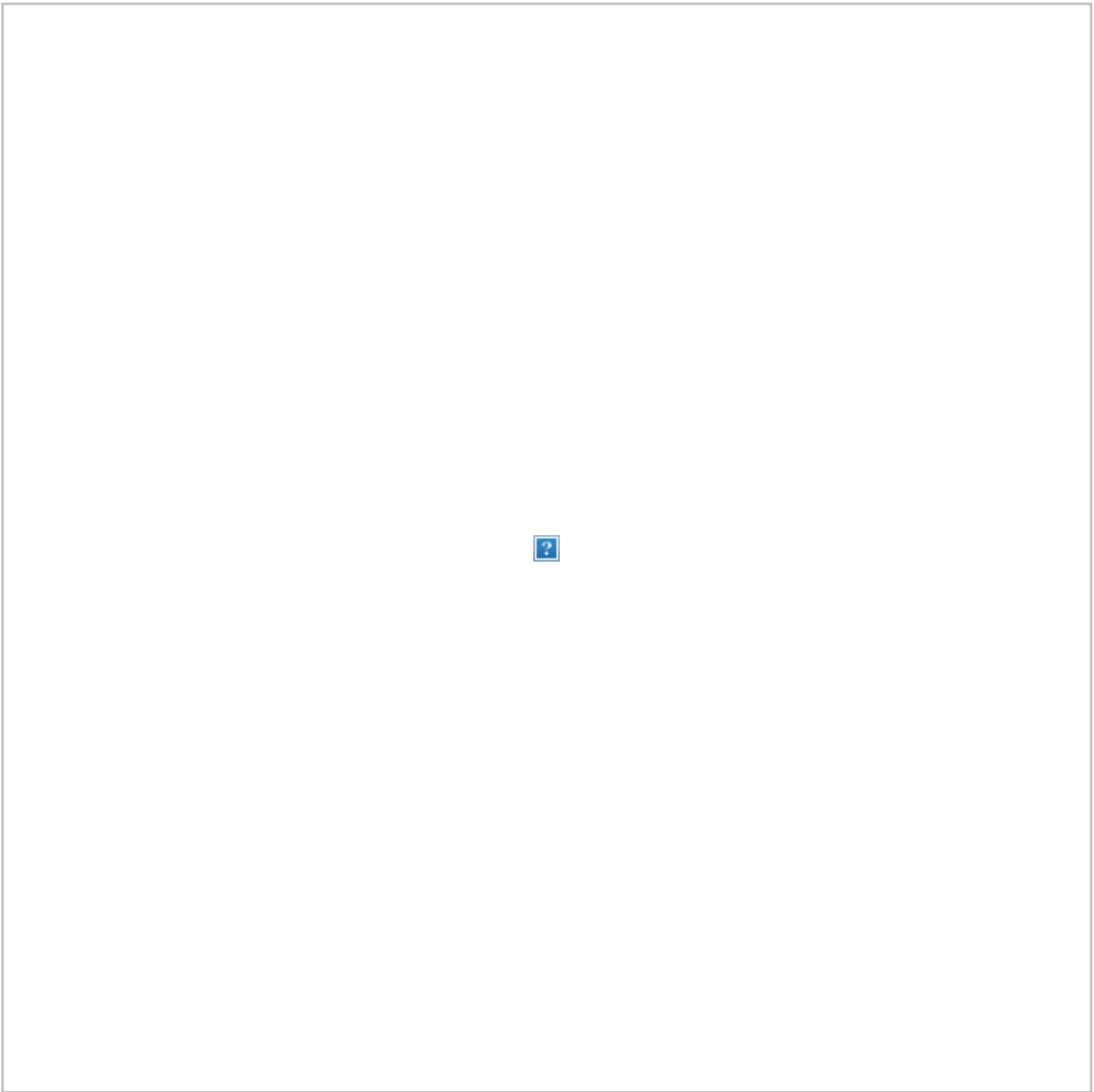
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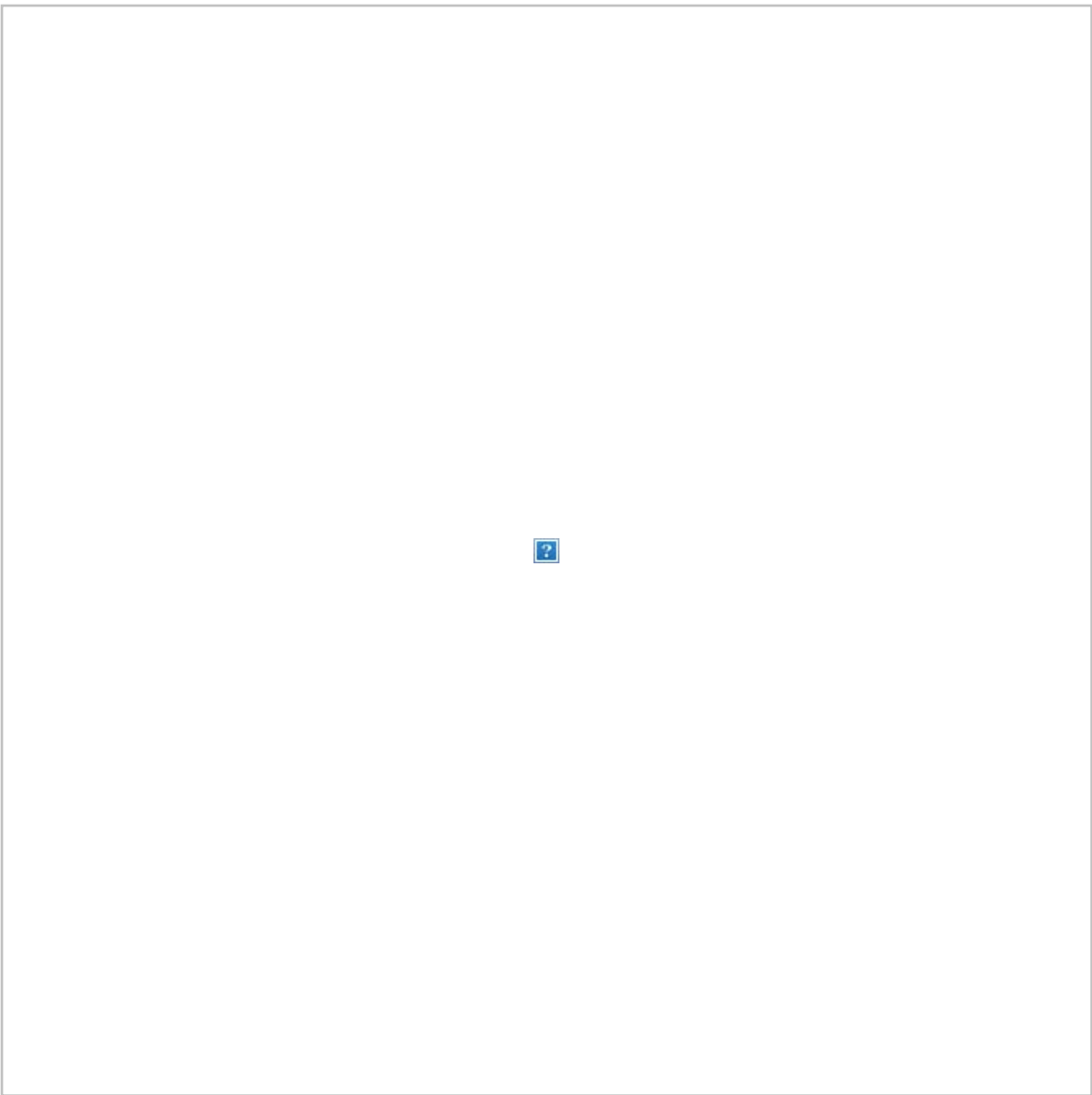


Mannequin Challenge in the Library of Congress

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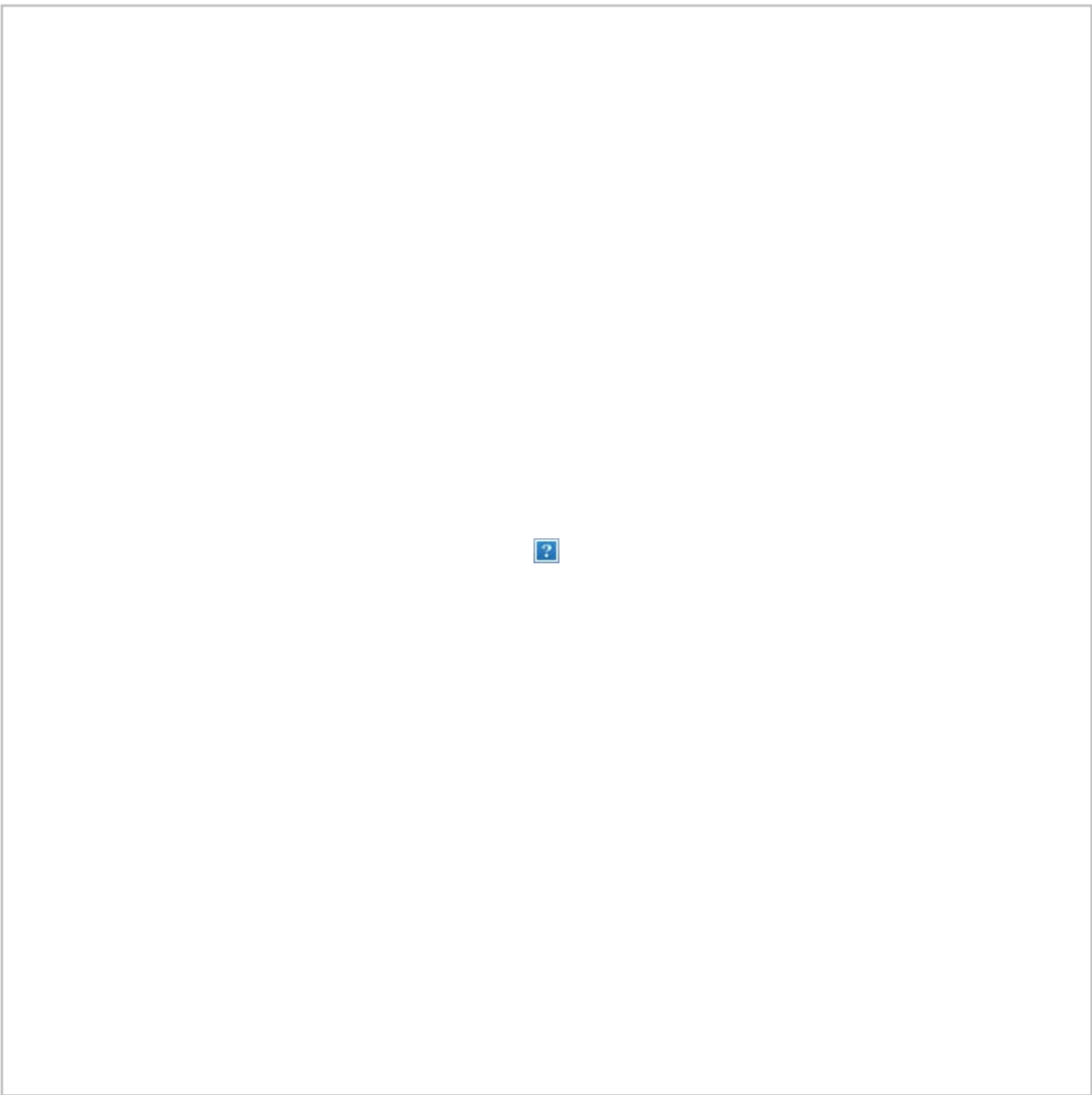


A 17-year-old who was shot trying to help a dying woman spoke from his hospital bed:



Good Samaritan shooting victim speaks from his hospital bed

An ailing Buzz Aldrin was evacuated from the South Pole:



Ailing Buzz Aldrin medically evacuated from South Pole

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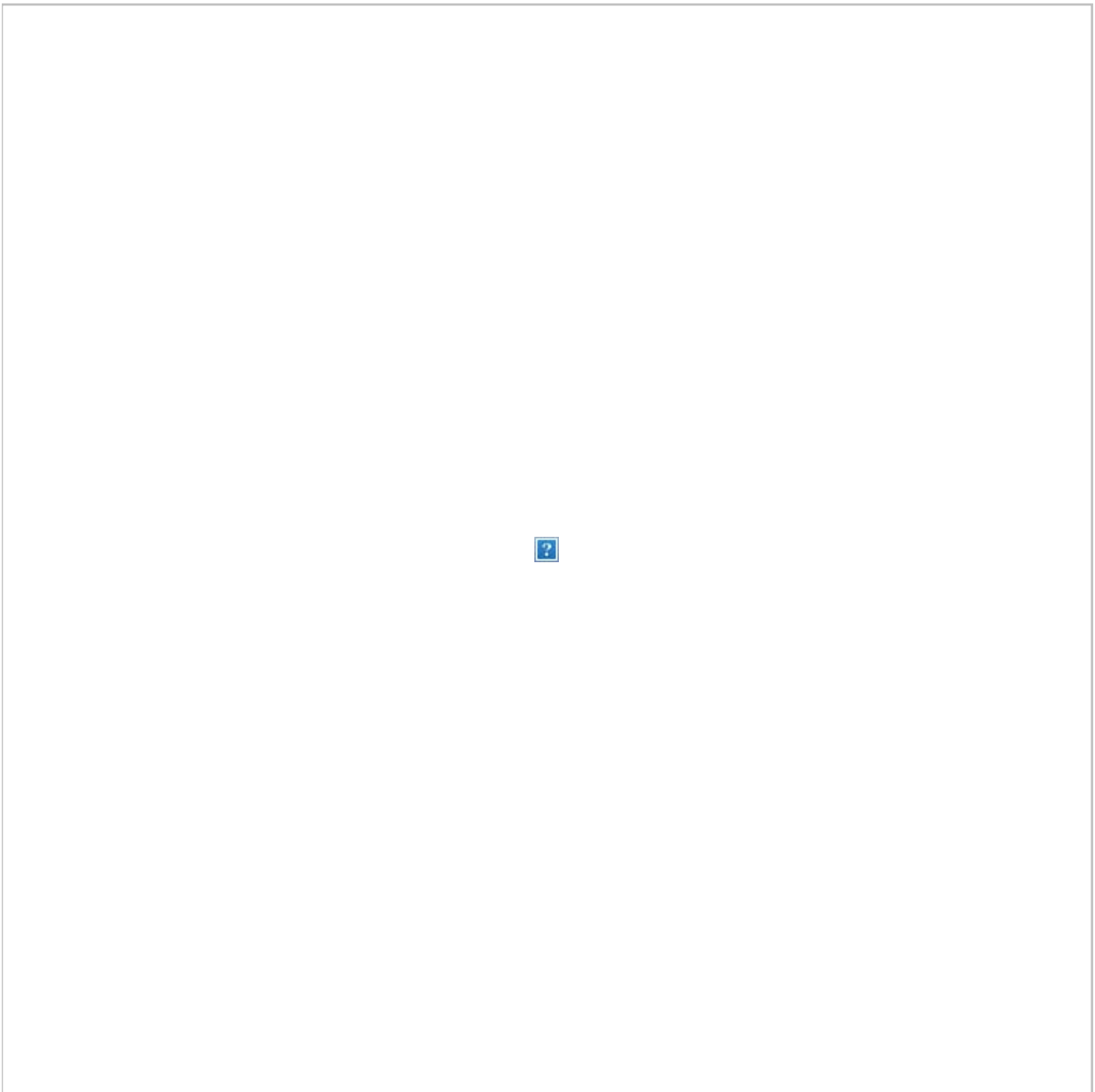
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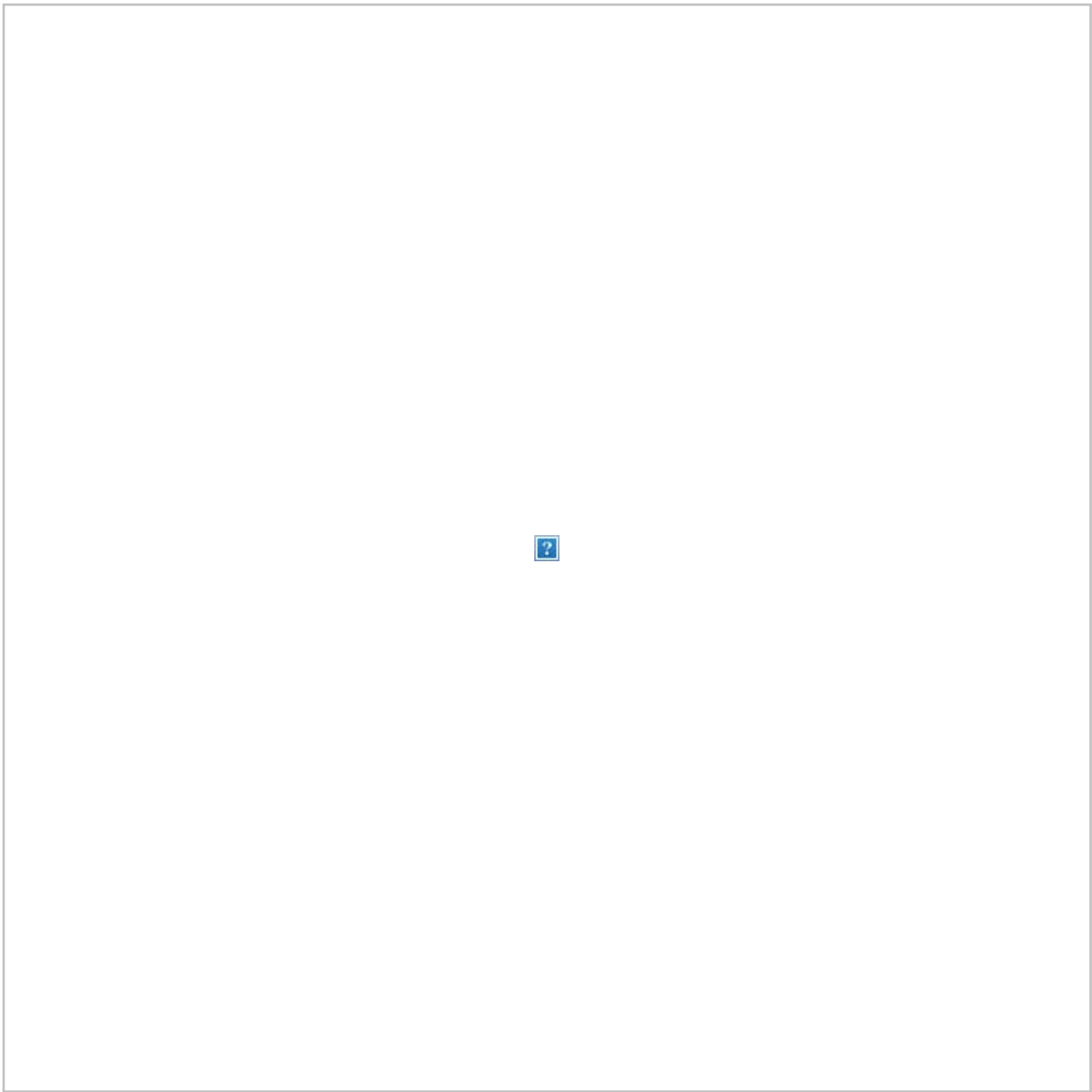
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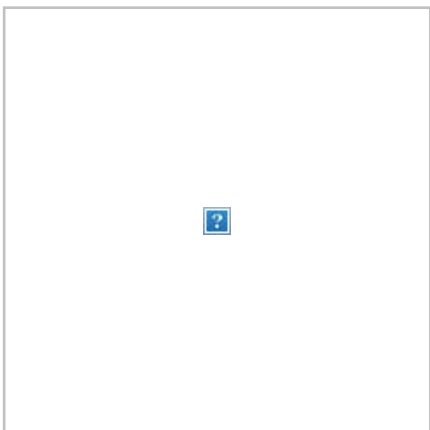


[Bannon will be the id, Priebus the super-ego in Trump's White House](#)





Donald Trump announced that Reince Priebus will be his White House Chief of Staff, and Stephen K. Bannon will be his chief strategist and senior counselor. (AFP/Getty)



*With Breanne Deppisch and Elise Viebeck*

**THE BIG IDEA: Reince Priebus will be chief of staff, but Stephen Bannon may be the one calling the shots in Donald Trump's White House.**

The pugilistic and polarizing former head of Breitbart News will be chief strategist and senior counselor for President Donald Trump, a role held in previous administrations by the likes of David Axelrod, Karl Rove, John Podesta and Ed Meese.

Trump is said to have preferred Bannon for the chief job. But he was [reportedly persuaded](#) in recent days to go a more conventional route by everyone from the Speaker of the House, Paul Ryan, to his son-in-law, Jared Kushner.

**The 275-word press release announcing the hires said Bannon and Priebus will be “equal partners,” but Bannon got top billing.** “I want to thank President-elect Trump for the opportunity to work with Reince in driving the agenda of the Trump Administration,” Bannon said in the statement. “We had a very successful partnership on the campaign, one that led to victory. We will have that same partnership in working to help President-elect Trump achieve his agenda.”

**-- If the campaign is indeed the model for their White House partnership, Bannon will hold more sway over Trump than Priebus.** The chairman brought in money and ran interference, helping to keep wobbly GOP politicians in line. But he certainly did not set the candidate's direction and was more often than not troubled by it.

For example, Bannon, 62, a former naval officer and investment banker, was the brains behind inviting the women who have accused Bill Clinton of sexual misconduct to be Trump's guests at the second debate. He was seen smiling broadly when the GOP nominee held a surprise press conference with them. Priebus never in a million years would have come up with this – or signed off on it, had it been up to him.

After the 2005 “Access Hollywood” tape emerged, Priebus quickly distanced himself. “No woman should ever be described in these terms or talked about in this manner. Ever,” he said. Bannon's Breitbart, meanwhile, is [reportedly](#) in talks to hire Billy Bush, who got fired from the “Today” show for his part in the repugnant conversation.

Donald Trump and Reince Priebus on election night in New York. (Evan Vucci/AP)</p></p>

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#### **AN EARLY WINDOW INTO HOW TRUMP WILL GOVERN:**

**-- With the biggest decision he's made during his first week as president-elect, Trump has made clear that he wants rival power centers. The likely result is that the same [internal tensions](#) that defined Trump's campaign will continue to exist in his West Wing.**

**Remember Corey Lewandowski's perennial battles with Paul Manafort?** Manafort never actually had the title of "campaign manager," but he was in effect running the campaign as "chairman." Corey, pushed out as manager, [tweeted](#) out a damning story about his rival's Ukraine connections and then seemed to celebrate on social media when Manafort got ousted later on.

**-- His management style has long been to have rivals underneath him duking it out.** Even when you think back to his reality TV show, "The Apprentice," there were competing teams pursuing the same objective.

**-- White House veterans say power in the West Wing derives less from title and more from proximity.** More than most, Trump has also shown that he can be heavily influenced by the last person he speaks with before making a decision. Trump has a deeper relationship with Bannon, which could be significant early on.

Priebus, on the other hand, will have an office that's closer to the Oval.

-- **Trump likes to be in charge, and he tends to feel threatened when underlings accrue too much power.**

-- **Some Bannon critics worry that he will wind up being Trump's Rasputin.** The mystic maintained immense influence over Tsar Nicholas after he stopped his son's bleeding from hemophilia. This caused countless problems and eventually hastened the fall of the monarchy in Russia. Does Trump credit Bannon's scorched-earth strategy with stopping his political bleeding this fall? Will he keep him close despite the backlash?

Bannon leaves Trump Tower on Friday night. (Evan Vucci/AP)



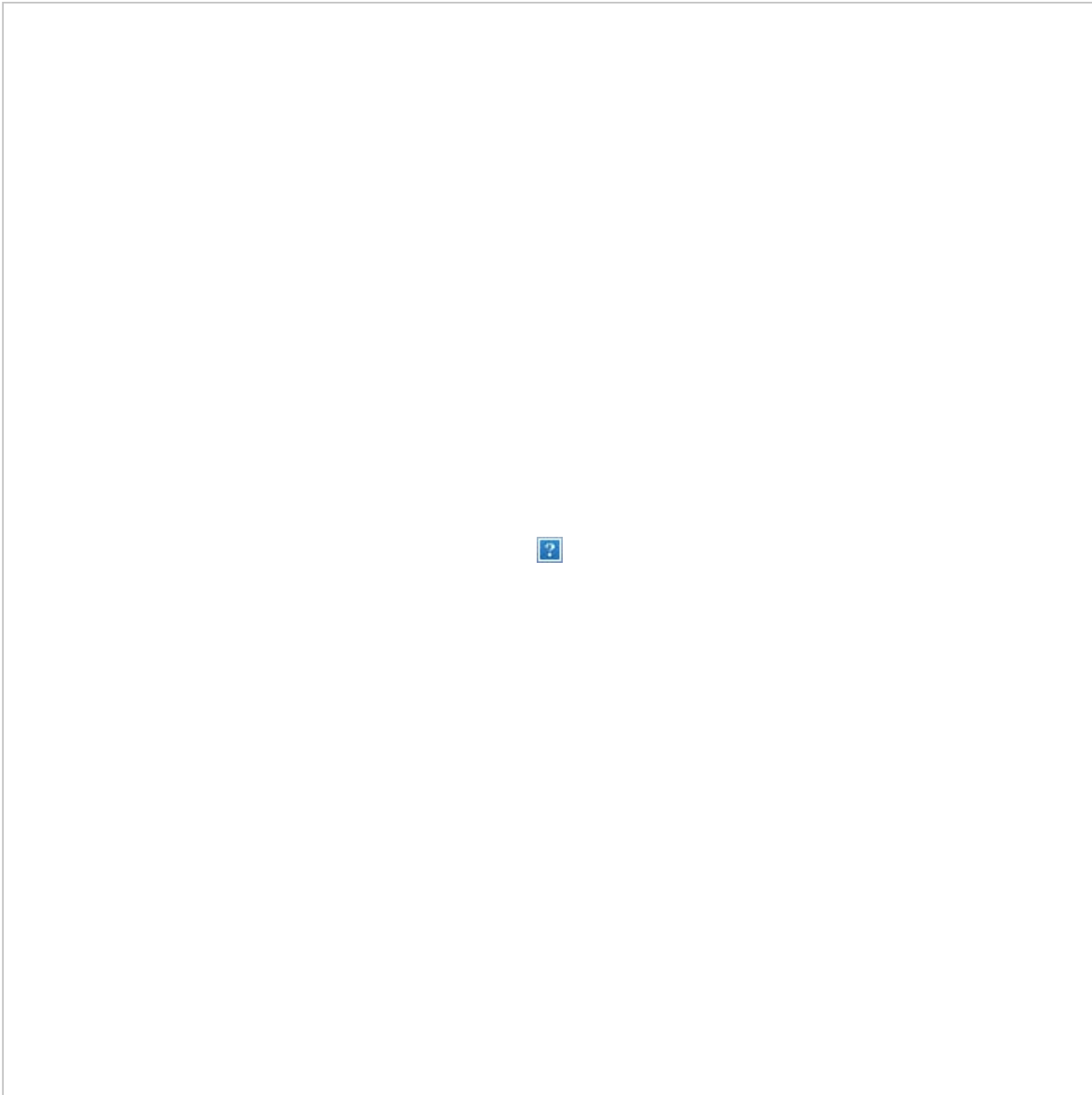
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**AN INSTANT LIGHTNING ROD:**

-- **Every White House has a bogeyman that the opposition singles out, but Bannon will take the job as a much bigger lightning rod than anyone in memory. The Southern Poverty Law Center, the Anti-Defamation League and the Council on American-Islamic Relations were among the groups that put out statements decrying Bannon last night.** "President-elect Trump's choice of Steve Bannon as his top aide signals that White Supremacists will be represented at the highest levels in Trump's White House," outgoing

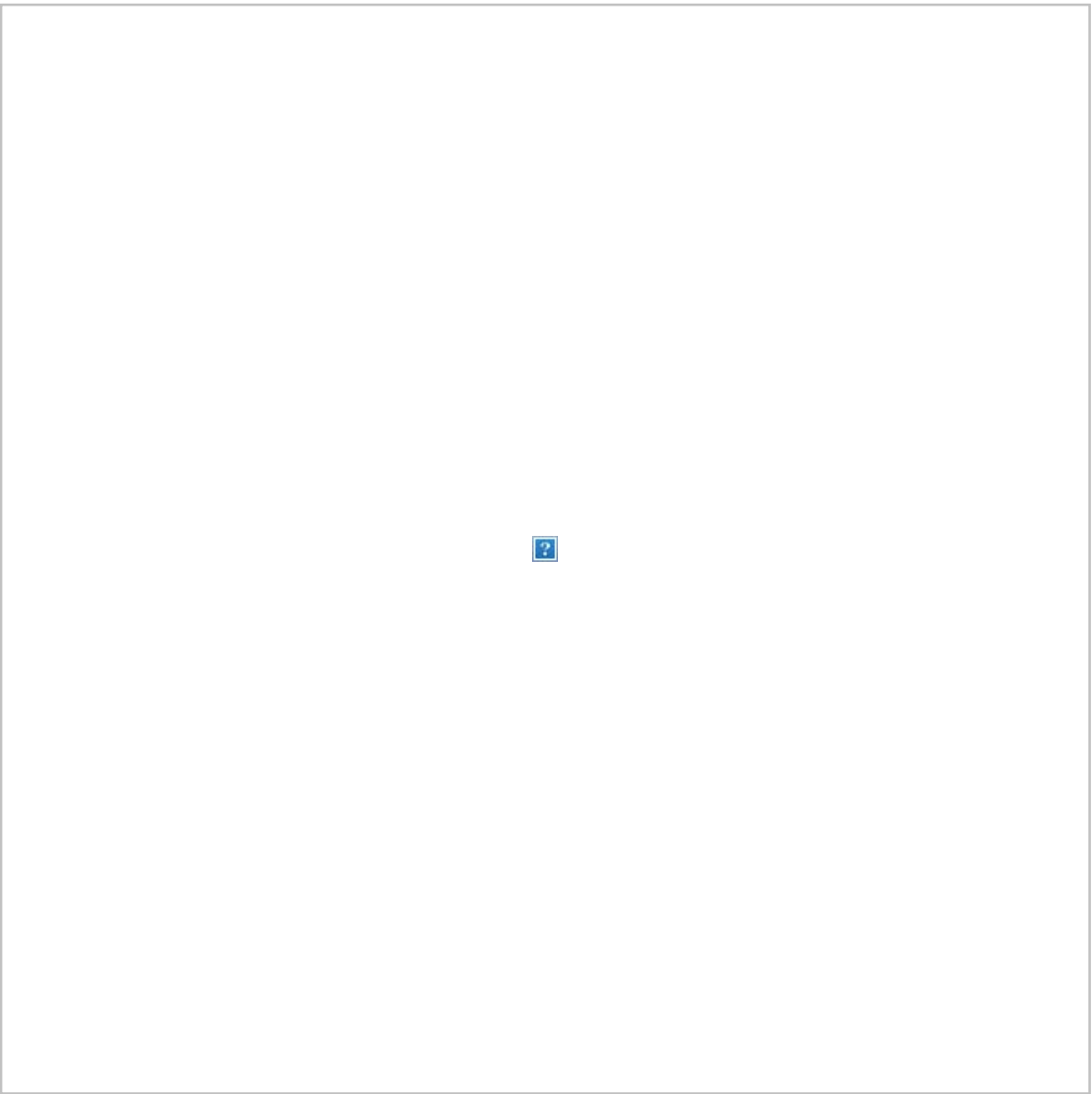
Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid's spokesman said in a statement. (Jose A. DelReal rounds up [more of the rebukes here.](#))

**-- To give you a flavor, these are the words that people online are searching for the definitions to in the wake of the Bannon news:**

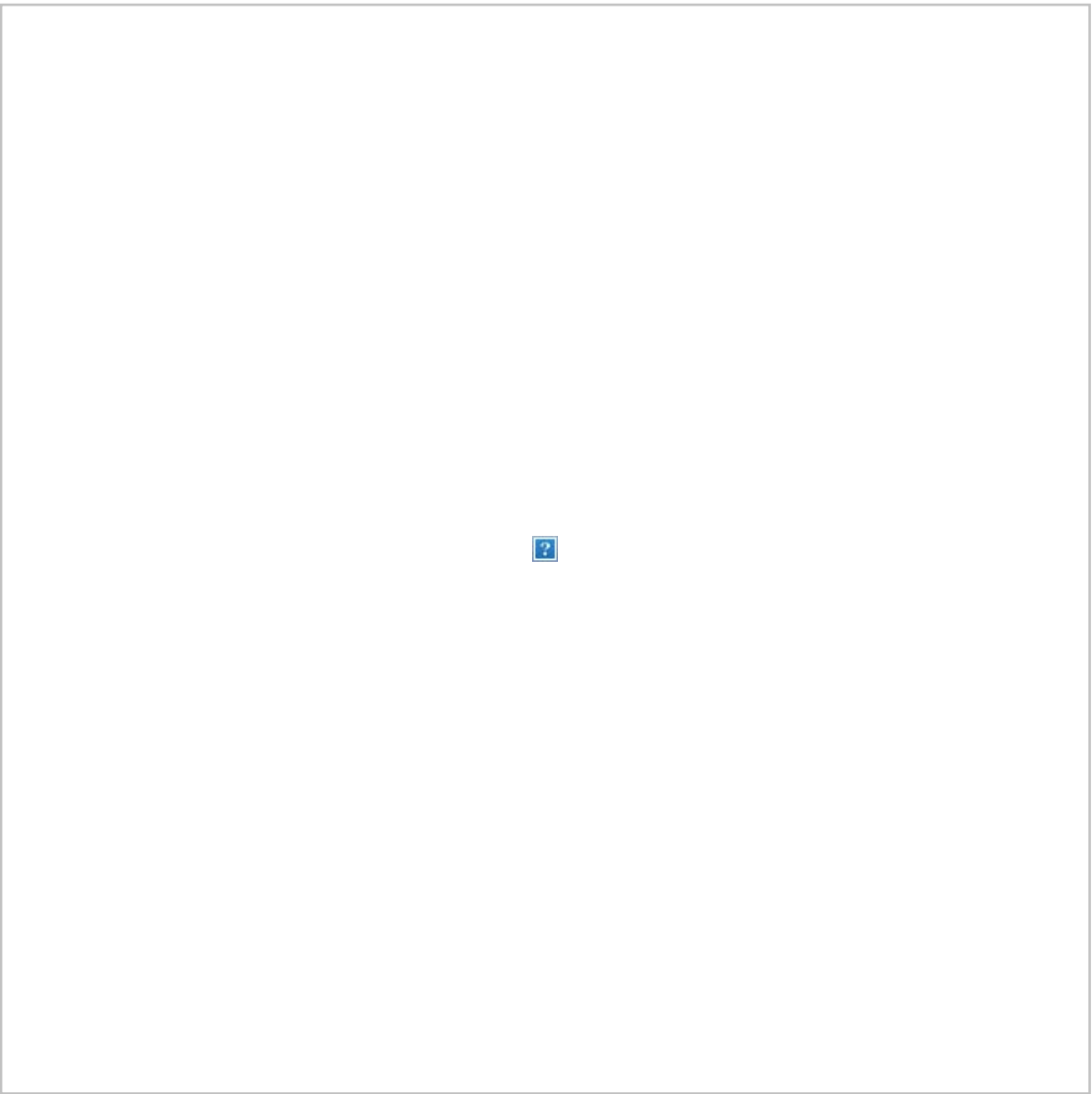


**-- Here is just a taste of the backlash on social media:**

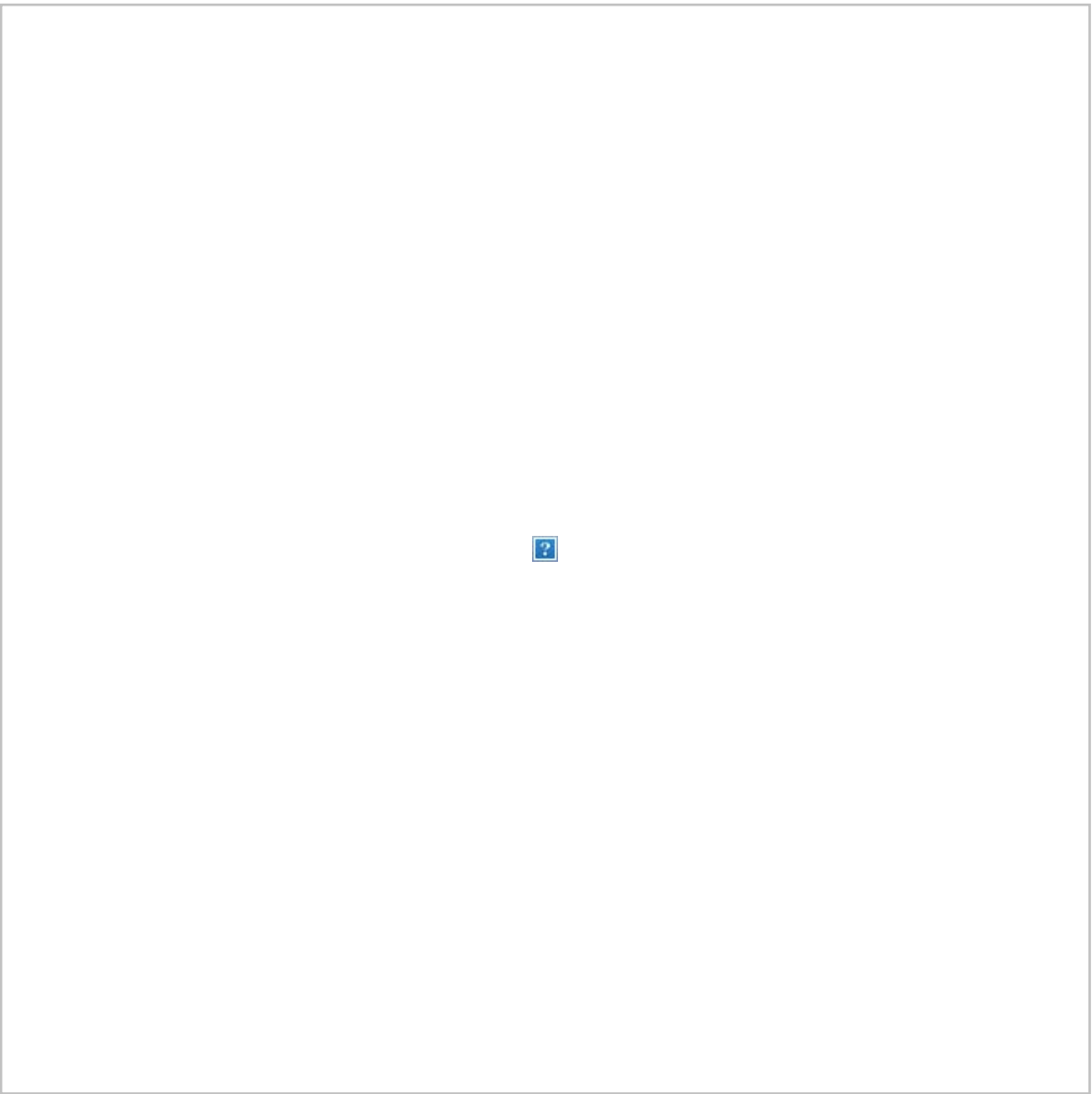
The Southern Poverty Law Center:



The CEO of the Anti-Defamation League:



The CNN anchor:



And many more:

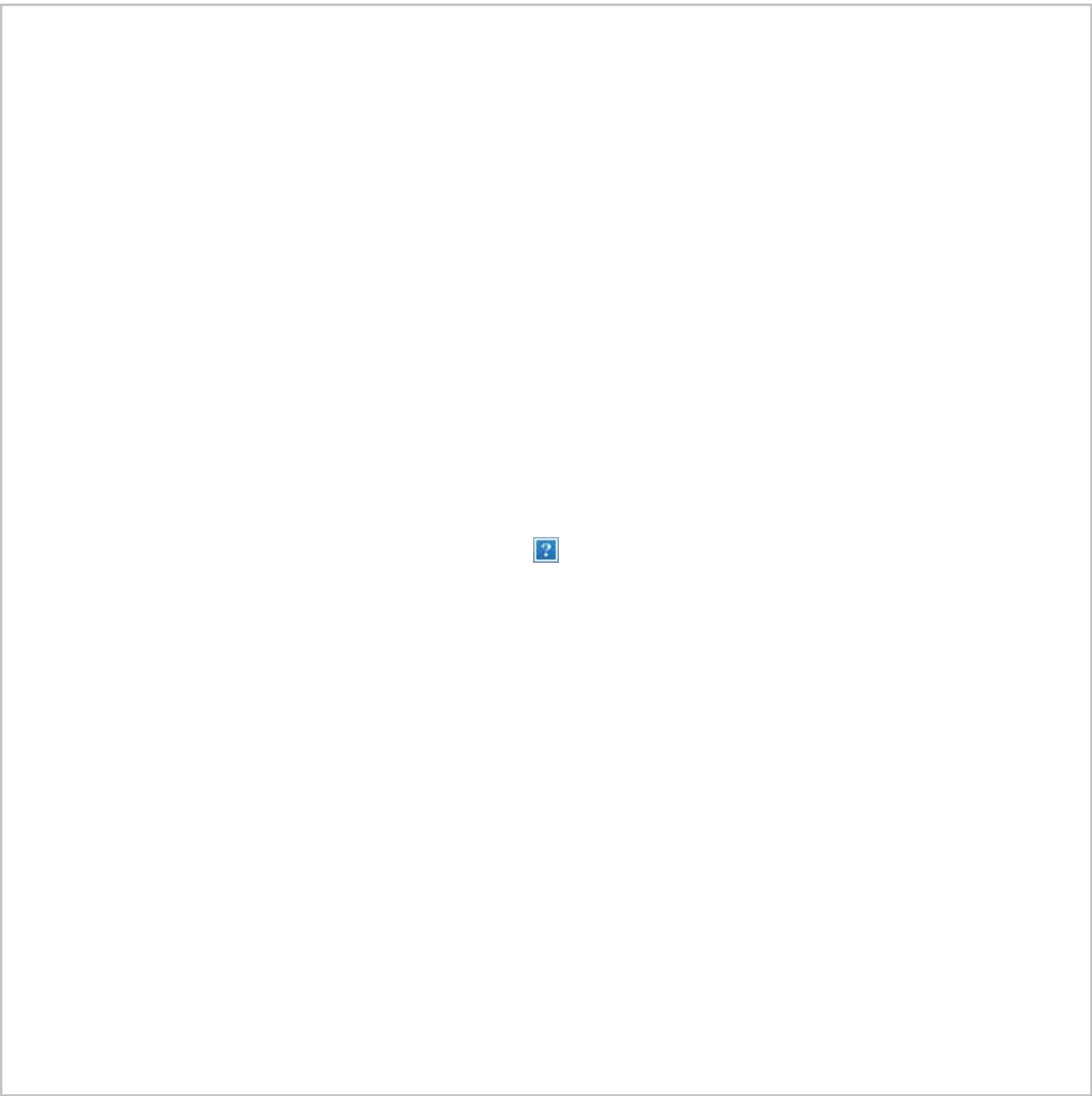




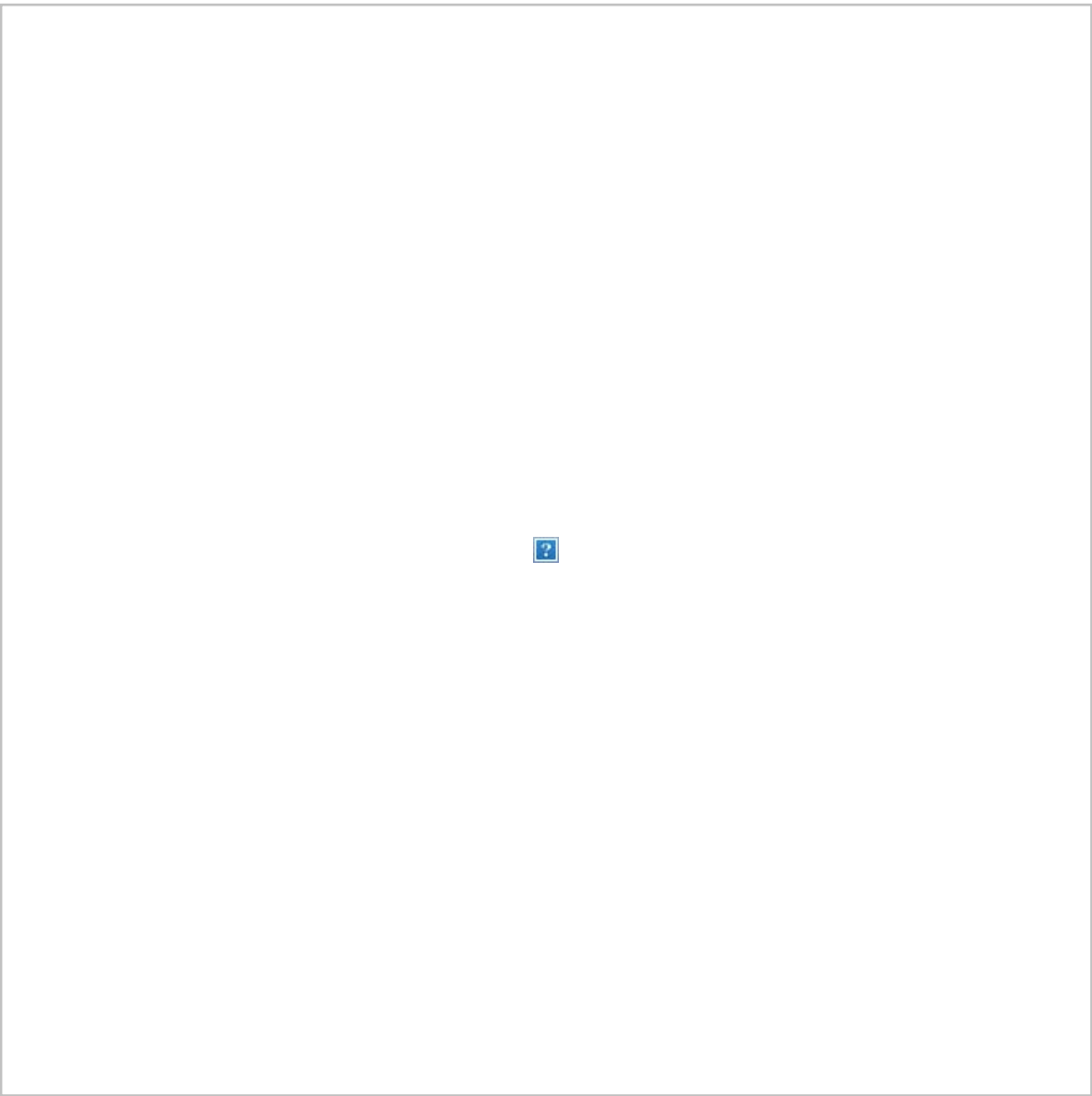




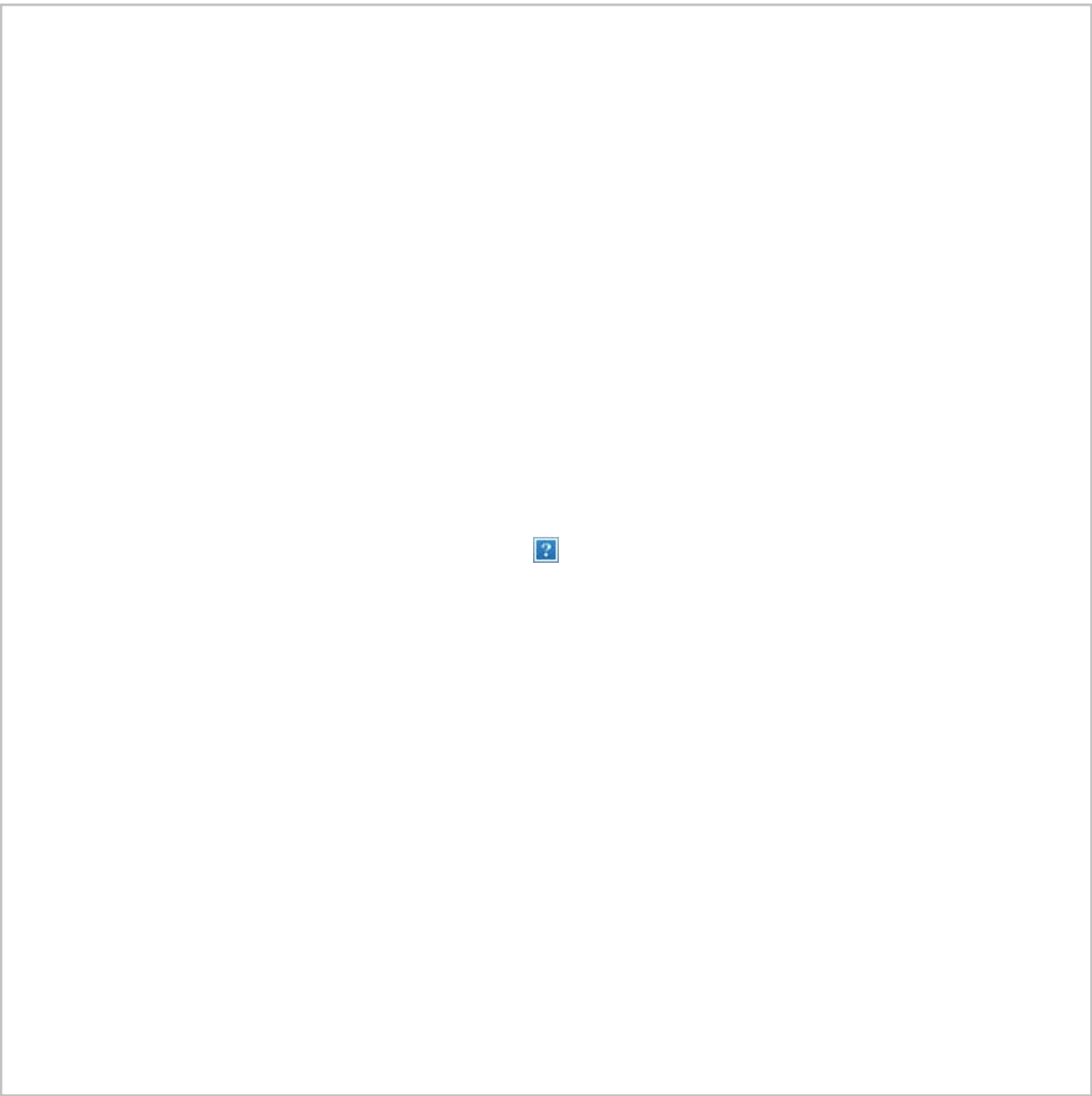
Actor Ben Stiller quipped that he's looking forward to "next year's Menorah lighting ceremony" at Trump's White House:



The ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee:



Many Trump critics challenged David Axelrod over this tweet:



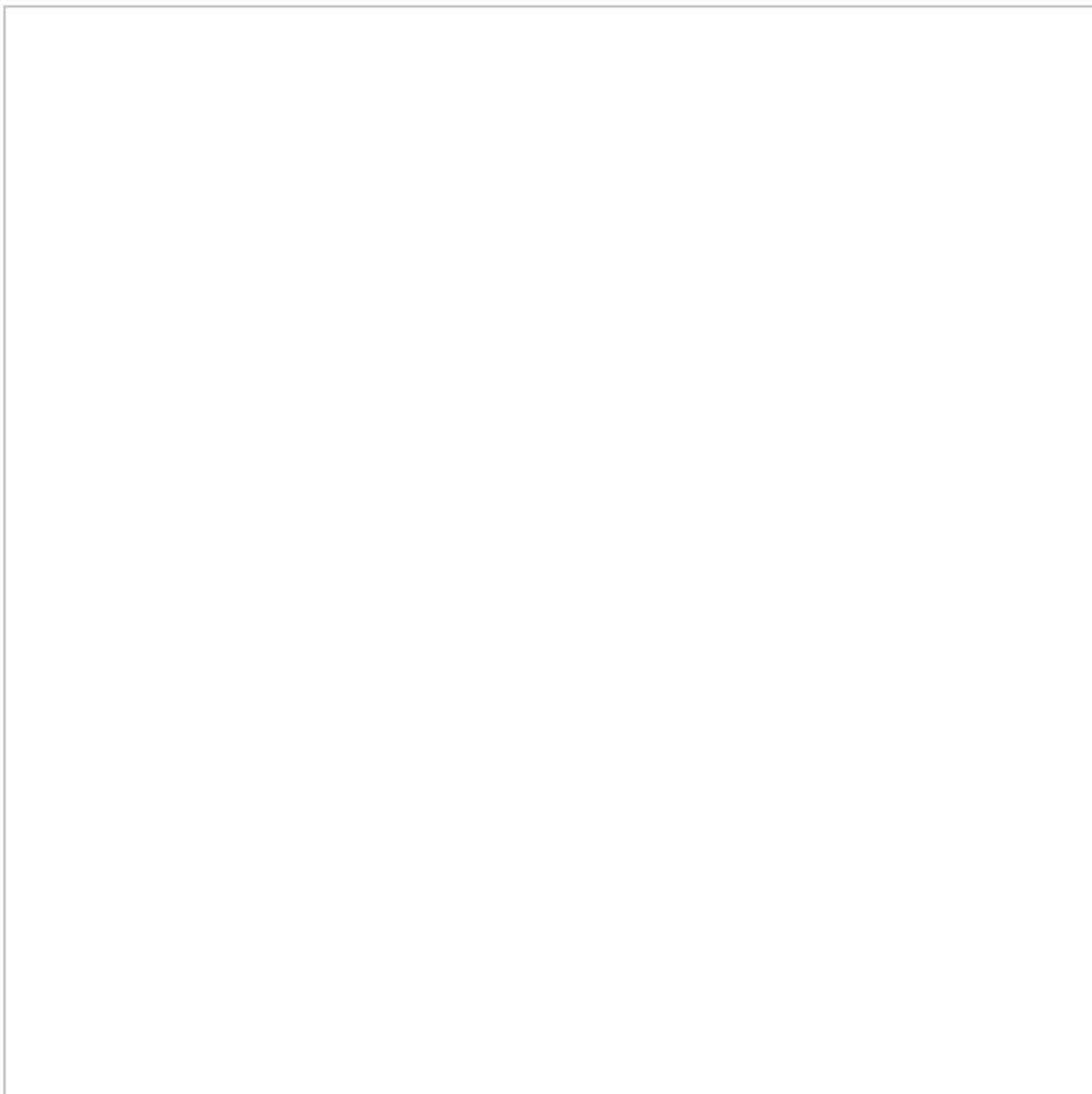
Including at least three of his former colleagues in the Obama White House:











Trump and Paul Ryan pose for photographers after meeting in the Speaker's office last week. (Alex Brandon/AP)

**DOES THE REACTION FORESHADOW HOW REPUBLICANS WILL ACT IN THE AGE OF TRUMP?**

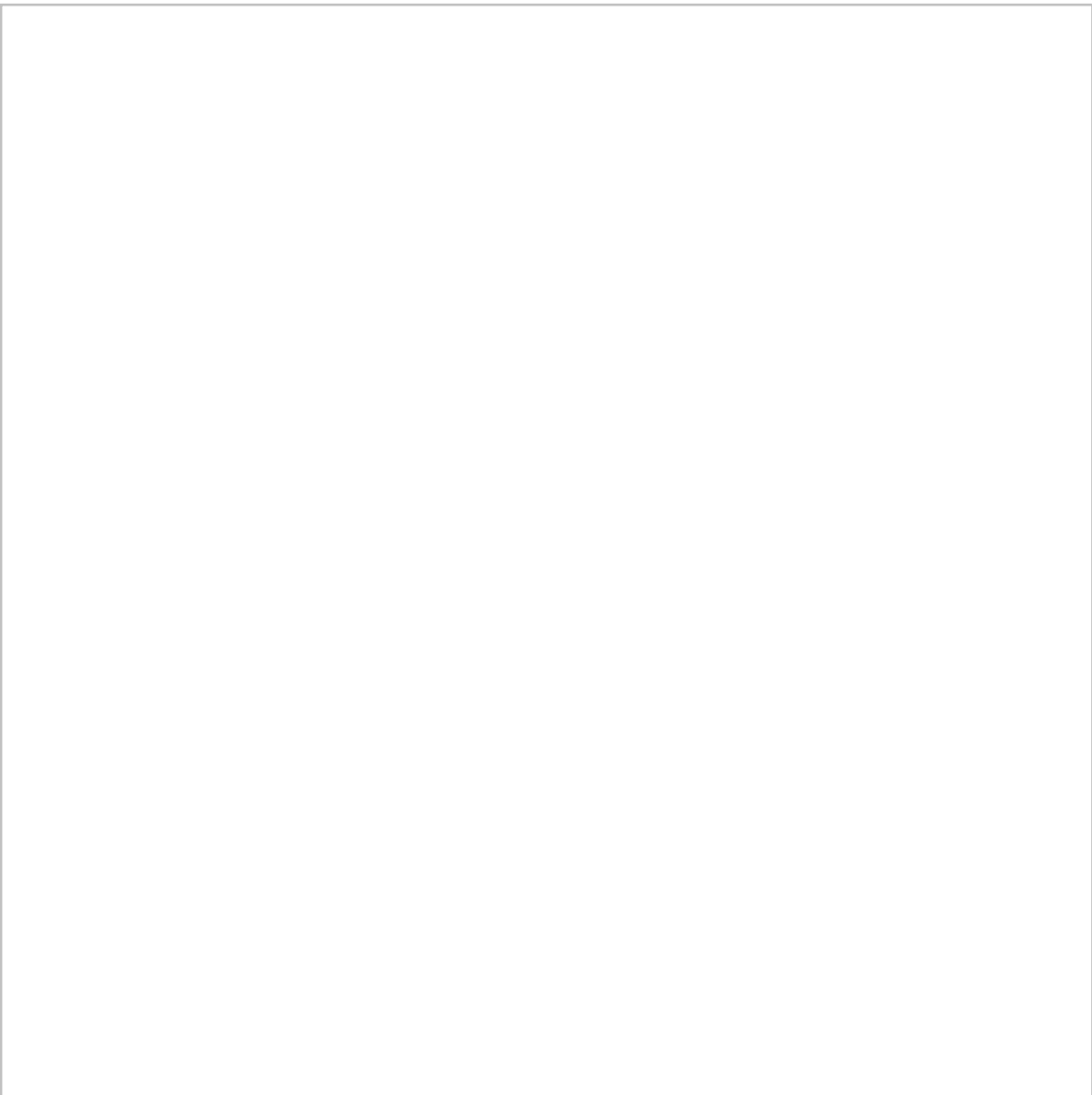
-- **There's a pattern with Trump: Establishment Republicans hear what they want to hear and try to disregard what they do not want to hear. Many members of Congress praised Trump for hiring Priebus last night and completely ignored the controversial Bannon selection. Some examples:**





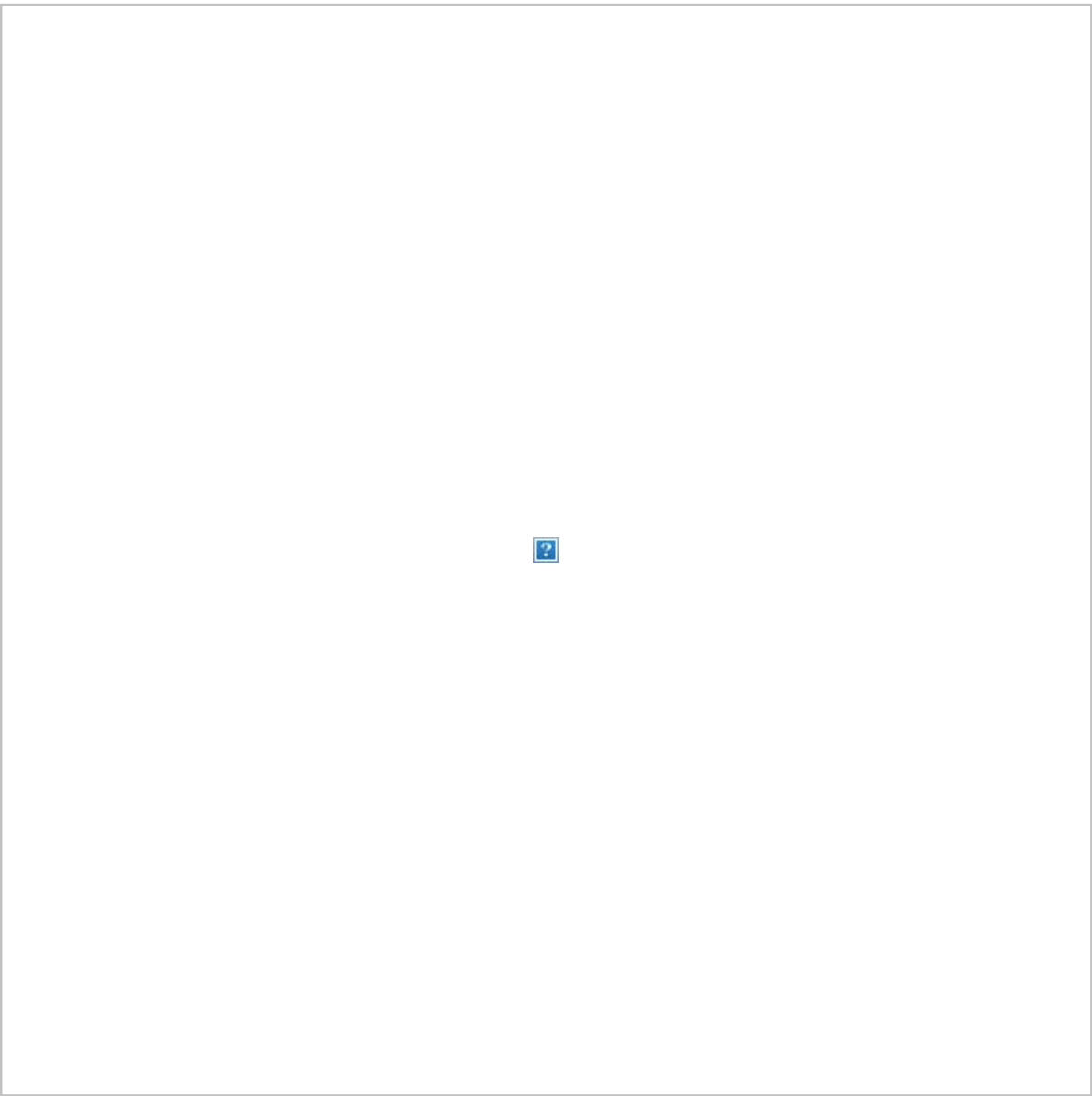






**-- To be sure, some Republicans blasted Bannon – but none who hold elected office. At least not yet:**

Evan McMullin, the independent presidential candidate, called on GOP leaders to take a stand against Bannon:

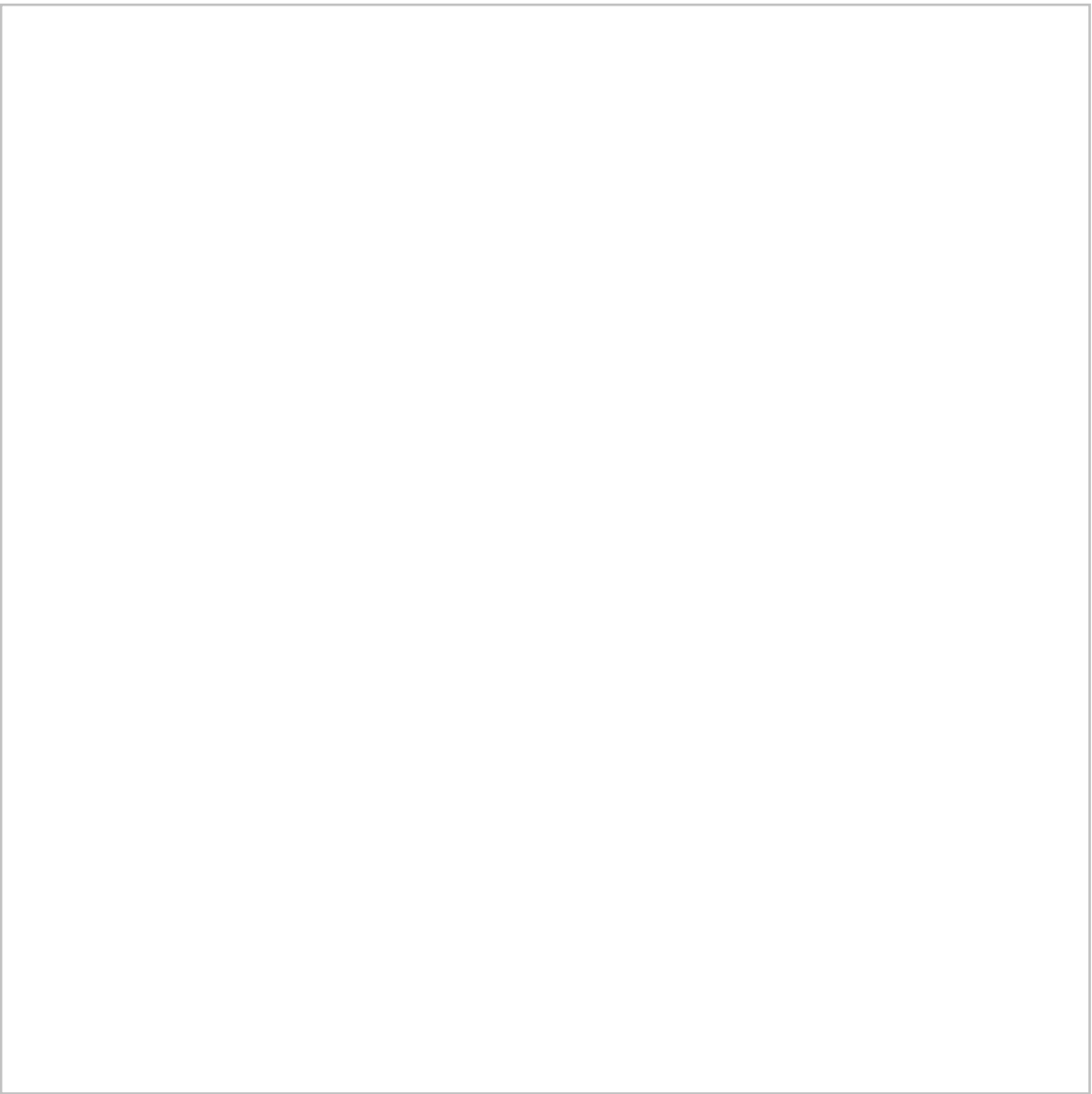


From the chief strategist to John Kasich:

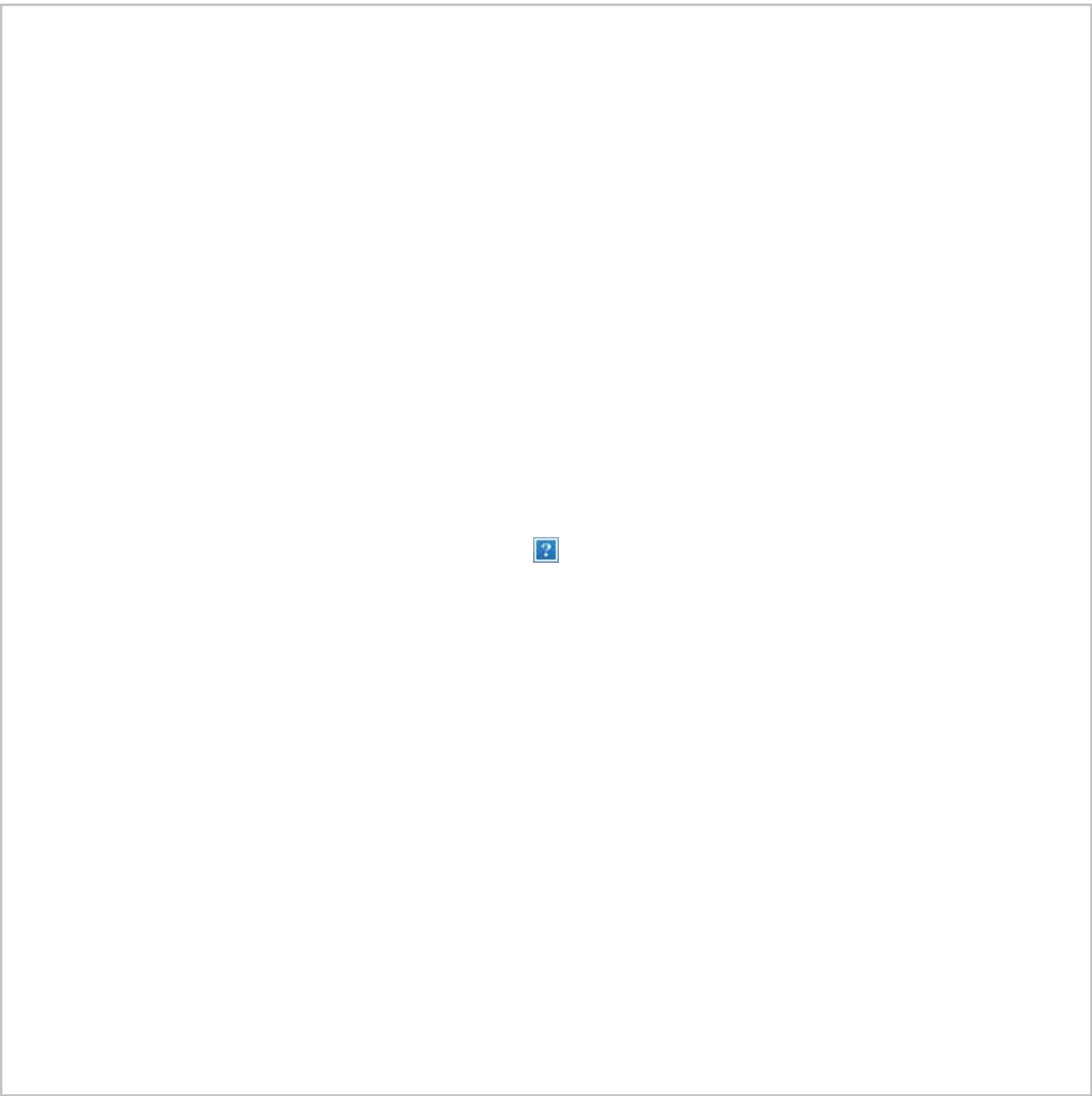








From a writer for the very conservative RedState:



**REINCE'S ROLE:**

Trump greets Priebus during a rally in Erie, Pennsylvania in August. (Eric Thayer/Reuters)</p></p>



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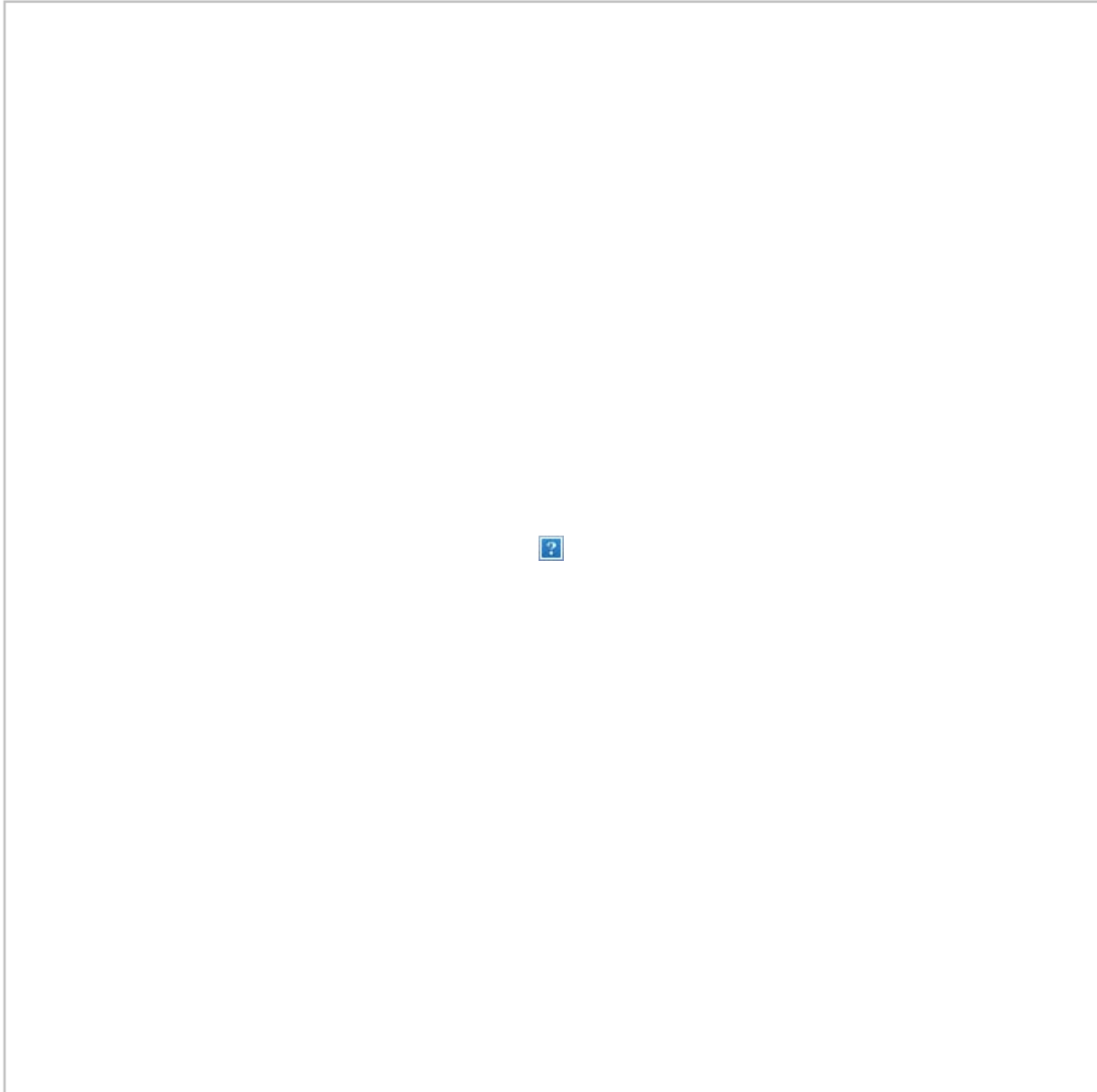
-- **From Day One, part of Priebus's portfolio will surely include getting Trump reelected in 2020.** He's a Republican apparatchik who cares first and foremost about winning elections. Surely more than Bannon, he will be thinking about winning the Virginia gubernatorial race in 2017 and protecting GOP candidates up for reelection in 2018, when anti-Trump headwinds will be strong (if history is any guide). That will mean urging Trump to be as conventional as possible while also building up a fundraising apparatus to support his future endeavors.

-- **The extent of the 44-year-old's legislative experience is that he was a clerk for the Wisconsin State Assembly's Education Committee between college and law school.** (The son of an electrician went to the University of Wisconsin campus in *Whitewater*, and he earned a law degree from the University of *Miami*.)

In January 2011, Priebus toppled Michael Steele – who had previously been an ally – by promising to focus more on fundraising than Sunday show appearances. The committee was in debt, and Steele had committed a stream of gaffes. Priebus's pitch to the 168 members of the party's governing body was built around the message that he would be ["no drama."](#)

-- **Priebus proved to be a [voracious](#) fundraiser, and major RNC contributors are relieved that they will**

**have suction in the Trump White House.** Priebus's selection ensures that Republican lobbyists will have an open door and suggests that the new administration will be more transactional than it might have been otherwise. Watch to see who gets the ambassadorships...



In September, Nancy Pelosi and Mitch McConnell watch as Paul Ryan hammers in a nail for Chuck Schumer after he bent his during a ceremony to drive in the first nails to signify the start of construction on the 2017 presidential inaugural platform. (Andrew Harnik/AP)

**-- But, but, but: The Priebus-Bannon duo signals that Trump does not think he'll need to actually work that much with Democrats.** Reince spent the past five years traveling the country assailing people like Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi. Howard Baker he is not...

**This could be a strategic mistake. While Republicans have majorities in both chambers, the GOP only has 52 seats in the Senate.** Unless Mitch McConnell invokes the nuclear option, and it's not clear there is enough appetite in his caucus to do so, that means that Trump will need to find eight Democratic votes to get the 60 votes needed to pass any big ticket piece of legislation. Who is the White House going to send over to the Capitol to negotiate?

Kellyanne Conway arrives at Trump Tower yesterday. (Timothy A. Clary/AFP/Getty Images)</p>□



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#### **FIVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW ARRANGEMENT—**

-- **What role will Kellyanne Conway play?** Will she be the Valerie Jarrett of the Trump administration? Ronald Reagan had a troika running his White House, and the model (mostly) worked. James Baker was the chief of staff despite having worked against the new president in the 1976 and 1980 Republican primaries, and longtime loyalist Meese (who had served Reagan in Sacramento) had more of the strategic role.

Historian Michael Bechloss posts the breakdown of responsibilities both men agreed to 36 years ago yesterday:



The third member of the so-called troika was Mike Deaver, who as deputy chief of staff focused mostly on the president's public image. Conway, who was campaign manager, said last week that Trump offered her a White House job. But we don't know which job. Perhaps she will play a role akin to Deaver's?

-- **Where do the kids fit in?** The New York Times reports that Ivanka Trump, and her husband, Jared Kushner, were the ones who convinced Donald not to give Bannon the chief of staff title. "Mr. Kushner is likely to wield great influence over the new president regardless of whether he holds a formal title. Mr. Kushner, who has no experience in politics or government, often has the final word in advising Mr. Trump," [Mike Shear, Maggie Haberman and Allan Rappoport](#) write.

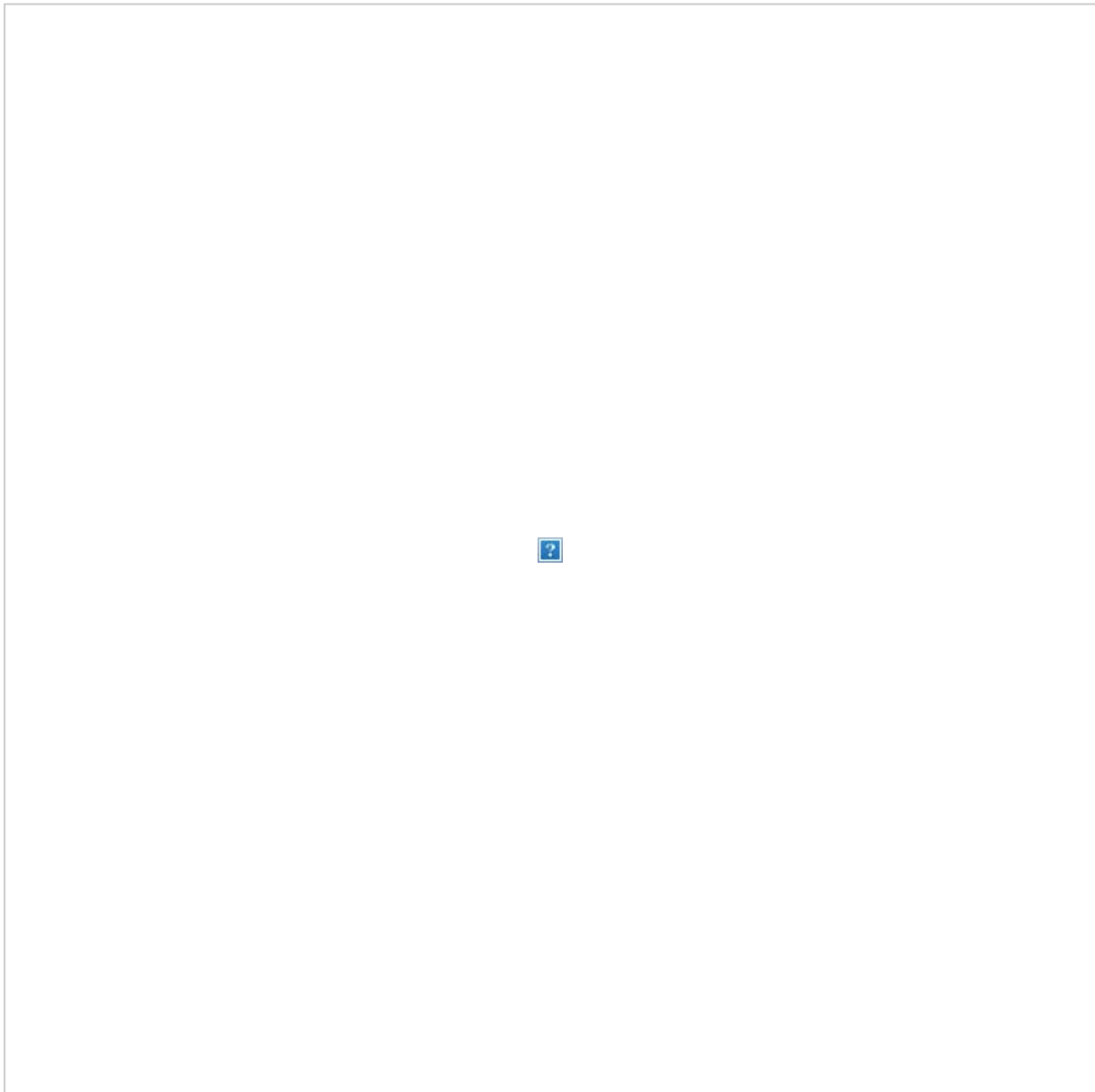
**"The often undefined nature of the 'senior counselor' and 'chief strategist' job can be a blessing and a curse,"** [Damian Paletta explains in the Wall Street Journal](#). "The job will allow Mr. Bannon to weigh in on virtually any decision Mr. Trump seeks his advice on, but could also open him up to internal jostling if other advisers—or family members—try to marginalize his input. Mr. Axelrod's title in the Obama administration was 'senior advisor' and he said in an email that Mr. Bannon's impact could be unclear at first because 'every White House is different.' ... John Sununu, chief of staff to President George H.W. Bush, said there is only one person who really knows what role Mr. Bannon will play. 'Only Trump knows what he wants Bannon's job to be,' he said."



-- **How centralized will the Trump administration be?** Are cabinet secretaries going to get empowered to a greater degree than in the Obama years? Who actually makes decisions about policy? “It’s like the dog chasing the bus and we’ve finally caught it,” one Trump adviser [told Phil Rucker](#) this weekend. “So now we have to figure out what to do.”

-- **Who will Trump choose to replace Priebus as RNC chair?** The president gets to pick the party leader, by custom, but his choice must be ratified by the 168 members of the committee. “One senior Trump aide said Lewandowski is among those being considered for the post. Another possibility is David Bossie, a Trump adviser who also serves as an RNC committeeman,” [per Politico’s Alex Isenstadt and Marc Caputo](#).

-- **How many women will be in Trump’s cabinet?** Hillary Clinton promised that half her cabinet would be women and said her administration would look like America. Trump has made no such promises. Only white men have ever served as White House chief of staff. That tradition will continue. (See [a list of the 28 white guys who have held the job since Harry Truman created it here](#).)



A park ranger gives a tour near the high-water mark of the Confederacy at Gettysburg National Military Park to Trump and Bannon on Oct. 22. (Evan Vucci/AP)

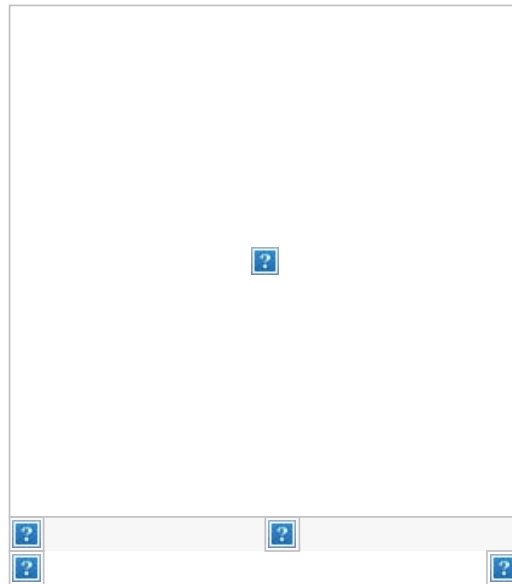
**THE MEDIA ANGLE: Bannon’s appointment is a boon for Breitbart News.**

-- "It will be as close as we are ever going to have — hopefully — to a state-run media enterprise," former Breitbart spokesman Kurt Bardella, who quit after saying the site had turned into a de facto Trump "super PAC," tells [the Times](#).

-- "We're the platform for the alt-right," Bannon [told Mother Jones](#) at the Republican National Convention in July. (Flashback to Oct. 2015: "[This Man Is the Most Dangerous Political Operative in America](#)," by Joshua Green for Bloomberg Businessweek.)

-- Here are some headlines that have run on Breitbart:

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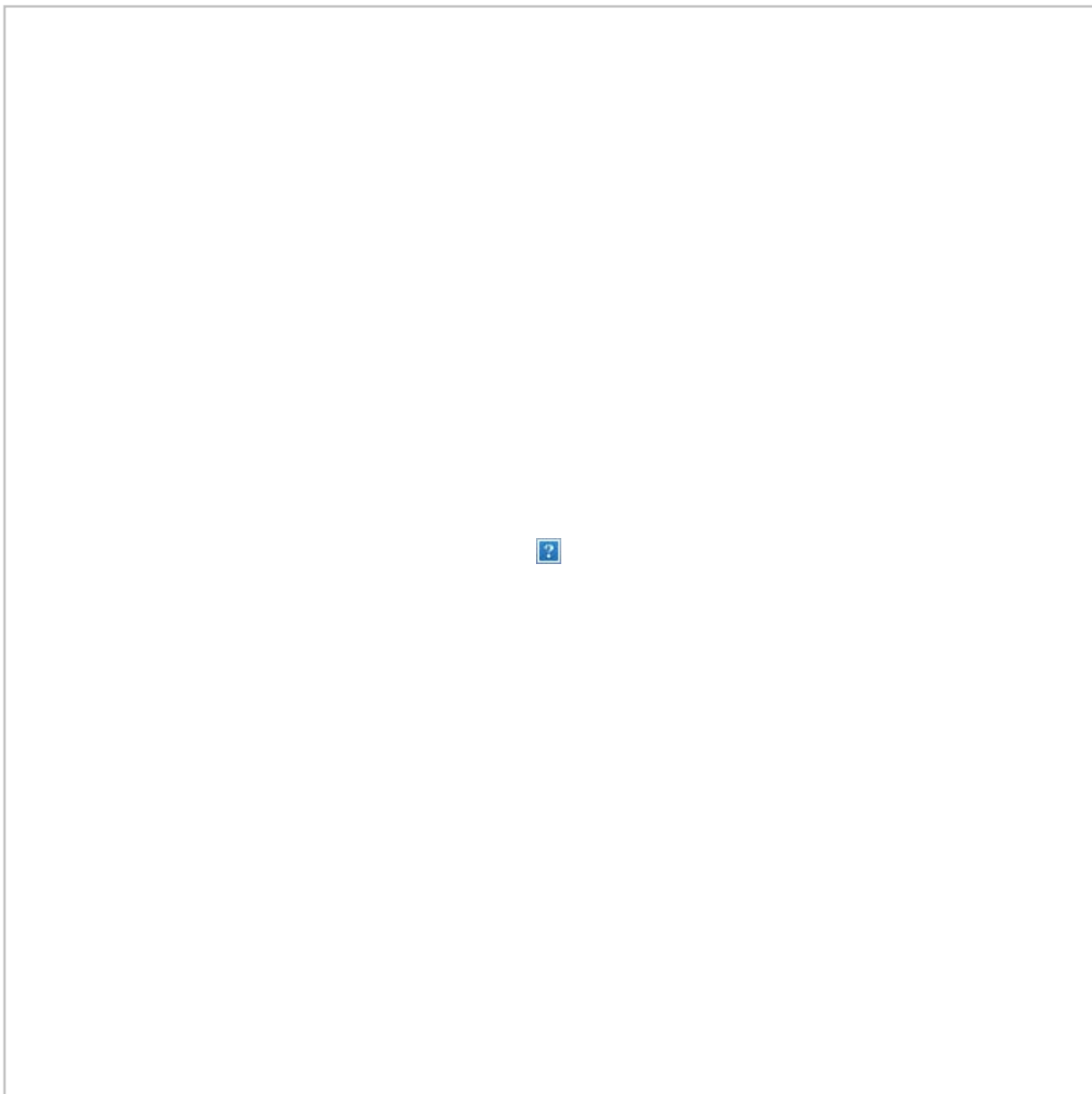






-- [Reuters reports](#) that Breitbart has ambitious plans to dramatically expand U.S. operations and launch sites in both Germany and France: “Breitbart's U.S. technology editor Milo Yiannopoulos is meeting with producers outside of Breitbart to explore launching a new television show. ... (Bannon) launched Breitbart London in 2013 after seeing a ‘business opportunity’ in the campaign to leave the European Union ... Breitbart London's political and business aims were so closely integrated that (the editor of the U.K. vertical) took a brief leave of absence from the site to advise Nigel Farage, the leader of the Brexit movement. ... Bannon's bet paid off: the June 23 vote to leave the EU was Breitbart's most heavily trafficked day up to that point--both in London and the United States.”

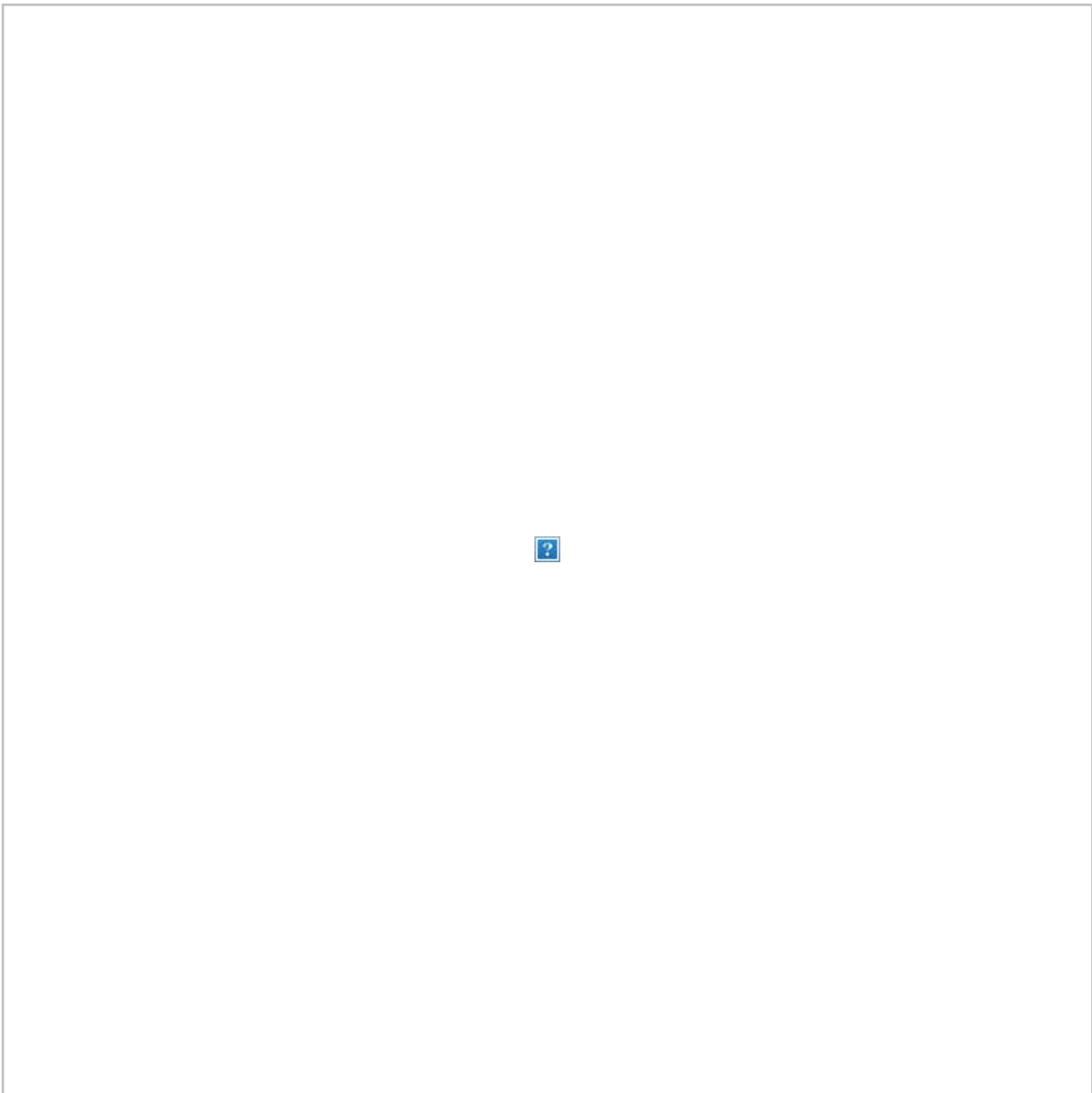
-- **A cautionary tale: Remember Michelle Fields?** “Even when one of its own reporters said Lewandowski had grabbed her at a campaign event, the campaign denied it — and Breitbart (then being run day-to-day by Bannon) tried to prove that the campaign was right and its own reporter was wrong. Video evidence later showed the campaign was wrong and Lewandowski did grab the reporter,” [our Aaron Blake](#) recalls.



Marine Le Pen, the leader of the French National Front party, speaks at a rally in September. (Jean-Paul Pelissier/Reuters)

**-- Bannon sees Trumpism as part of a much larger global movement of populism and nationalism.**

**Marion Maréchal-Le Pen — a rising star in France’s far-right National Front and the niece of the party’s leader, Marine Le Pen — wrote on Twitter Saturday that she would like to “work together” with Bannon.** [From our James McAuley in Paris:](#) Le Pen, 26, became the youngest member of France’s Parliament in 2012. She was elected to represent Vaucluse, a region in southern France with heavy ties to the National Front, a party founded by her grandfather, the 88-year-old Jean-Marie Le Pen. He once referred to the Nazi concentration camps as a “detail of history.”



-- **Bannon has explained that Trump is more of a reactionary than a revolutionary.** “This is not the French Revolution,” he told Businessweek for [a cover story](#) last month. “They destroyed the basic institutions of their society and changed their form of government. **What Trump represents is a restoration**—a restoration of true American capitalism and a revolution against state-sponsored socialism.”

A sign of what's to come? Breitbart last night tweeted out that Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) does not support retaining Ryan as Speaker:





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**WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:**



Lesley Stahl interviews Donald and Melania for "60 Minutes." The interview taped Friday and aired last night. (Chris Albert for CBSNews/via AP)

-- **Trump's first post-election interview aired on CBS's "60 Minutes" last night. He doubled down on several of his campaign pledges while softening his rhetoric on immigration and same-sex marriage.**

Watch the segment [here](#). Six highlights:

- **On marriage equality:** "It's done," he told Lesley Stahl, seeking to assuage fears that a conservative Supreme Court would overturn the landmark 2015 decision. "These cases have gone to the Supreme Court. They've been settled ... And I'm fine with that."
- **On abortion, however, he reiterated his campaign pledge to nominate a pro-life Supreme Court justice:** "I'm pro-life," Trump said. "The judges will be pro-life." If Roe v. Wade were overturned, Trump said, abortion rights issues "would be decided by individual states."
- **On immigration, Trump pledged to deport "two to three million" undocumented immigrants with criminal records after his inauguration and "make a determination" on others later.** "What we are going to do is get the people that are criminal and have criminal records, gang members, drug dealers, where a lot of these people, probably 2 million, it could be even 3 million, we are getting them out of our country or we are going to incarcerate," he said. After the border is secure, he said, his administration will make a "determination" on the others. ([Amy B Wang](#))

- **On the wave of racial slurs and threats that have spiked since Tuesday’s election:** “I am so saddened to hear that. And I say, ‘Stop it.’ If it-- if it helps,” Trump said, turning from Stahl to face another camera. “I will say this, and I will say right to the cameras: Stop it.” ([Politico](#))
- **Trump declined to say whether he would continue to investigate Clinton as commander-in-chief:** “They’re good people,” he said of the Clintons. “I don’t want to hurt them.”
- **And he made clear he will keep using Twitter.** “I’m not saying I love it, but it does get the word out,” he said, boasting that he gained 100,000 followers on Thursday alone.



Hundreds of thousands of protesters gather in Seoul to demand South Korean President Park Geun-hye's resignation. (Reuters/Kim Hong-Ji)

**GET SMART FAST:**

1. **South Korean prosecutors said they will question President Park Geun-hye early this week over her role in a political corruption scandal, after hundreds of thousands of protesters gathered in Seoul this weekend to demand her resignation.** ([CNN](#))
2. **Four Americans were killed, and at least 17 others were injured, after a suicide bomber detonated his vest inside the largest NATO military base in Afghanistan this weekend.** The Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast, which took place during a “fun run” on the base. Experts worried that the

attack could reinforce U.S. safety concerns and might prompt a future Trump administration to pull out the remaining 10,000 U.S. service members in the country. ([Thomas Gibbons-Neff](#))

3. **At least two are dead after a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck the south island of New Zealand**, triggering six-foot-high waves and a temporary tsunami alert. ([Anna Fifield](#))
4. **A U.S. task force issued new guidance for cholesterol-burning statin drugs, expanding the universe of people who should be considered for the medication to everyone over age 40.** The recommendations largely corroborate the position of the American Heart Association, which warns people with no signs, symptoms or history of cardiovascular disease can still be at risk for a heart attack or stroke. ([Ariana Eunjung Cha](#))
5. **A major 10-year study found that the drug Celebrex is “at least as safe” as widely-used painkillers ibuprofen and naproxen**, putting to rest fears that the commonly-prescribed arthritis medicine could increase the risk of heart problems. More surprisingly, researchers found evidence that Celebrex is *less* likely than the other two pain relievers to cause kidney and gastrointestinal problems. ([Lenny Bernstein](#))
6. **As backlash against the anti-vaccine movement rises, pediatricians say they are facing new pressures from parents -- who insist they drop all non-vaccinating patients in order to keep the other children healthy.** The new pressure comes as the anti-vaccine movement has, in recent years, triggered a resurgence of preventable childhood diseases such as measles, mumps and whooping cough. ([Lena H. Sun](#))

Laura Ingraham speaks at the RNC in July. (J. Scott Applewhite/AP)</p></p>



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### **TRUMP TAKES WASHINGTON:**

-- **Conservative radio host Laura Ingraham is under consideration to serve as Trump's White House press secretary.** "Trump appreciated Ingraham's loyalty through the campaign," [The Hill's Jonathan Swan](#) reports. "A former white-collar defense attorney and Supreme Court law clerk, Ingraham helped Trump with debate preparation. She also campaigned on his behalf and offered occasional strategic advice." Ingraham is reportedly in contact with people in Trump's inner circle and has "expressed interest" in the role.

-- **Irony alert: The House Freedom Caucus could find its influence crippled by the ascension of Trump.** "While Mr. Trump and the few dozen members of the Freedom Caucus may share the anti-establishment mantle, the caucus has yet to forge a relationship with the president-elect, potentially squandering an opportunity to help shape the party's agenda," [the New York Times's Emmarie Huetteman](#) notes. "In assembling his presidential transition team, Mr. Trump has, so far, turned instead to less hard-line members of Congress. [And] Mr. Trump's victory defanged the Freedom Caucus's most serious threat: a challenge to the speakership of [Ryan], which could have been used as leverage toward other goals."

-- **Economists say Trump's presidency will usher in a new era for the U.S. economy – forecasting faster economic growth and higher inflation.** From the Wall Street Journal's [Josh Zumbrun](#) on A1: "The forecasts were collected from 57 academic, business and financial economists from Nov. 9 to Nov. 11. Their average forecasts for growth, inflation and interest rates in both 2017 and 2018 all rose, at least slightly, from a survey conducted before the election in October." **Meanwhile, the potential for a trade war topped the list of economic concerns**, with 43 percent of economists citing it as the biggest risk.

-- **Chris Christie, who was replaced Friday night as leader of the Trump transition effort by Mike Pence, has lost lots of influence.** [The New York Post reports](#) that Trump is so "disgusted" by Christie's handling of the Bridgegate scandal that the New Jersey governor is being removed from his inner circle. "Trump thought it was shameful that Christie didn't take the fall for [convicted aide] Bridget Kelly," a source close to the transition team said. "Trump is really angry that Christie is sending a soccer mom to jail. He believes 100 percent that Christie was behind it all." Both former aides could face more than 20 years in jail.

-- **Billionaire activist investor Carl Icahn said he has no desire to serve in the president-elect's future administration, despite Trump's insistence that they could "use somebody like him in the White House."** "I'm not gonna go to Washington," Icahn said. "My personality is such I've never worked for anyone in my life and I'm not gonna start now at my age." ([CNN Money](#))

-- **Trump's ex-wife Ivana expressed a desire to serve as the U.S. ambassador to the Czech Republic:** "It is where I'm from and my language and everybody knows me," she told the [New York Post](#) in an interview. "I'm quite known all around the world ... I have written three books, and they were translated in 40 countries in 25 languages. I'm known by the name Ivana. I really did not need the name Trump."

-- **Melania, Trump's current wife, is suing both the Daily Mail and a 70-year-old Maryland blogger for defamation, saying both sites published false stories about her involvement with an escort agency.** Both sites have since issued retractions on the claim, and attorneys for blogger Webster Tarpley have asked a judge to dismiss the lawsuit, saying he wasn't necessarily advancing the assertions as truth. ([Dan Morse](#))



President Obama leaves Joint Base Andrews yesterday after playing golf. (Yuri Gripas/AFP/Getty Images)

#### **THE WORLD REACTS:**

-- **President Obama begins his final world tour under a “cloud of uncertainty” about the future of America’s role on the international stage, an outcome he repeatedly told nervous foreign leaders wouldn’t happen.** From [Carol E. Lee and Marcus Walker](#) in the Wall Street Journal: “It isn’t the curtain call that Mr. Obama expected after eight years of crisscrossing the globe to try to shape a new era of American foreign policy. In addition to ... individual meetings with [Angela] Merkel and Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras in Athens, [Obama] will also hold an expanded meeting with the leaders of Germany, France, the U.K., Italy and Spain while in Berlin. European leaders had hoped these meetings would focus on the economy, Russia, Syria and trans-Atlantic trade. But discussions now are likely to be dominated by what Europe might expect under Mr. Trump. **‘In a moment of deep shock and depression in Europe ... this visit has become a kind of group therapy by which European leaders will try to reassure themselves that the America we know won’t disappear,’** said Stanford international studies scholar Josef Joffe.”

-- **A group of E.U. foreign ministers gathered to discuss the potential ramifications of a Trump presidency in Brussels on Sunday,** vowing to hold firm on global issues -- including the Iranian nuclear deal and the Paris climate-change agreement -- while also signaling their commitment to work with the new

administration. EU foreign-policy chief Federica Mogherini said the U.S. is, for Europe, a “key, indispensable partner” and cited the necessity of strengthening ties with members of Trump’s transition team. **The session proved to be a contentious affair within the bloc, with leaders from the U.K., France, and Hungary each declining to attend.** ([Wall Street Journal](#))

-- **“[After Trump’s coup, a worldwide populist deluge?](#)”** by Griff Witte, Emily Rauhala and Dom Phillips: “The populist wave of 2016 that carried Trump to the pinnacle of international power and influence didn’t start in the United States. And it certainly won’t end there. Instead, the biggest prize yet for a global movement built on a seemingly bottomless reserve of political, economic and cultural grievance is likely to be an accelerant to even more victories for people and causes bent on upending the existing world order. And unless something dramatic changes to curb the populist appeal, a scattering of surprise victories this year could soon turn into a worldwide rout — the triumph of those who preach strong action over rule of law, unilateralism instead of cooperation and the interests of the majority above the rights of ethnic and religious minorities. ‘Their world is collapsing,’ tweeted an [adviser to] far-right leader Marine le Pen, following Trump’s victory. ‘Ours is being built.’”

-- **Will a President Trump drive the world deeper into chaos and start a global trade war – or will his radical instincts be tamed once he takes office? Two tests are likely to give us a better idea, [Jackson Diehl](#) writes. The first: appointments.** Trump-tamers are hoping he will staff top national security posts with seasoned hands: Sen. Bob Corker; former national security adviser Stephen Hadley; David Petraeus. “To do that they must overcome his strong inclination to install eccentric cronies ... The top appointments matter because they will determine whether scores of Republican foreign policy professionals join or shun the new administration.” **The other big test will be Trump’s handling of Putin:** “ ... If he follows up on his suggestion of an early meeting with Putin, we will start to see if the new president is different from Obama and [Bush], both of whom started by trying to cultivate the Putin regime. Putin will ask for the lifting of U.S. sanctions ... and for a U.S.-Russia alliance behind the Bashar al-Assad regime in Syria. Will Trump comply? If he does, we will know that the global order is shifting.”

-- **Chinese President Xi Jinping called Trump on Sunday to congratulate him.** The two "established a clear sense of mutual respect for one another," according to a short statement from Trump's transition team. "President-elect Trump stated that he believes the two leaders will have one of the strongest relationships for both countries moving forward," it added. ([CNN](#))

Gingrich says 'substantial deportations' are likely under President-elect Trump

**SUNDAY SHOW HIGHLIGHTS:**

-- **Newt Gingrich said on CBS that Trump needs to be “aggressive” on immigration:** “They’re called criminals. I mean, 2 million people would be a lot of people to deport,” he said. “And if, at the same time, you gain control of the border, and if you pass a guest worker program, you’d be a long way toward then three, or four, or five years from now dealing with the rest of the folks who are here without legal permission.”

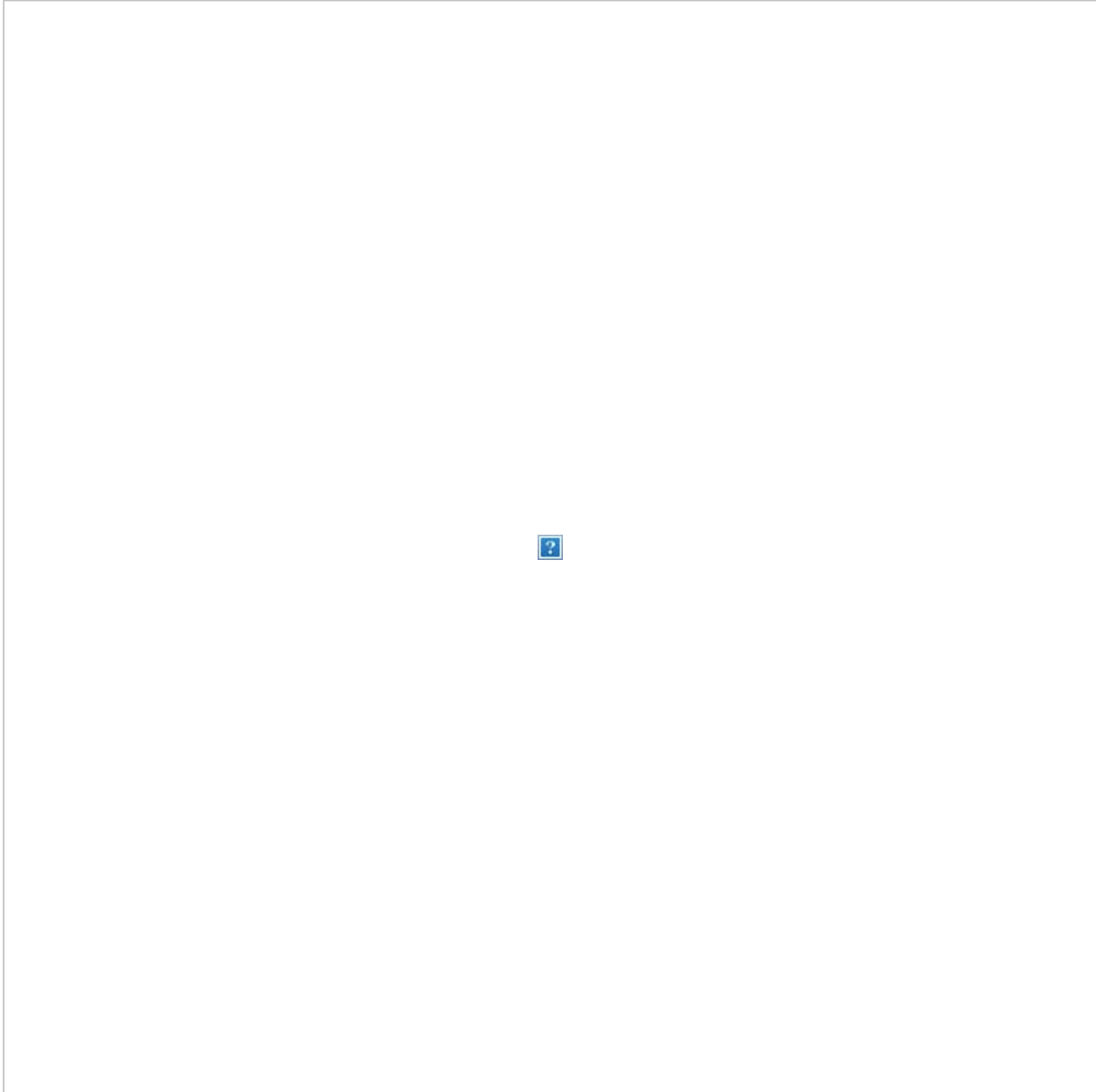
-- **Meanwhile, Paul Ryan sought to assuage fears about Trump’s immigration plan on CNN, stressing that the president-elect is not actually planning to have a roving “deportation force”:** “We’re focused on securing the border. We believe a security enforcement bill is our top priority. We are not planning on erecting a deportation force. [Trump] is not planning on that.” ([Cleve R. Wootson Jr.](#))

-- **Rudy Giuliani said “there will be a wall” between Trump’s decisions as president and his financial interests, encouraging the real estate developer to put his money in a blind trust on ABC’s “This Week.”** “For the good of the country, and the fact you don’t want a question coming up every time there’s a decision made, he should basically take himself out of it and just be a passive participant in the sense that he has no decision-making, no involvement,” the former New York mayor said. “And those decisions get made separate from him, which is the way it’s done for most cabinet offices.” ([Cleve R. Wootson Jr. and Kristine](#)



[Guerra](#))

-- **Kellyanne Conway called on Clinton and Obama to come forward and calm their supporters, putting the onus on the Democrats to quell the wave of anti-Trump protests that have swept across the country.** Trump is “there for them. And he is going to be a president that listens and takes the counsel of many different people, including those from the other side of the aisle,” Conway said on NBC’s “Meet the Press.” “It’s time really for President Obama and Secretary Clinton to say to these protesters, ‘This man is our president.’” (Both Clinton and Obama said exactly that in their speeches following Trump’s victory on Tuesday night, [Amy B Wang](#) notes. ([Watch the video here.](#))



A police officer sprays the crowd with an irritant during a protest against Trump in Portland on Saturday. (William Gagan/Reuters)

#### **AMERICA, DIVIDED:**

-- **Three in four Americans accept Trump’s election as legitimate, according to a fresh [Washington Post/ABC News](#) survey. Among Clinton supporters, 58 percent say they accept the election results as legitimate, compared to 33 percent who do not.** Other highlights, via pollster [Scott Clement](#):

- **There are sharp racial and gender differences among the dissenters:** While just 18 percent of Clinton-supporting whites say Trump is not the legitimate winner, 51 percent of black, Hispanic and other nonwhite Clinton supporters say Trump's victory was illegitimate.
- **Women who backed the Democratic nominee are twice as likely to question Trump's win as legitimate (42-21).**

-- **Reports of hate-based intimidation and harassment have spiked in the U.S. since Election Day, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center:** The civil rights organization has counted more than 200 incidents nationwide since Tuesday night's election, reporting that many – while not all – of the incidents directly referenced Trump's campaign. "It's way outside of the norm," a spokesperson for the organization [told ABC News](#). "We do not see hundreds of incidents over a couple days ever. **The only thing that is really analogous is the rash of hate crimes that occurred after the Brexit vote.**"

-- **A University of Michigan student was approached by a stranger who threatened to set her on fire if she didn't remove her hijab, police said.** They are investigating the incident as a hate crime. ([Kristine Guerra](#))

-- **A Muslim high school teacher in Georgia said she received an anonymous note in her classroom telling her that her "headscarf isn't allowed anymore" and instructing her to "hang herself with it."** ([Kristine Guerra](#))

-- **Congregants at a predominantly Latino Episcopal Church in Silver Spring were greeted by hateful graffiti outside the sanctuary, with "Trump Nation" and "Whites Only" printed on a brick wall and church sign.** ([Michael Alison Chandler and Paul Duggan](#))

-- **A high school teacher and Holocaust scholar in California was placed on leave after drawing parallels between President-elect Trump and Adolf Hitler in his class.** The Silicon Valley-area teacher reportedly drew parent complaints after citing rhetorical similarities between the two leaders, including racially-charged statements and promises to make their countries "great again." ([Kristine Guerra](#))

-- **Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.) tweeted a picture of three young men waving Confederate flags at passersby during his town's Veterans Day parade. Two of them, he noted, were wearing Trump t-shirts.** ([Kristine Guerra](#))

-- **Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo (D) wrote a Facebook post declaring that his state of New York is a "refuge" for those who feel unsafe.** "Whether you are gay or straight, Muslim or Christian, rich or poor, black or white or brown, we respect all people in the state of New York," Cuomo wrote. "It's the very core of what we believe and who we are ... We don't allow a federal government that attacks immigrants to do so in our state." ([Kristine Guerra](#))

-- **Chicago pledged to continue to be "a sanctuary city" for undocumented immigrants, joining other cities in defying Trump's campaign promise to cut off federal funding if they do not turn over undocumented immigrants to ICE.** Mayor Rahm Emanuel is expected today to join other elected officials for a news conference to discuss how they will retain sanctuary status. Aldermen are expected to call on Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner to pressure Trump to back off his vow to interfere with funding, [Politico](#) reports.

-- **Rev. Al Sharpton said he is planning to lead a protest in D.C. six days before Trump's inauguration, vowing to "pressure" senators before they vote to confirm Trump's cabinet nominees.** "Saddle up your horse and fight for the future of this country," Sharpton said during his weekly broadcast in Harlem. "You think you're going to take away our health care? Saddle up your horse. We're going to fight every step of the way. ... We lost a round but the fight ain't over." ([Politico](#))

Keith Ellison collects his thoughts before an MSNBC hit. (Linda Davidson/The Washington Post)</p>□



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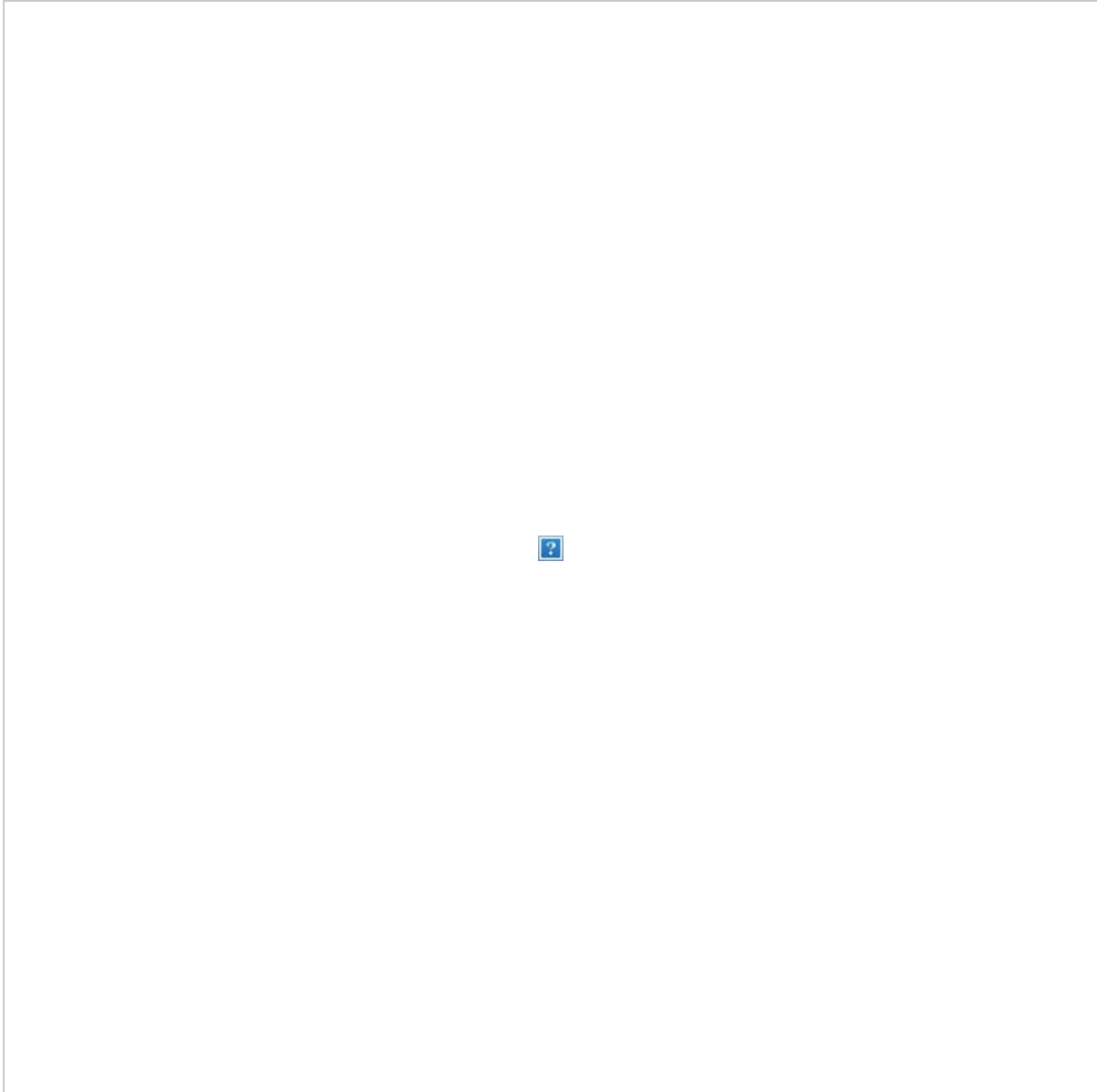
#### **THE FUTURE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY:**

**-- Harry Reid endorsed Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) for DNC chair on Sunday, becoming the latest high-profile Democrat to throw his support behind the Bernie supporter.** Ellison, who has emerged as a favorite for the position among liberal advocacy groups and lawmakers, has enjoyed broad support from Sens. Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, and Chuck Schumer. Meanwhile, other potential contenders for the position are former Vermont governor Howard Dean, former Maryland governor Martin O'Malley, South Carolina party chairman Jaime Harrison and DNC national finance chairman Henry Muñoz III. ([John Wagner](#))

**-- Ellison demurred on whether he would be willing to resign from his congressional seat to serve as DNC chairman, saying on ABC's "This Week" that the most important quality for the next party leader will be "vision."** "It's not about one person. It's about millions of people all working together to protect and advance the interests of working Americans," he said. His remarks come as some have argued that the party needs a full-time chairman at the helm as Democrats work to chart their path forward during a Trump administration. ([John Wagner](#))

**-- A small group of House Democrats requested a delay in leadership elections scheduled for this**

**Thursday, when Nancy Pelosi is expected to easily win another term as minority leader.** The letter was signed by at least 20 rank-and-file members and comes as some Democrats are privately complaining that the party has struggled to regain power since the GOP gained control in 2010. Rep. Doris Matsui (Calif.) circulated a separate letter to members of the House Democratic Women’s Caucus celebrating Pelosi’s leadership. As of Friday afternoon 40 of the 54 women had signed the letter urging Pelosi to remain as leader. ([Kelsey Snell and Karoun Demirjian](#))



Sanders: 'We will not accept racism,' 'sexism; or 'xenophobia'

**-- Bernie said this year’s presidential race was largely devoid of issues that matter to voters, urging the Democratic Party to “pound away” on real problems facing America’s working-class voters.** “I am tired of watching television where you have a campaign which is about Mr. Trump’s attitude toward women versus Hillary Clinton’s emails,” Sanders said on CBS. “You know what? Those are not the major issues facing America. ... [And] on virtually every major issue — raising the minimum wage, climate change, pay equity for women, rebuilding our infrastructure, making public colleges and universities tuition-free — we are the majority,” he said. “That is what the American people want. And the Democrats will win elections by pounding away on those issues.” ([John Wagner](#))

**-- Documentary filmmaker Michael Moore said Democrats would do well to nominate celebrity candidates for office, suggesting Oprah and Tom Hanks as 2020 contenders.** "We have so many of them,"

he said on [CNN](#). "The Republicans do this -- they run Reagan and the Terminator and other people." He added: "Why don't we run somebody that the American people love and are really drawn to, and that are smart and have good politics and all that?"

-- "[Soros bands with donors to resist Trump, 'take back power,'](#)" by Politico's **Kenneth P. Vogel**:

"George Soros and other rich liberals who spent tens of millions of dollars trying to elect [Clinton] are gathering in Washington for a three-day, closed door meeting to retool the big-money left to fight back against Trump. Yet the meeting also comes as many liberals are reassessing their approach to politics — and the role of the Democracy Alliance, or DA, as the club is known in Democratic finance circles. The DA ... over the last decade [has] had a major hand in shaping the institutions of the left, including by orienting some of its key organizations around Clinton, and by basing their strategy around the idea that minorities and women constituted a so-called 'rising American electorate' that could tip elections to Democrats. 'The DA itself should be called into question' said one Democratic strategist who has been active in the group ... **'You can make a very good case it's nothing more than a social club for a handful wealthy white donors and labor union officials to drink wine and read memos, as the Democratic Party burns down around them.'**"



Hillary Clinton arrived at The New Yorker Hotel in midtown Manhattan to concede last Wednesday. (Melina Mara/The Washington Post)

## WHY HILLARY LOST, CONT...:

-- **On a conference call for major donors Saturday afternoon, Hillary laid the blame squarely at the feet of James Comey, arguing that the FBI director's first letter stopped her momentum — and his second one the Sunday before the election only exacerbated the damage.** “There are lots of reasons why an election like this is not successful. But our analysis is that Jim Comey’s letter raising doubts that were groundless, baseless, proven to be, stopped our momentum,” she told those who bundled at least \$100,000. “Just as we were back up on the upward trajectory, the second letter from Comey essentially doing what we knew it would — saying there was no there there — was a real motivator” for angry or disappointed Trump voters to turn out, she added.

-- **“Clinton’s failure to attract enough supporters in Michigan and its Rust Belt neighbors Wisconsin and Pennsylvania cost her the election,”** [Abby Phillip, John Wagner and Anne Gearan](#) report. “And while many reasons have been offered up, both inside and outside the campaign, one reality has emerged in the days since Clinton’s stunning loss ... **a series of strategic mistakes, including some made in the final two weeks, probably sealed the deal.**” Three examples:

- **One error was to stick with the one-dimensional campaign strategy of attacking Trump, despite overwhelming evidence that the electorate was seeking a change candidate.** “There was an assumption that antipathy toward Trump would be enough to mobilize the base,” said former Obama strategist David Axelrod. “... [But] a certain lethargy ... sets in when you’ve had the White House for eight years. Your troops are just not as hungry.” Exit polls found that voters were aware of and repulsed by Trump’s brashness, but it was not enough to compel them to vote against him.
- **Another problem was devoting resources to states Clinton did not need, instead of shoring up support in critical Rust Belt states:** “Why go to Arizona? Who the hell needs Arizona?” said Lou D’Allesandro, a New Hampshire state senator. “You go to Michigan. You go to Pennsylvania. You play to your strengths in this business.”
- **Clinton’s lack of a simple or overarching economic message likely depressed voter turnout among her base.**

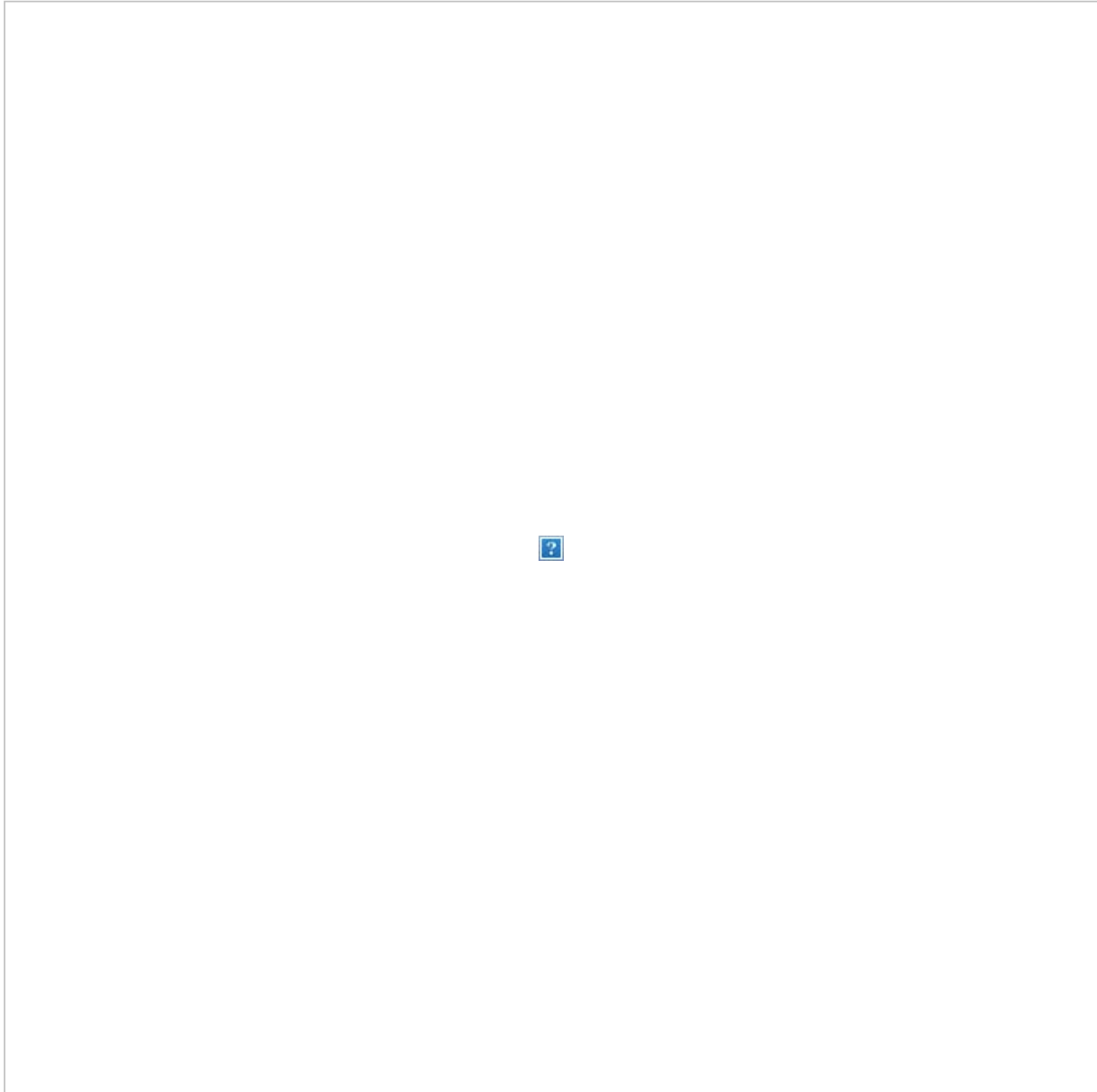
-- **“Cracks, and not the ceiling kind, were evident on Clinton’s last day on the trail,”** [Anne Gearan](#) recalls, **looking back:** “It was somewhat jarring when the campaign added a hastily arranged midnight rally in Raleigh to the schedule. The slapdash affair in a gymnasium at North Carolina State University was a happy occasion. Trouble might have been in the air, though. Clinton badly needed black voters in North Carolina, and the crowd was overwhelmingly white.”

-- **“The media narrative about the wretchedness of her political skills has obscured the fact that Hillary Clinton was a pretty great candidate for the presidency,”** [New York Magazine’s Rebecca Traister](#) writes. “Not a magnetic or inspiring speaker, no. The bearer of way too much awkward baggage, yes. But also: steady and strong and strategic and smart. Despite being under investigation by Congress and the FBI and the media, despite having her State Department emails made public ... and despite the rolling waves of sexism directed at her and the racism directed at her predecessor and political partner Obama, she literally won the popularity contest. And the fact that she tried to build a coalition of voters that brought together the marginalized groups that will one day be the majority in this country was inspired and forward-thinking, even in its ultimate failure. We have gotten a clear view of how deeply this country is invested in keeping women and people of color on the sidelines. This divide does not disappear now that the election is over, and the venom spewed by our future president and his supporters during the campaign is unlikely to subside.”

-- **One bright spot for Clinton: Hillary carried ORANGE COUNTY in California, the first time a Democrat has won there since FDR in 1936.** ([WSJ](#))

-- **Michael Dukakis called for an end to the Electoral College, blaming what he calls an “anachronistic system” for Tuesday’s results.** “Hillary won this election, and when the votes are all counted, by what will likely be more than a million votes. So how come she isn’t going to the White House in January? Because of an anachronistic Electoral College system which should have been abolished 150 years ago,” he told [Politico’s Gabriel Debenedetti](#) in an email. “That should be at the top of the Democratic priority list while we wait to see what a Trump administration has in store for us. So far, all we know is that dozens of lobbyists are all over the Trump transition — a strange way to drain the swamp.”

-- **“To point out Clinton’s popular-vote advantage is *not* a form of liberal denial,” [Post columnist E.J. Dionne argues](#). “It’s a way of beginning to build a barricade against right-wing triumphalism — and of reminding immigrants, Muslims, African Americans, Latinos and, yes, our daughters that most Americans stood with them on Election Day.** It is also not true that the emerging political coalition that elected [Obama] died on Nov. 8. That alliance maintained its national advantage ... despite an onslaught of partisan congressional investigations, Russian meddling and the last-minute political intervention of the FBI ... Obama and Clinton both did the expected thing in wishing Trump well, and Lord knows, nothing would make me happier than for Trump to surprise us by being a pragmatist who said a lot of stuff he didn’t believe to win the presidency. That wish, however, does not absolve us of the obligation to vigilance against the other possibility: that the real Trump is the man we actually watched, many of us in horror, month after month.”



People take photos of lanterns set afloat in the Canal Saint-Martin in Paris yesterday on the one-year anniversary of the terror attack that killed 130. (Alain Jocard/AFP/Getty Images)

#### **WAPO HIGHLIGHTS:**

-- **“[Fraternity, not hatred, is the answer for survivors of Paris attacks](#),” by James McAuley: “Nov. 13, 2015, has already gone down as the darkest day in French history since World War II, when 130 people were killed here in an Islamic State assault on daily life: a concert, a soccer game and cafes. These assaults by**

homegrown terrorists have created a backlash against Muslims ... that views them as a threat to national security and strikes at the heart of one of the nation's most sacred virtues: the ideal of fraternity. **But one group in particular has mobilized to defend that sense of fraternity threatened by the young terrorists. As unlikely as it is diverse, that group is made up of those who survived the Nov. 13 attacks and family members of those who died.** In the year since the attacks, a surprising number of them have published books and made art in response to their grief. While each tells a different personal story, all share the same general message: Hatred is unacceptable."

**Painful quote:** "The only thing that matters is that she's no longer here," said Antoine Leiris, who lost his wife in last year's attack. "Guns, bullets, violence — all of this is just background noise to the real tragedy now taking place: absence."

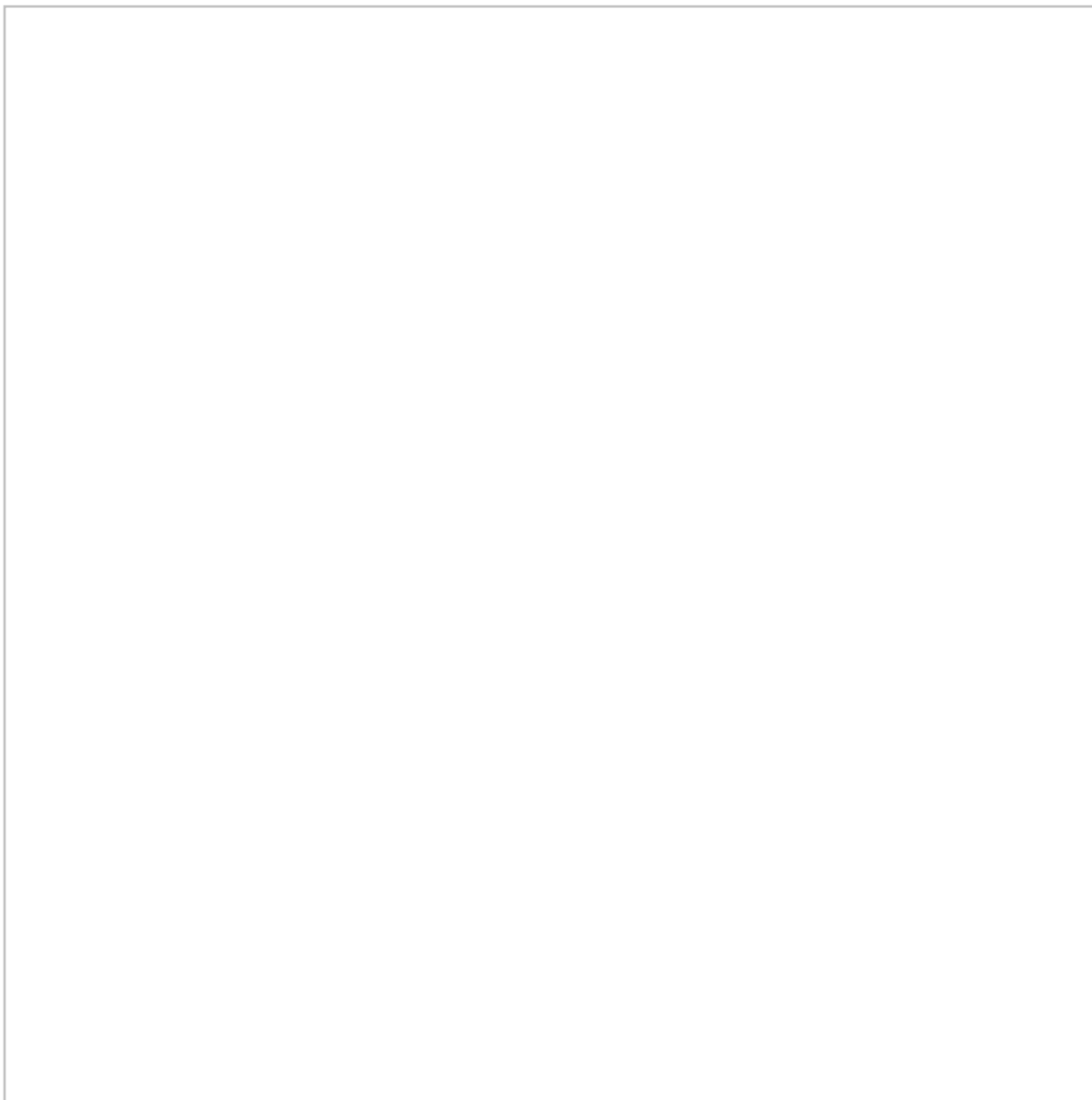
-- "[A giant reservoir that supplies a California county's drinking water is nearly empty,](#)" by Darryl Fears: "Lake Cachuma, a giant reservoir built to hold Santa Barbara County's drinking water, has all but vanished in California's historic drought. Under a sky that hardly ever delivers rain, the lake will only continue to fall, putting nearly a half-million county residents in an ugly situation. As early as January, the depth is expected to be too low to distribute water. Barring a winter miracle of massive snows and rains extending into April, weather that has forsaken Southern California for more than five years, there will be 'no water available next year from the reservoir' ... A soft drizzle had fallen twice in the previous week, but the bone-dry ground absorbed it before any reached the reservoir. 'Sad little rains,' said Snider, the marina mechanic, as he kicked dirt that should have been deep underwater. 'We've had sad little rains for six years.'"

-- "[A complicated past lies behind Portland's violent protests,](#)" by Leah Sottile: "Oregon's largest city is often depicted as a progressive haven: a bastion of hippies and hipsters, feminists and vegans, bike commuters, urban farmers, backyard-chicken owners and coffee snobs. **But Portland's kumbaya image isn't wholly reflective of its past — or its complicated present.** Tension is high over soaring rents and gentrification that are forcing out creative types and low-income residents. And the roots of racial inequality and white supremacy simmer under the clean exterior of a growing city where just 6 percent of the population is black ... When Oregon was admitted into the Union in 1859, it was founded as a white utopia, the only state with black exclusion laws written into its Constitution — language that voters didn't take action to remove until 2000. **[Now], the contentious presidential race and the election of Trump ... seems to have provided an opportunity for Oregon's racial tensions to surface.** 'Oregon is very rural and racist, even though we perpetuate progressiveness,'" said Black Lives Matter protester Teresa Raiford.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:**

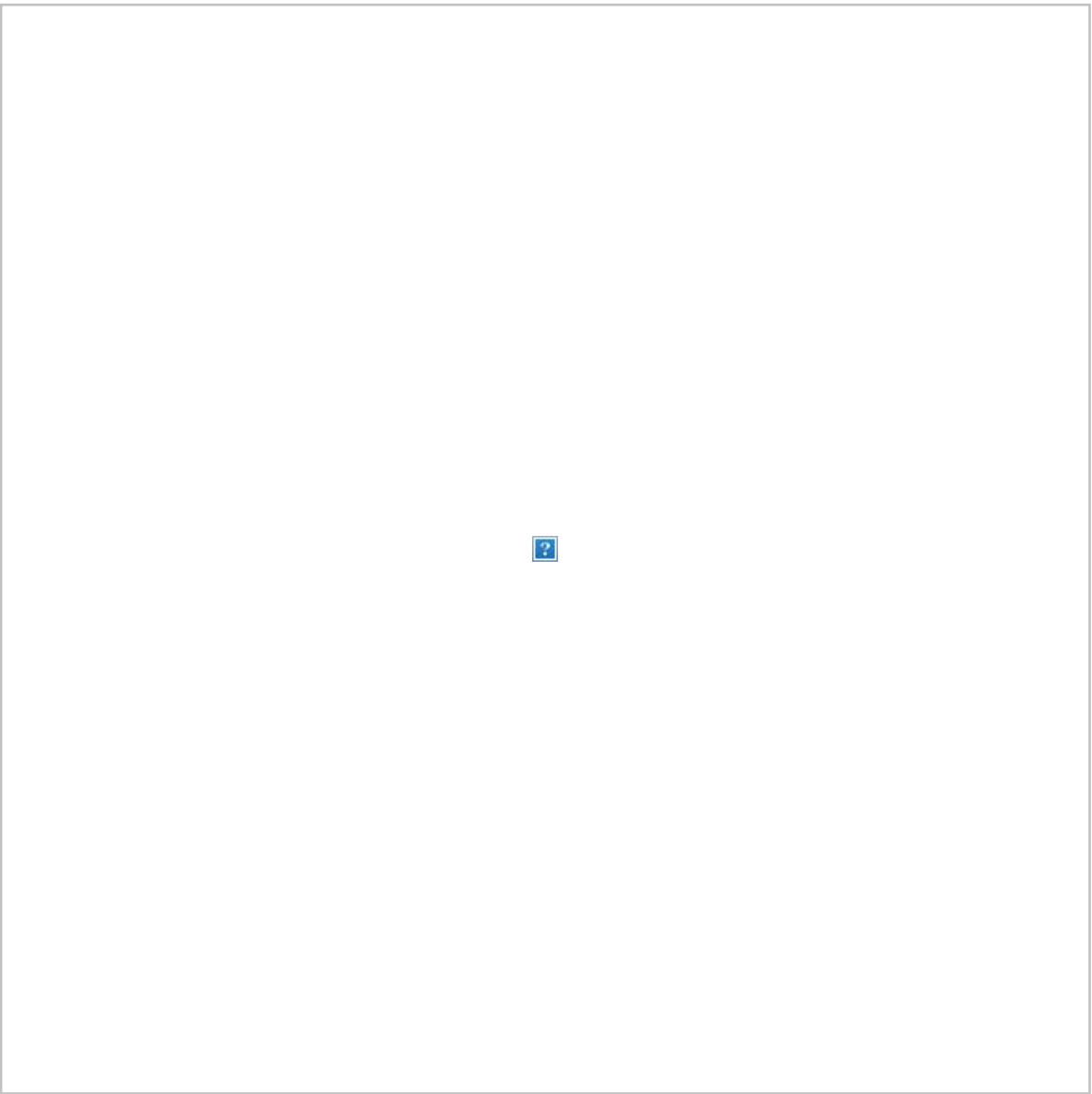
Ruth Bader Ginsburg had a one-night only cameo at the opening of Washington National Opera's "The Daughter of the Regiment":



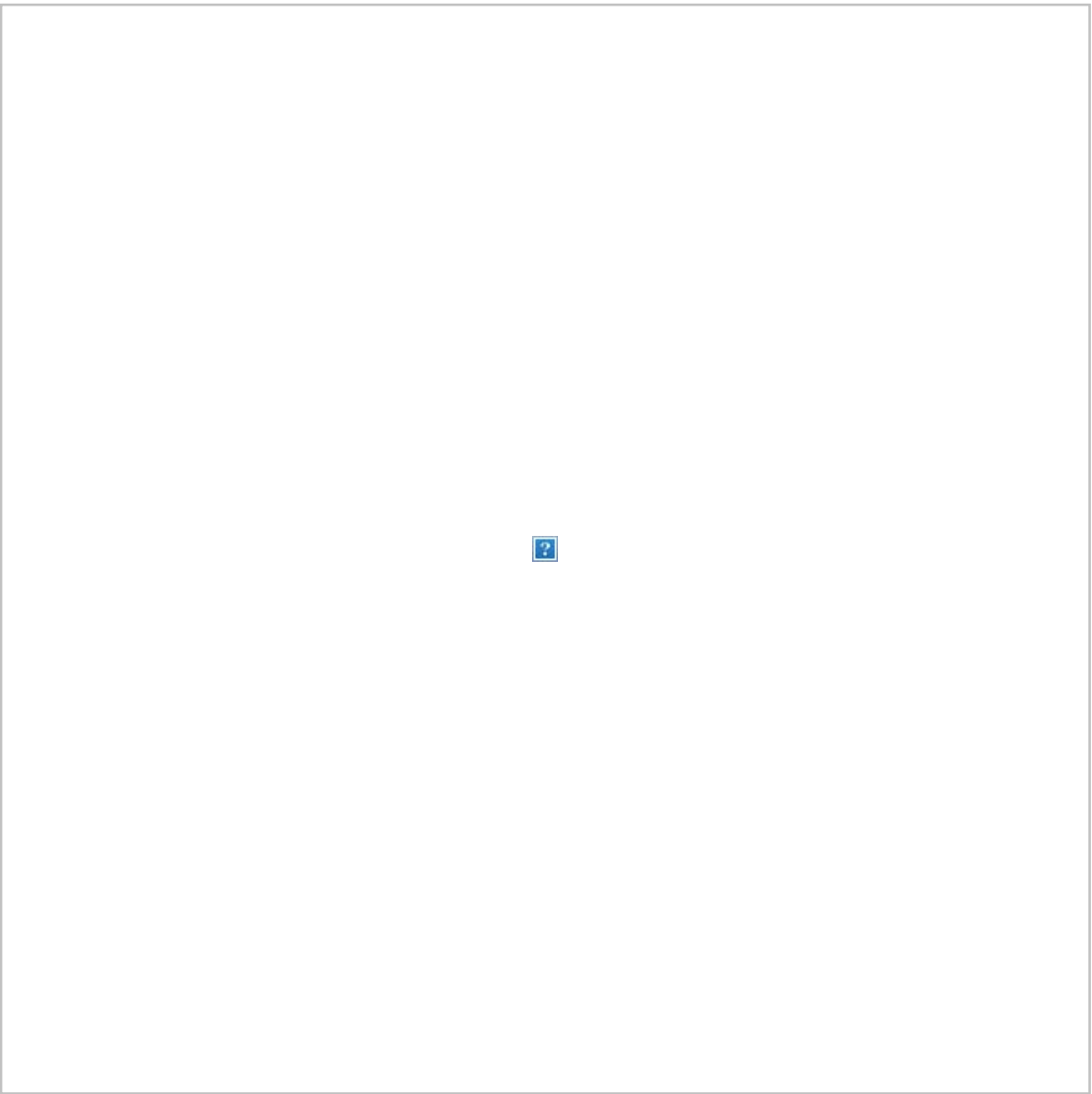


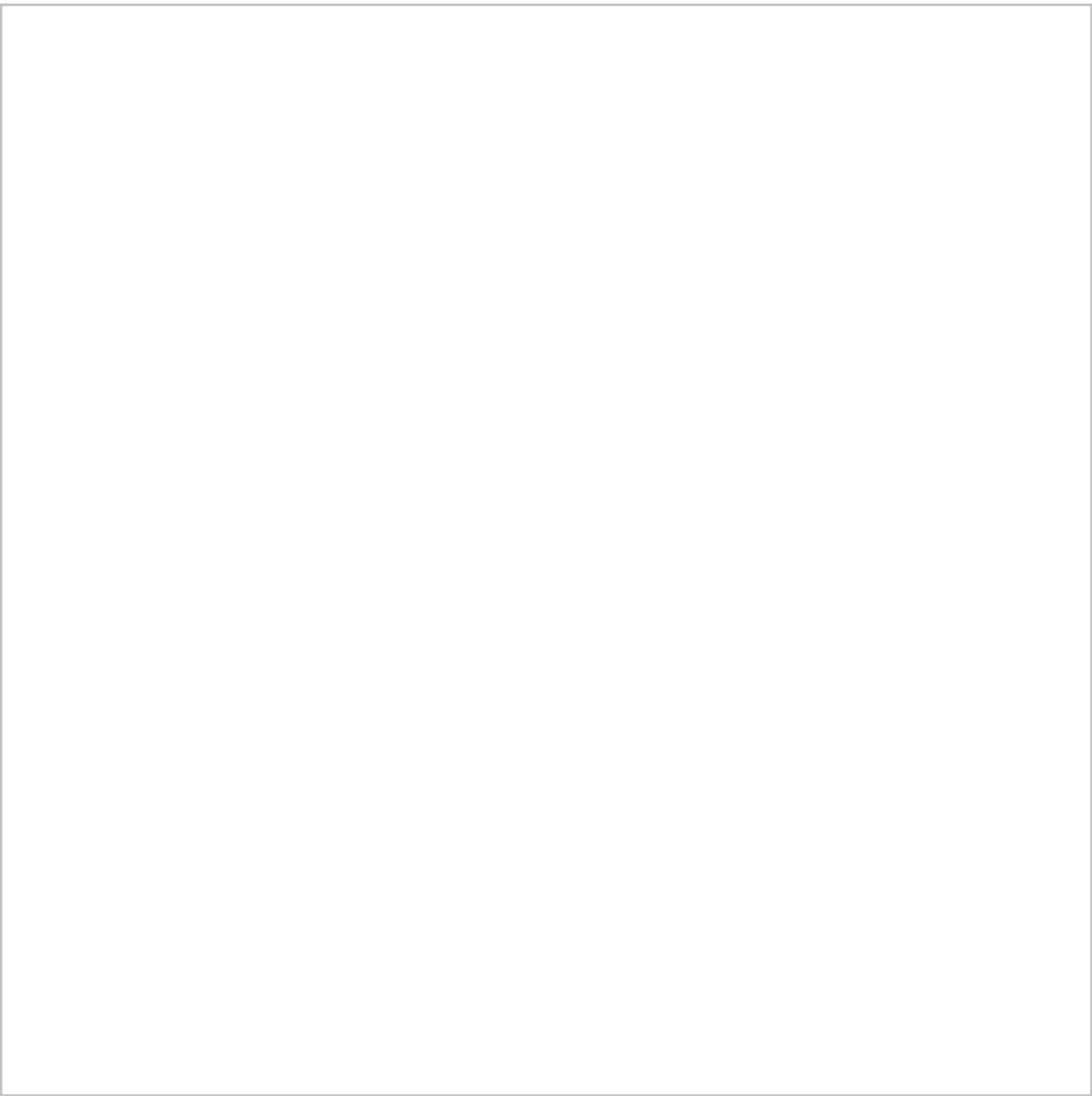
Tenor Lawrence Brownlee escorts Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the curtain call of “The Daughter of the Regiment.” (Scott Suchman for the Washington National Opera)

An astute observation:



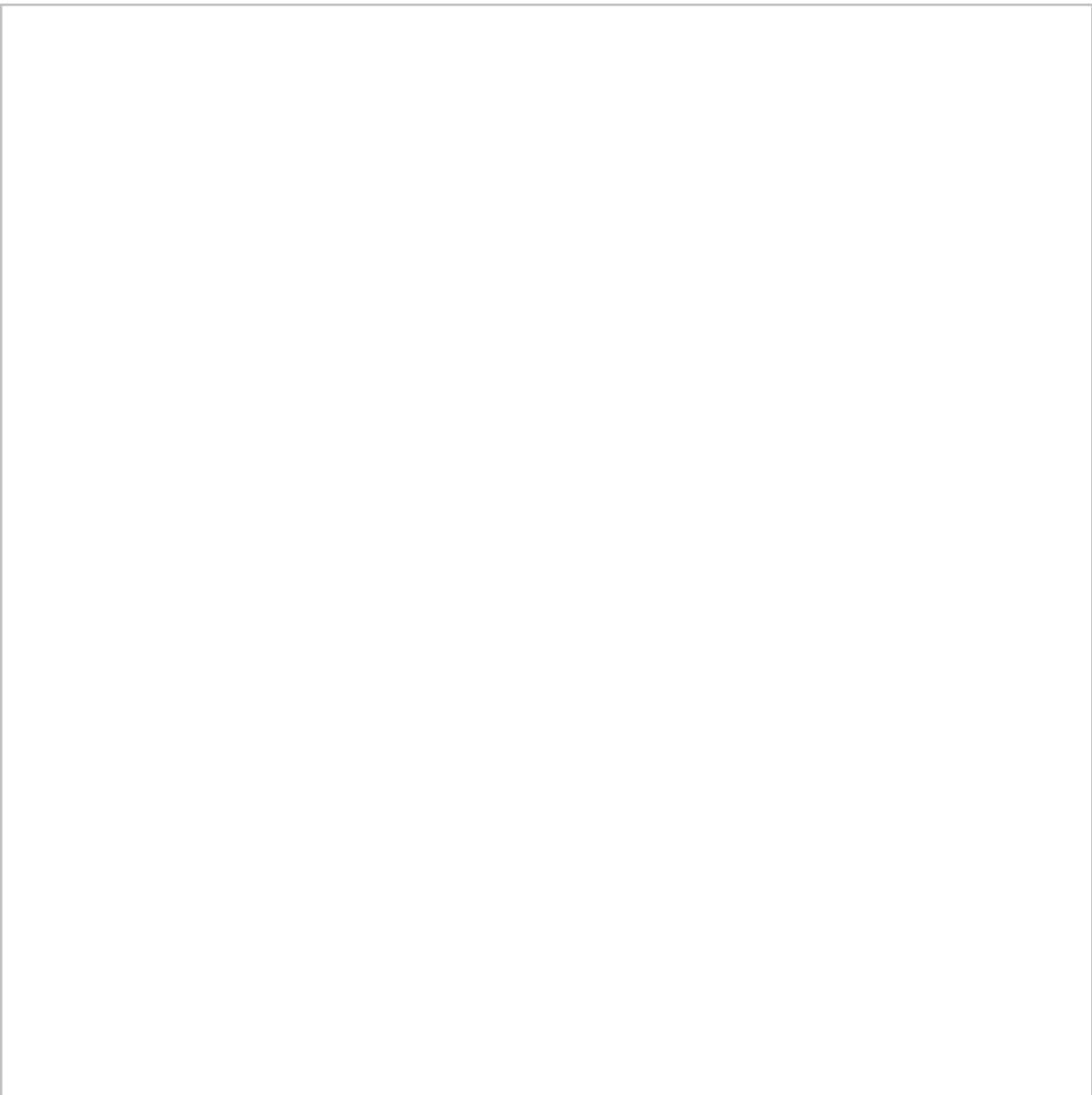
Trump continues to go after the media:





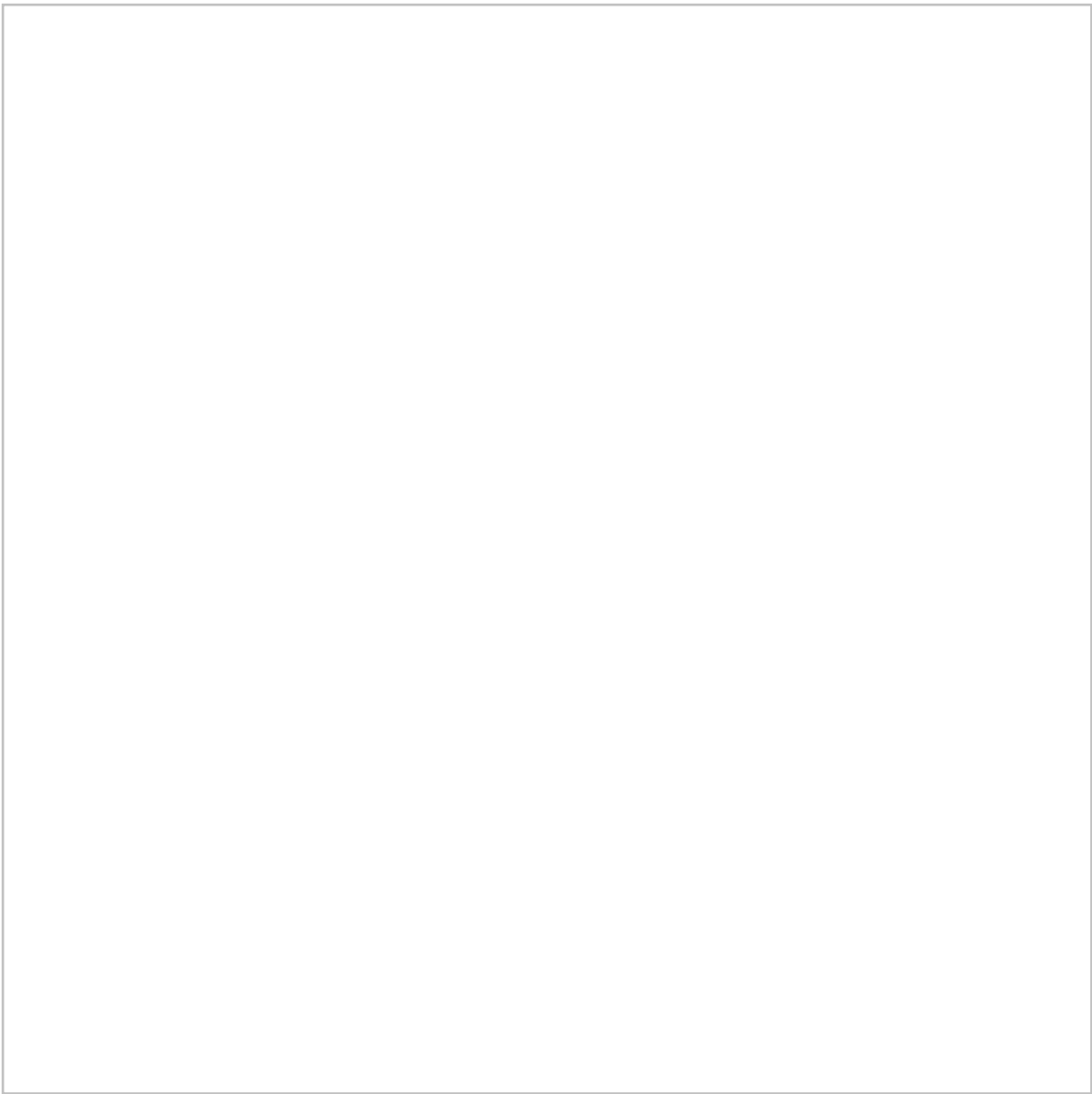
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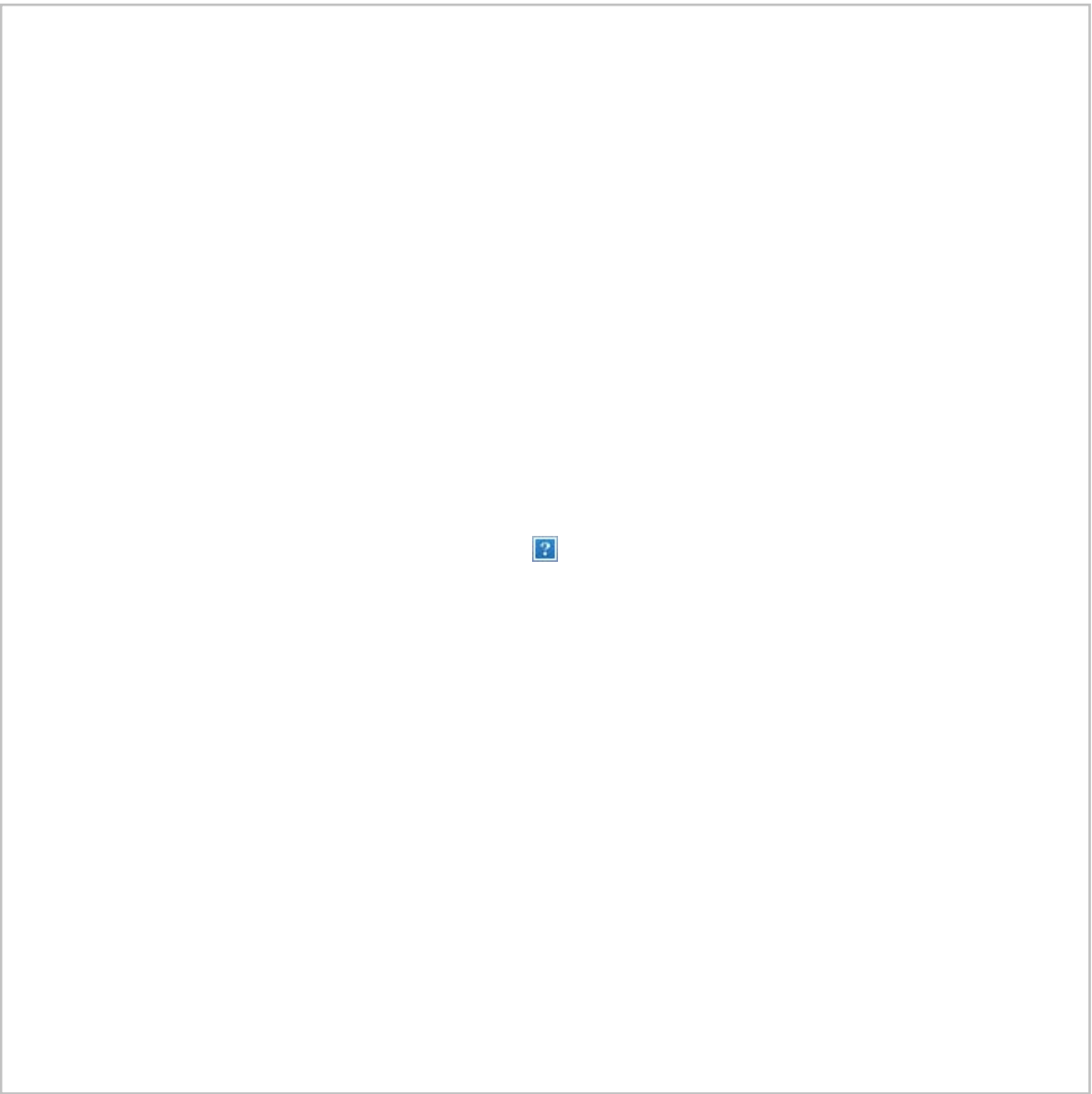
Thoughts from the New Yorker's Ryan Lizza and Harry Reid aide Adam Jentleson:



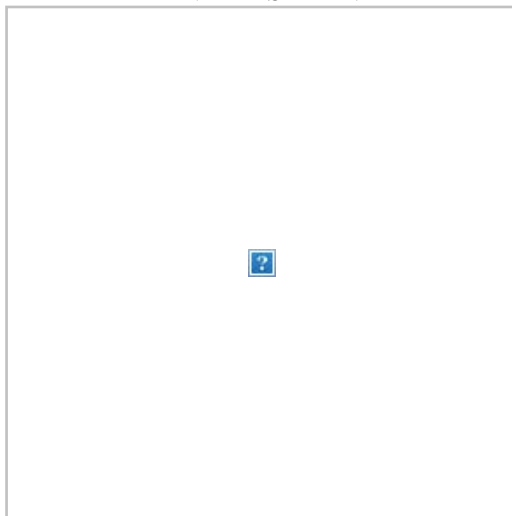


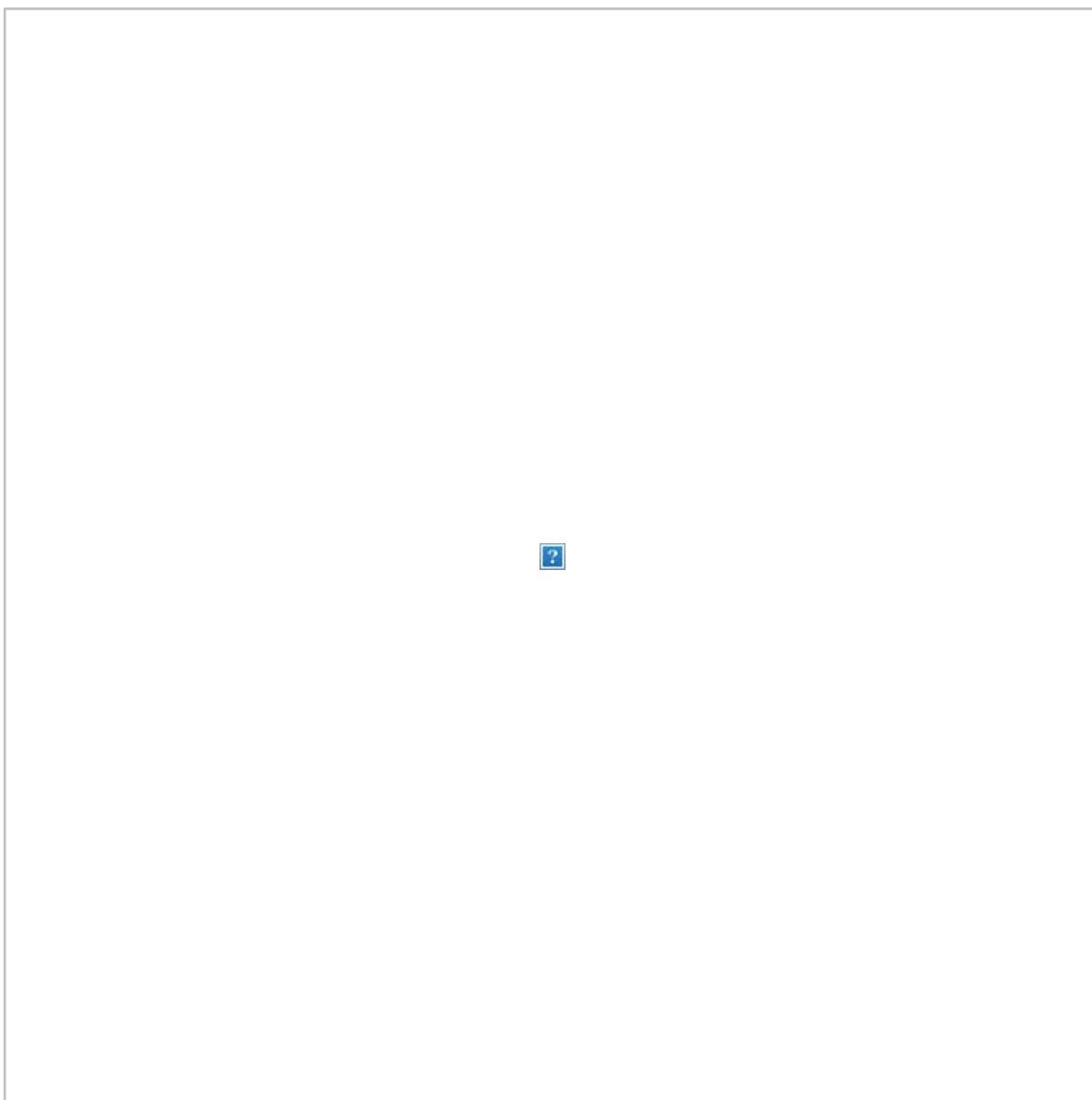
Several photos of apparent hate crimes from Twitter:



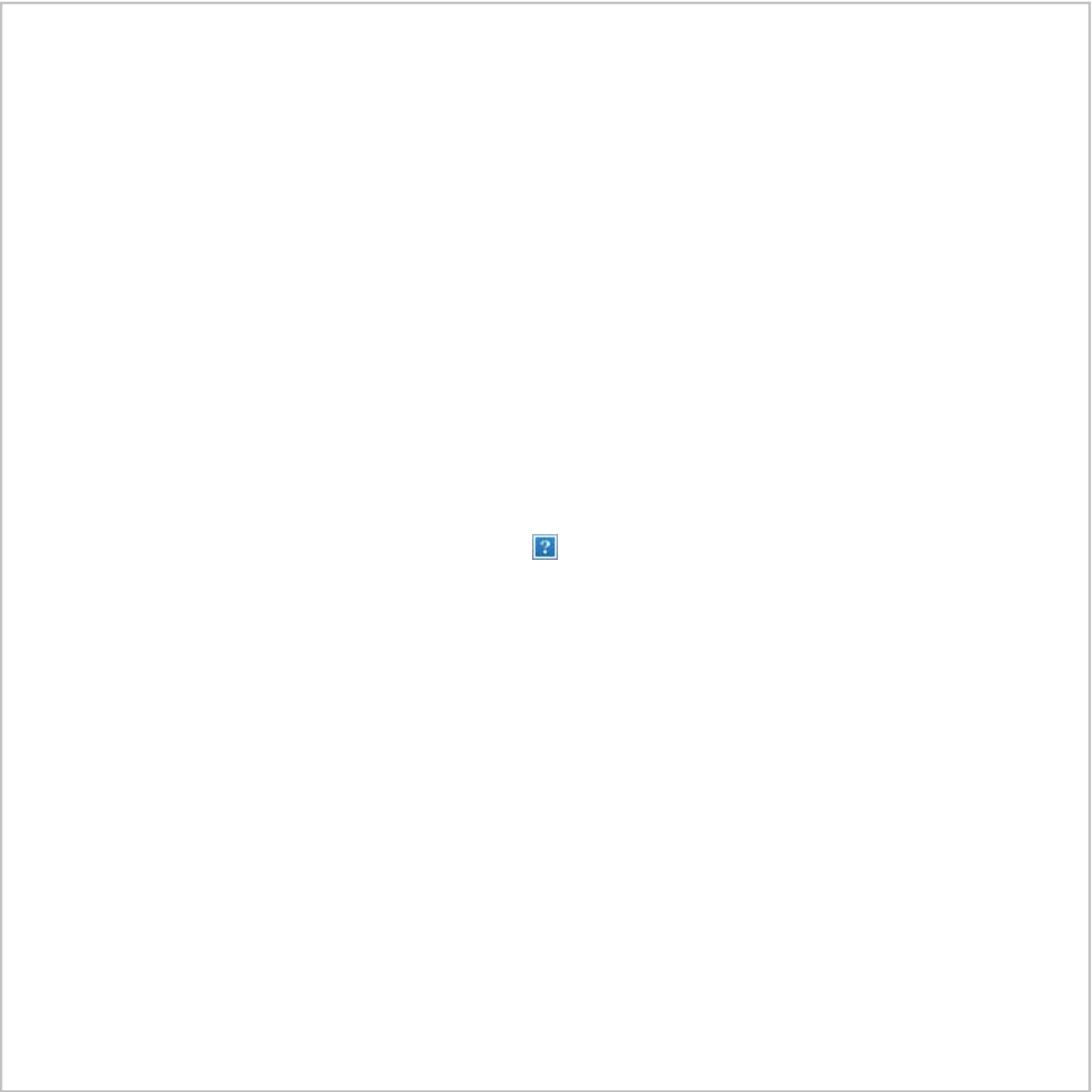


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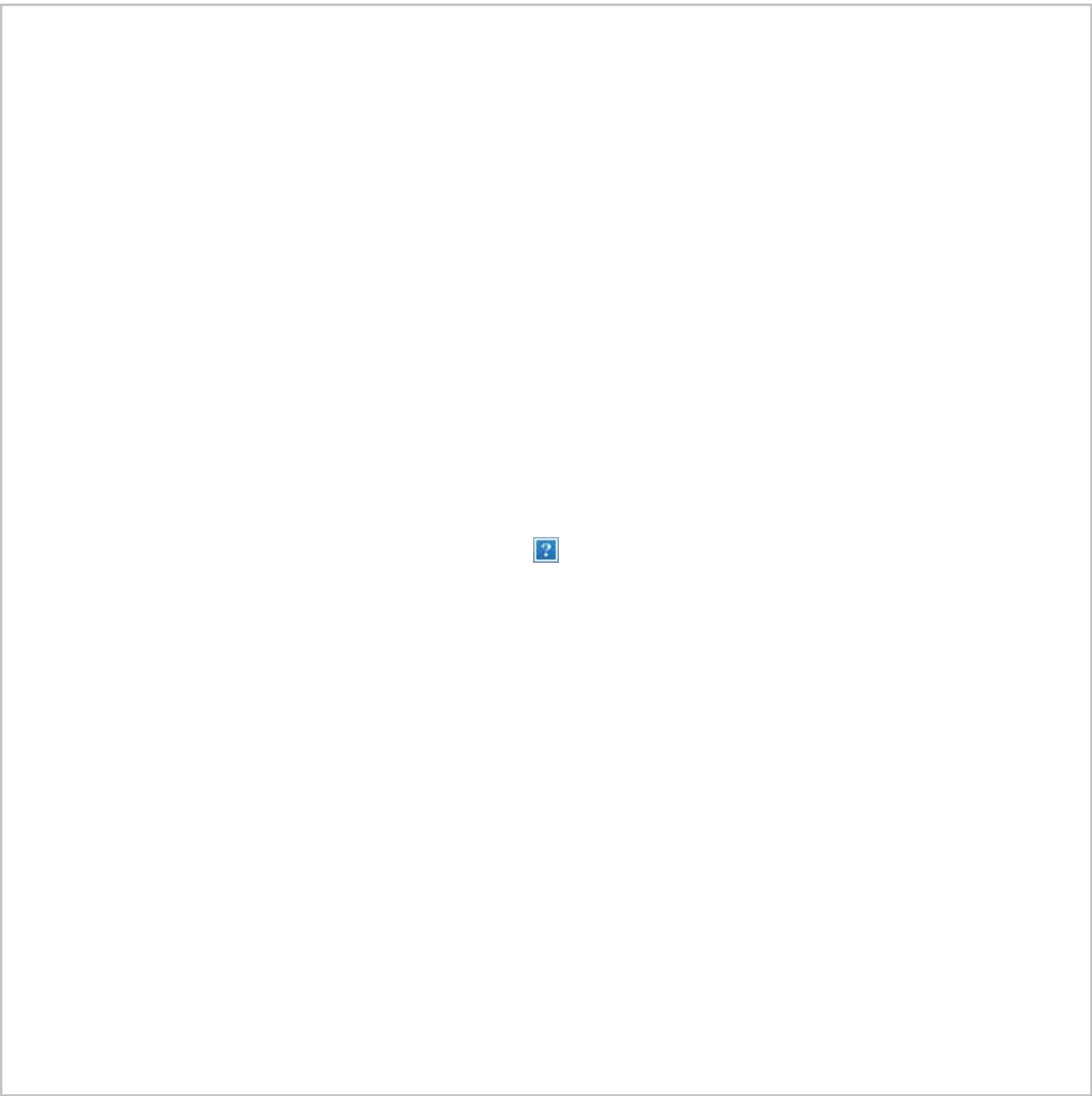




The KKK will march in North Carolina to celebrate Trump's victory:

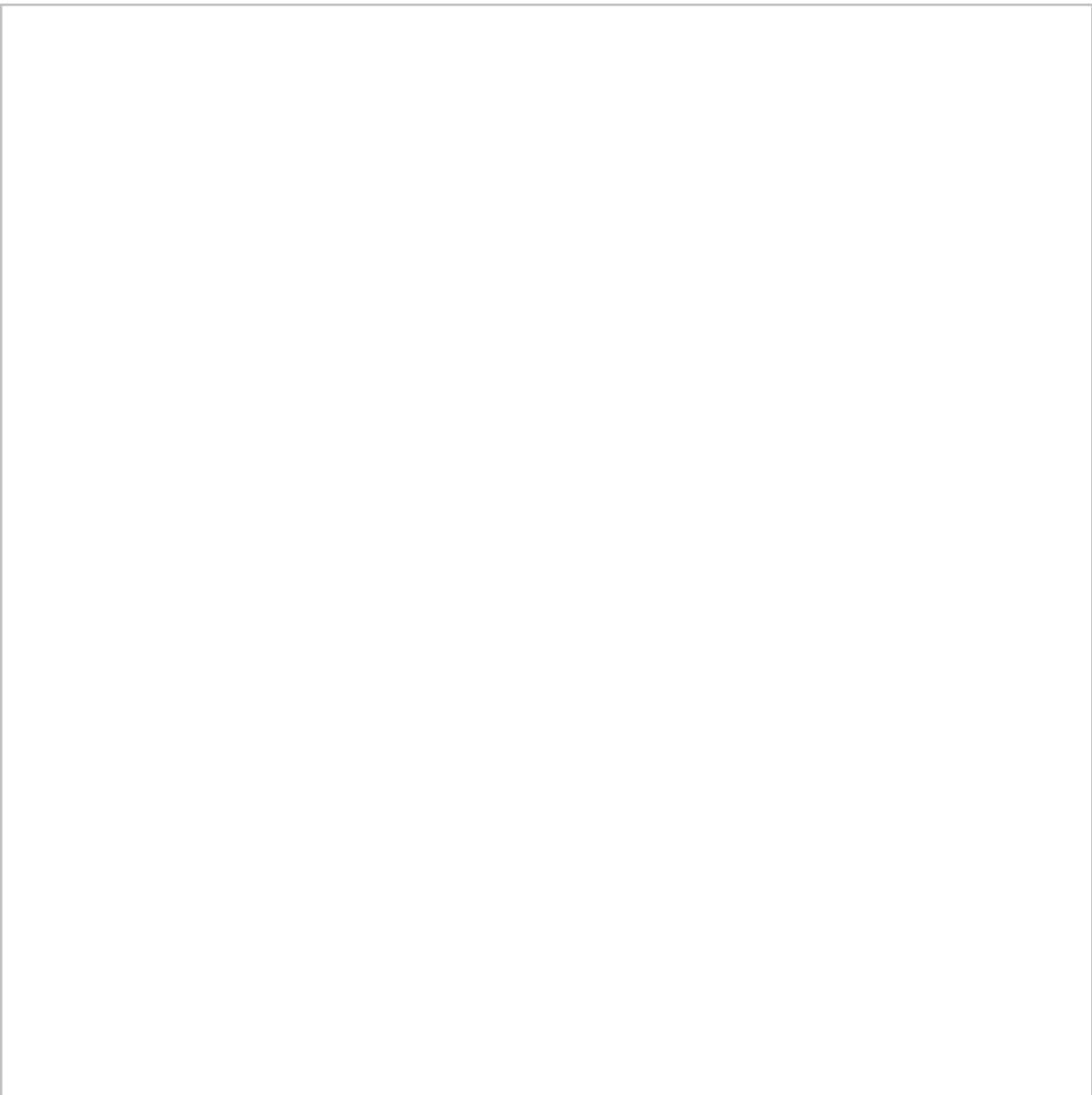


California congressman Jared Huffman came upon Confederate flags at a Veterans Day parade:



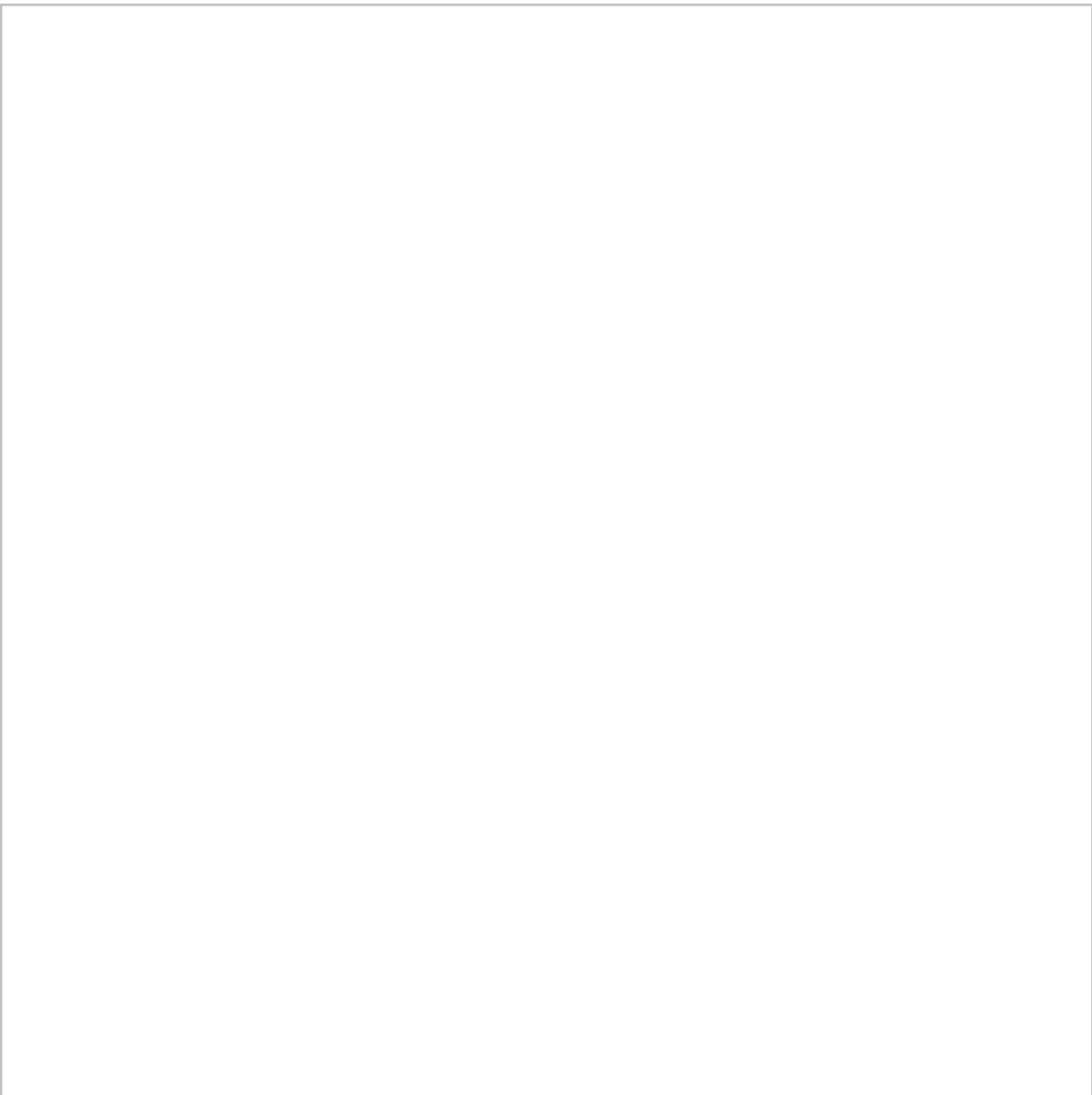
Protests took place in D.C. and elsewhere, including in front of Trump's hotel (click to watch):





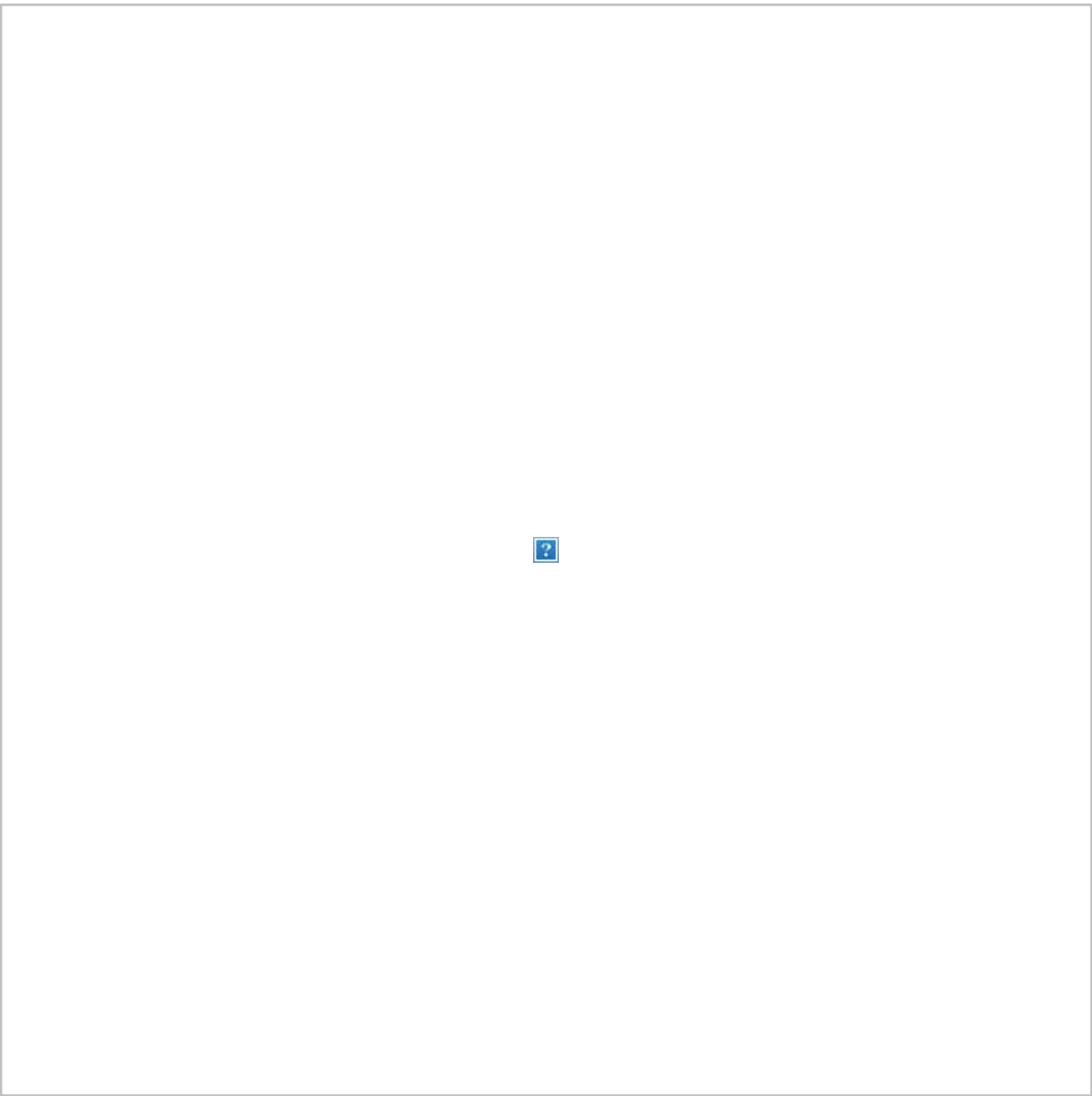
Republicans complained about the protests:





Russia, which just successfully meddled in a U.S. presidential election and has been celebrating Trump's victory, stepped up its attacks on the Obama administration, specifically former ambassador Michael McFaul:

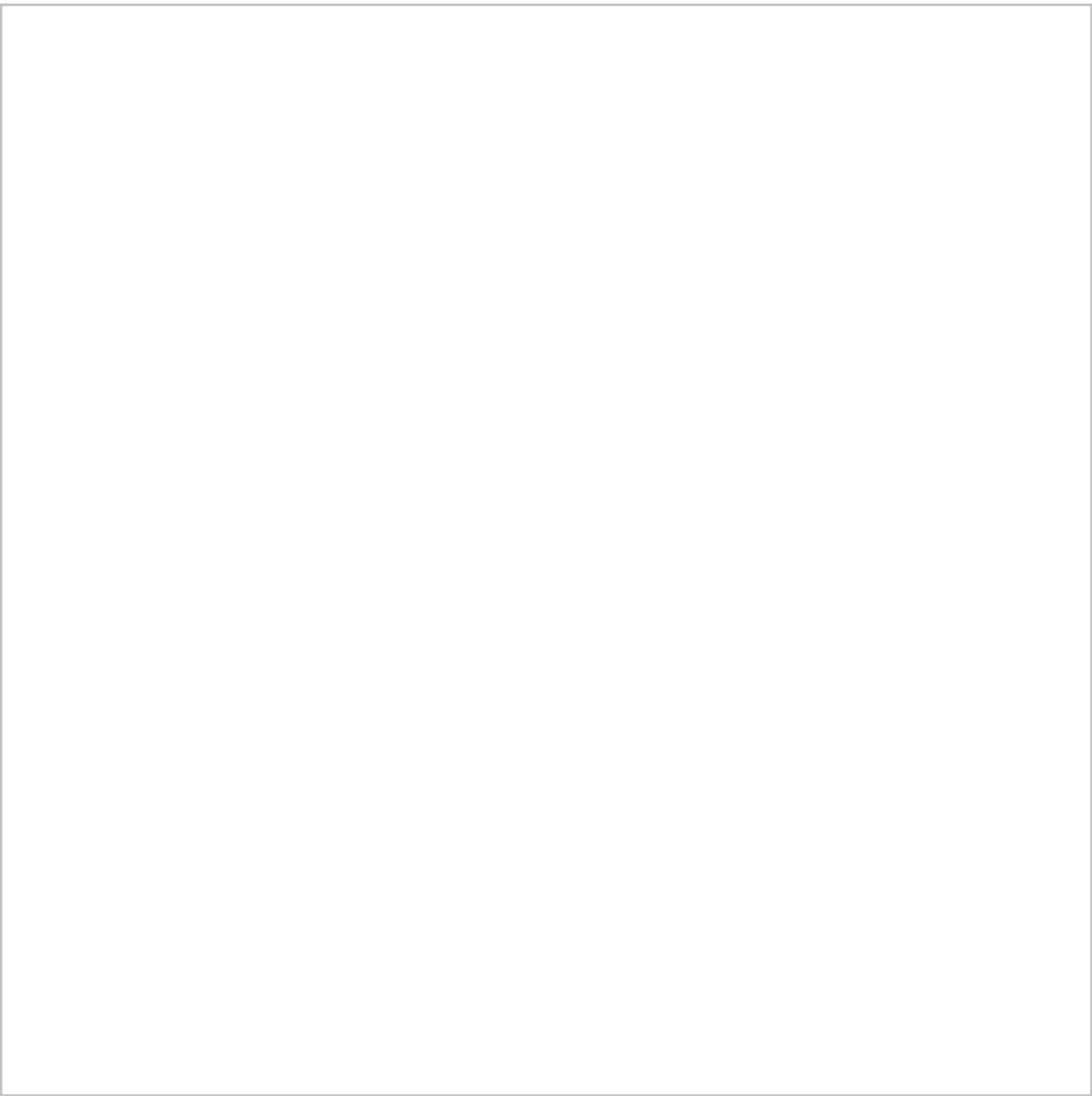




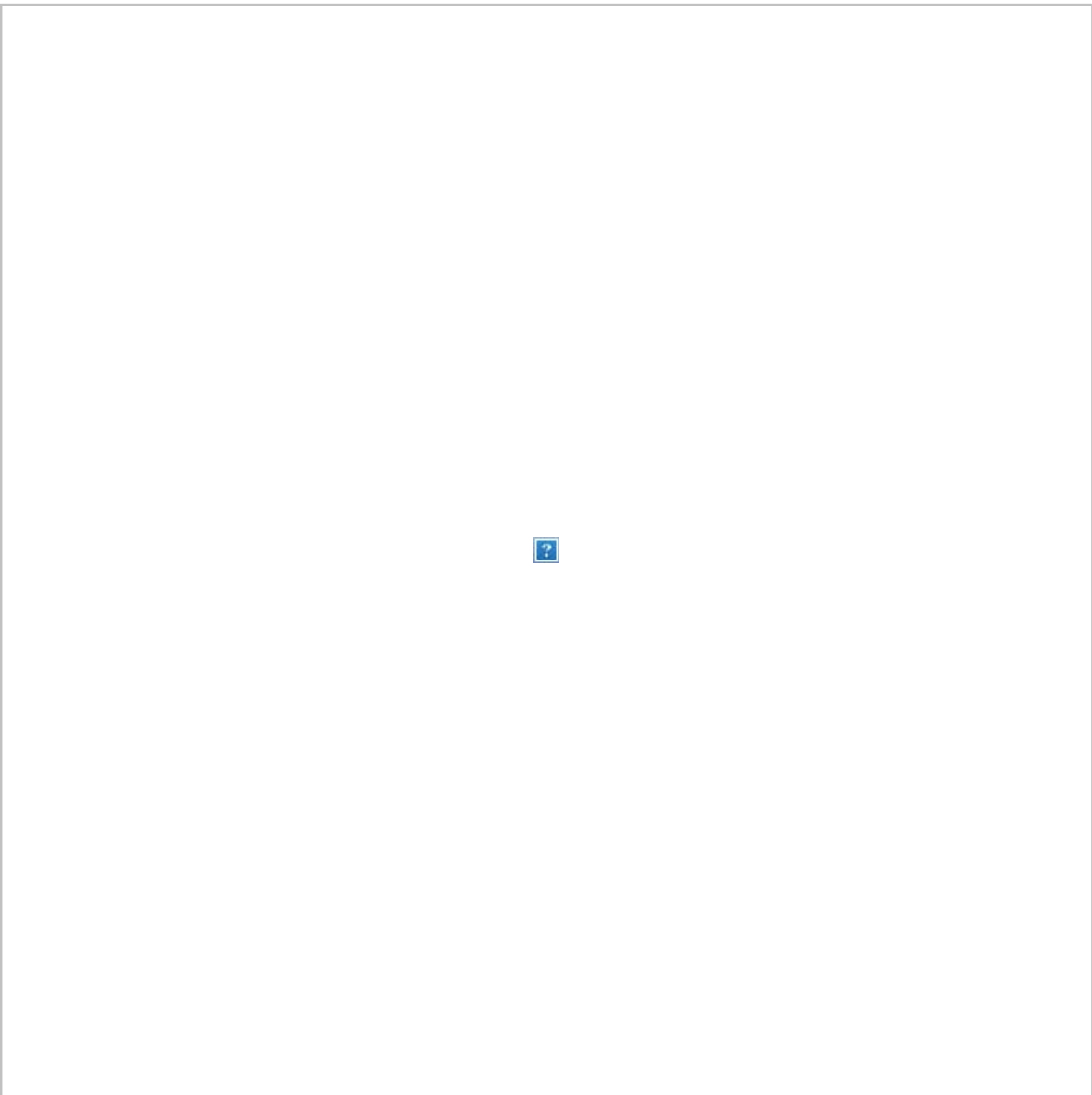
Trump said he received congratulations from Republicans who opposed his candidacy:



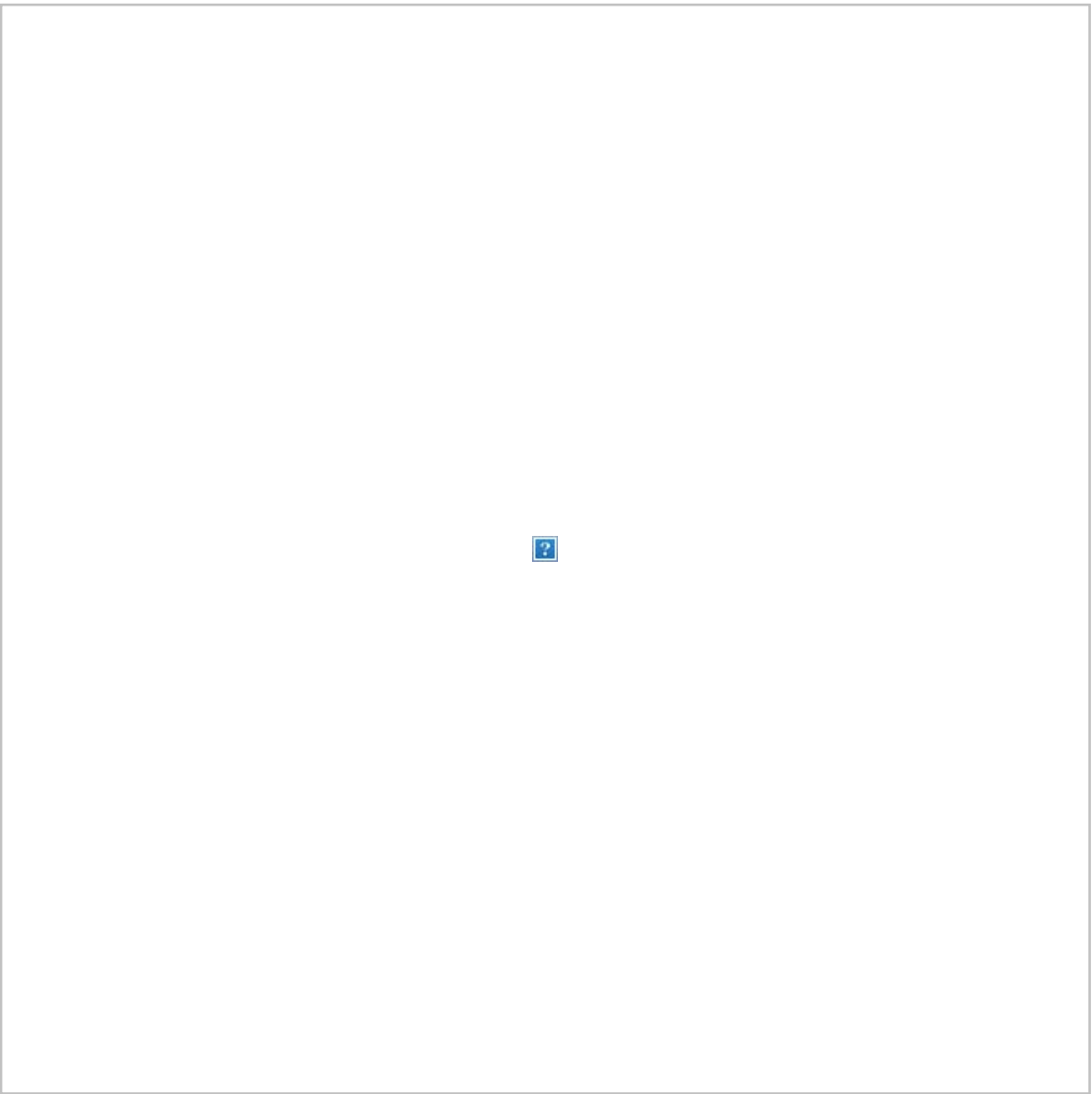




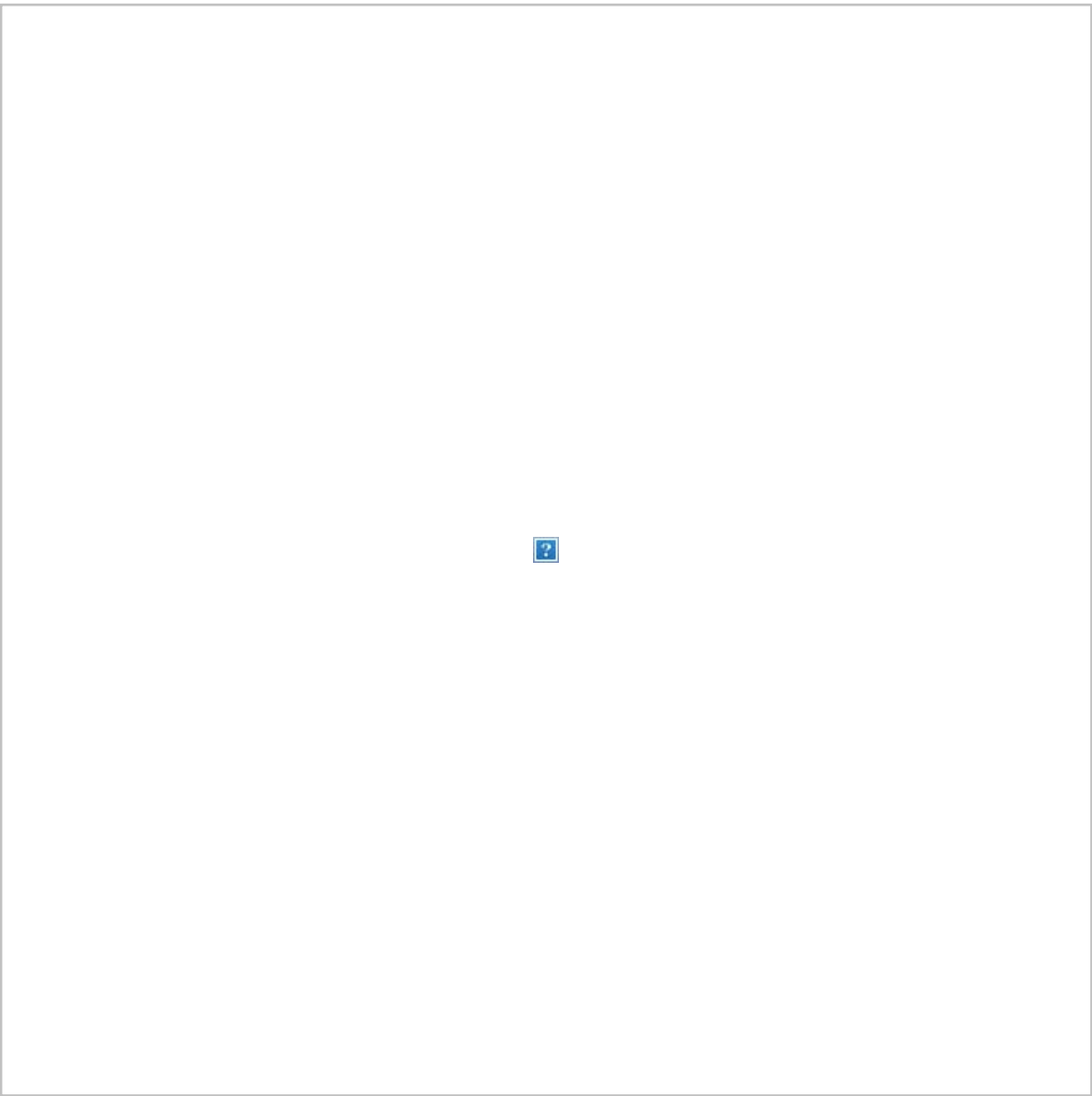
A joke? Check out this Daily News piece:



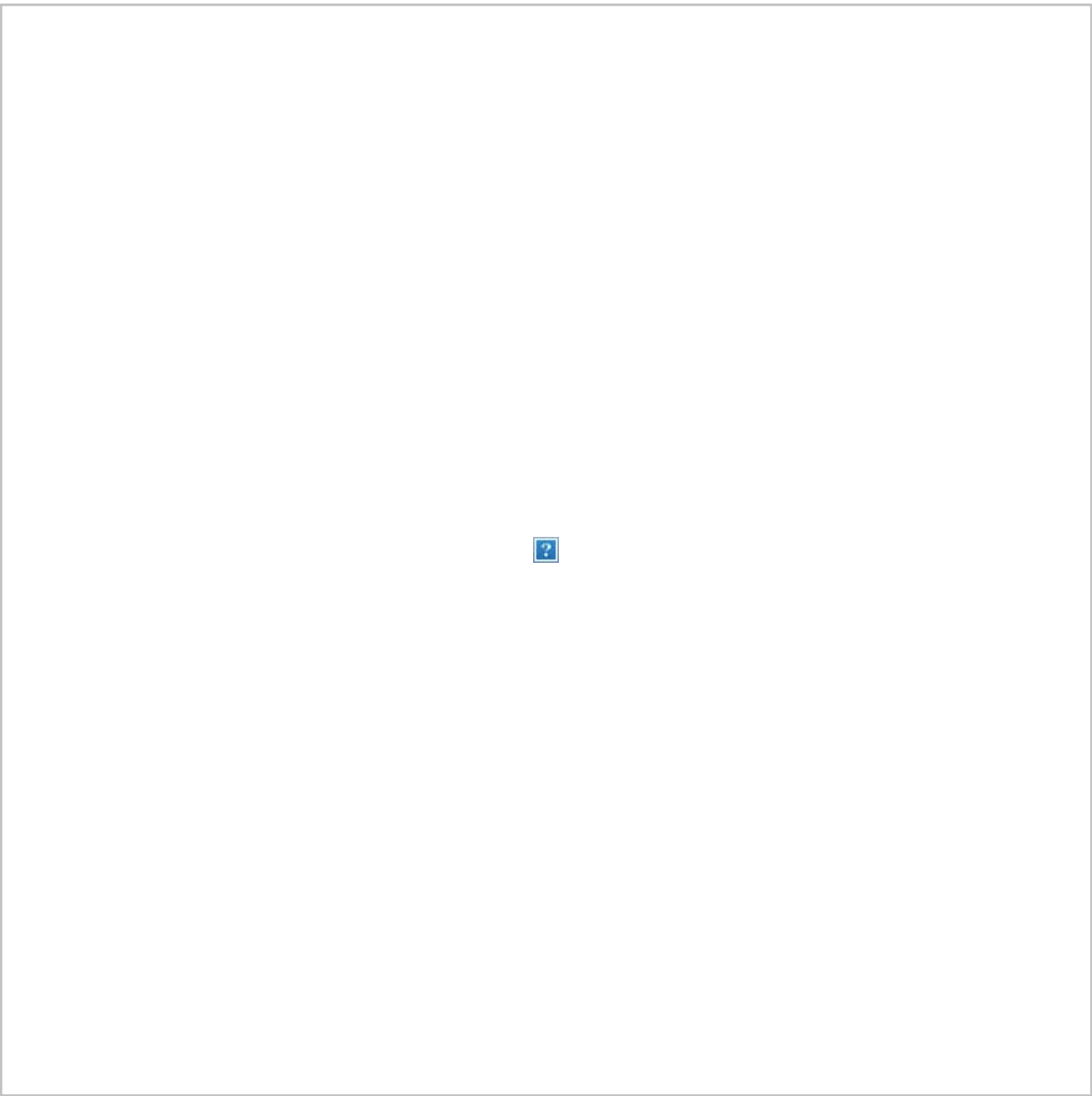
Monmouth University Polling Institute Director Patrick Murray made this joke about Facebook's "death glitch":



Meanwhile, Michelle Obama covered Vogue magazine:

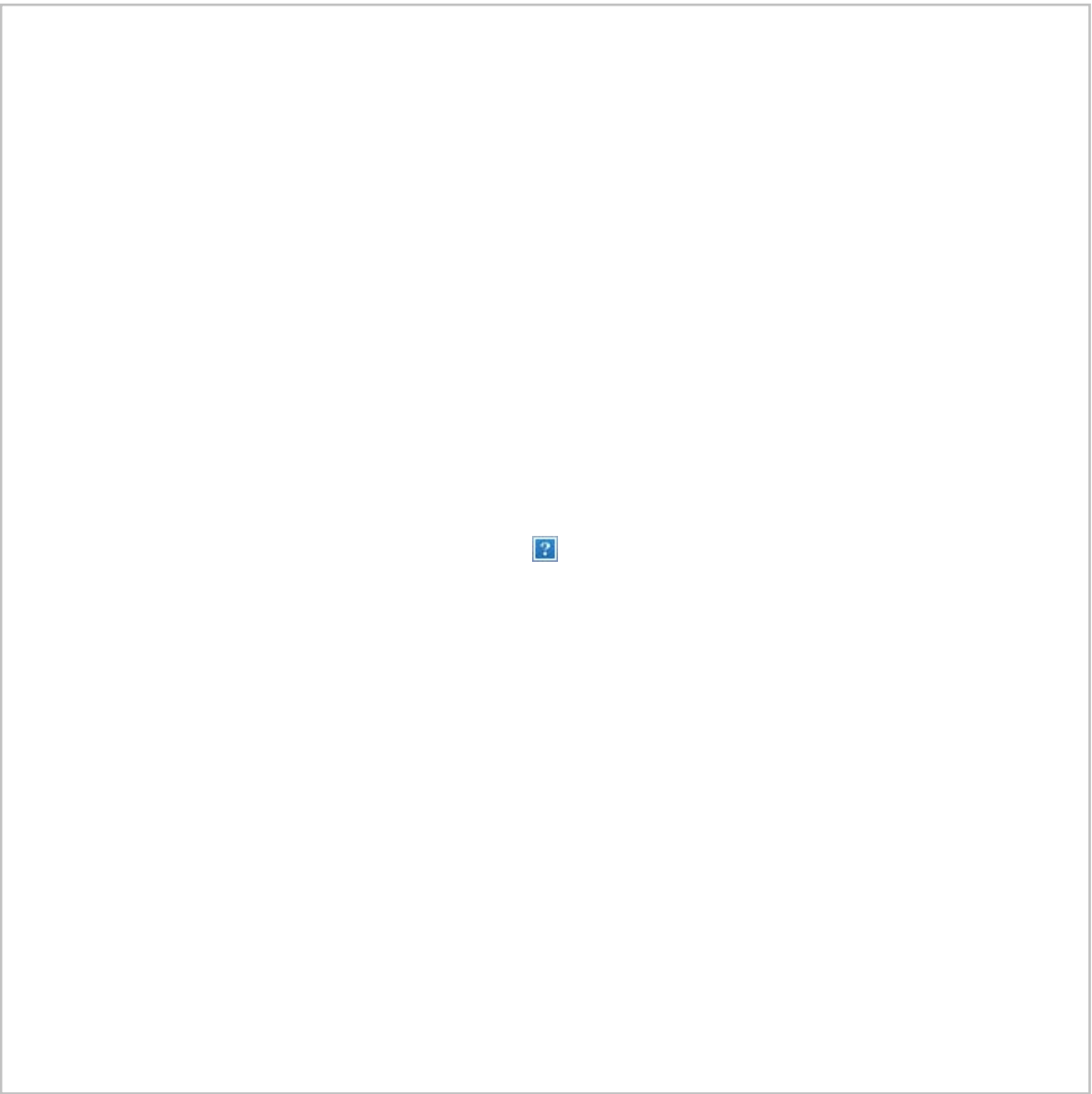


Martin Heinrich snapped this selfie with students:

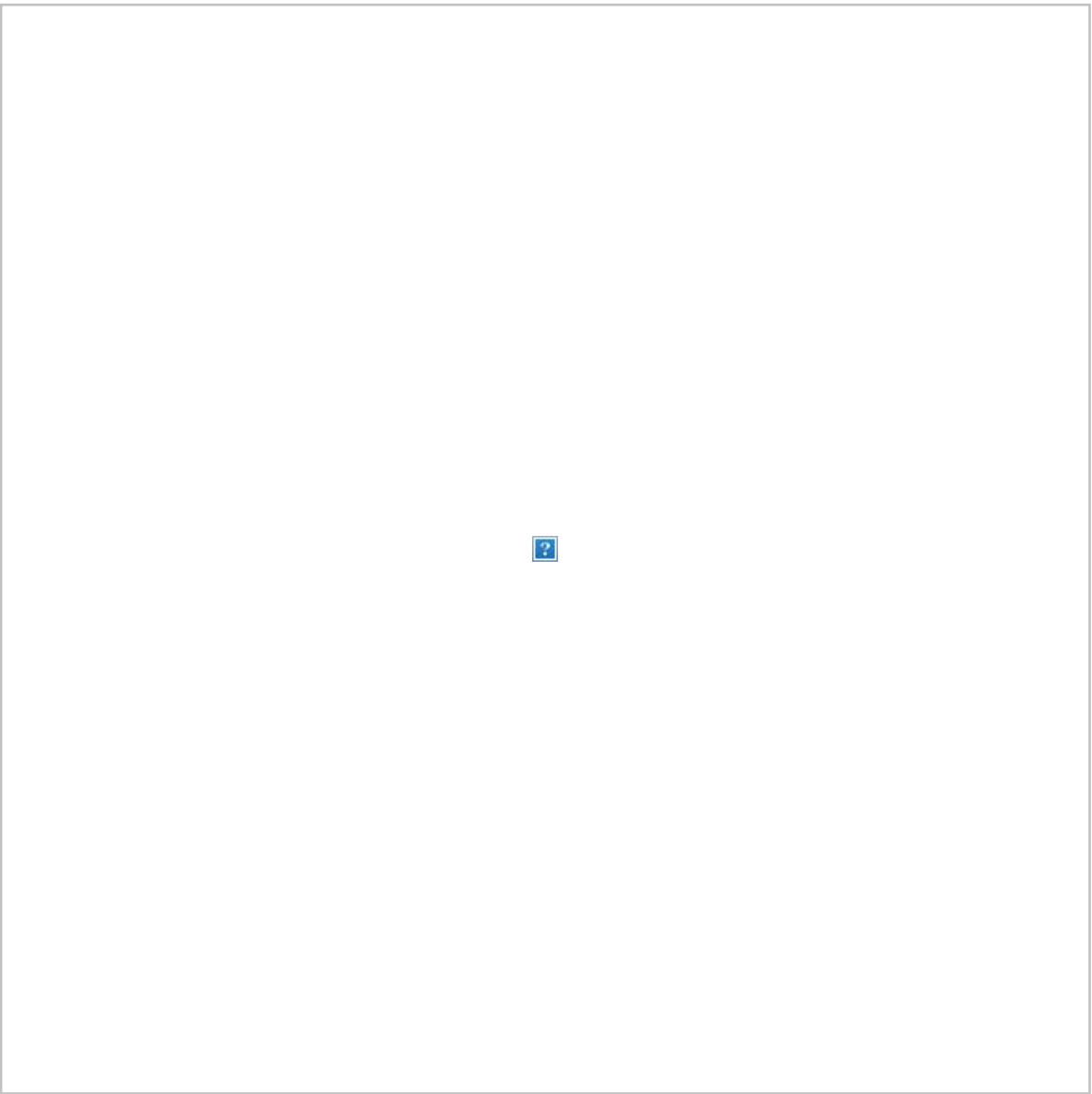


Scott and Tonette Walker met Chewbacca:





Kevin McCarthy quoted the Steve Miller Band about hanging with Tim Allen:



Lawmakers celebrated Veterans Day:



### HOT ON THE LEFT

**“2016 will be the hottest year on record, UN says,”** from [the Guardian](#): “2016 will very likely be the hottest year on record and a new high for the third year in a row, according to the UN. It means 16 of the 17 hottest years on record will have been this century. The scorching temperatures around the world, and the extreme weather they drive, mean the impacts of climate change on people are coming sooner and with more ferocity than expected, according to scientists. The El Niño weather phenomenon helped push temperatures even higher in early 2016 but the

### HOT ON THE RIGHT

**“UCLA Poli Sci Department Calls For Emergency Meeting In Wake Of Trump Victory,”** from the [Daily Caller](#): “The University of California, Los Angeles political science department has called for an emergency meeting Monday in the aftermath of Donald Trump’s presidential victory, according to an email sent to the entire UCLA political science department by the department chair ... College campuses around America have struggled to cope with Trump’s victory. Expulsions have been demanded for students at Babson College who celebrated Trump’s victory, and anti-

global warming caused by the greenhouse gas emissions from human activities remains the strongest factor. The WMO said human-induced global warming had contributed to at least half the extreme weather events studied in recent years, with the risk of extreme heat increasing by 10 times in some cases. 'It is almost as if mother nature is making a statement,' said climate scientist Michael Mann, at Penn State University."

Trump protests have occurred on multiple campuses, including UCLA. 'At this meeting, we will come together to discuss and inventory the fears and circumstances that students are facing and the resources available to help those in crisis,' [the department chair wrote]. Following Trump's win ... an email was sent to the UCLA student body that included the number for the school's counseling and psychological services mental health center."

#### **DAYBOOK:**

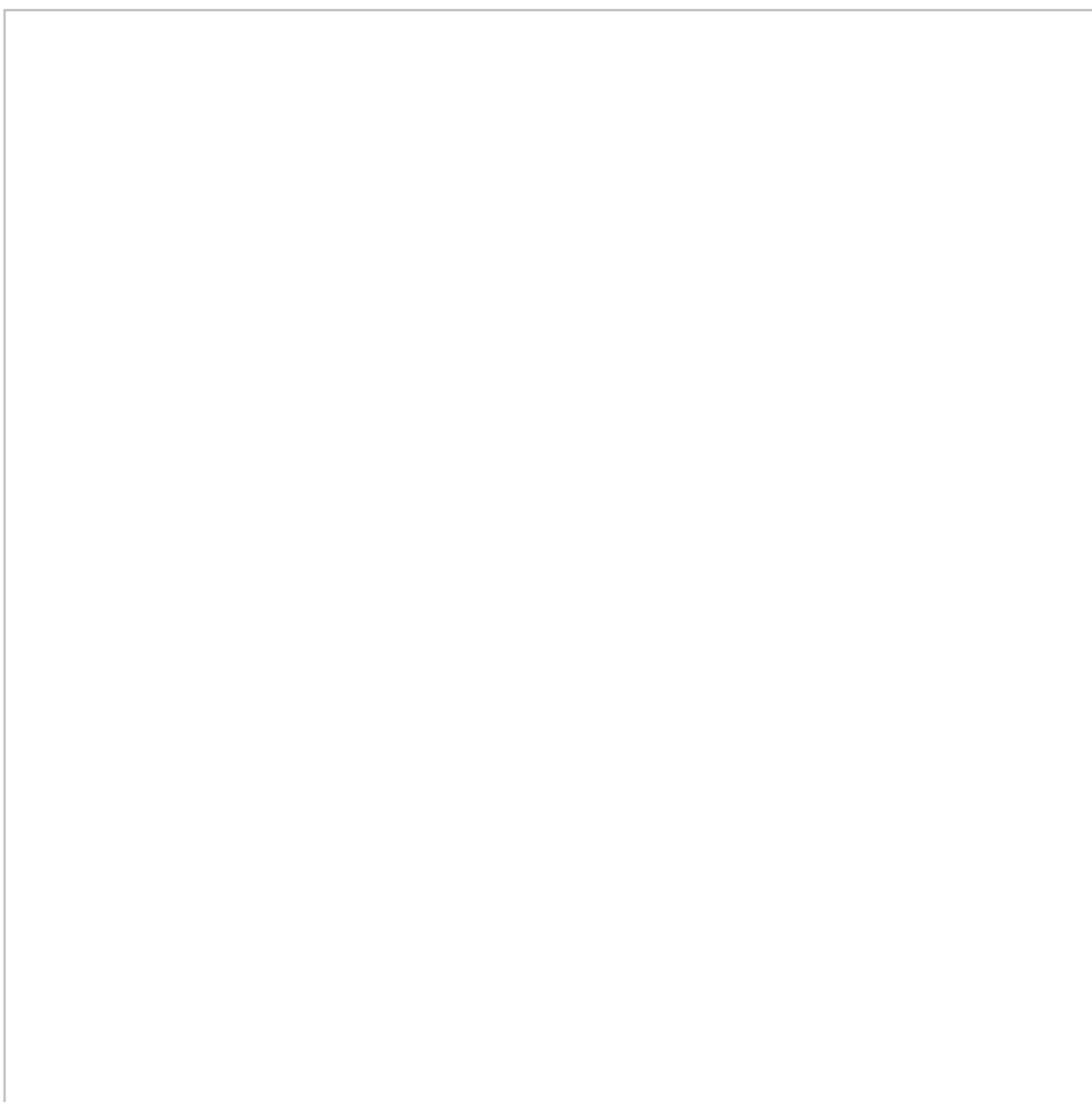
**At the White House:** Obama and Biden meet over lunch. Later, Obama holds a press conference before departing for Athens.

**On Capitol Hill:** The House convenes in pro forma session. The House meets at 2 p.m. for legislative business, with eight suspension votes scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

#### **QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

"Do you think your husband would have had a better chance at beating Donald Trump than Hillary Clinton did?" CNN's Wolf Blitzer asked.

"Absolutely," Jane Sanders replied, "but it doesn't matter now." [Philip Bump](#)



Dustin Hopkins kicks his second field goal in the fourth quarter at FedEx Field. (John McDonnell/The Washington Post)

#### **NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:**

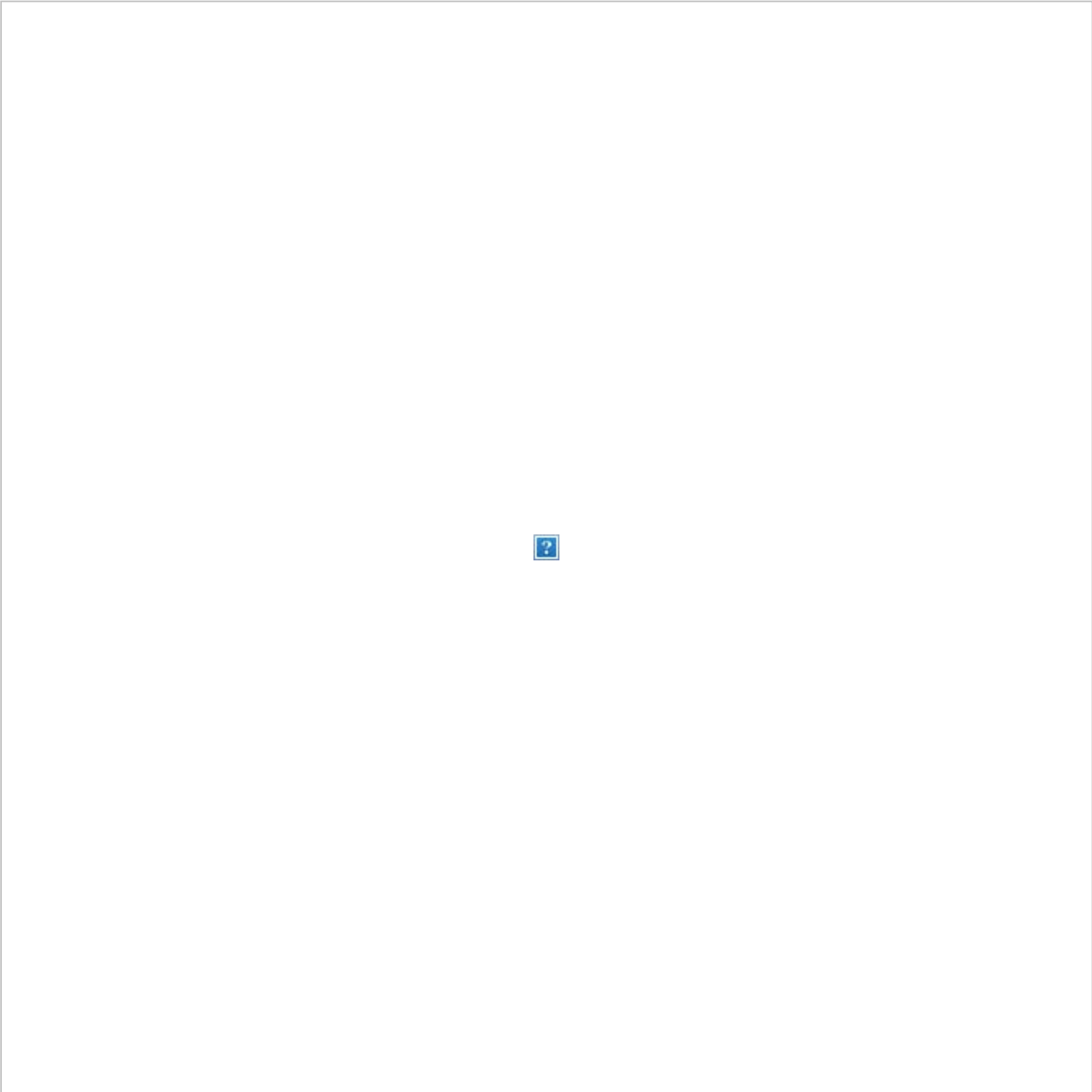
-- The Redskins [beat the Vikings 26-20](#).

-- **Cloudy with a chance of rain, per today's [Capital Weather Gang](#) forecast:** "A weak coastal disturbance spreads clouds over the region from south to north between the morning and midday hours. By late in the afternoon, some light rain may start to break out, especially in our southern areas. The clouds keep it a bit cool, with highs mostly in the mid-50s."

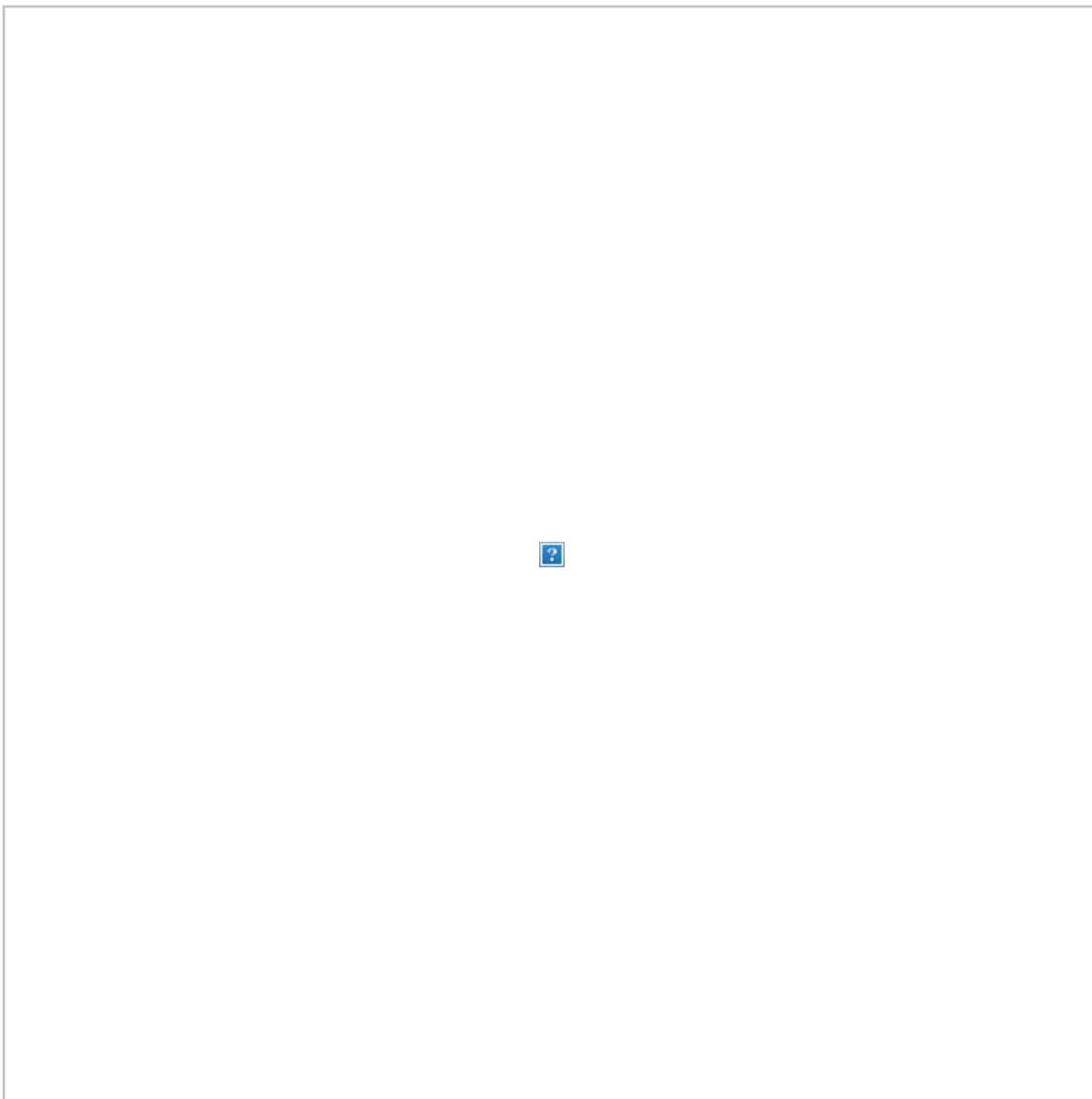
#### **VIDEOS OF THE DAY:**

Anything can happen on any given Sunday. That's why you play the game. The New Orleans Saints battled back late in the fourth quarter against the Denver Broncos yesterday, tying the game 23-23 after quarterback Drew Brees threw a 32-yard touchdown with a little over one minute left, leaving just the extra-point to put them over the top. BUT Broncos defense blocked the extra point attempt and then safety Will Parks ran 84 yards for the two-point conversion the other way. Neil Greenberg says the odds of that happening were [17,000](#)

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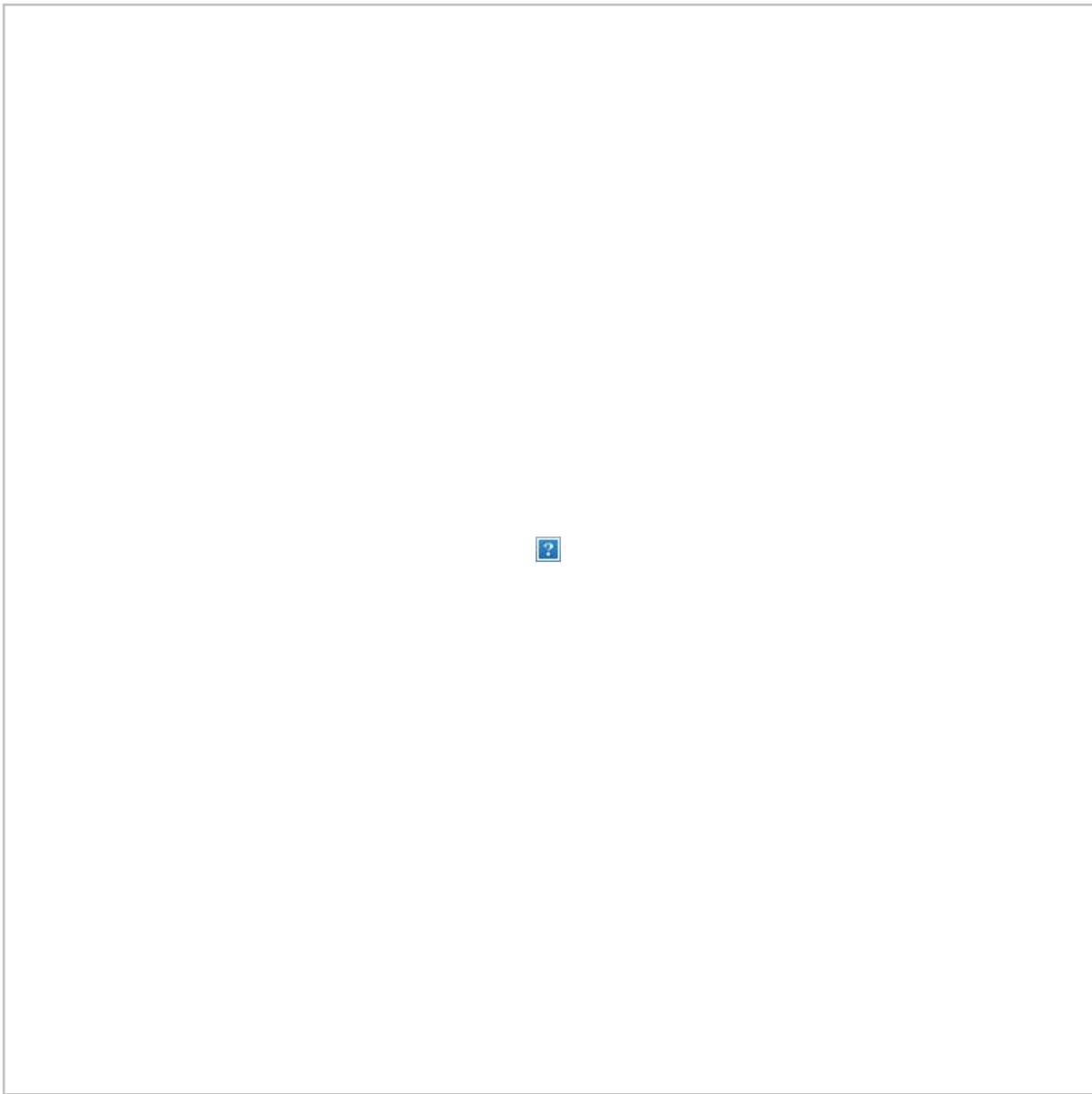


To open SNL, Kate McKinnon (as Hillary Clinton) performed Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah":



Election Week Cold Open - SNL

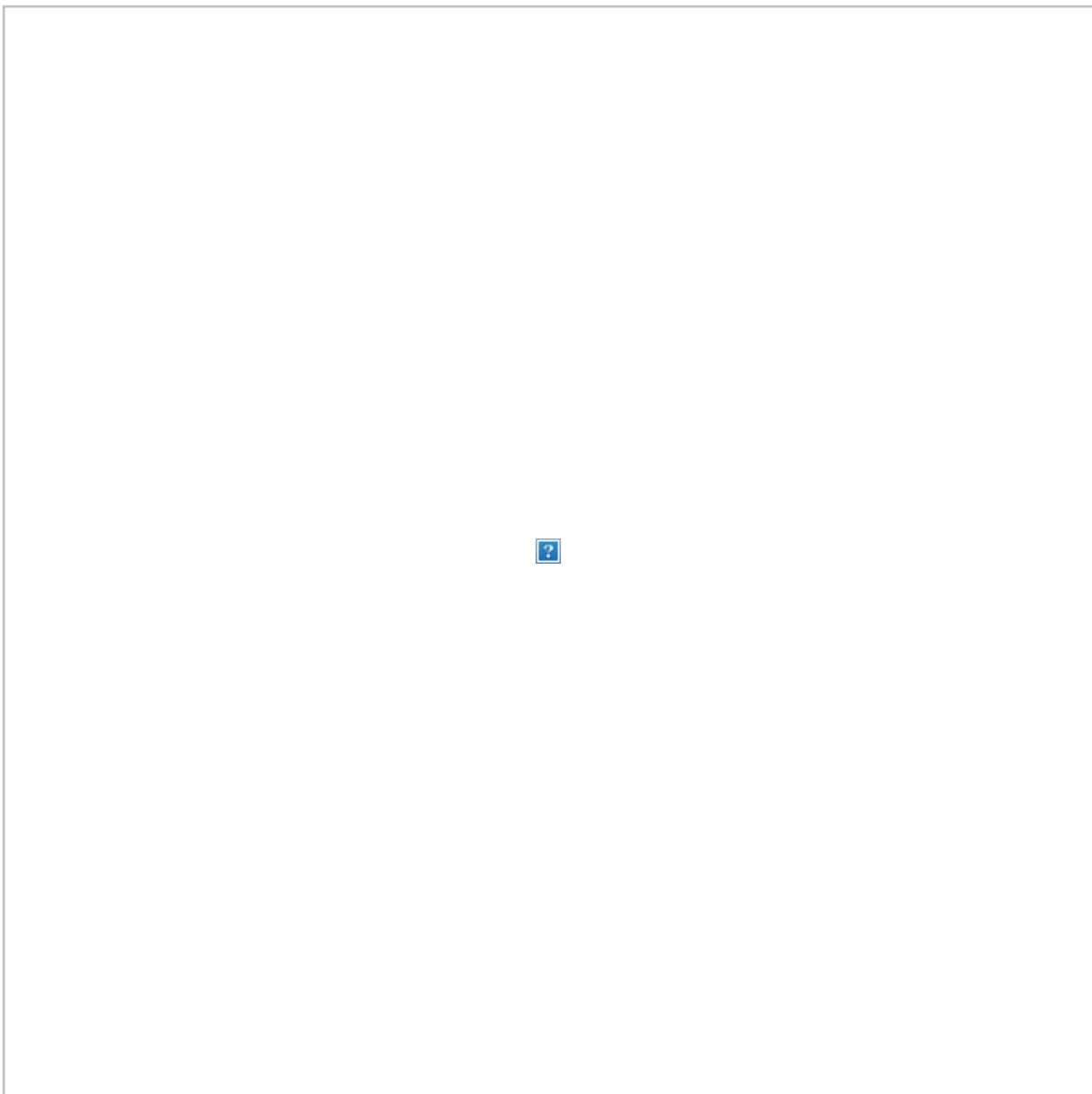
Here's Dave Chappelle's opening monologue on the election and the shooting of unarmed black men (warning: adult language):



Dave Chappelle Stand-Up Monologue - SNL

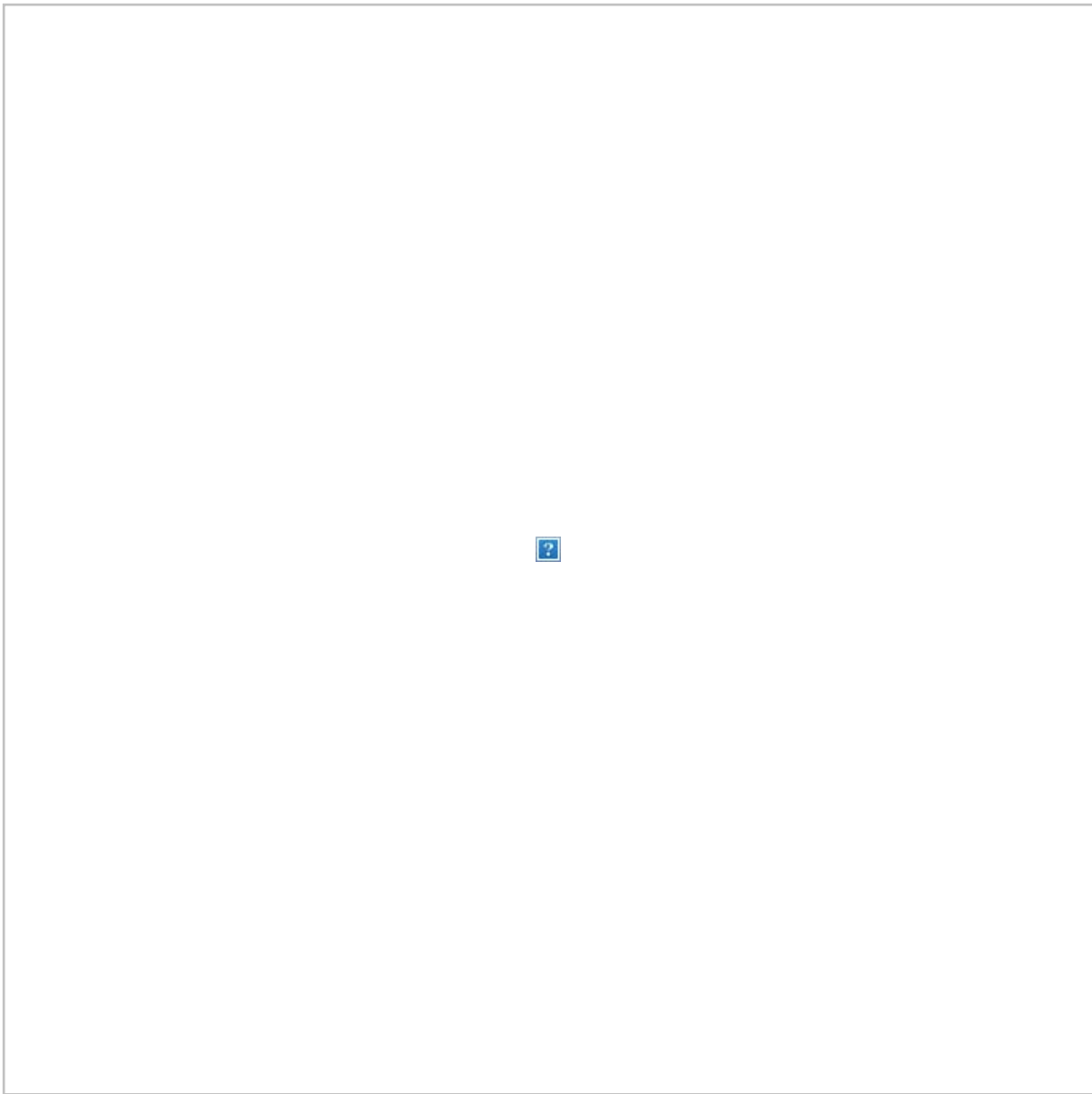
The cast imagined a group of liberal friends watching as Trump won:



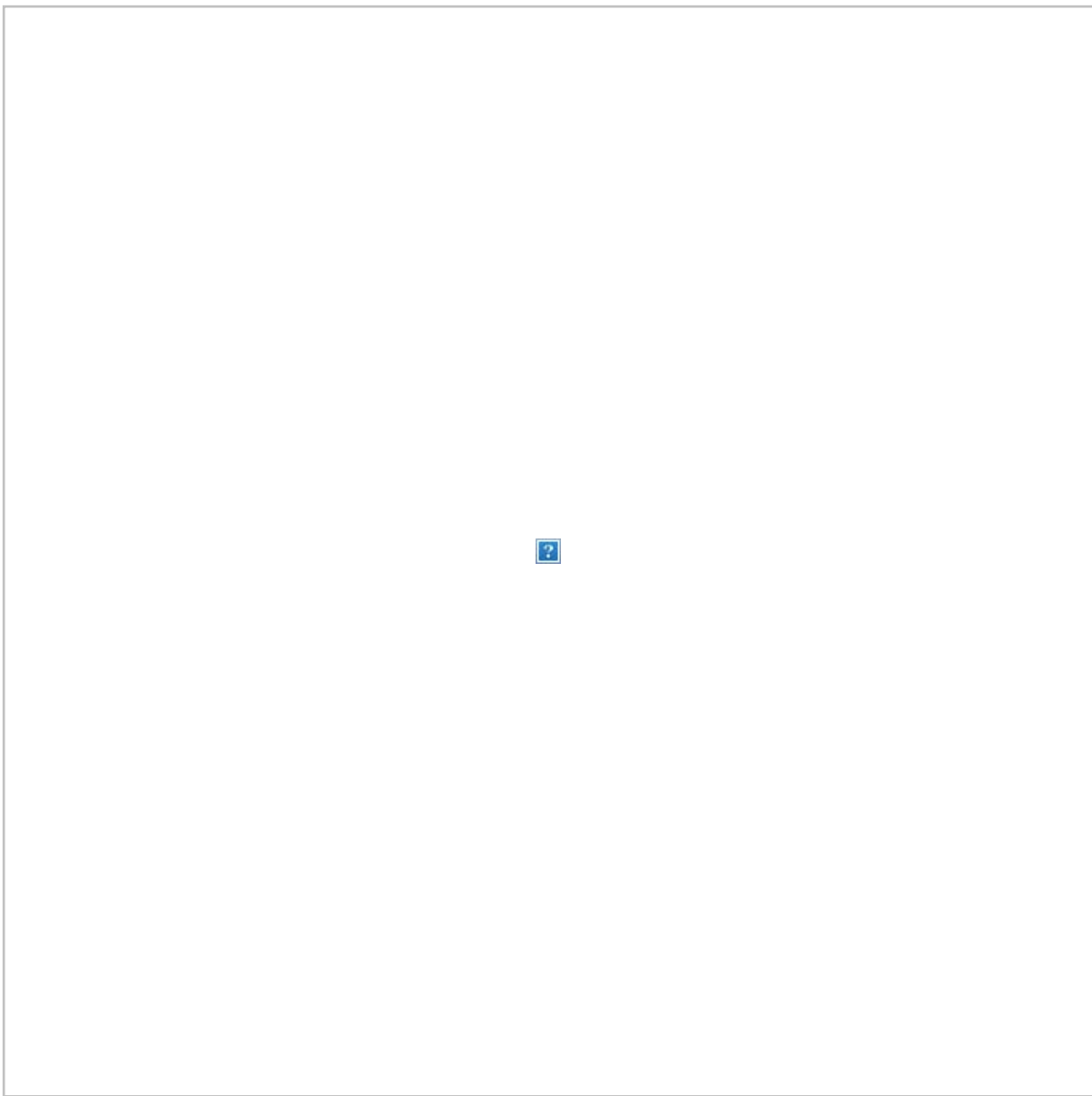


Election Night - SNL

Protests rocked Miami and Portland:

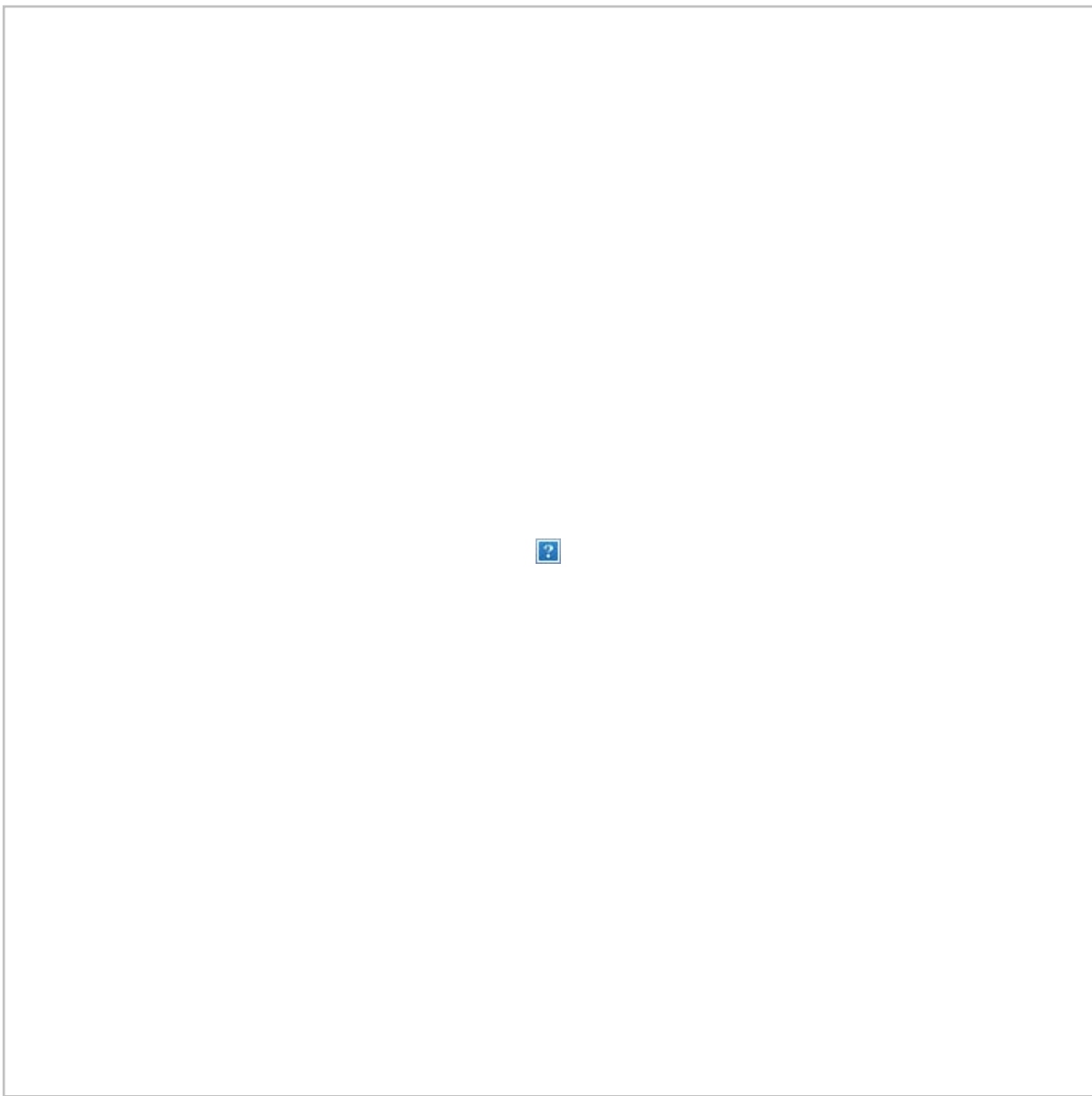


Anti-Trump protest takes over streets of Miami



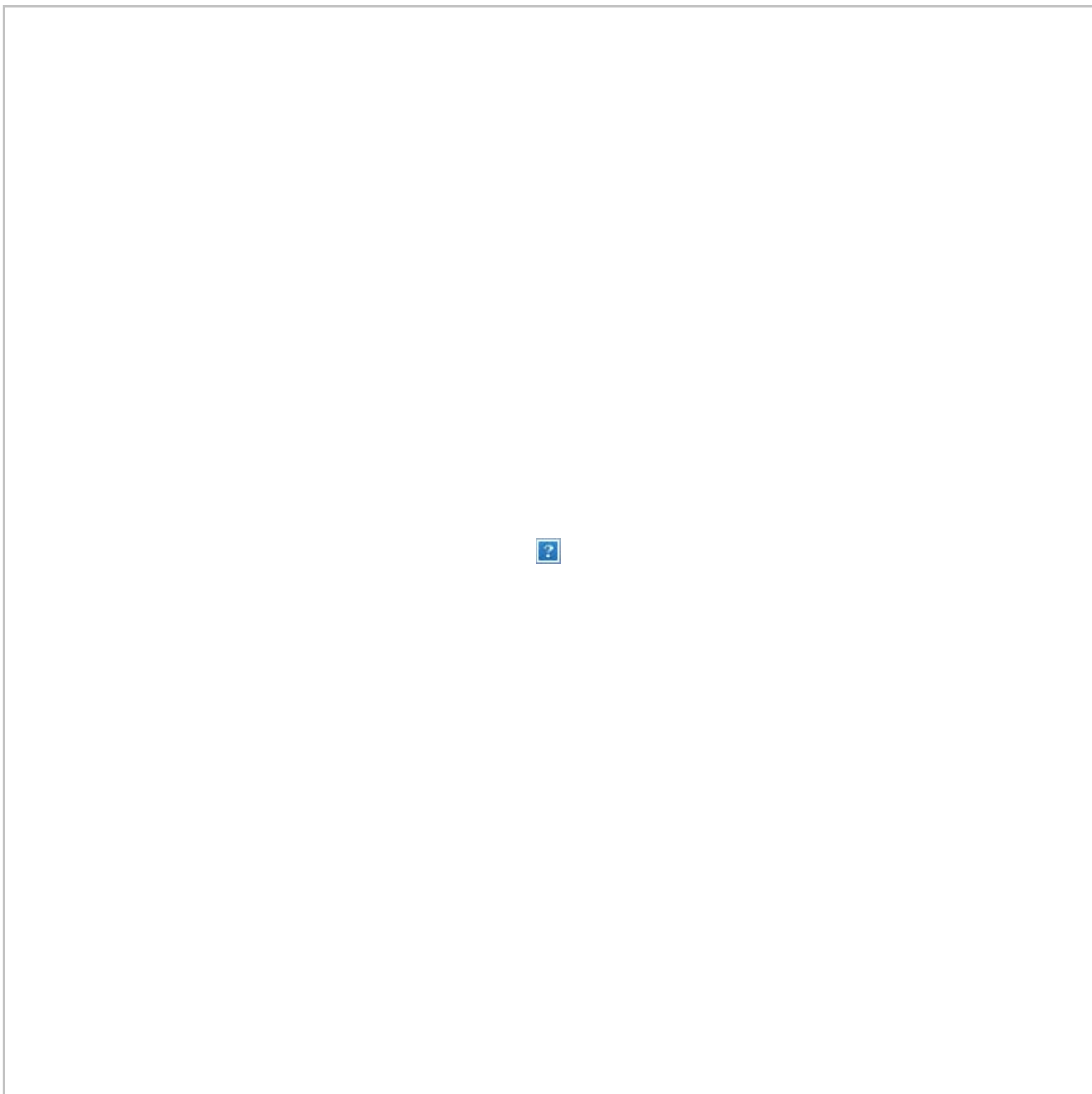
Portland's anti-Trump protest turns destructive

How the Trump administration could look like the swamp he promised to drain:



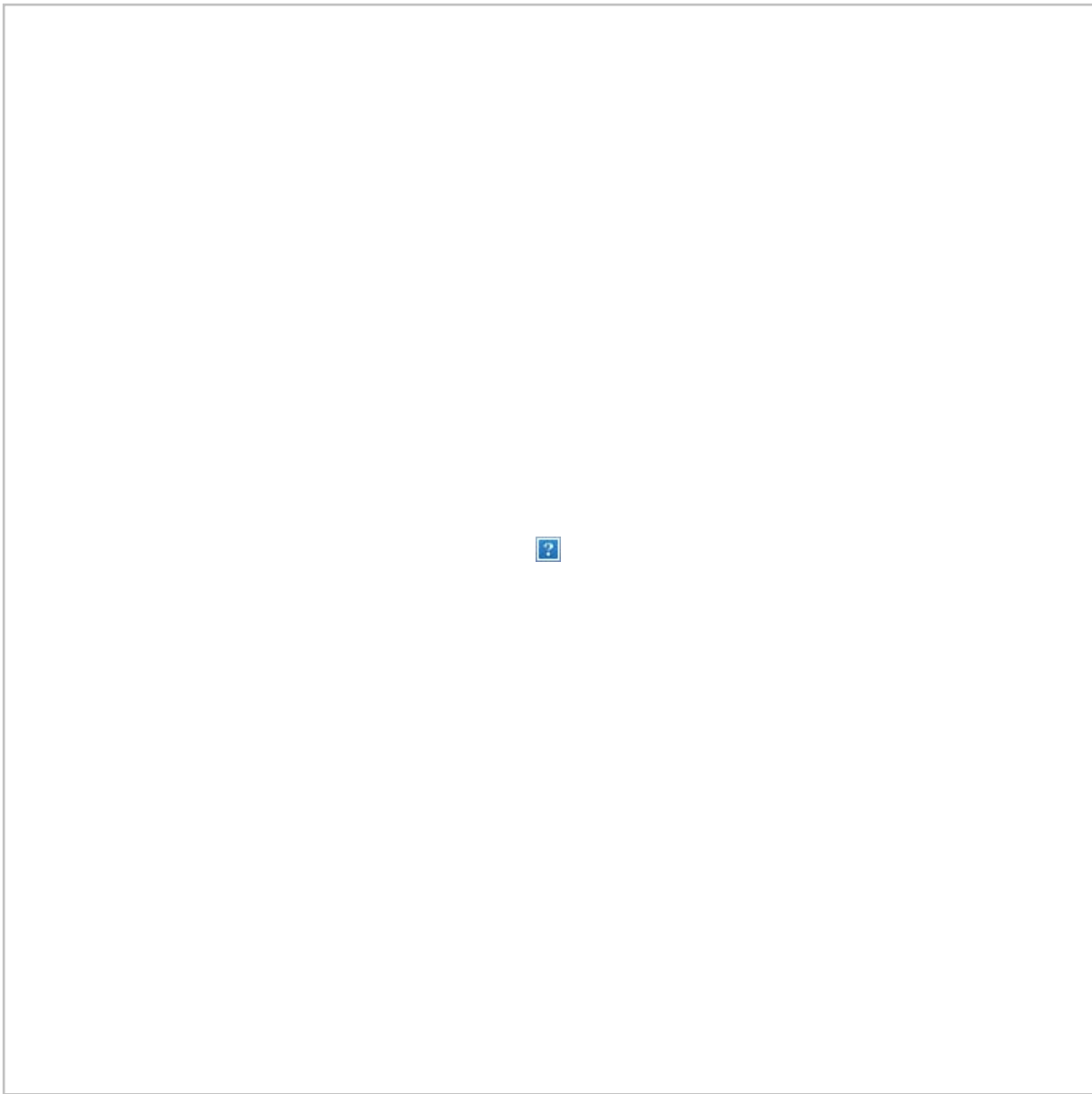
Trump's administration could look a lot like the 'swamp' he vowed to drain

Prof. Allan Lichtman was one of the few professional prognosticators to call a Trump win – and now he predicts Trump will be impeached:



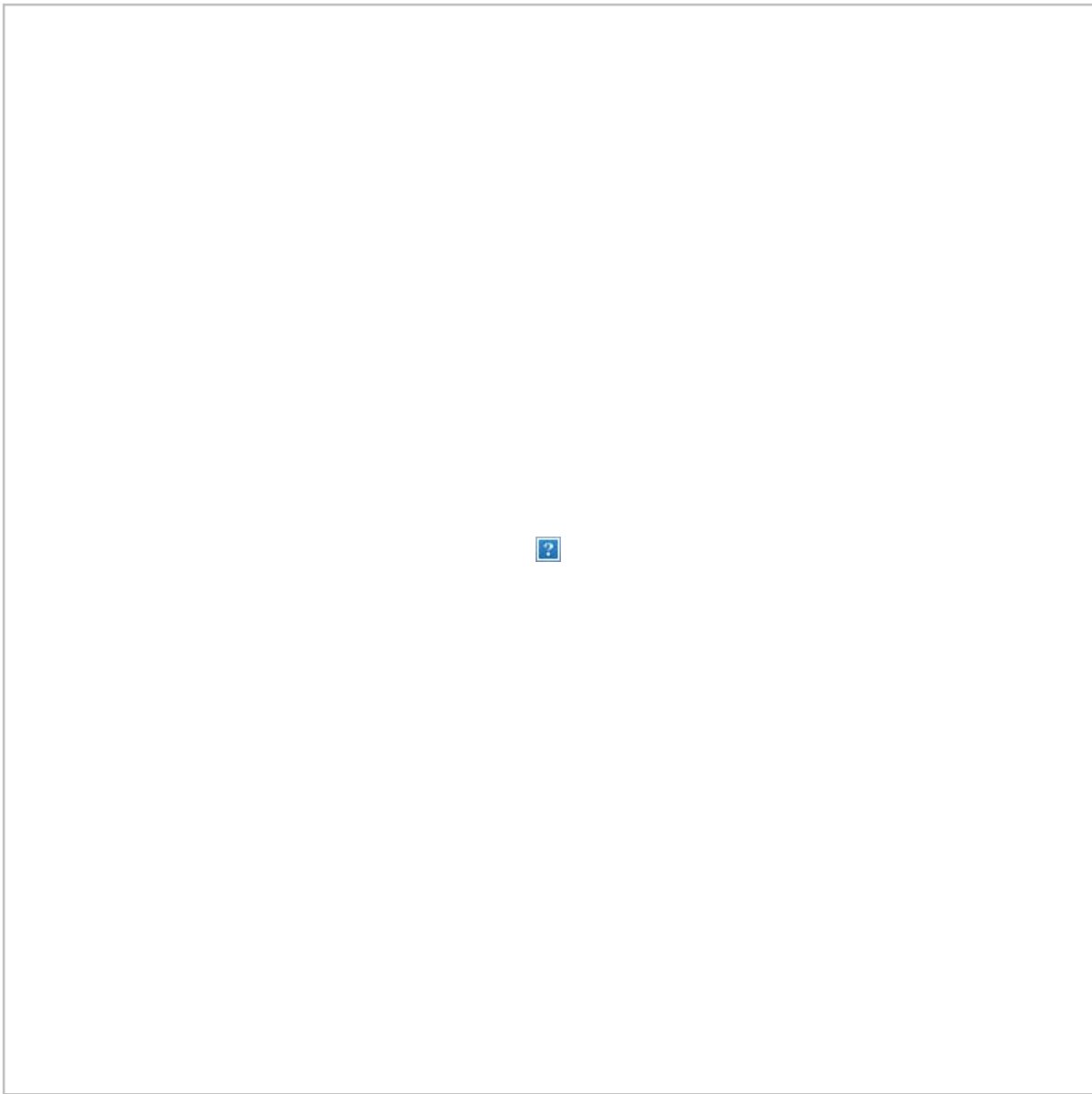
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Michael Moore left a note for Trump at Trump Tower:



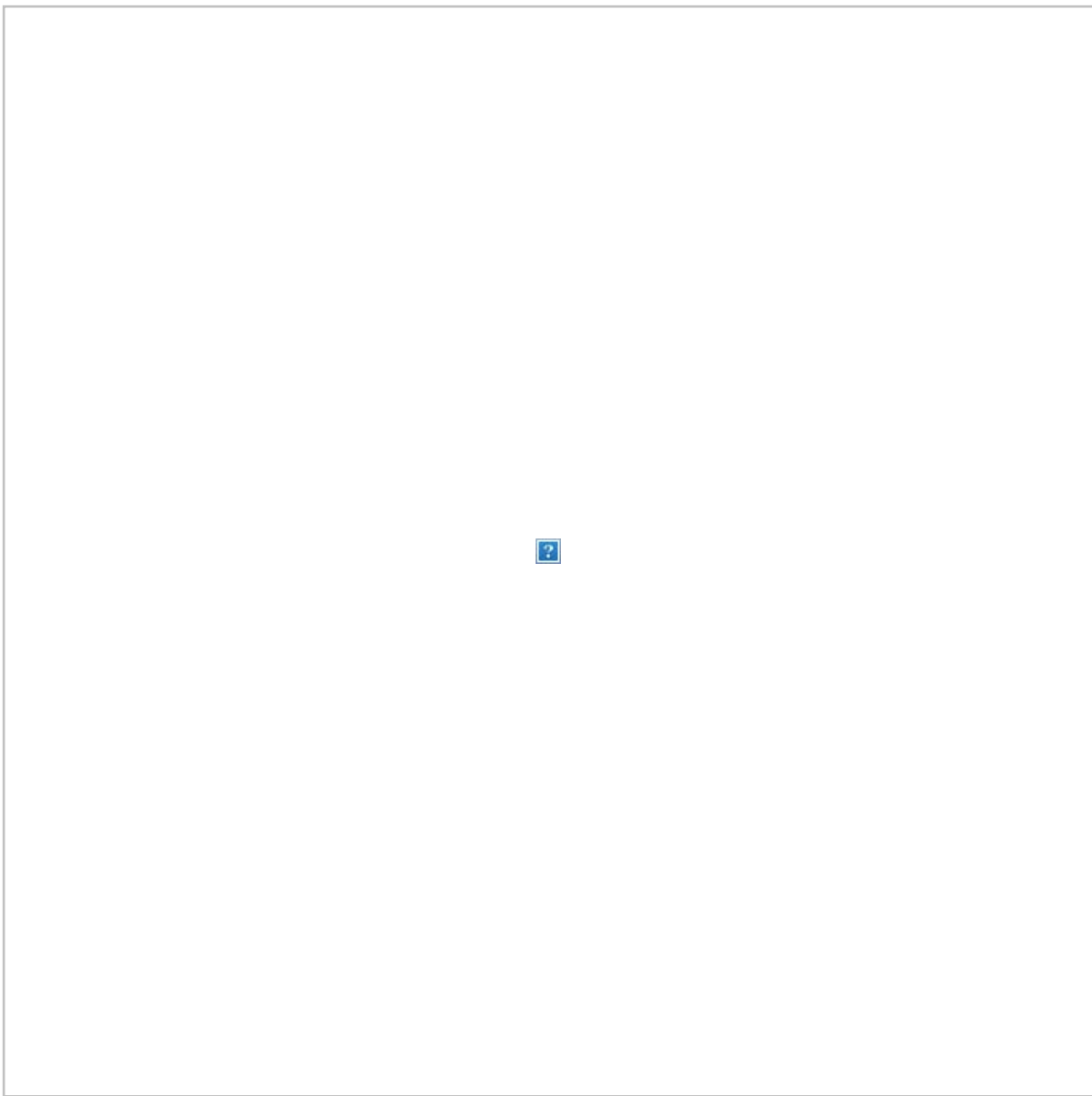
Michael Moore leaves a note for Trump

John Cleese and Eric Idle reacted to Trump's election:



John Cleese Is Looking Forward To KGB-Trained President Trump - CONAN on TBS

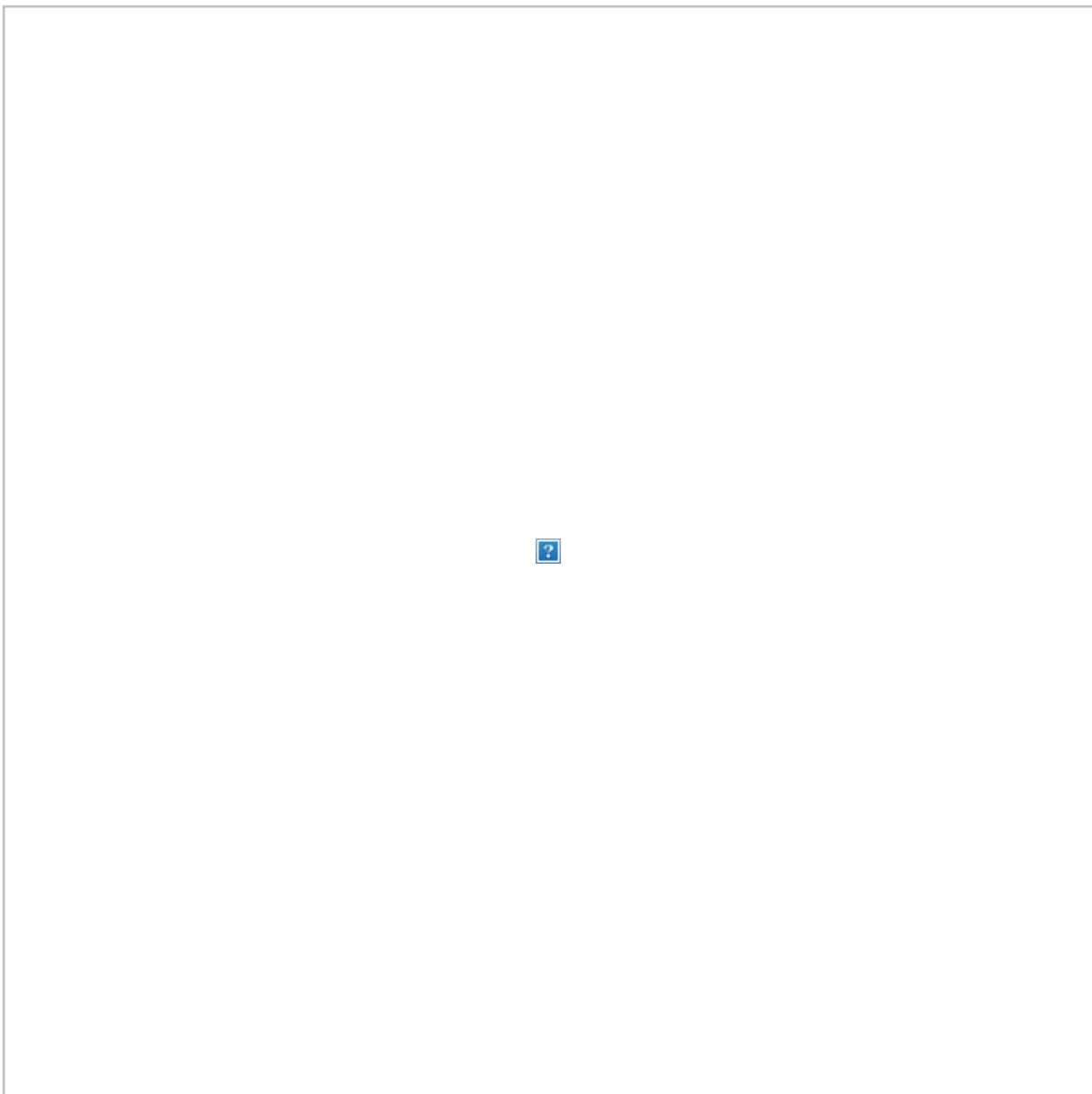
Seth Meyers walked through his favorite jokes of the week:



Seth's Favorite Jokes of the Week: Donald Trump Wins Election, Chicago Cubs Win World Series

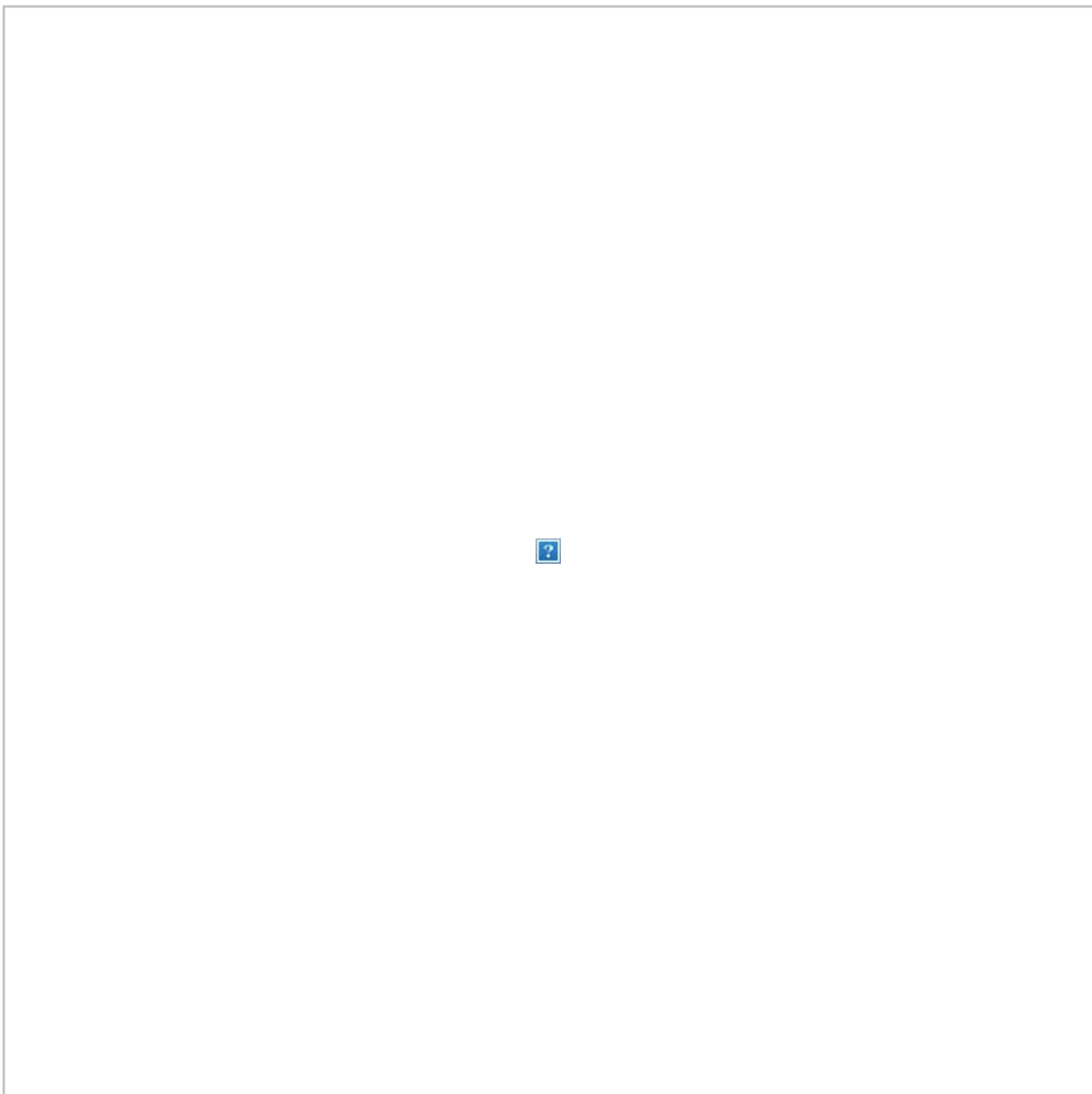
Not too long ago, serious people laughed at the very idea of Trump running for president:





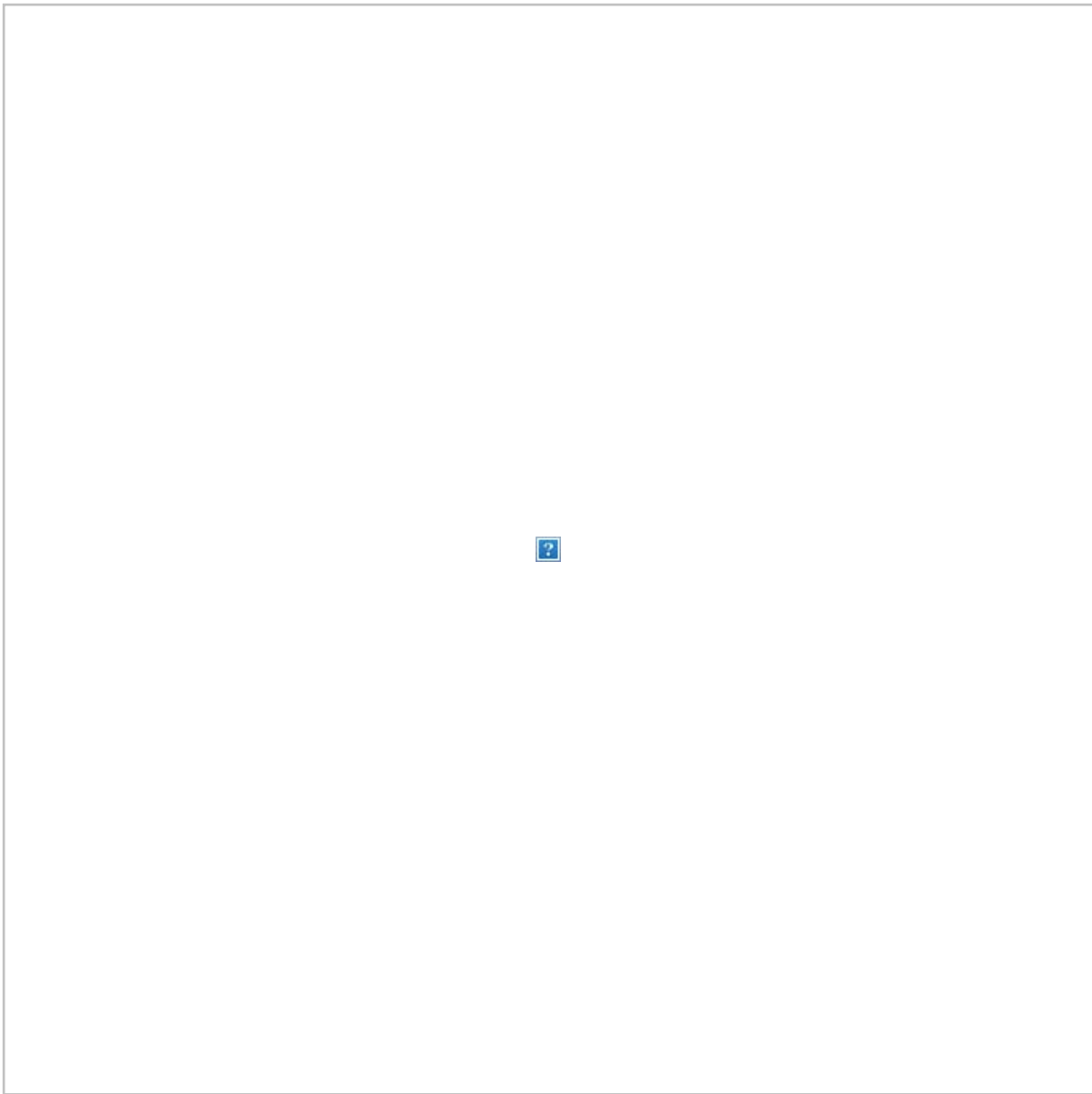
When People Laughed At The Idea Of Trump Actually Being Elected President! [Compilation]

Here's what the Obamas did this week:



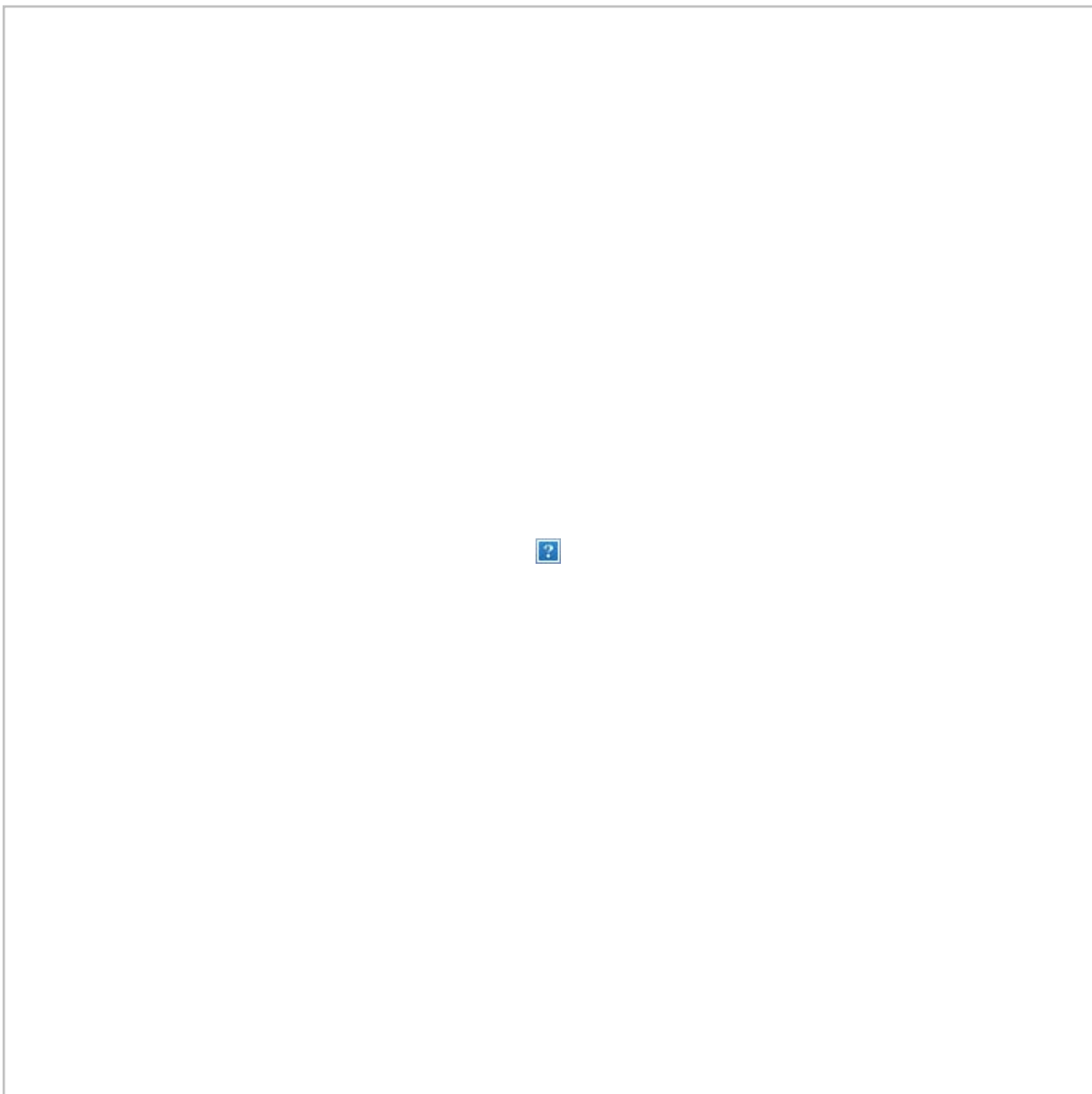
West Wing Week: 11/11/16 or, "Be Kind, Be Useful, Be Fearless"

On Veterans Day, Obama laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier:



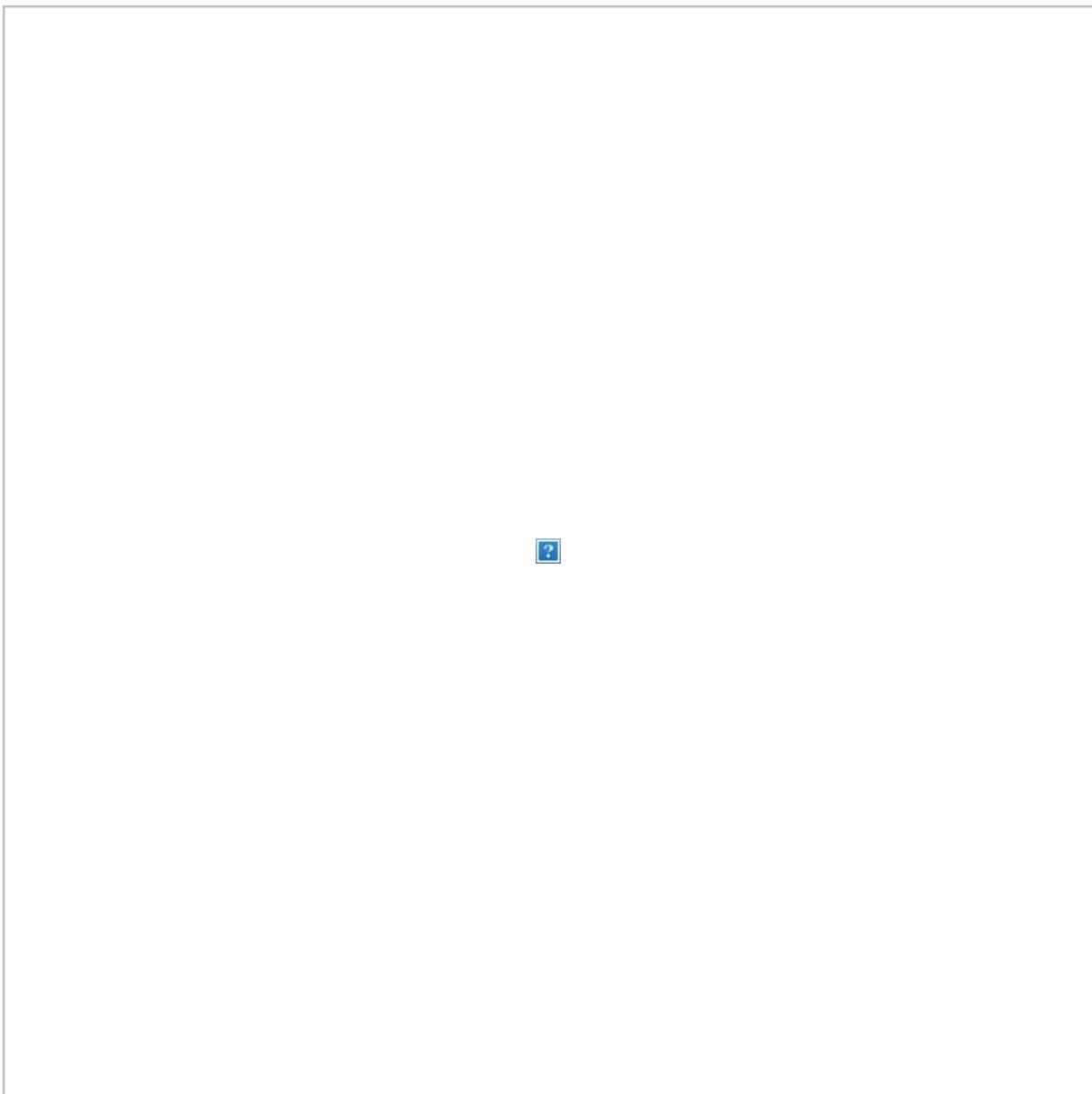
Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Watch a robot solve a Rubik's Cube in [six-tenths of a second](#):



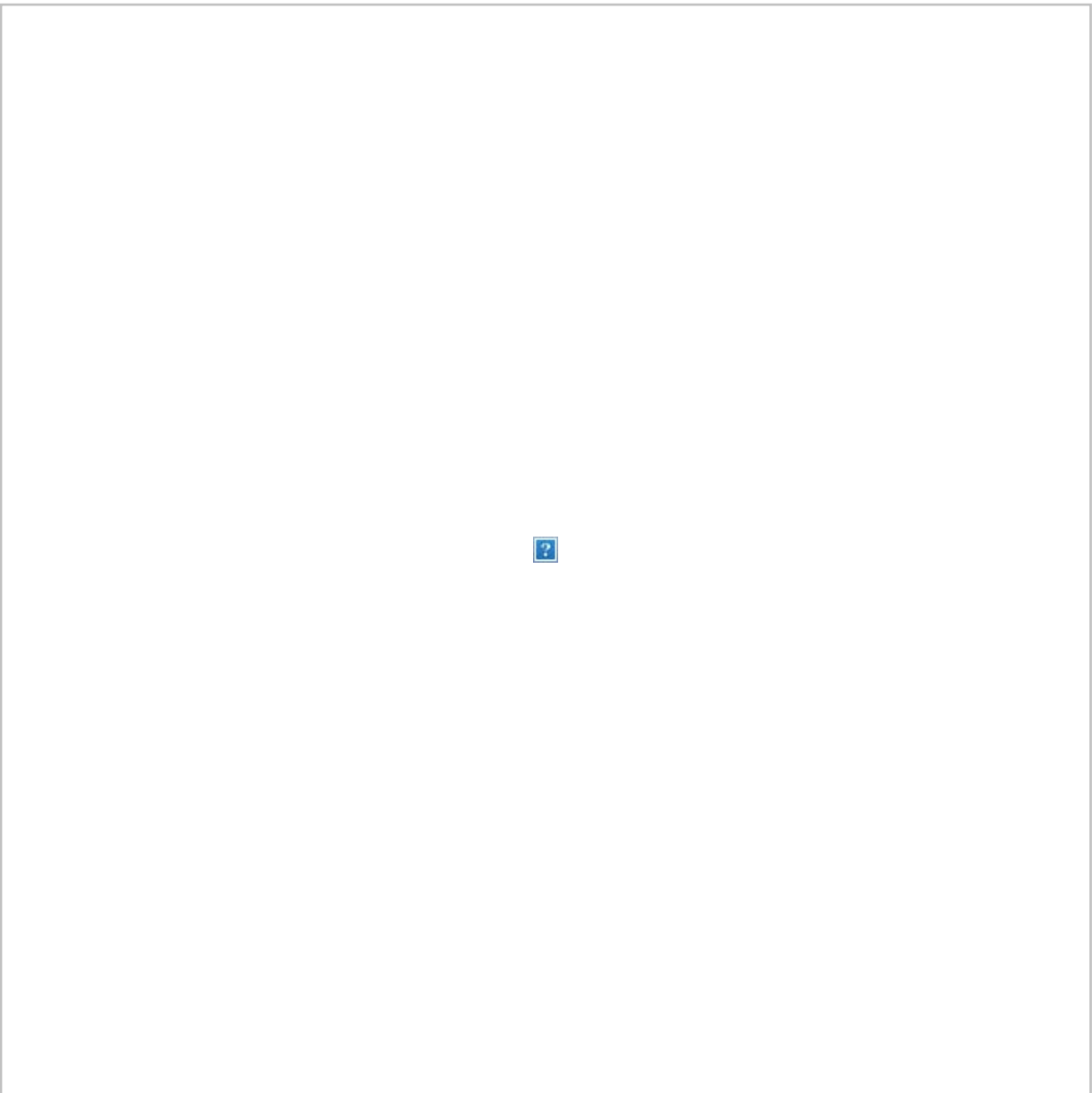
World's Fastest Rubik's Cube Solving Robot - Now Official Record is 0.900 Seconds

Stephen Colbert reflected on the meeting between Obama and Trump:



Trump And Obama, Sitting In DC, A-W-K-W-A-R-D

Finally from 2011, when Colbert asked, "What's a Reince?":



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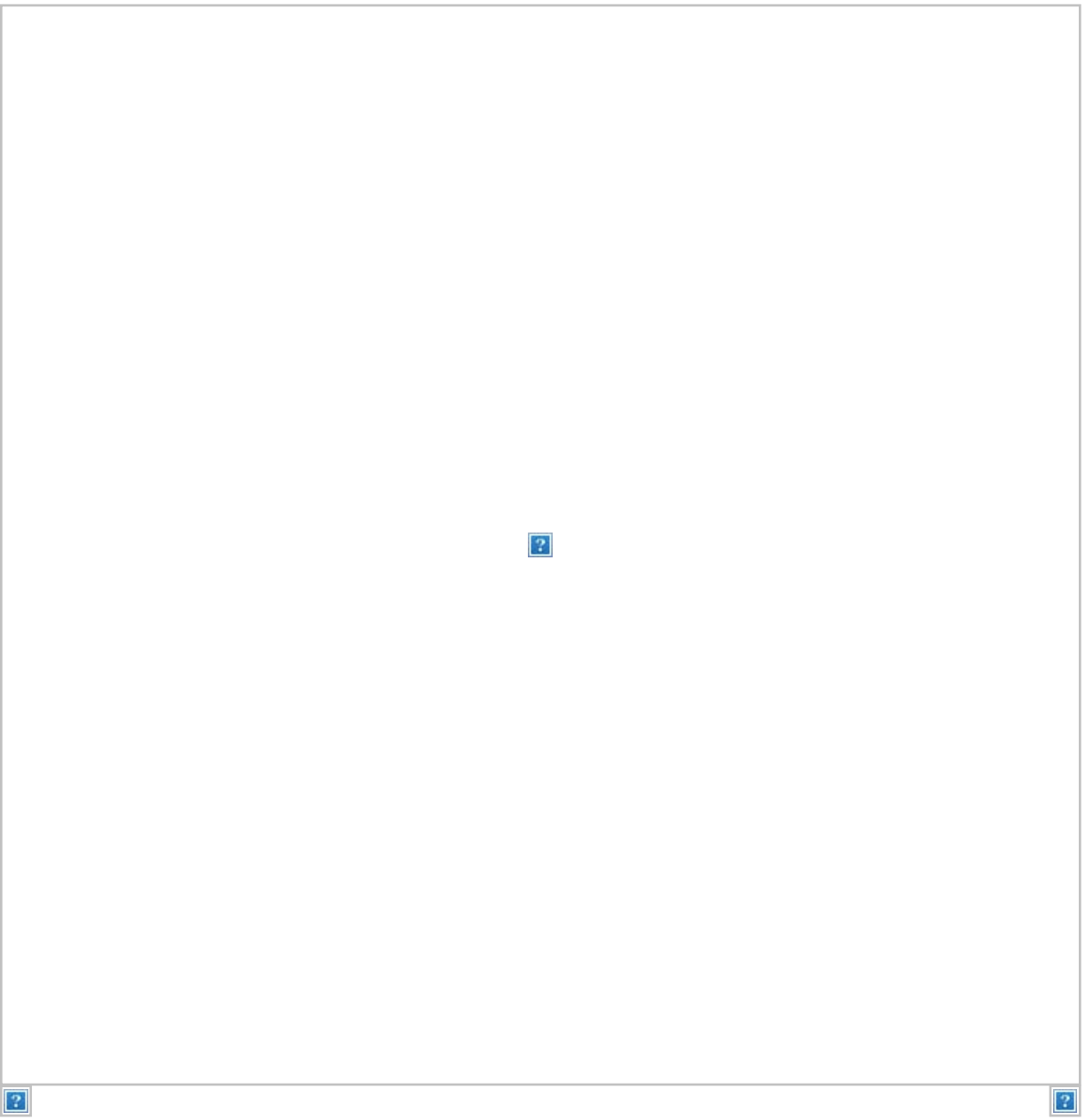
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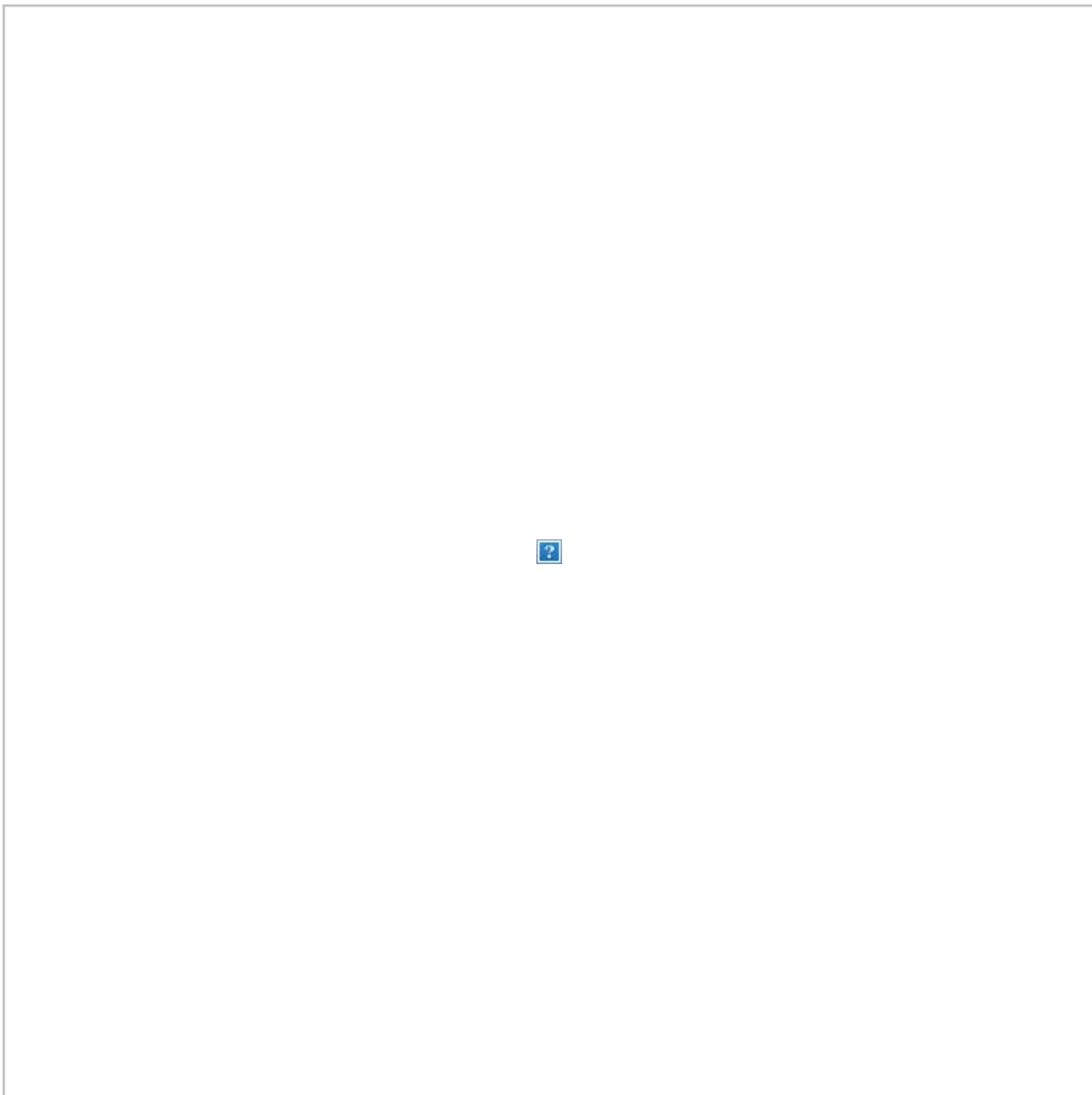
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Mike Pence attends a swearing-in ceremony at the Capitol yesterday for Luther Strange, who was appointed to replace Attorney General Jeff Sessions as Alabama's senator. (J. Scott Applewhite/AP)



**BY JAMES HOHMANN**

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**THE BIG IDEA: Either the national security adviser misled the vice president, or the vice president knowingly misled the American people.**

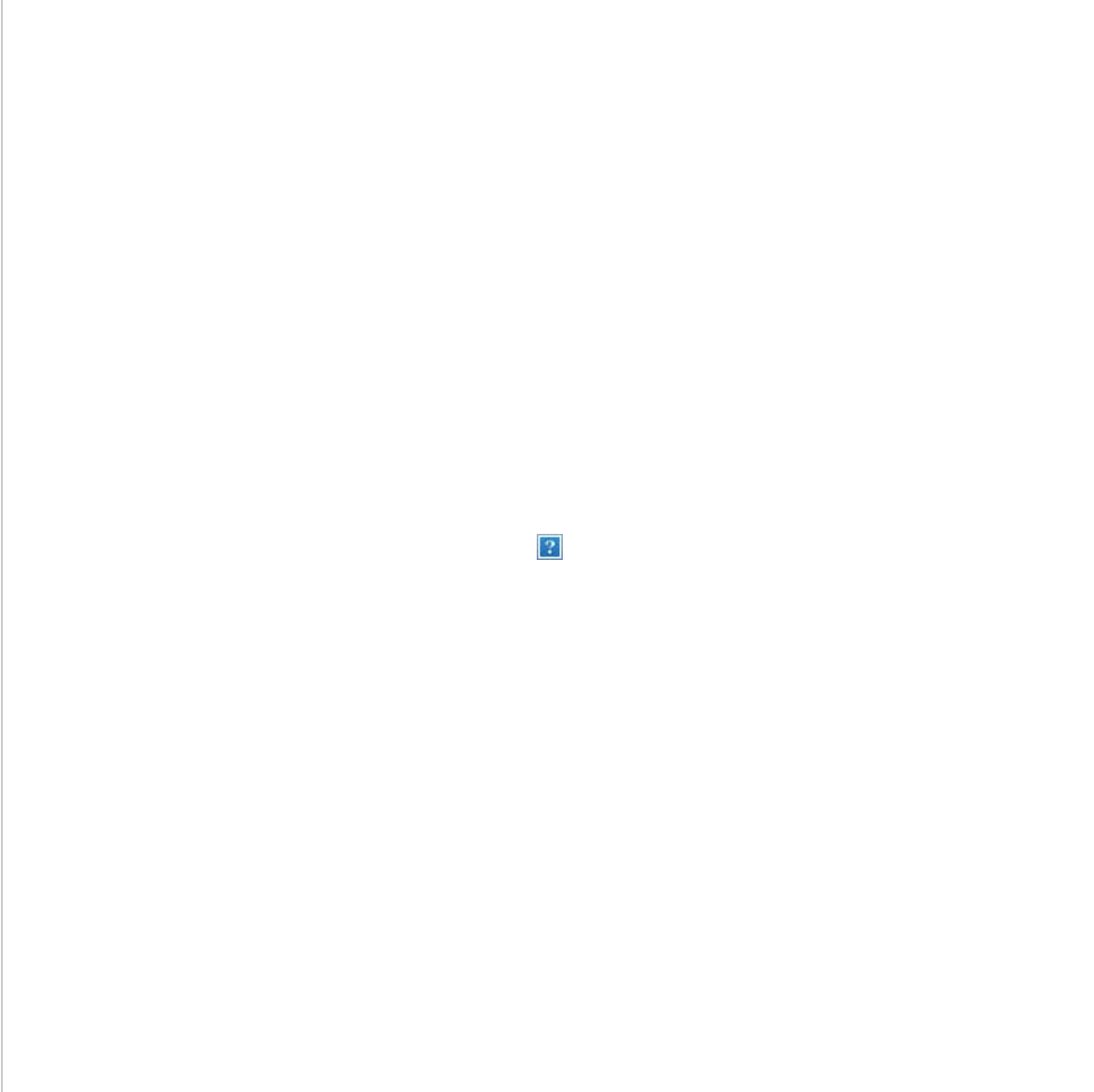
That's one takeaway from [a fresh scoop](#) by three of my colleagues: **Contrary to repeated and categorical denials by Trump officials, Michael Flynn privately discussed U.S. sanctions against Russia with that country's ambassador to the United States during the month before President Trump took office.**

**Their sourcing is solid:** Nine current and former officials, who were in senior positions at multiple agencies at the time of the calls.

“Flynn’s communications with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak were interpreted by some senior U.S. officials as an **inappropriate and potentially illegal** signal to the Kremlin that it could expect a reprieve from sanctions that were being imposed by the Obama administration in late December to punish Russia for its

alleged interference in the 2016 election,” [Greg Miller, Adam Entous and Ellen Nakashima report](#). “Officials said this week that **the FBI is continuing to examine Flynn’s communications** with Kislyak.”

**Selective amnesia:** On Wednesday, Flynn denied that he had discussed sanctions with Kislyak. Asked in an interview whether he had ever done so, he twice said, “No.” On Thursday, Flynn backed away from the denial. A spokesman said: “While he had no recollection of discussing sanctions, he couldn’t be certain that the topic never came up.”

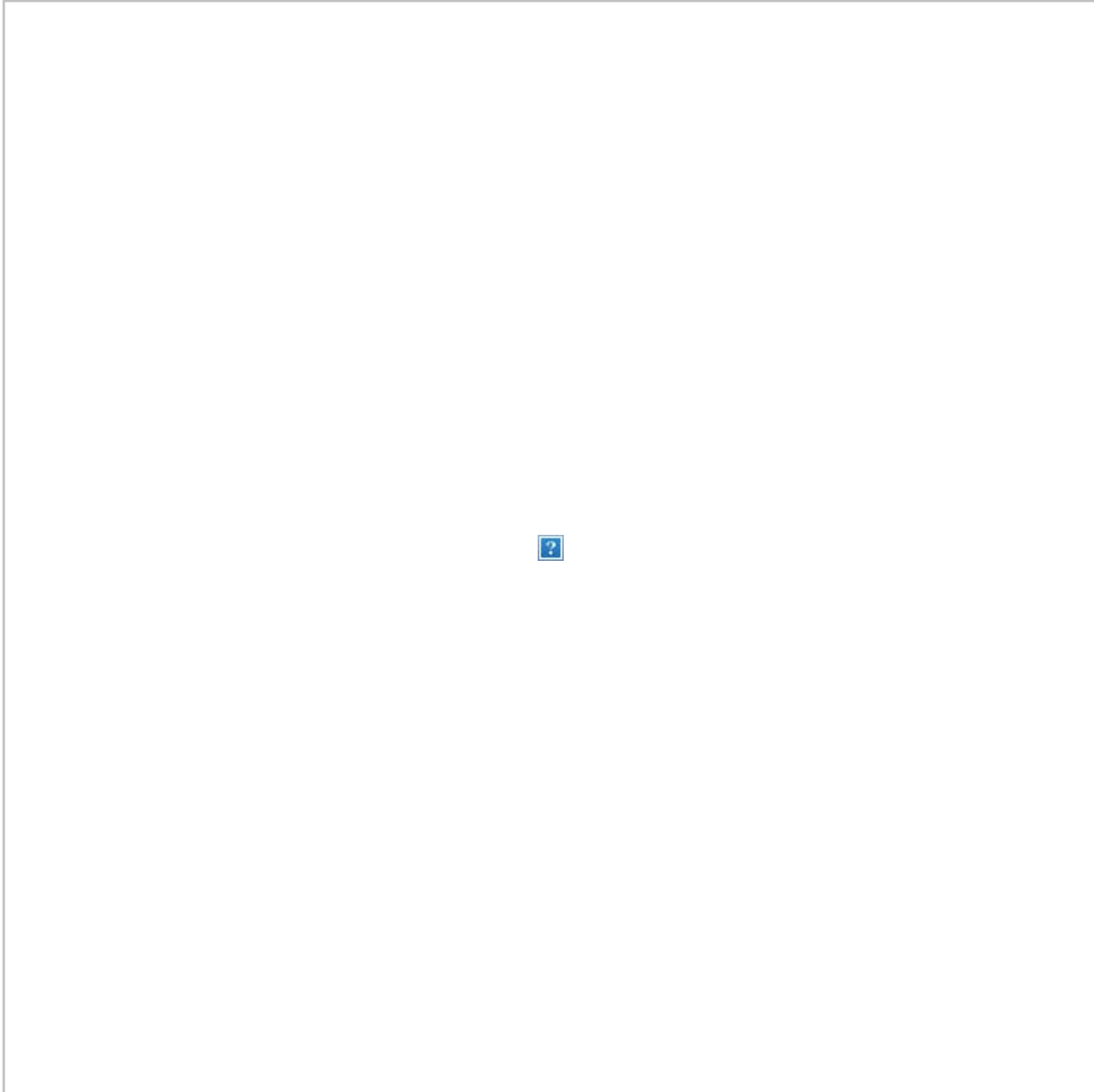


Flynn spoke with Russia’s ambassador about sanctions during presidential transition

**What makes the earlier denials so weird:** “Federal officials who have read the transcript of the call were surprised by Mr. Flynn’s comments, since he would have known that American eavesdroppers closely monitor such calls,” notes [the New York Times](#), which confirmed The Post’s reporting.

**Several top administration officials went to the mat last month to back up Flynn, but none more so than Mike Pence.** “They did not discuss anything having to do with the United States’ decision to expel diplomats or impose censure against Russia,” the vice president said on [CBS’s “Face the Nation” on Jan. 15](#). “What I can confirm, having spoken to him about it, is that those conversations that happened to occur around the time that the United States took action to expel diplomats had nothing whatsoever to do with those sanctions.” Pence then made the more sweeping assertion that there had been no contact between members of Trump’s team and Russia during the campaign.

**“Neither of those assertions is consistent with the fuller account of Flynn’s contacts with Kislyak provided by officials who had access to reports from U.S. intelligence and law enforcement agencies that routinely monitor the communications of Russian diplomats,”** Greg, Adam and Ellen write. “All (nine) of those officials said Flynn’s references to the election-related sanctions were explicit. Two of those officials went further, saying that Flynn urged Russia not to overreact to the penalties being imposed by [Obama] ... A third official put it more bluntly, saying that either Flynn had misled Pence or that Pence misspoke.”



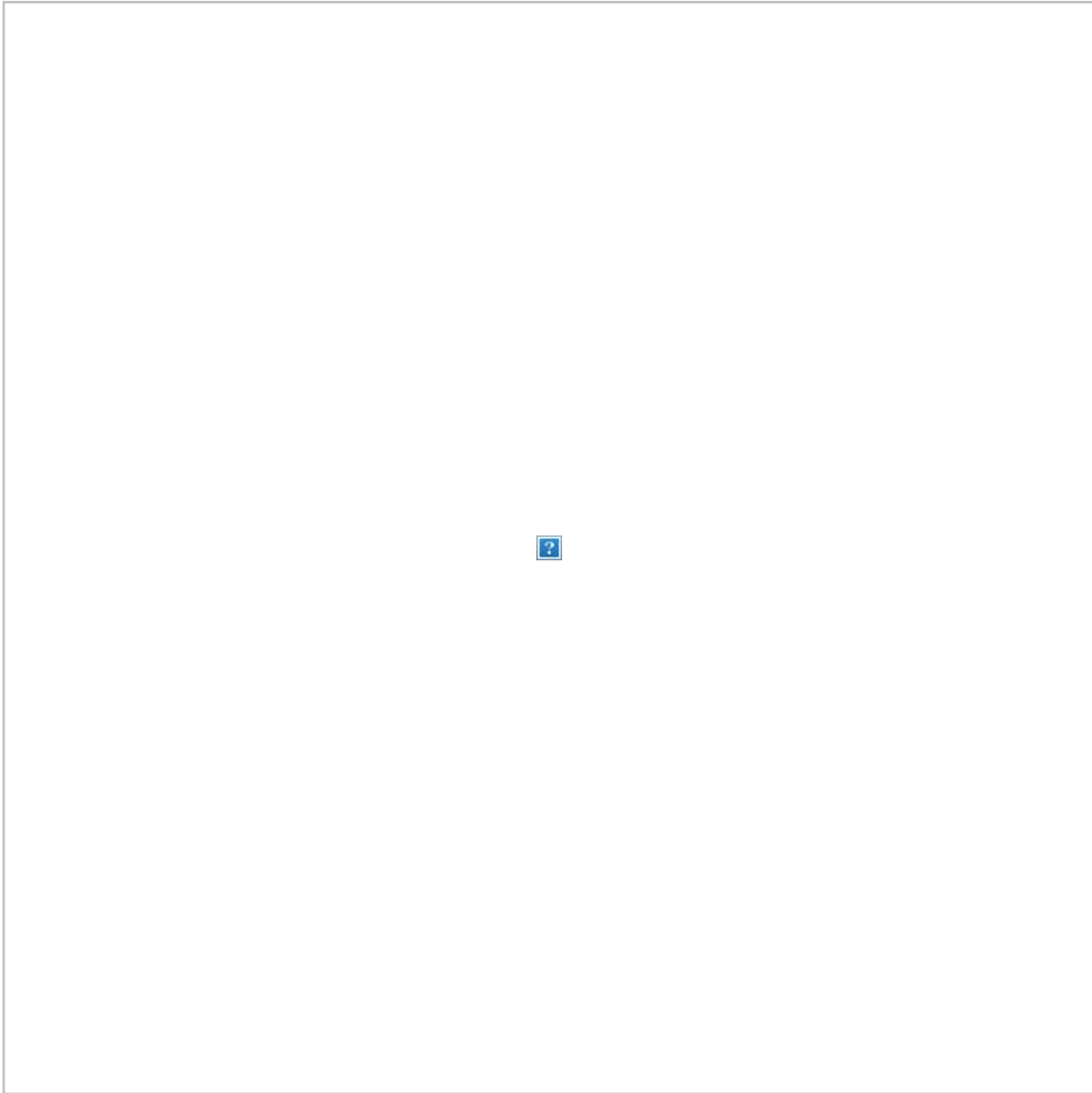
Trump's Transition: Who is Michael Flynn?

**An administration official reiterated last night after the story posted that Pence made his comments based on a conversation with Flynn.**

**You might recall the Republican outrage when Susan Rice, as the U.N. ambassador, used Sunday show appearances in 2012 to falsely blame a YouTube video for the attack on our consulate in Benghazi.** Rice said she was only repeating what she’d been told by the intelligence community, but that didn’t stop many prominent Republicans from accusing her of participating in a cover-up. The episode cost her the chance to be secretary of state, since Obama knew she could not get confirmed.

**-- Flynn has cozied up to the Russians for years now, arguing that a longtime adversary can be a partner in defeating Islamic terrorism.** Before he was pushed out as head of the Defense Intelligence Agency in 2014, amid concerns about his management, he visited Moscow. **“Flynn has frequently boasted**

**that he was the first DIA director to be invited into the headquarters of Russia's military intelligence directorate, known as the GRU, although at least one of his predecessors was granted similar access,"** Greg, Adam and Ellen report. "U.S. intelligence agencies say they have tied the GRU to Russia's theft of troves of email messages from Democratic Party computer networks and accuse Moscow of then delivering those materials to WikiLeaks." In 2015, Flynn flew back to Moscow to sit next to Putin at a party in Moscow for the Kremlin-controlled RT television network.



Reince Priebus, Mike Pence, Steve Bannon, Sean Spicer and Michael Flynn listen as President Trump speaks by phone with Vladimir Putin in the Oval Office on Jan. 28. (Jonathan Ernst/Reuters)

-- **What Trump doesn't know *can* hurt him.** Reuters reported yesterday that, during a Jan. 28 call with Vladimir Putin, the Russian leader raised the possibility of talks on a number of issues, including the New START treaty limiting nuclear weapons deployments. The news agency said **Trump paused to ask aides what the 2011 treaty was, and then denounced it as favoring Russia.** Press secretary Sean Spicer would not comment on some details of the call. But he denied that Trump didn't know what the treaty was, saying the president had merely sought an opinion from an adviser during the conversation.

-- **Suffering from a growing credibility gap, the Trump team is stepping up efforts to go after leakers.** Embarrassing revelations have now emerged about the president's calls with the leaders of Australia, Mexico and Russia. [Karen DeYoung and Philip Rucker report](#) that **a White House probe is underway.** Spicer said

Trump is “very concerned” about the details getting out, which he said represent breaches of protocol and potential illegality.

-- **Happening this morning:** I am interviewing Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) about the Democratic strategy to resist Trump. We’ll cover a lot from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., from health care to foreign policy. [Watch the livestream here.](#)

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#### WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:

The Senate has a roll call vote in the 2 a.m. hour. </p>□



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-- **Tom Price was confirmed 52-47 as Health and Human Services secretary around 2:30 a.m.** [Amy Goldstein and Sean Sullivan report:](#) “The Georgia congressman did not draw a single vote from Senate Democrats, who argued that the intersection of the nominee’s personal investments and legislative behavior

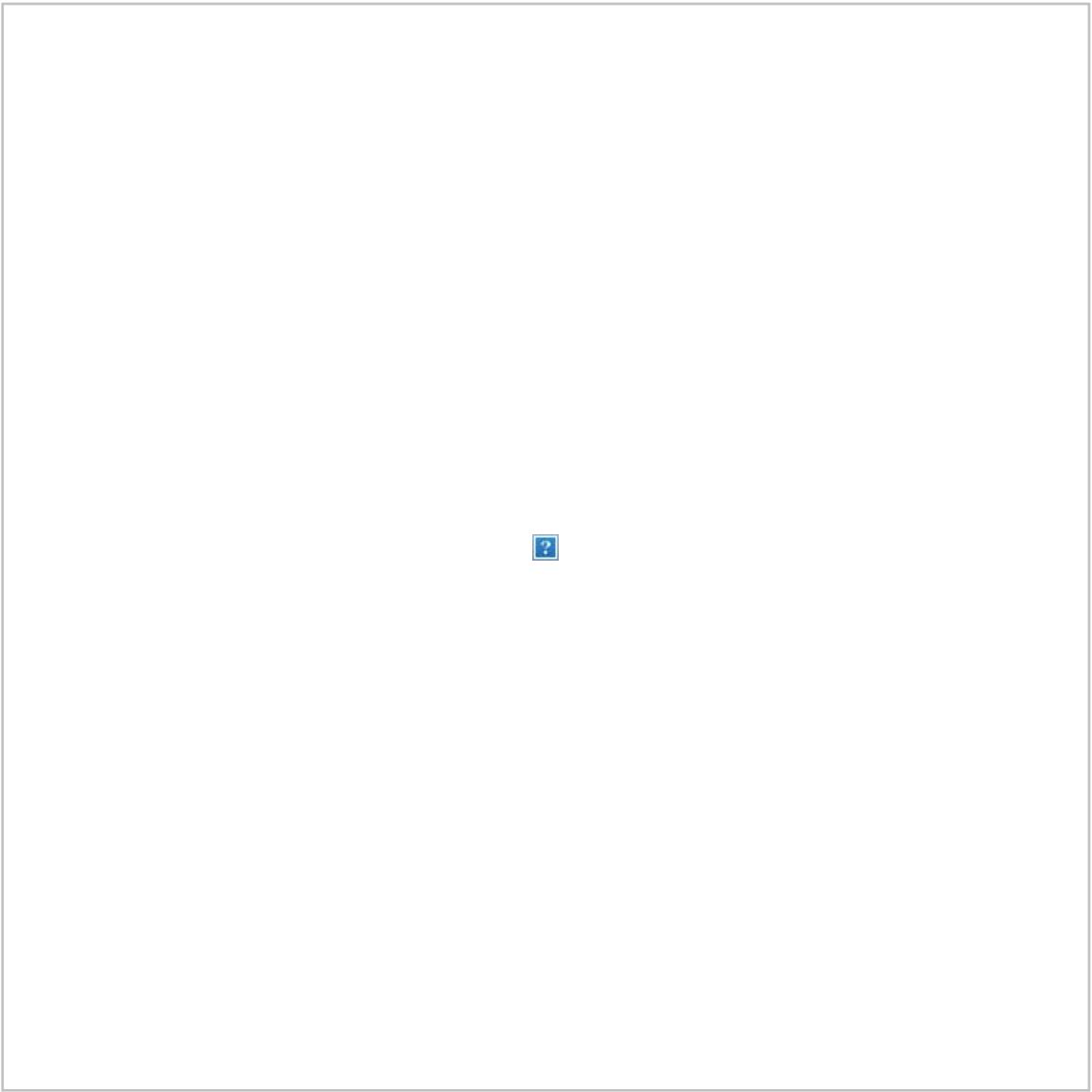
warranted deeper scrutiny of his ethics. Lacking the votes to defeat his confirmation, Democrats instead marshaled a war of words. They used the hours leading to the 2 a.m. roll call to read testimonials from Americans with severe, expensive-to-treat illnesses and gratitude to the ACA, Medicare or Medicaid — cornerstones of federal health policy that the Democrats accused the nominee of wanting to undermine.”

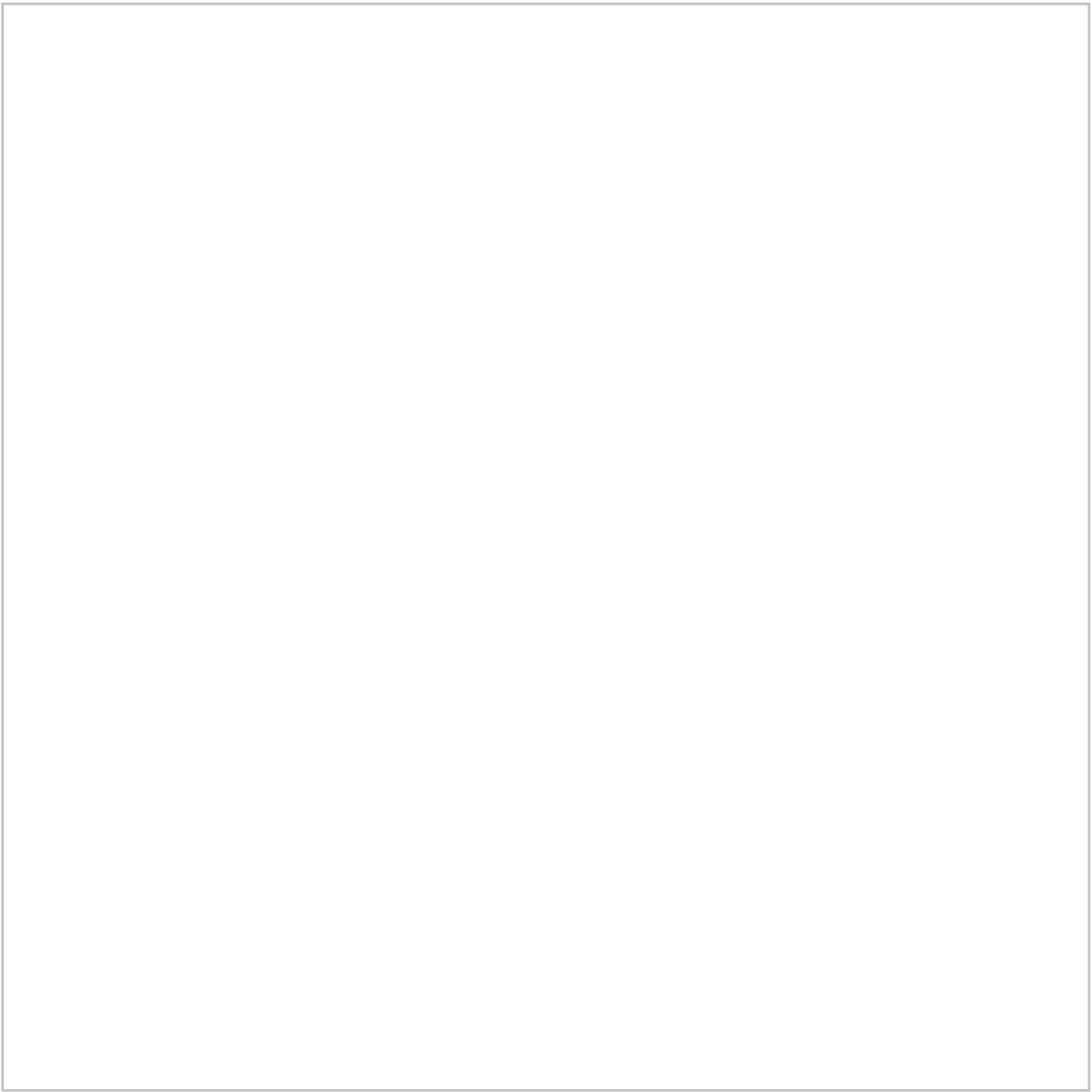
Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping&nbsp;(EPA)</p></p>




Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping (EPA)

-- **Backing away from a fight: Trump told Chinese President Xi Jinping that he will honor the “One China” policy, reversing his earlier rhetoric on the longstanding policy during a phone call last night.** [Simon Denyer and Philip Rucker](#): In a statement, White House officials said the two countries agreed to engage in “discussions and negotiations on various issues of mutual interest,” and extended invitations to meet in their various countries.



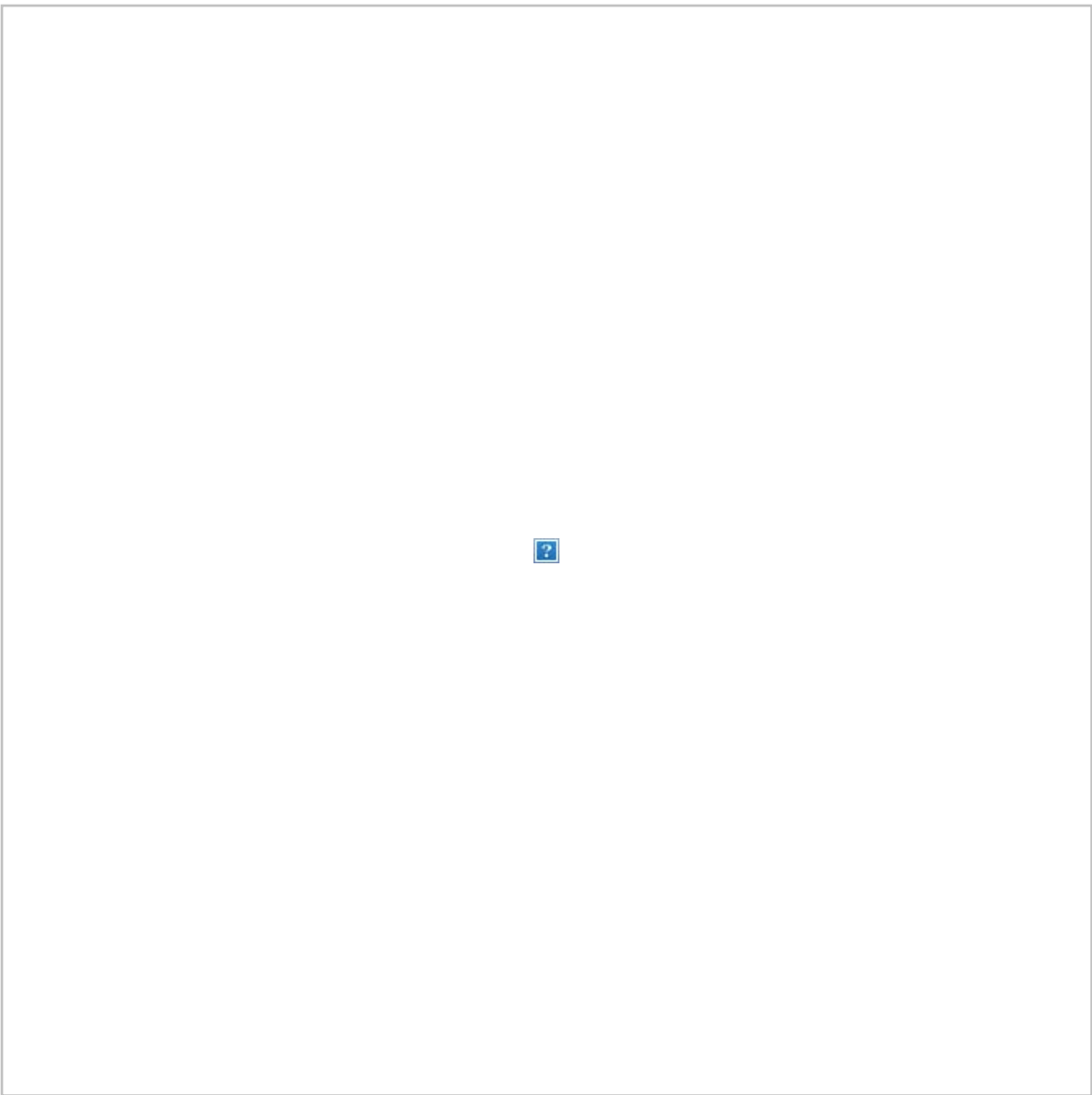






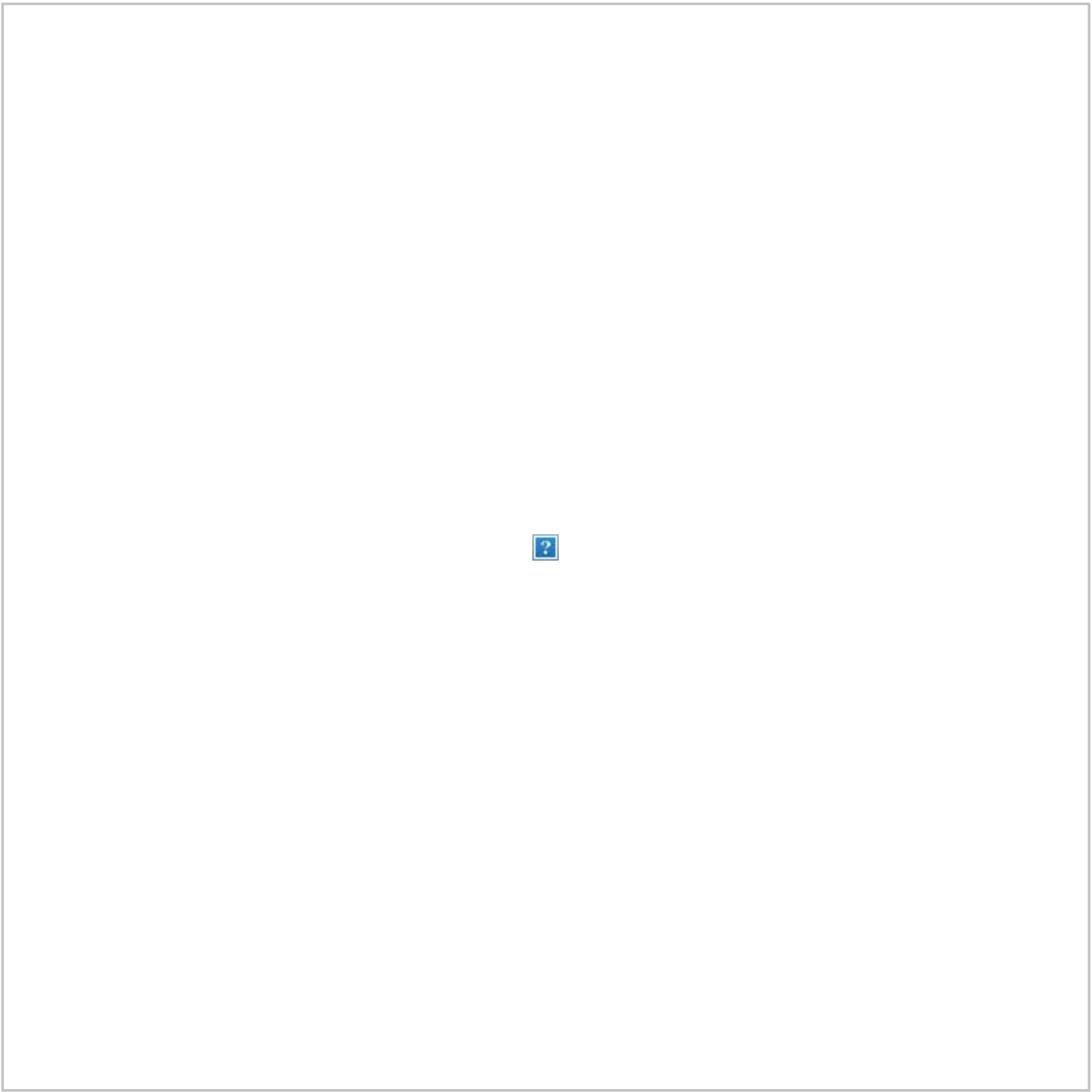
Federal appeals court rules against Trump's immigration ban

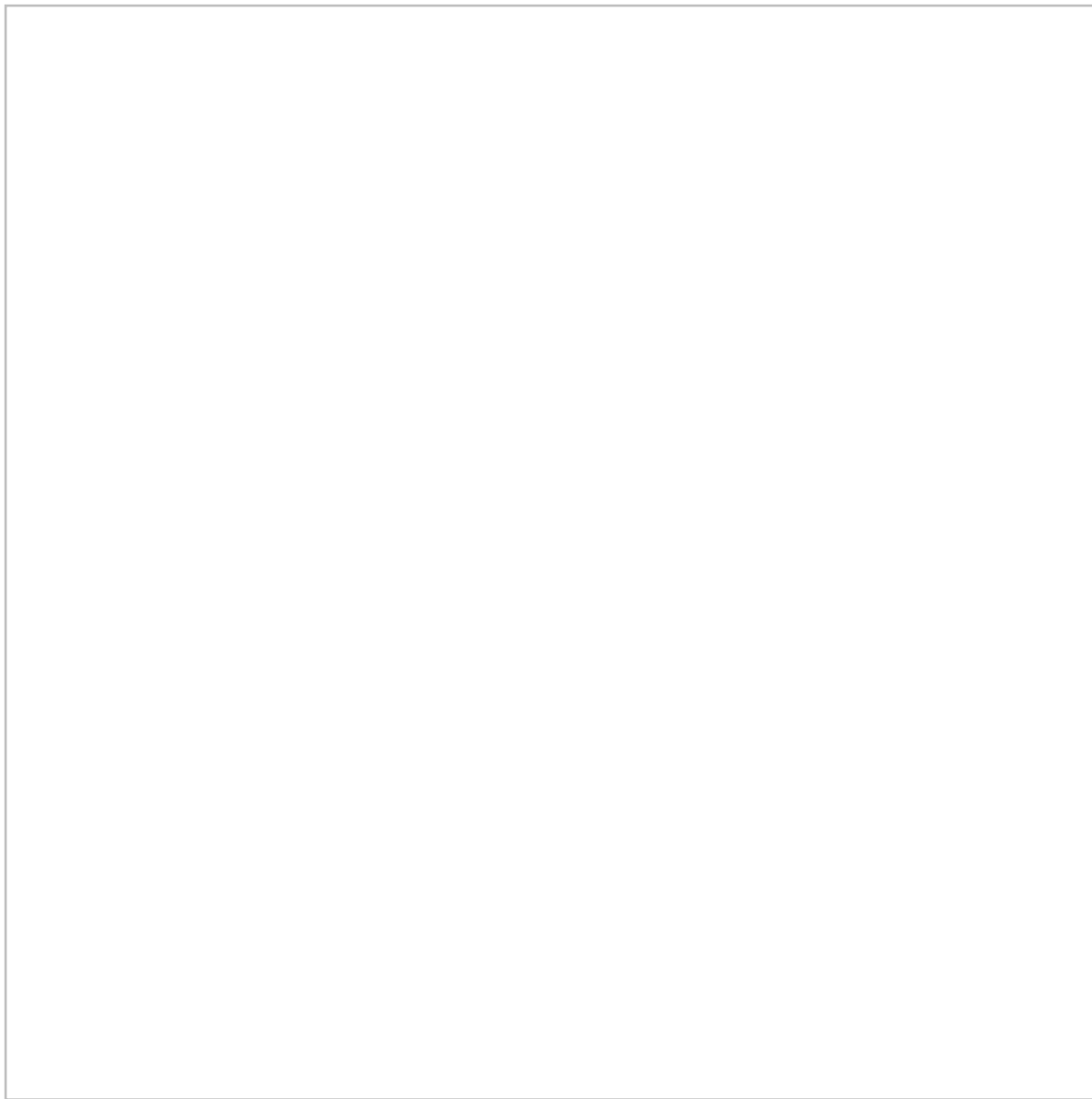
**-- The 9th Circuit, in a 3-0 decision, maintained the freeze on Trump's immigration order, meaning previously barred refugees and citizens from seven majority-Muslim countries can continue entering the United States. [From Matt Zapotosky](#): "In a unanimous [29-page opinion](#), three judges from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit flatly rejected the government's argument that suspension of the order should be lifted immediately for national security reasons, and they forcefully asserted their ability to serve as a check on the president's power. The judges wrote that any suggestion that they could not 'runs contrary to the fundamental structure of our constitutional democracy.' The judges did not declare outright that the ban was meant to disfavor Muslims ... But their ruling is undeniably a blow to the government and means the travel ban will remain off for the foreseeable future."**



Audio: Trump reacts to federal appeals court decision

**Trump reacted angrily:** “We have a situation where the security of our country is at stake, and it’s a very, very serious situation, so we look forward ... to seeing them in court,” he told reporters at the White House. (Click the picture above for the audio.) The president also tweeted this:





Federal appeals court rules against immigration ban. Here's what Trump could do next.

**So what's next?** "The Justice Department could now ask the Supreme Court — which often defers to the president on matters of immigration and national security — to intervene," per Zapotosky. **"The Supreme Court, though, remains one justice short, and many see it as ideologically split 4 to 4. A tie would keep in place whatever the appeals court decides.** The Justice Department could also ask the full 9th Circuit to consider the matter."

**Running out the clock:** Don't forget that Trump's ban on refugees lasts only 120 days, and his ban on visitors from Iraq, Iran, Syria, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen lasts only 90 days.

Judges Clifton, Canby and Friedland of the 9th Circuit. (Court photo via AFP/Getty Images)</p>□



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-- Matt, one of our DOJ beat reporters, flags [three more takeaways](#) from the opinion:

**The judges said the government has not offered any substantive evidence to support its need for the ban:** “The Government has pointed to no evidence that any alien from any of the countries named in the Order has perpetrated a terrorist attack in the United States. Rather than present evidence to explain the need for the Executive Order, the Government has taken the position that we must not review its decision at all.”

**The court isn’t sure — at this stage — whether there is proof that the executive order discriminates against Muslims:** “The States’ claims raise serious allegations and present significant constitutional questions. In light of the sensitive interests involved, the pace of the current emergency proceedings, and our conclusion that the Government has not met its burden of showing likelihood of success on appeal on its arguments with respect to the due process claim, we reserve consideration of these claims until the merits of this appeal have been fully briefed.”

**The government now says green-card holders aren’t impacted by the order anymore because of guidance from the White House counsel. The court says it can’t take that to the bank:** “The White House counsel is not the President, and he is not known to be in the chain of command for any of the Executive Departments. Moreover, in light of the Government’s shifting interpretations of the Executive Order, we

cannot say that the current interpretation by White House counsel, even if authoritative and binding, will persist past the immediate stage of these proceedings.” ([Read all 29 pages for yourself.](#))

-- In Damascus, meanwhile, Syrian President Bashar Assad [told Yahoo News](#) that Trump’s immigration order is an “American issue” but tried to give the president some cover by saying that some of the refugees fleeing his country are “definitely terrorists.” The Butcher of Damascus, who has committed heinous war crimes against his people, said that he could not estimate how many there might be but “you don’t need a significant number to commit atrocities.” He noted that the 9/11 attacks were pulled off by fewer than 20 terrorists “out of maybe millions of immigrants in the United States. So it’s not about the number, it’s about the quality, it’s about the intentions.”

Nik Wallenda walks over Niagara Falls on a tightrope. (AP/The Canadian Press, Frank Gunn)</p>□

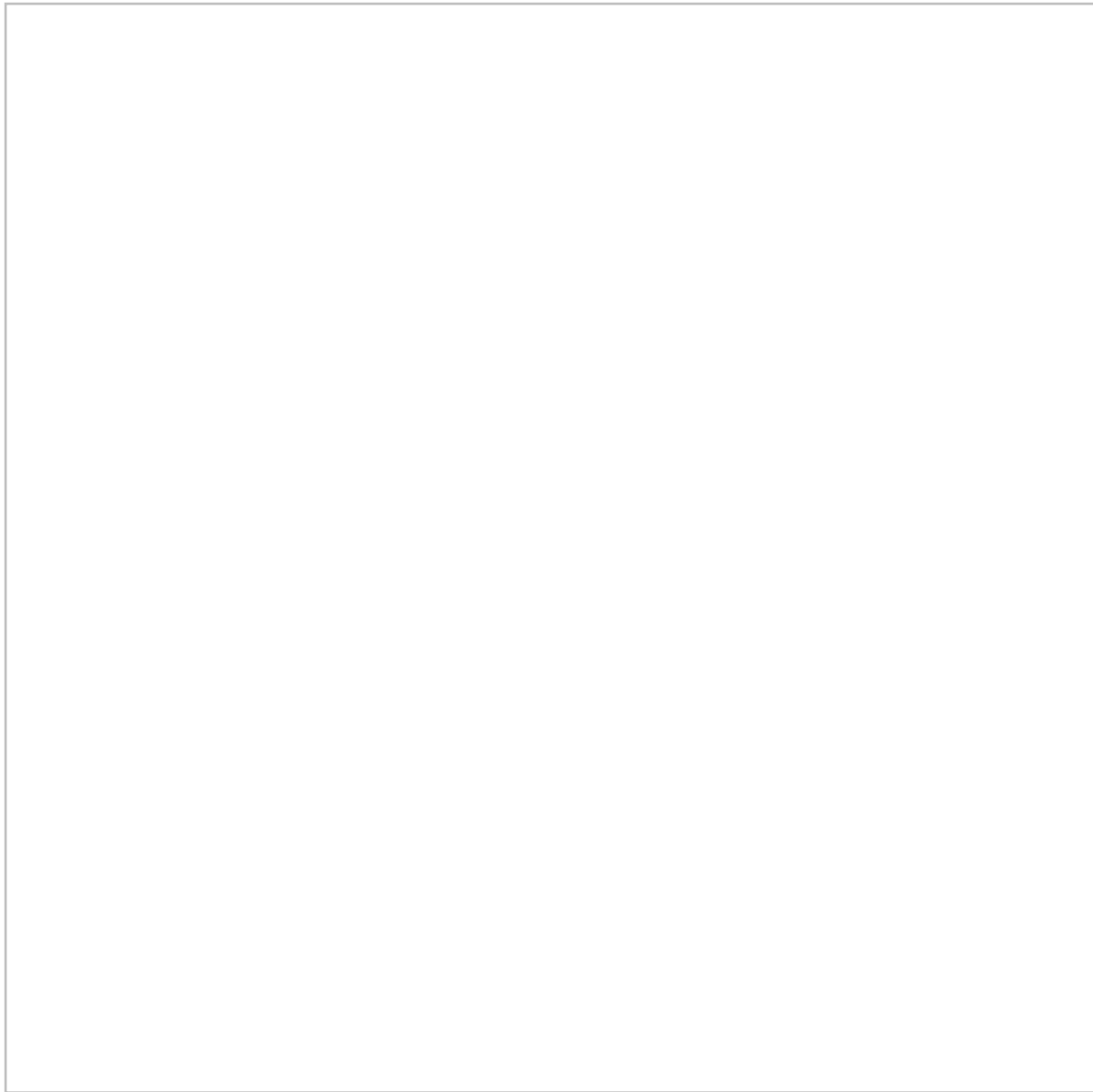


Nik Wallenda walks over Niagara Falls on a tightrope. (AP/The Canadian Press, Frank Gunn)

**GET SMART FAST:**

1. **Five members of the famed Wallenda acrobat troupe were injured after falling from a human pyramid stack – and the high-wire rope they were suspended on nearly 30 feet in the air.** The family had been attempting to break a new height record before they tumbled out of the stunt, officials said – and in keeping with Wallenda tradition, there was no safety net to cushion their fall. ([Katie Mettler](#))

2. **The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service delayed listing the rusty patched bumble bee as endangered – staving off protections for the species, whose numbers have declined by 87 percent.** The news comes following a regulatory freeze put in place by the Trump administration on his first day in office. ([Juliet Eilperin](#))
3. **A Michigan university said it is investigating a distressing anti-Semitic Valentine’s Day card that invoked Hitler and was reportedly distributed at the meeting of a Republican group on campus.** The student group immediately apologized and denied association with the card, but its distressing message – “my love 4 u burns like 6,000 jews” – quickly prompted alarm on campus. ([Lindsey Bever](#))
4. **A Russian airstrike killed three Turkish soldiers and wounded eleven others in northern Syria.** While both countries have described the attack as an accident, it highlights the tenuous coordination between the two countries in the fight against ISIS. ([Andrew Roth and Liz Sly](#))
5. **Angela Merkel agreed to create several so-called “exit centers” in Germany, moving to ramp up the speed at which the country can deport rejected asylum seekers.** ([AP](#))
6. **A Kenyan judge ruled against a government plan to shutter the world’s largest refugee camp.** The move is a major blow to authorities, who say that the camp -- which houses more than a quarter of a million Somali refugees – is a foothold and recruiting ground for Islamist militants. ([Rael Ombour](#))
7. **The British government announced it will limit the number of lone child refugees brought into Europe under a so-called “Dubs Amendment,”** drastically reducing the number of entrants down to just 350, instead of the 3,000 that campaigners had sought. ([Karla Adam and James McAuley](#))
8. **A French olive farmer gained notoriety after he was charged with shepherding migrants across the border and housing them, among the picholines, at his hidden hillside farm.** But while the good Samaritan stirred hearts with his passionate court testimony (“I am a Frenchman,” he said, when why he had provided aid), authorities say his actions could land him up to five years in prison. ([James McAuley](#))
9. **An Arizona mother has filed a lawsuit after her son with Asperger’s Syndrome was shot and killed by local police.** She says officers were well acquainted with the 24-year-old, who posted an inspiring viral video with his service dog in 2015 – and is calling his death “nonsensical.” ([Cleve R. Wootson Jr.](#))
10. **Owners of late-model sedans have reported an increasingly common phenomenon: sometimes, a stranger will open their door, plo p into the backseat, and request a ride to the airport. They’re getting confused for Uber drivers with similar vehicles,** prompting a host of bizarre and sometimes-awkward exchanges with confused travelers. “I said, ‘I’m not an Uber driver,’ and they were really confused,” a driver recounted. “Then the woman said, ‘Well, we really need to go here, can you take us anyway? We’ll pay you.’” ([Wall Street Journal](#))



Conway may have violated ethics rules in promoting Ivanka's clothing line

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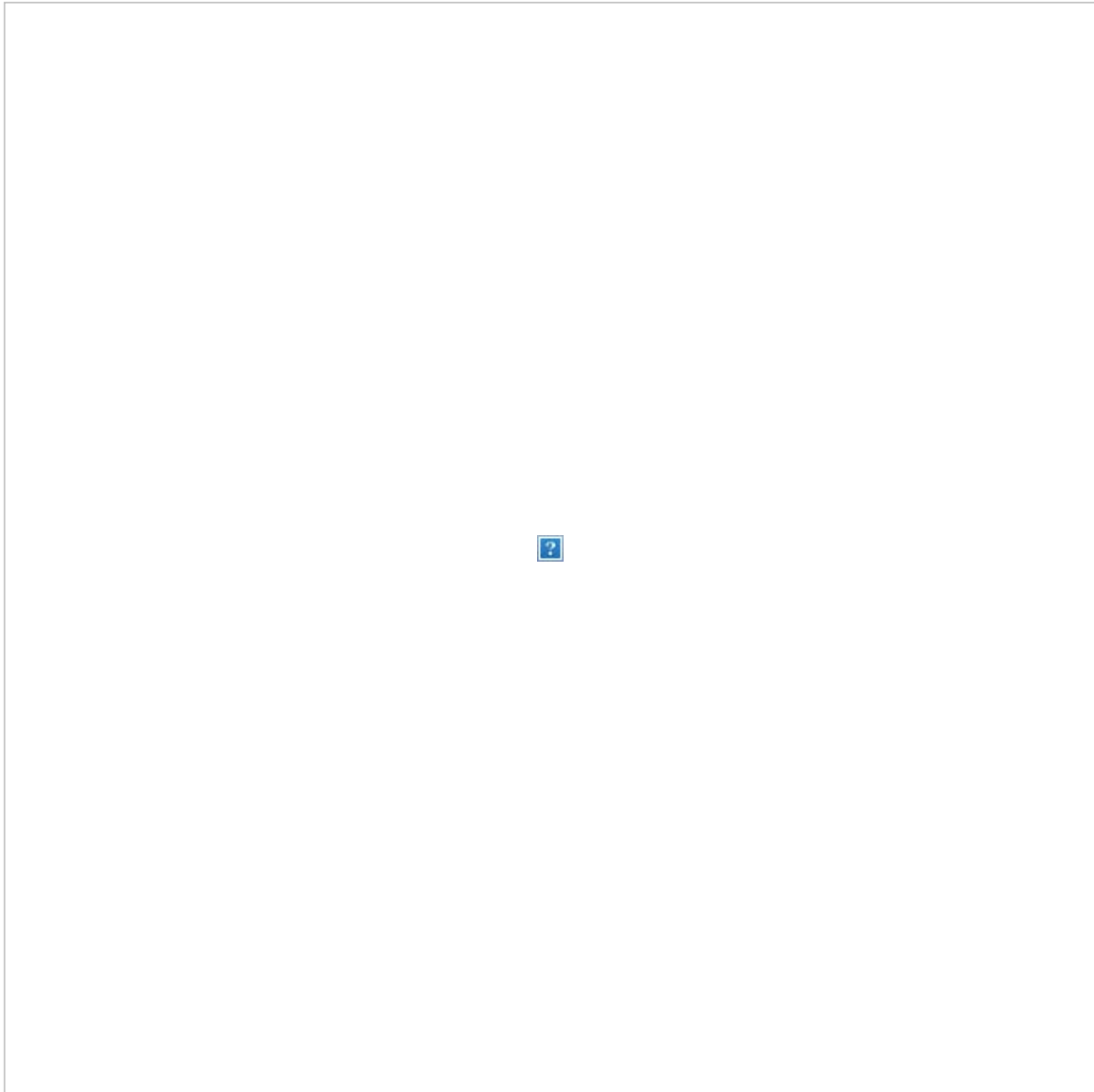
-- Sean Spicer said Kellyanne Conway has been “counseled” after using a television appearance from the West Wing to promote Ivanka Trump’s clothing and jewelry line. From [Drew Harwell, Tom Hamburger and Rosalind S. Helderman](#): “I’m going to give it a free commercial here,” Conway said of the first daughter’s fashion line during an appearance on Fox. “Go buy it today!” Her endorsement quickly raised alarm for its apparent violation of federal ethics rules, which bar government employees from using their public office to endorse products. “This is jaw-dropping to me,” said Don W. Fox, former acting director of the Office of Government Ethics. “This rule has been promulgated by the federal Office of Government Ethics as part of the Standards of Conduct for all executive branch employees and it applies to all members of the armed forces, as well.”

-- House Oversight Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) issued an unusually sharp rebuke, calling Conway’s comments “absolutely wrong, wrong, wrong,” and “clearly over the line.” He joined ranking committee Democrat Elijah Cummings in penning a letter to the Office of Government Ethics calling her comments “unacceptable.” The letter asked the agency to recommend discipline given that Trump, who is Conway’s “agency head,” holds an “inherent conflict of interest” due to the involvement of his daughter’s business.



**The AP reports that Trump “took issue” with Spicer’s comments about Conway at the briefing. The president told staff that he believes it was unfair to say Conway got “counseled” because it made it sound like she was in trouble,** a person with direct knowledge of his comments [told Julie Pace and Julie Bykowicz](#). “A White House spokeswoman said that while Trump didn’t see Conway’s television comments urging people to buy Ivanka Trump’s products, he believed she was ‘merely sticking up’ for his daughter after Nordstrom dropped her fashion line.”

**Conway herself tweeted the story from the two Julies this morning:**



**-- In related news: The chances of Conway’s husband becoming the next solicitor general just shot way up, as well. Kellyanne has apparently won a power struggle with Jeff Sessions, [according to Politico’s Eliana Johnson and Tara Palmeri](#): “Chuck Cooper, the conservative Supreme Court litigator, is withdrawing his name from consideration to be the next solicitor general, opening the door for (George Conway) to be appointed to the role. Cooper, a onetime clerk for the late Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist, is a confidant of Attorney General Jeff Sessions and helped prepare him for his confirmation hearings. He was one of two finalists for the position. ... Conway has been reported as the other finalist. ... **The White House was divided between the two candidates, with Kellyanne Conway and others advocating for her husband and another camp, led by Sessions, making the case for Cooper.**”**



Eric Trump and members of his Secret Service detail walk outside a beachfront restaurant during a private business trip last month to Uruguay. (Cristian Cordoba)

**-- The Trump Organization could be reviving a failed development project in the Dominican Republic that has not seen action in a decade.** The news comes after Eric Trump visited the property earlier this month and met with owners – and calls into question Trump’s pledge not to launch new foreign deals while he is in the White House. [Joshua Partlow reports](#): “A [Trump Organization lawyer] told the AP that efforts to re-engage in a project that began years ago but failed were very preliminary. He said that the deal was never dead, even though the project had seen no new building in a decade.” The project was thrown into disarray by the 2008 financial crisis, and Trump sued the resort in 2012 for \$14 million.

**-- A Saudi Arabian lobbying firm paid for a room at Trump’s Washington hotel after Inauguration Day.** It marks the first publicly-known payment on behalf of a foreign government to a Trump property since he assumed the White House. ([Politico](#))

**-- A senior House Democrat is dusting off a little-used legislative tool to either force a committee debate or floor vote on Trump’s Russia ties.** [Mike DeBonis reports](#): “Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) filed a ‘resolution of inquiry’ Thursday, a relatively obscure parliamentary tactic used to force presidents and executive-branch agencies to share records with Congress. Under House practice, such a resolution must be debated and acted upon in committee or else it can be discharged to the House floor for consideration. Besides

Trump, the resolution asks for records from any investigation into [Michael Flynn, Paul Manafort, Carter Page and Roger Stone]. All four men have come under scrutiny over alleged ties to [Russia]. Resolutions of inquiry have been introduced by Congress hundreds of times since 1947, according to the Congressional Research Service ... but few have targeted the president as personally as Nadler's does."



Trump signs one of three executive orders related to reducing crime in the Oval Office yesterday. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

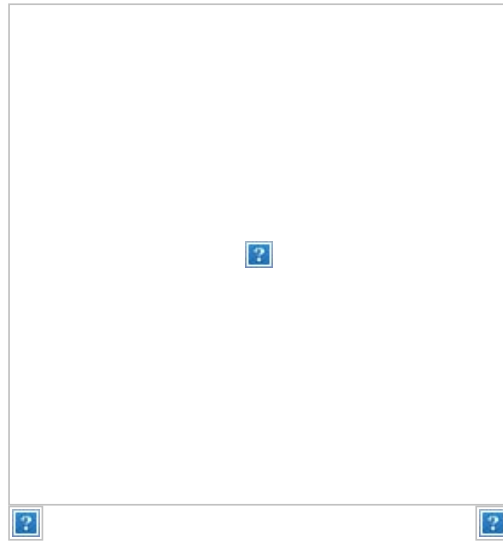
#### **MORE WEST WING INTRIGUE:**

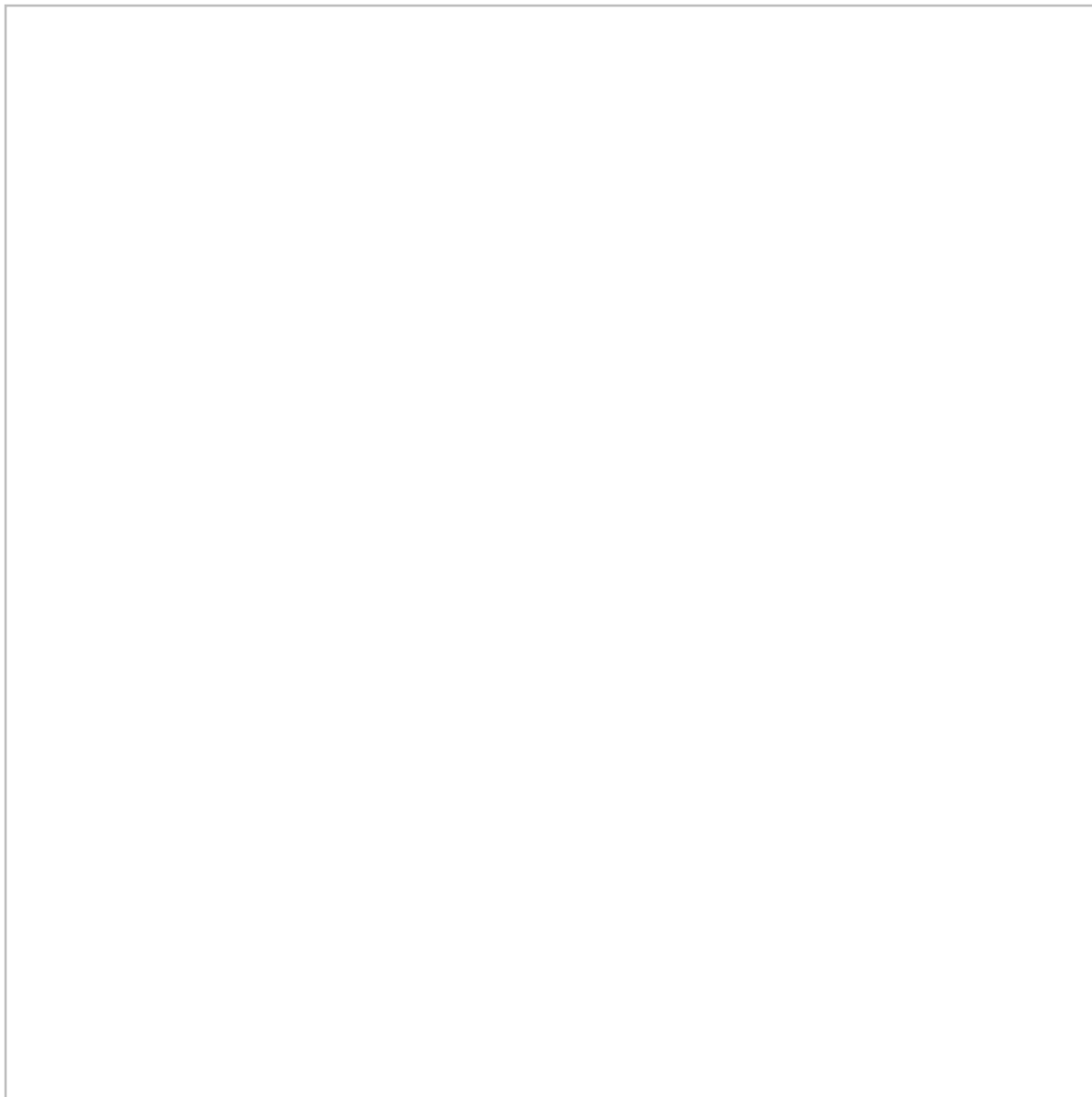
-- **Trump lives a surprisingly solitary existence.** From [the AP's Julie Pace and Jonathan Lemire](#): "Around 6:30 each evening, Secret Service agents gather in the dim hallways of the West Wing to escort [Trump] home. With his wife and youngest son living in New York ... Trump's first evenings have been spent largely alone, tethered to the outside world only by his phone and his television. The dramatic change of scenery has left the 70-year-old president, a known creature of habit, a little adrift in the evenings."

- **He often dials up associates in the middle of the night or early morning – and recently reached Paul Ryan in the middle of an early-morning workout.**
- **While aides continue to try to curb his cable news consumption during the workday, there are no limits when he returns to the residence:** "During one recent telephone conversation, Trump briefly

put down the phone so he could turn up the volume on a CNN report. When he returned to the call, he was complaining about ‘fake news.’”

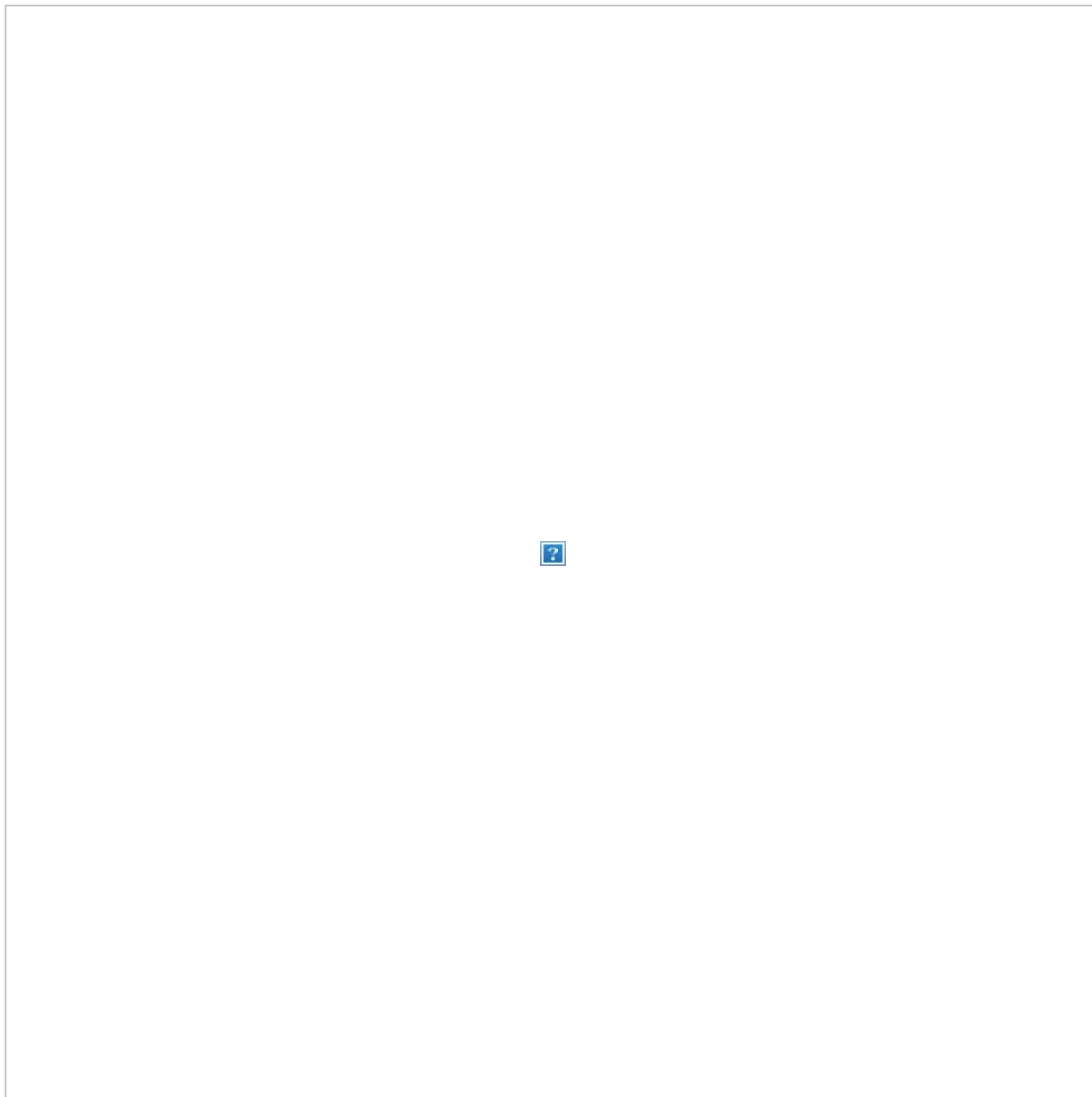
-- **How Trump is changing Washington**, via [Abha Bhattarai](#): “In the three weeks since the Trump administration moved into town, business at Bullfeathers, a Capitol Hill watering hole popular among Republican staffers, has climbed 55 percent. **Old Ebbitt Grill, across from the White House, has reported an uptick in sales of Fireball whisky shots.** And at Luigi Parasmo Salon and Spa in Georgetown, a steady stream of recently relocated New Yorkers has been calling to schedule weekly blowouts ... The newcomers are ‘somewhat trendier’ than the salon’s usual lineup of Washingtonians, owner Luigi Parasmo said. (He also has some ideas to jazz up the president’s hairdo, if called upon.) ‘As soon as there’s a Republican president, I know business is going to pick up,’ said Tattersall, owner of Grand Ole Potomac Fly Fishing Guides. ‘There’s lots of good activity on the books for the spring.’ It’s a tide that turns every four — or eight — years in Washington as one presidential administration gives way to the next ... [and] throughout Washington, business owners say it’s clear that the Trump administration has arrived.”





Ken Starr watches Baylor play Iowa State during a women's NCAA basketball game last month. (Tony Gutierrez/AP)

-- **Ken Starr, who was ousted as president of Baylor University amid the football program's ongoing sexual-assault scandal but who is best known for his role in the Monica Lewinsky investigation, is reportedly close to joining the Trump administration.** He is among a "handful" of candidates to be named ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom at the State Department, [Des Bieler reports](#). "It's my understanding that it's his job if he wants it," said one source. The job entails monitoring the persecution of religious minorities, and under Trump, it is expected to focus on Christians who are under duress in majority-Muslim countries.



Trump talks with IBM CEO Ginny Rometty, left, and son-in-law Jared Kushner before a meeting in the State Dining Room last Friday. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

#### **TRUMP'S WORLD:**

-- **“Jared Kushner, a shadow diplomat, pulls the strings on U.S.-Mexico talks,”** by [Philip Rucker, Ashley Parker and Joshua Partlow](#): “Mexican Foreign Minister Luis Videgaray had come to the White House on Jan. 25 for a full day of private meetings, but it was Kushner who gave him a heads-up that Trump would deliver a speech that afternoon at the Department of Homeland Security where he would sign an executive order on his signature border wall. And it was Kushner who led Videgaray into the Oval Office for an unscheduled audience with the president, where together they made their case to Trump for a more measured discussion of Mexico. Kushner, 36, has no traditional foreign policy experience yet has become the primary point of contact for presidents, ministers and ambassadors from more than two dozen countries ... ‘Everyone is trying to get to know Jared Kushner,’ said the ambassador from one U.S. ally ... Many ambassadors were loath to put even their positive thoughts about Kushner on the record for fear of jeopardizing what has become their most important contact in Trump’s Washington.”

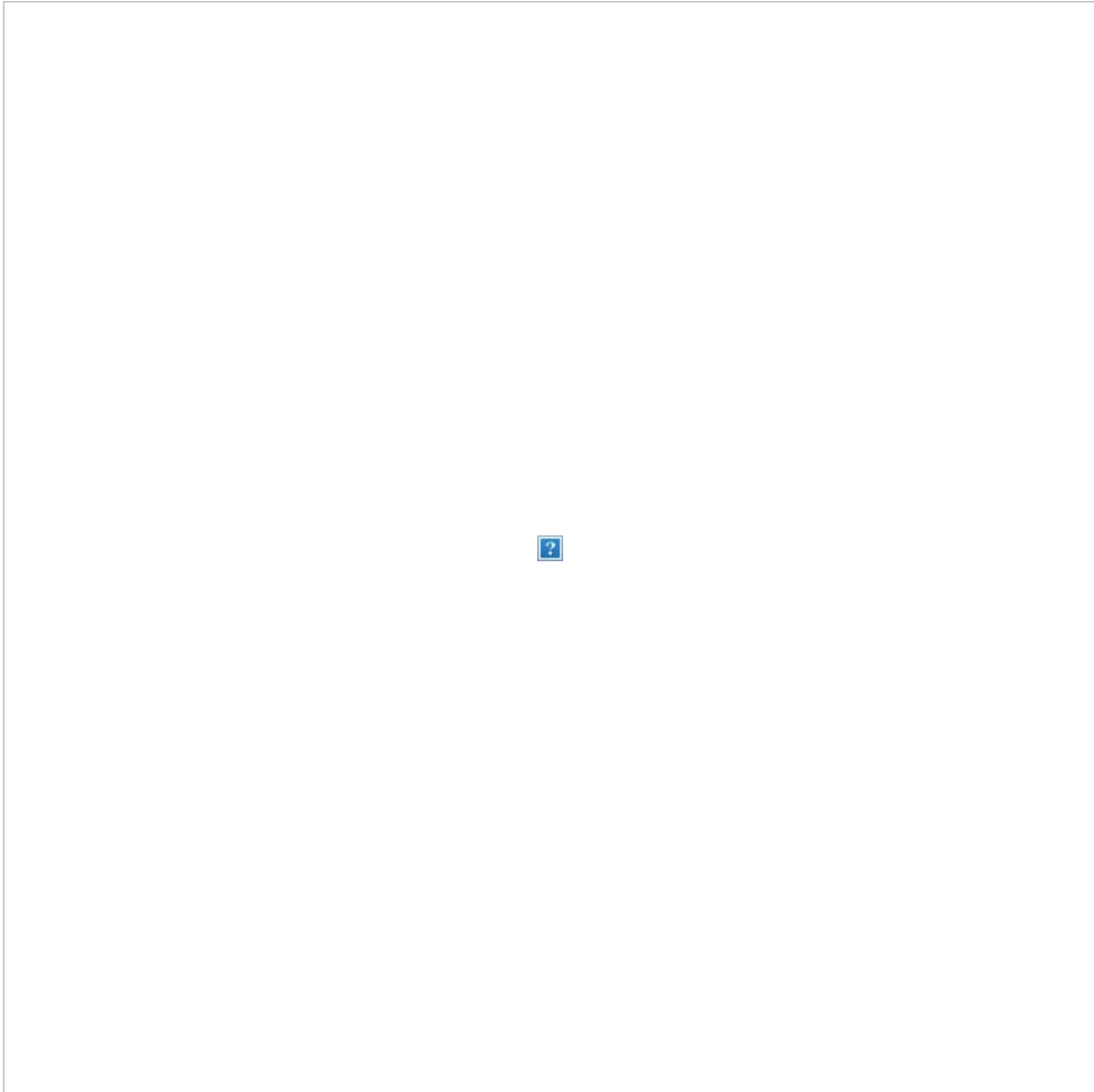
- **In another sign of Kushner’s growing importance, Rex Tillerson invited him into his meeting with Videgaray, which for the first half hour was just the three men before they were joined by additional aides.** (The secretary of state will fly to Mexico City to meet with Videgaray next

Wednesday.)

- **The diplomatic community is taking note:** “Senior officials from several other countries have already reached out to their Mexican counterparts, hoping to glean insights about the new president, the changing geopolitical dynamics in Washington and the quiet, dimpled man behind it all — Kushner.”

-- **Speaking of Jared: His family is in talks to purchase the Miami Marlins baseball team.** The bid is being pushed by his brother, Joshua Kushner, and brother-in-law Joseph Meyer. ([New York Times](#))

-- **A secret government report estimates the wall will cost more than Trump, Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell say:** An internal DHS report says the president’s proposal would actually be a series of fences and walls that would cost up to \$21.6 billion, [Reuters reports](#). The amount is well above the \$12 billion figure cited by Trump in his campaign, and \$15 billion estimates offered publicly by the House Speaker and Senate Majority Leader. The report will be presented to DHS Secretary John Kelly in coming days.



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his wife Akie Abe arrive at Joint Base Andrews. (Reuters/Joshua Roberts)

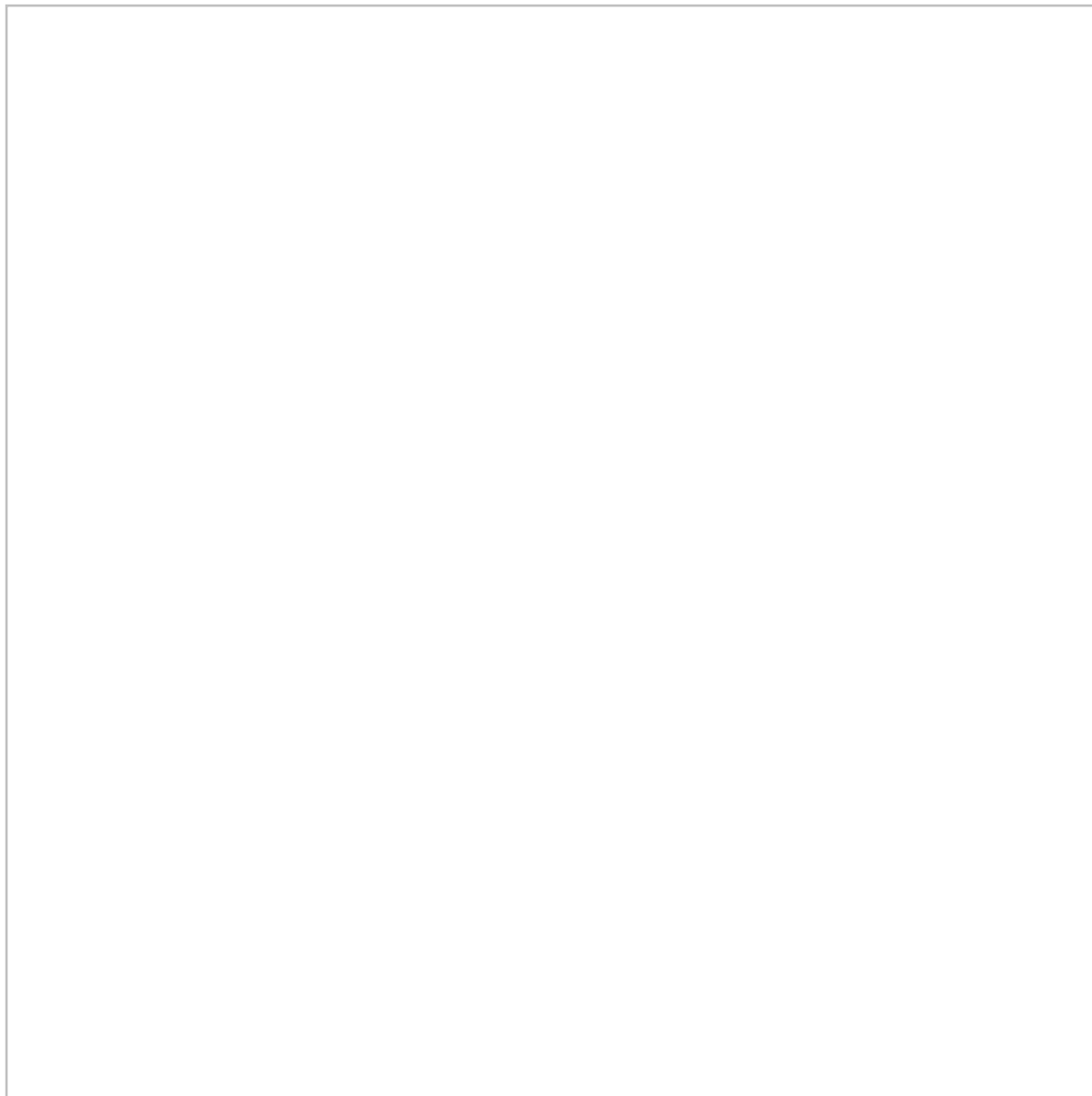
-- **Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will meet with Trump at the White House today, seeking to forge a personal bond with the newly-minted president before the two head to Mar-a-Lago for the weekend.**

**Abe has moved to embrace the new president – breaking with foreign leaders who have roiled and recalibrated amid Trump’s bullish remarks on the world stage.** [David Nakamura and Anna Fifield report](#): “Like most foreign capitals, Tokyo was shocked at Trump’s upset victory and scrambled to make sense of the outcome. But Japanese diplomats had been studying Trump — reading books, news articles and even psychoanalytical essays about the New York business mogul — and trying to get to know his top deputies. On a congratulatory phone call in November, Abe invited himself to Trump Tower — and, after stopping in New York on a trip to Peru, presented Trump, an avid golfer, with a \$3,755 gold-colored driver.”

**Japanese officials say that Abe's goal in the next few days is to reassure Trump that the U.S.-Japan security alliance is a "win-win" relationship:** To some degree, he has spied an opening to further his own security agenda with Trump’s rise. “Trump is like the gift from heaven to Abe to push forward more on his security agenda,” said one professor. “Abe’s goal on the security side is to show Trump that Japan is doing more.”

**-- Bigger picture: Diplomats around the globe say the new U.S. foreign policy is a “guessing game” – and with key State Department openings still unfilled, they are frozen in a “wait-and-see mode” as they attempt to navigate a flurry of mixed messages.** [CNN’s Nicole Gaouette, Elise Labott and Michelle Kosinski report](#): “Our people are trying to understand who is dealing with what,” said one source within Russia's Foreign Ministry. “Half of the top management of the State Department has gone.” The policy murkiness is compounded by the fact that the administration didn't seem ready to immediately take on the duties of running the State Department. “The result, said one European diplomat, is that ‘the system doesn't work. The President is in the White House, but the rest of the system doesn't work.’”





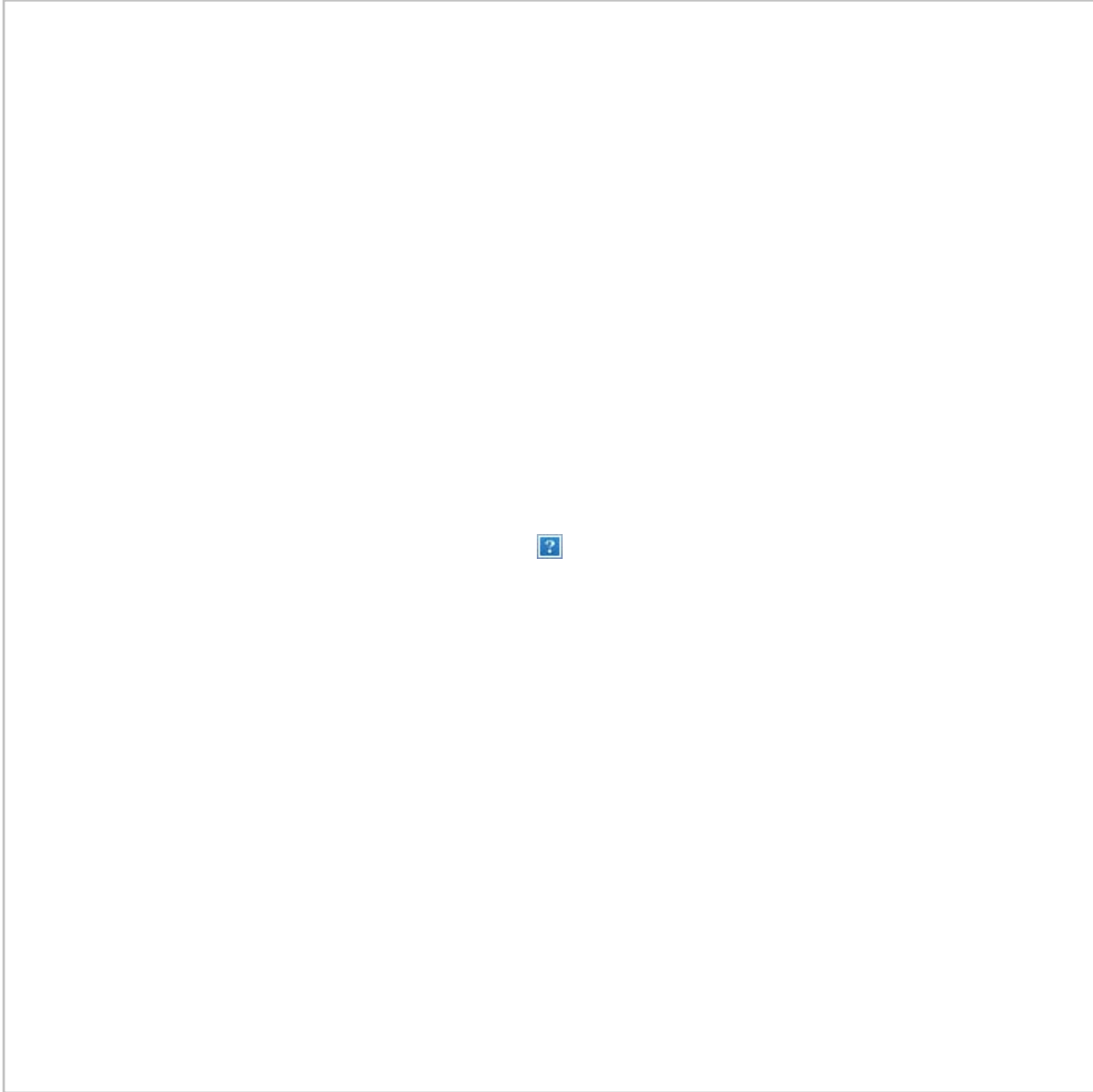
Tom Price testifies during his confirmation hearing before the Senate Finance Committee. (Andrew Harnik/AP)

#### **THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE:**

-- **Tom Price belongs to a fringe, conservative group of doctors known for its unorthodox health care views – and its bashing of the department he now leads.** [Amy Goldstein reports](#): “The group, the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS), holds positions that are at wide variance with basics of federal health policy. **It opposes Medicare ... [and offers] extensive training to doctors on how to opt out of the program.** It also opposes mandatory vaccination as ‘equivalent to human experimentation,’ a stance contrary to requirements in every state and recommendations of major medical organizations and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Such positions are part of an underlying credo, which Price has long espoused, that doctors should be autonomous in treating their patients — with far fewer government rules, medical quality standards, insurance coverage limits and legal penalties when they make mistakes. The congressman’s ardent hostility toward the Affordable Care Act, before its passage in 2010 and ever since, springs from that credo’s anti-government sentiment.”

-- **“[Republicans in Idaho tried to design a better plan than Obamacare — and failed,](#)”** by **Robert Samuels**: Jamie Gluch lumbered into the kitchen and pulled from the freezer a bag of corn, the only affordable analgesic he had for his swollen face. ‘You going to be okay?’ asked his wife, 44-year-old Chelle

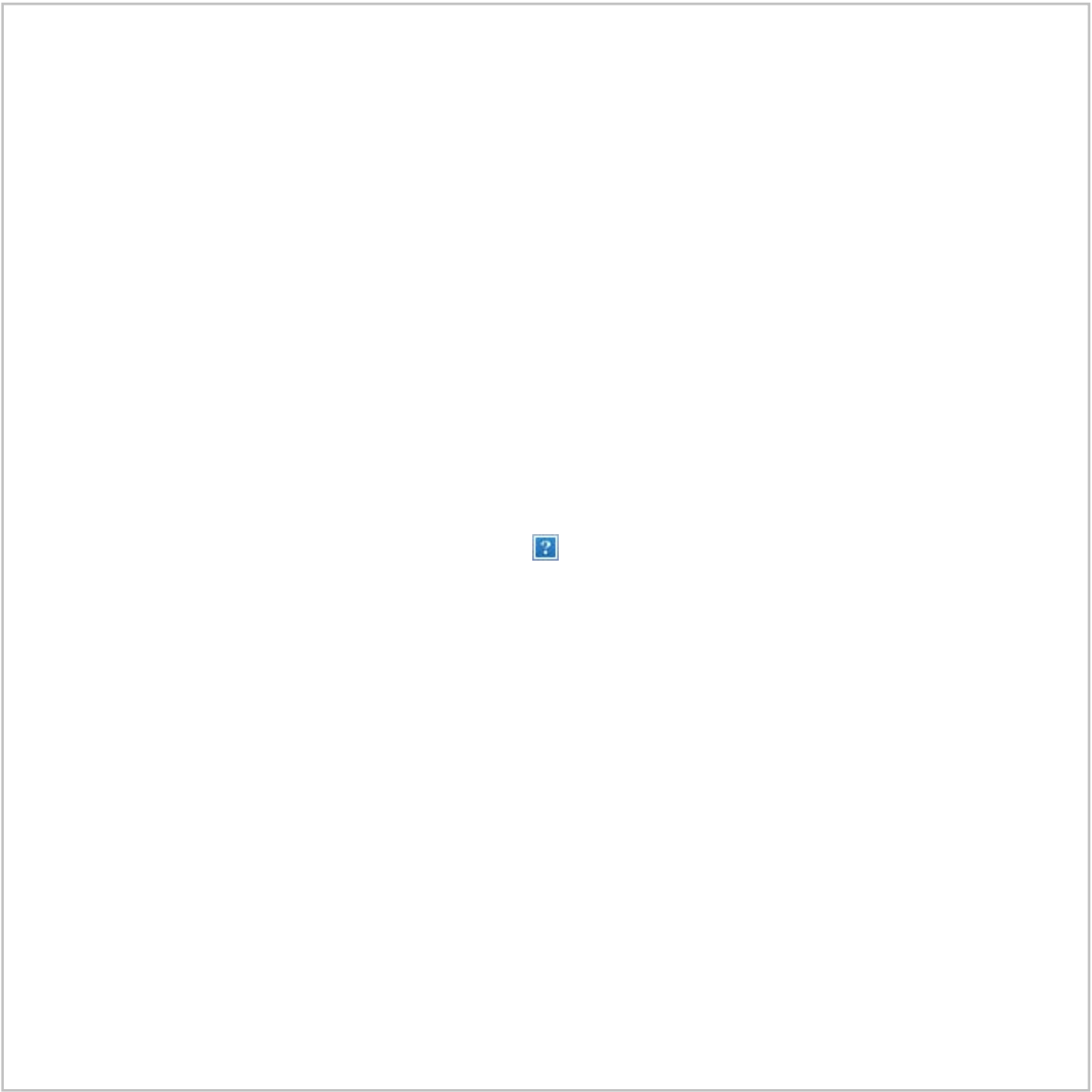
Gluch. [His] ... tooth had rotted weeks before, but seeing a dentist was an unthinkable expense after car trouble sucked up the family's savings. The Gluchs had hoped it wouldn't come to this — a car or a tooth — when former [Obama] announced his health-care plan years ago. But then Idaho chose not to expand Medicaid, as the law allowed, and then Idahoans chose not to come up with their own plan ... **[Now], what's happening in Washington, where there is a will to repeal but no plan to replace, feels familiar to those in Idaho.** In the meantime, some of those the in-between have stopped working because it is a better deal to get Medicaid. Others forgo medical care and innovate on their own. ... 'It feels like we're watching the macro version in Washington of what's been happening here,' said policy analyst Liz Woodruff."

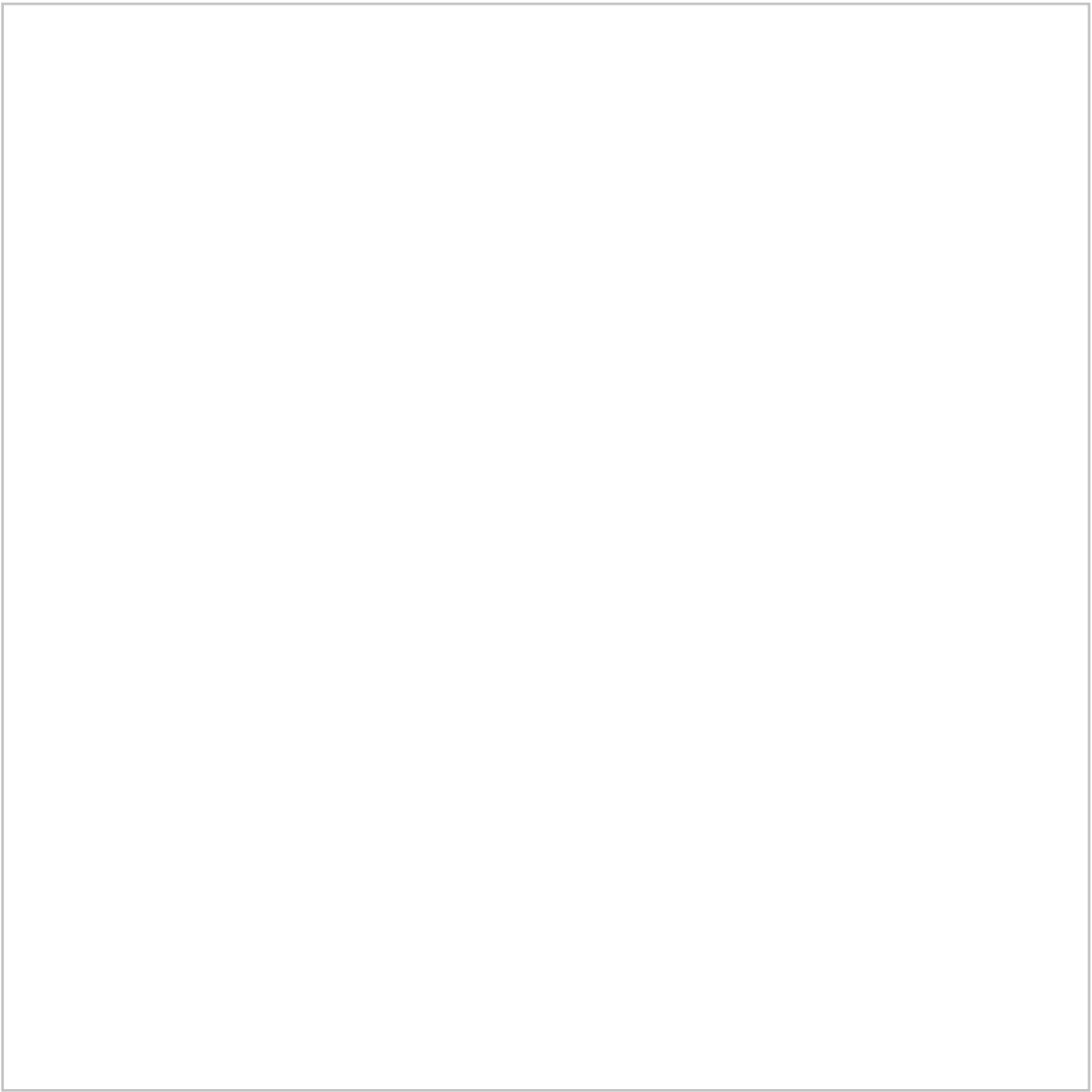


John McCain chairs a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee yesterday. (J. Scott Applewhite/AP)

#### **TRUMP VS. MCCAIN:**

-- **Trump personally attacked John McCain for describing that the recent raid in Yemen failed.** A day earlier Sean Spicer had said anyone who questions the success of the mission that led to the death of a Navy SEAL was doing a disservice to the SEAL's memory. Even McCain, Spicer said when a reporter asked.

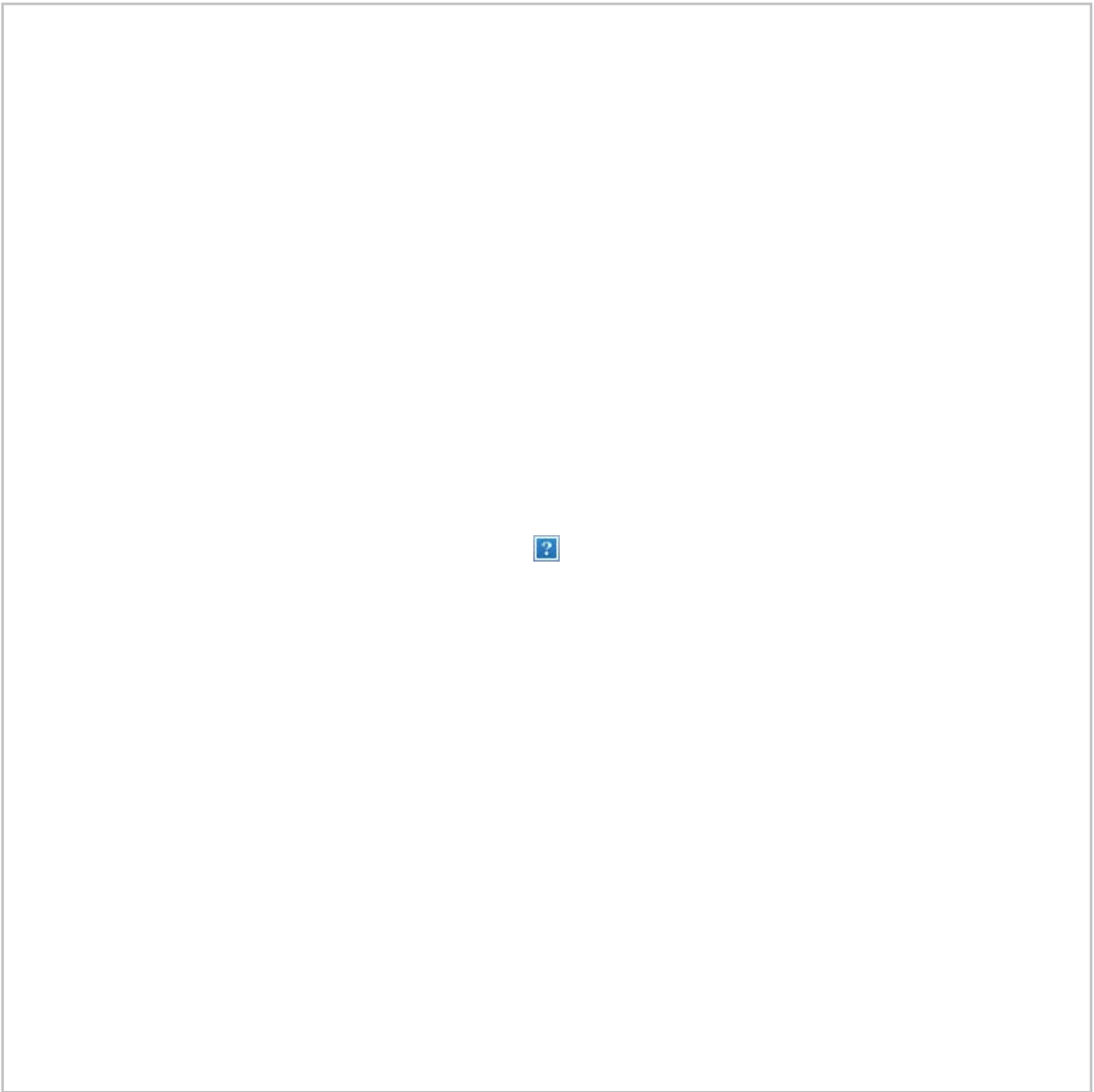




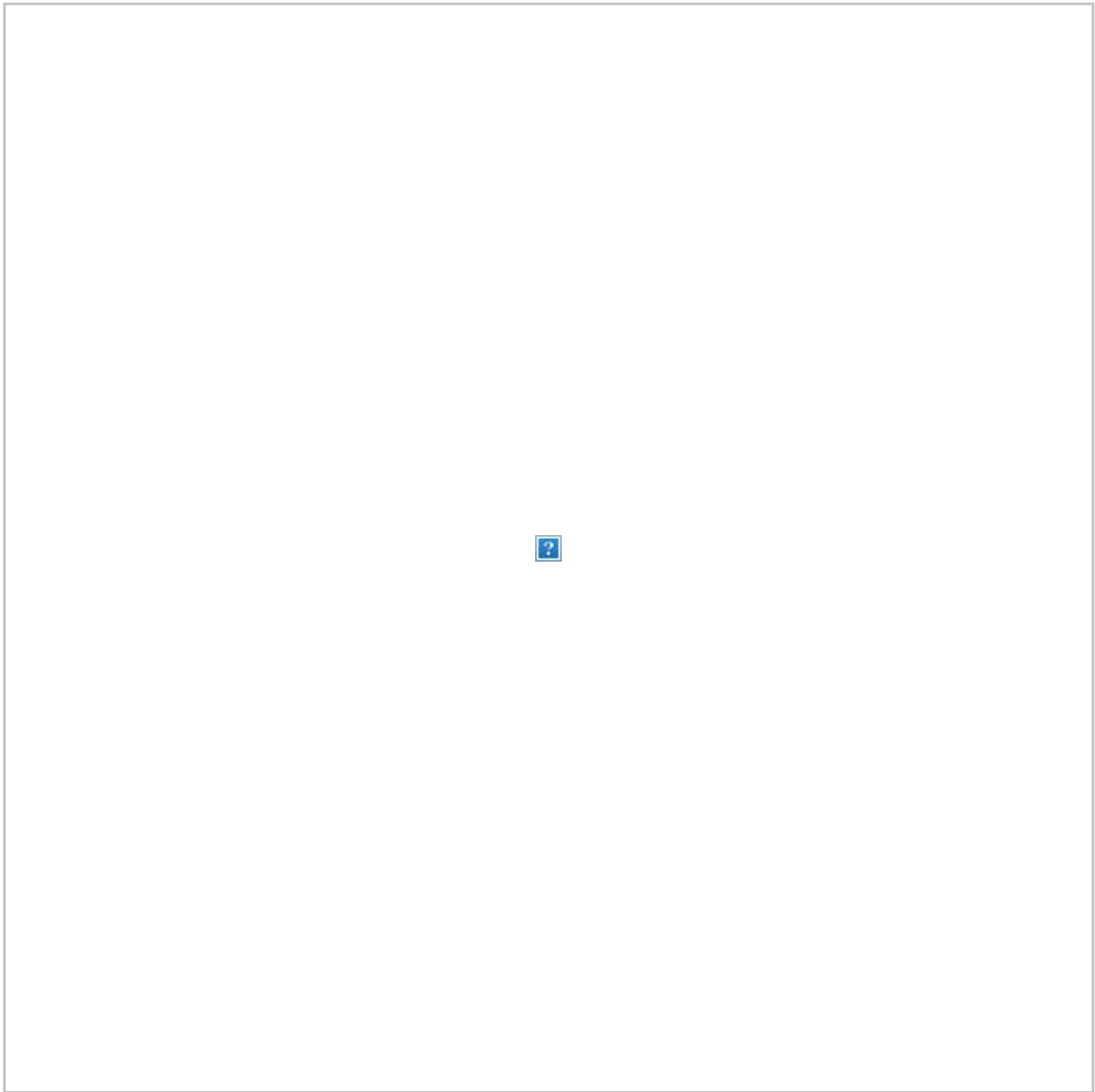


**-- McCain's brutal rejoinder is an instant-classic:** "Many years ago when I was imprisoned in North Vietnam, there was an attempt to rescue the POWs," the Arizona senator told NBC News. "Unfortunately, the prison had been evacuated. But the brave men who took on that mission and risked their lives in an effort to rescue us prisoners of war were genuine American heroes. Because the mission failed did not in any way diminish their courage and willingness to help their fellow Americans who were held captive. Mr. Spicer should know that story." McCain then walked away, punctuating the comment. ([Aaron Blake has more.](#))

Watch:



**-- Meghan McCain is fed up with Trump's attacks on her war-hero dad:**



-- Additionally, there are many examples of Trump doing exactly what he and Spicer attacked McCain for doing. Here is one recent mission he called a failure:



#### **JOE MANCHIN VS. SEAN SPICER:**

-- **During a private lunch with senators, immigration came up. But there is a dispute about what was said. According to West Virginia's senior senator, a Democrat, Trump said he was open to reviewing details of the 2013 immigration bill written by a bipartisan "Gang of Eight" senators.** "He's open to reviewing the piece of legislation," Manchin told reporters after. "He says, 'Well, you've got to start working on it again,' and I says, 'Absolutely we will.' And that was encouraging."

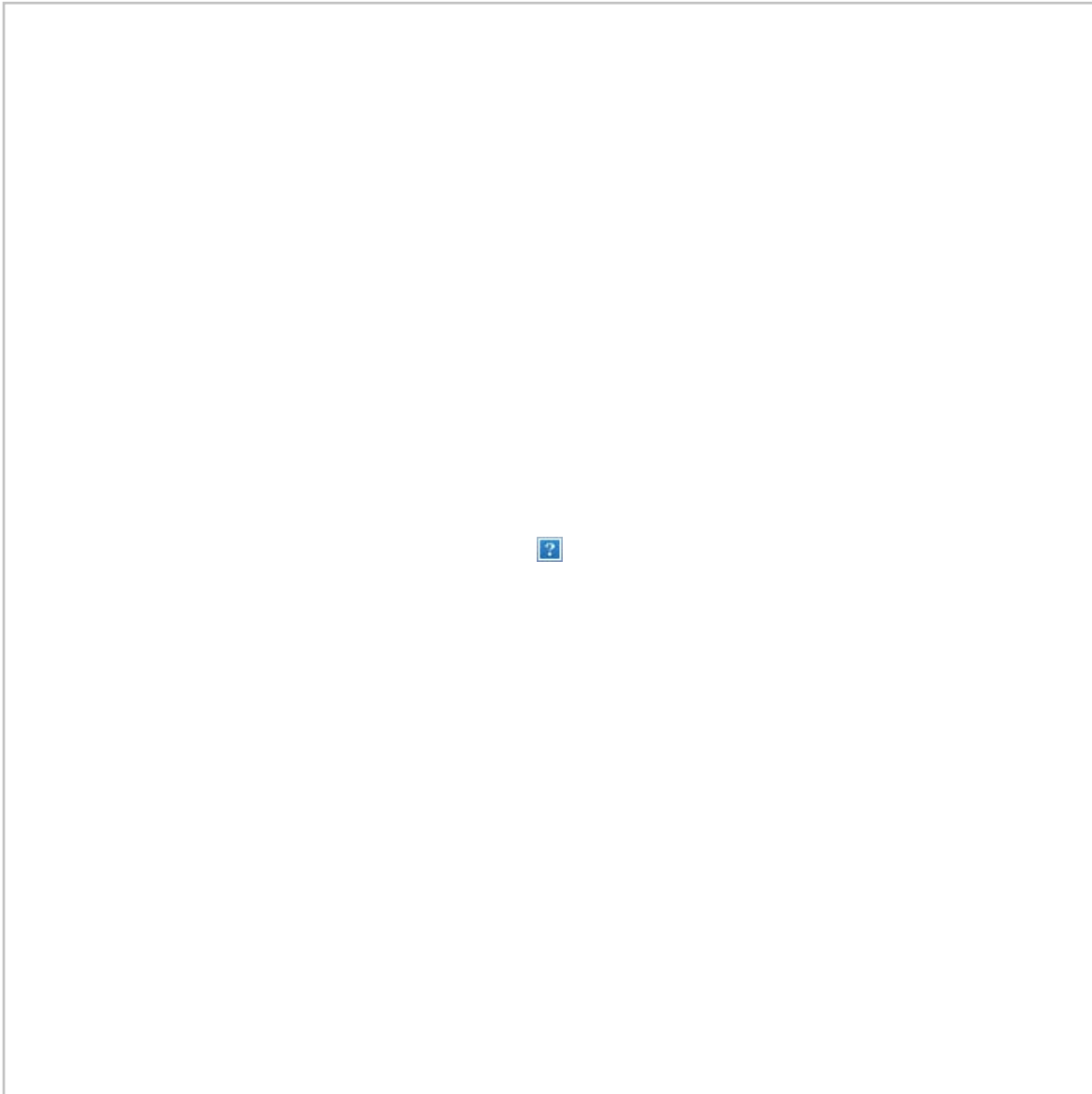
-- **White House press secretary Sean Spicer claimed that Trump told the senators, "If you guys want to get together to work on a solution, I'm glad to listen."** He said that Trump's comments on immigration were "not specific to the 'Gang of Eight,'" and that Trump opposes the 2013 bill. He also said Trump announced during the lunch that he thinks that legislation included "amnesty," which he does not support.

-- **That version of events is disputed by Manchin, [Ed O'Keefe notes](#).** "According to the West Virginia Democrat, when Trump noted that there is no current immigration legislation under consideration on Capitol Hill, another senator in attendance, Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), mentioned the 2013 bill. Alexander also noted that the 2013 bill had passed with 68 votes, Manchin recalled. 'Well, that sounds like something good and you all agreed, 68? What happened to it?' Trump said, according to Manchin..."

**"I'll tell you exactly what happened, Mr. President," Manchin said he told Trump.** 'It went to the House and [Majority Leader] Eric Cantor gets defeated. They're crying 'Amnesty, amnesty, amnesty' and [House



Speaker] John Boehner could not bring it back up on the floor and get a vote — that’s exactly what happened.’ At that point, Trump said, ‘I want to see it,’ Manchin said. ‘So he was very anxious to see it. He says, ‘I know what amnesty is.’ And I said, ‘Sir, I don’t think you’re going to find this [is] amnesty at all.’”



Trump: Gorsuch's 'comments were misrepresented'

**TRUMP VS. BLUMENTHAL:**

**-- In a private session with Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) on Wednesday, Neil Gorsuch called Trump’s criticism of federal judges “disheartening” and “demoralizing.” Trump then disputed Blumenthal’s account, even after it was confirmed by Gorsuch’s team, and attacked the senator.**



**“What you should do is ask Senator Blumenthal about his Vietnam record that didn’t exist after years of saying it did,” the president told reporters at the White House. “So ask Senator Blumenthal about his Vietnam record. He misrepresented that just like he misrepresented Judge Gorsuch.”**

**-- The backstory: “Blumenthal came under sharp criticism during his 2010 Senate campaign for repeated remarks over the years that he had ‘served’ in Vietnam, even though he did his full Marine service in the United States,” [Sean Sullivan and Robert Costa note](#). “Blumenthal obtained several deferments between 1965 and 1970 and then joined the Marine Corps Reserve but did not serve in Vietnam. He later said he misspoke and intended to say that he was in the Marine Reserve during the Vietnam conflict. **Trump received five deferments from the draft during the Vietnam War**, four while he was a student and a fifth for bone spurs in his heels, records show.”**

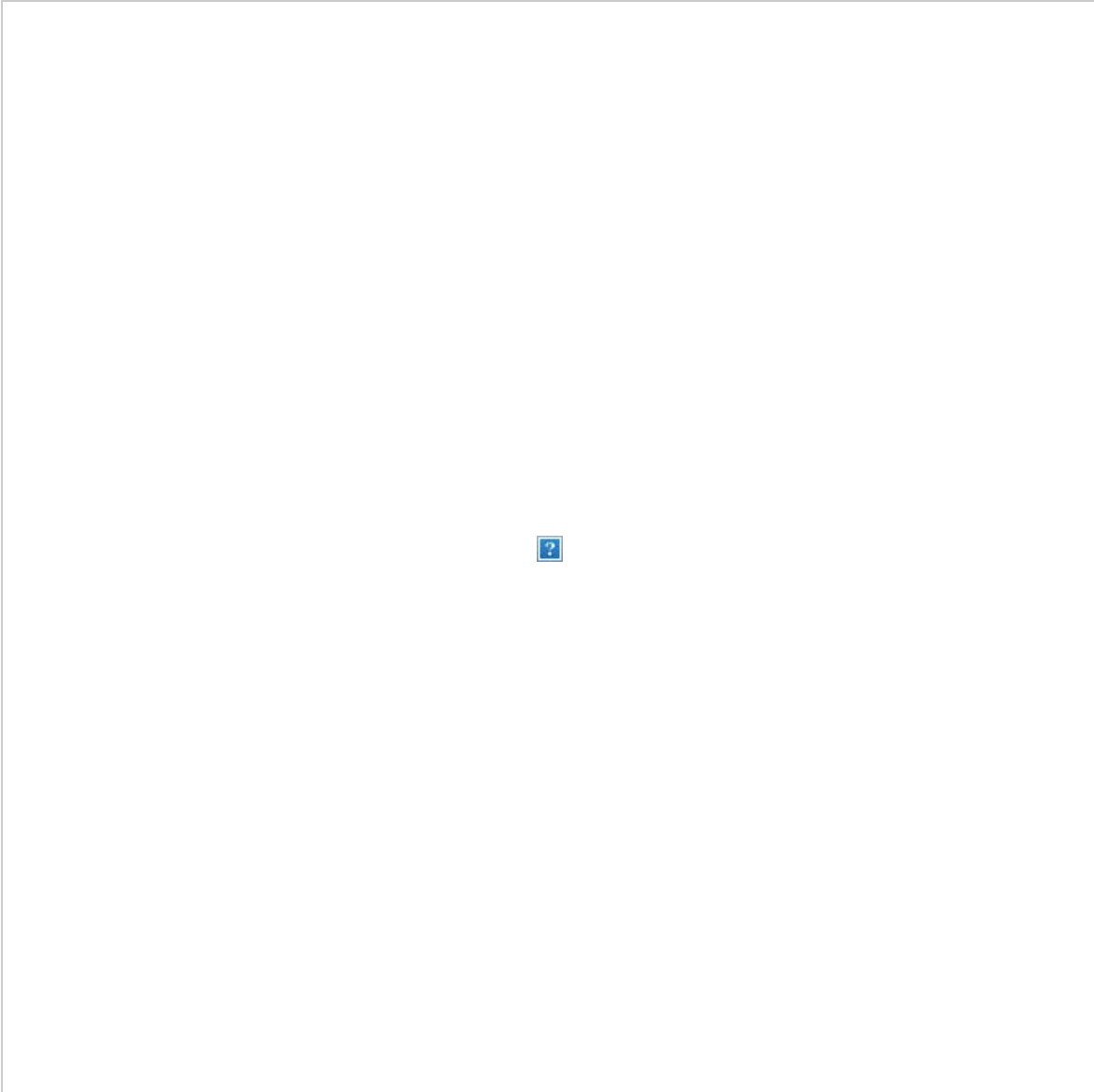
**-- Blumenthal stood by his account in [an interview with The Post](#). “If the president has any doubts about Gorsuch’s comments, “his own White House staff was in the room, so I think he just needs to talk to them,” he said. As for Trump’s attack on Blumenthal’s fabricated history of military service in Vietnam, the senator said: “The issue is really not about me. It’s about the independence of the American judiciary. There is a fundamental core democratic principle at stake. Judge Gorsuch needs to stand up to this bullying, and I believe he has to publicly condemn it.”**

**-- Chuck Grassley said that he is considering holding Gorsuch’s confirmation hearings sooner than he had planned. “The fact that we see all of these stalling shenanigans could impact the necessity of moving it**

forward,” said the Judiciary Committee chairman. “If we’re going to have the same game played on Gorsuch, that’ll be taken into consideration.” **Grassley said early to mid-March is now under consideration as a time frame, whereas he had been looking at mid- to late March a few weeks ago.**

**MAYBE TRUMP SUPPORTERS SHOULD HAVE TAKEN HIM LITERALLY, NOT JUST SERIOUSLY:**

-- **“California Farmers Backed Trump, but Now Fear Losing Field Workers,”** by the [New York Times’ Caitlin Dickerson and Jennifer Medina](#): “Jeff Marchini and others in the Central Valley here bet their farms on the election of [Trump]. His message of reducing regulations and taxes appealed to this Republican stronghold, one of Mr. Trump’s strongest bases of support in the state. As for his promises about cracking down on illegal immigrants, many assumed Mr. Trump’s pledges were mostly just talk. But two weeks into his administration, Mr. Trump has [already] signed executive orders. ... Now, farmers here are deeply alarmed about what the new policies could mean for their workers, most of whom are unauthorized, and the businesses that depend on them. With 6.5 million people living in the valley, the fields in this state bring in \$35 billion a year and provide more of the nation’s food than any other state. [And] approximately 70 percent of all farmworkers here are living in the United States illegally ... ‘If you only have legal labor, certain parts of this industry and this region will not exist,’” said fourth-generation farmer Harold McClarty. “If we sent all these people back, it would be a total disaster.”



Trump meets with airline executives

**-- Trump met with airline and airport executives at the White House, calling America's airports and roads "obsolete" and telling attendees he is interested in privatizing the national air traffic control system.** "Trump also promised to roll back government regulations and said he will announce a plan in the next three weeks to reduce taxes on businesses," [the AP reports](#). "But he sounded skeptical about raising fees that airline passengers pay to fund airport improvements ... Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly told Trump the best way to help airlines would be to 'modernize the air traffic control system.' He complained that money spent on the system has not improved it. 'I hear we're spending billions and billions of dollars, it's a system that's totally out of whack,' Trump said."



Nancy Pelosi confers with Steny Hoyer during the House Democratic caucus "Issues Conference" in Baltimore. (Win McNamee/Getty Images)

#### **THE DEMOCRATIC CIVIL WAR – Two more dispatches from the House Dem retreat in Baltimore:**

**-- While House D's are in agreement that Trump opposition might be the most *unifying* force they've seen in a generation, it alone will not return them to power. And figuring out a compelling alternative to that opposition is easier said than done.** [Mike DeBonis reports](#): Party leaders said Thursday that they had confidence in the essence of the Democratic message ... and that the challenge for Democrats isn't overhauling their policies but refining their communications ... 'We just didn't have the emotional connection,' [Nancy Pelosi] said. 'He had the emotional connection, and that always is an advantage in the

campaign.’ But other members expressed concern that in the wake of Trump’s victory and with the GOP in control of both houses of Congress, the problems go deeper than messaging. The mood inside the Hyatt Regency, by all accounts, remained civil, but it prompted discussion and debate over what direction the party should take — toward a big tent that encompasses an increasingly less relevant moderate wing or a more faithful adherence to progressive ideals, particularly on economic issues.”

**-- Rep. Sean Maloney, tasked with leading an independent autopsy of the House Democrats’ disappointing performance in the 2016 elections, had both good and bad news for attendees, [Paul Kane reports](#):** “He means that there are House districts that Democrats have competed in, or even represented for a long time, that have moved so sharply away from Democrats that they need to reassess whether to compete there ever again. Yet there is also an emerging set of districts that have long been held by Republicans that are now bending toward Democrats faster than even the most optimistic strategists envisioned. [Now] on the table? Longtime Republican districts that are becoming more demographically diverse. Off the table may be rural districts with little diversity, the very places where [Trump] did well in 2016. ...

**“A lawyer, Maloney is a bit obsessed with data, and he said he believes there are 350 unique characteristics that can be applied to every House race that will indicate which direction it will go.** Maloney also wants to abandon the longtime party metric used by operatives known as the Democratic Performance Index ... Instead, he said, the three biggest predictors of the partisan bent of a House district are the percentage of it that is rural, how much of its population has received college degrees and how diverse it is.”

Chuck Schumer boards a bus at the Capitol to a Democratic retreat. (J. Scott Applewhite/AP)

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-- **Time Magazine cover story, “[Inside Chuck Schumer’s Plan to Take On President Trump](#),” by Sam Frizell:** “Put Chuck Schumer and Donald Trump in a room together and you can't miss the connection. They are the leaders of rival parties, sharp opponents on Twitter and in the press, but they live by the same words, as big and bold as the city that made them. ‘Beautiful!’ they will say, though at different times and about different things. ‘Wonderful!’ ‘Horrible!’ ‘So, so great!’ It is the vernacular of outer-borough kids who, in different ways, scraped their way to the big time. They are two local grandees who boast, yarn, insult and rib each other like they are still on the streets of New York City. For all the chaos and plot twists of the coming weeks, the one sure thing to watch is how these two men go at it ... Though they know each other and share both experience and instincts, they cannot anticipate each other's every move. In many respects, both the success of the Trump agenda and the power of the Democratic Party ... depend on how well Schumer plays his cards.”



Demonstrators cheer at Dulles International Airport to protest Trump's travel ban. (Mike Theiler/Reuters)

#### **PUNDIT CORNER:**

-- [Conservative columnist Charles Krauthammer](#) calls Trump's immigration order "lousy policy" designed for "the sole purpose of fulfilling an ill-designed campaign promise": "Vetting standards could easily have been revised and tightened without the moratorium and its attendant disruptions, stupidities, random cruelties and well-deserved bad press," he writes. Instead, "the moratorium turned into a distillation of the worst aspects of our current airport-security system, which everyone knows to be 95 percent pantomime. Similarly, during the brief Trump moratorium, a cavalcade of innocent and indeed sympathetic characters — graduate students, separated family members, returning doctors and scientists — were denied entry. You saw this and said to yourself: We are protecting ourselves from *these*? ... **In the end, what was meant to be a piece of promise-keeping, tough-on-terror symbolism has become an oxygen-consuming distraction.** At a time when it should be pushing and promoting deregulation, tax reform and health-care transformation, [the Trump administration] has steered itself into a pointless cul-de-sac — where even winning is losing."

-- [Former George W. Bush speechwriter Michael Gerson](#) considers whether the Trump-style of communication is sustainable – and wonders if spontaneity can see us through a national tragedy: "Is Trump's off-the-cuff, Twitter-fueled style of communication in the same category of revolutionary change as the political pamphlet (see Thomas Paine) or the barn-burning stump speech (see William Jennings Bryan)?"

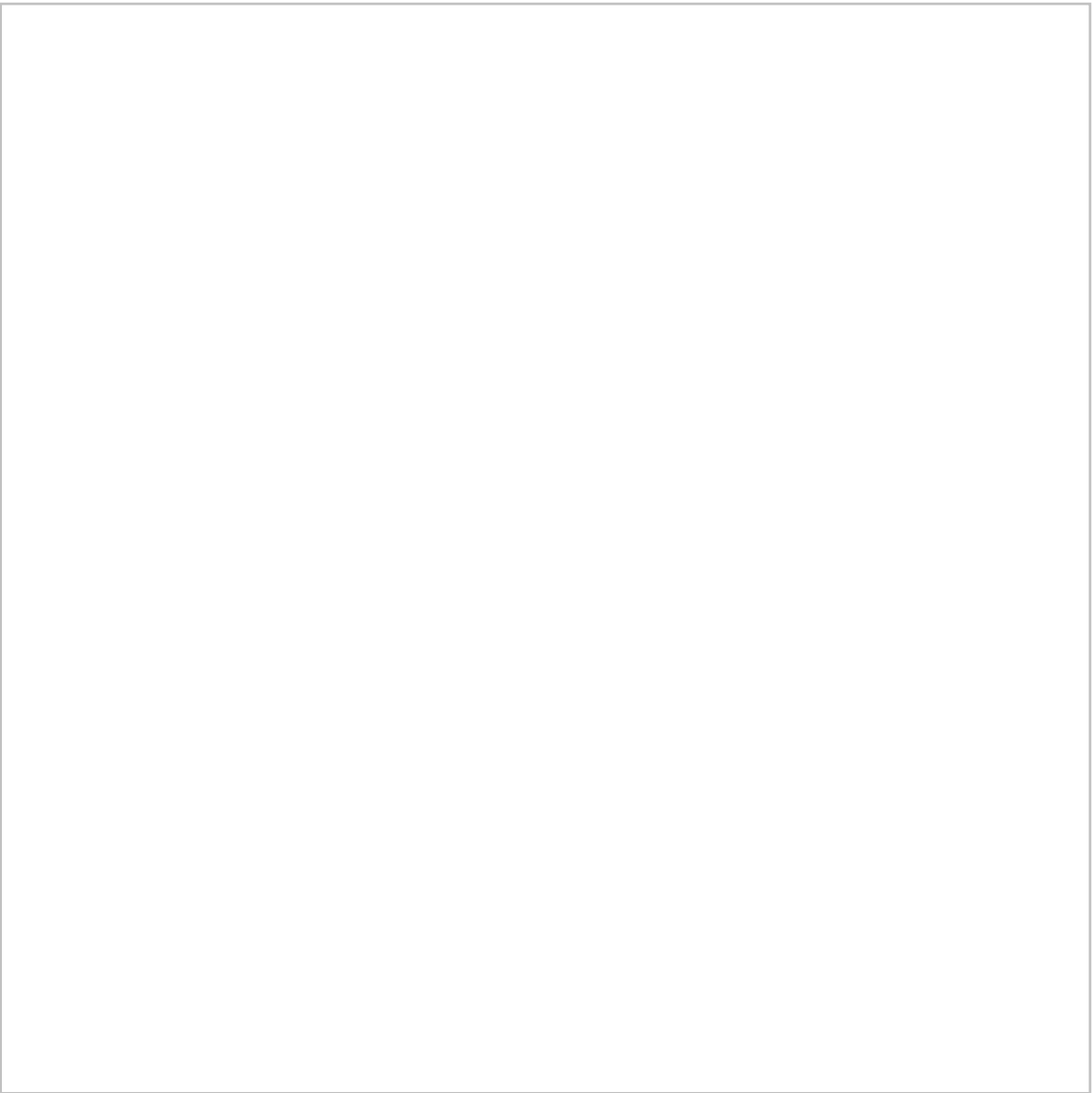
And more importantly – could these bullish, spontaneous remarks soothe the nation times of tragedy? Moments such as these usually require both thought and craft. There is no evidence that Trump is capable of this kind of communication; there is much evidence he is not ... [Another] caveat is that we don't know the ending of Trump's story. His style of communication is attractive now because it helped him overcome nearly impossible political odds. But in, say, the fourth and final year of a failed presidency, Trump's tone and approach — his insults, his self-centeredness, his strange inability to discern appropriateness — may appear in a different light. A virus produces antibodies. **Americans may become exhausted with his shtick. The decency of the country may be deeper than the Trump phenomenon.**"

-- **"If you could give Trump the gift of a single trait to help his presidency, what would it be?"** asks [New York Times columnist David Brooks](#): **"My first thought was that prudence was the most important gift one could give him.** But the more I thought about it the more I realized prudence might not be the most important trait Trump needs. He seems intent on destroying the postwar world order ... At the heart of Trumpism is the perception that the world is a dark, savage place, and therefore ruthlessness, selfishness and callousness are required to survive in it. It's not clear if Trump is combative because he sees the world as dangerous or if he sees the world as dangerous because it justifies his combativeness. Either way, Trumpism is a posture that leads to the now familiar cycle of threat perception, insult, enemy-making, aggrievement, self-pity, assault and counterassault. So, **upon reflection, the gift I would give Trump would be an emotional gift, the gift of fraternity.** I'd give him the gift of some crisis he absolutely could not handle on his own. The only way to survive would be to fall back entirely on others, and then to experience what it feels like to have them hold him up. Out of that, I hope, would come an ability to depend on others, to trust other people, to receive grace, and eventually a desire for companionship."

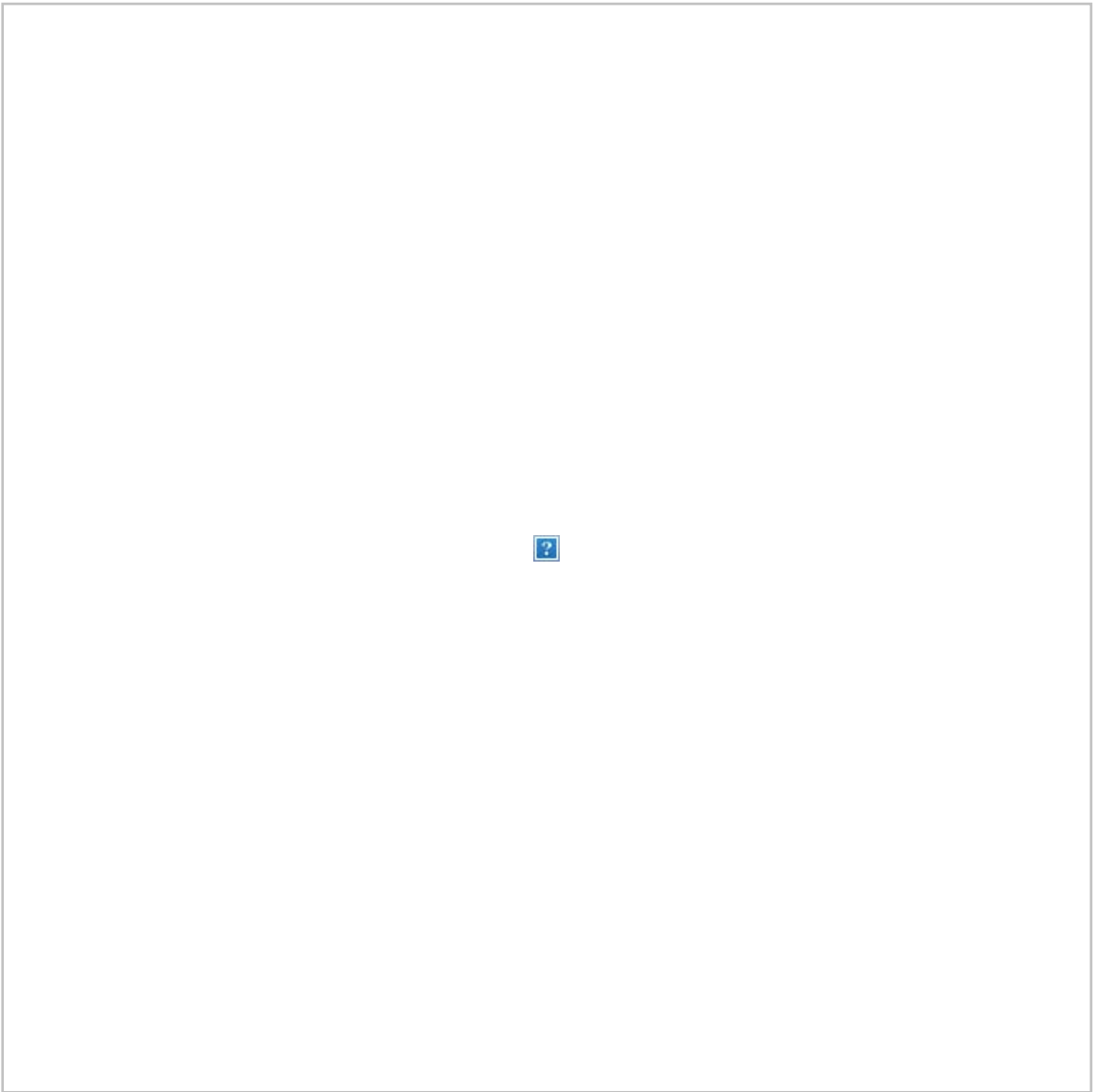
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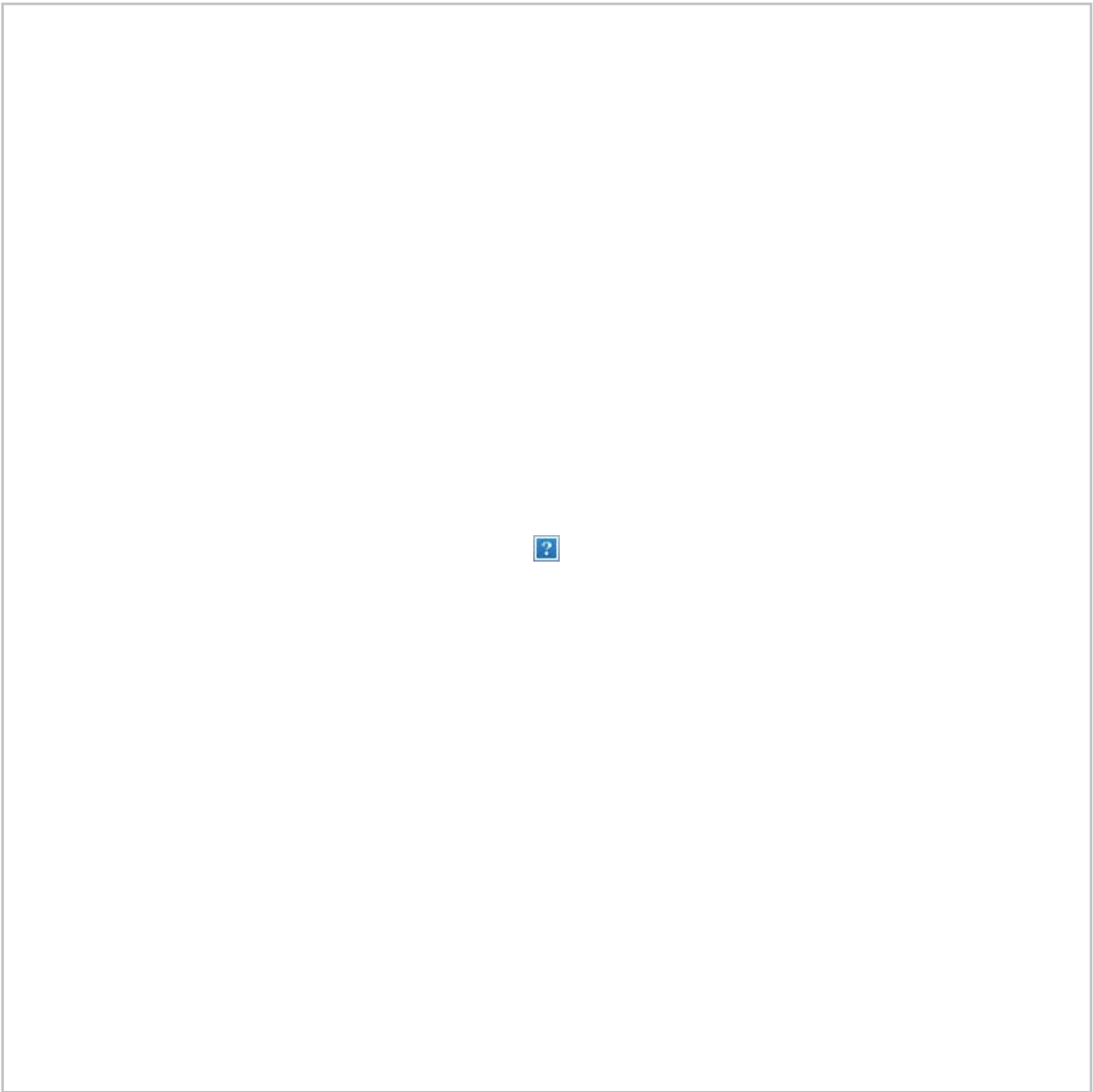




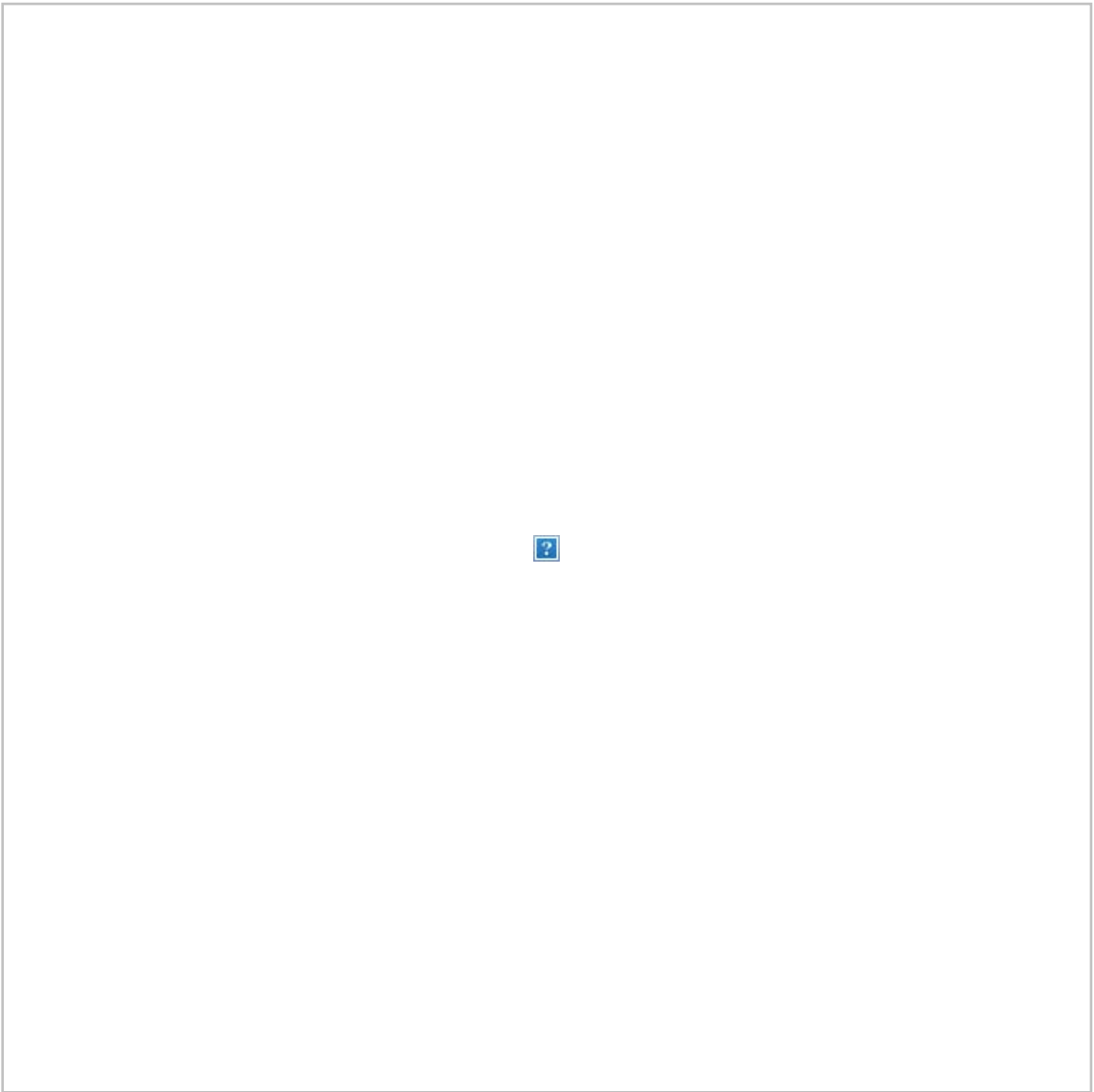
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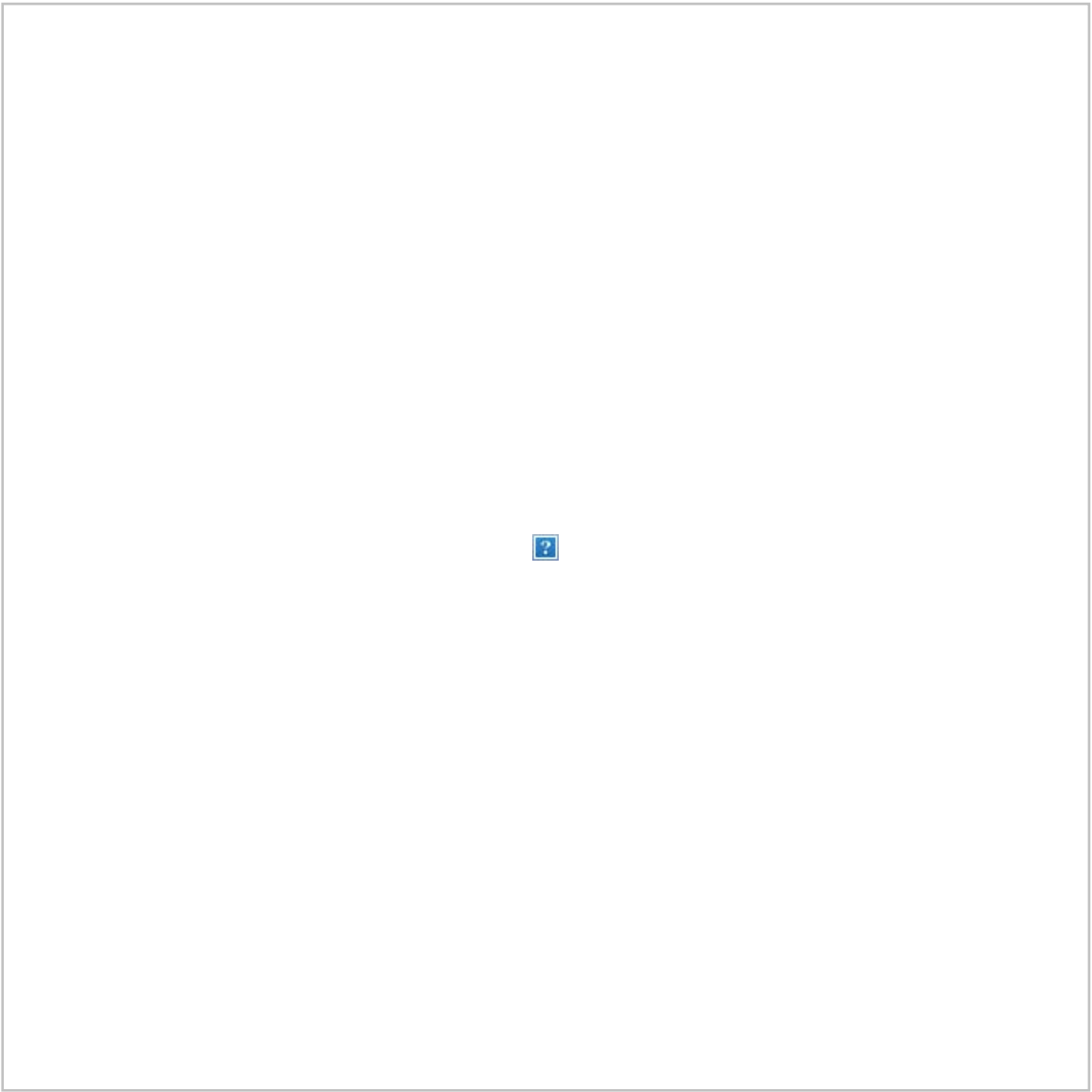
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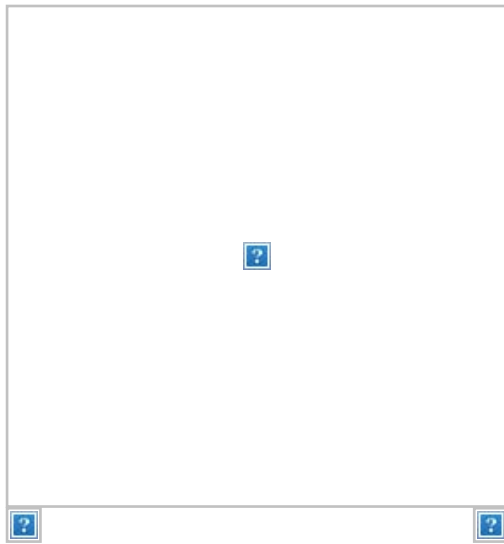
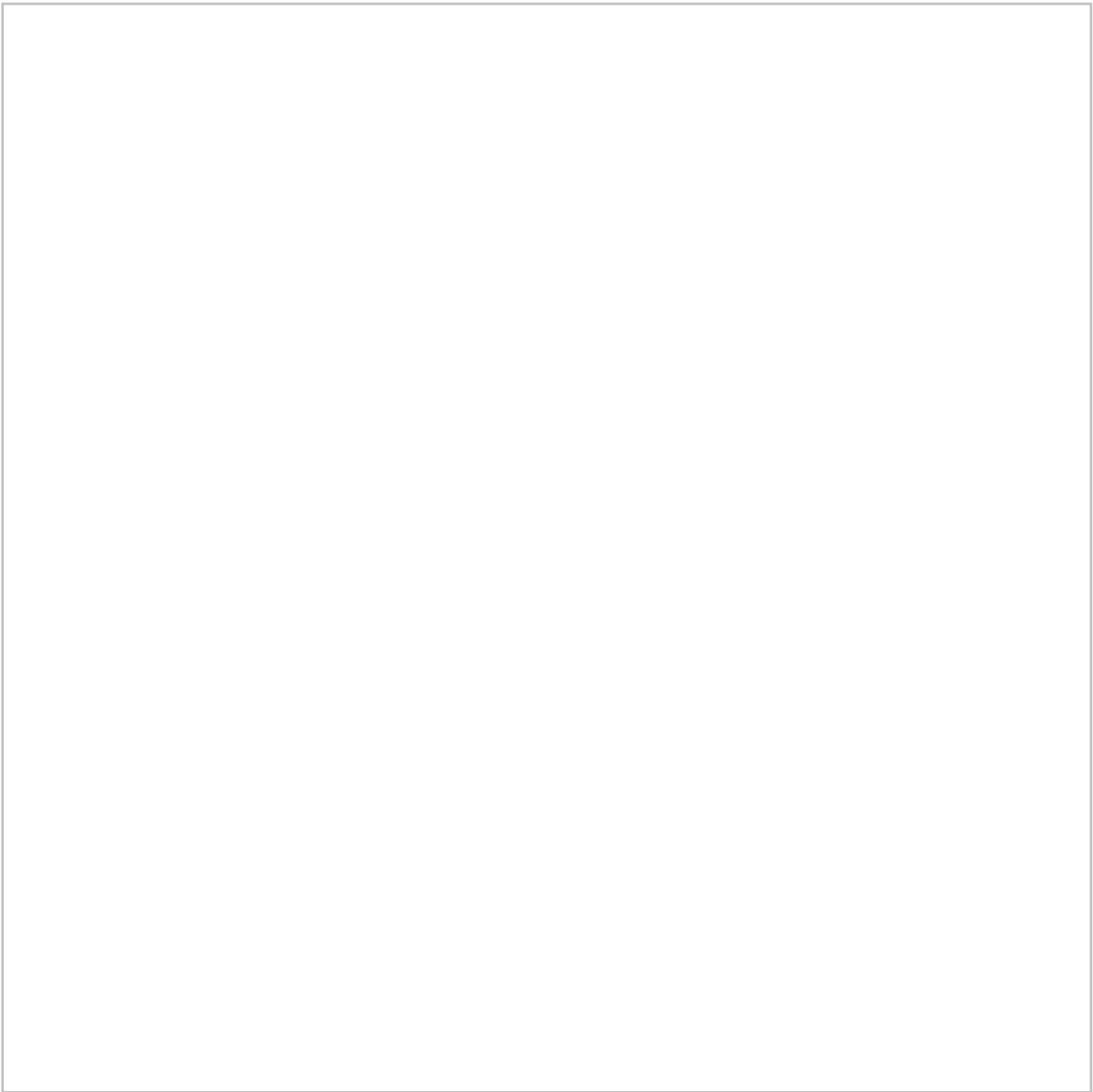


Trump's "[see you in court](#)" line is the new "you're fired." It quickly spawned a meme. How can you go to court if you're already there?



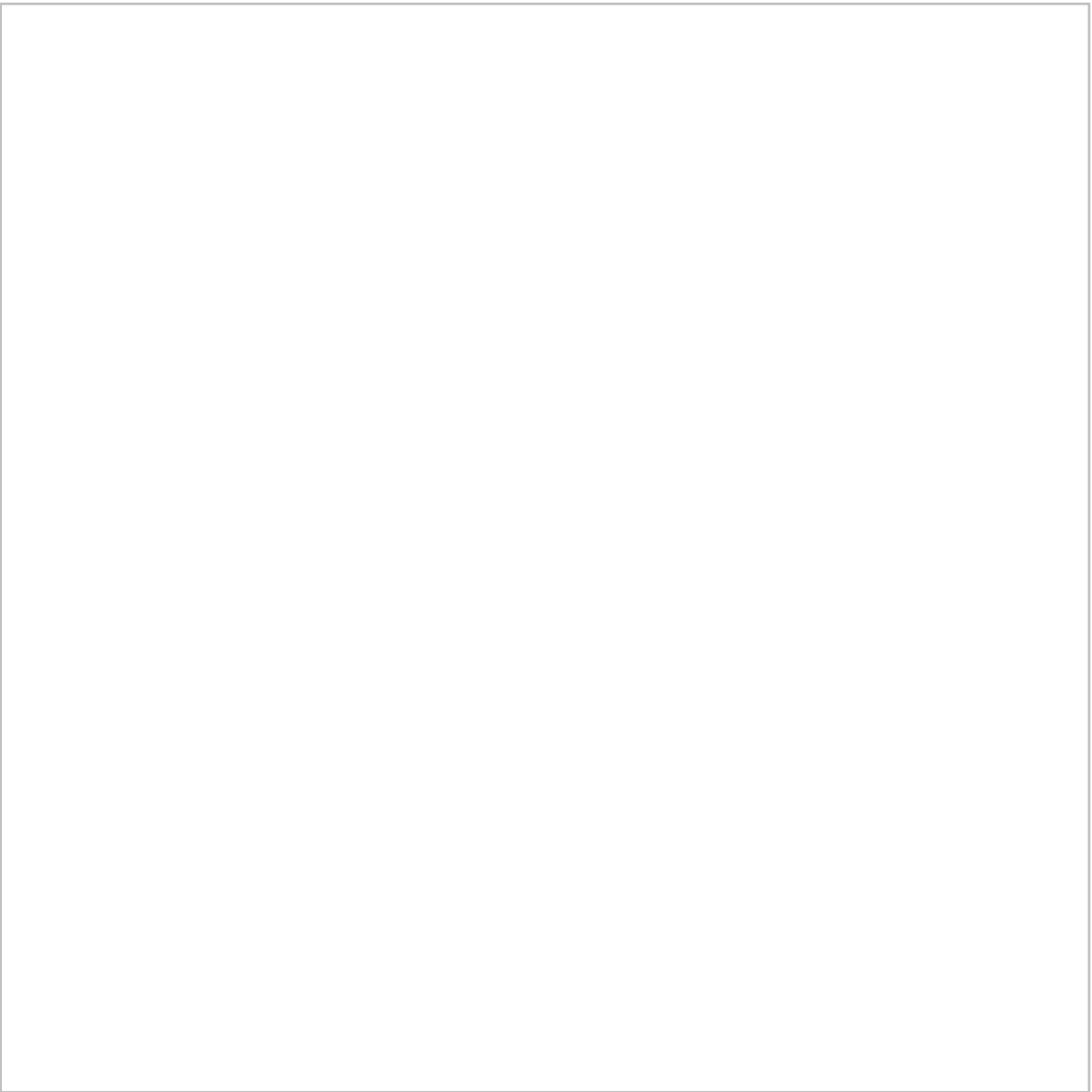
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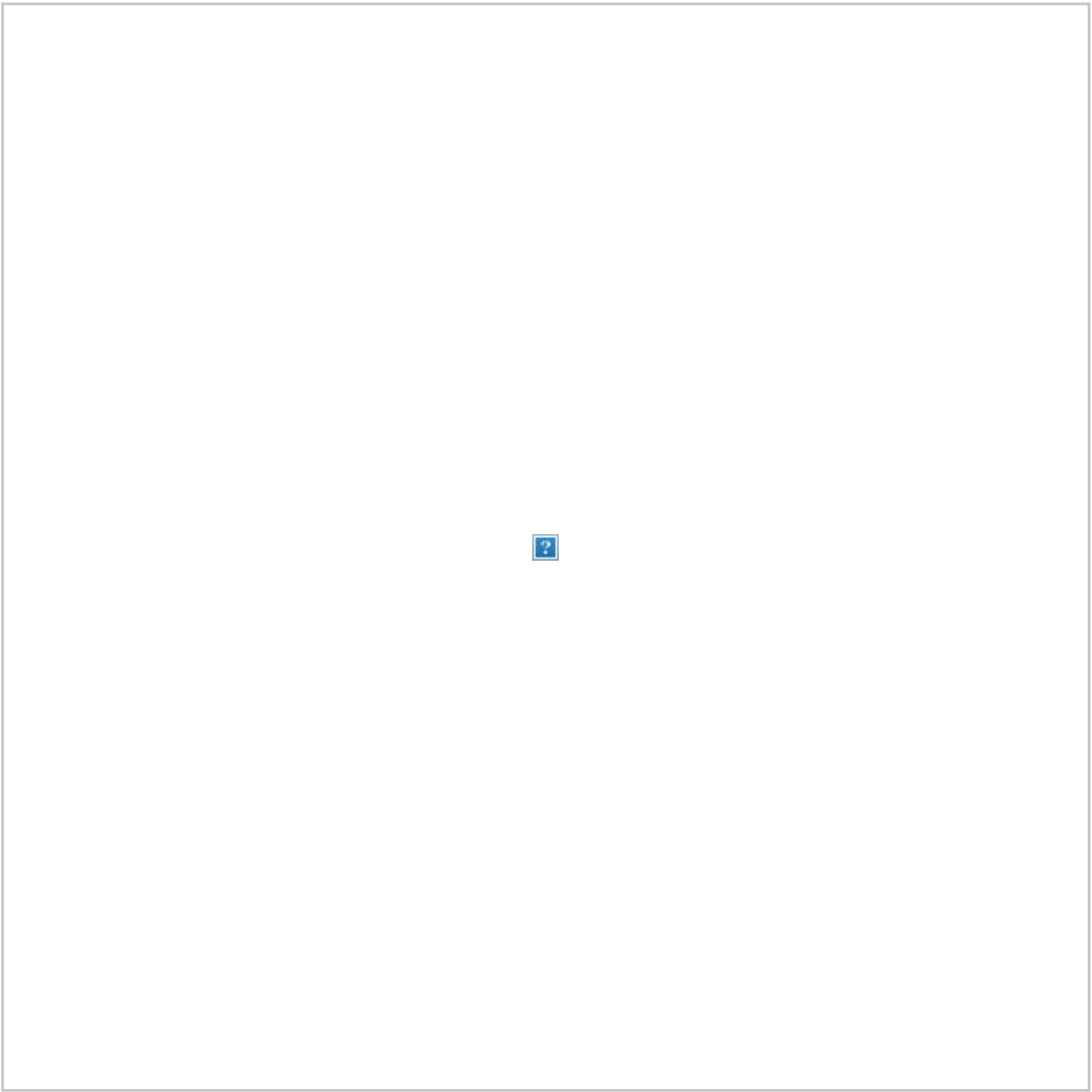
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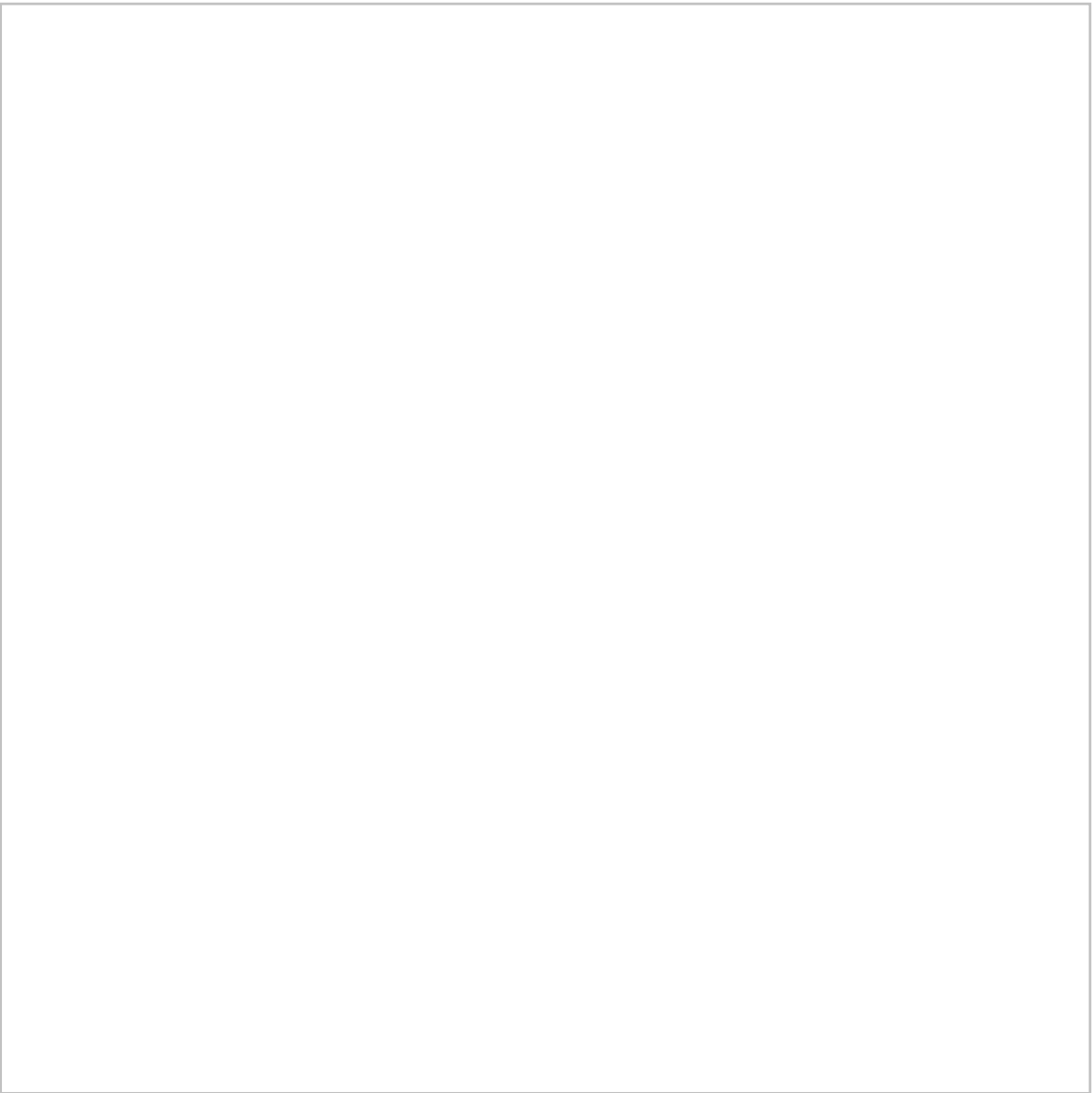




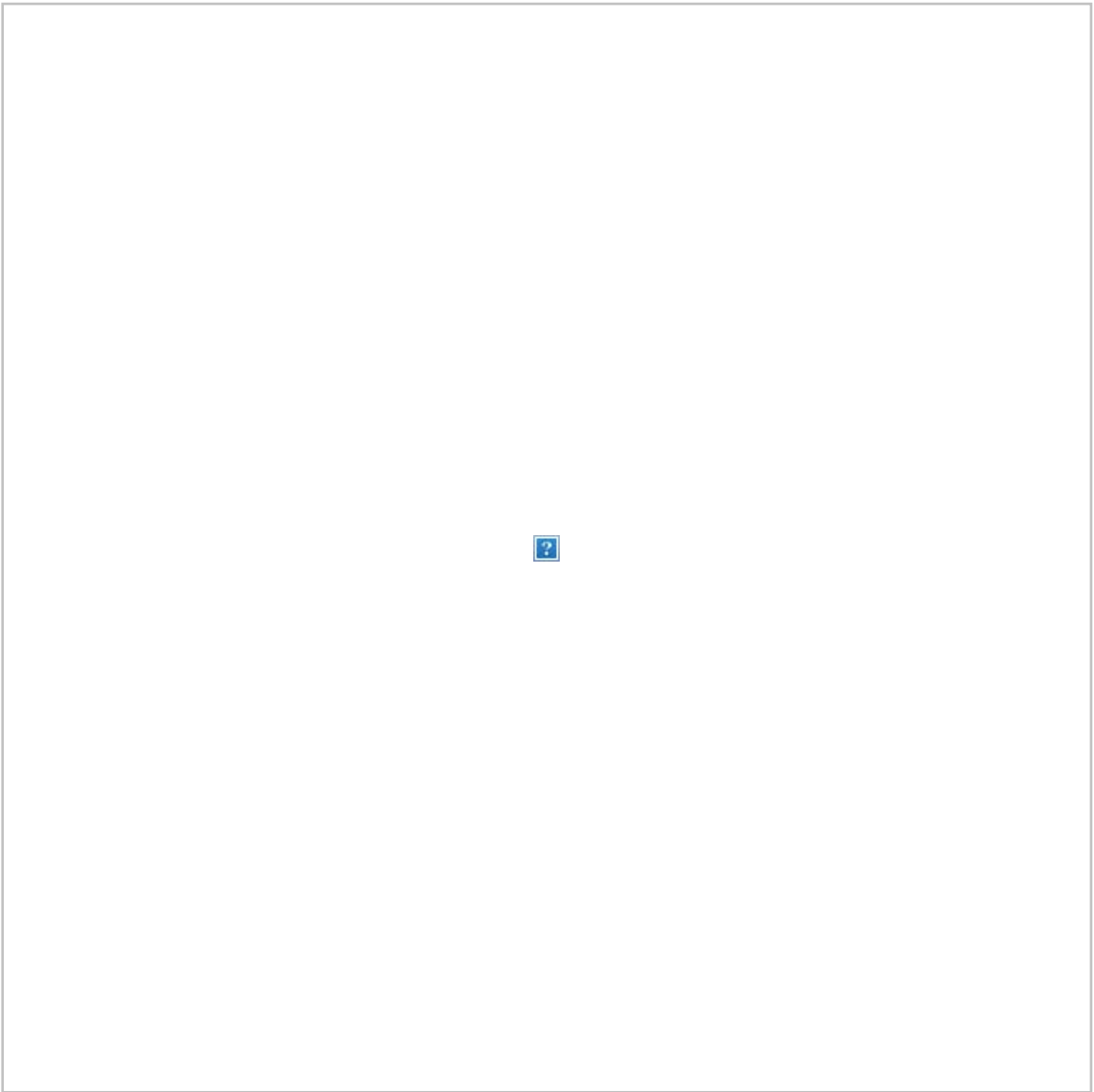
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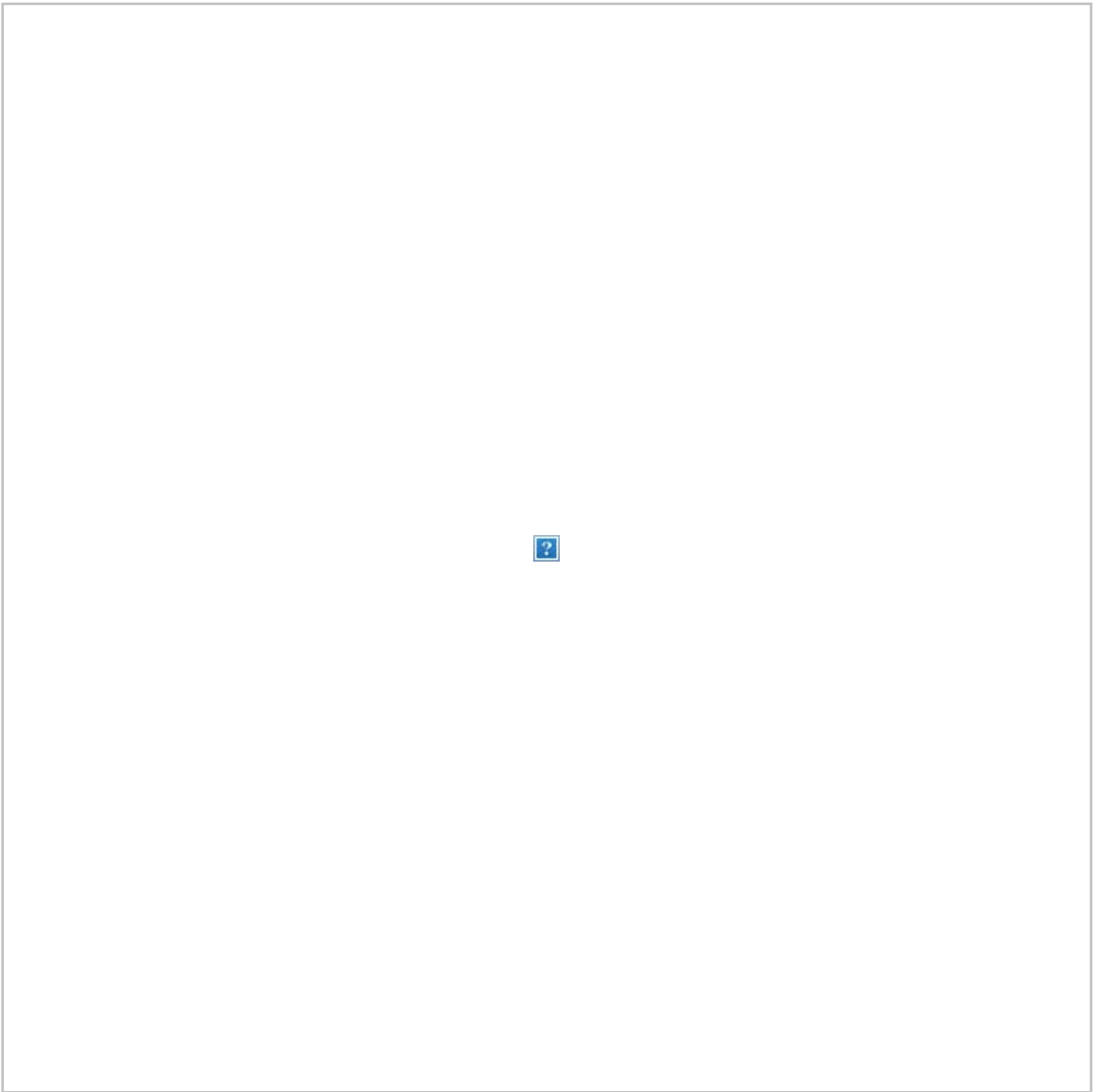




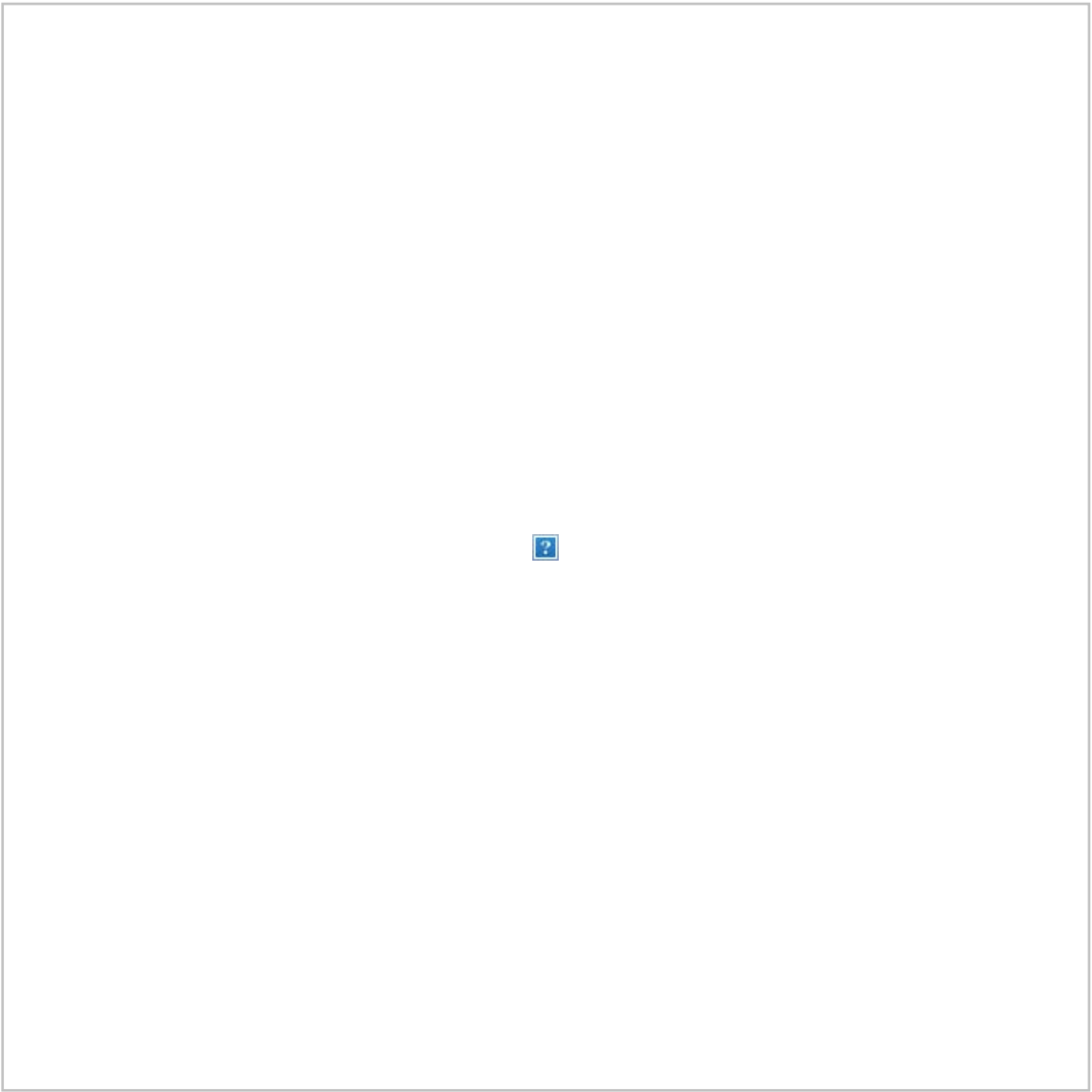
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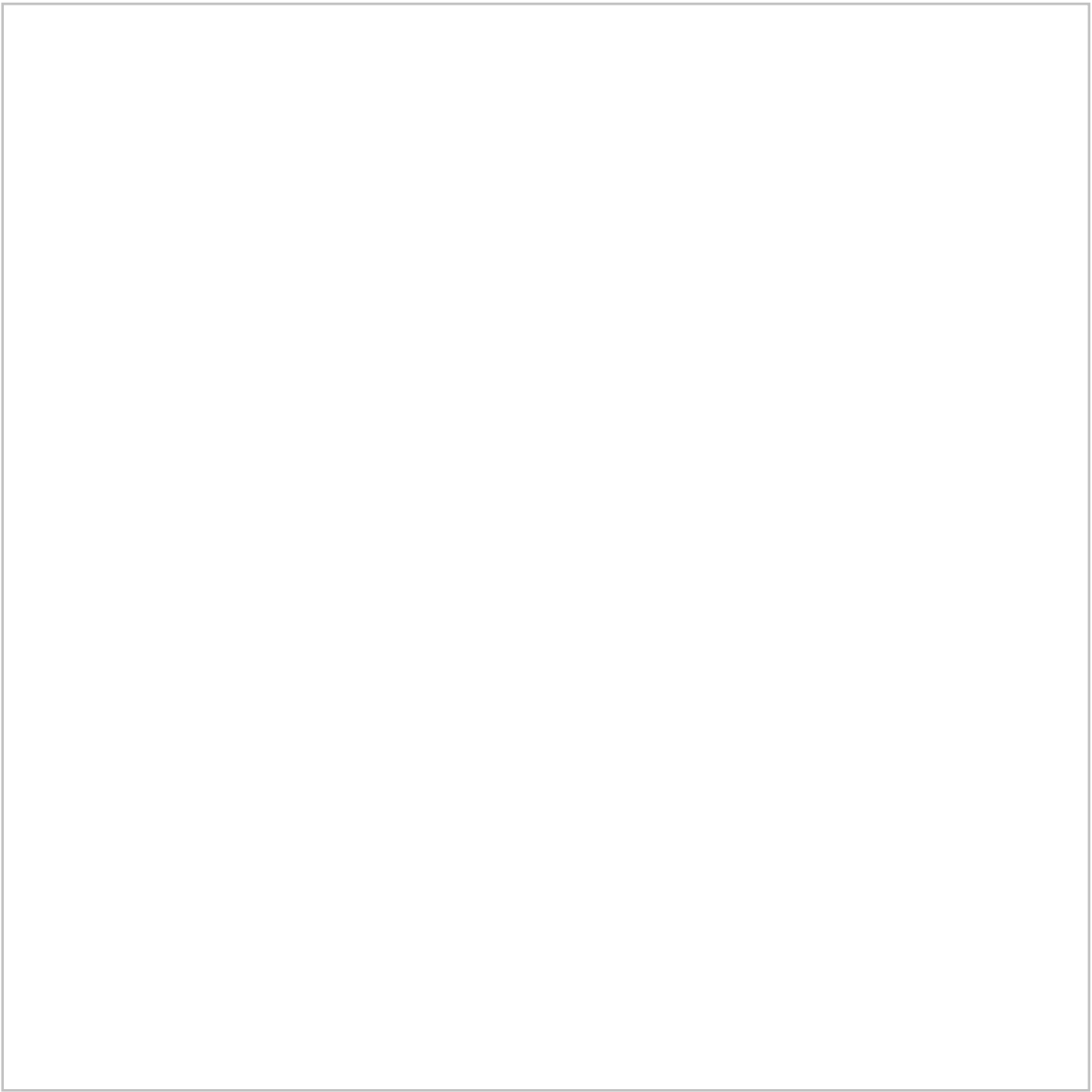


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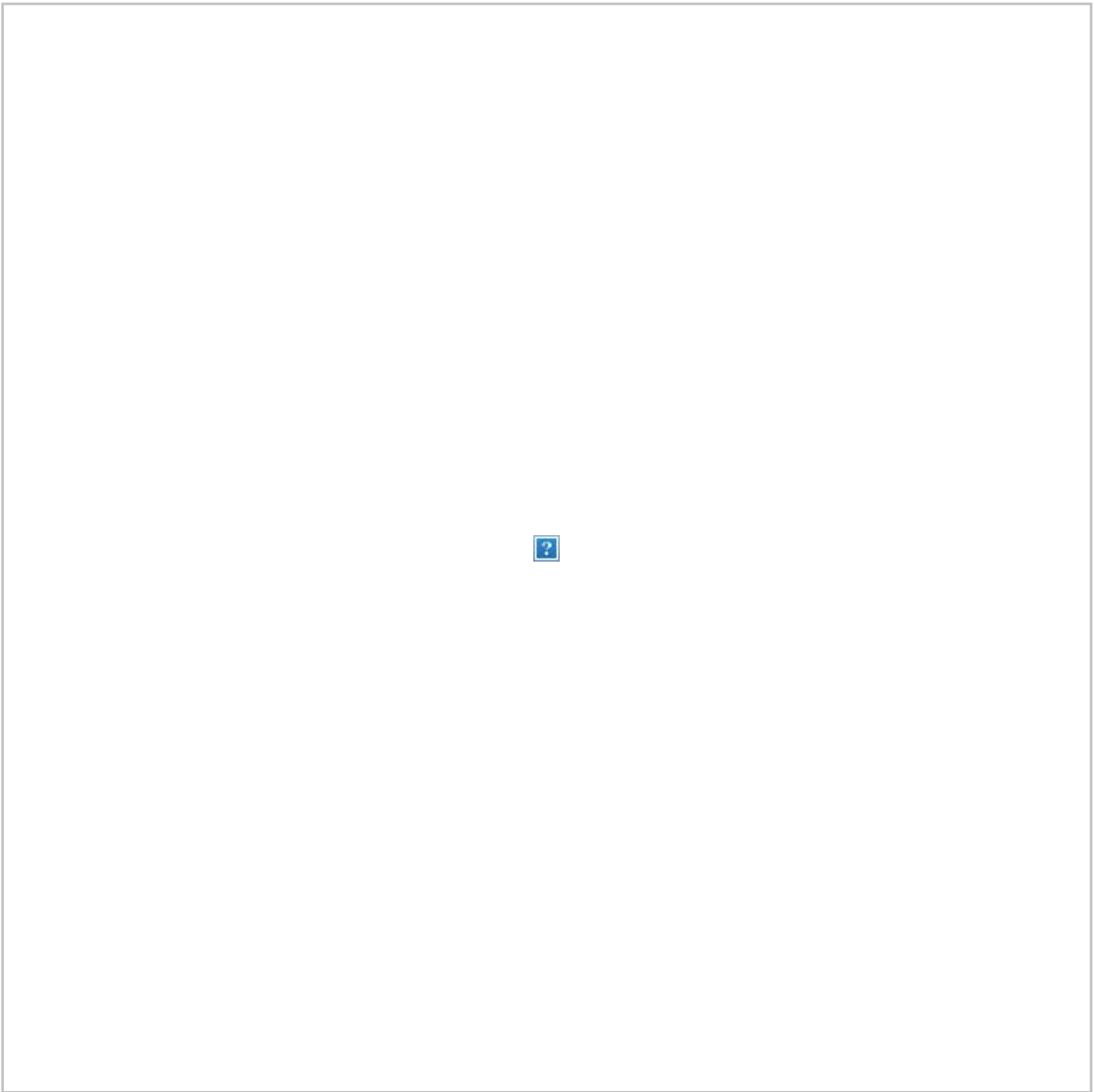


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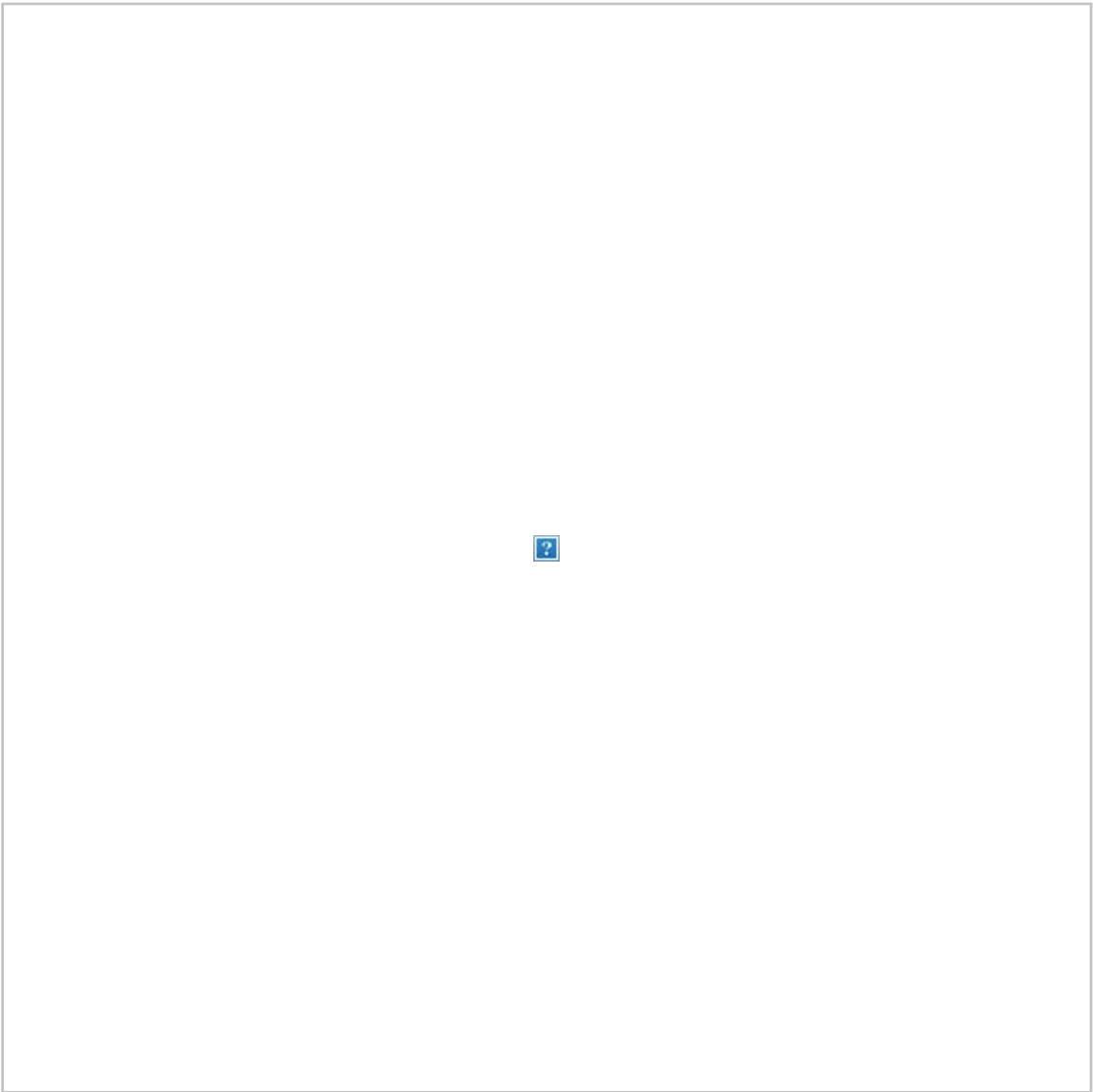




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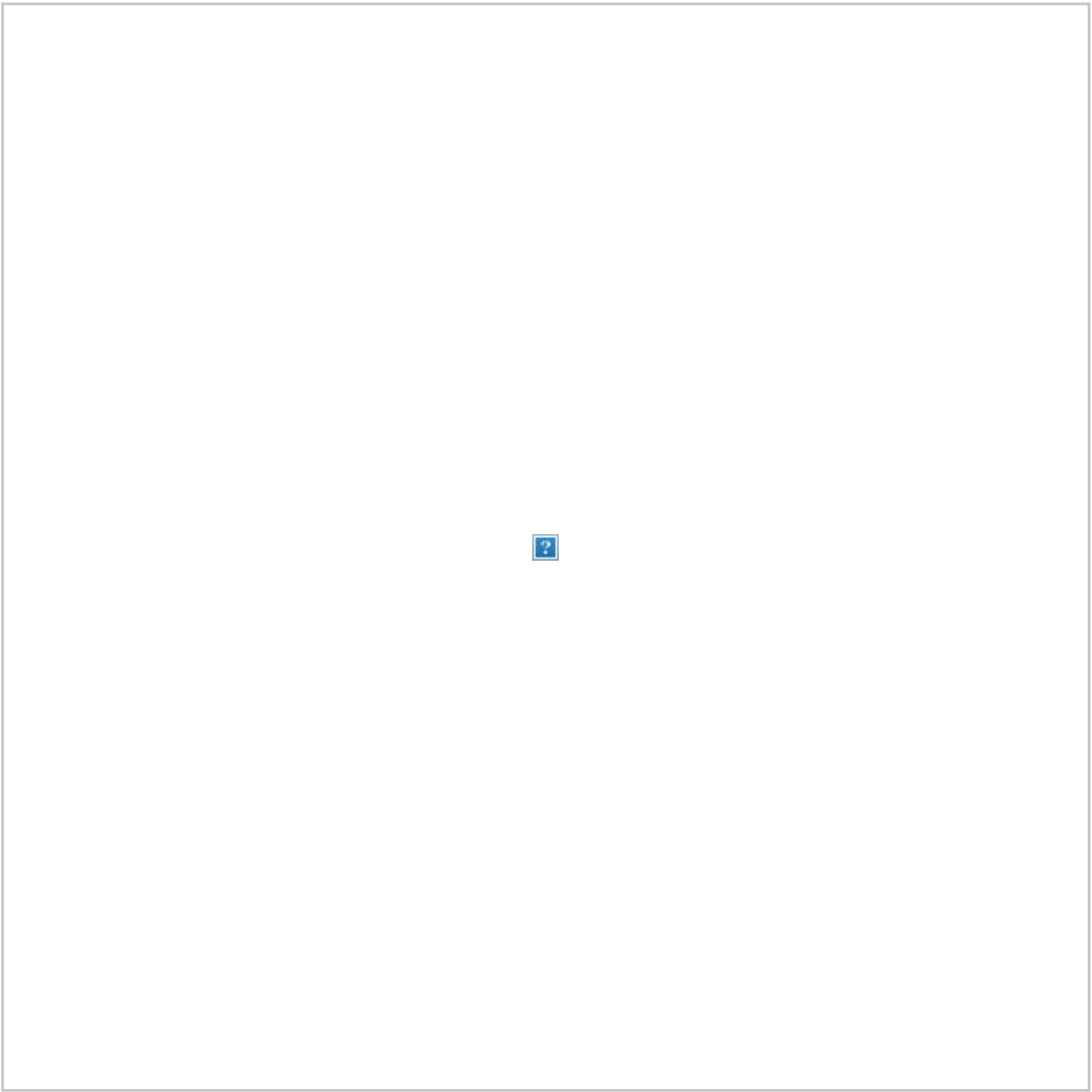


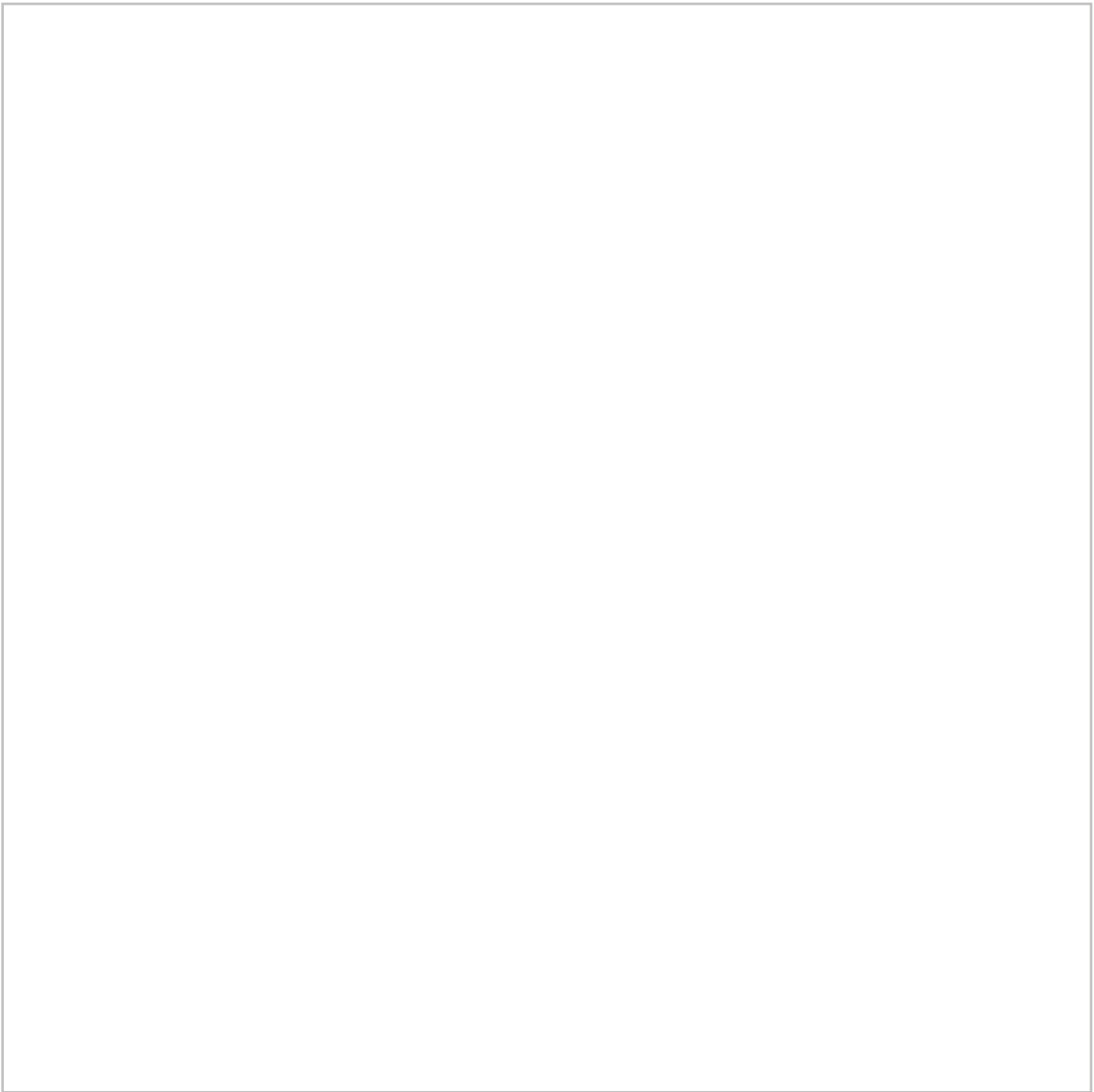
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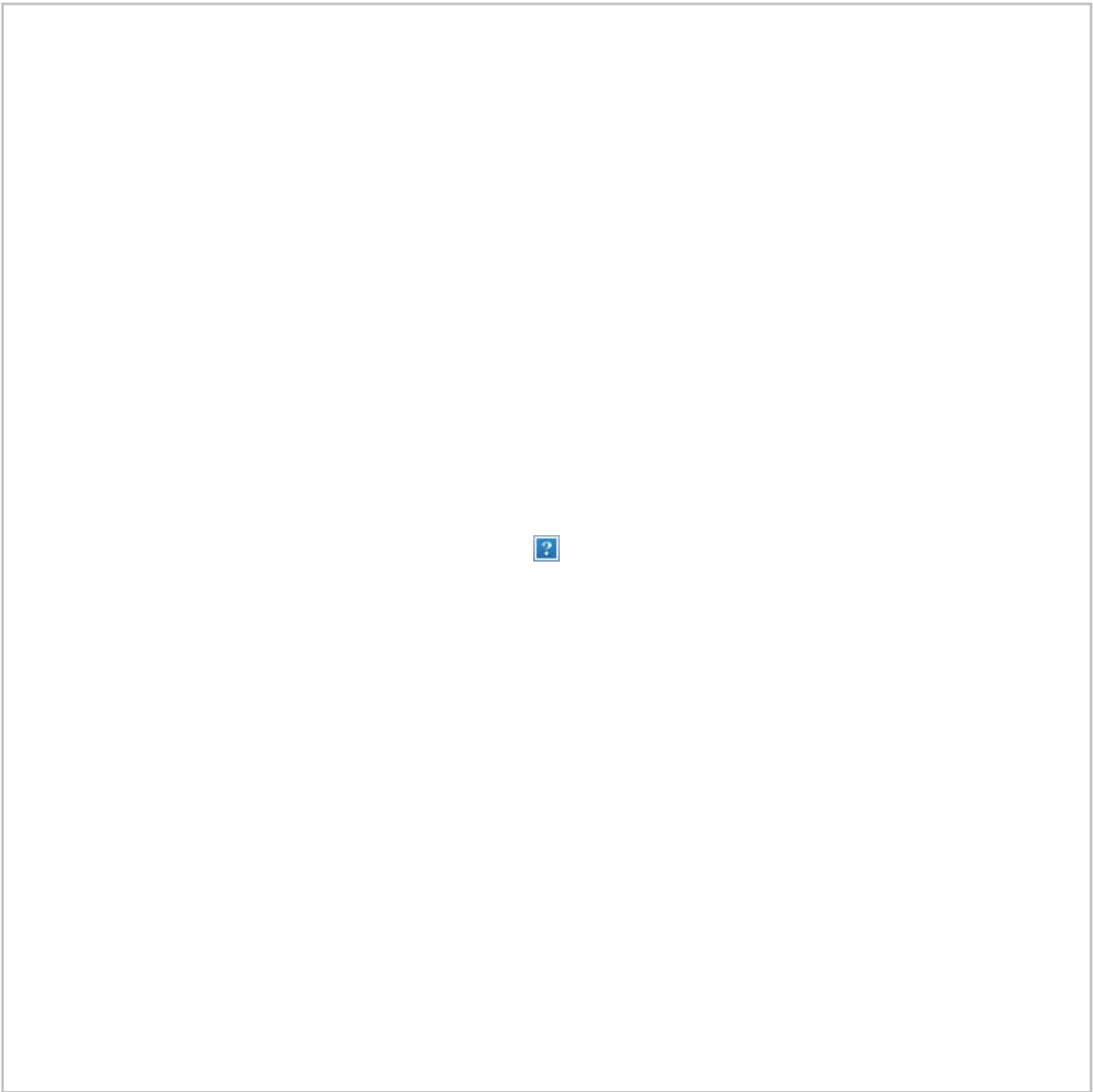
The actress wondered about Kellyanne Conway and who "counseled" her after touting Ivanka's Trump's products:



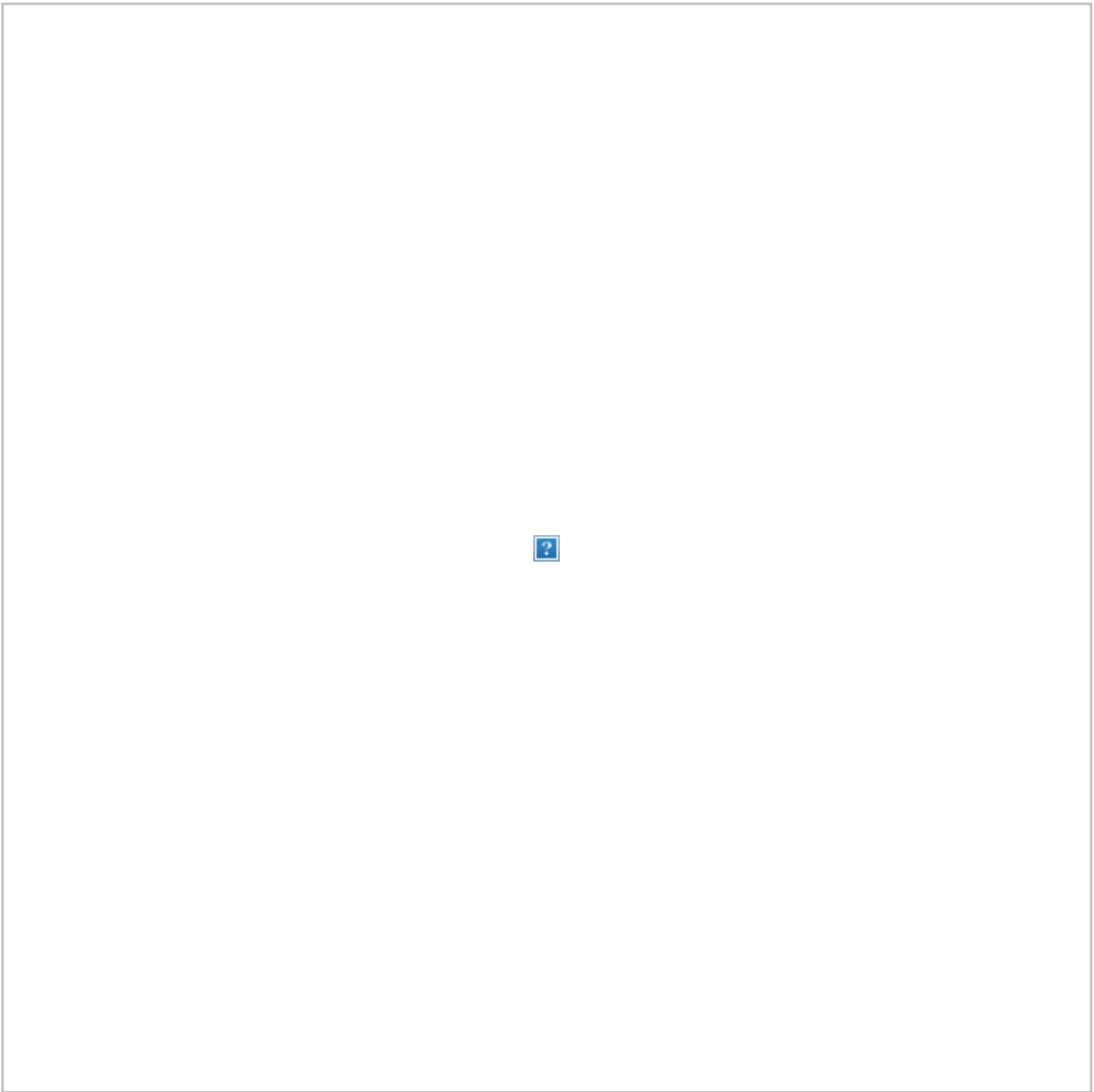




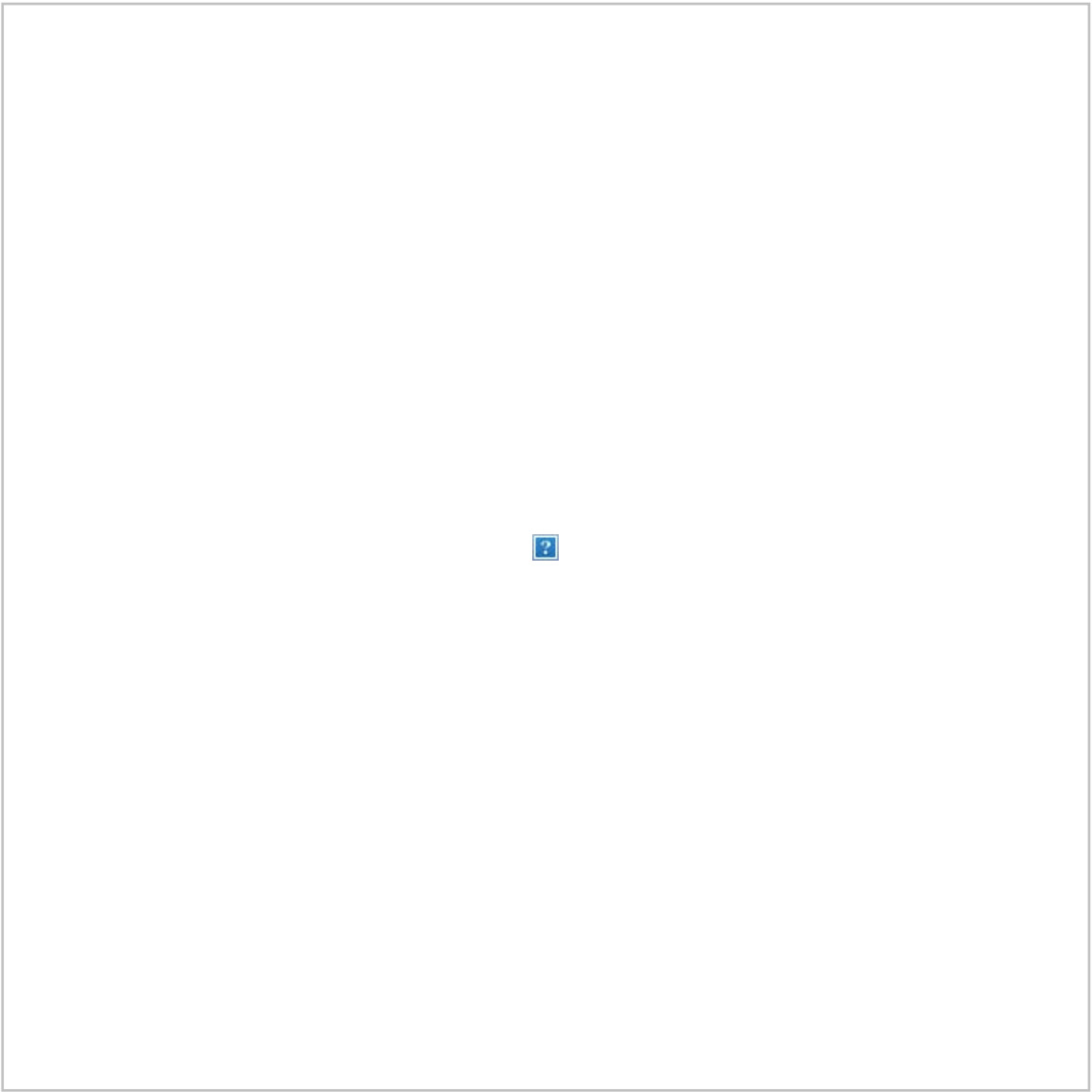
Don Willett -- the [Tweeter Laureate](#) of Texas (who was earlier on Trump's SCOTUS short list) -- had some chocolate cake after the decision came out:



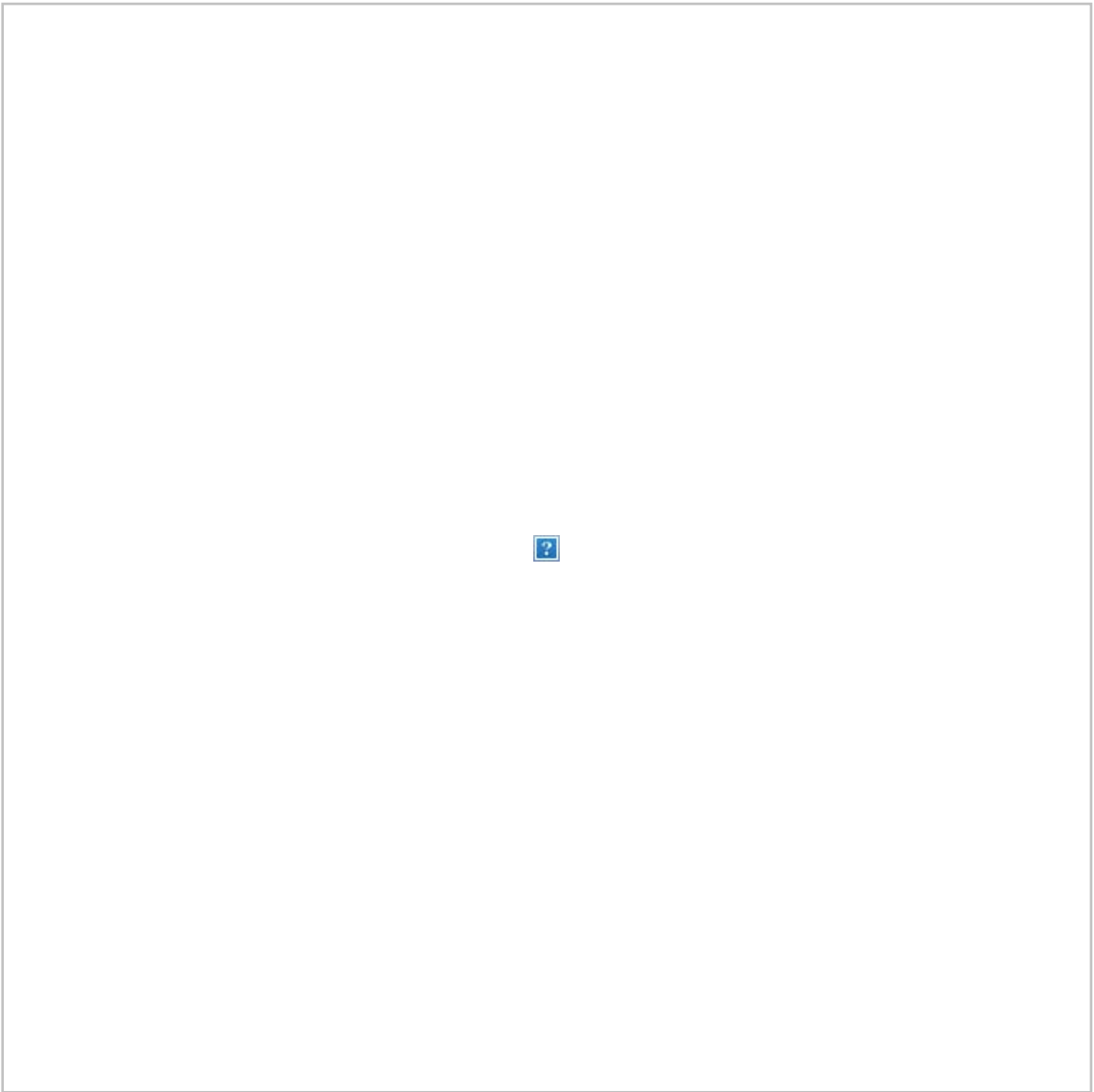
The Republican team working to get Gorsuch confirmed *really, really, really* wants you to know the judge *loves* dogs:



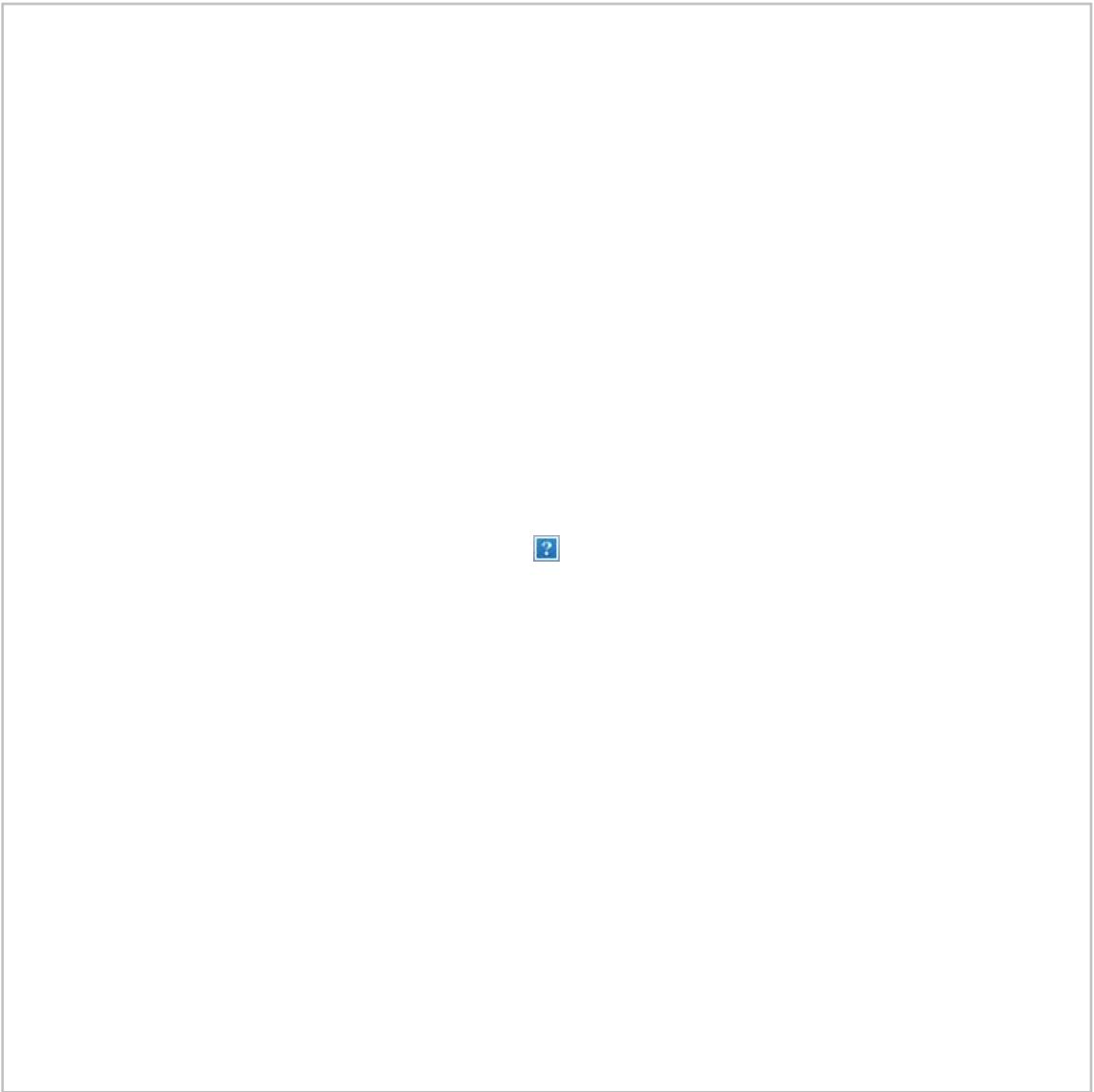
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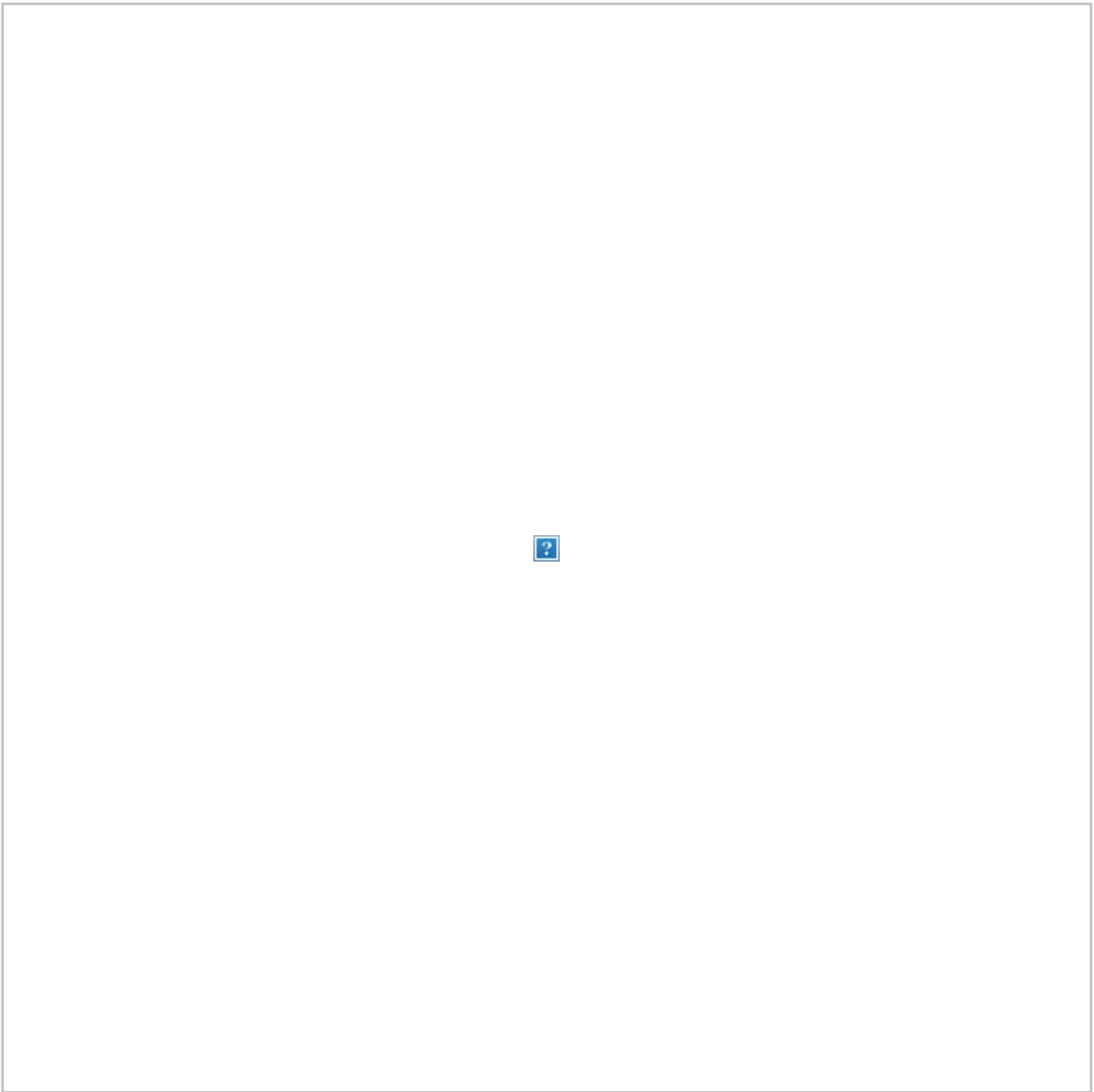
Sen. Tim Scott hung out with Mike Pence:



Betsy DeVos made her first public appearance as Education Secretary: [At Howard University](#).

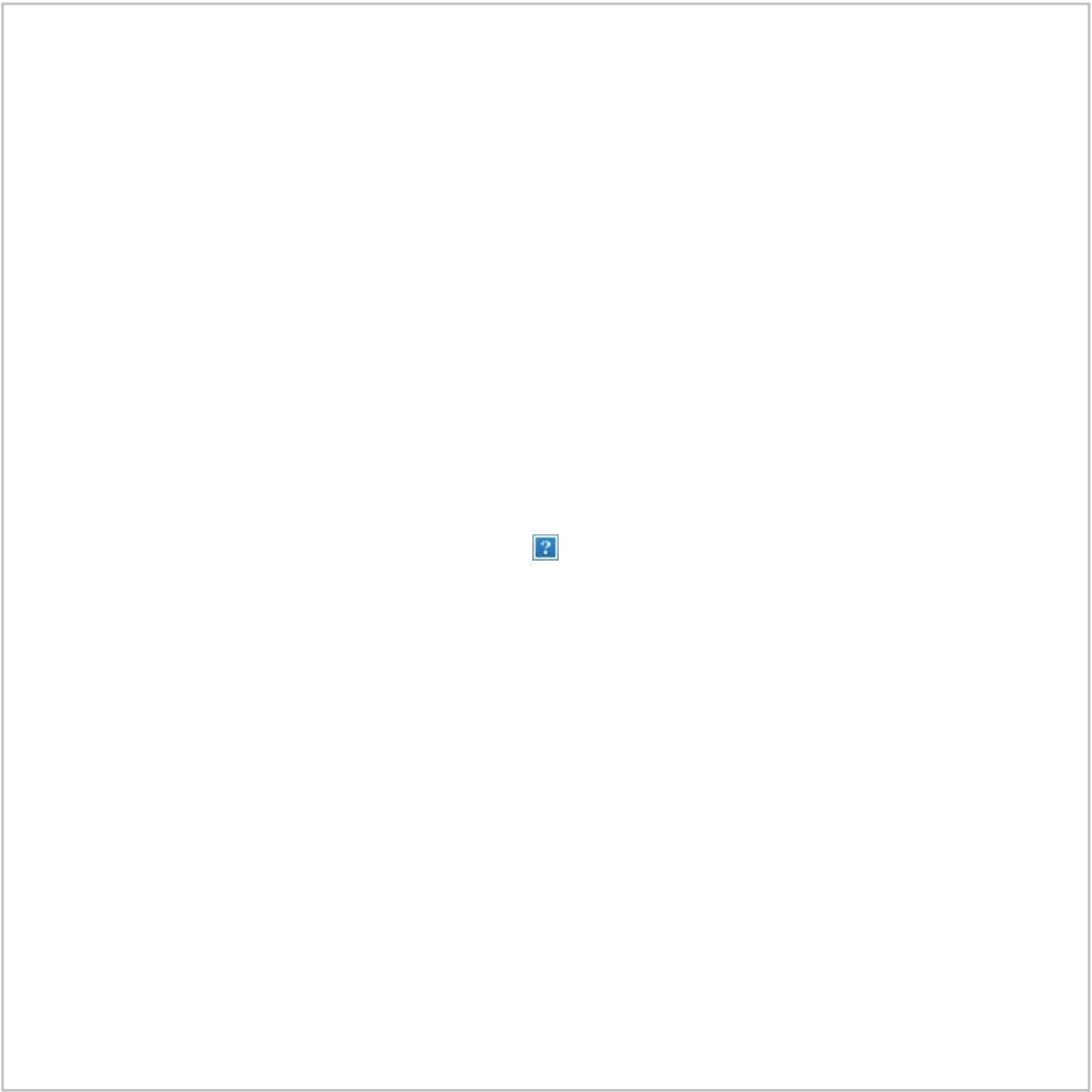


Arianna Huffington posted this TBT:



Kevin McCarthy at 16:





A funny scene from a Roll Call story:



#### **GOOD READS FROM ELSEWHERE:**

-- **In 2005, Steve Bannon tried to make a documentary-style film about the eugenics movement, Hitler, “blood purity,” contraception, Darwinism, mutants and cloning. He wanted to cast Mel Gibson.**

From [The Daily Beast’s Asawin Suebsaeng](#): “The 11-page outline for Bannon’s unmade movie ... bears the ominous title *The Singularity: Resistance Is Futile*. (The project’s alternate working title: *The Harvest of the Damned*.) A heady, incomplete mix of science, history, religion, and politics, it sketches out a story in which mankind’s unquenchable thirst for knowledge and scientific advancement has led to horrific, fascist atrocities and forced sterilization, drawing a direct line between those atrocities and modern bio-technology. ‘The acceleration of technological progress is the central feature of the 20th /21st century,’ the chapter titled ‘The Religion of Technology’ begins. ‘We are on the edge of change brought about by Man’s ability to create... Man, the toolmaker, is on the verge of creating greater-than-human intelligence.’”

-- **The New Yorker, “[A photographer’s view of the battle to destroy ISIS](#),” by Victor J. Blue:** “It’s a strange thing to become friends with guys whose job it is to fight. It’s an intense environment—things are happening, there’s excitement, and then boom: they are gone. It seems obvious, in retrospect, that men who are fighting in war should die. But, when they did, two things happened to me. First, I wanted to know the exact circumstances, as if, in reporting it, I’d come to the conclusion that it didn’t really happen. Then, I wanted to find them in a picture, as if seeing them right away would keep their memory from fading away.

-- **New York Times, “[Feeling ‘Pressure All the Time’ on Europe’s Treadmill of Temporary Work](#),” by**

**Liz Alderman:** “After graduating with degrees in accounting and finance from a university in Finland, Ville Markus Kieloniemi thought he would at least find an entry-level job in his field. He studied potential employers, tailoring his applications accordingly. He wound up churning through eight temporary jobs over the next three years ... **Meet the new generation of permatemps in Europe. While the region’s economy is finally recovering, more than half of all new jobs created in the European Union since 2010 have been through temporary contracts ... For those stuck in this employment netherworld, life is a cycle of constant job searches.** Confidence can give way to doubt as career prospects seem to fade. Young people talk of delaying marriage and families indefinitely. And though many were grateful for any workplace experience, they were also cynical about companies that treated them like disposable labor.”

#### **DAYBOOK:**

**At the White House:** Trump will meet with Mitch McConnell, and host Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the White House for a bilateral meeting and press conference. Later in the day, they will be joined by their wives and depart for Mar-a-Lago.

**Vice President Mike Pence** will meet with Japanese Deputy Prime Minister Taro Aso and join meetings with Abe. Later in the day, he will speak with Ford CEO Mark Fields by phone.

#### **QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

Expedia CEO Dara Khosrowshahi, an outspoken Trump critic, ended his company’s fourth quarter earnings call by making a wish. “Hopefully we will all be alive to see the end of next year,” he said. After a pause, he added: “Thank you.” Then the call ended. ([CNN](#))

#### **NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:**

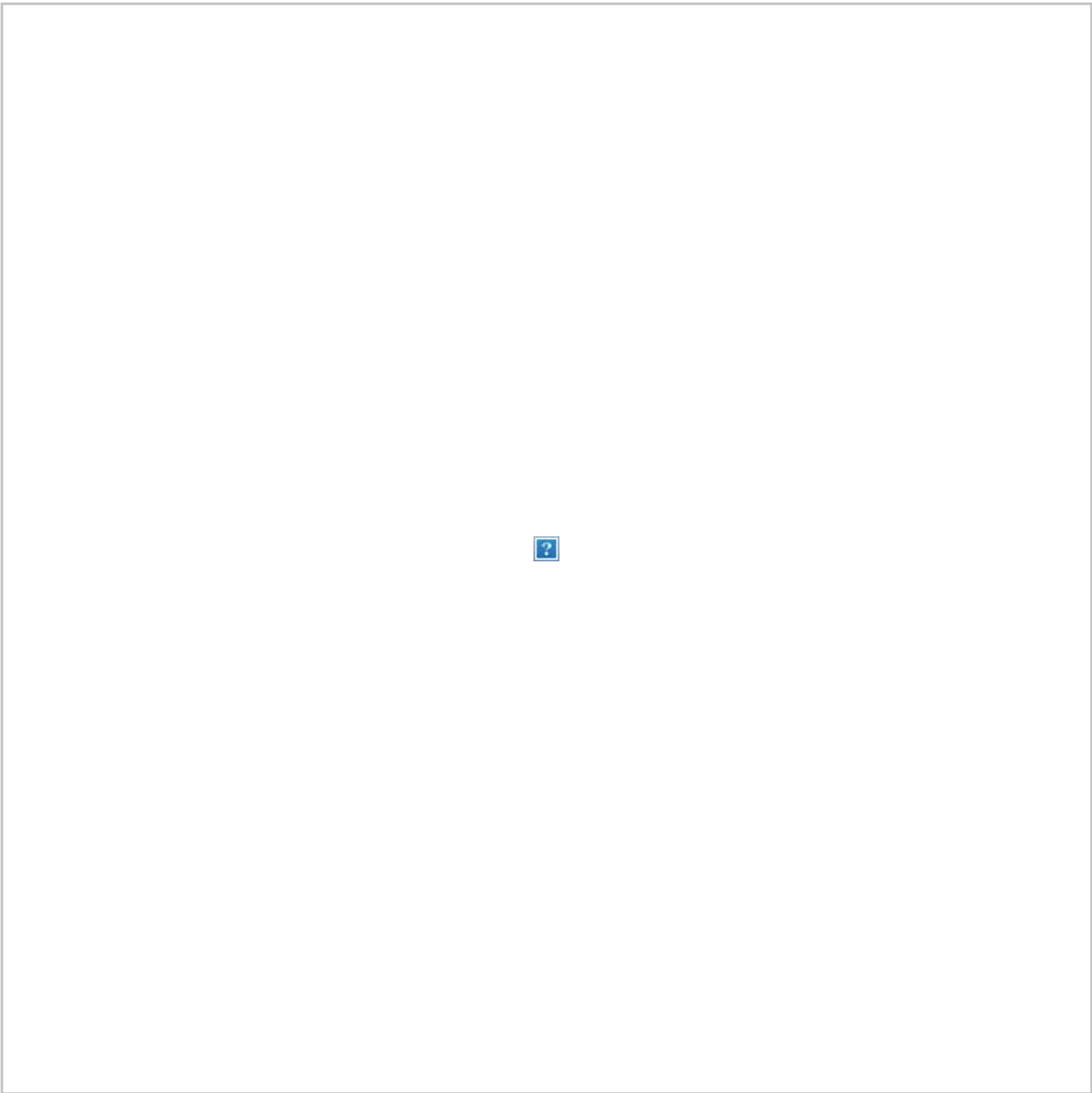
-- **Another day of chilly whiplash to close out a roller-coaster week of weather.** The [Capital Weather Gang](#) forecasts: “It’s still chilly, but calmer. A sunny morning commute is possible, yet clouds should battle sunshine fairly effectively by afternoon. Don’t be surprised by a quick sprinkle, shower, flurry, sleet spurt, or snow shower. Especially afternoon hours. We have a tumultuous atmosphere overhead, even if quieter at the surface. Breezes may try to stay around or below 10 mph out of the west and west-southwest. High temperatures struggle but eventually range from the mid-30s to around 40 by late afternoon.”

-- **Maryland’s Republican senators knew they didn’t have the votes to block a resolution that would give Attorney General Brian E. Frosh (D) more power to sue the Trump administration. So they tried for a delay. When the motion failed, nine of the 14 Republicans stormed out in protest** — a rare sign of unrest in a majority Democratic chamber where longtime Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. (D-Calvert) emphasizes civility and decorum. The Defense Act stems from a provision in the Maryland Constitution that requires the attorney general to obtain permission from the General Assembly or the governor to file certain cases. It would essentially give Frosh blanket authority from the legislature to challenge the federal government on any legal issue. ([Ovetta Wiggins and Josh Hicks](#))

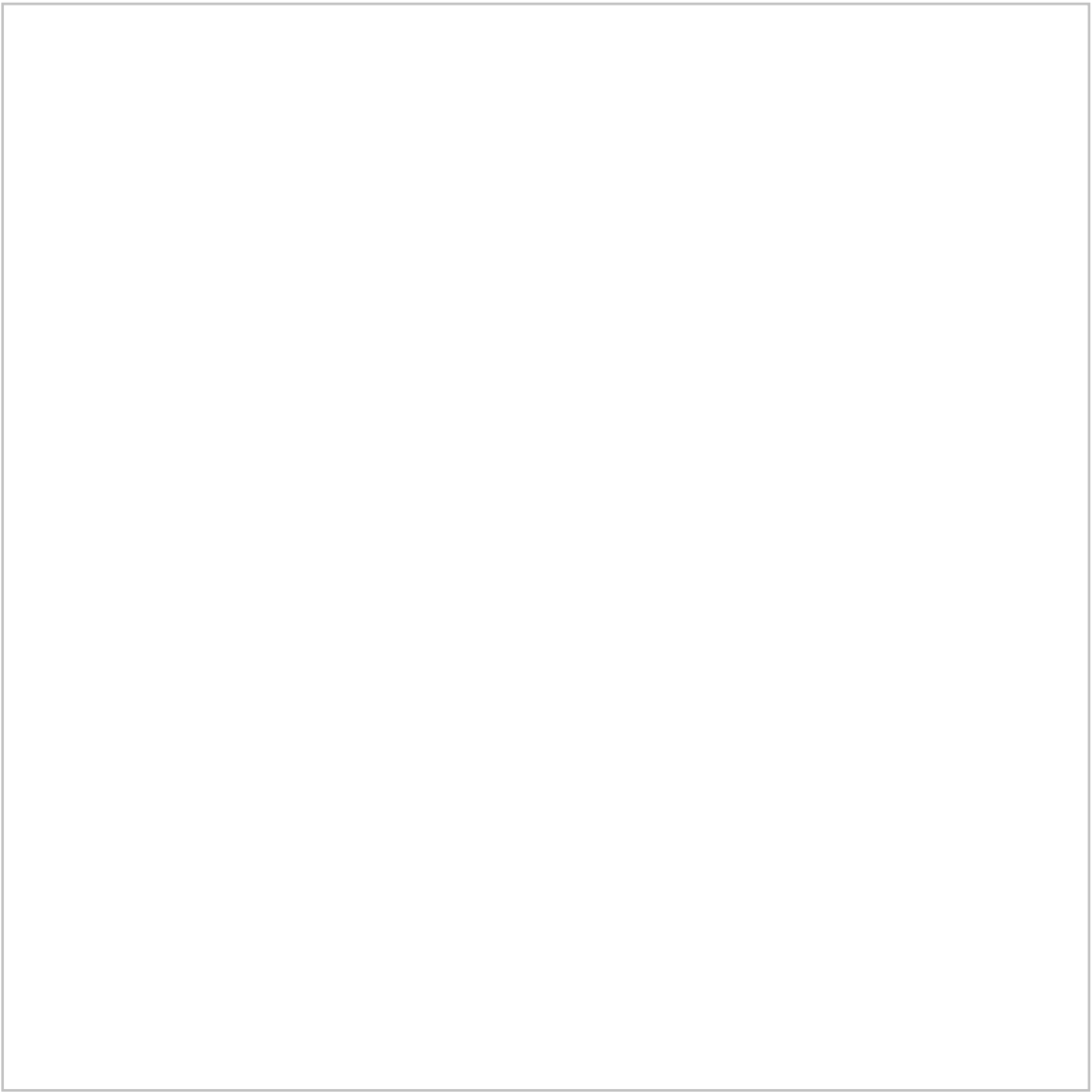
-- **The Capitals [beat the Red Wings 6-3.](#)**

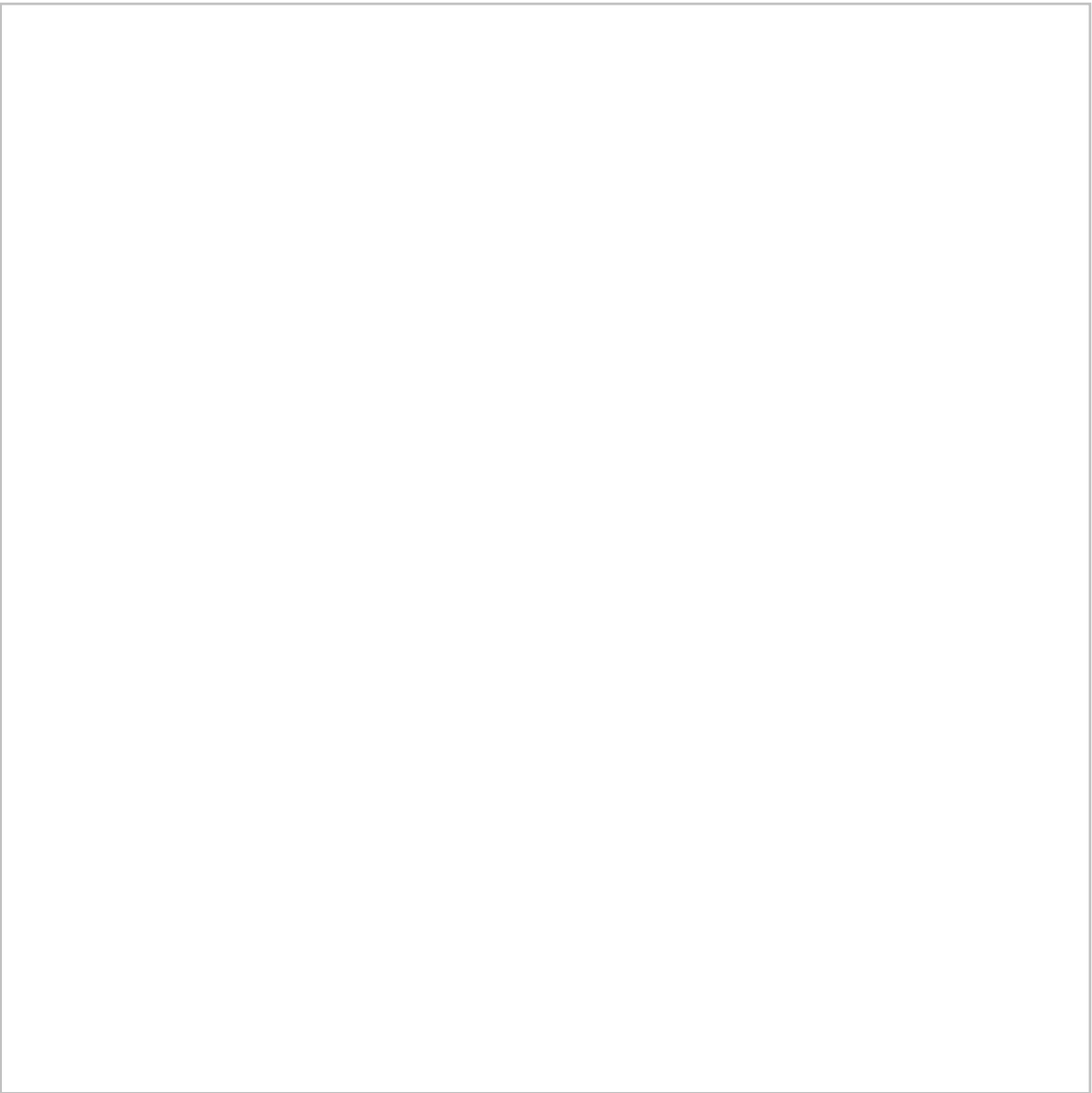
#### **VIDEOS OF THE DAY:**

Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) got a frosty reception at a town hall in his home state last night. Angry constituents packed a high school auditorium, grilling the high-ranking congressman with questions and peppering him with boos and chants while protesters amassed outside:

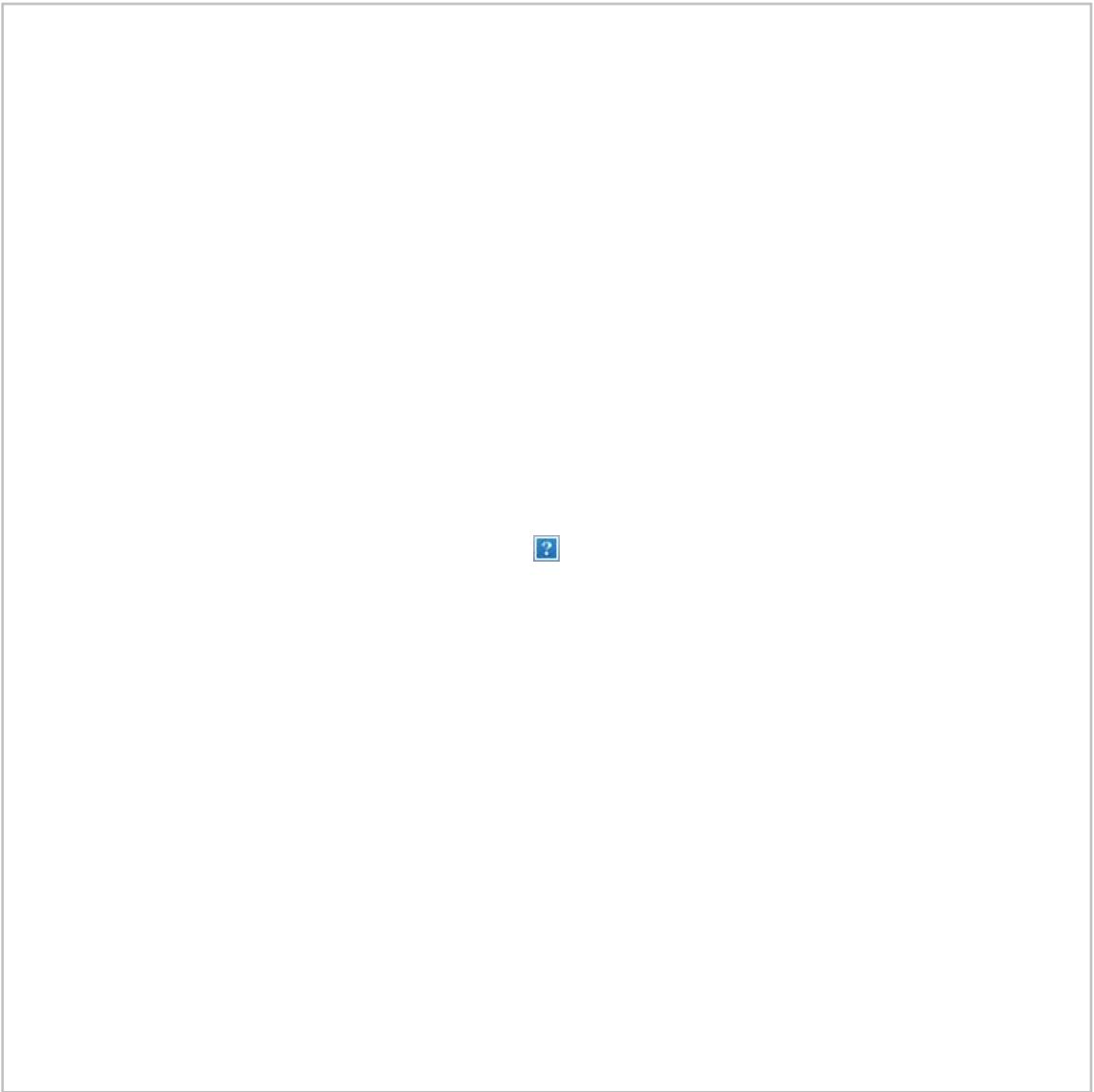


Angry Utahns pack Chaffetz's home state town hall

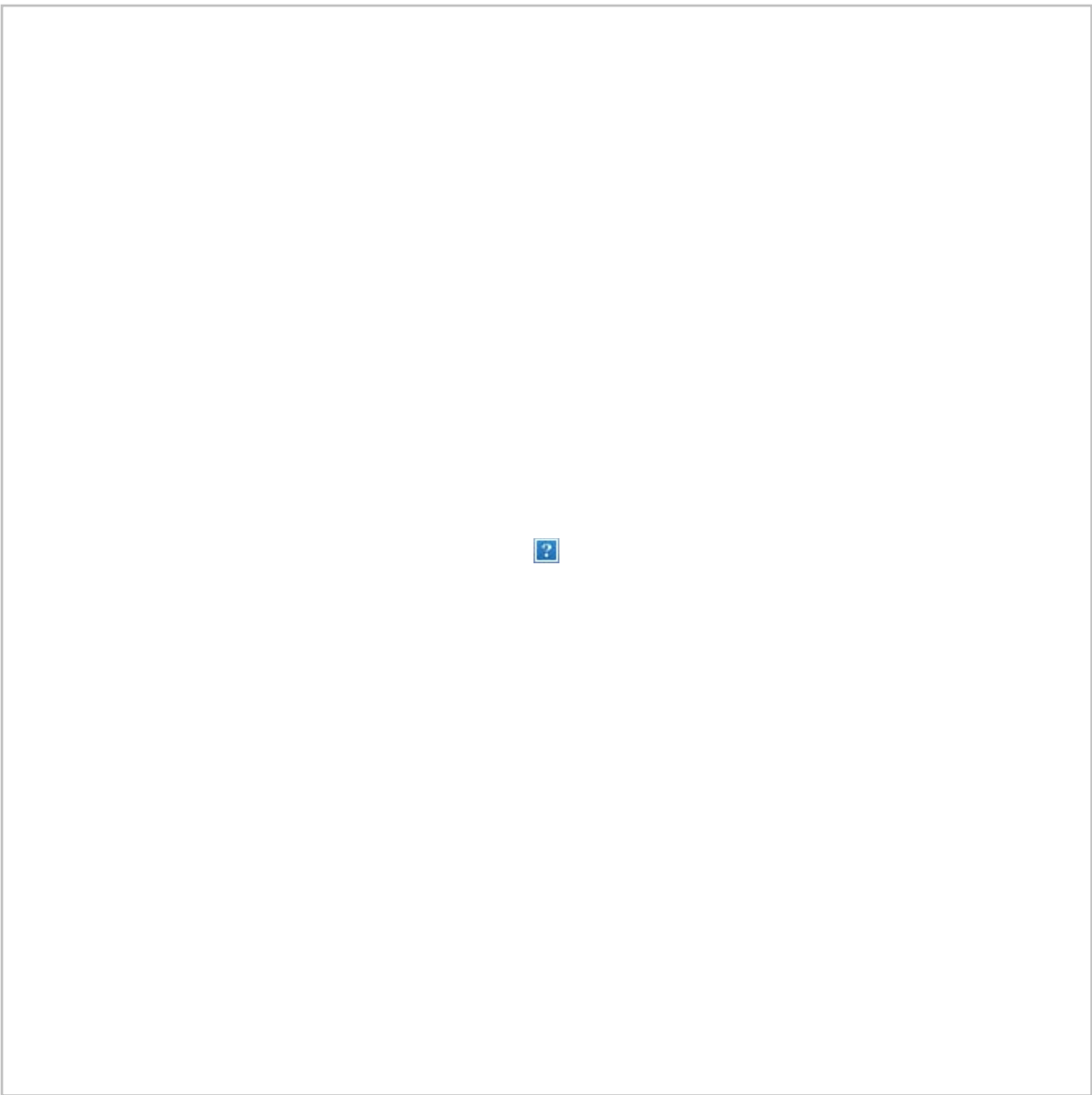




See Trump impersonator Alec Baldwin's 1st SNL monologue:



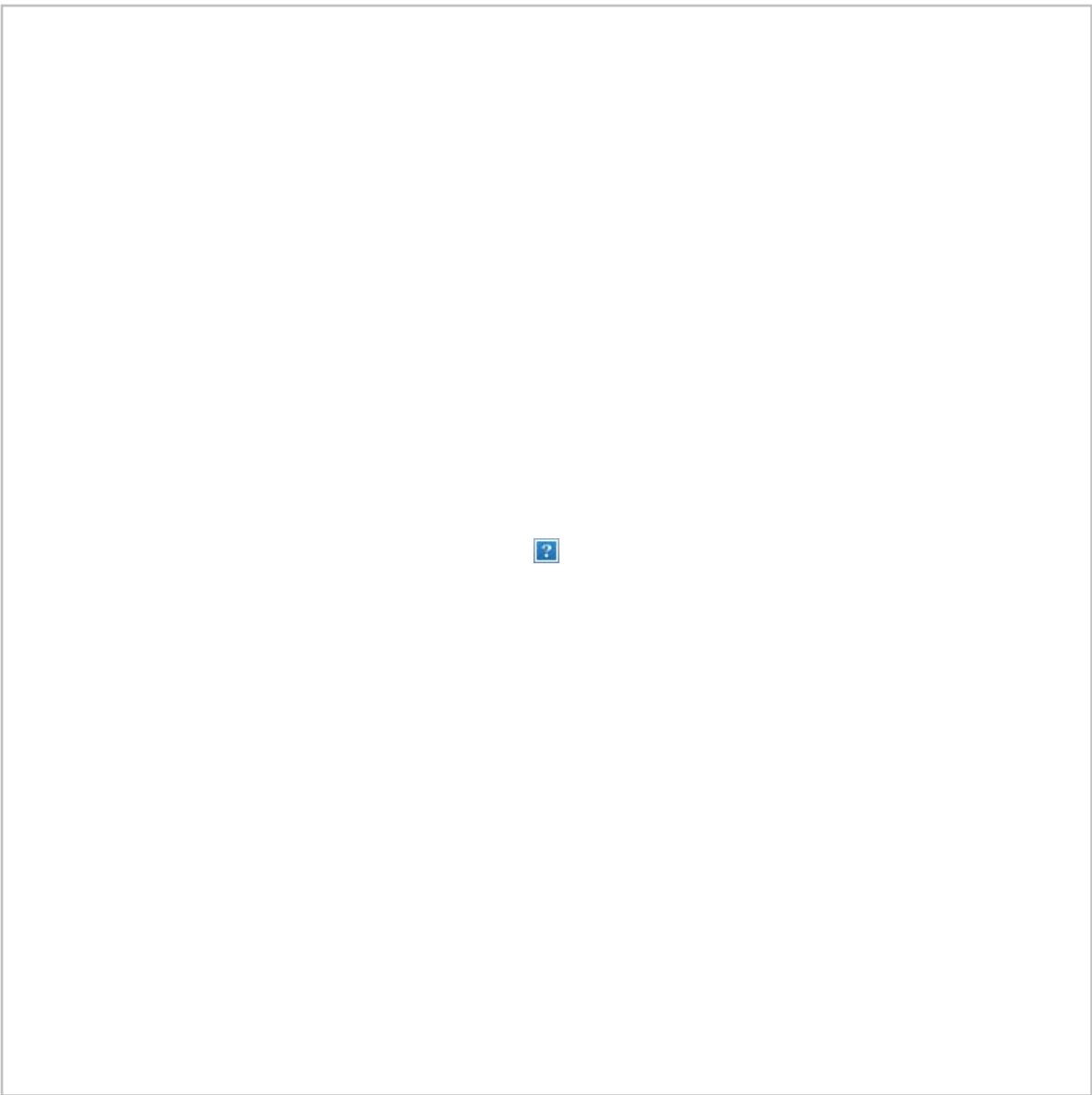
Jimmy Kimmel portrays "Drunk Donald Trump:"



Drunk Donald Trump - Why He Got Elected

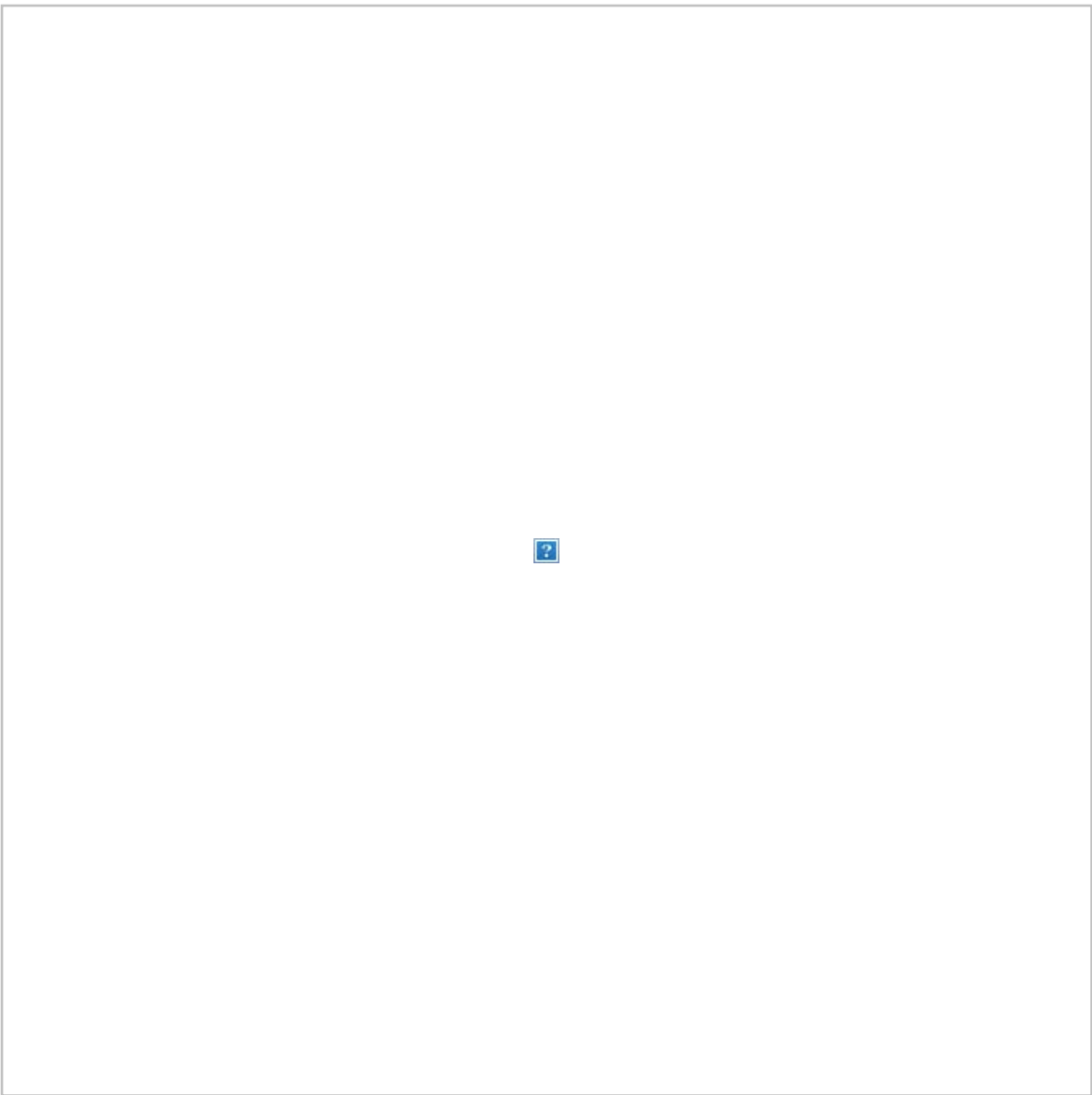
He also interviewed "Betsy DeVos:"





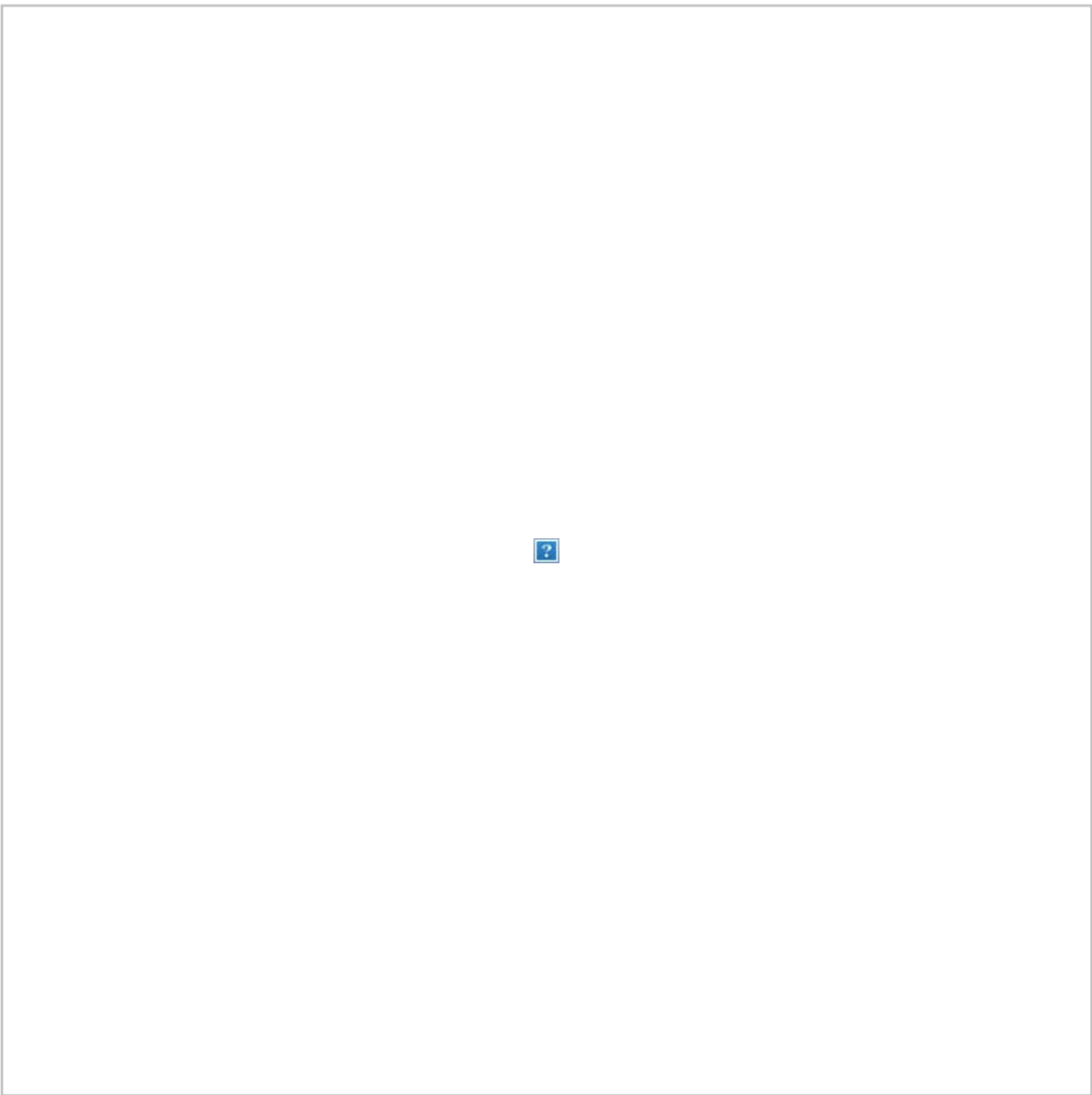
Jimmy Interviews Education Secretary Betsy DeVos

Marco Rubio, who joked about the size of Trump's "hands" during his failed presidential campaign, now makes a plea for civility in our political discourse:



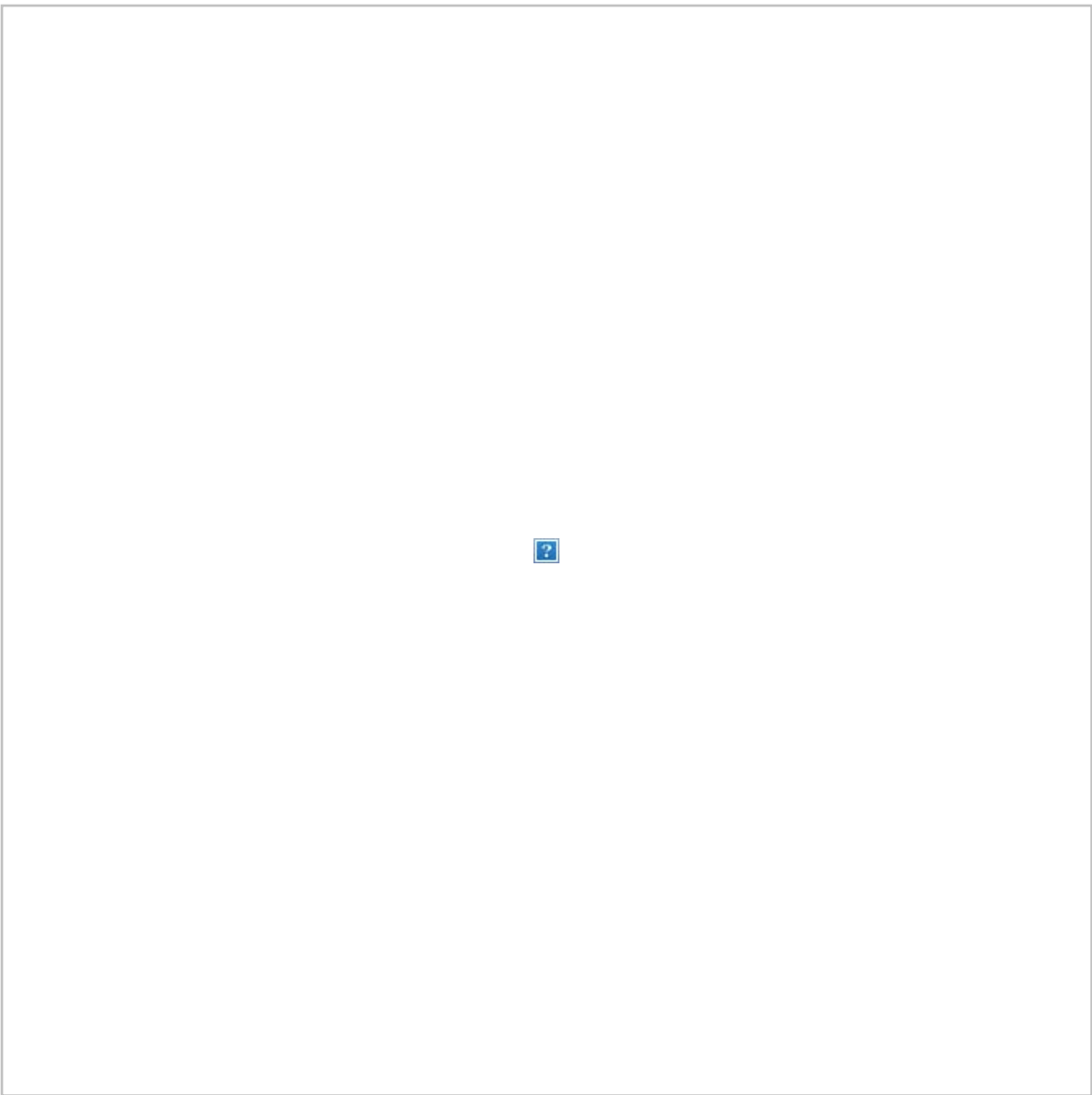
Rubio: 'We are becoming a society incapable of having debate'

The Post video team looks at how Kellyanne Conway operates as Trump's spin-meister:



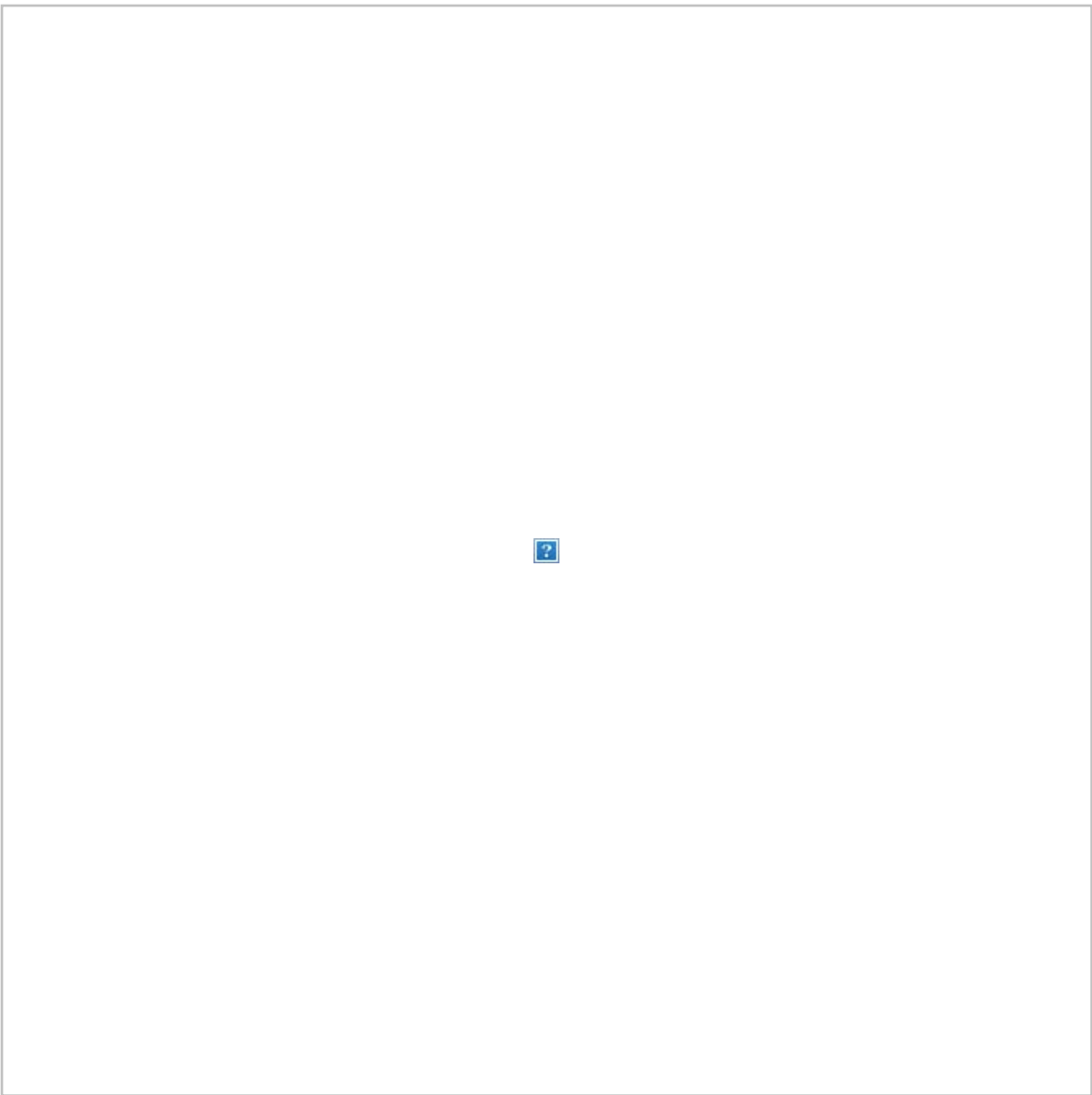
How Kellyanne Conway operates as Trump's spin-master

A primer on what it takes for a refugee to be admitted to the U.S.:



This is what it takes for a refugee to be admitted into the U.S.

New Zealanders are desperately trying to save hundreds of beached pilot whales. Many died overnight before rescuers reached the stranded pod, and more than 100 have been sent back to sea in an attempt to mitigate the country's worst mass stranding in decades:



Rescuers rush to save hundreds of stranded whales

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Voters punished both parties for getting distracted by divisive social issues

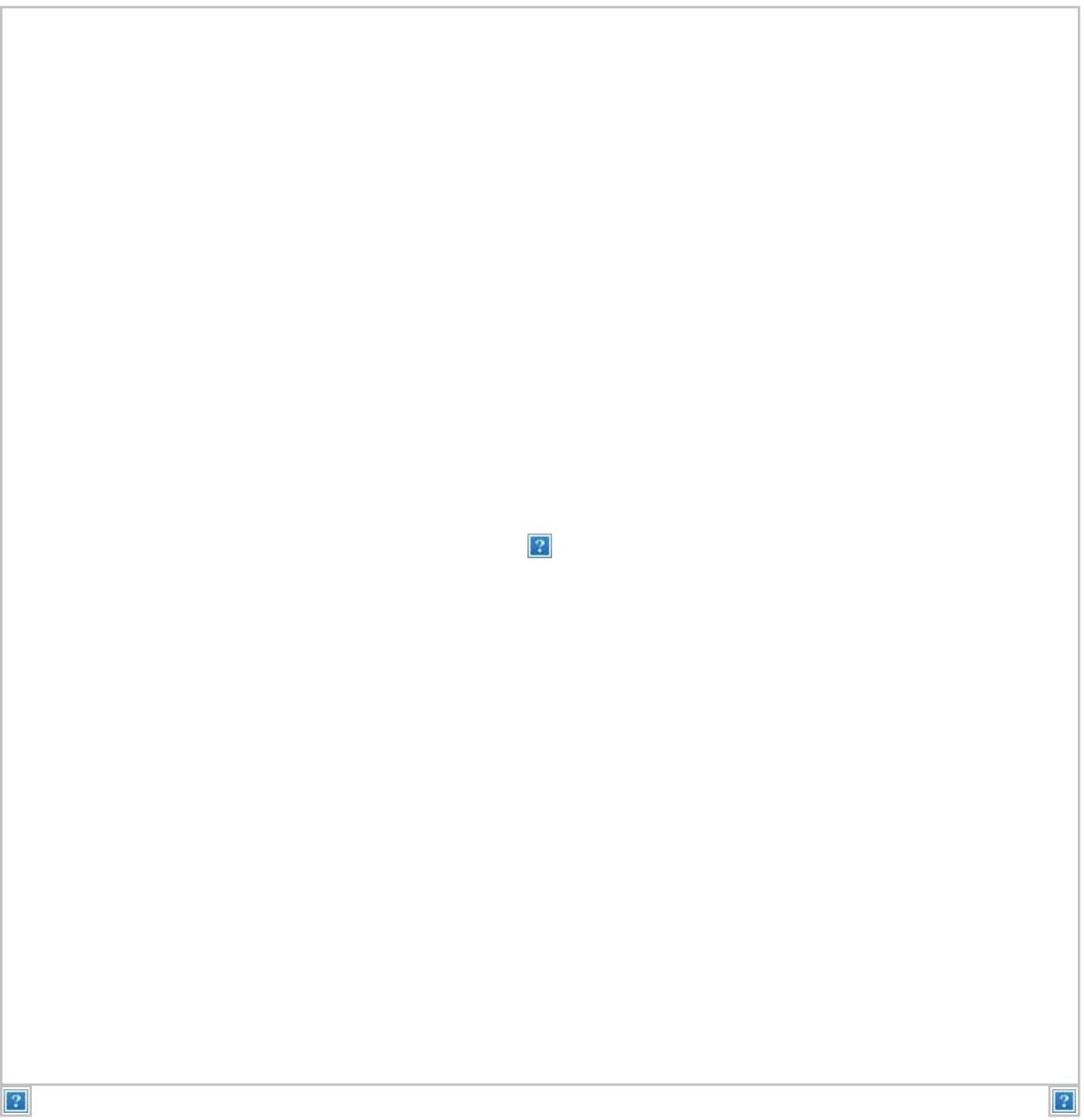
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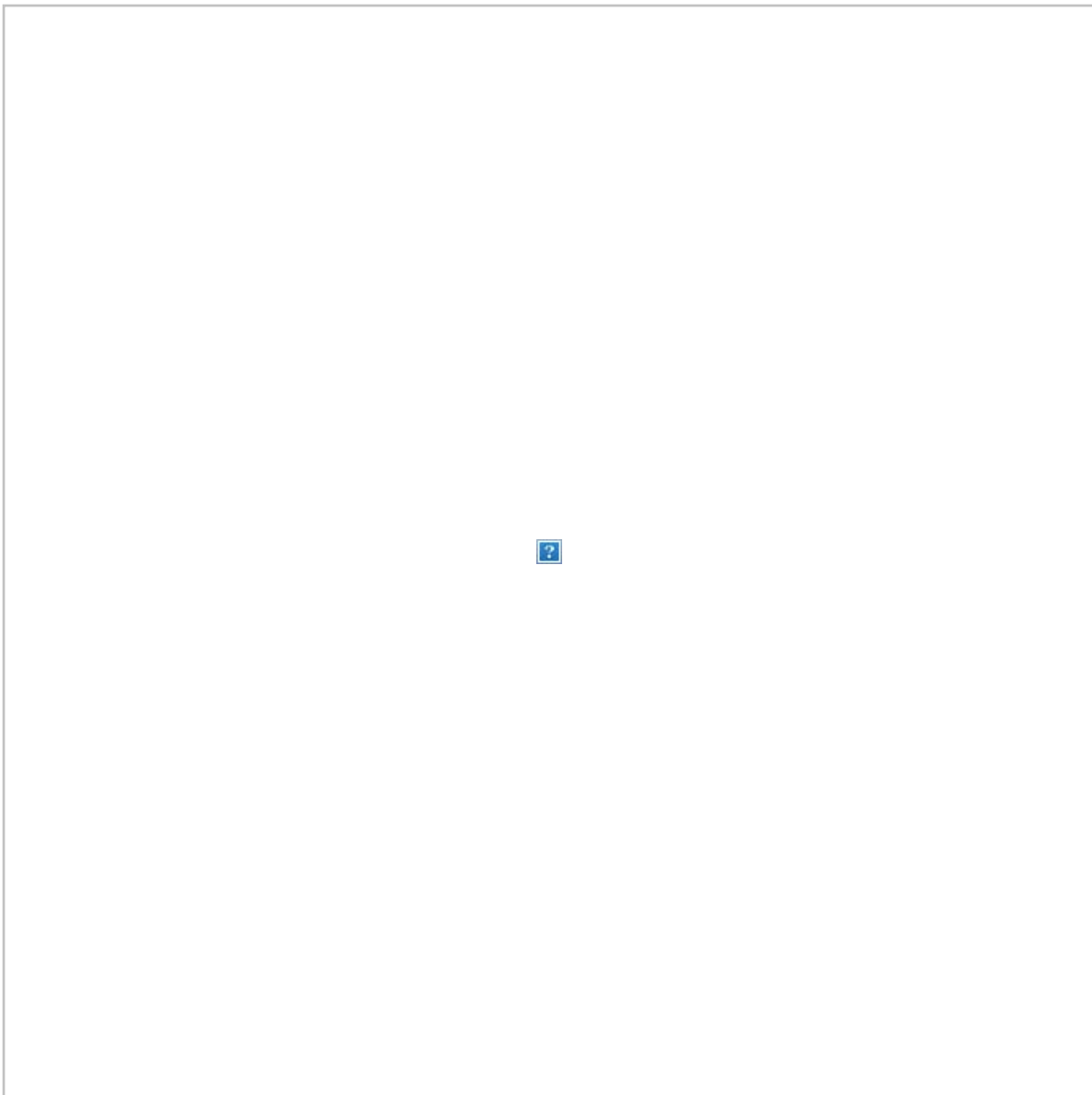


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[How bathroom bill backlash cost North Carolina's Republican governor his job](#)



North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory high fives supporters as he arrives to vote in Charlotte last month. (Chris Keane/Reuters)



**BY JAMES HOHMANN**

with Breanne Deppisch

**THE BIG IDEA:** The American people punished politicians in both parties this year when they perceived them as being too focused on advancing a divisive social agenda [at the expense](#) of the bread-and-butter, kitchen-table issues that they care most about.

Twenty-seven days after the election, after a recount failed to shift the outcome, North Carolina Republican Gov. Pat McCrory finally conceded yesterday to his Democratic challenger. He is the first governor to *ever* lose reelection in the Tar Heel State.

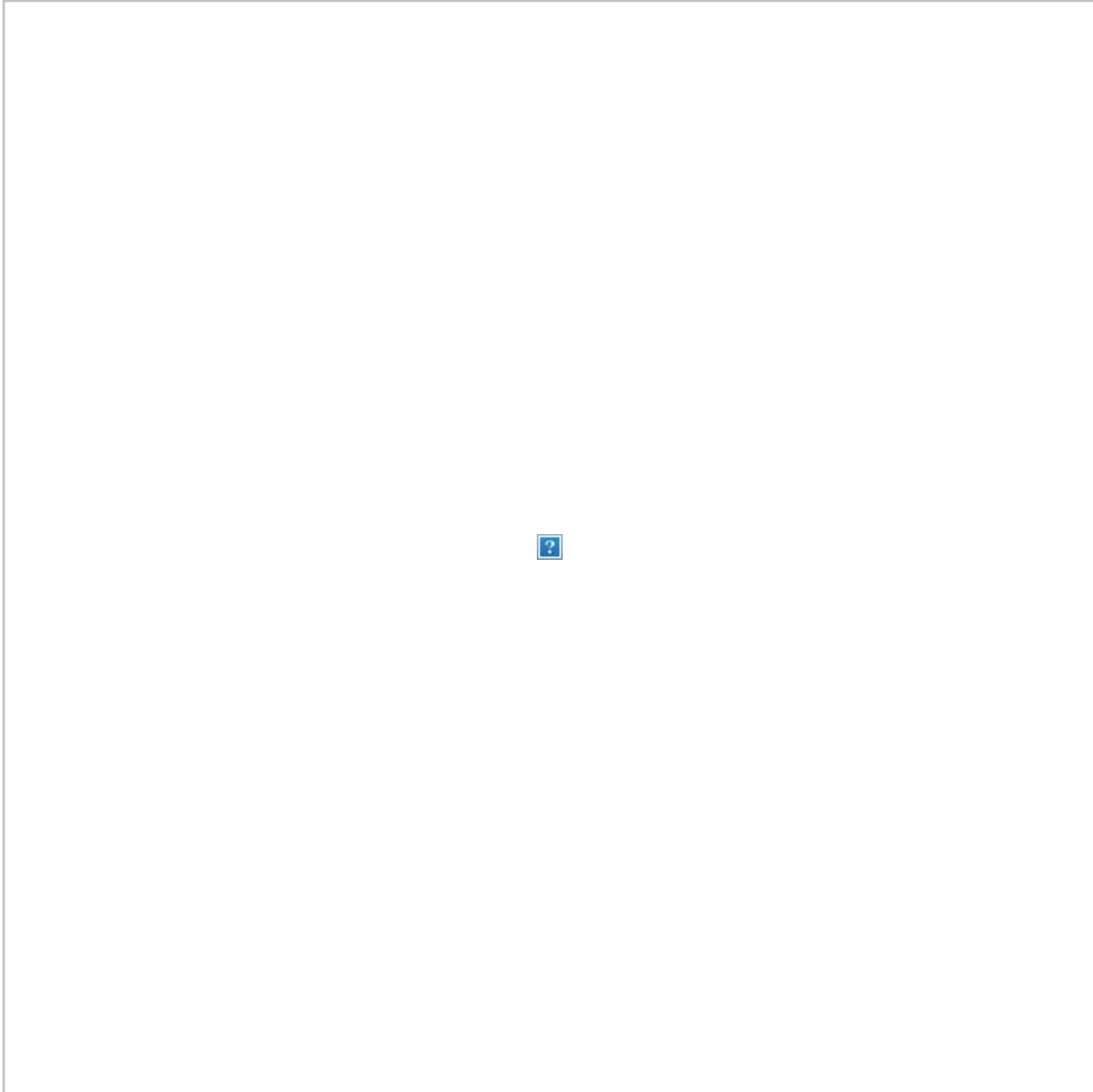
McCrory lost by about 10,000 votes out of 4.8 million ballots cast. Donald Trump, meanwhile, won the state by four points and GOP Sen. Richard Burr got reelected by six points.

In a race so close, one can always claim that small factors were determinative at the margins. Some were mad about the elimination of a tax credit that encouraged movie production in the Wilmington area, for example,



and a segment of commuters was upset about a toll project on Interstate 77. But **a close review of the election returns, combined with voter interviews, makes clear that McCrory's reluctant embrace this spring of House Bill 2 – known as “the bathroom bill” – cost him his job more than anything else.**

-- Exit polls show that **two-thirds of voters opposed the law.** Democratic Attorney General **Roy Cooper won 64 percent of that group.** McCrory won three-quarters of the 30 percent who favored the legislation.



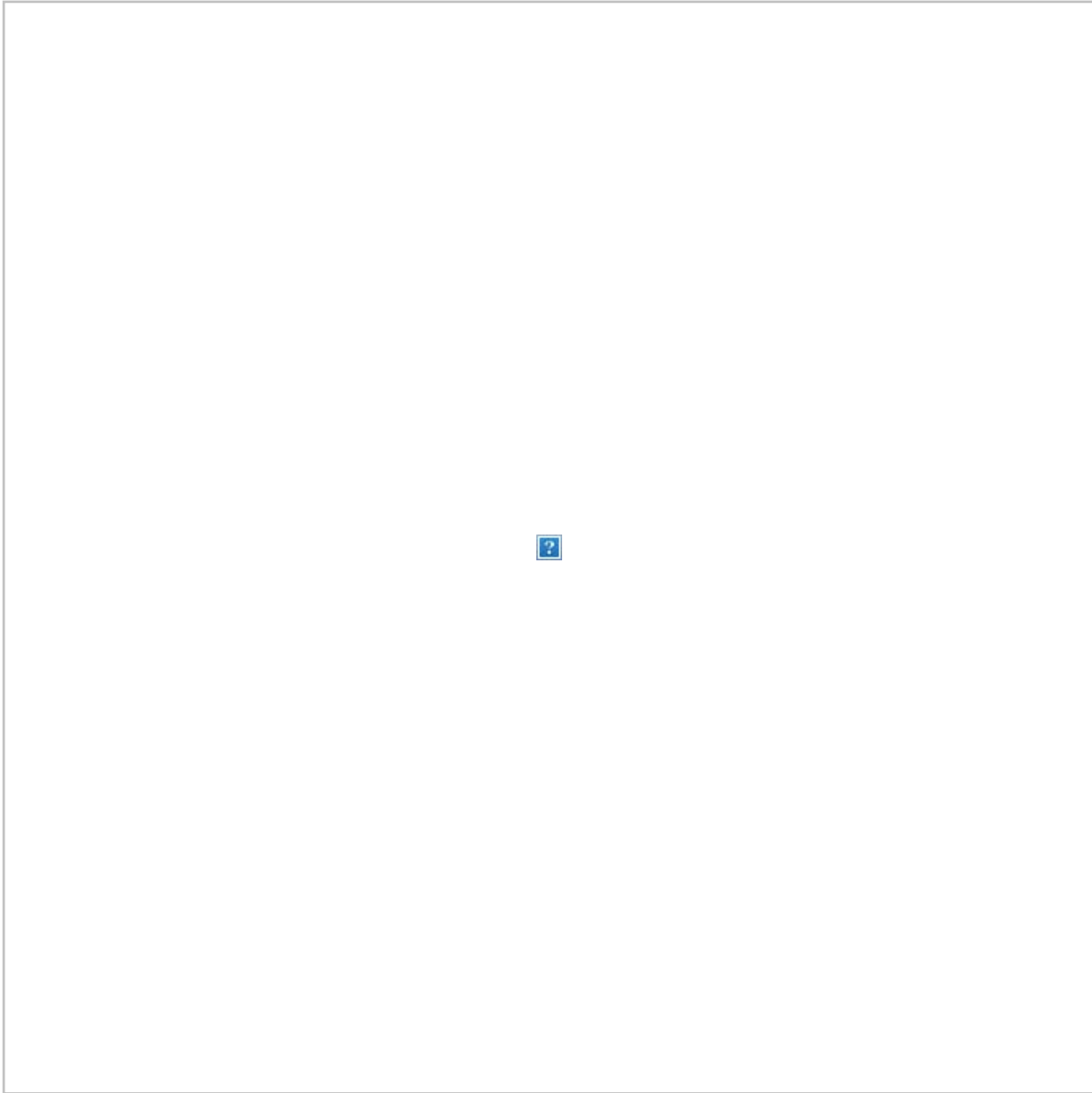
A gender neutral sign is posted outside a bathrooms at Oval Park Grill in Durham, North Carolina, this spring. (Sara D. Davis/Getty Images)

-- The measure, which was passed to invalidate a Charlotte ordinance that extended anti-discrimination protections to the LGBT community, forced people to use only the bathroom that matches the gender on their birth certificate. **It was more unpopular in the Charlotte media market than anywhere else, especially among moderate suburbanites who saw it as overreach and worried that it was making the North Carolina business climate less hospitable.** (Many businesses canceled expansion plans, and groups pulled conferences in retaliation.)

McCrory was mayor of Charlotte for 14 years before getting elected. **Perceived as a pro-business centrist, he won Mecklenburg County, the most populous in the state and home to the city, by 3,000 votes in 2012 (about 1 percent).** This year he lost the county by 137,000 votes, or 29 points, the same percentage that

Trump lost it by. (As a point of comparison, McCrory outperformed Mitt Romney by 23 percent last time.)

-- Meanwhile, **many rural, low-propensity voters who came out for Trump didn't bother voting in the gubernatorial contest.** McCrory received 63,770 fewer total votes than the Republican at the top of the ticket, while the Democratic challenger out-performed Hillary Clinton by about 120,000 votes.

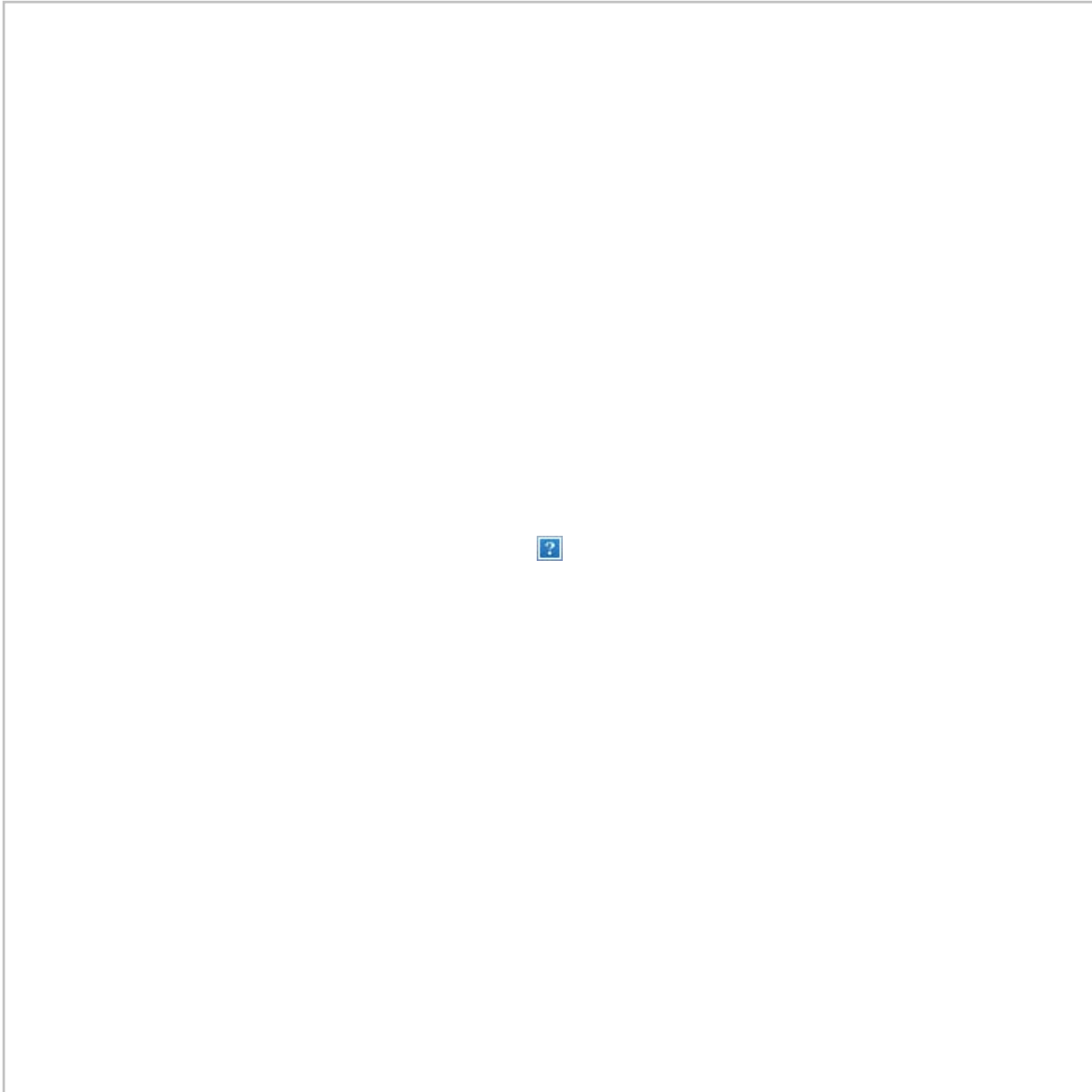


Trump invites McCrory to speak during a rally at the Wilmington airport on the Friday before the election. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

-- **Trump initially came out against North Carolina's bathroom bill in April, calling it a solution in search of a problem, a position that Ted Cruz strongly and unsuccessfully attacked him for.** "There's a lot of problems," Trump said. "You leave it the way it is. There have been very few complaints the way it is. People go, they use the bathroom they feel is appropriate. There has been so little trouble, and the problem with what happened in North Carolina is the strife, and the economic punishment that they're taking." While he backtracked later in a bid to shore up evangelicals, most voters in the state believed Trump's first position and presumed he was still against the law.

In that context, recall the explanation that the chairman of the Mahoning County Democratic Party gave two weeks ago when I asked [why Clinton got blown out in Ohio](#) and the Rust Belt: "Look, I'm as progressive as anybody, okay? But **people in the heartland thought the Democratic Party cared more about where**

someone else went to the restroom than whether they had a good-paying job,” said David Betras. “‘Stronger together’ doesn’t get anyone a job.”

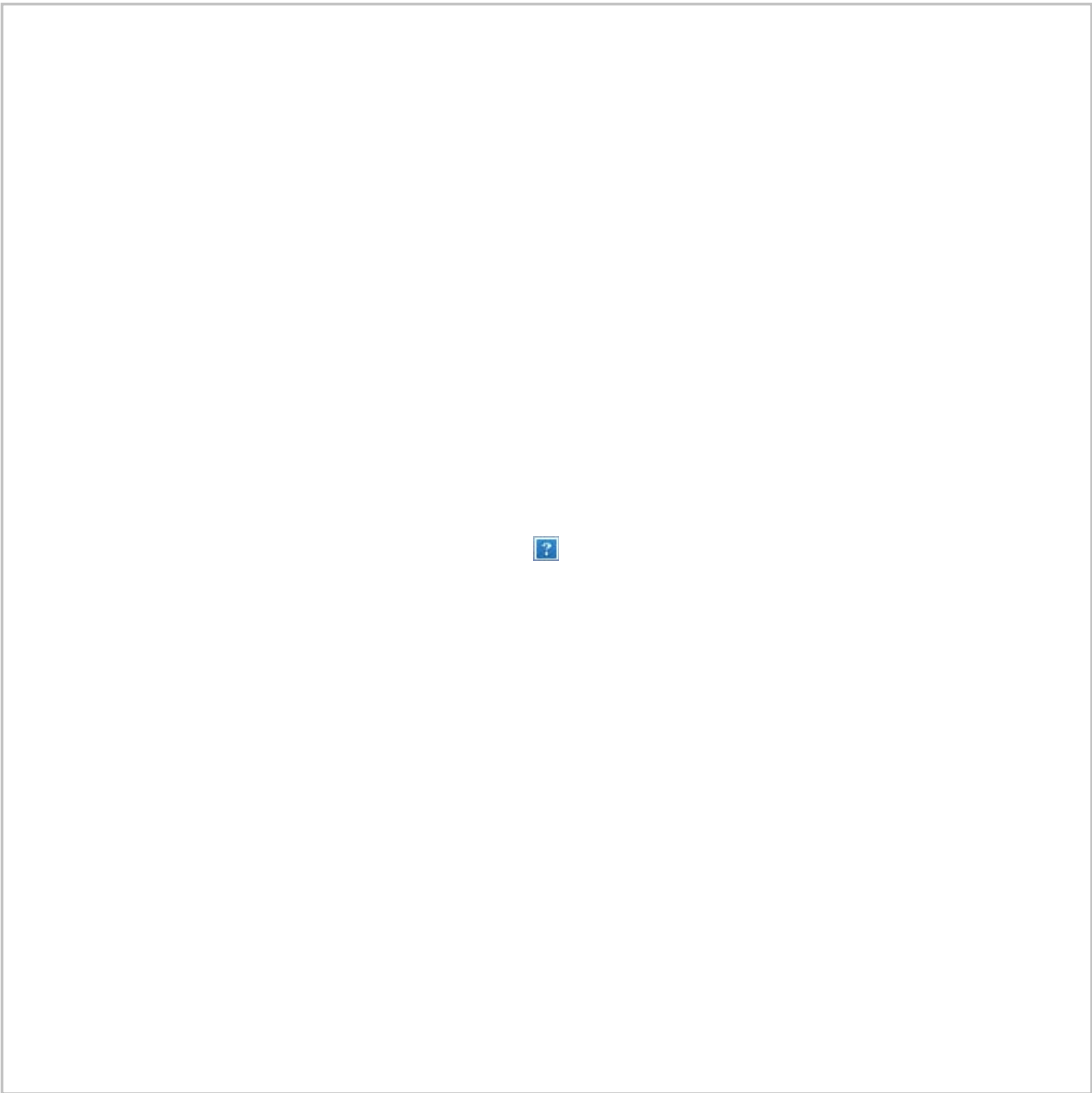


N.C. Gov. McCrory concedes to Democratic challenger Roy Cooper

-- **The McCrory experience could serve as a cautionary tale for other GOP incumbents weighing similar bills, including those focused on religious liberty, in the coming years.**

-- **For business, it was all about the benjamins:** McCrory wound up being outspent by something like \$21 million to \$14 million. It is unusual for a GOP incumbent to get out-raised by a challenger. **Top Republicans familiar with the race argued very strongly in phone calls last night that the bathroom bill’s biggest impact was that it dried up fundraising.** Many corporate types who had planned to cut checks got jittery and fearful of being targeted by the Human Rights Campaign and other LGBT rights groups if they came out for McCrory. No one wants to get called a bigot, but the tipping point was when these would-be donors worried that it could hurt their bottom line. Subsequent polling that showed McCrory trailing only hardened this mentality, Republican operatives said.

-- **For voters, Democrats astutely framed H.B. 2 as an economic issue.** The Democratic Governors Association spent \$1 million soon after the law passed in the Charlotte market to air a commercial that featured news anchors talking about a business backlash. The group spent months using the bill as a data point to make the broader argument that McCrory had taken his eye off the ball:



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-- **There is incredible [irony](#) that McCrory's legacy will forever be defined by H.B. 2.** Last year, he vetoed a religious-exemption bill that allowed court magistrates to opt out of administering gay marriages, but then the overwhelmingly Republican legislature overrode him. The bill that the legislature passed this year went way further than McCrory was comfortable with, but [he was afraid](#) that his veto would get overridden again and that this would dampen turnout among social conservatives. So he signed it anyway, not appreciating the degree of blowback that would come. He tried to issue an executive order to clean up the political mess, but by the time he did it was too late.

The 60-year-old also closed pretty strong in October, benefiting politically from his response to both the Charlotte riots and Hurricane Matthew. And he almost rode Trump's coattails to a second term. But they were (just barely) not long enough. So while McCrory packs up his belongings at the governor's mansion in Raleigh, the president-elect will fly to Fayetteville tonight for the second stop on his "thank you tour."

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Pentagon buries internal study documenting billions of dollars in waste

#### **THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX:**

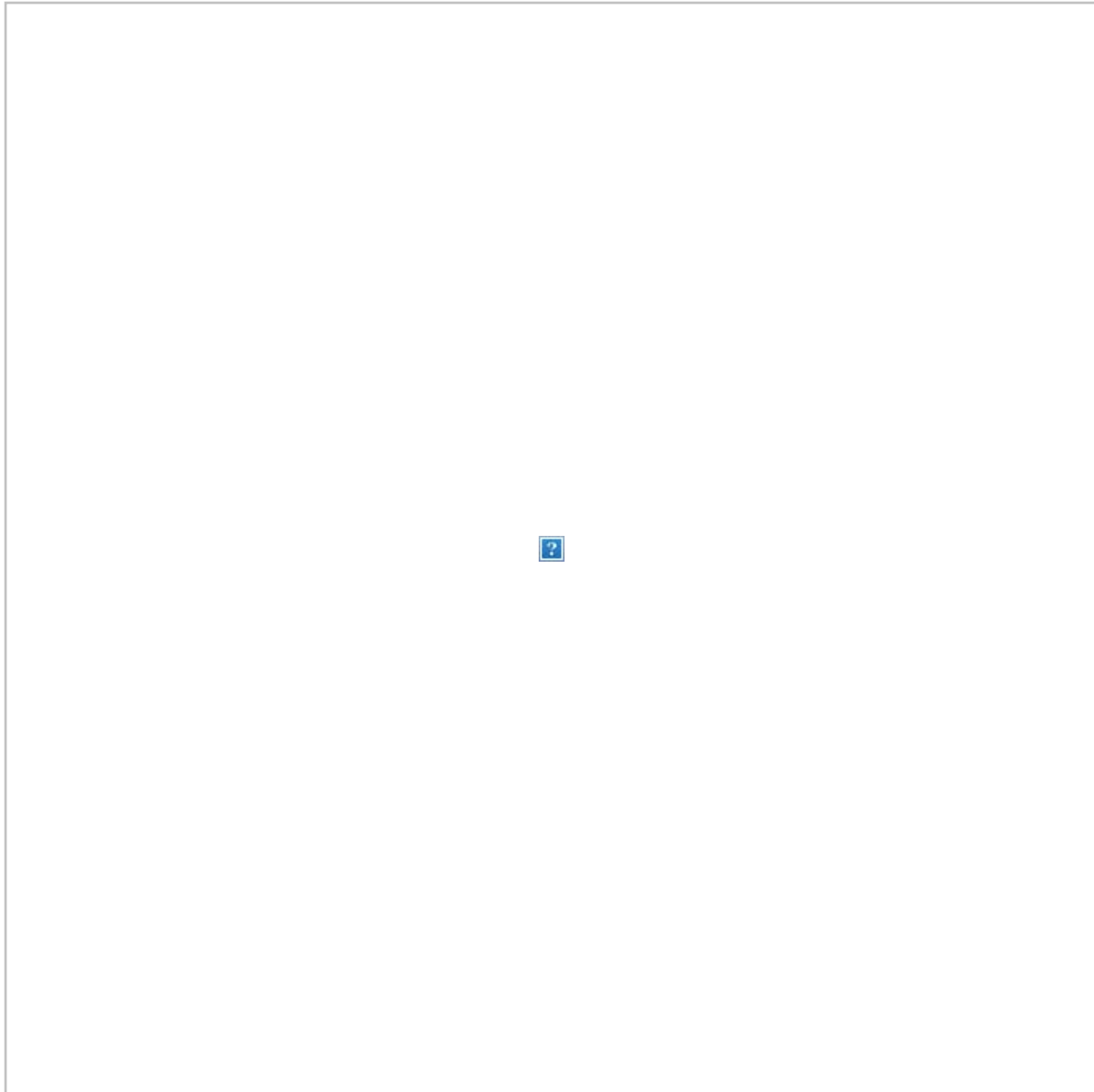
-- **The Pentagon buried an internal study that exposed \$125 billion in administrative waste in its business operations, amid fears Congress would use the findings as an excuse to slash the defense budget.** [Craig Whitlock and Bob Woodward scoop](#): "Pentagon leaders had requested the study to help make their enormous back-office bureaucracy more efficient. ... But after the project documented far more wasteful spending than expected, senior defense officials moved swiftly to kill it by discrediting and suppressing the results..."

"**The report, issued in January 2015, identified 'a clear path' for the Defense Department to save \$125 billion over five years.** The plan would not have required layoffs of civil servants or reductions in military personnel. Instead, it would have streamlined the bureaucracy through attrition and early retirements, curtailed high-priced contractors and made better use of information technology. ... [The report also revealed] for the first time that **the Pentagon was spending almost a quarter of its \$580 billion budget on overhead** and core business operations such as accounting, human resources, logistics and property management."

-- **"[As Trump vows to stop the flow of jobs overseas, U.S. plans to make fighter jets in India,](#)"** by **Annie Gowen**: "As a new American president bent on retaining American jobs prepares to take office, the Obama administration and the U.S. defense industry are working on a deal with the Indian government to

build iconic U.S. combat aircraft in India. In recent months, Lockheed Martin and Boeing have made proposals to the Indian government to manufacture fighter jets ... in India as the country seeks to modernize its rapidly aging fleet of largely Russian-built airplanes. In both cases, the aviation companies would be building production facilities in India; **Lockheed Martin proposes to move its entire F-16 assembly line from Texas to India.** ... **The proposals have the strong backing of the Obama administration,** which has sought a closer connection with the Indian military in recent years."

**WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:**



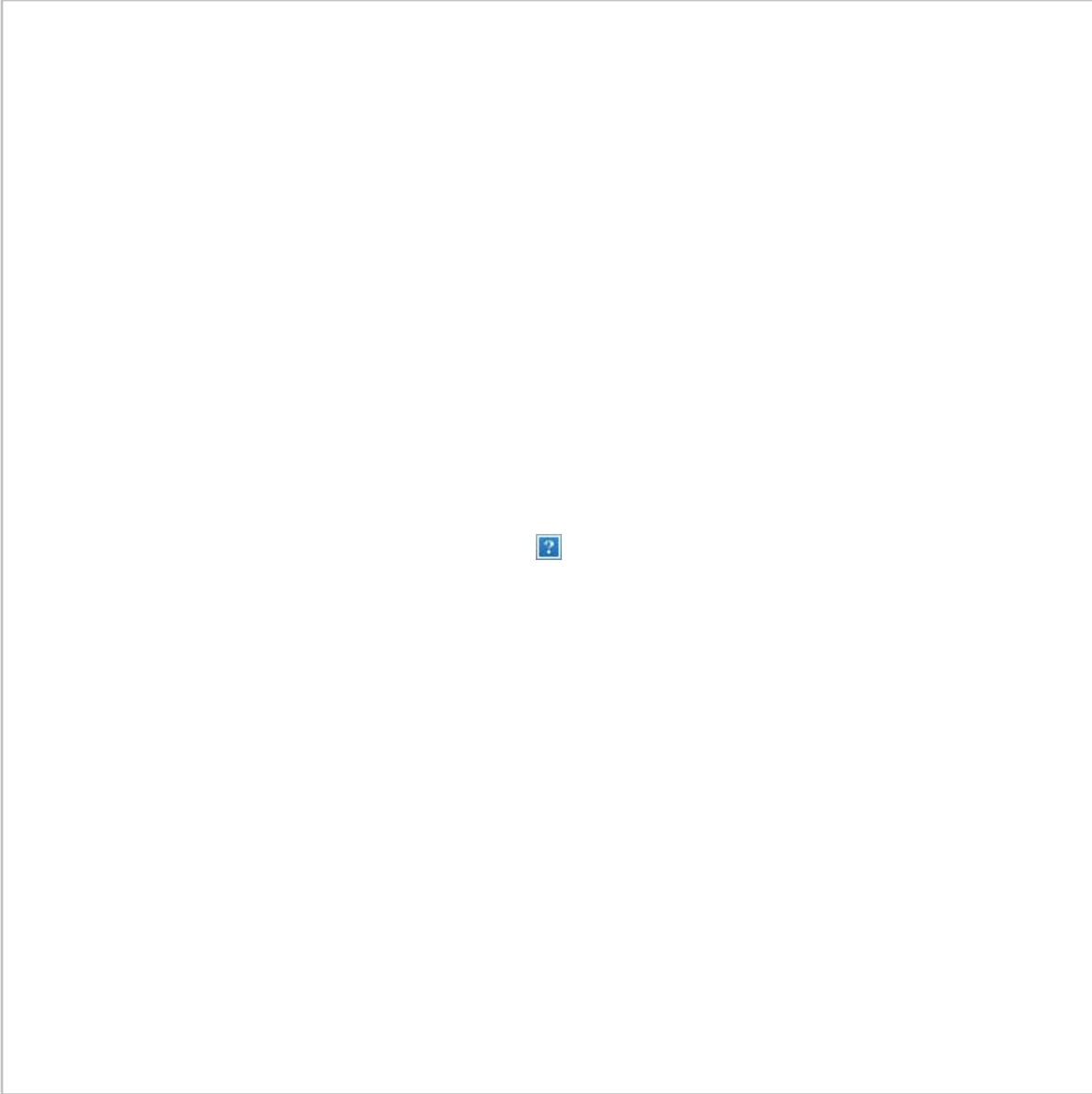
Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen speaks on the phone with Donald Trump at her office in Taipei last Friday. (Taiwan Presidential Office/Handout via Reuters)

-- **Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen said her phone call with Trump should not be interpreted as a shift in U.S. policy, stressing that both sides "see the value of maintaining regional stability."** [Lavanya Ramanathan and Simon Denyer report](#): "Of course I have to stress that one phone call does not mean a policy shift," she said, speaking to a small group of American reporters in Taipei. "The phone call was a way for us to express our respect for the U.S. election as well as congratulate President-elect Trump on his win."

-- **Bob Dole arranged the call.** Per the [Wall Street Journal](#): Dole acknowledged his law firm, which works with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the U.S, played a role in arranging the details:

“It’s fair to say that we may have had some influence,” he said. The conversation “went beyond pleasantries” to include a discussion about China specifically and stability in the Asia-Pacific broadly.

-- **The Chinese signaled displeasure:** “In a packed press briefing Monday, China’s foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang suggested that Beijing had made its unhappiness directly known to members of Mr. Trump’s team,” the Journal relays. “The People’s Daily, the Communist Party’s leading newspaper, said in a front-page commentary in Monday’s overseas editions that ‘Trump and his transition team ought to recognize that creating trouble for China-U.S. relations is just creating trouble for the U.S. itself.’”



White House: Progress with China 'could be undermined' by Trump's call with Taiwan's president

-- **White House spokesman Josh Earnest said at yesterday's briefing that senior National Security Council officials spoke twice with Chinese officials over the weekend to reassure them of Washington's commitment to the "One China" policy** and to "reiterate and clarify the continued commitment of the United States to our longstanding China policy." "If the president-elect's team has a different aim, I'll leave it to them to describe," he said. "The Chinese government in Beijing placed an enormous priority on this situation, and it’s a sensitive matter. **Some of the progress that we have made in our relationship with China could be undermined by this issue flaring up.**"

Kellyanne Conway speaks with street performers at Trump Tower. (Spencer Platt/Getty Images)</p>□

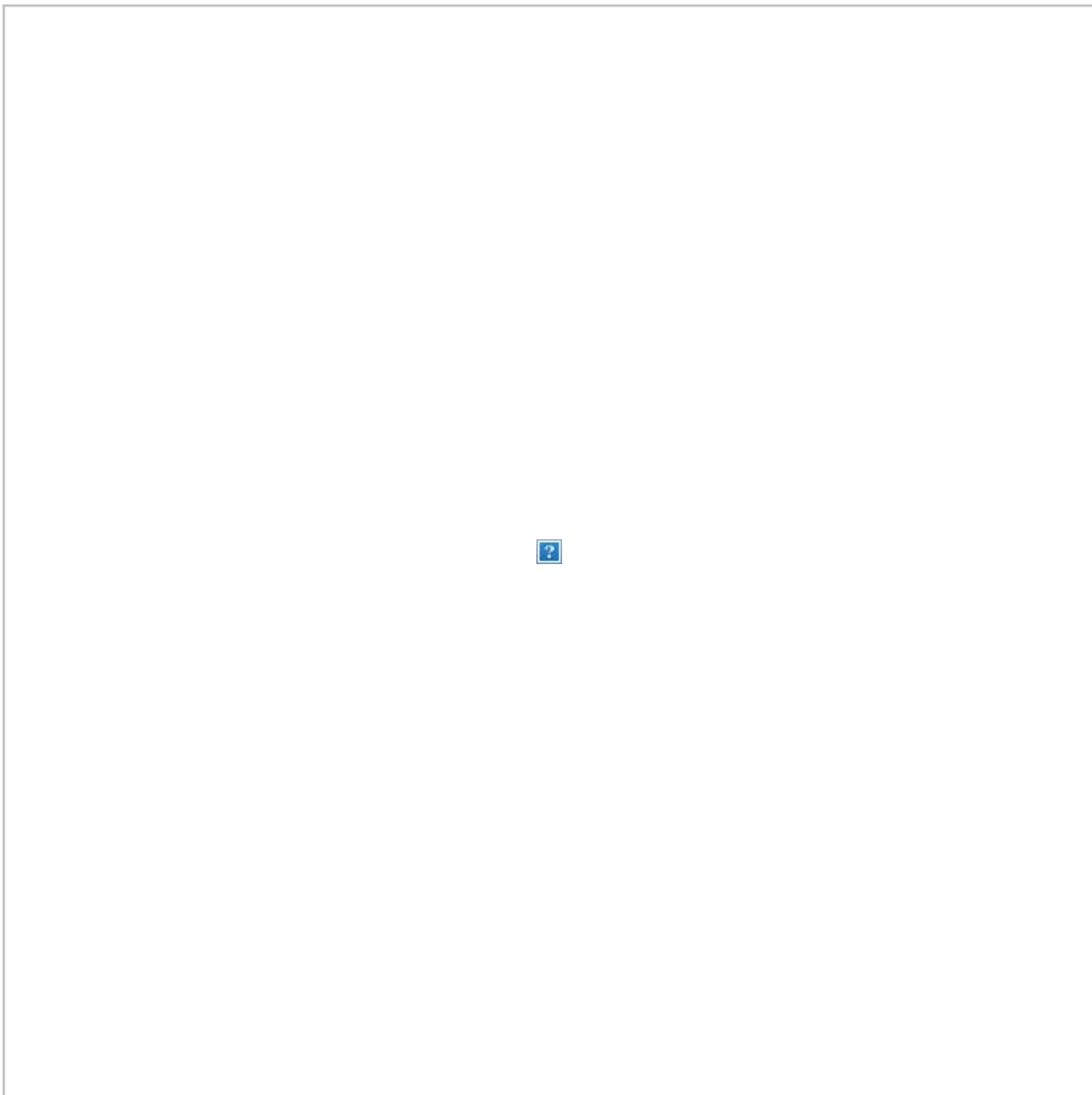


Kellyanne Conway speaks with street performers at Trump Tower. (Spencer Platt/Getty Images)

-- **Kellyanne Conway said she is considering whether to take the helm of a new pro-Trump outside group, aimed at bolstering the new administration’s political and policy goals.** [Matea Gold and Ed O’Keefe report](#): Conway told The Post that she is still deciding whether to join Trump at the White House or run the organization, stressing that it is important for the group to be run by someone “close to the president” who understands Trump’s priorities. “He’s going to be a very active president who wants to accomplish things quickly,” she said, adding: “We want to honor that by being ready.”

**“One immediate goal: to have an organization in place to defend his Cabinet nominees if they face confirmation battles. In the longer term, his advisers believe the group could be a potent force in the 2018 midterm elections.** ... More than half of the 48 members of the Senate Democratic caucus face reelection in two years, including 10 senators from states that Trump won. The new pro-Trump group could have major patrons in hedge fund manager Robert Mercer and his daughter Rebekah, who have emerged as influential figures in Trump’s orbit. ... Brad Parscale, who served as Trump’s digital director, is expected to work with the new organization. Other possible recruits include Marc Short, a top adviser to Pence.”





French Prime Minister Manuel Valls is kissed by his mother, Luisangela Valls, as he attends a news conference today to announce his resignation. (Christian Hartmann/Reuters)

-- **French Prime Minister Manuel Valls stepped down after announcing his candidacy in the presidential election.** He will be replaced by French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve, who oversaw security forces during several recent terror attacks in the country. [The AP reports](#): "Valls hopes to unite Socialists and give the left a chance to stay at the Elysee Palace despite current opinion polls suggesting the second round of the election could pit Marine Le Pen, the leader of the far-right National Front, against conservative Francois Fillon. A leading yet divisive figure of the Socialist party, Valls is known for his outspoken, authoritarian style and his tough views on immigration and security. He will face other contenders in the Socialist primary next month before France's two-part presidential election in April and May."

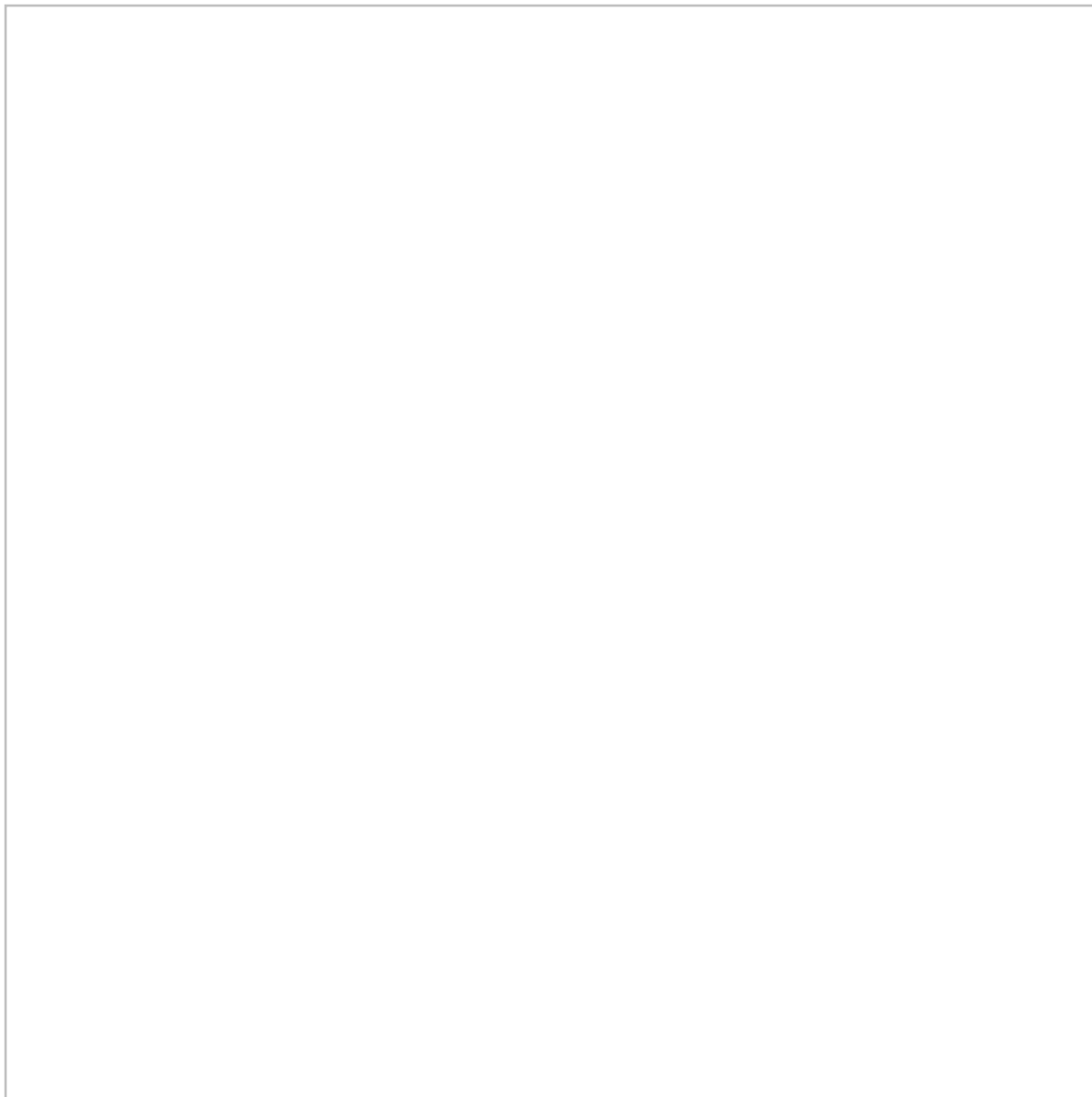


A deadly sinkhole that emerged in San Antonio this weekend. (San Antonio Fire Department via AP)

**GET SMART FAST:**

1. **Two cars were swallowed by a 12-foot sinkhole in San Antonio, killing one driver and prompting an emergency rescue effort to save the life of another.** The sinkhole – which spanned the length of a two-lane street – emerged atop a system of aging sewer pipes. ([Cleve R. Wootson Jr.](#))
2. **Oakland officials said murder or involuntary manslaughter charges are possible in the deadly warehouse fire that killed at least 36 people this weekend,** saying the site must be examined more thoroughly before officials can determine potential criminal liability. ([Tim Bontemps, Jasper Scherer, Kristine Guerra and Sarah Larimer](#))
3. **Russia and China vetoed a U.N. proposal to temporarily stop fighting in Aleppo,** snubbing the international peace effort as Assad’s forces continue to close in on rebel-held areas of the city. ([Louisa Loveluck](#))
4. **A judge declared a mistrial in the case of Michael Slager, the white South Carolina police officer who was charged with fatally shooting unarmed black motorist Walter Scott in the back last year.** Jurors failed to reach a unanimous verdict after more than 20 hours of deliberation. ([Mark Berman](#))
5. **A federal appeals court upheld the 2013 conviction of Mohamed Osman Mohamud for attempting to detonate a bomb at Portland’s holiday tree-lighting ceremony,** rejecting his argument that federal authorities had entrapped him and otherwise acted unconstitutionally. ([Oregonian](#))

6. **The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in two redistricting cases, considering whether laws in North Carolina and Virginia unconstitutionally packed minority voters together to limit influence.** At issue in each case is whether the states drew district lines based on partisanship or race; with only the latter considered to be constitutionally suspect. ([Robert Barnes](#))
7. **Amazon announced it will open a physical grocery store in Seattle next year,** outlining ambitious plans for a brick-and-mortar location which tracks purchases via smartphone – and does not require customers to go through any sort of “checkout” process. ([Sarah Halzack](#))
8. **The number of smokers in the U.S. has dropped below 40 million,** according to a CDC report – a 50-year-low with the most significant reductions being reported among young people. ([New York Times](#))
9. **A Justice Department lawyer argued that Aetna’s planned acquisition of Humana would break antitrust law by reducing competition,** kicking off legal arguments as the agency seeks to stop the \$34 billion deal. ([Diane Bartz](#))
10. **Oprah Winfrey landed the last interview that Michelle Obama will give in the White House.** CBS will air the interview as an hour-long special on Dec. 19. ([Politico](#))
11. **Bob Dylan, who refuses to go to Stockholm to accept his Nobel Prize, has provided the text of a speech to be read on his behalf at the ceremony.** Musician Patti Smith will also perform one of his songs as a tribute. ([New York Times](#))
12. **Luke Bryan provided little apology after slugging a man -- mid-performance -- who gave him the finger during a veterans’ benefit concert in Tennessee.** A Bryan spokesman said the man’s crude hand gesture was “insulting and distracting” to attendees. ([Travis M. Andrews](#))
13. **Archaeologists and chemists think they have identified a pair of ancient leg fragments as belonging to the Egyptian Queen Nefertari, more than 100 years after the mummified remains were salvaged from a ransacked royal tomb.** Experts say they were tipped off by the pair of thin, “high status” knees. ([Ben Guarino](#))
14. **A breed of electronics-destroying “crazy ants” are on the move across Texas, named not only for their erratic moving patterns but also for the damage they inflict on the human psyche.** The breed gathers in colonies up to 100 times as dense as other ants, experts say, and have inspired at least one man to grab his gun and attempt to shoot down the swarming insects. ([Ben Guarino](#))

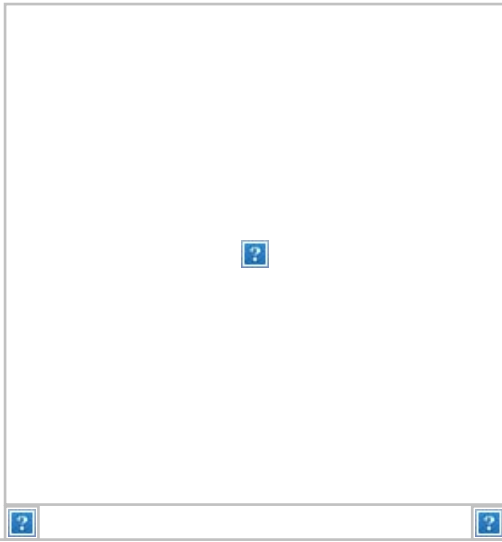


President Obama wears a ceremonial blanket and hat given to him during the White House Tribal Nations Conference in September. (Pablo Martinez Monsivais/AP)

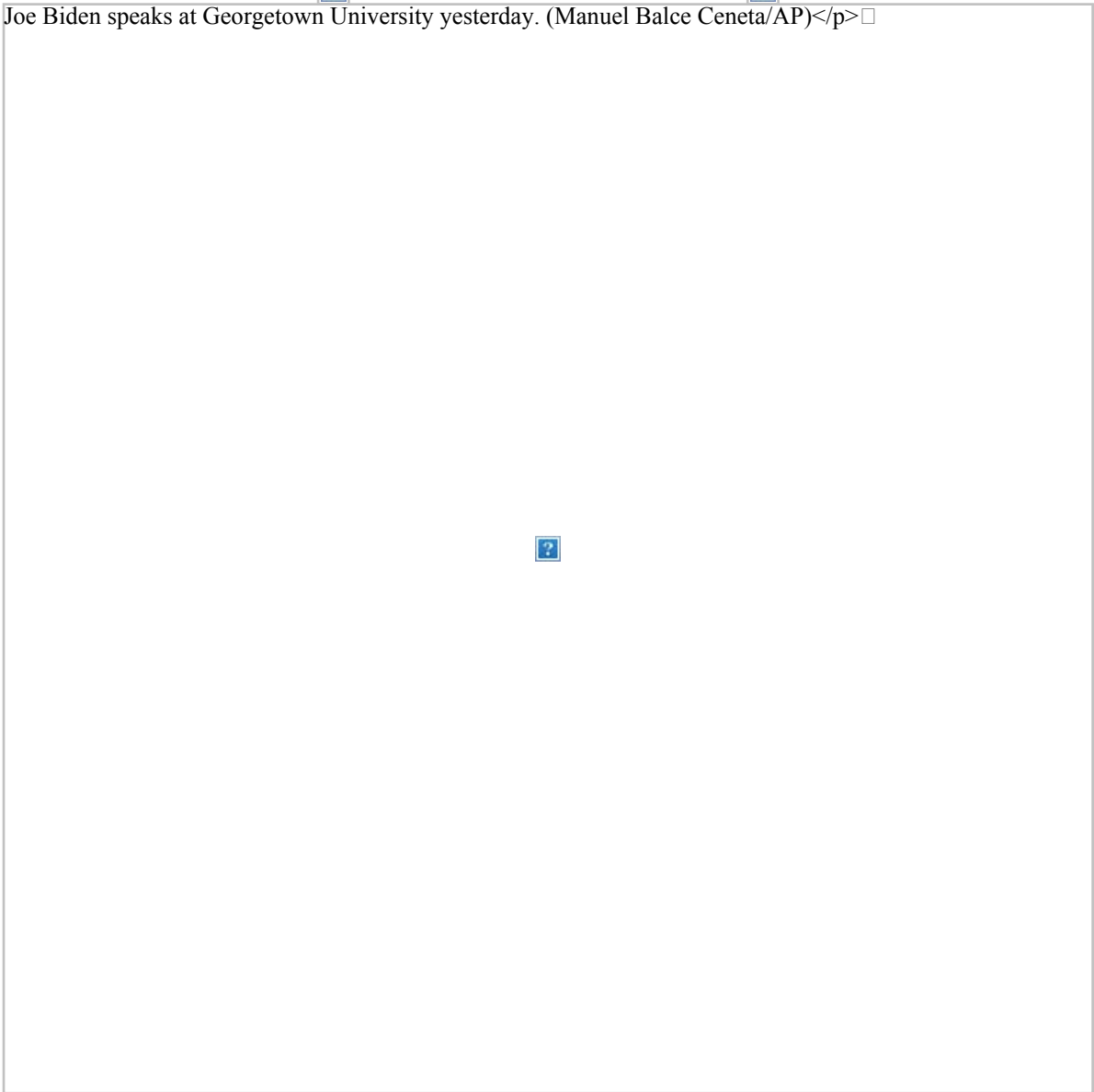
#### **OBAMA'S LEGACY -- A FRIEND OF THE TRIBES:**

-- **The president's longtime ties to Native Americans played a pivotal role in the Dakota Access Pipeline decision**, White House bureau chief [Juliet Eilperin explains](#): "Obama first connected with several tribes [in 2008] ... because it was a voting bloc that was not automatically allied with his then-Democratic primary rival, Hillary Clinton. Obama made a series of pledges during that first campaign, including that he would hold an annual White House conference with tribal nations, establish a White House liaison and require greater consultation between agencies and sovereign nations. He kept them all, and has settled more than 100 lawsuits with tribes since taking office...."

Former assistant secretary for Indian affairs Kevin K. Washburn said in an interview that Obama changed the federal culture around tribal affairs during his eight years in office: "**There's definitely a sense within the administration if you're on the wrong side of tribes, you better be able to explain yourself because the federal government's been on the wrong side of tribes for 200 years, and it hasn't been successful.**"



Joe Biden speaks at Georgetown University yesterday. (Manuel Balce Ceneta/AP)</p>□



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-- **Joe Biden (half-jokingly) dangled the possibility of a 2020 presidential bid.** [Mike DeBonis](#) sets the scene: "Yeah, I am. I am going to run in 2020," Biden told a small group of reporters off the Senate floor. "For what?" Associated Press reporter Alan Fram asked. "For president," Biden said, deadpan. "What the hell, man." When asked to clarify whether he was kidding or not, the vice president paused and laid his hand on a Post reporter's shoulder: "I'm not committing not to run. I'm not committed to anything. I learned a long time ago, fate has a strange way of intervening," Biden said. "Anyway, nice to see you guys." (Note: Biden will be 78 in 2020. Trump will be 74.)

Al Gore leaves Trump Tower. (Dominick Reuter/AFP/Getty Images)</p>□



Al Gore leaves Trump Tower. (Dominick Reuter/AFP/Getty Images)

#### **TRUMP TAKES OVER:**

-- **A [George Washington University Battleground poll](#) being released this morning finds that Trump's image has markedly improved since he won the presidency last month, with 45 percent holding a favorable view of the president-elect and 49 holding an unfavorable view.** In mid-October, 61 percent rated him negatively, while just 36 percent held a favorable view.

- **Voters are evenly split on their outlook for a Trump presidency**, with 49 percent of voters saying they feel either "concerned or scared" while 47 percent say they are "excited or hopeful."
- **Respondents were similarly divided when asked if they believe Trump will follow through with his**

**signature campaign promises:** 55 percent said they are doubtful Trump will “build a wall” on the U.S.-Mexico border, while 79 percent said they think he *will* repeal and replace Obamacare, and 71 percent believe he will reform the tax code.

-- **Al Gore met with Donald and Ivanka to talk climate science on Monday, spending nearly 90 minutes at Trump Tower after being invited by the daughter of the president-elect:** “I had a lengthy and very productive session with the president-elect. It was a sincere search for areas of common ground,” Gore told reporters after the meeting. “I had a meeting beforehand with Ivanka Trump. The bulk of the time was with the president-elect. **I found it an extremely interesting conversation, and to be continued,** and I’m just going to leave it at that.” ([Juliet Eilperin and Jenna Johnson](#))

**The meeting further muddles the role of Ivanka, who set up the talks in the first place:** “The value to Gore is clear: If the influential daughter of the incoming president wants to discuss your pet issue, you take the meeting,” [Philip Bump writes](#). “The meaning of the meeting for Trump is less clear. Will she try to steer the transition effort (of which she is a part) based on what she learns? Will she try to steer the administration (from which she’s supposed to be separated) once the inauguration rolls around? But the Trumps can’t have it both ways. Ivanka can’t be an influential insider and an independent outsider. **Trump can’t have anti-climate staffers and get credit for his climate-friendly daughter.**”

-- **But, but, but: “Trump brings Koch network’s green-energy foes from the fringe to the center of power,”** by the [Los Angeles Times’s Evan Halper](#): “When an obscure nonprofit group attacked one of California’s signature green-energy projects this summer — warning a congressional panel that the embrace of solar energy would lead to crippling hikes in electricity bills — officials in the state shrugged off the testimony as noise from the fringe. With [Trump’s] election, however, that group ... has moved suddenly from the fringe to the center of power. ... [Trump] has sent the group’s president, a former Koch Industries lobbyist named Thomas Pyle, to the Energy Department to take charge of its transition. For years, Pyle has led a coordinated national assault on renewable power. The Koch network gave Pyle’s groups \$3 million in 2015. Now, in his role with the Trump transition, Pyle’s vision will shape the new direction of a federal agency that has been a crucial partner to California and like-minded states in their embrace of solar, wind and geothermal power.”

Ivanka Trump walks through the lobby of Trump Tower last week. (Spencer Platt/Getty Images)</p>□

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-- **Ivanka and husband Jared Kushner are reportedly house-hunting in Washington.** “Ivanka Trump is no stranger to Washington: She studied at Georgetown for two years and has spent plenty of time here since, heading up her father's redevelopment of the Old Post Office building,” [Emily Heil writes](#). “She says she loves visiting Dumbarton Oaks, and she's been spotted at the Palm with D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser, with whom she's become friendly. The couple has three children, the oldest of whom is five — meaning the couple's relocation plans might include some school visits.”

-- **Jared Kushner directs a family foundation that has made charitable donations to West Bank settlements. Trump has said he may make his son-in-law a Middle East peace envoy in his upcoming administration.** [Carol Morello reports](#): The gifts totaled \$58,500 between 2011 and 2013, a small portion of the almost \$8.5 million the Seryl and Charles Kushner Family Foundation gave away in that period, and were mostly made to schools, including religious yeshivas, located outside the Green Line that is internationally recognized as the border of Israel proper.

“**Kushner is not known to have publicly expressed a position on Jewish settlements in the West Bank**, which every U.S. administration since 1967 has considered illegitimate and counterproductive to peace ... But several Trump advisers made statements during the campaign suggesting that they reject the characterization and believe a policy change may be in order. Middle East analysts are split on whether the



incoming administration is poised to change U.S. policy and stop describing Jewish settlements as an impediment. "The Republican platform would signal change, if one took platforms seriously," said former U.S. ambassador to Israel Daniel Kurtzer, adding, "But I think it's way too early to tell."

Flags fly above the entrance to the new Trump International Hotel. (Reuters/Kevin Lamarque)</p></p>



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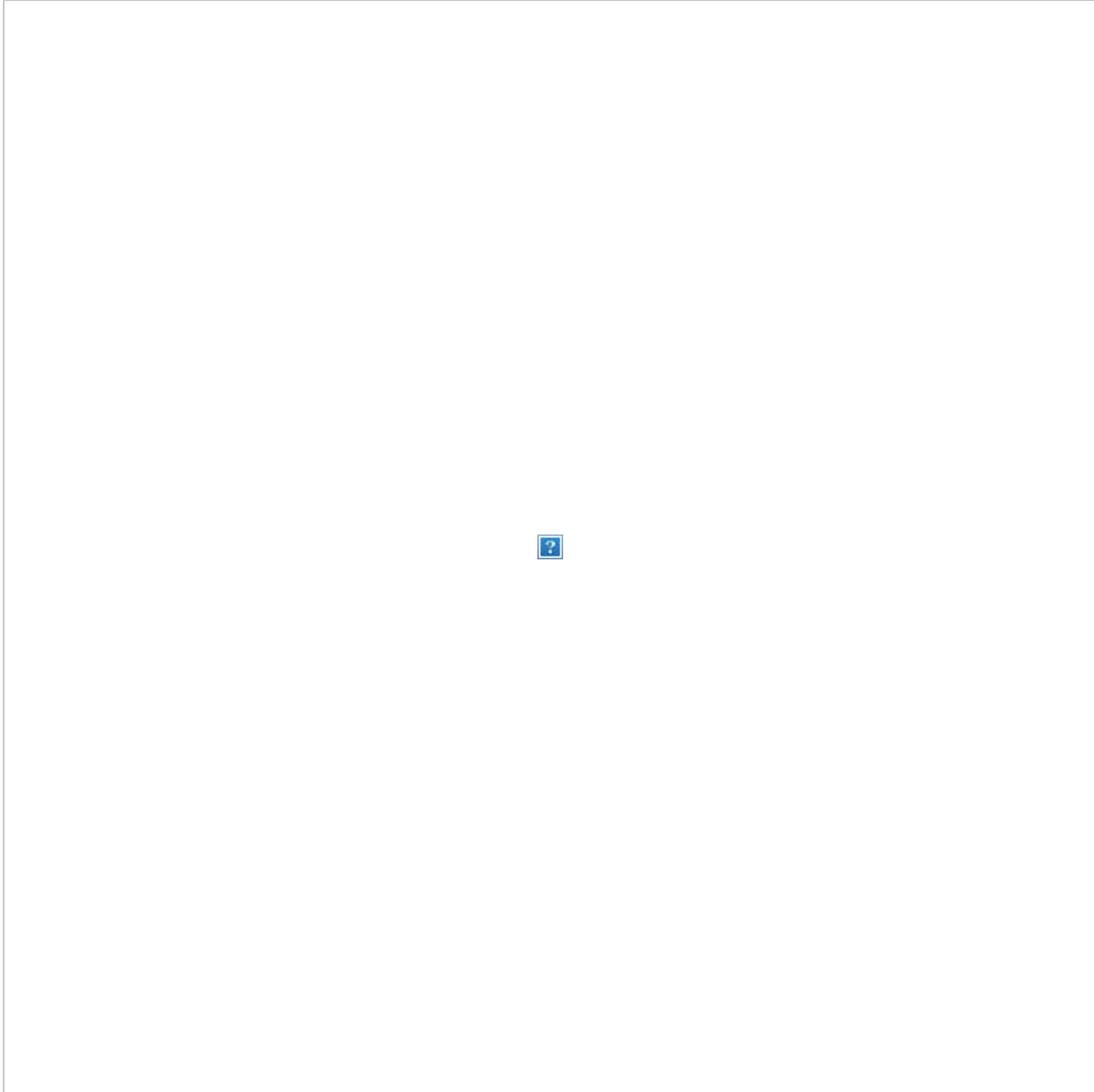
#### **INSIDE TRUMP'S WASHINGTON:**

**-- D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser will meet with Trump in New York today, a meeting Bowser said she requested to discuss how the two could "work together to continue Washington D.C.'s growth."** "Bowser and her aides have stressed that she sees room for collaboration with Trump, especially if he can push an infrastructure spending package through the Republican-controlled Congress, city hall reporter [Aaron C. Davis notes](#). **She has also been careful not to criticize Trump directly in the weeks following his election, saying it is Washington residents' long-standing role to be "gracious hosts" to an incoming administration.** Still, the meeting will likely underscore the deep political divisions between D.C.'s heavily Democratic residents and the incoming raft of Republican leaders."

**-- Trump's D.C. hotel continues to emerge as a symbol of potential financial conflict for the president-elect:** The Azerbaijani embassy will be co-hosting its Hanukkah party there this month, marking the second report of a foreign nation hosting an event in the newly-renovated hotel. Meanwhile, the Heritage Foundation

also reserved the hotel's ballroom tonight for an event honoring top donors – and has tapped vice president-elect Mike Pence as its keynote speaker. ([Politico's Shane Goldmacher](#))

-- **Trump's tax-cut plan would disproportionately benefit the bluest states on the coasts.** [John Harwood](#): “An analysis of Census Bureau income data prepared for CNBC by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities makes it clear[:] Tax experts across the political spectrum agree that the plan Trump has proposed would benefit the richest Americans the most. **Among the 30 states Trump carried against Clinton last month, 25 contain below-average numbers of the high-income households whose after-tax incomes are projected to rise most as a result of his plan. By contrast, among the 20 states plus the District of Columbia that Clinton carried, 15 have an above-average share of those most affluent households.** ... That leaves Trump with the political challenge of sustaining support from red states while redistributing the benefits of federal tax policy toward blue states.”



Ben Carson and Trump laugh during a break in the Republican primary debate in Las Vegas. (EPA/Ruth Fremson)

-- **Ben Carson's nomination as HUD secretary sets up a potential collision between the nominee's philosophical aversion to social safety-net programs, and a government agency tasked with administering some of the most expansive programs for minorities and low-income people.** [Lisa Rein and Elise Viebeck explain](#): “If Carson remains true to his political commentary about the nation's housing

programs, he could pursue a conservative agenda sharply at odds with efforts by the Obama administration to promote racial integration in housing and with other anti-segregation policies. ... Carson might also abandon or place new restrictions on government subsidies and other programs that conservatives criticize as fostering a culture of overreliance on government handouts."

**“The biggest shifts under Carson could come in the area of fair housing, experts said.** The Obama administration is just starting to implement a new rule requiring local communities to study and report on patterns of racial and income disparity in housing, with HUD overseeing the strategy. Conservative critics have called the policy government overreach, and Carson wrote last year that requiring cities and towns to publicly report racial disparities in housing would 'fundamentally change' communities by requiring affordable housing to be built in wealthier neighborhoods. In a Washington Times op-ed, he issued a strong warning against the policy, comparing it to 'mandated social-engineering schemes' typical of socialism."

Trump after his meeting with James Mattis. (Mike Segar/Reuters)</p>□



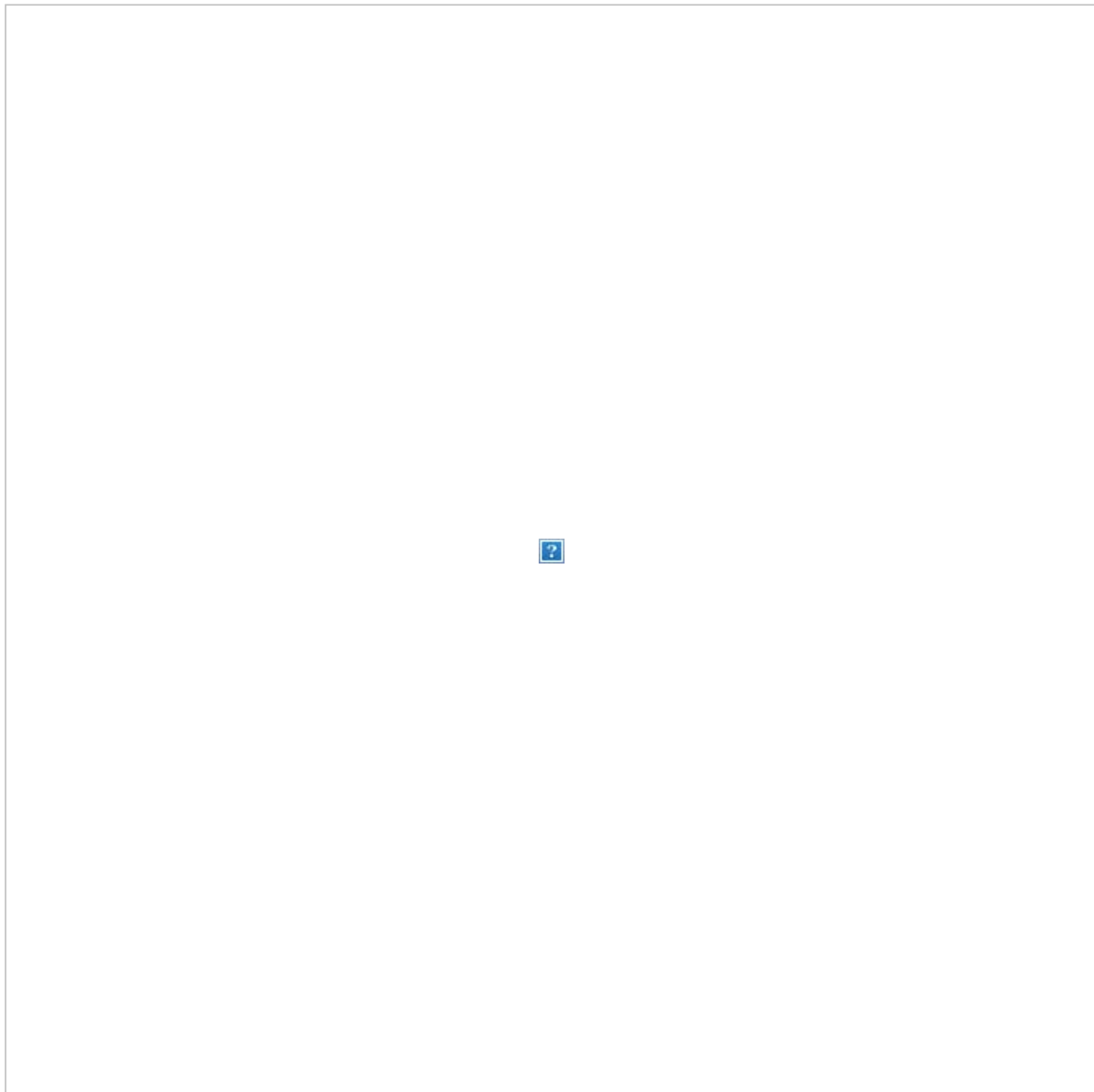
Trump after his meeting with James Mattis. (Mike Segar/Reuters)

**-- GOP leaders in Congress are looking to include a measure in the upcoming year-end spending bill that would make it easier to confirm retired Gen. James Mattis as Trump's defense secretary.** From [Kelsey Snell, Karoun Demirjian and Ed O'Keefe](#): "Mattis needs an act of Congress to make him eligible to lead the Pentagon because under the law the defense secretary has to be a civilian for at least seven years before taking office. The measure currently under consideration would allow Republicans to

potentially avoid a showdown with Democrats when Mattis's nomination comes up for a vote next year ... by essentially dispensing with the waiver issue this month. No final decisions have been made, but on Monday, lawmakers floated adding the measure to the spending bill ... The waiver being considered would only apply to Mattis and would not change the overall law."

**-- Walter Pincus highlights several big differences on foreign policy between Trump and Mattis:**

"Ironically, Mattis, since retiring, has been a strong advocate of Congress increasing its participation in military and foreign policy affairs. In a talk this past April before the Center for Strategic and International Security (CSIS), Mattis criticized Congress for failing to pass a new authorization for the President to use force against ISIS. ... In that same speech, Mattis took issue with one of Trump's longest held views – that allies should reimburse Washington for providing for their defense. ... Mattis voiced surprise at President Barack Obama's statement in an interview where the president called some allies 'free riders,' with the retired Marine thinking at first he was reading something Trump had said. In either case, Mattis added, 'I would just say that for a sitting U.S. president to see our allies as freeloaders is nuts.' ... The committees also need to have Mattis discuss his apparent difference with Trump on the way ahead in Syria." ([Read Walter's column on The Cipher Brief.](#))

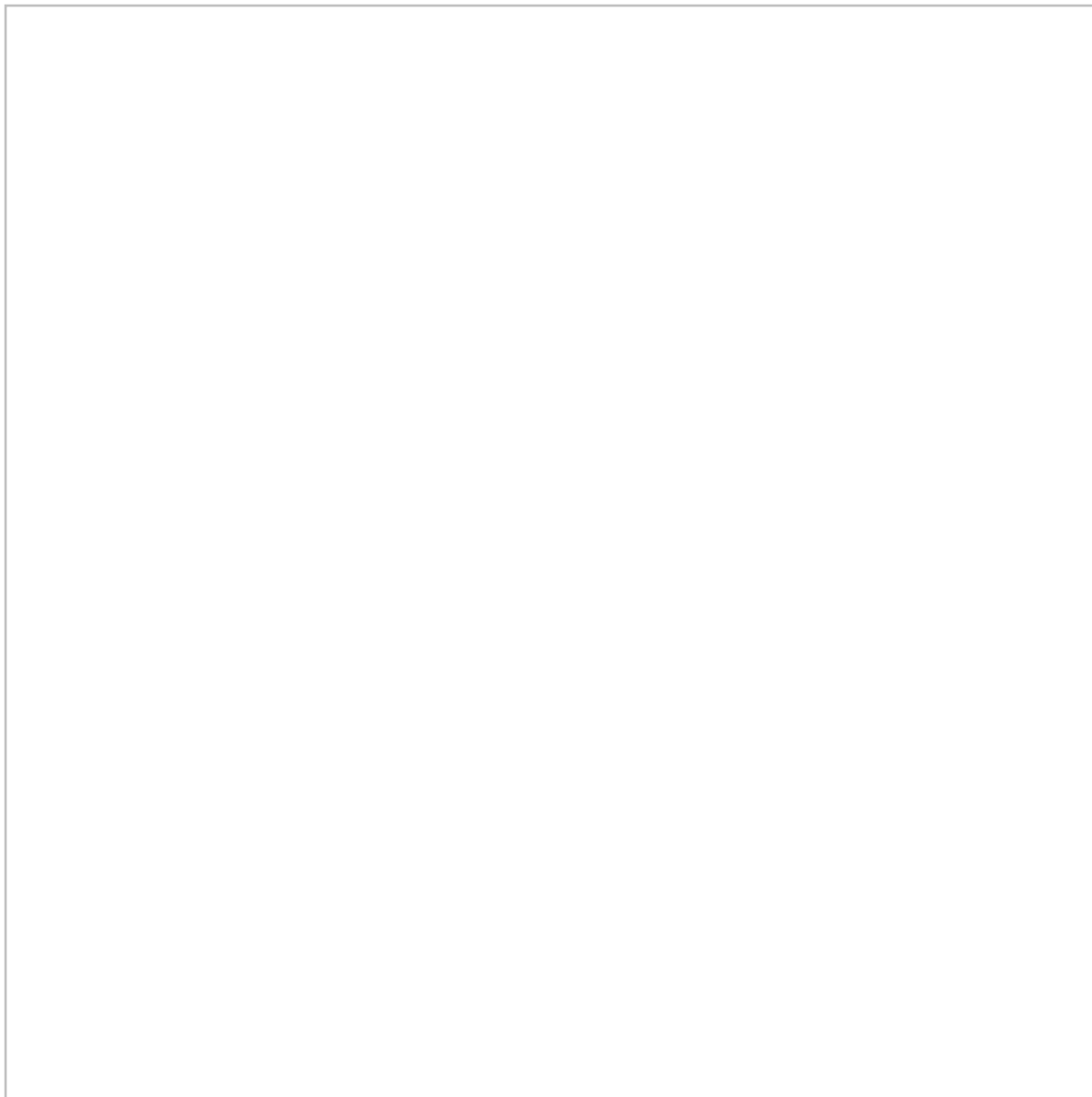


Retired Marine Corps Gen. John Kelly is escorted by Madeleine Westerhout as he arrives at Trump Tower last week. (Lucas Jackson/Reuters)

-- **Retired Marine General John Kelly is Trump's leading candidate to helm DHS**, [per Politico](#): "Kelly, 66, whose military career spanned more than four decades, retired earlier this year as the chief of U.S. Southern Command. In that post, where he oversaw military operations in most of Central and South America, he publicly clashed with the Obama administration on its plans ... to close Guantanamo Bay and dismissed as 'foolishness' concerns that the military's treatment of detainees at the facility had cost the U.S. the moral high ground in the War on Terror." **His appointment would make him the third general to be tapped for Trump's administration.**

-- **John Bolton has re-emerged as a contender for secretary of state**, according to [CBS News' Major Garrett](#): The former U.S. ambassador to the U.N. – initially boxed out of consideration for the post – has moved back into contention due to his foreign policy experience, his pro-Trump advocacy during the campaign and his "sharp-elbows approach to diplomacy," [Major](#) reports. "Bolton has always had supporters on the transition team and up-and-downs that have befallen Giuliani, Romney and Petraeus have given him new life and a possible opening."

-- **Seeking to ingratiate himself with Trump, Foggy Bottom contender Jon Huntsman Jr. praised Trump for his phone call with the leader of Taiwan in an interview with NBC**: "You've got a businessman who has become president of the United States who understands real leverage and how to find real leverage (with China)," Obama's first ambassador to Beijing said. Asked if Trump should pick him, the failed 2012 presidential candidate laughed. "I'm around to serve my country," he said. "I've always believed in that. And any way I can help I will always stand up, salute and do what I can."



Paul Ryan shares a laugh with Kevin McCarthy and Steve Scalise during a news conference on Capitol Hill.  
(Susan Walsh/AP)

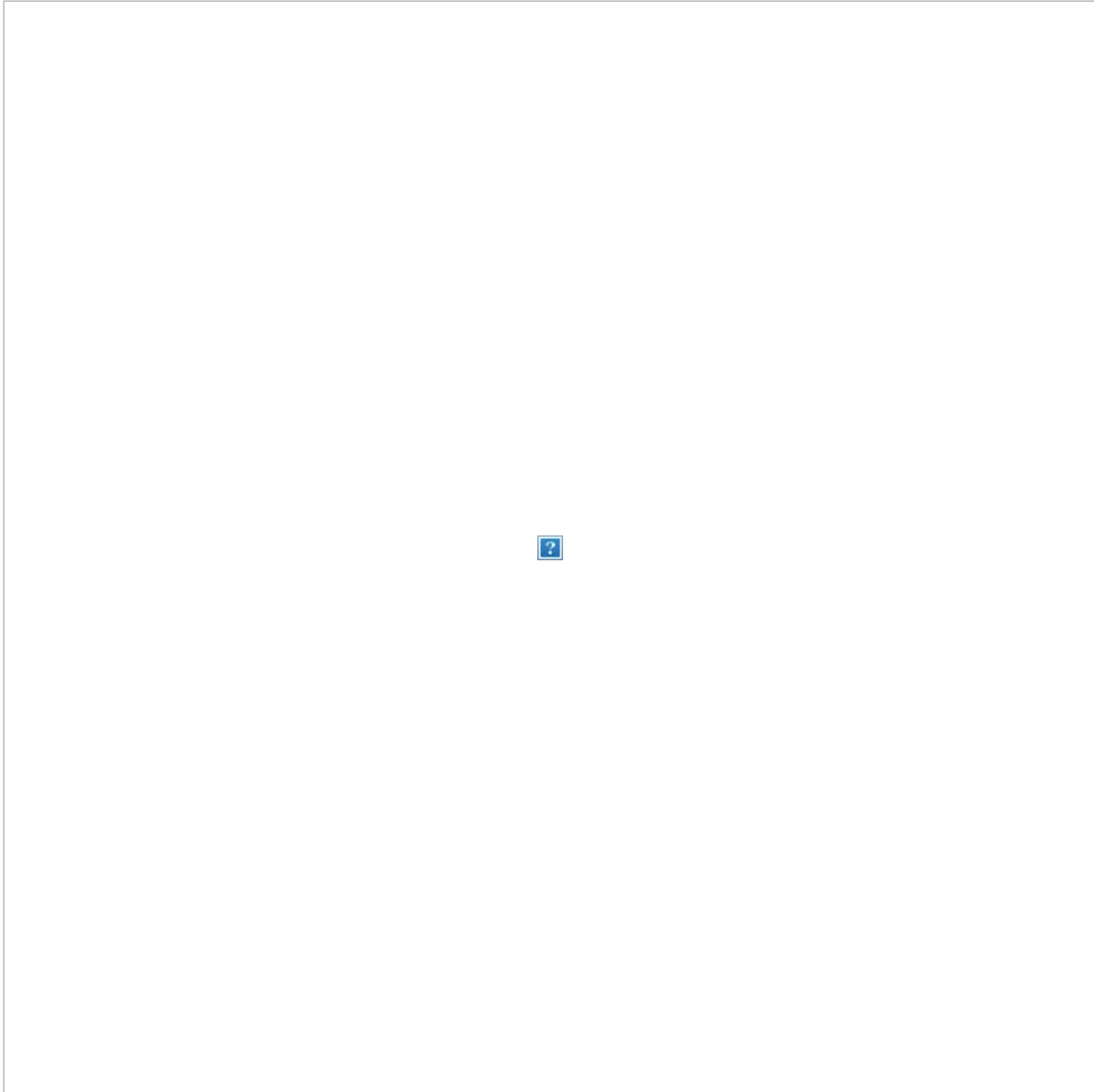
### **WHAT WILL GET DONE IN CONGRESS?**

-- **House Republican leaders signaled that they would not support Trump's threat to place heavy tariffs on companies that ship jobs overseas, placing conservative principle above blind loyalty to the man who leads their party.** "I don't want to get into some kind of trade war," House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy told reporters at a pen-and-pad, responding to Trump's threats over the weekend to seek a 35 percent import tariff on goods sold by American companies that move jobs overseas. Paul Ryan also pushed back: "I think we can get at the goal here ... to keep American businesses American ... with comprehensive tax reform."  
([NYT's Jennifer Steinhauer](#))

-- **The incoming Trump administration wants to use subsidies and other business incentives to keep jobs in the United States, seizing on a popular strategy that state governments have adopted to lure businesses to their towns and cities. But there is little evidence the tactic can succeed in the international competition for manufacturing,** economists tell [Max Ehrenfreund and Chico Harlan](#). "While the subsidies might encourage a firm to locate in one state instead of another ... Inducements would have to skyrocket were states to routinely try to keep jobs from, say, Mexico," said Greg LeRoy, executive director of Good Jobs First. "For example, the \$7 million Carrier would receive from Indiana is 'small potatoes' compared with the

\$65 million that state officials have said Carrier told them the company would save every year by shifting production to the new plant outside Monterrey.”

-- **“Freedom Caucus opposes GOP's Obamacare replacement plan,”** by Politico’s Rachel Bade: “The Republican congressman who made his name as the instigator of John Boehner’s ouster last year was set to take the reins of the House Freedom Caucus on Monday night. And first up on Rep. Mark Meadows’ to-do list: Torpedoing GOP leadership’s tentative plans to take as long as three years to replace Obamacare. The proposal ‘will meet with major resistance from Freedom Caucus members,’ the North Carolina Republican vowed in an interview, calling it ‘the first big fight I see coming for the Freedom Caucus.’” His remarks come as GOP leaders in both houses of Congress are coalescing around a two- or three-year repeal strategy, allowing Republicans ample time to come up with a replacement and give insurance companies time to adjust. “It should be repealed and replaced, and all of that should be done in the 115th Congress” — the two-year period starting in January through 2018 — and “not left to a future Congress to deal with,” Meadows added.



Anti-Trump protesters clash with Trump supporters outside a rally in San Diego this spring. (Mark Ralston/AFP/Getty Images)

**THE TRUMP EFFECT, CONT.:**

-- **Hate crimes continue to soar:** On Monday, a New York City Transit worker was shoved down a staircase

at Grand Central Terminal by a man who screamed that she was a terrorist, and in Brooklyn this weekend, an off-duty police officer in hijab was threatened by a man with a pit bull. [The New York Times reports](#) that **43 incidents are being investigated as possible hate crimes in the city -- more than double the number reported for the same period last year.**

-- **A D.C. construction company is investigating two nooses that were found last week at one of its sites.** One subcontractor who was found to be involved in the incident was immediately terminated, and meetings are “ongoing” to determine who else was involved. ([Victoria St. Martin](#))

-- **An off-duty Muslim officer in the NYPD was targeted by a man who called her “ISIS” and threatened to slit her throat.** ([Sarah Larimer](#))

-- **An interracial couple in Cincinnati returned from a short trip to discover their home had been ransacked by intruders,** who spray-painted swastikas and racial slurs onto the walls, and filled their stove and bathtubs with cement. ([Cleve R. Wootson Jr.](#))

-- **“Jolted into action by the wave of hate crimes that followed the election ... American Muslims and Jews are banding together in a surprising new alliance,”** [the Times's Laurie Goodstein reports](#). "They are putting aside for now their divisions over Israel to join forces to resist whatever may come next. Nearly 500 Muslim and Jewish women, many wearing head scarves and skullcaps, gathered on Sunday at Drew University in Madison, N.J. ... Over lunch and in the hallways, they traded stories about the latest ugly outbreaks back home: a brick thrown through the window of a Muslim-owned restaurant in Kansas, apartments of Muslim families in Virginia hit with eggs and graffiti, swastikas scrawled on synagogues and in a playground in New York. 'When did you know it was time to leave?' Muslim attendee Vaseem Firdaus asked one woman who had just recounted how her relatives had fled the Nazis."

-- **Nearly 300 leading Muslims penned an open letter to Trump, urging him to take concrete steps to assure their community will be protected during his administration.** “As our President-Elect, one of your duties is to ensure our collective safety and security,” the letter reads, noting the 67 percent uptick in anti-Muslim hate crimes reported by the FBI in 2015. “We call on you to make mutual respect and acceptance a hallmark of your presidency.” ([Time](#))

-- **Another Texas member of the Electoral College said he will not cast his vote for Trump on Dec. 19., outlining his decision in a [Times op-ed](#):** "Presidential electors have the legal right and a constitutional duty to vote their conscience," said Christopher Suprun, a paramedic who served as a first responder after the 9/11 terror attacks. "**Fifteen years ago, I swore an oath to defend my country and Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. On Dec. 19, I will do it again.**" If he follows through on his promise, Suprun will be the first faithless voter in the Electoral College since 2004.





What we know about Comet Ping Pong shooter Edgar Maddison Welch

**THE FAKE NEWS EPIDEMIC HAS REAL-LIFE CONSEQUENCES:**

**-- Edgar Maddison Welch, arrested after firing shots at a D.C. pizzeria this weekend, confirmed that he was “self-investigating” false reports of a child trafficking ring, and he was ordered jailed until his second hearing on Thursday. He faces multiple gun-related charges, including assault with a dangerous weapon.**

**-- Family and friends remain baffled by his actions, with some believing he may have deluded himself into a “hero mission.”** From [Peter Hermann, Susan Svrluga and Michael E. Miller](#): “Welch, described by some friends as a devoted father to two young girls, toyed around with filmmaking and writing, and he had attended a community college. He is an avid hiker. He and his wife are separated, and he has custody of the children. ‘He most likely really believes the conspiracy theory,’ said Kathy Sue Holtorf, who produced one of his films. ... ‘He’s a good guy with the best of intentions. He probably saw himself as more on a hero mission to save children than anything else.’ ‘Maddison is a sweet young man with a big heart,’ said Tajuana Tadlock, his aunt. ‘We are all in shock right now. We are still trying to get our minds around what happened. This is totally out of character for him.’”

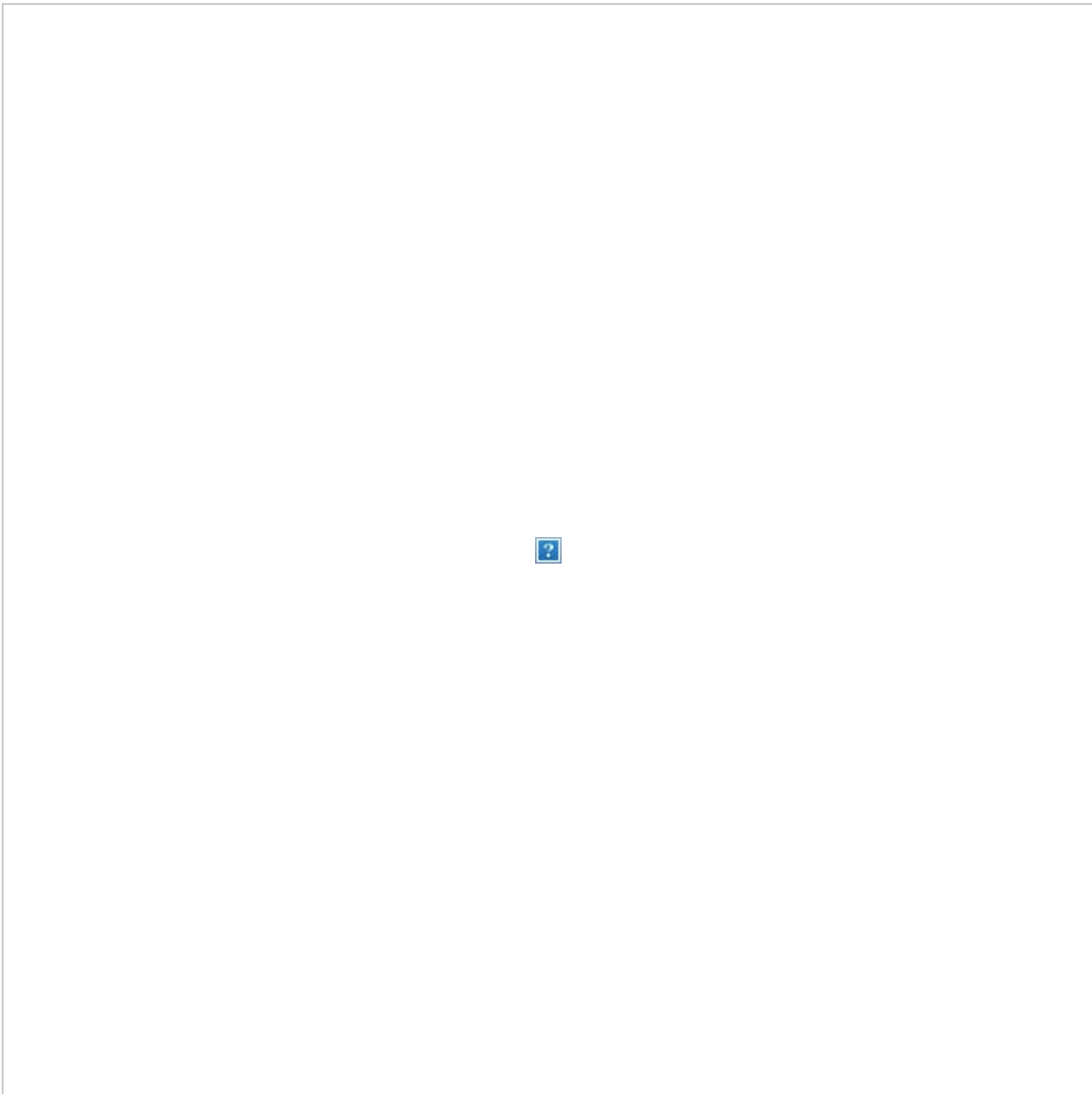
**-- [CNN Money reports](#) that at least four other businesses in the area have been targeted by conspiracy believers, including another pizza shop located just a few doors doors down, which says it has been**

**“inundated” with threatening phone calls:** “Ibrahima Diallo, the manager of Besta, estimates that his business has received about 10 such phone calls a day for the last month. Some callers have laced into Diallo and his staff with profanity-laced invective; others have threatened their lives.”

-- **A [Huffington Post/YouGov survey](#) underscores the crisis of confidence in the mainstream media:** “56 percent of Trump voters say that if a national media outlet reported that Trump said something untrue, they would be more inclined to believe him than the news outlet. Just 2 percent say they’d believe the media, with another 38 percent saying it depends on what the story is.”

-- **At the White House, Josh Earnest decried the effects of fake news as “deeply troubling”:** “I think there's no denying the corrosive effect that some of these false reports have had on our political debate and that's concerning in a political context. It's deeply troubling that some of those false reports could lead to violence.”

And then there's this:





Real consequences of fake news leveled on a D.C. pizzeria and other nearby restaurants

#### **SIX TAKES ON WHY PIZZAGATE MATTERS:**

-- **[Dana Milbank](#)**: “Comet’s owners asked the FBI for help but heard nothing in reply from James Comey’s agents. ... Trump is not directly responsible for every violent word or action of his followers. But he foments violence. ... Trump, during the campaign, fantasized about Clinton and her judicial nominees being assassinated. He boasted that ‘I bring rage out’ in people, and his violent rallies proved it. Since the election, Trump has falsely accused the media of inciting violence. At his speech in Ohio last week he denounced the ‘dishonest’ media no fewer than six times. He has also been encouraging (Alex) Jones, leading publicist of the Comet-Clinton-pedophilia absurdity. Trump has praised Jones’s ‘amazing’ reputation, called Jones after winning the presidency to thank him for his support, and has regularly parroted Jones’s conspiracy ideas.”

-- **[Eugene Robinson](#)**: “Trump is the Old Faithful of fake news. He started his late-blooming career in politics by claiming, falsely, that President Obama was not born in the United States. He said that ‘thousands and thousands’ of Muslims in New Jersey cheered the 9/11 attacks, which was not true. He charged, absurdly, that Obama and Clinton were ‘co-founders’ of the Islamic State. He touted a ridiculous National Enquirer story alleging that Sen. Ted Cruz’s father had something to do with the JFK assassination. He repeatedly said, falsely and without evidence, that there was something seriously wrong with Clinton’s health. Apparently stung at having lost the popular vote to Clinton, he claimed that he would have won it if not for widespread ‘voter fraud’ — which simply did not take place.”

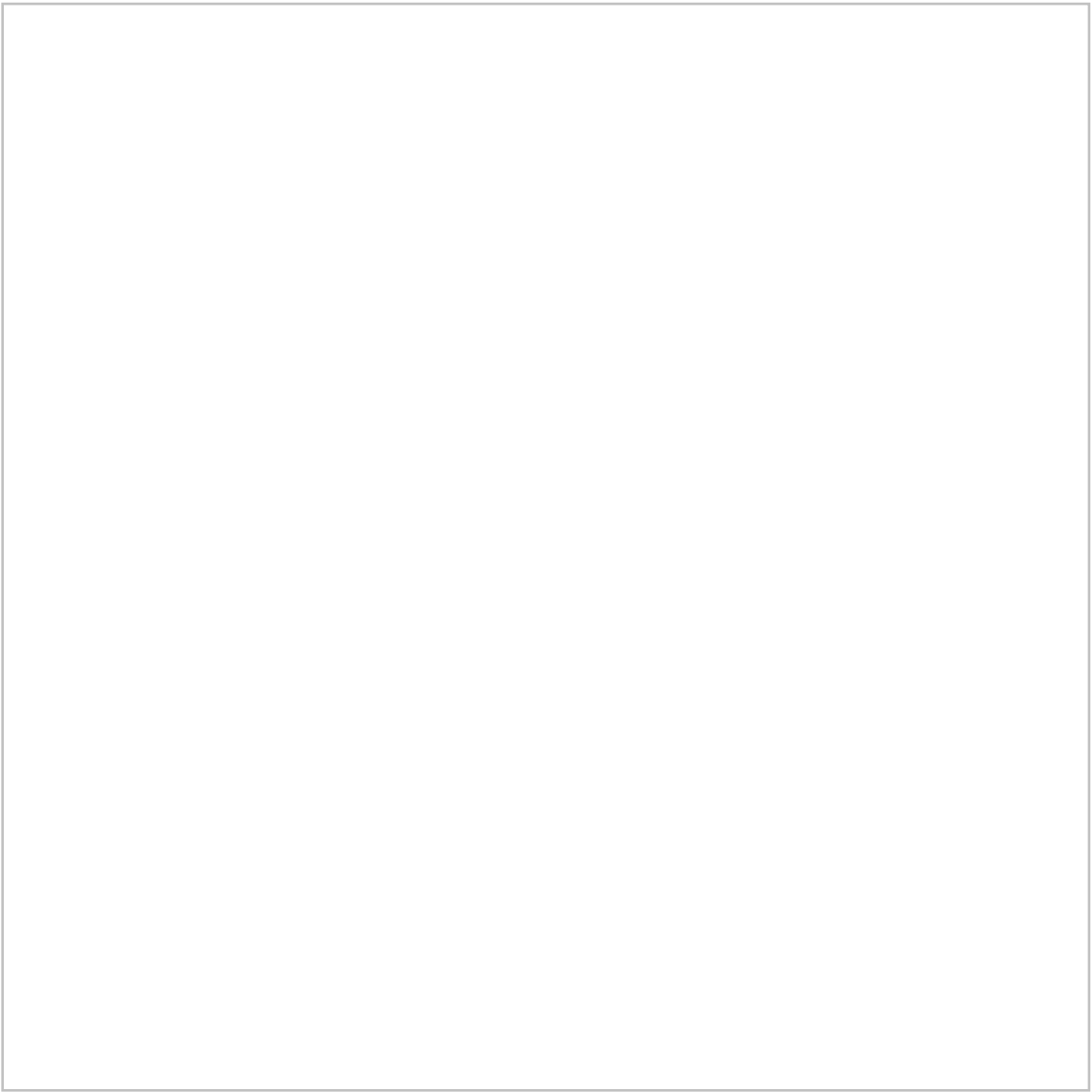
-- **Petula Dvorak**: “What happened at Comet Ping Pong isn’t the first time we’ve seen real consequences of the doctored-news phenomenon. A year ago, a ‘gotcha’ video — created by folks who lied, schemed and plotted to get a doctor to talk about the graphic details of her work while secretly being recorded — was pinging in the head of Robert Lewis Dear Jr. when he stormed a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado. Dear used the phrase ‘no more baby parts’ after he allegedly killed three people — a police officer, an Iraq War veteran and a mother of two — and injured nine others in that shooting rampage. Grandstanding congressmen fed him the ‘baby parts’ line after they watched that heavily edited video.”

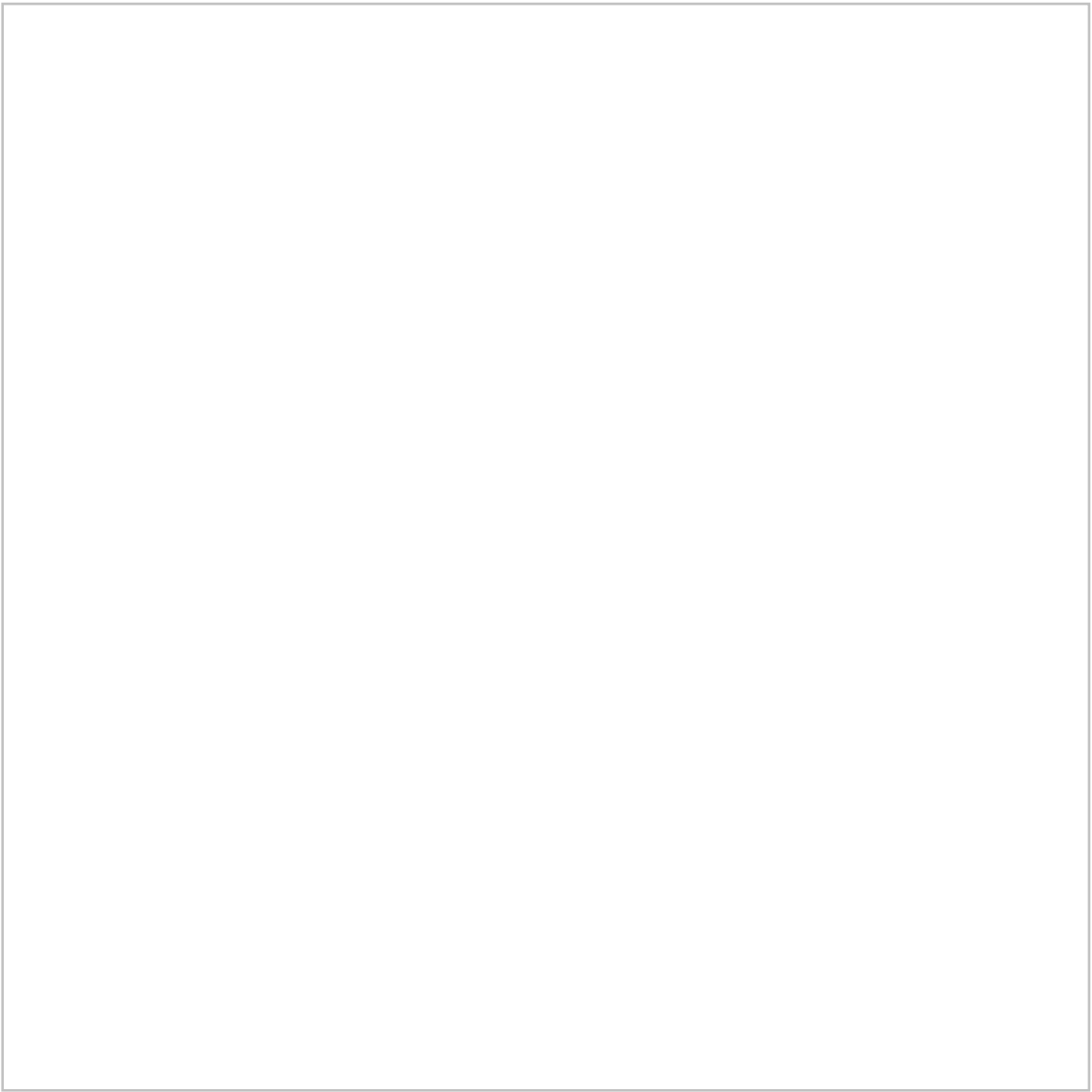
-- **The Atlantic’s David Graham**: “The allegations against Welch are interesting because they follow the archetypal narrative of Islamist terrorism self-radicalization. A young man begins reading on the Internet; over time, he comes to believe mainstream sources that are questionable, misleading, or downright false; eventually, he decides to arm himself and take matters into his own hands on behalf of a political cause. Just as authorities continue to struggle with how to stop self-radicalized Islamist terrorists, it seems inevitable that there will be more incidents like the one on Sunday.”

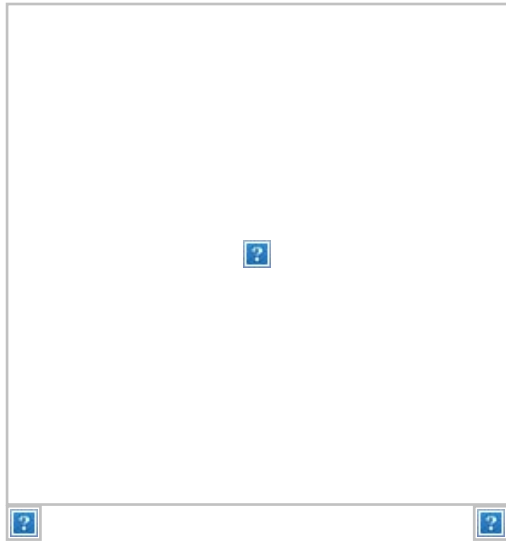
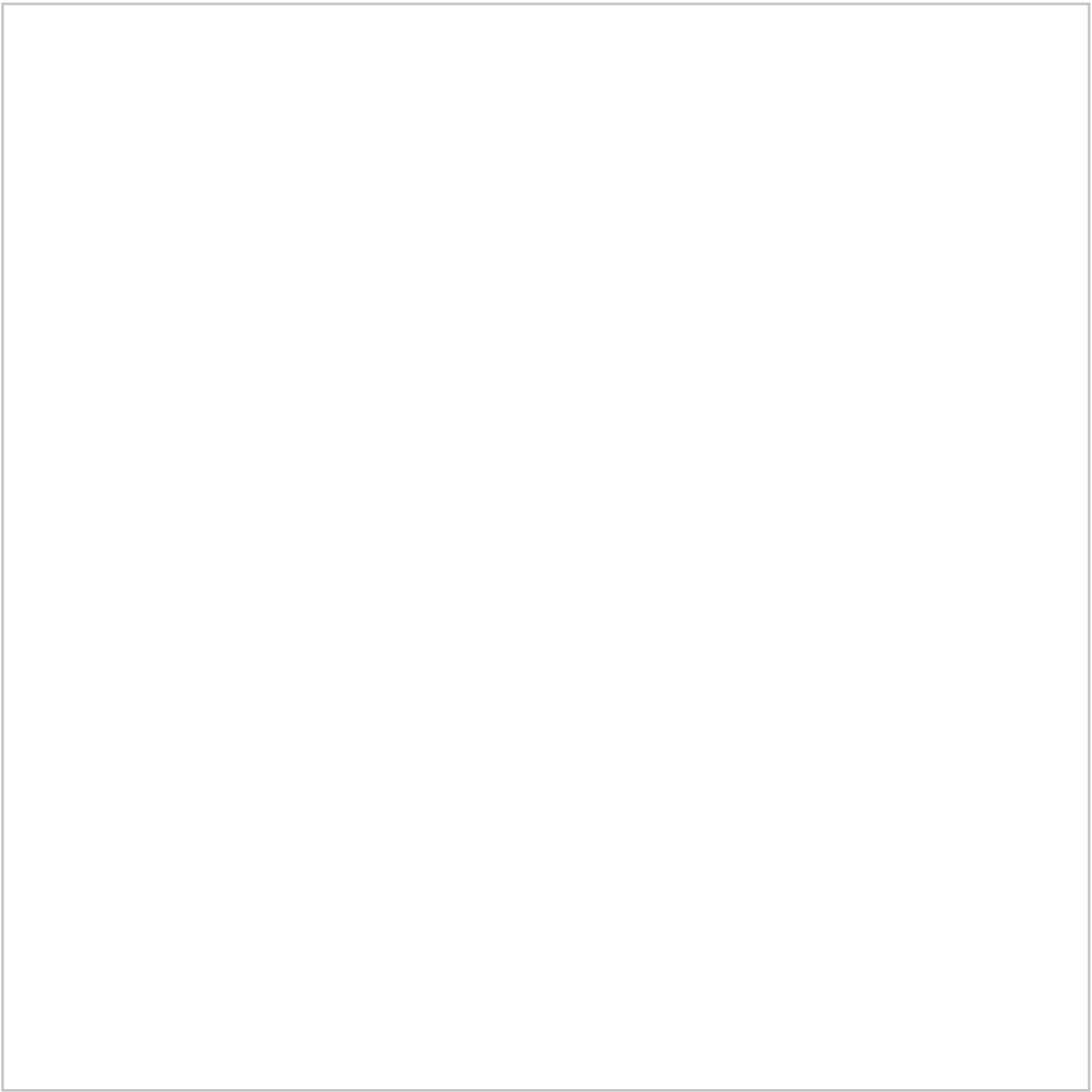
-- **The New Yorker’s Amy Davidson**: “Many things are likely to go wrong for Trump and to disappoint his supporters. The fear is that he and they will try to explain his failings by pushing conspiracy theories of all kinds. The spirit of Pizzagate could become as commonplace, in this country, as the smell of pizza. And how does one even measure power and influence in the context of social media, or, for that matter, in a country with few effective gun-control laws and a President-elect who got crowds cheering with talk of armed citizens taking down terrorists in crowded cafés? How much power belongs to a man in his twenties walking into a pizza place with an assault rifle, looking for secret chambers and hidden messages?”

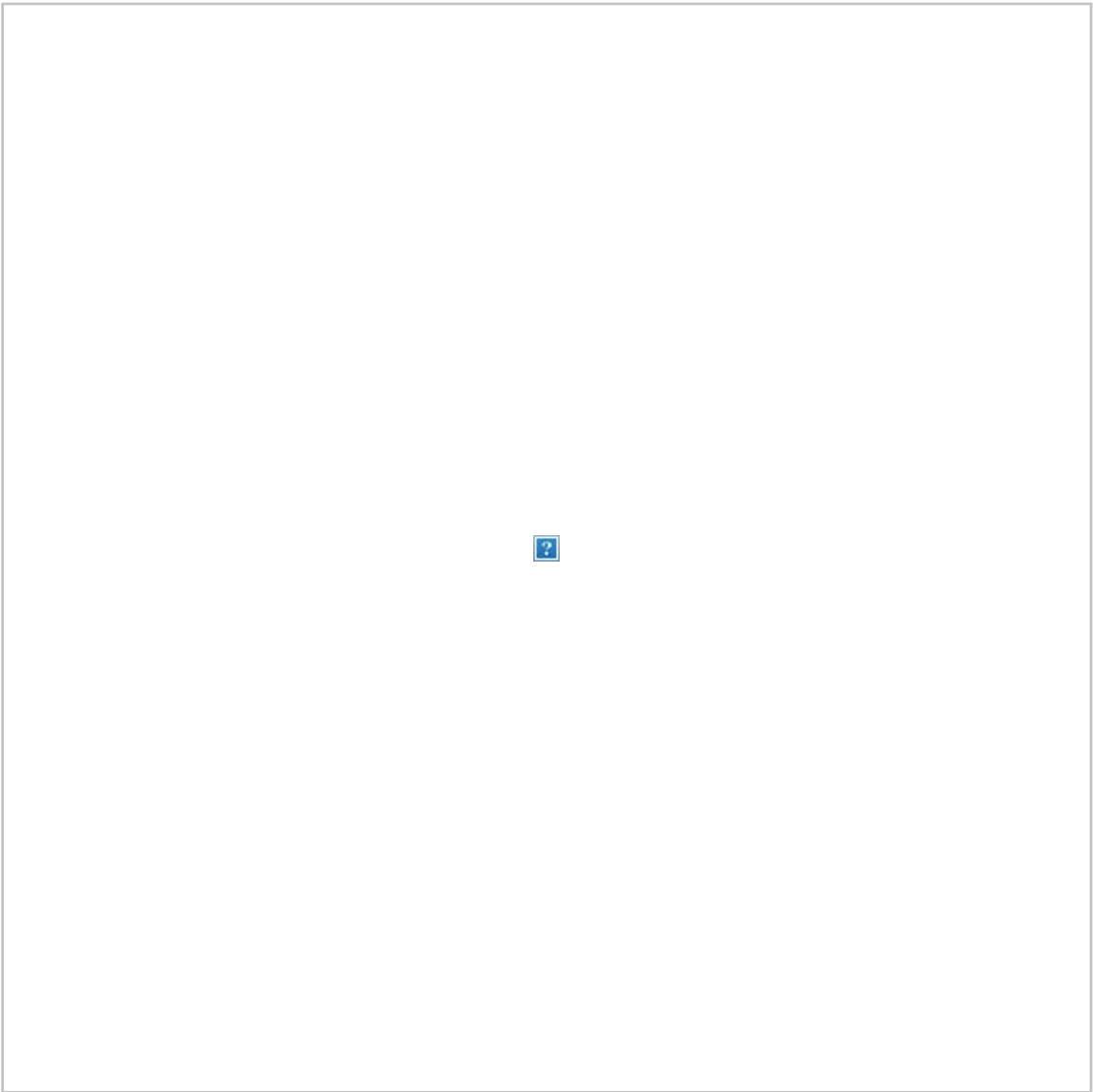
-- **Former Fox News host Greata Van Susteren (in the L.A. Times)**: “For Americans to pay attention to real news, newsrooms have to supply it. Too often today, newsrooms are like courtrooms. Reporters, editors and anchors cast themselves as prosecutors or defense attorneys, building a case for or against a story line and molding the evidence to fit their argument. ... Part of the reason fake news is so easy to believe is that fringe stories no longer read or sound all that different from too many of the real stories. Too often, both have little or no sourcing; they lack context and they get disseminated with almost no fact-checking. Sometimes the fake stories look, sound or read better than real ones. And both are chasing the same thing: ratings or online clicks.”

Some additional thoughts on Comet Ping Pong:





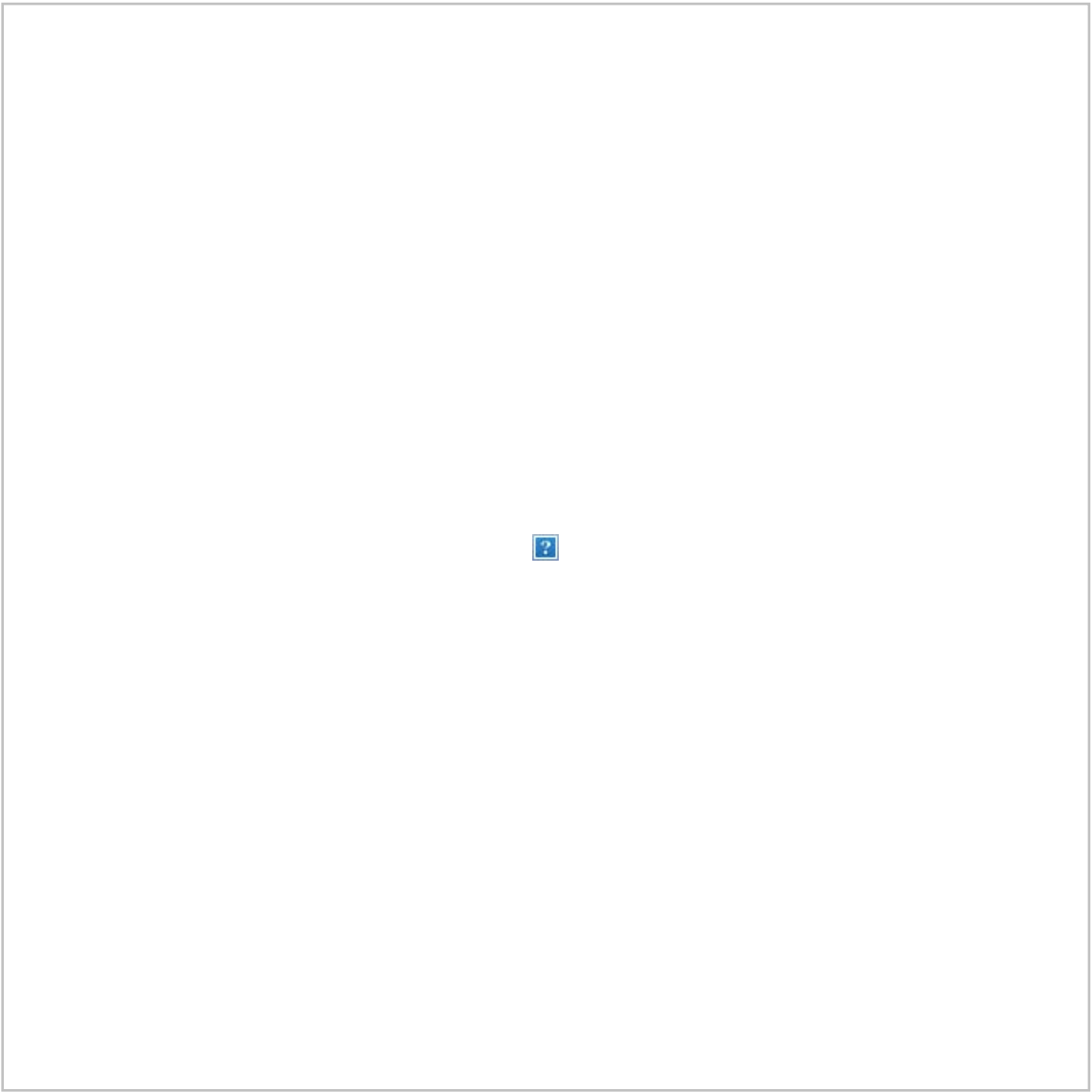




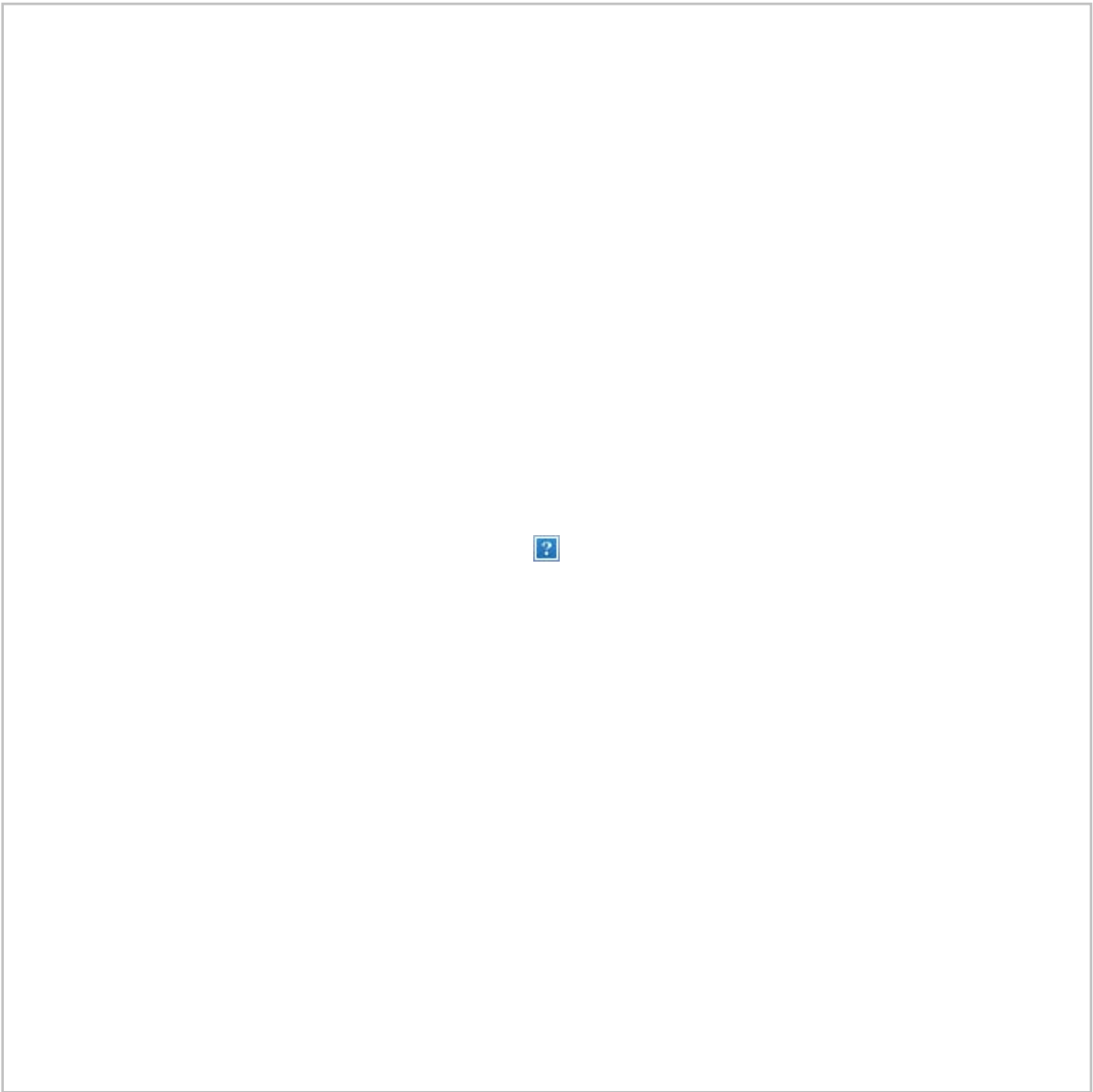
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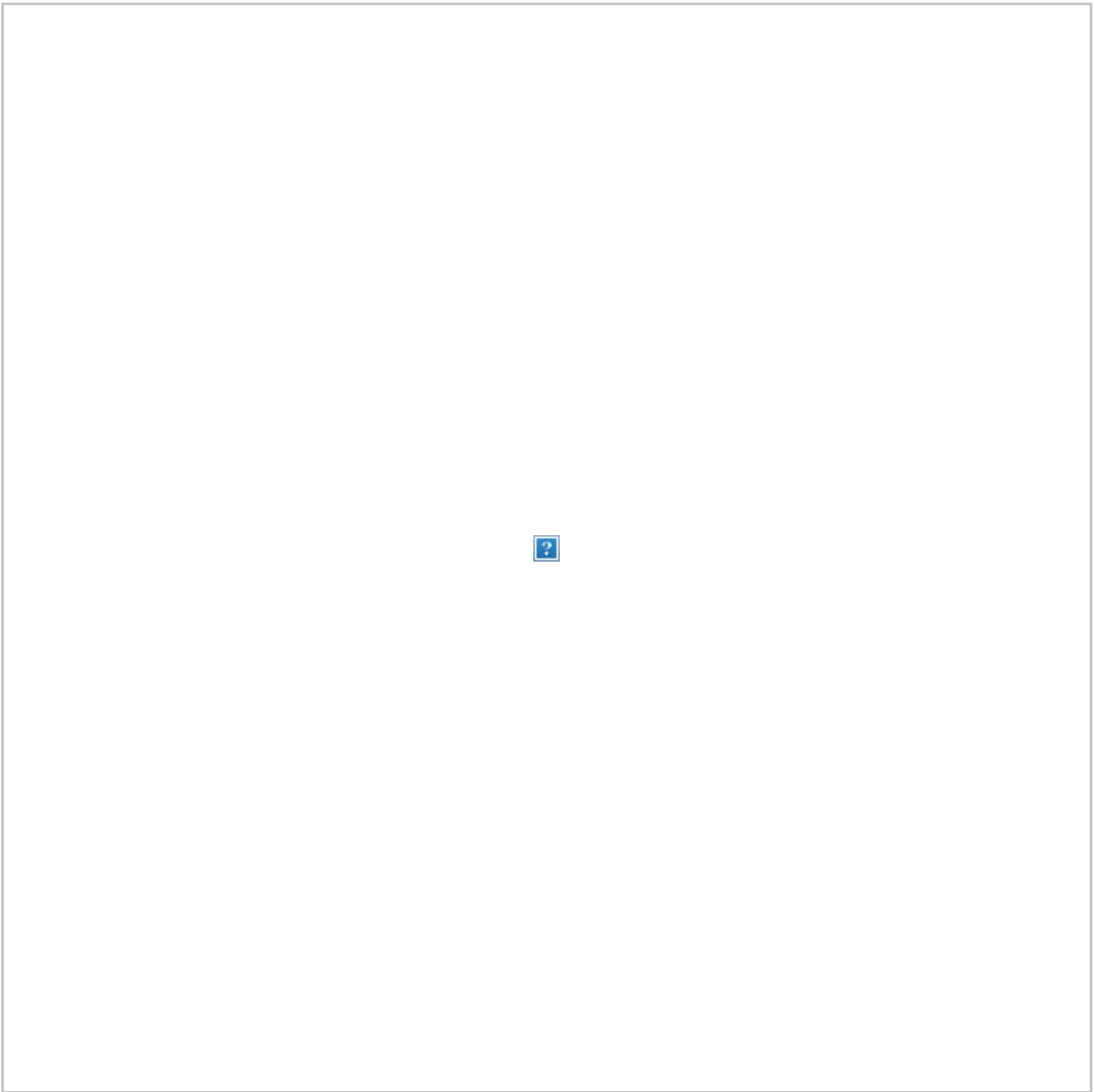




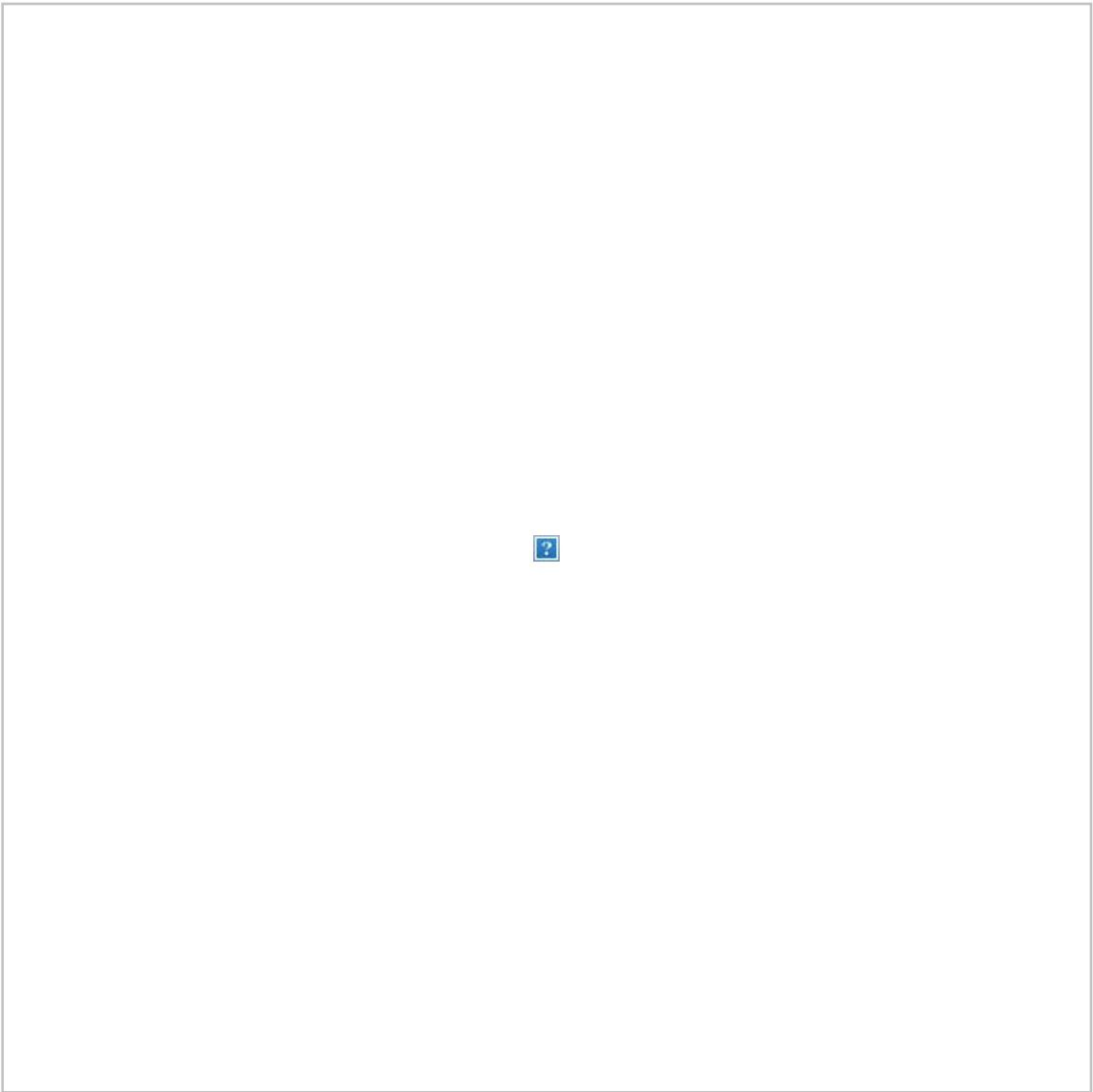
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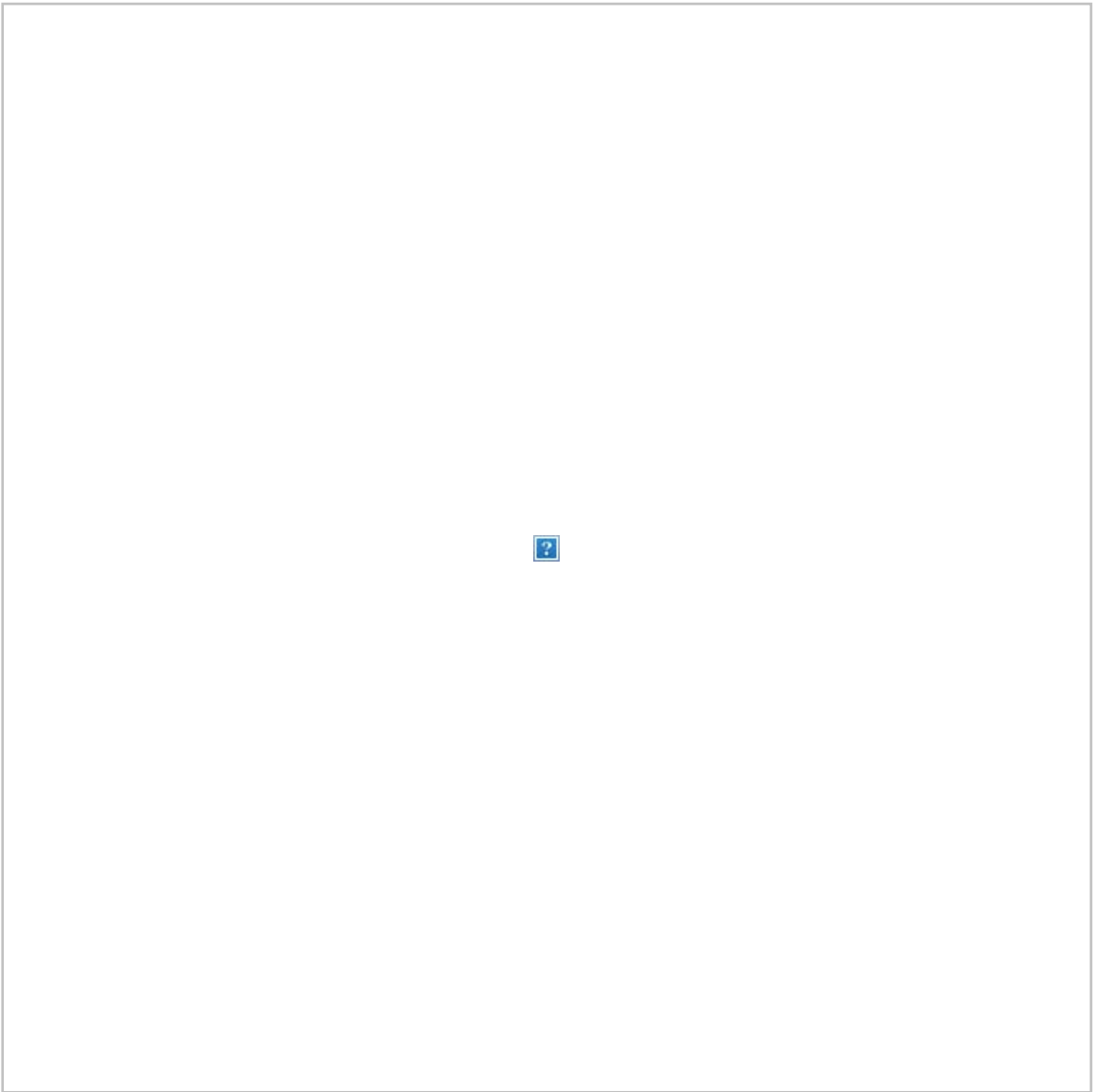
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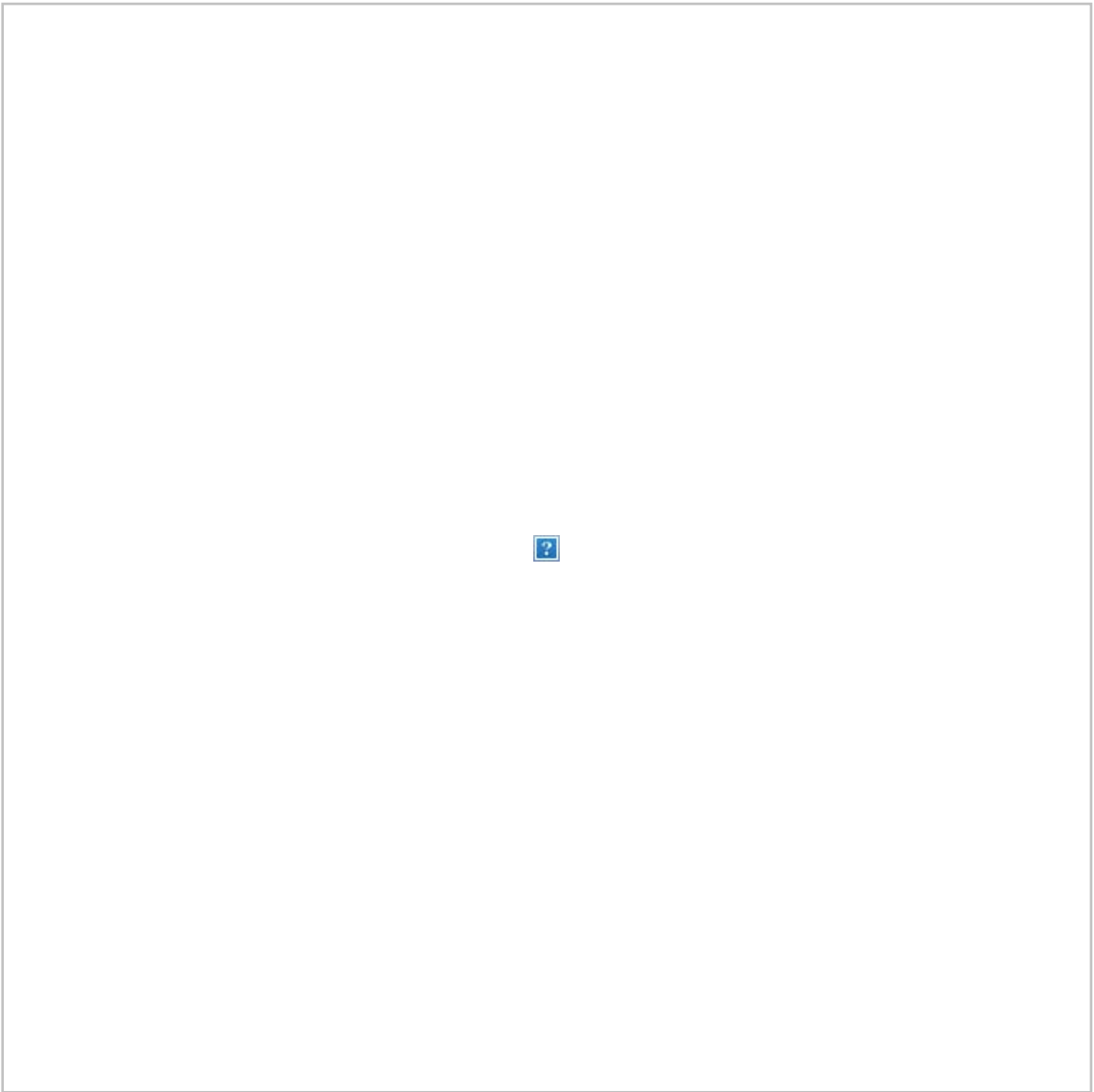
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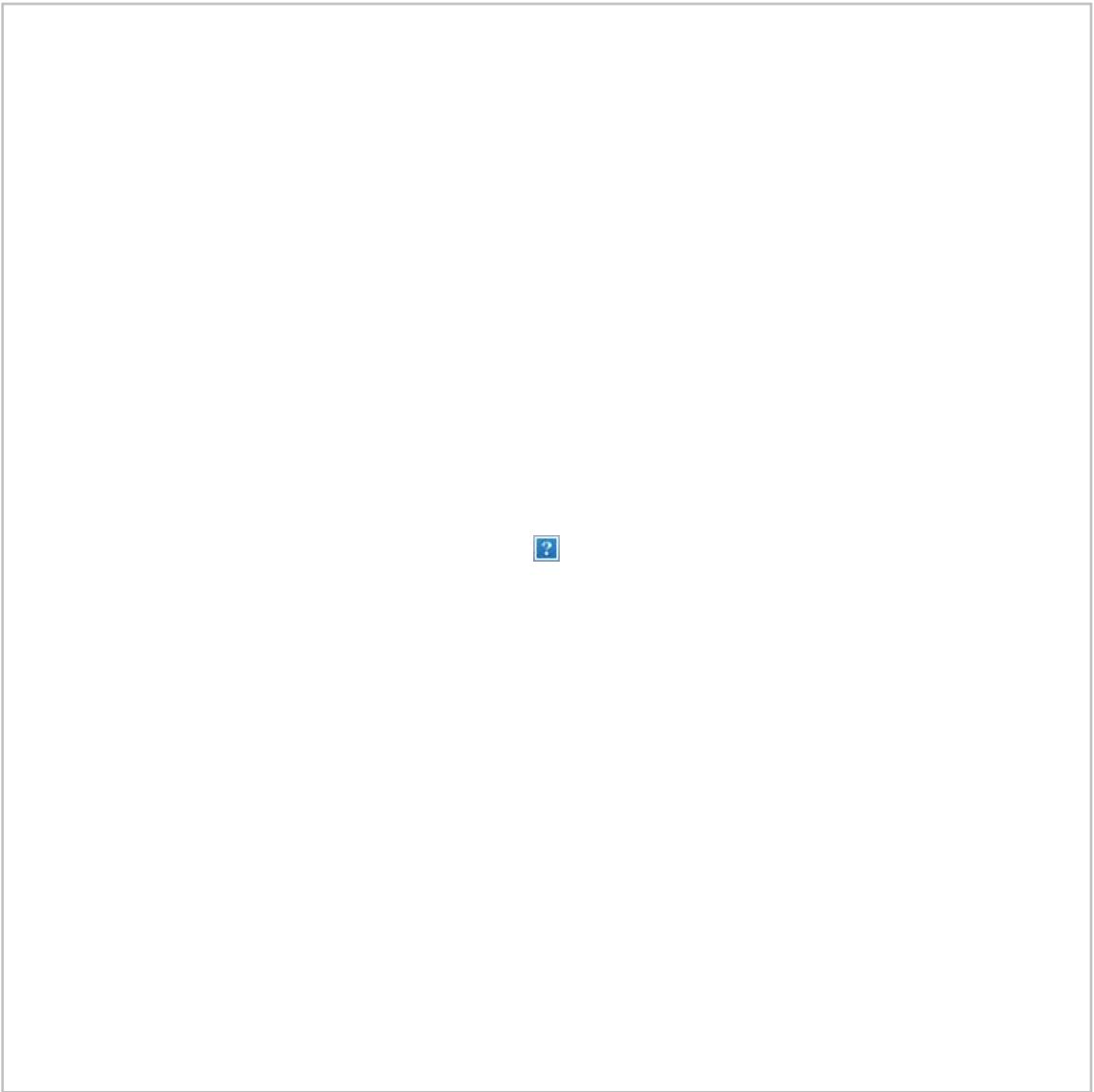
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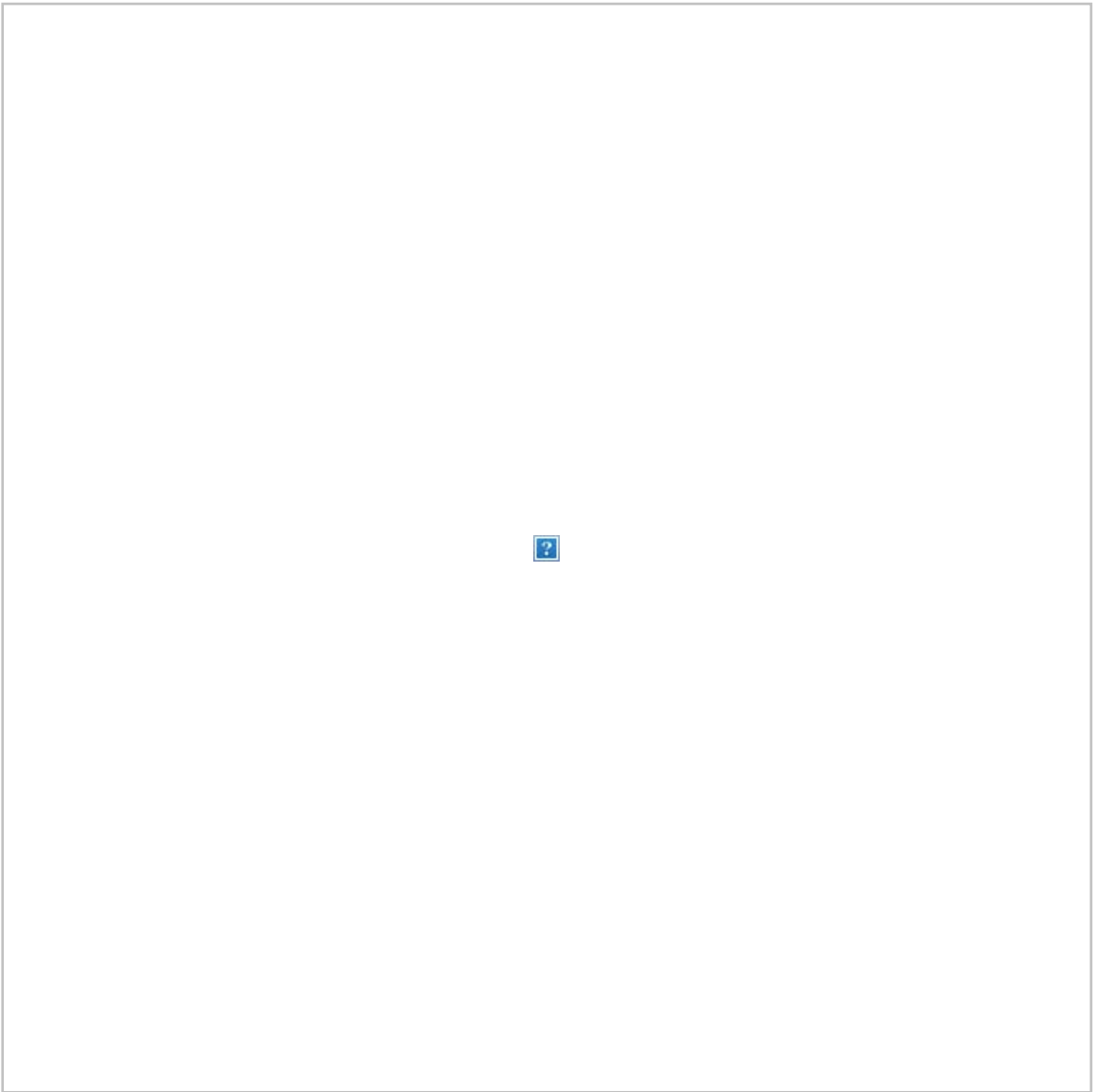
Via CNN, a good window into how most of David Vitter's Senate colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, really don't like him and are happy to see him go:



Cory Gardner's son is in town:

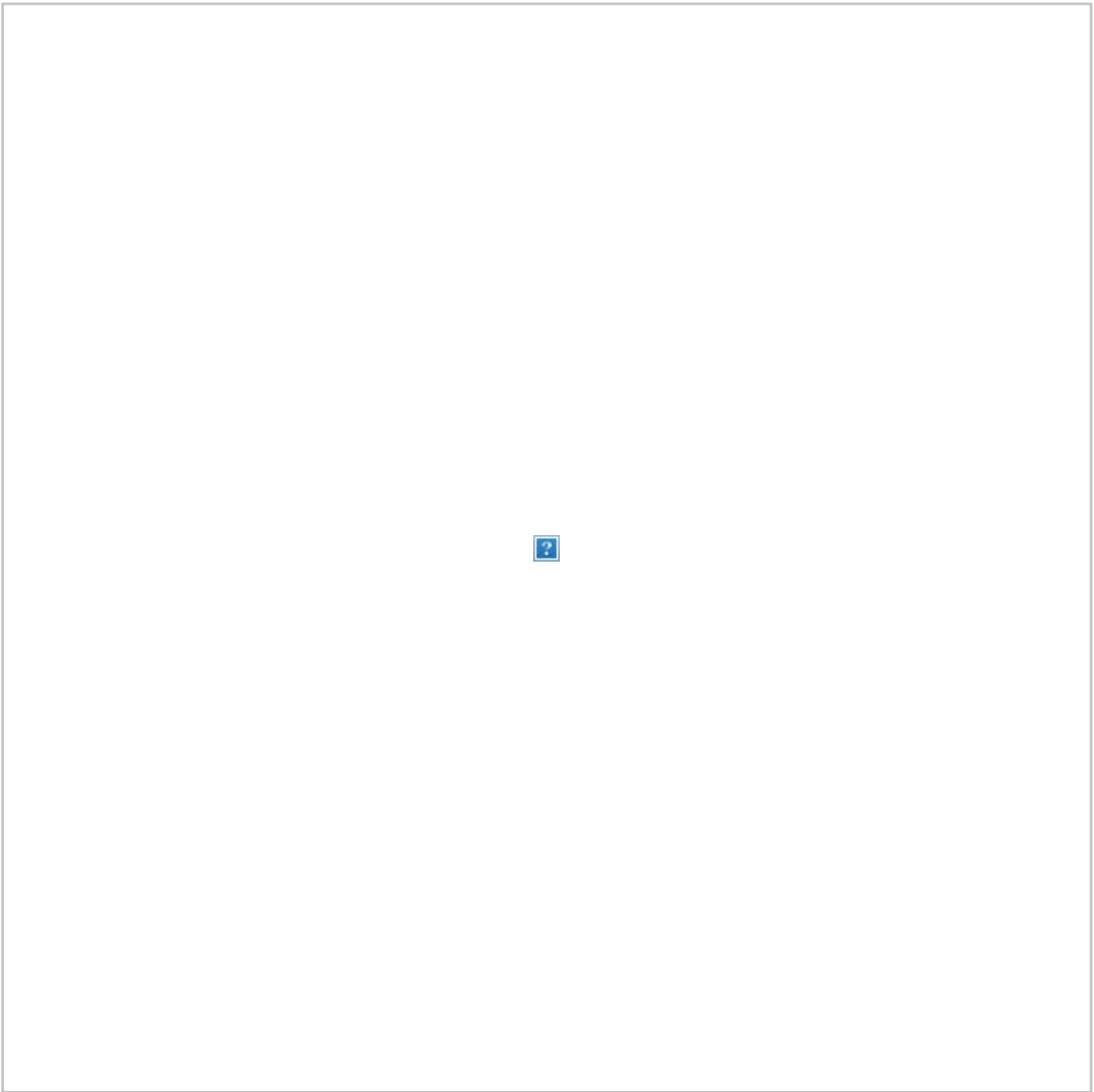


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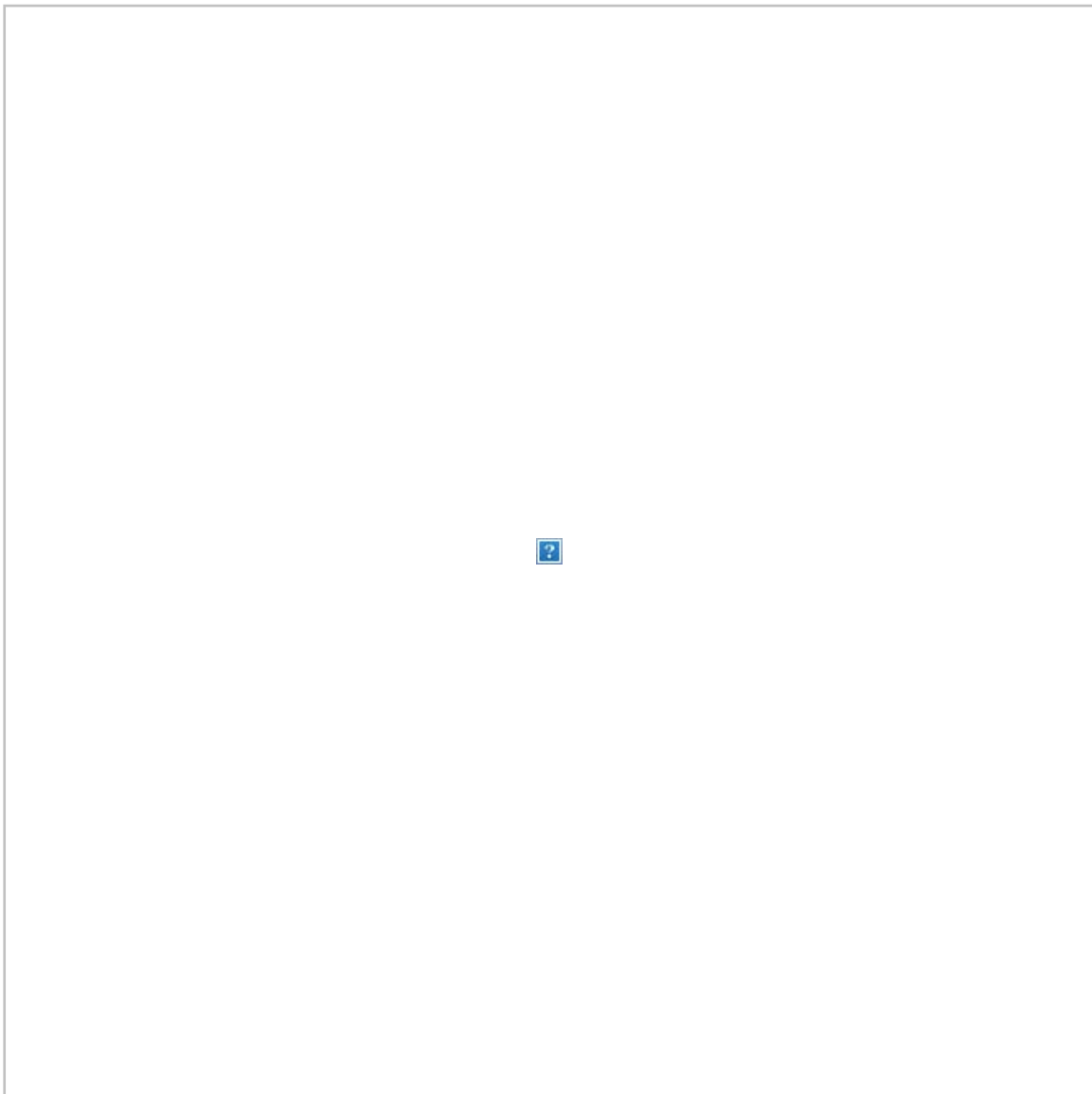


An anniversary not to be missed:





Perspective from the right:



### GOOD READS FROM ELSEWHERE:

-- **Sore loser alert**, [via The Record of New Jersey](#): "The bitterness that was a hallmark of the contest between Republican Rep. Scott Garrett and Democrat Josh Gottheimer apparently did not end when the polls closed and Gottheimer won by about 10,000 more votes. In an interview about his orientation as a new member of Congress, **Gottheimer (said) that Garrett has not returned his calls or responded to a certified letter asking about a transition**, especially to ensure constituent requests do not fall through the cracks. 'I called him,' Gottheimer said Thursday. 'I sent him a letter before Thanksgiving both thanking him for his service as well as asking him to meet to discuss the transition. My chief also reached out to his chief of staff. We just haven't heard back.' Garrett did not vote in the House on Thursday or Friday. He was not seen entering or leaving a party conference Friday morning."

#### HOT ON THE LEFT

The state of Texas advised women to call 911 if they feel any pressure to have an abortion, from the [Houston Chronicle](#): "Women who are feeling pressured by their parents or partner to

#### HOT ON THE RIGHT

"Report buried Trump-related 'hate crimes' against white kids," from the [New York Post](#): "At least 2,000 educators around the country reported racist slurs and other derogatory

have an abortion are being advised by the state to pick up the phone and dial 911, according to a new pamphlet the state released Monday. The Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas is not pleased, saying such calls could impede the response to emergencies like shootings and home invasions. "Texas police are short-staffed all over the state in big urban departments and in small rural places and everything in between, so unless someone's holding you down trying to force you to have an abortion, then you're going to be placed on a priority two or three," said [combined law enforcement director] Charley Wilkison ... The state's advice comes amid a host of changes in 'A Woman's Right to Know,' a brochure health clinics and abortion providers are required by state law to give women considering an abortion."

language leveled against white students in the first days after [Trump] was elected president. But the group that surveyed the teachers didn't publish the results in its report on Trump-related "hate crimes." The Southern Poverty Law Center's report said that 40 percent of educators who responded "have heard derogatory language" directed at students of color, Muslims, immigrants and LGBTQ students. But the SPLC self-censored results from a key question it asked educators — whether they have heard derogatory language or slurs about white students. Asked last week to provide the data, SPLC initially said it was "having a hard time getting the information from the researchers." Pressed, a spokesman finally revealed that "about 20 percent answered affirmatively" to the question.

#### DAYBOOK:

**In Trump's world:** Trump is scheduled to meet with Exxon Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, and Laura Ingraham before traveling to Fayetteville, N.C. for a 7 p.m. rally.

**At the White House:** Obama speaks to service members and separately, delivers remarks on the administration's approach to counterterrorism. Biden addresses the House Democratic Caucus. Later, in New York City, Biden tapes an interview for the Late Show with Stephen Colbert and receives the Robert F. Kennedy Ripple of Hope Award at an evening gala.

**On Capitol Hill:** The Senate meets at 10 a.m. to resume work on the House message to accompany the 21st Century Cures Act. The House meets at 10 a.m.

#### QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"Oh God no." — Sacramento Sheriff Scott Jones on [whether he'll pursue a rematch](#) against Rep. Ami Bera (D-Calif.) in 2018 after narrowly losing this year

The Metro (Jonathan Ernst/Reuters)</p></p>



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#### **NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:**

-- **Underground cell service is slowly but surely making its way to the Metro:** Riders will now be able to use their cellphones on a 1.1.-mile stretch between Potomac Avenue and Stadium-Armory stations – the first in a years-long rollout process to service the entirety of the nearly 50-mile track. ([Martine Powers](#))

-- **“It’s a dreary December day with plenty of rain and a bit of sleet, but the sun comes back tomorrow,” the [Capital Weather Gang forecasts:](#)** Precipitation spreads across the area from the later part of the morning commute to around 11 a.m. Sleet could mix in with the rain, especially west and north of the city, and rain could become heavy at times. Precipitation continues into the evening rush hour. Highs only reach the upper 30s to low 40s.

-- **Rolling Stone lawyers have asked a federal judge to overturn a jury’s decision that it defamed former U-Va. dean Nicole Eramo in a retracted account of fraternity gang rape,** asking for reversal of a \$3 million verdict awarded to Eramo last month. ([T. Rees Shapiro](#))

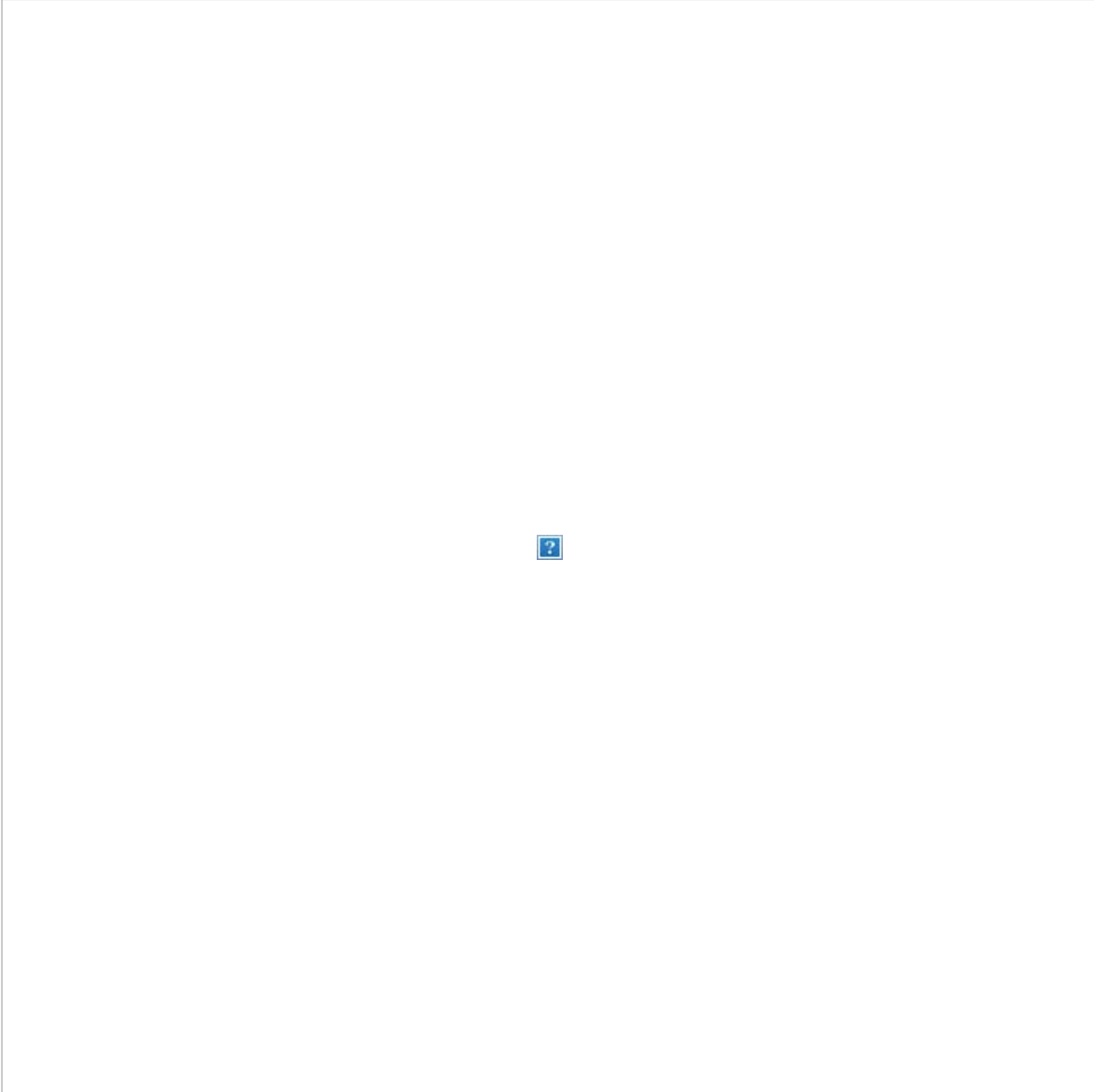
-- **The Wizards [beat the Nets](#) 118-113.**

-- **The Capitals [beat the Sabres](#) 3-2.**

-- USA Today cited a “high-ranking Nationals executive” as saying Bryce Harper is seeking a deal that would exceed \$400 million and that the Nationals have balked. The possibility is high that he's only here two more years. ([Barry Svrluga](#))

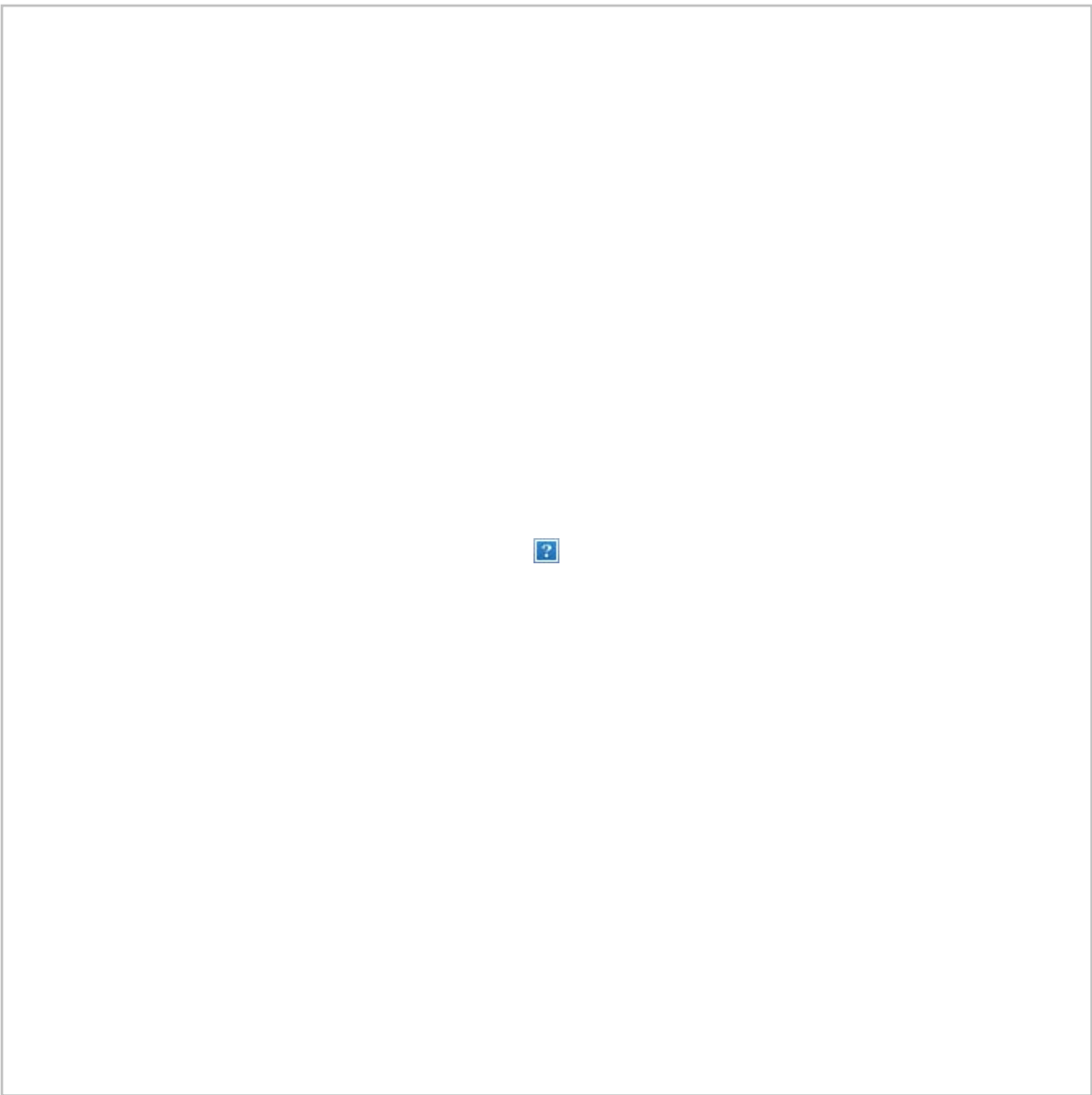
#### VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Seth Meyers walked through Trump's foreign policy moves:



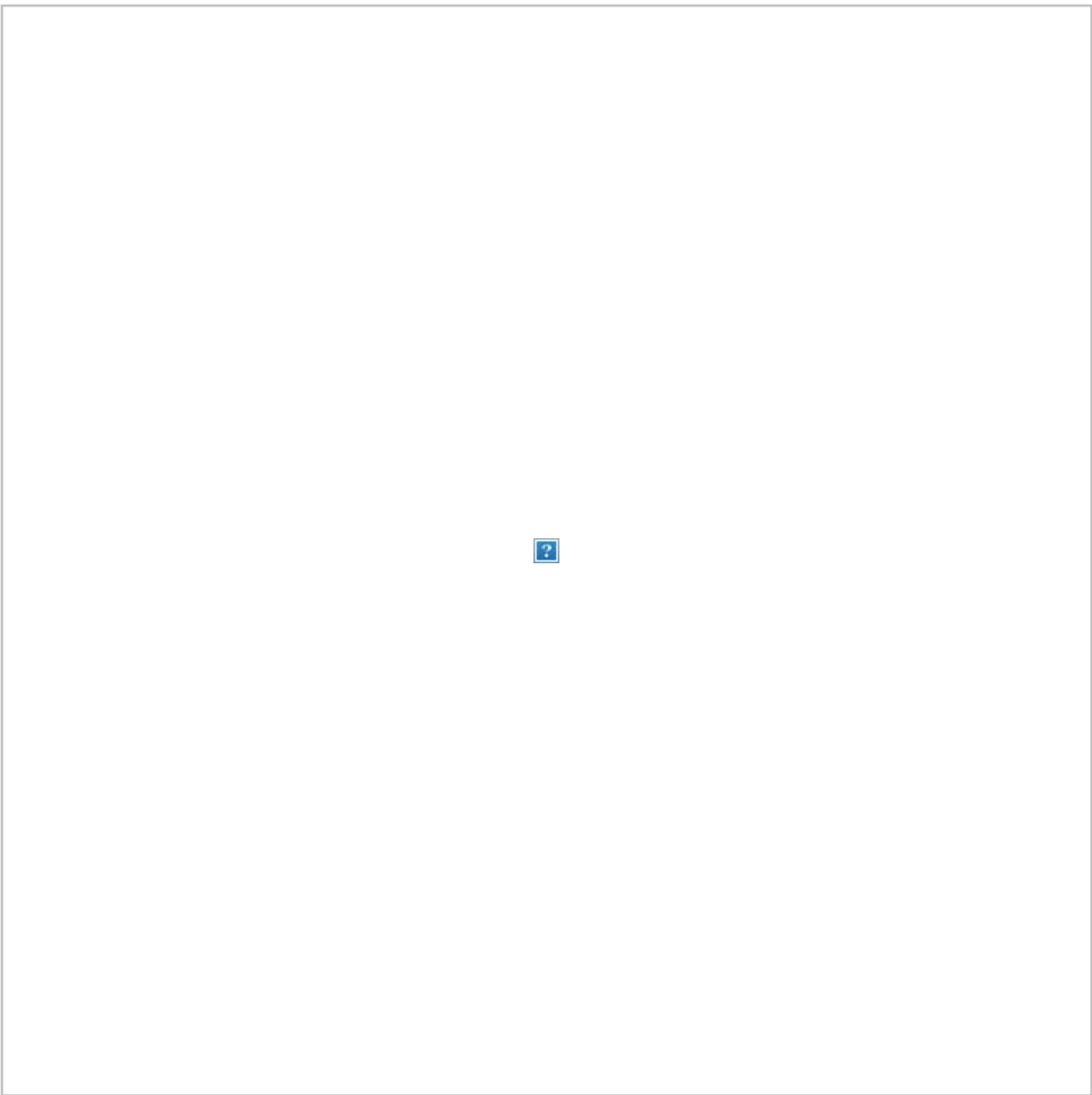
Donald Trump's False Claims and Foreign Policy Moves: A Closer Look

And some more imaginary Trump-Obama phone calls from Conan O'Brien:



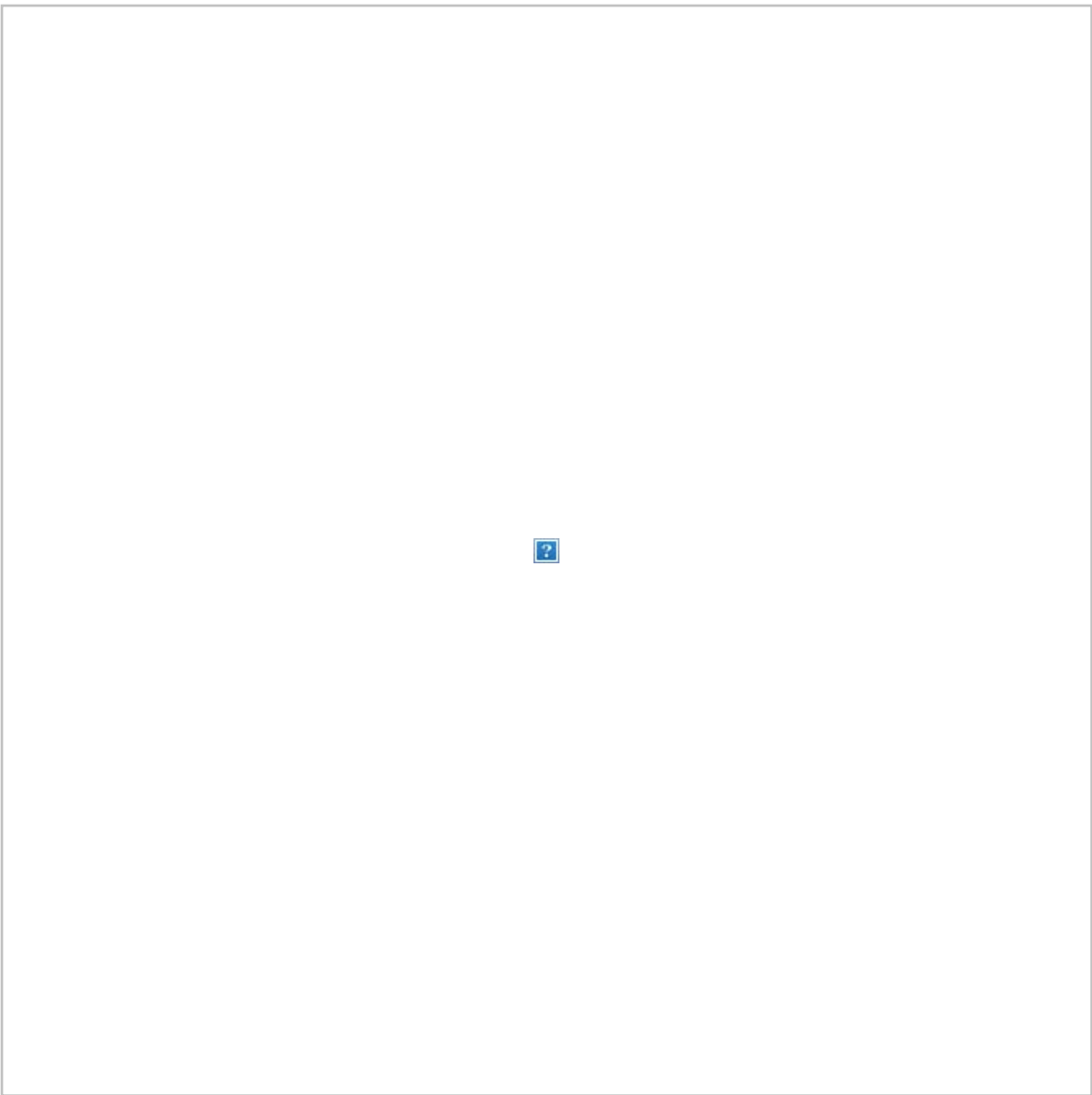
Still More Leaked Trump & Obama Phone Calls - CONAN on TBS

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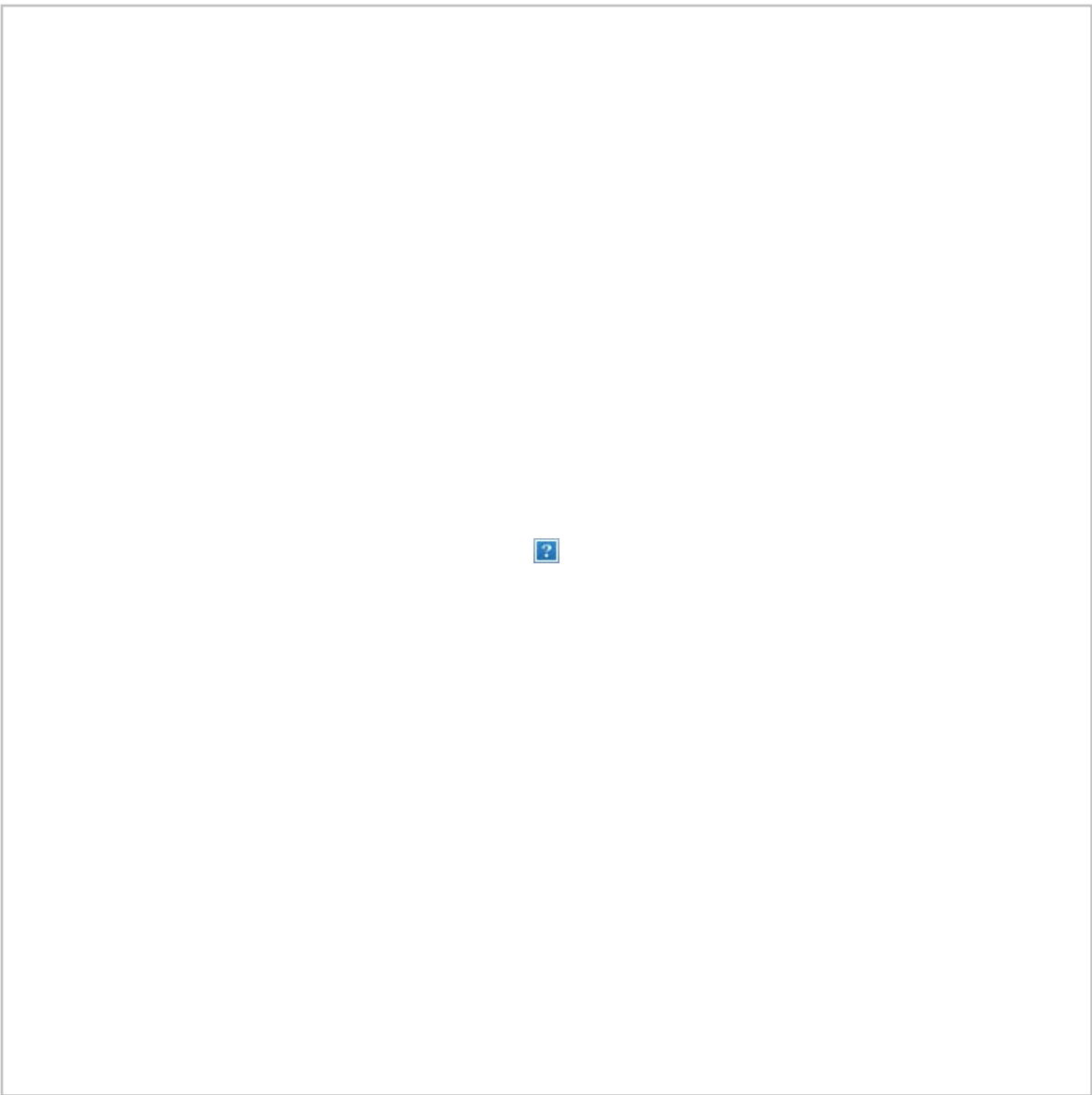
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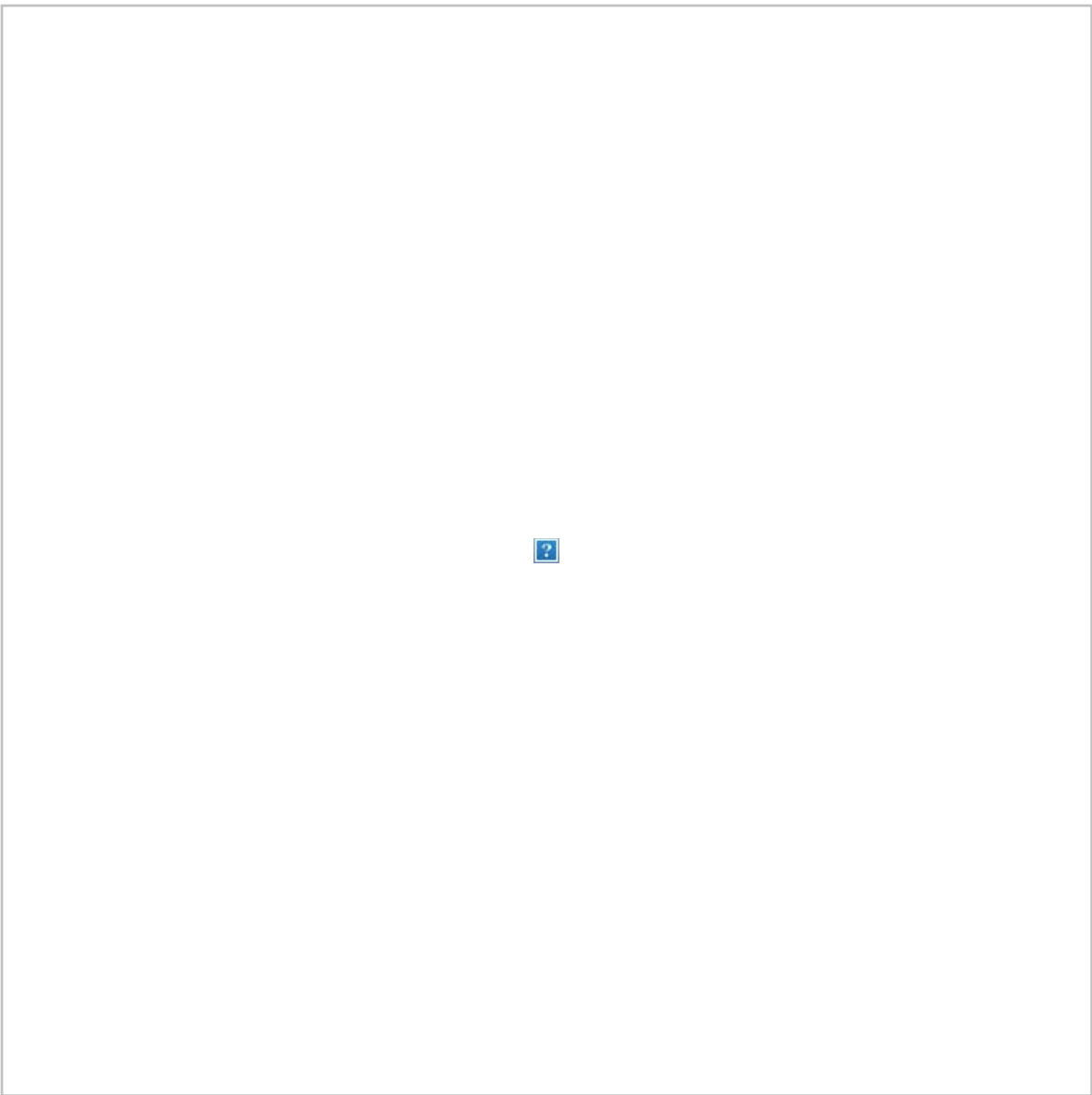
Al Gore came to Trump Tower for meetings:





Al Gore meets with Donald Trump

Drive safely! Watch this slow-speed pileup on Montreal's icy roads:



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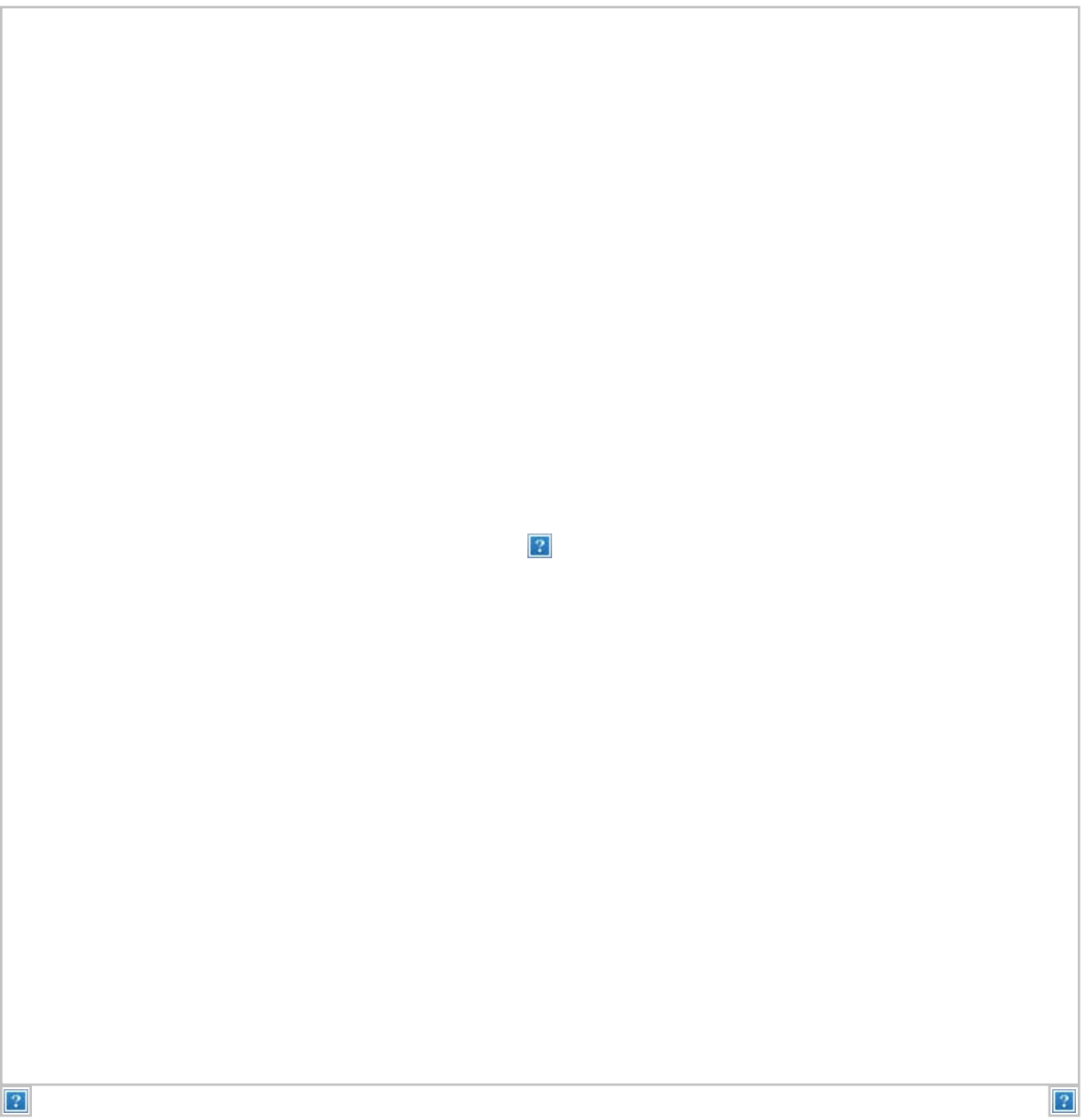
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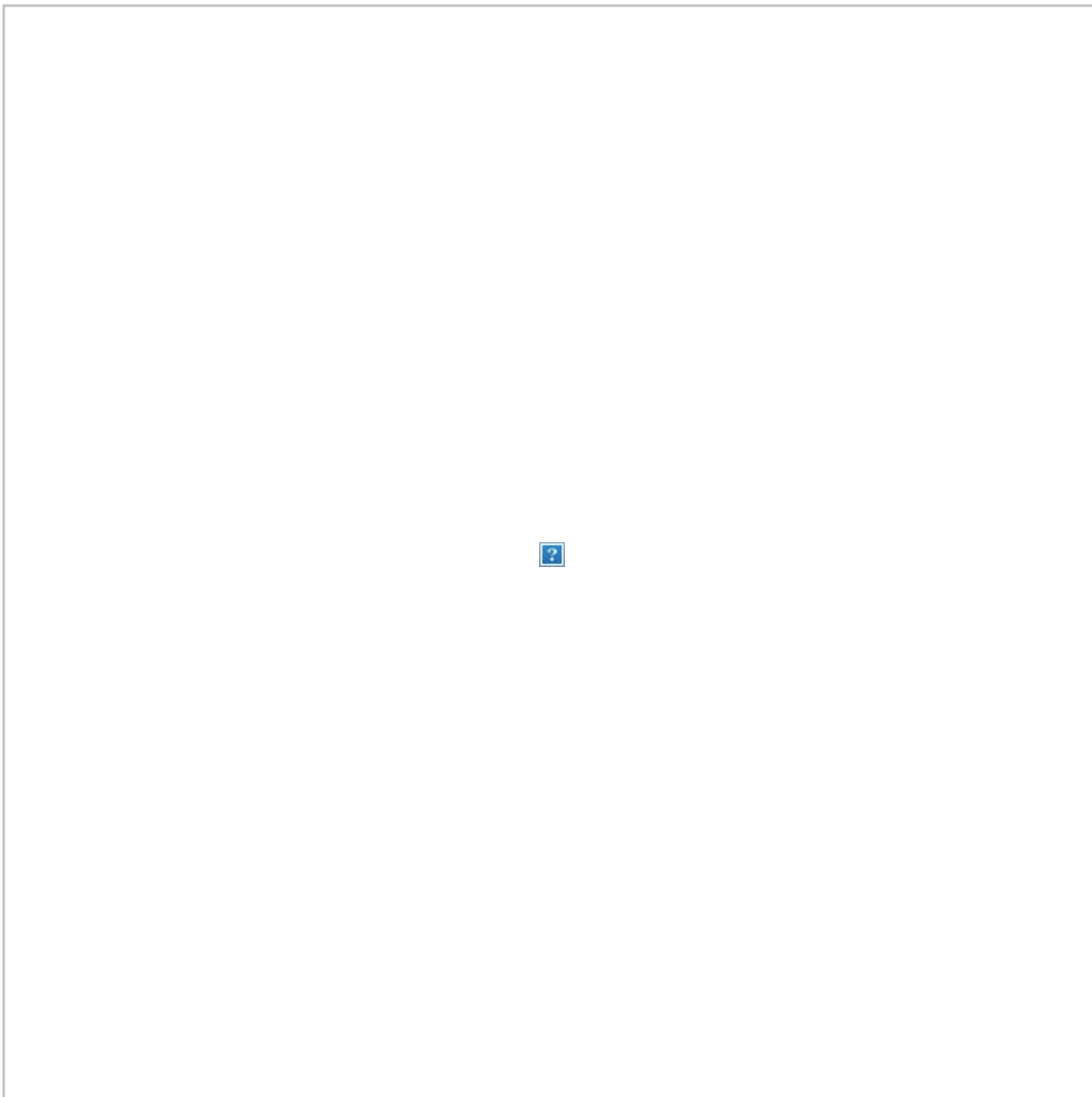


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[It's bigger than Flynn. New Russia revelations widen Trump's credibility gap.](#)



Michael Flynn and Donald Trump arrive at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa last week to visit the US Central Command headquarters. (Mandel Ngan/AFP/Getty Images)



**BY JAMES HOHMANN**

with Breanne Deppisch

**THE BIG IDEA: The credibility gap – maybe chasm is a better word at this point – keeps widening for Donald Trump and his White House.**

Two days after Trump’s victory, Russia’s deputy foreign minister told a reporter in Moscow that “there were contacts” between Russian officials and the Trump campaign. “Obviously, we know most of the people from his entourage,” he said. That prompted a vigorous denial from Trump spokeswoman Hope Hicks, who insisted there had been “no contact with Russian officials.”

- On Jan. 11, an [NBC](#) reporter asked Trump whether members of his staff were in contact with Russian officials during the campaign. “No,” he replied.
- On Jan. 15, Mike Pence was asked basically the same question on two Sunday shows. “Of course not,” he replied on [Fox and CBS](#).
- Yesterday afternoon, Sean Spicer stood by Trump’s earlier denials during the daily briefing when

questioned by [ABC](#).

### **Fresh reporting continues to cast doubt on these and many other claims:**

-- From the [lead story in today's New York Times](#): **“Phone records and intercepted calls show that members of Donald J. Trump’s 2016 presidential campaign and other Trump associates had repeated contacts with senior Russian intelligence officials in the year before the election**, according to four current and former American officials. American law enforcement and intelligence agencies intercepted the communications around the same time they were discovering evidence that Russia was trying to disrupt the presidential election by hacking into the Democratic National Committee ... The officials said the intercepted communications were not limited to Trump campaign officials, and included other associates of Mr. Trump. On the Russian side, the contacts also included members of the government outside of the intelligence services, they said...

“The call logs and intercepted communications are part of a larger trove of information that the F.B.I. is sifting through as it investigates the links between Mr. Trump’s associates and the Russian government, as well as the hacking of the D.N.C. ... **As part of its inquiry, the F.B.I. has obtained banking and travel records and conducted interviews...**

**The Times reports that one of the advisers is Paul Manafort**, who was Trump’s campaign chairman for several months last year and previously worked as a consultant in Ukraine for a politician backed by the Kremlin. The paper’s sources declined to identify the other Trump associates on the calls.

**Manafort, who has not been charged with any crimes, dismissed the accounts.** “This is absurd,” he told The Times. “I have no idea what this is referring to. **I have never knowingly spoken to Russian intelligence officers**, and I have never been involved with anything to do with the Russian government or the Putin administration or any other issues under investigation today.” He added, **“It’s not like these people wear badges that say, ‘I’m a Russian intelligence officer.’”**

**The Times story notes that these intercepted calls are different from the wiretapped conversations last year between Michael Flynn, who resigned as former national security adviser the night before last, and Sergey Kislyak, Russia’s ambassador to the United States:** “The National Security Agency, which monitors the communications of foreign intelligence services, initially captured the calls between Mr. Trump’s associates and the Russians as part of routine foreign surveillance. After that, the F.B.I. asked the N.S.A. to collect as much information as possible about the Russian operatives on the phone calls, and to search through troves of previous intercepted communications that had not been analyzed. ... The F.B.I. has closely examined at least three other people close to Mr. Trump, although it is unclear if their calls were intercepted. They are Carter Page, a businessman and former foreign policy adviser to the campaign; Roger Stone, a longtime Republican operative; and Mr. Flynn.”

-- [CNN published additional details](#), as well: “High-level advisers close to ... Trump were in constant communication during the campaign with Russians known to US intelligence, (according to) multiple current and former intelligence, law enforcement and administration officials ... **President-elect Trump and then-President Barack Obama were both briefed on details of the extensive communications between suspected Russian operatives and people associated with the Trump campaign and the Trump business**, according to US officials familiar with the matter. Both **the frequency of the communications during early summer and the proximity to Trump of those involved ‘raised a red flag’ with US intelligence and law enforcement**, according to these officials. ... Investigators have not reached a judgment on the intent of those conversations.”

- “Adding to US investigators' concerns were intercepted communications between Russian officials before and after the election discussing their belief that they had special access to Trump, two law enforcement officials tell CNN.”
- “One concern was whether Trump associates were coordinating with Russian intelligence operatives over the release of damaging information about the Hillary Clinton campaign. ‘If that were the case, then that would escalate things,’ one official briefed on the investigation said.”

-- [ABC News confirmed portions of both stories](#): “U.S. authorities were concerned with and probing communications between associates of [Trump] and suspected Russian intelligence officials in the leadup to the ... election, (according to) sources familiar with the matter...”

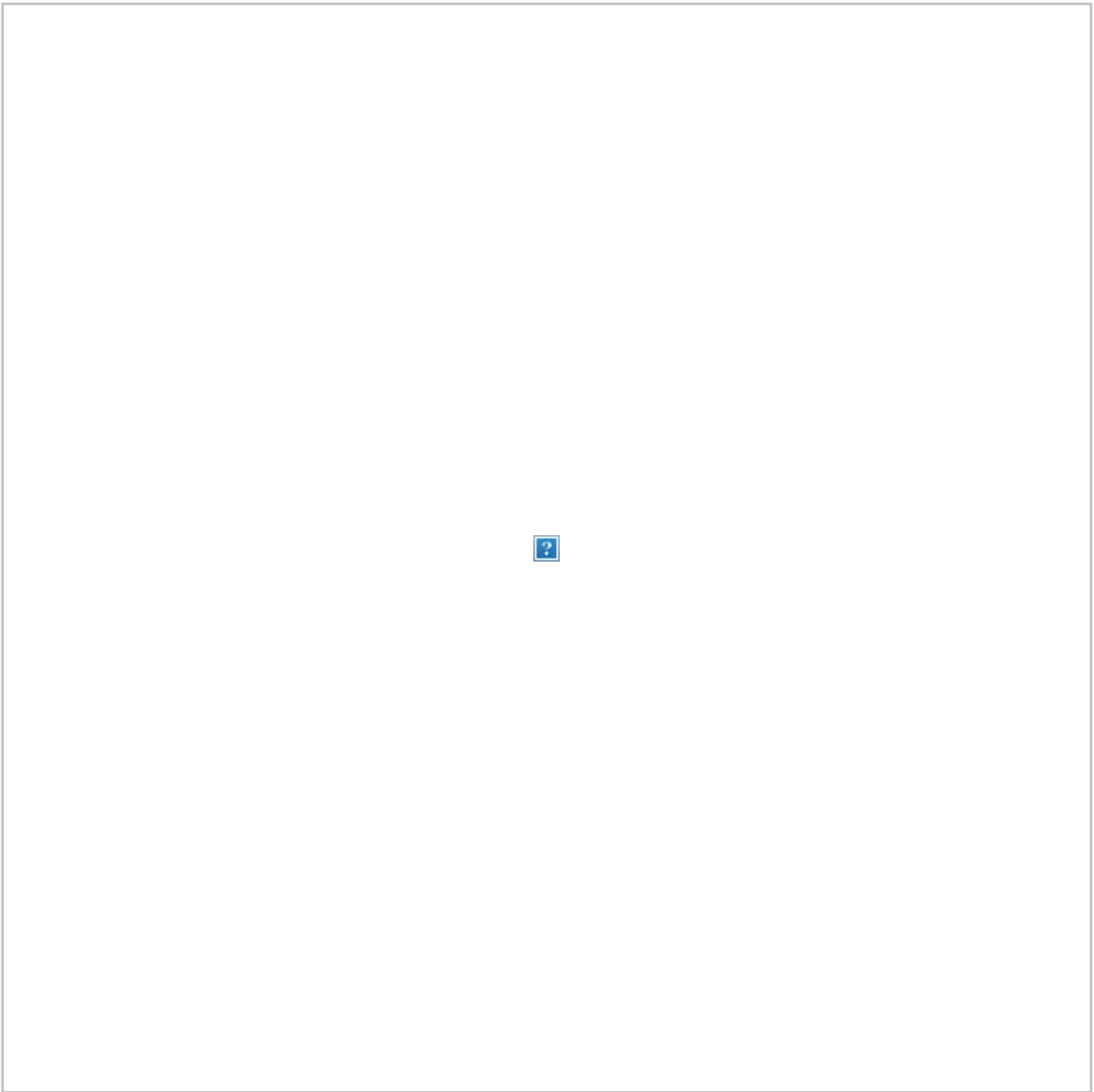


The fall of Michael Flynn: more questions than answers

**-- The Post's tick tock on Flynn's fall has new information about just how deeply concerned Obama administration officials were about his Russia contacts.** From [Greg Miller, Adam Entous and Ellen Nakashima](#): "His unusual association with Russia — and the discovery of his secret communications with the Russian ambassador — fanned suspicion among senior Obama administration officials of a more sinister aspect to Russia's interference in the election. Senior Obama administration officials said they felt so uncertain about the nature of the Flynn-Kislyak relationship that they took it upon themselves to scale back what they told Flynn and others on his incoming national security team, particularly on sensitive matters related to Russia. ... **'We did decide to not share with them certain things about Russia,' a former senior Obama administration official said. 'We just thought, who knew? Would that information be safe?'** ... Susan E. Rice, Obama's national security adviser, did not give Flynn advance notice of the sanctions that the White House planned to impose on Russia over its meddling in the election. Instead, Denis McDonough, who at the time was Obama's chief of staff, waited until the sanctions were announced to inform his Trump counterpart..."

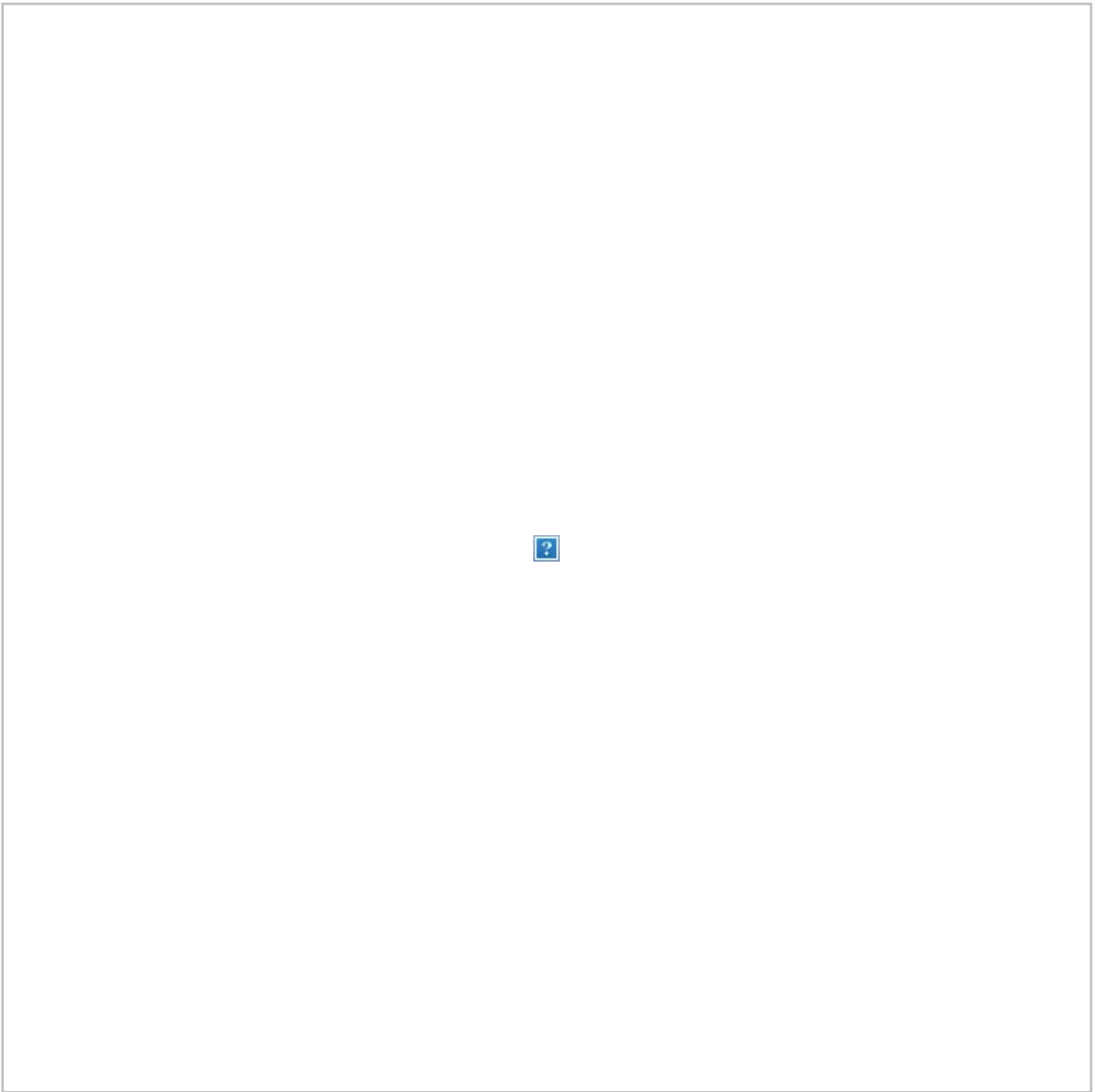
**-- Alumni of Hillary Clinton's campaign seized on the New York Times article:**

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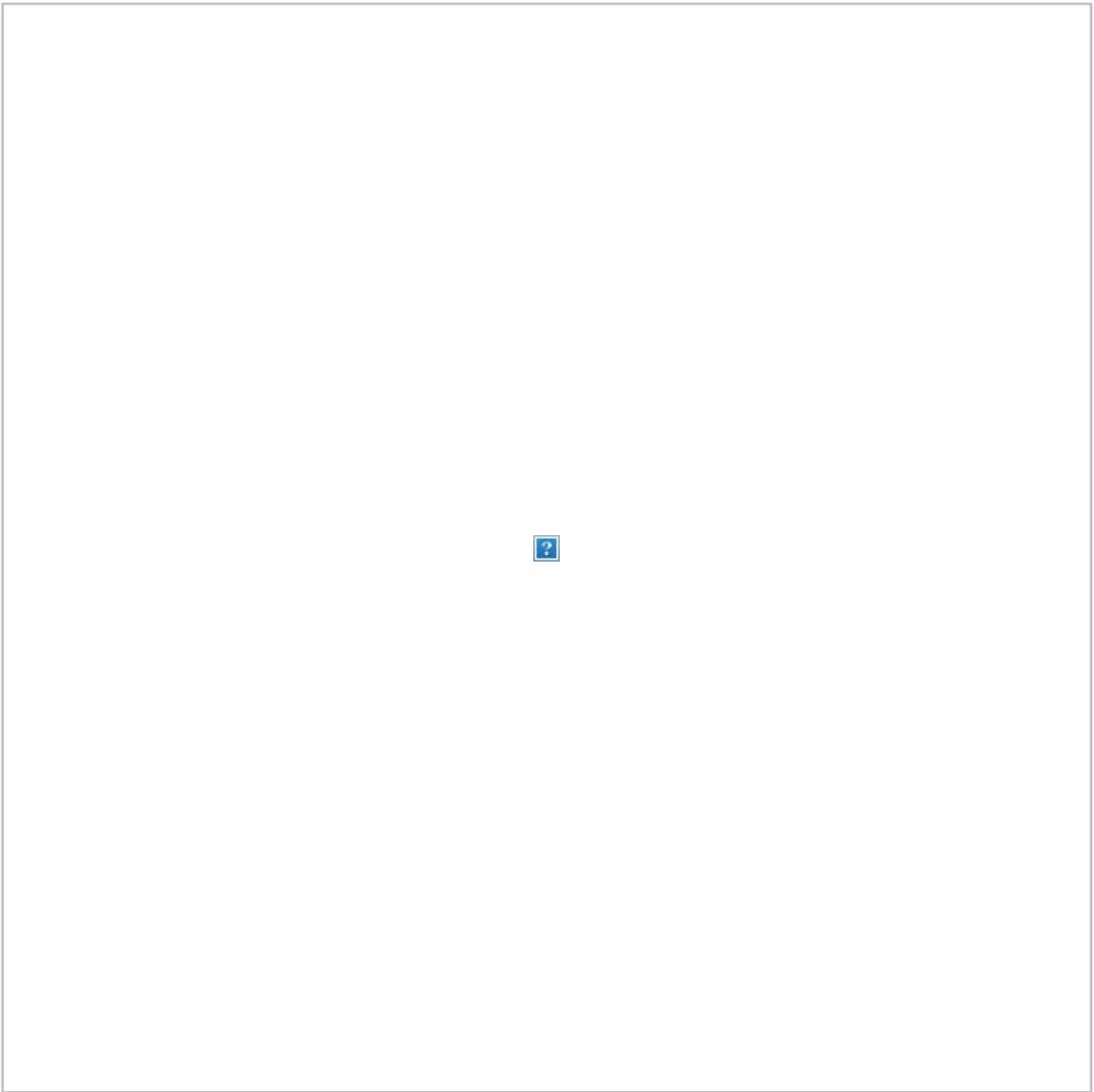


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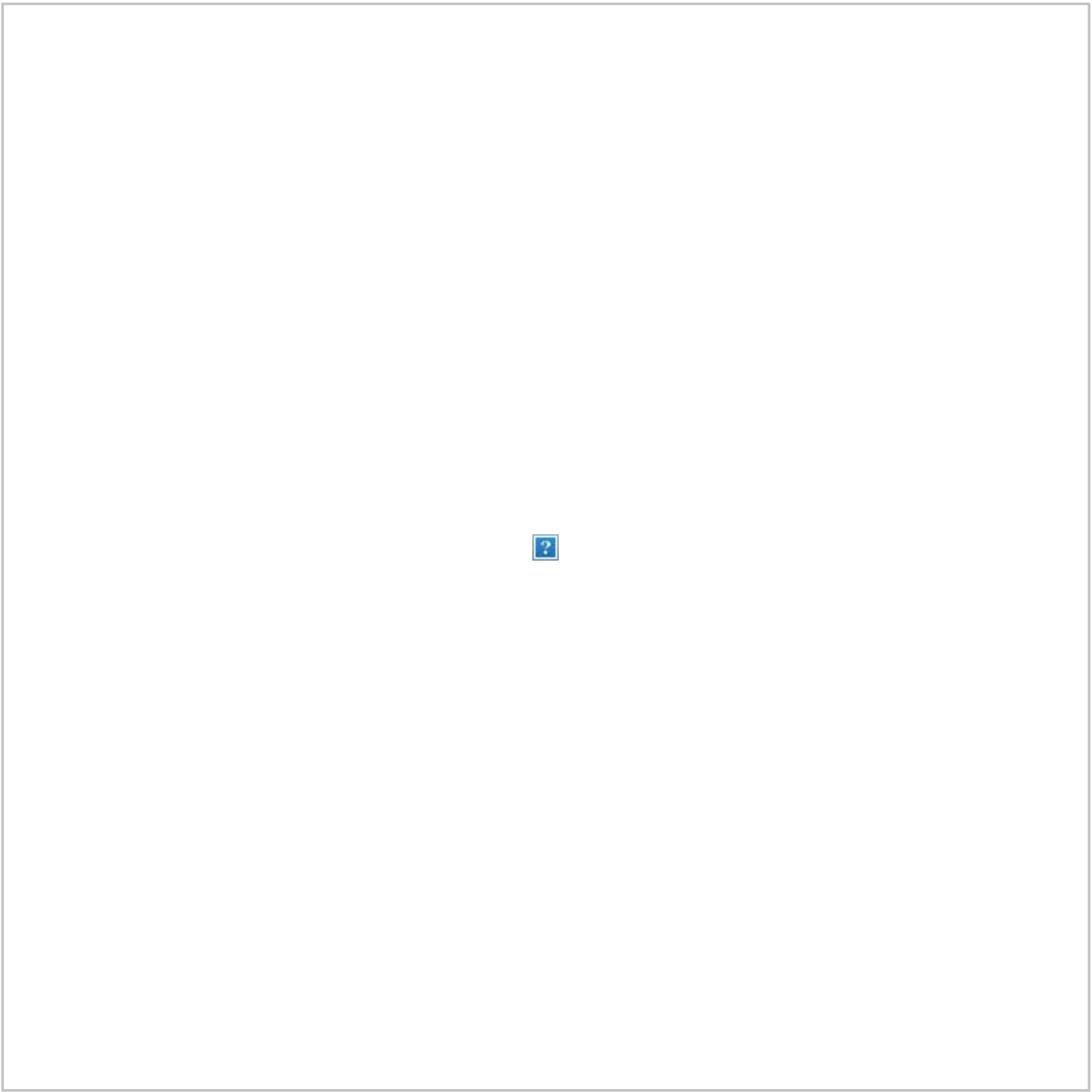


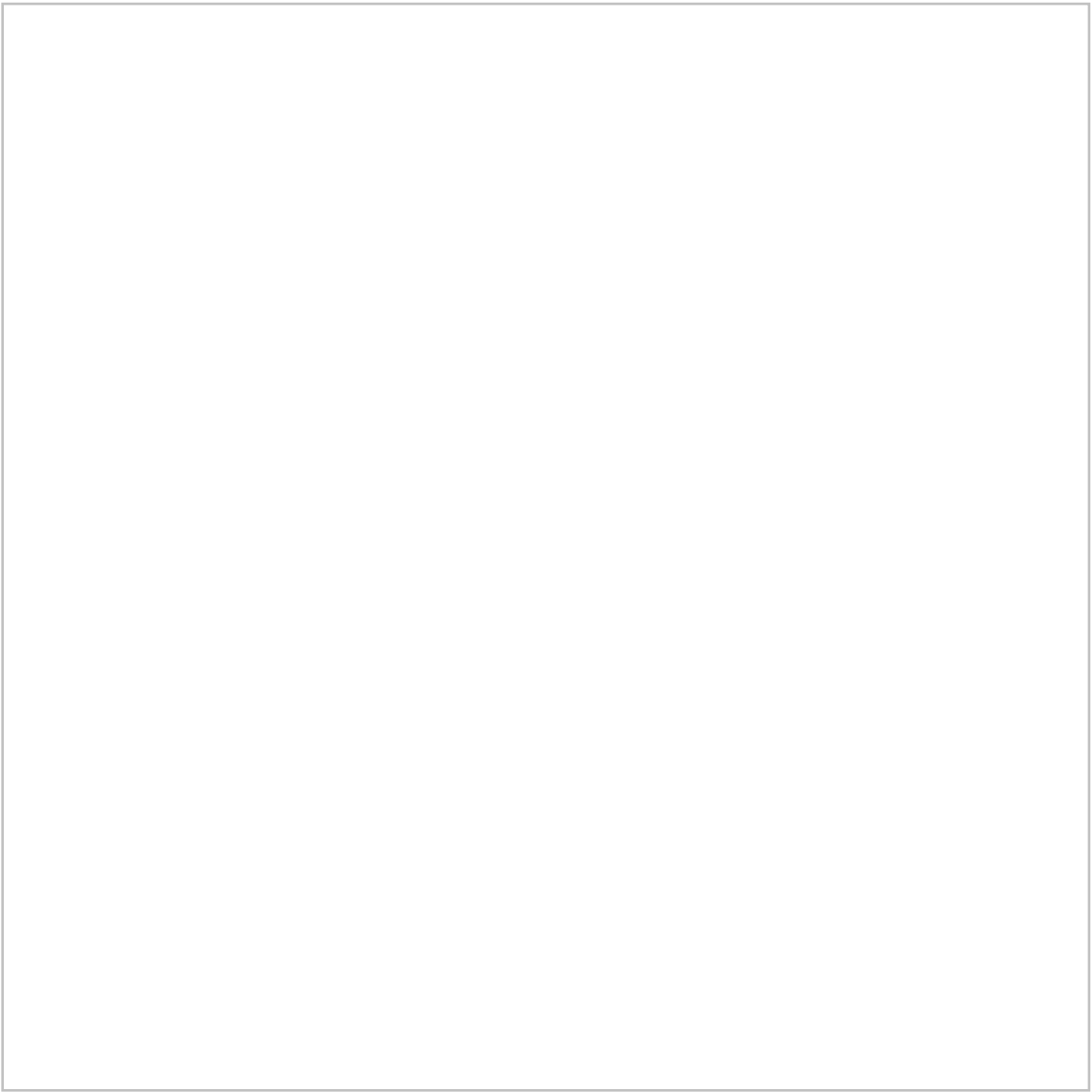


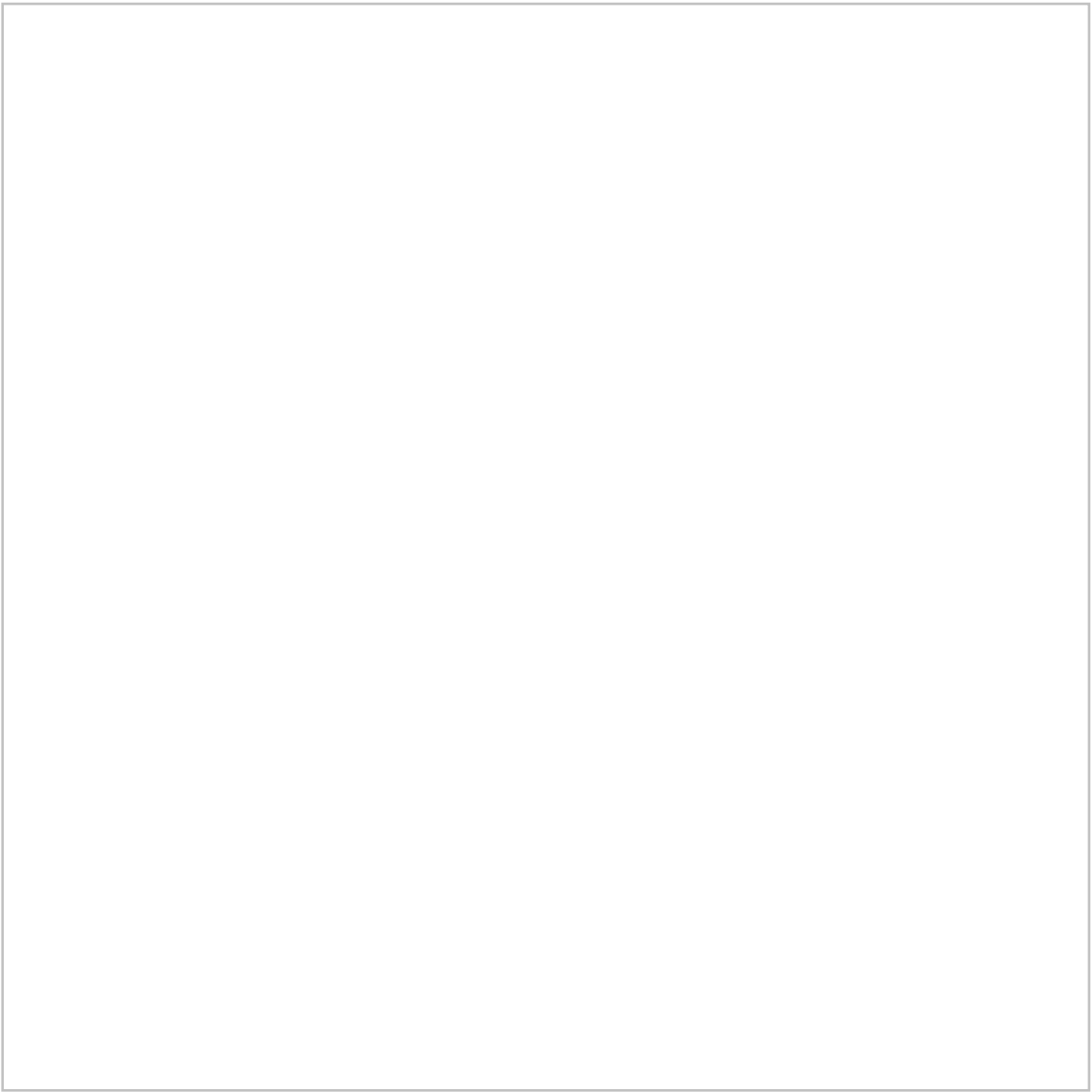
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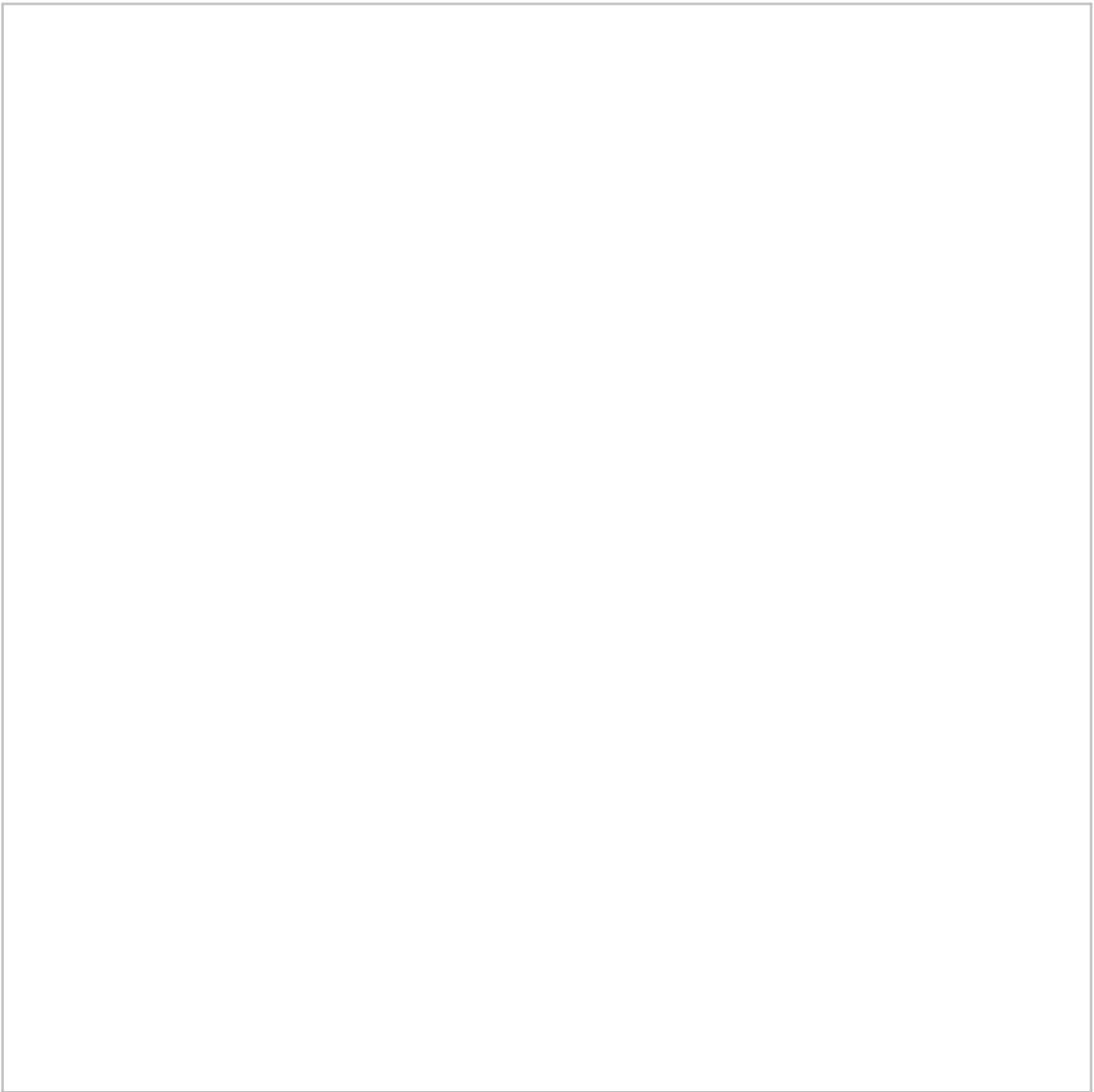


-- Trump reacted angrily this morning:









**-- John McCain reacted to that last tweet by urging Trump to take a harder line:**



#### THE LARGER CONTEXT MATTERS:

-- Flynn's departure had lent new gravity and intensity to long-simmering questions about Trump and Russia. "There was already a cloud hanging over the administration when it comes to Russia, and this darkens the cloud," said Eliot Cohen, who served as an adviser to the George W. Bush administration and has been a vocal Trump critic. "This is serious."

That quote comes from [a broader piece by Roz Helderman and Tom Hamburger](#) on **Trump's long-term fixation on and admiration for Vladimir Putin, a brutal authoritarian strongman**: "By the way, I really like Vladimir Putin," Trump told the Russian-language magazine Chayka in 2008 as he debuted a new Trump-branded New York City condo project that was catering in part to Russian buyers. **"I respect him. He does his job well. Much better than our Bush."**

**"Trump has said he has done no deals there. But over 30 years, he has repeatedly visited Moscow and promised to one day build a tower bearing his name there,"** [Roz and Tom report](#). "He has also bragged about selling a mansion in Florida to a Russian oligarch for nearly \$100 million, and Russian investors were key to the success of several Trump-branded buildings, particularly in Florida following the 2008 crash of the U.S. housing market. ... **'Russians make up a pretty disproportionate cross-section of a lot of our assets,' Trump's son, Donald Jr., told a real estate conference** in 2008 ... 'We see a lot of money pouring in from Russia.'"



A Ukrainian tank heads away from the embattled town of Avdiivka. The conflict with Russia-backed rebels has intensified dramatically since the start of the month, leaving the town without water or electricity. (Brendan Hoffman/Getty Images)

#### **WIDENING THE APERTURE FURTHER – MOSCOW IS TESTING US:**

**-- Russia's escalation in Ukraine after Putin's call with Trump is part of a broader effort to gauge how much Russia can get away with now that they have allies in the White House.**

**-- In the Black Sea last week, multiple Russian aircraft buzzed a U.S. destroyer on patrol in an incident that the captain of the American ship called "unsafe."** ([The Free Beacon](#) broke the story, and our guys tracked down [some additional details.](#))

**-- Even more alarming: Russia is secretly deploying a new cruise missile in violation of a treaty with the United States, watching to see if the White House pushes back.** "The system substantially increases the military threat to NATO nations, depending on where the highly mobile system is based and how many more batteries are deployed in the future," [Michael Gordon reports in today's New York Times.](#) "The ground-launched cruise missile at the center of American concerns is one that the Obama administration said in 2014 had been tested in violation of a 1987 treaty that bans American and Russian intermediate-range missiles based on land. The Obama administration had sought to persuade the Russians to correct the violation while



the missile was still in the test phase. Instead, the Russians have moved ahead with the system, deploying a fully operational unit. ... The missile program has been a major concern for the Pentagon, which has developed options for how to respond, including deploying additional missile defenses in Europe or developing air-based or sea-based cruise missiles.”

Vladimir Putin and Rex Tillerson in 2012. (Mikhail Klimentyev/AFP/Getty Images)



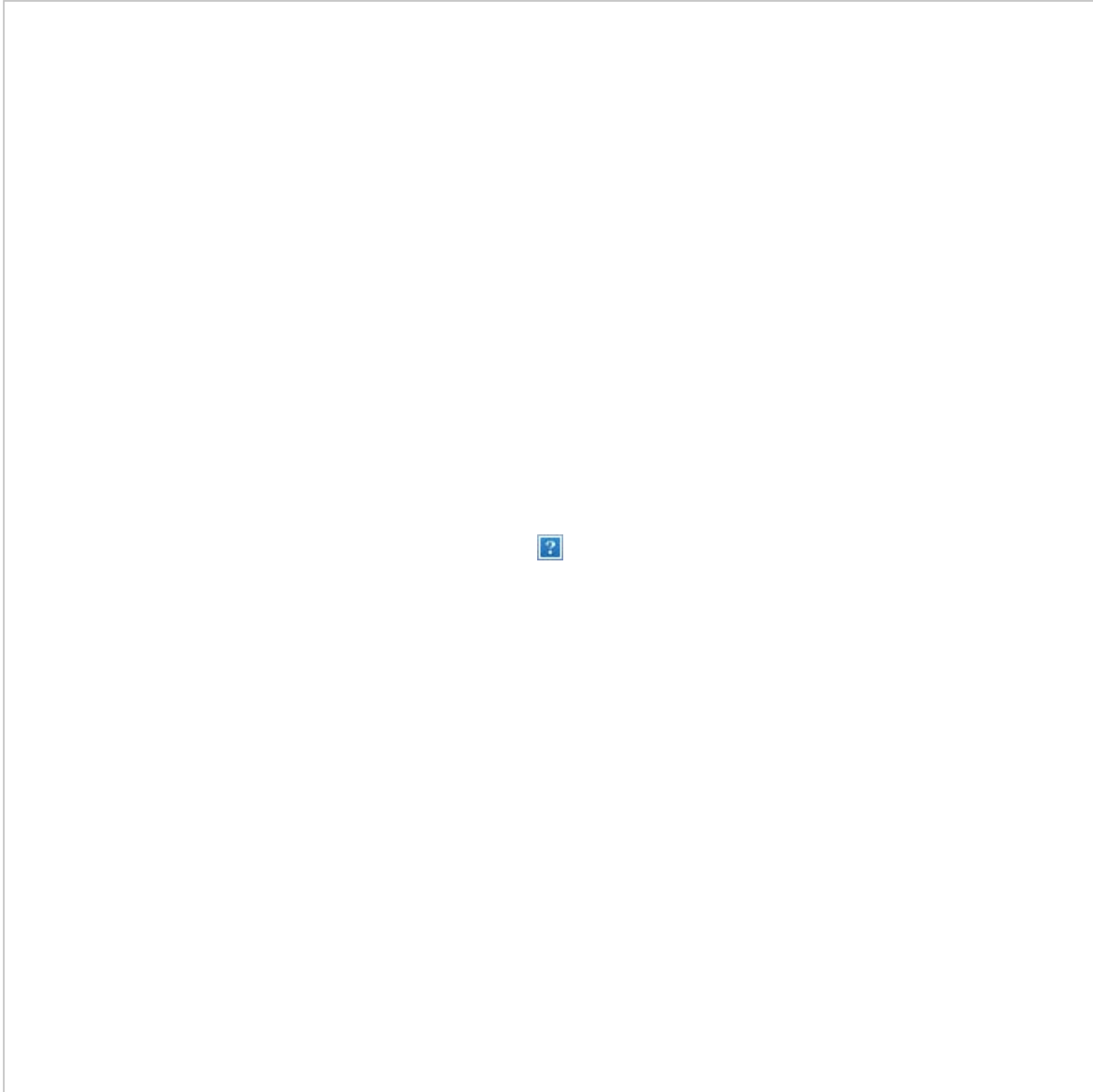
Vladimir Putin and Rex Tillerson in 2012. (Mikhail Klimentyev/AFP/Getty Images)

-- **Will Trump’s Russian reset survive Flynn’s ouster?** [The Atlantic’s Julia Ioffe, a keen Russia observer, bets yes](#): “As soon as news reached Moscow that [he] had resigned ... hawkish Russian lawmakers began to hyperventilate. ... It was a rather extraordinary display: Russian officials defending an American national security adviser as if he were one of their own. **With Flynn gone, it would appear that Moscow had lost an ‘in’ to the Trump administration. But that would overstate the case. ‘They have other entrees,’ one senior State Department official told me.** Flynn was just a messenger, in other words, and **there are other people in the West Wing who are equally motivated to strike some kind of grand bargain with Putin** ... And if Trump and Putin both want the deal done, it won’t be too hard to find another go-between.”

**Russian parliament member Alexey Pavlovsky tells Julia that the one real problem is timing:** “If the Kremlin and the White House don’t move quickly, ‘America and Russia could lose the opportunity to lower the pressure on the relationship,’ he said. ‘If there’s no agreement in six months, then it will never be reached

because then our presidential campaign begins’—Putin is up for reelection again in 2018—‘and Putin won’t be able to be soft.’”

-- Secretary of state Rex Tillerson, who received The Order of Friendship from Putin in 2013, is [planning to huddle](#) with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on the sidelines of a G20 meeting in Germany.



Trump says he hasn’t heard of reports on Flynn talks with Russian diplomat

#### **TRUMP’S LARGER CREDIBILITY PROBLEM:**

-- **This weekend brought yet another reminder that Trump’s claims can never be taken at face value.** While flying to Palm Beach on Air Force One, the president told reporters he was “not familiar” with The Post’s report that Flynn had talked about sanctions with the ambassador. “I don’t know about that. I haven’t seen it. What report is that? I haven’t seen that. I’ll look into that,” he said.

**We learned yesterday that, in fact, Trump had been told two weeks earlier that Flynn had discussed sanctions with the Russian ambassador, despite his denials. But he sat on the information.** “Spicer said that Trump was responding only to a question about the Post report and was not speaking about the overall issue of Flynn’s contact with the Russian ambassador and his discussion of sanctions,” Karen DeYoung, Abby Phillip and Jenna Johnson report in [a deeper dive on what has become “a full-blown crisis.”](#)

A few hours after Trump played dumb on Air Force One, he privately expressed frustration during a dinner at Mar-A-Lago that Flynn was dining at a nearby table. Trump was “surprised” to learn that Flynn was dining at a nearby table, the [Wall Street Journal reports](#). “What is he doing here?” the president reportedly said, describing the man who was once at the center of his political orbit as “very controversial.” Still, Trump kept Flynn close all weekend.

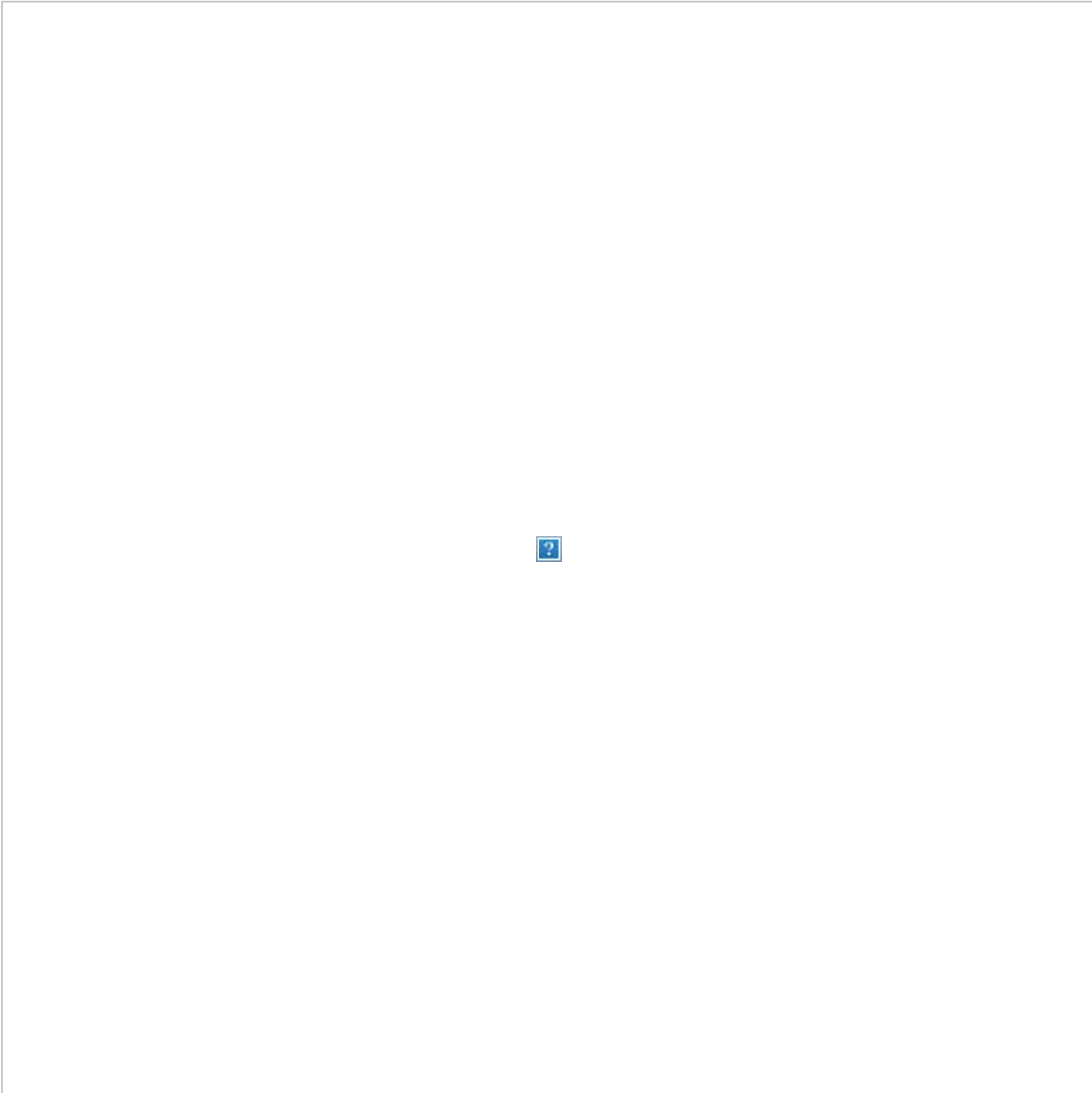


Richard Nixon downplays the “Saturday night massacre” in remarks at the White House. (Henry Burroughs/AP)

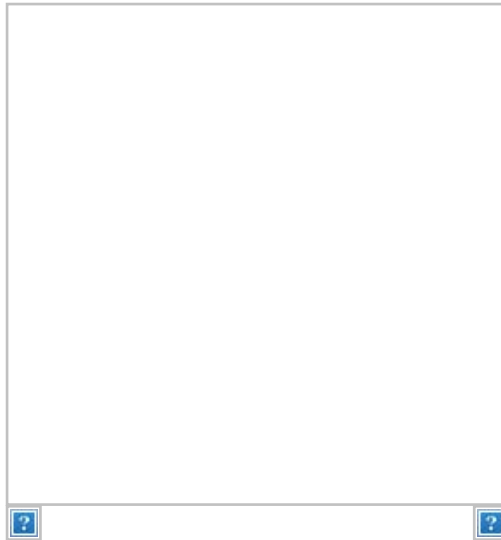
#### **IT’S NOT THE CRIME. IT’S THE COVER UP:**

-- From [Walter Pincus’s column for The Cipher Brief](#): “What did the President know, and when did he know it? For those of us who went through Watergate, that question, first posed by Sen. Howard Baker (R-Tenn.), is the one most relevant today as the current White House drama unfolds ... At 6:28 a.m. yesterday morning, Trump wrote from the White House: ‘The real story here is why are there so many illegal leaks coming out of Washington? Will these leaks be happening as I deal on N.Korea etc?’ **That presidential tweet should make people uneasy, the way we felt nervous during Watergate about what military actions President Nixon might undertake as the truth began to threaten him personally.** Trump was initiating what can only be described as a typical attempt to divert his roughly 25 million followers from paying attention to what he and his own White House has been caught doing.”

**Walter, one of the wisest men in Washington, offers [sage advice](#) that the Trump high command might want to heed:** “More than 50 years ago, on the very first day I showed up for work to run an investigation of foreign government lobbyists for Sen. J.W. Fulbright (D-Ark.), then chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he told me, **‘Remember, it’s not what you did that counts, it’s what you did after you were caught.’** Washington, believe it or not, is a very forgiving town to government officials, including members of Congress, if they confess to misdeeds. But what has always brought people down is when they try to cover up what they have done.”



Senate Republicans: Intelligence Committee will investigate Flynn contact with Russia



## **WILL REPUBLICANS CONTINUE TO STAND BY TRUMP AS HIS NUMBERS SINK?**

-- **It has become politically more difficult for congressional Republicans to walk in lockstep with the president.** [From Sean Sullivan, Karoun Demirjian and Paul Kane:](#)

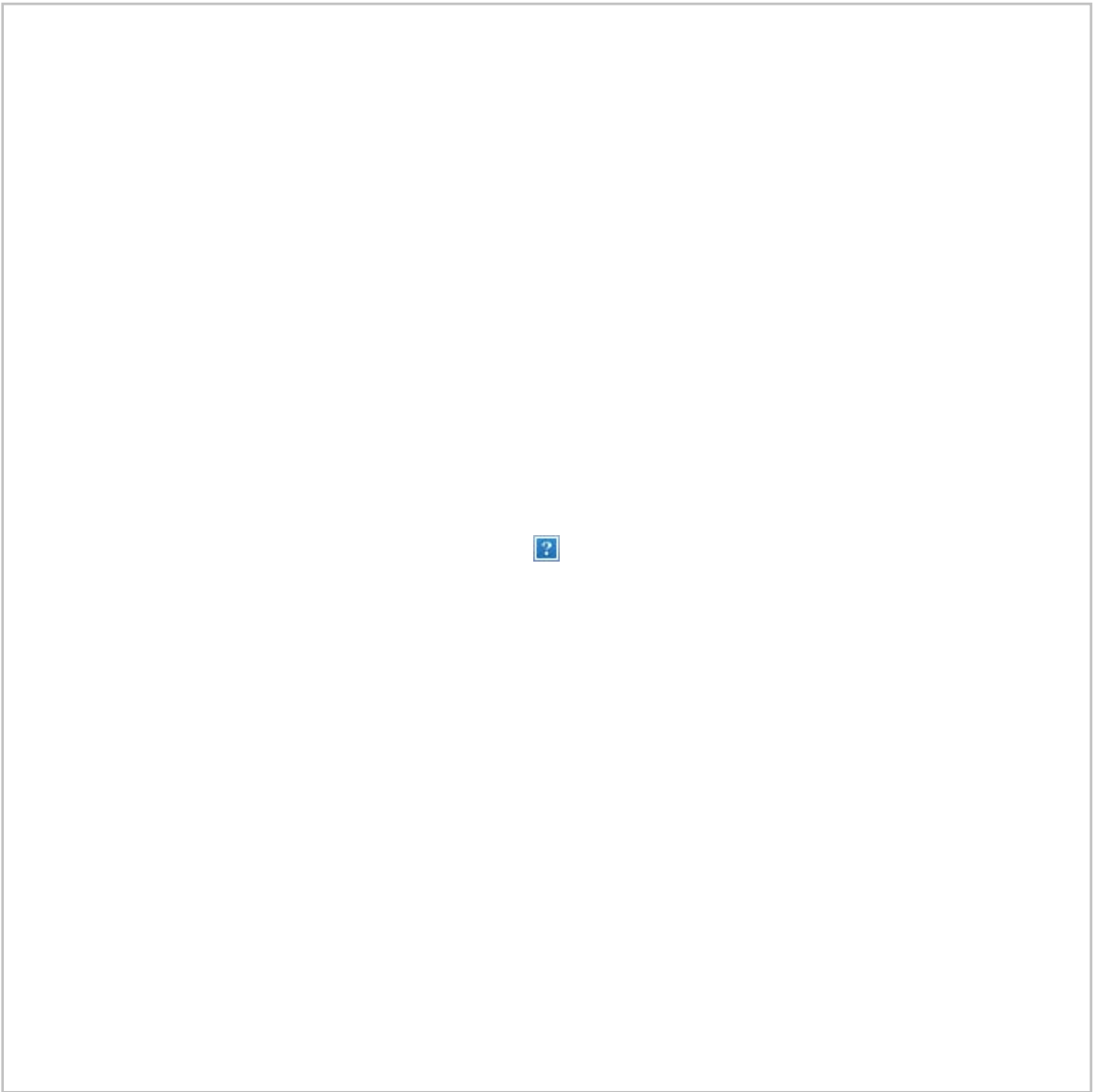
- Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday that it was “highly likely” that the events leading to Flynn’s departure would be added to the broader probe into Russian meddling in the election.
- The top two members of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.) and Sen. Mark R. Warner (D-Va.), stood side by side to announce that the committee’s ongoing probe must include an examination of any contacts between Trump campaign officials and the Russian government.
- Sen. Roy Blunt, a member of Senate Republican leadership, told [a Missouri radio station](#) that the Senate Intelligence Committee should look into Trump’s Russia connections “exhaustively so that at the end of this process, nobody wonders whether there was a stone left unturned, and shouldn’t reach conclusions before you have the information that you need to have to make those conclusions.” “For all of us, finding out if there’s a problem or not, and sooner rather than later, is the right thing to do,” he said.

-- **A new Iowa poll from [the Des Moines Register](#), which was in the field last week, pegs Trump’s approval rating at 42 percent, with 49 percent disapproving.** While 82 percent of Republicans approve of the president’s job performance, only 39 percent of independents do. For context, Trump carried Iowa by nine points in November. The poll was conducted by Ann Selzer, who is considered the gold standard in the Hawkeye State.

The Register’s write-up quotes an independent voter who participated in the poll: **“He scares me every time he tweets,” said Clarissa Gadiant from Davenport. “I mean, really and truly, it’s about security, and I don’t feel it at all.”** Gadiant, 58, a caregiver who’s been unemployed since last fall, said Trump’s early actions in office have left her “fatigued” and deeply uncertain about his readiness for the presidency.

-- **A [Fox News poll](#) puts Trump’s approval rating at 48 percent nationally.** Passions run especially high: 35 percent of registered voters “strongly” approve and 41 percent “strongly” disapprove. Overall, **49 percent lack confidence in Trump’s judgment** and 45 percent say he is not a strong leader.

-- **From a speechwriter in Bush 43’s White House:**



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**WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:**

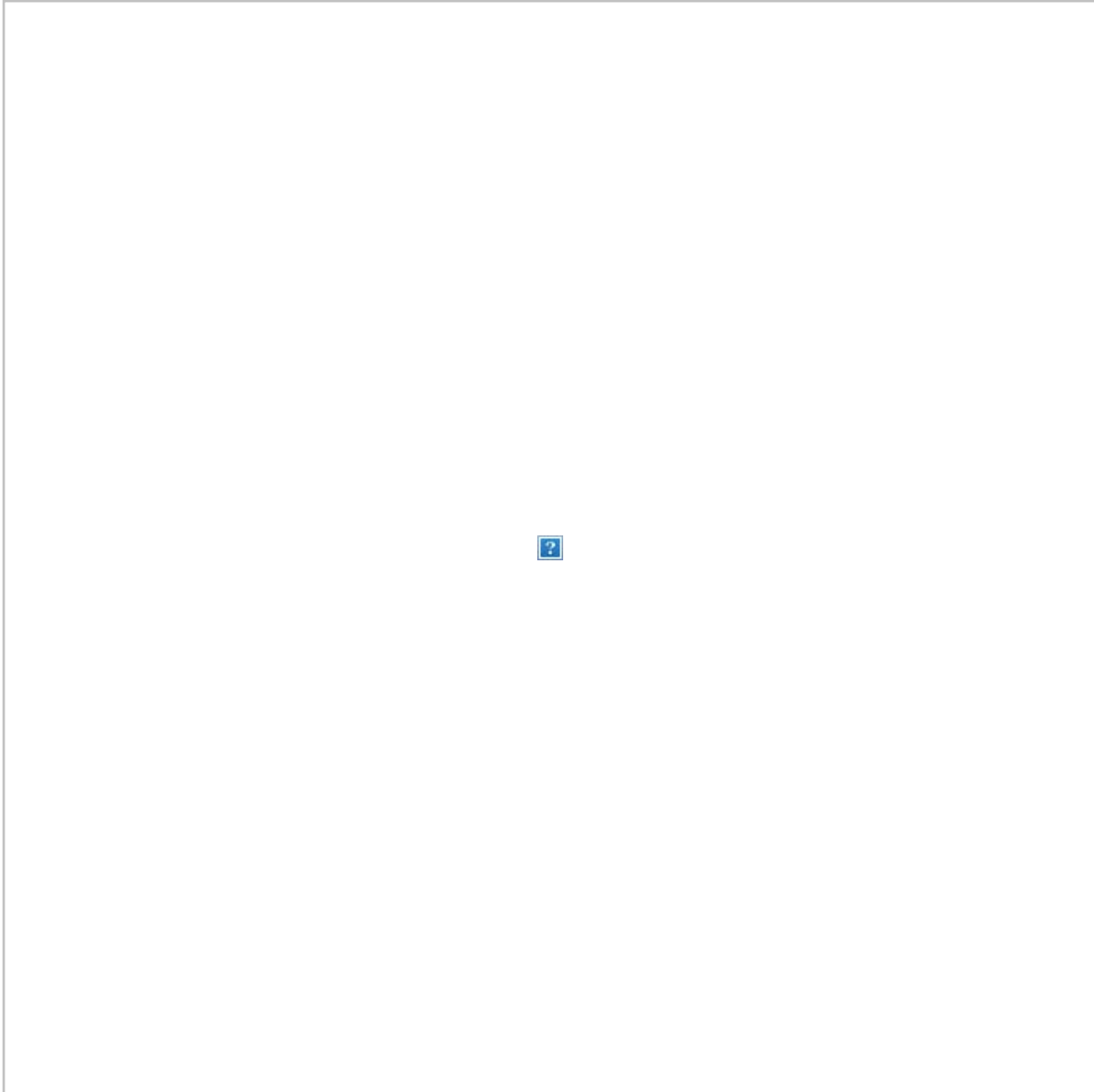


Rumor wins the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City last night. (Stephanie Keith/Reuters)

-- **Rumor, a female German shepherd, won best in show at the Westminster dog show.** [Karin Brulliard reports](#): “In the end, Rumor had it. ... The herding dog was a favorite and finalist at last year’s competition, after which her owners decided her show life was over. But they brought her back this year, and her victory brought down the packed house at Madison Square Garden. Now she’ll retire for good, her handler and owner, Kent Boyles, told reporters ... What’s in her future? ‘Babies, I hope,’ Boyles said. And perhaps her favorite treat, he said — ribeye steak.” Other finalists: A male Irish Setter named Adrian, a female Norwegian Elkhound named Duffy, a male Pekingese named Chuckie, a female miniature poodle named Aftin. More of our team coverage [here](#).

-- **Federal immigration agents have detained and threatened to deport a 23-year-old immigrant who received protection under DACA, the Obama-led program that provides a work permit and deportation reprieve to those who were brought to the U.S. as children.** The [Los Angeles Times reports](#): “Daniel Ramirez Medina was sleeping at his father’s home near Seattle when agents arrived and arrested his father, for whom they had an arrest warrant, the lawsuit says. After the arrest, according to the complaint, the agents asked Ramirez, ‘Are you legally here?’ At that point, the complaint says, agents took Ramirez to a processing center in Seattle, where he again informed authorities that he had a work permit. “One of the agents stated: ‘It doesn’t matter, because you weren’t born in this country,’ the petition said.” His case has prompted swift backlash from immigration activists, who have expressed concern after hundreds of undocumented

immigrants were arrested in a multi-state sweep last week.



Oklahoma State Rep. Justin Humphrey prepares to speak yesterday during a committee hearing. (Steve Gooch/The Oklahoman via AP)

-- **Oklahoma lawmakers advanced a bill that would require a woman to get *the written consent of a fetus's father before obtaining an abortion.*** The Republican lawmaker who authored the bill prompted outrage after saying the bodies of pregnant woman are “hosts”: “I understand that they feel like that is their body,” he said of women. “I feel like it is a separate — what I call them is, is you’re a ‘host.’ And you know when you enter into a relationship you’re going to be that host and so, you know, if you pre-know that then take all precautions and don’t get pregnant. So that’s where I’m at.” ([Sandhya Somashekhar and Amy B Wang](#))





Pakistani people sell balloons on Valentine's Day in Pakistan. (EPA/Shahzaib Akber)

#### **GET SMART FAST:**

1. **A number of Pakistani salesmen found themselves at odds with national authorities after a court banned public observance of Valentine's Day**, on the belief that the holiday "celebrates Western vulgarity" and promiscuity. Still, many vendors defiantly set up shop for the February holiday anyway – representing a deepening national divide as the country becomes both more Western and more Islamic at the same time. ([Pamela Constable](#))
2. **Health insurer Cigna said it will unilaterally terminate its \$54 billion merger agreement with Anthem after it was blocked by a U.S. judge, announcing the decision just hours after Aetna and Humana also said they would abandon a blockbuster \$37 billion merger.**([Carolyn Y. Johnson](#))
3. **The man accused of supplying high-powered rifles to the San Bernardino terrorists has agreed to plead guilty for his connection to the 2015 shooting, and to plotting a mass killing with the gunman that was never carried out.** Federal officials said that Enrique Marquez envisioned detailed plans -- such as halting traffic on a major roadway with explosives and firing at trapped motorists -- before he backed out of them. If convicted, Marquez could face up to 25 years in prison. ([AP](#))
4. **The FAA is investigating another Harrison Ford aviation mishap while the movie star piloted his private plane on Monday.** He reportedly missed the runway on which he was supposed to land and aimed for a taxiway instead – crossing over the top of a 110-person American Airlines flight before

- landing. Ford is an experienced flyer but has crash-landed several aircraft. ([Peter Holley](#))
5. **The CDC reported more evidence of progress against HIV this week**, citing an 18 percent decline in the number of U.S. infections between 2008 and 2014, after numbers remained stagnant for more than a decade. The decline was even sharper among heterosexuals – at 36 percent – while intravenous-drug users experienced a 56 percent drop. ([Lenny Bernstein](#))
  6. **Two Native American tribes submitted a new court filing to stop the Dakota Access pipeline, making a last-ditch effort to vacate an easement filed by the Army Corps of Engineers.** Unlike the previous filing, which made an argument on religious grounds, this one cites alleged violations of several statutes. ([Steven Mufson](#))
  7. **The son of Henrietta Lacks, whose cancer cells were taken in the 1950s without her consent and made her the unwitting progenitor of one of the most important cell lines in medical research, is seeking compensation from Johns Hopkins.** Despite the fact that her cells have led to the development of amazing new medical techniques, including vaccines, cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization, he says the family has not received a dime. ([Andrea K. McDaniels](#))
  8. **Austrian authorities have arrested a man dressed as Adolf Hitler's double.** The 25-year-old was seen wandering around the Nazi dictator's birthplace, introducing himself by the name of Hitler, and perusing the World War II aisles of a local bookstore before authorities intervened. ([Amanda Erickson](#))
  9. **A Connecticut man is on trial for murder after sending a cryptic text to the mother of his 7-month-old son – and then tossing the child off of a nearby bridge.** "You're not a parent anymore," he typed, before attempting to jump to his own death as well. He was intercepted by authorities, however, and could face up to 70 years in prison. ([Lindsey Bever](#))
  10. **NBC News shook up its ranks on Tuesday**, replacing company president Deborah Turness, the executive who presided over a number of high-profile controversies at the network, from the handling of Brian Williams to the "Access Hollywood" footage. She will become president of NBC News International, a new position. She will be replaced by Noah Oppenheim, the executive producer of the "Today" show and a former producer at MSNBC and CNBC. ([Paul Farhi](#))
  11. **A naked man assaulted another man at the entrance of NBC News's Washington bureau**, hitting and pushing him to the ground before running inside the building and *biting* another man who helped restrain him. ([AP](#))
  12. **The American Girl company announced the creation of its very first boy doll, Logan Everett.** He will help bolster the collection of modern American Girl dolls, as the company moves to diversify move past the historical backstories that first made the dolls a household name. ([New York Times](#))
  13. **Kate Upton, the niece of Rep. Fred Upton (R-Mich.), will be on the cover of [the Sports Illustrated swimsuit edition](#) for the third time.** ([People](#))

Trump shakes hands with Bibi last September. (Kobi Gideon,GPO via AP)</p>□

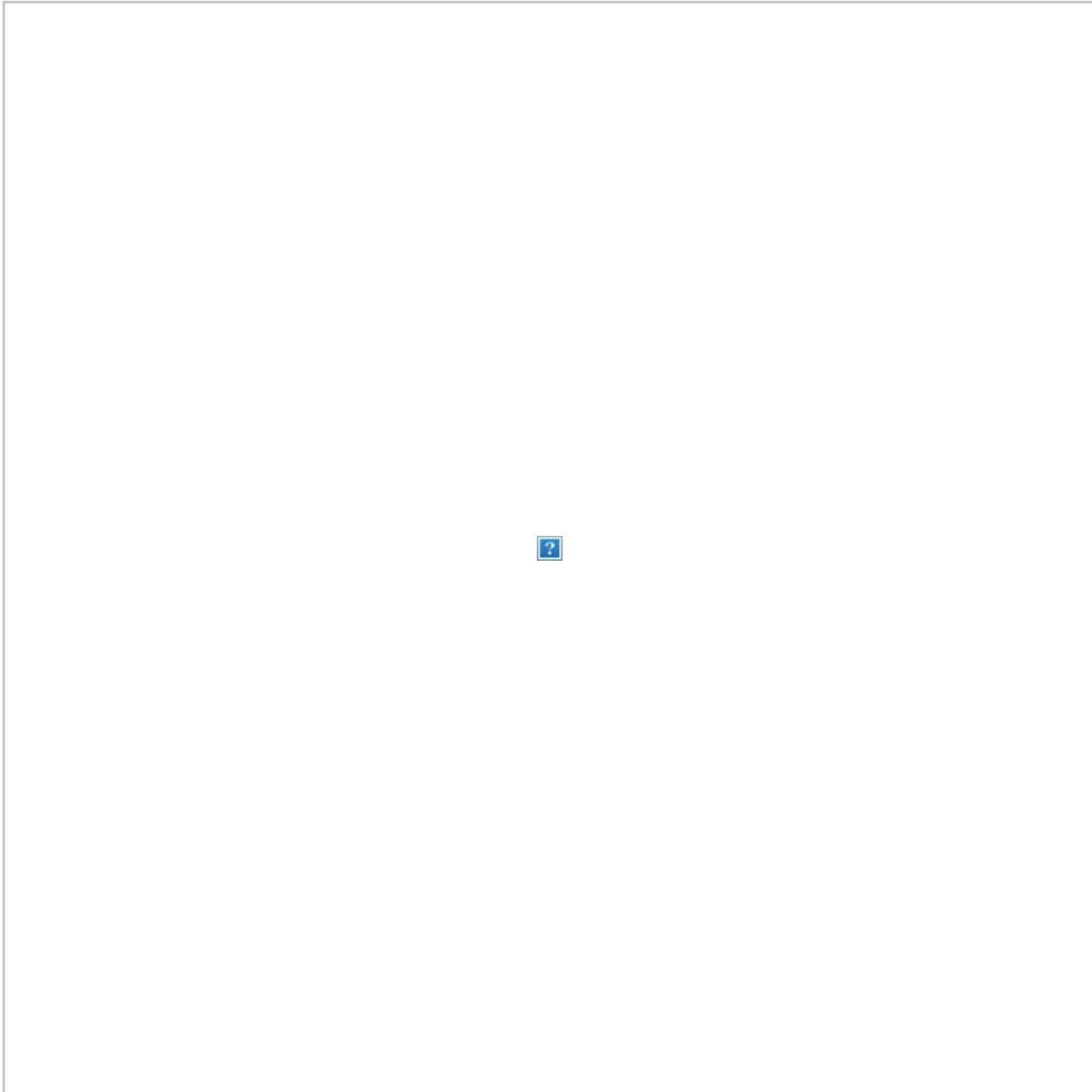
Trump shakes hands with Bibi last September. (Kobi Gideon,GPO via AP)

#### **DRIVING THE DAY:**

**-- Expectations are high as Trump readies to visit with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House, but if history is a guide, the symbolic united front they will seek to display cannot last.**  
[Anne Gearan and Ruth Eglash raise the curtain:](#)

- **“On the U.S. side,** the expectations could not be higher for a clean break from what Trump sees as the failures of [Obama’s] years and a bold stroke for Middle East peace ... Success hinges on Netanyahu’s cooperation in the near-certain event that Trump asks him to make political or other concessions ... It may also depend on Trump’s own reaction if, as participants in past peace efforts said is likely, Netanyahu attempts to get the better of the new U.S. dealmaker in chief.”
- **“On the Israeli side,** Netanyahu is counting on the Trump administration’s aggressive and skeptical U.S. approach to Iran and the nuclear deal, as well as nearly unqualified support for policies toward the Palestinians that have brought international condemnation. And to his political right at home, an increasingly powerful Israeli political constituency wants carte blanche from the new U.S. administration to turn away from the once-shared U.S.-Israeli goal of an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel.”

**-- A White House official told reporters last night that the United States won't insist on a two-state solution.** "Maybe, maybe not. It's something the two sides have to agree to. It's not for us to impose that vision," the official said.



Kellyanne Conway, left, and Hope Hicks, right, listen during Sean Spicer's briefing yesterday. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

#### **MOUNTING ETHICS CONCERNS:**

**-- The head of the Office of Government Ethics said there is "strong reason to believe" that Trump counselor Kellyanne Conway violated federal rules by promoting Ivanka Trump's eponymous clothing line during a interview, and he has urged the White House to investigate the matter and consider disciplining her.** [Matea Gold reports](#): "In a Feb. 13 letter to White House Deputy Counsel Stefan Passantino, OGE Director Walter M. Shaub Jr., wrote that Conway's comments appeared to be 'a clear violation' of federal ethics rules that bar federal employees from using their public office to endorse a product. Shaub added that the ethics agency has not been notified whether the White House has disciplined Conway, even though [Sean Spicer] said she was 'counseled' [about the matter]."

**The OGE response was praised by a bipartisan group of Capitol Hill lawmakers, with House Oversight Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz calling on Trump to follow the agency's advice.** "I appreciate the

quick response from OGE and hope the White House heeds their recommendation,” he said in a statement. His remarks were echoed by Rep. Elijah Cummings, the ranking committee Democrat, who described Conway’s remarks as “a textbook violation of federal ethics rules.” Ethics experts said that violating such rules can trigger a “variety” of disciplinary actions, including a multi-day suspension or loss of pay. For example, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employees face a five-day suspension or termination for such a violation.

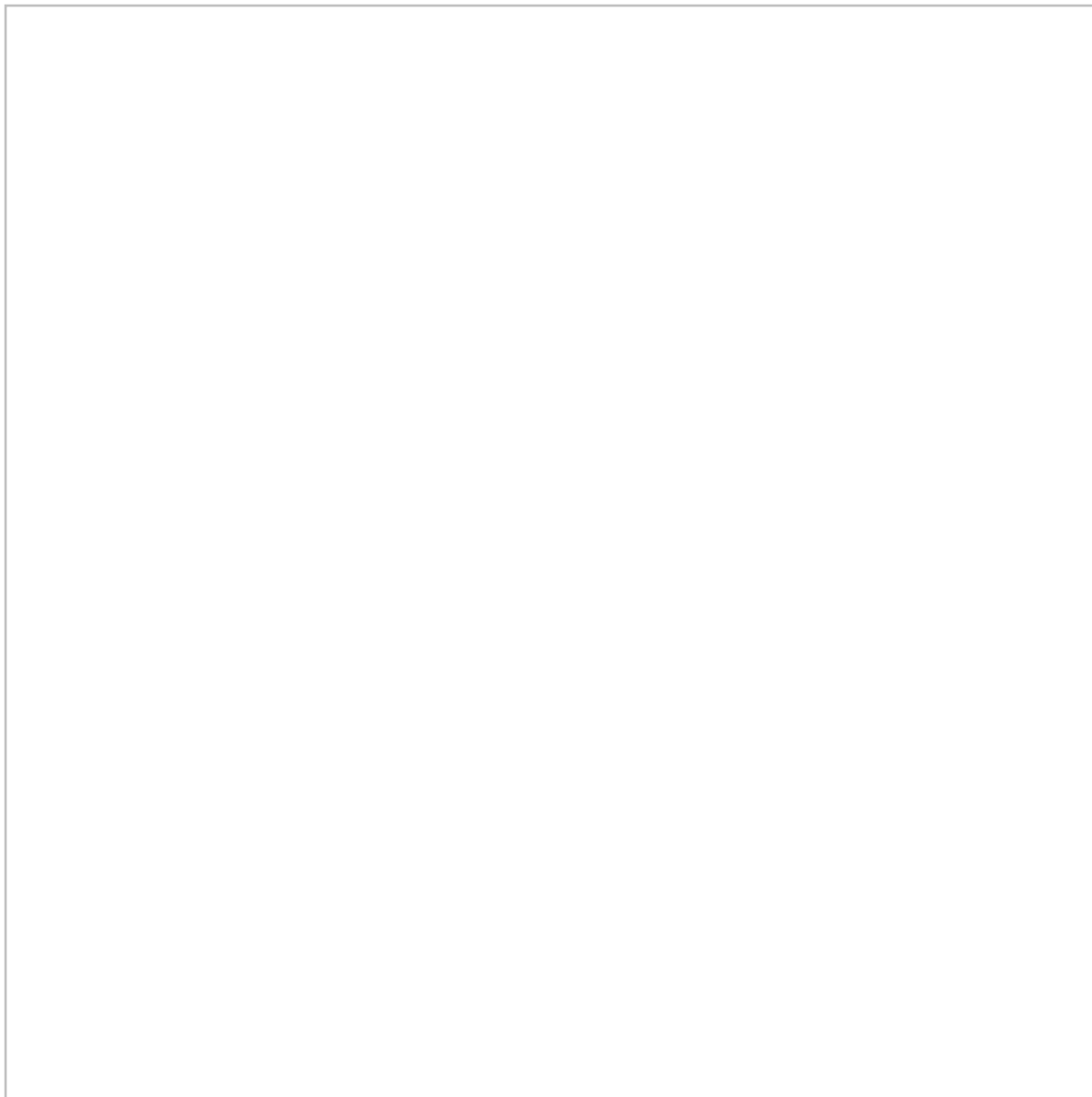
**-- Chaffetz also asked the White House for information about security protocols at Mar-a-Lago, after Trump pored over documents related to North Korea on a table just steps away from fellow diners.**

[Elise Viebeck reports](#): The request is significant as it marks the first time [the committee] has requested information from the Trump White House. “Discussions with foreign leaders regarding international missile tests, and documents used to support those discussions, are presumptively [sic] sensitive,” Chaffetz wrote in a letter to Trump Chief of Staff Reince Priebus. “While the President is always on duty, and cannot dictate the timing of when he needs to receive sensitive information about urgent matters, we hope the White House will cooperate in providing the Committee with additional information.”

**-- Probably not a coincidence: Trump just "won" a trademark fight he's been waging for years in China.** “His triumph in the fight to wrest back his brand for construction services in China could spell the end of more than 225 Trump-related products that don’t belong to him, including Trump toilets, ... Trump pacemakers and even a “Trump International Hotel,”” [the AP’s Erika Kinetz reports](#). “After a decade of grinding battle in China’s courts, an official finding in Trump’s favor expected this week could signal a shift in fortune for the U.S. president’s intellectual property. Also at stake are 49 pending Trump trademark applications — all made during his campaign — and 77 previously registered marks, most of which will come up for renewal during his term. Each win creates value for Trump’s business empire — and raises ethics questions about his administration.”

**“There can be no question that it is a terrible idea for him to be accepting the registration of these valuable property rights from China while he’s a sitting president,” said former White House ethics lawyer Norman Eisen.** “It’s fair to conclude that this is an effort to influence Mr. Trump that is ... potentially very valuable to him, but it could be very costly for the United States.”

**-- Who is Donald McGahn, the fiery lawyer at the center of virtually every Trump controversy? [Matt Zapotosky and Sari Horwitz have a mini-profile](#):** “McGahn — the fiery lawyer who has represented the president since before his election — is a consummate Washington insider, but like the man for whom he works, he has an independent streak ... **On the [FEC], where he served from 2008 to 2013, McGahn repeatedly clashed with Democratic commissioners as he worked to loosen regulations on campaign spending and place limits on the commission’s ability to launch investigations of violations of campaign finance law.** Democratic Commissioner Ellen L. Weintraub said McGahn ... resisted pursuing virtually all complaints of election-related wrongdoing. ‘One thing that does trouble me a little bit in the role that he’s in now is he was never someone who was open to new ideas or people challenging his views,’ Weintraub said.”



Steve Bannon, left, and Reince Priebus, right, listen during a meeting at the White House. (Jabin Botsford/The Washington Post)

#### **MORE WEST WING INTRIGUE:**

**-- Trump's Pravda, formerly run by Steve Bannon, has trained its guns on Reince Priebus.** [The Atlantic's Rosie Gray reports](#): "Breitbart News has a target in its crosshairs following the departure of Mike Flynn: the White House Chief of Staff. Targeting Priebus, who leads the faction of Trump aides that is composed of experienced establishment political hands, is really just a stand-in for a larger conflict about the future of Trumpism in the White House. Breitbart News is treating Flynn's ouster as the first salvo in a war against those in the administration they deem insufficiently loyal to Trump. Backing up Breitbart are legions of other Trump loyalists in the right-wing media sphere. And their angry reaction to Flynn's exit signals the unpopularity of the move with a vocal segment of Trump's base. At Breitbart ... the narrative was set early ... [with a story accusing] Priebus of knowing about anti-Trump 'sleeper cells' hidden throughout the government. [Bannon] himself called the story 'absurd' in an email. But the effort hasn't tamped down anti-Priebus ardor."

**-- KEPT IN THE DARK AND OUT OF THE LOOP: If his version of events is to be believed, Mike Pence has less juice than previously believed.** An [aide said last night](#) that the vice president did not learn Flynn had misled him until Feb. 9, a full two weeks after other White House officials were briefed on the

matter. (Philip Bump made [a useful timeline of the events](#) we know about in the run-up to Flynn's resignation.) Robert Costa and Ashley Parker [explore this dynamic](#): "Pence has largely managed to avoid the infighting and warring factions of the young White House by keeping his head down and soldiering loyally forward. But the incident with Flynn reveals both the benefits and risks of his approach — he has emerged largely unharmed by the scandal that led to Flynn's resignation, but his influence within the West Wing has come increasingly into question given how little he knew about his own situation. ... Aides to both the president and vice president say the two men speak on the phone or in person multiple times a day. Yet in spite of their frequent communication, the president never told his No. 2 that he was possibly misled by Flynn — and that in defending him on the Sunday shows had put himself in a publicly compromising and embarrassing situation." **Several people close to Pence said he was "blindsided" and "frustrated."**

**-- The continuing turmoil inside the National Security Council have deeply rattled the Washington establishment.** [The New York Times' Mike Shear reports](#): "Gen. Tony Thomas, head of the military's Special Operations Command, expressed concern about upheaval inside the White House. 'Our government continues to be in unbelievable turmoil. I hope they sort it out soon because we're a nation at war,' he said at a military conference on Tuesday. 'I've never been so nervous in my lifetime about what may or may not happen in Washington,' said Leon Panetta, a Democrat who served as chief of staff, secretary of defense and C.I.A. director during a 50-year career that spanned nine presidents ... 'I don't know whether this White House is capable of responding in a thoughtful or careful way should a crisis erupt,' he said ... 'You can do hit-and-miss stuff over a period of time. But at some point, I don't give a damn what your particular sense of change is all about, you cannot afford to have change become chaos.'"

**-- Trump communications official Omarosa Manigault says she has a recording of her dispute with White House reporter April Ryan, and she shared parts of it with journalists.** [Paul Farhi reports](#): The move comes after the two engaged in a heated exchange just steps from the Oval Office last week. Ryan claimed that she felt "physically intimidated" during the altercation, and that Manigault told her she was among a handful of journalists on whom the White House was keeping "dossiers" of negative information. **Ryan said she was not aware that her run-in with Manigault last week was recorded. "I didn't know she was taping it," she said. "This is about her trying to smear my name. This is freaking Nixonian."** Manigault said White House press staff recorded the encounter and that video contents make clear she never threatened Ryan or mentioned "dossiers." "She came in with an attitude," Manigault said. "For her to characterize me as the bully — I'm so glad we have this tape ... because it's 'liar, liar, pants on fire,'" in Ryan's case, she said.

**-- Trump signed a law rolling back an SEC disclosure rule for energy and mining companies, a measure that could presage the most aggressive assault on government regulations since Ronald Reagan.** [Steven Mufson reports](#): "The bill cancels out [an SEC] regulation that would have required oil and gas and mining companies to disclose in detail the payments they make to foreign governments in a bid to boost transparency in resource-rich countries. It's a big deal," Trump said as he signed the measure in the Oval Office. "The energy jobs are coming back. Lots of people going back to work now." Hill Republicans are also seeking to use the Congressional Review Act to overturn regulations that would: prevent coal-mining operations from dumping waste into nearby waterways; restrict methane emissions by oil and gas operations on federal land; require federal contractors to self-certify that they comply with U.S. labor laws; require each state to issue annual ratings for teacher-prep programs; and introduce a planning rule for federal lands."

**-- Amateur hour: The White House posted inaccurate texts of Trump's executive orders on its website, raising question about how thorough top officials have been about drafting some of his most controversial executive actions.** [USA Today's Gregory Korte reports](#): "[A review] of presidential documents found at least five cases where the version posted on the White House website doesn't match the official version sent to the Federal Register. The differences include minor grammatical changes, missing words and paragraph renumbering — but also two cases where the original text referred to inaccurate or non-existent provisions of law. By law, the Federal Register version is the legally controlling language. But it can often take several days for the order to be published, meaning that the public must often rely on what the White House puts out — and that's sometimes inaccurate."

**-- Secret Service director Joseph Clancy is stepping down, leaving one of Washington's toughest jobs after a little more than two years.** [Carol D. Leonnig reports](#): "In late 2014, President Barack Obama summoned Joseph P. Clancy, his former detail leader, back from the private sector amid a string of security breaches and employee misconduct in the agency. On Tuesday, Clancy said it's time to retire for good. He leaves March 4, giving President Trump the chance to select a new director."

-- “[Trump’s] zeal for extreme vetting has one glaring exception, one gaping blind spot: his own administration,” [New York Times’ Frank Bruni writes](#): Trump sold himself to Americans the way almost everyone who tries to make the transition from the private sector to public service does. Supposedly, he knew how to manage in a way that government bureaucrats don’t, because he was from a realm of ultimate accountability. [But] ... the cornerstone of management is the assembling of a team that’s competent and trustworthy. Trump put his together in a cavalier fashion, enchanted by people who were high on energy even if they were low on sanity, decency, discretion, humility or some combination of the above. And so we got Flynn, Stephen Miller and others whose stridency makes for a good show ... There have been so many embarrassments with so many nominees that a few who’d be in the foreground of the news otherwise have been spared the derision they deserve. Flynn’s fall was foreordained, predictable by anyone with the time, patience and fundamental seriousness to take an unblinking look at his past, brimming as it was with accusations of shoddy stewardship and instances of rashness.”



Mitch McConnell meets Secretary of Labor nominee Andy Puzder in his office. (Manuel Balce Ceneta/AP)

#### **THE CABINET:**

-- **Andrew Puzder’s ex-wife said he “vowed revenge” after she made public spousal allegations, according to footage from a 1990 tape for “The Oprah Winfrey Show.”** [Politico’s Marianne Levine and Tim Noah report](#): “Puzder’s hearing for labor secretary is Thursday, but the allegations of domestic abuse,



which he's repeatedly denied, and his admission that he employed an illegal immigrant have put his confirmation in jeopardy. The details of the Oprah tape, which haven't been made public until now, could further erode his support in the Senate, where four Republicans have expressed reservations about his nomination. No Democrats are expected to support him. During the episode, titled 'High Class Battered Women,' Lisa Fierstein, Puzder's ex-wife, said he told her, "I will see you in the gutter. This will never be over. You will pay for this." Fierstein also said she called the police on him."

**-- A watchdog group is working to unseal Puzder's divorce records before his hearing.** [Jonnelle Marte reports](#): "A watchdog group, Campaign for Accountability, on Tuesday received the bulk of the couple's divorce records, which included widely reported allegations that Fierstein was struck 'violently' in the face, chest, back and neck. But the group is still working to make public a portion of the documents that have been sealed since the late 1980s and that they expect will contain more details of how Puzder allegedly treated his ex-wife."

**-- Labor Department employees are circulating a letter urging senators to vote against Puzder.** The letter, posted on Facebook, says "three specific factors disqualify Mr. Puzder from serving as the head of an agency whose primary mission is to protect America's workforce: (1) Mr. Puzder's own business practices; (2) his derisive public comments about his restaurants' employees and other low-wage workers; and (3) his equally troubling public comments and behavior towards women." It is not clear how many people have signed the letter or if it was sent. ([Joe Davidson](#))

**-- OMB director nominee Rep. Mick Mulvaney is facing fresh GOP resistance ahead of his confirmation vote this week, with another veteran Senate Republican privately raising concerns about his nomination.** [CNN's Manu Raju reports](#): "Mississippi Sen. Thad Cochran, the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, is concerned about Mulvaney's views about defense spending and is uncertain whether he'd be willing to support him ... At the same time, John McCain has railed against Mulvaney's past support for a smaller military budget, and a source familiar with his thinking says that he continues to have concerns about Mulvaney ahead of this week's confirmation vote. If there are two GOP defections, it could force Pence to break a tie in the Senate."

Bernie Sanders rides escalator at the Capitol after a vote. (Michael Reynolds/EPA)</p>□

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#### CONGRESS:

-- **Senior Democratic lawmakers, trying to avoid liberal protesters at their town hall meetings, pleaded with Bernie Sanders during a caucus lunch yesterday to urge his supporters to redirect their anger at Republicans instead of moderate Democrats.** [Ed O’Keefe and David Weigel report](#): “The request came ... ahead of a congressional recess next week when lawmakers in both parties are expected to face large crowds stirred in recent weeks by President Trump’s early executive actions and ongoing Republican attempts to revamp the Affordable Care Act. Over the past two weeks, crowds — and conflict-hungry media crews — have swarmed town halls and protested at congressional offices. Republicans have gotten the brunt of it ... But protesters have also gathered in blue states, marching to [Chuck Schumer’s] home in Brooklyn to demand the obstruction of Trump nominees, and showing up at the offices of safe-seat Democrats to demand that they filibuster Trump’s Supreme Court nominee. ‘Bernie has a voice, and if [protesters] want to be active, then direct them to where the problem may be or where they anticipate a problem,’ said Sen. Joe Manchin, who attended the Tuesday meeting.”

-- **“Paul Ryan spent Tuesday on a door-to-door tour of the Capitol in hopes of salvaging his plan to repeal and largely replace the Affordable Care Act by spring,”** [Kelsey Snell and Mike DeBonis report](#). “The day-long blitz comes as Republicans in Congress have made virtually no visible progress in recent

weeks on overhauling the health-care system ... That is largely because the party remains sharply divided over how much of the ACA should be repealed and how much — if any of it — should be replaced. The stalemate has lawmakers questioning whether the law known as Obamacare can be effectively gutted by Ryan's self-imposed deadline of the end of March. Ryan's efforts are being stymied by a host of factors, including a familiar revolt from his most conservative members, who want to keep their promises to eliminate Obamacare regardless of the pace of a replacement measure. Meanwhile, Senate Republicans are not ready to act on any kind of repeal without a consensus replacement plan. The Washington infighting is playing out against a backdrop of rowdy GOP town halls across the country showcasing people worried about the impact on their lives of potentially losing their health insurance."

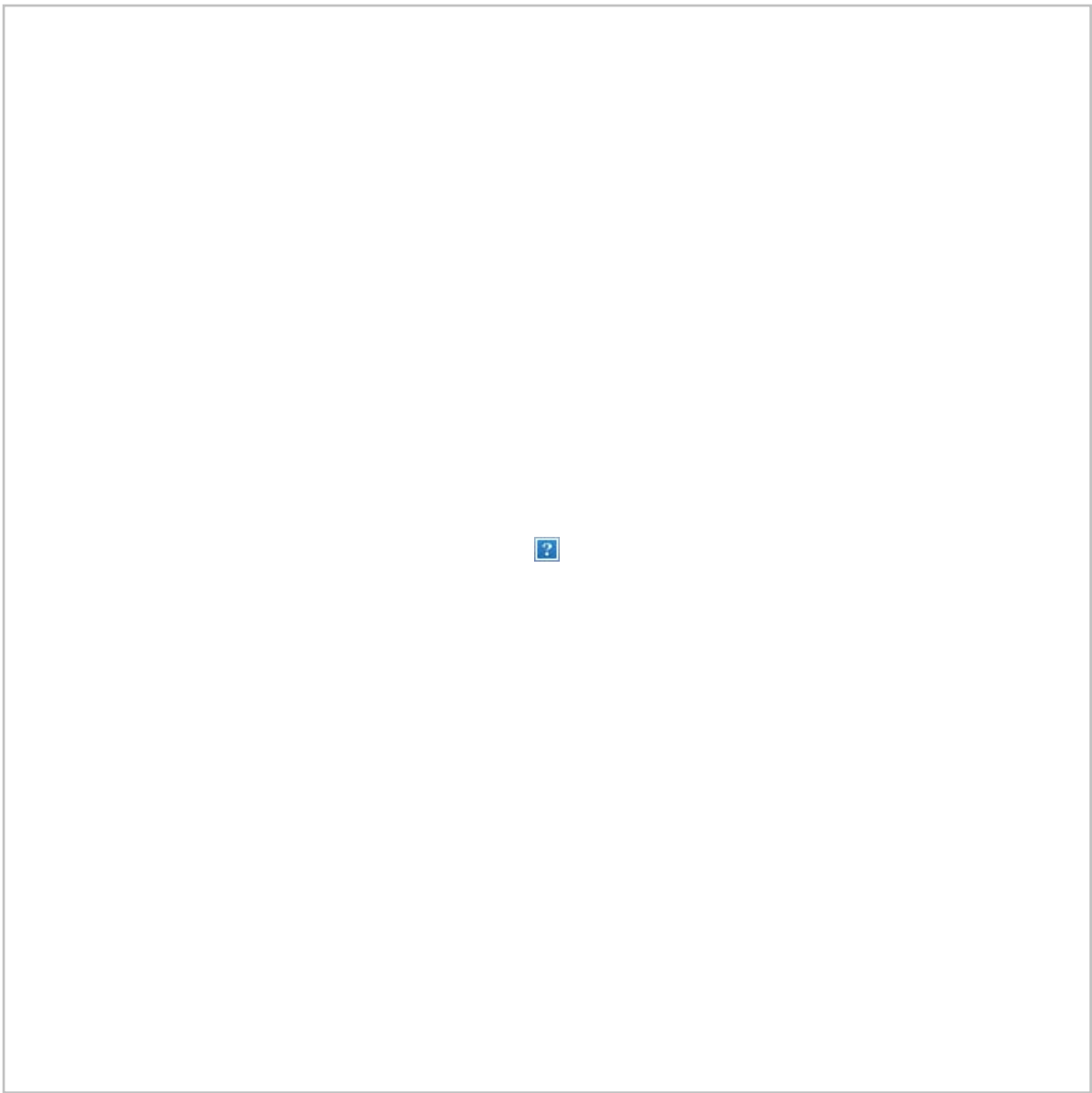
**Trump bomb from Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.):** "I don't think you can fully repeal and replace it in that amount of time. It took months to write Obamacare, the original bill, and years to phase it in. It is going to take time to unwrite it and replace it with something else."

**-- Analysis: On Capitol Hill, Republicans are eager to talk policy – but Trump keeps getting in their way.** [From Paul Kane:](#) "One by one, Republican lawmakers stepped to the microphone and talked about the topic that was not consuming Washington on Tuesday morning: overhauling the health-care system. It's a sign of just how surreal things have become in the early days of the Trump administration that six GOP lawmakers preferred to discuss health care, the very thing that has bitterly divided them since the 2016 elections, than the more pressing news of the day: the resignation barely 11 hours earlier of [Michael Flynn] ... The controversies affecting the Trump White House are consuming Capitol Hill, distracting from the GOP agenda and pulling the party's congressional leaders into a daily vortex of new charges and countercharges regarding Trump's latest actions ... "It sucks the oxygen out of the room, it really does," Sen. John McCain [told reporters]. "We should be talking about replacing Obamacare. We should be talking about tax reform, and we are talking about it, but that's not the issue that is dominating the news, obviously."

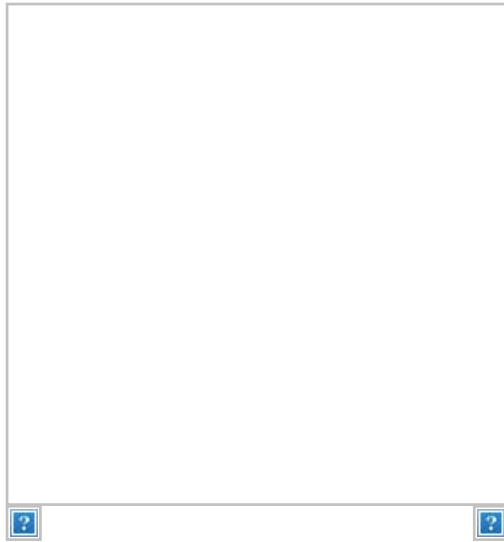
**-- The head of ICE canceled a meeting with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus just hours before it was slated to occur on Tuesday – backing out of what would have likely been a tense conversation with lawmakers furious over recent deportation raids.** [HuffPost's Elise Foley reports:](#) "An ICE official said [ICE head Thomas] Homan canceled because the Hispanic Caucus tried to expand the number of attendees, and doing that without making the meeting bipartisan would break congressional rules ... 'Bull[expletive],' Rep. Grace Napolitano said ... when asked about ICE's explanation for canceling. She and other members said they knew of no such rule and that administration officials frequently meet with non-bipartisan groups of members." The move comes after ICE officers arrested more than 680 immigrants in more than a dozen states last week. Authorities have claimed the moves were part of "routine" and "targeted" enforcement actions, but immigration rights activists say they were more expansive than normal.

**-- Former Labor Secretary Tom Perez told [Politico's Gabe Debenedetti](#) that he has 180 of the 224 votes he needs to become the next DNC chairman – underscoring the likelihood that the vote will go to multiple rounds of balloting.**

**SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:**

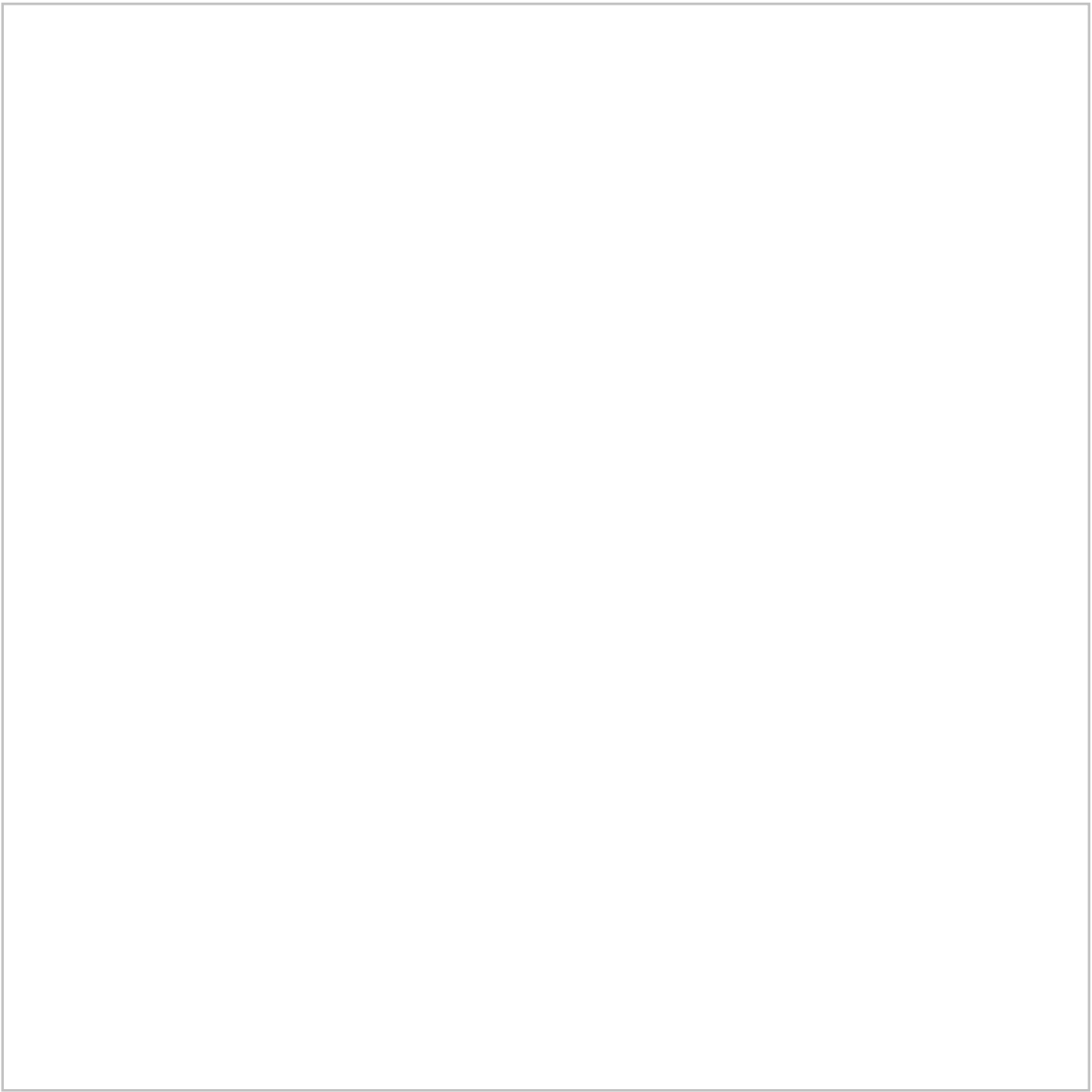


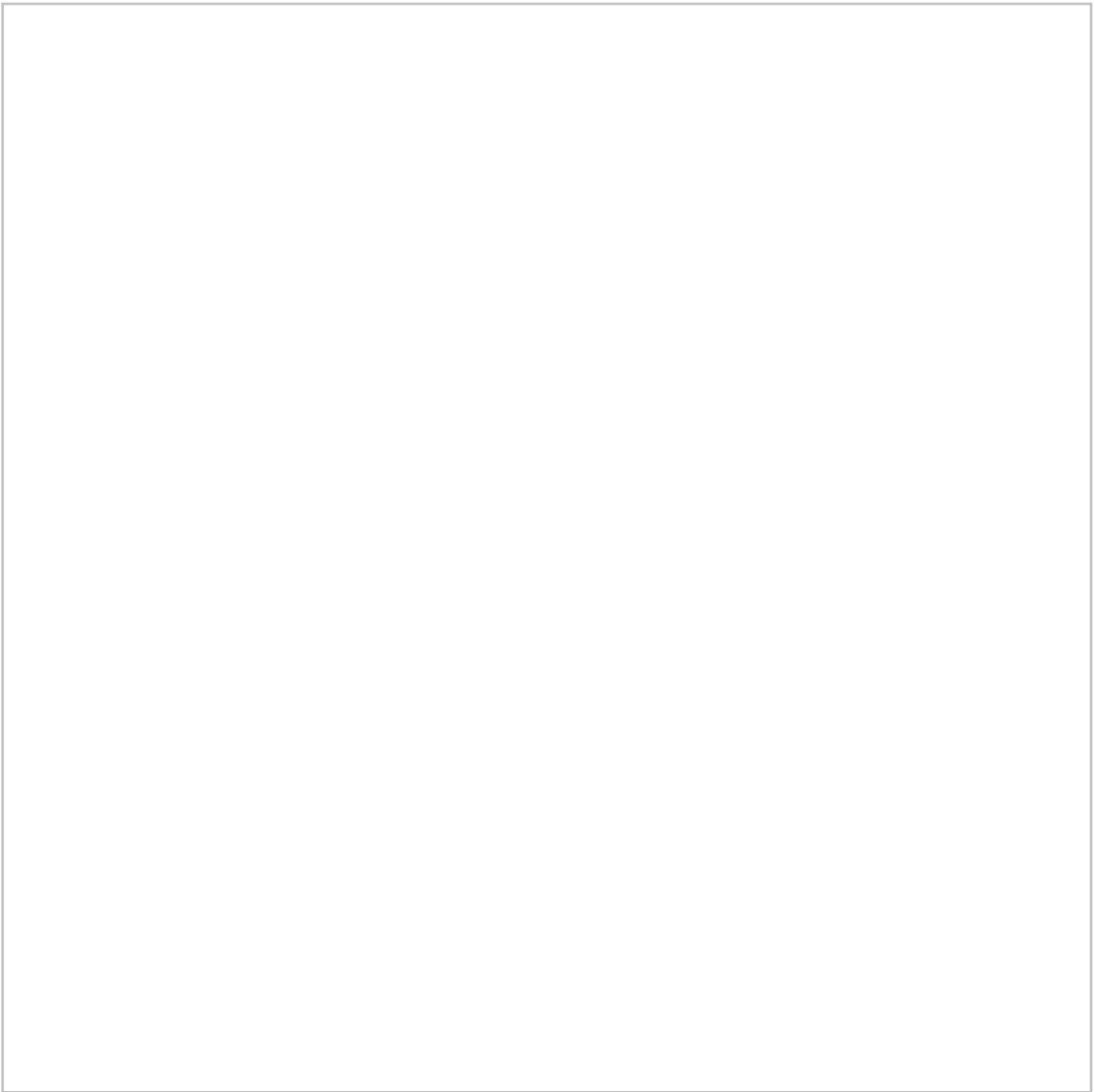
Model Emily Ratajkowski attends a show during New York Fashion Week on Sunday in New York City.  
(Astrid Stawiarz/Getty Images)



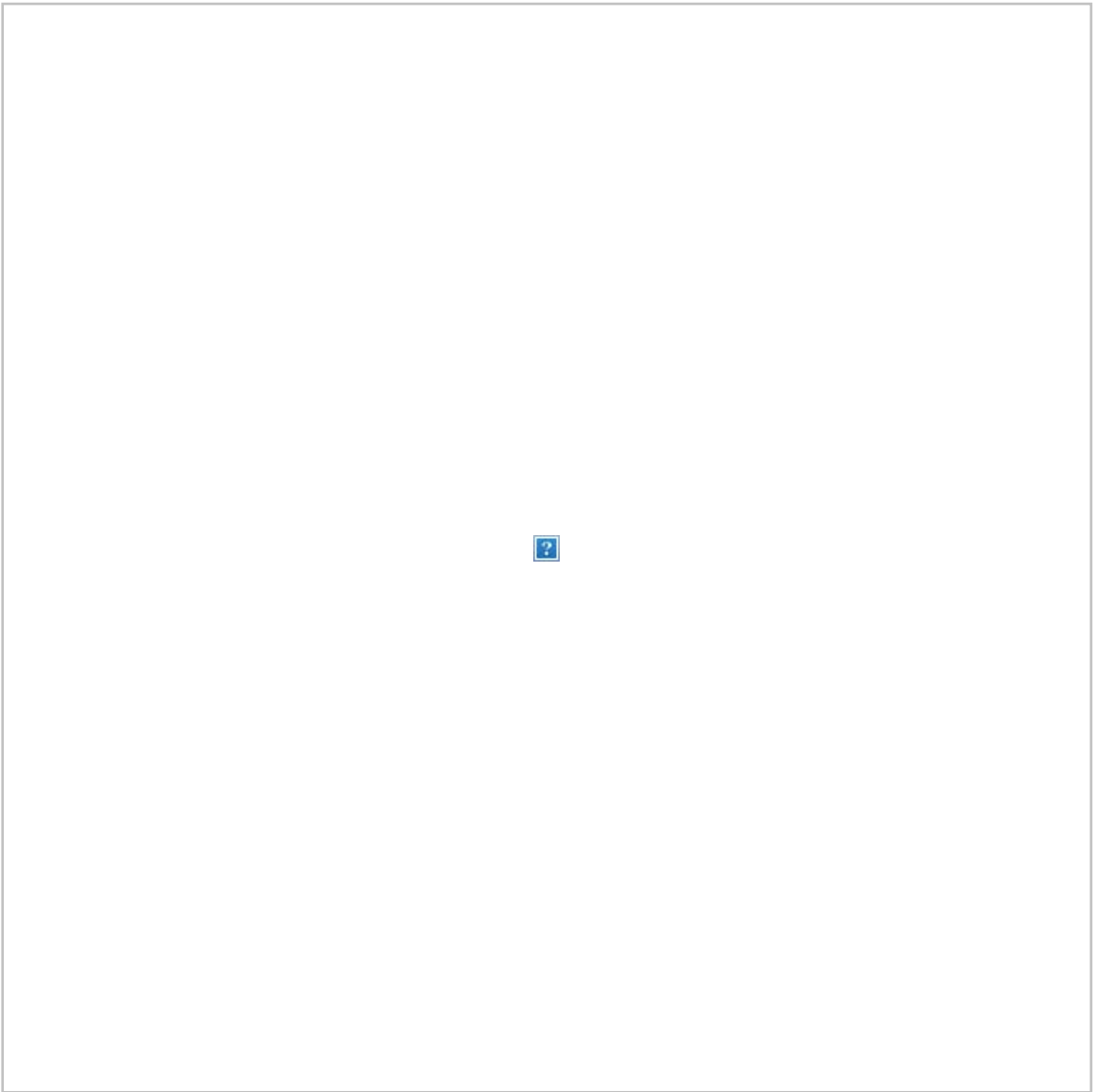
New York Times feature writer Jacob Bernstein [apologized for remarks](#) he made regarding first lady Melania Trump during a private conversation with model Emily Ratajkowski.

Ratajkowski, who was a big booster of Bernie during the Democratic primaries, tweeted details of their conversation on Monday:



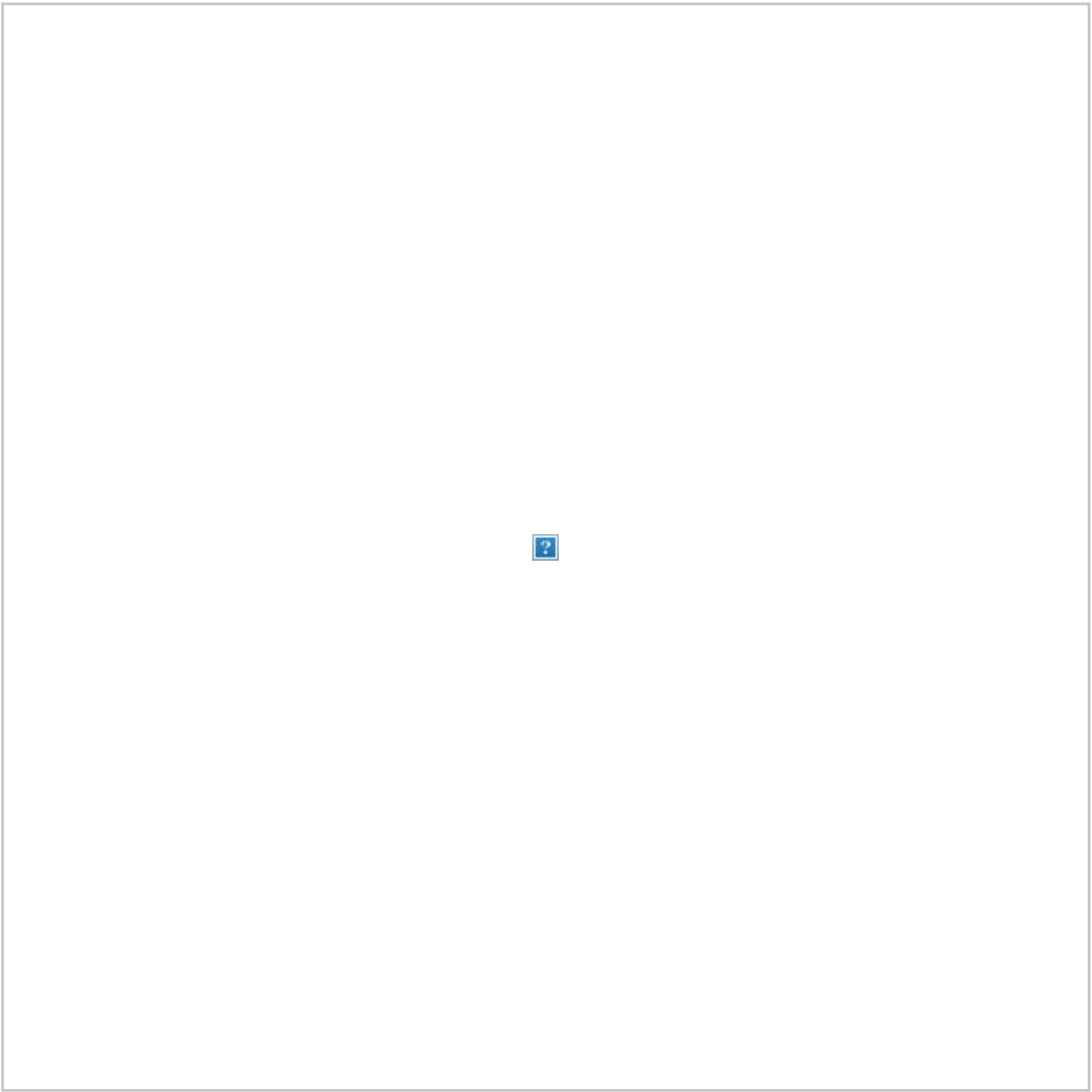


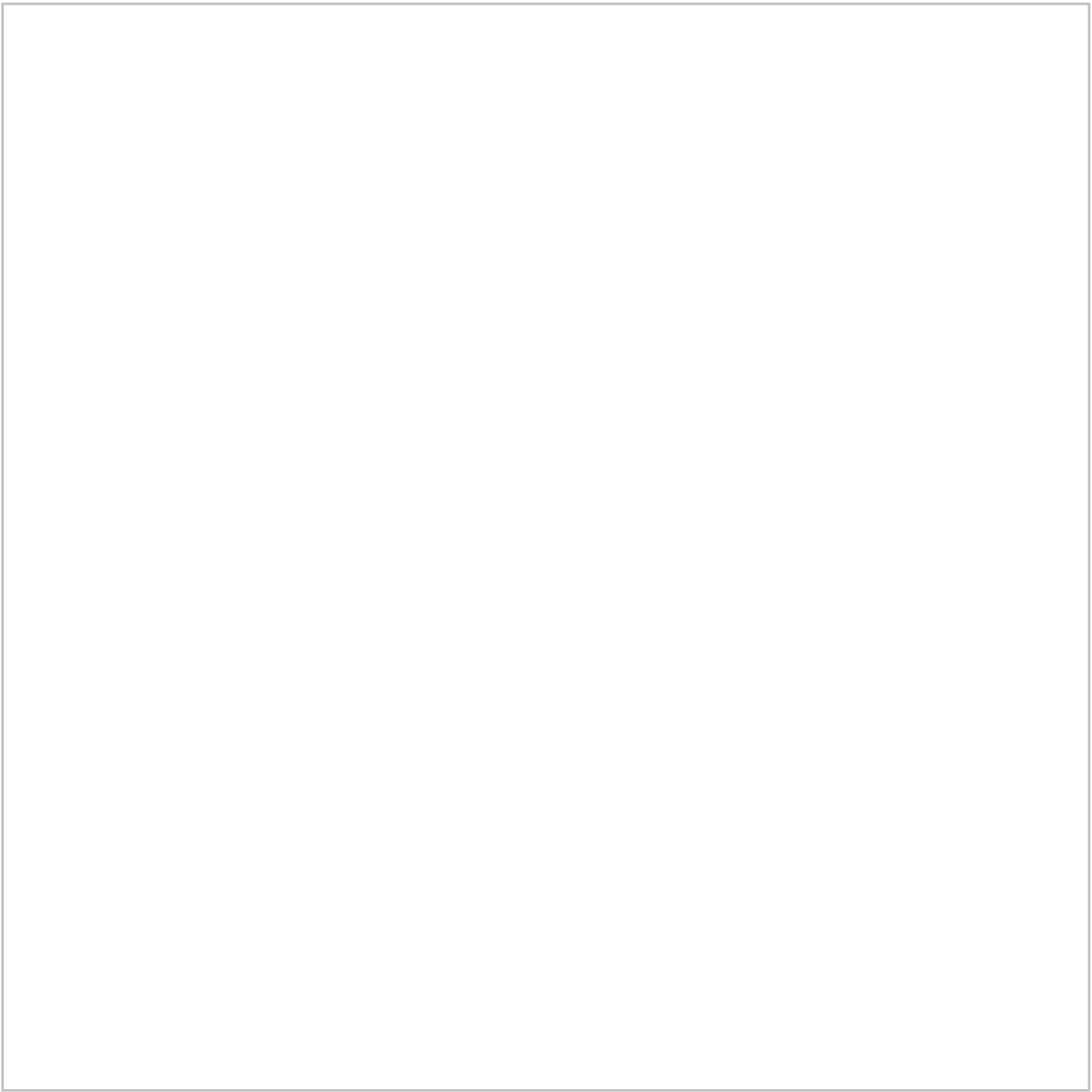
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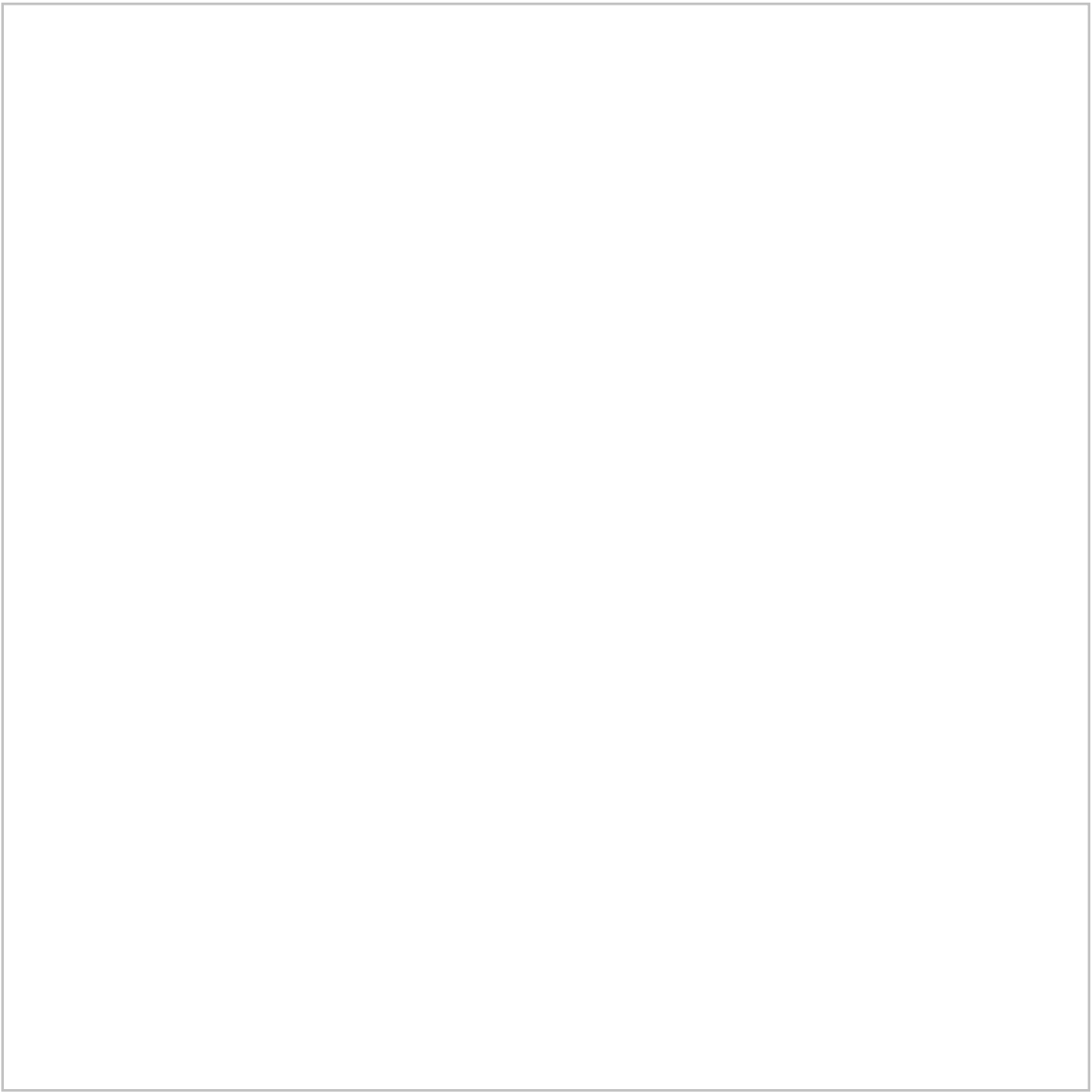


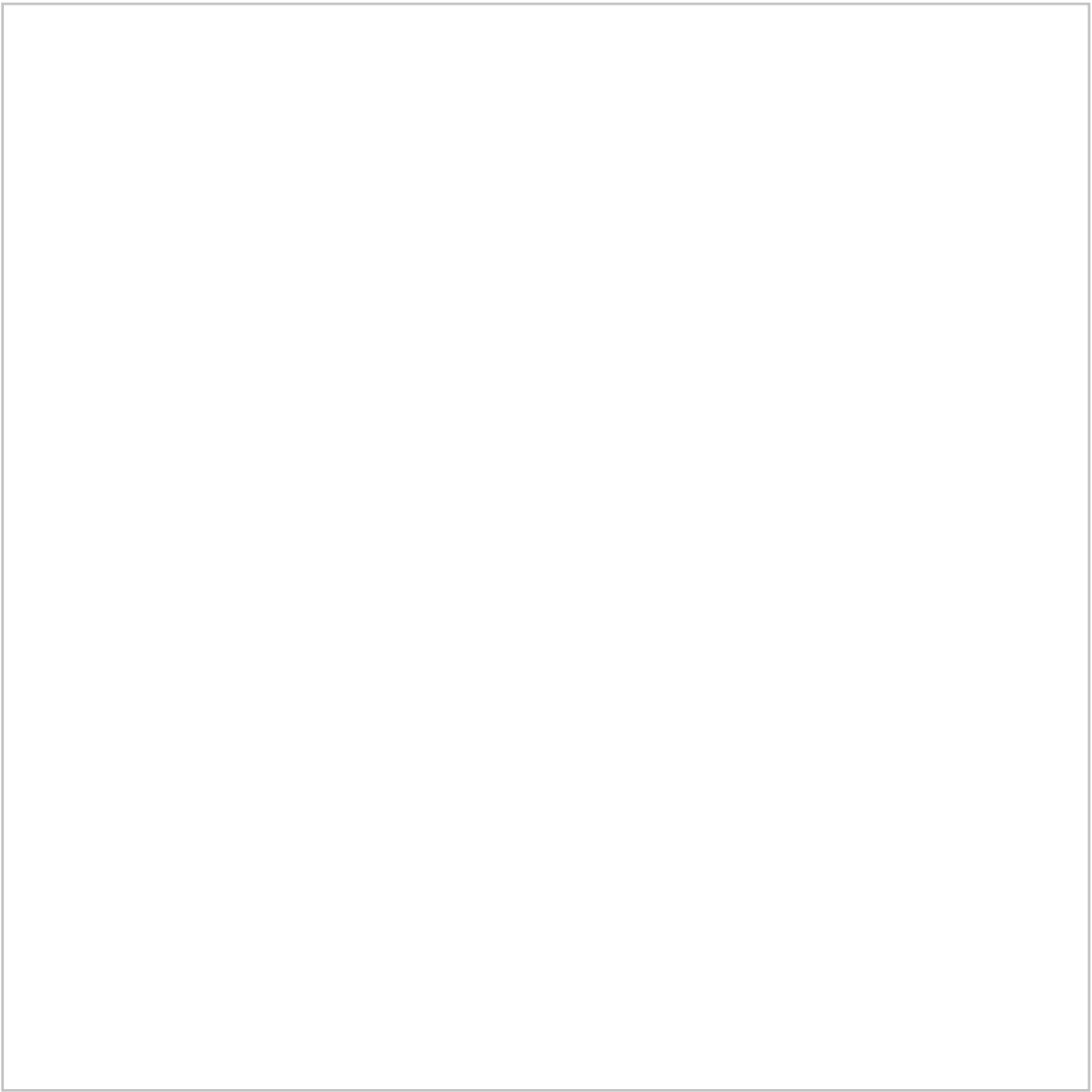
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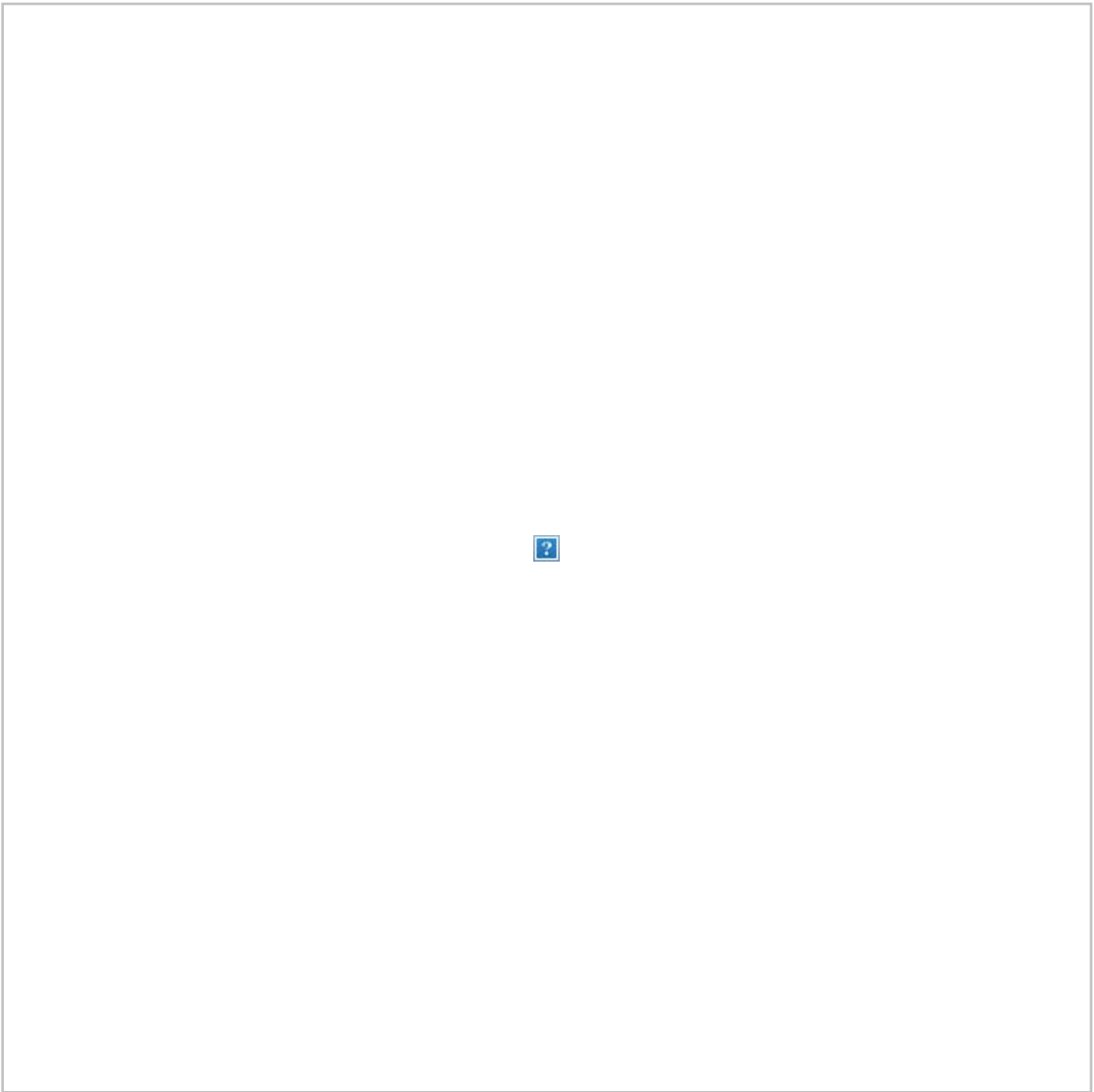




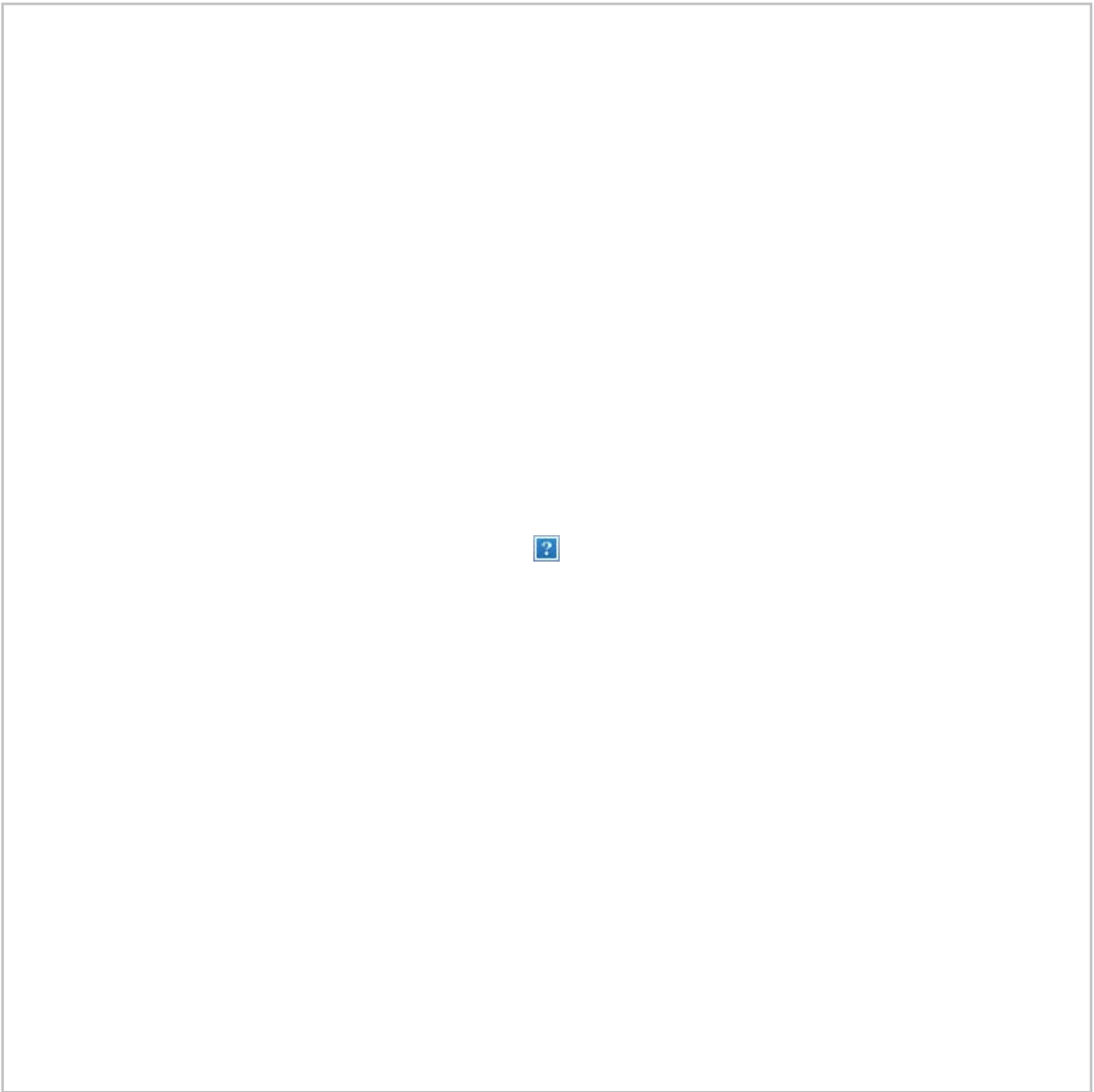




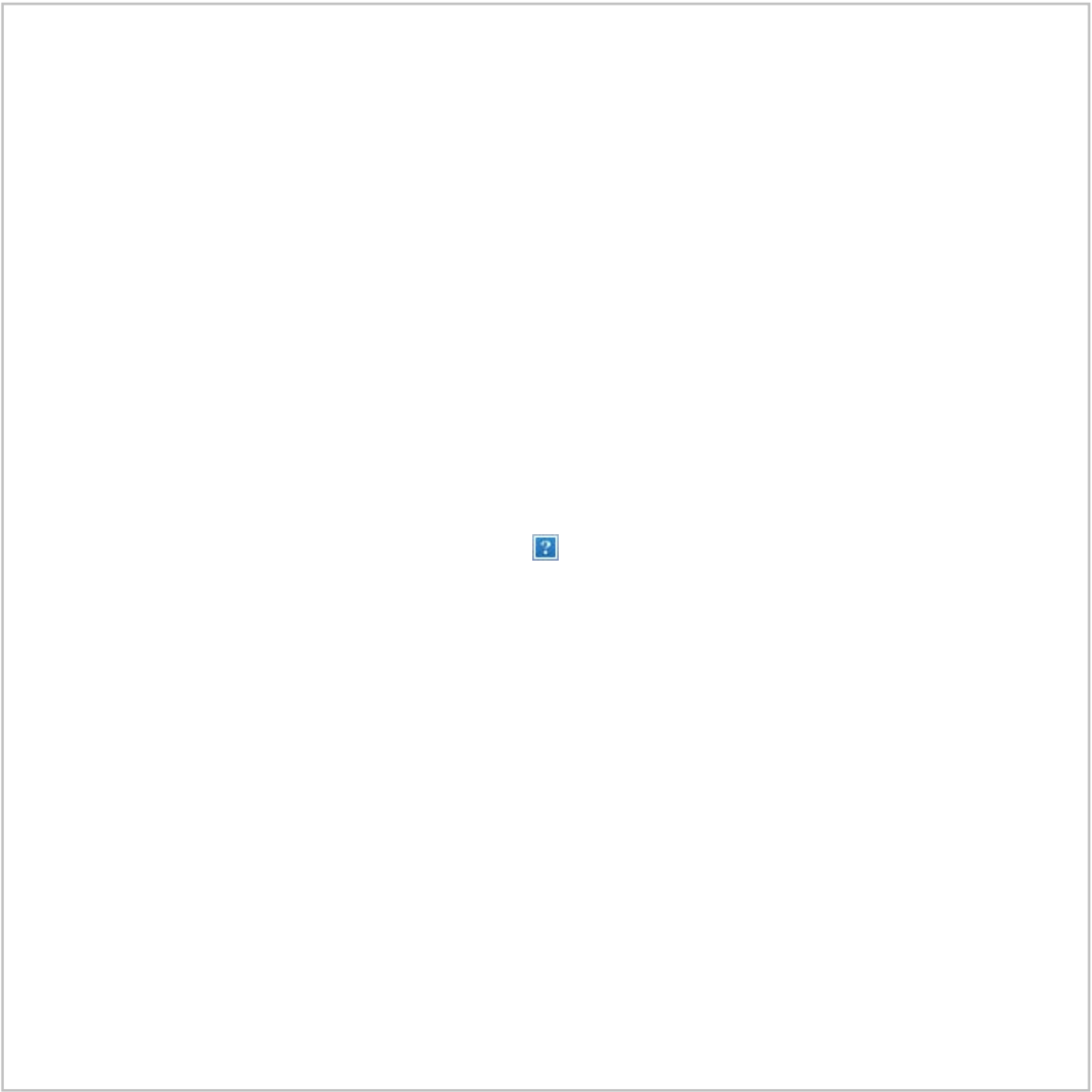
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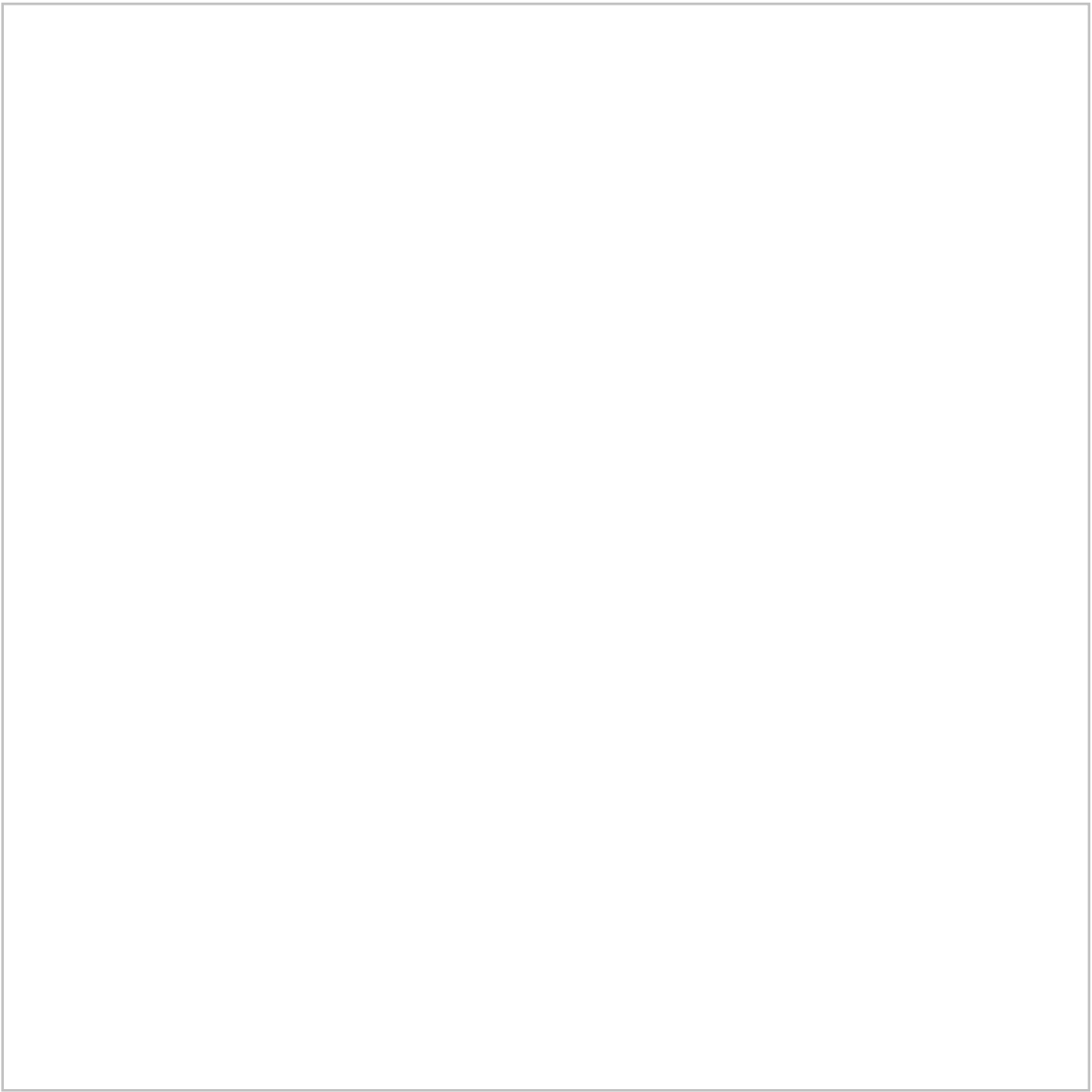


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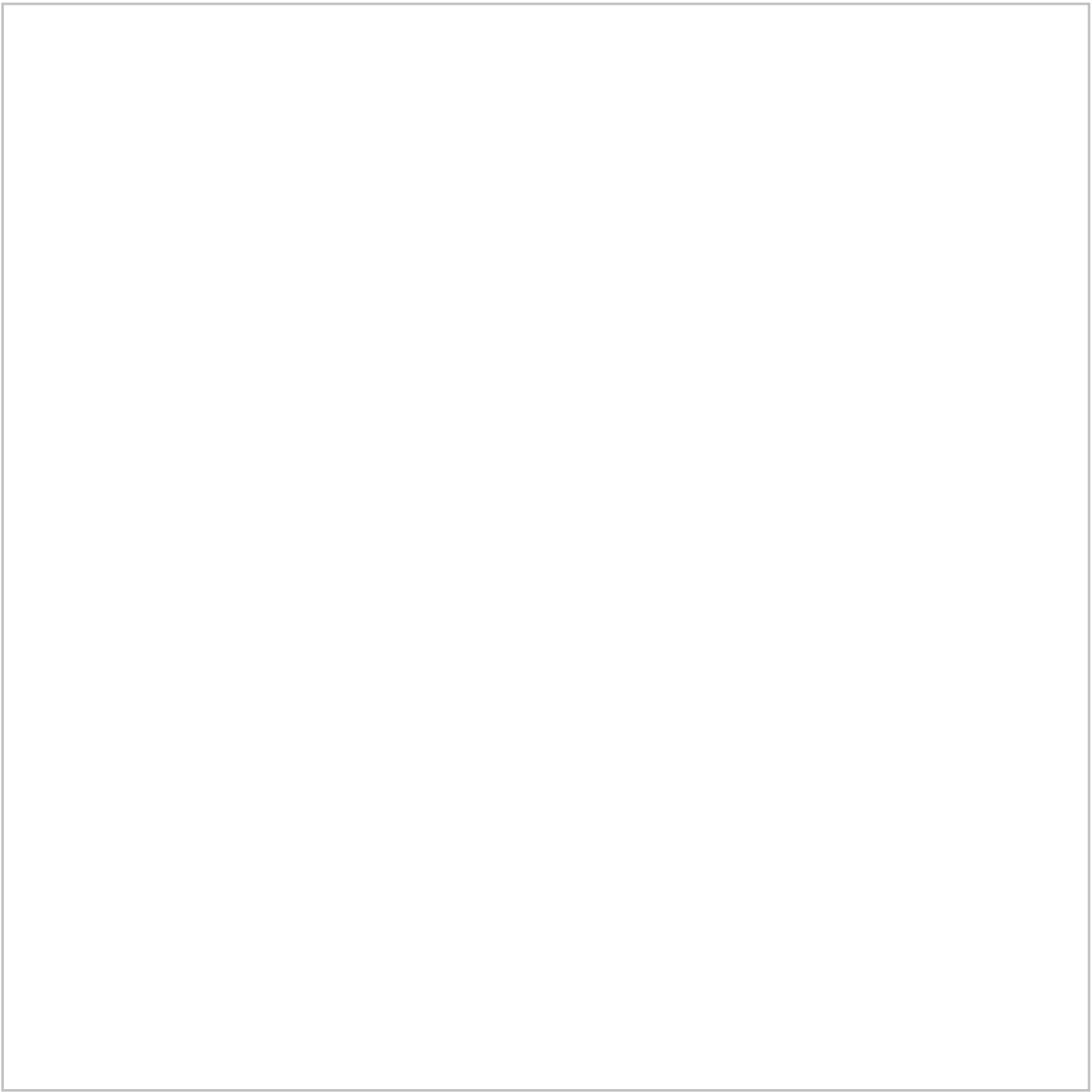


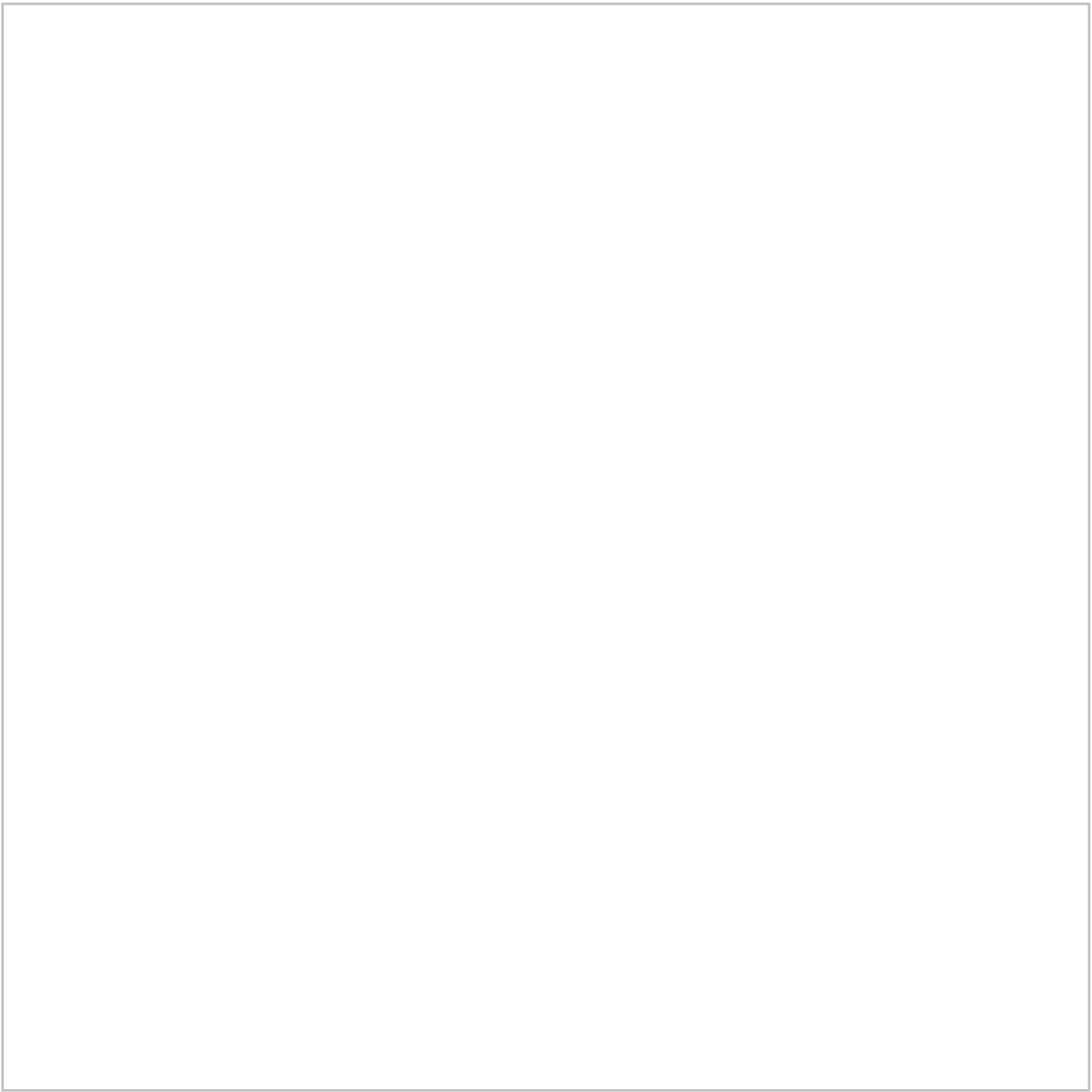
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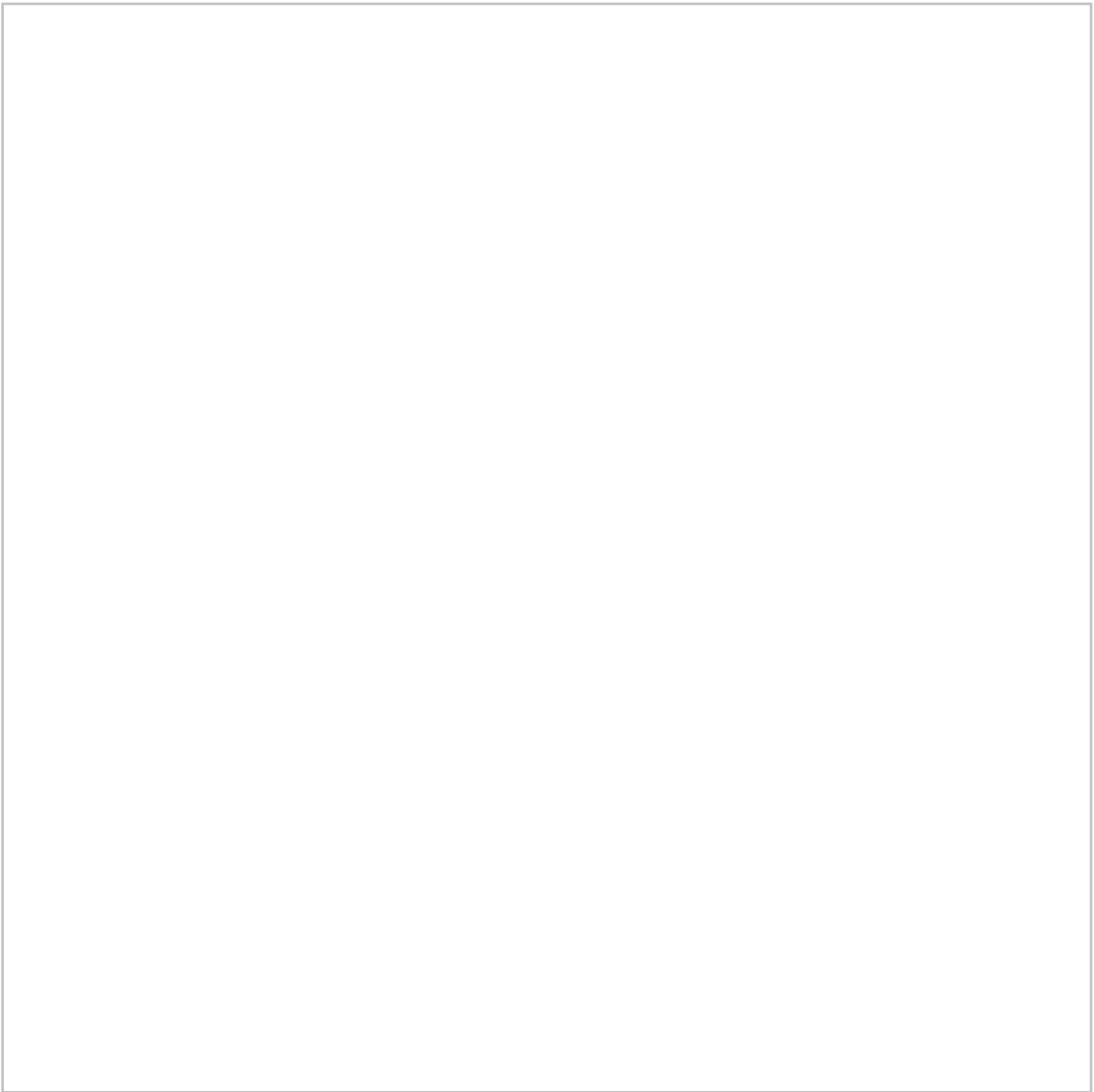




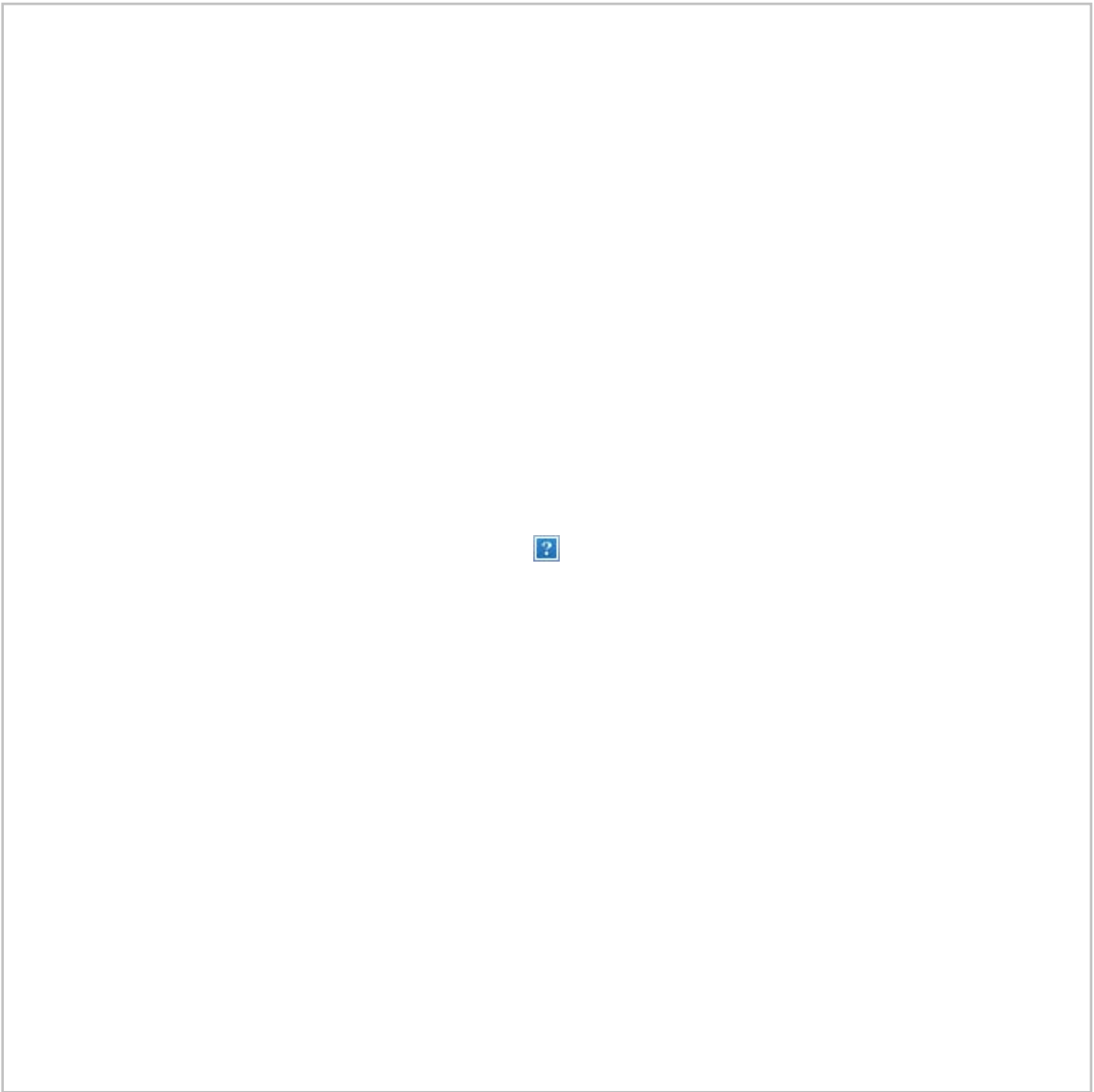




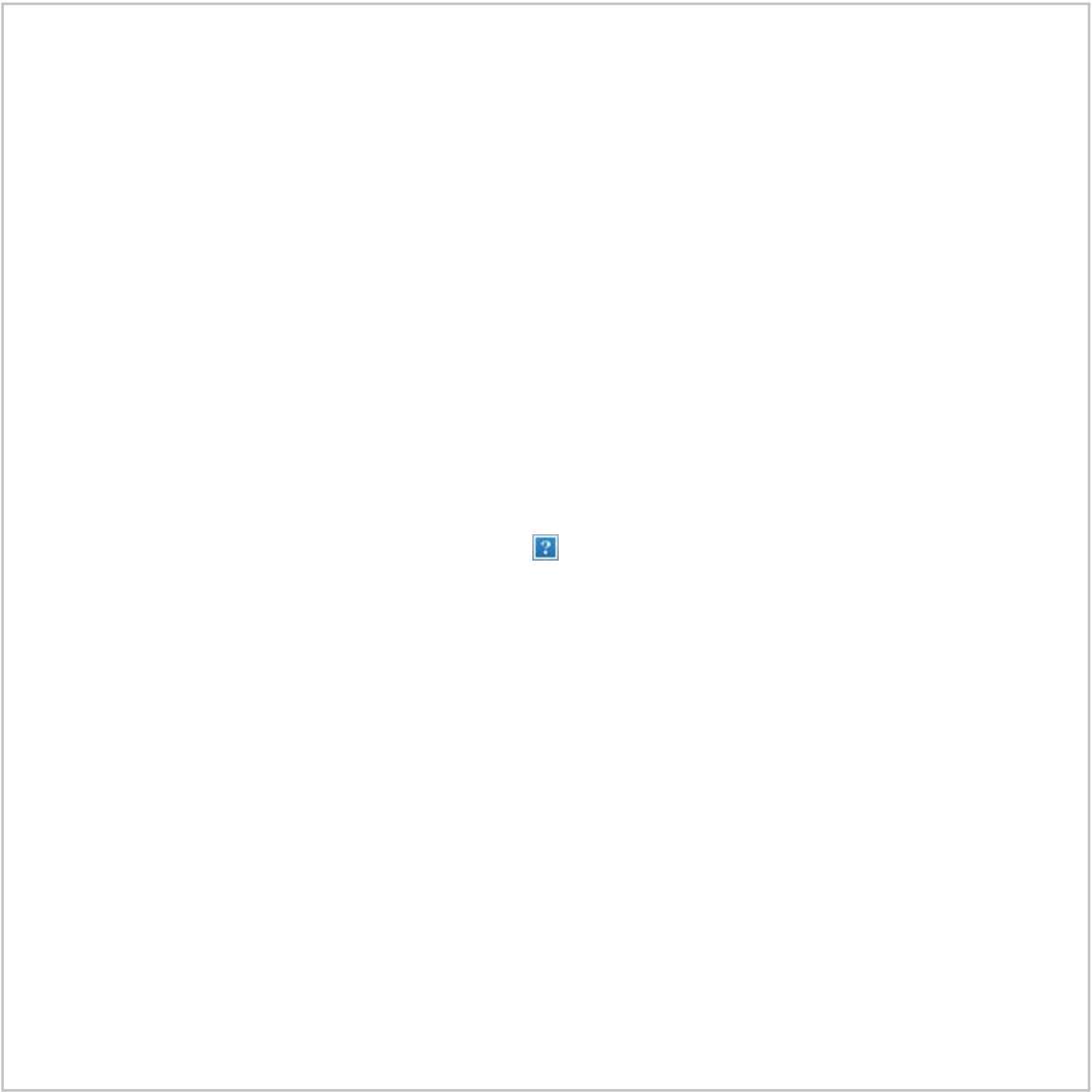


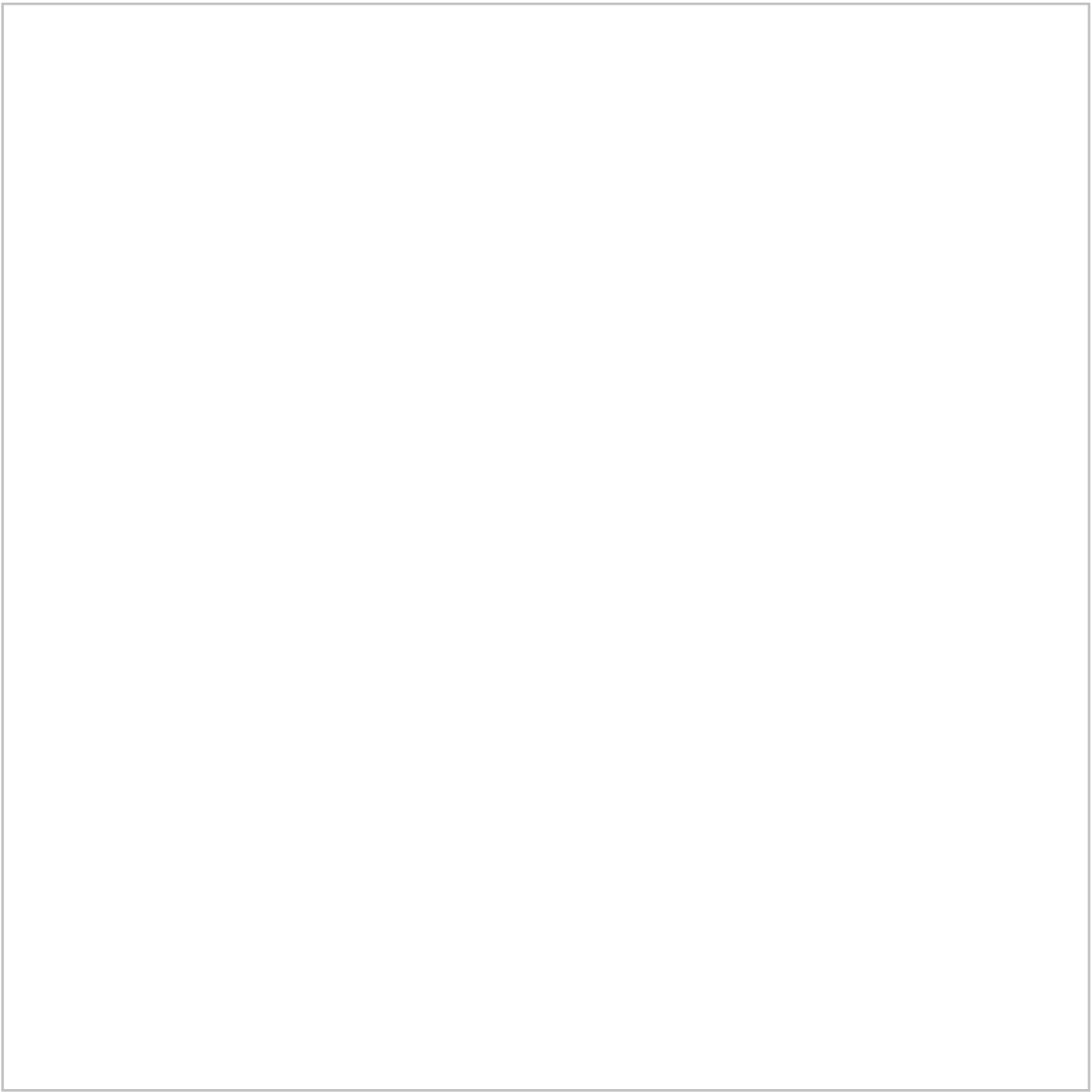


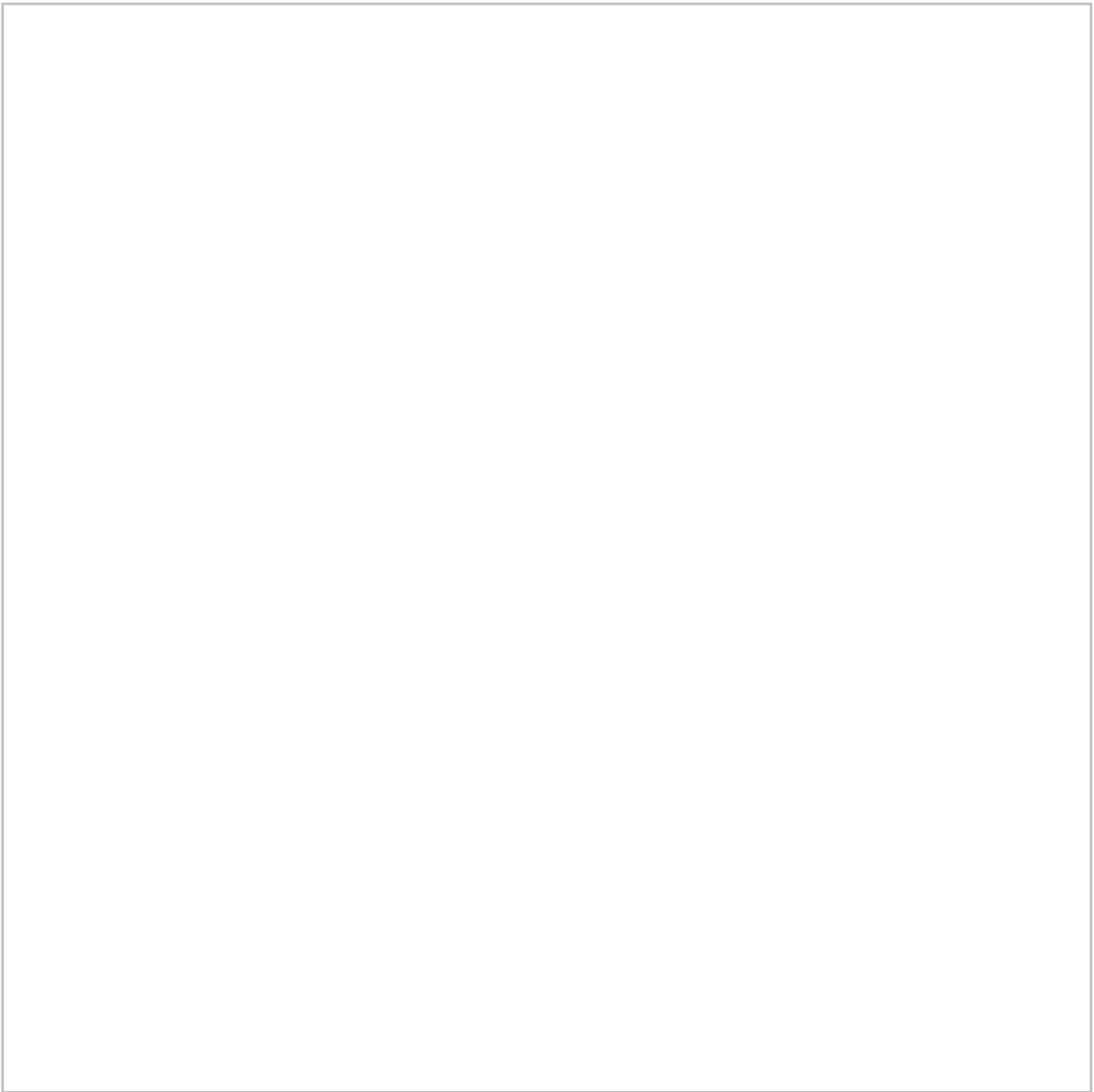
Twitter mocked Paul Manafort's assertion in the Times piece that Russian intelligence officers don't wear badges:



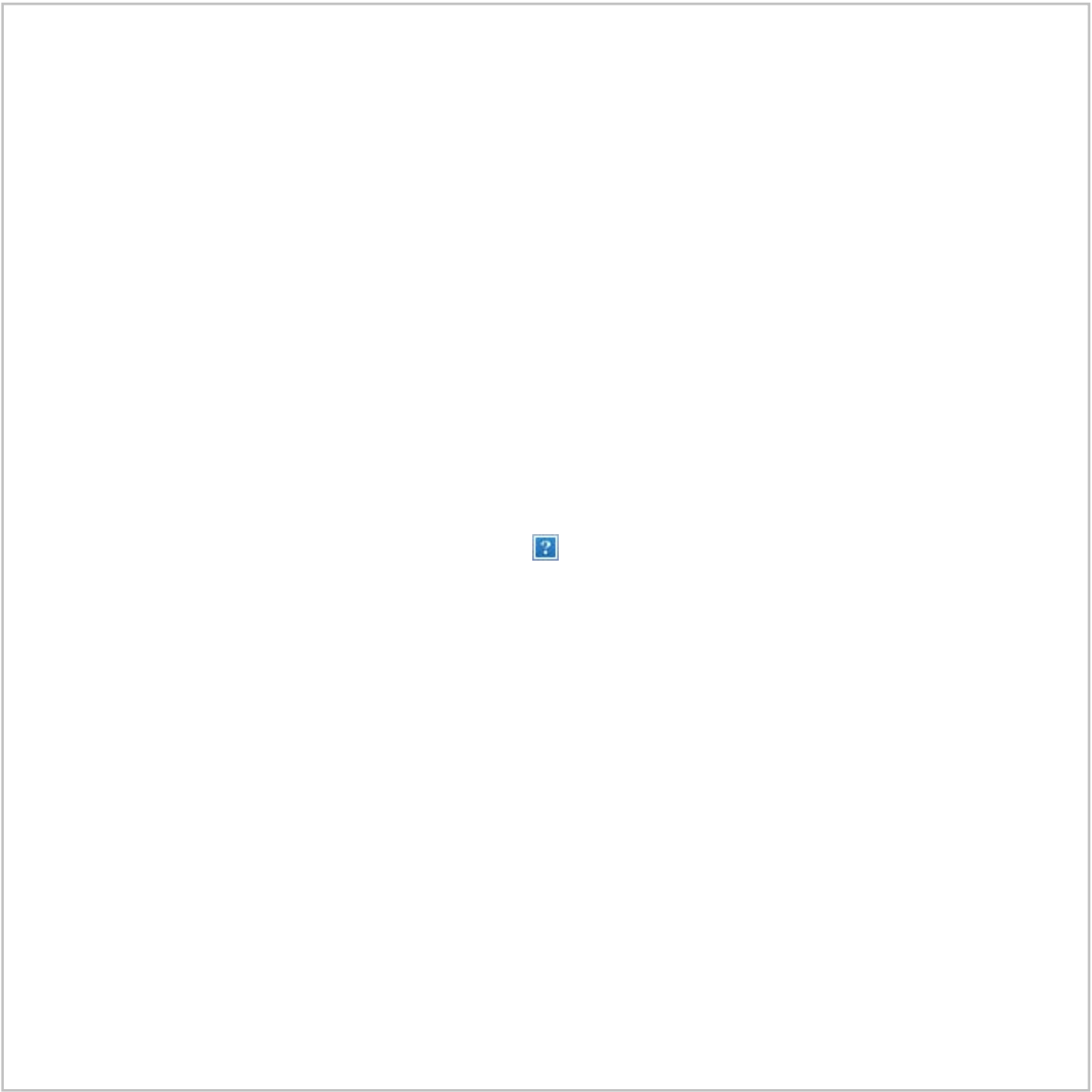
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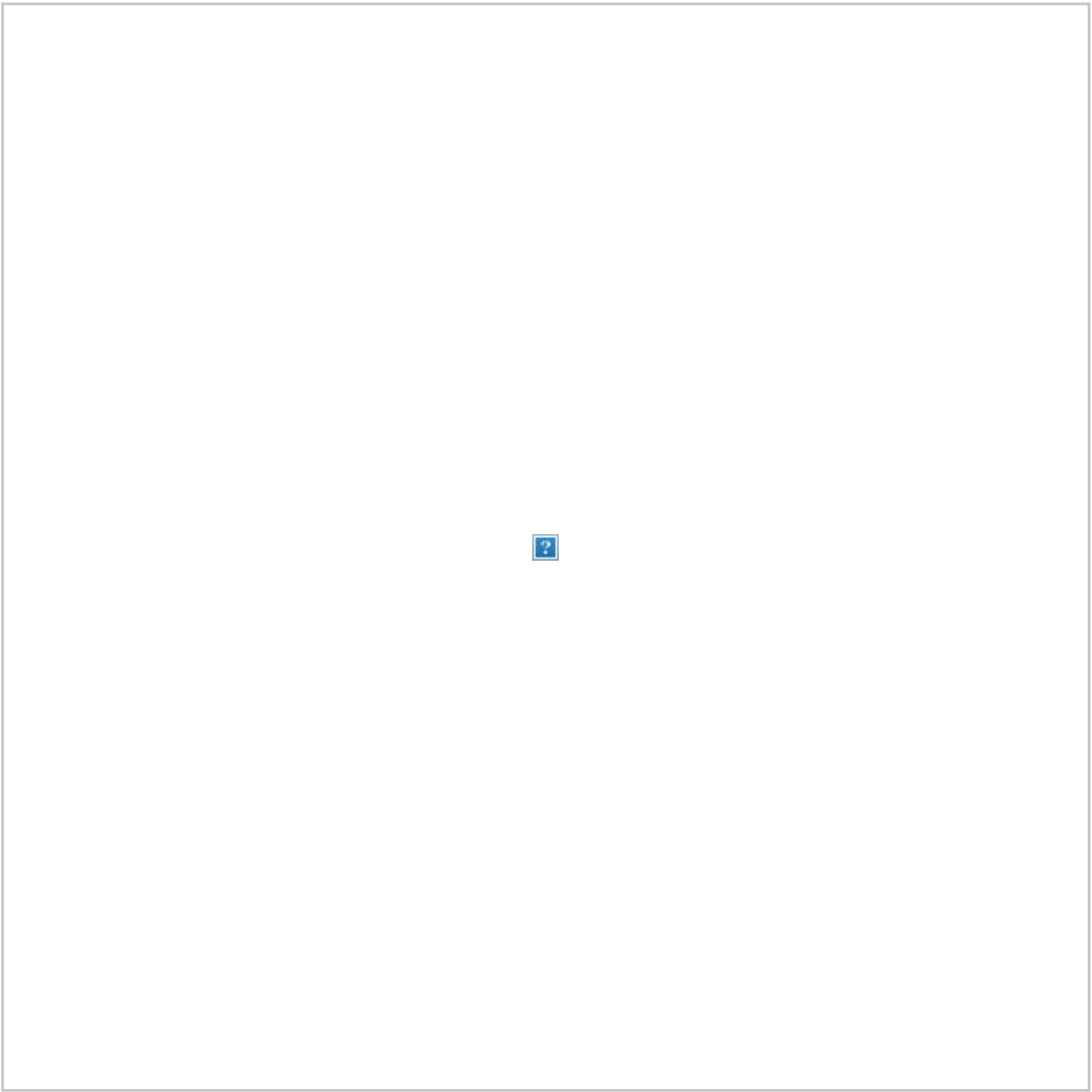


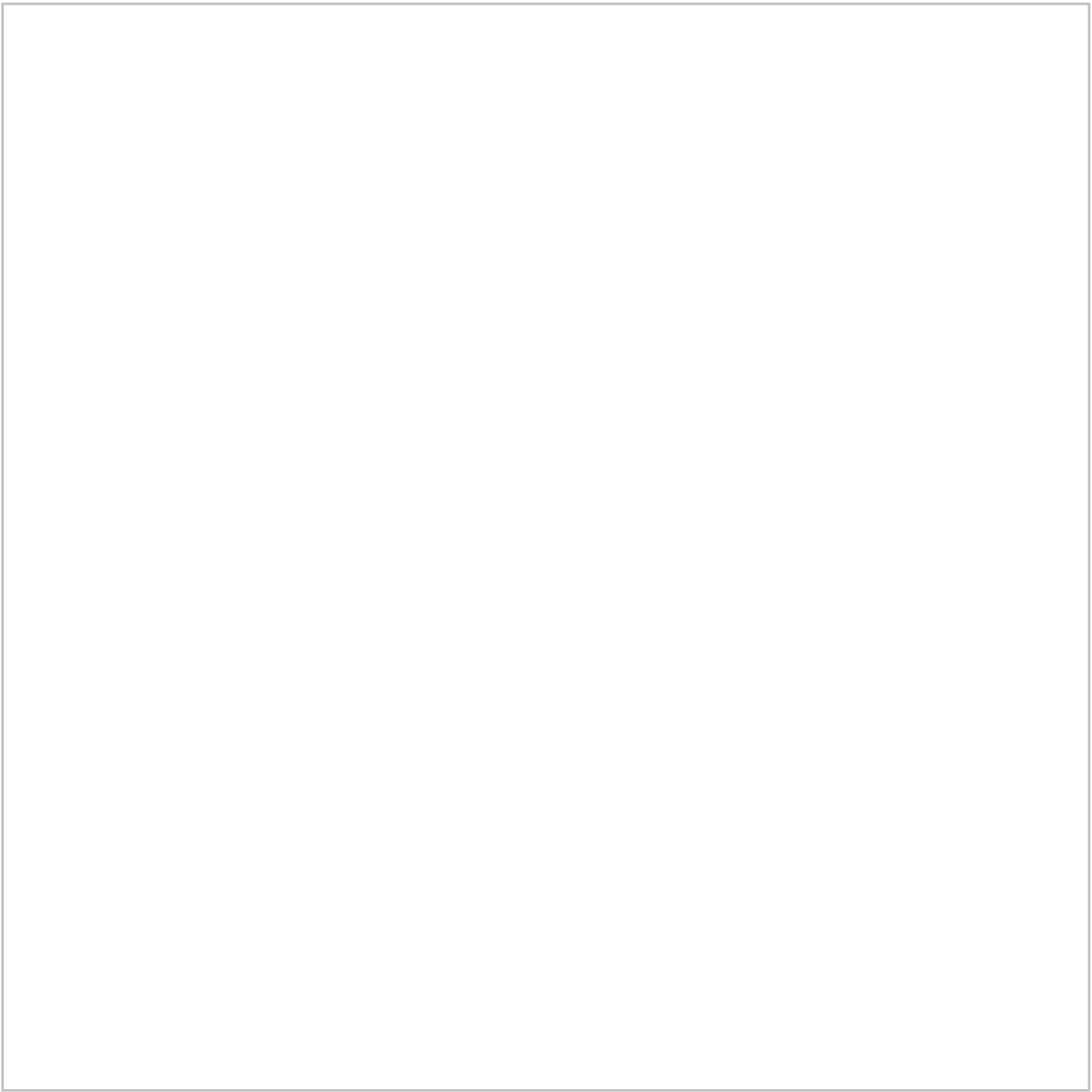
A reminder from a CNN correspondent:



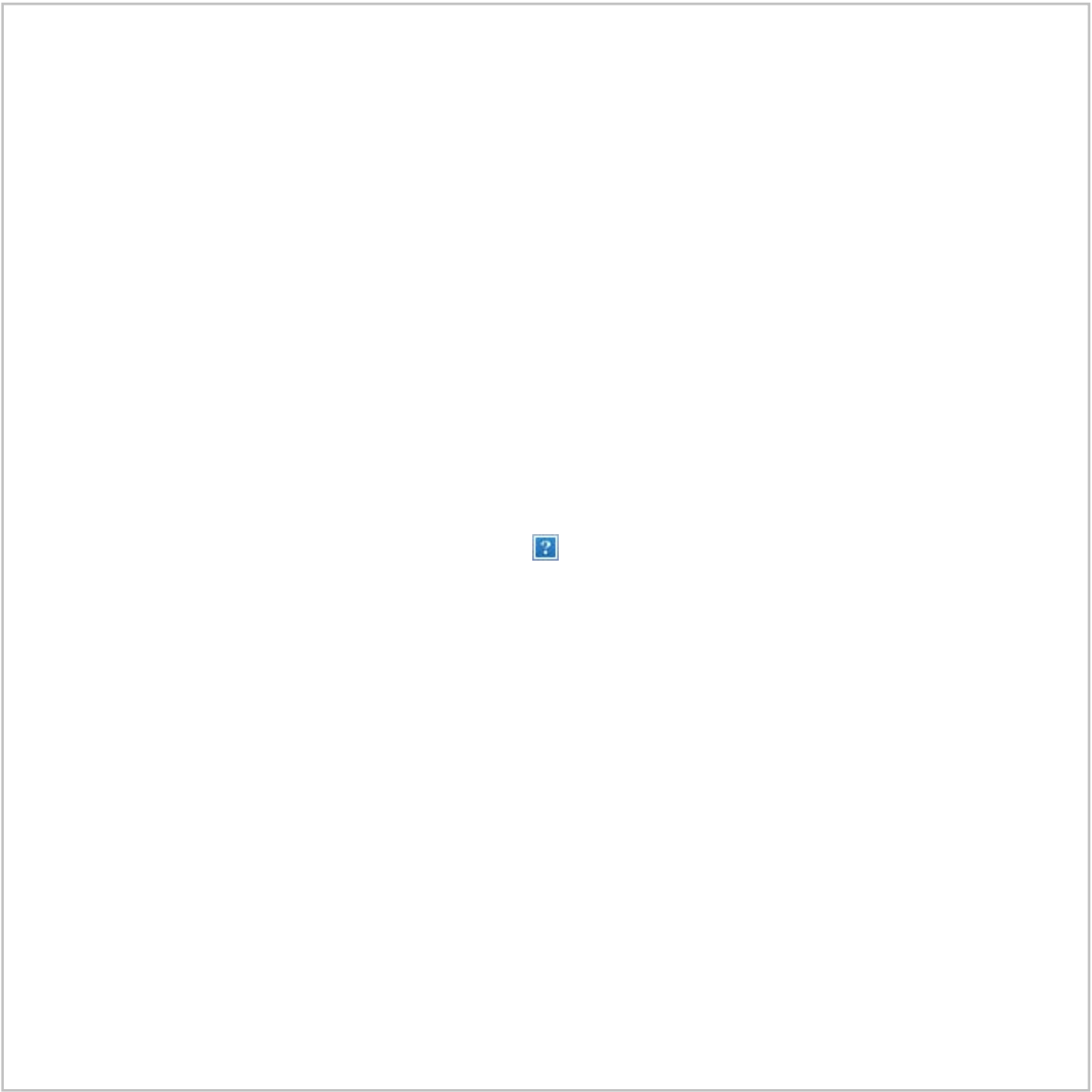
And lamented the nonstop news cycles:

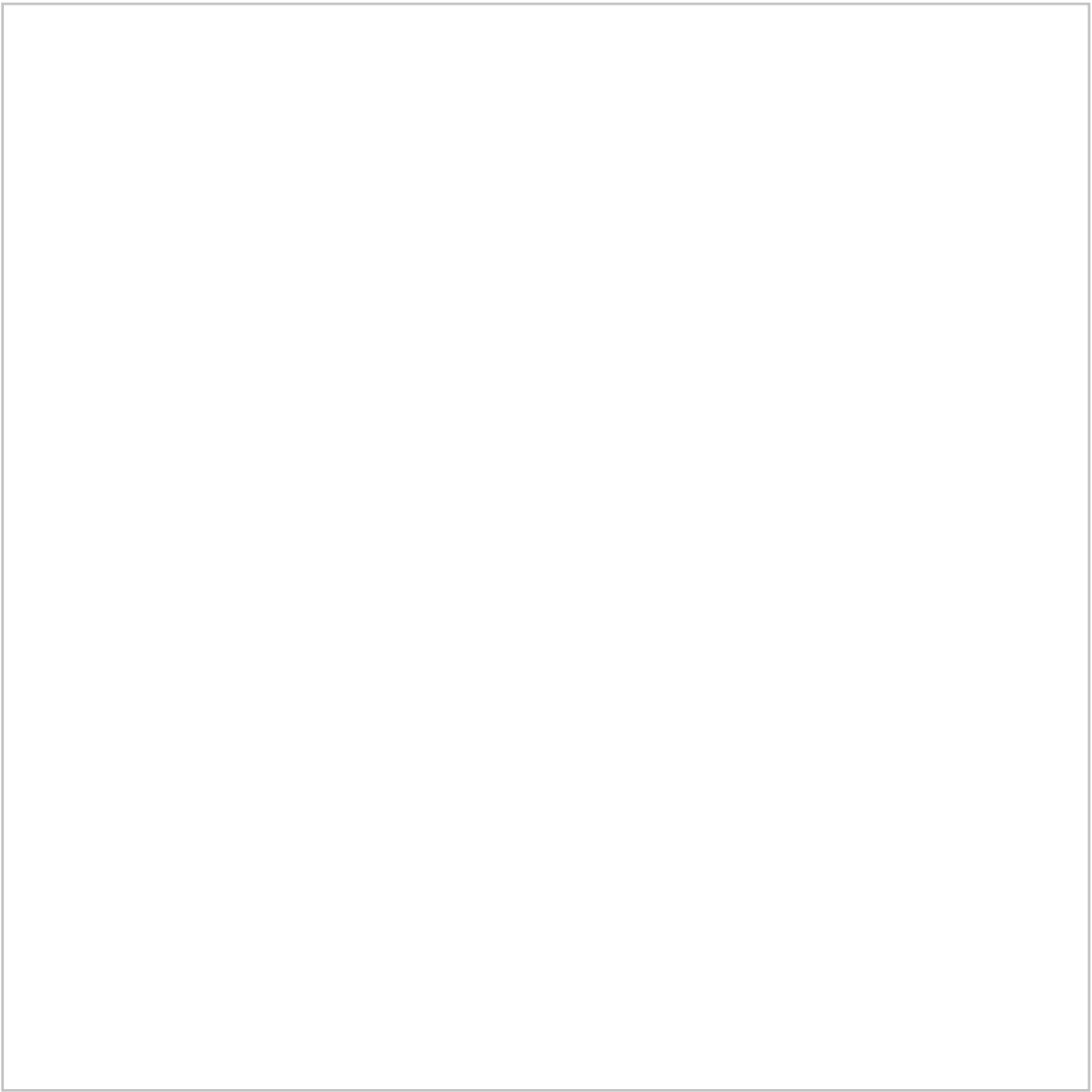


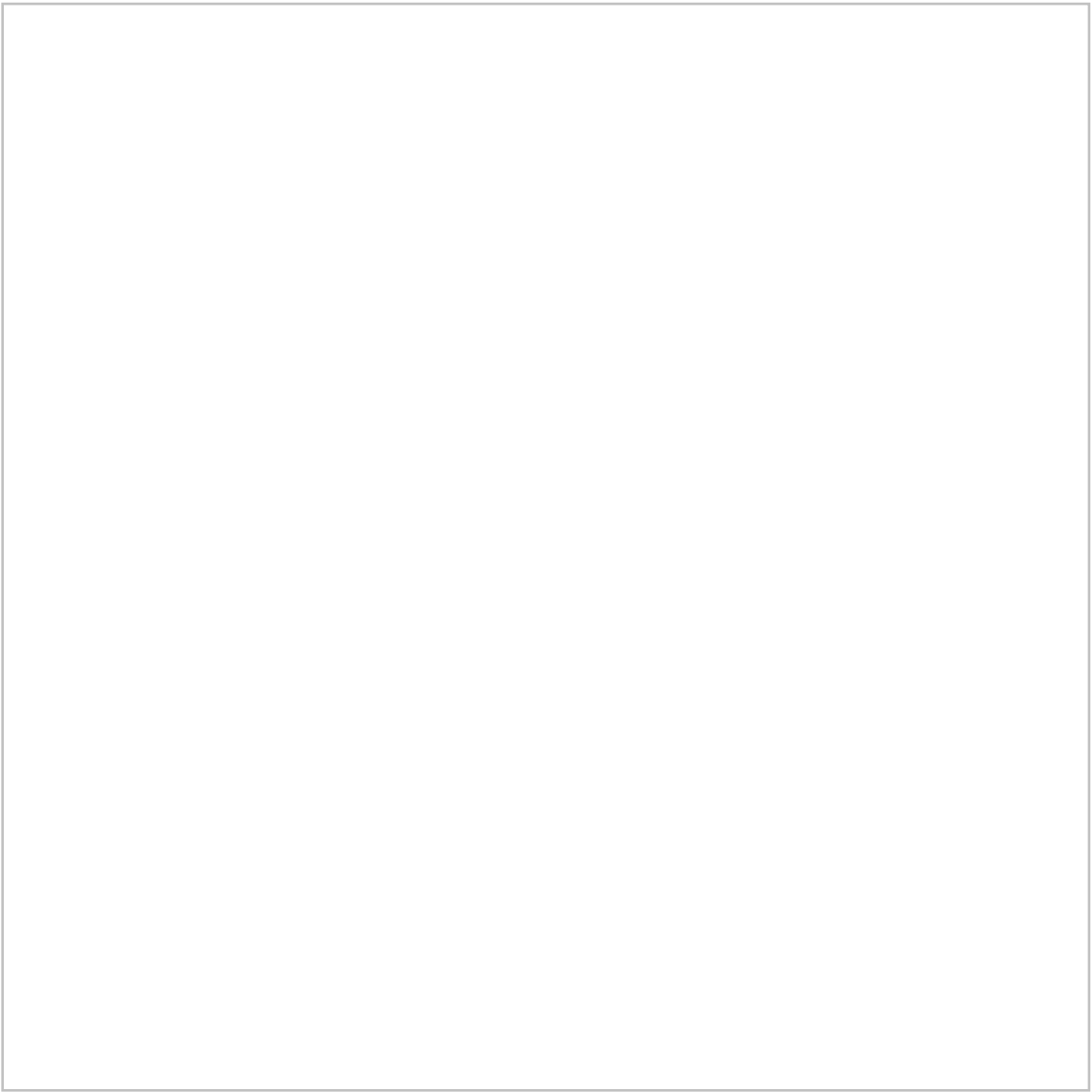


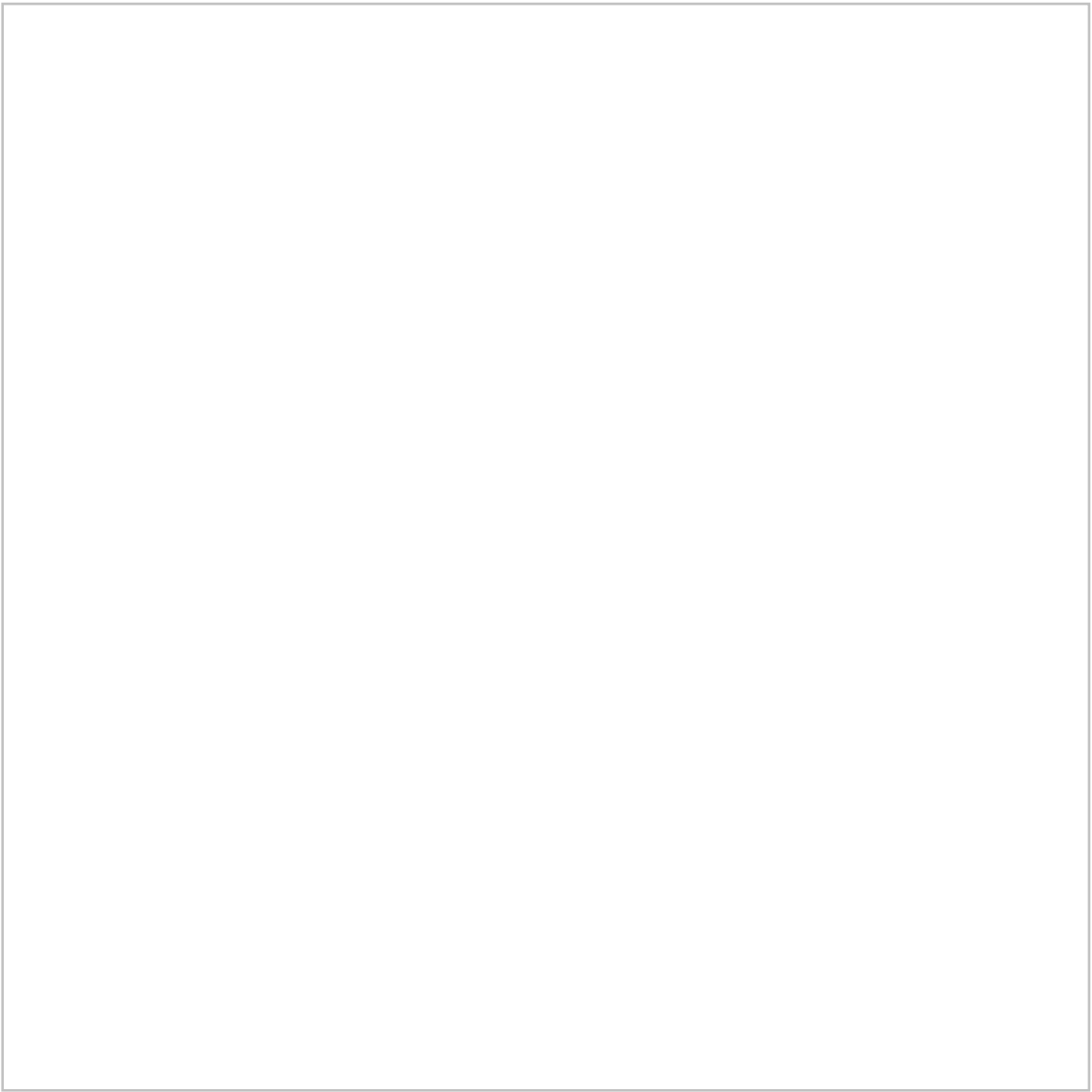


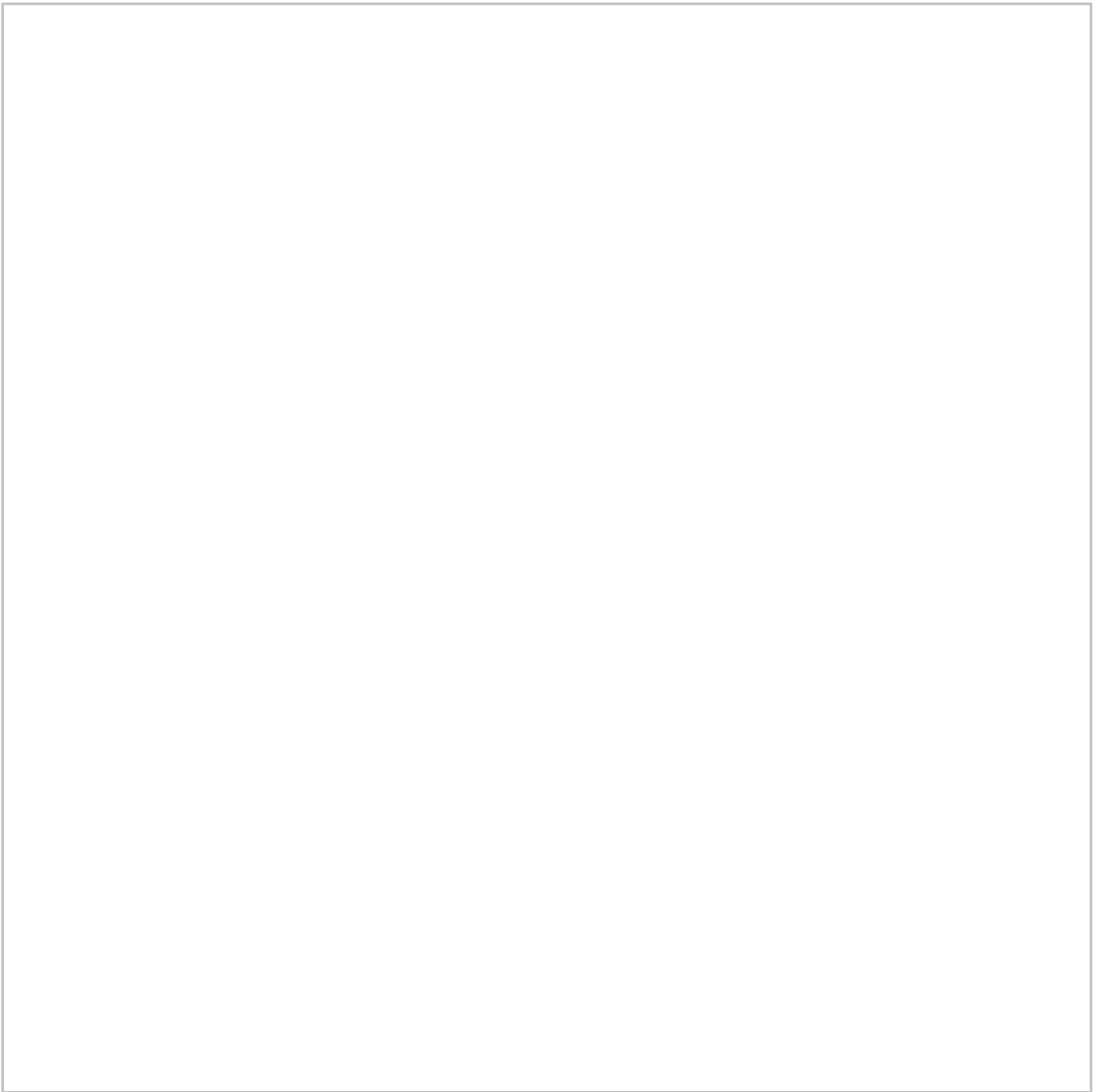
Lots of shout-outs for Valentine's Day:









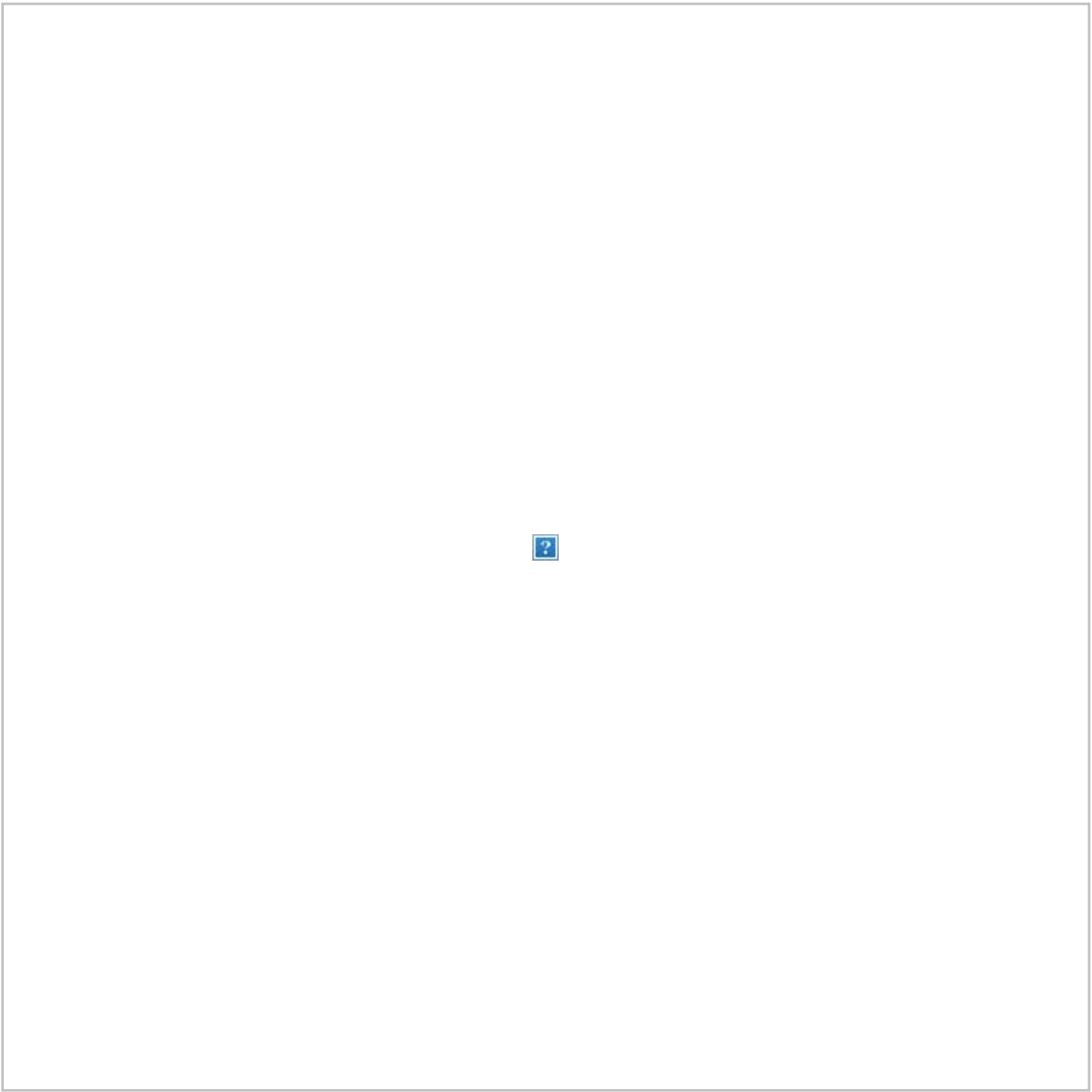


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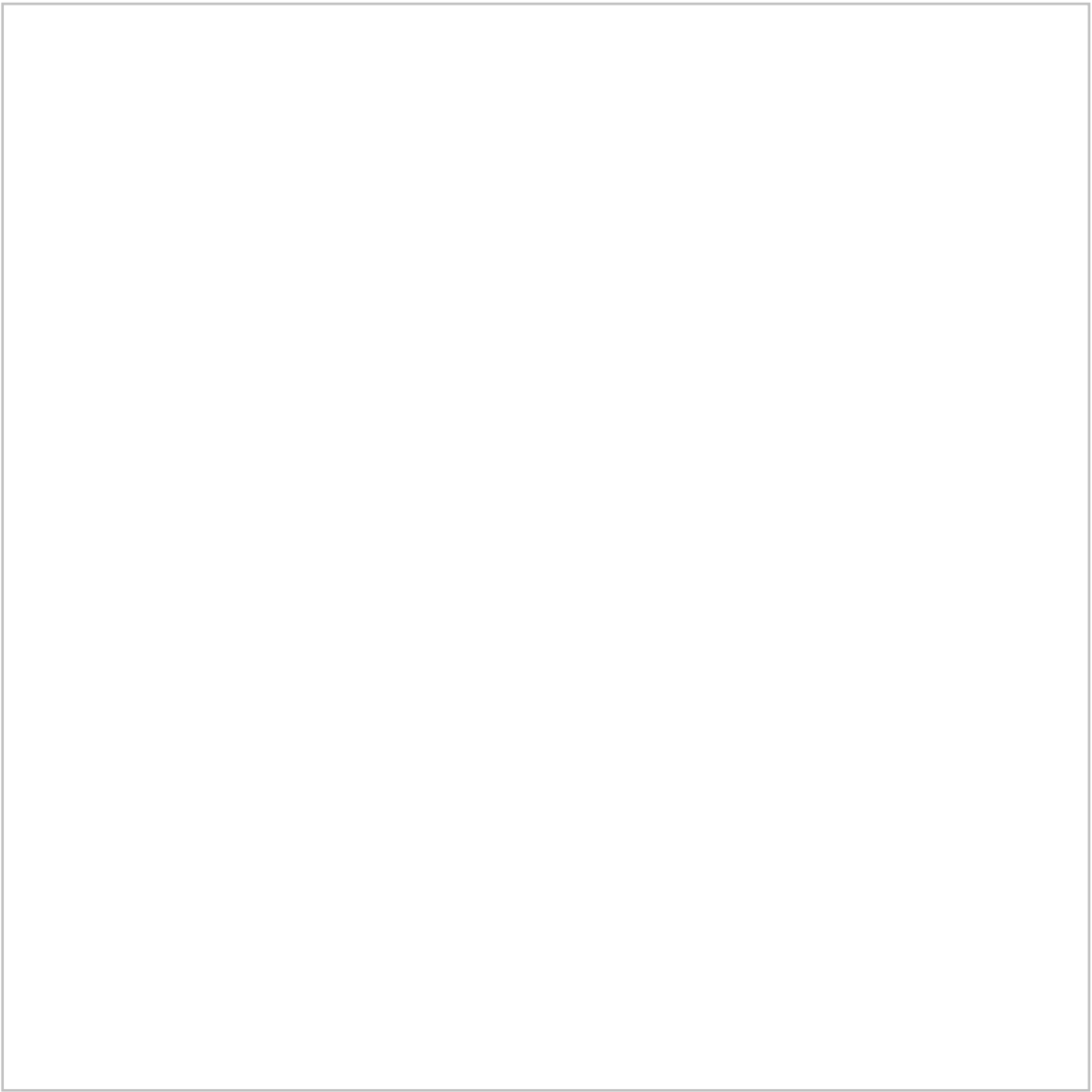
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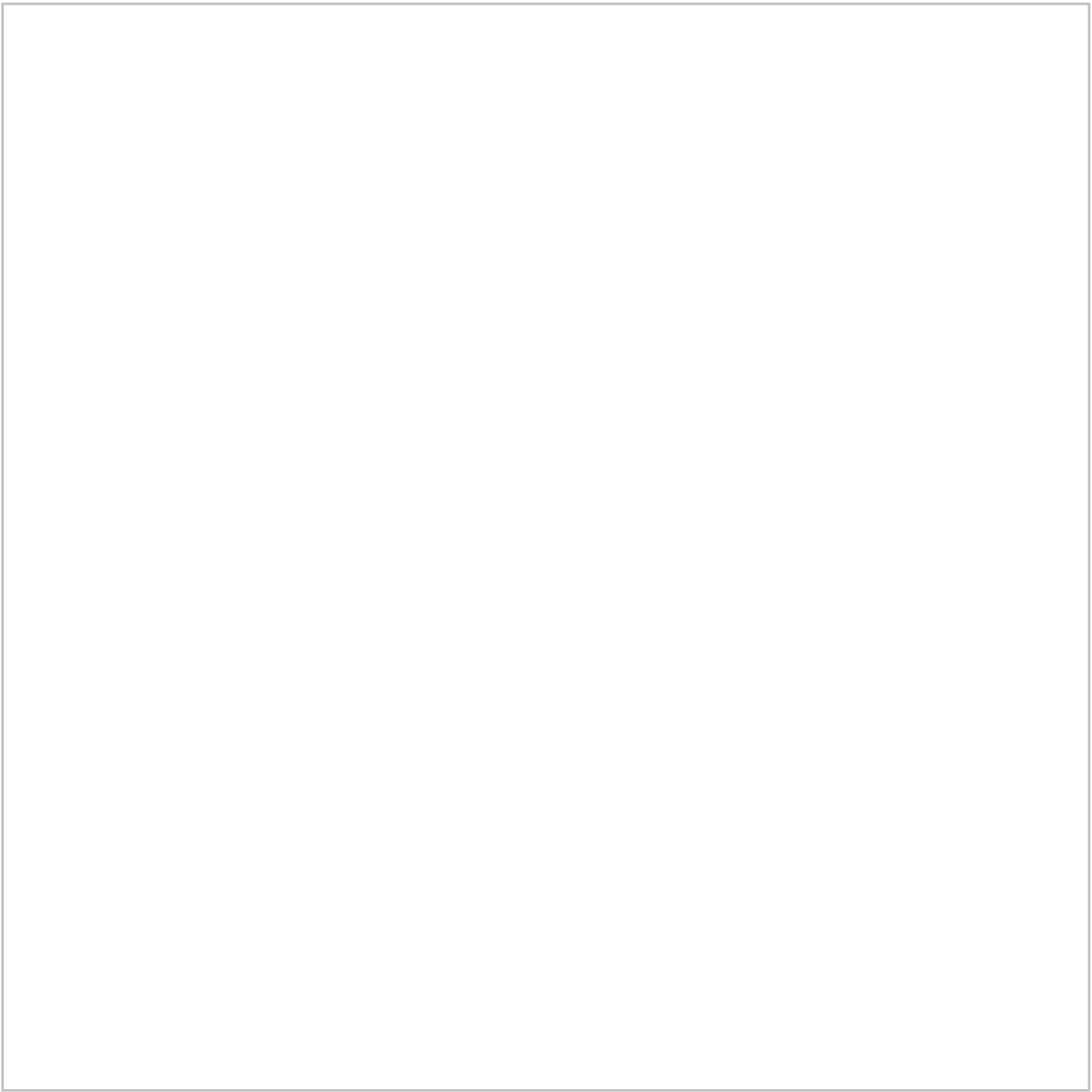
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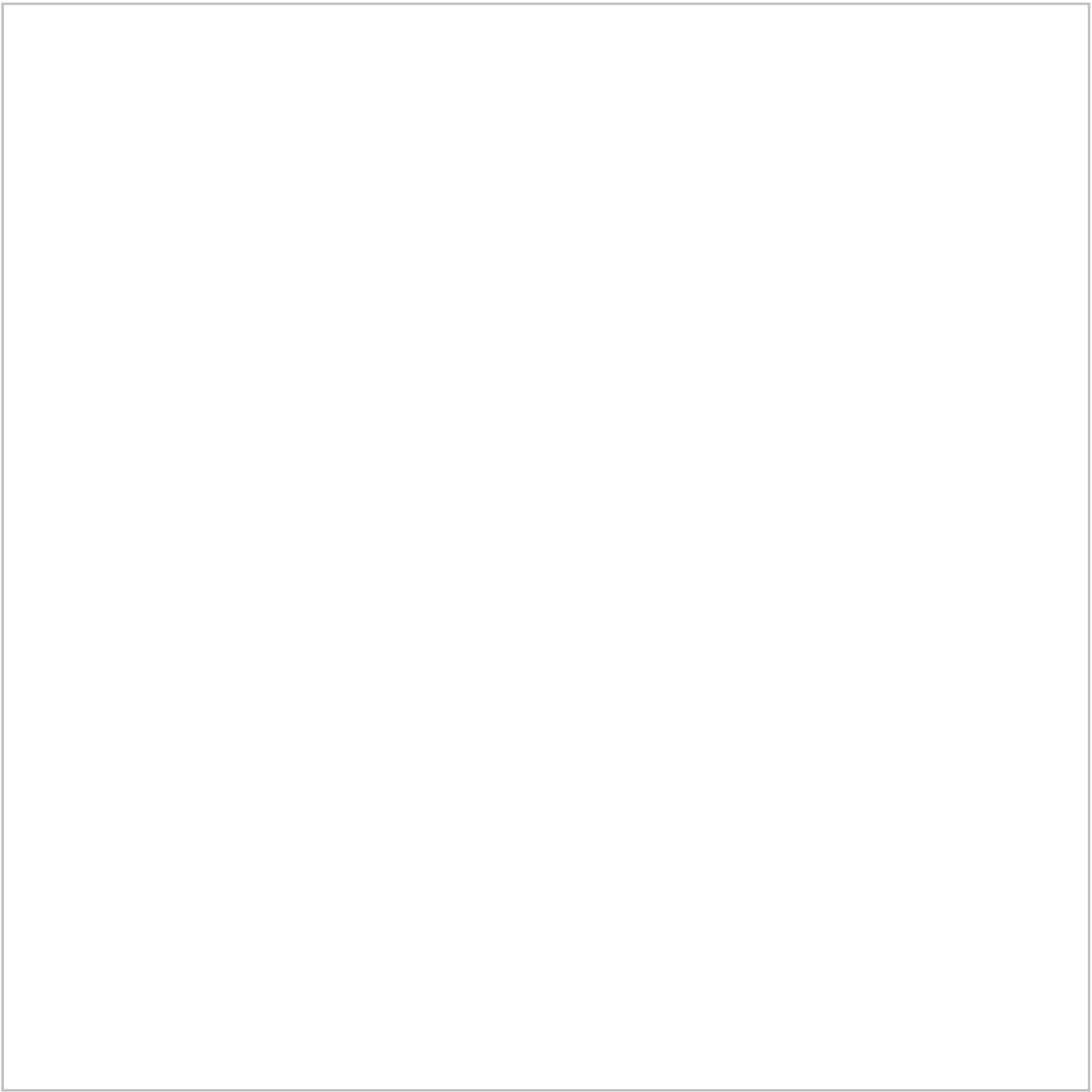


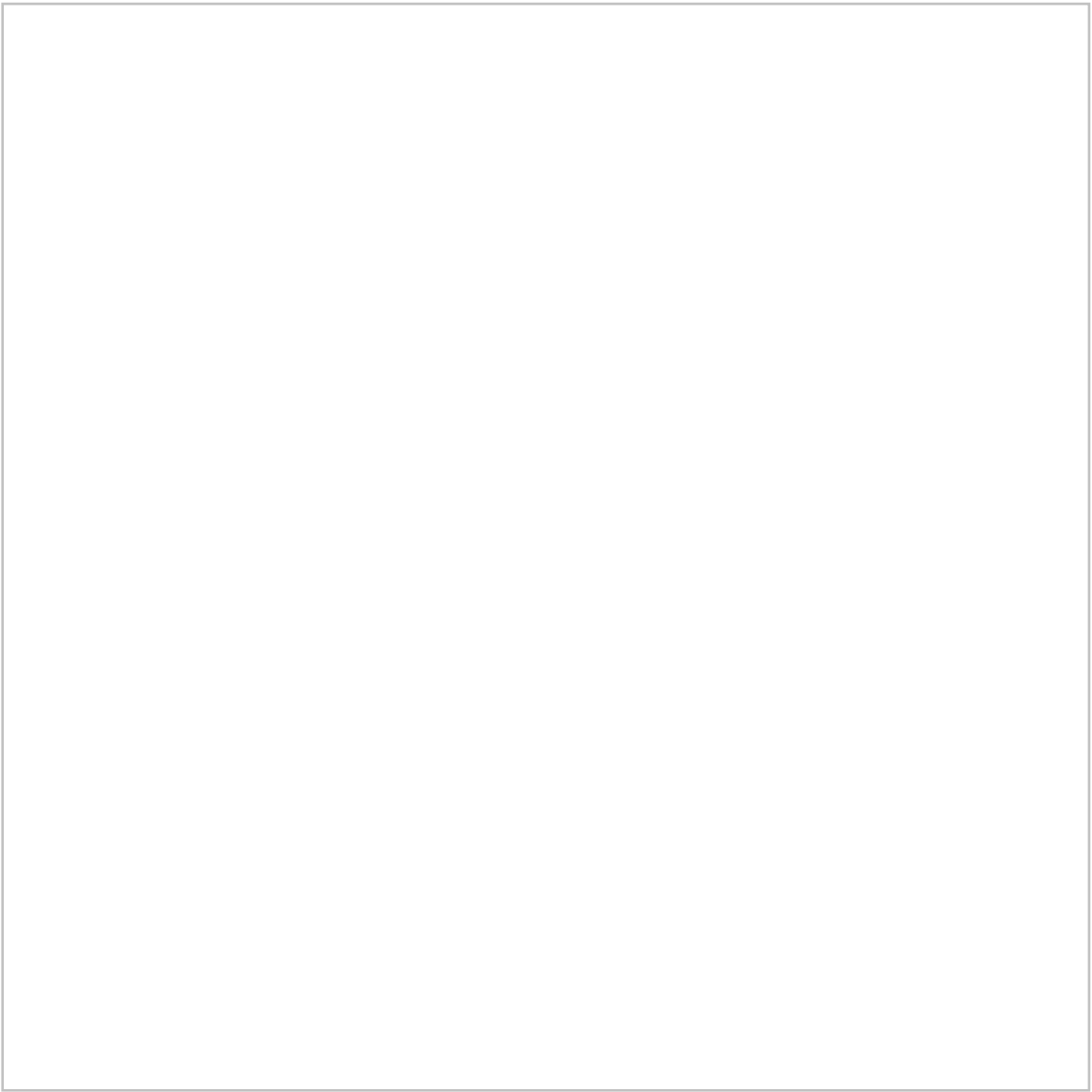


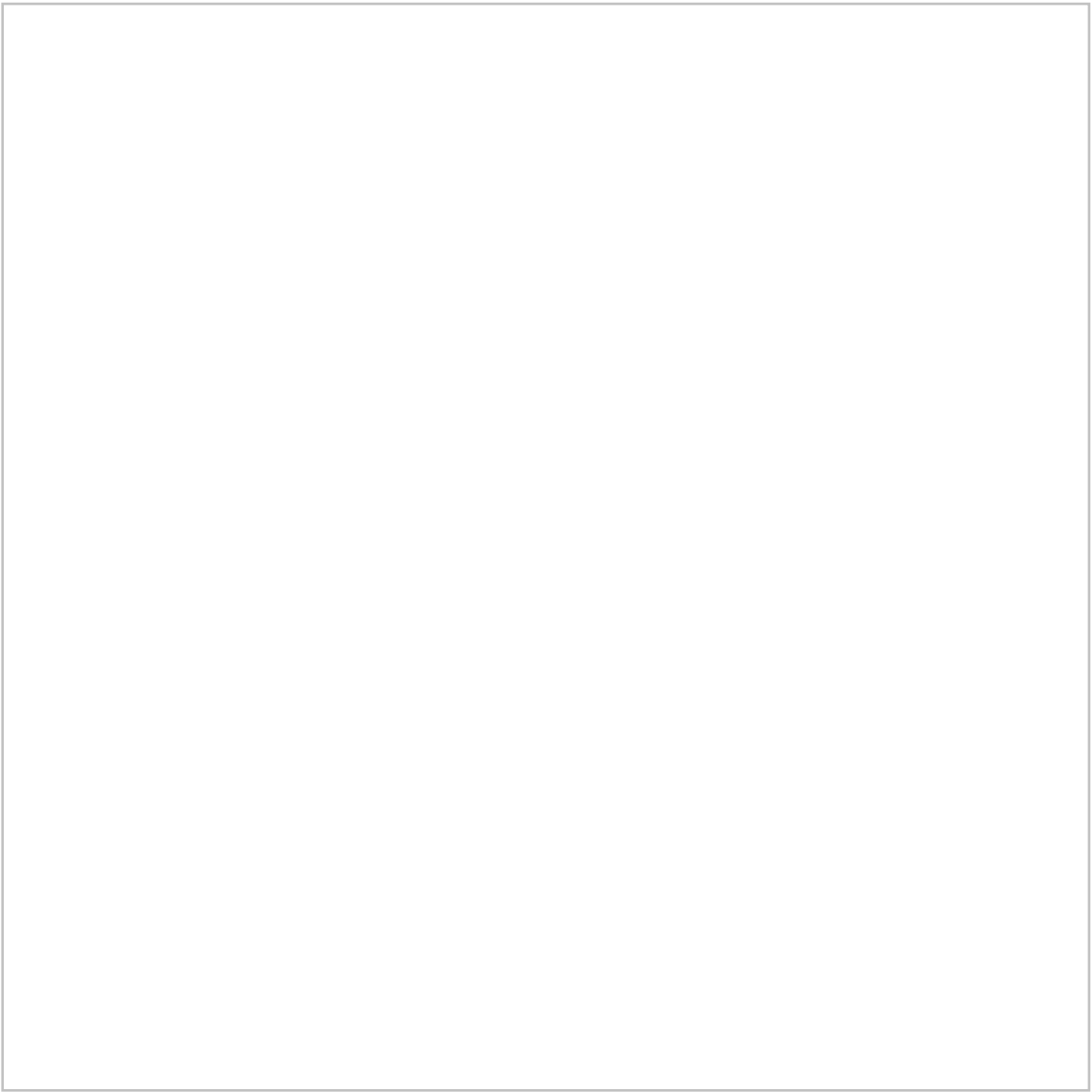


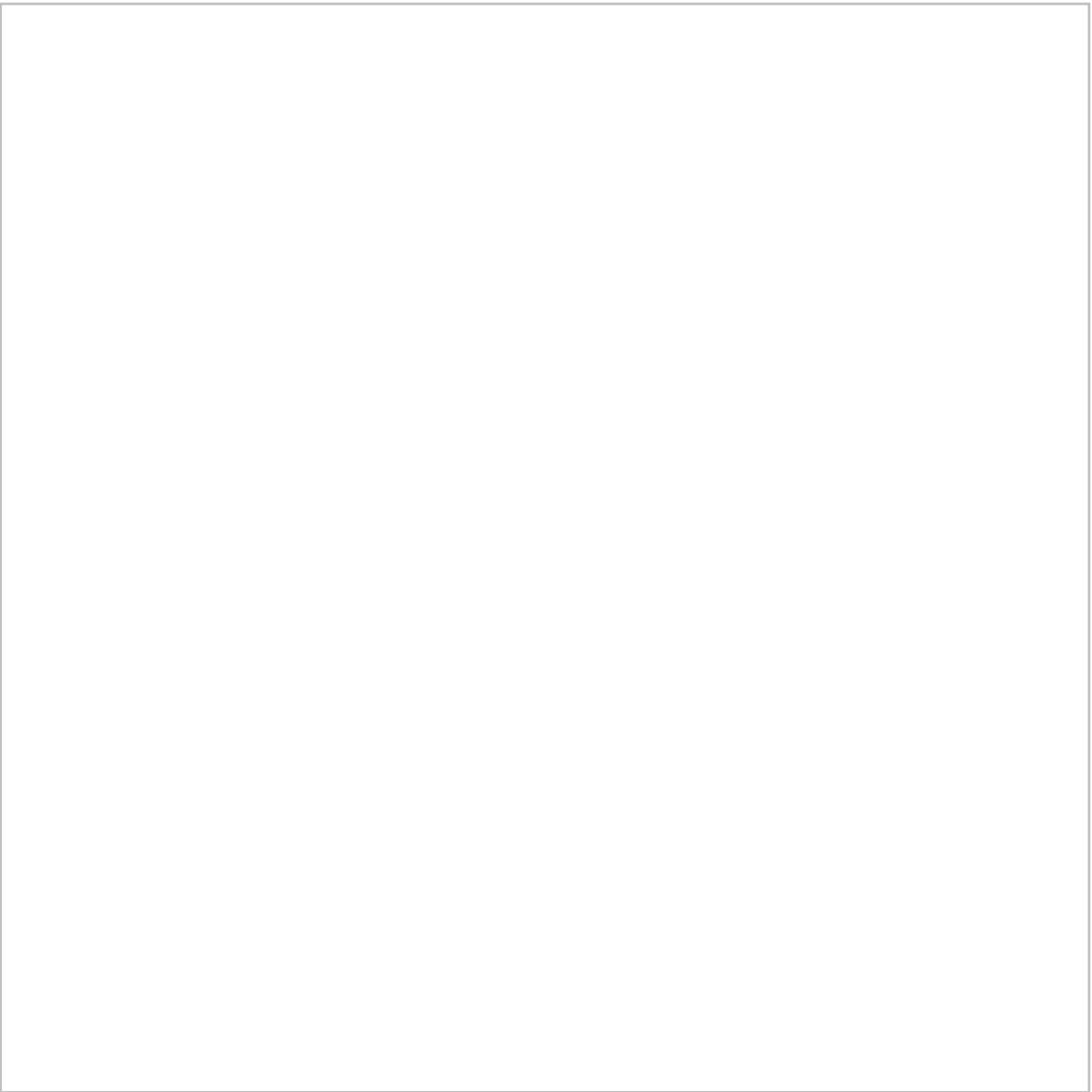




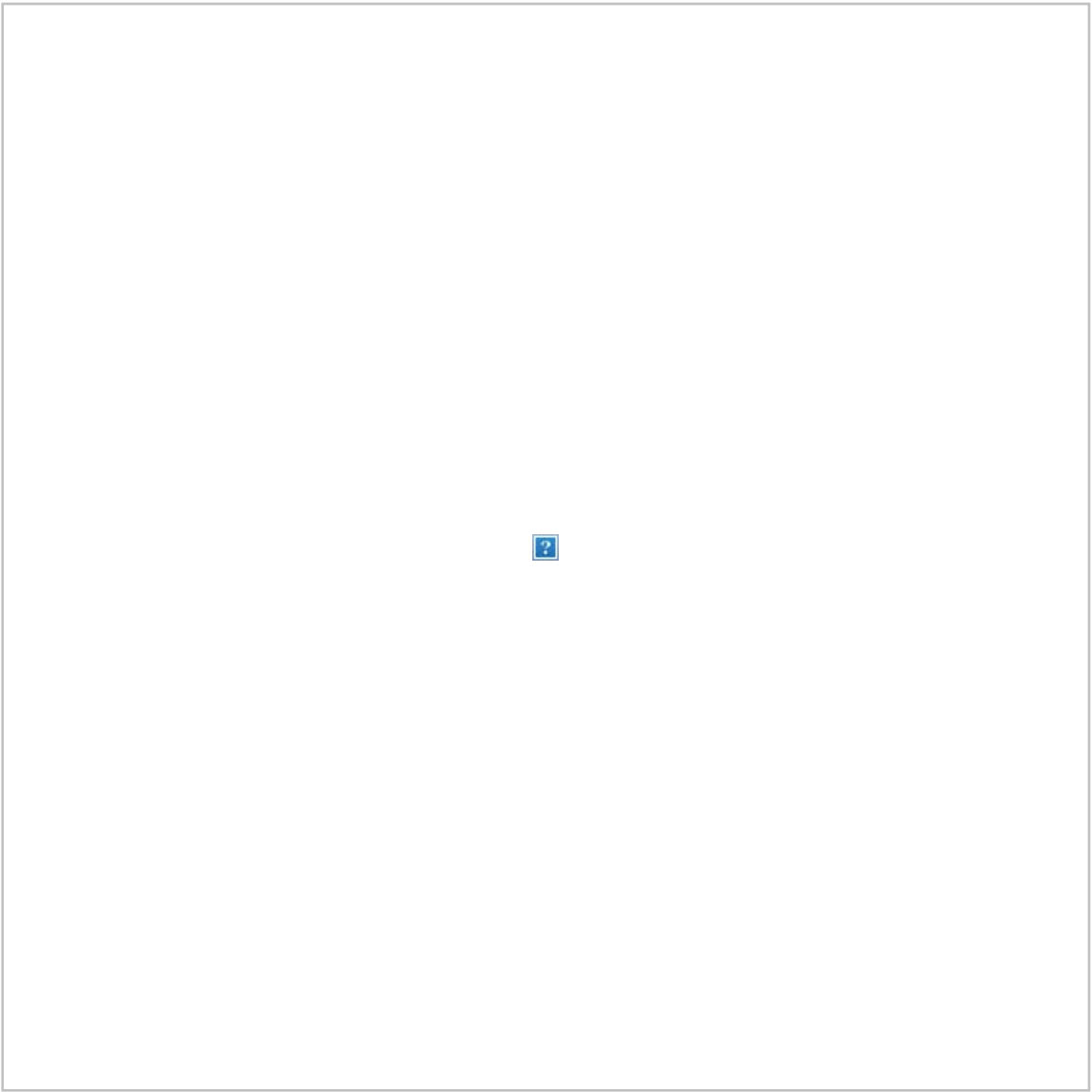




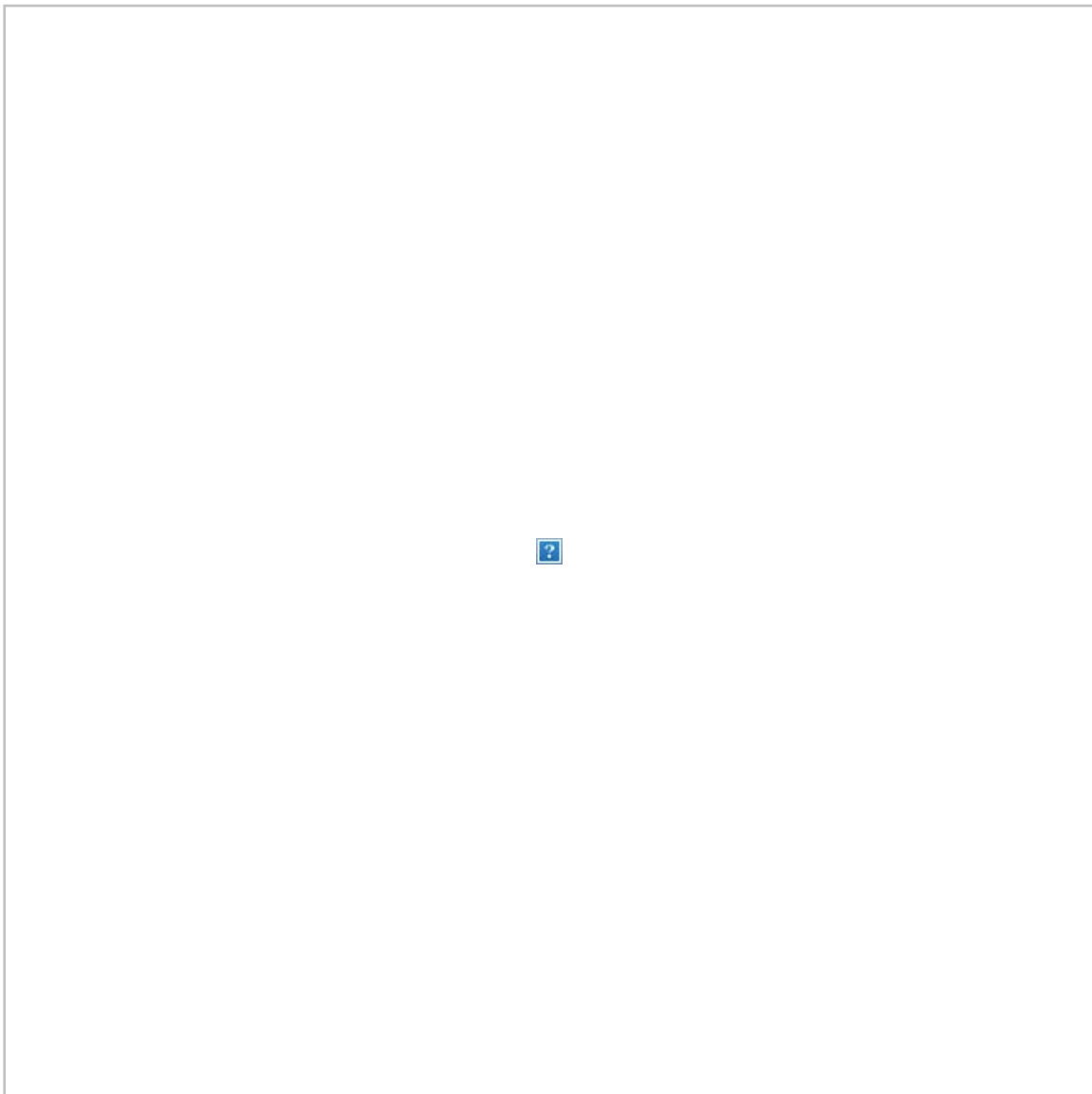




Since we all need a laugh:



Al Franken brought his granddaughter to work:



#### GOOD READS FROM ELSEWHERE:

-- Wall Street Journal, "[It's Boom Time Again for America's Largest Banks: Goldman Sachs shares hit all-time high](#)," by Liz Hoffman and Christina Rexrode: "Shares in America's banks are booming again, with Goldman Sachs Group Inc., J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and Bank of America Corp. hitting fresh trading milestones Tuesday that seemed unreachable during the crucible of the financial crisis. Investor expectations of higher interest rates, lower taxes, lighter regulation and faster economic growth under the Trump administration have added \$280 billion in combined market value to the nation's six largest banks since Nov. 8."

#### HOT ON THE LEFT:

"[Kellyanne Conway Claims She Doesn't Know Who Retweeted A White Nationalist From Her Twitter Account](#)," from [Buzzfeed](#): "Kellyanne Conway wasn't really feeling the love Tuesday morning, after [Matt Lauer] said her responses

#### HOT ON THE RIGHT:

"[Student Op-Ed: 'Microaggressions Lead to Mass Shootings'](#)," from [National Review](#): An op-ed titled 'How Microaggressions Lead to Mass Shootings' appeared in the official student newspaper of Quebec's Concordia University on Tuesday.



made no sense when she appeared to dodge his repeated questions about Gen. Mike Flynn's resignation ... So when Twitter user, Lib Hypocrisy, complimented her for her 'strength and resiliency in face of vile hatred, bigotry, & sexism of the unhinged Left,' and said 'Love you!' Conway responded gratefully. Conway not only retweeted Lib Hypocrisy's tweet, but also told the Twitter user, 'Love you back' and wished her 'Hapless Haters' a happy Valentine's Day. Which was sweet and all, except that Conway expressed her love for a white nationalist. Lib Hypocrisy's Twitter bio includes the hashtags 'WhiteIdentity' and 'Nationalist.' Conway told BuzzFeed News on Tuesday, "I don't know who had access to my account." 'Let me see who tweeted that,' she said. 'That's terrible.'"

asking people to think about how their insensitive remarks might be leading to murder. In the piece, student Florence Lee argues that since 'racial violence builds itself on top of its smaller forms,' everyone shares responsibility for events like the January shooting at the mosque in Quebec City. Yep, Lee says, stuff like that all starts with a microaggression — which she defines as 'a comment or action that is subtly and often unintentionally hostile or demeaning to a member of a minority or marginalized group.' According to Lee, subtle, "unintentionally" mean comments "alienate people and subconsciously start to form an insidious divide' ... which then leads to 'discrimination,' which then ultimately leads to murder."

#### DAYBOOK:

**At the White House:** Trump will participate in a listening session with the Retail Industry Leaders Association and member company CEOs. He will then host Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife for a press conference, meeting, and working lunch. Later, he will speak to Argentinian President Mauricio Macri by phone. In the evening, he and Melania Trump will host Sen. Marco Rubio and his wife for dinner. Pence will join Trump for the meeting with the Retail Industry Leaders Association, as well as a bilateral meeting and working lunch with Netanyahu.

#### QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"I just don't think it's useful to be doing investigation after investigation, particularly of your own party," Rand Paul told Fox's Brian Kilmeade during [a radio interview](#). "We'll never even get started with doing the things we need to do, like repealing Obamacare, if we're spending our whole time having Republicans investigate Republicans. I think it makes no sense."

#### NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:

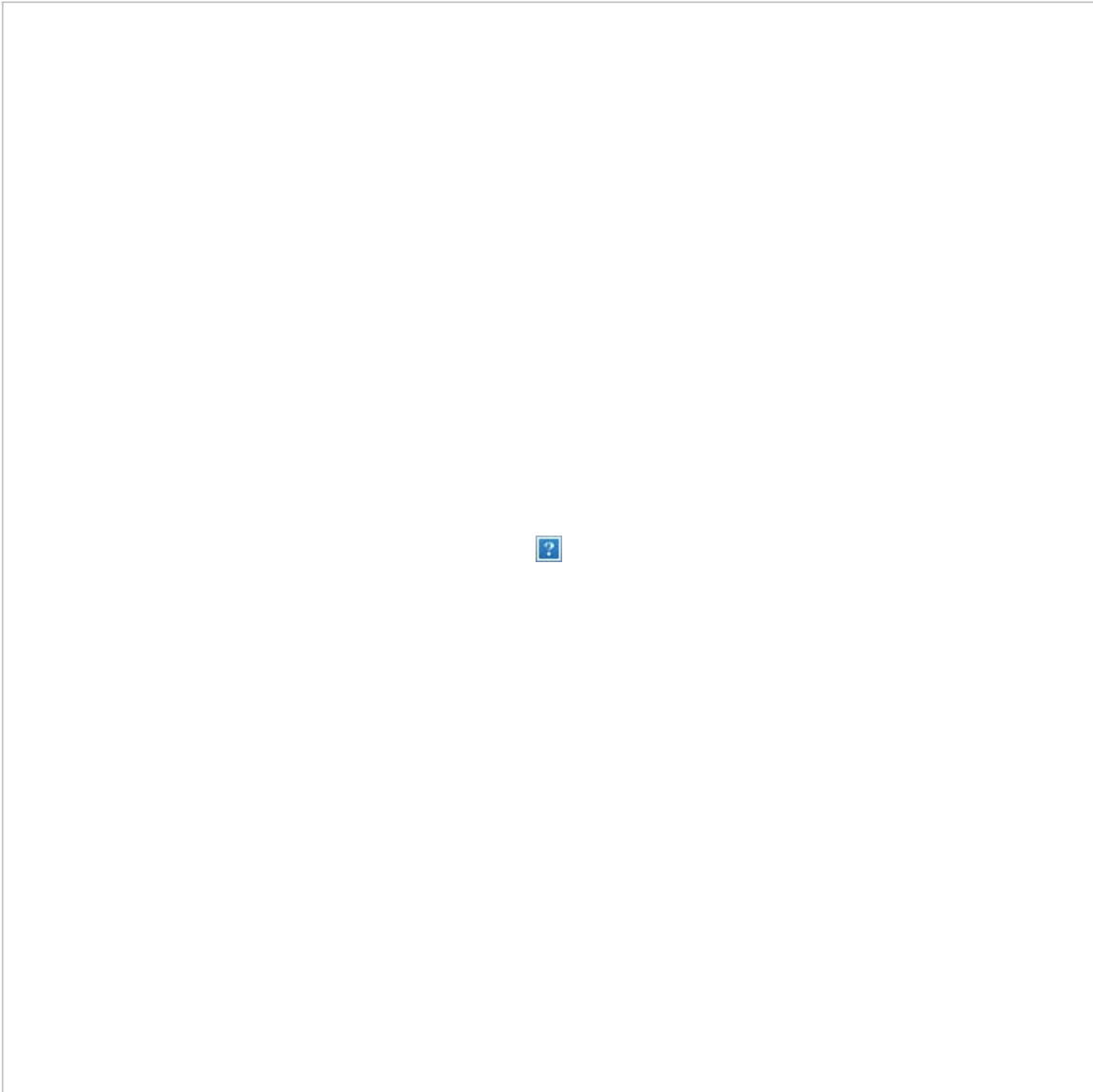
-- **Another breezy and cloudy day ahead, per today's [Capital Weather Gang forecast](#):** "Mostly cloudy skies prevail this morning with some showers possible, mainly south and east of the District. Although an isolated shower, even a snow shower, is possible anywhere through early afternoon. And further south, steadier showers are likely from around Fredericksburg and St. Mary's County toward points south. We'll look for clearing skies by midafternoon as highs reach the mid-40s to near 50."

-- **District authorities demolished a homeless encampment near the Kennedy Center**, bulldozing what was a small neighborhood of tents and barbecue pits that had become a mainstay for homeless men and women this winter. City officials said the location of the encampment was particularly problematic, and posed health concerns to both occupants and residents who live or work nearby. ([Aaron C. Davis](#))

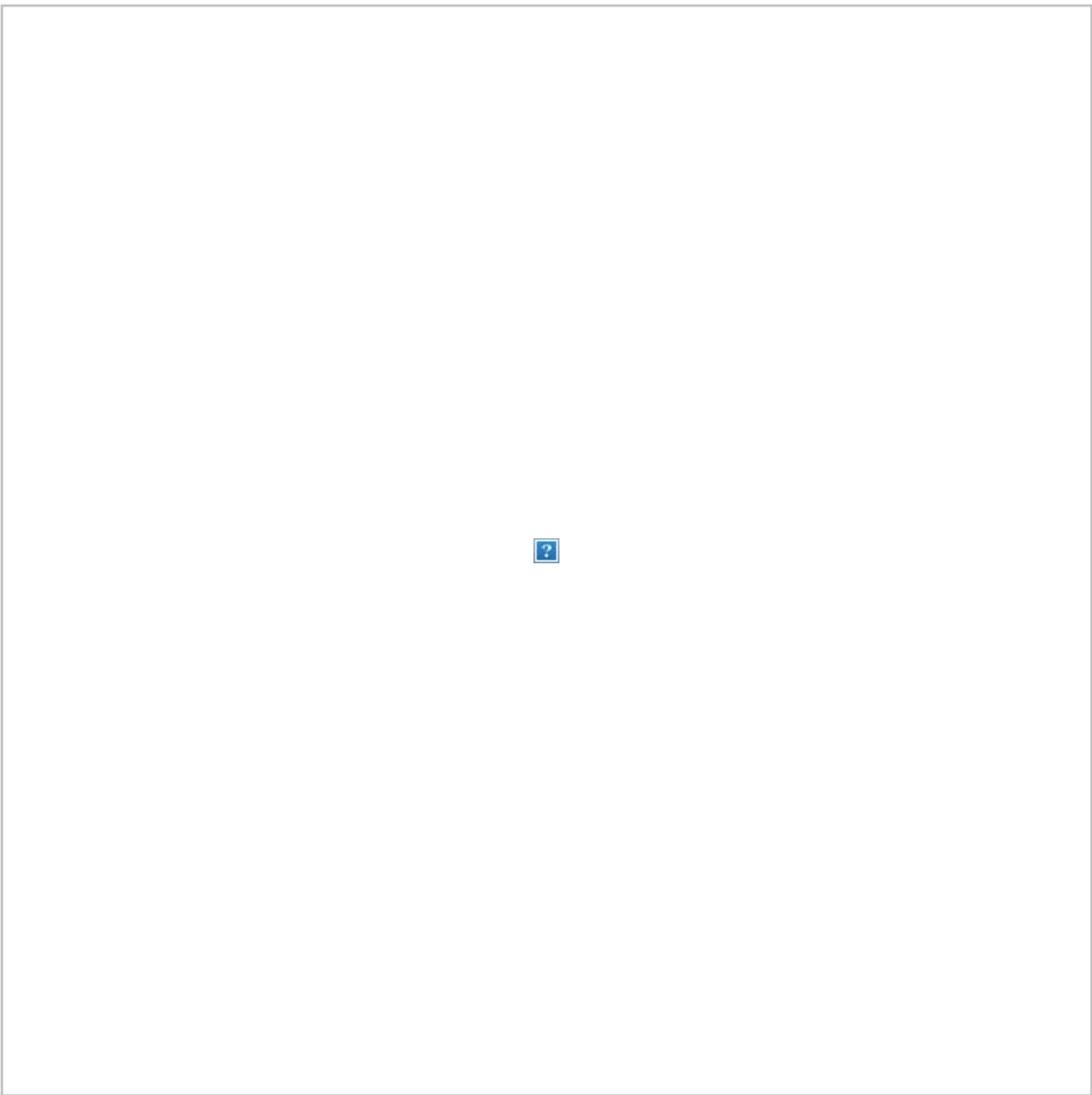
-- **Fairfax County Executive Edward Long Jr. proposed a 2018 budget that would give county schools \$61 million less than the amount they are seeking.** He said the decision is just one of several hard that the wealthy suburb must make as it struggles with stagnant revenue and a public rejection of tax hikes. ([Antonio Olivo](#))

**VIDEOS OF THE DAY:**

See all of the things that Fox News has covered since Flynn resigned:

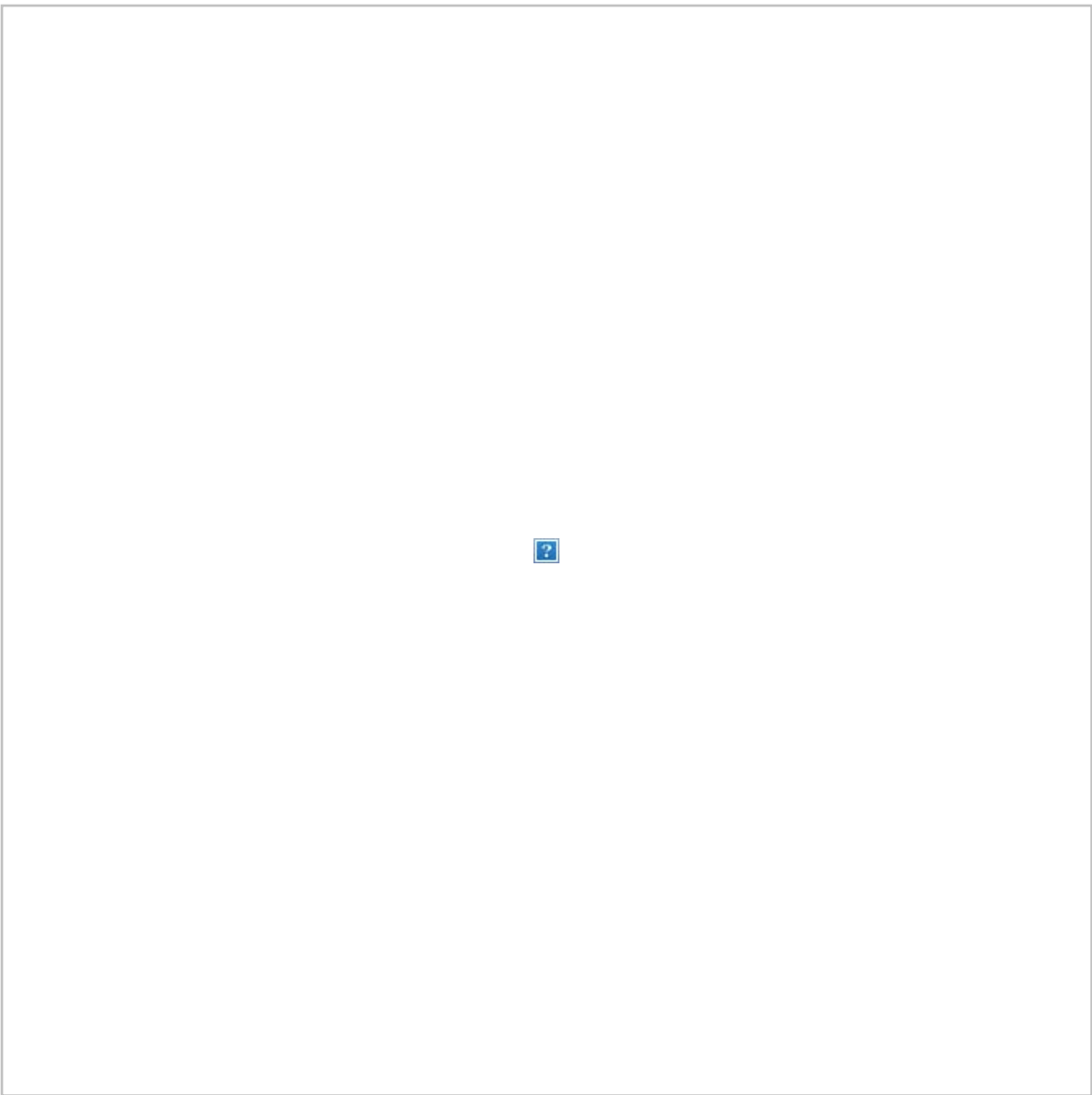


Jimmy Kimmel reviews some White House V-Day cards:



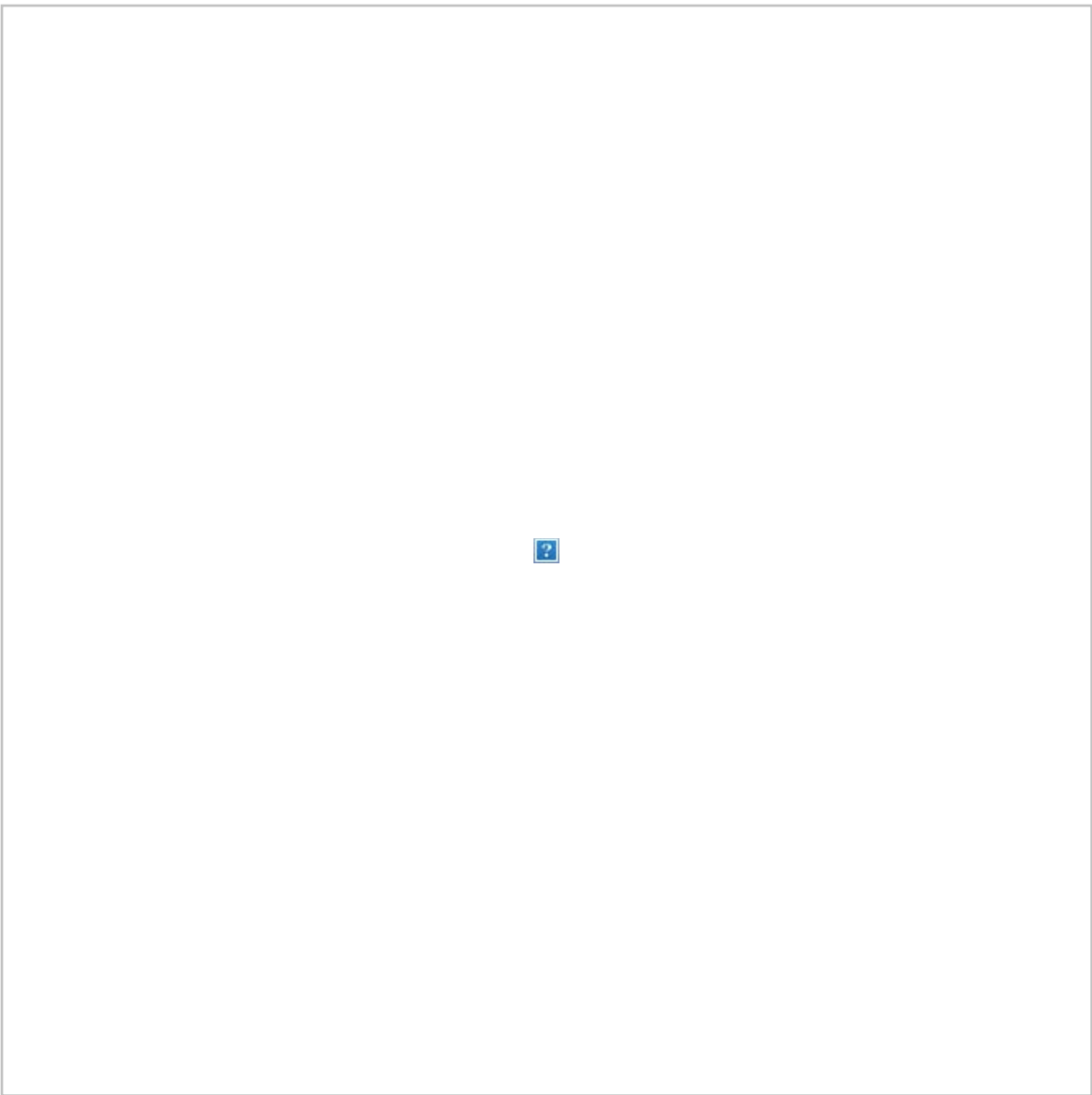
White House Valentine's Day Cards

Jimmy also invites us to visit Mar-a-Lago with Trump:



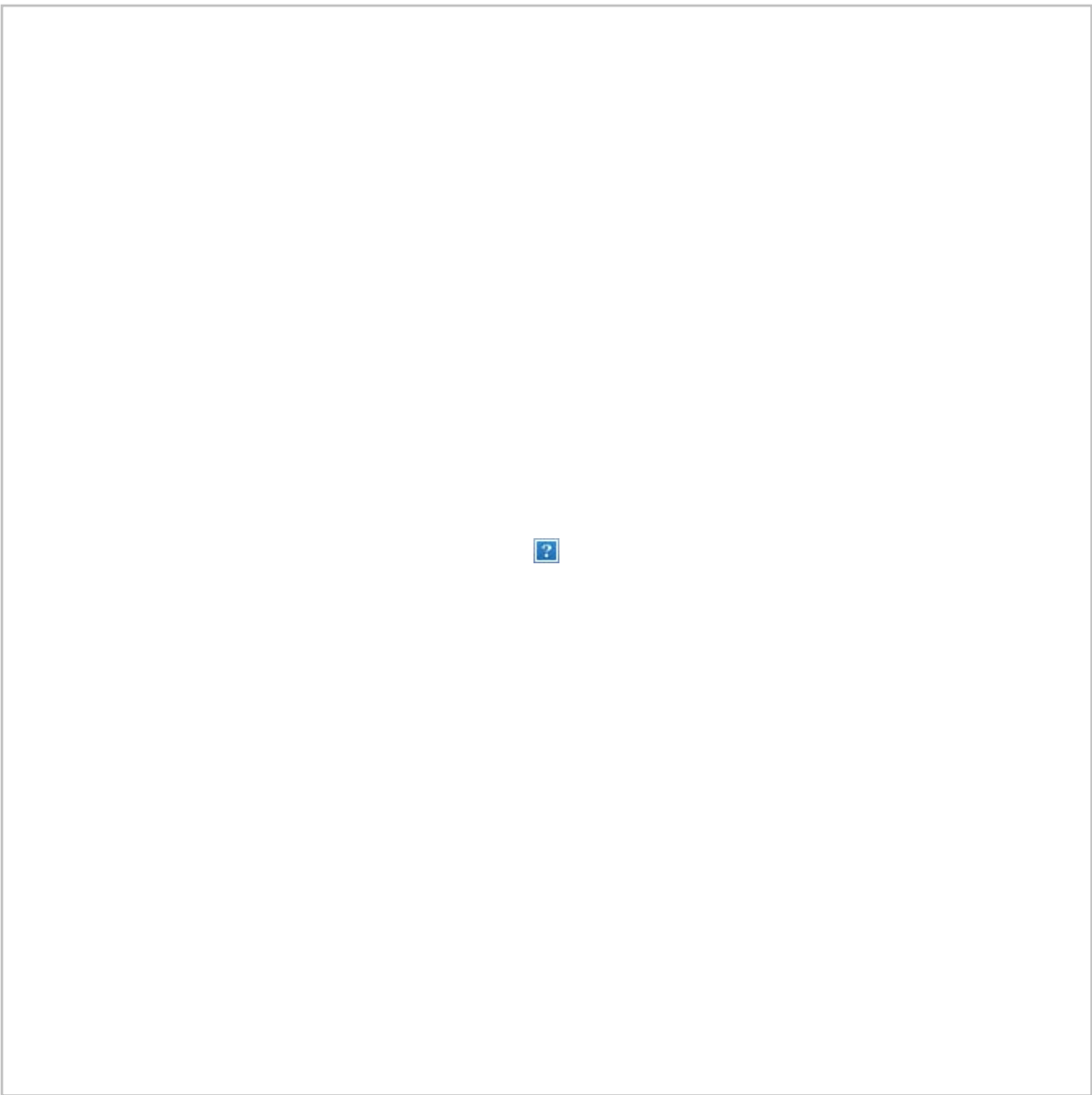
Meet President Trump at Mar-a-Lago

Seth Myers talks to Evan McMullin:



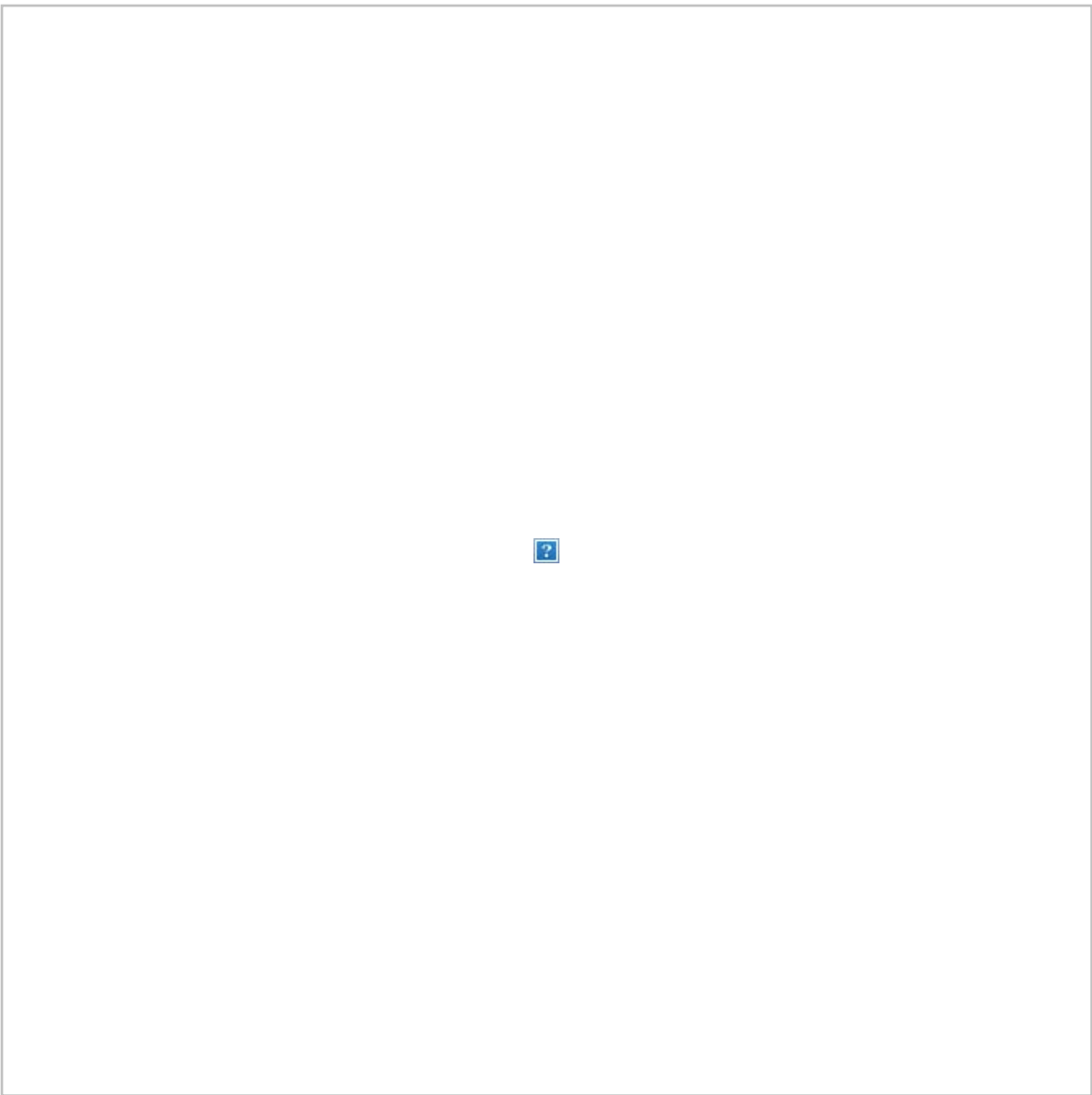
Evan McMullin Says Donald Trump Is Behaving Like an Authoritarian

Conan talks to Jake Tapper about Flynn's resignation:



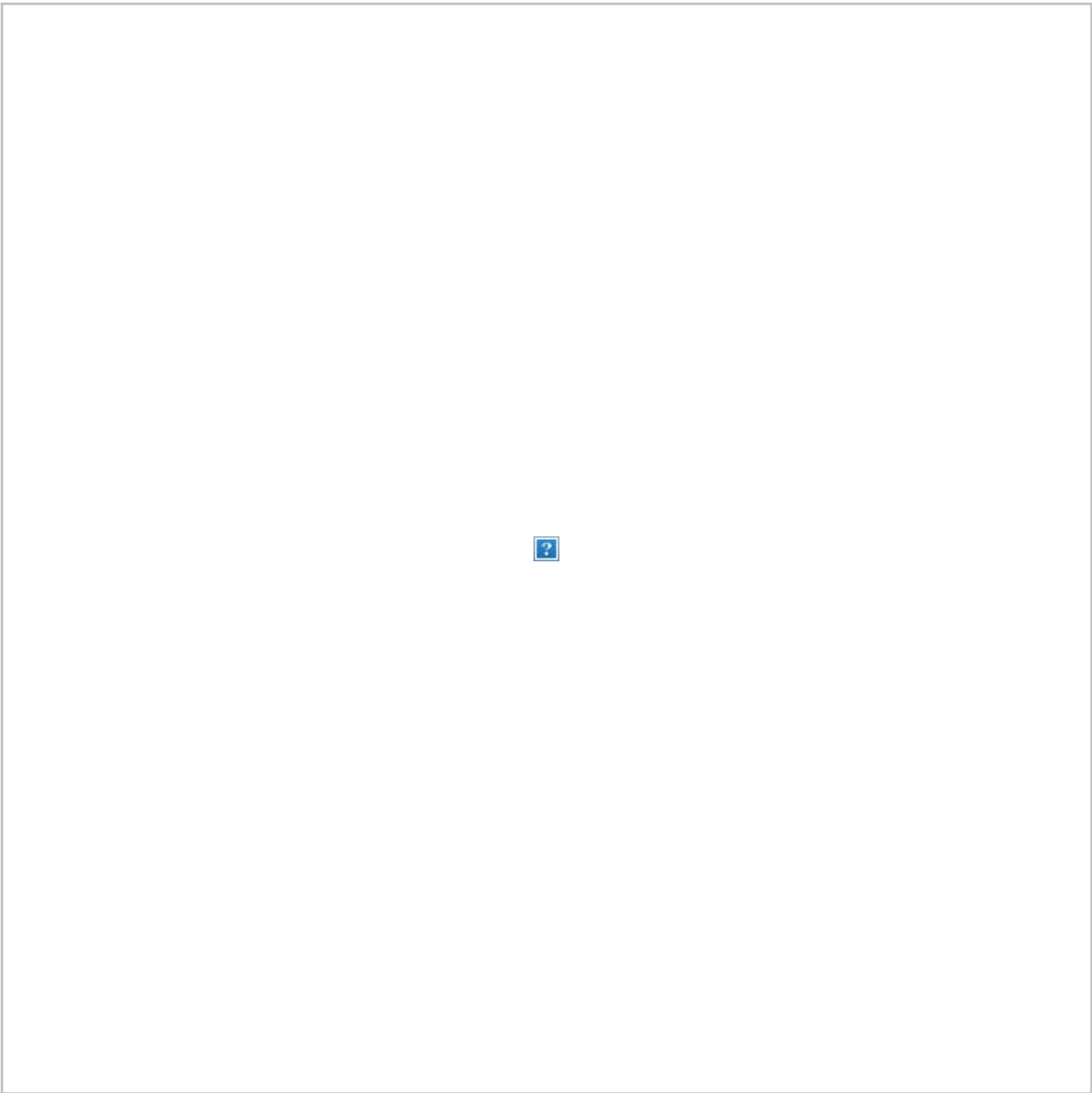
Jake Tapper On Michael Flynn's Resignation - CONAN on TBS

John Oliver blames Trump on Oprah:



John Oliver Says Trump Is Oprah's Fault

Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.) read hateful tweets directed at him on the Senate floor:



Sen. Scott reads tweets attacking him based on race

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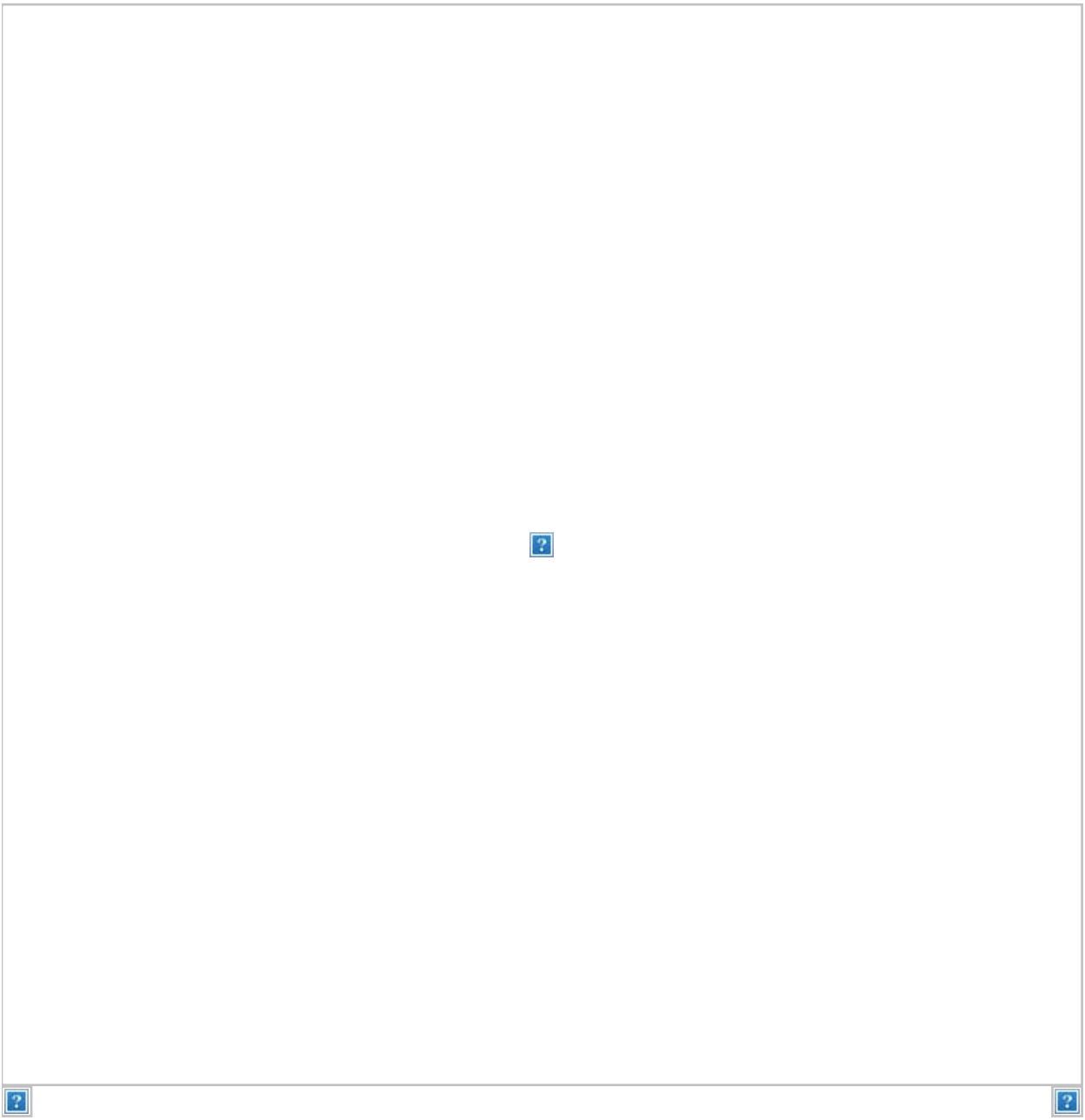
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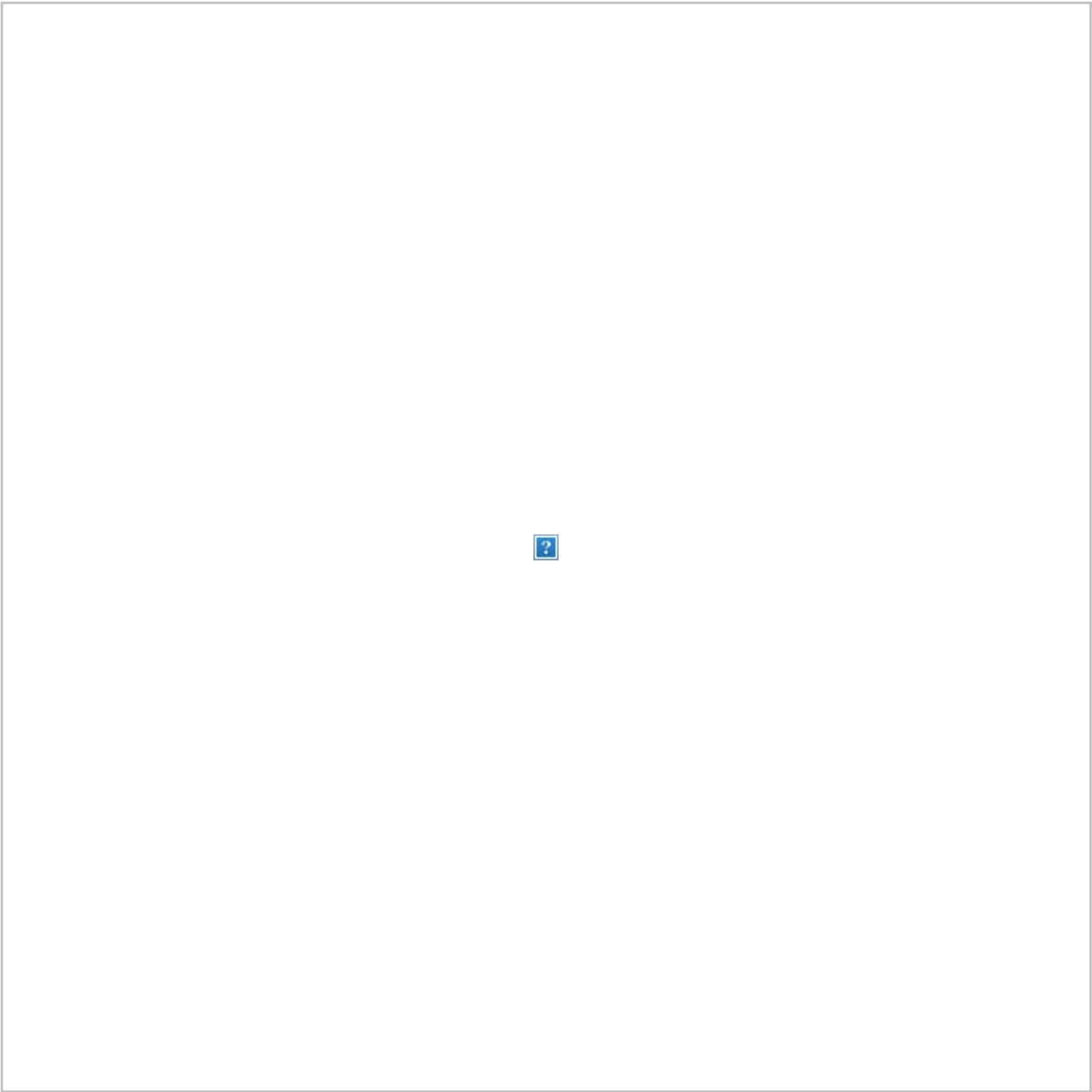


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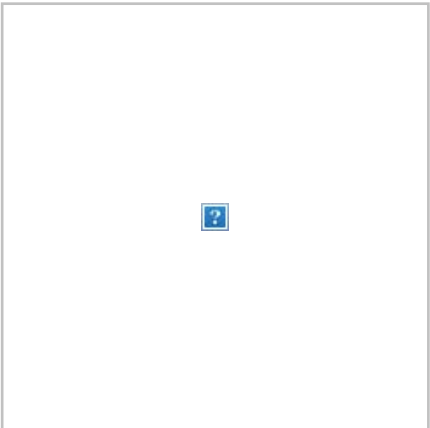
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[Obama in a state of denial about Trump, as Democrats work through the stages of grief](#)



President Obama listens to a question during a news conference in the Brady press briefing room at the White House yesterday. (Manuel Balce Ceneta/AP)



*With Breanne Deppisch*

**THE BIG IDEA: Barack Obama has deluded himself with the misguided hope that Donald Trump will not even try to follow through on many of his biggest campaign promises.** He is consoling himself with the hope that, if he does, the new president will be measured, self-restrained and respectful of custom. That he will “study ... deeply” and “look at the facts.” That logic and reason, not emotion or ideology, will drive him above all else.

**The lame-duck president has convinced himself that Republicans probably won't go through with repealing Obamacare when they realize just how hard it will be. Ditto with the Iran nuclear deal and the Paris climate accord.** “Reality has a way of asserting itself,” Obama reasoned. “I also think that he is coming to this office with fewer set hard-and-fast policy prescriptions than a lot of other presidents might be arriving with. I don't think he is ideological. I think ultimately he's pragmatic in that way.”

**-- Is Obama really that naïve? Probably not. He is just wallowing in a state of denial and has resorted to wishful thinking as a coping mechanism. It is a natural psychological condition that afflicts most human beings grieving a major loss, at least for a time. Presidents are not immune.**

For a little over an hour yesterday afternoon, Americans saw a 55-year-old who has not come to grips with just how big a blow Trump's victory is to his legacy and his party. He rationalized. He downplayed. He justified. He minimized. With all the trappings of the presidency still his, it hasn't fully sunk in yet. And it might not for 66 more days, when Trump gets sworn in on the West Front of the Capitol – and Obama begins living as a civilian in Kalorama.

**-- Trying to project reassurance, circumspection and a sense of continuity, Obama came across at times as both nonchalant and almost ambivalent about the results.** He expressed confidence in how hard it is to move the levers of power. “The federal government and our democracy is not a speedboat. It's an ocean liner,” he said. But with [the stroke of a pen](#) Trump could instantly undo much of what Obama has pushed with through executive action during the second term. And the new president will have Republican majorities in both chambers of Congress.

**-- Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, in her 1969 book “On Death and Dying,” identified the five stages of grief as denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. Obama is clearly still in stage one.**

Obama waves as he leaves the White House, bound for Europe. (Manuel Balce Ceneta/AP)</p>□

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-- **Other Democrats have already progressed further along in their recovery over the past seven days.**

The protesters chanting “not my president” in the streets every night are angry (stage two).

Many more went right into depression (stage three), almost to the point of being inconsolably paralyzed by it. **A bunch of Democratic groups and lobbying firms scheduled parties around Washington this week, assuming folks would be in a mood to celebrate. But several events that took place last night were sparsely attended, since so many movers-and-shakers just want to sit in their basements and drink alone.**

The liberals who won’t stop talking about how Hillary Clinton won the popular vote are in the bargaining phase (stage four).

Meanwhile, the intensifying debate over who should chair the DNC has forced acceptance (stage five) in some quarters.

-- **The Republican establishment already [had to work through this grieving process](#) vis-à-vis Trump in**

**the spring.** Pretty much everyone in the GOP reached the acceptance phase by Election Day.

Obama speaks. (Andrew Harnik/AP)</p></p>



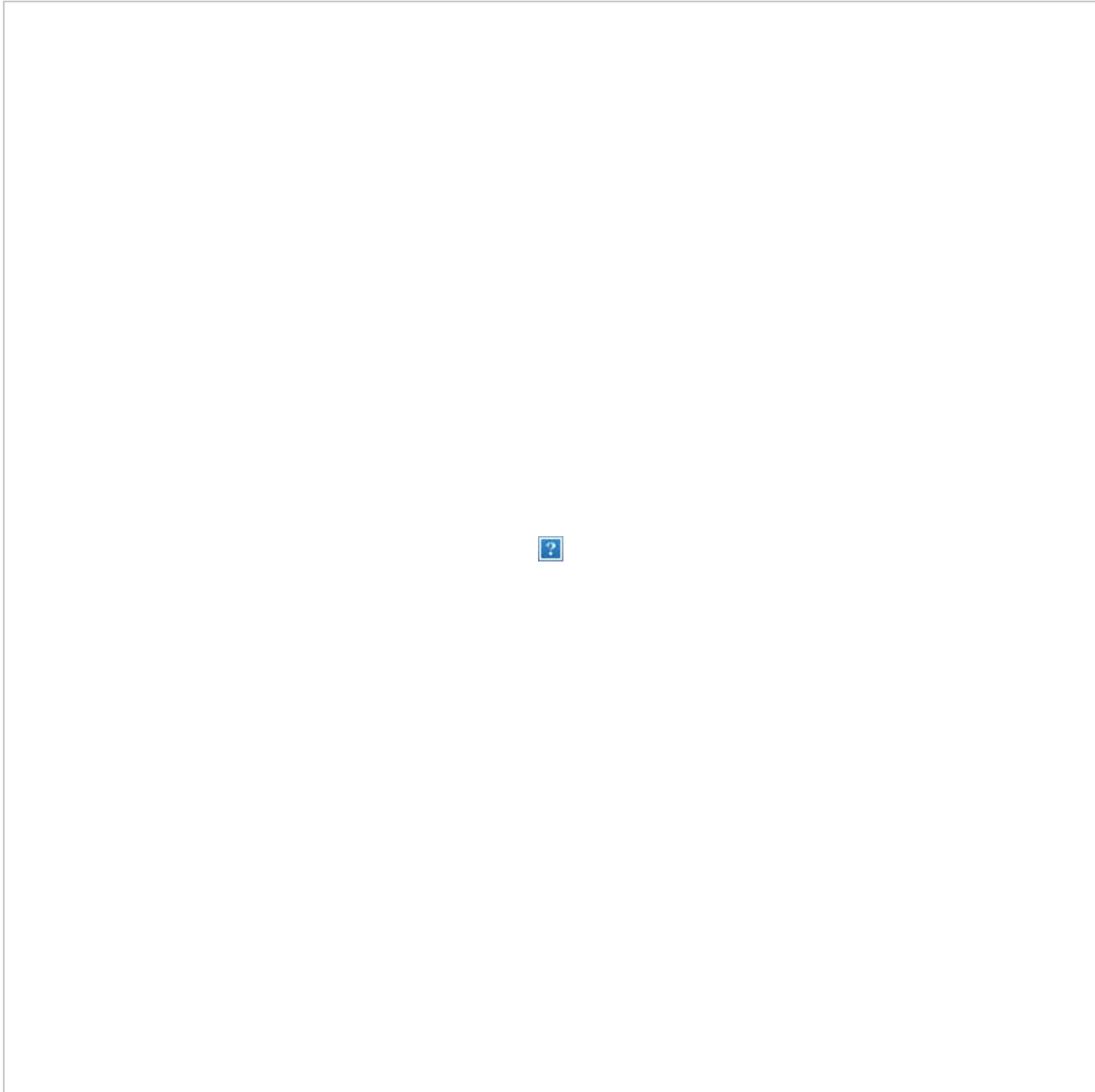
Obama speaks. (Andrew Harnik/AP)

-- **Obama is a textbook case of denial right now.** The president allowed himself to hear what he wanted to hear during his 90-minute sit-down with Trump last Thursday. His successor somehow managed to both reassure and flatter him. Perhaps Trump privately told him that he was not serious about many of his priorities and stressed that they are merely opening bids in a negotiation.

It is also possible that **the same confirmation bias which caused so many in the mainstream media to tune out all the signals that Trump was on the verge of pulling off the biggest political upset since at least “Dewey defeats Truman” has now apparently convinced Obama that his successor is not actually about to massively roll back many of his proudest achievements,** despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. (Trump may not be ideological, but his administration will be full of committed movement conservatives who are focused on systematically unwinding the regulatory state that Obama built up. And Trump’s advisers are already sketching out plans to use the budget reconciliation process to eviscerate the Affordable Care Act.)

Taking questions from reporters for the first time since the election, before boarding Air Force One for his flight to Athens, Greece, **Obama declared that he will reassure our allies that Trump never actually**

believed what he said about NATO. Never mind that, in the hours before he said this, the president-elect was on the telephone with Vladimir Putin—the single biggest threat to the transatlantic alliance—pledging to improve “unsatisfactory” relations and agreeing that [their aides will set up a face-to-face meeting](#).



Obama: Trump not ideological, calls him 'pragmatic'

**-- What a difference a few days makes.**

Last week, making his closing argument against Trump, Obama told audiences: **“Who you are (and) what you are does not change once you become president.** It magnifies who you are. You have more power ... so folks will enable you to be more of who you are. It will shine a spotlight on who you are.”

Yesterday, he took the opposite view: **“This office has a way of waking you up.** My advice to the president-elect when we had our discussions was that campaigning is different from governing. I think he recognizes that.”

**“Of course I’ve got concerns,”** Obama allowed later, when another journalist asked basically the same question that had already been asked three times. “There are going to be certain elements of his temperament that will not serve him well unless he recognizes them and corrects them.”

But he pointedly declined to say whether he still believes Trump is unqualified to be president. In fact, when pressed, **Obama praised his “gregarious” successor whom – behind the same podium in the same briefing room – he once called “a carnival barker.”**

Trump checks out Paul Ryan's balcony at the Capitol last week. (Nicholas Kamm/AFP/Getty)</p>□



Trump checks out Paul Ryan's balcony at the Capitol last week. (Nicholas Kamm/AFP/Getty)

-- **The outgoing president spoke as if a guy who channeled Jean-Batiste Colbert on the campaign trail will become an Adam Smith-like acolyte of open markets once he gets briefed on how “a global supply chain” actually works.** “When it comes to trade, I think when you’re governing, it will become increasingly apparent that ... it’s not as simple as it might have seemed,” Obama said.

**On the Iran deal**, he explained: “My suspicion is, is that when the president-elect comes in, and he’s consulting with his Republican colleagues on the Hill, that they will look at the facts. ... When you’re not responsible for it, I think you can call it a terrible deal. When you are responsible for the deal and preventing Iran from getting a nuclear weapon, you’re more likely to look at the facts. That is going to be true in other circumstances. For example, the Paris agreement.”

**“Do I think that the new administration will make *some* changes? Absolutely,” he continued.** “But these



international agreements, the tradition has been that you carry them forward across administrations, particularly if, once you actually examine them, it turns out that they're doing good for us and binding other countries into behavior that will help us."

As Politico's Edward-Isaac Dove [notes](#), "This is precisely the kind of argument that Republicans in Congress have felt so patronized by over the last eight years, and one that is completely out of whack with the shake to the system delivered by Trump's campaign, which racked up few political debts to anyone as he claimed victory."

President Obama boards Marine One on the South Lawn last night. (Manuel Balce Ceneta/AP)</p>□



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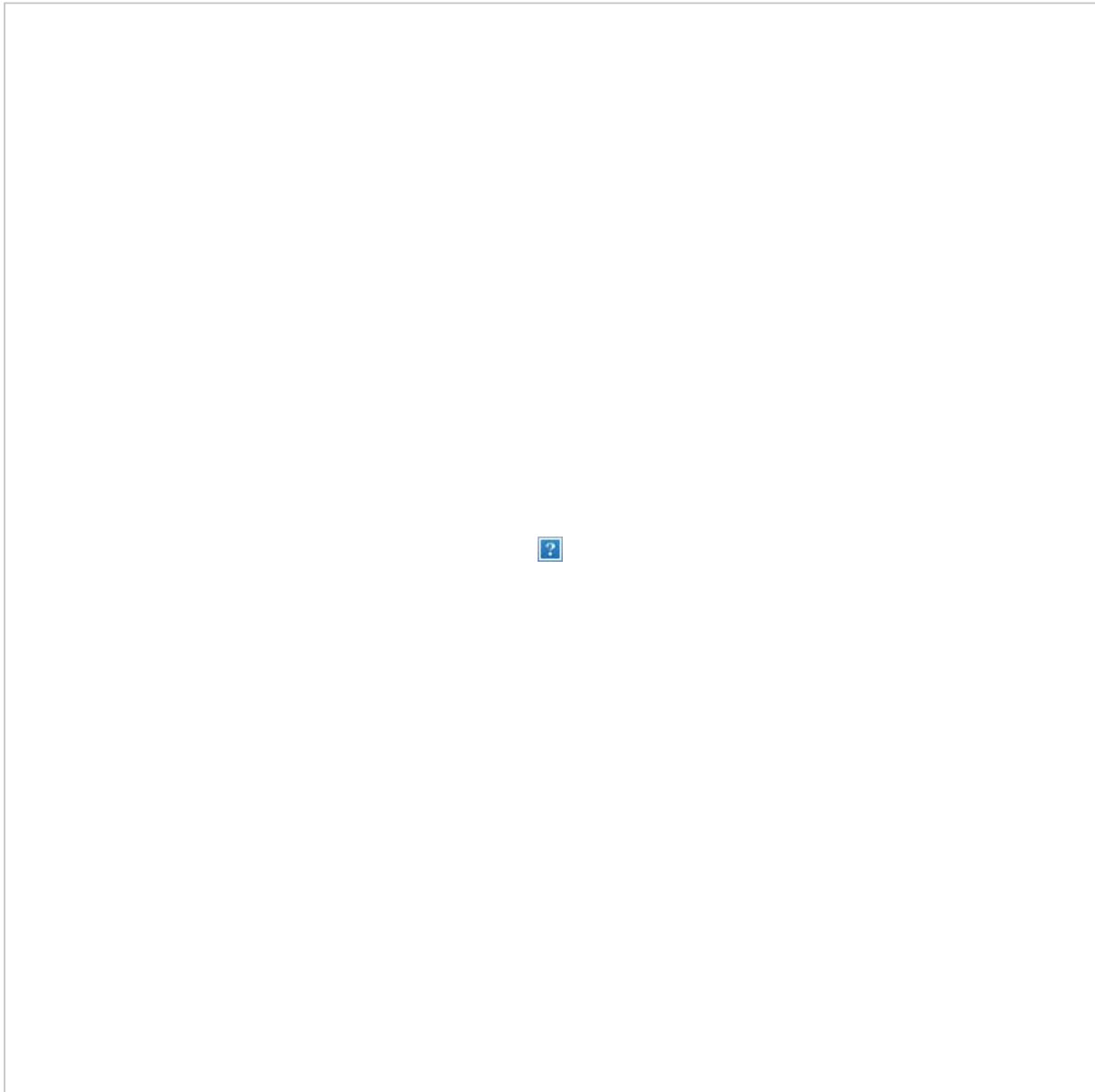
-- **Many thought leaders on the left are upset about the president's demeanor, as well. [In his column](#), Dana Milbank rips Obama for "cool detachment" and "happy talk": "Why is this man smiling? ... Obama's post-election remarks seemed utterly at odds with the national mood. Half the country is exultant because Trump has promised to undo everything Obama has done over the past eight years. The other half of the country is alarmed that a new age of bigotry and inwardness has seized the country. ... This has been Obama's pattern. At times when passion is called for, he's cerebral and philosophical and taking the long view — so long that it frustrates those living in the present."**

**-- Obama conveyed a similar message during two conference calls with supporters after the press conference.** “I’ve always said, progress doesn’t follow a straight line. It zigs and zags, and sometimes it moves forward and sometimes it moves backwards or moves sideways,” he said. “So, as a consequence, I think it is fine for everybody to feel stressed, sad, discouraged for a while, but I’m giving you like a week and a half to get over it. ... By next week and Thanksgiving ... you’re going to have to be in a more positive place. ... So don’t mope.”

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#### **WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:**



Rudy Giuliani speaks last night at the Wall Street Journal CEO Council in the Four Seasons in Washington.  
(Joshua Roberts/Reuters)

-- **Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani is the leading candidate for Secretary of State, the [Wall Street Journal says on A1](#).** "I will NOT be attorney general," Rudy said at an event last night. **Trump aides have also considered former U.S. Ambassador John Bolton as a contender, but the close relationship between Giuliani and Trump was a "major consideration," per [Damian Paletta](#).** "For Mr. Trump, it is a choice between a longtime friend and ally in New York, Mr. Giuliani, and a hawkish conservative diplomat, Mr. Bolton, who called last year for the U.S. to bomb Iran. A final decision could be several weeks away ... and other candidates could still emerge." Personnel deliberations are likely to quicken today, when newly-installed transition team chairman Mike Pence arrives in New York from Orlando, where he met last night with Republican governors.

**The former New York mayor said last night that Trump will likely focus much of his early foreign policy strategy on destroying the Islamic State, setting aside more vexing problems in the Middle East and elsewhere to focus on the militant group.** "ISIS, short-term I believe, is the greatest danger and not because ISIS is in Iraq and in Syria, but because ISIS did something al Qaeda never did—ISIS was able to spread itself around the world," Giuliani said, speaking during a Monday evening appearance at The Wall Street Journal CEO Council gathering. He also signaled strong interest in potentially serving as Trump's secretary of state, going into "great detail" about how his foreign policy views overlap with the president-elect. ([Paletta](#))

Jeff Sessions talks with reporters as he arrives at Trump Tower yesterday. (Evan Vucci/AP)</p>□

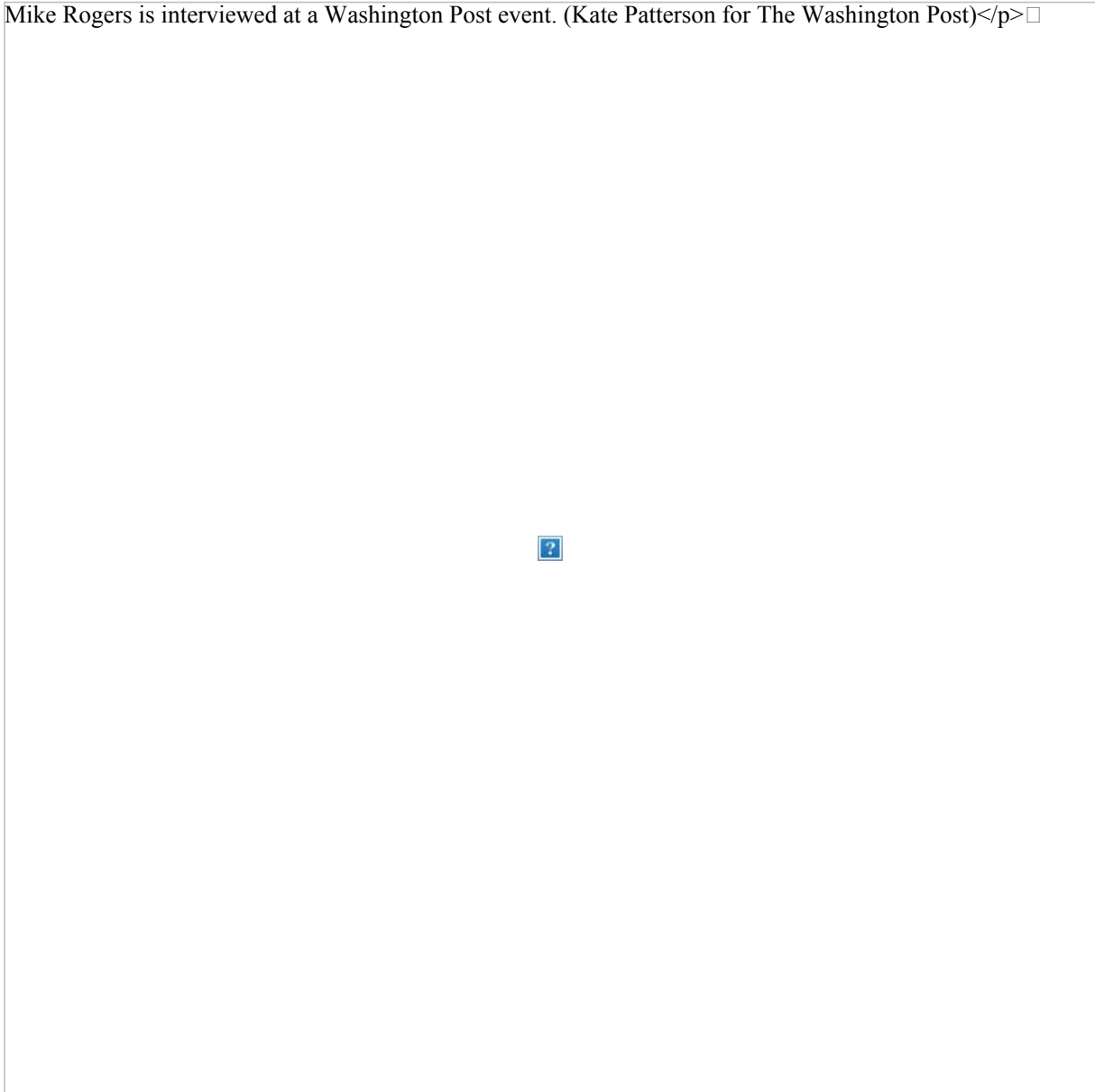


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-- **Jeff Sessions is the leading choice to be Defense secretary, Politico reports.** "It is a choice that would reward the president-elect's most outspoken congressional loyalist but offer few olive branches to a Trump-wary Republican national security establishment," Jeremy Herb and Connor O'Brien note. "The two men haven't seen eye to eye on everything: Sessions is a budget hawk who favors caps on defense spending, while Trump has called for an arms and troops buildup that could cost \$55 billion or more per year."

**"Establishment Republican defense officials may still try to push back against a Sessions nomination as Pentagon chief,"** Politico adds. **"The main alternative is Stephen Hadley,** one of George W. Bush's former national security advisers, who unlike many other Bush alums shrewdly refrained from criticizing Trump during the campaign. Other possibilities include Bill Clinton's hawkish CIA director, Jim Woolsey, who endorsed Trump in September, as well as former Sen. Jim Talent of Missouri and outgoing Sen. Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire."

Mike Rogers is interviewed at a Washington Post event. (Kate Patterson for The Washington Post)

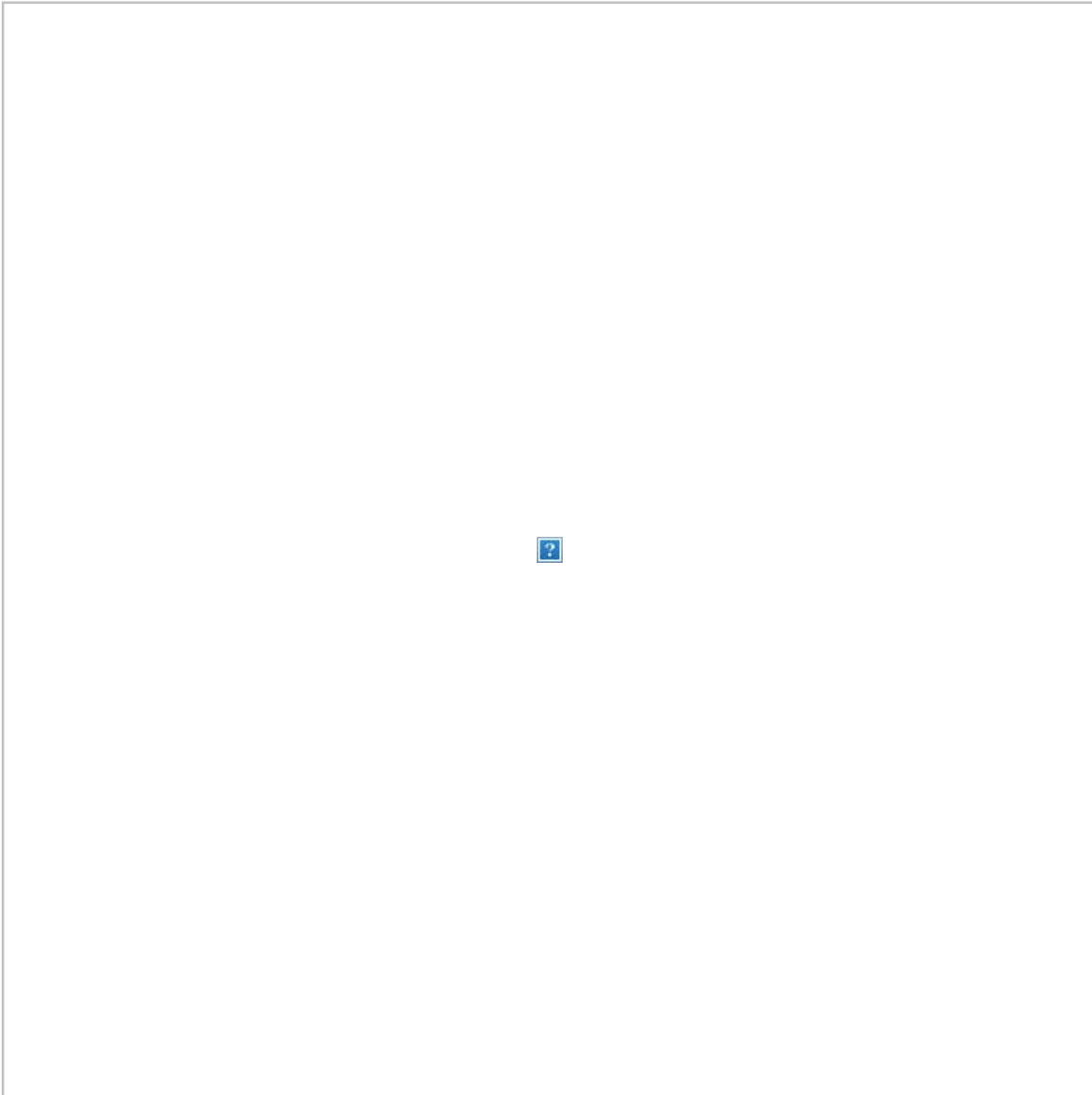


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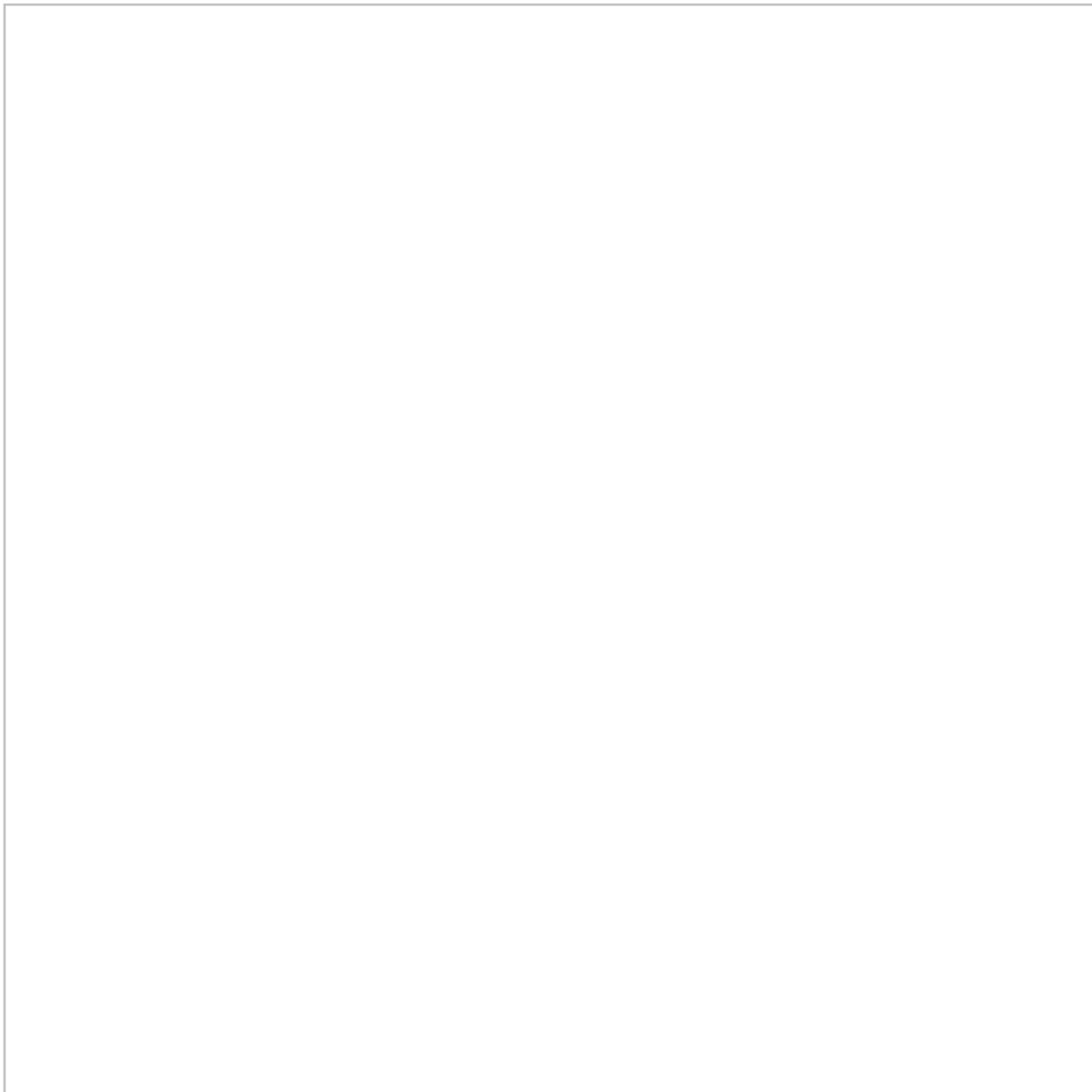
-- **More signs of disarray and dysfunction: Former House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers abruptly left Trump's transition team.** "Rogers' abrupt departure came at the request of team

officials, said two people familiar with the matter,” per Bloomberg’s Jennifer Jacobs. “The Michigan Republican, who’d also worked for the FBI, had been tapped to help guide the new administration on national security issues.”

**-- And then a respected Republican foreign policy hand just tweeted this:**







Steven Mnuchin, left, and Eli Miller, chief operating officer of the Trump campaign, walk into the lobby of Trump Tower yesterday. (Evan Vucci/AP)

**-- Former Goldman Sachs partner and Trump campaign finance chair Steven Mnuchin is the top candidate for Treasury secretary, according to [Bloomberg](#).**

**-- A short list has emerged for the next RNC chair, including deputy Trump campaign manager David Bossie, RNC state party liaison Matt Pinnell, and Michigan GOP chair Ronna Romney McDaniel (Mitt's niece).** "Of the group, Trump knows Bossie the best. But party insiders see Bossie setting his sights higher — perhaps the role of White House political director, a behind-the-scenes post with a direct line to Trump, and a position where he could be delivering orders to the next RNC chair," [Politico's Shane Goldmacher and Kyle Cheney](#) report. "A wild-card pick that members are discussing among themselves could be [Kellyanne] Conway — a constant presence on television who Trump trusts fully and who could continue to operate her polling business while running the party, something she would have to give up if she joined the administration." Other names being circulated include Pence adviser Nick Ayers, South Carolina GOP chair Matt Moore, Virginia GOP chair John Whitbeck, and Mississippi GOP chair Joe Nosef.



I'm all in - Kristi for South Dakota Governor

-- **The 2018 campaign has begun: GOP Rep. Kristi Noem announced that she will run for governor of South Dakota.** It makes sense for Noem, who has no real upside for staying in D.C. She's stuck in the lower chamber. John Thune just got reelected to a six-year term, and Mike Rounds is not up for at least four years and could hold onto the seat as long as he wants. Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard is termed out. Noem, the instant frontrunner, would be the state's first female chief executive. ( [KELO](#) )

**GET SMART FAST:**

1. **Facebook announced it is banning fake news sites from its advertising network, seeking to prohibit misleading and deceptive information from generating revenue on the site.** The decision came hours after a similar move from Google. ( [Wall Street Journal](#) )
2. **The FAA temporarily restricted flights over New York City until Trump is sworn in as president at the behest of the Secret Service.** ( [Mark Berman](#) )
3. **Columbia University announced it is suspending its wrestling season after discovering sexually explicit, homophobic and racist text messages sent by members of the team.** In a statement, Obama's alma mater said team members will not compete until an investigation on the incident is complete. ( [Scott Allen](#) )
4. **Hate crimes against Muslims in the U.S. spiked by 67 percent in 2015, according to new FBI data,**



reaching their highest levels since the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 terror attacks. ([New York Magazine](#))

5. **Former Army private Chelsea Manning is petitioning Obama for clemency after she was convicted in 2013 of leaking a trove of classified documents to WikiLeaks.** Manning, who pleaded guilty to the charges, has served more than six years in federal custody – longer than any other convicted leaker in U.S. history. ([Ellen Nakashima](#))
6. **Meanwhile, Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl’s court-martial trial has been delayed for a second time, as the defense team grapples with how to review “reams” of classified case information.** Bergdahl, who faces charges of desertion and misbehavior after walking off his post in Afghanistan in 2009, will now be tried in May. He could face life in prison if convicted. ([Dan Lamothe](#))
7. **The International Criminal Court is considering launching a war-crimes investigation in Afghanistan,** after a prosecutor said there is “reasonable basis” to believe U.S. soldiers committed war crimes, including torture. ([New York Times](#))
8. **A federal judge ordered the release of Brendan Dassey, the Wisconsin man featured in the Netflix series “Making a Murderer;”** after his homicide conviction in the 2005 death of Teresa Halbach was overturned. ([WTMJ-Milwaukee](#))
9. **New Zealand rescue workers are using military helicopters and a navy ship to evacuate tourists and residents from a coastal town,** after a powerful earthquake Monday night left thousands stranded. Officials said the 7.8-magnitude quake killed at least two people and triggered a small tsunami. ([AP](#))
10. **Russian Economy Minister Alexei Ulyukayev was detained overnight for bribery charges, following accusations that he received \$2 million in connection with a huge oil deal.** Ulyukayev is the highest-level Russian official arrested since the country’s failed 1991 coup. ([Reuters](#))
11. **A Russian fighter jet crashed into the Mediterranean Sea while trying to land on an aircraft carrier stationed off the Syrian coast.** Officials said the crash was a result of “technical malfunction” during training and said the pilot ejected safely from the plane. ([Thomas Gibbons-Neff](#))
12. **Russia deported a 29-year-old U.S. citizen who reportedly sneaked into the country “for a better life.”** Authorities sent him back to New York with a slap on the wrist and a small fine, noting he seemed extremely dejected by the experience: “He had been hoping for Russian hospitality, but he failed to get it and was deeply disappointed.” ([Adam Taylor](#))
13. **Chinese authorities executed a farmer who murdered a local official responsible for tearing down his house just days before his wedding ceremony.** Authorities ignored impassioned clemency pleas from legal and academic experts, who said the so-called nail gun killer’s case typifies deep property injustices faced by many poor people in China. ([Simon Denyer](#))

Melania, Ivanka, Eric and Donald Jr. watch the second debate. (Tasos Katopodis/AFP/Getty Images)</p>□

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#### **TRUMP'S CHILDREN GETTING OUTSIZED ROLES:**

-- **Trump wants top-secret security clearances for his children, [CBS News reports](#).** "Logistically, the White House must designate them as national security advisers to their father before they could receive top secret clearances. However, once Trump is sworn in, he will be able to place the request himself. And while his children would need to go through the requisite background checks before being cleared, the issue raises another layer of questions about the unique role his children are playing and conflicts of interest as they continue to run his businesses."



-- New York Times, "[Trump's Far-Flung Holdings Raise Potential for Conflicts of Interest](#)," by Eric Lipton and Susanne Craig: "Just a few blocks down Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House sits the Trump International Hotel, one of the newest luxury additions to [Trump's] real estate empire, and perhaps the most visible symbol of the ethical quandary he now confronts. The Trump International operates out of the Old Post Office Building, which is owned by the federal government. That means Mr. Trump will be appointing the head of the General Services Administration, which manages the property, while his children will be running a hotel that has tens of millions of dollars in ties with the agency. He also will oversee the [NLRB] while it decides union disputes involving any of his hotels. A week before the election, the board ruled against Mr. Trump's hotel in a case in Las Vegas. The layers of potential conflicts he faces are in many ways as complex as his far-flung business empire."

-- Obama said during his news conference that he urged Trump to hire a really good White House Counsel. "I am very proud of the fact that we will -- knock on wood -- leave this administration without significant scandal," he said. "We've made mistakes, there have been screw-ups, but I will put the ethics of this administration and our track record in terms of just abiding by the rules and norms, and keeping trust with the American people -- I will put this administration against any administration in history. And **the reason is because, frankly, we listened to the lawyers.** And we had a strong White House Counsel's Office. We had a strong Ethics Office. We had people in every agency whose job it was to remind people, this is how you're supposed to do things. It doesn't mean everybody always did everything exactly the way it's supposed to --

because we got 2 million people working in the federal government ... and so we had to just try to institutionalize this as much as we could. And that takes a lot of work.”

SEC chair Mary Jo White testifies before the Senate Banking Committee. (<span style=



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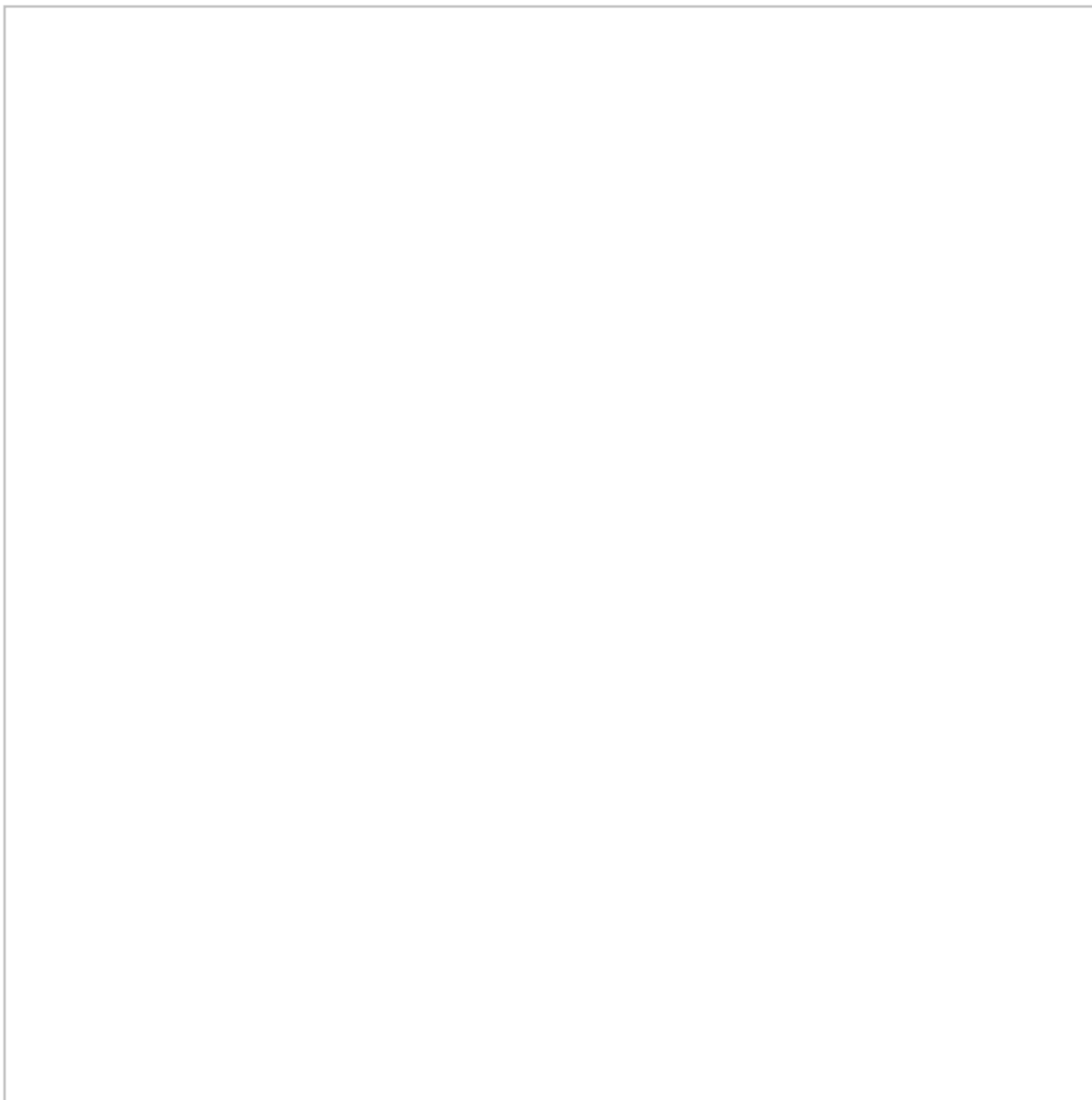
### **TRUMP'S WASHINGTON:**

**-- SEC Chairman Mary Jo White announced that she will step down in January, leaving two years before the end of her term and clearing the way for Trump to massively reshape the way Wall Street is regulated.** From [Renaë Merle](#): “White was widely expected to step down no matter who won the election to allow the next president to appoint their own chair. Trump has already indicated he would usher in a period of deregulation, including dismantling ... the Dodd-Frank Act. He appointed Paul Atkins, an industry veteran, who has called Dodd-Frank a ‘calamity,’ to lead the agency’s transition. ... Atkins served as an SEC commissioner for six years during the President George W. Bush administration. ... In addition to replacing White, Trump will be able to fill two openings on the five-member commission. Trump could also choose to ignore the more than 20-year-old tradition of allowing the opposing political party to pick its own

representative on the commission, one industry official said, further bolstering his influence over the agency. ... Also, Thomas Curry, the head of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, another important Wall Street regulator, has less than six months on his term."

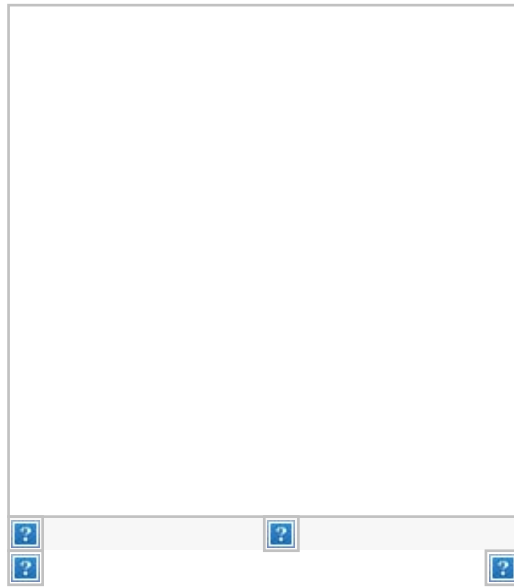
-- **Mike Pence is going to court to argue for email secrecy.** [The Indianapolis Star's Fatima Hussein](#) reports on the irony: "Now that the presidential campaign and most of the furor over Hillary Clinton's email scandal are behind us, the Pence administration is going to court to argue for its own brand of email secrecy. The administration is fighting to conceal the contents of an email sent to Gov. Mike Pence by a political ally. That email is being sought by a prominent Democratic labor lawyer who says he wants to expose waste in the Republican administration. But legal experts fear the stakes may be much higher than mere politics because the decision could remove a judicial branch check on executive power and limit a citizen's right to know what the government is doing and how it spends taxpayer dollars. 'It comes down to this — the court is giving up its ability to check another branch of government, and that should worry people,' said Gerry Lanosga, an Indiana University media professor specializing in public records law."

-- **When Trump first launched his presidential campaign in 2015, he told Chris Christie he "didn't expect to make it past October" – at which point he'd throw his support behind the New Jersey governor,** [CNN's Thomas Lake, Jodi Enda, and Susan Baer report](#) in an excerpt from their forthcoming book, "Unprecedented," which covers the 2016 race. "I think they always had an understanding that the first one out would probably endorse the other," a Christie adviser said.



German President Joachim Gauck toasts Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during a dinner hosted by Abe at the Prime Minister's Office in Tokyo yesterday. (David Mareuil/AFP/Getty Images)

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### **THE WORLD REACTS TO TRUMP:**

-- **Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is paying a visit to Trump in New York on Thursday, becoming one of the first world leaders to meet with the next president-elect.** Abe said he will use the meeting to “build a trusting relationship” with Trump, and on that front, they reportedly have plenty in common. [From Anna Fifield](#) in Tokyo: “For one, Trump sets a tone that Abe, a strong nationalist in his own right, will be comfortable with ... Trump promised to ‘make America great again,’ while Abe is set on turning Japan back into a ‘beautiful country.’ For another, they both have a bromance going on with Vladimir Putin, the unequivocally nationalist Russian leader whom Trump has praised and whom Abe will welcome to Japan next month.” **“The point of this meeting is to develop trust and chemistry on a personal level, to reassure people in both countries that everything is fine,”** said **Michael Green, of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, who has strong ties to Abe’s team.**

-- **Right-wing Israeli leaders are pushing assertive new legislation to legalize Jewish settlements built on privately owned Palestinian land, seizing on the timing of Trump’s election to force passage of the controversial law.** ([William Booth and Ruth Eglash](#))

Steve Bannon exits an elevator in the lobby of Trump Tower in New York City. (Drew Angerer/Getty)</p></p>

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#### **BANNON BLOWBACK:**

-- **Where does Breitbart end and Bannon's role in the Trump White House begin?** Neither camp has spelled out the details of their future relationship, [Paul Farhi writes](#). "But even if Bannon and the website sever all ties, they will face an unusual, and awkward, situation: Bannon would be the former executive of a media organization that openly supported his political patron who will serve the president in a senior capacity while his media organization continues to cover him and his new boss." **Adding yet another layer of entanglement:** one of Breitbart's primary financial backers is billionaire hedge-fund manager Robert Mercer, whose daughter, Rebekah, is part of Trump's presidential transition team. "They were the house organ for Trump and will obviously remain so," said Ben Shapiro, former Breitbart editor at large.

- **Trump officials quickly pushed back on criticism, with spokesman Jason Miller saying Bannon has done a "fantastic job" since joining Trump's inner circle.** "If you've seen the president-elect since the election, he's taken a very measured tone," Miller said [on CNN's "New Day."](#)
- **Former campaign manager Kellyanne Conway praised Bannon as a "brilliant tactician" and the "general of this campaign":** Asked whether Bannon should explain his connections to the alt-right movement, Conway said: "I'm personally offended that you think I would manage a campaign where



that would be one of the going philosophies. It was not — 56 million-plus Americans or so saw something else.”

-- **Congressional Republicans scrambled to avoid criticizing Trump’s future senior aide before the new administration begins.** From [Karoun Demirjian](#): “The former head of Breitbart news, Bannon has published stories taking aim at Muslims, Jews, women and African Americans, as well as making his own allegedly anti-Semitic statements. But Republicans seem unwilling to judge Bannon on that track record — or even accept that he bears responsibility for the more incendiary headlines ...”

- **“Did he write it? Give me something that he wrote,” said Rep. Dave Brat.** “I hear a lot of innuendo of this, but I haven’t seen it.”
- **House Majority leader Kevin McCarthy also suggested the reported information could be untrue:** “I’ve seen things said about me that I know are not true, but because they’re on the Internet, ‘they must be true,’ ” McCarthy said.

**Others said they didn’t expect the racist and sexist headlines approved under Bannon to have any bearing on his future role as a White House adviser.** “Of course I’d have serious problems with anti-Semitic statements coming out of the White House, but I don’t expect that,” said Rep. Kevin Cramer of North Dakota. Rather, he said Bannon’s appointment “symbolizes tremendous loyalty” and that Trump understands a system of “checks and balances is appropriate even within his own shop.”

**House Speaker Paul Ryan sought to assuage fears about Trump’s election in a Wisconsin radio interview, saying “there is a lot of hysteria and hyperbole.”** “I would tell people to just relax — things are going to be fine,” he said. ([Viebeck, Markon, DeYoung](#))

-- **Many Republican lawmakers claimed they “don’t know” Bannon, feigning ignorance.** From [Buzzfeed’s Tarini Parti](#): Utah Rep. Jason Chaffetz said he’ll continue to be a “champion for religious freedom,” but he doesn’t have “the bandwidth” to go through what every staffer he hires has said in the past. Ohio Rep. Steve Stivers praised Priebus’ appointment as evidence Trump has “done a good job of an inclusive pick so far.” Pressed on Bannon, Stivers said: “I don’t know a lot about Steve Bannon, so I don’t care to be an expert on him.”

-- **HOW WILL HE HELP SHAPE A TRUMP WHITE HOUSE? “If Bannon’s past is prologue, he will not care about criticism,”** [Dave Weigel](#) writes. “Under his leadership, Breitbart became an anti-‘globalist’ news site clearly aligned with the European far right. Under the site’s founder, the late Andrew Breitbart, accusations of ‘racism’ were dismissed as ‘cultural Marxism.’ **The attacks lobbed at Bannon, one plumbing [a] 2007 divorce record for evidence of anti-Semitism, resemble the ones that failed to stop Trump’s rise. There is even talk of more Breitbart reporters joining Bannon at the White House, in roles that do not require Senate confirmation.**” “Bannon will answer directly to Trump and focus on the big picture, and not get lost in the weeds,” white nationalist thinker Richard Spencer wrote last night on Twitter. “Bannon is not a ‘chief of staff,’ which requires a ‘golden retriever’ personality. He’ll be freed up to chart Trump’s macro trajectory.”

-- **In an interview with the [New York Times](#), Bannon rejected what he called “ethno-nationalist” tendencies of some in the movement, saying he believes his enemies are misstating his views and the views of many Trump supporters:** “These people are patriots,” he said. “They love their country. They just want their country taken care of. ... **It’s not that some people on the margins, as in any movement, aren’t bad guys — racists, anti-Semites. But that’s irrelevant.**”

-- **The over-the-top praise for Priebus is a sign of how far the media has lowered the bar for Trump,** [Vox’s Matthew Yglesias](#) argues. “Trump’s elevation to the presidency has people worried about everything from the collapse of America’s democratic institutions to the spectacle of violence in the streets. But it’s worth recalling that any presidency also features a range of more or less banal crises in which the fate of the nation and the world is nonetheless at stake. Can Trump really tear up the nuclear agreement with Iran without completely destabilizing the Persian Gulf, for example? I’m not sure, I’m *sure* that Trump is not sure, and I’m frankly skeptical that Priebus is the right person to figure it out. It’s great that Trump has decided to make the premier digital popularizer of white nationalism the *second* most important person in his White House rather than the first. But the presidency is still a really big job that Trump has no relevant experience for. More to the point, the country needs people who can help Trump actually run the government.”

-- **Analysis: Less than a week into Trump's transition, and [The New Yorker's John Cassidy](#) argues that he has already pulled a "bait-and-switch" from rhetoric espoused during his populist campaign:** "To sum up, this is the prospect we are facing. A populist but semi-engaged President who is less interested in governing than in soaking up adulation at big rallies. (He might hold more of them even though the campaign is over...). Meanwhile, his cronies and members of the permanent establishment make many of the actual decisions, which will largely benefit the already rich, including the ruling family. Debt mushrooms as El Presidente approves prestige construction projects but not the taxes needed to pay for them. And skilled propagandists, like Bannon, whip up nationalist fervor to keep the masses diverted from what is really going on. We've seen this movie before, many times. But not here in the United States."

Trump protesters walk through downtown Santa Ana, Calif. (Ana Venegas/ AP)</p>□



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#### **AMERICA IS DIVIDED:**

-- **A Michigan police officer is under criminal investigation after he was spotted barreling by a "Love Trumps Hate" rally in a pickup truck adorned with Confederate flags.** He was suspended and has now resigned. ([Lindsey Bever](#))

-- **Chaos erupted on the sprawling greens of Brown University after students began tearing up and**

**snapping in half American flags that were set up for a Veterans Day ceremony.** The move prompted a counter protest from *other* students, who staged a sit-in to protect the remaining flags. ([Susan Svrluga](#))


-- **More than 300 students at Baylor University gathered to walk to class with a girl who said she was shoved off the sidewalk and called the n-word by a fellow student,** who declared he was “just trying to make America great again.” ([Cleve R. Wootson Jr.](#))

-- **A United Airlines pilot was forced to mediate a heated political argument – via intercom – after a dispute broke out over the results of the presidential election.** Footage from the flight shows the pilot urging passengers to “let cooler heads prevail,” before eventually banning all political discussion on the plane completely. ([Faiz Siddiqui and Lori Aratani](#))

-- **Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck said his department will not help deport immigrants under a President Trump.** “We are not going to engage in law enforcement activities solely based on somebody’s immigration status,” he said. “We are not going to work in conjunction with Homeland Security on deportation efforts. That is not our job, nor will I make it our job.” ([LA Times](#))

-- **A social studies instructor who teaches at a school for recent immigrants shared some of the heartbreaking letters he received from students after Trump’s victory in a [Post op-ed](#).** “I’m worried that this country is not going to be any better than my country,” said one female student from Afghanistan. “Nobody listens to women in my country, and now the president will do the same here?” **Said another student from El Salvador:** “All my dreams can fall down because of a decision that people made last night. I don’t understand how a person who says bad things, that hurt people, is the head of a country ... I have faced many troubles in order to come here. I don’t know how but I have to continue.”

-- **Trump’s proposed deportation plans could have potentially severe consequences for the U.S. economy, according to a newly-published National Bureau of Economic Research analysis, which offers the first detailed estimates of how a mass deportation policy would affect specific industries.** From Wonkblog’s [Max Ehrenfreund](#): “Unsurprisingly, the greatest number of undocumented workers — 1.3 million — were employed in leisure and hospitality, followed by the construction sector, which employed 1.1 million. These two sectors were followed by professional and business services, which ... included nearly 1 million undocumented workers. If all undocumented workers were immediately removed from the country, [researchers] forecast a decline of 9 percent in agricultural production and declines of 8 percent in construction and leisure and hospitality over the long term.” And relative to the overall economy, the effect would be a **decline in manufacturing output of \$74 billion over the long term.**

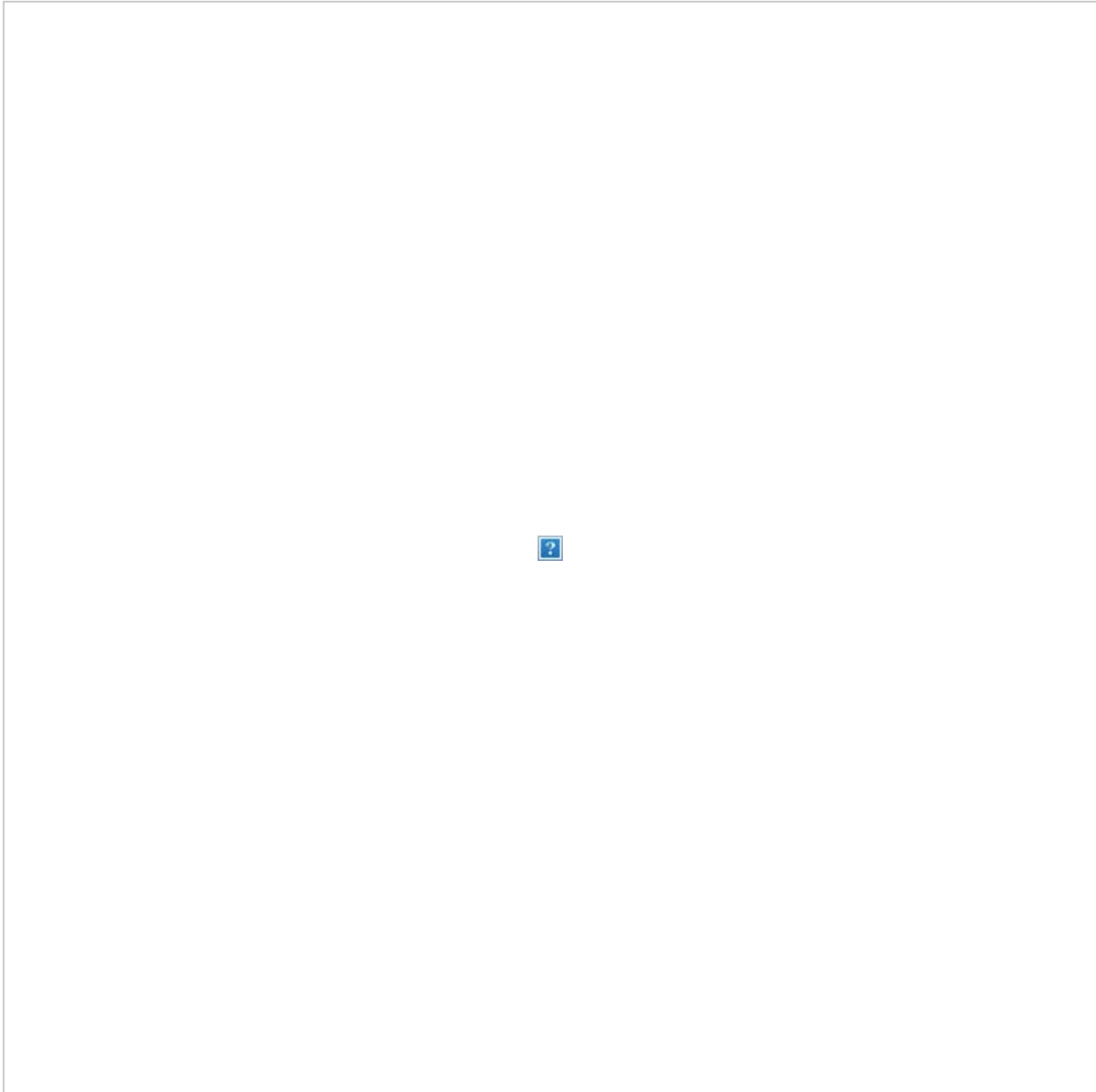


Hundreds of Maryland high school students march down Georgia Avenue after leaving their schools in peaceful protest. (Toni L. Sandys)

-- **Hundreds of high school students in Montgomery County, Maryland, staged a walkout to protest Trump's election, a march that gained strength as peers from nearby schools streamed out to join them.** Officials estimate that 1,000 students attended the march, which remained peaceful. ([Donna St. George, Perry Stein and Alejandra Matos](#))

-- **[“Are we in an age of intolerance?”](#)** by the Boston Globe's Nestor Ramos: “Racist taunts ring out at a Cambridge gas station. Slurs and swastikas appear spray-painted ... Letters arrive at a Natick home espousing a townwide ban on black people. **Even in Massachusetts, a locus of progressive politics, the days surrounding [Trump's] victory on Tuesday have seen reports of incidents grounded in racial, ethnic, and religious bias.** Even before the election, ugly graffiti appeared at the top of Mount Tom, a rocky peak on the Connecticut River. On Friday, after reading about the anti-Semitic and racist messages on the mountain, a small group climbed to the top with buckets and brushes to scrub away the hateful messages. Tom Peake, who lives nearby and can see Mount Tom from his window, said he had the day off ... and decided to spend it ‘scrubbing away some swastikas.’ He declined to speculate about why someone might deface a small Western Massachusetts landmark. ‘I’ve been speculating all year’ he said, ‘and I’ve been wrong about everything.’”

-- News of anti-Trump demonstrations seemed to infiltrate every corner of the web this weekend – including on the children’s game site “Club Penguin,” where users gathered to hold a virtual protest. ([Buzzfeed](#))



Keith Ellison looks at Minnesota memorabilia in his office on Capitol Hill. (Linda Davidson/The Washington Post)

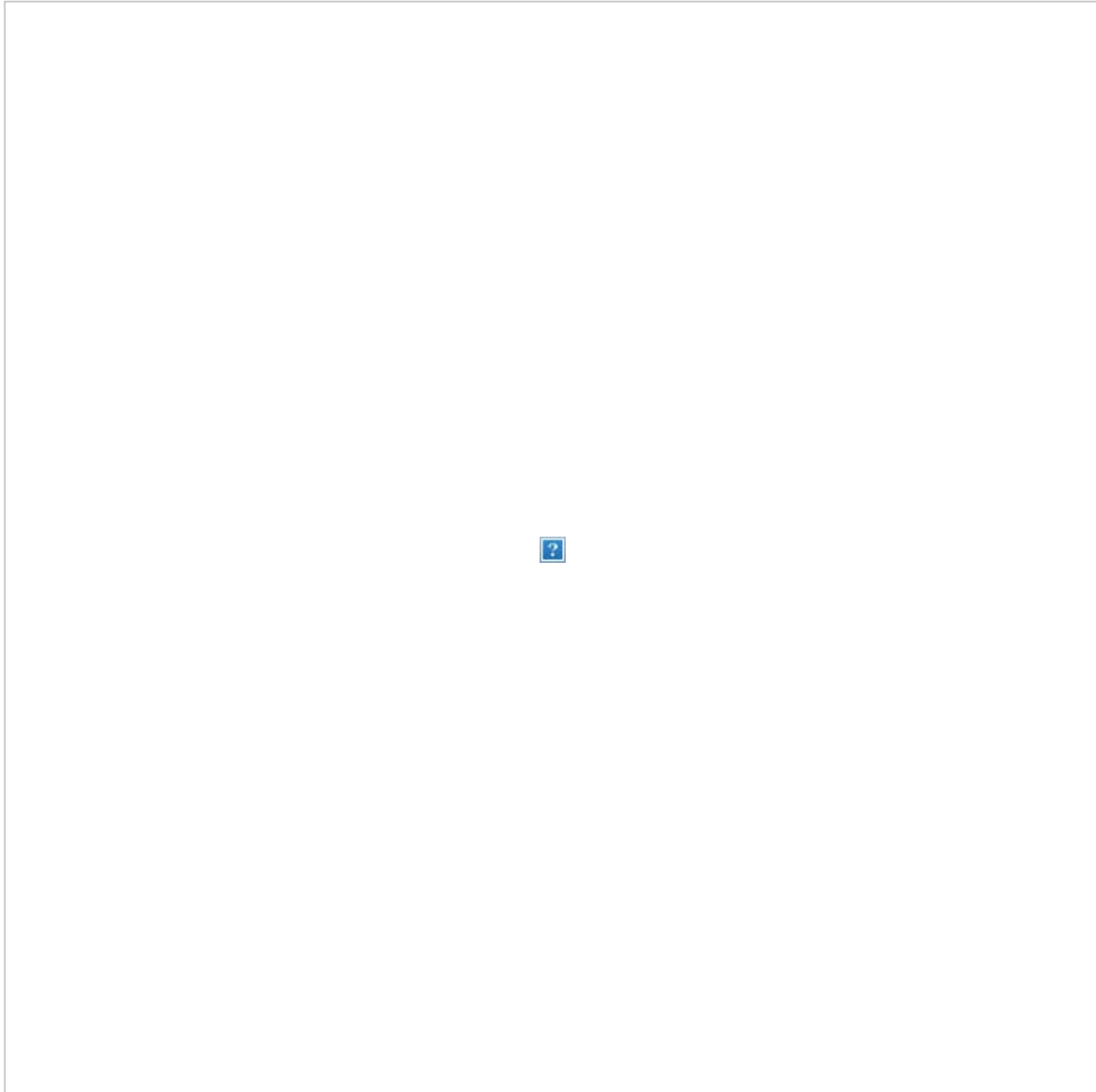
#### **THE DEMOCRATIC CIVIL WAR:**

-- **Rep. Keith Ellison formally kicked off his bid to be chairman of the Democratic National Committee.** Ellison, a prominent progressive and country’s first Muslim lawmaker, netted 40 endorsements – including Sens. Bernie Sanders, Harry Reid and Chuck Schumer. Several other Democrats have put their names forward as possible contenders, including former Maryland governor Martin O’Malley, South Carolina Democratic Party Chairman Jaime Harrison and the DNC’s national finance chairman, Henry R. Muñoz III and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean. ([Abby Philip and John Wagner](#))

-- **Jaime Harrison, chair of the South Carolina Democratic Party and a protégé of Jim Clyburn, also announced that he will run on Rachel Maddow’s show last night.**

**-- Dozens of House Democrats are urging Nancy Pelosi to postpone their scheduled leadership elections on Thursday, saying they need more time to grapple with their party-wide wipeout – and potentially elect new House leadership.** From Politico's [Heather Caygle and John Bresnahan](#): **While Pelosi herself has years of party loyalty to fall back on, anger within the Democratic Caucus “is real” – and she faces a possible long-shot challenge from Ohio Rep. Tim Ryan,** who hails from the kind of working-class Rust Belt district in which Democrats got trounced. "This was not my thing. I never had any intention of running for a leadership position," Ryan said in an interview on Monday. He said he began considering a challenge after hearing from a couple of dozen other members over the weekend who urged him to launch a bid. Meanwhile, Kevin McCarthy on Pelosi (another Californian) said at his pen and pad: "If I'm being selfish, I truly believe as long as she's leader we keep the majority."

Quite a moment from the halls of Congress, via Politico's Capitol bureau chief:

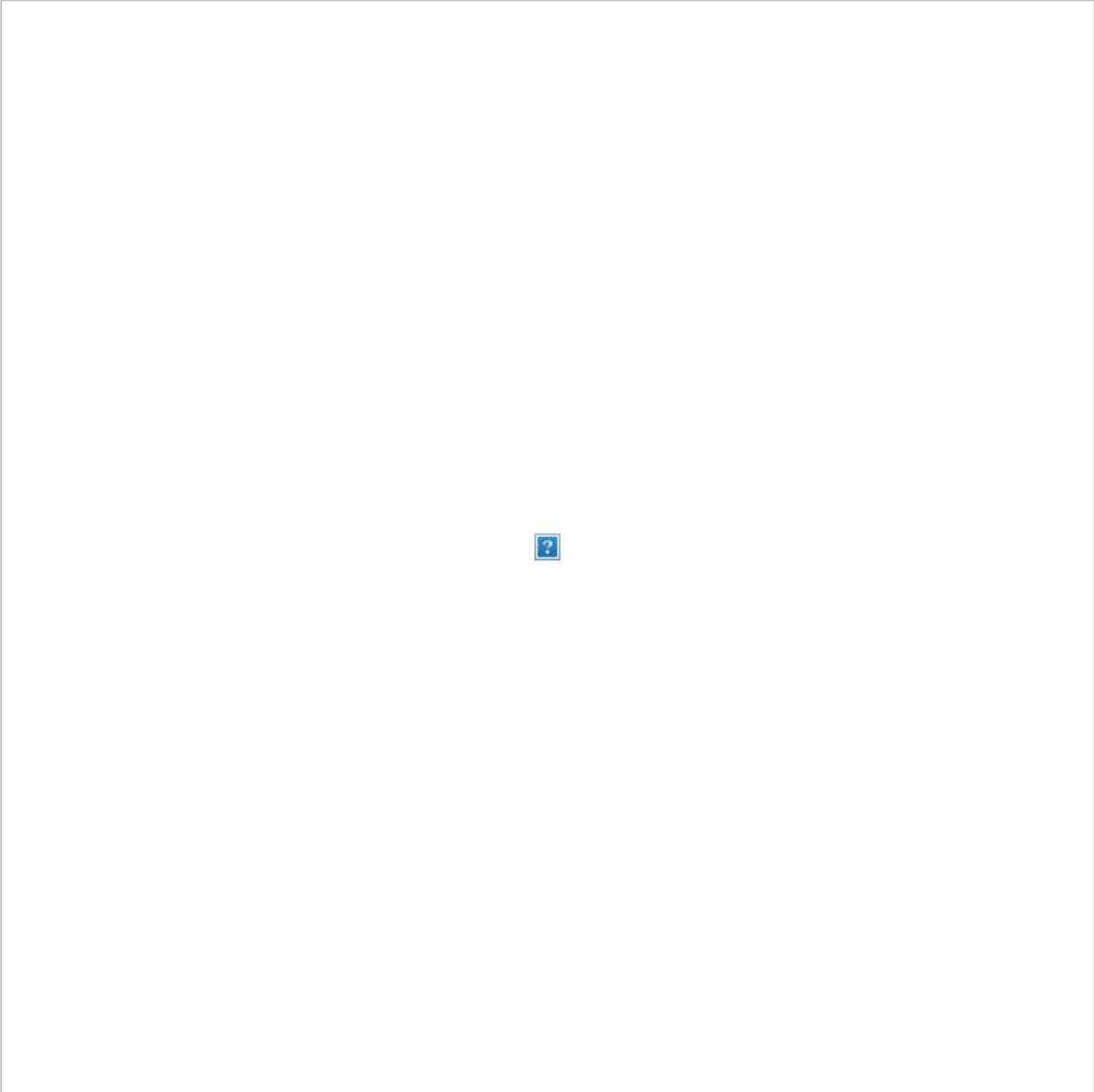


**-- Hillary Clinton is being honored tonight at a Children’s Defense Fund event in Washington, making her first public appearance since conceding the presidential election.** President Marian Wright Edelman praised Clinton’s work for the group in a statement, calling her a “tireless voice for children.” ([Bloomberg](#))

**-- Hillary was declared the winner of New Hampshire on Monday, edging out Trump in a (belated) 2,700 vote victory.** Trump’s edge in the Electoral College now stands at 290 to 232, with only Michigan still

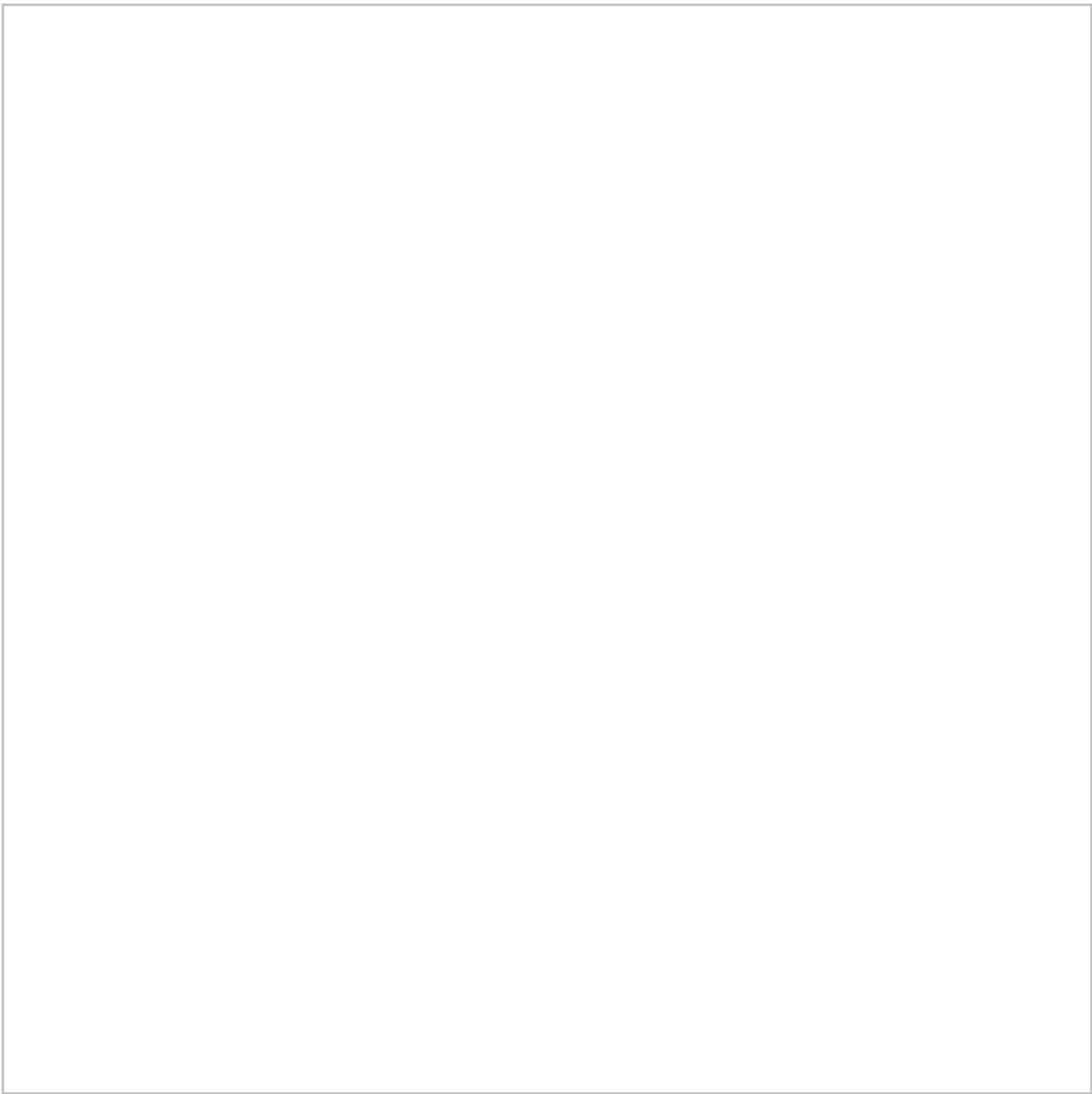
to be called. ([AP](#))

-- Sanders, trying to promote his new book, unleashed a storm of tweets:









This was the scene as Sanders kicked off his book tour last night:



## REPUBLICANS RE-CORONATE RYAN:

**-- Paul Ryan is poised to secure another term as House Speaker today, continuing in his leadership role and serve as chief legislative partner to President-elect Donald Trump.** From [Mike DeBonis](#): "Trump and Ryan met last week on Capitol Hill and appeared before cameras together for the first time since the campaign began. Both men have said in the past week that action to repeal the Affordable Care Act, secure the southern U.S. border and cut taxes are among their shared priorities. That show of unity has mostly quieted two groups of Republicans that have been vexed by how Ryan has handled Trump."

**Several members made clear that, although Trump's victory may have eased the internal party tensions that threatened Ryan's speakership, it has not eliminated them entirely:** "I haven't heard from him what he wants to change — what's going to be different the next two years...?" said Freedom Caucus co-founder Rep. Raúl R. Labrador. "Labrador is in a clear minority among House Republicans — Ryan enjoys broad support among the GOP rank-and-file — but his qualms reflect ongoing discomfort over how Ryan's brand of Republican politics will meld with Trump's."

**-- But fierce competition has emerged over the chairmanship of the NRCC, with Rep. Steve Stivers of Ohio and Rep. Roger Williams of Texas battling it out to lead the House GOP campaign arm.** From [Politico's Rachel Bade](#): "Multiple sources Stivers appears to have the votes to succeed Rep. Greg Walden as

chairman, with about 150 lawmakers committed to voting for him. But Williams is making a last-ditch effort to win the job, running on a platform of capping the widely-loathed annual dues requirements."

Tim Scott celebrates winning a full term in the Senate last week. (Mic Smith/AP)</p>□



Tim Scott celebrates winning a full term in the Senate last week. (Mic Smith/AP)

-- **South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott and Rep. Trey Gowdy are said to be considering a joint bid for governor and lieutenant governor in 2018, per [The Post and Courier](#).** The popular Republican lawmakers could probably clear the rest of the prospective GOP field, which would otherwise include Attorney General Alan Wilson, the son of a congressman, and Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster. This theory does not make sense to us, but it's getting buzz in the Palmetto State, so we're flagging.



John Kerry walks on a frozen section of the Ross Sea near the McMurdo Station, Antarctica. (Mark Ralson/AFP/Getty)

#### **WAPO HIGHLIGHTS:**

-- **“John Kerry wanted to see how Antarctica was changing. When he returned, the entire world had,”** by **Chris Mooney**: “As the United States neared election day, Secretary of State John Kerry announced he would take a historic trip to the massive, frozen seventh continent: Antarctica. The goal was to see firsthand the place that perhaps more than any other has climate scientists worried about melting ice and rising sea levels. The idea was that the secretary, being the highest ranking U.S. official ever to visit Antarctica, would then take that experience back to the international climate meetings now underway in Marrakech, Morocco, where he is slated to speak this week on the dangers of a warming planet. Somewhere along the way, though, the election of [Trump] sort of shattered that thought glacier — leaving Kerry with a more complicated message, by any stretch. **When Kerry reaches Marrakech this week and addresses the world, he will indeed have seen firsthand what few others ever will. But the political ground will have entirely shifted since he left.**”

Gwen Ifill speaks in 2012. (Frederick M. Brown/Getty Images)</p>□



Gwen Ifill speaks in 2012. (Frederick M. Brown/Getty Images)

**-- Gwen Ifill, a groundbreaking reporter who spent more than three decades covering politics in print and on broadcast television, and who shattered gender and racial barriers along the way, died on Monday of cancer.** “NewsHour” co-anchor Judy Woodruff called Ms. Ifill a consummate communicator who exuded “the rare combination of authority and warmth. She came through the screen as a friend to people who watched her, but she also displayed the authority for people to believe you, to have credibility.” PBS president Paula Kerger praised Ifill as “one of America’s leading lights in journalism and a fundamental reason public media is considered a trusted window on the world ...” “She often said that her job was to bring light rather than heat to issues of importance to our society,” Kerger added. ([Read Adam Bernstein's obituary.](#))

**SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:**

Many mourned Ifill's passing, especially women in the media:













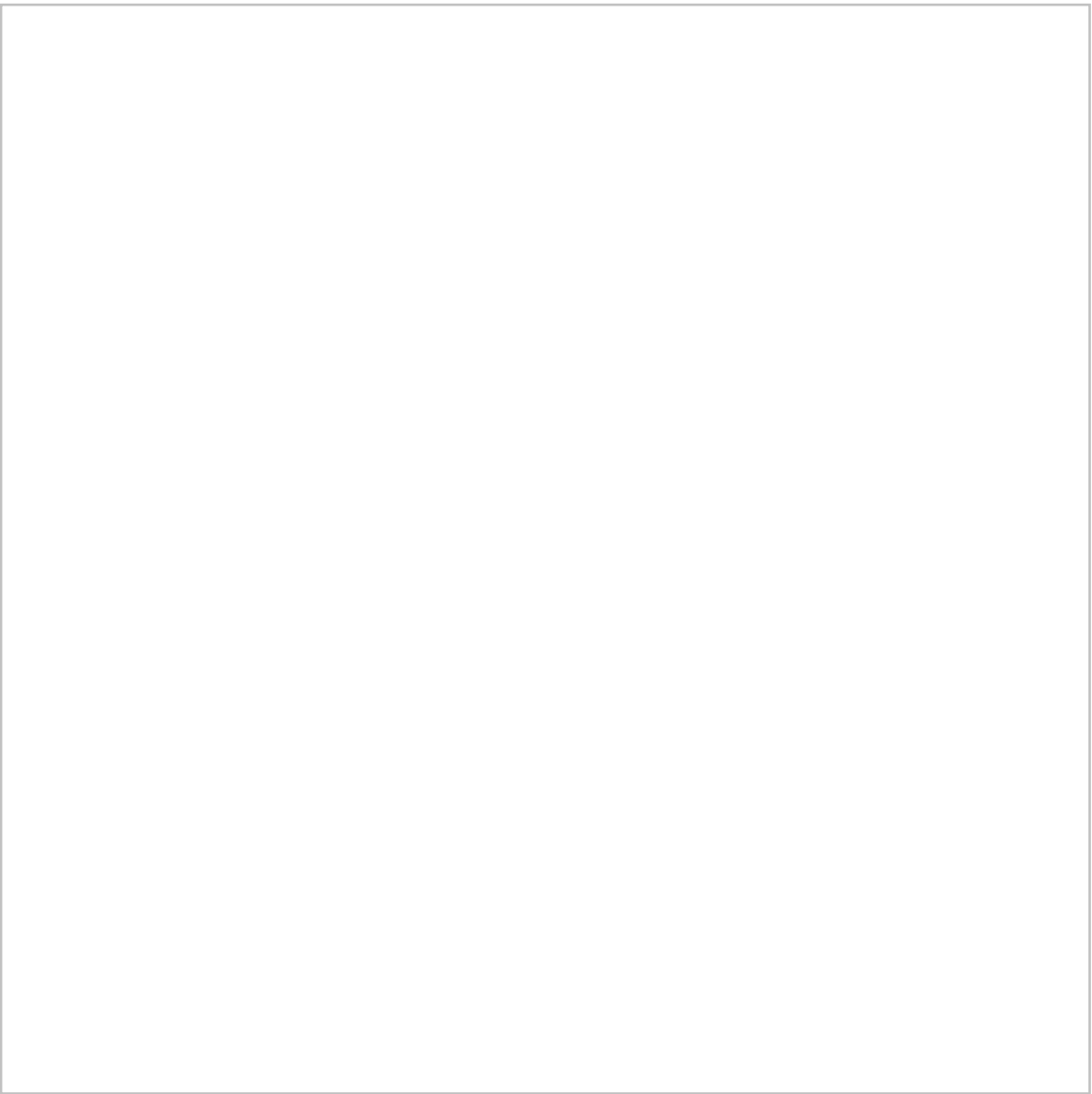




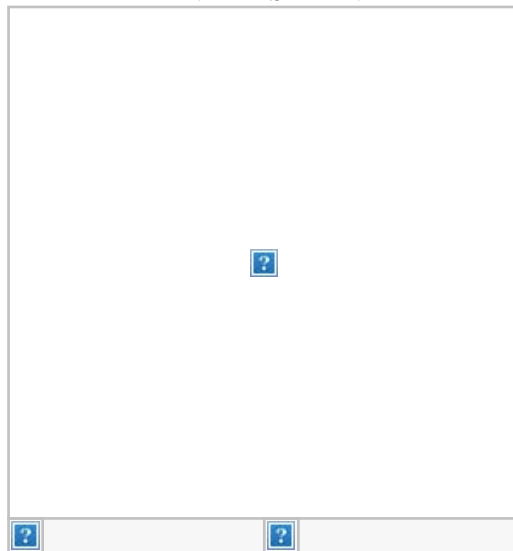
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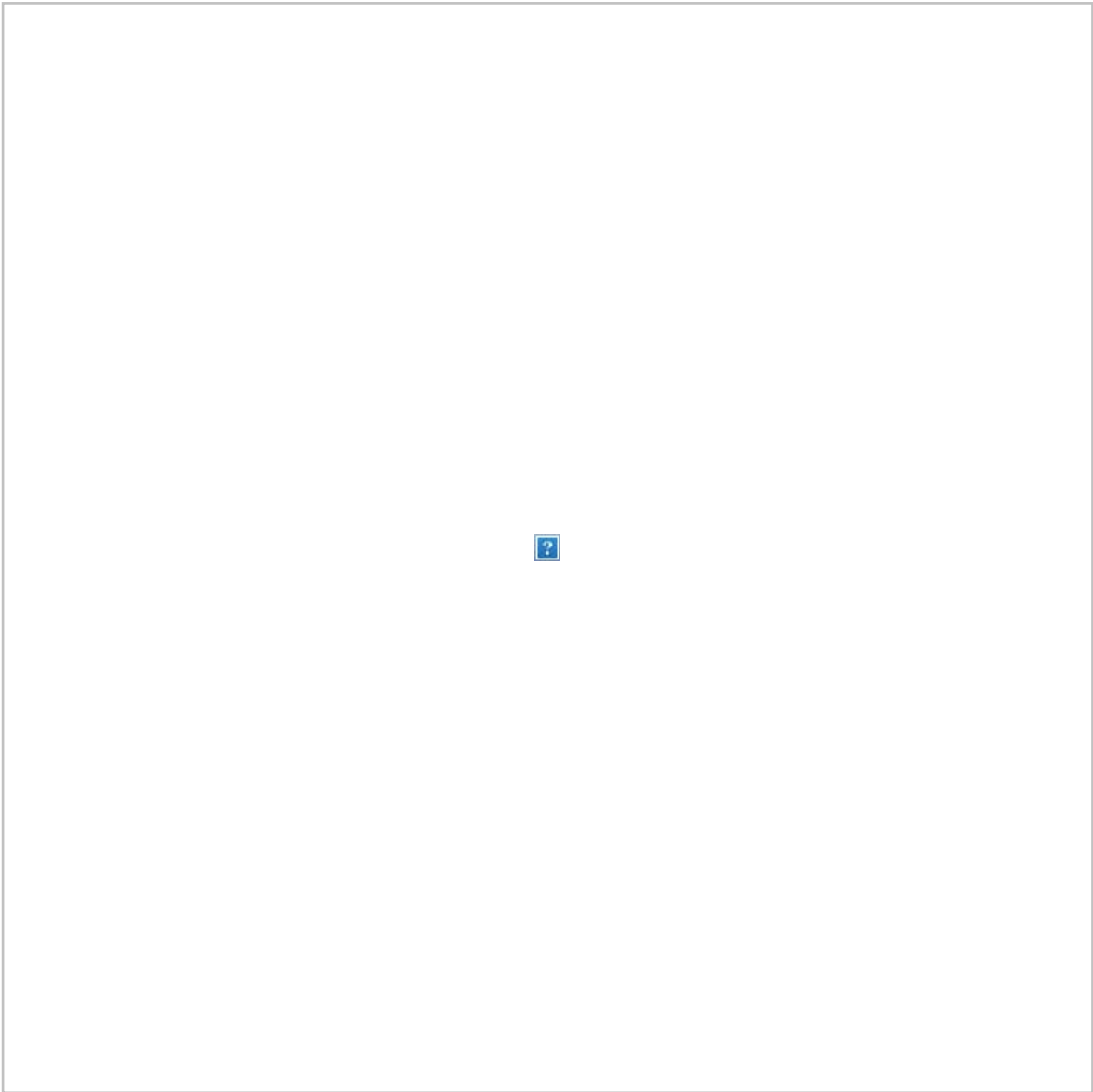




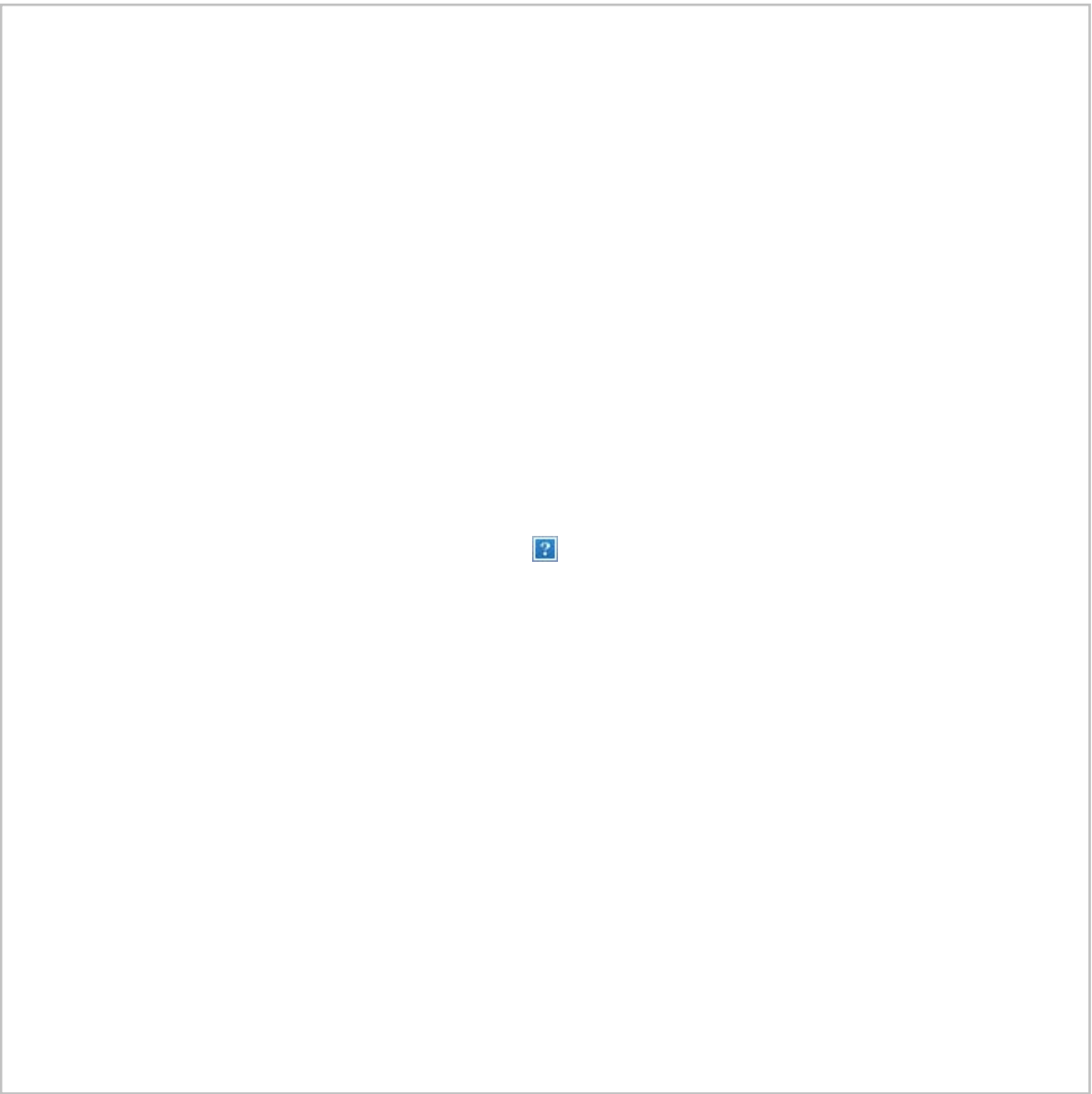


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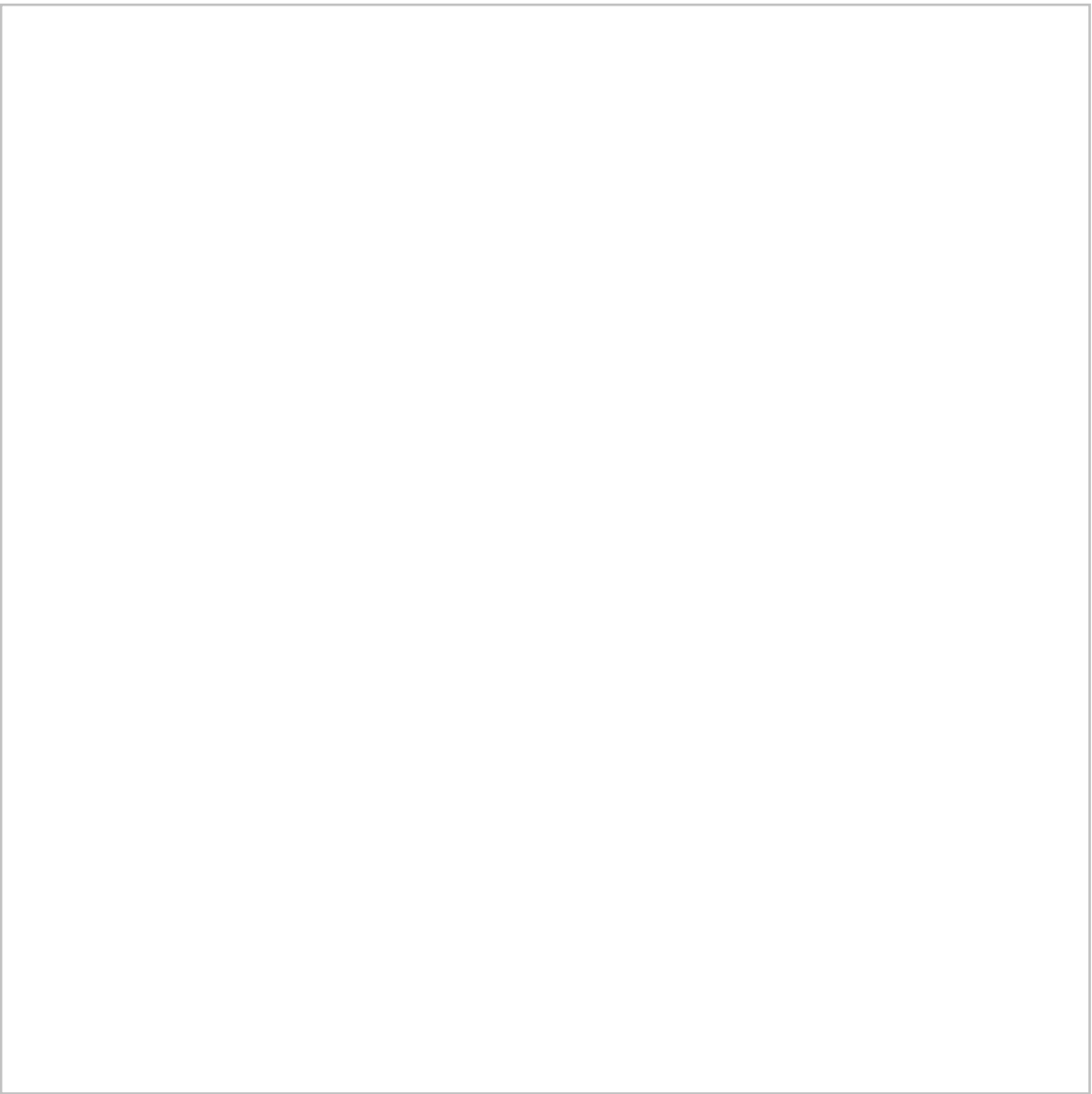






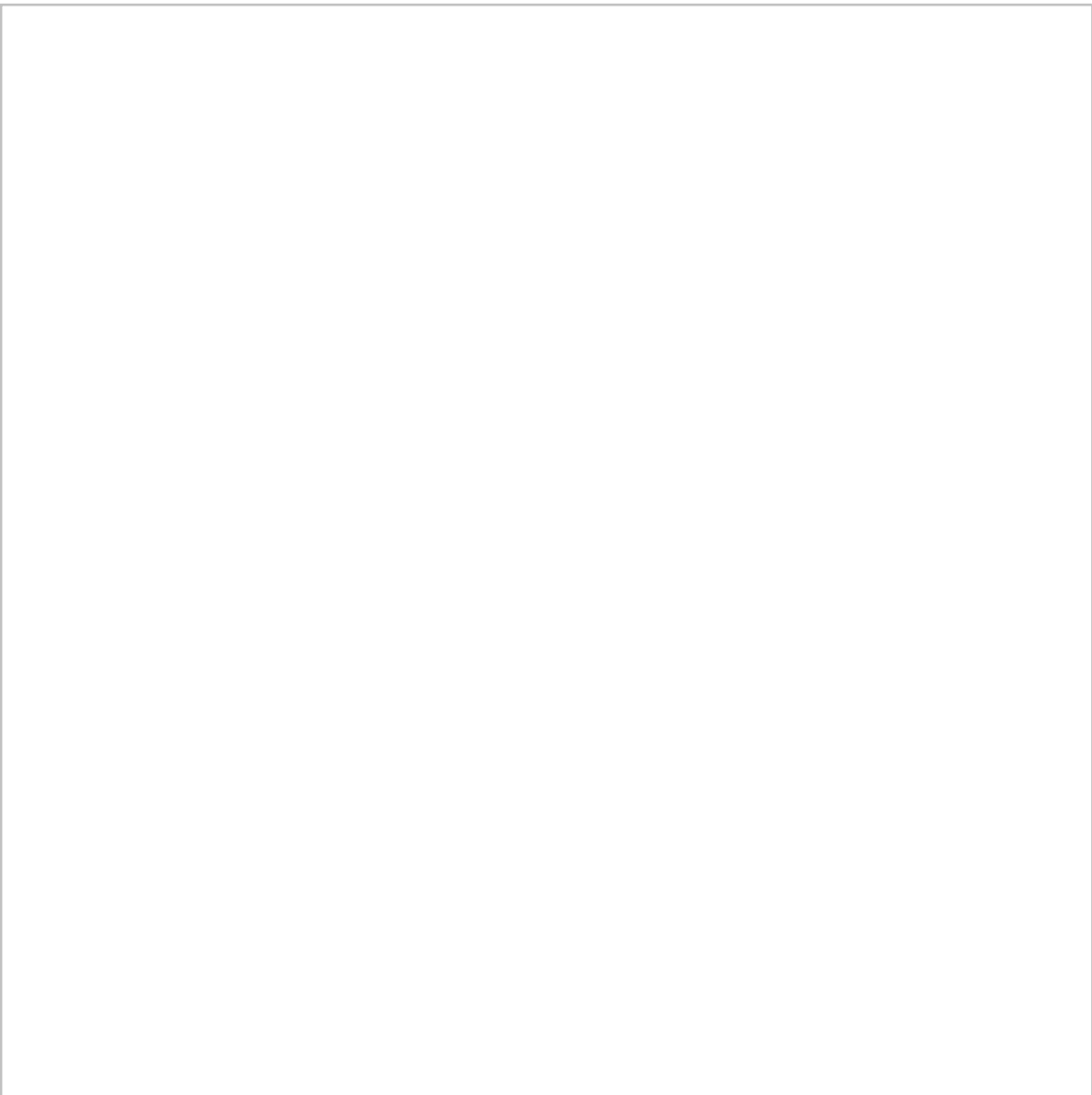
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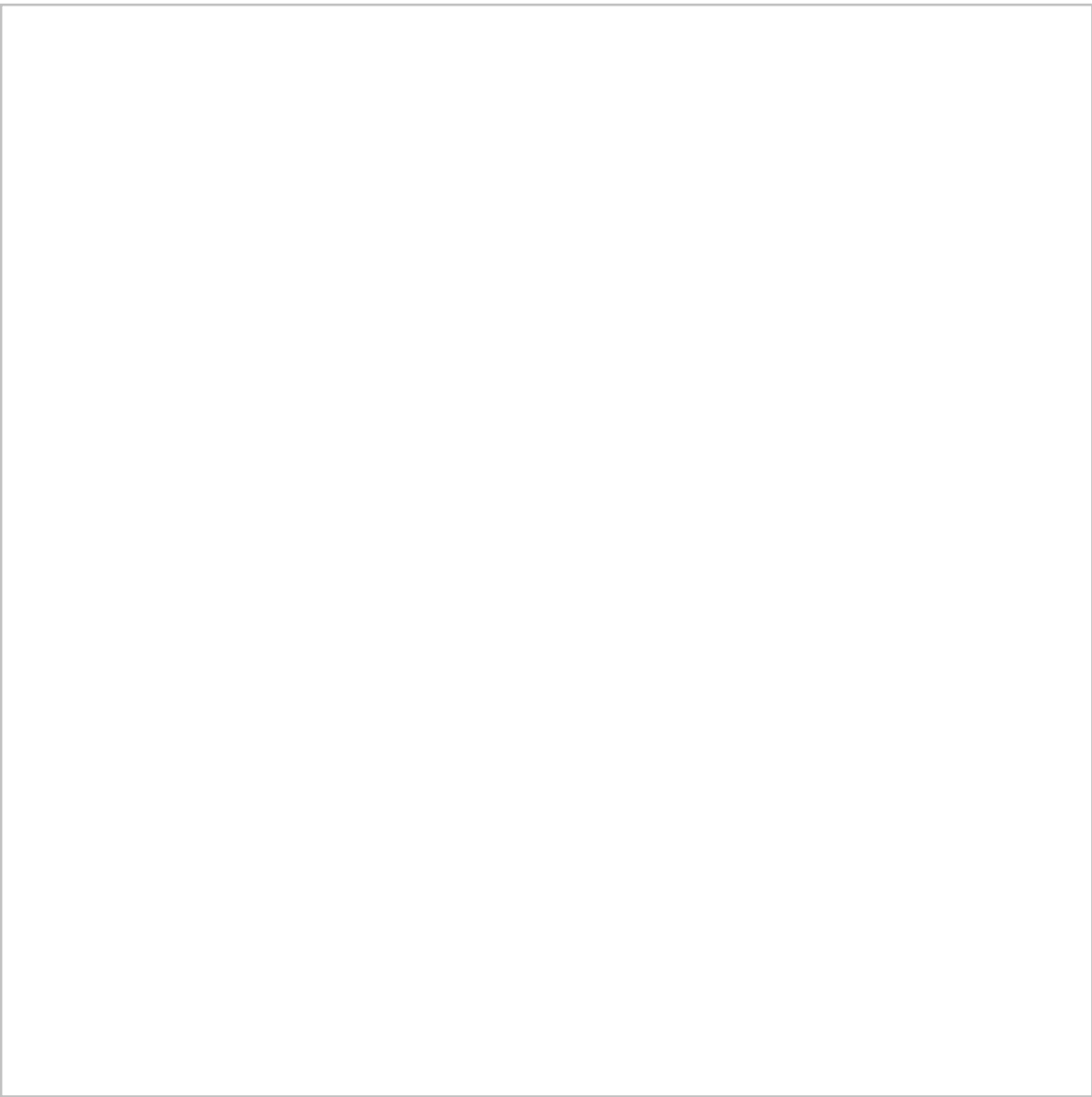
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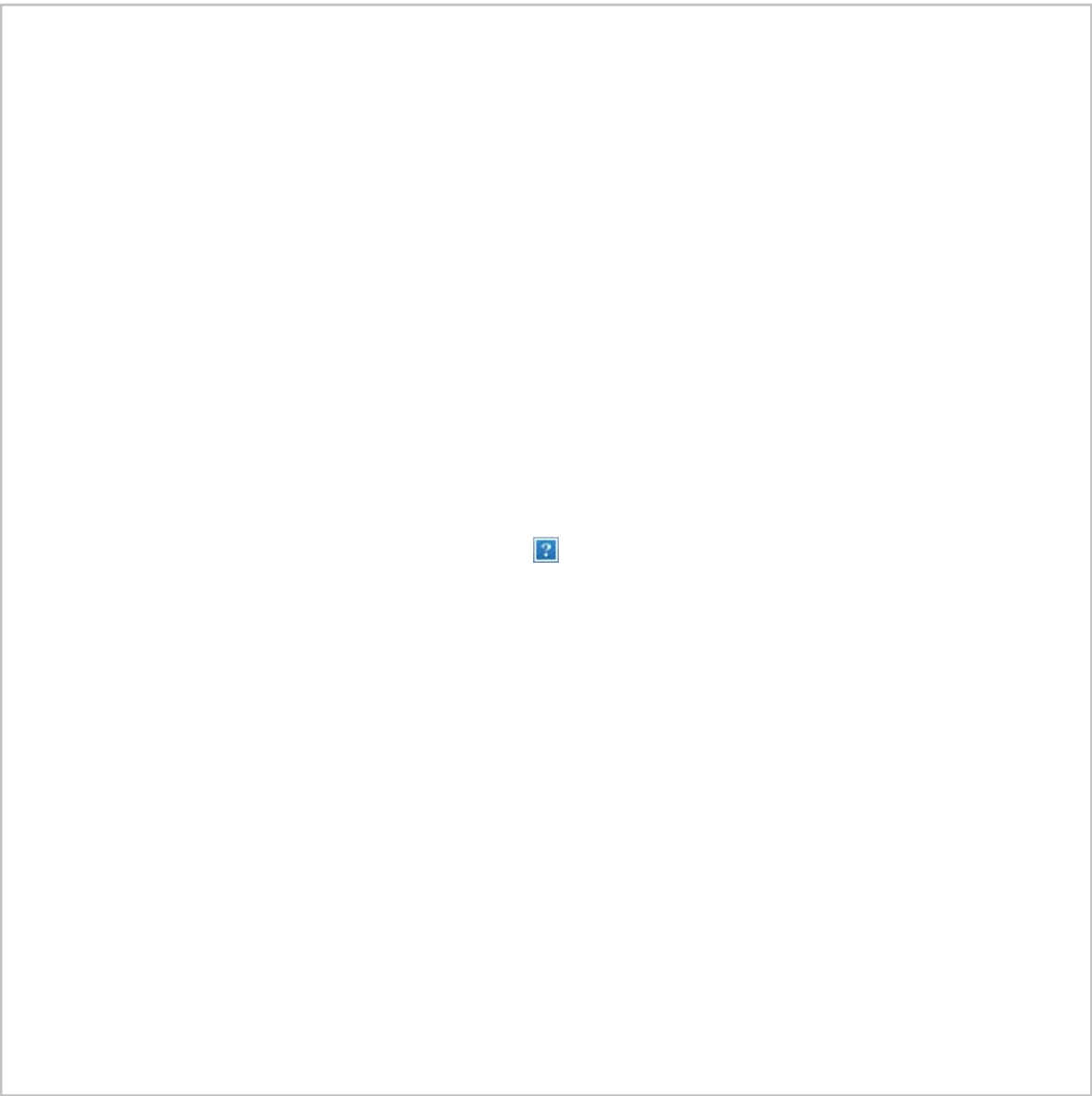








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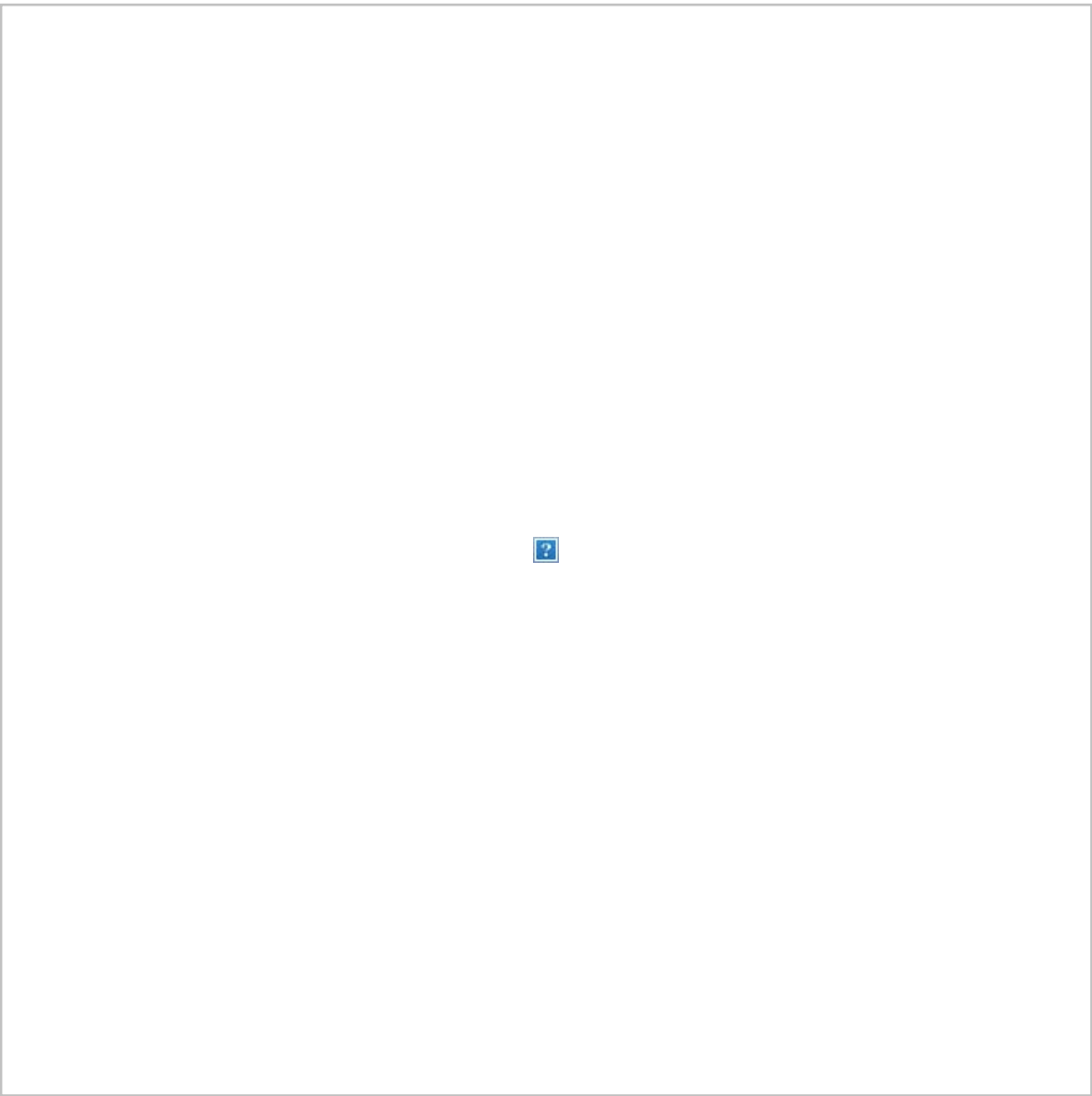


Democratic lawmakers continued to pile on Trump over Bannon:

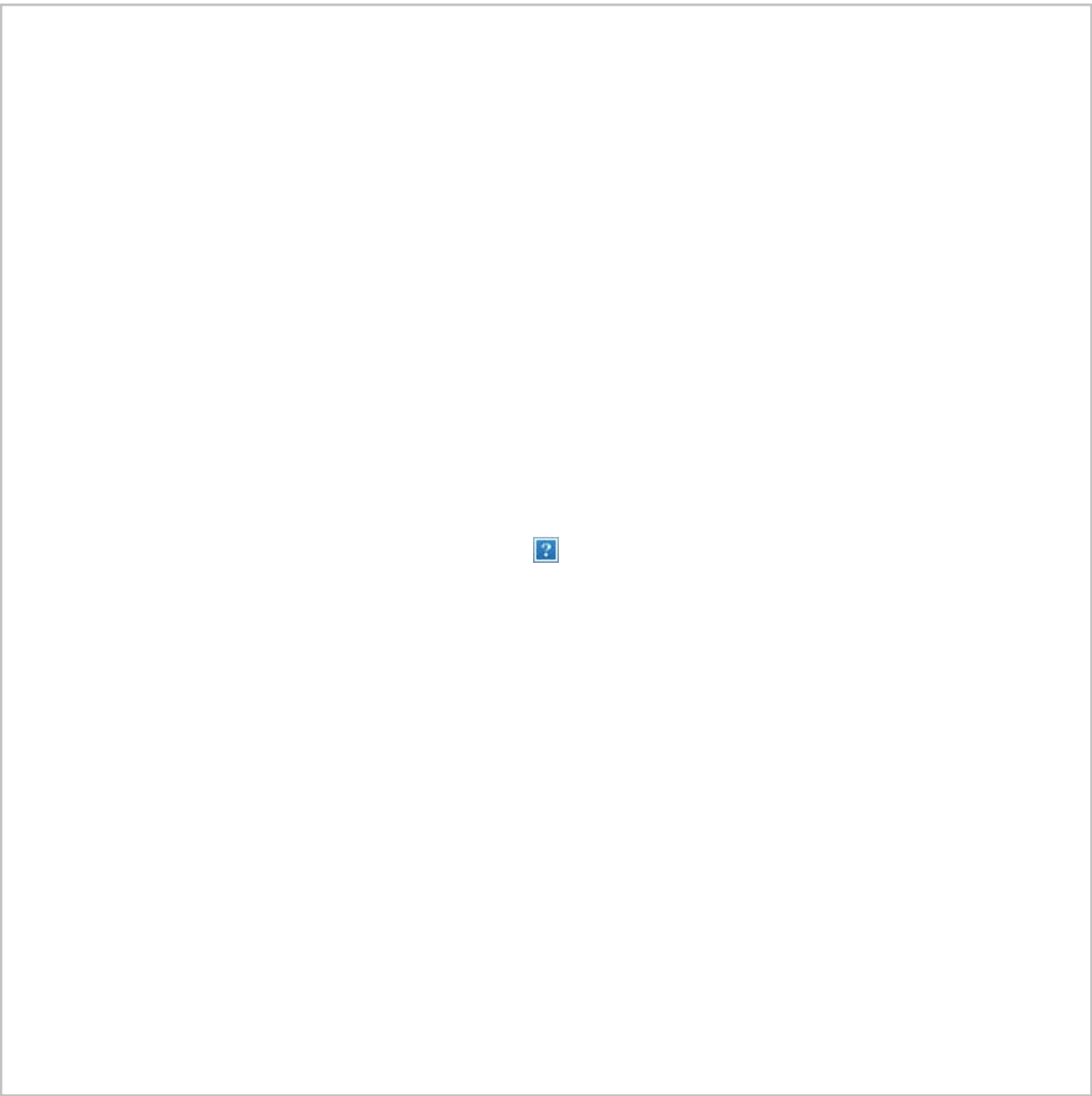




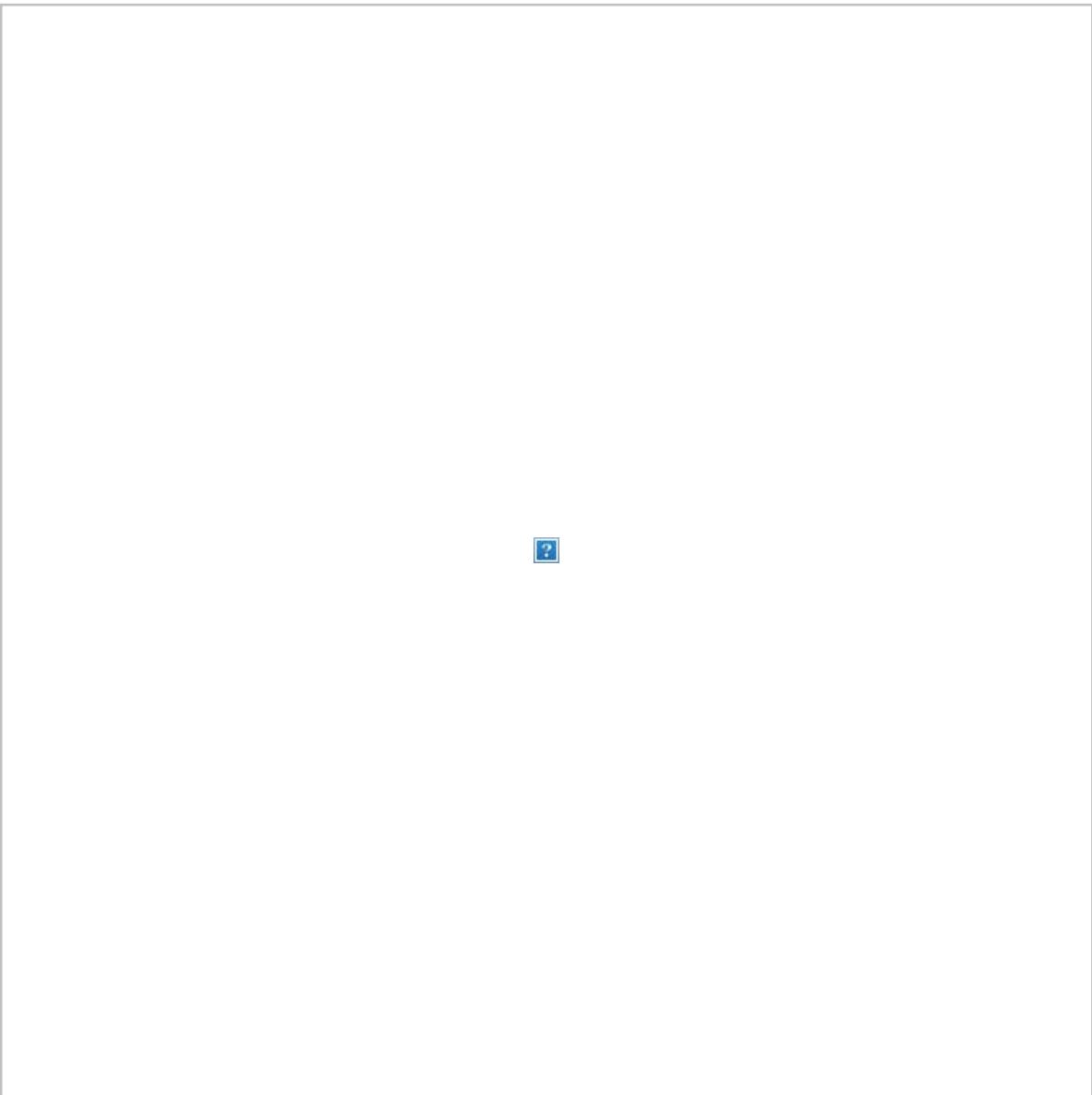
A former Obama White House adviser wondered when Republicans were going to criticize Bannon:



Mike Huckabee said the criticism of Bannon, especially by Muslims, was a good sign:



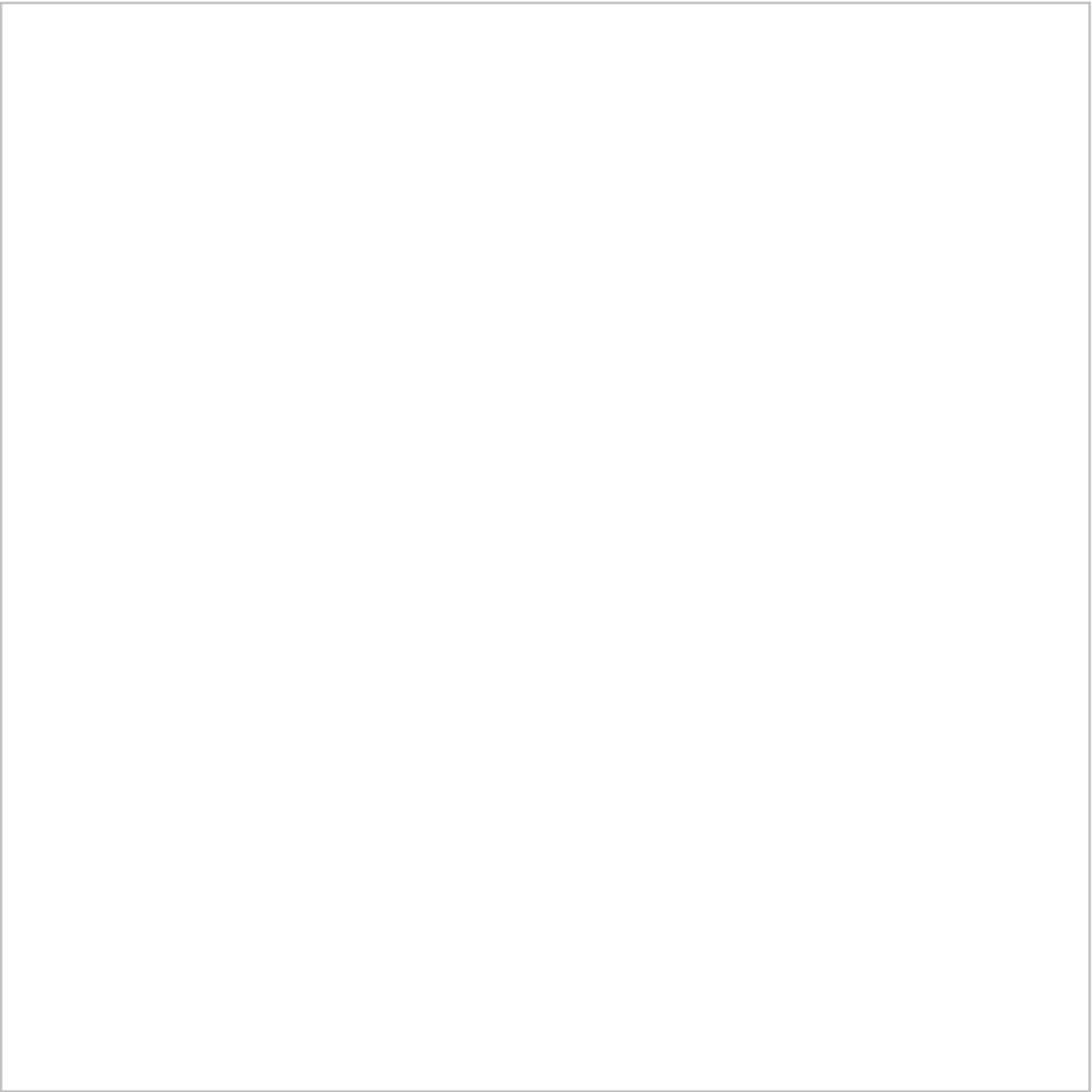
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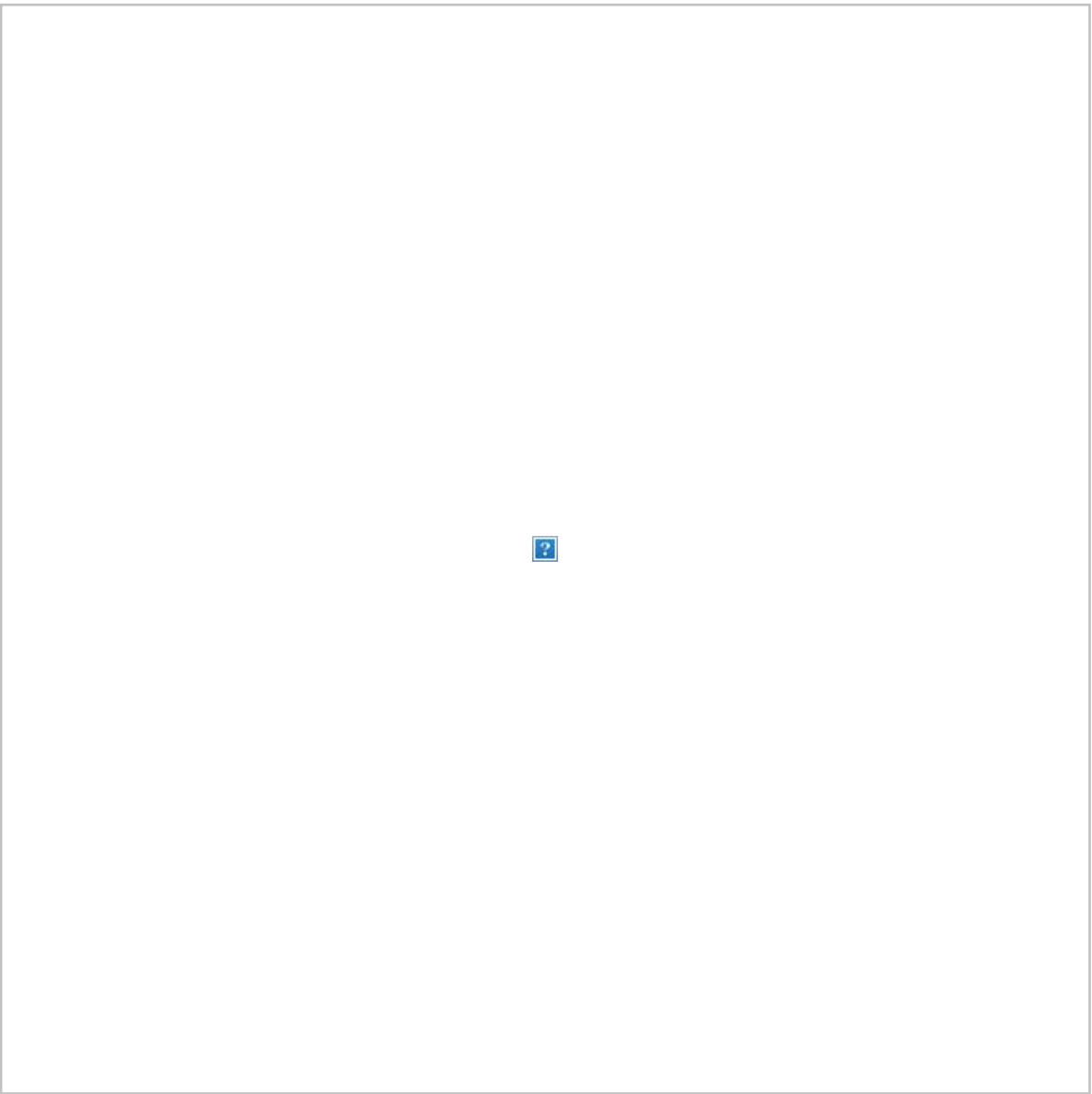
J Street said AIPAC removed the two-state solution from its talking points:







Check out this supermoon photo from Pete Souza:



The Bushes of Dallas got a new dog:



#### **HOT ON THE LEFT:**

**“‘Ape in heels’: W.Va. officials under fire after comments about Michelle Obama,”** from [Lindsey Bever](#): “A nonprofit group’s director and a mayor in a small town in West Virginia have been swept up in a firestorm surrounding comments about Michelle Obama that have been perceived as blatantly racist. After [Trump’s election], Pamela Ramsey Taylor, who was director of Clay County Development Corp. ... reportedly posted about the move from Michelle Obama to Melania Trump on Facebook, saying: ‘It will be so refreshing to have a classy, beautiful,

#### **HOT ON THE RIGHT:**

**“Professors ask Sullivan to stop quoting Jefferson,”** from [Cavalier Daily](#): “Several professors on [University of Virginia] Grounds collaborated to write a letter to University President Teresa Sullivan against the inclusion of a Thomas Jefferson quote in her post-election email Nov. 9. In the email, Sullivan [quotes Thomas Jefferson and encourages] students to unite in the wake of contentious results, arguing that University students have the responsibility of creating the future they want for themselves. [But some] professors from the Psychology

dignified First Lady back in the White House. I'm tired of seeing a Ape in heels." The town's mayor than reportedly replied, "Just made my day Pam." The comments were later deleted, but images of the post were shared widely online. As of Monday, an online petition calling for the women's terminations had garnered more than 14,000 signatures.

Department — and other academic departments — did not agree with the use of this quote. Their letter to Sullivan argued that in light of Jefferson's owning of slaves and other racist beliefs, she should refrain from quoting Jefferson in email communications." "For many of us, the inclusion of Jefferson quotations in these e-mails undermines the message of unity, equality and civility that you are attempting to convey," the email said.

#### DAYBOOK:

**At the White House:** The president has arrived in Athens, Greece. He will meet with President Prokopis Pavlopoulos. Later in the afternoon, Obama will arrive at the Maximos Mansion and hold a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras. Afterward, he will hold a press conference with Tsipras. In the evening, the president will host a state dinner. The President will remain overnight in Athens.

**On Capitol Hill:** The Senate meets at 4 p.m. for speeches, then moves at 5 p.m. to consider the Gold Star Families Voices Act. The House meets at noon for legislative business.

#### QUOTE OF THE DAY:

On a conference call with congressional Democrats, Hillary Clinton said: "No one is sorer than me. Heartbreaks don't heal overnight, and this one won't."

#### NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:

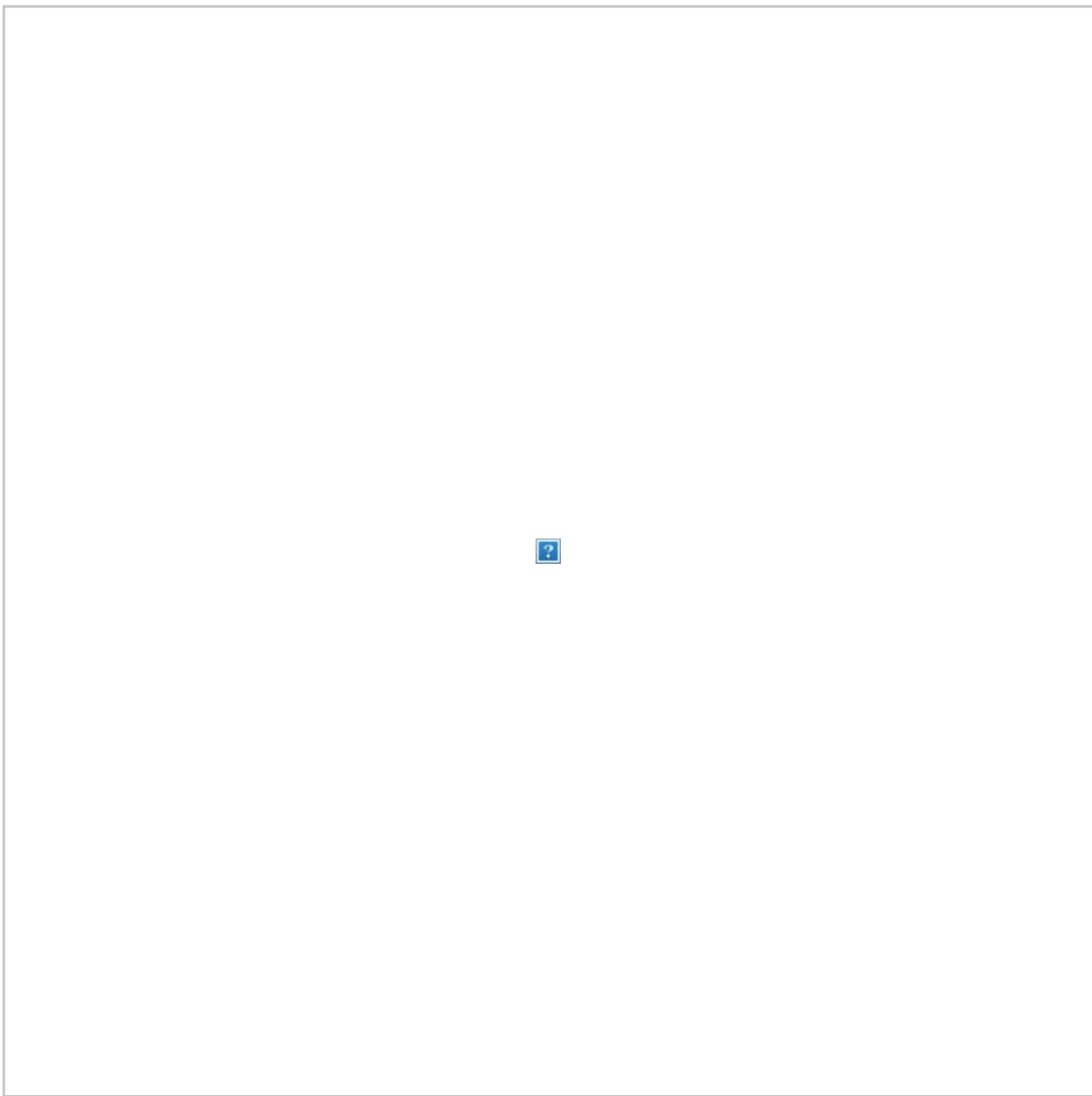
-- **Partly sunny and some warm temps in the afternoon. Today's [Capital Weather Gang](#) forecasts:** "Early-morning showers are possible, but then skies turn partly sunny and highs reach 60 degrees. Breezes blow from the northwest at 5 to 10 mph, which dries out remnant moisture from last night."

-- **Virginia schools have grown increasingly segregated in the past decade, according to a new report:** The number of students attending schools that are considered to be "racially and economically isolated" has doubled from 2003 to 2014, rising from 36,000 to more than 74,000. ([Moriah Balingit](#))

-- **Attendees at Clinton and Trump's Manhattan election parties may have pulled a late night partying (or mourning), but new Fitbit data shows it was actually those of us in Washington who lost the most shut-eye on Election Night.** Researchers said this year's election night marked the greatest sleep loss numbers since it began tracking patterns in 2009. ([Keith L. Alexander](#))

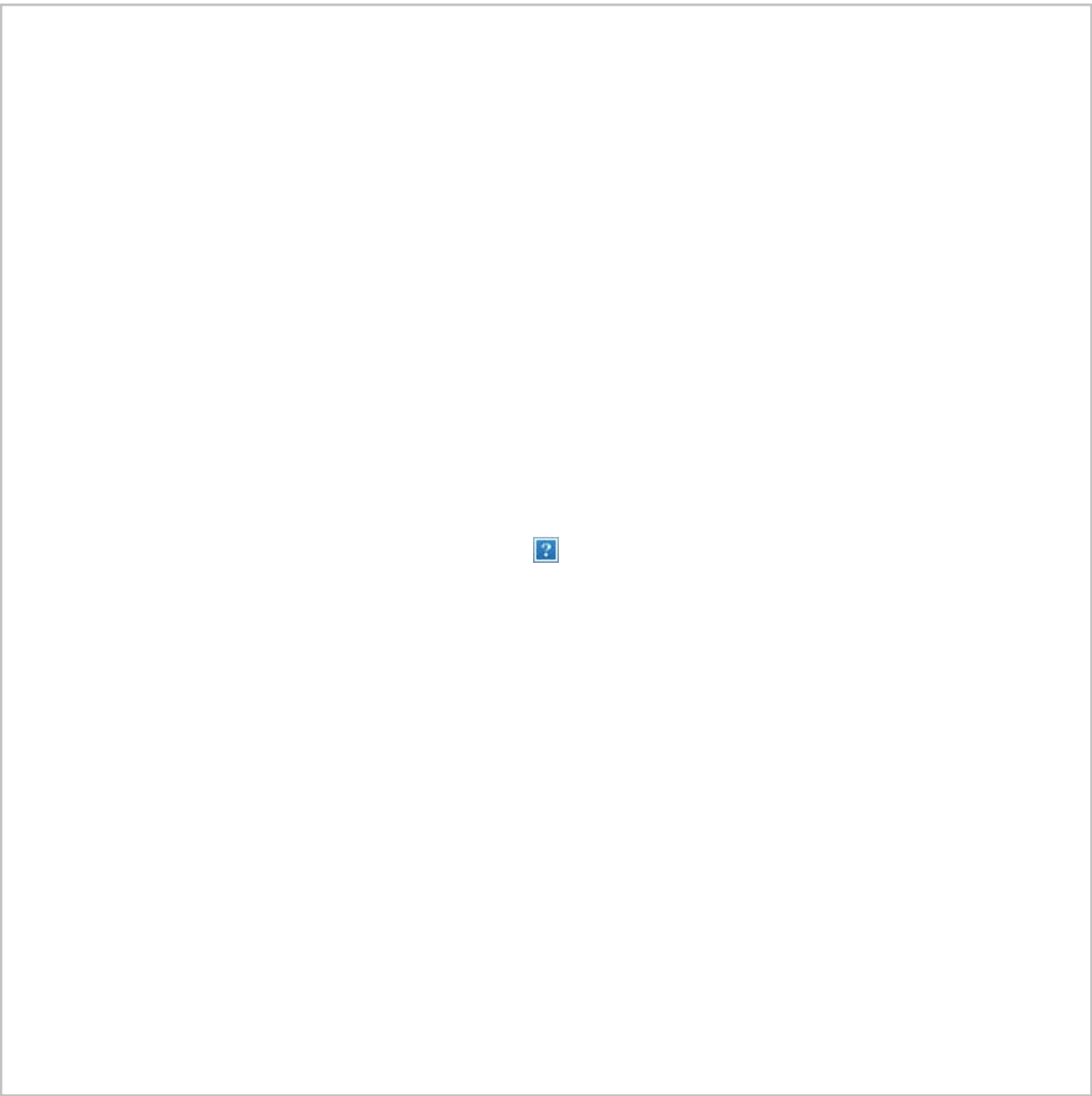
#### VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

These Ukrainian lawmakers got into a fist fight during a government meeting:

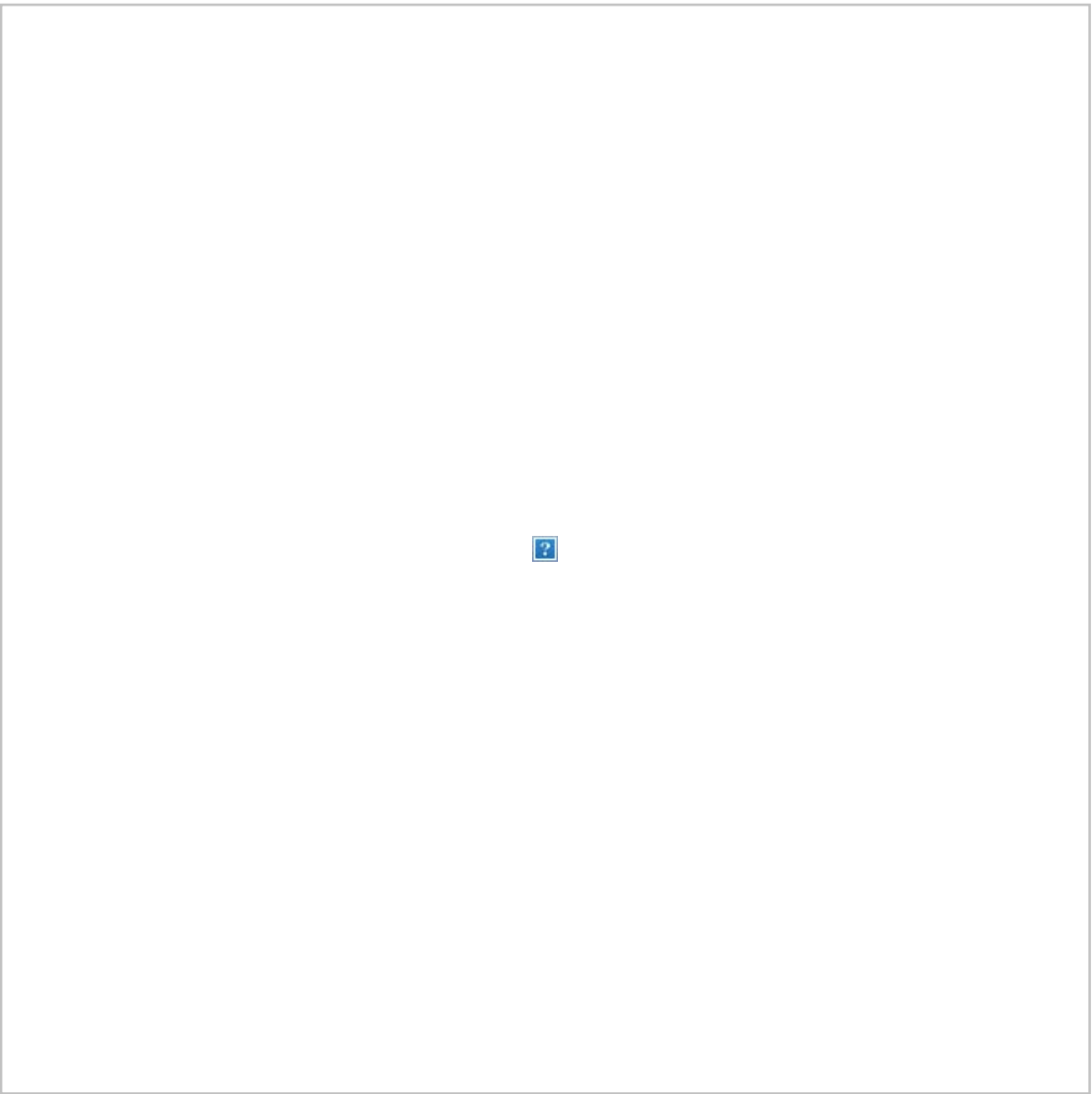


Watch as a fistfight breaks out in Ukraine's parliament

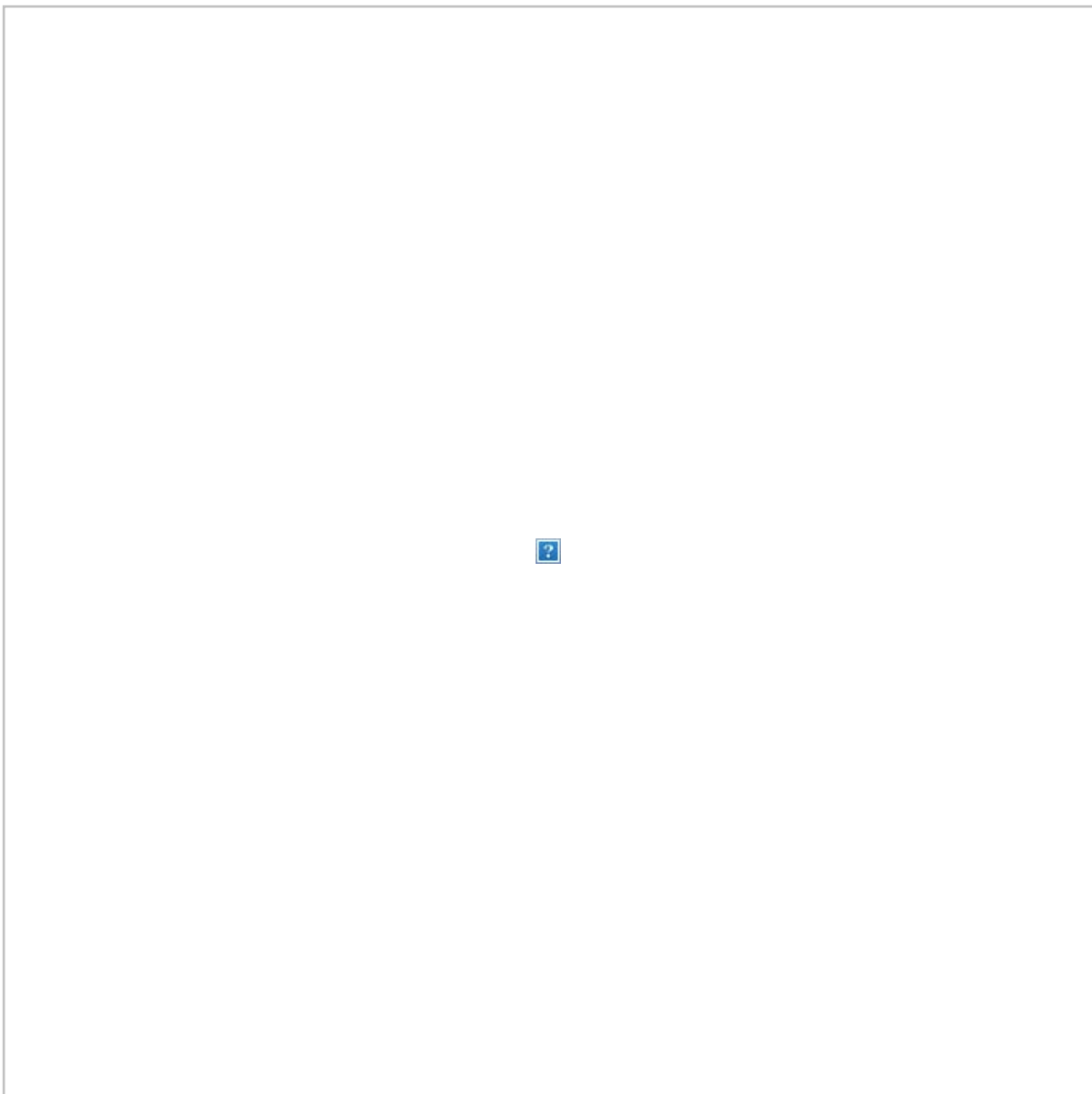
Watch Ifill talk about race and American life:



Check out what Michelle Obama said to someone who yelled she should run for president (click to watch):



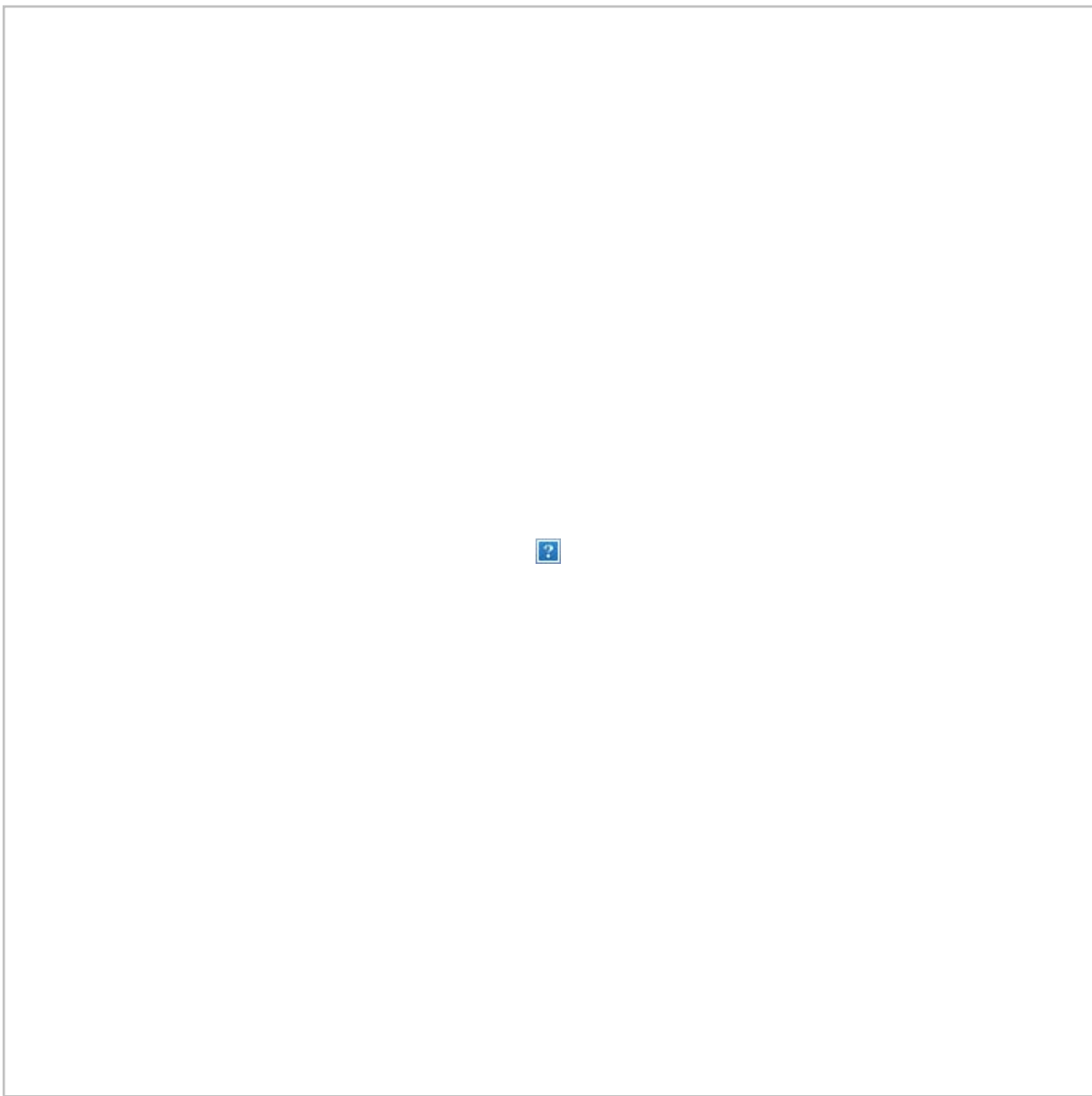
Bernie went on Colbert to promote his book. Part one:



Bernie Sanders: The Democrats Have To Become A Grassroots Party

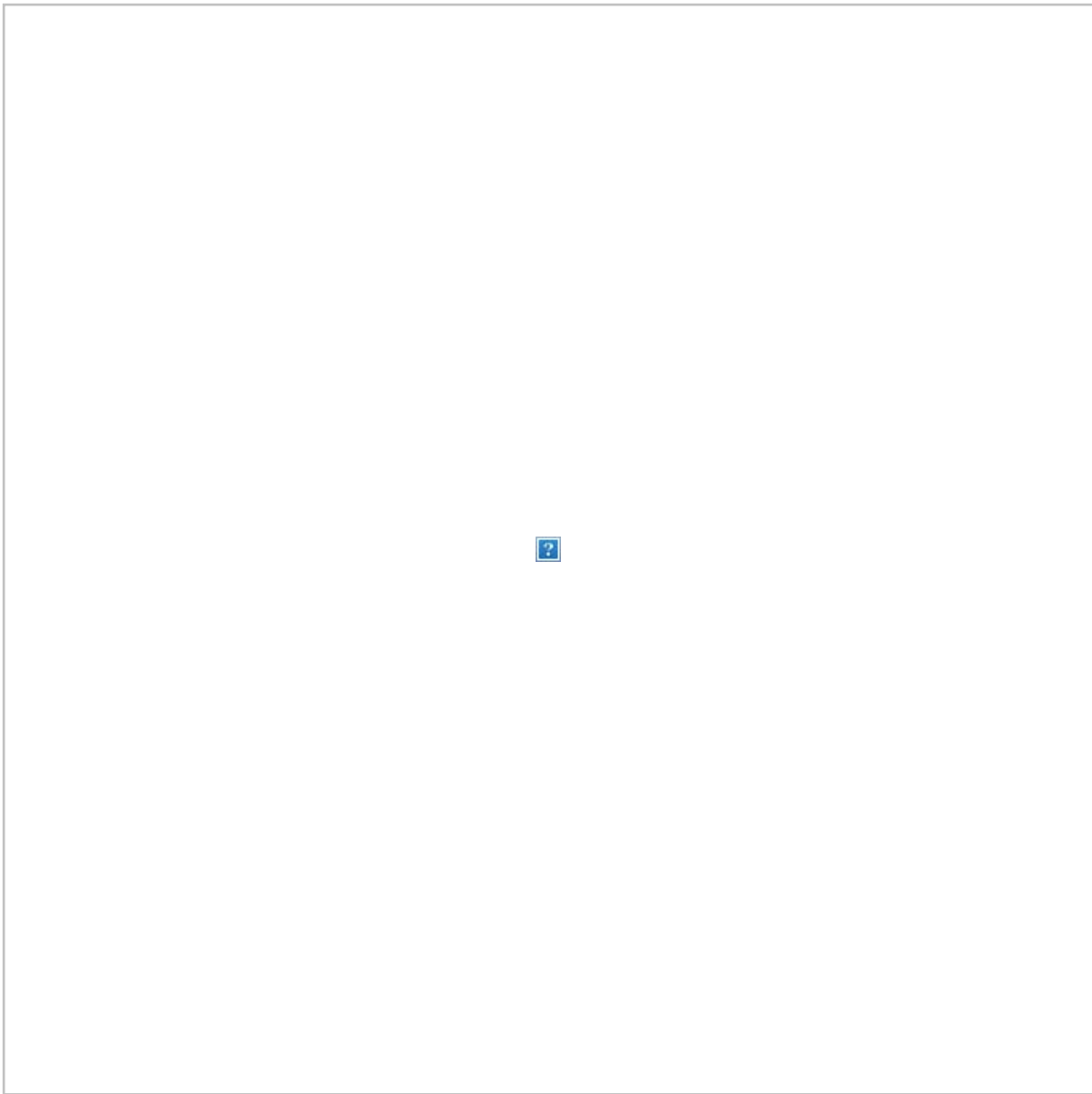
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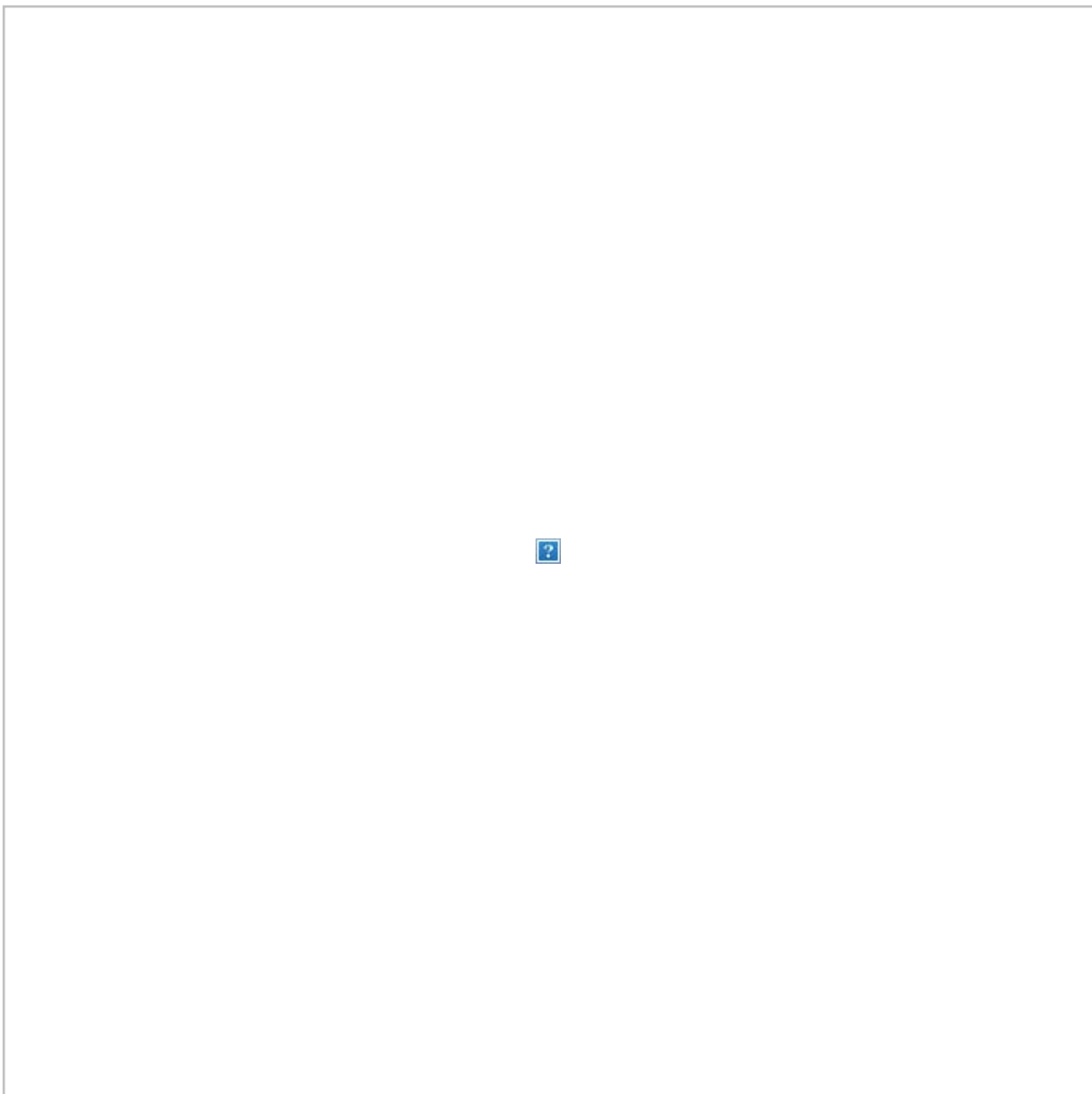
Bernie Sanders: Now More Than Ever, It's Our Revolution

Ruth Bader Ginsburg played her small part at the Washington National Opera:



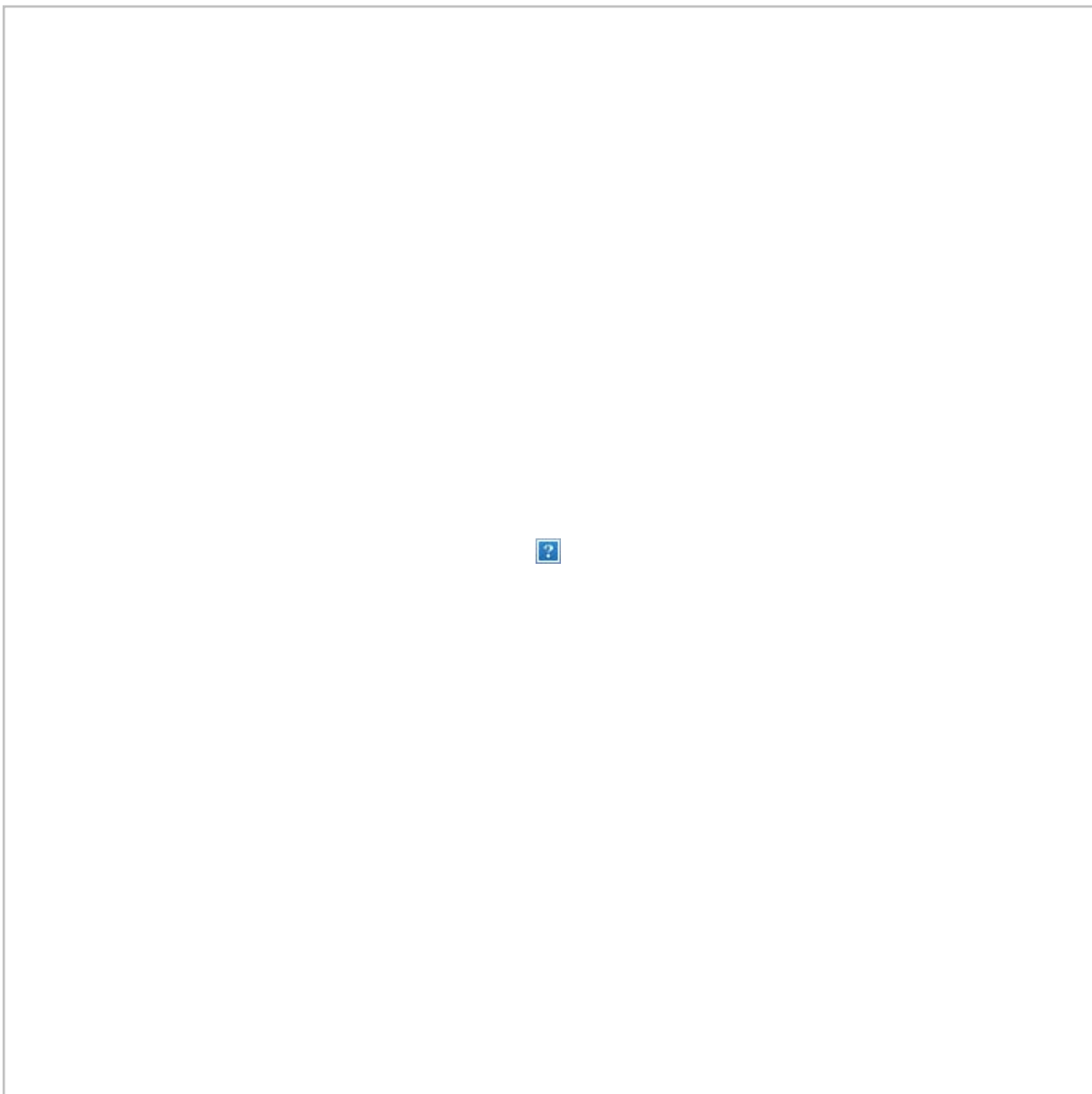
Washington National Opera: The Daughter of the Regiment - Ruth Bader Ginsburg's first appearance

Robert DeNiro and Danny DeVito responded to Trump's win:



Robert DeNiro & Danny DeVito On Donald Trump

An anti-Trump protester was tackled at Ohio State University:



Anti-Trump protester tackled at Ohio State University

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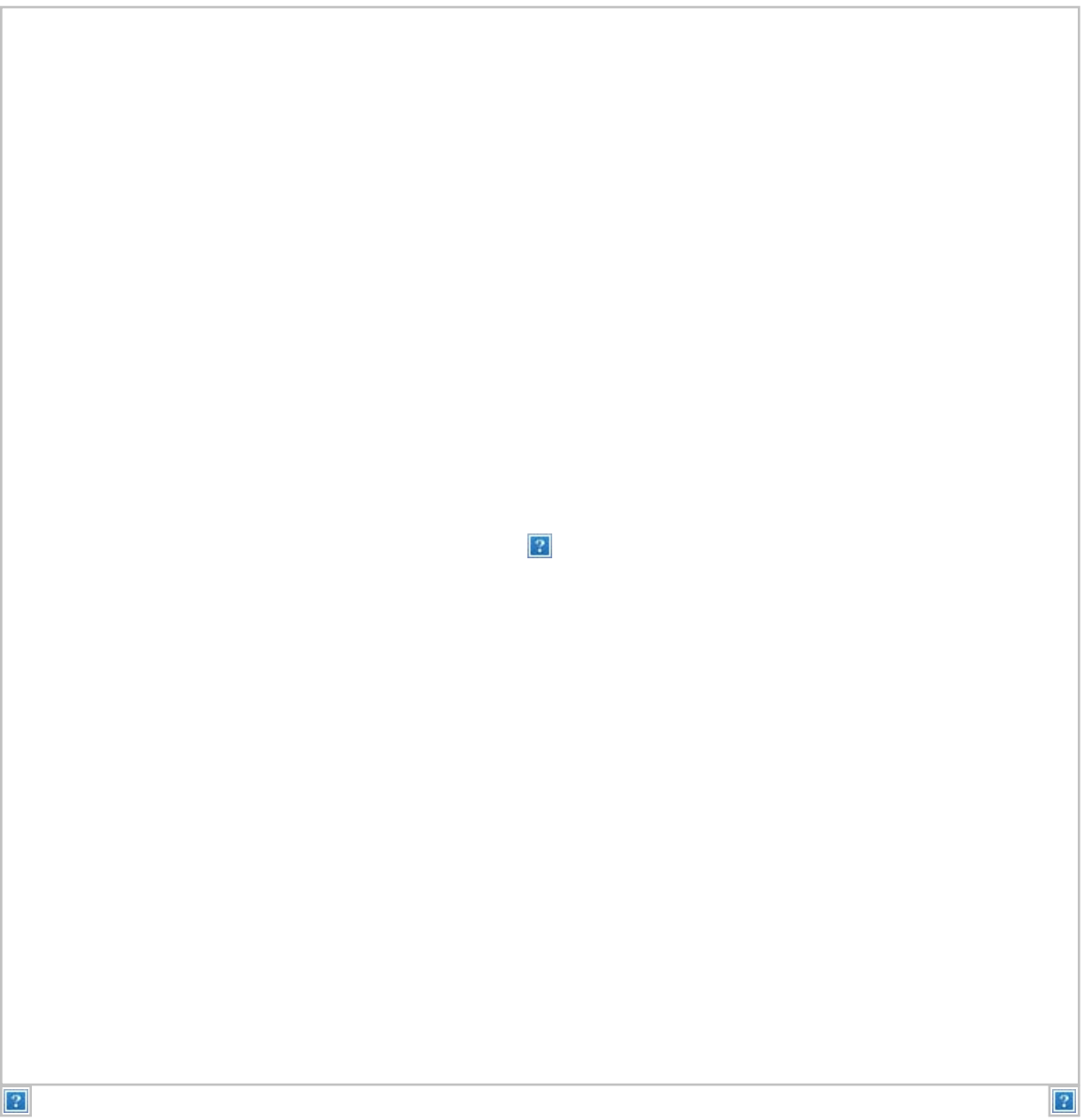
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Donald Trump campaigns earlier this month. (Evan Vucci/AP)</p>□



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**BY JAMES HOHMANN**  
with Breanne Deppisch

**THE BIG IDEA: The Trump revolution won't just be televised. It will be led by television talking heads.**

In August 2015, Chuck Todd asked Donald Trump on “Meet the Press” who he talks with for military advice. “Well, **I watch the shows,**” said the former star of “The Apprentice,” another NBC franchise. “I mean, I really see a lot of great— you know, **when you watch your show and all of the other shows, you have the generals and you have certain people that you like.**”

So it should come as no surprise that **the president-elect is now stocking the federal government with these generals and other people that he's seen on TV and likes.**

**Trump and Mike Pence have now met with 70 individuals about potential positions within the administration.** The visitors to Trump Tower, Mar a Lago and the Bedminster golf club in New Jersey can almost all be grouped into just a handful of food groups: Current or former members of Congress. CEOs/rich

tycoons. Pillars of the Republican establishment. And, last but not least, cable pundits.

Frances Townsend exits Trump Tower yesterday. (Drew Angerer/Getty Images)</p></p>



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**Yesterday, Trump sat down with [CBS News analyst Frances Townsend](#)**, a former counterterrorism adviser to George W. Bush.

**Today, he will meet with [Fox News contributor Pete Hegseth](#)**. After serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, Hegseth tried to run for U.S. Senate in Minnesota against Amy Klobuchar. His campaign went so poorly that he lost the GOP nomination to a random Ron Paul supporter, who went on to lose by 35 points. Afterward, Hegseth was hired to lead a Koch-funded group focused on veterans' issues and then picked up by Fox in 2014. Now, at just 36, he's being considered as a potential secretary of veterans affairs.



Scott Brown arrives to meet with Trump last week. (Brendan McDermid/Reuters)</p>□



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**Scott Brown also came to Trump Tower last week to talk with Trump about the V.A. job.** The former Massachusetts senator served just half of one term before losing to Elizabeth Warren. Then he moved to New Hampshire so he could run for Senate again – and lost. He served 35 years in the Army National Guard, but he’s never managed a large bureaucracy. **Since his 2014 comeback bid failed, he’s [worked at a bike shop](#) and [hawked dubious dietary supplements](#) (which he claimed allowed him to lose 15 pounds in 24 days).** **But, much more importantly than that, he’s a Fox contributor and on-call guest host. He’s on “Fox & Friends” a fair amount, which Trump keeps on in the mornings.**

After his meeting with the president-elect, **the onetime male model told reporters that he thinks he is “the best person” for the V.A. job**, which would require him to oversee a staff of 345,000 and a budget of more than \$100 billion.

**Trump is looking to all of these folks largely because he’s never forged deep relationships with the Republican establishment, and he has a greater sense of familiarity with them – even if many are not anywhere near the most qualified options for the jobs they’re being considered for.**

**Ironically, even as he derides the press, Trump is making these institutions more powerful since he relies on them so much and pays such close attention to what they’re saying.**

Kathleen "KT" McFarland at her home in 2006. (Jason DeCrow/AP/File)



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**At the end of last week, Trump nominated Kathleen T. McFarland to serve as the deputy national security adviser under Mike Flynn.** She has appeared frequently on Fox News and Fox Business as [an analyst](#). She anchors a program called "DEFCON3." But **the last time she worked in government was more than three decades ago, as a Pentagon spokeswoman and speechwriter.** McFarland tried to [run against](#) then-Sen. Hillary Clinton in 2006, but she too lost in the Republican primary.

**In the spring of 2011, then-Fox News chairman Roger Ailes (forced out this year after female employees accused him of sexual harassment) used McFarland as the go-between to encourage David Petraeus to turn down Barack Obama's offer to run the CIA.** [Bob Woodward obtained the audio tape of a 90-minute meeting](#) in Afghanistan, during which she told Petraeus that Ailes thought he should accept nothing less than the chairmanship of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. And, if Obama did not offer that job, Petraeus should resign from the military and run for president. "McFarland also said that Ailes ... might resign as head of Fox to run a Petraeus presidential campaign," Woodward reported. "At one point, McFarland and Petraeus spoke about the possibility that Rupert Murdoch, the head of News Corp., which owns Fox News, would 'bankroll' the campaign. 'Rupert's after me as well,' Petraeus told McFarland."

**Yesterday, perhaps not coincidentally, Petraeus met with Trump about possibly becoming secretary of state or taking another top job in the new administration.**

**Fox News contributor John Bolton, who is [routinely](#) on the air, was also mentioned early on as a possible pick for State**, though that buzz died down when key people expressed their displeasure to Trump.

**Trump is considering Laura Ingraham and Monica Crowley, both on the Fox payroll, for the role of White House press secretary**, according to [several published reports](#). Ingraham, best known for her radio show, addressed the speculation on, where else, Fox News. “It’s a big decision, but I’m at the point where, if my country needs me, and if I can do something to actually advance the Trump agenda ... then I obviously have to seriously consider that,” she told Tucker Carlson.

It typically works the other way around. Someone like Dana Perino earned her coveted Fox hosting gig after serving as White House press secretary.

**Stephen Bannon, who will be the chief strategist in the White House, is not a cable talking head, but he ran Breitbart until August and he had his own radio show.** And don’t forget all the pre-election chatter that Trump might launch an anti-establishment cable network of his own had he lost, with Bannon playing some role. (There was even at least one meeting with a financier.)

Jeanine Pirro&nbsp;arrives at Trump Tower on Nov. 17. (Eduardo Munoz Alvarez/AFP/Getty Images)<p>□

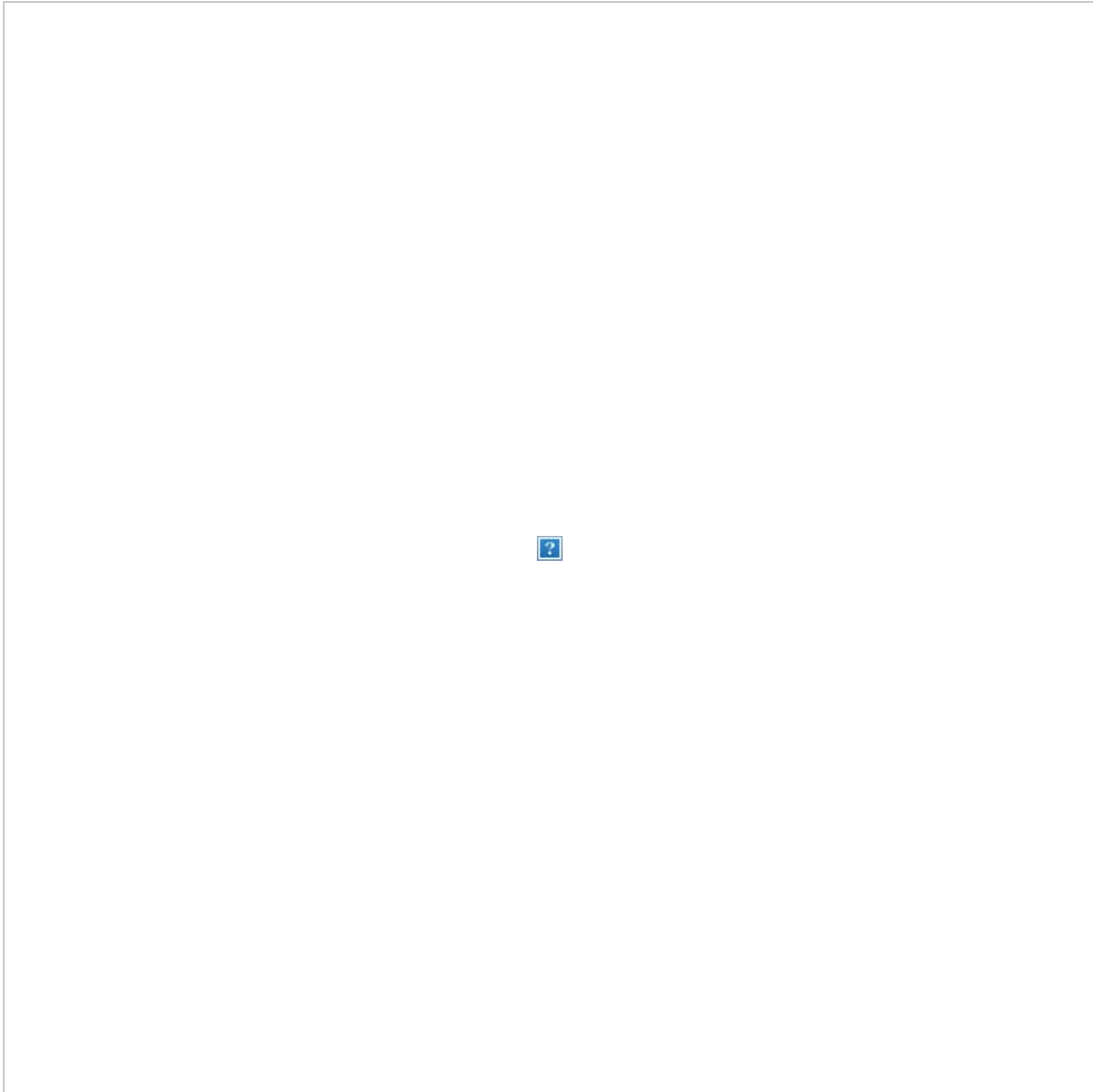


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**The list goes on and on. Donald huddled with Jeanine Pirro (the host of Fox News’s [“Justice with Judge](#)**

[Jeanine](#)”), as well as (less surprisingly) **Mike Huckabee**, whose Saturday night show was canceled when he ran for president but who was [re-signed](#) as a contributor in April after he dropped out. Former Fox contributor [Elaine Chao](#), the former Labor secretary and wife of Mitch McConnell, met with Trump last Monday afternoon.

**Trump has also been meeting with people who are not employed by Fox or other channels but appear regularly.** Last night, for instance, he sat down with Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke – who is often on Fox in primetime. He’s ubiquitous enough on cable (and recognizable because he wears a cowboy hat) that a New York fire department captain, helping with security in the lobby of Trump Tower, fist bumped him on his way out the door.

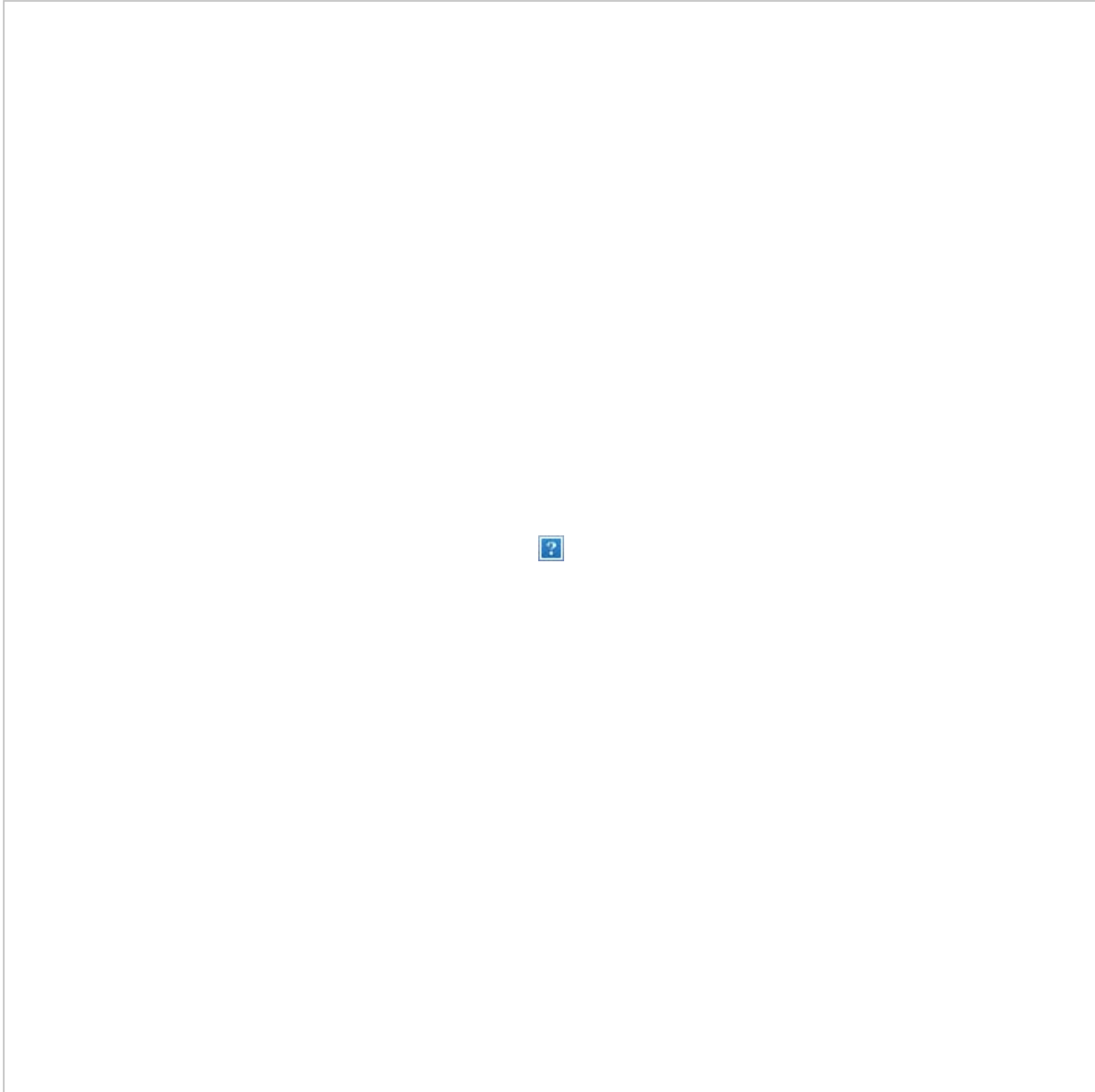


Fox News President Bill Shine departs after meeting with Trump at Trump Tower last week. (Lucas Jackson/Reuters)

**The president-elect’s focus on cable talent has become so blatant in recent days that it’s become a punch line.** On Fox News’s “The Five” last night, Greg Gutfeld joked that the new administration is emptying out the green rooms. “I’m looking at the roster so far,” Gutfeld told his co-hosts, scanning a list of who Trump has been meeting with. “You’ve got K.T. McFarland, Ben Carson, Bolton, Crowley, Huckabee [and] Scott Brown. These are all [Fox News Channel] mainstays. Are they going to replace the Supreme Court with ‘Outnumbered’? Does that make Clarence Thomas ‘one lucky guy’? I’m worried. We’re not going to have

anybody here anymore. ... I'll be hosting every show!" He added, "What becomes of Fox News?"

**The office he's about to assume has not changed the man, at least not yet. People who have been around Trump say he watches cable as much as ever.** During his off-the-record meeting with 25 TV executives and anchors last week, he outlined grievances with coverage about him. Among them: he asked the president of NBC's news division why the network only uses unflattering pictures of him, according to [Politico's Hadas Gold](#). Last night, he retweeted anti-CNN messages posted by random people online.

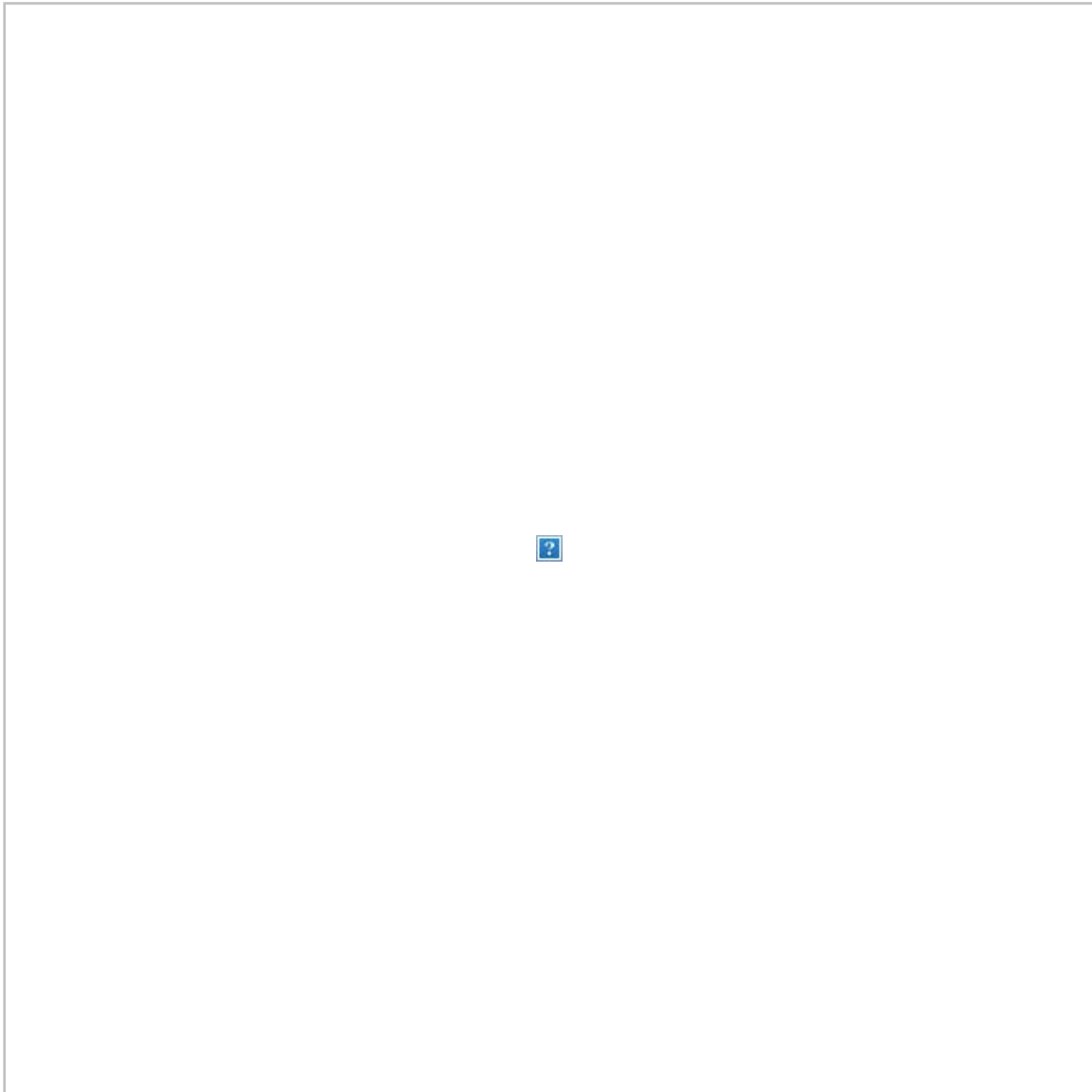


**Finally, Fox briefly suspended Newt Gingrich as a contributor after it became clear he was a finalist to be Trump's running mate. But he was quickly re-activated after Trump picked Pence.** The former Speaker says he will not take a formal position in the new administration, but his stock has certainly risen because of his closeness with the incoming commander-in-chief. As has his number of television hits. Newt was on Sean Hannity's show last night to again decry Mitt Romney, who crushed his presidential dreams in 2012, as a bad choice for secretary of state. With the backdrop of the Capitol, Gingrich said: "There is an enormous base that wanted to drain the swamp, and they see Romney as the swamp."

**-- More palace intrigue: Trump released a statement yesterday saying that he green-lighted former campaign manager Kellyanne Conway's broadsides against Mitt Romney on the Sunday shows.** "Kellyanne came to me and asked whether or not she could go public with her thoughts on the matter," he said in an email to the [New York Times](#). "I encouraged her to do so. Most importantly she fully

acknowledged there is only one person that makes the decision."

-- Amid the scrutiny of her influence, Conway posted this photo from Trump's office last night:



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Tom Price holds a press conference on Capitol Hill. (Joshua Roberts/Reuters)</p></p>



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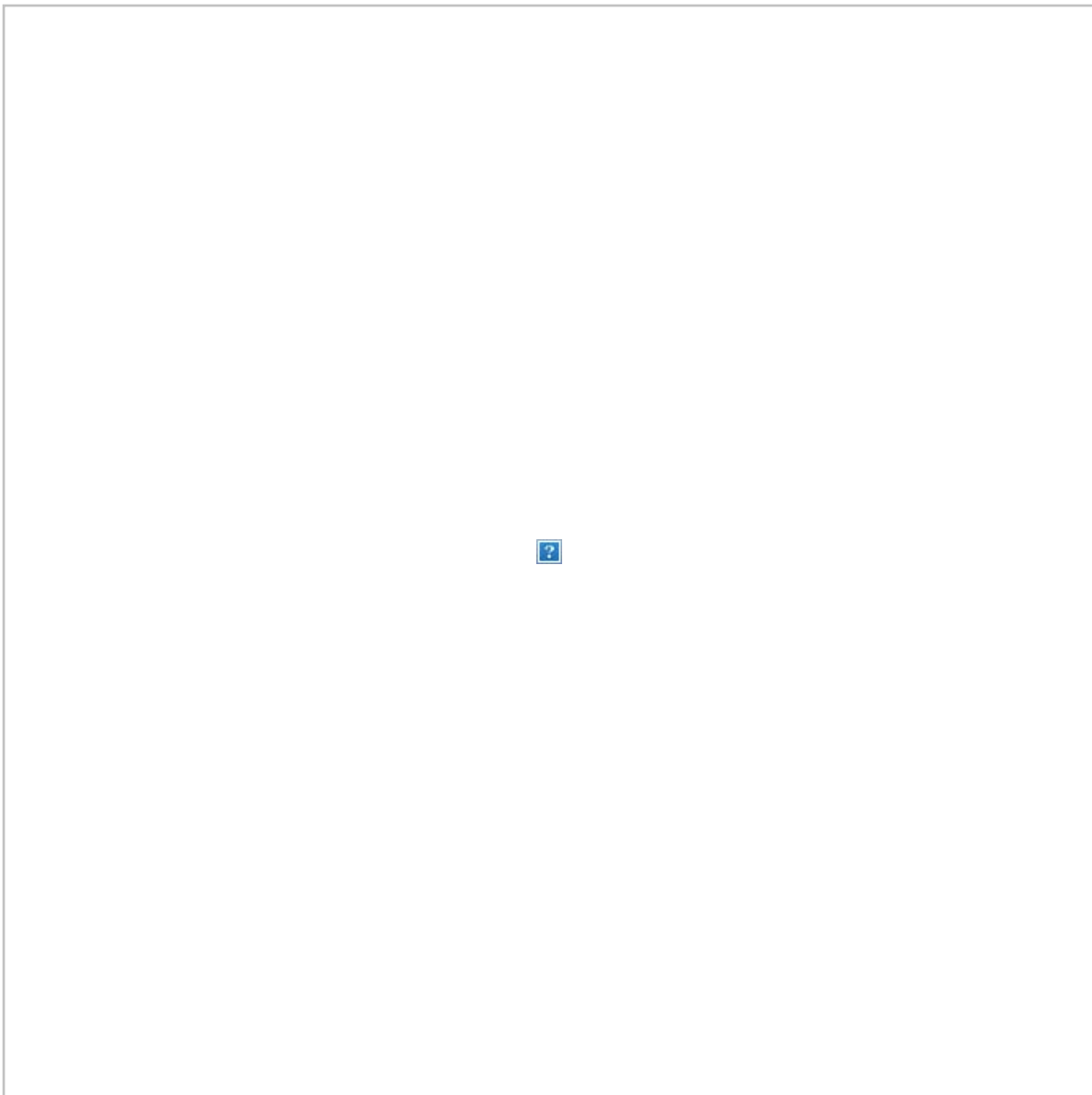
**-- Trump tapped Tom Price, a six-term Georgia congressman and outspoken Obamacare critic, as health and human services secretary.** From [Philip Rucker](#): Trump's selection of Price, who chairs the House Budget Committee, is expected to be publicly announced as early as today. "As HHS secretary, Price would become the Trump administration's point person on dismantling and replacing the Affordable Care Act, one of Trump's major campaign promises ... But after meeting with Obama in the Oval Office shortly following the election, he was convinced to perhaps keep some of the more popular elements of the law intact and amend the law rather than repeal it. In picking Price to fill a key Cabinet position, Trump will add to his team a veteran lawmaker who is close to [Paul Ryan]."



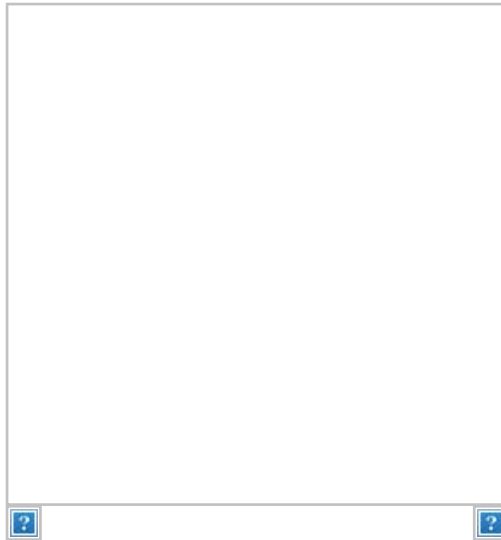
Plane carrying Brazilian team to Copa Sudamericana finals crashes

**-- A charter plane carrying 81 people, including players from a rising Brazilian soccer team headed for a championship match, crashed en route to Medellín's airport in Colombia Monday night. [From Fred Barbash, Samantha Schmidt and Dom Phillips](#): "At least five passengers survived and the rest were killed, Colombia's aviation authority confirmed this morning. It was uncertain whether that was a final count, however, as the figures had fluctuated during the night. General José Acevedo, commander of Medellín police, told a Colombian radio station that 75 people had been killed at the site of the crash and six others had been injured and rescued from the scene. One of the rescued passengers died on the way to the hospital, Acevedo said. A local television station, [Telemedellín](#), reported that a sixth survivor was rescued from the crash at about 5 a.m. Tuesday morning."**





Abdul Razak Artan, a third-year student in logistics management, is seen in an August 2016 photo provided by The Lantern, the student newspaper of OSU. (Kevin Stankiewicz for The Lantern/Handout via Reuters)



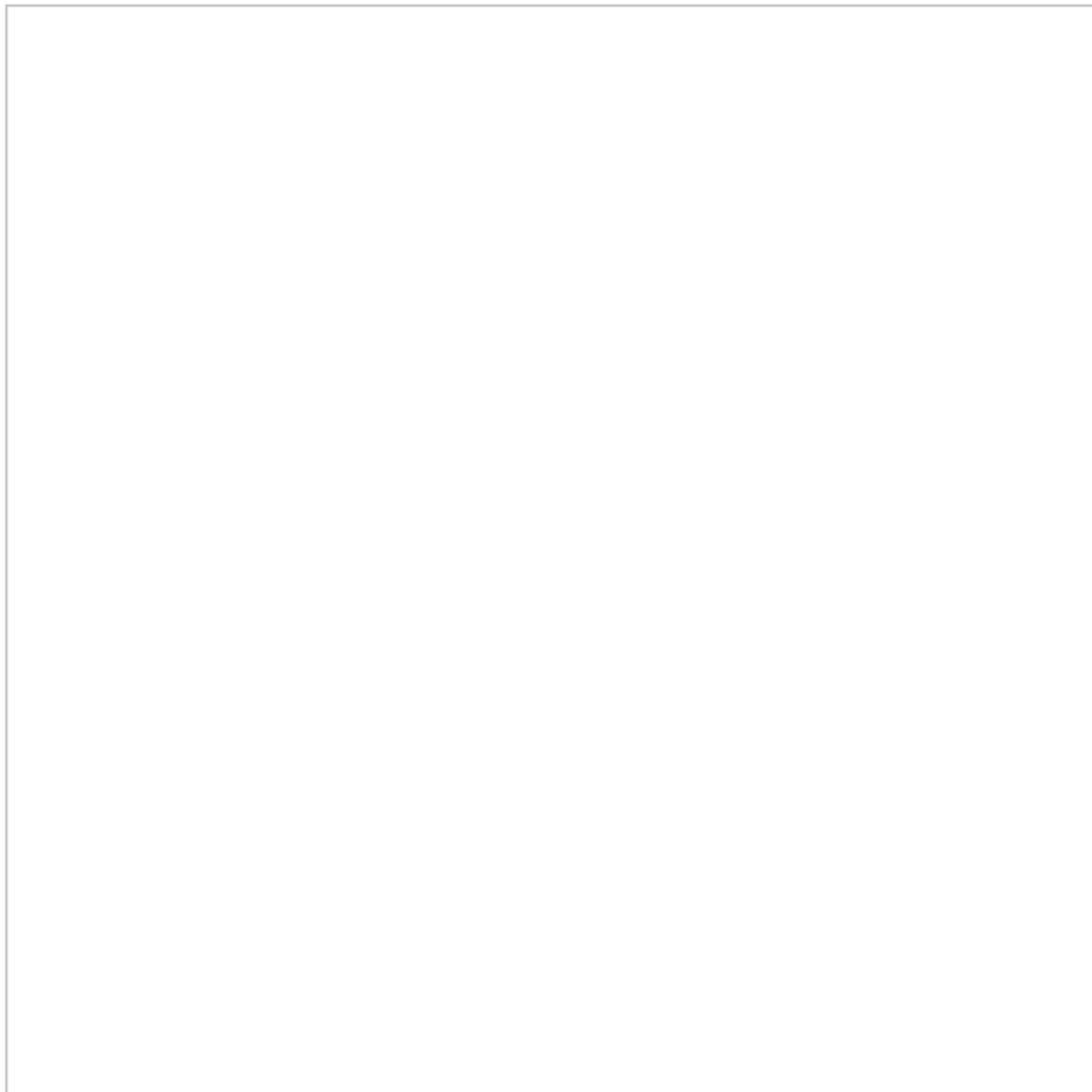
-- The Ohio State University student who injured 11 in a knife attack on campus before being fatally shot by police had written in a Facebook post shortly before the rampage that the abuse of a little-known Muslim community in Burma drove him to the “boiling point.” From [Annie Gowen](#): More than 1 million Rohingya Muslims live in Burma, but they have long been denied citizenship and other basic rights. And in recent weeks, thousands of Rohingya Muslims have been fleeing into the forests and neighboring Bangladesh on the heels of a brutal military crackdown that followed a terror attack on police posts. Earlier this week, a U.N. refugee agency official was in the Bangladesh region of Cox’s Bazar — where more than 30,000, many of them Rohingya, have fled — and told the BBC that Burmese troops were “killing men, shooting them, slaughtering children, raping women, burning and looting houses, forcing these people to cross the river” into Bangladesh. He said that the “ultimate goal” of the Burma government is “ethnic cleansing of the Muslim minority.” The attacker has been identified as 18-year-old Abdul Artan. ([Kathy Lynn Gray](#), [Susan Svrluga](#), [Mark Berman and Matt Zapotosky have much more on what happened in Columbus.](#))

#### GET SMART FAST:

1. **A federal judge ruled that Dylann Roof, the 22-year-old accused of killing nine black parishioners at a Charleston church last year, can represent himself at a federal hate-crimes trial.** The decision means that Roof could potentially confront directly survivors of the attack if they are called to testify in the case. ([Mark Berman and Matt Zapotosky](#))
2. **Texas officials confirmed the first case of the locally-transmitted Zika virus in Brownsville,** making the border town the second place in the continental U.S. to have the virus spread directly by mosquitos. ([Lena H Sun](#))
3. **The Lone Star State also announced it is requiring all fetal remains be “properly buried or cremated” regardless of the period of gestation** – garnering an intense outcry from pro-choice advocates, grieving mothers who lost children in utero or through miscarriages, and from medical providers, who have questioned who will foot the costly bill. ([Texas Tribune](#))
4. **The Department of Education released new rules on how to judge schools in accordance with the “Every Student Succeeds Act,”** the federal education law that replaced No Child Left Behind in 2015. It is unclear, however, whether a President Trump plans to abide by the contentious new set of regulations. ([Emma Brown](#))
5. **Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) has officially won reelection,** narrowly edging out Democratic challenger Doug Applegate in a race that took weeks to tally. ([AP](#))
6. **Democrats will have supermajorities in both chambers of the California legislature, after a Democratic candidate very narrowly won a tight state Senate race.** That will let liberals push through big tax hikes, enact a far-reaching social agenda under an “emergency clause” and override Jerry Brown’s vetoes. ([LA Times](#))
7. **South Korean President Park Geun-hye issued a third national apology for her role in an influence-peddling scandal, saying she would resign if lawmakers vote to impeach her.** The unexpected announcement means Park could step down from her post as early as this Friday, [Anna Fifield](#) reports.
8. **Jimmy Carter is urging Obama to grant diplomatic recognition to Palestine before his term ends, stressing the importance of securing a two-state solution because of continued settlement activity.**

“I am convinced that the United States can still shape the future of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict before a change in presidents, but time is very short,” the former president writes [in a New York Times op-ed today](#).

9. **Britain’s pro-Brexit party picked Paul Nuttall as its new leader**, selecting the former top deputy to replace firebrand and Trump ally Nigel Farage as he seeks to carve out influence in the president-elect’s budding administration. ([Brian Murphy](#))
10. **Italians are voting on a Constitutional amendment this weekend to help smooth gridlock in parliament and increase the rate of government efficiency**. But unlike U.S. elections, voters won’t be compulsively refreshing polls or forecasting sites all day -- in Italy, it’s illegal to publish polls during the final two weeks before a vote. ([Anna Momigliano](#))
11. **A headless corpse served as a most unlikely arbitrator in a years-long land dispute between the Netherlands and Belgium**, which was finally resolved on Monday after a tense, years-long dispute. ([New York Times](#))
12. **Police are investigating the death of a Good Samaritan who was gunned down while trying to help a woman being beat in the parking lot of a San Antonio Walmart**. The 39-year-old had braved the Black Friday crowds to help his wife find a holiday outfit, she said, before attempting to step in and help the ailing woman. ([Cleve R. Wootson Jr.](#))
13. **A Japanese amusement park drew swift condemnation after unveiling its new ice-skating rink – which featured some 5,000 dead fish frozen into the ice**. Photos of the now-shuttered exhibit showed some of the fish displayed with their heads *partially protruding* from the ice, while others were laid out in whimsical patterns (one spelled out the word ‘hello’!) ([Amy B Wang](#))



Trump gives the thumbs-up as Romney leaves Trump National Golf Club Bedminster. (AP/Carolyn Kaster)

#### **TRUMP TRANSITION:**

**-- The president-elect remains “unswayed” by the public revolt over the possible choice of Mitt Romney for the State Department and continues to see his foe as a serious contender for the diplomatic post,** [Philip Rucker and John Wagner report](#).

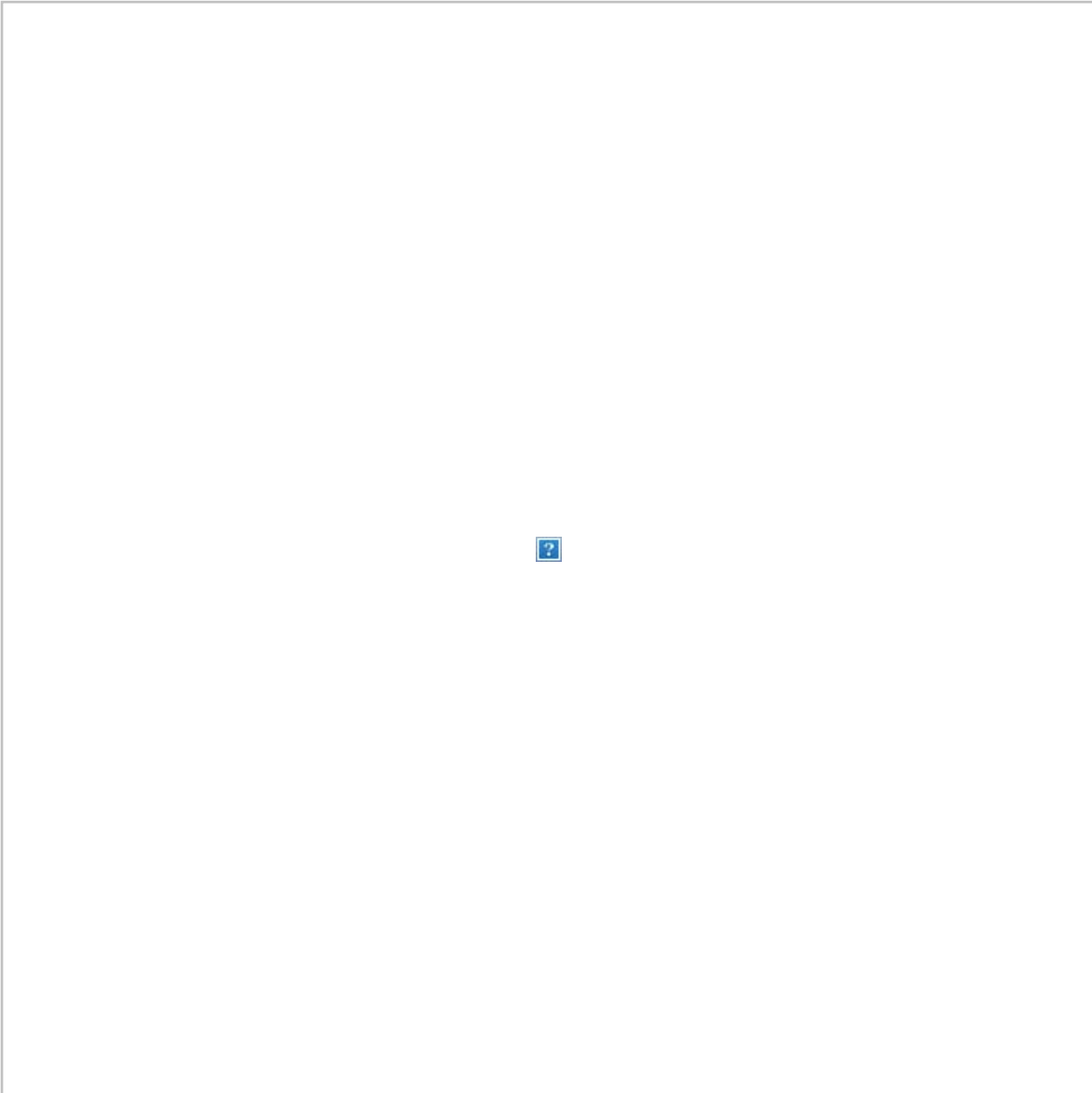
**Romney plans to have a private dinner tonight with Trump**, who is said to be “intrigued” by the notion of reconciling with one of his fiercest Republican antagonists. But he wants assurances that Romney could be trusted to defend and promote Trump’s markedly different worldview.

**More people in Trump’s orbit came out against Mitt.** Rep. Chris Collins (R-N.Y.) blasted Romney as “a self-serving egomaniac who puts himself first, has a chip on his shoulder, and thinks that he should be president of the United States” on CNN.

**Mike Pence is viewed as a Romney supporter**, “believing that he has a steady hand that would benefit Trump in the turbulent world of diplomacy.”

**Romney and Rudy Giuliani were seen previously as “co-favorites,” but Trump officials now say that Giuliani’s international business ties and consulting could prevent him from winning Senate**

**confirmation.**



Petraeus describes 'very good' meeting with Trump

**-- Petraeus, who has emerged as a possible alternative for secretary of state, and whose tenure as CIA director ended amid revelations that he had an affair with his biographer, said he is taking a “wait and see” approach on serving in Trump’s administration.** “I was with him for about an hour,” Petraeus told reporters after the meeting. “He basically walked us around the world. Showed a great grasp of a variety of the challenges that are out there and some of the opportunities as well. Very good conversation and we’ll see where it goes from here.” ([Jerry Markon and Paul Kane](#))

**Transition officials said Trump has long admired Petraeus and described his candidacy as formidable, despite the baggage he would carry into any confirmation hearings because of his 2015 conviction for mishandling classified information.** (Remember when Trump made Hillary Clinton's mishandling of classified information, for which she was never charged with a crime, a central issue in the presidential campaign? That was earlier *this month*.)

**-- A wrinkle: Just as the former CIA director met with Trump in New York yesterday, Defense Department officials [confirmed to the AP](#) that they are conducting a new leaks investigation related to the sex scandal that led to his resignation.** "Investigators are trying to determine who leaked personal information about Paula Broadwell, the woman whose affair with Petraeus led to criminal charges against him

and his resignation. The latest twist in the case could [resurface] details of the extramarital affair and FBI investigation that ended his career at the CIA."

-- **Pence: "It's going to be a busy week. Get ready. Buckle up."** Among those scheduled to drop by Trump Tower today: House Homeland Security Committee chair Michael McCaul.

West Virginia residents hold signs supporting coal in Cleveland. (Reuters/Aaron P. Bernstein)</p>□



West Virginia residents hold signs supporting coal in Cleveland. (Reuters/Aaron P. Bernstein)

#### **TRUMP TAKES WASHINGTON:**

-- **Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner could face serious conflict-of-interest questions of his own – even if he only takes a role as an unpaid adviser to the president-elect.** From the [Wall Street Journal's Peter Grant](#) on A1: "The real-estate company [Kushner controls] ... has hundreds of millions of dollars in loans outstanding from domestic and foreign financial institutions, markets condominiums to wealthy U.S. and foreign buyers and has obtained development financing through a controversial U.S. program that sells green cards. The president himself isn't subject to the conflict-of-interest law, but all other government employees must follow it. Even if Mr. Kushner were to serve in the new administration as an unpaid adviser, his potential influence on policy would invite scrutiny, legal experts said." Some wealthy individuals and business people who have joined previous administrations have sold stocks, bonds and a wide range of other assets to comply with conflict laws. **"It's a criminal statute so you don't want to get too close to the line," said former**

**White House ethics lawyer Richard Painter.**

-- **Democrats on the House Oversight Committee called on Jason Chaffetz to launch a formal probe into Trump's finances**, asking (futilely) that the GOP's top investigator request copies of Trump's income tax returns and to invite Trump aides to brief lawmakers on "their plans for protecting against conflicts of interest." ([Mike DeBonis](#))

-- **White House officials urged Trump not to reverse Obama's policies on Cuba, after Trump said in a tweet that he would "terminate" newly-thawed U.S.-Cuba policy unless Havana is willing to make a "better deal" for Cubans and Americans. (He did not specify what he wanted or what he would do.)** "It's just not as simple as one tweet might make it seem," said White House press secretary Josh Earnest, noting that Monday marked the resumption of direct commercial flights between the U.S. and Havana for the first time in half a century. "There are significant diplomatic, economic [and] cultural costs that will have to be accounted for if this policy is rolled back." ([The Hill](#))

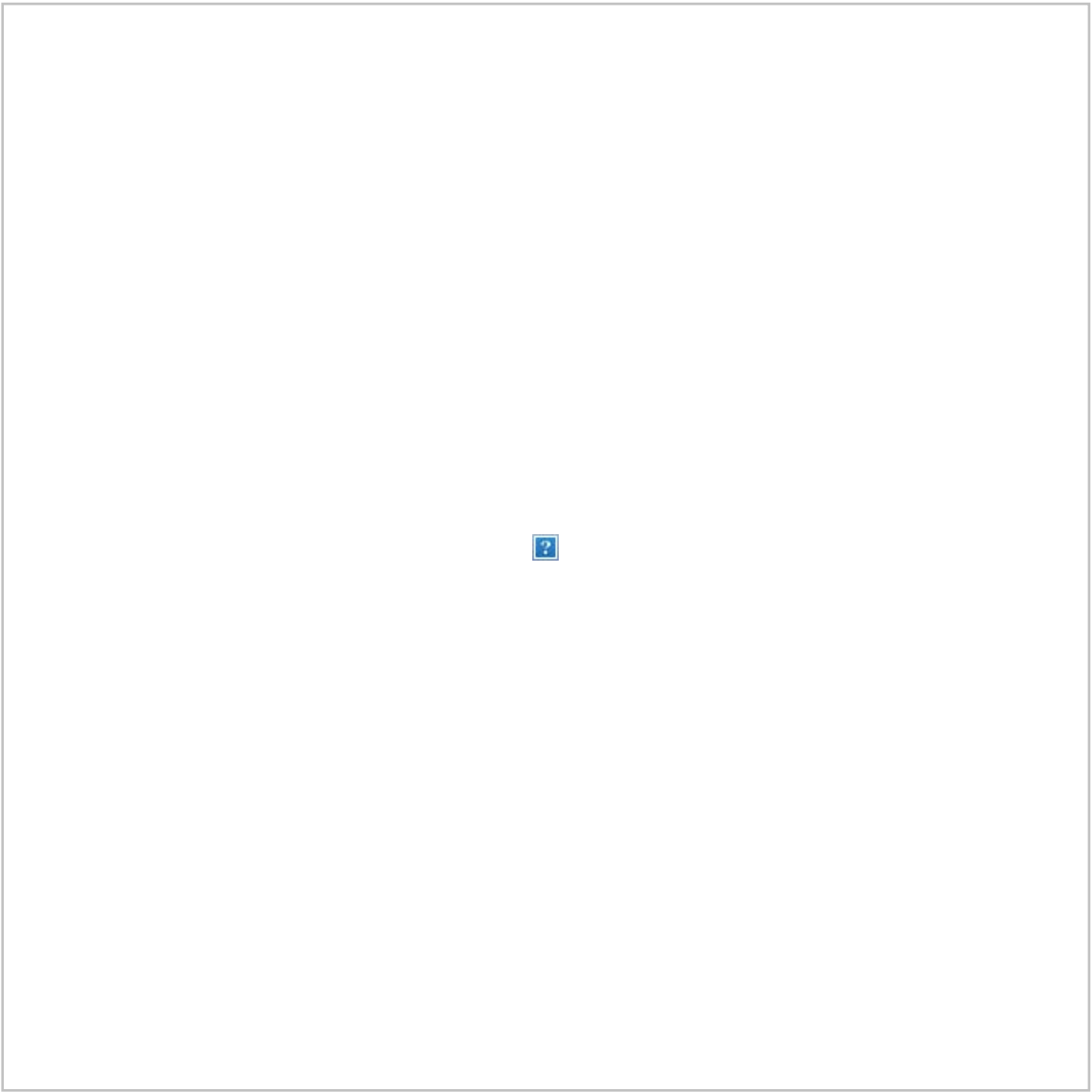
-- **"Trump's election suddenly created an awful lot of international Trump-branded targets for terrorists," Philip Bump writes.** "Protecting Trump Tower is relatively easy. Protecting a Trump-branded resort in Indonesia is something else entirely, and raises a slew of questions. How? Who?"

-- **Wall Street Journal, "Will Political Reality Derail Markets' Bet on Donald Trump?," by Gerald F. Seib:** "So far, the financial markets love the coming Trump presidency, and why not? They look at the combination of a big tax cut, big infrastructure spending and lower regulations ... Less obvious is the implicit assumption the markets are making that two looming problems with all this stimulation won't short-circuit the good times. But are the markets making a safe bet? Let's look at each element in turn":

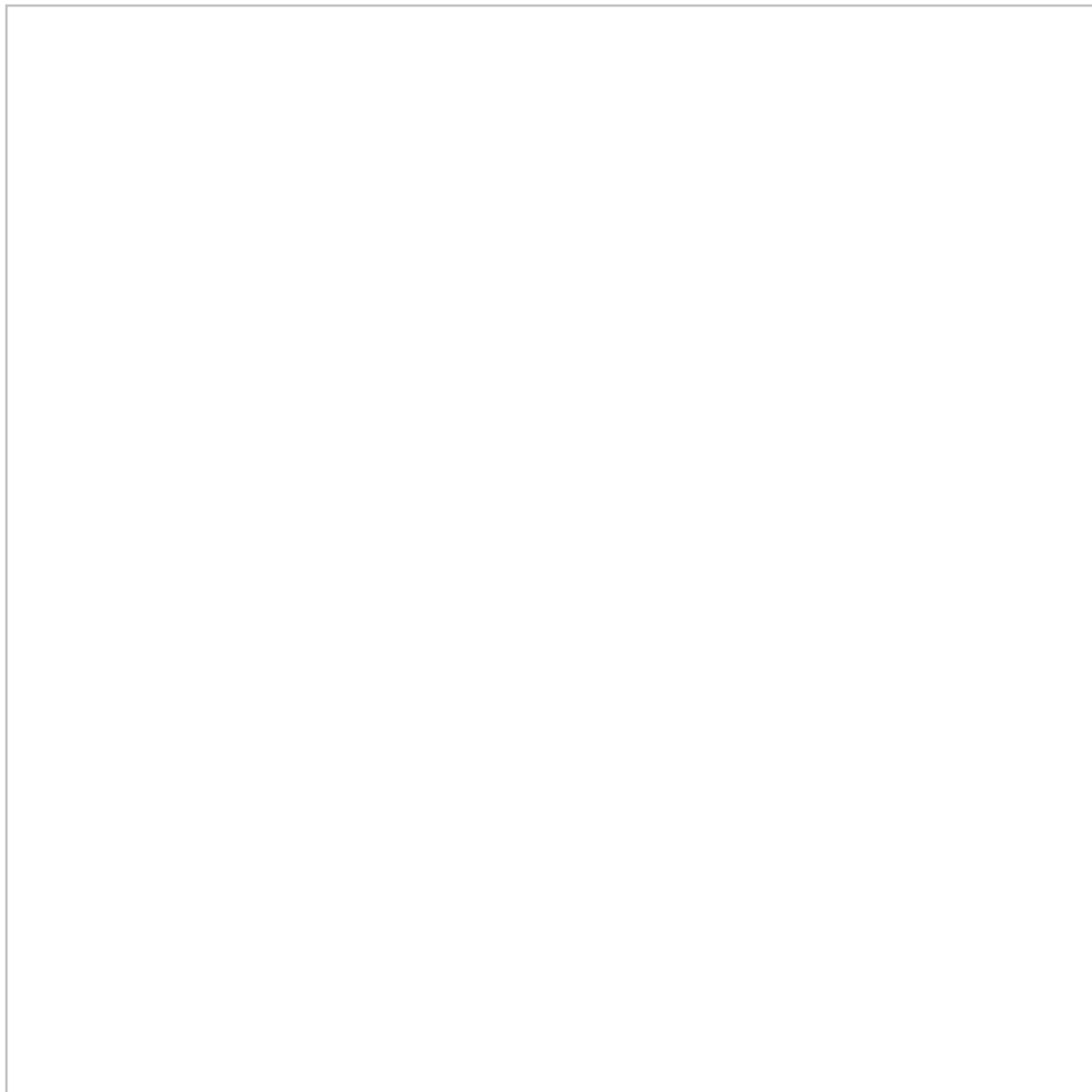
- **TAX CUTS:** "Republicans have a working majority in the House, but barely hung on to their majority in the Senate. Still, with likely across-the-board Democratic opposition, it also leaves little margin for error ..."
- **INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING:** In theory, everybody in Washington loves more infrastructure spending. In reality, there are enormous differences, between parties and within the GOP ... Can Mr. Trump use Republican votes to pass a big tax cut and then Democratic votes to get a big infrastructure plan through? **Perhaps that is what an unorthodox president who essentially ran as an independent can do. But it will be trickier than it looks on the potholed surface.**"
- **TRADE WARS:** "Trade tensions still lie ahead, and China is stepping into the free-trade void in Asia quite nicely, to the potential detriment of American companies. But visions of an all-out trade war aren't as vivid as some feared ..."
- **DEFICITS:** "This is the big potential showstopper ... Look for a moment of truth in mid-2017, when a Republican president and a Republican Congress have to agree on a plan to raise the federal debt ceiling or face a market-rattling default ..."

-- **New York Times, "Trump's Promises Will Be Hard to Keep, but Coal Country Has Faith," by Sheryl Gay Stolberg:** "Appalachians are eyeing Washington with a feeling they have not had in years: hope. It is difficult for outsiders to fathom how deeply faith and work are intertwined here, or the economic and psychological depression that sets in when an entire region loses the only livelihood many of its people have ever known. Coal has always been boom and bust ... But in West Virginia alone, 12,000 coal industry jobs have been lost during (Obama's) tenure. In this land of staggering beauty and economic pain, Trump backers said over and over again that while coal might never be what it once was, the businessman they helped send to the White House could indeed put them back to work."

-- **Some perspective on the favorability ratings of presidents-elect at this point in the past:**







Former Michigan Democratic Party chair Mark Brewer testifies on the side of Jill Stein and promises a formal demand for a recount as members of the Michigan Board of Canvassers meet to certify the presidential election and consider a recount yesterday in Lansing. Michigan officials yesterday certified that Trump won the state by 10,704 votes out of nearly 4.8 million to claim all of its 16 electoral votes. (Dale G. Young/Detroit News via AP)

#### **AMERICA, DIVIDED:**

**-- Trump and Jill Stein continued to raise competing doubts about the election results on Monday, with Trump's transition team voicing more unsubstantiated concerns about "voter fraud" and the Green Party candidate taking legal action to trigger a recount in Pennsylvania.** From [Sean Sullivan](#): "Trump was also officially declared the winner in Michigan by a slim margin. (Stein's team said it plans to demand a statewide hand-recount on Wednesday, in accordance with the 48-hour deadline to do so.) In Wisconsin, where Stein asked for a recount last week, elections officials on Monday announced a timeline and procedure for it." In Pennsylvania, Stein's campaign said requests had been filed by voters in more than 100 precincts already.

"I really do think it's ridiculous that so much oxygen has been given to recount efforts when there is absolutely no chance of the election results changing," said Trump spokesman Jason Miller. "This election has been decided. It's a conceded election." (The Trump camp continues to dubiously cite two sources to back up

its claims on voter fraud. Post Fact Checker Michelle Ye Hee Lee explains why neither [actually backs up their argument.](#))

-- **An airline passenger who went on an expletive-laden, pro-Trump rant has been banned from flying Delta for life.** The incident is the latest in a string of political disputes to break out among passengers mid-air including one United Airlines flight in which a pilot was forced to ban all talk of politics completely.

-- **A Texas Republican presidential elector resigned his post, saying he could not vote for a man who he does not believe is “biblically qualified” to serve in the White House.** “I will sleep well at night knowing I neither gave in to their demands nor caved to my convictions,” welding supply salesman Art Sisneros wrote in a blog post. (Fort Worth [Star-Telegram](#))

-- **Evansville, Indiana, police are investigating racist threats that were spray painted onto a black church last week,** as the congregation hosted and fed nearly 300 people during its annual Thanksgiving feast for the needy. ([Cleve R. Wootson Jr.](#))

-- **Hundreds of flag-waving veterans gathered at Hampshire College to protest the school’s decision to remove all flags, including the U.S. flag.** ([Peter Holley](#))

-- **Former students at a North Dallas prep school have started an online petition protesting their ex-classmate Richard Spencer,** a white nationalist who coined the term “alt-right” and who last week led a D.C. conference advocating for a whites-only state. **Proceeds from the effort will benefit refugee resettlement efforts.** ([Amy B Wang](#))

-- **Rolling Stone, “‘Radically Mainstream’: Why the Alt-Right Is Celebrating Trump’s Win,”** by Sarah Posner: “[Richard Spencer] says he sees Trump as a symbol, a vehicle for white aspirations, in much the same way so many projected their hopes and dreams onto Obama. What has been “legitimized,” in the Alt-Right view, is the movement’s central creation myth: that white people are being “dispossessed” in contemporary America. As he hungrily eats an omelet ... Spencer begins to dream out loud. The Alt-Right ‘can plausibly say we are influencing Breitbart,’ he says – but now, in the wake of the Trump win, he can imagine, even predict, that Fox News will develop a show speaking directly to the movement. He imagines producing a series of white papers that would trickle up into conversations inside the White House ... **‘That is influence, where people are thinking things that they had no idea who planted this in their head,’ he says. ‘It’s planting ideas. People will come to the conclusions themselves, but the true influencer is the one who kind of helps them, that kind of leads them there.’**”

-- **“Angry Woman at Michaels Store Cries Discrimination for Being White, Voting Trump,”** from [Chicago Patch](#): “The offer of a \$1 reusable bag erupted into a meltdown by a woman who proclaimed she had voted for [Trump] and was being discriminated against by African-American employees at a Chicago arts and crafts store. According to [a bystander,] the woman, who is white, went into a “30-minute racist rant complete with yelling and cursing and repeated references to the fact that both employees were African-American.” “Yes, I voted for Trump, so there. You want to kick me out because of that? And look who won,” the customer yelled. The bystander and her son watched the scene for several minutes before she began recording the yelling customer, which she wanted to document to ensure store employees would not get in trouble.



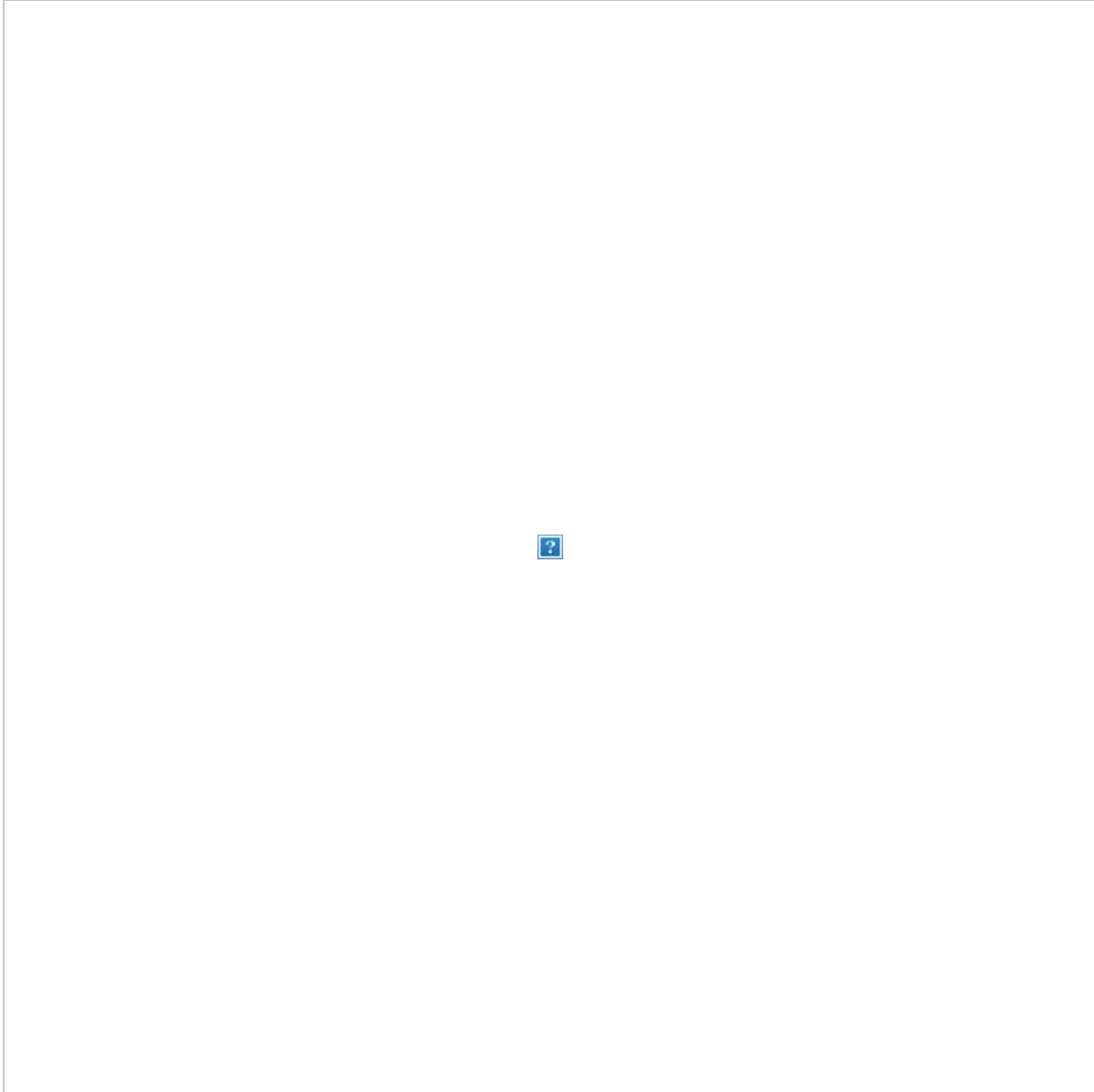
Abu Mohammed al-Adnani, ISIS's chief strategist, who laid out the blueprint for the extremist group's attacks against the West, was killed this summer while overseeing the group's operations in northern Syria. (Militant Photo via AP)

#### **WAPO HIGHLIGHTS:**

-- If you read one thing --> [Joby Warrick has an awesome piece on the rise and fall of a top Islamic State leader](#): “For a man given to fiery rhetoric and long-winded sermons, Abu Muhammad al-Adnani became oddly quiet during his last summer as the chief spokesman for the Islamic State. **The Syrian who exhorted thousands of young Muslims to don suicide belts appeared increasingly obsessed with his own safety ... He banished cellphones, shunned large meetings and avoided going outdoors in the daytime. He began sleeping in crowded tenements ... betting on the presence of young children to shield him from the drones prowling the skies overhead.** But in late August, when a string of military defeats suffered by the Islamic State compelled Adnani to briefly leave his hiding place, the Americans were waiting for him. The Aug. 30 missile strike was the culmination of a months-long mission targeting one of the Islamic State’s most prominent [and] most dangerous — senior leaders. At least six high-level Islamic State officials have died in U.S. airstrikes in the past four months ... all but erasing entire branches of the group’s leadership chart. ... The loss of senior leaders does not mean that the Islamic State is about to collapse, [U.S. officials caution]. ... But the deaths point to the growing sophistication of a targeted killing campaign built by the CIA and the Defense Department over the past two years for the purpose of flushing out individual leaders who are

working hard to stay hidden.”

-- **[“The mounting death toll in Mosul forces questions about the battle plan,”](#)** by Kareem Fahim, Missy Ryan and Mustafa Salim: “Civilian and military casualties are mounting as misery spreads in Mosul six weeks after the Iraqi army launched an offensive to capture the city from the Islamic State. Nearly 600 civilians have been killed, according to one estimate, along with dozens of Iraq’s elite, U.S.-trained special forces soldiers ... The carnage has slowed the army’s advance and revived debate about the wisdom of the battle plan, which envisioned Mosul’s residents sheltering in their homes — a means, it was hoped, of staving off a mass dislocation and the city’s destruction. They also say their U.S. allies are urging them to consider steps that could ease the civilian toll but also hasten a shared victory [in the waning days] of the Obama administration ... **But with the Islamic State intentionally targeting civilians, any plan to evacuate them was fraught with risk. ‘If they suffer, it will be on us,’**” said Maj. Gen. Sami al-Aridhi.



People stand in line yesterday to pay tribute to Cuba's late President Fidel Castro in Revolution Square in Havana. (Alexandre Meneghini/Reuters)

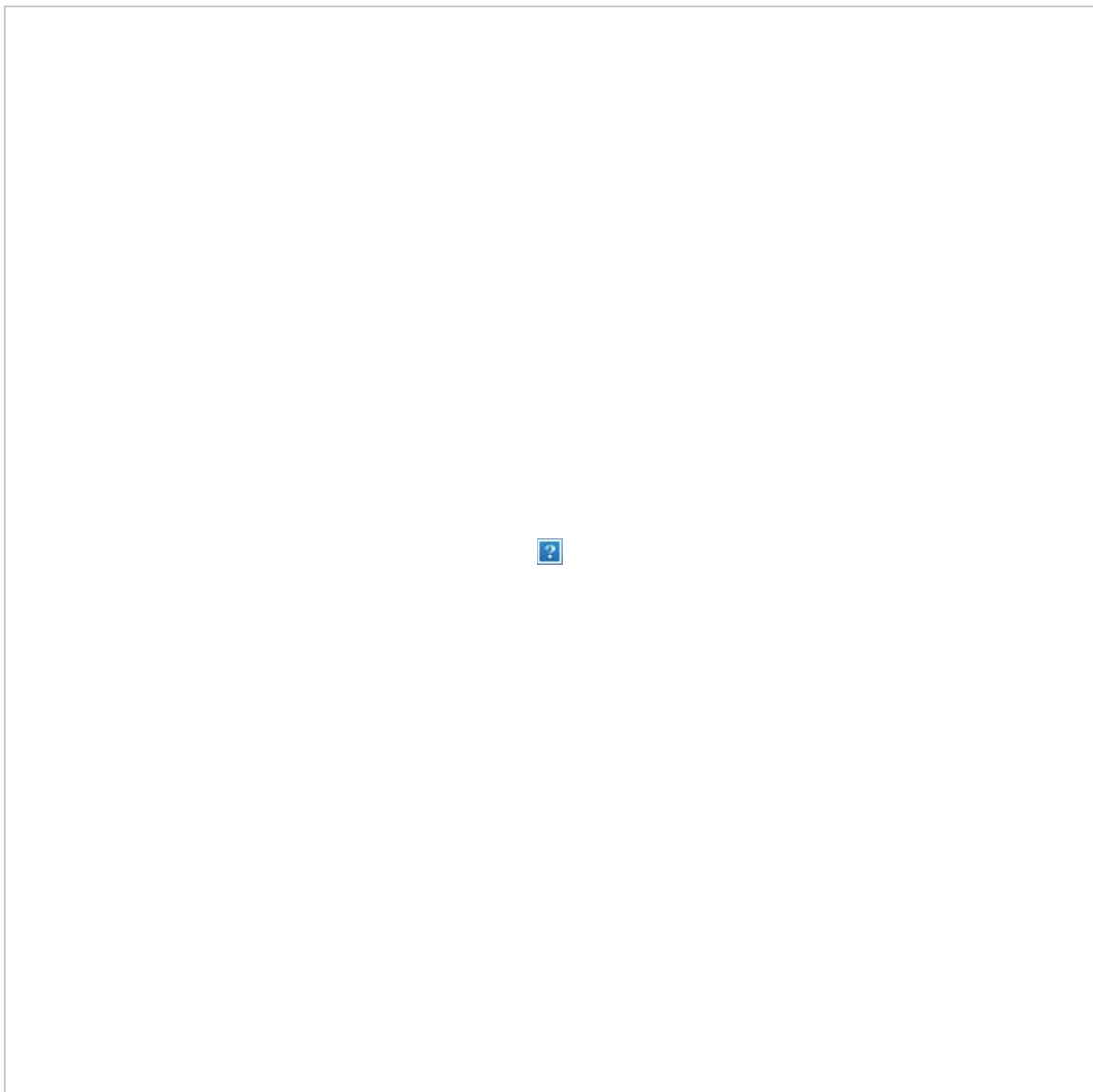
-- **“Out of loyalty, obligation, or perhaps a bit of both, Cubans lined up for hours Monday to pay respects to Castro in a hushed procession that was tightly choreographed by their government,”** [Nick Miroff files from Havana.](#) “Shuffling forward in three columns ... the tribute had a dutiful feel, with nothing left to chance. Castro evolved over his half-century in power, and the swaggering, infallible figure he

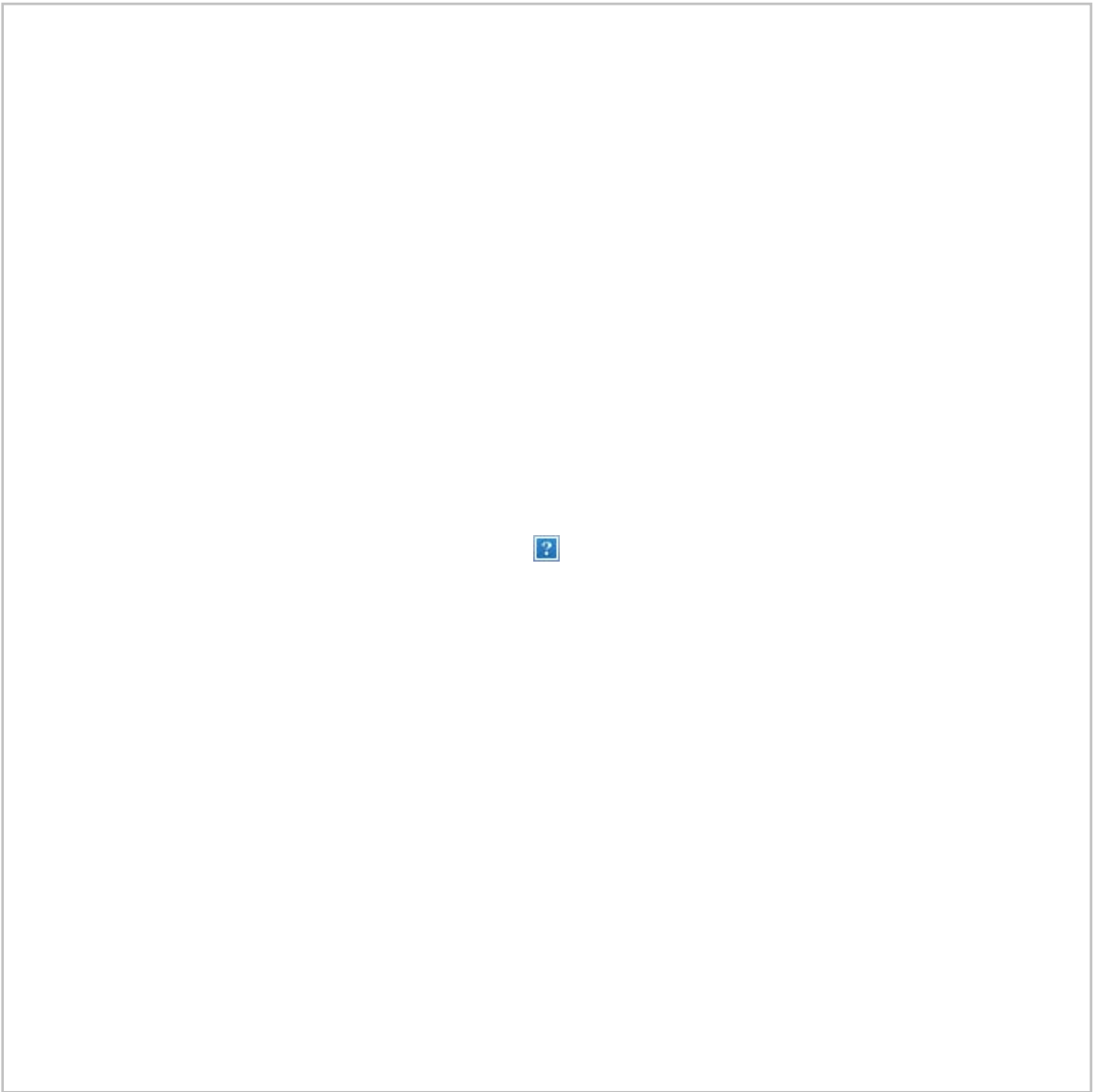
projected as a younger man gave way to something less imposing as he went gray and his lofty socialist ideals crashed into economic ruin. Over the years, many younger Cubans came to see him like a stubborn, grandfatherly figure whose musings on history and geopolitics were divorced from the grinding struggles of their daily lives. [And] just as Castro's one-party state imposed ideological and political conformity, the public response to his death on Friday night at age 90 has been a kind of state-directed emotional uniformity."

-- "[How the far right is trying to woo an unlikely ally — Jews,](#)" by **Anthony Faiola**: "Attendees gathered this month inside Vienna's opulent Grand Hotel for an extraordinary event billed as the 'New Anti-Semitism Conference.' The Israeli superspy who hunted down war criminal Adolf Eichmann flew in for the occasion, timed to commemorate the 1938 night when the Nazis stormed Jewish synagogues and businesses. What made the event truly remarkable, however, was its sponsor: Austria's Freedom Party — a far-right movement founded in part by former Nazis and now on the cusp of capturing this nation's presidency. 'They are one of the most pro-Israel parties in Europe,' insisted Michael Kleiner, ... a former member of the Israeli parliament. Newly energized by the presidential victory of Trump, far-right and anti-establishment forces are pushing into the mainstream on both sides of the Atlantic. As they do, many are seeking to neutralize one of their oldest and most debilitating labels: as anti-Semites ..."

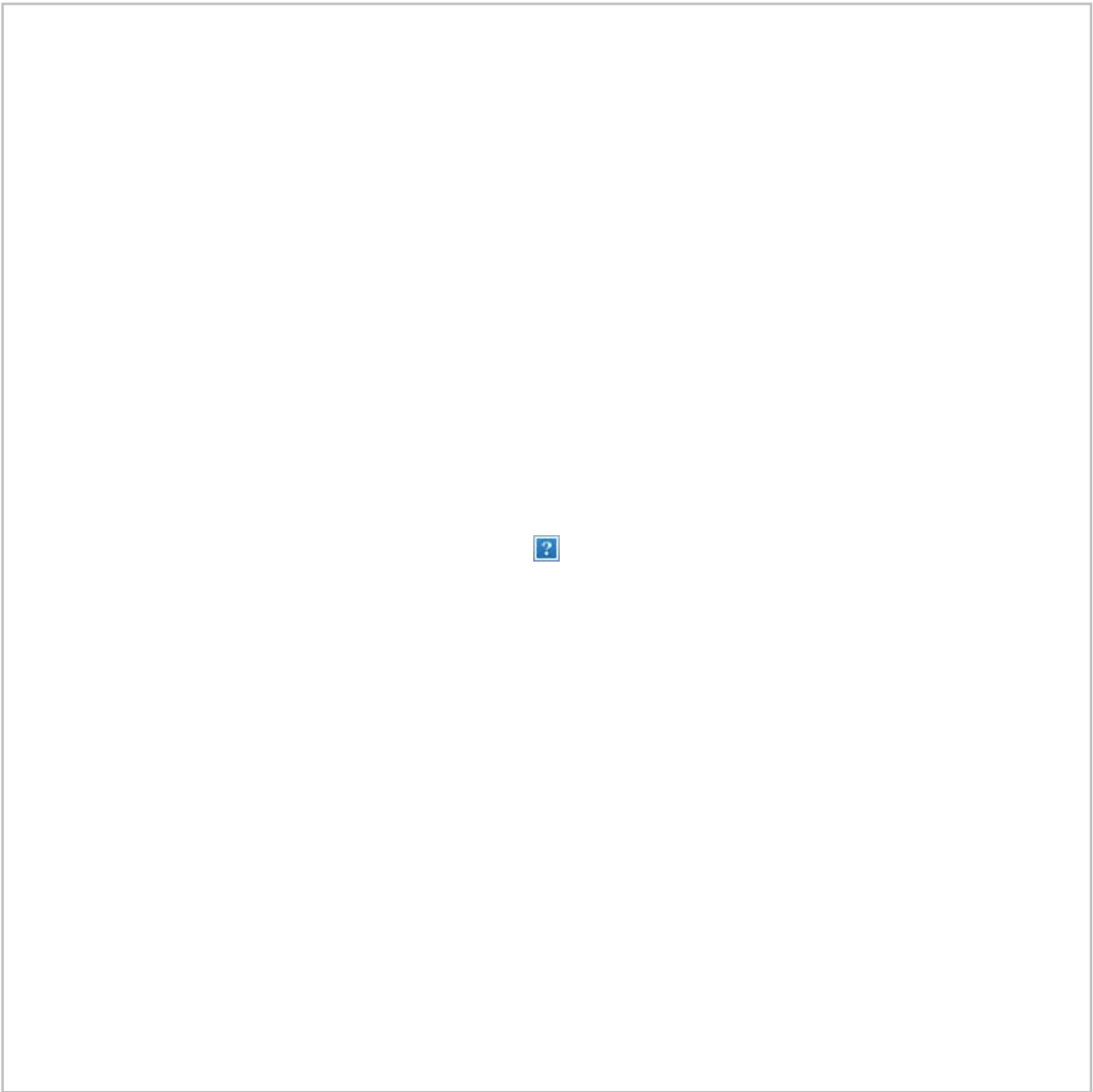
**SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:**

Here's an update from Trump's Twitter feed, starting with this threat to the Cuban regime:

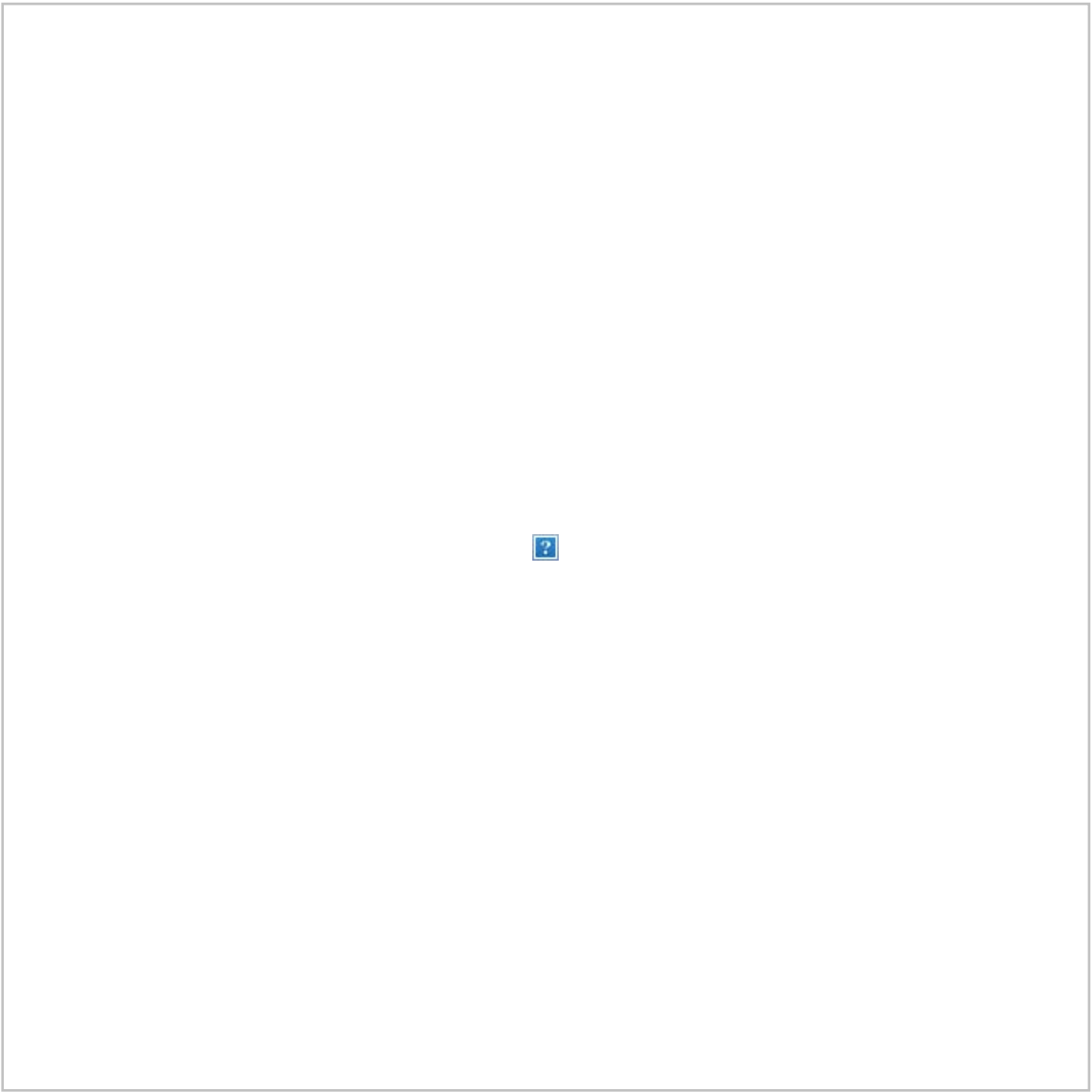




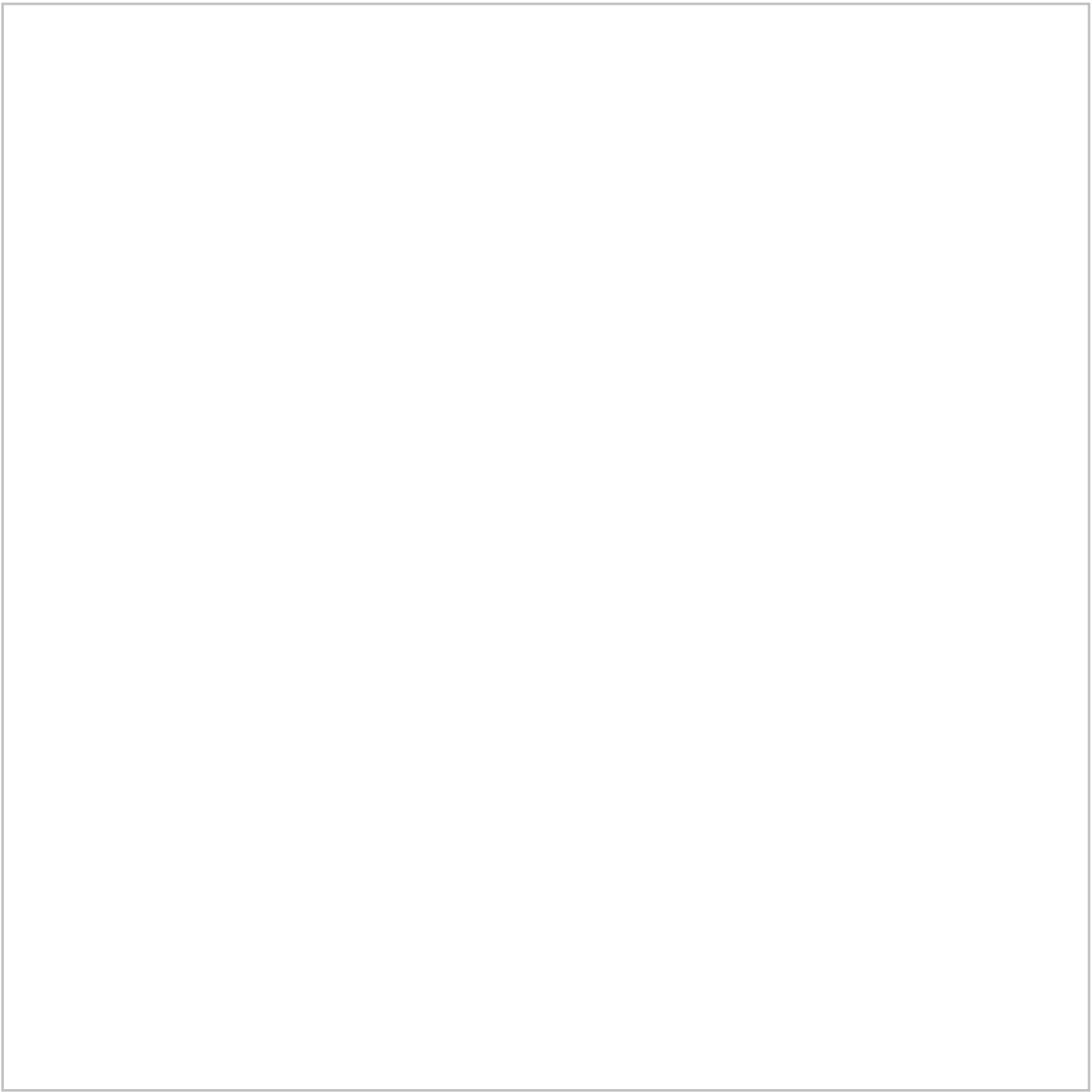
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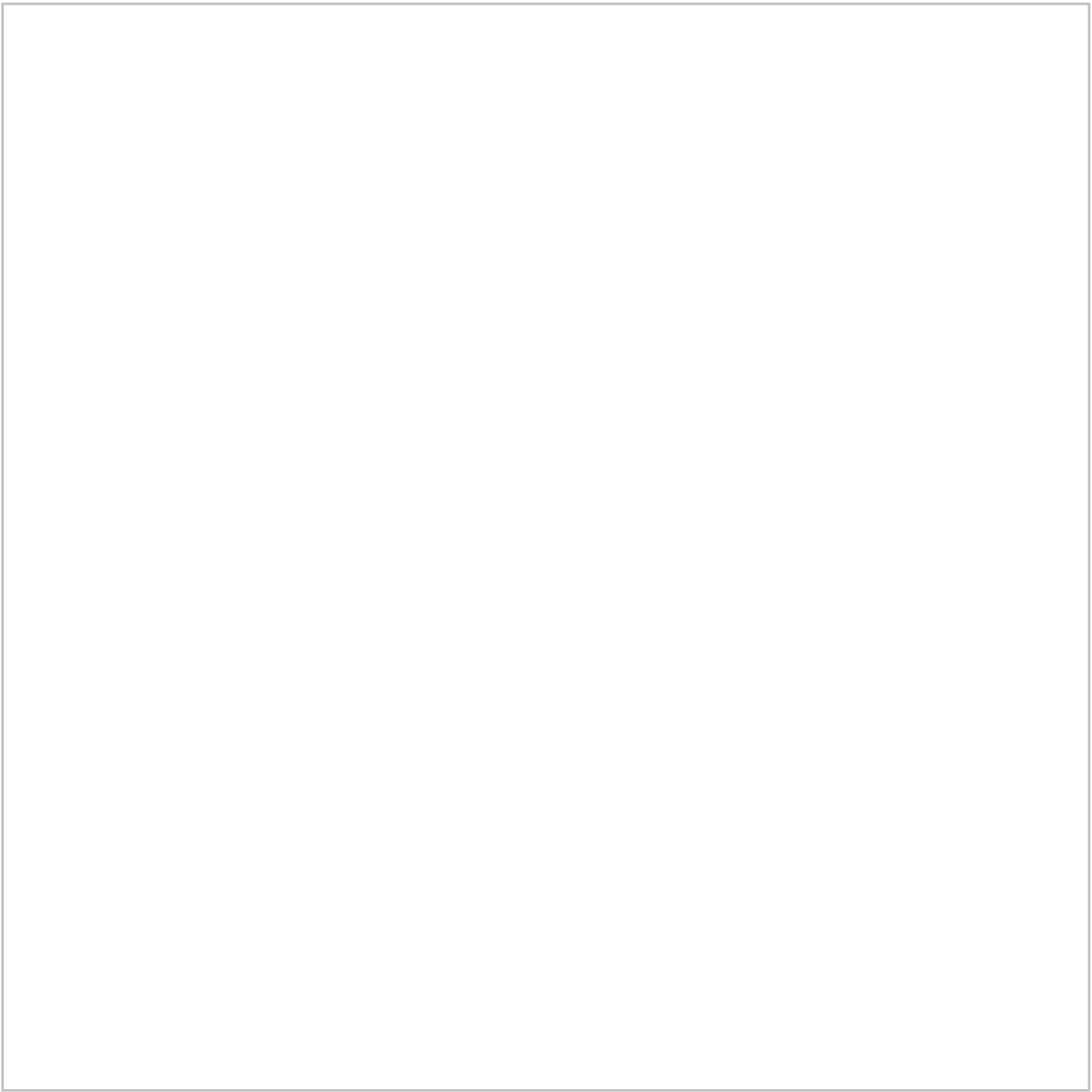


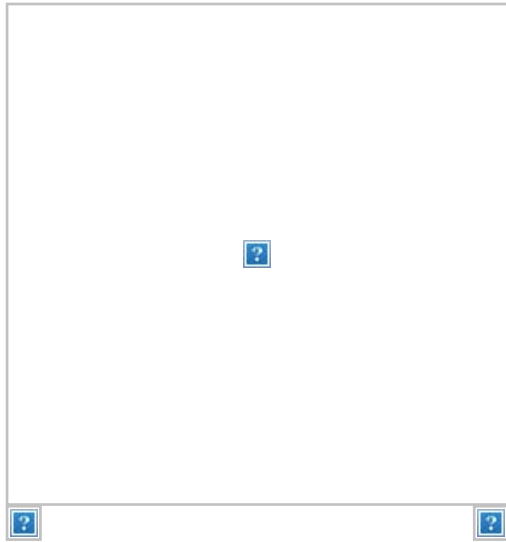
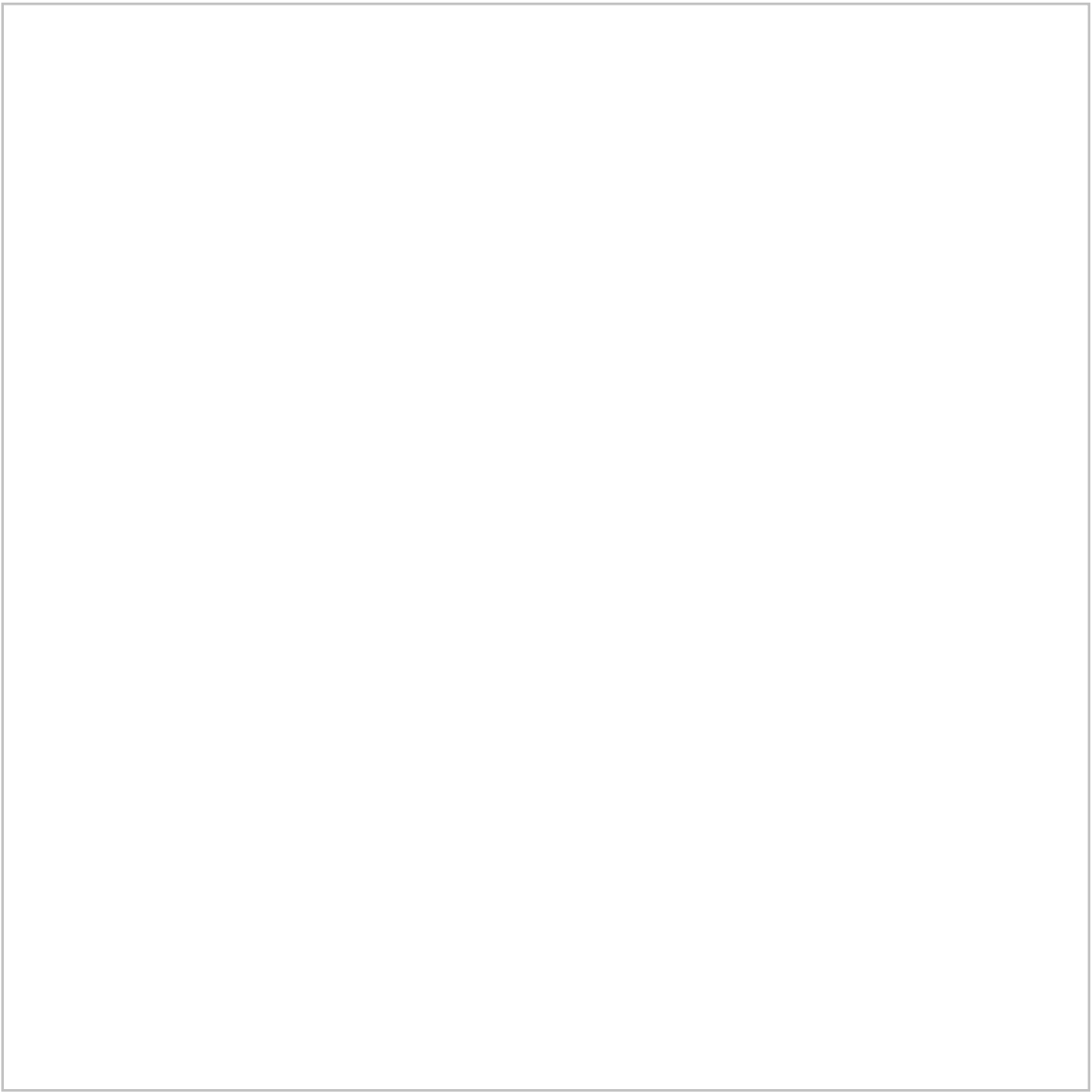
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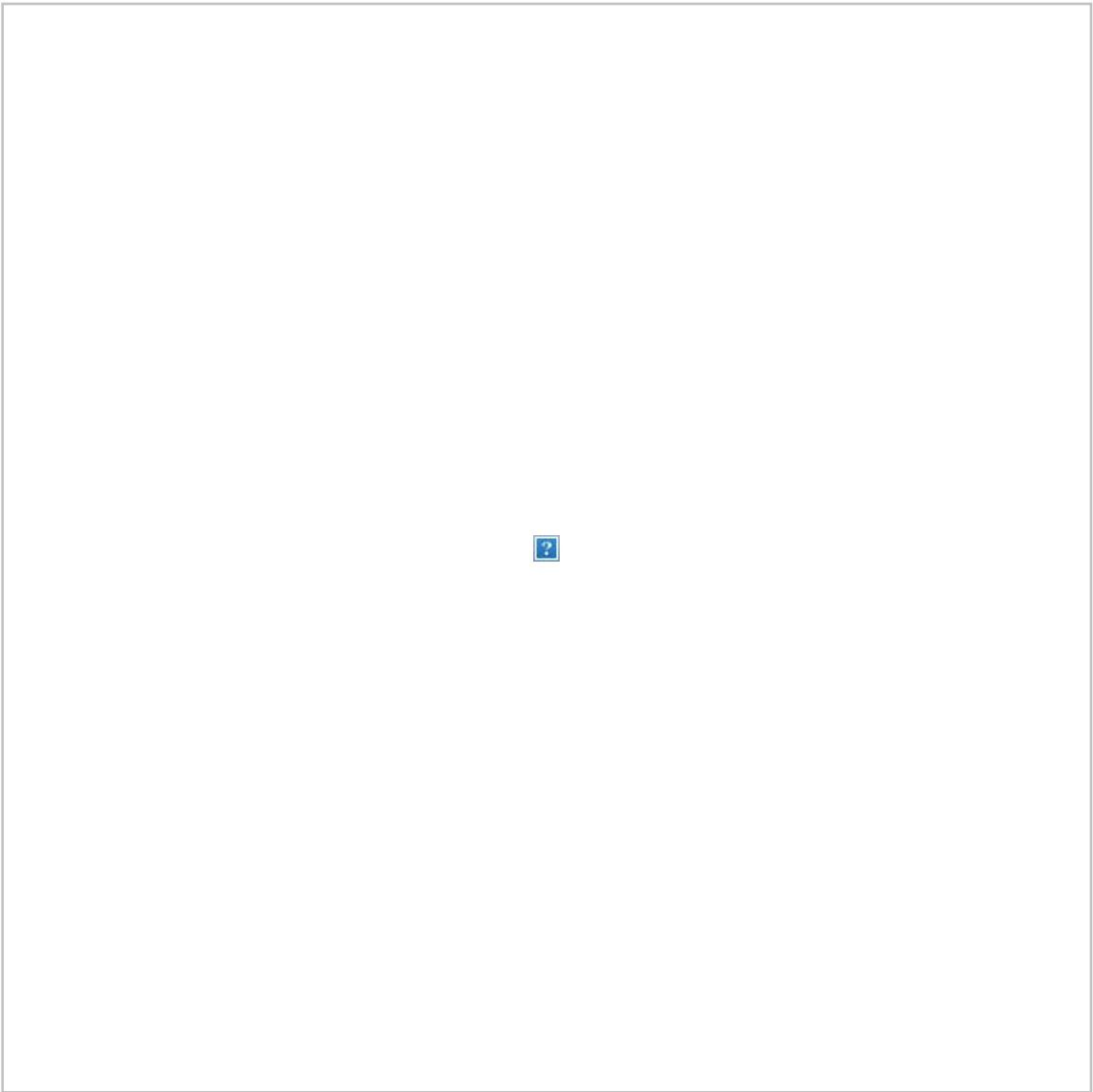




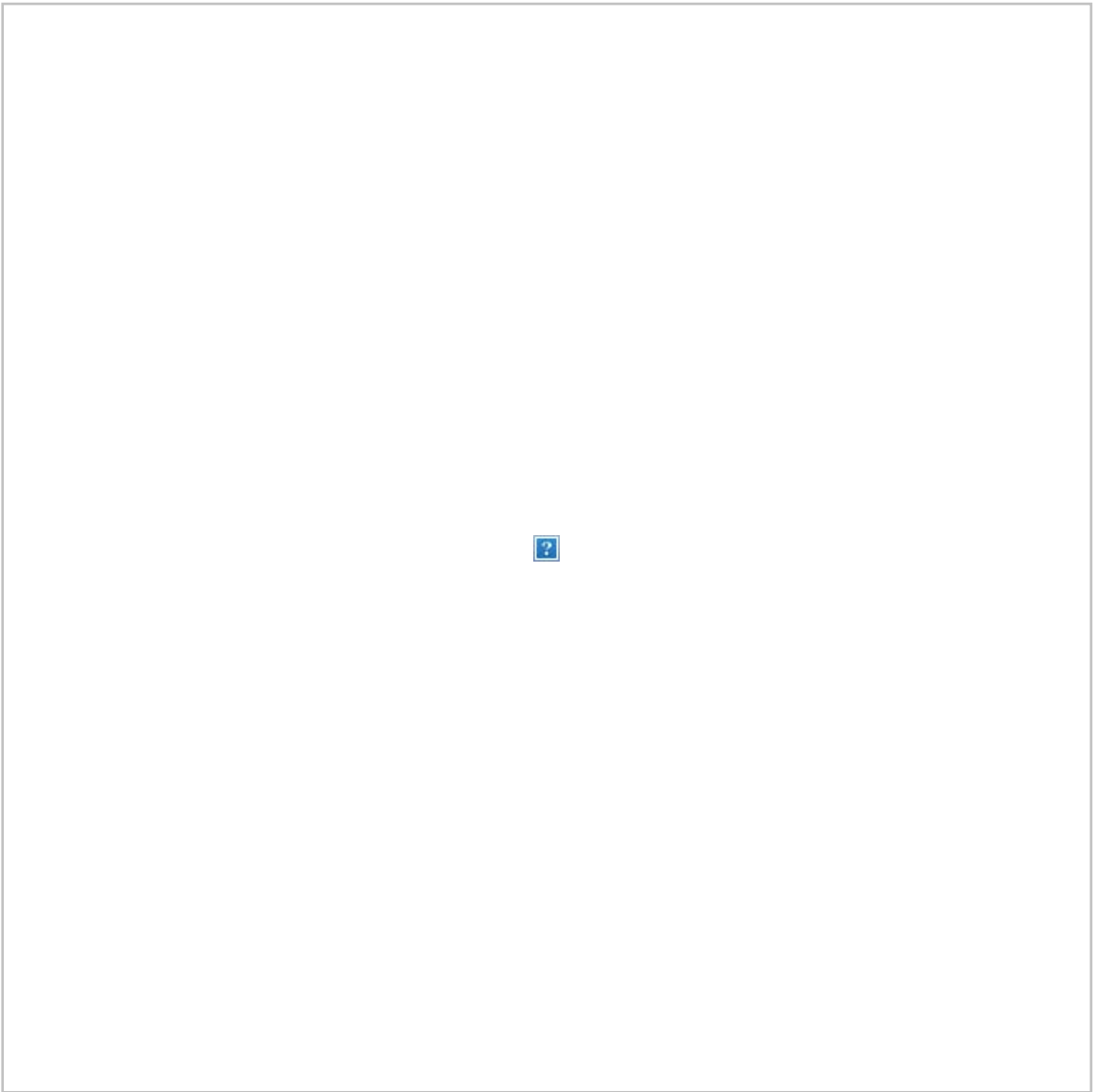




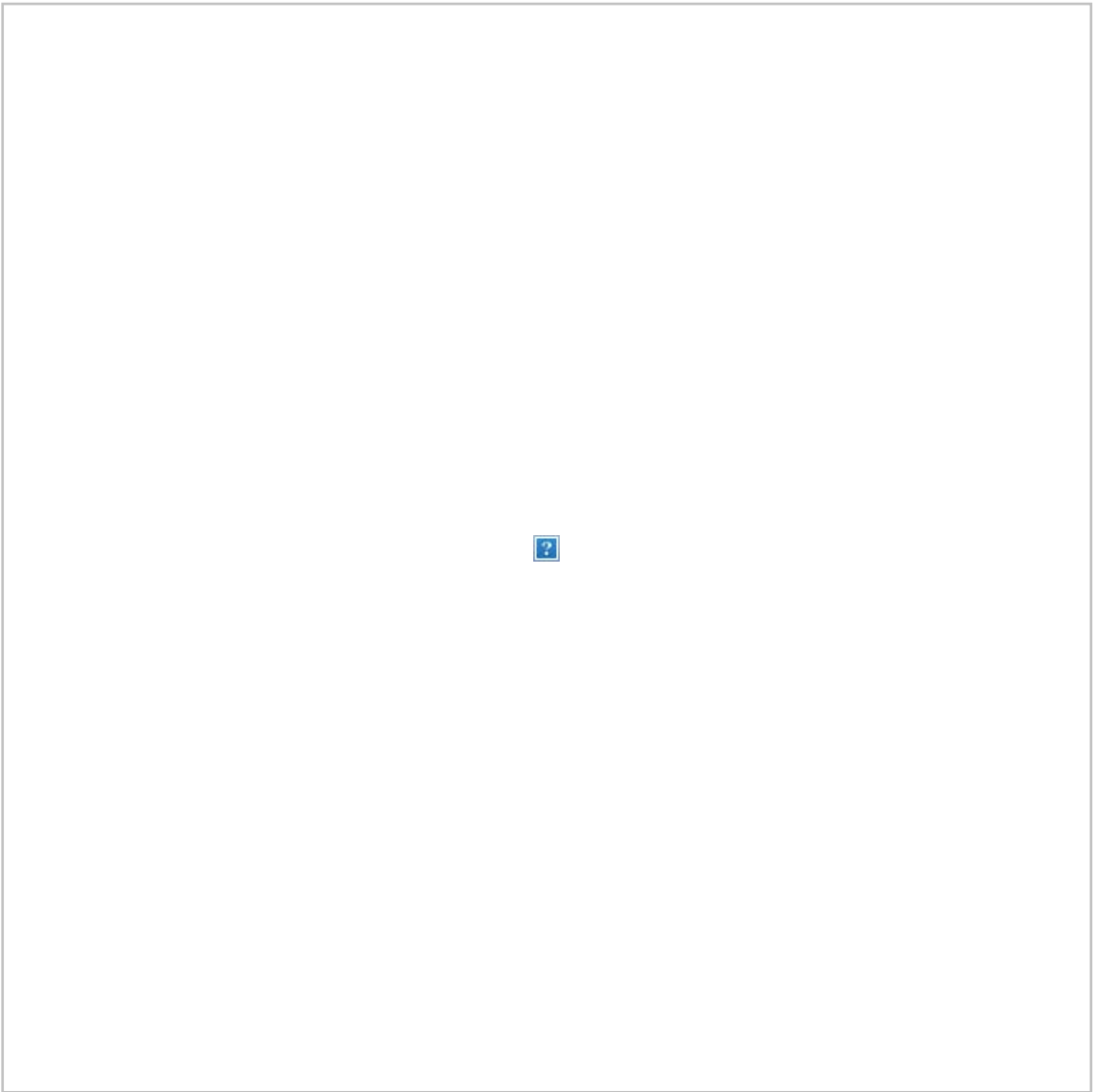




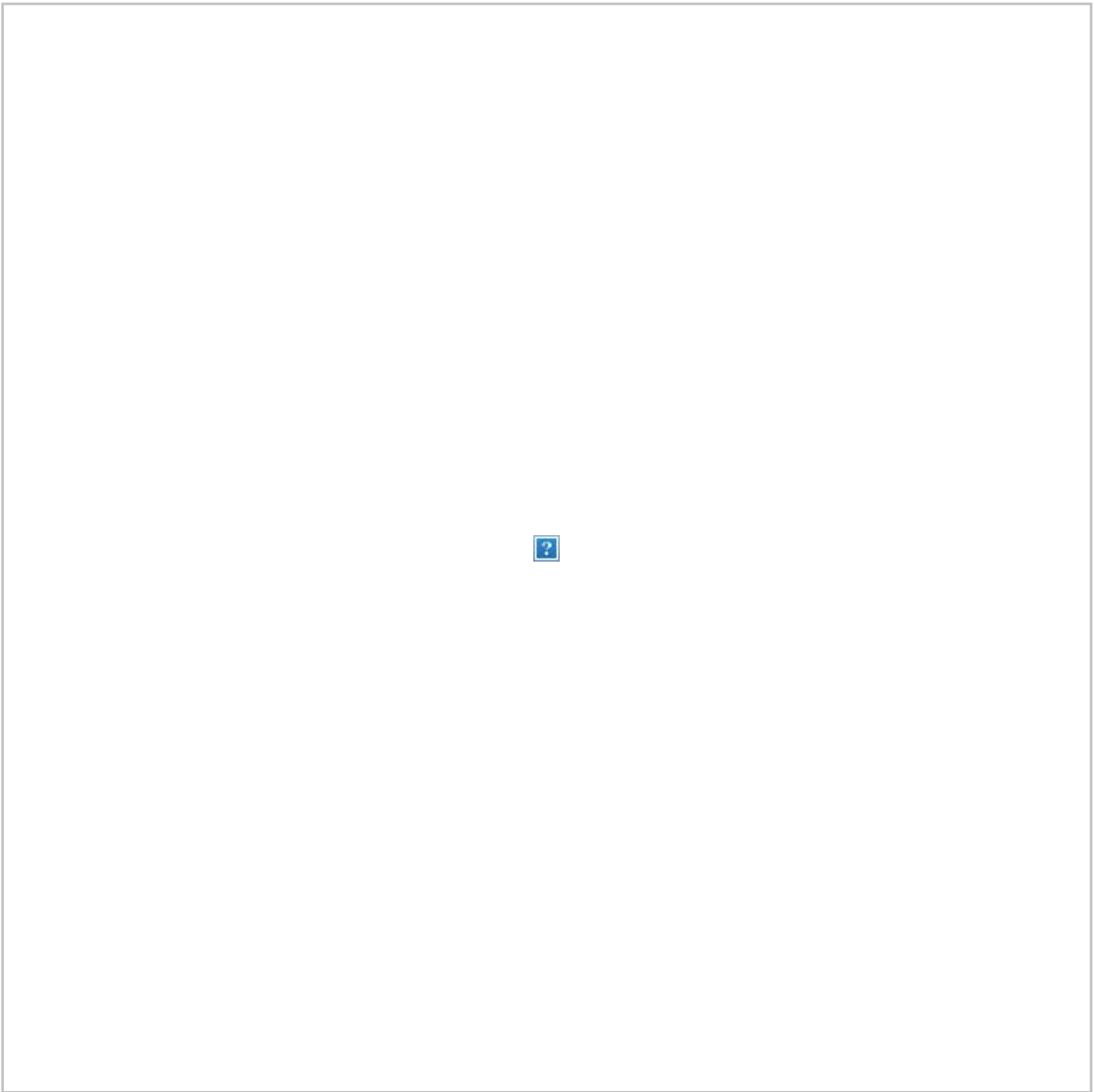
Alex Jones, who runs the pro-Trump conspiracy web site Infowars, posted a clip from an interview that Trump gave on Sept. 11, 2001, to claim that the president-elect is actually a 9/11 truther who has "been awake all along."



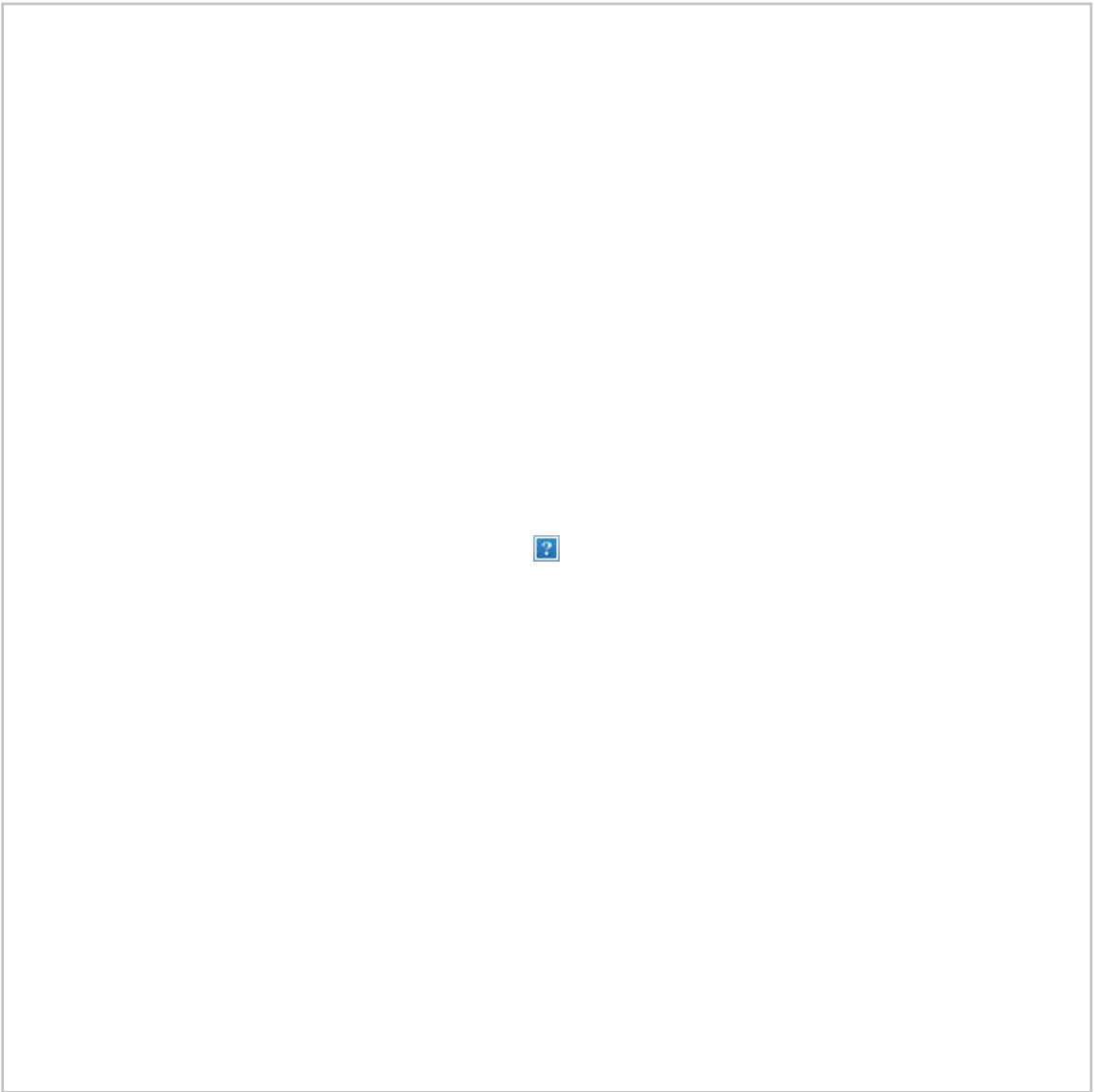
A staff writer at The New Yorker made this chilling accusation:



A keen observation, if Mitt gets State:

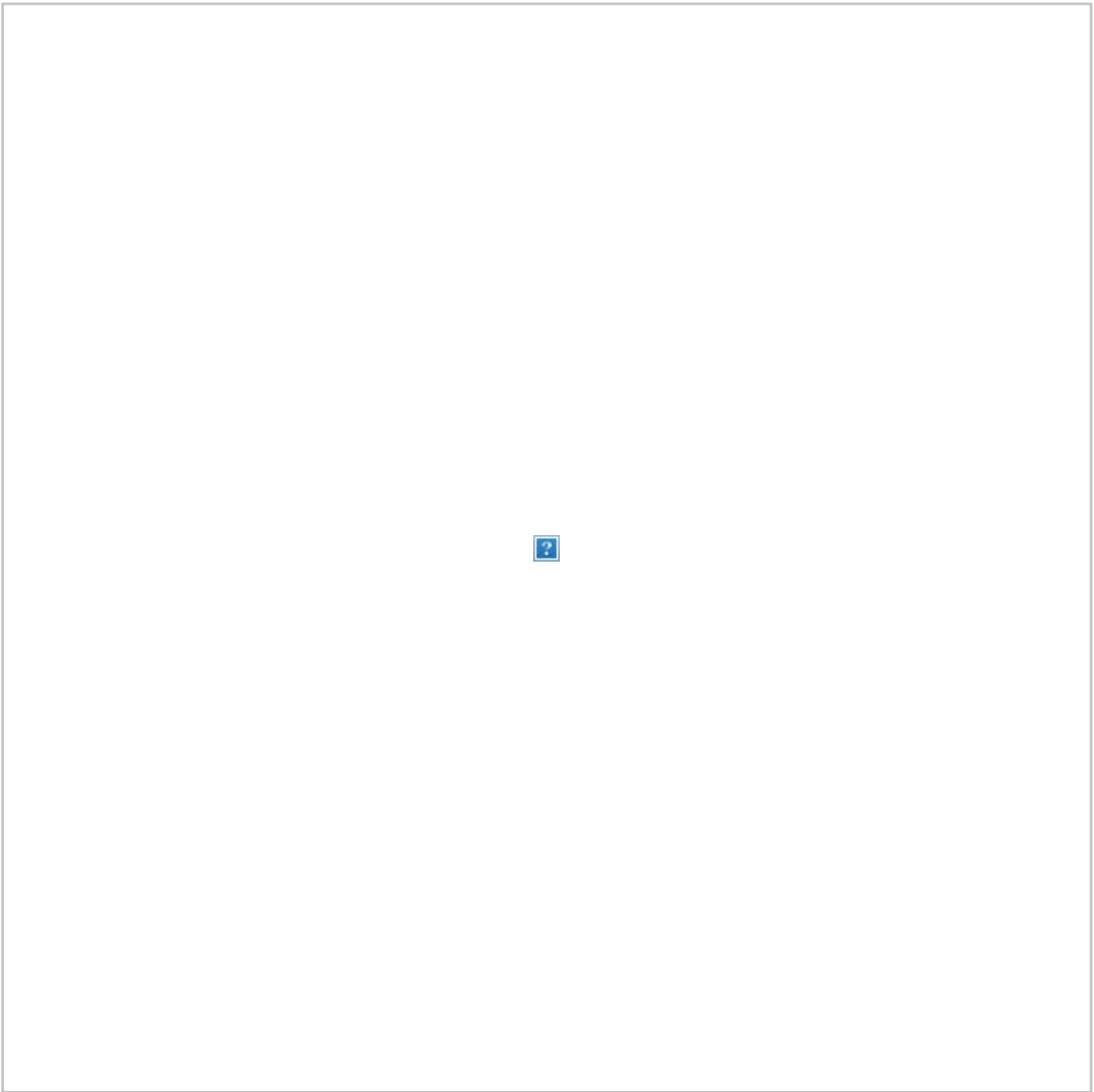


Ivanka Trump was excited her husband, Jared Kushner, made the cover of Forbes:

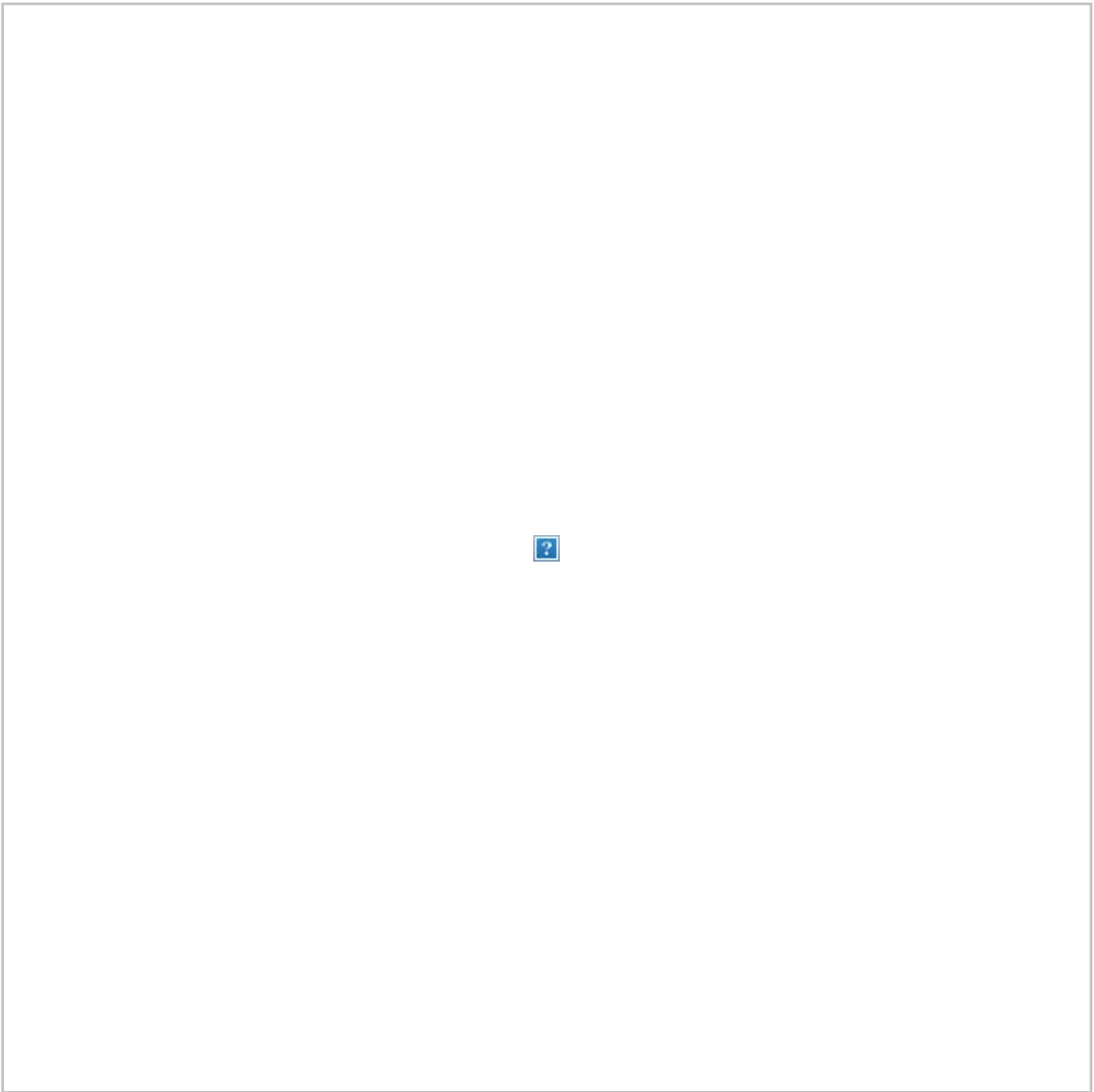


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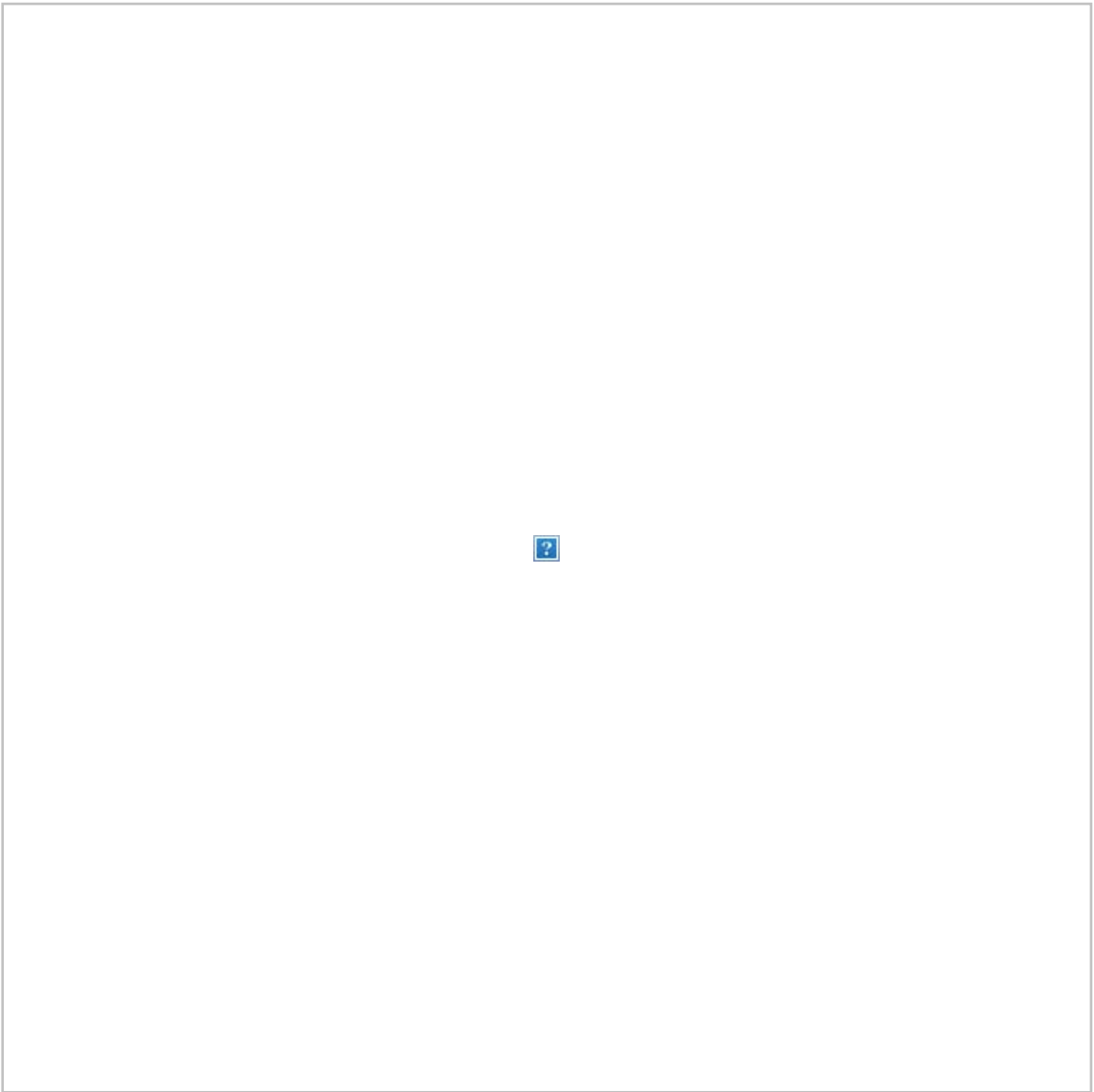




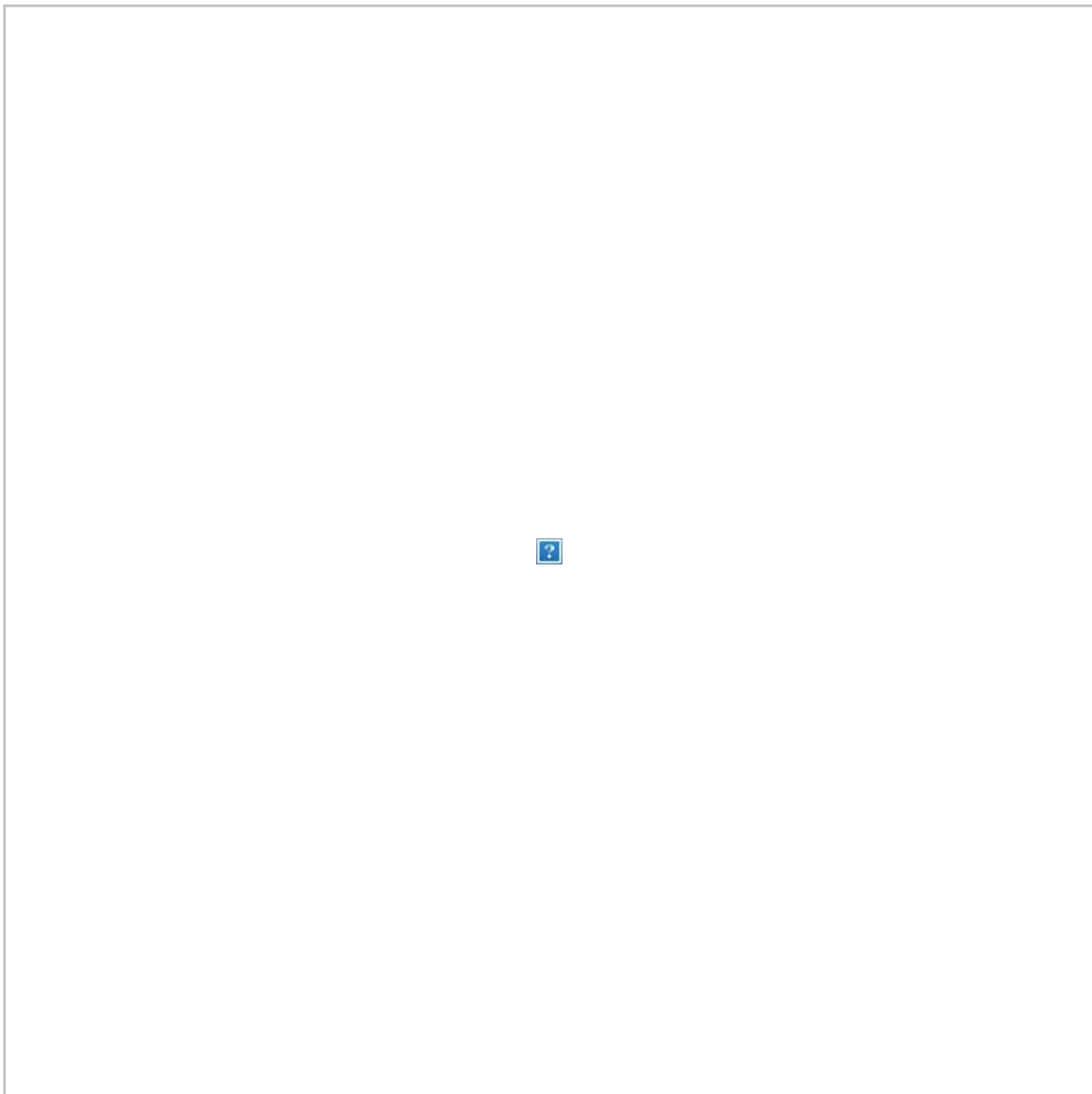
Lawmakers are posting snow pictures:



Jennifer Palmieri is looking forward to catching Hillary Clinton on a hiking trail soon:



This letter to the editor is going viral:



#### **DAYBOOK:**

**In Trump's world:** Trump meets with Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.); Pete Hegseth, president of Concerned Veterans of America; Marion Blakey, president of Rolls-Royce North America; Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chair Bob Corker (R-Tenn.); House Homeland Security Committee Chair Mike McCaul (R-Texas); Rep. Lou Barletta (R-Pa.); and former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney.

**At the White House:** Obama visits the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

**Harry Reid had a private dinner at the White House last night with the president and vice president.**

**On Capitol Hill:** The Senate meets at 10 a.m. and begins consideration of the ECHO Act and the Alexander substitute amendment at 11 a.m. The House meets at 2 p.m. for legislative business, with 16 suspension votes postponed until 6:30 p.m.

#### **QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, the former Iowa governor, compares Democrats to a tree that "looks healthy on the outside, but is in the throes of slow and long-term demise." "Democrats need to talk to rural voters," Vilsack told Greg Jaffe. "They can't write them off. They can't ignore

them. They actually have to spend a little time talking to them."

#### **NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:**

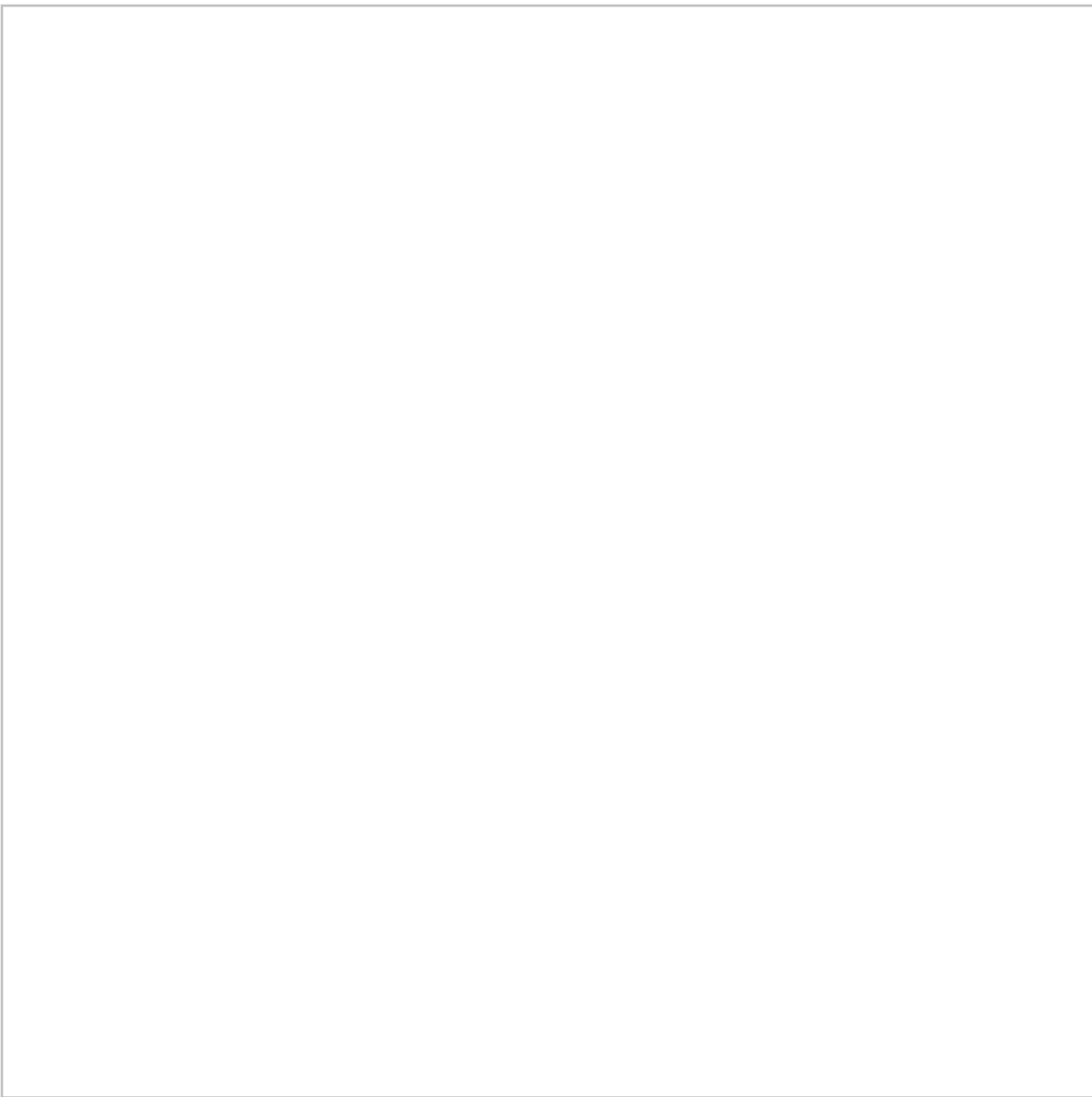
-- **"Waves of rain showers remain likely through much of the day,"** the [Capital Weather Gang forecasts](#). "... You'll want to plan on keeping an umbrella handy throughout [the day]. Despite the clouds and the rain, we should get into the warm air of a storm system to the west. It might even feel a little muggy as temperatures rise from near 60 to perhaps as high as the mid-60s. Winds are from the south around 10 mph.

-- **D.C. Council members are voting on whether to pass the most generous family leave law in the country.** The measure, which dwarfs the most progressive efforts passed in California and New Jersey, would allow new parents for 11 weeks off with up to 90 percent pay. The proposal – which will be voted on tonight, as well as later in December – is expected to draw wide majority support. ([Aaron C. Davis](#))

-- **The [Wizards beat the Kings 101-95](#).**

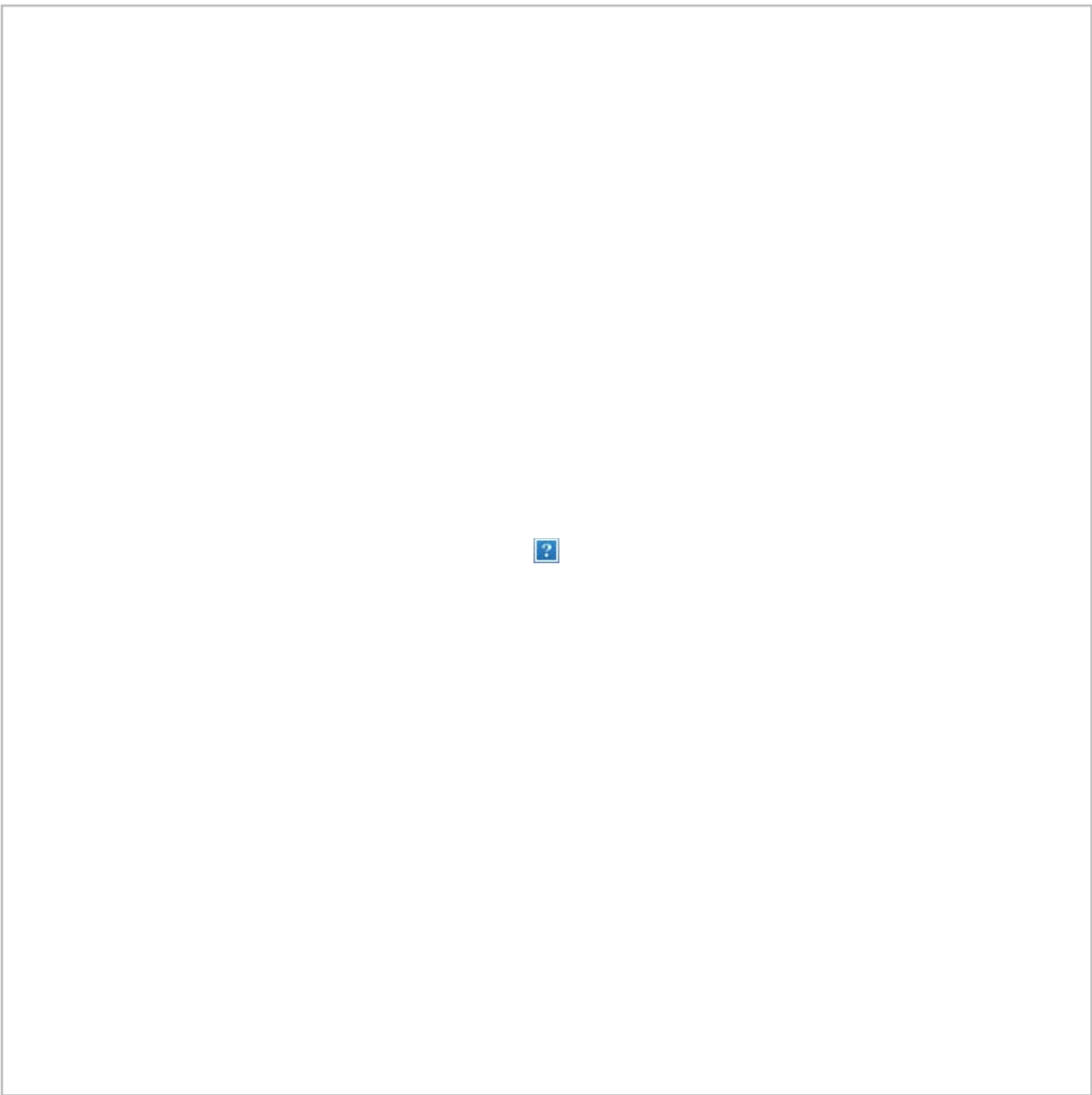
#### **VIDEOS OF THE DAY:**

Kellyanne Conway was serenaded by two guys who have taken to hanging out in the lobby of Trump Tower:



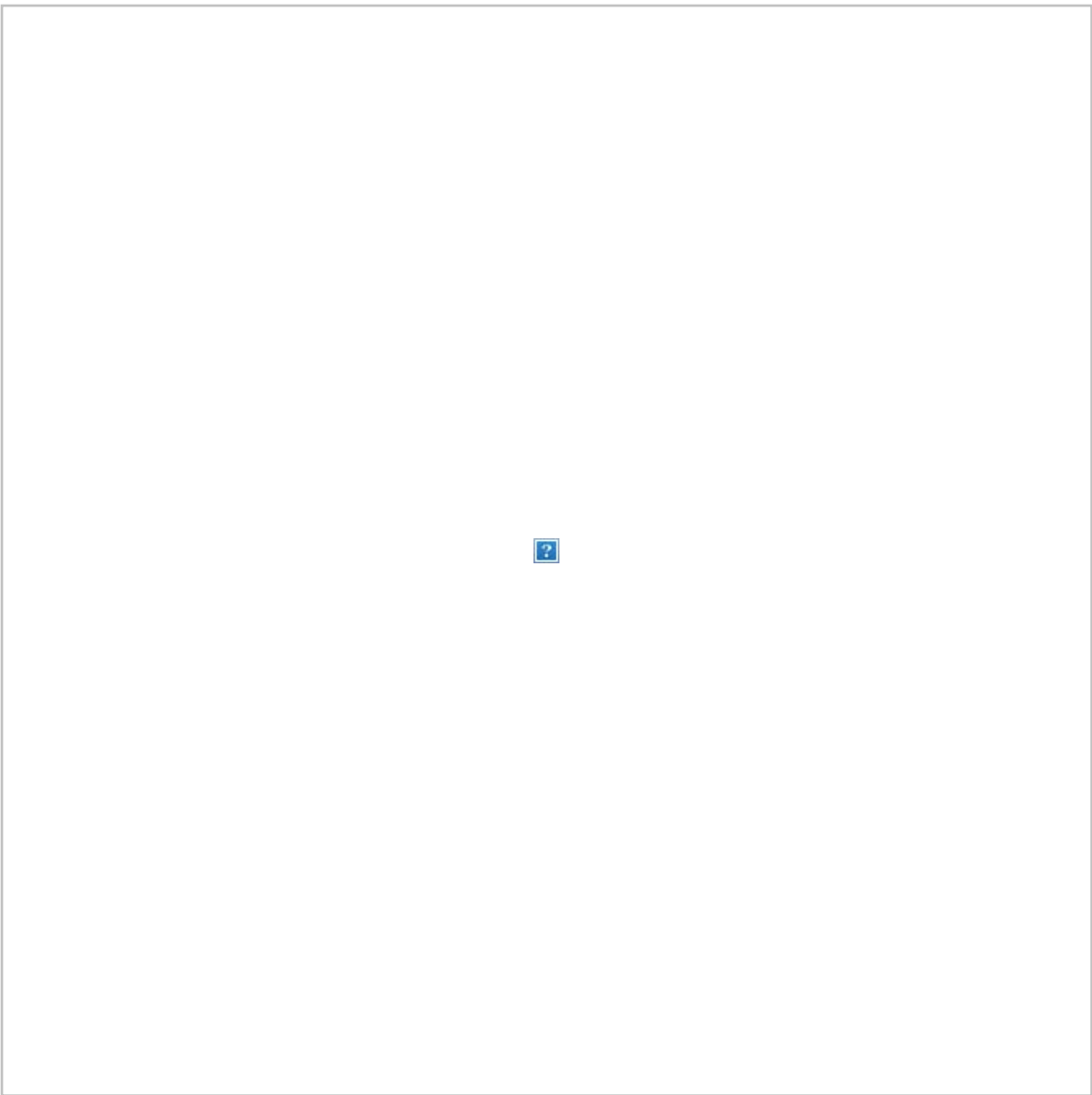
Kellyanne Conway serenaded by the naked Cowboys at Trump Tower.

TMZ covered the high level of security enlisted to protect Trump's family:



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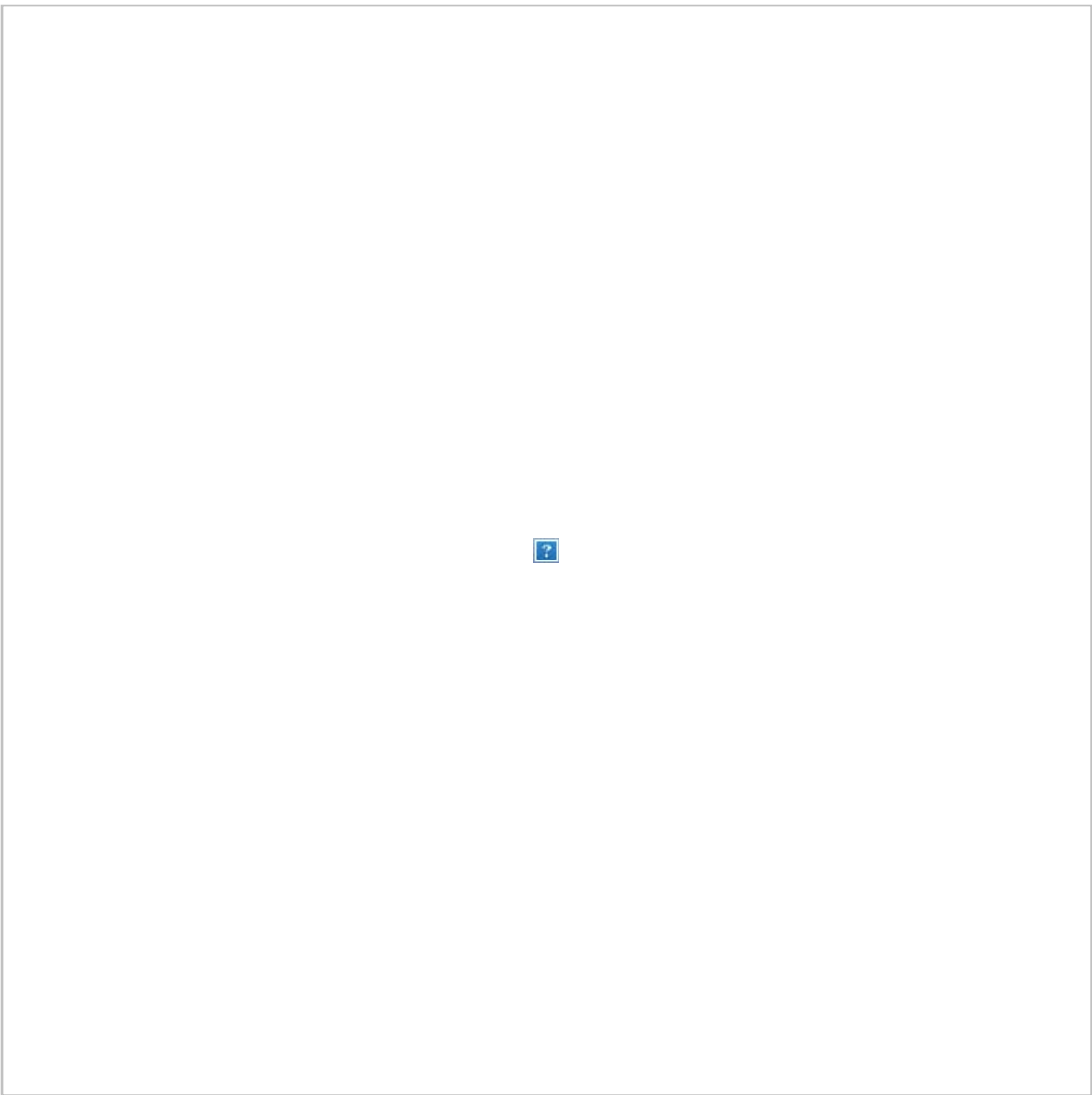
Kathy Griffin walked through how she's preparing for Trump's presidency:



Kathy Griffin Prepares for a Trump Presidency

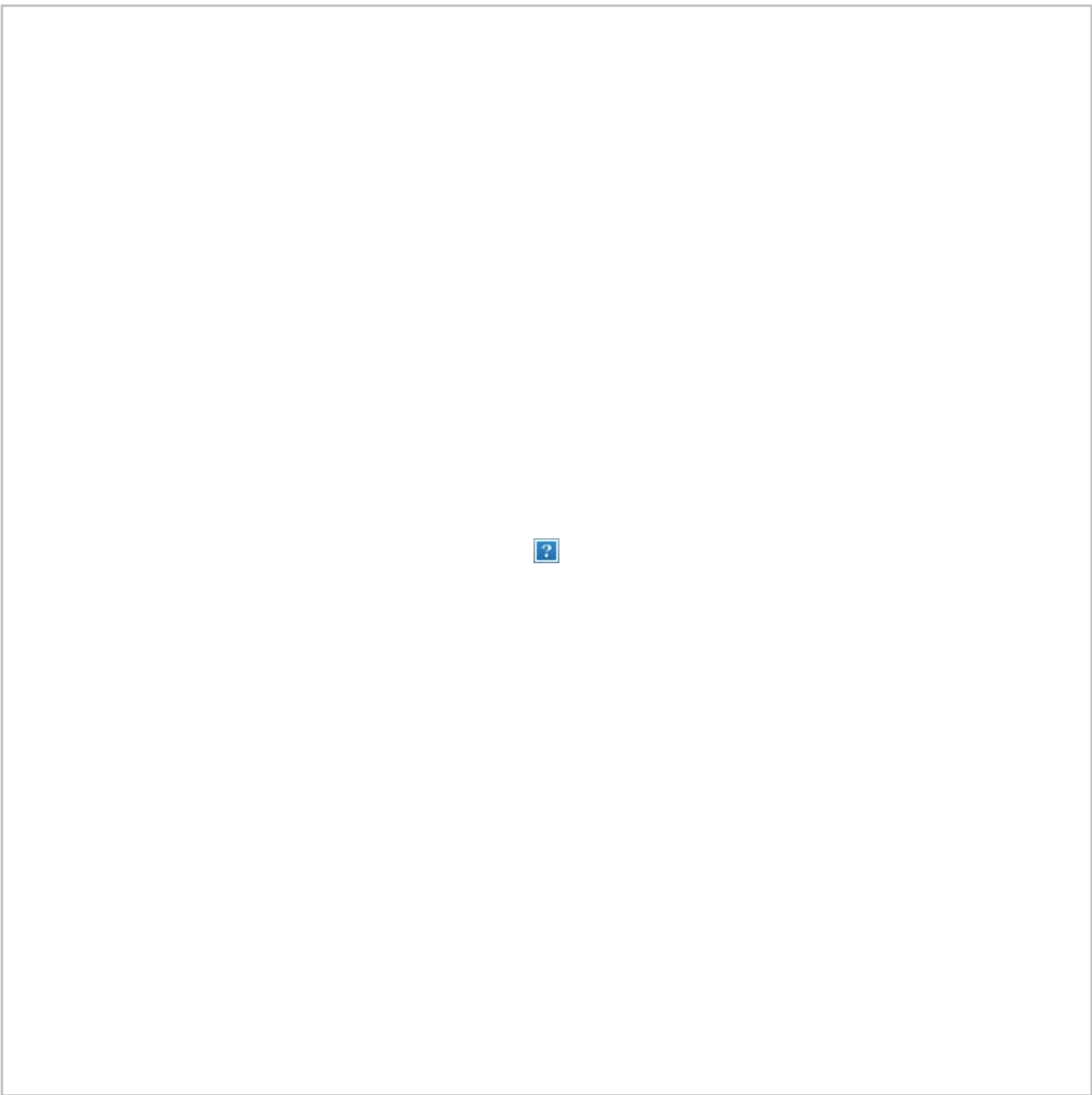
Seth Meyers compiled his favorite jokes of the week:





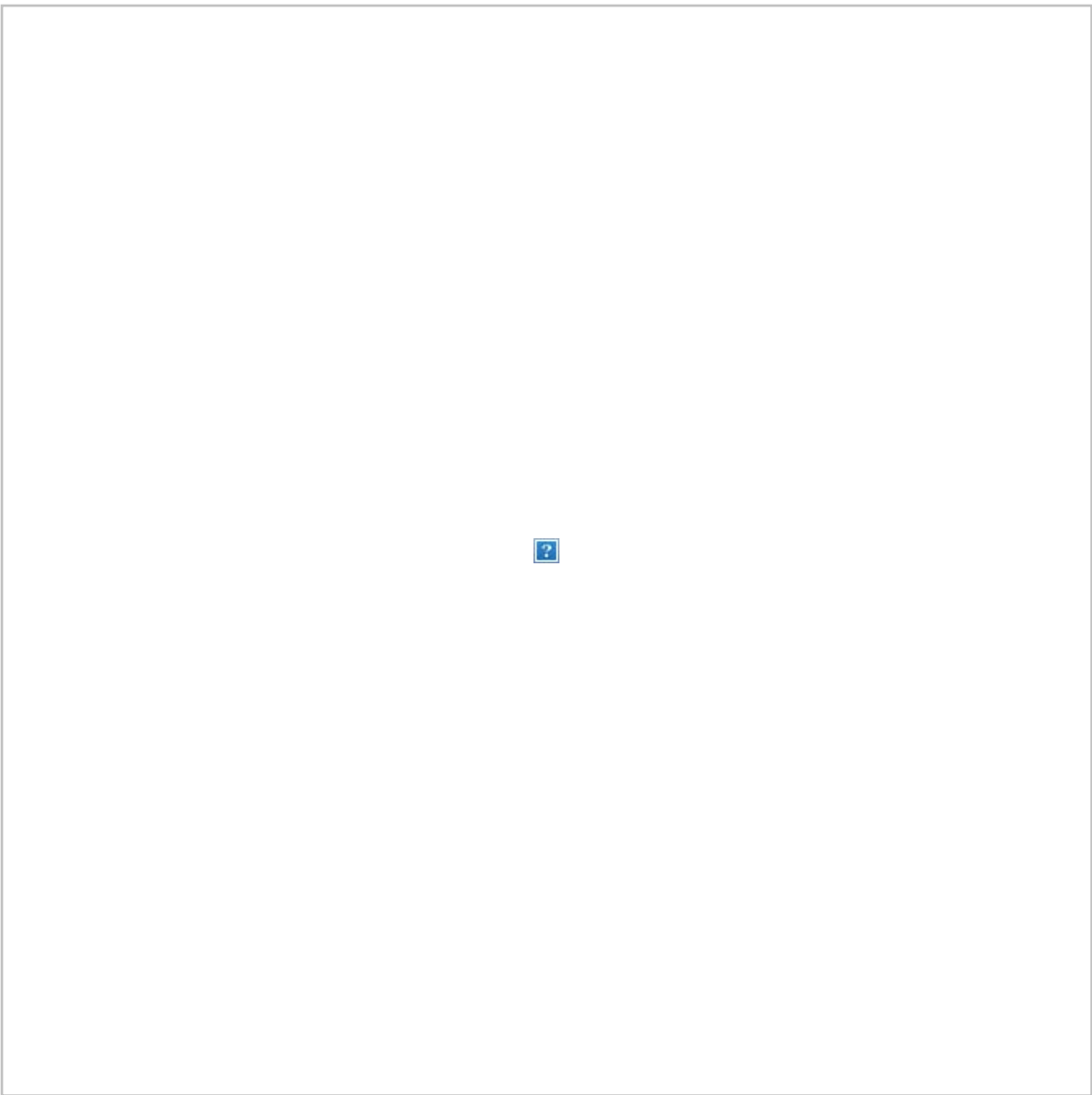
Seth's Favorite Jokes of the Week: Donald Trump Demands Hamilton Apology

Celebrities -- including Gloria Estefan and Colin Kaepernick -- reacted to Fidel Castro's death:



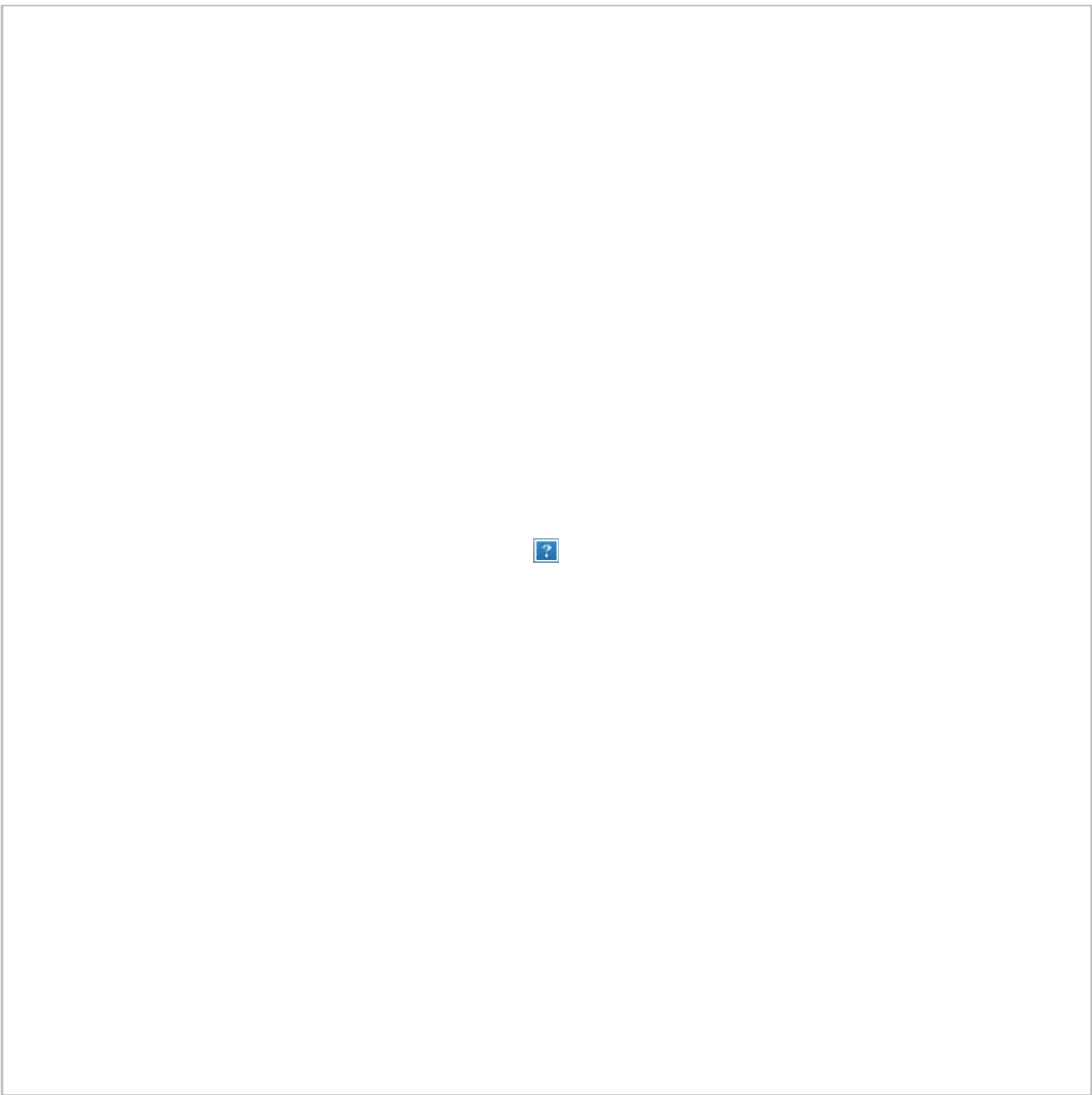
Gloria Estefan, Colin Kaepernick, Elián González React To Fidel Castro's Death | People NOW | People

Scott Walker thanked residents of his state for a successful deer hunting season:



2016 Gun Deer Hunt

Reindeers in Japan auditioned for a pizza delivery job:



Reindeers audition for pizza delivery job in Japan

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Ideas and experience mattered less than 'strength'

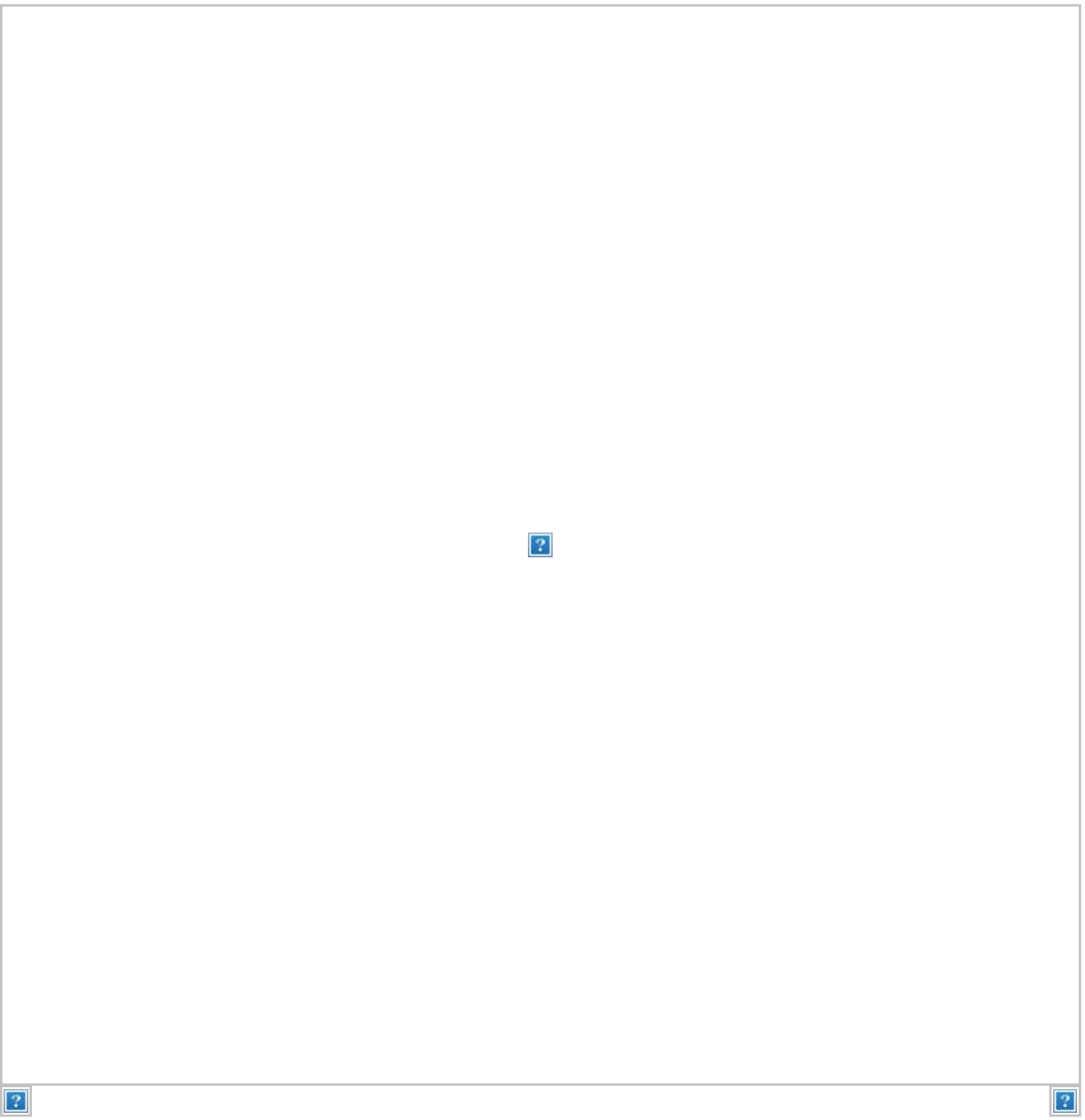
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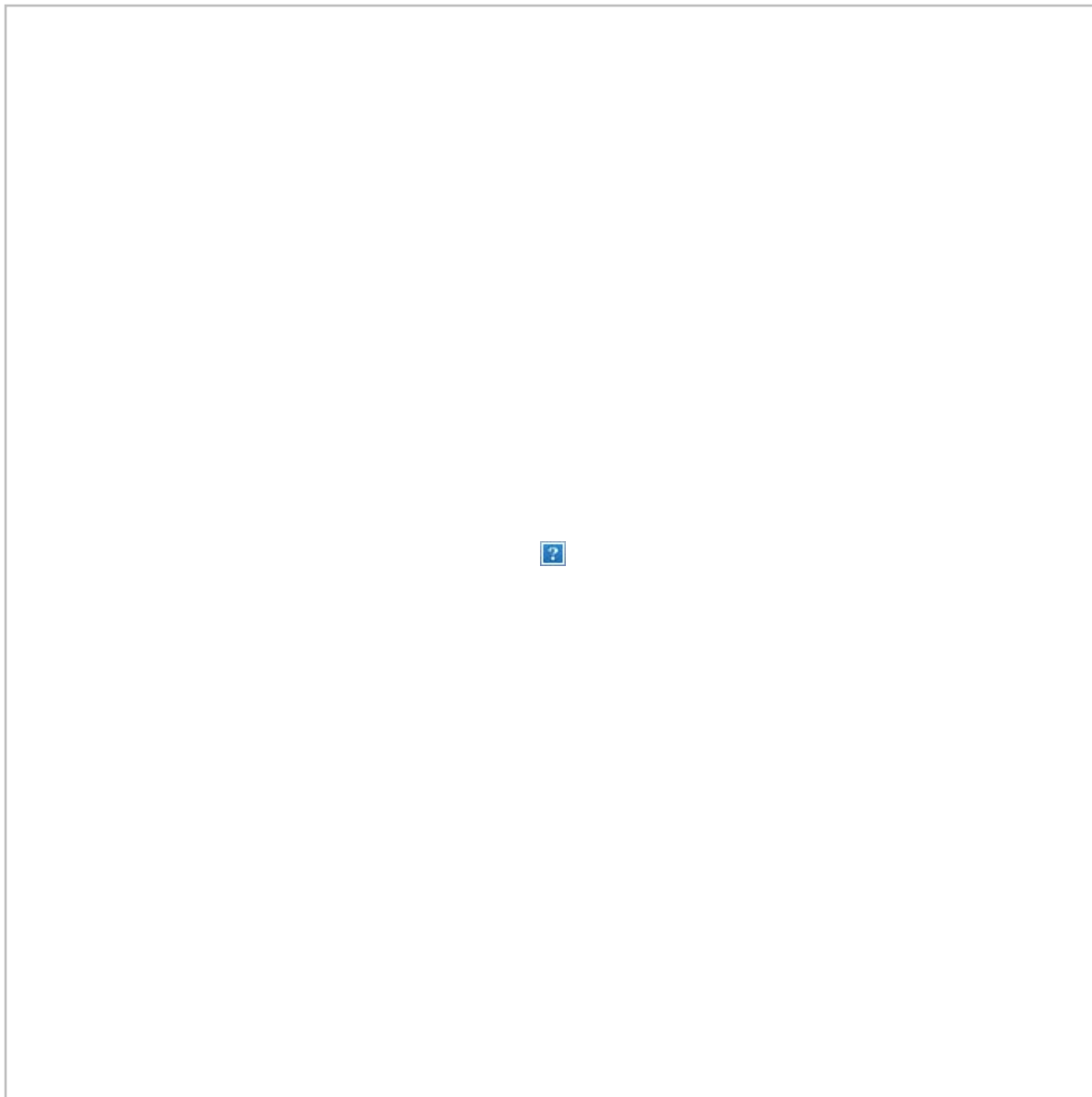


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Donald Trump applauds after finishing his speech in Cincinnati, Ohio, last Thursday night. (Daniel Acker/Bloomberg)



**BY JAMES HOHMANN**

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**THE BIG IDEA:**

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Donald Trump won more because of strength than ideology.**

The [shouting match](#) between top advisers to the president-elect and Hillary Clinton’s senior staff overshadowed several other compelling conversations during last week’s post-election conference at the Harvard Kennedy School.

One revealing exchange came during a panel of the campaign managers for the Republican primary candidates. As they mulled over Trump’s surprising appeal to evangelicals, Trump’s pollster jumped into the conversation with an important window into the winner’s thinking.

**“Everybody in this room needs to pull their head out of their a\*\*es,” said Tony Fabrizio. “We really live**

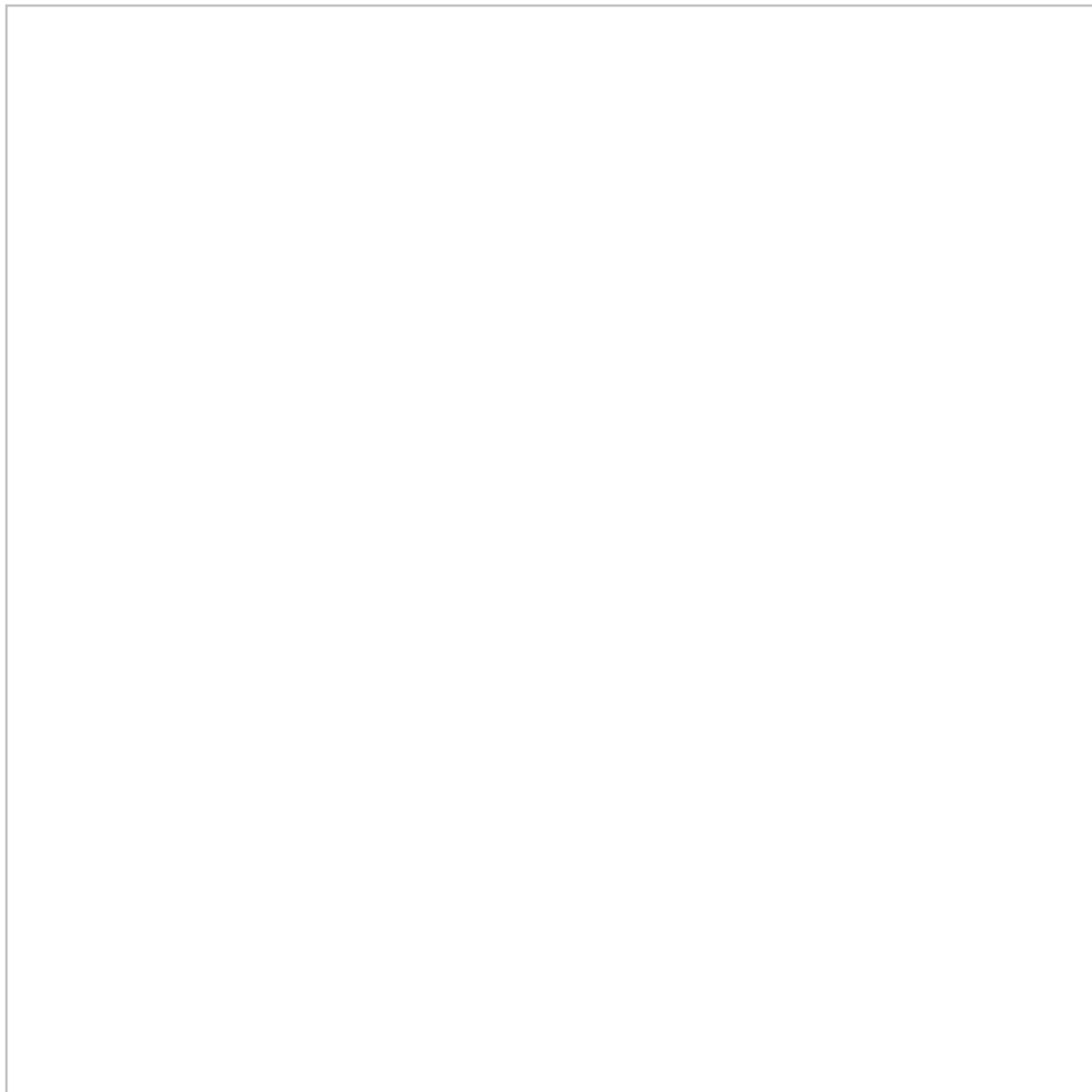
in a world where everybody thinks that ideology is linear, and that, 'If you answer these 10 questions correctly, that makes you a conservative.' But not every conservative is pro-life. Not every conservative is anti-gay marriage. Not every conservative puts 100 percent emphasis on this or that."

"One of the problems is many people tried to look at the Donald Trump phenomenon through the ideological lenses which had defined previous Republicans presidential nominating contests," Fabrizio added. **"Donald Trump is post ideological. His movement transcends ideology ...** Through his own antennae – and, trust me, many times I had this conversation with him – Donald Trump understood the fold in American politics. It's the reason so many Trump supporters and so many (Bernie) Sanders supporters agreed on so many things."

Trump insisted early in his campaign that he did not need a pollster because they are a waste of money. But he [signed](#) Fabrizio in the days after securing the Republican nomination in May. The veteran operative polled for Rand Paul in the primaries, but he has worked for clients from across the GOP coalition (from the U.S. Chamber and Bob Dole to [Rick Scott](#) and Matt Bevin).

**"Every time he said something ... and doubled down, that was proof to voters he'd speak his mind and not lie to them. It's what they wanted," Fabrizio said of Trump.** "His best group of voters were those who said they were 'angry.' And let me tell you, in the Republican primary, a third of voters would tell you they were outright angry. With another 60 percent telling you they were dissatisfied. So he had a rich pool to tap into."

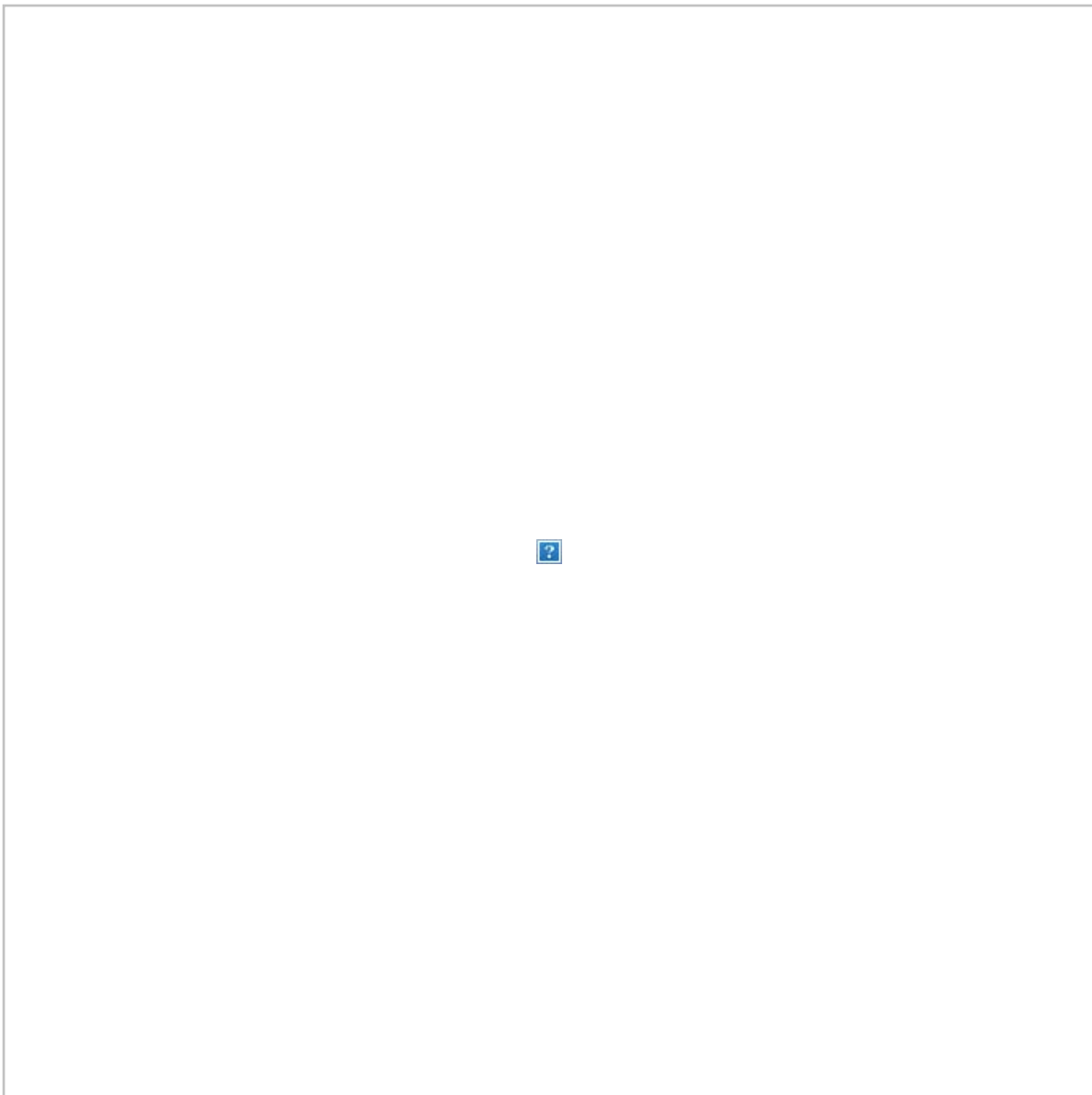




The Republican presidential candidates take the stage for the CNBC debate at the University of Colorado last October. (Mark J. Terrill/AP)

-- **Policy didn't matter.** "What we missed was that nobody cared about solutions," said Sarah Huckabee Sanders, who managed Mike Huckabee's campaign until he dropped out and then joined Trump's operation as a consultant soon after. "They just wanted to burn it all down. They didn't care about building it back up. They wanted to burn it to the ground and then figure out what to do with the ashes afterwards. There was no understanding of this electorate and the anger on the front end in terms of just how pissed off they were. **You may have the best policy in the world to get every single American the best job they've ever had. Nobody cared.**"

-- **Experience didn't matter.** From Marco Rubio campaign manager Terry Sullivan: "We got hit with commercial after commercial about how little experience (Marco had) and how many missed votes in the Senate. It didn't matter. People don't care. **The Senate sucks. Why would we want to be there?** We're not voting. Who cares? **And voters bought into that.** Experience was a liability. It was not an asset. We figured that out early, but Trump took it to the next level."



Barry Bennett works at Ben Carson's headquarters in Alexandria last October. (Yuri Gripas/Reuters)

-- **Ben Carson's campaign manager, Barry Bennett, argued that Trump's success was always more about strength than ideology.** "We went to Iowa for three or four days before we started and did a bunch of focus groups to try to figure out what people wanted," he recalled. **"I thought Ben's lack of government experience was going to be a negative. Well, it wasn't. But what they wanted more than anything else was strength.** And Trump was the one that they thought had that."

Bennett fondly recalled the stretch when his client was riding at the top of the polls. In addition to self-inflicted wounds from a power struggle inside the campaign, he believes that **the November 2015 terrorist attacks in Paris made it impossible for someone with the retired neurosurgeon's personality to secure the nomination.** "We couldn't really believe it, to tell you the truth," Bennett told the group. "The first six weeks of the fourth quarter we raised \$22 million. We were going gangbusters, and then we ran into Paris, Armstrong Williams and a couple other issues. In the next six weeks of the fourth quarter, we raised \$1.5 million. ... There was an opportunity for a nice outsider to win until Paris came, and then all of a sudden (voters) needed 'strength' again."

Corey Lewandowski arrives at Trump Tower for a transition meeting. (Drew Angerer/Getty Images)</p>□



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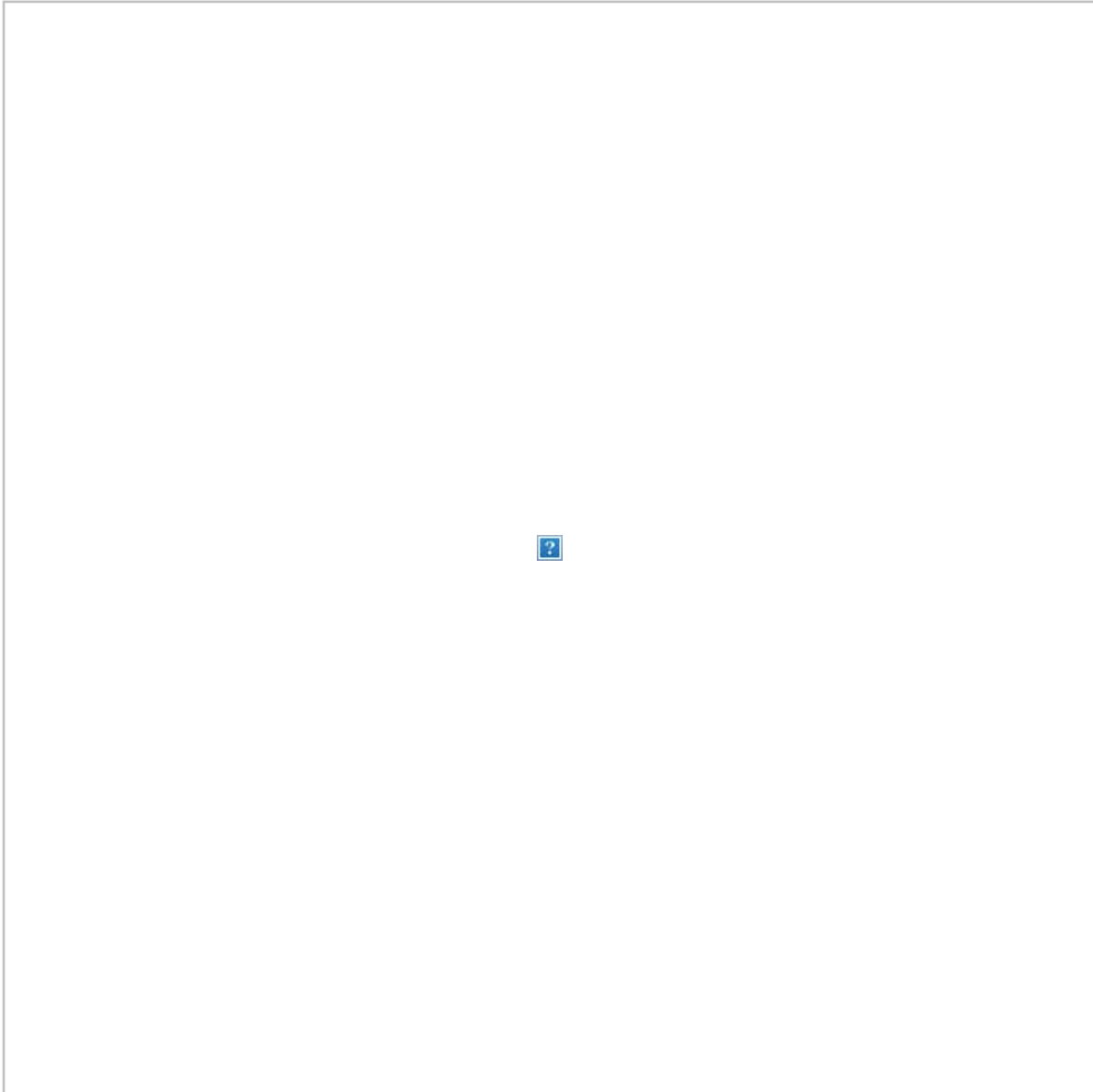
-- **All three people who ran the Trump campaign noted, to varying degrees, the billionaire's lack of a fixed ideology.** While his rivals for the nomination were playing multi-dimensional chess, Trump kept winning by playing checkers. In retrospect, there is something so skillfully simple about a message that defied easy categorization. He could never be placed in one of the "lanes" operatives talk so much about: tea party, establishment, social conservative, libertarian or hawk.

**Corey Lewandowski:** "We didn't have a traditional campaign of coalitions. It was the same message for everybody: ... 'I'm going to make America great again.' ... **With all due respect to Jeb (Bush), he had three of four different launches. There was Jeb 2.0, Jeb 2.5 (and) Jeb 3.0. We just stuck on the same message the entire time. It was so simplistic, and it didn't target any specific demographic.** ... We didn't have this notion where, 'We have to go win evangelicals in South Carolina to be successful.'"

**Paul Manafort:** "**They always tried to pigeonhole him.** They'd say, 'He's talking to white working men' or 'He's talking to uneducated older people.' ... **He had a sense of the country that no other candidate had, and he knew what was bothering the country.** So everybody would fixate on the (John) McCain comment, but he was talking about the veterans and how they're not treated right. ... He was talking about terrorists coming into the country and not being vetted, with people being afraid to walk down the streets. The media heard 'Muslims.' You can go through almost any one of the 'faux pas,' so to speak, and you'll see the

underlying message he was talking about was resonating.”

**Kellyanne Conway: “This is the first time that Republicans have resisted the fiction of ‘electability’ from early in the primary.”**



Jeb Bush rides his bus around New Hampshire last November. In retrospect, by this point, his team does not think there was anything that they could have been done to stop Trump from winning the nomination. (Charles Ommanney/The Washington Post)

**-- Could Trump ever have been stopped? “At a certain point, probably August (2015), Trump was Godzilla walking into the power plant,” answered David Kochel, Bush’s chief strategist.** “Everybody thought he’d blow up, and he just got stronger every time. He touched the third rail. He touched the fourth rail. He touched the fifth rail. He kept growing. He kept getting bigger. The feedback loop was kind of unstoppable by then. You would have had to define him out of the race real early. Jeb’s ‘chaos candidate’ frame was a late shot that didn’t do that. If you could have hung that big concept around him in July, maybe it would have been different.”

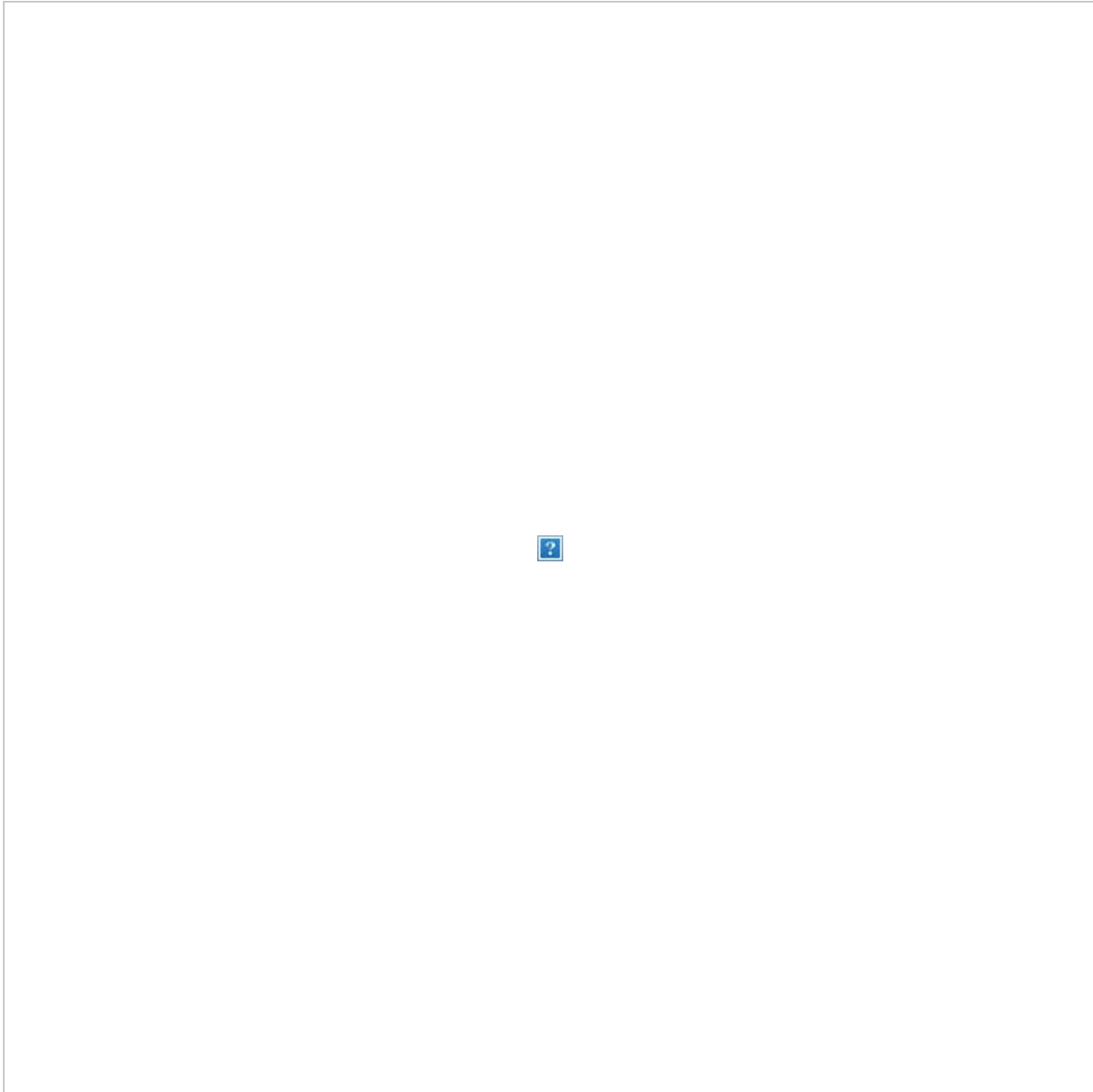
**Trump’s GOP rivals now all acknowledge the collective action problem that led them to ignore the first-time candidate – hoping someone else would knock him off – until it was too late.** “I thought it was a reality TV gimmick,” said Sullivan, Rubio’s manager. “I didn’t think he’d even necessarily stick in the race.

In a lot of previous election cycles, no one maintains a lead as the frontrunner that long. So I assumed, somewhat wrongly, that gravity would take course. Why would I engage in a fight with a skilled knife-fighter? Let someone else go and attack him.”

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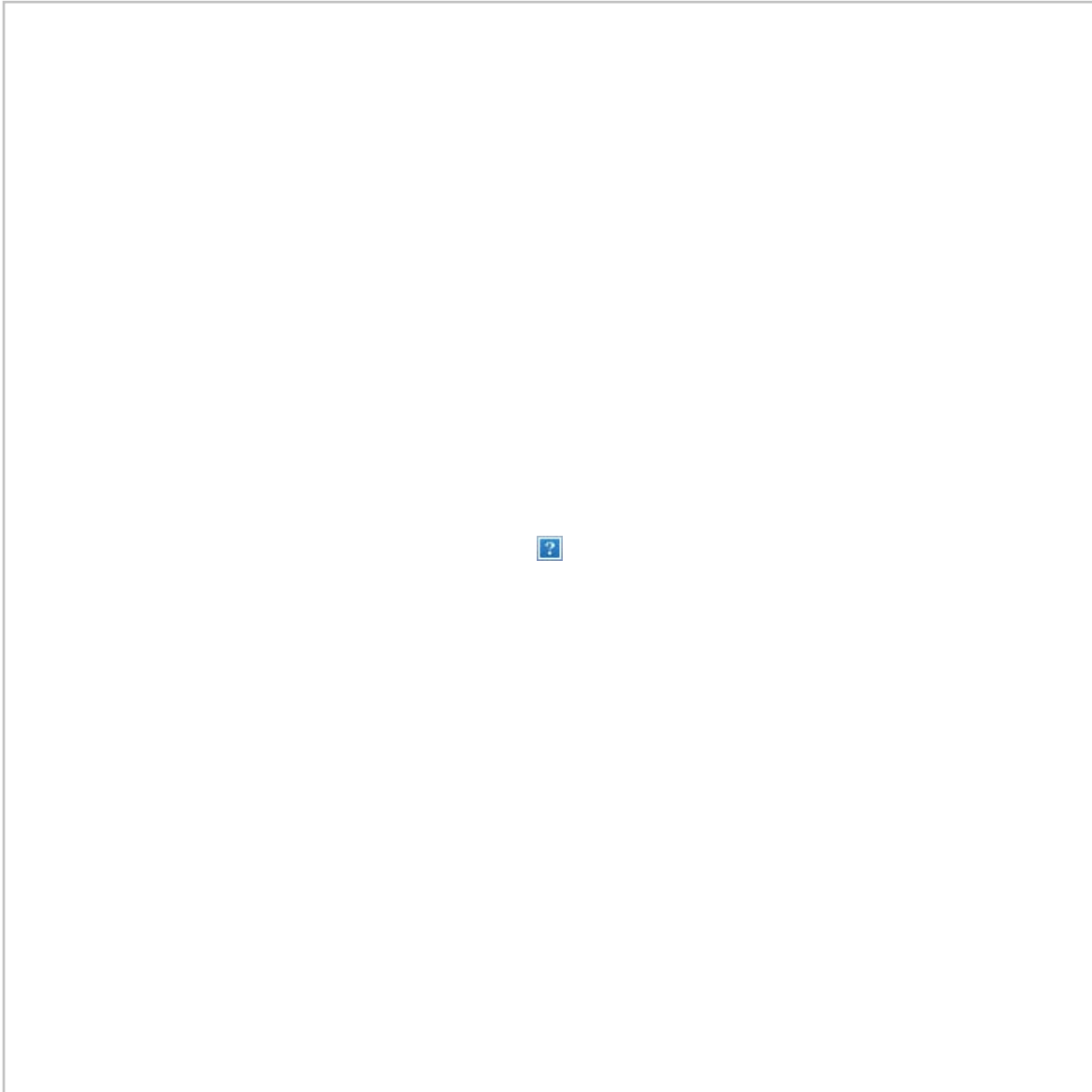
#### **WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:**



Trump's Transition: Ben Carson for housing and urban development

-- **Trump announced this morning that he will nominate Ben Carson to lead the Department of Housing and Urban Development.** "Carson...is the president-elect's highest profile African American supporter and confidant. A conservative political celebrity, **the 65-year-old Carson recently cast doubt on his suitability for a Cabinet role, saying he would be 'like a fish out of water' as a federal bureaucrat,**" [write Elise Viebeck and Karoun Demirjian](#). "A review of some of Carson's political commentary on housing policy reveals his views to be at odds with some of the anti-segregation policies championed by minority groups,

including the NAACP. On at least one occasion, he criticized efforts by the Obama administration to use its regulatory powers to improve racial integration in housing.”



Celebrations at Standing Rock after pipeline victory

**-- The Army announced that it will not approve an easement necessary to permit the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline to cross under Lake Oahe in North Dakota, marking a monumental victory for the Native American tribes and thousands of others who have flocked in recent months to protest the oil pipeline.** [From Brady Dennis and Steven Mufson](#): “Officials in November had delayed the key decision, saying more discussion was necessary about the proposed crossing, given that it would pass very near the reservation of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, whose leaders have repeatedly expressed fears that a spill could threaten the water supplies of its people. ... The decision averts a possible showdown on Monday, the date the Army Corps, which owns land on either side of the lake, had set for cutting off access to the protesters’ camp. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, worried about violence, had sent mediators to the area over the weekend.”

**But the victory for the Standing Rock Sioux and its allies could be short-lived:** “Trump has vowed to support pipelines such as this one. And Kelcy Warren, the chief executive of the pipeline company Energy Transfer Partners, has been a major contributor to the Republican Party and Trump’s campaign. ... Trump, who once owned a stake worth between \$500,000 and \$1 million in Energy Transfer Partners, has sold the shares, his spokeswoman Hope Hicks said.”



Matteo Renzi, Italy's prime minister, announces his resignation in Rome. (Chris Ratcliffe/Bloomberg)

**-- INSTABILITY IN EUROPE: Italy's prime minister resigned, the latest victim of 2016's populist tidal wave that already gave the west Brexit and Trump.** [From Michael Birnbaum and Anthony Faiola:](#)

"Europe's embattled political establishment lost another round Sunday in its effort to thwart the anti-elite movement, as Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi resigned after voters rejected his constitutional reforms. The thorough rejection of Renzi's referendum to streamline lawmaking was a significant boost for the country's surging populist forces ... Renzi's loss also risks unleashing financial upheaval in Europe's third-largest economy as Italy's weak banks struggle to contain the fallout."

**What's next? "A populist takeover of Italy is still an uncertain prospect,** since Renzi's center-left Democratic Party remains in control of Parliament and national elections do not have to be called until 2018. But much will depend on the makeup of the next government and how anti-immigrant, Euroskeptic parties capitalize on their success," Michael and Anthony note. "Italy, which has had 63 governments in the past 70 years, is no stranger to political chaos. What comes next will depend partially on Italian President Sergio Mattarella, who is charged with picking a new person to try to form a government, as well as with deciding whether to hold early elections. ... **In the wake of Renzi's resignation, Italy's mainstream political parties are likely to change voting laws to make it more difficult to rule without a wide coalition, diluting the possibility that an insurgent force could seize power in the next elections."**

Beppe Grillo smiles yesterday after voting in Genoa, Italy. (Luca Zennaro/ANSA via AP)</p>□



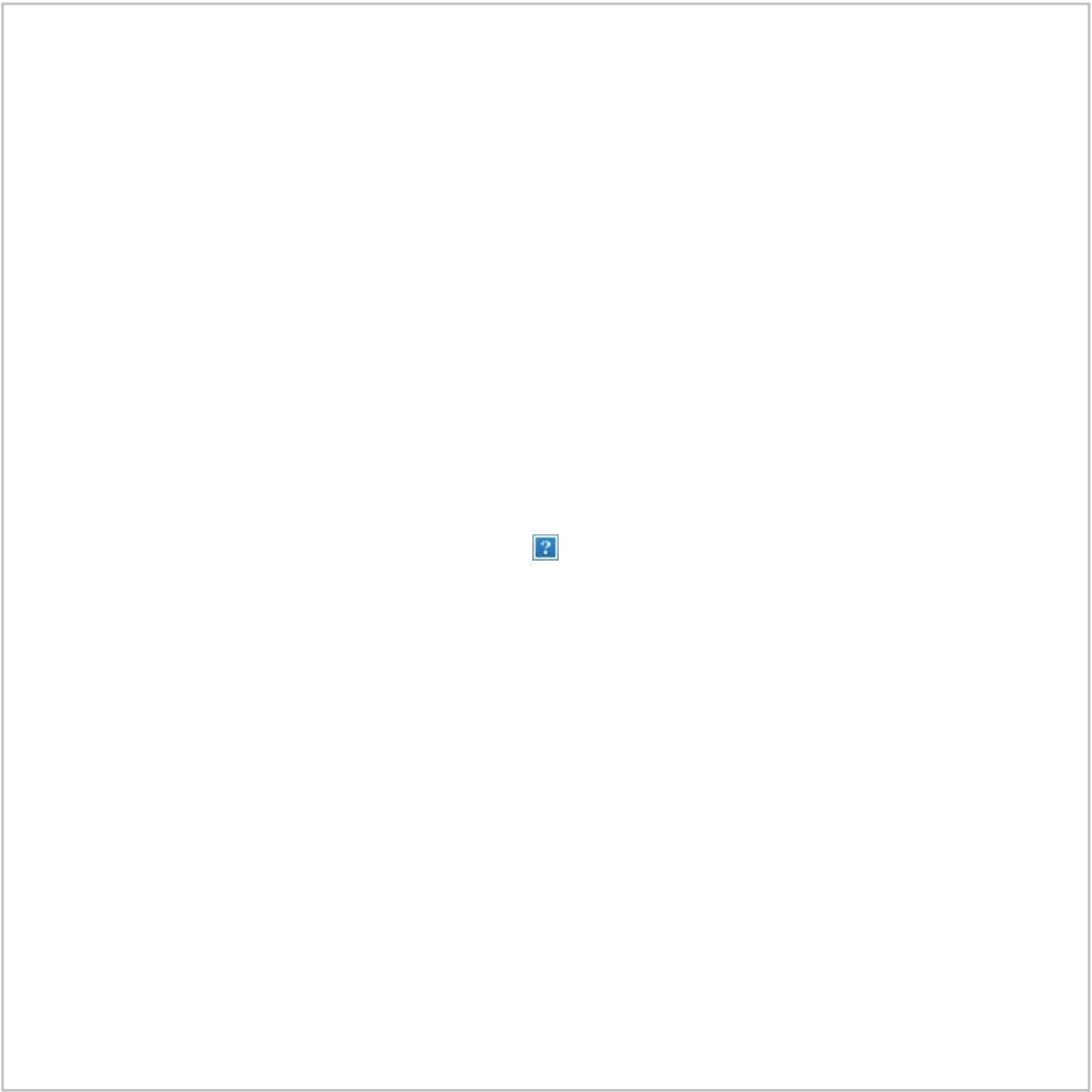
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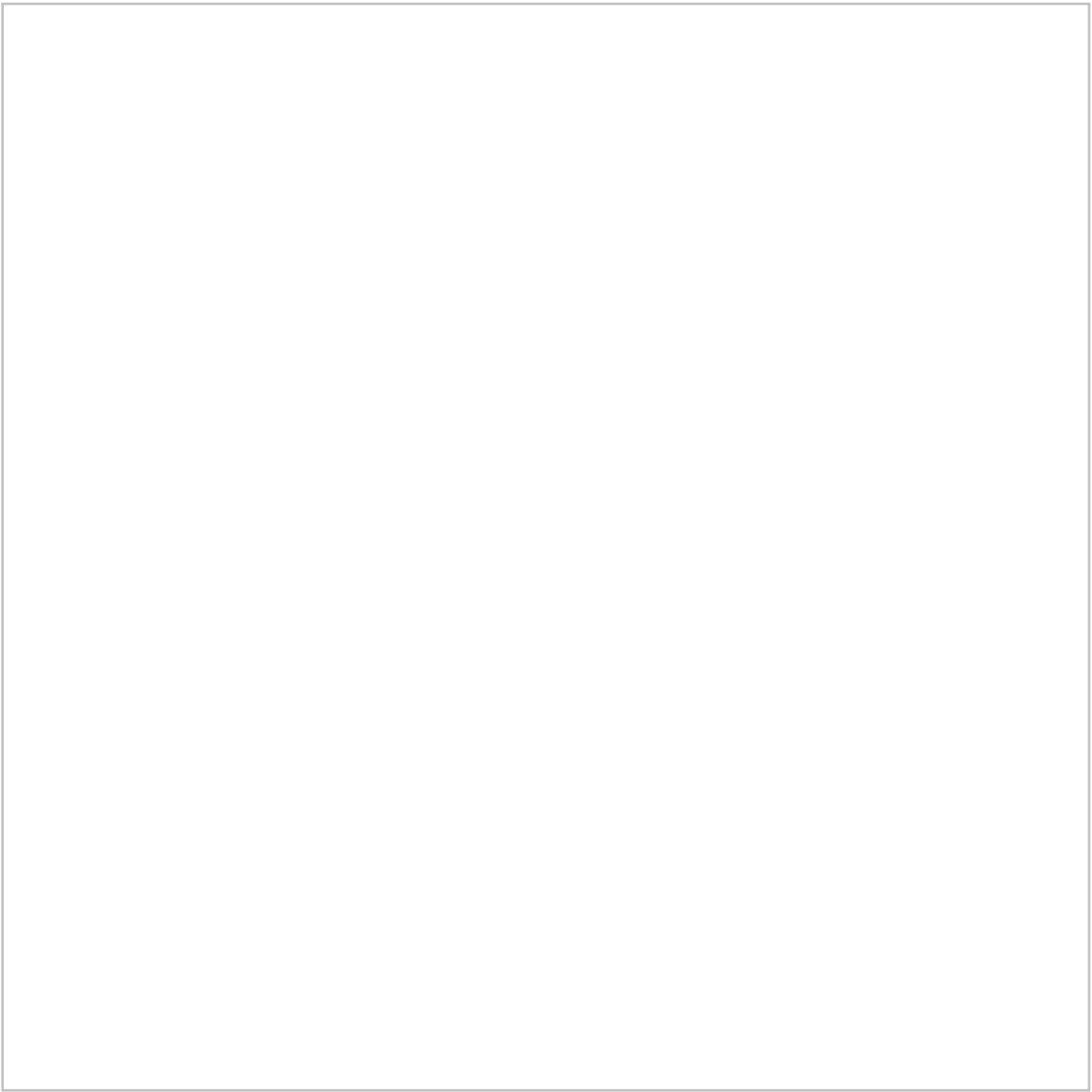
**The Trump fan you should keep an eye on now, via Rick Noack:** “When Beppe Grillo started to make headlines as the leader of Italy's biggest protest party six years ago, it was hard to avoid the puns. A comedian turned politician, Grillo was laughed at and branded a ‘clown.’ But by 2013, the laughing subsided, and German magazine Der Spiegel already had called him ‘the most dangerous man in Europe.’ Three years later, he may finally be living up to that description ... **Renzi's resignation could ultimately sweep Grillo's left-leaning and anti-establishment Five Star Movement party into power** ... Grillo has for years advocated a referendum on Italy's eurozone membership status.” **Grillo and Trump are frequently being compared in Europe.** The Italian comedian himself made such remarks during an interview following Trump's victory: “Our movement has some similarities,” he said. “We became the first political movement in Italy, and the media didn't even realize it.”

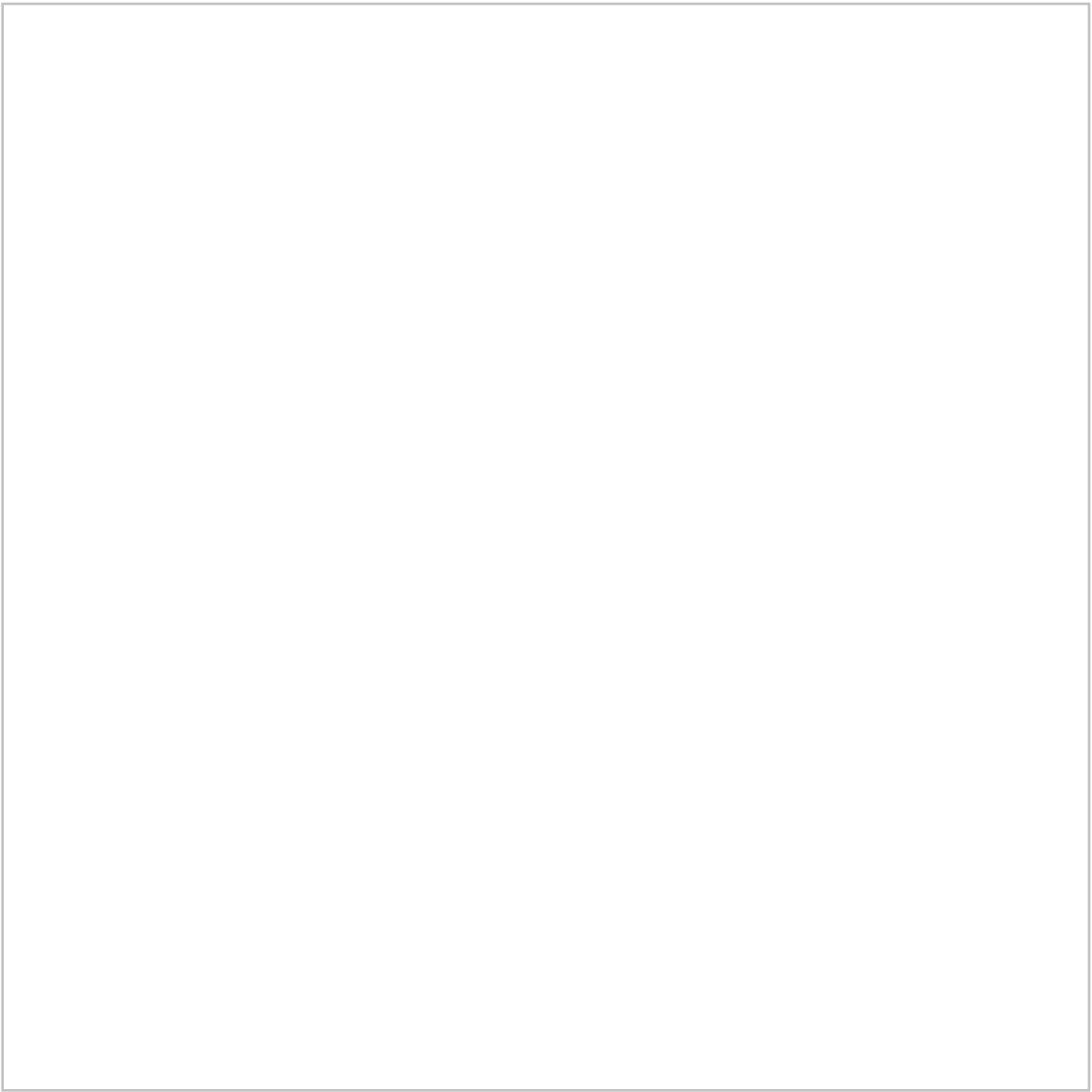
**-- But, but, but: A center-left presidential candidate in Austria [handily defeated](#) his far-right challenger yesterday.** The victory in Austria of an elder statesman formerly of the Green Party suggested the limits to the anti-elite anger. Many thought the far-right nationalist would win, and the result might be the biggest boost the E.U. has received in a while because polls show the electorate is more Eurosceptic than most of its neighbors.

**-- A remarkable visualization of just how fast the populist movement has swept the west:**









What we know about the deadly Oakland fire

**GET SMART FAST:**

1. **The death toll in the Oakland warehouse fire has risen to at least 33.** The artists' collective, which past visitors describe as a tinderbox, was hosting a synth-pop concert late Friday night when something went horrifically wrong. ([Tim Bontemps](#), [Amy B Wang](#), [Kristine Guerra](#) and [Jasper Scherer](#))
2. **Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will visit Pearl Harbor with President Obama later this month,** becoming the first Japanese leader to visit the site of the attack on Hawaii 75 years ago. The joint visit comes as reciprocation after Obama went to Hiroshima in August. The prime minister's move will anger the more conservative forces in his right-wing government. ([Anna Fifield](#))
3. **A federal judge ordered Michigan election officials to begin a massive hand recount of 4.8 million ballots cast in the presidential election at noon today.** U.S. District Judge Mark Goldsmith issued a ruling just after midnight in favor of Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein, who sought to let election officials bypass a two-business-day waiting period that would have delayed start of the recount until Wednesday morning. ( [The Detroit News](#))
4. **Bloomberg Philanthropies, which is already the largest funder of tobacco-control efforts in the developing world, will announce today an additional \$360 million commitment to the effort,** bringing Mike Bloomberg's total contribution to nearly \$1 billion. ([Ariana Eunjung Cha](#))

5. **In the College Football Playoff semifinals on Dec. 31, No. 1 Alabama will play No. 4 Washington in Atlanta and No. 2 Clemson will play No. 3 Ohio State in Glendale, Ariz.** The winners will play Jan. 9 for the national title in Tampa. The committee left out Penn State despite the team's victory in Saturday night's Big Ten championship. ( [Adam Kilgore](#) )
6. **Fidel Castro was laid to rest yesterday in a private, closed-door funeral.** His tomb is a hulking, 2.6-ton granite boulder set among the mausoleums of Cuba's most exalted national heroes. His brother and successor Raúl Castro placed a wooden box with Castro's ashes in a hollow cavity inside the stone. ( [Nick Miroff](#) )
7. **Secretary of State John F. Kerry said Israel is "heading to a place of danger" because settlement growth is eroding chances for a two-state solution and peace with the Palestinians.** "Using unusually blunt language at the Saban Forum, an annual symposium on Israel at the Brookings Institution, Kerry said he had been 'pushing uphill' with the Israeli government because a majority of the ruling coalition does not support a two-state solution," [Carol Morello](#) reports. "The Israelis have been fearful that President Obama in the waning days of his term will lay out binding parameters for two states ... Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition partners have failed to heed his admonition to not provoke Obama. ... Kerry said the Obama administration has not yet decided whether to spell out its vision."
8. **Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and his aging coterie of loyalists consolidated power and ousted rivals during a six-day party congress.** He emerged last night in firm control of his party, which nominally rules the Palestinian villages and towns of the Israeli-occupied West Bank. His success means a continuation of the status quo, [William Booth notes](#) from Ramallah.
9. **The vice president of the Philippines resigned her post as housing secretary in the cabinet after citing irreconcilable differences with President Rodrigo Duterte, who had banned her from attending Cabinet meetings.** She spoke in a statement of "major differences in principles and values" with the brash-talking president and an unspecified plot to remove her from the vice presidency. ( [AP](#) )
10. **New Zealand's popular Prime Minister John Key stunned the nation this morning when he announced, in a breaking voice, that he will resign after eight years as leader.** Key had been widely expected to contest his fourth general election next year. But he said he wanted to ensure he didn't make the mistake that some other world leaders have done, and instead wanted to leave while he was on top of his game. ( [AP](#) )
11. **Citing a national security risk, President Obama blocked a Chinese investor's proposed takeover of Aixtron SE, a German maker of semiconductor manufacturing equipment.** The rare move drew objections from Beijing. ( [AP](#) )
12. **A Florida man called a Miami Beach church that had helped him to say he had obtained an assault rifle and planned to attack the Sunday service because it was too friendly to the LGBT community.** He declared that he'd kill more people than died in Orlando's Pulse nightclub. Police arrested the man at his apartment after an altercation. ( [Cleve Woodson Jr.](#) )
13. **A University of Southern California student stabbed and killed the psychology professor who served as his mentor,** following what was described as a "personal dispute" on campus Friday afternoon. David Jonathan Brown, a 28-year-old brain and cognitive science student, is being held on \$1 million bail. ( [Cleve Woodson Jr.](#) )

Trump leaves Carrier Corp. in Indianapolis on Thursday. (Daniel Acker/Bloomberg)</p>□



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**FOR YOUR RADAR THIS WEEK:**

-- **Uncertain business leaders, nervous about attacks on offshoring, think Trump could be the second coming of Teddy Roosevelt.** Tom Hamburger interviewed several lobbyists, board room consultants and trade association executives. He sends this curtain-raiser for the 202:

**Dozens of the country's leading CEOs will be streaming to Washington this week for the quarterly meeting of the elite Business Roundtable,** which represents the executives of the country's leading multinational companies, many of which have been considering expanded production overseas.

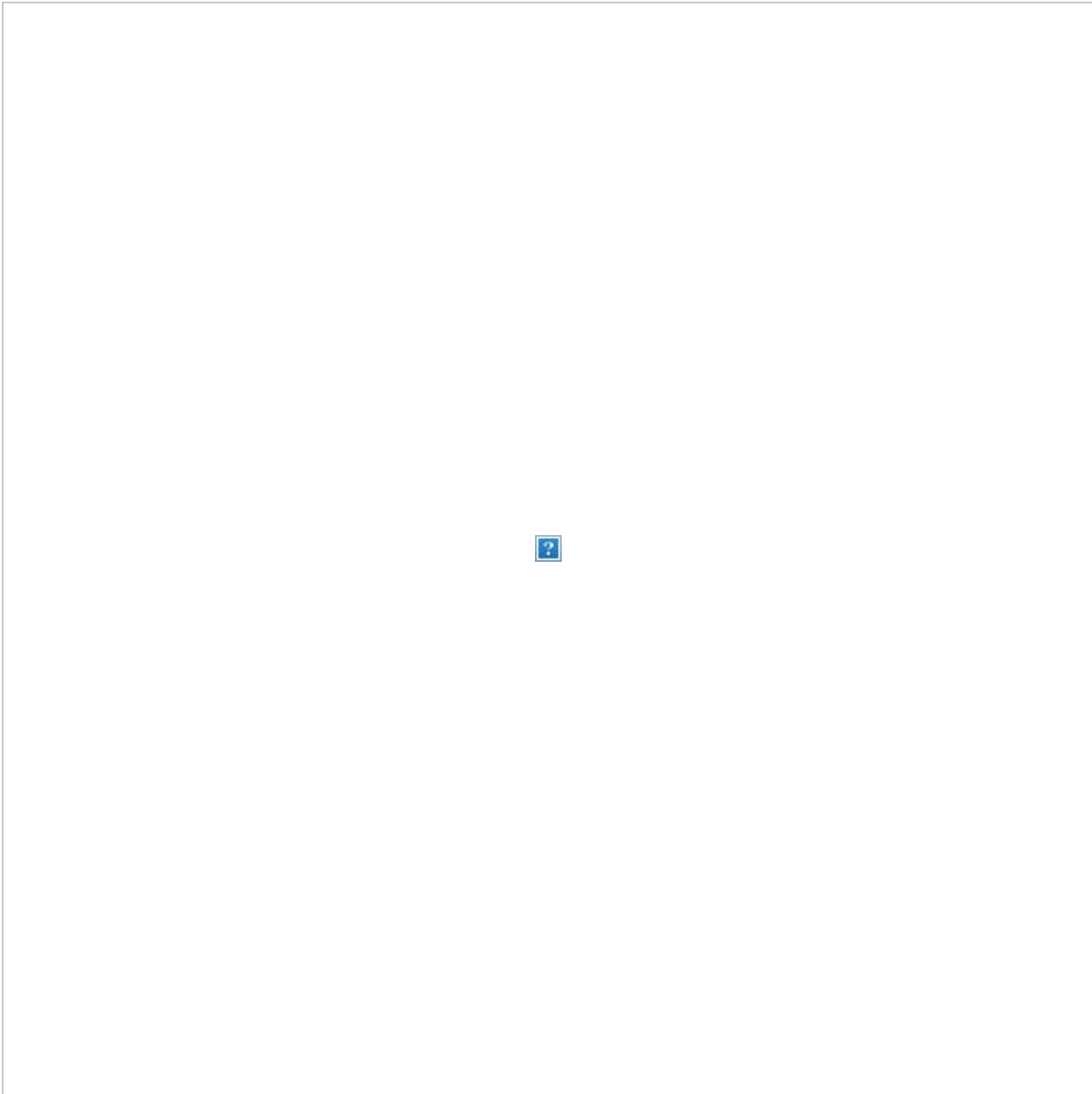
**The BRT meeting officially opens Wednesday.** On Tuesday, the leader of the organization, Caterpillar CEO Doug Oberhelman, will hold a press conference with the group's president, former Gov. John Engler, whose **friends in the auto industry are particularly unnerved** by the threats of Trump to impose tariffs on goods that American firms import from overseas factories.

**The BRT executive committee includes CEOs whose companies have become well known for using offshore labor, such as Virginia Rometty of IBM and Ursula Burns of Xerox.**

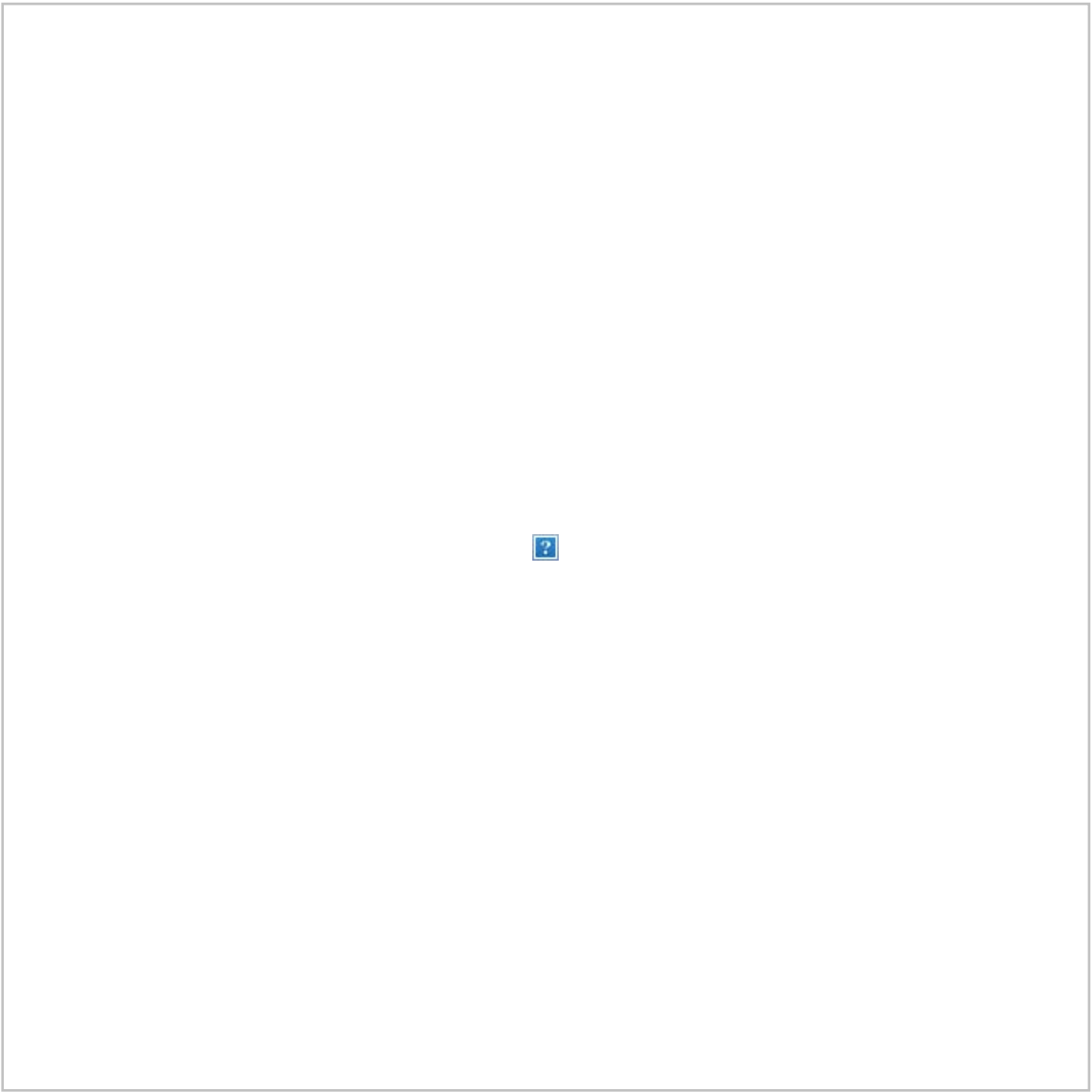
Although details of BRT meetings and receptions have not been released, **it is expected that a number of**

**incoming Trump administration officials will participate, along with senior officials from the Obama administration.**

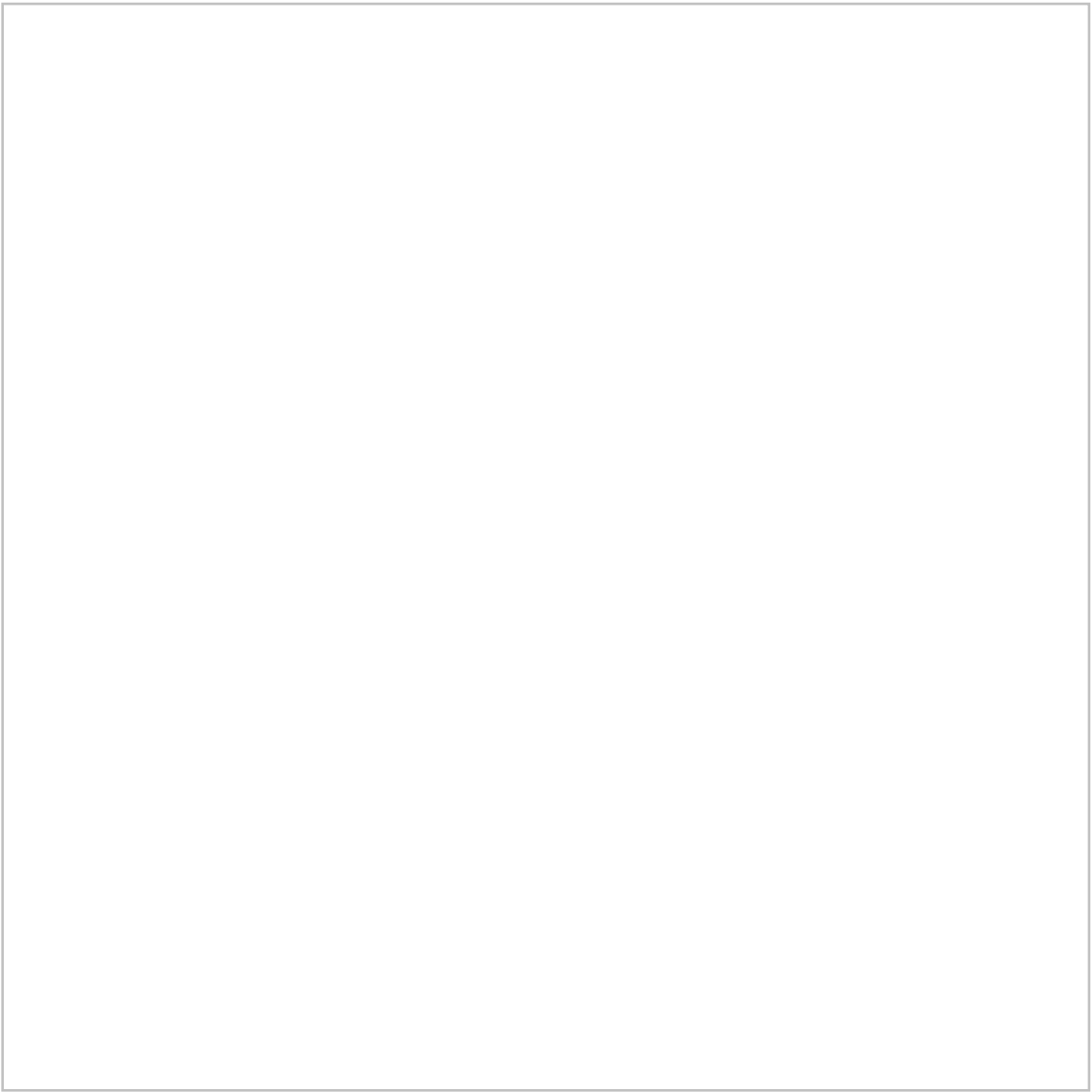
**-- Late Friday night, Trump took aim on Twitter at [a second manufacturer](#) that plans to move jobs from Indiana to Mexico:**

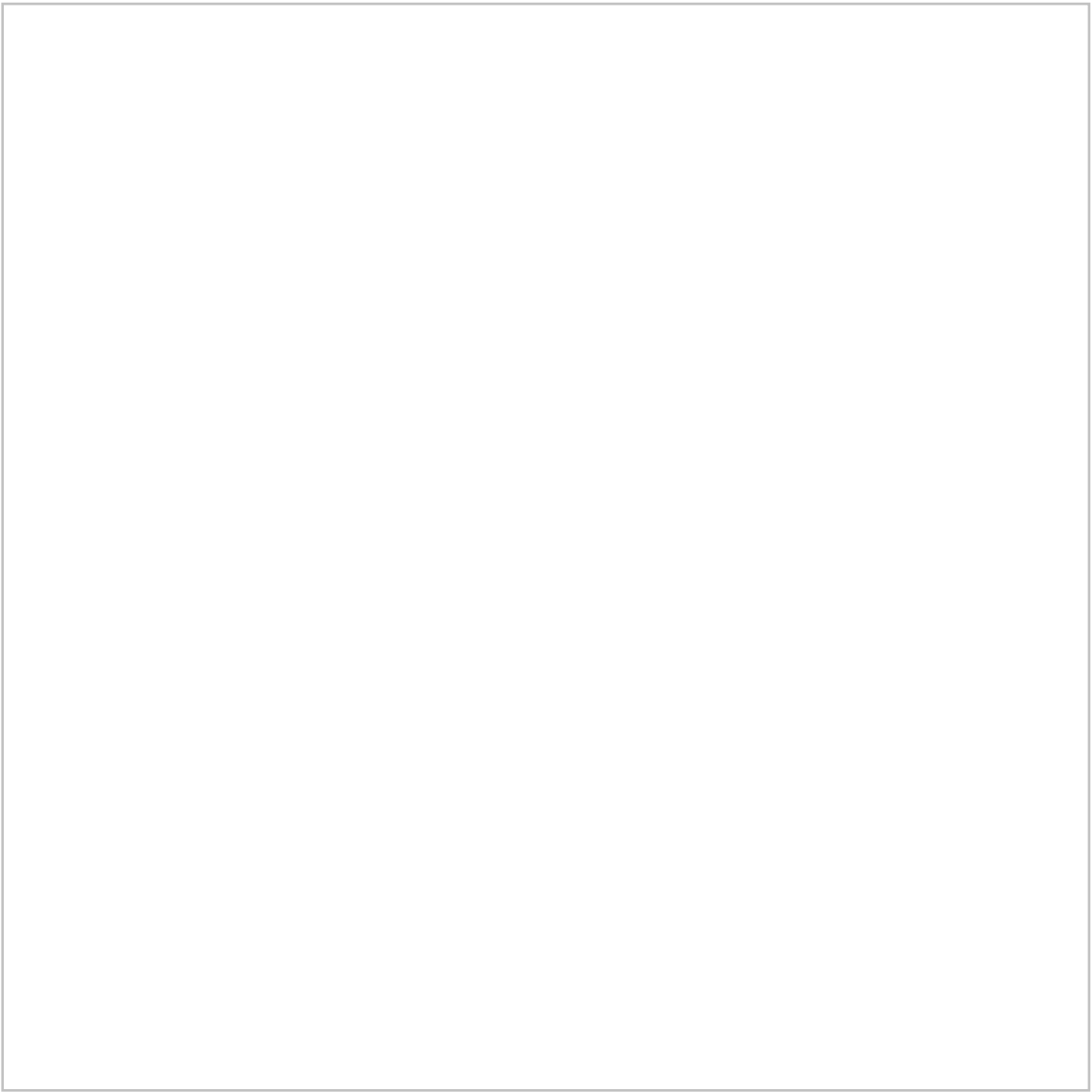


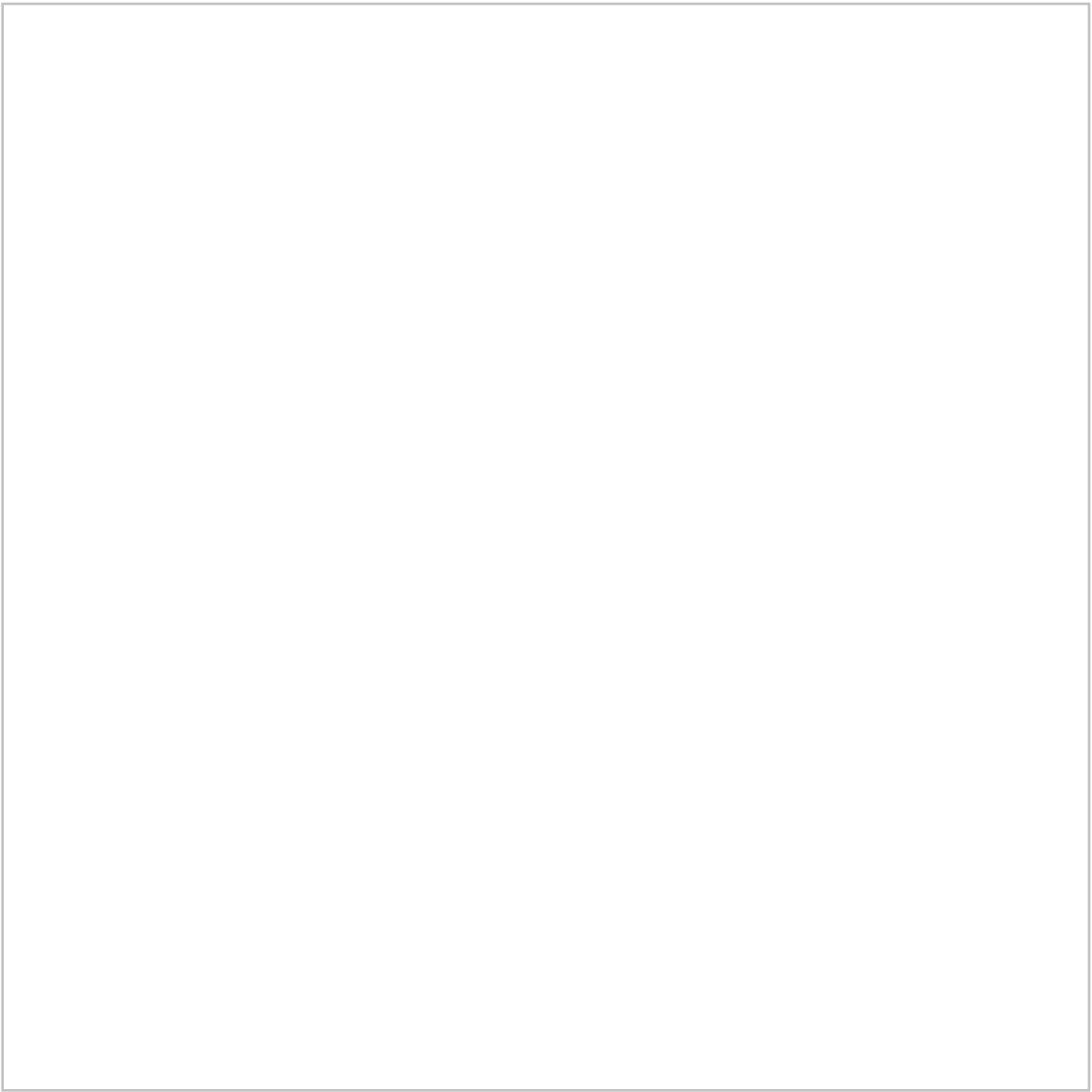
**Then, yesterday, the president-elect posted a storm of tweets threatening to punish any U.S. company that sends jobs overseas:**

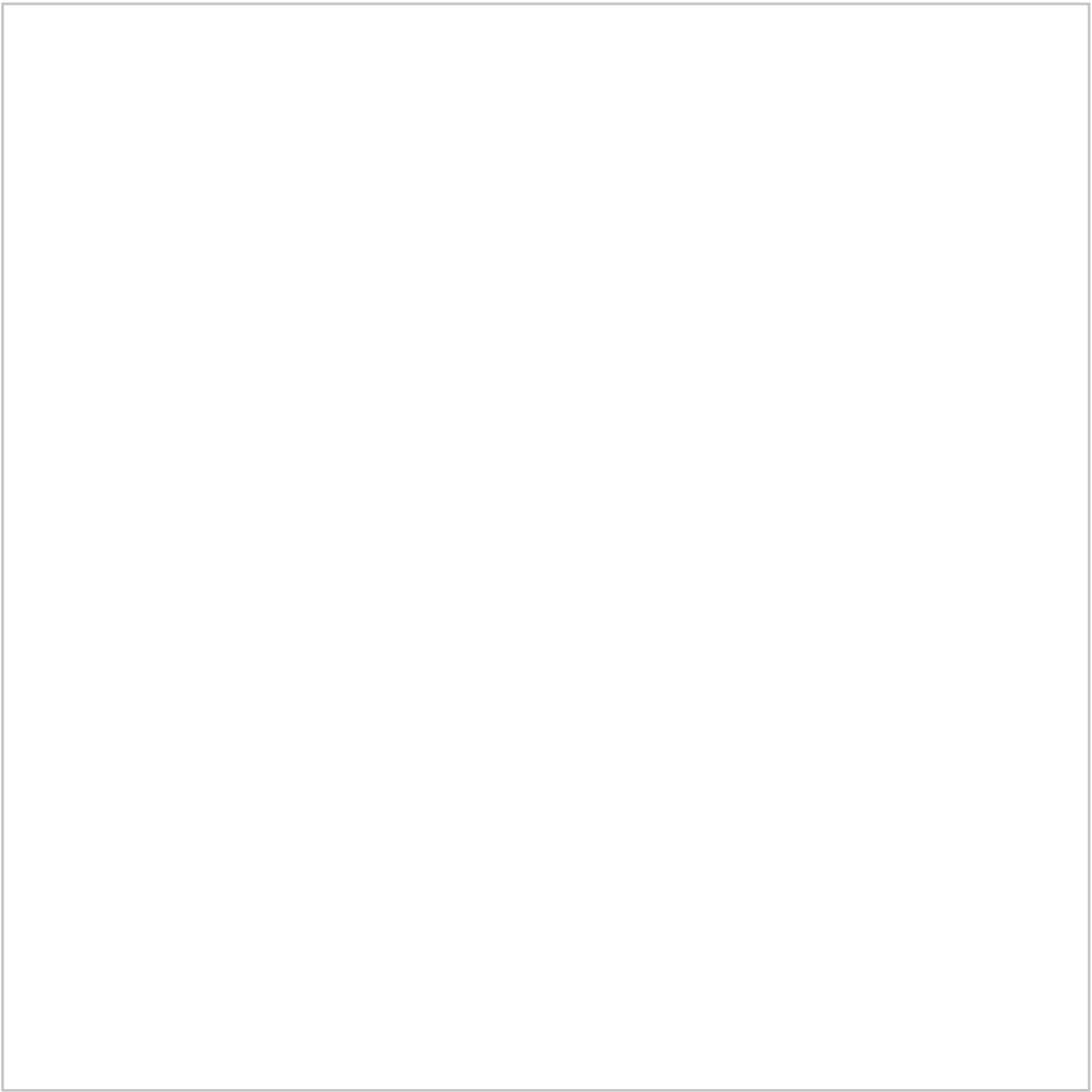


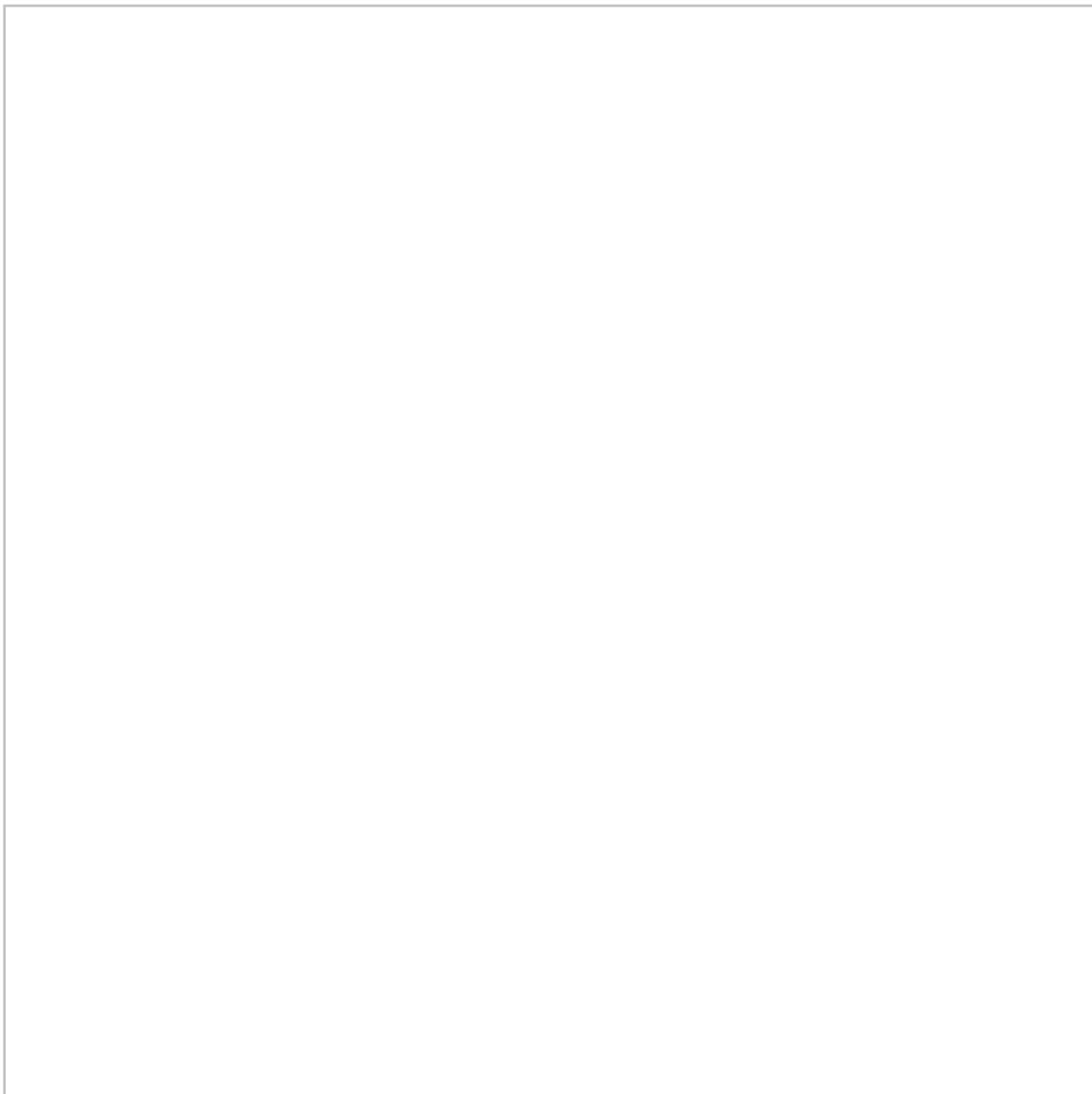












**-- This kind of rhetoric has created a new level of nervousness.** "Sure, there is some concern in some board rooms, just as there was fear under Teddy Roosevelt, a Republican and a trust buster," said Richard Hohlt, a longtime Republican consultant who has advised big banks and supported Trump this fall. Hohlt is telling corporate clients to be prepared for a different kind of presidency: "There is a new sheriff in town, and he is already showing that he will be a president who will do what he said he would do. If you are a CEO planning to move your plants to Mexico, you know how this president will react to that."

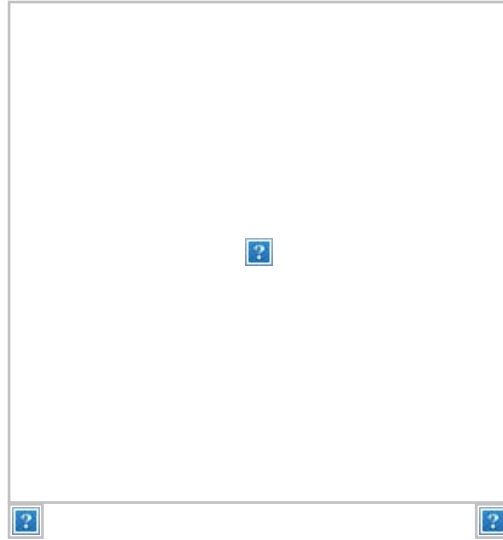
**Nina Gross, a managing director of BDO Consulting in Washington, said that many CEOs she talks with are heartened by Trump's early cabinet picks – including Wilbur Ross for Commerce and Steven Mnuchin for Treasury – which signals that the rhetoric used before the election was hyperbole.** "This is no longer a campaign," said Gross, who did not back Trump in the primary or general but now expressed admiration for some of his personnel moves. "These are not crazy people. ... And that's a clear signal that Trump will not blow the world up."


**Mnuchin and Ross have already moved to soften some of Trump's most explosive proposals.** [As Sean Sullivan and Ylan Q. Mui reported yesterday](#), both men said they would pursue bilateral trade agreements with other countries. Ross also said that Trump's threatened double-digit tariffs on goods from Mexico and China would be imposed only as a last resort.

**A third person familiar with the mood in the executive suites of major corporations said that, even before Trump's visit to Indianapolis on Thursday and his stream of tweets this weekend, CEOs of**

**leading companies were “on high alert.”** Many of the 75 to 100 CEOs coming to Washington have been watching Trump’s interactions with other CEOs very closely. “And now they are asking ‘who’s next?’” said one corporate adviser,

**This is a particularly sensitive moment for any multinational corporation with facilities overseas.** While there is always nervousness about a new administration, he said that Trump’s “populist corporate activism” is different. “It is uncharted territory,” the source explained. “They are getting nervous, and some CEOs are asking whether they can get a better deal” to stay in the U.S.





D.C. police detain gunman who wanted to 'self-investigate' conspiracy theory

**WORDS MATTER – FAKE NEWS HAS REAL-LIFE CONSEQUENCES:** “A North Carolina man was arrested Sunday after he walked into a popular pizza restaurant in Northwest Washington carrying an assault rifle and fired one or more shots, D.C. police said. The man told police he had come to the restaurant to ‘self-investigate’ a false election-related conspiracy theory involving Hillary Clinton that spread online during her presidential campaign,” [Faiz Siddiqui and Susan Svrluga report](#).

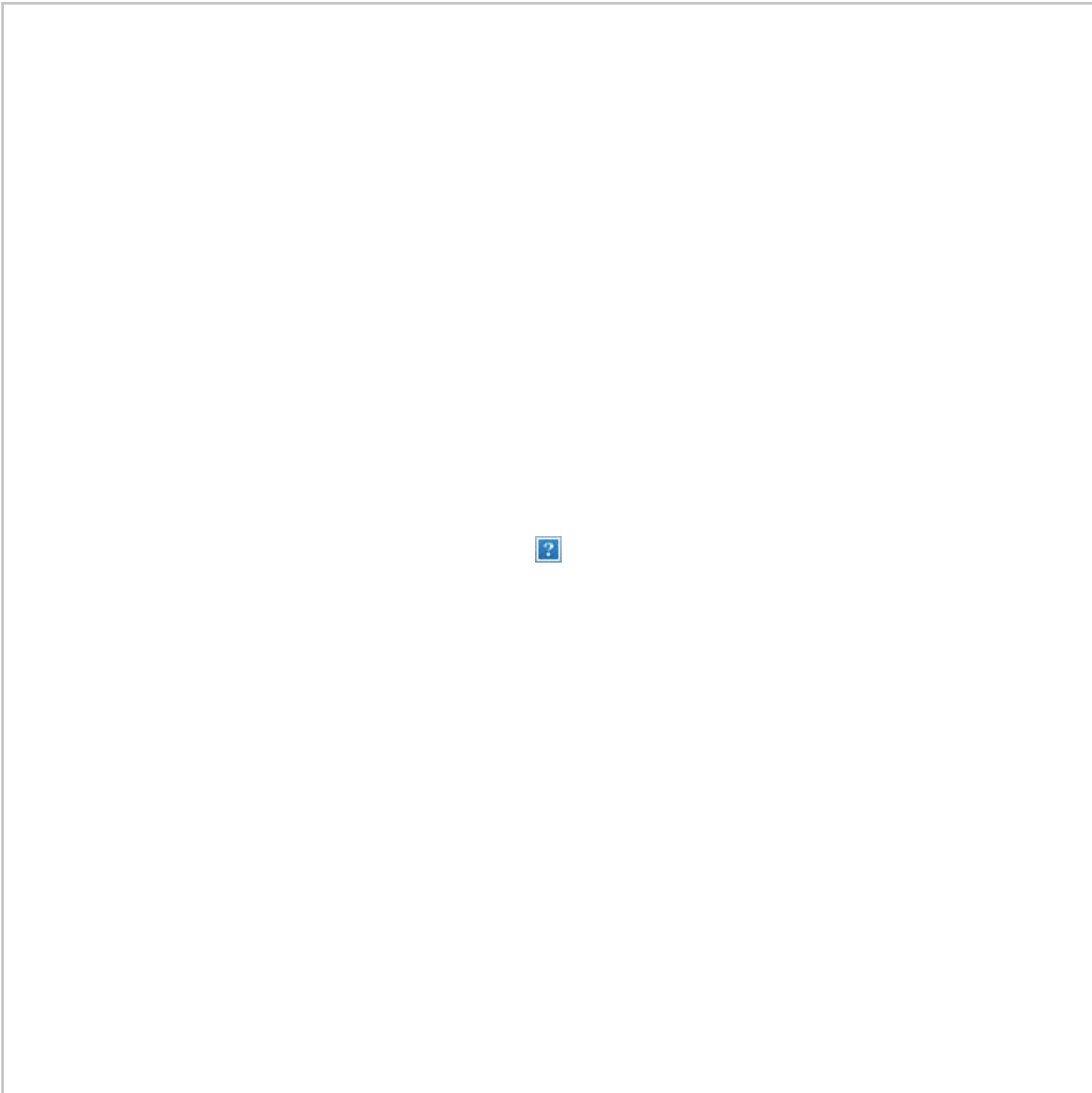
-- **The fake story, which went viral online in the weeks before the election, claimed that HRC and John Podesta were running a child sex ring from the backrooms of the popular family restaurant**, near Connecticut and Nebraska avenues NW in the Chevy Chase neighborhood. The restaurant’s owner and employees were threatened on social media and received death threats. (BuzzFeed looked last month at [how the false rumor spread online](#).)

-- **How yesterday's incident went down:** Police said 28-year-old Edgar Maddison Welch, of Salisbury, N.C., walked in the front door of Comet Ping Pong around 3 p.m. and pointed a firearm in the direction of a restaurant employee. “The employee was able to flee and notify police. Police said Welch proceeded to discharge the rifle inside the restaurant; they think that all other occupants had fled when Welch began shooting. Welch has been charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. Police said there were no reported injuries. ... Interim D.C. Police Chief Peter Newsham said **cops safely arrested Welch about 45 minutes after he entered the restaurant**. Police recovered two firearms inside the restaurant; an additional weapon

was recovered in Welch's car."

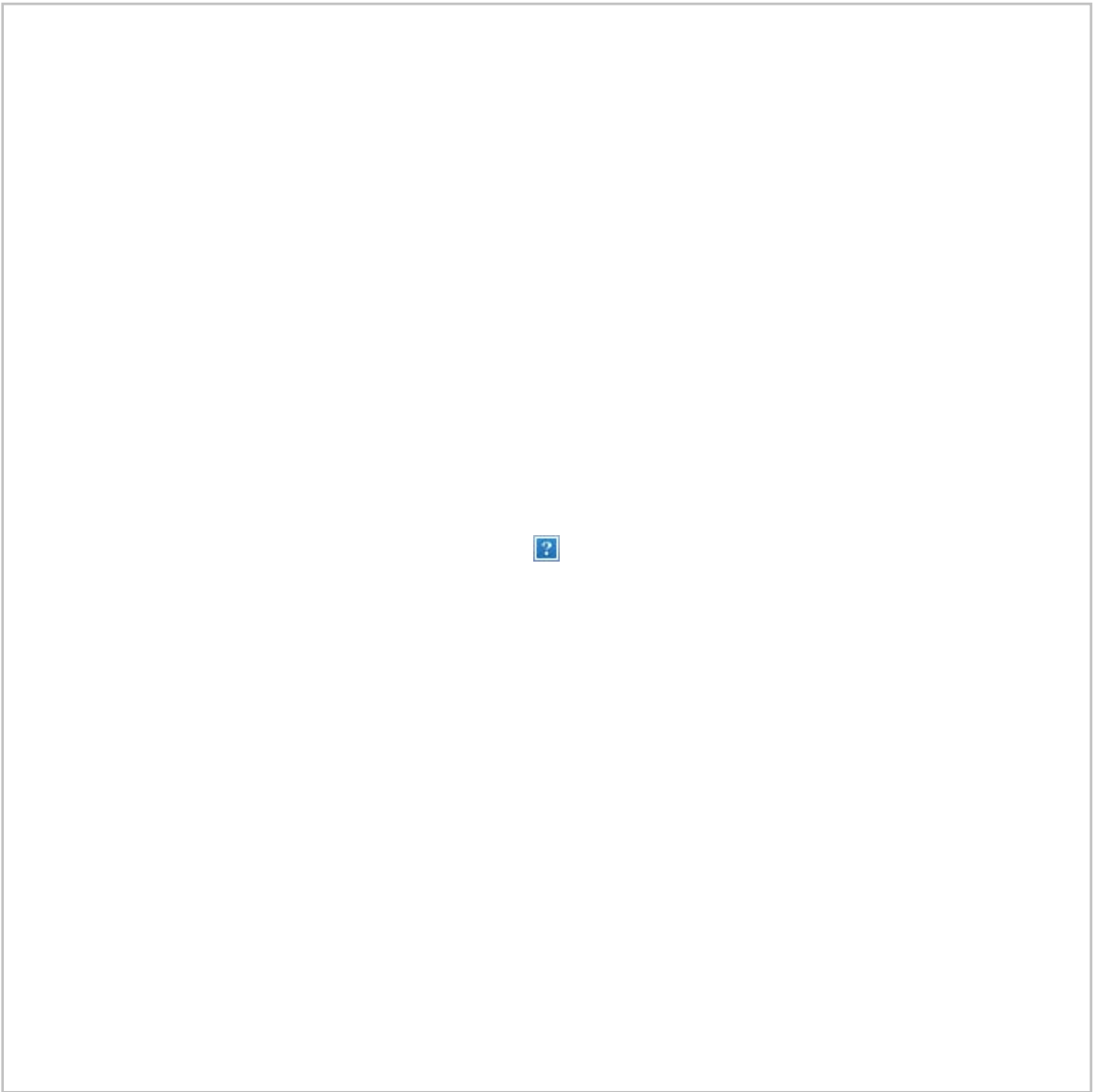
-- **Michael Flynn, the retired general whom Trump has tapped to be his national security adviser, shared stories online about another anti-Clinton conspiracy theory involving pedophilia.** None of them were true. But the fake stories and threats persisted, some even aimed at children of Comet Ping Pong employees and patrons. The restaurant's owner was forced to contact the FBI, local police, Facebook and other social-media platforms in an effort to remove the articles. Bradley Graham, a co-owner of Politics & Prose, said he was told that **the gunman walked into the kitchen at Comet Ping Pong, "presumably looking for the alleged tunnels" where children were hidden and tortured.**

**The incoming National Security Adviser actually tweeted this just one month ago:**

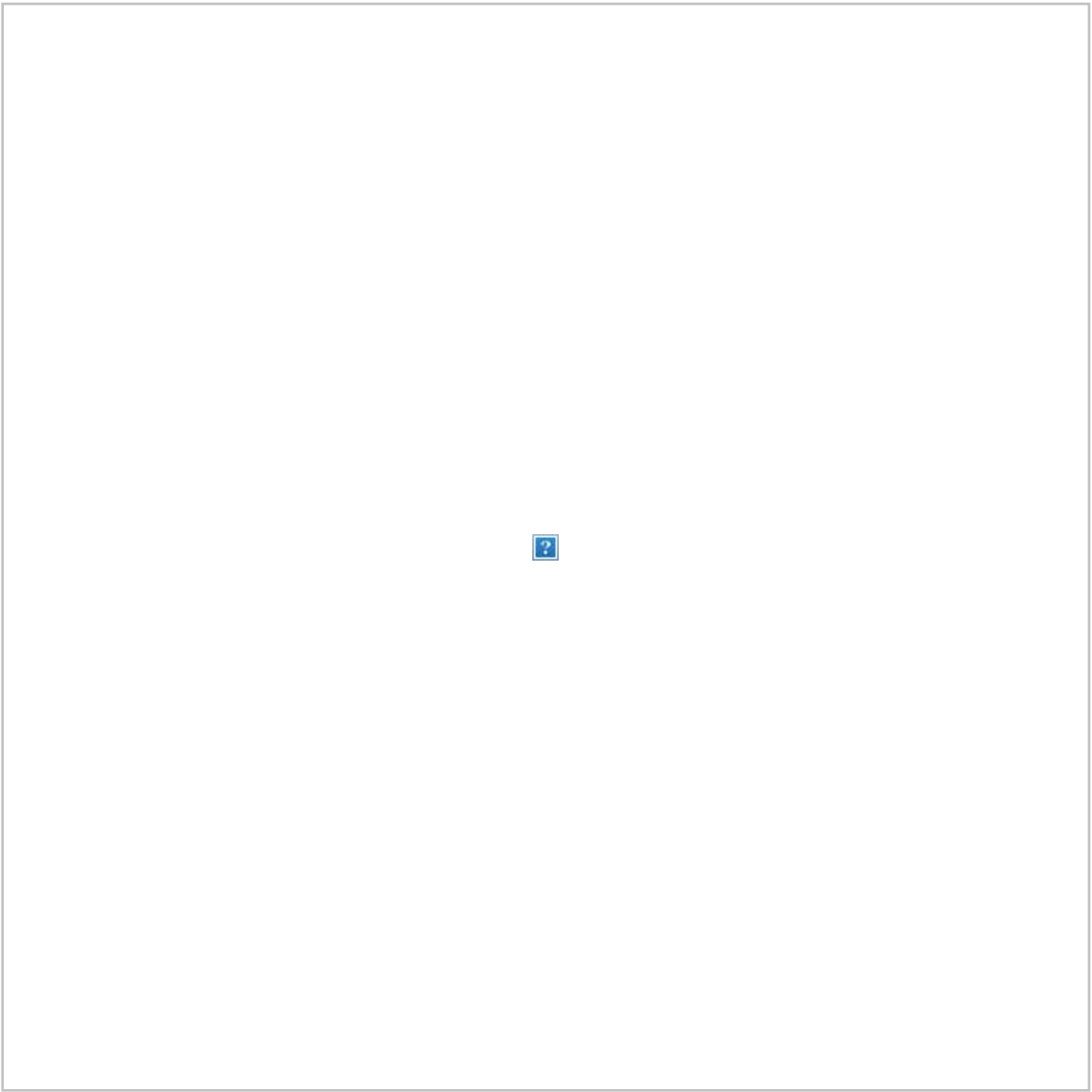


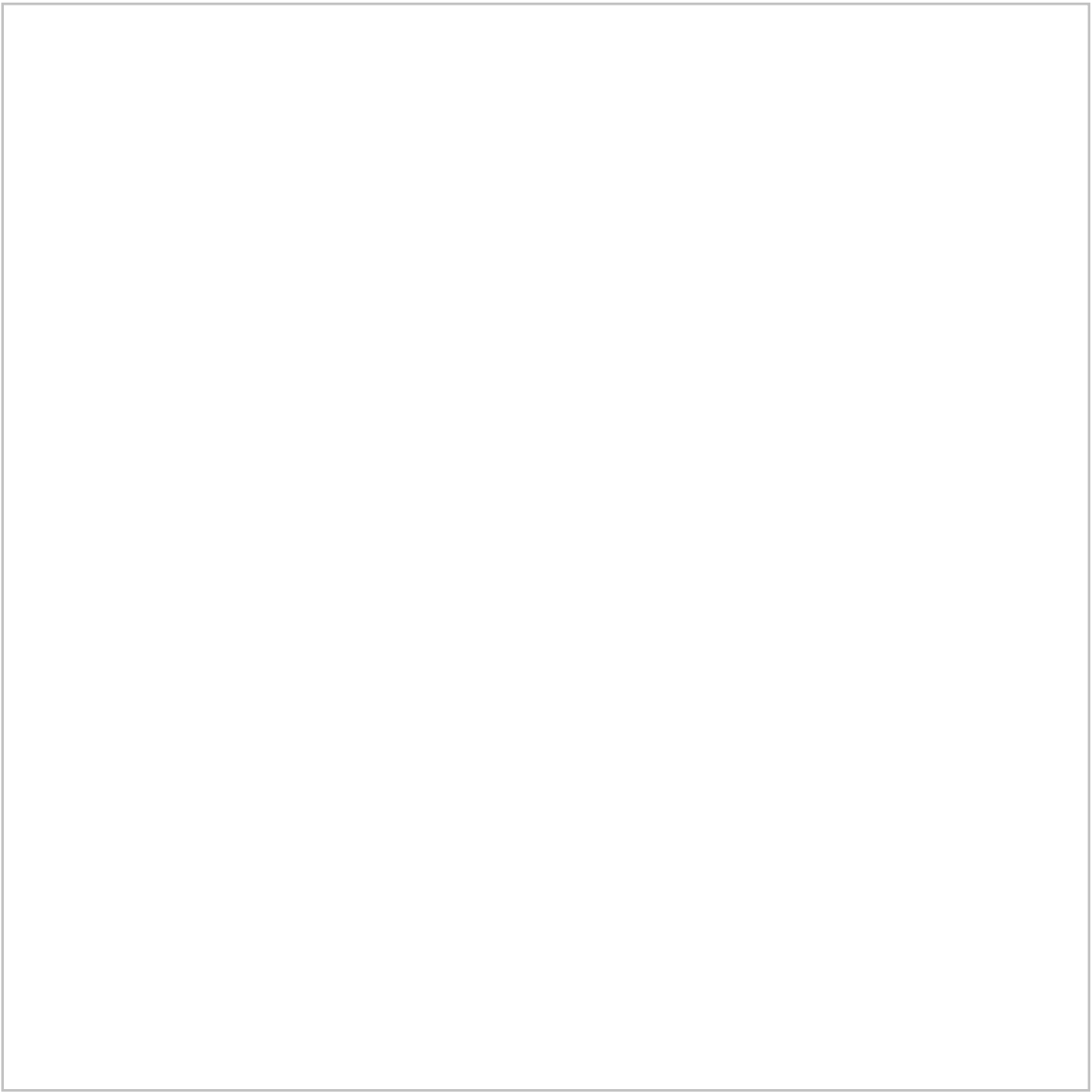
**Even more irresponsibly, Flynn's son -- who works as the chief of staff at his firm -- tweeted this last night:**

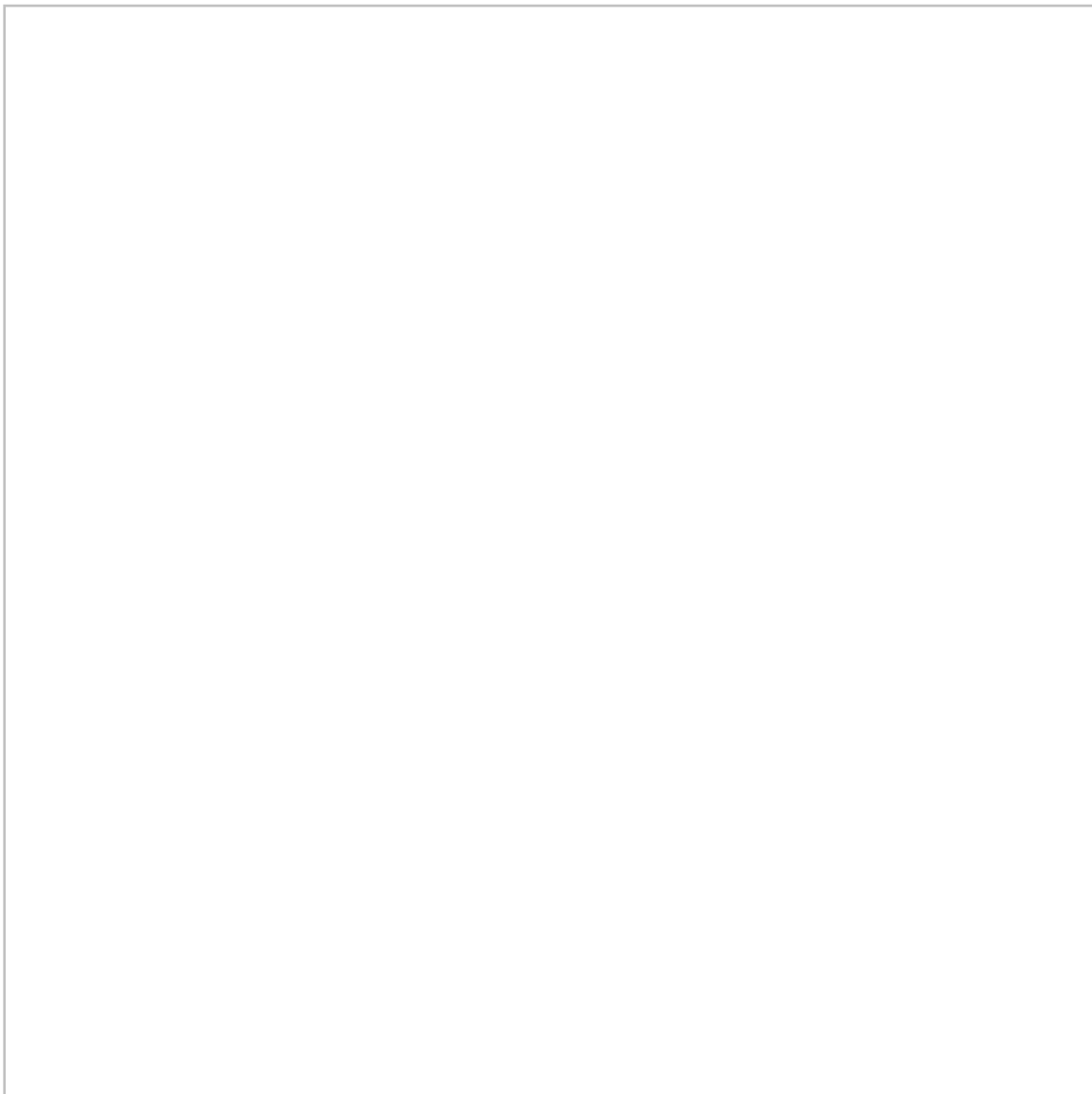




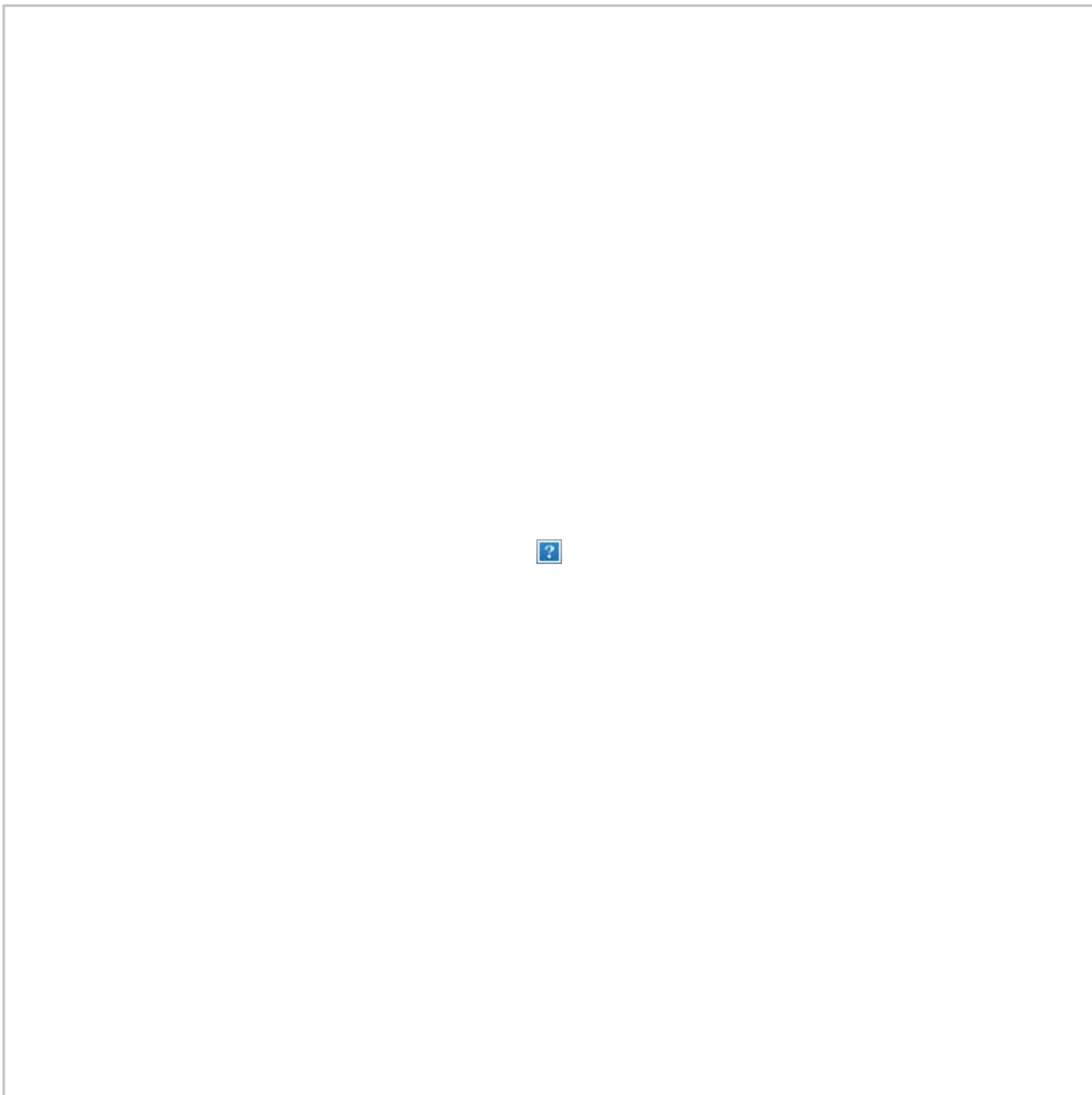
**-- A chorus of powerful Washingtonians expressed outrage at the Trump people who so recklessly circulated these fake stories:**







**-- Another chilling illustration of the Trump Effect on our politics, [via Politico Magazine's Michael Grunwald](#):** "One conservative Republican congressman who actually supported Trump's candidacy told me his office was deluged with furious callers after he once dared to criticize Trump during the campaign. He called back one woman in her sixties who owned a vacation home in his district and had donated to his campaigns. He said the chat turned ugly in a hurry, until she said she had just three things to say to him. 'First: Go f\*\*\* yourself. Second: I'm going to raise \$75,000 to find a primary challenger to take you out. And third: Go f\*\*\* yourself.' The congressman thought that would be the end of it, but the woman then went on Facebook and posted an account of their conversation, along with his cell phone number. For the next several weeks, Trump supporters called him at all hours to repeat his donor's first and third recommendations. 'I'm telling you, the demons have been unleashed,' the congressman told me. 'And they're not going away.'"



Allison Fenn adjusts a rainbow flag that she's flying in solidarity with the LGBT community in front of her home. She lives down the street from Mike Pence's rental home. (Gary Cameron/Reuters)

-- **[“In Mr. Pence’s new D.C. neighborhood, not exactly the welcome wagon.”](#)** by Ian Shapira: “When news filtered out in late November that Mike Pence was temporarily moving into the white colonial with green shutters on Tennyson Street NW (in Chevy Chase) ... neighbors decided to greet the Republican interloper with polite protest: rainbow flags flapping from their homes. ... ‘I thought it would send a message in an appropriate way. One idea was to put a ‘Chevy Chase Hillary’ banner, but we thought that would be too in-your-face,’ said Joanna Pratt, 66, an environmental consultant who came up with the idea and lives across the street from Pence. Now, at least seven homes on the street boast the flags — a response to Pence’s opposition over the years to equal rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.” (Clinton got 85 percent in this precinct.)

David Brock&nbsp;(Danny Johnston/AP)</p>□



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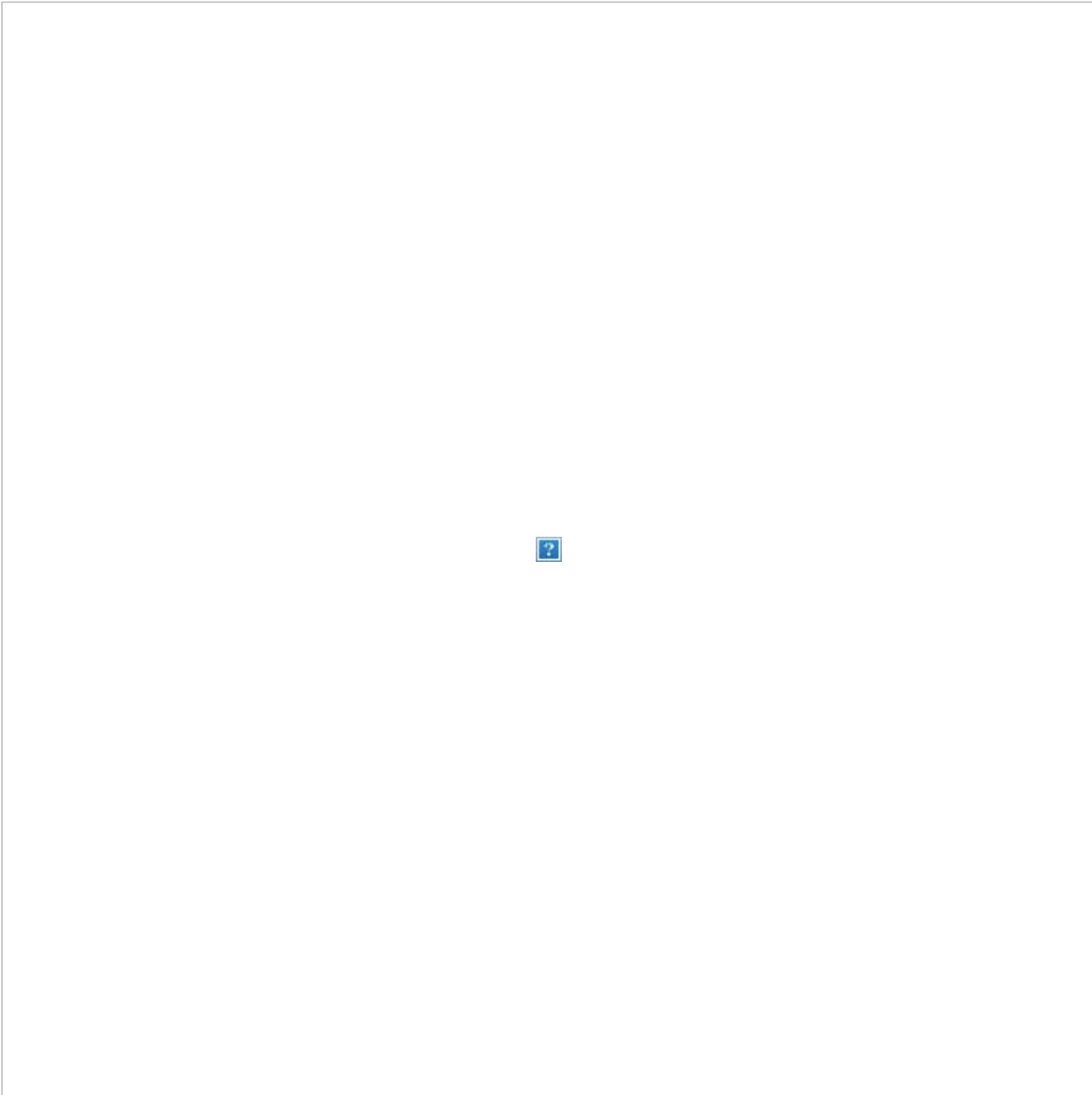
#### **A CIVIL WAR IN BOTH PARTIES:**

**-- One of Clinton's top allies, writer and strategist David Brock, will begin a two-day conference of Democratic lawmakers and liberal organizers in Washington this morning with a fiery call to arms and demand for an independent audit of the party's 2016 efforts. [Matea Gold has a first look at the text of his remarks](#):** “Hillary’s loss has exposed a collapse of power for the Democratic Party,” Brock is set to tell a gathering hosted by the State Innovation Exchange. The exchange, known as SiX, is seeking to help Democrats regain power in the states by serving as a hub for strategy and training. “The truth is, our party faces a crisis of competence at all levels,” Brock is set to tell the group. “Progressive politics in America is an organizational disaster.”

**In his speech, Brock calls for party leaders to appoint an independent commission to audit the work done by Democrats up and down the ballot this cycle, and to publicly release the results of the report.** “We can’t have a coherent or effective road map forward unless and until we have a mutual understanding of what happened last cycle, and an accepted conclusion of where we can do better and how,” he will say.

**-- A major Republican donor says Trump personally expressed support for ousting the chairman of the Ohio GOP, a close ally of John Kasich, as he seeks another term next month. [From the Columbus](#)**

[Dispatch](#): “Matt Borges survived a closed-door gathering of the Ohio Republican Party's central committee Friday, but he is now facing a direct challenge ... backed by President-elect Trump. In an email to committee members, Jane Murphy Timken, vice chairman of the Stark County Republican Party, said: ... ‘Last week, I spoke with President-elect Trump and he agrees that it is time for a leadership change at the ORP.’ ... The Trump campaign officially divorced itself from the state GOP leadership in mid-October. The party's No. 2 leader then created a fake Twitter account in an attempt to ridicule Trump's Ohio campaign chairman.”



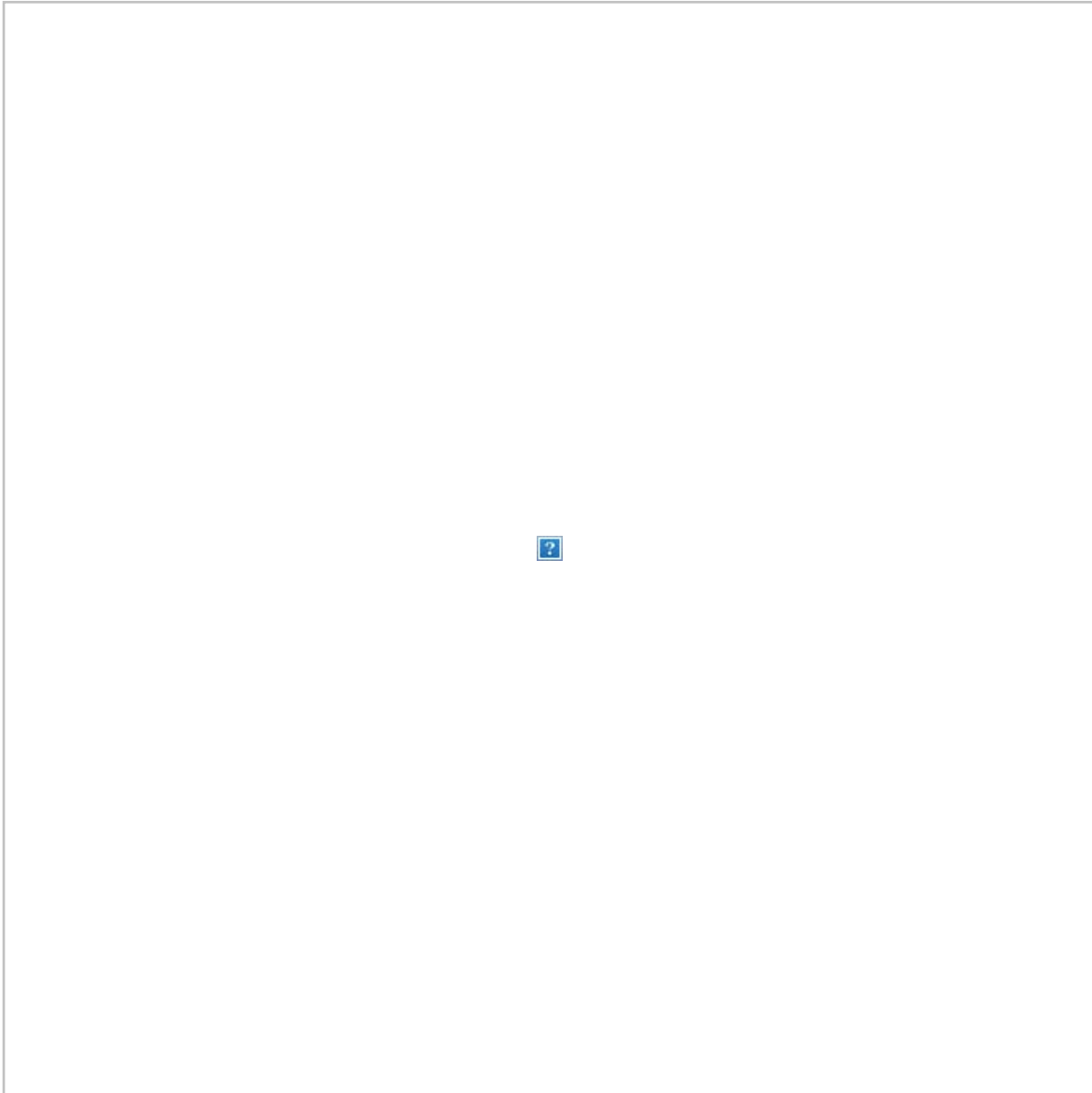
What is the story behind Trump's phone call with Taiwan?

#### **TRUMP'S NEW WORLD ORDER:**

-- **“Trump’s protocol-breaking telephone call with Taiwan’s leader was an intentionally provocative move,”** [Anne Gearan, Phil Rucker and Simon Denyer scoop](#). “The historic communication — the first between leaders of the United States and Taiwan since 1979 — was the product of months of quiet preparations and deliberations among Trump’s advisers about a new strategy for engagement with Taiwan that began even before he became the Republican presidential nominee, according to people involved in or briefed on the talks. The call also reflects the views of hard-line advisers urging Trump to take a tough opening line with China.”

**Some critics portrayed the move as the thoughtless blundering of a foreign policy novice, but other experts said it appeared calculated to signal a new, robust approach to relations with China. China**

reacted sternly to the Taiwan call, suggesting that it shows Trump's inexperience. But Stanford professor Gordon Chang, an Asia expert and author of "The Coming Collapse of China," said Trump's tweet Friday night that he had just accepted a call from Tsai was "not credible": "This has all the hallmarks of a prearranged phone call. It doesn't make sense that Tsai out of the blue would call Donald Trump. She is not known for taking big leaps into the unknown, and it would be politically embarrassing when it was learned that she called Trump and he would not take her call."



Priebus: Trump 'is a details guy'

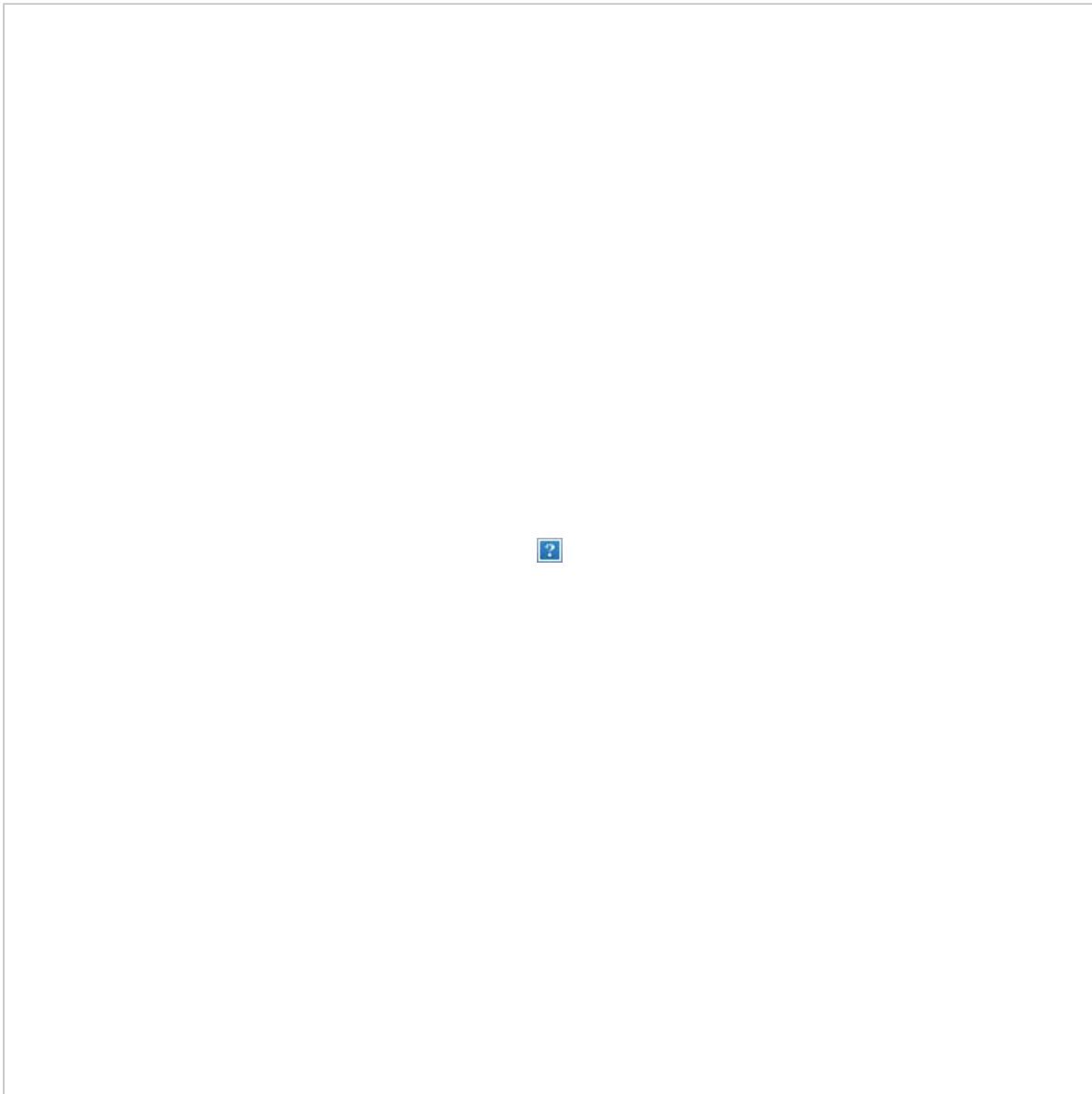
**-- Several leading members of Trump's transition team are considered hawkish on China and friendly toward Taiwan, especially incoming chief of staff Reince Priebus:** He visited Taiwan with a Republican delegation in 2011 and in October 2015, meeting Tsai before she was elected president. Taiwan Foreign Minister David Lee called him a friend of Taiwan and said his appointment as Trump's chief of staff was 'good news' for the island. Ed Feulner, former president of the Heritage Foundation, has for decades cultivated extensive ties with Taiwan, and he is also an adviser to Trump's transition team.

**-- MORE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Ivanka Trump's presence at her dad's meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe struck some as odd. It turns out that the soon-to-be first daughter is nearing a licensing deal with the Japanese apparel giant Sanei International, [both parties told The New York Times](#). "The largest shareholder of Sanei's parent company is the Development Bank of Japan, which is wholly owned by the Japanese government. ... Discussions for the deal have been active for about two**



years, Ms. Trump's company said. In that time, she has become something of a local fascination. 'At the moment,' said Sayumi Gunji, a lifestyle-magazine editor who attended the viewing, 'Ivanka is even more popular here than Mr. Trump.' ... Ms. Trump, the only sibling to match her father's instinct for self-commodification, has used the Trump Organization's payroll, information technology and human resources for her separate brand. Her website's domain was registered by Trump Organization lawyers."

**-- Meanwhile, Charlene Chen, claiming to be a representative of Trump's businesses, arrived Sept. 8 in Taiwan to explore investing in a redevelopment project south of Taiwan's biggest airport. [From the Times](#):** "I told them: Isn't Mr. Trump campaigning for president? Isn't he very busy?' the mayor, Cheng Wen-tsan, said ... 'They said she is a company representative. His company is still continuing to look for the world's best real estate projects, and they very much understand Taiwan' ... On Friday, Amanda Miller, a spokeswoman for the Trump Organization, said that there were 'no plans for expansion into Taiwan' and that there had been no 'authorized visits' to Taiwan to push for a development project.'" This was directly contradicted by a Facebook post from an executive at the company, who shared pictures from what she described as a work trip.



Jon Huntsman drops out of the 2012 presidential race at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center in January 2012. (Joe Raedle/Getty Images)

**THE APPRENTICE, FOGGY BOTTOM EDITION:**

-- **In a huge slap at Mitt Romney, Trump has added [longtime rival](#) Jon Huntsman into the mix for secretary of state:** Kellyanne Conway told reporters yesterday that he plans to interview additional candidates this week and does not want to rush the decision. "It is true that he's broadened the search, and the secretary of state is an incredibly important position for any president to fill," she said. "Evidence of the unease with Romney (among the base) was evident at Trump's first stop on a 'thank you' tour last week in Cincinnati, where chants of 'No Romney' broke out among the boisterous crowd," [John Wagner reports](#).

-- **David Petraeus, another finalist for Foggy Bottom, went on ABC's "This Week" yesterday in an effort to show Trump that he could successfully respond to questions about his mishandling of classified material during a potential Senate confirmation hearing.** The retired Army general acknowledged his mistake and said that "they'll have to factor that in and also obviously 38½ years of otherwise fairly, in some cases, unique service to our country in uniform and then at the CIA and then some four years or so in the business community." It went pretty well. Asked how he voted for, he said: "I don't vote. So that's an easy answer."

-- **Trump will also meet this week with two other new, long-shot contenders for State, [a source close to the transition told Politico's Alex Isenstadt](#): ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson and retired Navy Adm. James G. Stavridis.** (Clinton vetted Stavridis, dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, as a potential vice presidential prospect.)

-- **Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.) -- who has said that he is talking with Trump transition officials about the secretary of state position, although it's unclear how far those discussions have gone -- was on Fox News this morning to defend the president-elect's call with the president of Taiwan.** "I think it's terrific," Rohrabacher said, via Jenna Johnson. "It was a terrific message to them: We're no longer going to be pushovers, and there's going to be consequences for their hostile and aggressive actions." Rohrabacher said that he agrees with the president-elect on most issues -- including "establishing a positive relationship" with Russia to fight terrorism, an idea that worries many Republicans and Democrats. "Russia and the people of Russia are good people, and they have a chance to work with them to defeat this evil that threatens the planet right now."

-- **Speaking of Russia: Vladimir Putin delivered something of a backhanded compliment to Trump on Sunday.** "To the extent that he was able to achieve success in business, this shows that he's a smart person," Putin said in a TV interview. "And *if* he's a smart person, that means that he will totally and quite quickly understand the different level of his responsibility [as a statesman]. We presume that he will act based on this position." Andrew Roth, one of our men in Moscow, [reads between the lines](#): "Trump has said that he wants to establish better relations with Putin ... While that presents opportunities for the Kremlin, Putin's remarks also signaled concerns, voiced by insiders, that Trump could be an unpredictable partner. Putin called Trump 'talented' and 'colorful' during the campaign (Trump said Putin had called him 'a genius,' thanks to a mistranslation), but the Kremlin has been reserved in its praise since Trump won the presidency last month."

Terry Branstad sits in his office at the Iowa state capitol. (Patrick Semansky/AP)</p>□

Terry Branstad sits in his office at the Iowa state capitol. (Patrick Semansky/AP)

-- **Bloomberg reports that Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, a longtime friend of Chinese President Xi Jinping, is the frontrunner to be U.S. ambassador to China.** [From Kevin Cirilli and Jennifer Jacobs](#): “The longest-serving governor in U.S. history, Branstad will be in New York (this) week for previously scheduled work related to Iowan economic development. ... Trump will be in Iowa on Dec. 8 for a stop on his post-election victory tour. ... ‘I am not ruling anything out,’ Branstad said on Nov. 19 at an annual fundraiser, the Des Moines Register reported. ... Two days before the Nov. 8 election, during a rally in Sioux City, Trump singled out Branstad as an ideal liaison to China. ... Branstad and Xi met when China’s leader made his first trip to Iowa in 1985 during a sister-state exchange. At the time Xi was a young agricultural official from Hebei province, working as director of the Feed Association of Shijiazhuang Prefecture.”

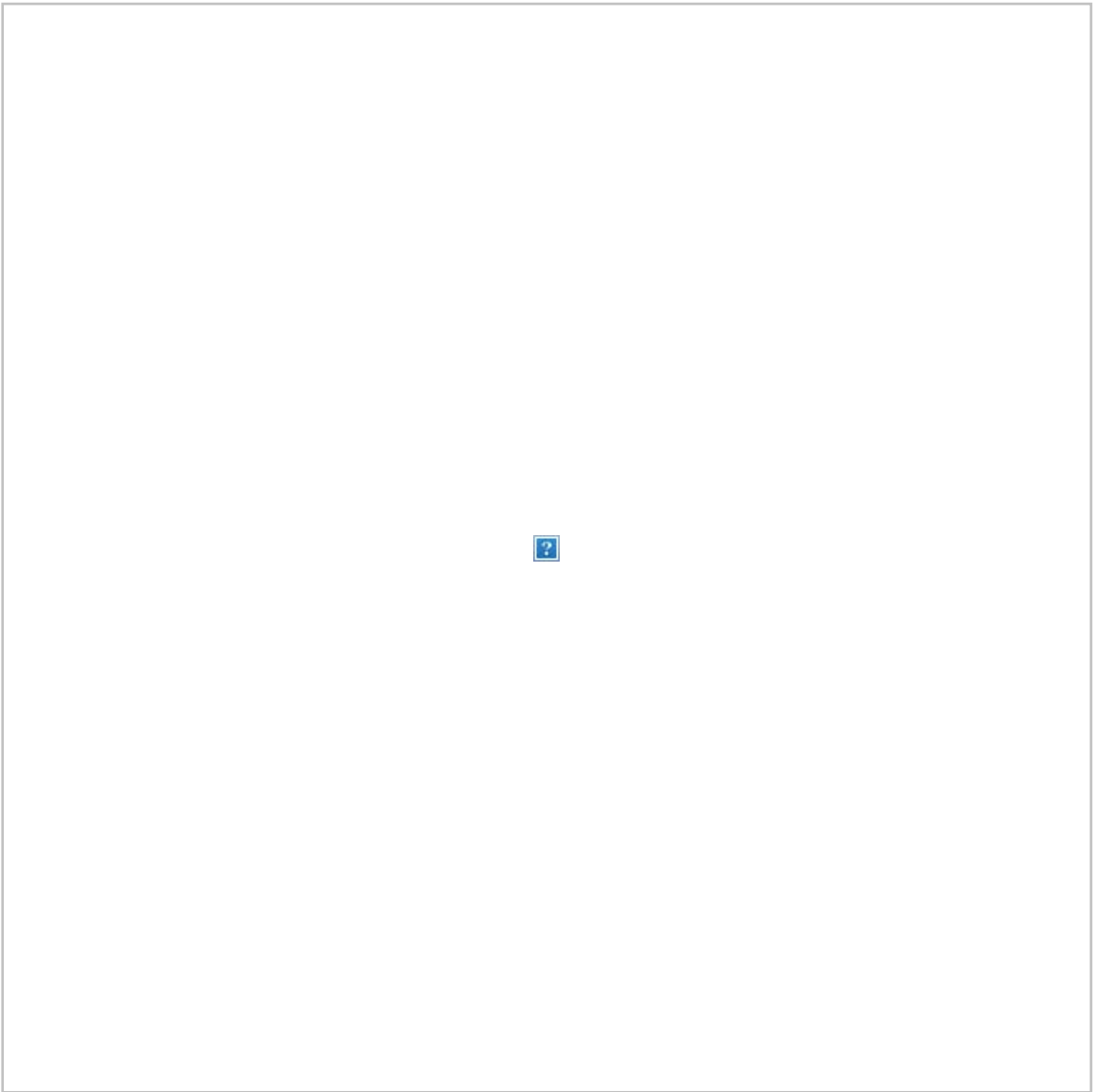
-- **New York Jets owner Woody Johnson is under consideration for ambassador to the U.K., per Page Six’s Ian Mohr and Emily Smith.** Other Trump donors being mentioned for coveted diplomatic postings: Real estate mogul Peter Kalikow could be in the running for an ambassadorship to Italy. Hedge funder Duke Buchan III is being considered for a diplomatic post in Spain. Insiders say Georgette Mosbacher could be in line for a post in Ireland or Belgium.



-- Want a job in the Trump administration? **The Plum Book, an official listing of the 9,000 political jobs that will be available in Trump's executive branch, just published.** But don't count on all of them to be filled, [Lisa Rein notes](#), as the president-elect has pledged to significantly slash the size of the federal government. "One transition official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to be candid, described recent conversations on the team as it considers how to shape the federal government in the Trump era. 'Oh, they had five people doing that? We're only going to hire two,' the staff has discussed, according to the official ... **As of Friday, 65,800 men and women had applied to serve in the Trump administration through the website GreatAgain.gov.**" Get your copy today at 10 a.m. at the Government Publishing Office bookstore at 710 N. Capitol St. NW or [digitally here](#).

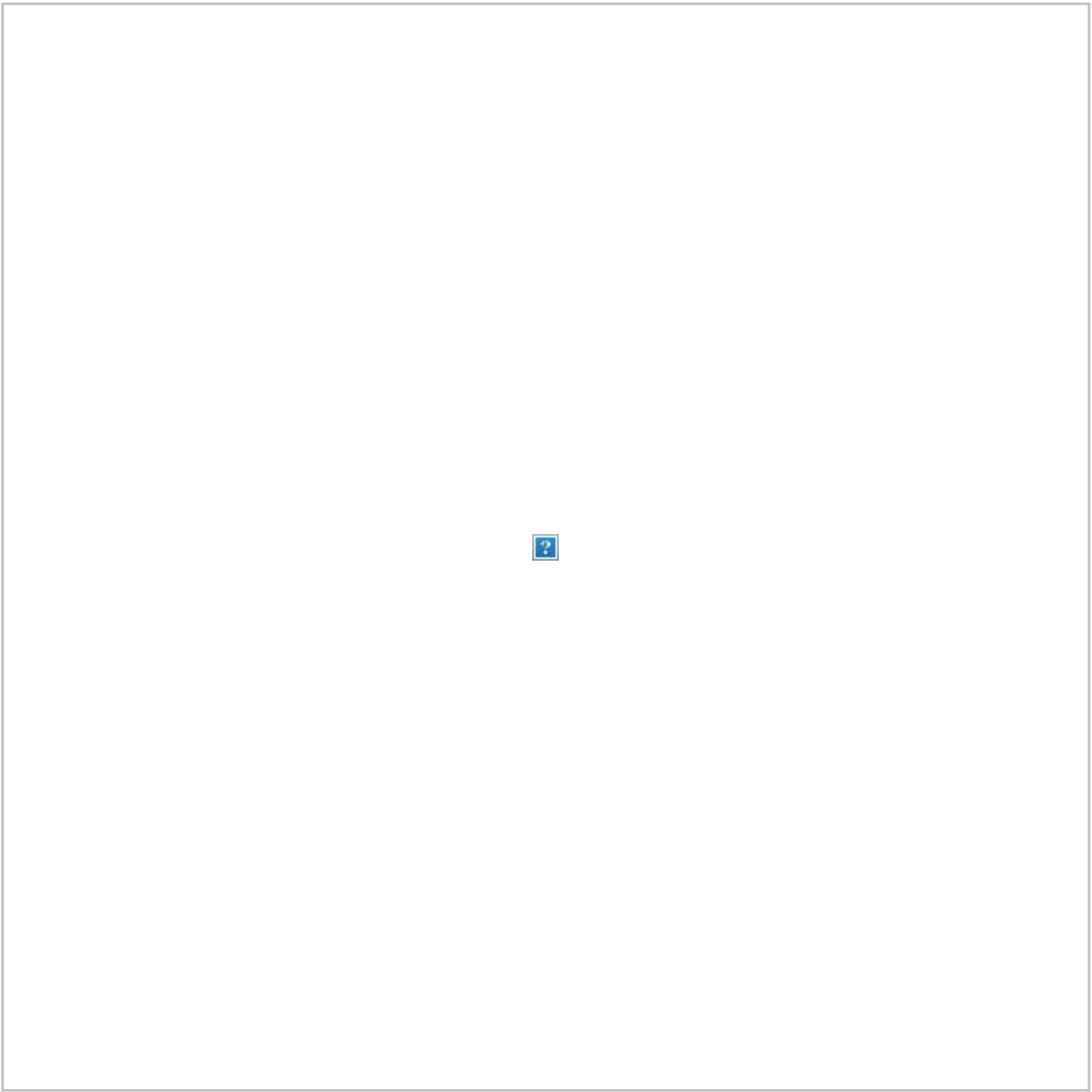
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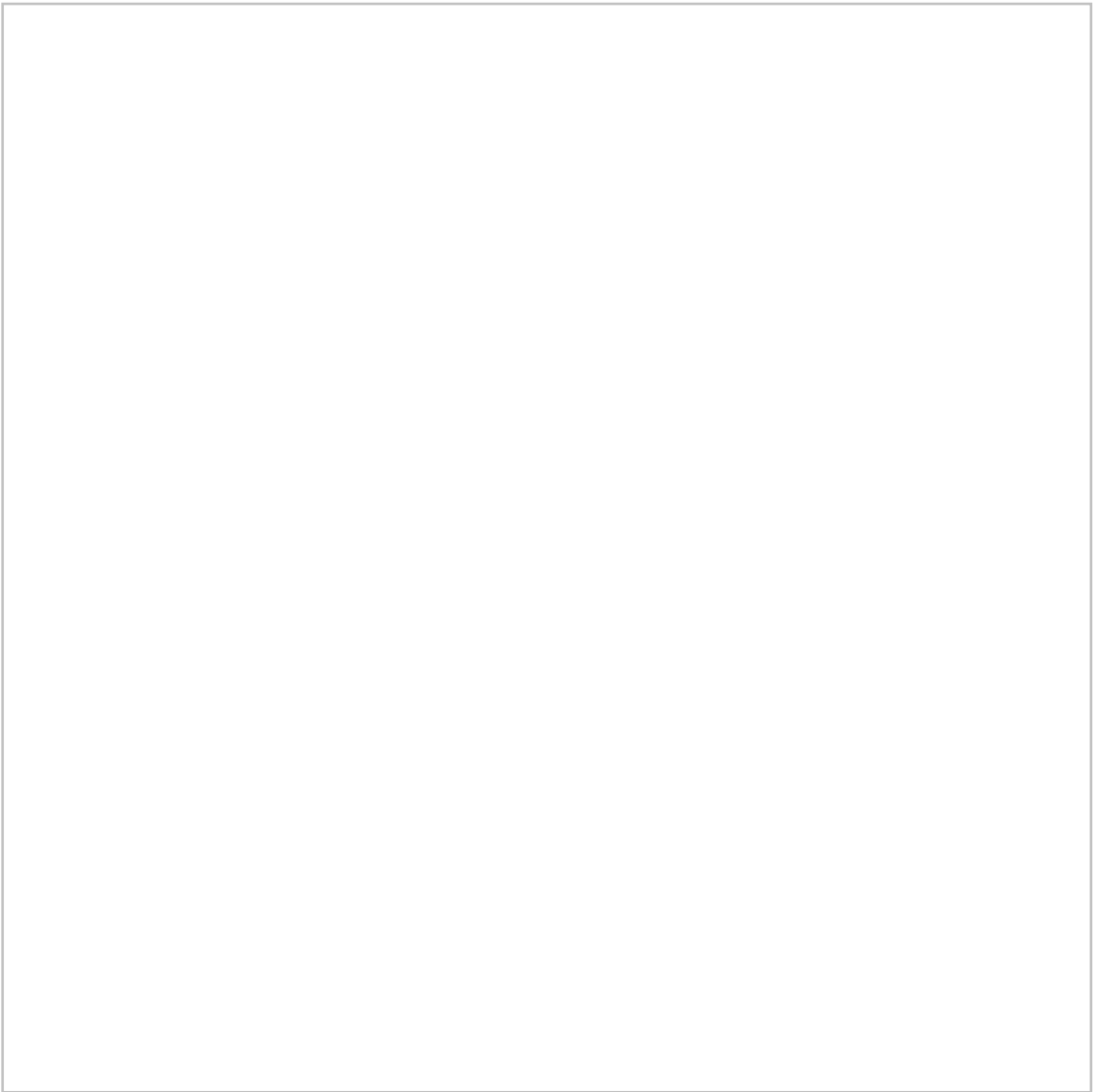
What Trump and Conway did this weekend, in part:



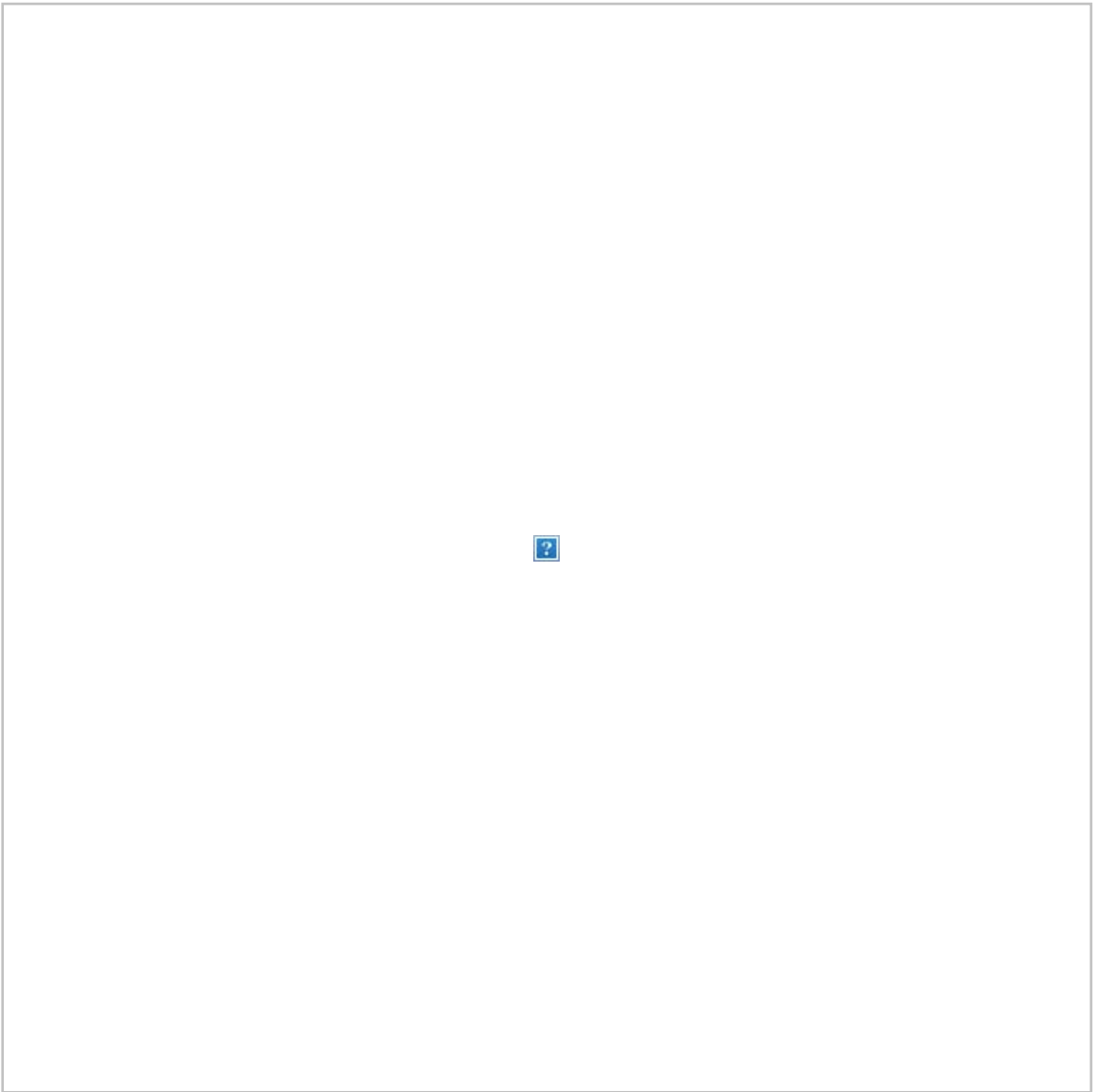
Without any explanation, 29 weeks after posting it, Trump deleted this tweet at 3:30 a.m. yesterday: “Duck Dynasty' star Phil Robertson says he'll back Trump for president.” ([Via Politwoops](#))

Trump's vow to levy a 35 percent tax on companies that ship jobs overseas drew a swift rebuke from Republicans Justin Amash and Ben Sasse:



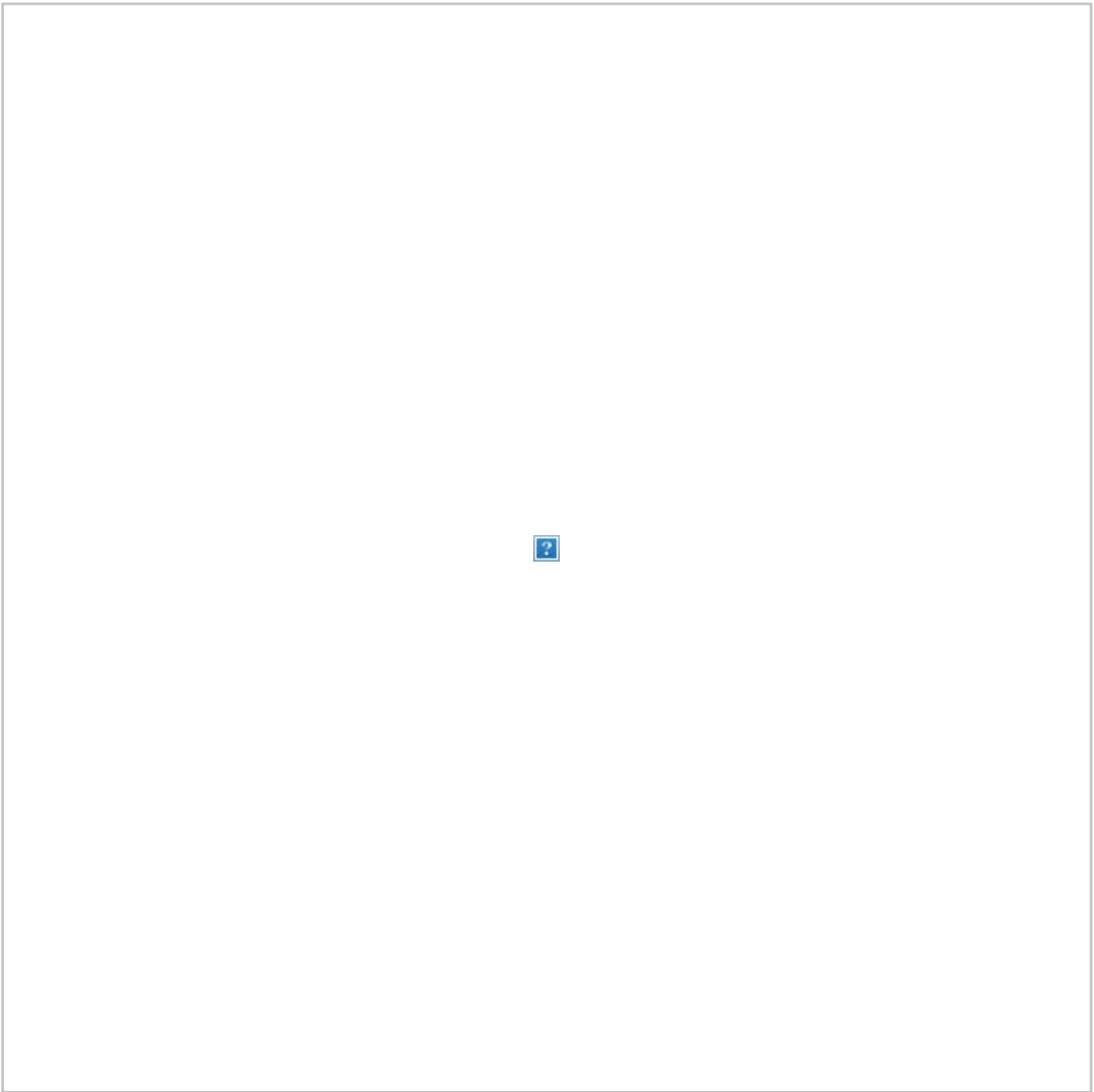


Check out these reactions to Trump's call with Taiwan, starting with the former assistant Secretary of State for East Asia under President George W. Bush:

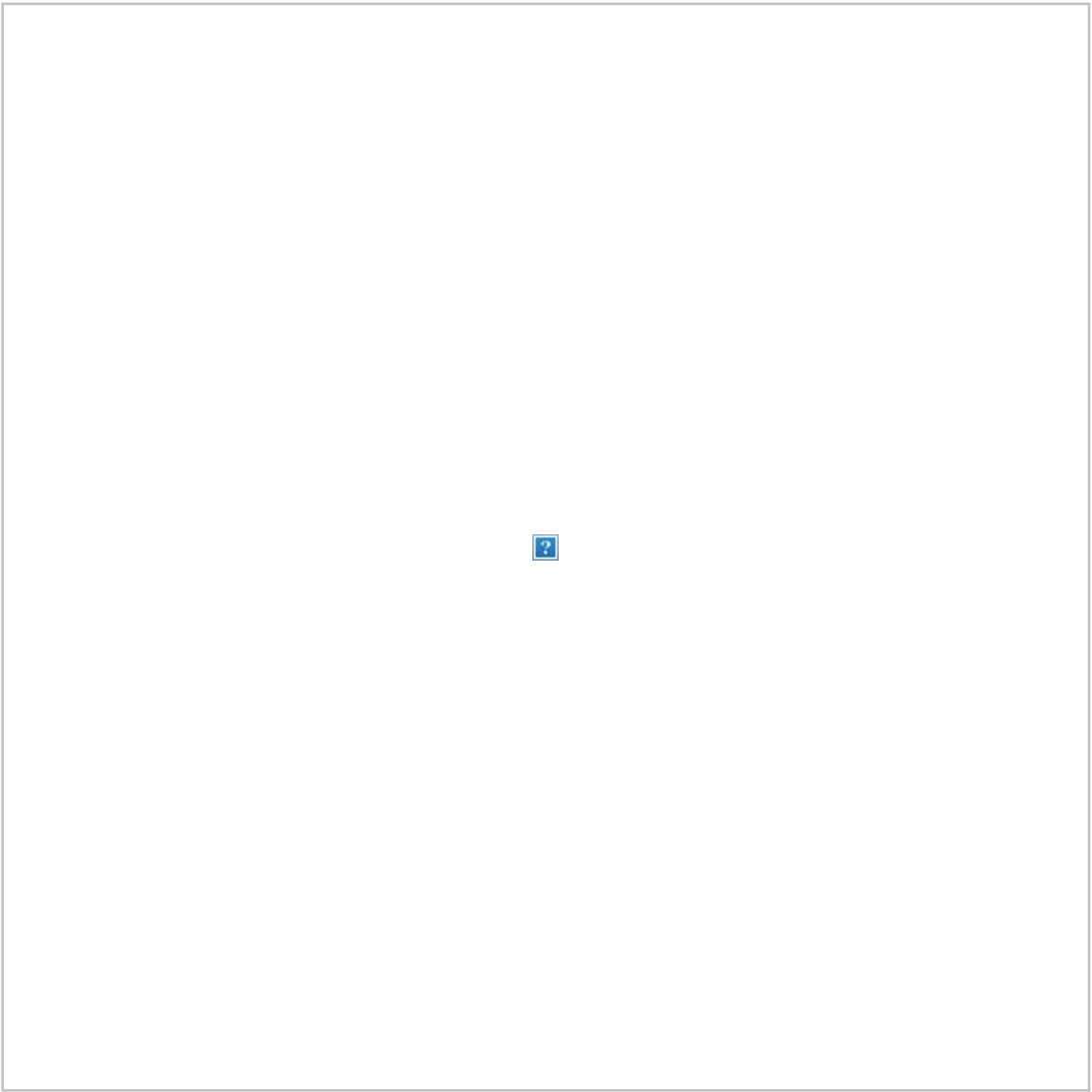


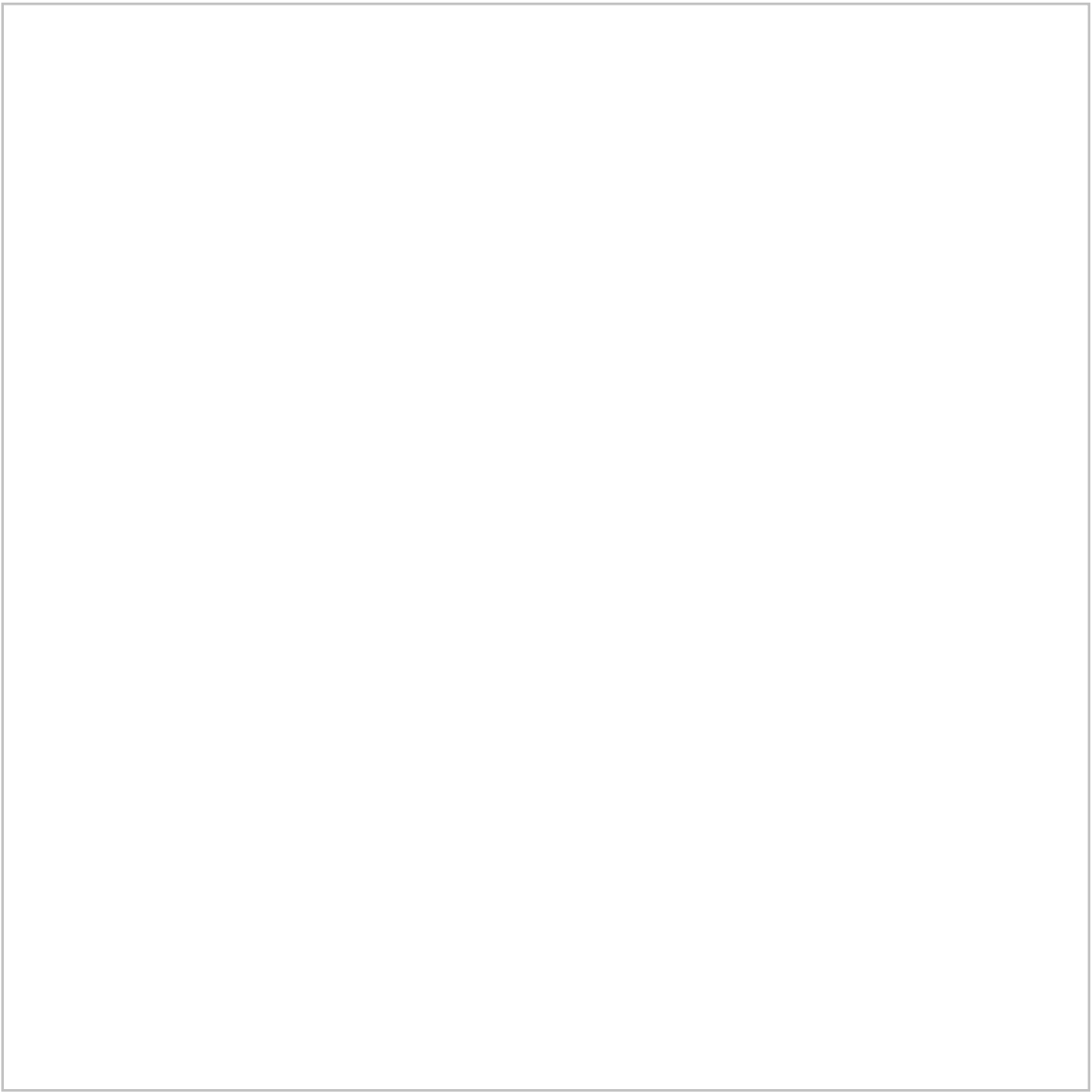
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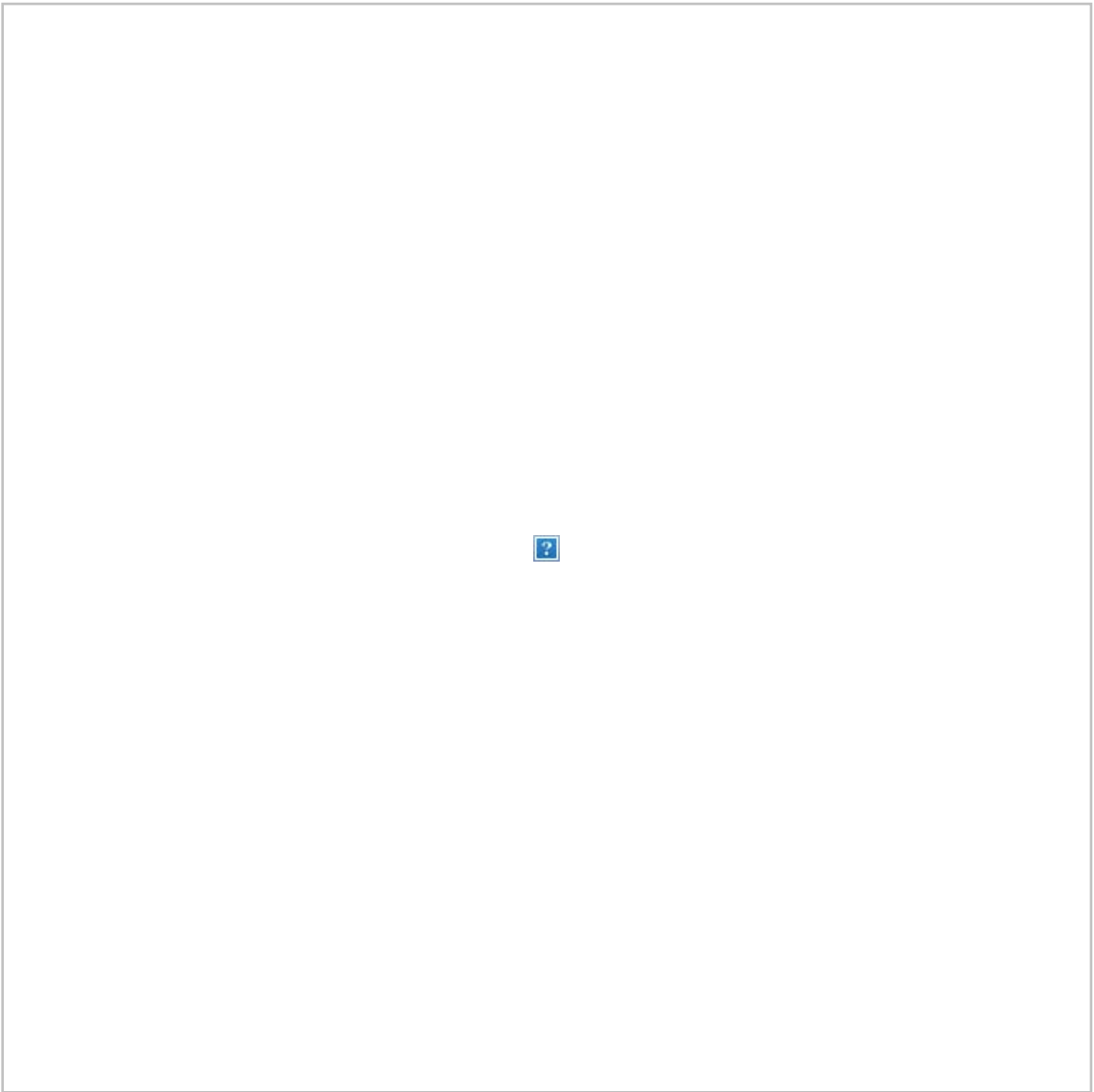


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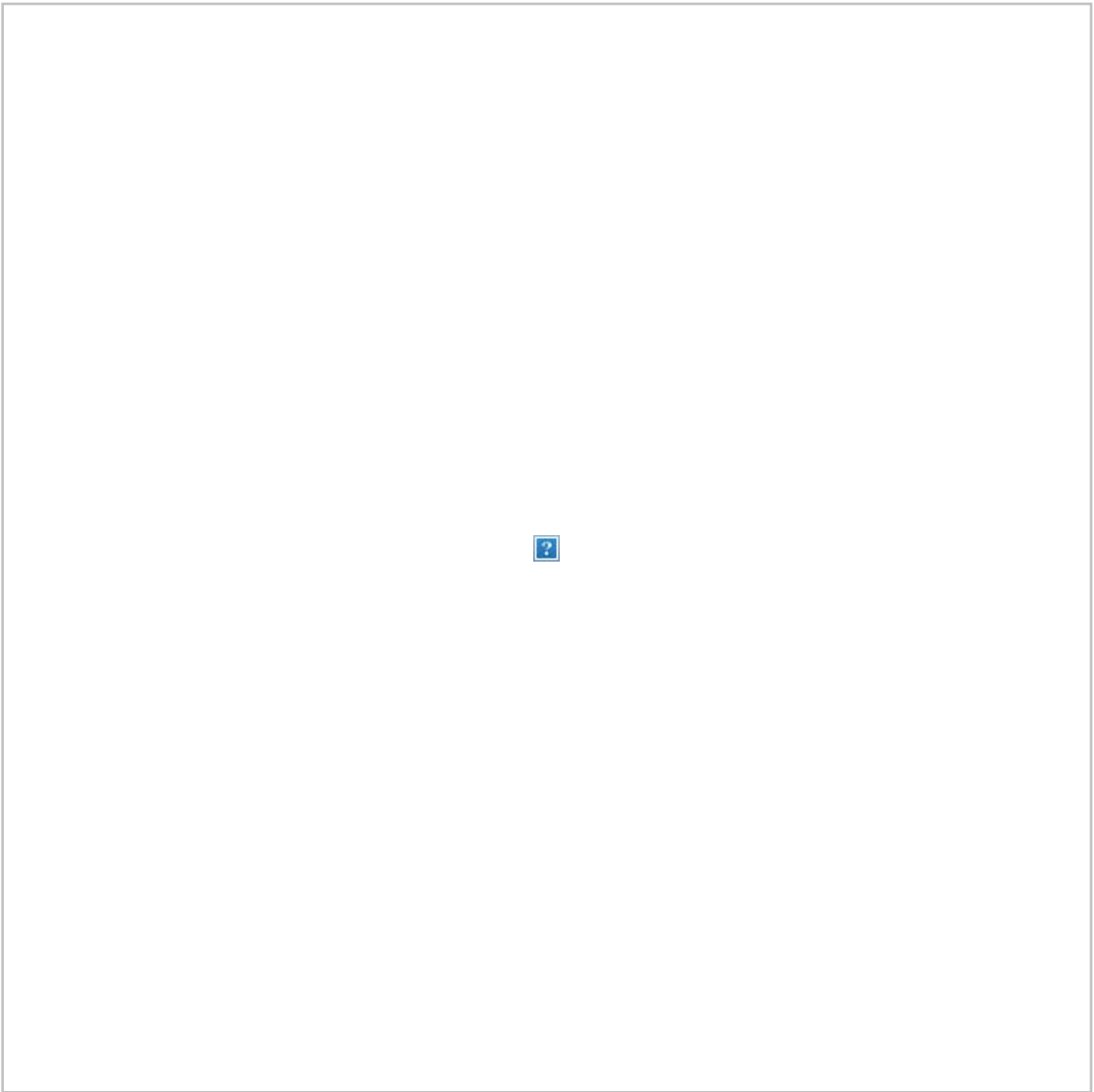




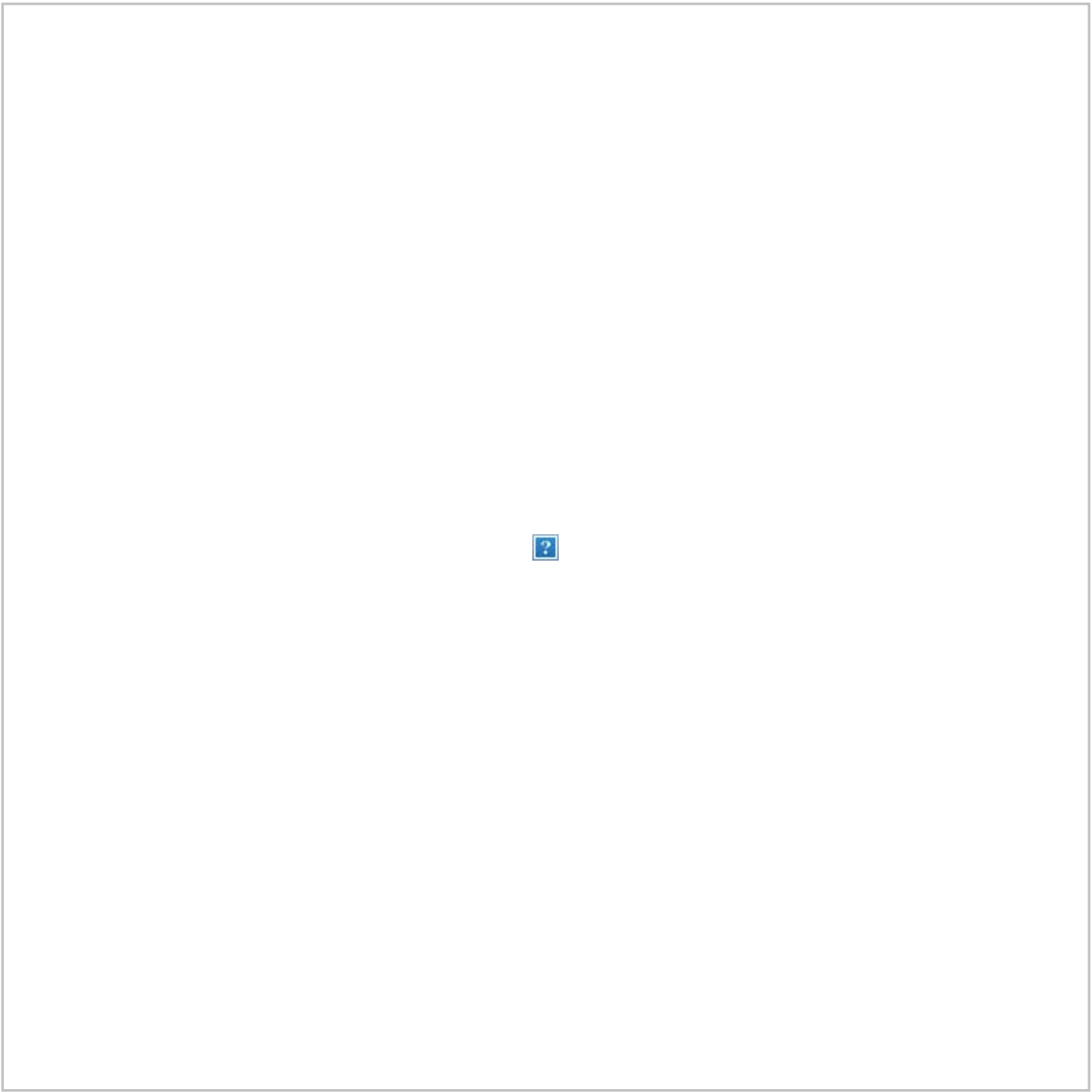
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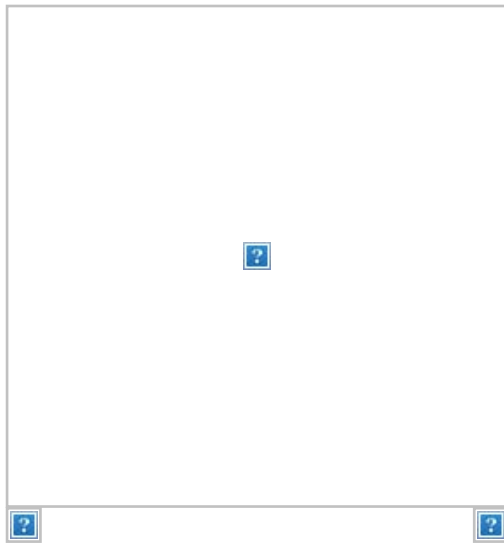
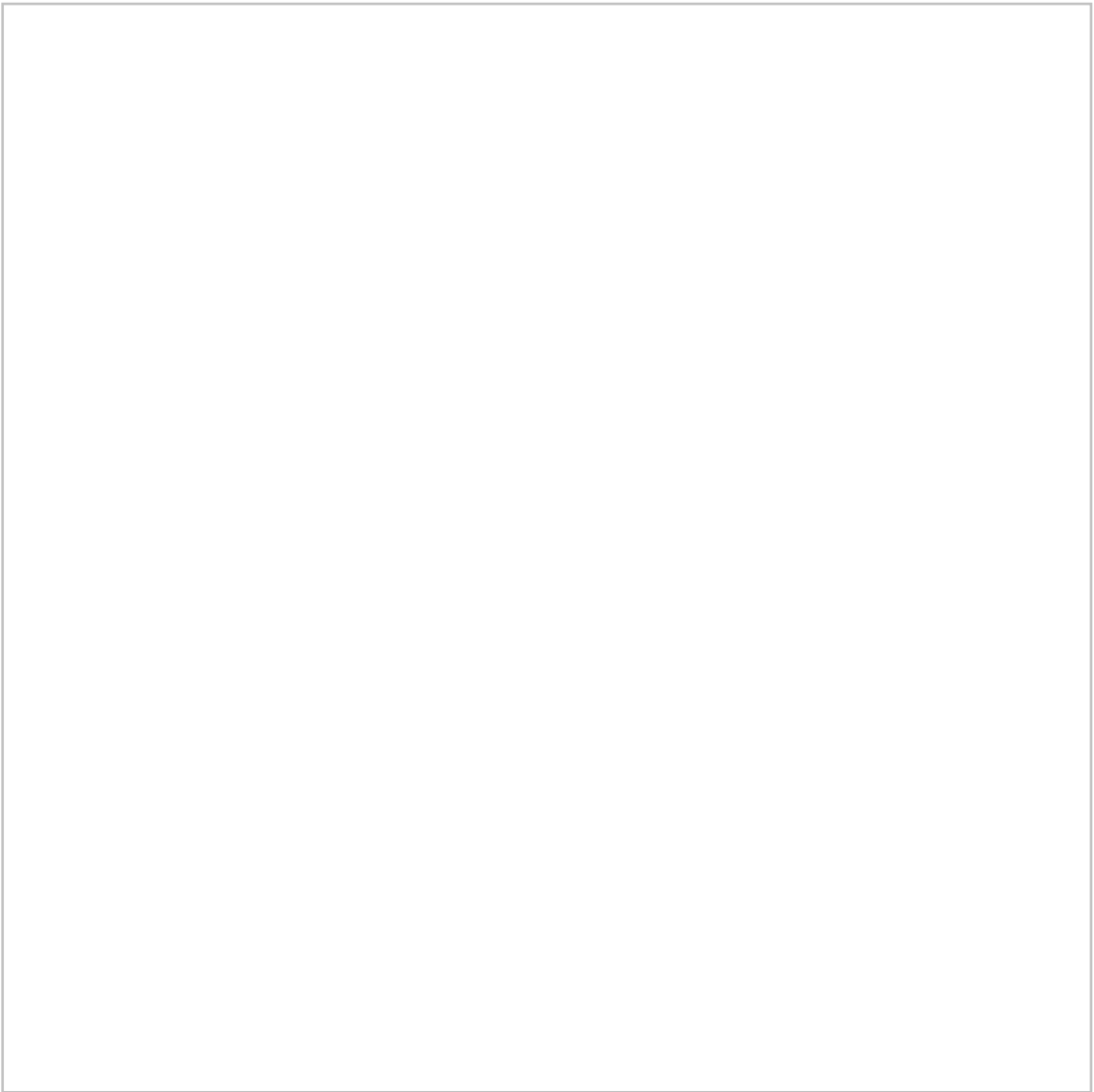


Shen Dingli, a well-respected Chinese academic and professor of international relations:

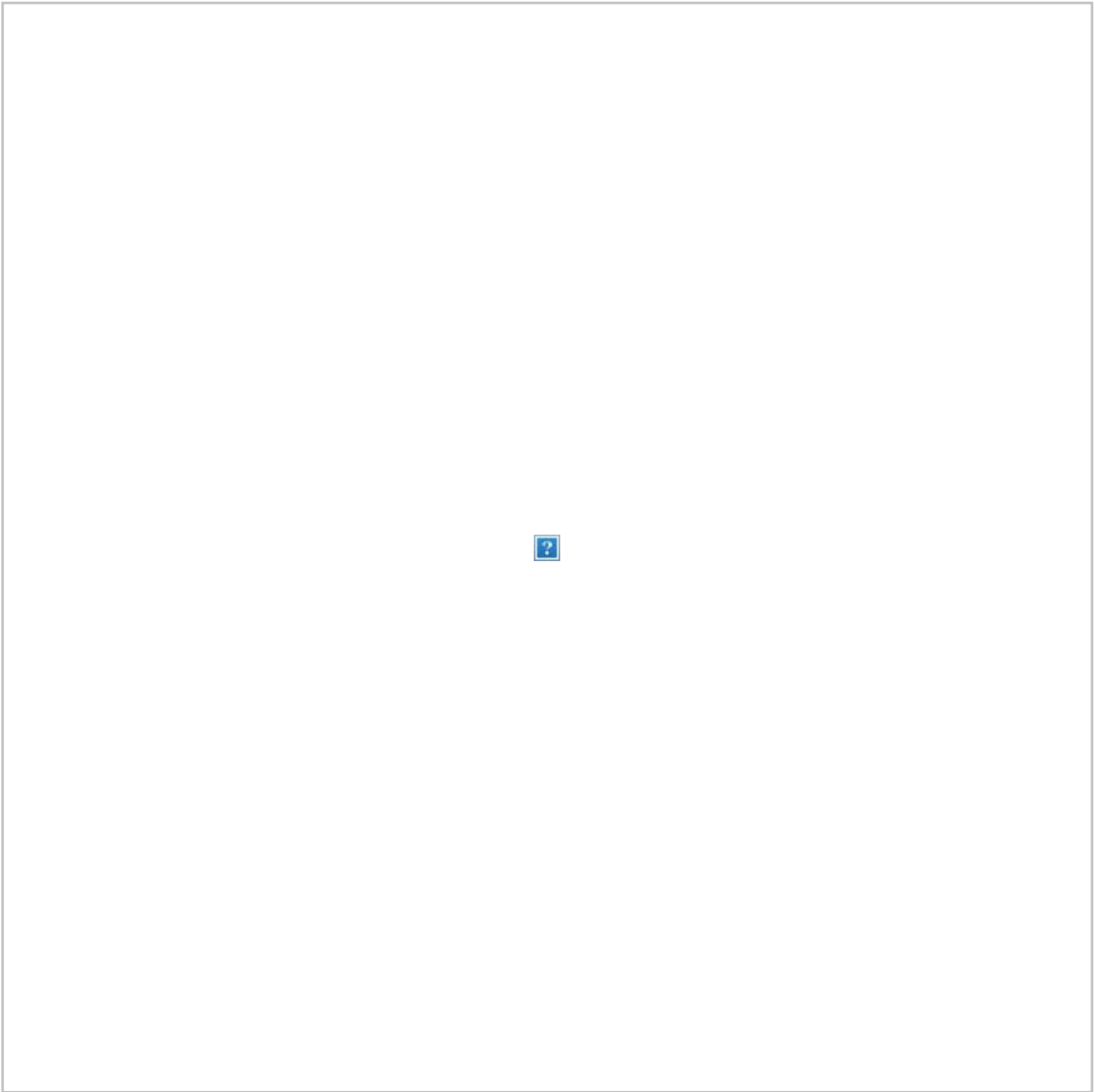


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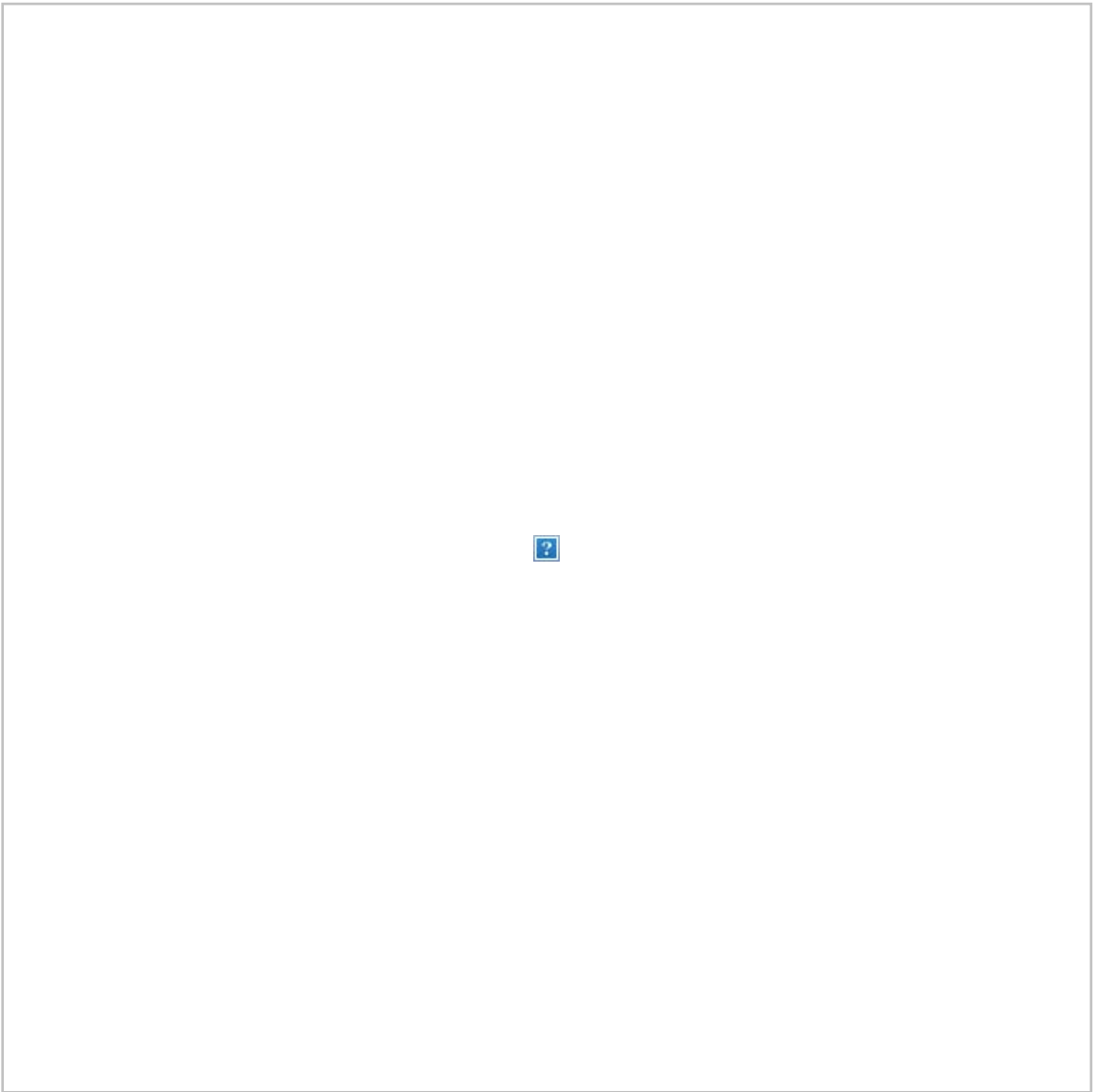


Trump is not fielding every call from a foreign leader. It was Pence who spoke with King Abdullah:

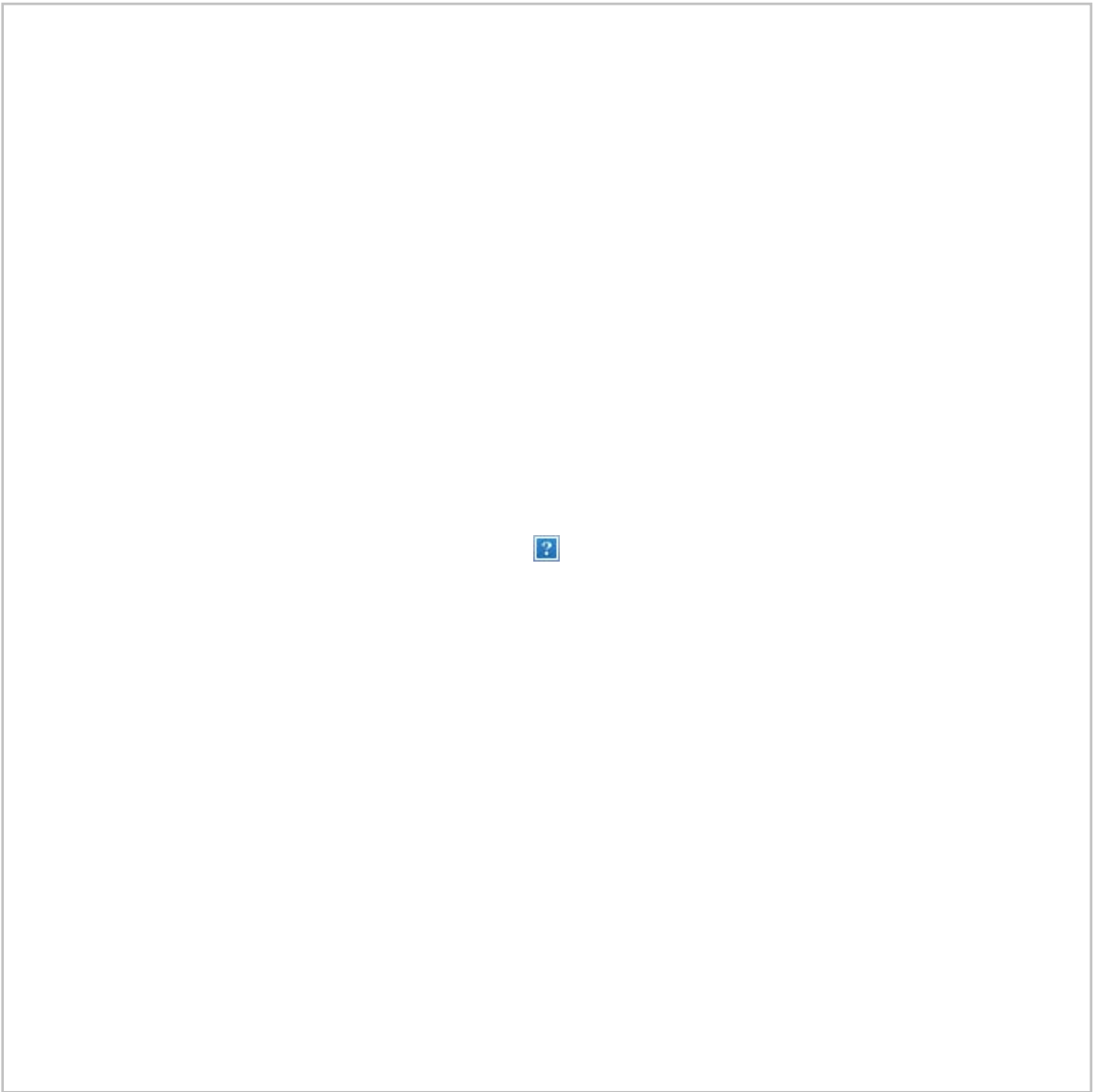


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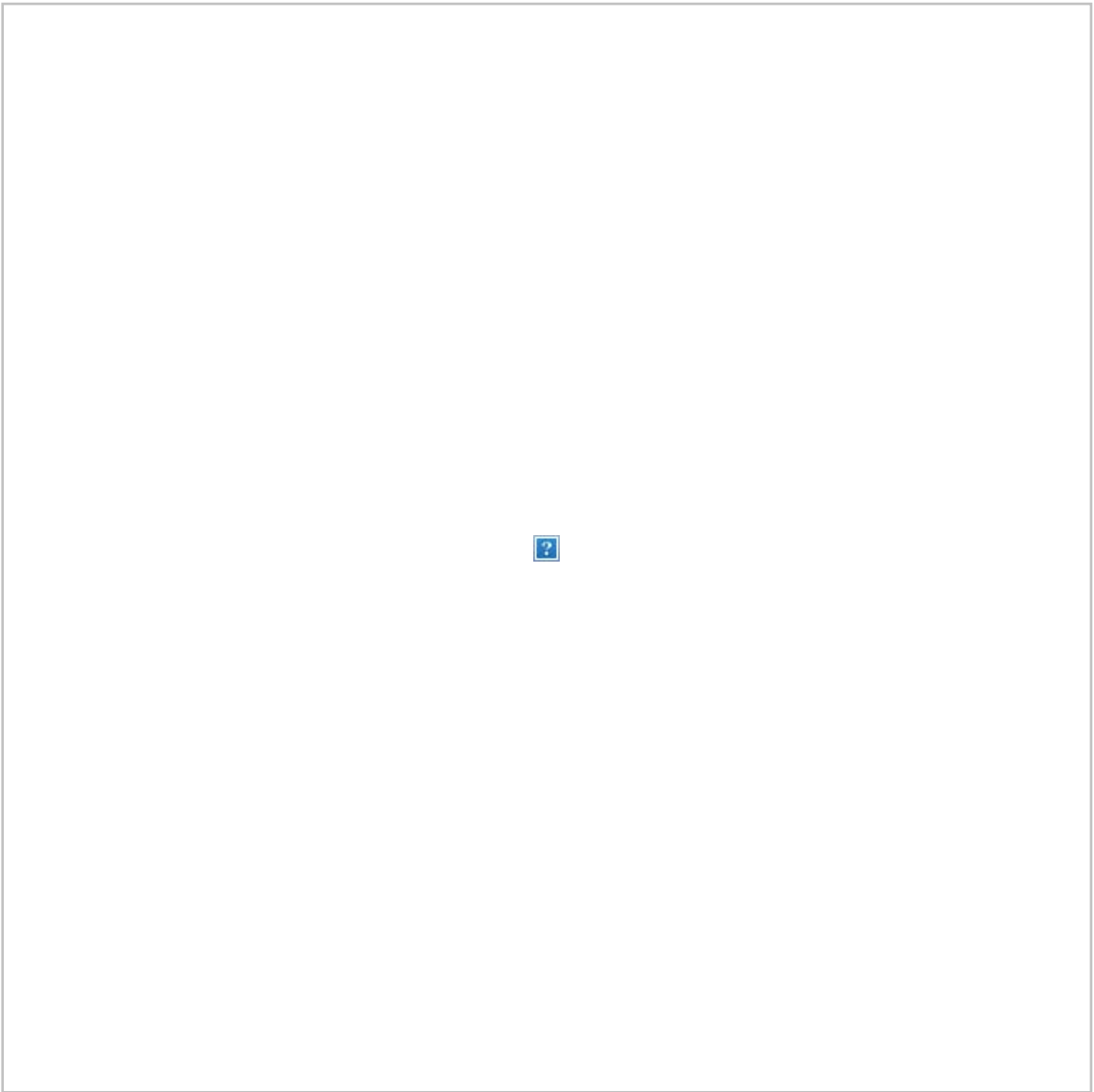




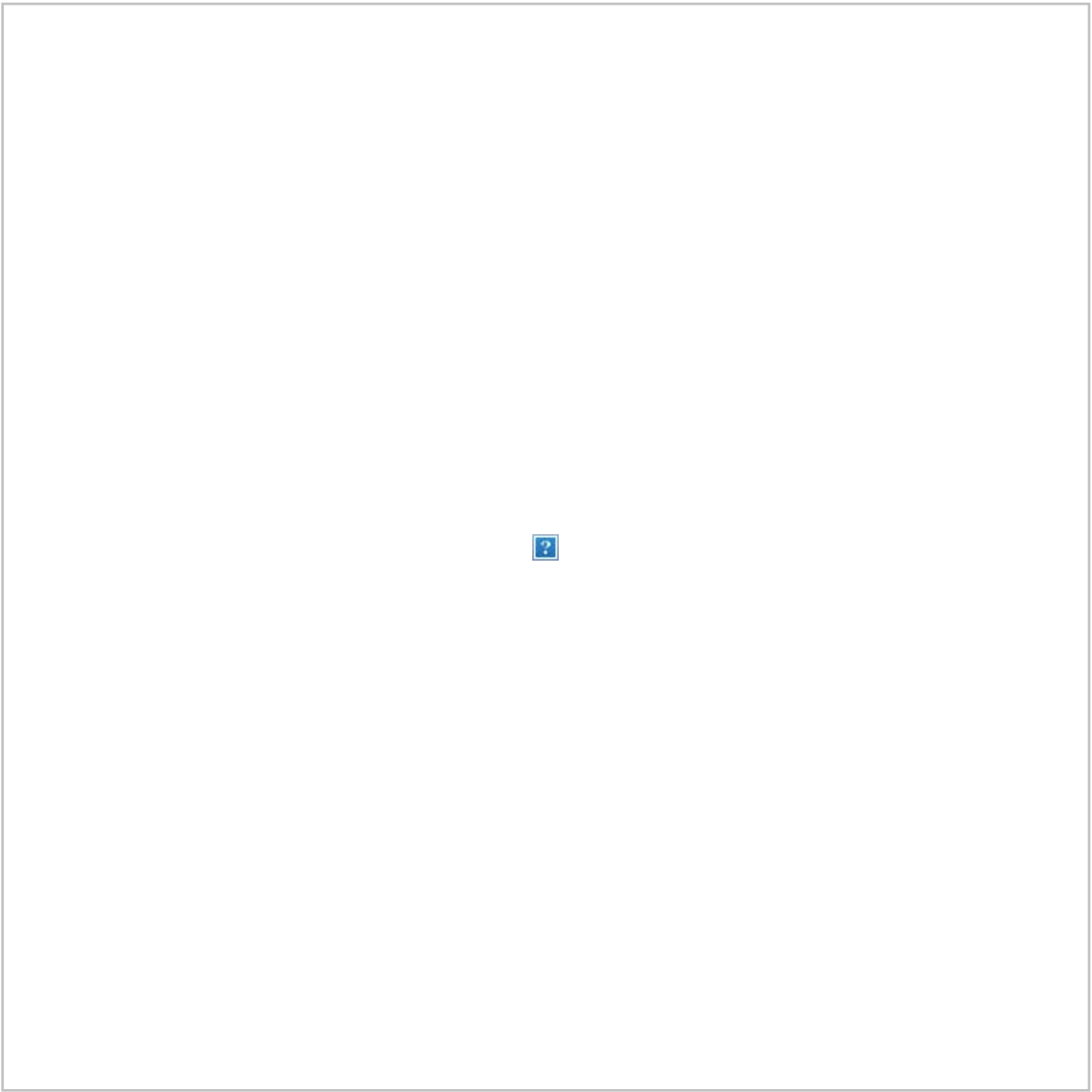
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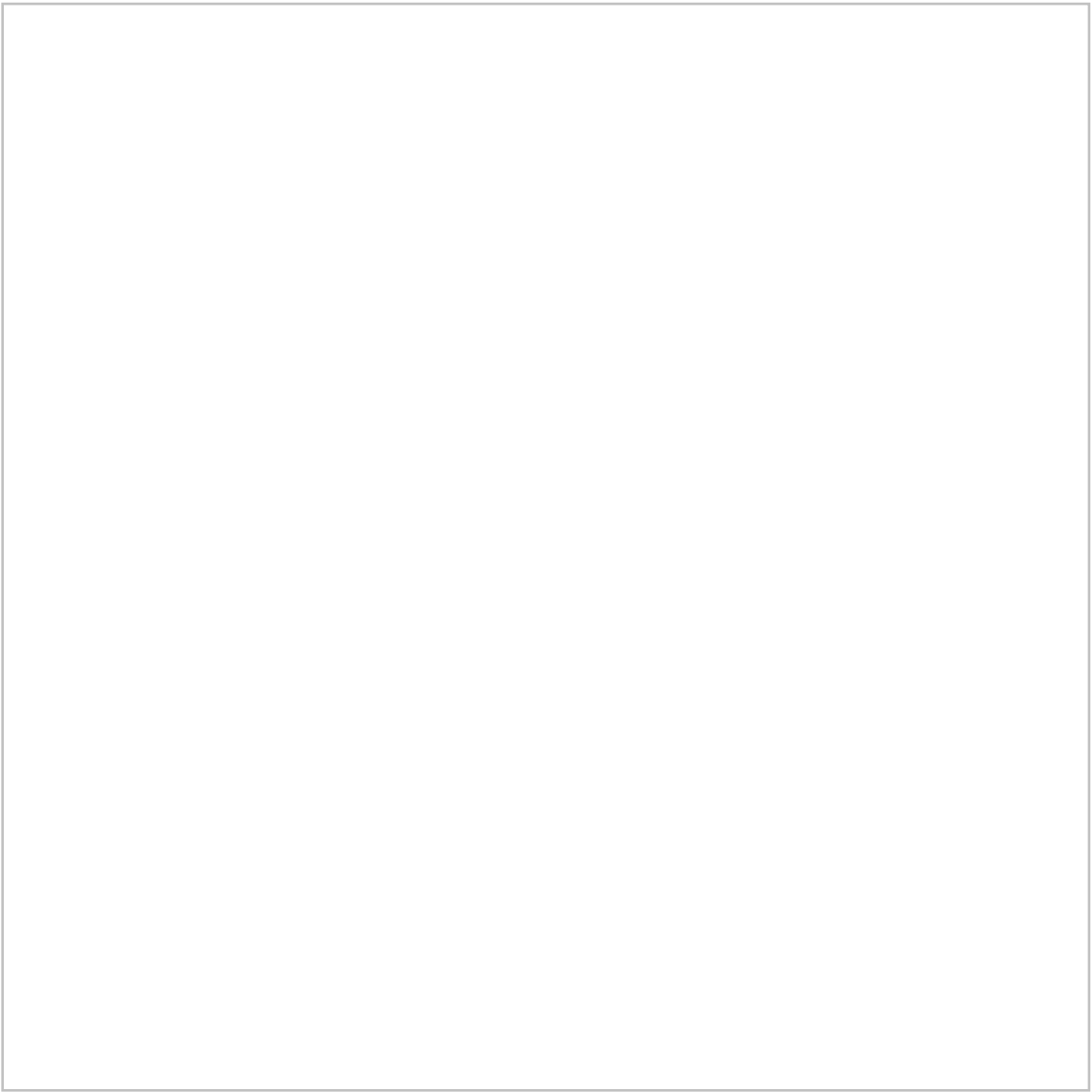


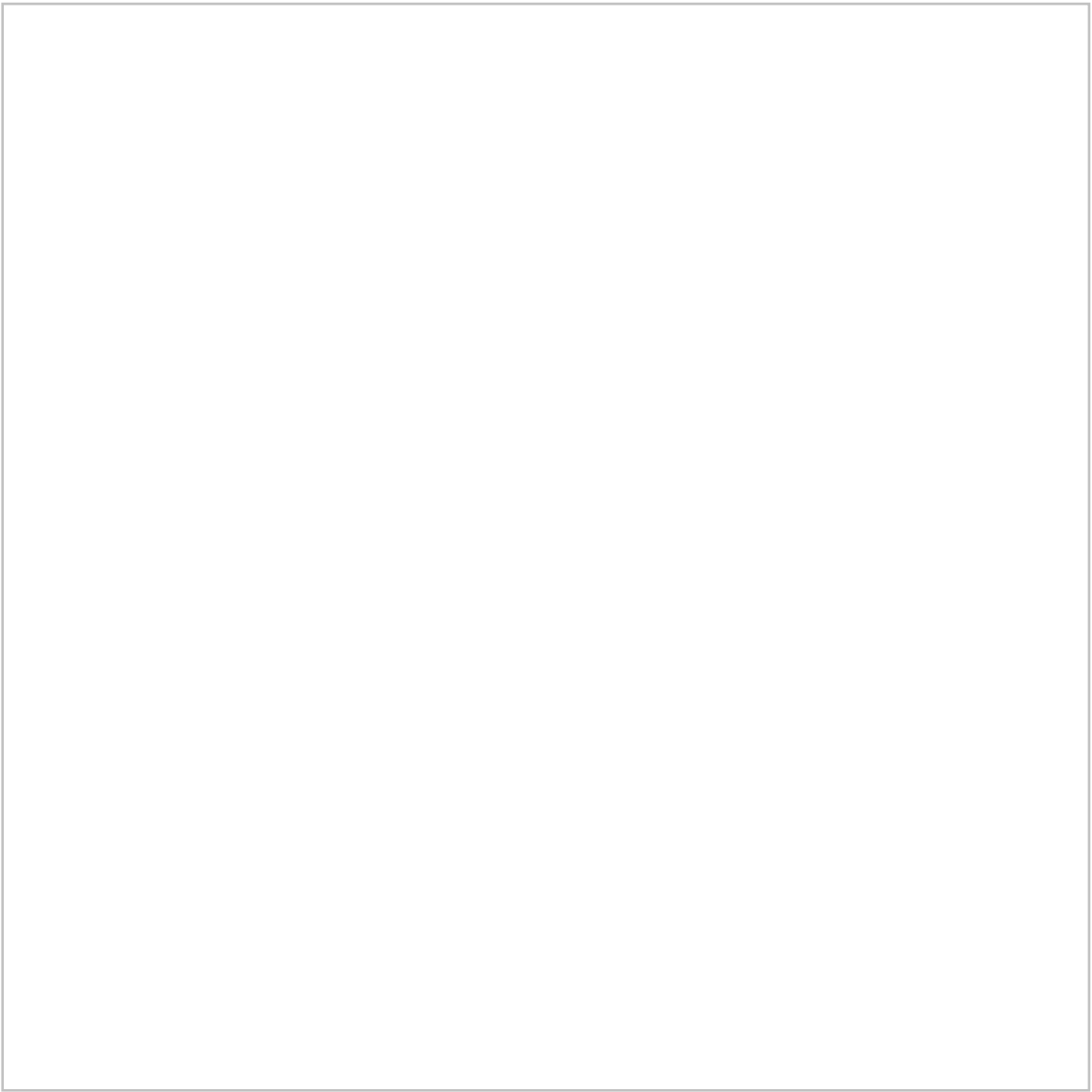
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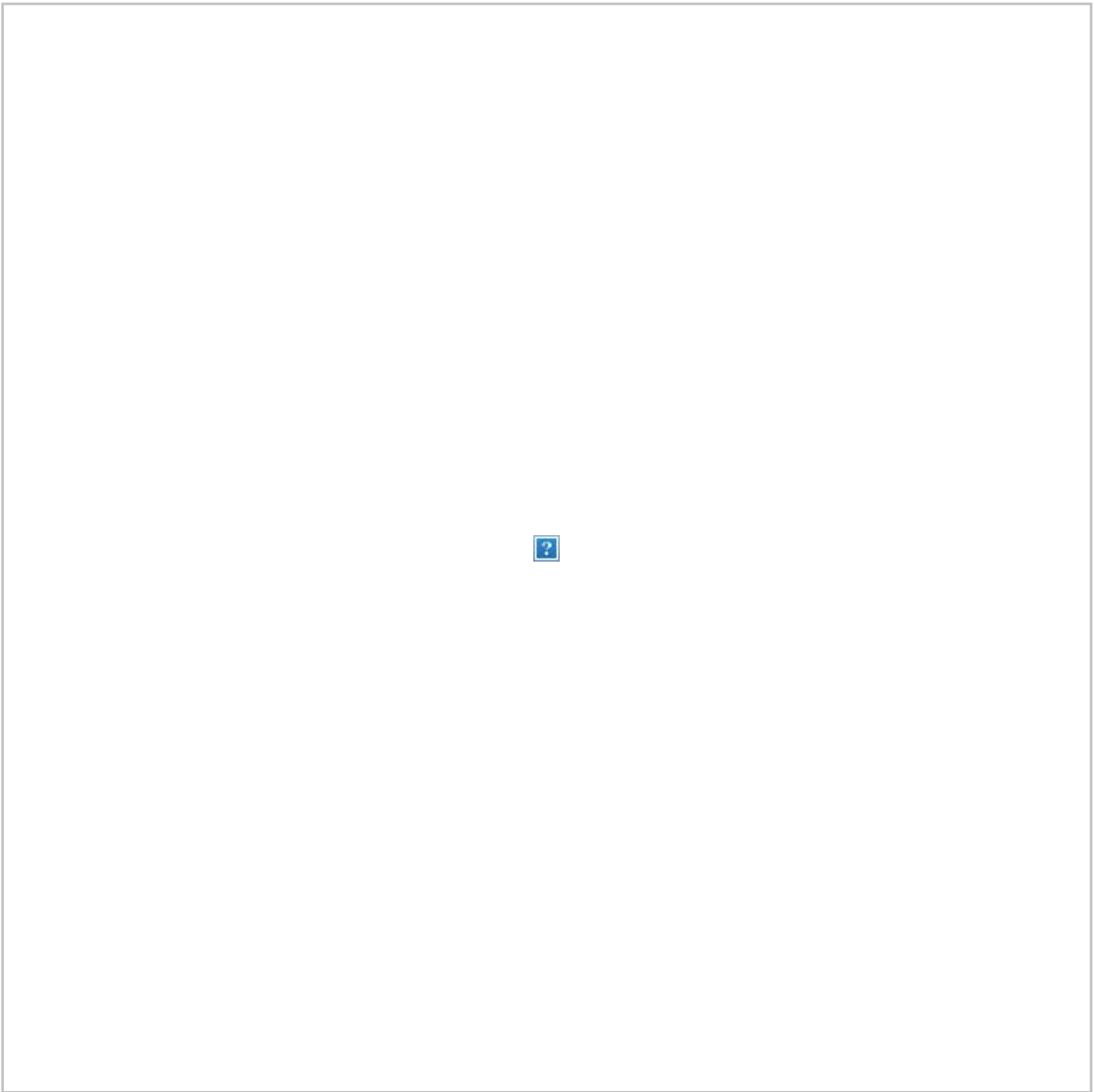
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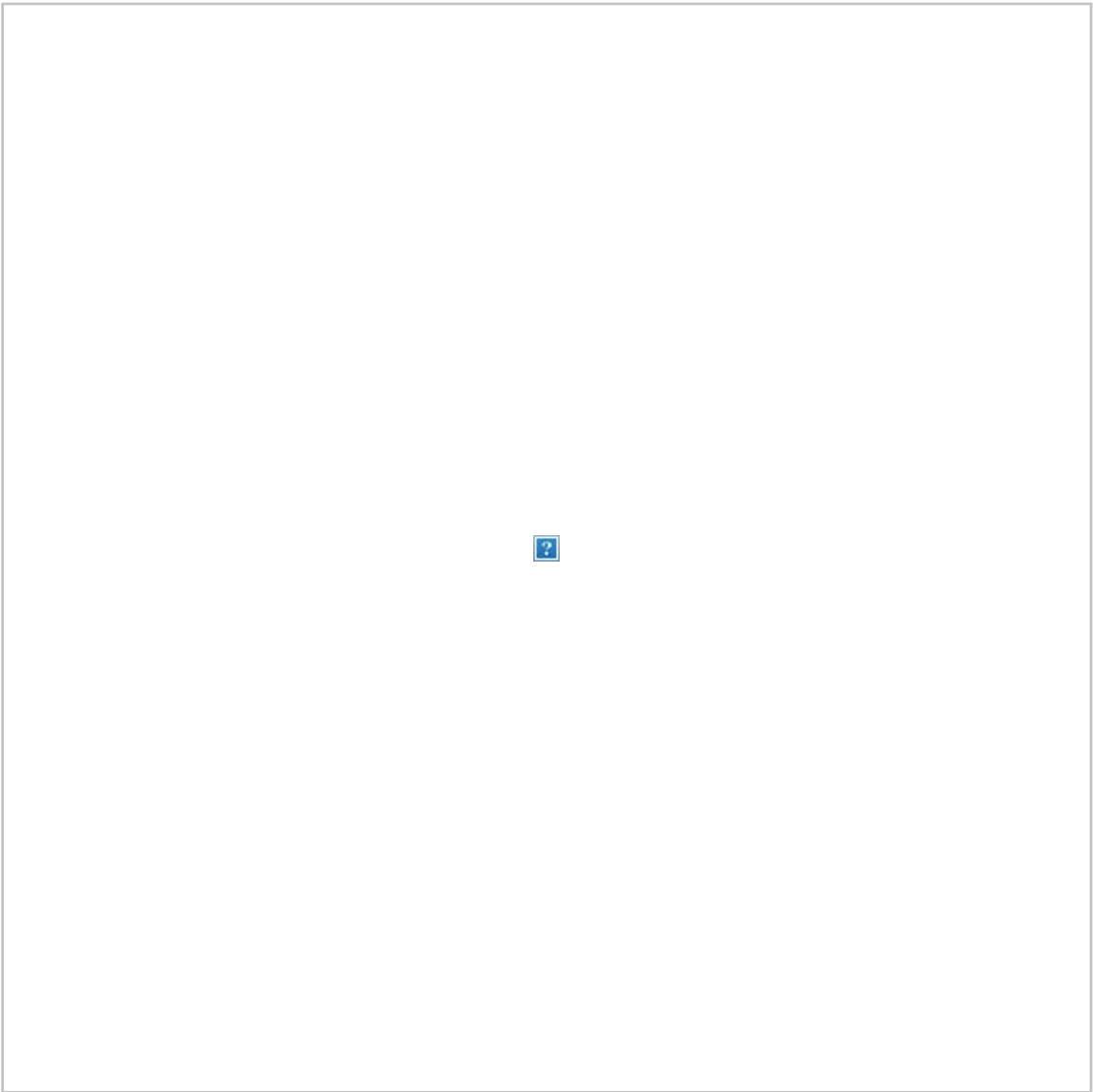




Bobby Scott and Charles Rangel celebrated Founders Day for Alpha Phi Alpha:

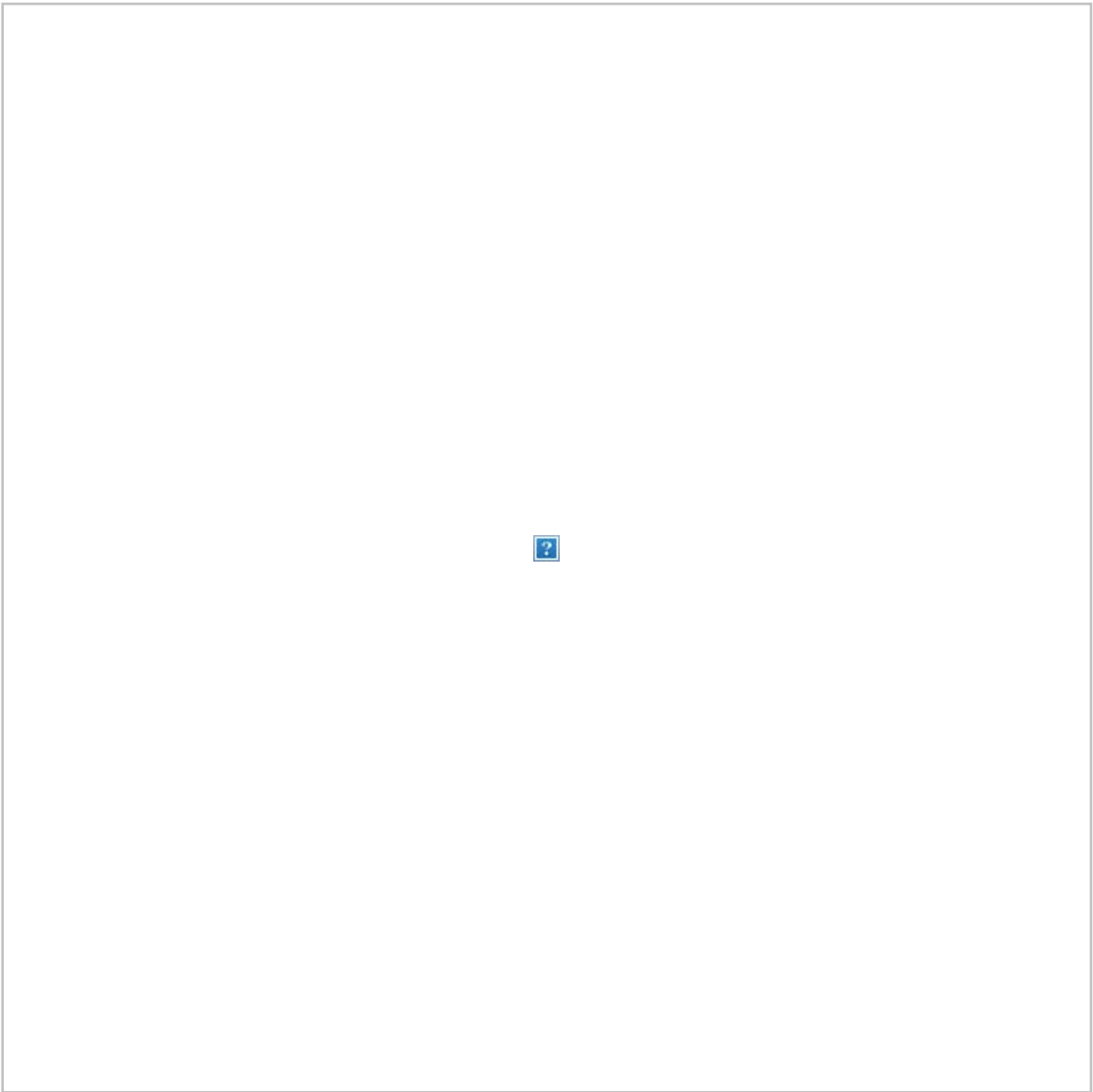


Outgoing House members have left their offices:

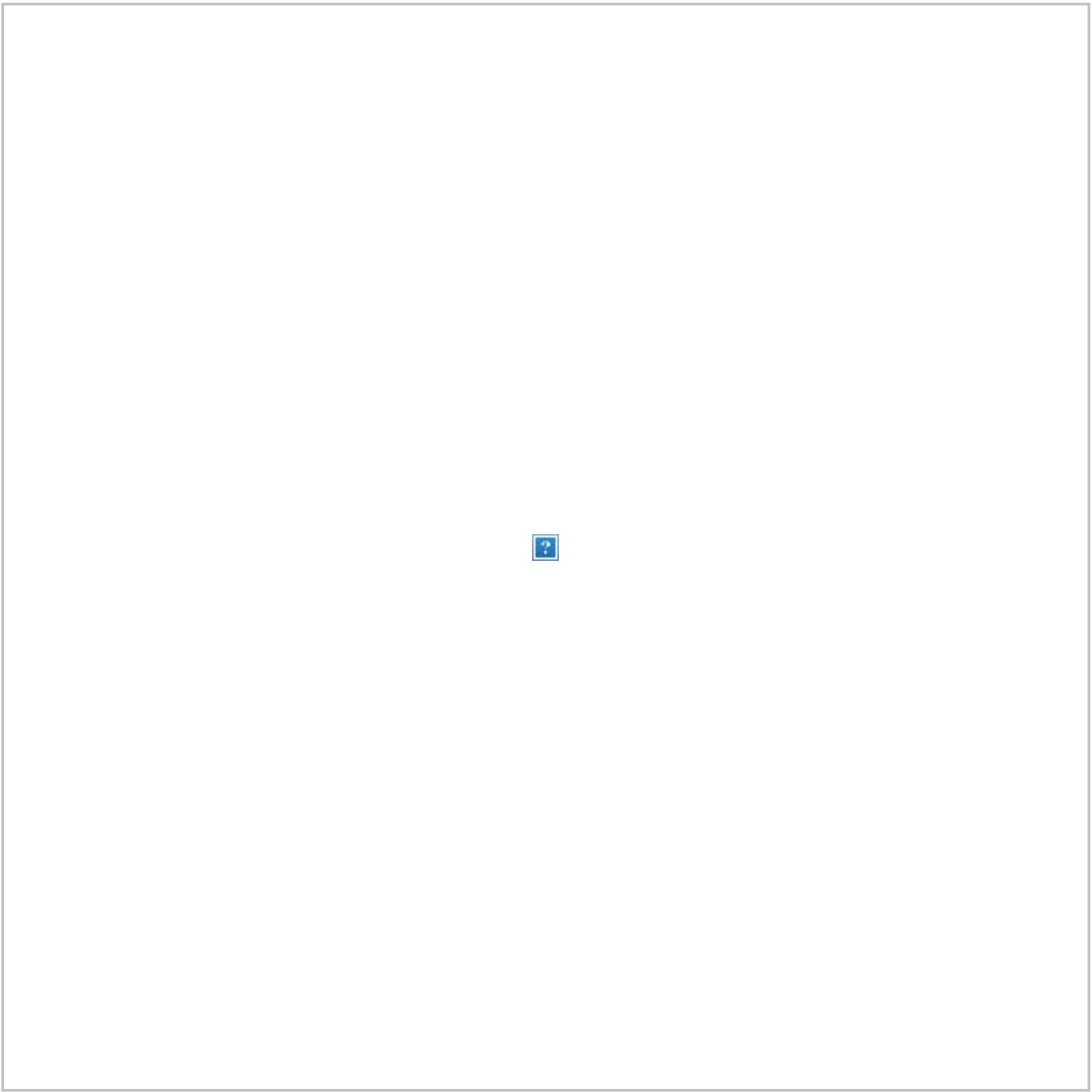


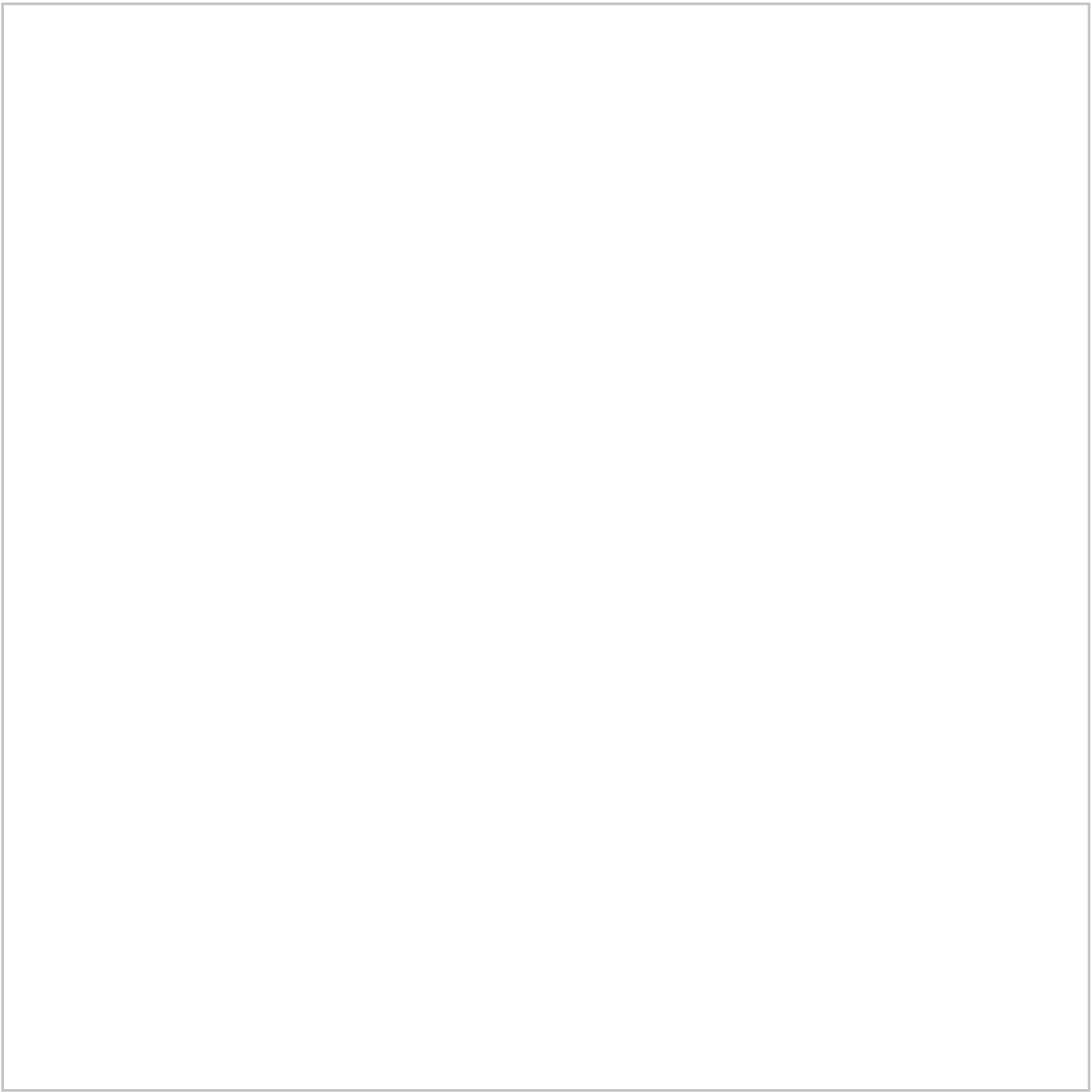
Heidi Heitkamp ran into some tourists from Fargo, N.D. in the lobby of Trump Tower:



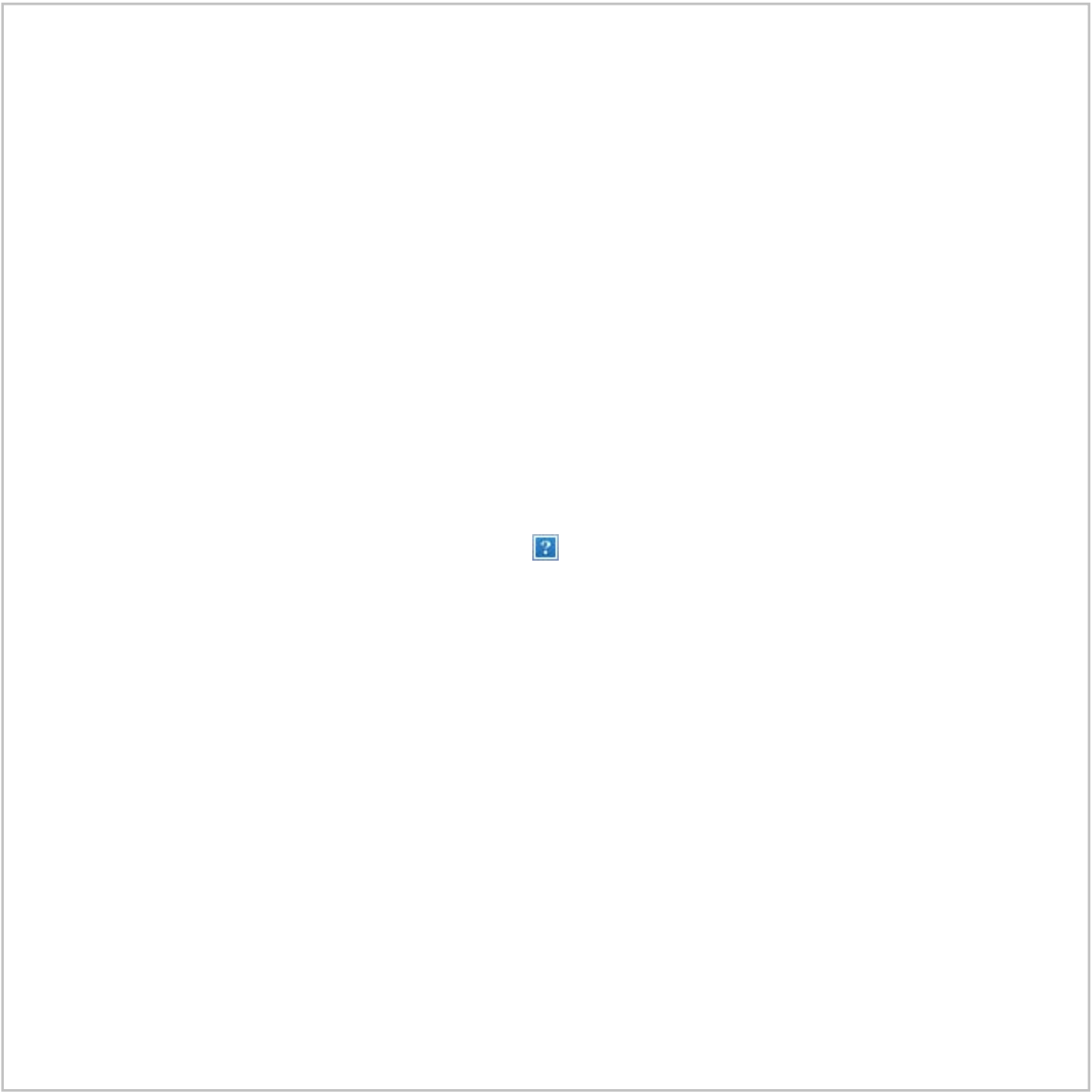


Heitkamp also joked about riding the elevator with the Naked Cowboy (click to watch):

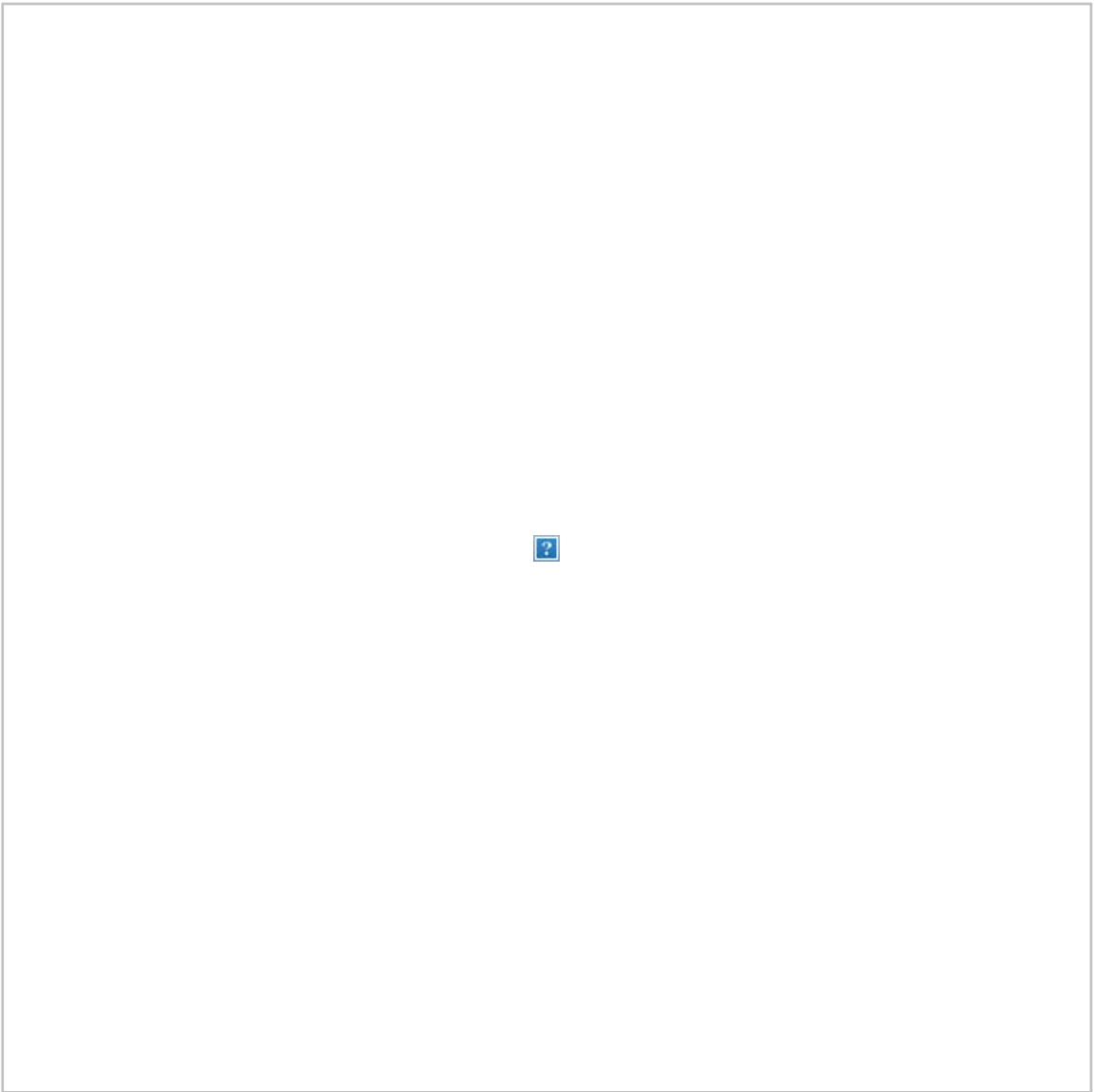




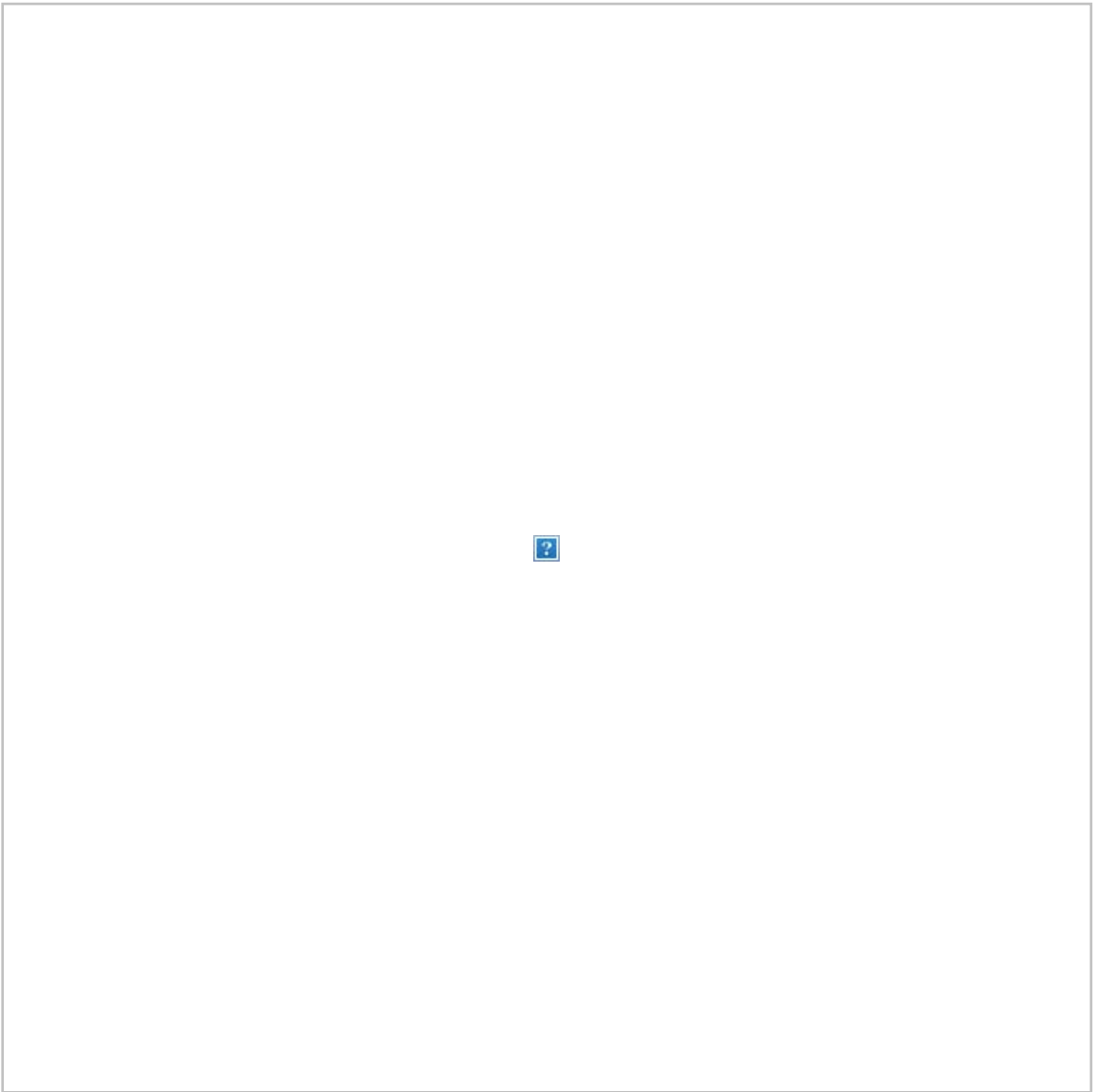
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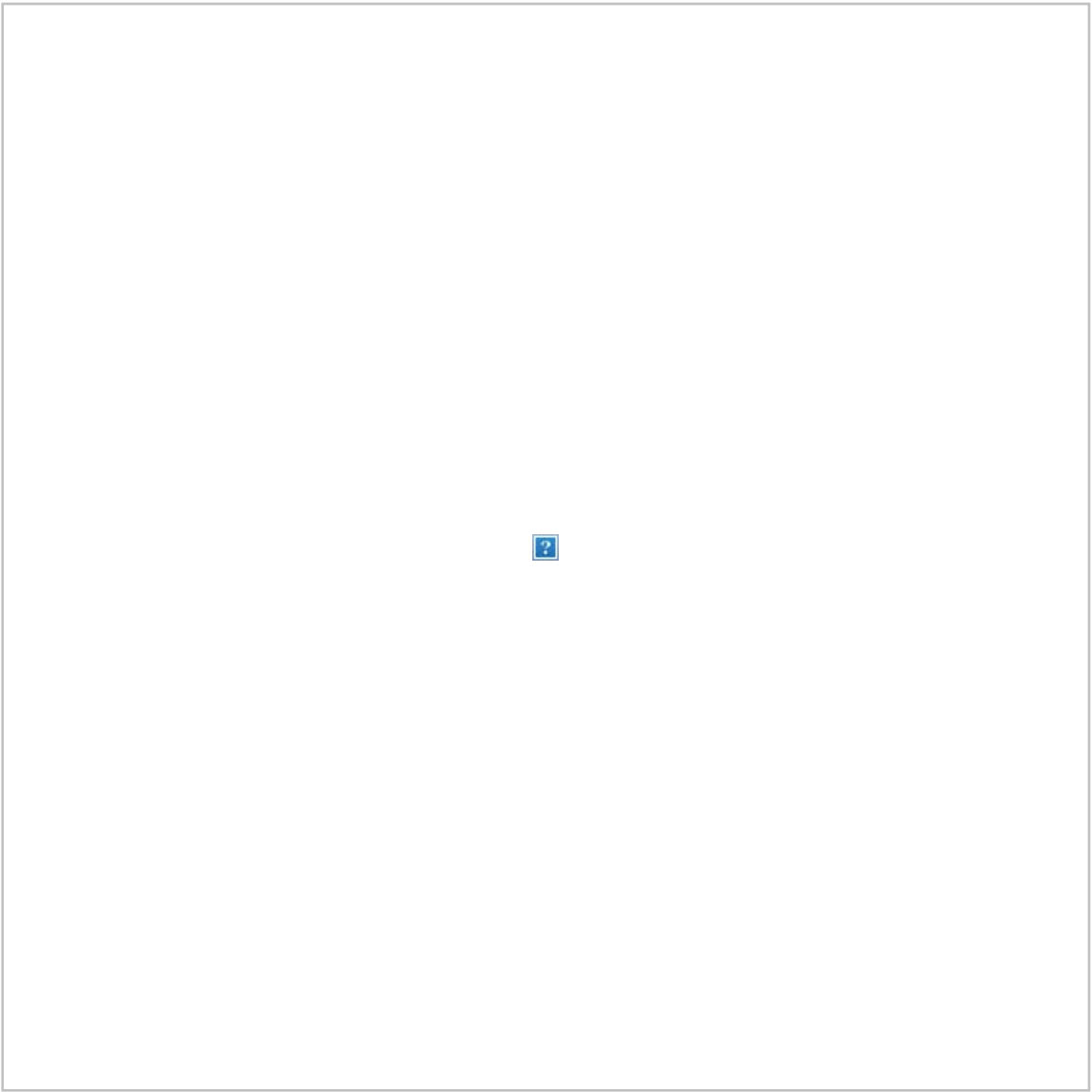
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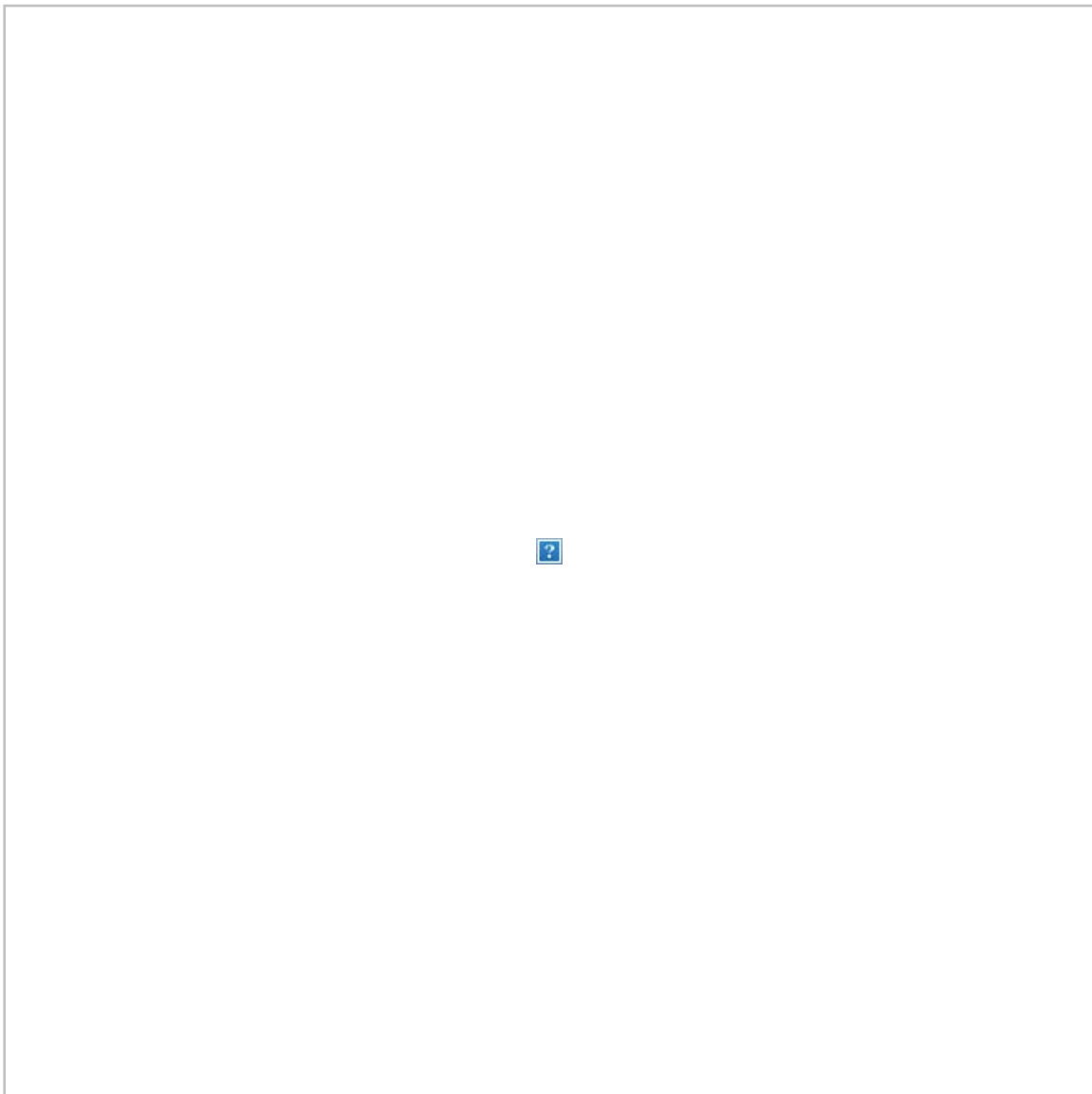
The McCains celebrated four generations:



Finally, let this tidbit sink in:



And check out this story:



#### **DAYBOOK:**

**In Trump's world:** Trump formally announces General James Mattis as his pick for secretary of defense. Trump also meets with former U.S. attorney Deborah Yang, Rep. Mick Mulvaney (R-S.C.) and Catherine Templeton, president of the government relations firm Brawley Templeton.

**At the White House:** Obama has no public events scheduled. Joe Biden speaks about financial regulation at Georgetown University and then presides over the Senate vote on the 21st Century Cures Act.

**On Capitol Hill:** The Senate meets at 3 p.m. to work on the 21st Century Cures Act. The House meets at 2 p.m. for legislative business, with six suspension votes until 6:30 p.m. Orrin Hatch sits down with Jeff Sessions.

#### **QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

"I didn't see this one coming," Paul Ryan admitted of Trump's win in a ["60 Minutes" interview that aired last night](#). "If you would've put last year into a movie script and taken it to Hollywood two years ago, they would've laughed you out of the room because it wouldn't have been believable." Despite Ryan's arms' length support of Trump during the campaign, the speaker told Scott Pelley that he and Trump have decided to "let bygones be bygones" and the GOP Congress is ready to help the



new president pass bills. His top priority will be repealing and replacing Obamacare. Ryan said, in January, Congress would use budget reconciliation to set the stage for repealing the healthcare bill while working to replace it. Also at the top of the list are slashing the corporate tax rate (Ryan favors lowering it to 20 percent; Trump wants 15 percent); rebuilding the military and securing the border.

#### **GOOD READ FROM ELSEWHERE:**

-- **Yahoo's Katie Couric went to Russia to interview Edward Snowden, who denies that he's a traitor or a spy.** Asked about Trump's tweet that he betrayed the U.S., Snowden replied: "I wonder when it is that he thinks America was great, because if you remember what we did to traitors in 1776 and afterwards, we made them president. We're a country that was born from an act of treason against a government that had run out of control. Now, this is not to say that breaking the rules is something that should happen all the time. But we should always make a distinction that right and wrong is a very different standard than legal and illegal. The law is no substitute for morality here or then... I would not have done it if I didn't believe it was right. I definitely would say-- it's pretty sketchy there. But look, every act of progression in our nation's history has involved tension with law. Whether it was the abolition of slavery, whether it was the enfranchisement of women whether it was the birth of our nation, laws were broken. And that's because the laws were wrong." ([Watch Katie's full interview here.](#))

#### **NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:**

-- **Today is one of the milder and more tranquil days in a week that brings bouts of precipitation and then a blast of Arctic air, [the Capital Weather Gang forecasts.](#)** Sleet and rain are likely Tuesday and then another round of showers is possible Thursday. The coldest air of the season spills into the region Friday through Sunday when highs are likely only in the 30s. **Today:** After the overnight rain, clouds decrease this morning with sunshine becoming dominant by afternoon. Temperatures rebound, with highs climbing above 50 degrees.

Redskins lost to the Arizona Cardinals, 31-23

-- **The Redskins lost 31-23 to the Arizona Cardinals.** ([Recap by Master Tesfatsion](#))

**For the second week in a row, the defense really was to blame.** ([Mike Jones column](#))

**But Jay Gruden lost it on the whole team after the loss.** [From Jerry Brewer's column](#): "Standing outside the locker room, you could hear the coach berating his team, .... his words thundering through cinder block walls, almost strong enough for snooping ears to translate into sentences. He didn't have to justify his anger. He was responding to the most deflating moment of a convulsive season, three hours of slovenly poor football in a game that began and ended with infuriating displays of incompetence. If Gruden possessed a hammer, he had to use it. He pounded that thing for a good two minutes. ... With four weeks remaining and Washington now trailing Tampa Bay by a half game for the final playoff spot in the NFC, Sunday's loss at University of Phoenix Stadium — and Gruden's enraged demand for better — will go down as the defining moment of the season."

-- **Maryland fracking opponents are pushing hard for a state law to prohibit the controversial gas-extraction method, but lawmakers seem more likely to extend the existing moratorium on the practice during the upcoming legislative session.** ([Josh Hicks](#))

-- **A former athletic trainer at Archbishop Carroll High School has been arrested and charged with**

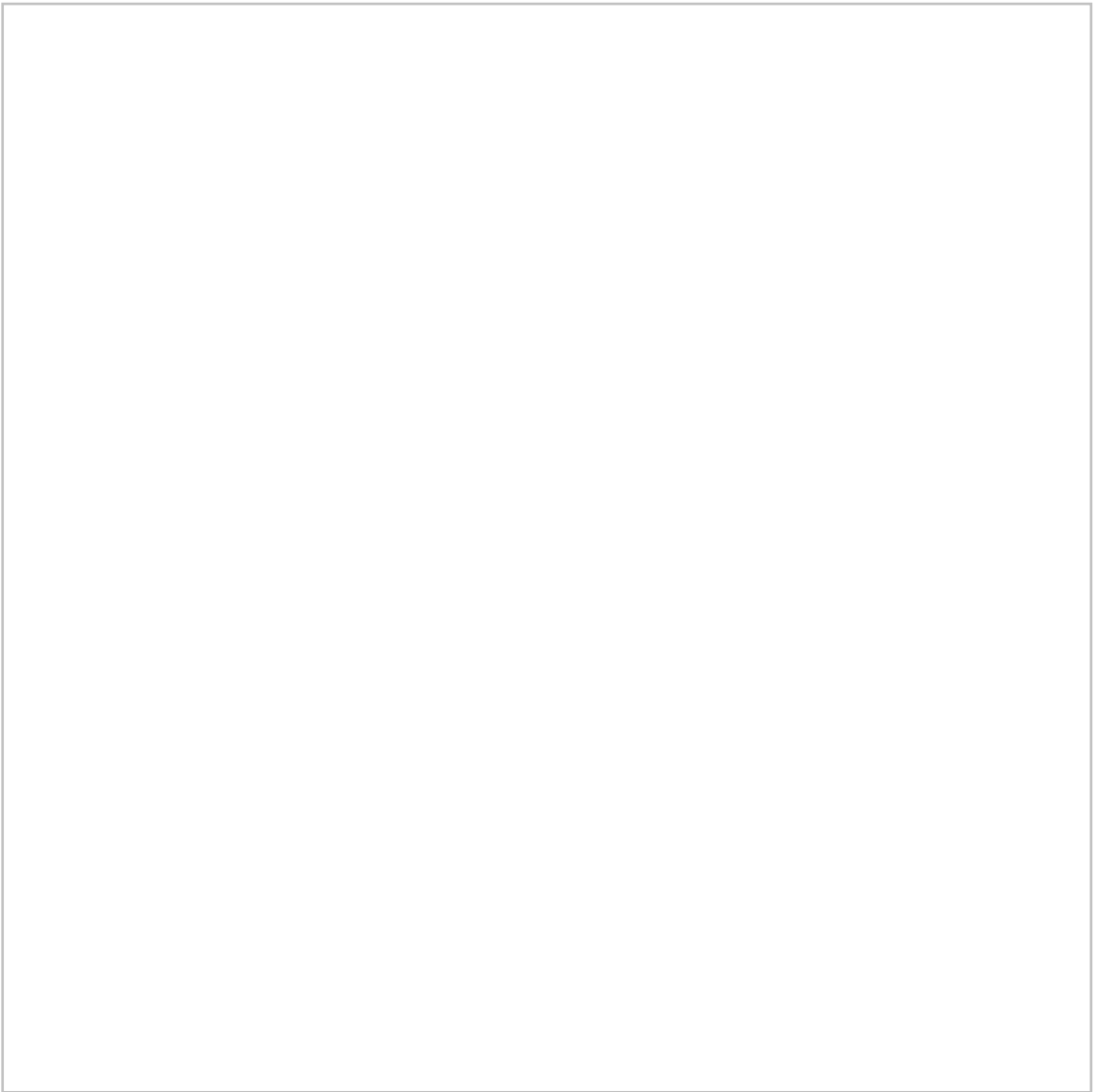
**sexually abusing a female student at the Catholic school in Northeast Washington**, according to D.C. police and the archdiocese. Jimmy Augustin, 33, is charged with a single misdemeanor count of sexual abuse of a minor. The Archdiocese of Washington said in a statement that Augustin has been fired. ([Peter Hermann](#))

**-- Be careful on the roads: Three men impersonating police officers pepper-sprayed and punched a pregnant woman before robbing her.** A woman was driving through Worcester County, Md., near Whiton and Snow Hill roads about 6 p.m. Thursday when a black Chevrolet SUV flashed red and blue lights at her. Thinking she was being stopped by the police, the woman pulled over. 'She said the first suspect approached the driver side of the car and sprayed pepper spray into the vehicle before spraying it onto a towel that he held over her face,' state police said in a statement. The pregnant woman got out of the car and then was punched in the stomach by the man who pepper-sprayed her, police said. A second person wearing a gold badge on a chain around his neck was armed with a small black gun and stole the woman's purse." ([Lynh Bui](#))

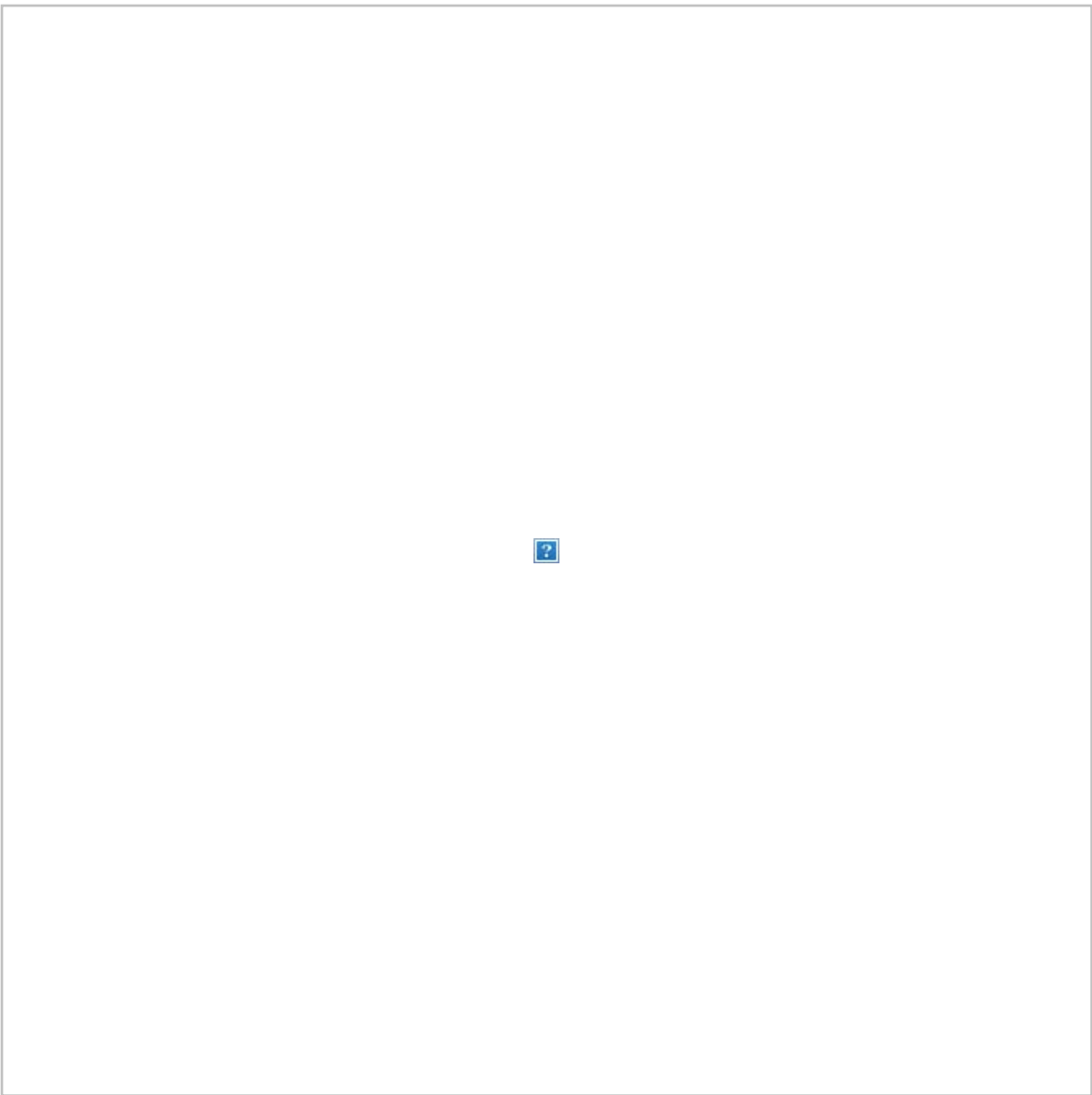
**-- Censorship watch:** A school district in the eastern shore of Virginia has pulled copies of "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" from classrooms and libraries while it weighs whether it should permanently ban the American classics because of the books' use of racial slurs. In response to a formal complaint from a parent, Accomack County Public Schools Superintendent Chris Holland said the district has appointed a committee to recommend whether the books should remain in the curriculum and stay in school libraries. ([Moriah Balingit](#))

#### **VIDEOS OF THE DAY:**

George Stephanopoulos asked Pence about Trump's tweet claiming millions of people voted illegally. "That claim is groundless," the ABC host told the vice president-elect. "There's no evidence to back it up. Is it responsible for a president-elect to make false statements like that?" What followed was an awkward exchange in which Pence attempted to defend Trump's false claim for about three minutes. "Well, it's his right to express his opinion as president-elect of the United States," Pence said, adding that it is one of the things he finds "refreshing" about Trump. Stephanopoulos persisted: "Why is it refreshing to make false statements?" Click to watch:

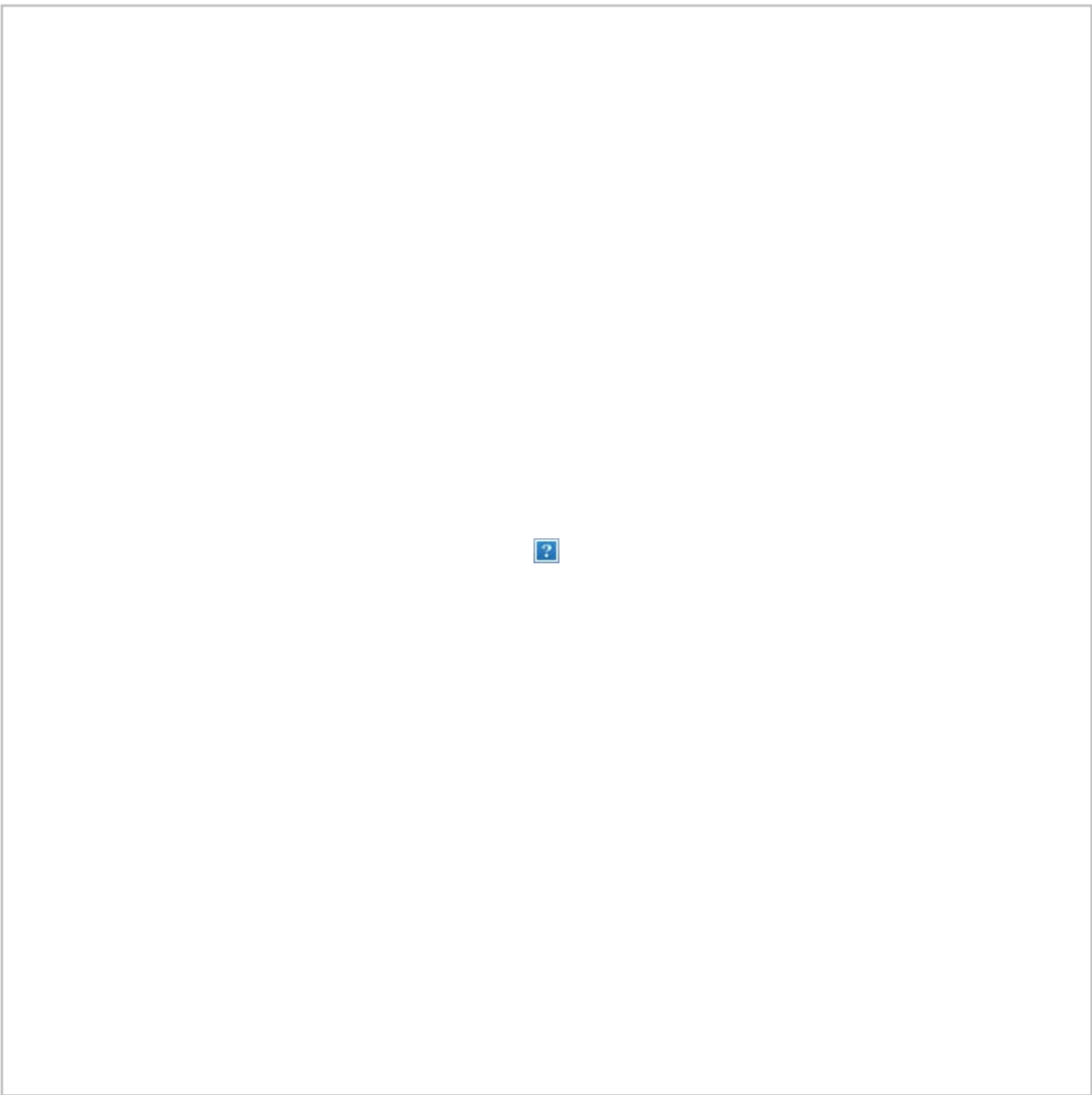


SNL spoofed conspiracy theory TV shows in this sketch about Clinton:



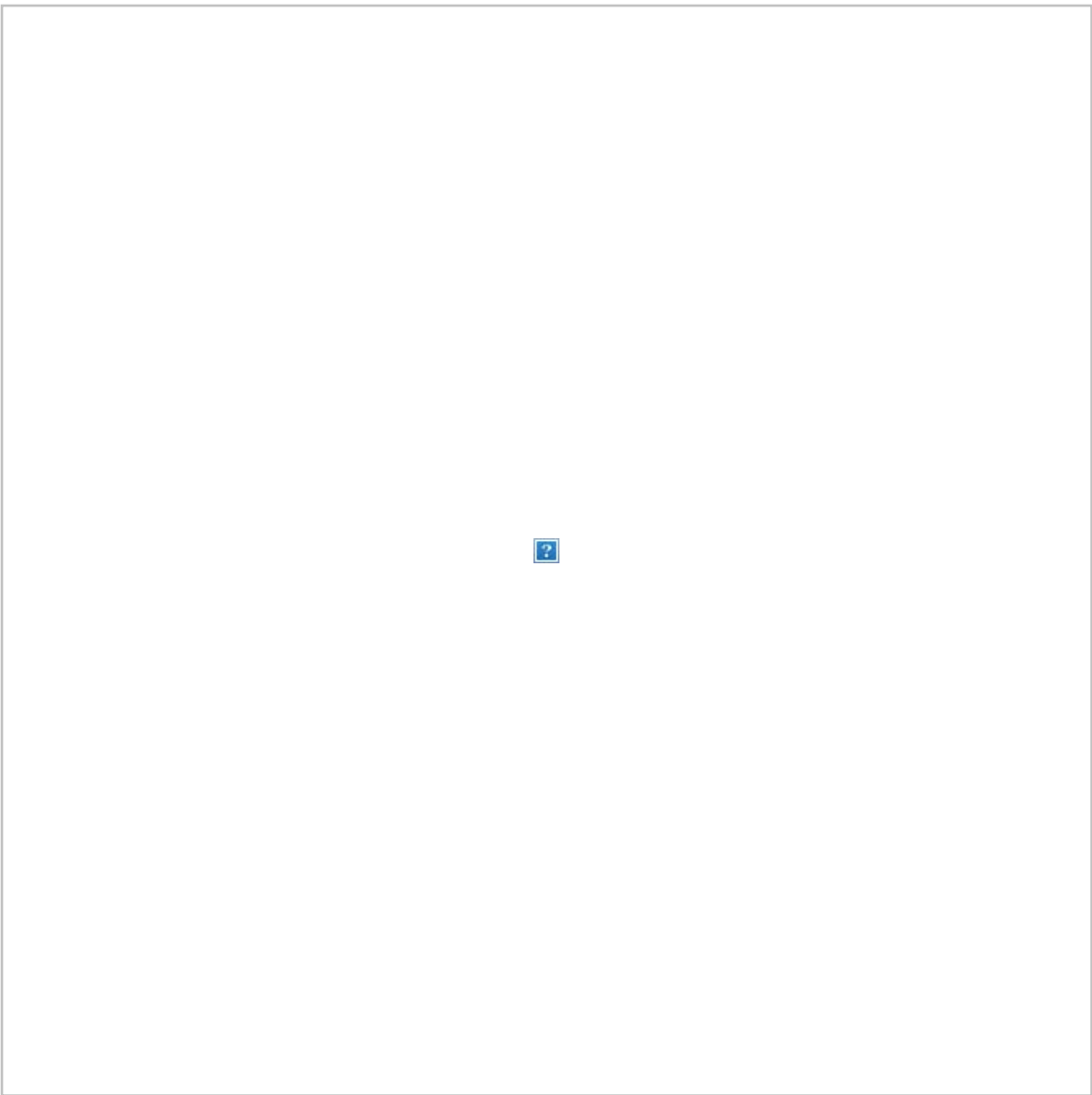
The Hunt for Hil - SNL

Here's SNL's cold-open sketch about Trump's Twitter habit:



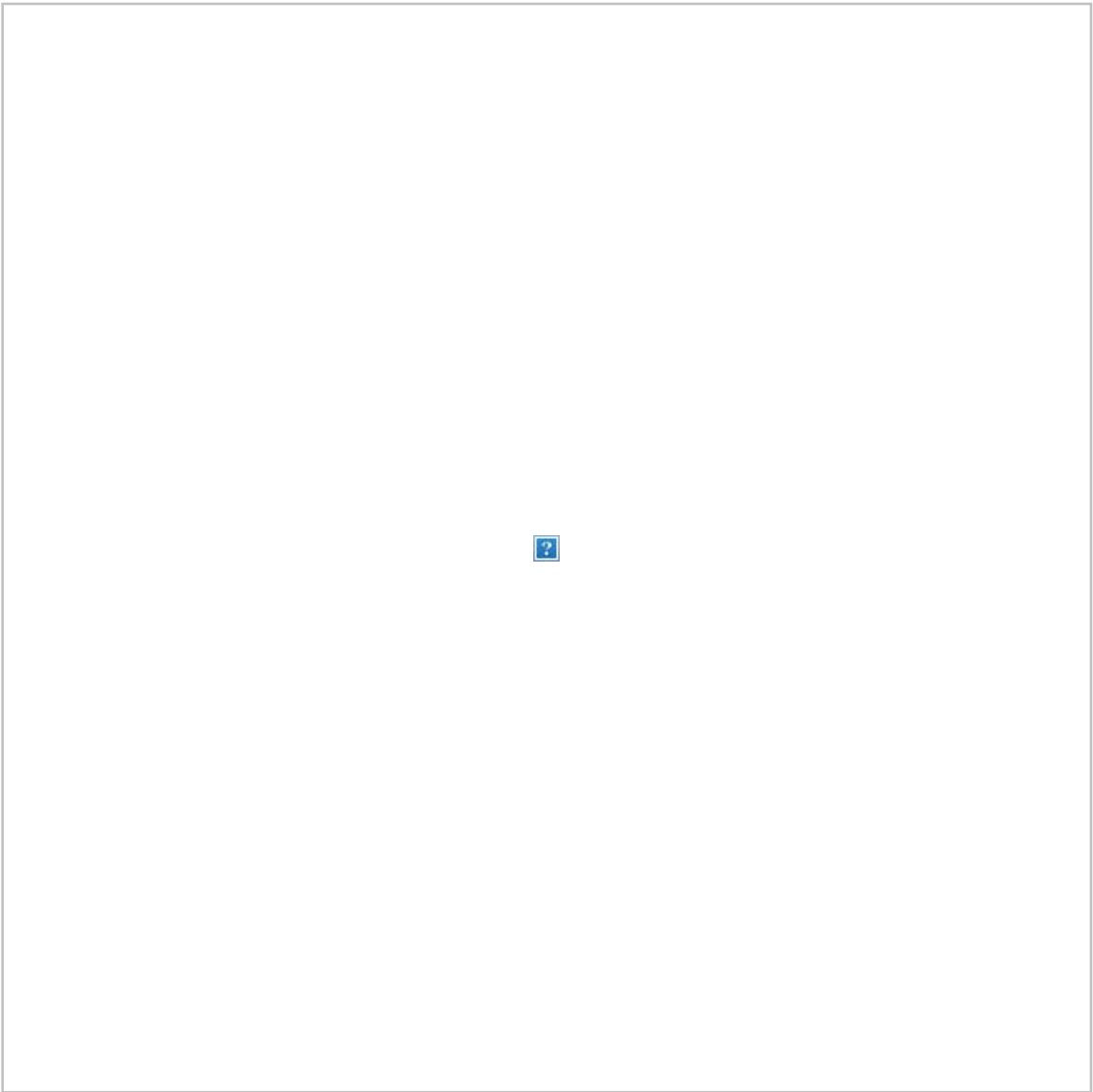
Classroom Cold Open - SNL

A recap of his relationship with the show:



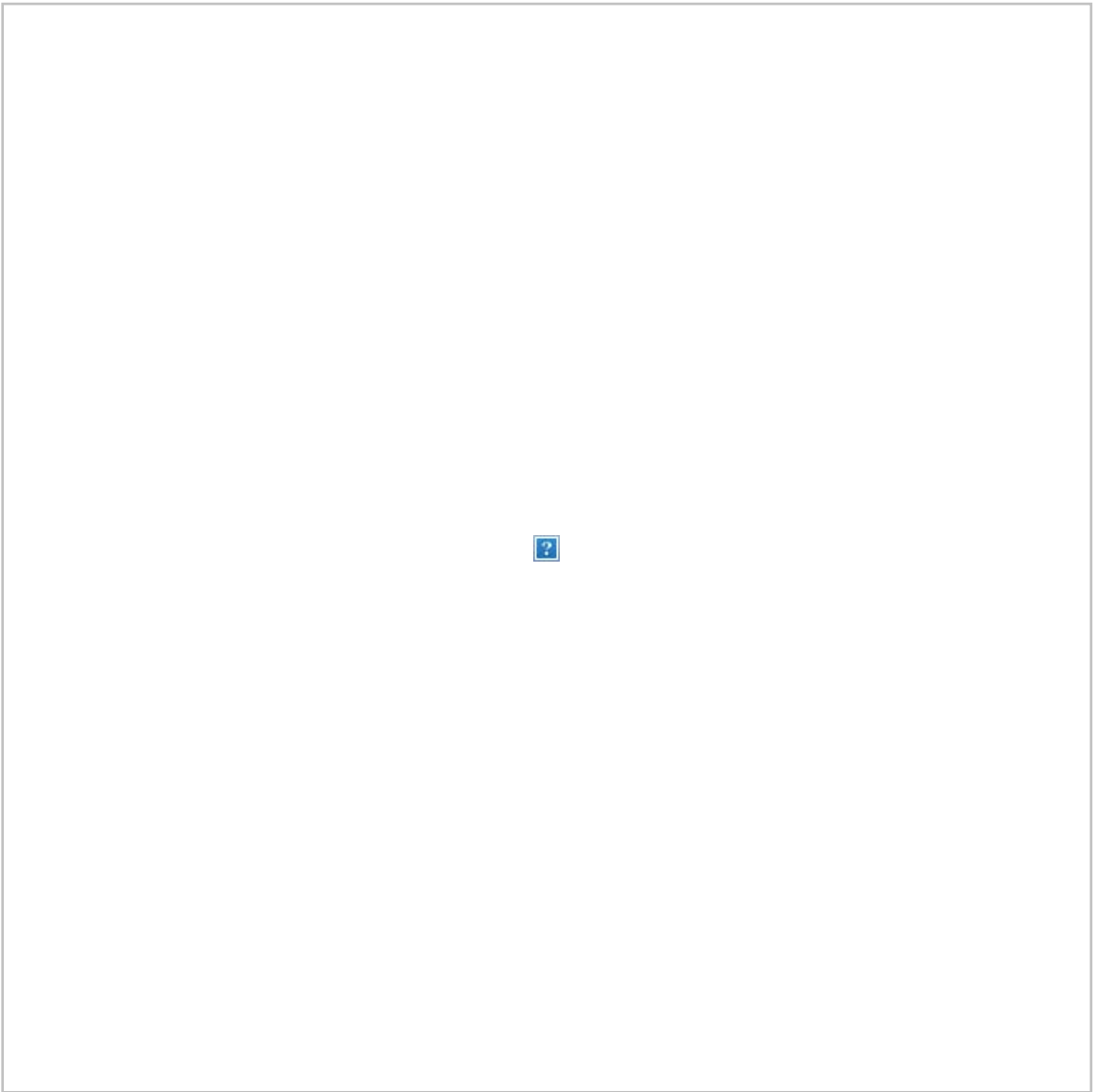
Donald Trump's history with 'Saturday Night Live'

That Taiwan company that does the zany animations envisioned Trump's phone call with its president:

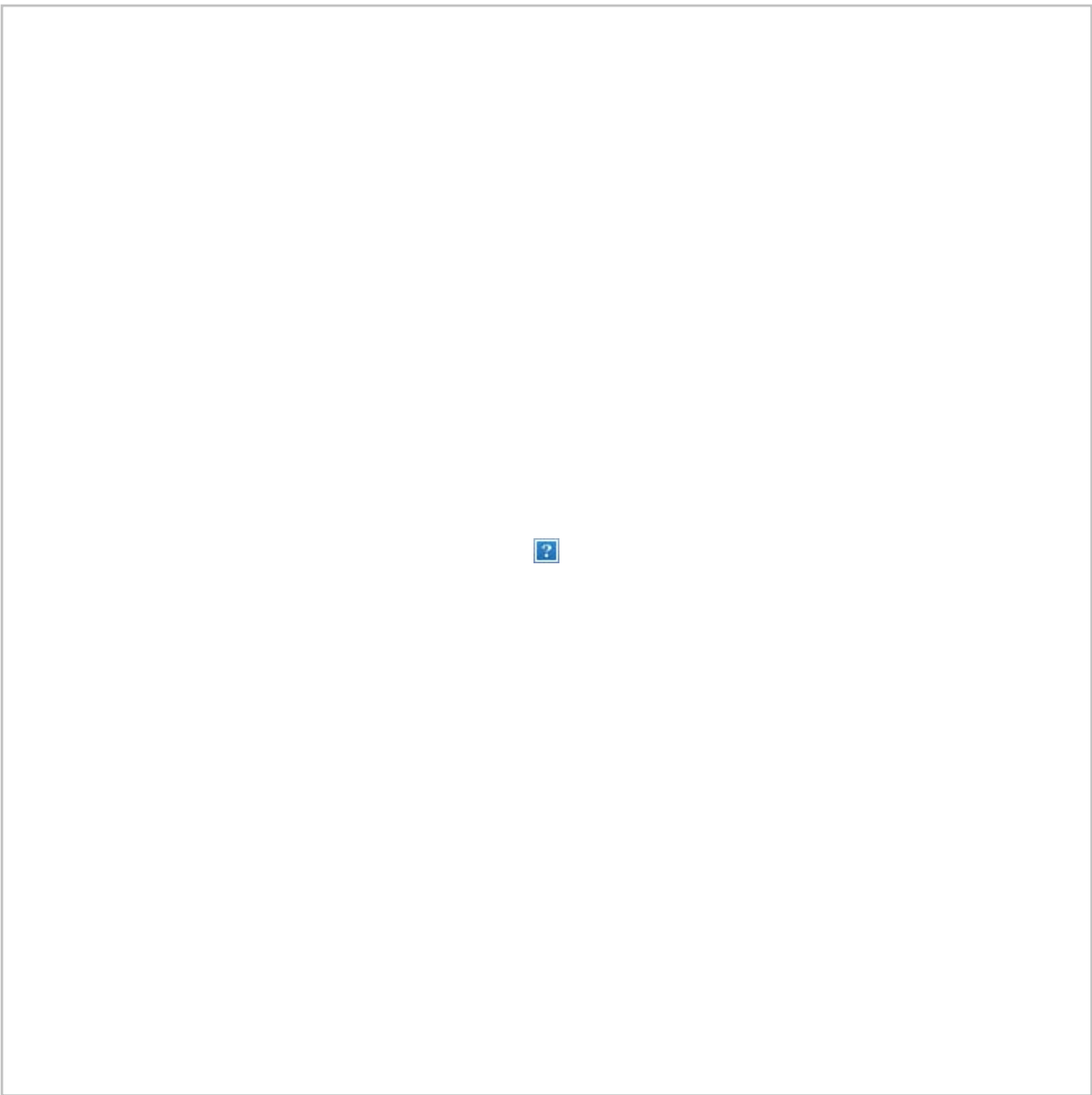


Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Texas) is very angry at the Architect of the Capitol for trying to shut down his outdoor barbeque (click to watch):



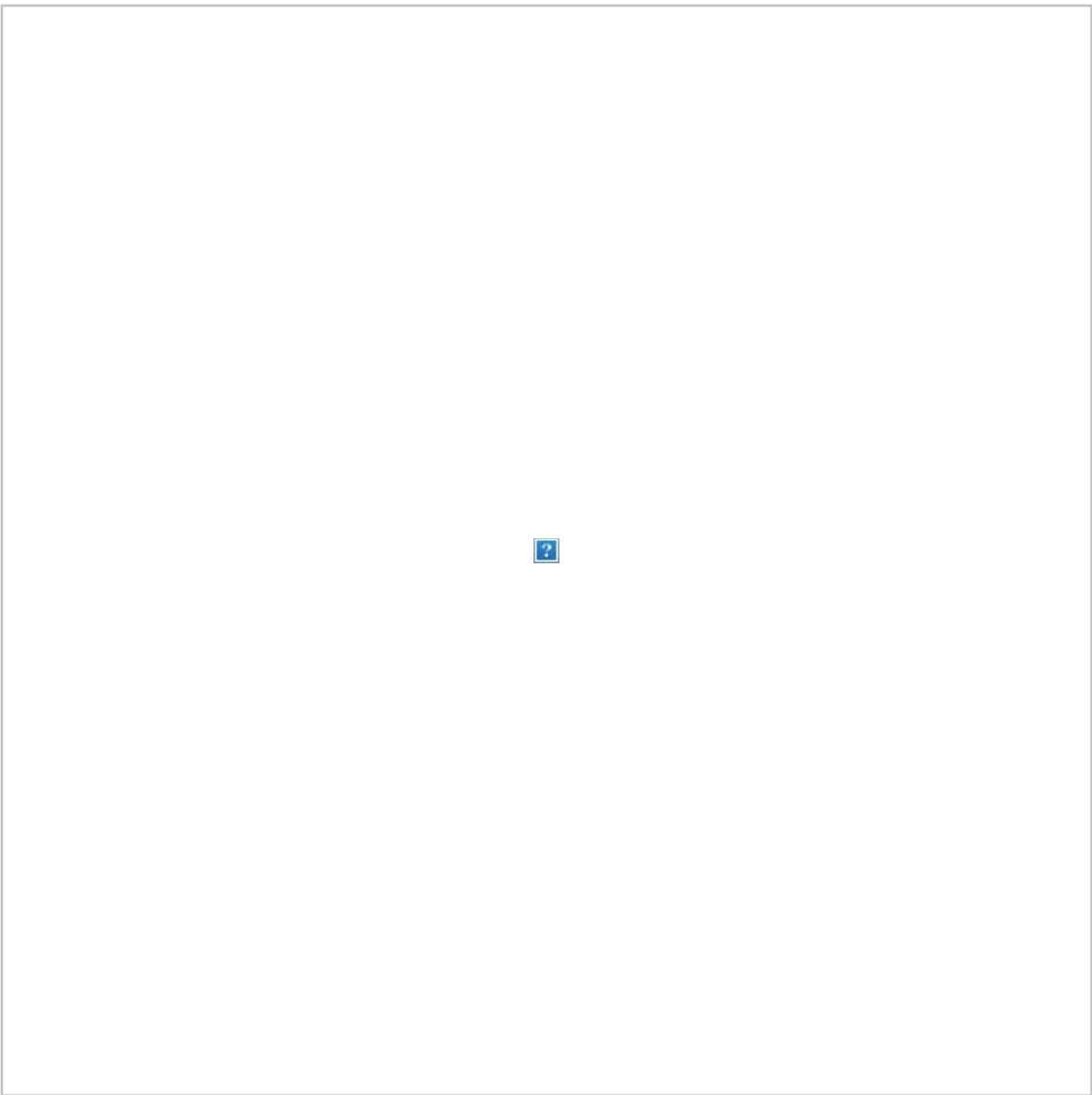


Matthew Broderick tried out his Trump impression:



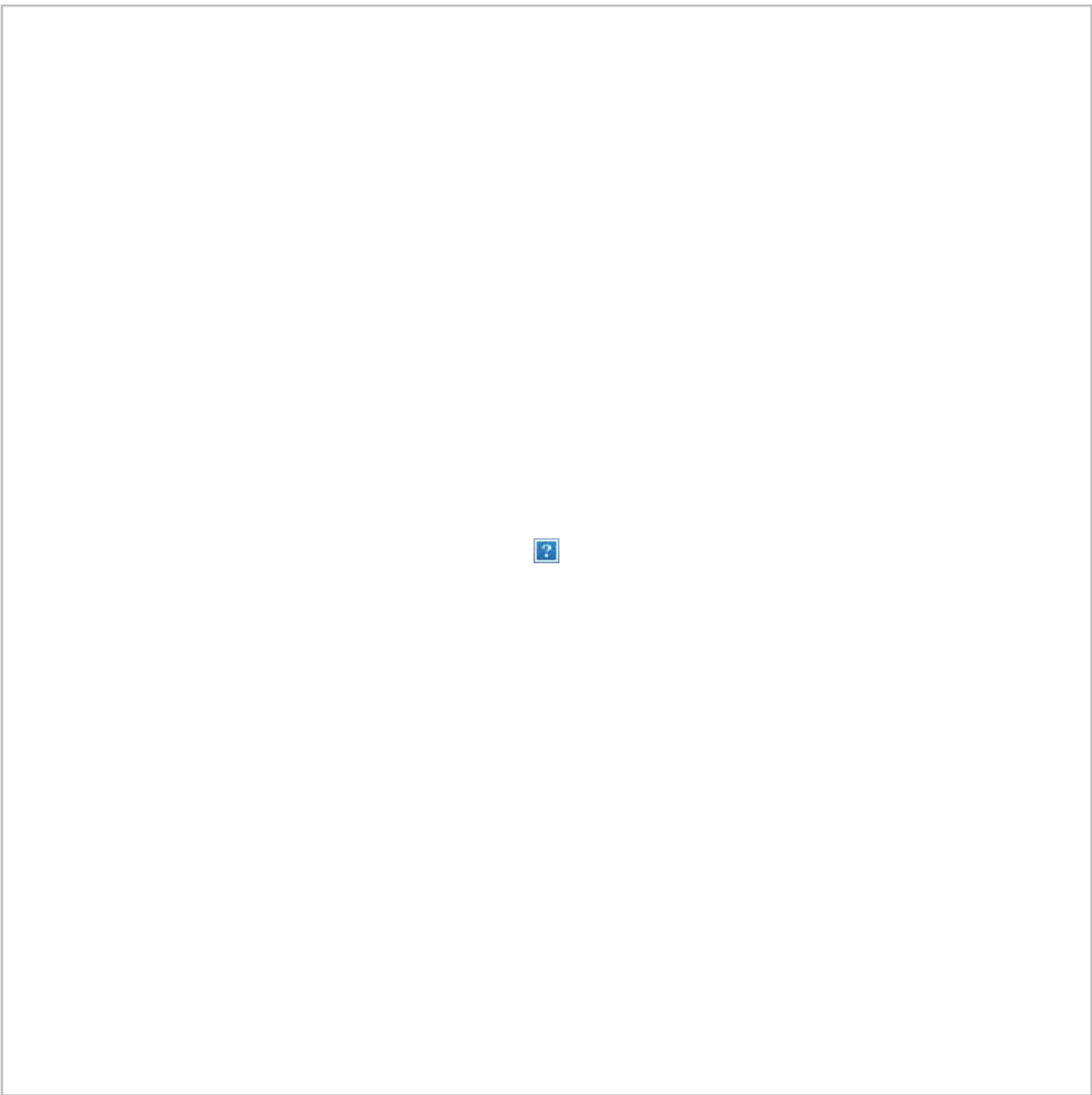
Matthew Broderick Nails His Donald Trump Impression

Stephen Colbert reviewed the latest developments from Trump's transition:



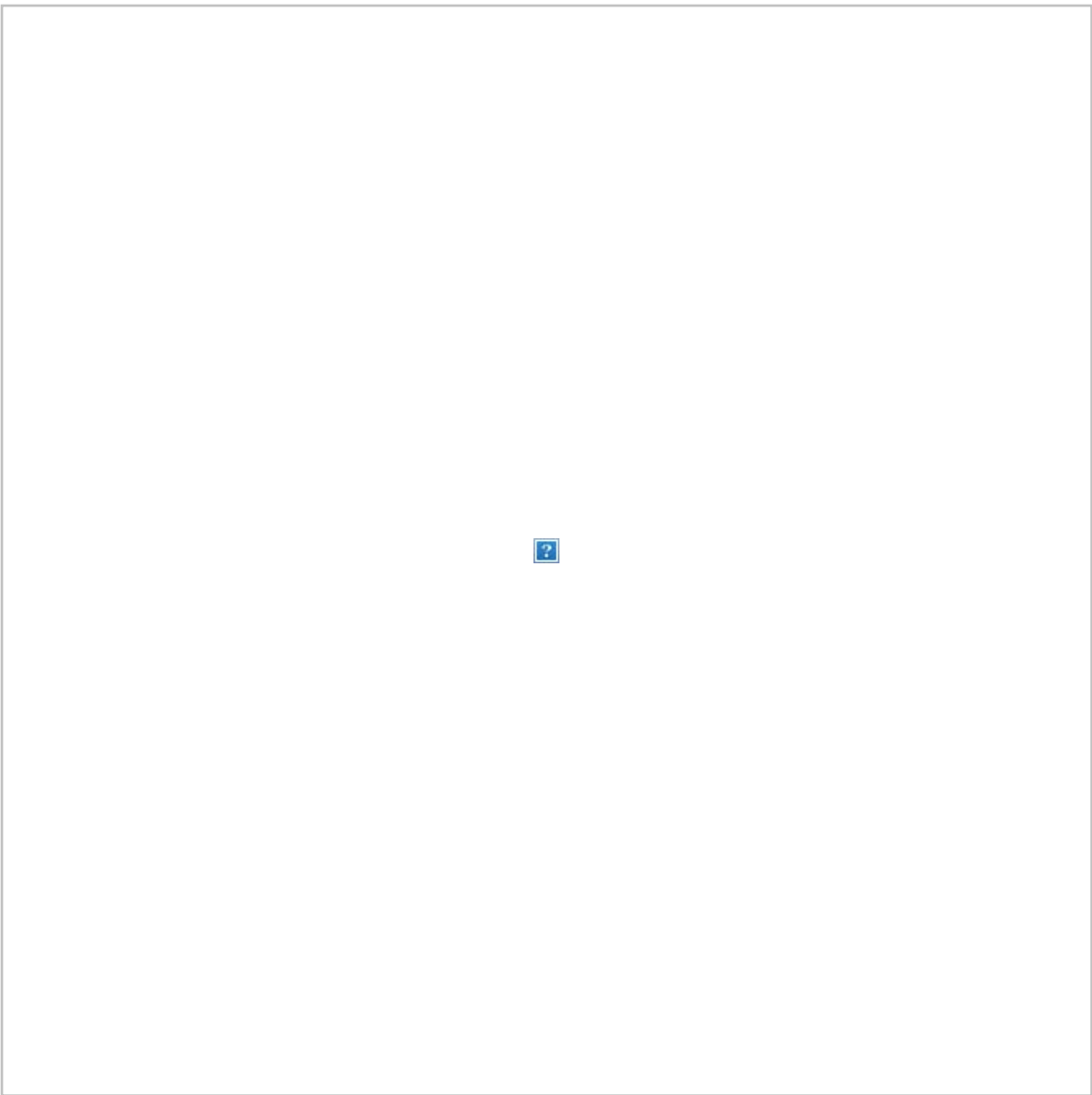
Trump Will Soon Acquire Mass Text Capability

Conan O'Brien imagined more phone conversations between Obama and Trump:



Even More Leaked Phone Calls Between Donald Trump & Barack Obama - CONAN on TBS

Here's the uploaded audio of Clinton and Trump aides arguing about the election:



Clinton and Trump aides in heated argument

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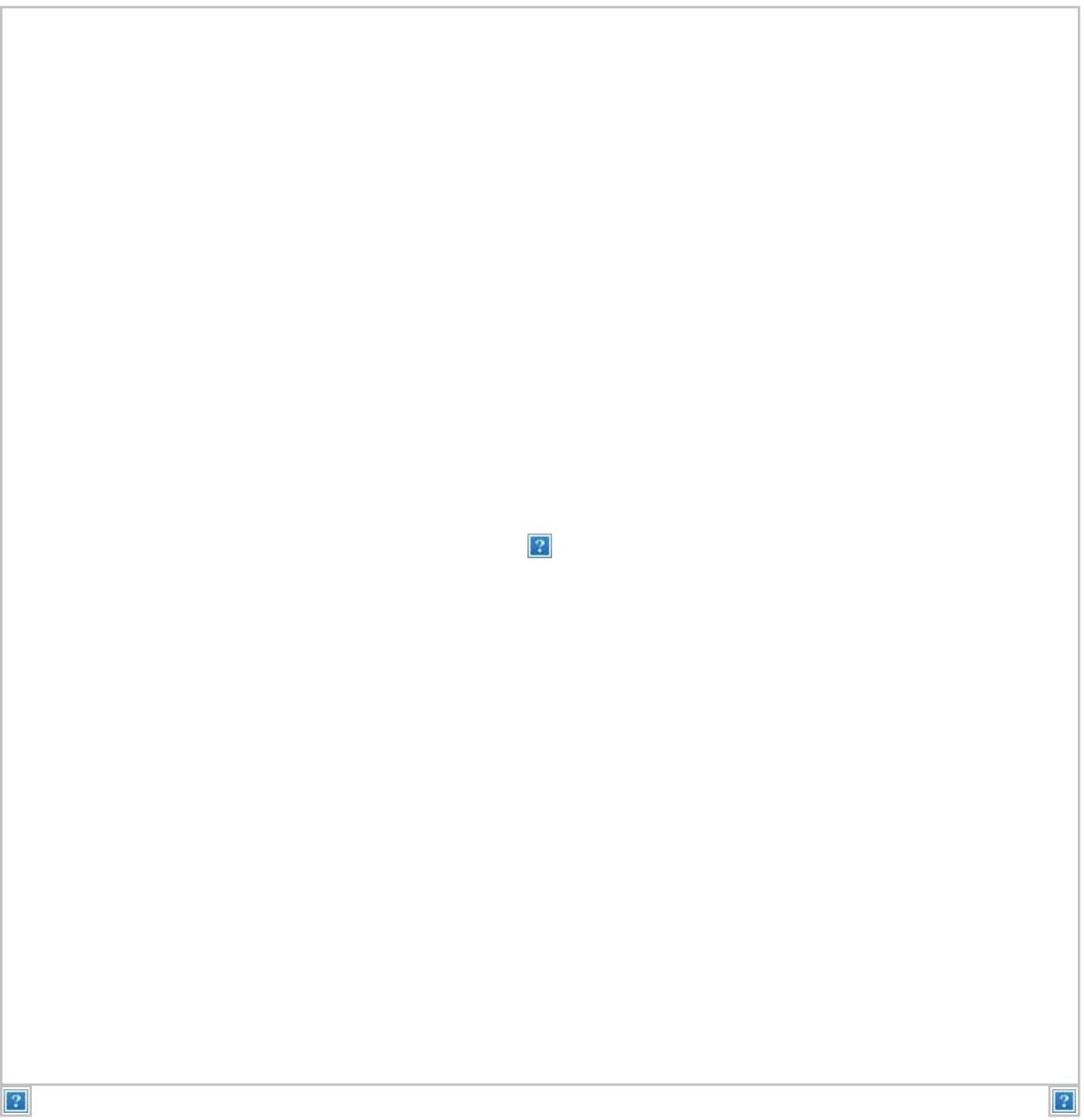
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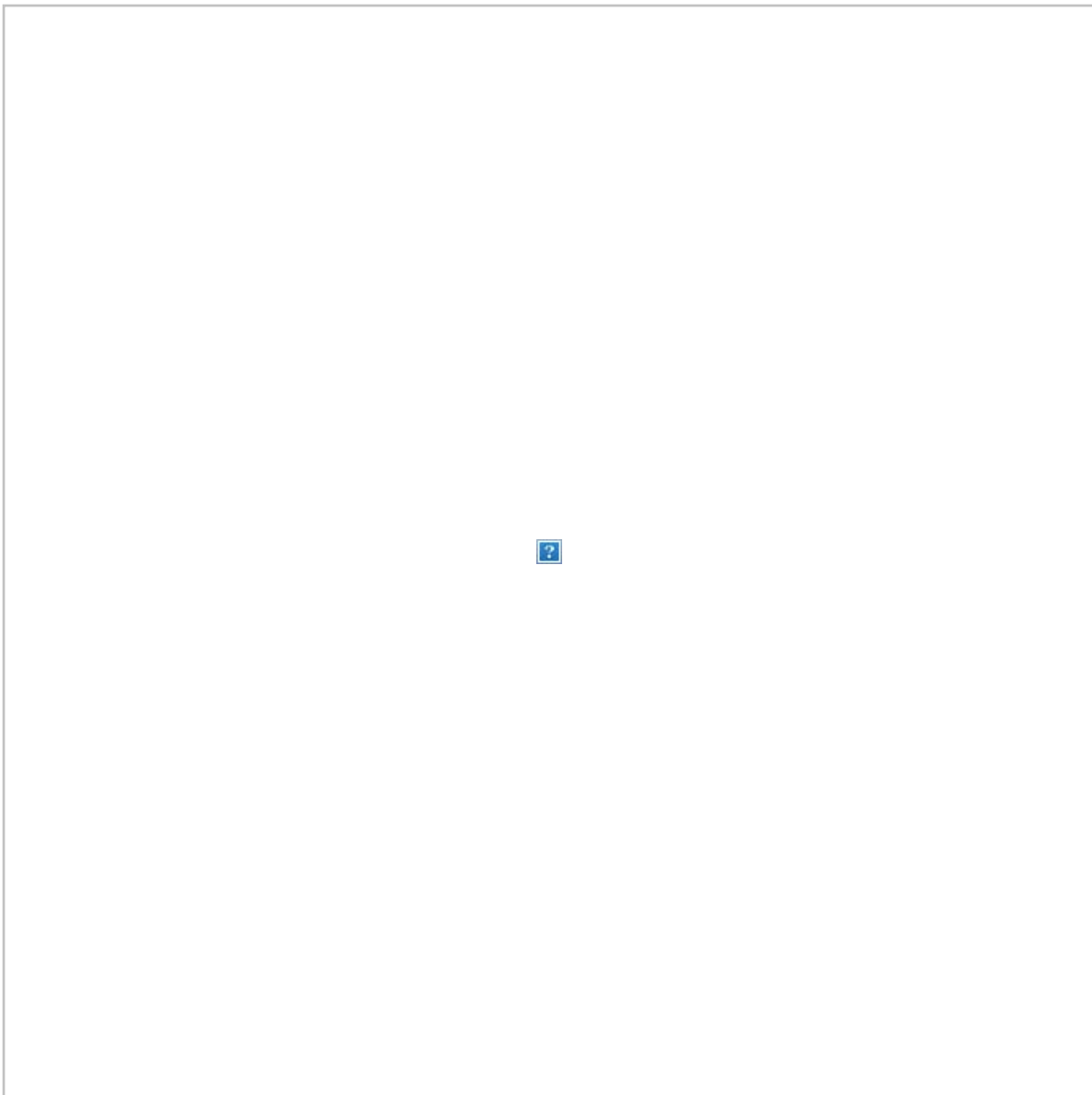


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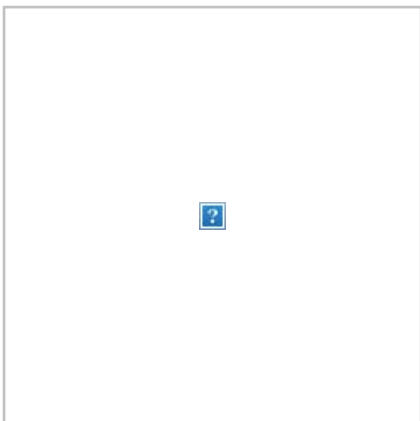
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[Why Trump won -- and why the media missed it](#)



Donald Trump addresses supporters early this morning at the New York Hilton Midtown. (Photo by Jabin Botsford /The Washington Post)



*With Breanne Deppisch*

**THE BIG IDEA: President-elect Donald Trump was right all along. He had a silent majority. The**



media, the pollsters and Republican elites never saw it – even though it was right in front of them the whole time.

-- **Because his adopted party maintained its majorities in the Senate and the House, Trump can now advance a very ambitious agenda.** He gets to pick Antonin Scalia's replacement, vindicating Mitch McConnell's decision to deny Merrick Garland a hearing and ensuring that the GOP will control all three branches of government. Because Barack Obama has relied so much on executive actions since the 2010 midterms, if he chooses, Trump can roll back many of the president's signature achievements. The Republican Congress can also use budget reconciliation to eviscerate Obamacare. TPP is definitively dead.

-- **The reality TV star will be the first president in American history to take office without prior government or military experience.**

-- **It's going to take some time for this new reality to fully sink in, but the question of the hour is: How the heck did this happen?** What follows are several of the most plausible explanations...

-- **"Confirmation bias" is the tendency to interpret new evidence as confirmation of one's existing theories.** Since he came down that escalator at Trump Tower 17 months ago, many elites could never fully visualize Trump as the president of the United States. That made it very hard to see him winning the nomination – until he did – or winning the White House – until he did. Confirmation bias does not mean one preferred a particular outcome. Rather, it is a condition of psychology: All human beings tend to put a premium on information that validates their existing expectations and downplay new data points that undermine them.

**Even many members of the Republican establishment who supported Trump could never envision him prevailing.** That meant that some very talented GOP operatives (who have won very big races) were insisting until late last night that the votes were not there for Trump. A Republican who won a statewide race in Florida two years ago texted after polls closed to say Clinton was going to win that state by four points. (Trump won 49 percent to 48 percent.) Another veteran Republican, who has served the Bush family in various roles, emailed in the wee hours of this morning: "I no longer need to go to Rome. Going to watch an empire fall right here in the next four years."

-- **That said, even Trump's own internal models were wrong.** Staffers at the Republican National Committee were telling reporters that Trump would win 240 Electoral College votes. "The best data inside the Trump campaign and the RNC had his chances of winning the presidency as a 1 in 5 proposition," [Yahoo's Jon Ward reports](#).

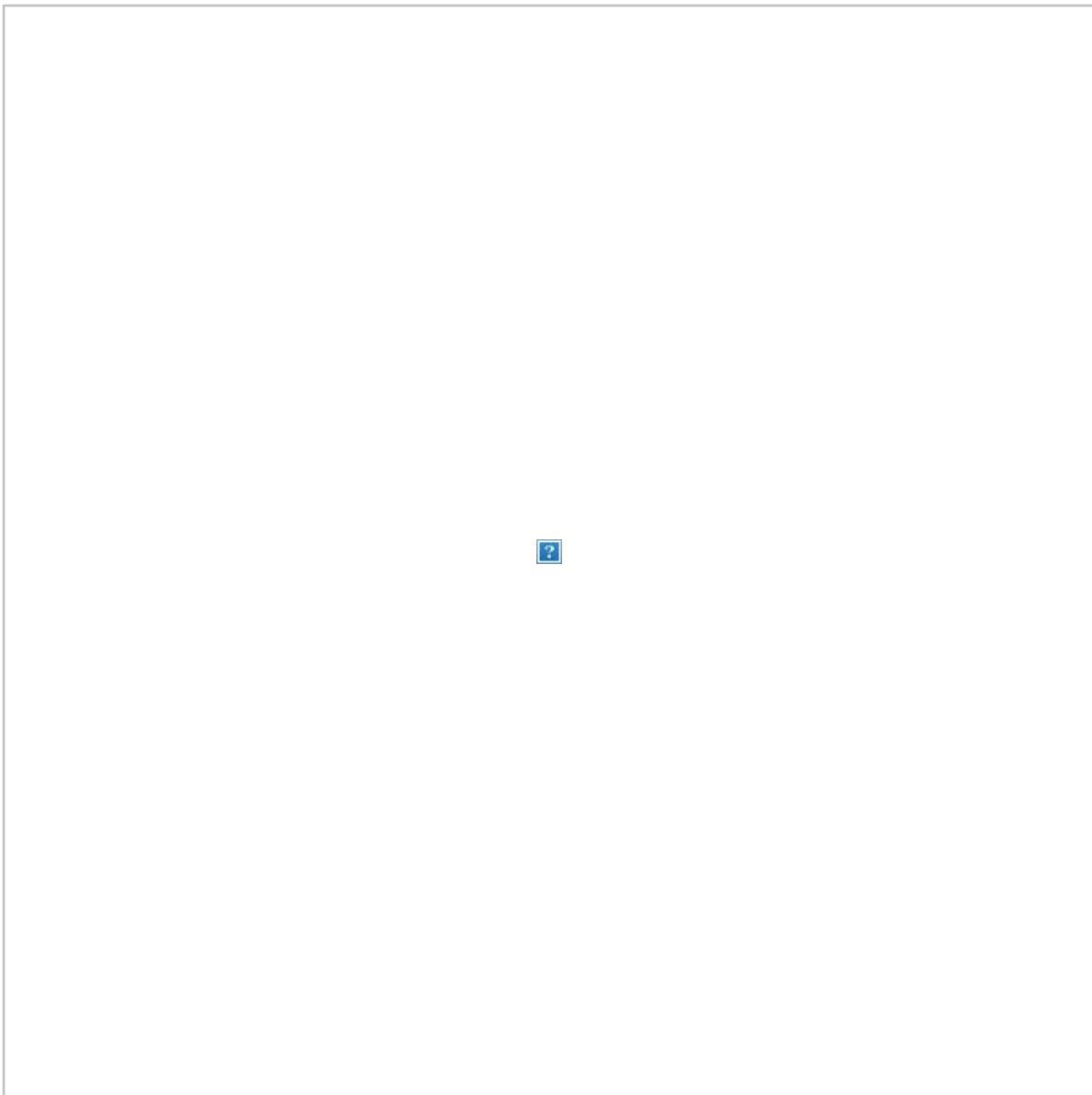
Trump supporters rally in front of the White House. (Reuters/Joshua Roberts)</p></p>

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-- **Looking back, there is so much anecdotal evidence:** All those guys at [the bar in a hollowed out Ohio steel town](#) who did not know a single Clinton supporter. The two dozen independents at a Pirates-Reds baseball game in Pittsburgh who talked how much they [love Bill but loathe Hillary](#). The conservatives in rural Selma, North Carolina, who said they [stayed home four years ago but would vote for Trump](#).

**There were also so many red flags of lagging enthusiasm for Clinton:** The paid canvasser for the Clinton campaign at The Ohio State University [who could not find a single person](#) to commit to support her during his shift in Columbus. The African Americans in Raleigh this past weekend who wanted to vote early and supported Clinton but [gave up because the lines were too long](#). The North Carolina college students down the road who said they were *probably* going to vote for her – but also described her as a pathological liar. In Richmond, there were [no yard signs for Clinton](#) in places that were full of Obama signs four years ago.

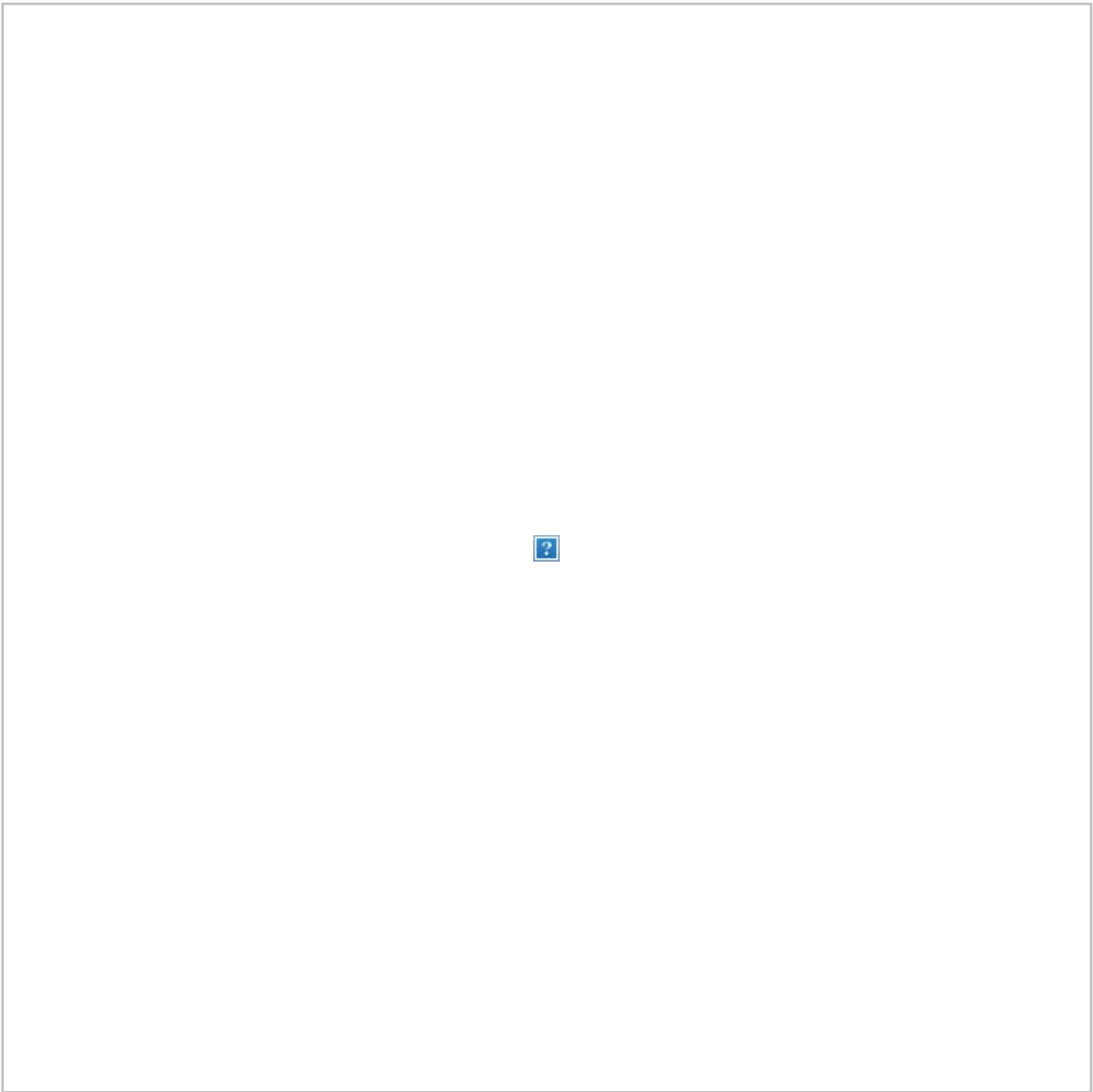
**All these anecdotes should have received more weight vis-à-vis the polls**, which were themselves based on assumptions about what the electorate would look like.



British Prime Minister David Cameron puts his arm around his wife Samantha after announcing his resignation at 10 Downing Street in London after the country voted to leave the E.U. (Daniel Leal-Olivas/PA via AP)

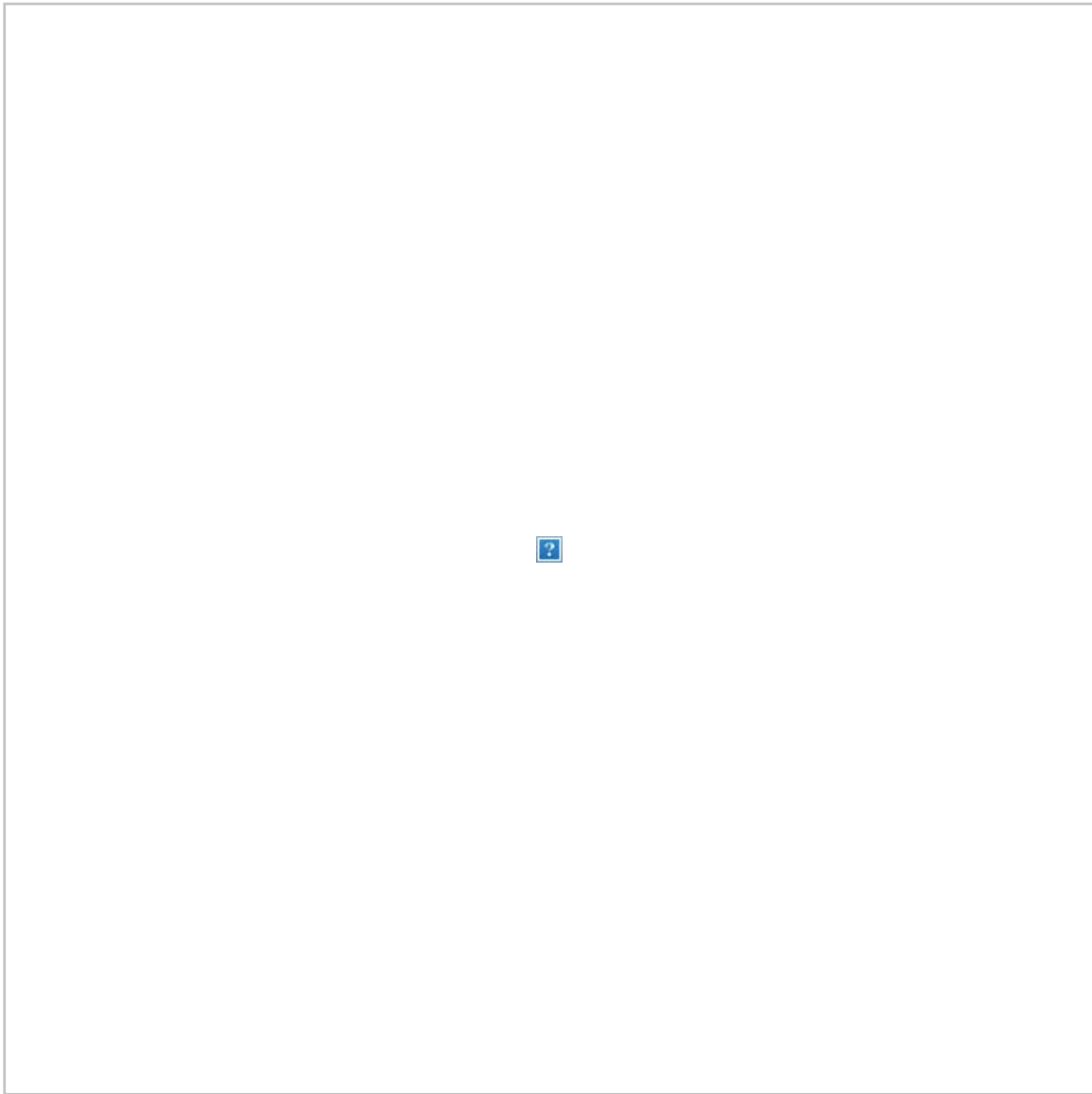
-- **Trump's victory must be viewed as part of a global wave of reaction to immigration, trade and globalization.** Donald has been calling himself "Mr. Brexit" in his stump speech for a while, drawing heavy parallels between the British vote to exit the European Union and his own campaign. Elites in Europe thought it was inconceivable that Brexit would happen – until it did. Also look at the rise of nationalists across continental Europe.

Nigel Farage, the U.K. Independence Party member known for his strong support for Brexit, even came to the U.S. to campaign with Trump. "2016 is going to be the year of two great political revolutions," Farage said on London [television](#) overnight.



The Clinton campaign, blinded by hubris, ridiculed and heavily pushed back on [journalists who argued that Brexit showed Trump could win](#).

*To borrow a lyric from "Hamilton":*



-- **2016 truly was THE YEAR OF THE OUTSIDER – even more so than even 2008.** Few elites in December 2014 believed that neither a Clinton nor Bush would be president in 2017. But there has been a ravenous hunger and deep thirst for change, even if that change agent is imperfect. (Only 38 percent of voters in the exit polls said Trump is qualified to be president – which means about one-fifth of Trump’s voters did not think he was qualified but supported him anyway.)



Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin, wearing a hat with the logo #newmajority, speaks in Louisville last night. (Timothy D. Easley/AP)

Exactly one year ago, Republican Matt Bevin won the Kentucky governor's race despite every single poll showing him down. Two of the top people on his campaign, Jason Miller and Jessica Ditto, worked for Trump this fall. Bevin had quixotically challenged Mitch McConnell in a 2014 primary and been crushed. But he prevailed in a three-way GOP primary just one year later, and then the millionaire businessman tapped into a [coalition](#) very similar to Trump's with [a message that sounded a lot like his](#).

A few months later, Jeb's shock and awe strategy failed. Money could not buy him the love of the voters.

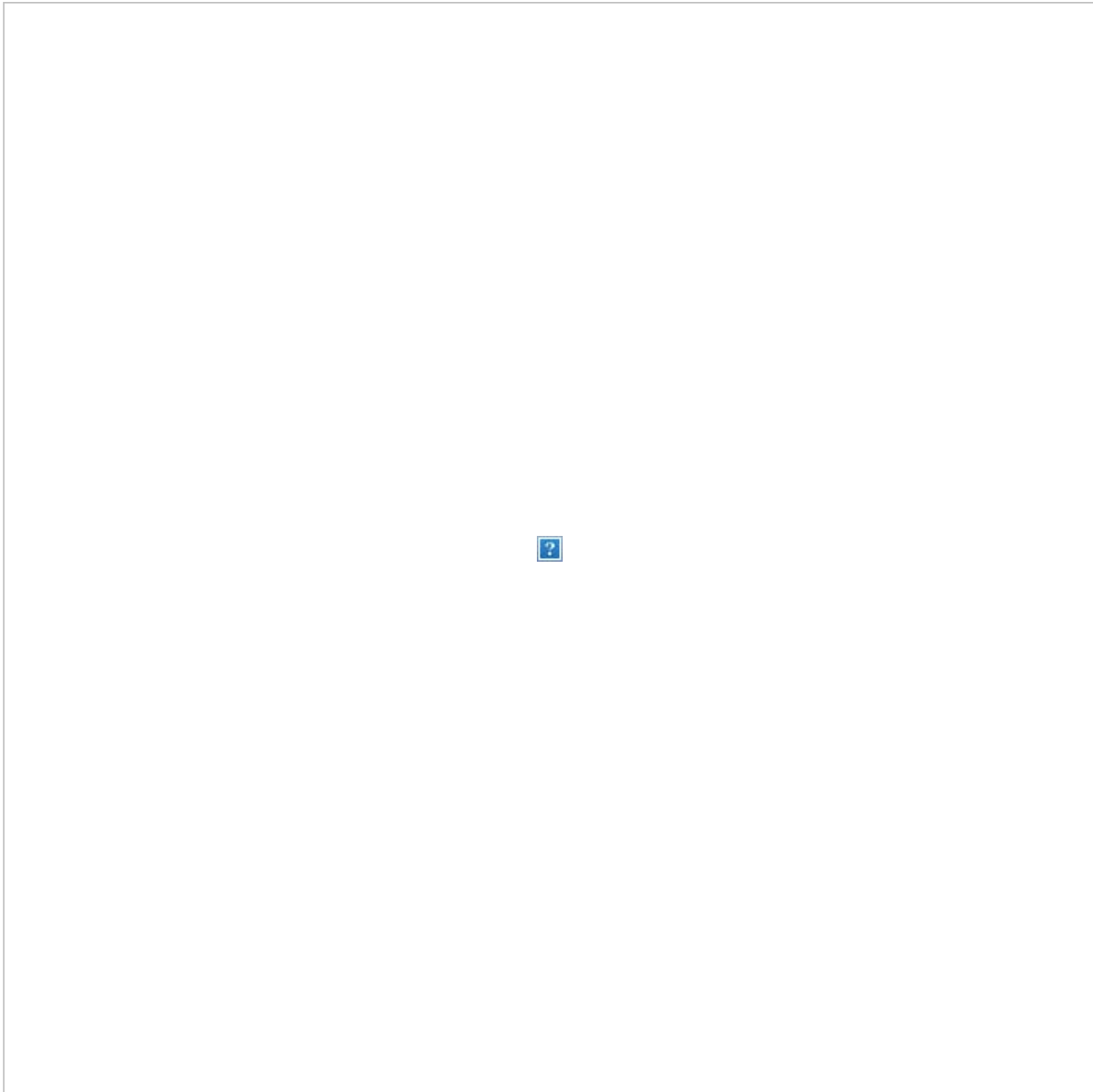
Hillary, who has been in the public eye over four decades and who has had a Secret Service detail for almost 25 years now, insisted during the primaries that she was not part of the Democratic establishment. No one, even her, actually believed that. The fact that a septuagenarian socialist from Vermont kept her sweating through the California primary in June should have set off even louder alarm bells than it did. The fact that Bernie won so many primaries in states dominated by conservative Democrats, such as West Virginia, also underscored the extent to which [his appeal was really more about tapping into disaffection](#) with the status quo than his far-left ideology.

Evan Bayh led by more than 20 points in public and private polls when he first [jumped into the Indiana Senate](#)

[race](#) this summer. The son of a onetime presidential candidate thought his surname and huge war chest – held over from 2010 – would allow him to easily get his old seat back. But Republicans defined him as a consummate D.C. insider who made millions as an influence peddler after leaving office. He lost by *10 points*, a margin no one expected.

Republican Sen. Roy Blunt narrowly survived after getting hammered for his fancy house in Washington and the fact that his wife and all his kids are lobbyists. Trump won Missouri by 19 points. Blunt won by just three points, underperforming the top of the ticket by 215,000 votes. If Trump had not fared quite so well, even Blunt advisers agree he would have gone down.

Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson won a shocking upset against challenger Russ Feingold by successfully presenting himself as the outsider in the race despite being the incumbent. It was a rematch of 2010, when the political neophyte had knocked off the three-term. “Obviously something is happening in this country,” Feingold said in his concession speech. “I’ll be honest. I don’t understand it completely.”



Rep. John Mica (R-Florida) gets a hug from his wife, Patrica, after conceding defeat to Democratic challenger Stephanie Murphy in Altamonte Springs last night. (Joe Burbank/Orlando Sentinel via AP)

John Mica, the 12-term Republican congressman, fell in the Orlando suburbs. He based his campaign on [his ability to bring home the bacon](#), highlighting earmarks and road projects that he facilitated as chairman of the

House Transportation Committee. That did not resonate with voters in this environment.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who like Mica has been in office since 1992, [went down in Phoenix](#). Trump won his county by four points, but Arpaio – despite being one of his most prominent early supporters -- lost by 10 points. Why? Voters were exhausted by all the drama associated with him and wanted a fresh face. “There’s a new sheriff in town,” his challenger, Paul Penzone, said at his [victory party](#).

North Carolina Republican Gov. Pat McCrory [apparently](#) went down, even as Trump carried his state and Sen. Richard Burr survived, because voters were angry about the so-called bathroom bill that he signed into law earlier this year.

FBI Director James Comey (Michael Reynolds/EPA) </p> □



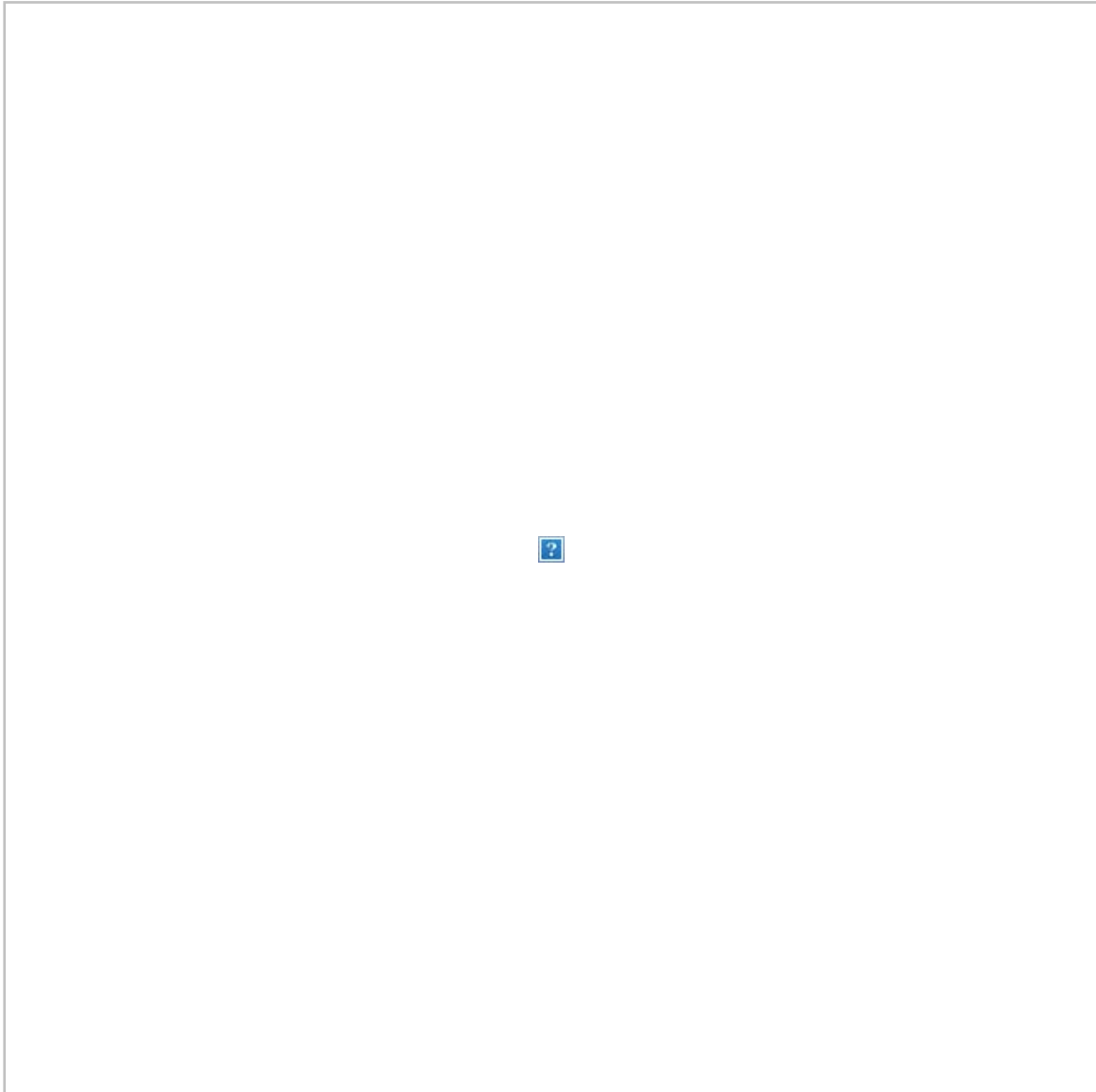
FBI Director James Comey (Michael Reynolds/EPA)

-- **James Comey deserves a significant share of credit/blame/responsibility, whichever word you want to use, for Clinton’s loss.** The percentage of likely voters who saw the former secretary of state as untrustworthy rose after the FBI director's bombshell announcement only 11 days before the election. Comey undercut Democratic enthusiasm, and his suggestion that the investigation into her would reopen motivated Republicans to fall in line.

Democrats will [forever more](#) hate Comey, who [contributed](#) financially to John McCain in 2008 and Mitt Romney in 2012, even though he tried to clean up the mess he created this past Sunday. But by then it was too



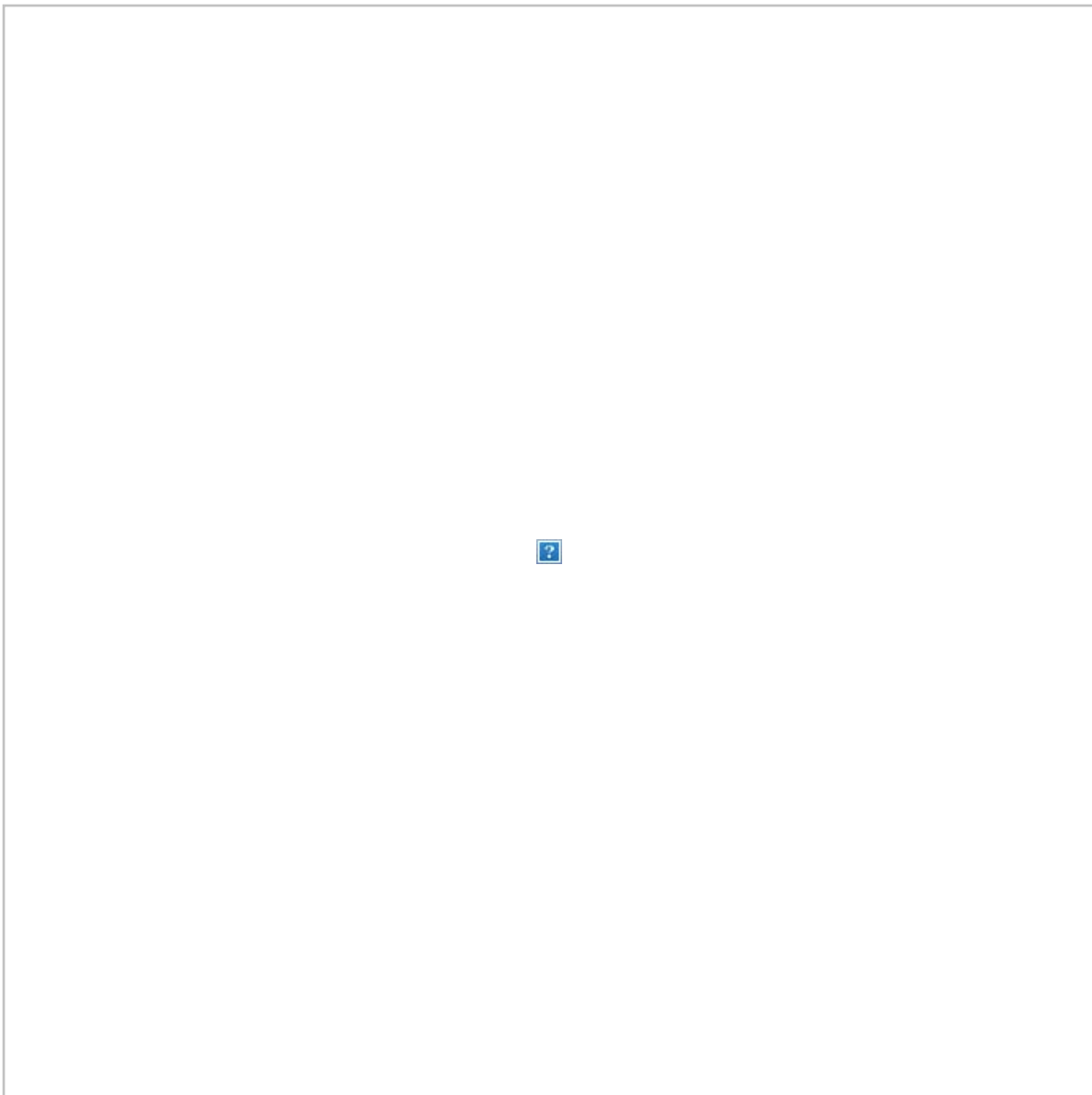
late. Tens of millions of early votes had been cast, and his walk back received a fraction of the attention.



-- **Recalcitrant Republicans definitely [came home](#) in the final days.** Trump [won](#) 88 percent of self-identified Republicans. He wound up doing better than expected in places like the Milwaukee suburbs, where there had been strong pockets of Never Trump resistance. **He wound up garnering 60 percent of white men and 52 percent of white women, according to the exit polls.** He even won college-educated whites!

White evangelicals supported Trump by an 81 percent to 16 percent margin in the exit polls. Compare that to 2004, when George W. Bush pandered to this group by endorsing a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage and still only got 78 percent among this group. Maintaining control of the Supreme Court – with the long-term goal of overturning Roe v. Wade – was definitely one motivator. Trump’s list of potential justices reassured many in this bloc who feared him.

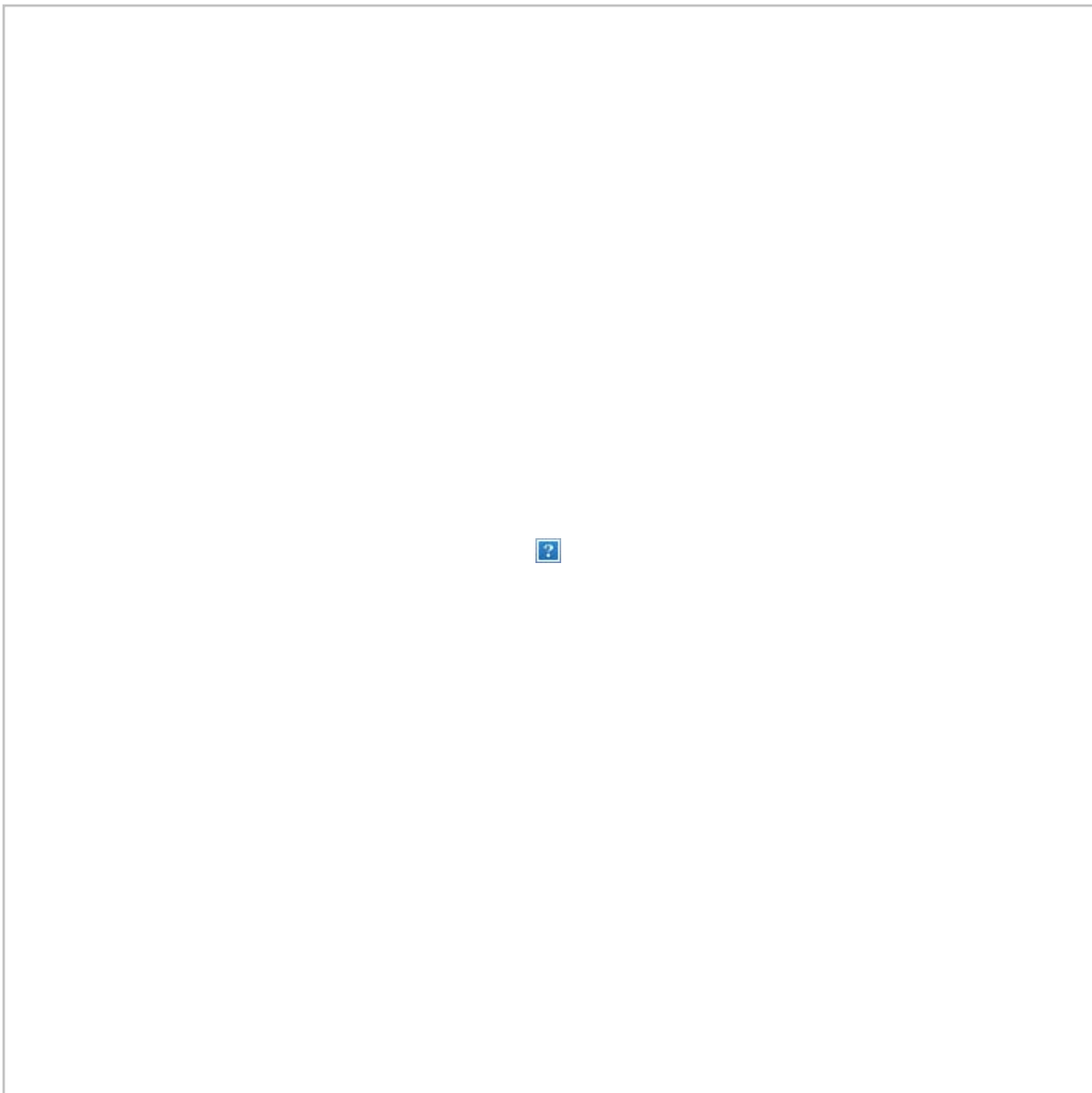
-- **Trump’s Rust Belt and rural strategies were smarter than he got credit for.** He really ran up the score outside of urban areas everywhere. Florida, his second home, was [always a pretty good fit](#). He wound up outperforming Romney in 51 counties. Clinton outperformed Obama in just seven.



John Podesta leaves the stage after telling people at the Javits Convention Center to go home early this morning. (Jewel Samad/AFP/Getty Images)

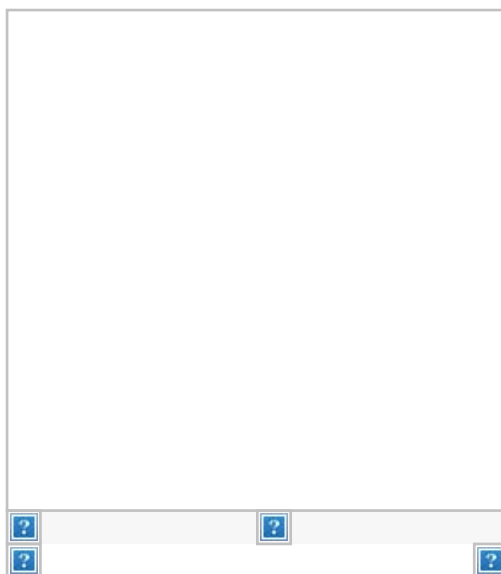
-- **The Clinton campaign blew it.** Top officials on the campaign became way too overconfident and complacent. They believed their own spin. They were measuring the drapes. They had too much confidence in their models, and they chastised anyone who doubted them as bedwetters. Hillary lost the primaries in Wisconsin and Michigan, but she invested little in shoring up her support there until the 11th hour. Her team clearly failed to see the race tightening in both places.

-- **Trump was helped in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania by Republican Senate candidates running great campaigns.** Ron Johnson campaigned with Trump. Pat Toomey avoided ever saying whether he'd vote for him or not. But both first-term incumbents invested heavily in get-out-the-vote efforts that wound up benefitting Trump. The Koch political network steered clear of the presidential but also invested massively in field programs to boost these down-ballot Republicans. Trump certainly helped both senators at the end of the day, but they also helped him.



Hillary Clinton acknowledges the crowd after delivering her acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. (Melina Mara/The Washington Post)

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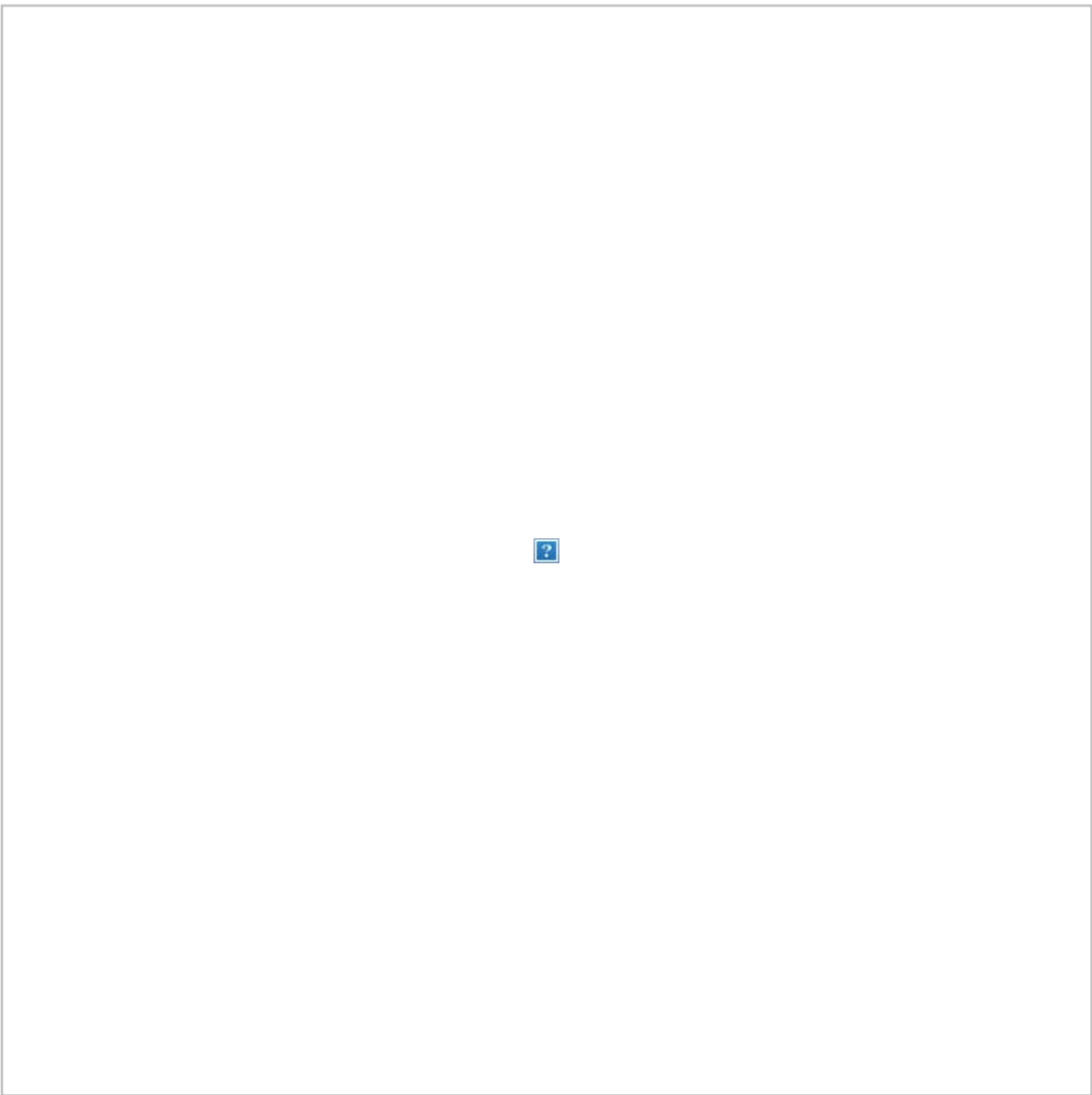


-- **Misogyny also remains alive and well in America. It would be intellectually dishonest to pretend that Clinton's gender did not work against her as she sought to break the ultimate glass ceiling.** Women have never been elected to the top jobs in Ohio and Pennsylvania (governor or senator), and you cannot discount the reality that at least some voters in those places were uncomfortable with a woman as president. Especially in Pennsylvania, where Katie McGinty narrowly lost to Toomey. (Until 2014, Iowa – another Trump state – was also in this ignominious category.)

-- **History was actually always on Trump's side.** One American University professor predicted a GOP victory [this way](#).

**The pendulum swings.** America has a long history of replacing its presidents with someone who is temperamentally the opposite. The hot-headed and brash Trump is the un-Obama in almost every way. Obama, outwardly intellectual and cerebral, was perceived as the opposite of Bush 43, who went with his gut. He was seen as a reaction to Clinton, who was seen as a reaction to his father. Reagan was the un-Jimmy Carter. Nixon was the un-LBJ. Kennedy was the un-Eisenhower. Historian Arthur Schlesinger called this "[cyclical theory](#)."

-- **Just like in the 1930s, many Americans want to turn inward. The Republican coalition is not as hawkish as the neocons who have controlled the party.** Elites freaked out about Trump saying the U.S. might not fulfill its obligations under the NATO charter. It's hard to imagine that cost him a single vote.



Trump campaign manager says 'undercover Trump vote' was real

-- **Some number of Americans were ashamed to tell pollsters that they supported Trump.** Pollsters will have a lot of explaining to do. Speaking to reporters last night, Trump campaign manager Kellyanne Conway (a pollster by training) said “the undercover Trump vote” was real.

Ronald Reagan and Arnold Schwarzenegger, both actors when they ran for governor of California, outperformed polls on Election Day for similar reasons.

There was evidence during the cycle that Trump fared better in online polls and robopolls than live-caller polls because people felt more anonymous when disclosing their preference. Call it the reverse Bradley Effect.

Hillary and Bernie during a rally in Raleigh last Thursday night. (Melina Mara/The Washington Post)</p></p>

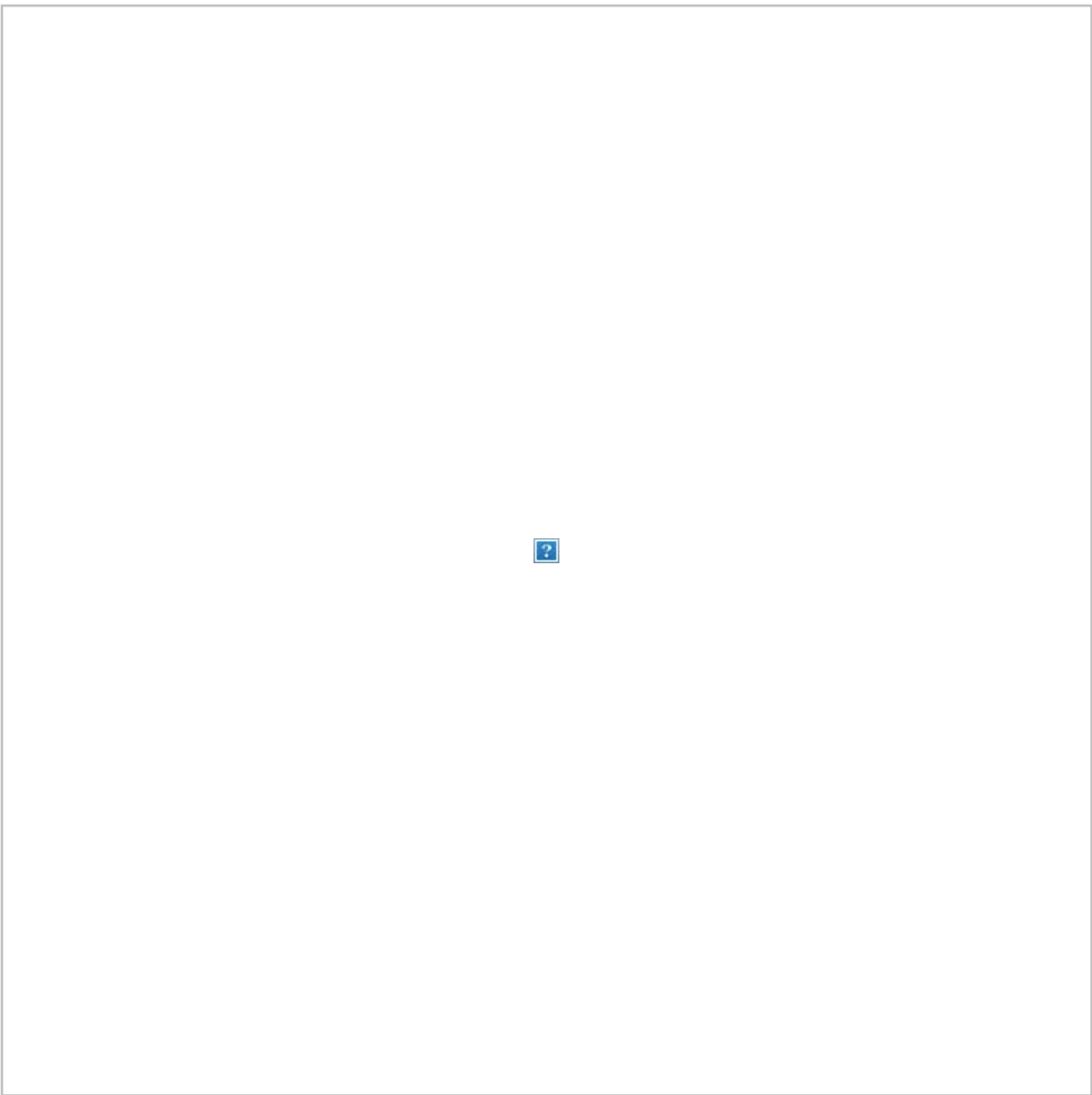


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### **IT IS TRUMP'S WASHINGTON NOW – WHAT'S NEXT?**

**-- The Democratic Party is about to descend into full-scale civil war. It's going to get very ugly.** Who is the head of The Democratic Party come Jan. 21? Just like Bush leaving office in 2009 created a vacuum that allowed for the rise of the tea party movement, Obama leaving office will do the same. Many supporters of Sanders who very reluctantly got onboard the Clinton bandwagon are going to take from yesterday's results that the Democratic Party must nominate an unapologetic and unabashed liberal in 2020. Sanders and Elizabeth Warren are going to have a whole lot more juice than they would have had Clinton won. **There is also no obvious frontrunner for the nomination four years from now – which could mean an especially nasty primary contest.**

**The grassroots of the party will clamor for someone that really excites the left. Indeed, Clinton's palpable enthusiasm problem cannot be overlooked. Her public image has taken a beating for years, and the protracted attacks took a toll.** "It's not the same as Obama," a 55-year old Clinton supporter told [the Boston Globe's](#) Annie Linskey while he waited around at Clinton's "party" last night. "Obama was like a new car coming off the boat. This year you're buying a used car where you know all the problems." Again, this quote comes from someone who was at Clinton's own party...



Pete Wilson 1994 campaign ad on illegal immigration

*Pete Wilson's 1994 "They're coming" ad has doomed the California GOP for more than a generation.*

**-- But Trump's victory may also be Pyrrhic. If he governs as he's campaigned – if he tries to build the wall, if he blocks Muslims from entering the country, etc., etc., etc. – he may relegate Republicans to long-term minority status.** People talk a lot about the lessons of Proposition 187 in California in 1994, which denied public services to undocumented immigrants and which Republican Gov. Pete Wilson latched onto to boost his reelection bid. What people forget is that Prop 187 passed and Wilson won. The Republican Party has just never recovered in the Golden State.

On the other hand, Trump has no clear ideology – only a belief in his own ability to solve problems. He could surprise a lot of people by being a pragmatist who cuts deals with fellow New Yorker Chuck Schumer, to the great chagrin of his base.

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Trump congratulates Clinton, calls for country to come together

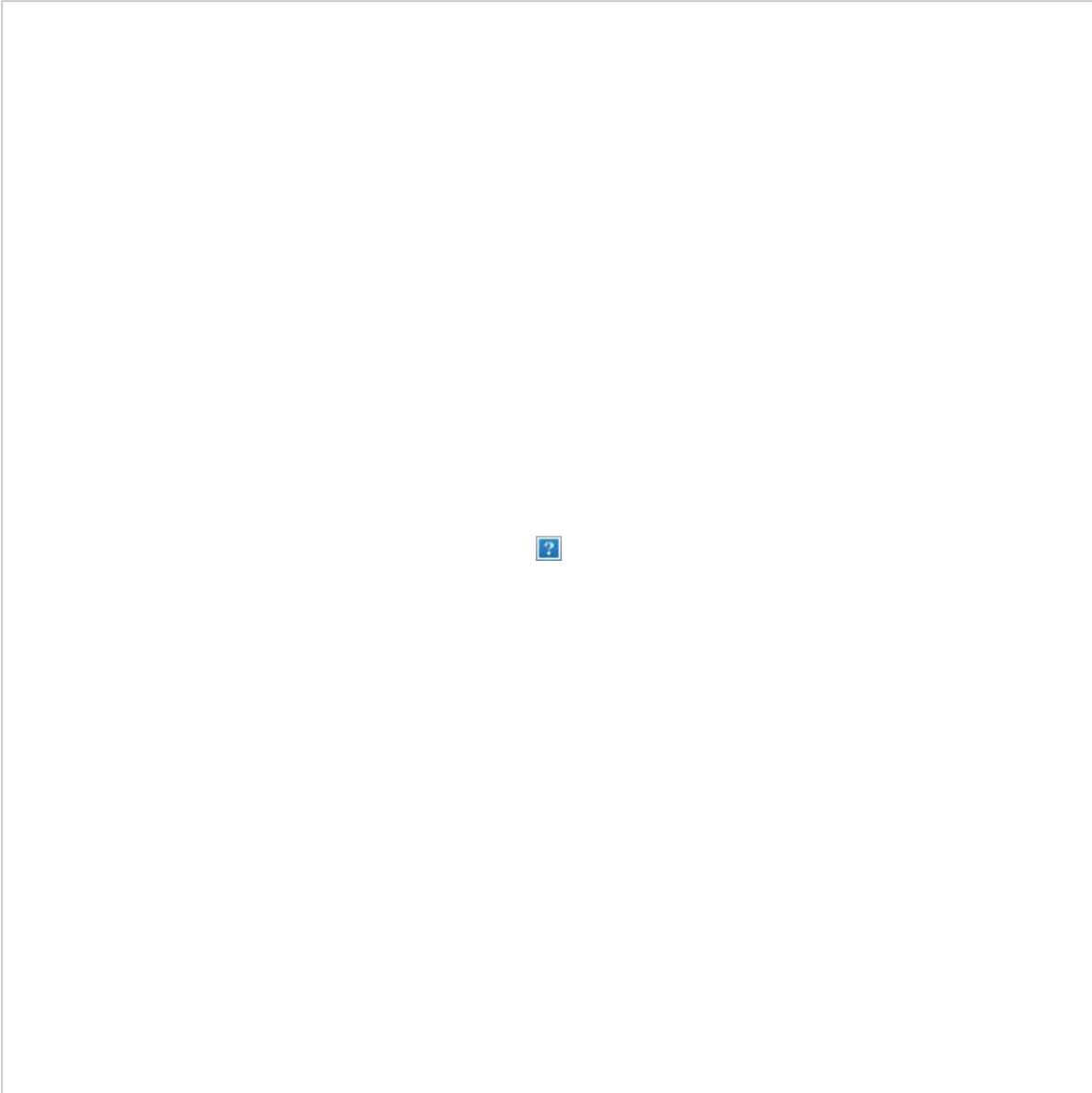
#### **WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:**

-- **"From the White House residence, the President phoned Donald Trump to congratulate him on his victory early this morning," Josh Earnest said in a statement.** "The President also called Secretary Clinton and expressed admiration for the strong campaign she waged throughout the country. The President will make a statement on Wednesday at the White House to discuss the election results and what steps we can take as a country to come together after this hard-fought election season. **The President invited the President-elect to meet with him at the White House on Thursday, November 10th,** to update him on the transition planning his team has been working on for nearly a year. Ensuring a smooth transition of power is one of the top priorities the President identified at the beginning of the year and a meeting with the President-elect is the next step."

-- **Trump addressed supporters in New York shortly before 3 a.m., sounding a magnanimous note for reconciliation after Clinton called him to concede.** From [Karen Tumulty, Philip Rucker and Anne Gearan](#): "Hillary has worked very long and very hard over a long period of time and we owe her a major debt of gratitude for her service to our country," Trump said. "I mean that very sincerely. Now it's time for America to bind the wounds of division. We have to get together. To all Republicans, Democrats and independents across this nation, I say it is time for us to come together as one united people." Under his administration, he said, "America will no longer settle for anything less than the best." And he promised foreign countries that



“while we were always put America’s interests first, we will deal fairly with everyone,” adding: “We will seek common ground, not hostility.” He also thanked Melania and his children for their patience, saying, “This was tough. This was tough. This political stuff is nasty and it’s tough.” ([Here's an annotated transcript of Trump's speech.](#))



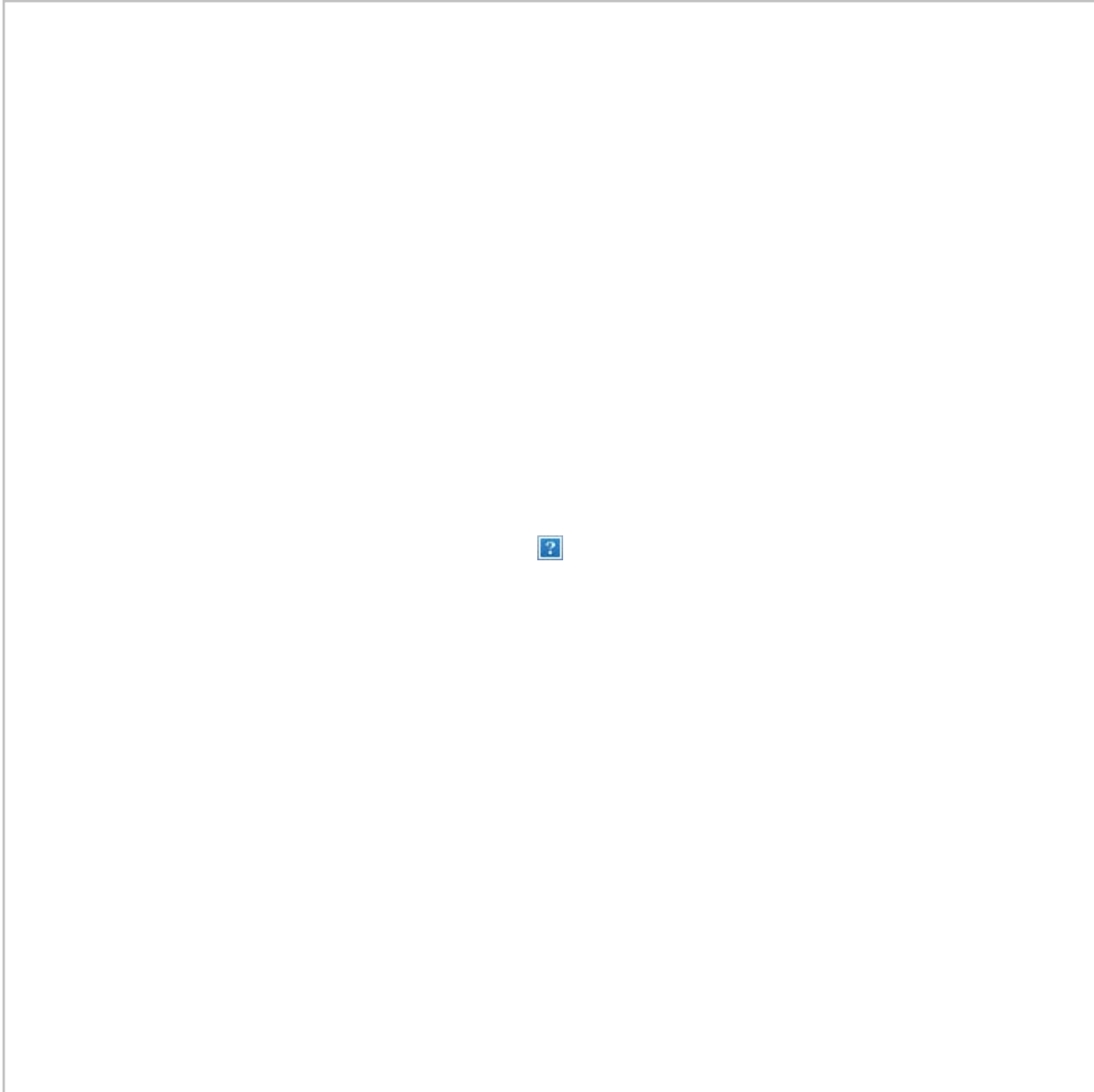
Trump campaign manager says 'undercover Trump vote' was real

-- **Trump campaign manager Kellyanne Conway said Clinton’s concession call was “very gracious”:** “I looked down at my phone and I saw Huma Abedin on it,” Conway told reporters, saying they both “commended each other on a well-fought campaign.”

-- **Paul Ryan called Trump early this morning to congratulate him, calling his victory a “repudiation of the status quo”:** “I want to congratulate [Trump] on his incredible victory. It marks a repudiation of the status quo of failed liberal progressive policies,” Ryan said. “We are eager to work hand-in-hand with the new administration to advance an agenda to improve the lives of the American people. This has been a great night for our party, and now we must turn our focus to bringing the country together.”

-- **Mitch McConnell congratulated Trump on his “historic election”:** “After eight years of the Obama administration, the American people have chosen a new direction for our nation. President-elect Trump has a significant opportunity to bring our nation together,” he said in a statement. “It is my hope and intent that we succeed in the years ahead by working together with our colleagues across the aisle to strengthen our national

and economic security.”

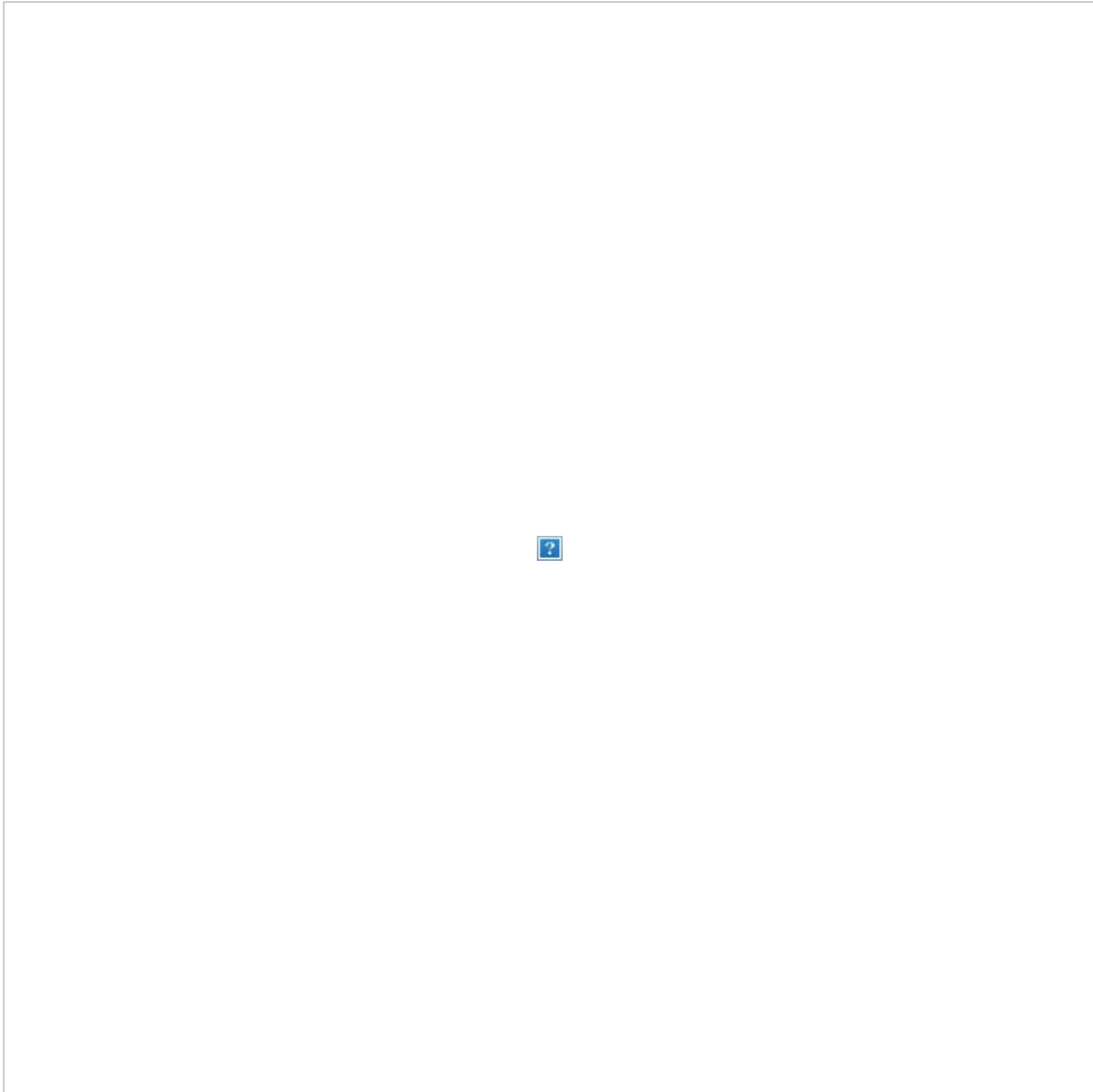


A group of women react as voting results come in at Clinton's election night event at the Javits Convention Center in New York. (Drew Angerer/Getty Images)

**-- A very different scene played out inside the Javits Center, where the "once-jovial atmosphere" grew darker and darker as the night wore on.** “Senior Clinton aides, who had been circulating among the press risers, had long since disappeared and stopped answering their phones. The only Clinton staff in evidence as the 11 o’clock hour approached were fairly junior aides, looking nervous and uncertain. By midnight, supporters were streaming out the exits. Many of those who remained were in tears. ‘I’m actually speechless right now,’ said a dejected Julia Beatty, 38, who left the Javits Center with her Clinton sticker peeling off her leather jacket. **‘I just want to make it safely uptown so I can sob into a glass of wine.’**”

**-- Hundreds of Clinton supporters who had gathered outside the White House to celebrate her victory stood in stunned silence as poll results began coming in.** Here’s the vantage point of one: “Minister Carol Kelly, 64, and seminary student Bettina Hindes, came to Lafayette Park to help sing in what they thought would be a new Democratic regime. Their excitement quickly turned into depression. They sang along with the Avaaz activists — songs like ‘God Bless America.’ The hymns sounded more funereal than celebratory, however ... Kelly, who is from College Park, said she had expected to ‘put this polarizing election behind us and move toward progress’ after the voting. ‘But I’m concerned if Trump is president we won’t get that. He’s

so divisive,' Kelly said. "It is so disheartening ... It's time to head home.'" ([T. Rees Shapiro, Arelis R. Hernández and Jasper Scherer](#))



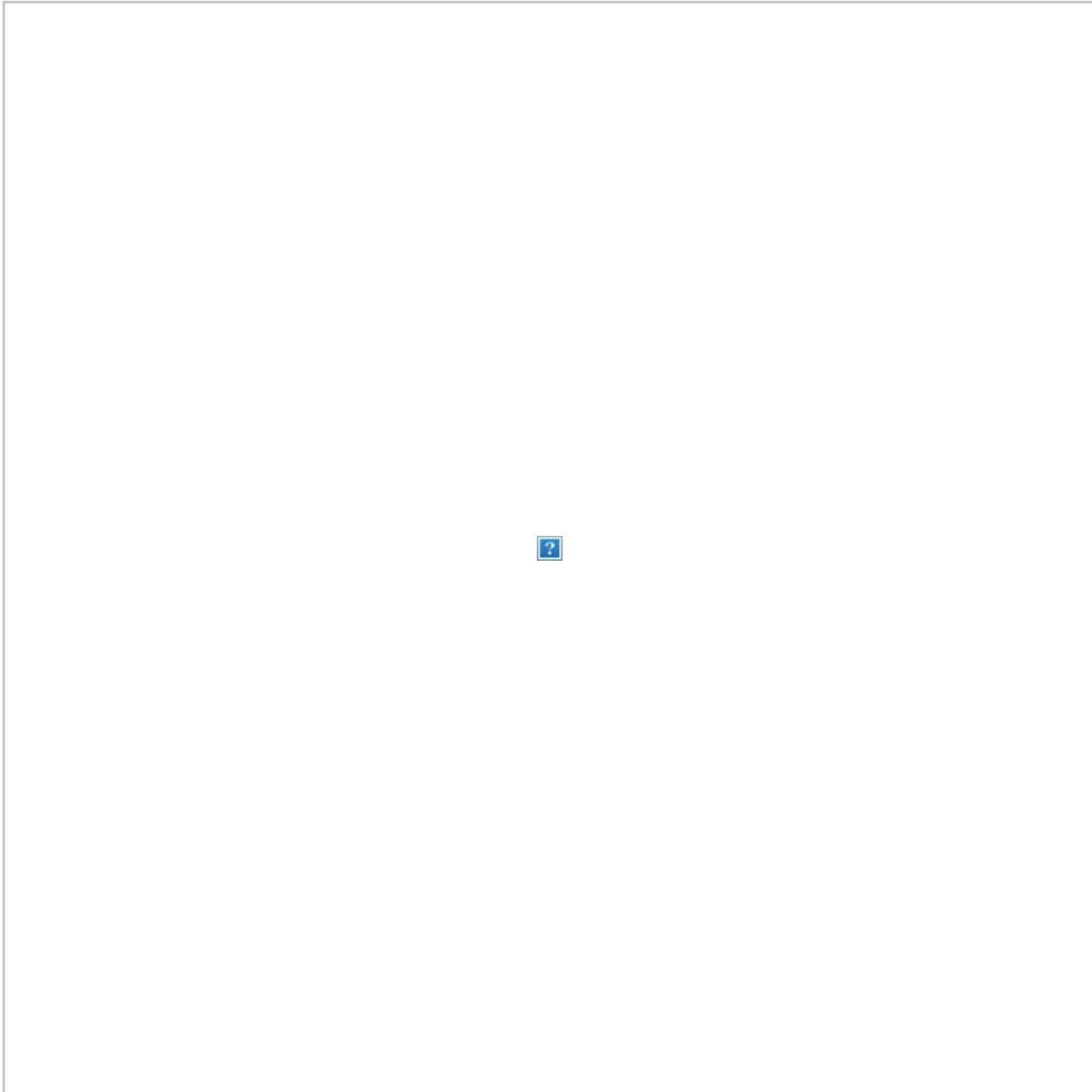
A trader in Frankfurt, Germany reacts as a television news report shows Trump speaking. (Alex Kraus/Bloomberg)

#### **THE MARKETS TANK:**

-- **Global financial markets convulsed as Trump steadily climbed to victory, with all three major stock market index futures down by four percent or more by late evening.** From [Ylan Q. Mui and Simon Denyer](#): "Dow Jones industrial average futures slid more than 700 points at one point. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index sank more than 100 points, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq dropped over 200 points. Anxious investors sought out the safety of gold instead, sending the precious metal soaring 3.6 percent." Global leaders were also rattled, with Japan's Nikkei index plunging more than 800 points, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index losing 650 points. Meanwhile, the Mexican peso nosedived to an eight-year low."

-- **"The possibility of a Trump victory makes investors anxious for a couple of reasons,"** [Max Ehrenfreund](#) **explains:** "For one, investors are unsure of what, exactly, Trump would do if elected, since he wavered between various economic policies on the campaign trail. **Moody Analytics' Mark Zandi predicts if Trump were able to implement his agenda in full, the economy would enter a two-year recession and**

**see unemployment rates spike to 7.4 percent.** Another cause for concern among economists is Trump's proposal for heavy tariffs on goods imported from China and Mexico, reducing spending and slowing down the U.S. economy overall."



Russian President Vladimir Putin celebrates Trump's victory this morning in the Kremlin. (Sputnik)

#### **THE WORLD RESPONDS:**

-- **Vladimir Putin congratulated Trump, expressing his "hope to work together for removing Russian-American relations from their crisis state" in a telegram.** Members of the largely pro-Kremlin house of parliament reportedly broke into applause after his victory. ([AP](#))

-- **The world gasped in collective disbelief after Trump's victory on Wednesday, with apprehensive allies seeking to put a brave face on a result they had dreaded and American adversaries exulting in an outcome they see as a potential turning point in global affairs, [Simon Denyer and Griff Witte](#) report.** "Within minutes of Trump's triumph, congratulatory messages to the Republican nominee poured in from leaders around the world, both friend and foe alike ... But beneath the assurances was a deep anxiety that Trump's win could unsettle the global order. The terms 'shock' and 'nightmare,' which were trending on Twitter in Germany, appeared to reflect the sentiment among many observers and politicians in Berlin. Concerns were also sharp in Brussels, the headquarters of NATO and the European Union, where Trump had

been universally opposed, as well as in key Asian strategic allies such as Japan and South Korea. But China's state media chortled at how the elections revealed the decline of American democracy. "The probably most divisive and scandalous election in American history has eroded voters' faith in the two-party system, as many voters called it a game of money, power, and influence," wrote state-run news agency Xinhua."

-- **France's National Front party leader Marine Le Pen warmly congratulated Trump on Wednesday, "Congratulations to the new president of the United States Donald Trump and to the free American people!" she said on Twitter.** France's National Front has been building support for its anti-immigration, anti-European Union stance in recent years, [Reuters](#) notes.

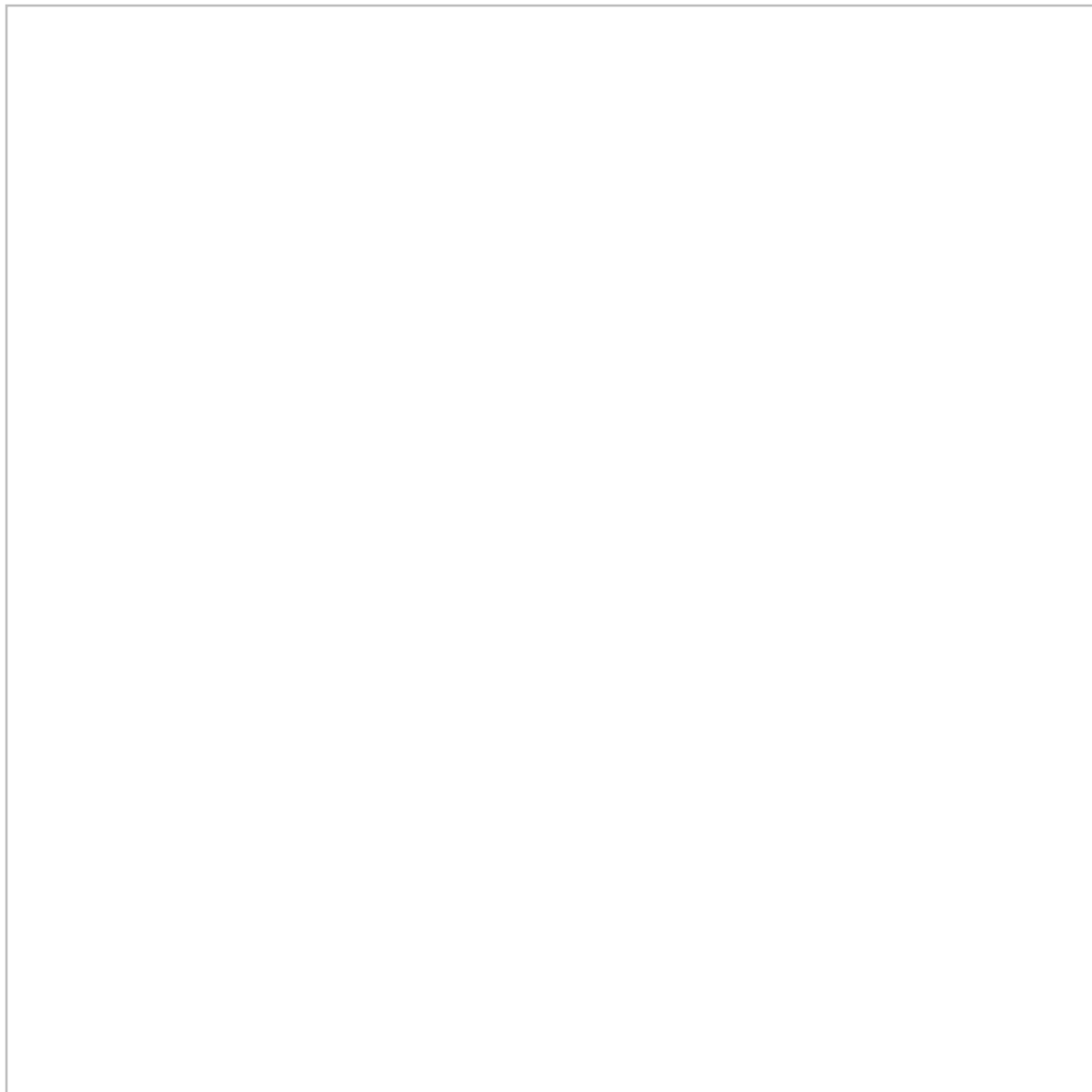
-- **The Vatican's secretary of state cardinal wished Trump well, saying he would pray for the new incumbent to be "enlightened."** "We pledge to pray that God enlightens him and supports him in the service of his country of course, but also in the service of wellbeing and peace in the world," Pietro Parolin said. "I think today everyone needs to work to change the global situation, which is one of deep laceration and serious conflict." ([Reuters](#))

-- **"Canada has no closer friend, partner, and ally than the United States," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau [said in a statement](#).** "We look forward to working very closely with President-elect Trump, his administration, and with the United States Congress in the years ahead, including on issues such as trade, investment, and international peace and security.

-- **Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu congratulated Trump, calling him a "true friend of Israel":** "I am confident that President-elect Trump and I will continue to strengthen the unique alliance between our two countries and bring it to ever greater heights," he [said in a statement](#).

-- **"A Trump foreign policy, based on his statements, will bring an intense 'realist' focus on U.S. national interests and a rejection of costly U.S. engagements abroad," [Post foreign affairs columnist David Ignatius](#) writes. "It will likely bring these changes":**

- **A move to improve relations with Russia:** Trump stressed repeatedly during the campaign, at some political cost, that he would work with President Vladimir Putin.
- **A joint military effort with Russia and Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to defeat ISIS:** "If Russia and the United States got along well and went after ISIS, that would be good," he said during the second presidential debate.
- **An attempt to alter the terms of trade in Asia by renegotiating trade pacts** and forcing China to revalue its currency.
- **A new push for European allies to pay more for their own defense:** "It's unlikely that Trump will dismantle NATO, as critics charged during the campaign. But he never retreated from an April 27 speech in which he said 'the U.S. must be prepared to let these countries defend themselves,' even if that means letting them acquire nuclear weapons."



Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio acknowledges the cheers from supporters after winning a second term in office. (AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

**IT WAS THE BEST CASE SCENARIO FOR DOWN-BALLOT REPUBLICANS--**

**IN THE SENATE:**

- Only Mark Kirk went down in Illinois, to Tammy Duckworth.
- Kelly Ayotte is clinging to a 1,500 vote lead in New Hampshire against Democratic Gov. Maggie Hassan, with 93 percent of votes counted.
- Pat Toomey won the most expensive Senate race ever in Pennsylvania.
- Richard Burr survived in North Carolina, running slightly ahead of Deborah Ross.
- Roy Blunt narrowly survived because Trump ran so strong in Missouri.
- John McCain coasted in Arizona.
- Democrat Catherine Cortez Masto will succeed Hary Reid in Nevada, becoming the first Latina senator

ever.

-- Kamala Harris, an African American woman, easily won the race to succeed Barbara Boxer in California.

#### AND IN THE HOUSE:

-- **Republicans also maintained a comfortable majority, poised to lose only a handful of seats that fall far below the double-digit losses predicted by some.** From [Mike DeBonis](#): "Democrats seized four redrawn, GOP-held districts in Florida and Virginia and ousted incumbents in a few more. But they could not unseat Republicans in key districts across the country, including suburban seats that they thought they could win easily with Trump on the ticket. In the Northern Virginia suburbs, Rep. Barbara Comstock (R) fended off a strong challenge that generated \$6 million in television spending in the past week alone. Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R) handily won a Miami-area district that Democrats targeted for months. And Rep. Mike Coffman (R) was able to separate himself from Trump in a diverse pocket of the Denver suburbs."

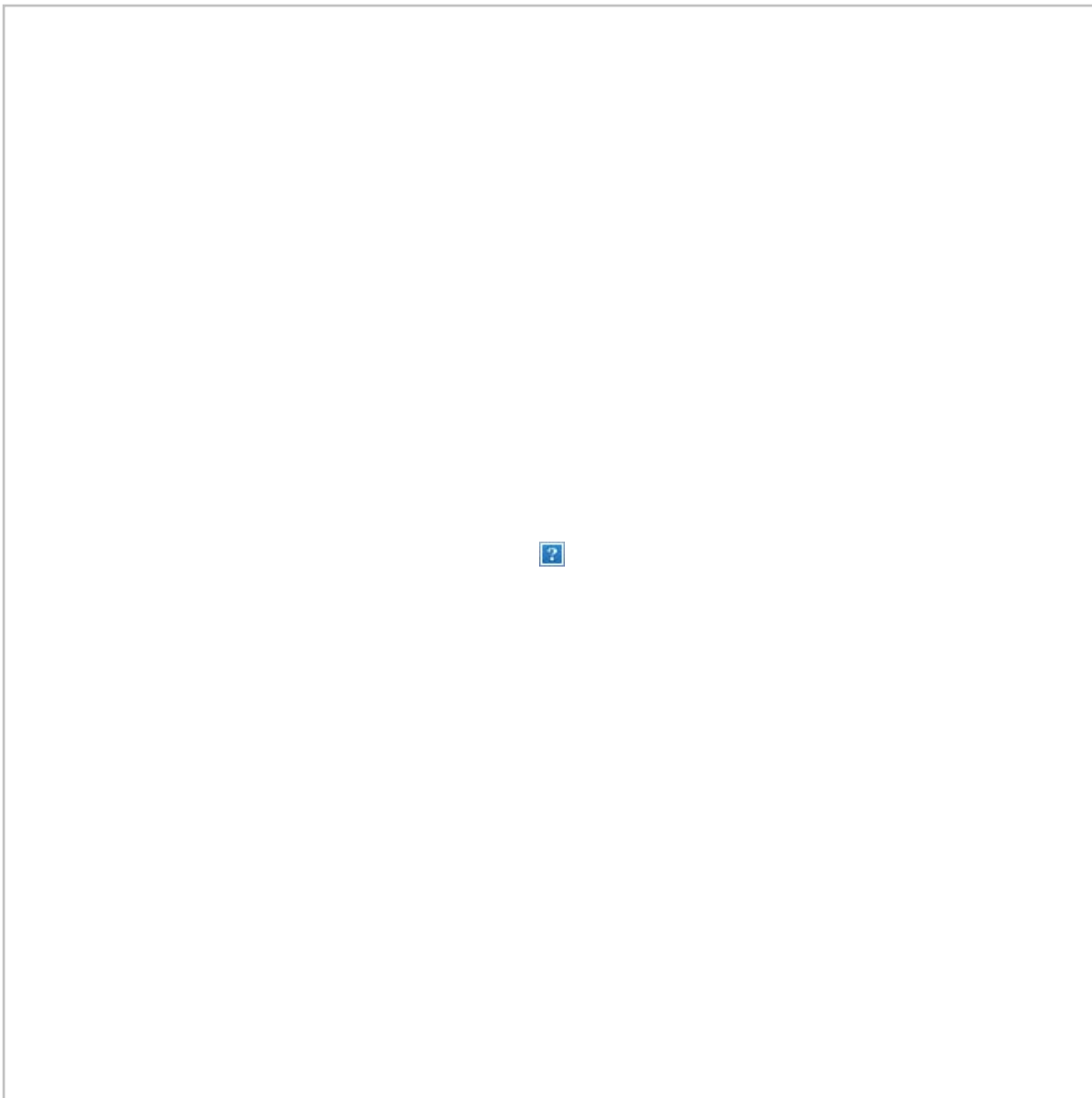
-- **Democrats edged out victories in a few districts:** "Reps. Scott Garrett (R-N.J.) and Bob Dold (R-Ill.) lost, and Democrats claimed a pair of GOP-held seats in Nevada. In New Hampshire's first district, Democrat Carol Shea-Porter defeated Republican incumbent Frank Guinta. But they struck out in many more."

#### EXIT POLL BREAKDOWN:

-- **"The composition of the 2016 electorate was similar to that of the 2012 voting population. But Trump was performing exceptionally well among white voters, while Clinton was doing less well among nonwhite voters than [Obama] did four years ago,"** per [Rosalind S. Helderman, Philip Bump and Scott Clement](#). "In general, a pattern appeared to be taking hold across a number of key battleground states late Tuesday: **In places where Obama won, Clinton appeared to be winning as well — but often by significantly less. Where Romney won, Trump won, too — but his margins were much bigger.**" Among nonwhite voters, Clinton led Trump by 54 points -- a whopping advantage, but less than Obama's 61-point lead four years ago.

-- **Across Florida, in counties that were under 60 percent white, Clinton was performing about 2.5 percentage points worse than Obama and Trump was doing a bit less than a percentage point better than Romney.** "In counties that are three-quarters white, Clinton was down 4.8 points versus the president and Trump up 3.1 points," [Philip Bump](#) notes. "And preliminary exit poll data shows that Trump got about as much support from Republicans as Clinton did from Democrats — not atypical for a presidential candidate, but something that seemed to be unlikely even a few weeks ago. Those same exit polls also suggest that Clinton's margin among nonwhite voters was a little over 50 points, down from the 61-point margin Obama enjoyed in 2012. These margins are friendlier to Trump than they were expected to be."

-- **There was a dramatic shift in party support at nearly every income level:** "Historically, lower-income voters have tended to support Democrats, and wealthier voters leaned more Republican. But income correlates with education, which strongly divided voters this cycle," [NYT analysts](#) noted.



Trump supporters cheer during the election night event at the New York Hilton Midtown. (Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images)

#### **MORE ON HOW TRUMP DID IT:**

-- **[“How Trump won: The insiders tell their story.”](#)** In four dozen interviews over the course of this year’s presidential campaign, Dan Balz and Philip Rucker chronicle Trump’s rise to success: “By the spring of this year, it was clear that Americans were heading into one of the ugliest, most consequential and often bizarre presidential campaigns in memory. Donald Trump would become the improbable Republican nominee, and Democrat Hillary Clinton the first woman to head a major-party ticket. Their clash challenged Americans to confront divisions over race, gender, ideology and our very national identity. This is how the race unfolded, as retold by the people who lived it. This oral history is based on four dozen on-the-record interviews with campaign advisers and other key players, conducted during the final two weeks.”

--**“Rejected by the elites from the very start of his career as a real estate developer in Manhattan in the 1970s, Trump had a lifetime of resentments that he had reacted to with searing attacks against his enemies and often-successful revenge plays against those who believed they were better than he,”** says **[The Post’s Marc Fisher](#)**. “The big real estate developer families in New York had long sneered at Trump as a brash, nasty, nouveau riche intruder on a business that took pride in doing things quietly and diplomatically. The banks treated him like an out-of-control adolescent who needed to be reined in and taught a lesson. The



politicians humored him, then scrambled to be by his side to catch some of his reflected fame. Trump beat them all back, again and again, by appealing to the people, his customers, his admirers. On Tuesday, he reached [the] final step in a half-century-long ascent.

**What he plans to do with his newfound power, even he does not know:** “Asked earlier this year if he has spent much time preparing to actually be president, Trump admitted that his focus had been solely on the campaign. ‘I’m all about the hunt and the chase,’ he said. ‘When I get something I really wanted, I sometimes lose interest in it.’ **Trump has 73 days until his inauguration.**”

-- **“[How the stampede for big money enabled Donald Trump’s rise,](#)”** by **Matea Gold:** “The hunt for big dollars began in January 2015 outside Palm Springs, Calif. ... [where] the emerging crop of Republican presidential candidates jockeyed to impress the millionaires and billionaires who make up the Koch political network. In the end, there would be plenty of big checks to go around. And rich benefactors, it turned out, would have a limited ability to keep their chosen candidates aloft. But the all-consuming pursuit of mega-donors had a deeper, more fundamental effect on the 2016 presidential race. **The magnet of six- and seven-figure contributions tugged at the early White House front-runners in both parties, reshaping their political strategies and their early priorities. It drew them away from the campaign trail, leaving them vulnerable to the fiercely populist mood gripping voters — and to a candidate on the GOP side, Donald Trump, uniquely positioned to harness that anger ...**”

-- **“What Trump has done is nothing short of cataclysmic,”** **[Chris Cillizza writes.](#)** “He has fundamentally reshaped the political map. He has broken the Republican Party into pieces — and its shards still remain scattered everywhere. He has proven that the political polling and punditry industries need a deep re-examination. But, even more than all that, Trump’s victory reveals that many of the assumptions that people have long made about who we are as a country and what we want out of our politicians, our political system and each other are, frankly, wrong.”

**“Trump’s candidacy was premised on the idea that everyone — politicians, reporters, corporations — is lying to you, and lying to you to feather their own nests,”** **Chris adds.** It was a Holden Caulfield campaign: Everyone, except Trump and his supporters, were phonies. In short: Trump played on the deep alienation and anxiety coursing through the country. A prevailing sense that things were so screwed up that radical change — and make no mistake that is what Trump cast himself as in this contest — was the only option left. **How Trump happened then, while remarkable, can be understood and analyzed. What Trump will do as president is a far more difficult question to answer.**”

-- **“Big elections are supposed to help settle some of (the big) disputes, or at least point a direction for the new leader,”** **[Balz writes.](#)** “Yet, as the campaign ended Tuesday, the question remained as to what had been resolved, if anything. Everyone knew the campaign was unlike anything they had seen in the past. Everyone wanted it to end. **Now it falls to Trump, the unlikely winner of the most traumatic election in memory, to chart the course ahead and try, if he can, to prove that he can lift the whole country out of its morass and make Washington work.**”

-- **“Usually elections bring a measure of closure ... [But] you wonder if anyone will even bother this time,”** **[Mark Leibovich writes in the Times.](#)** “At the very least, I’ll offer a small proposal, take it or leave it. Maybe the purest act of patriotism involves well-meaning citizens redoubling their efforts at being respectful, compassionate and decent in their everyday lives. It’s what we can control, after all, our small gift to democracy, beyond all the noise and fallout that our politics inflicted in 2016. We toast to our endurance and maybe our resilience, too. We survived the rough trip to Nov. 8, and now we unpack.”

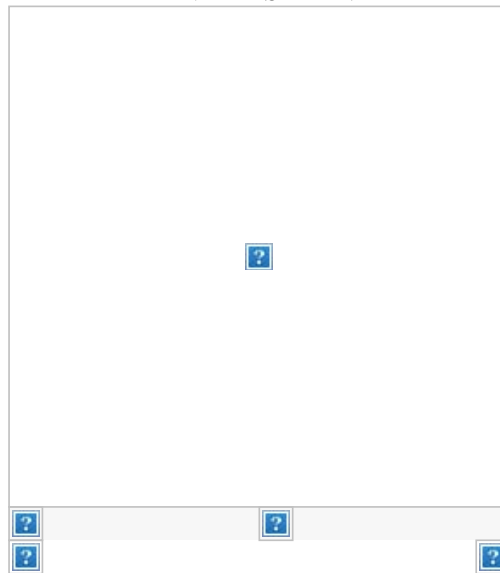
-- **“The new president will face immense and unrelenting challenges from Day One,”** **[The Post’s Editorial Board writes.](#)** “He inherits a world in which liberal democracy is in retreat and U.S. leadership is doubted. The Middle East is in turmoil, North Korea’s nuclear arsenal is growing, Russia and China are flexing their muscles. At home, President Obama bequeaths an economy in generally good health but facing problems: slow growth, stubborn inequality, long-term stress on the federal budget. ... Americans are not and have never been united by blood or creed, but by allegiance to a democratic system of government that shares power, cherishes the rule of law and respects the dignity of individuals. We hope our newly elected president will show respect for that system. Americans must stand ready to support him if he does, and to support the system whether he does or does not.”

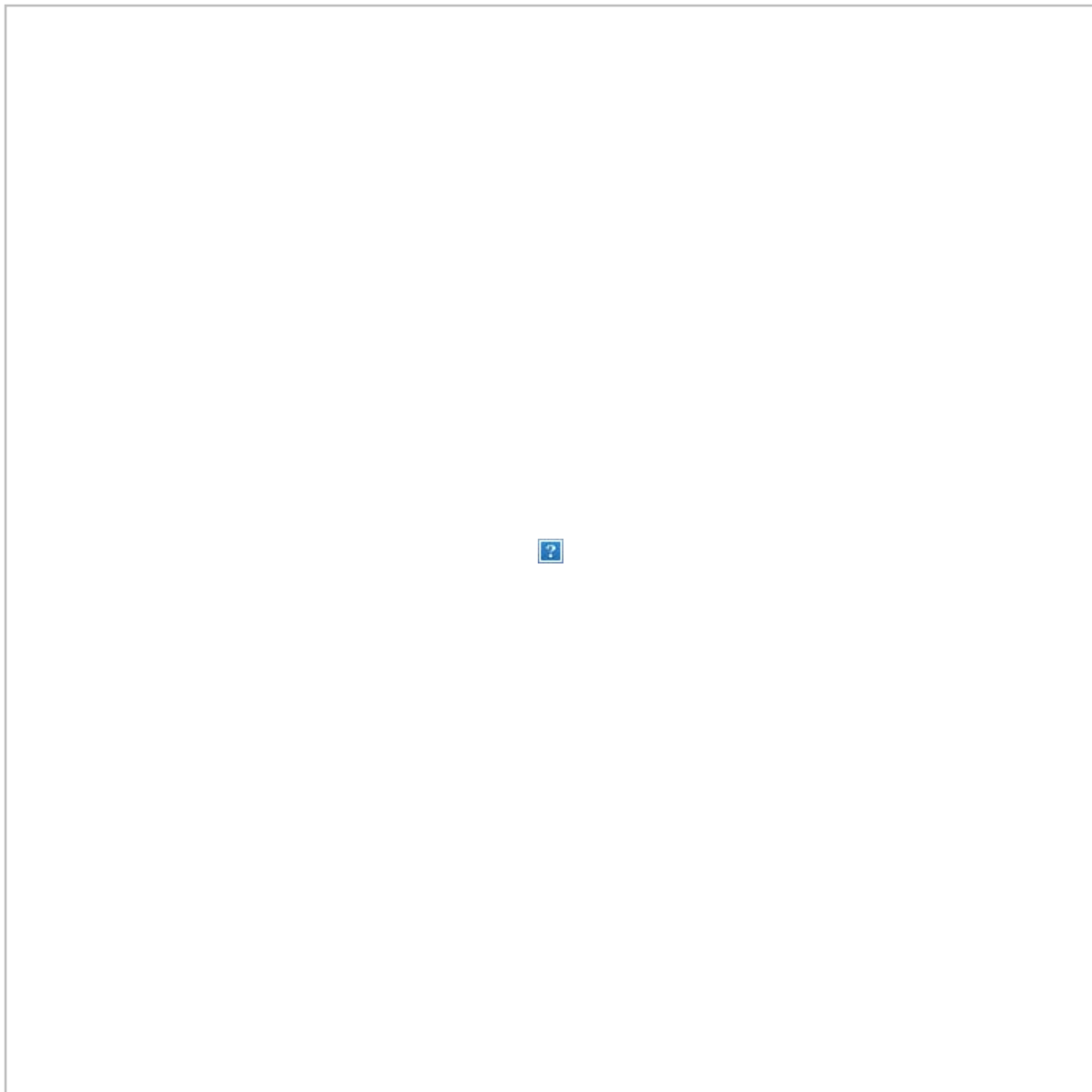
-- **“Baker Melissa Alt showed up unbidden at Trump Tower on Election Day with a 40-pound cake in the form of a Donald Trump bust ... But there was something wrong with the chocolate confection,”**

[Dana Milbank](#) writes. “Alt was aiming to reproduce Trump’s pout, but she wound up making him look startled and sad. After Tuesday night, that’s the exact expression worn by tens of millions of Americans and countless more across the globe. When [John Podesta] appeared ... on the Fox News screens in the room to say Clinton wasn’t yet conceding, Trump’s supporters punched fists in the air and raised middle fingers at the screens. More cases of beer were wheeled in. Next to the bar, the Trump cake still looked worried. **Maybe the human Trump should worry, too. He stirred up racial and religious hatred and stoked gender and class resentments, validated conspiracy theorists and the racist alt-right, employed a vast oeuvre of untruths and promised followers an unachievable agenda. How does he govern now?”**

-- “On Saturdays in synagogues across the United States, Jews recite a prayer for our country. In my synagogue, the custom is that the congregation stands, and says the prayer in unison,” Post columnist [Ruth Marcus](#) writes. “Until [Trump’s] run for the presidency, this moment in the liturgy felt like boilerplate. It was a nice expression of patriotism; certainly, in the edgy days after Sept. 11, our country felt in need of joint and fervent prayer. But its exhortations to justice and tolerance seemed superfluous. No one could disagree with them. **Until Trump, and Trump’s divisive rhetoric, upended the assumption that politicians of both parties share an essential platform of agreement on matters of basic decency, of respect for those of other religions and backgrounds ...** And until Trump’s election made the prayer for our country all the more relevant — and all the more imperative.”

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Mike Voss high-fives Jim Geldrich as they hear a television report projecting Trump winning Wisconsin in West Bend, Wis. (John Ehlke/West Bend Daily News via AP)

#### **COVERAGE FROM THE BATTLEFIELDS:**

-- **“Trump's victory in Wisconsin makes him the first Republican since 1984 to carry the state,”** the [Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel's Craig Gilbert](#) writes. “According to exit polls, 63% of voters [view him unfavorably]. But 21% of those voters who dislike him still voted for him — a testament to their hunger to shake things up.” White, blue-collar voters made up the demographic core of Trump’s support, supporting him by far larger margins (31 points) than Romney in 2012 (8 points.) “The most staggering divide Tuesday was the one between white college women (Clinton won them by 21 points) and white non-college men (Trump won them by 44 points). That gap was twice as big as it was in the 2012 presidential race. Trump also won rural voters by 29 points — far more than Romney four years ago, capturing a long list of small counties that [Obama] won in both of his elections.

-- **“Across [Iowa], election returns suggest Trump comfortably carried Republican areas while making significant gains in toss-up counties and places where Democrats previously ran up meaningful margins,”** the [Des Moines Register's Jason Noble](#) writes. “Clinton won the state's urban centers but badly underperformed Obama's victories in 2012 ... [Meanwhile], Trump nearly won in Scott County — the county containing Iowa's Quad Cities that Obama won by almost 14 percentage points four years ago. **Trump**

**cruised to victory in Des Moines County — a Mississippi River county encompassing the old industrial city of Burlington that Obama won by better than 18 points in 2012. It was a similar story in Jasper County, a blue-collar county that Obama carried by more than 7 percentage points.**In Iowa's five northwestern-most counties, the state's social-conservative heartland where Republicans routinely win with 70 percent of the vote or better, Trump outpaced the party's 2012 showing.

-- **Trump's Florida victory was a "microcosm" of what unfolded nationwide.** From [Politico's Marc Caputo](#): "Despite losing big to Clinton in diverse, urban areas of south Florida, Trump dominated in every other corner of the state and outperformed past Republican candidates with older, white and blue collar voters. Despite [Clinton's] large margins in Miami/Dade County and Broward County, Trump ran up the score elsewhere in the state -- from the Deep South Panhandle to the interior of Florida to peninsula's southwest, a bastion of working-class whites and retirees from the Midwest. ... By the end of the night, Trump's lead was so big that, even if turnout in Florida was modeled at 80 percent – far higher than recent elections – Clinton would still not win if she beat Trump by double digits."

-- **The [Raleigh News and Observer's Tim Funk](#): "The polls that forecast a close race and the targeted wooing by the candidates and their campaigns were testaments to the fact that North Carolina is a rapidly changing state – demographically and politically. But North Carolina was a sea of Republican red as Trump carried virtually all of the suburban and rural counties outside the state's big cities, including some that [Obama] won in 2012."**



People embrace at Clinton's election night event at the Javits Center in New York. (Jonathan Newton/The Washington Post)

### **LET THE MEDIA CRITICISM BEGIN:**

-- **"To put it bluntly, the media missed the story,"** [Post columnist Margaret Sullivan](#) writes. "In the end, a huge number of American voters wanted something different. And although these voters shouted and screamed it, most journalists just weren't listening. They didn't get it. They didn't get that the huge, enthusiastic crowds at [Trump's] rallies would really translate into that many votes. They couldn't believe that the America they knew could embrace someone who mocked a disabled man, bragged about sexually assaulting women, and spouted misogyny, racism and anti-Semitism. It would be too horrible. ... Trump — who called journalists scum and corrupt — alienated us so much that we couldn't see what was before our eyes. We just kept checking our favorite prognosticating sites, and feeling reassured, even though everyone knows that poll results are not votes. **Make no mistake. This is an epic fail. And although eating crow is never appealing, we'll be digesting feathers and beaks in the next weeks and months — and maybe years.** The strange thing, of course, is that the media helped to give Trump his chance."

... **Except for a handful of fringe-right news outlets that, at all odds, had correctly predicted the movement all along.** From [Paul Farhi](#): "Election Day began hopefully for the clarions of the right, the conservative media outlets that have championed Trump's long-shot candidacy for months and hated on Hillary Clinton for years. "Trump could win, they said. Trump would win, they asserted — a breast-beating prediction with more than a little vested interest behind it. A Trump victory, after all, would boost the prestige and profile of the conservative media and make de facto establishment figures out of some of its leading journalists. And slowly at first, the poll-defying assertions began to seem like prescience as the evening wore on."

-- **The Huffington Post ended its editor's note calling Trump a "serial liar, rampant xenophobe, racist, misogynist and birther" that for months had accompanied every Trump article posted on the site.** A staff note from Huffpost's Washington Bureau Chief Ryan Grim on Tuesday evening said the decision to remove the note was for a "clean slate". "The thinking is that (assuming he wins) that he's now president and we're going to start with a clean slate," Grim said. "If he governs in a racist, misogynistic way, we reserve the right to add it back on. This would be giving respect to the office of the presidency which Trump and his backers never did." ([Politico](#))

### **WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF THE GOP?**

-- **George W. and Laura Bush left the presidential spot blank on the ballot and voted straight-ticket Republican down the ballot,** a spokesman said. ([Texas Tribune](#))

-- **Ohio governor and outspoken Trump critic John Kasich will give a speech in Washington on Thursday, outlining his vision for the future of the Republican Party after 2016.** ([Cincinnati Enquirer](#))



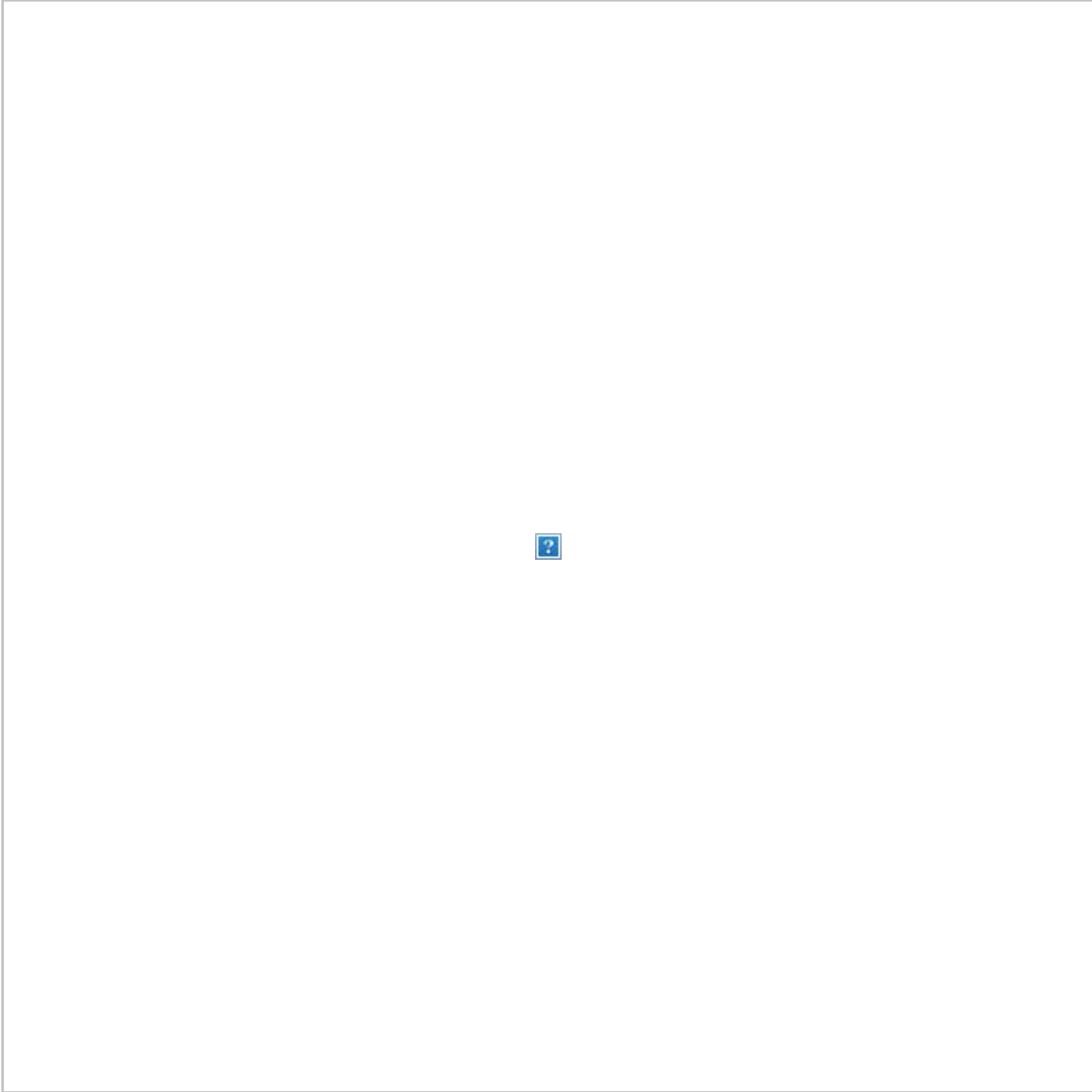
-- **New York Times conservative columnist [Ross Douthat](#)**: “On the global stage Trump’s populism and nationalism makes him very much a man of his times, with parallels to figures as diverse as Marine Le Pen, Recep Tayyip Erdogan and of course Vladimir Putin. But in the American context he is like nothing we have seen before — a shatterer of all norms and conventional assumptions, a man more likely to fail catastrophically than other presidents, more constitutionally dangerous than other presidents, but also more likely to carry us into a different political era, a post-neoliberal, post-end-of-history politics, than any other imaginable president. **I retract none of the warnings that I issued about the likelihood of catastrophe and crisis on his watch.** But he will be our president ... So we must hope that he has the wit to be more than a wrecker, more than a demagogue, and that his crude genius can actually be turned, somehow, to the common good. And if that hope is dashed, we must find ways to resist him — all of us, right and left, in the new chapter of American history that has opened very unexpectedly tonight.”

-- **“It’s 2009 all over again. Except this time Republicans are in charge and Democrats have been run over,” Politico’s [John Bresnahan](#) and [John Burgess Everett](#) write.** “Tuesday’s astonishing victory means everything’s on the table for Republicans: Tilting the Supreme Court in a conservative direction for years to come, repealing Obamacare, overhauling the tax code, boosting defense spending, tearing up trade deals and cutting regulations. Some of this Republicans will be able to do under ‘reconciliation,’ the special parliamentary procedure that Democrats used to enact the Affordable Care Act on a party line vote in 2010. Now Republicans can ‘reverse engineer’ Obamacare with Democrats powerless to stop it. Tax reform, another GOP dream dashed during the Obama years, could also happen under this process. Republicans are looking at an open-ended opportunity next year to reshape American policy across an array of issue areas and the

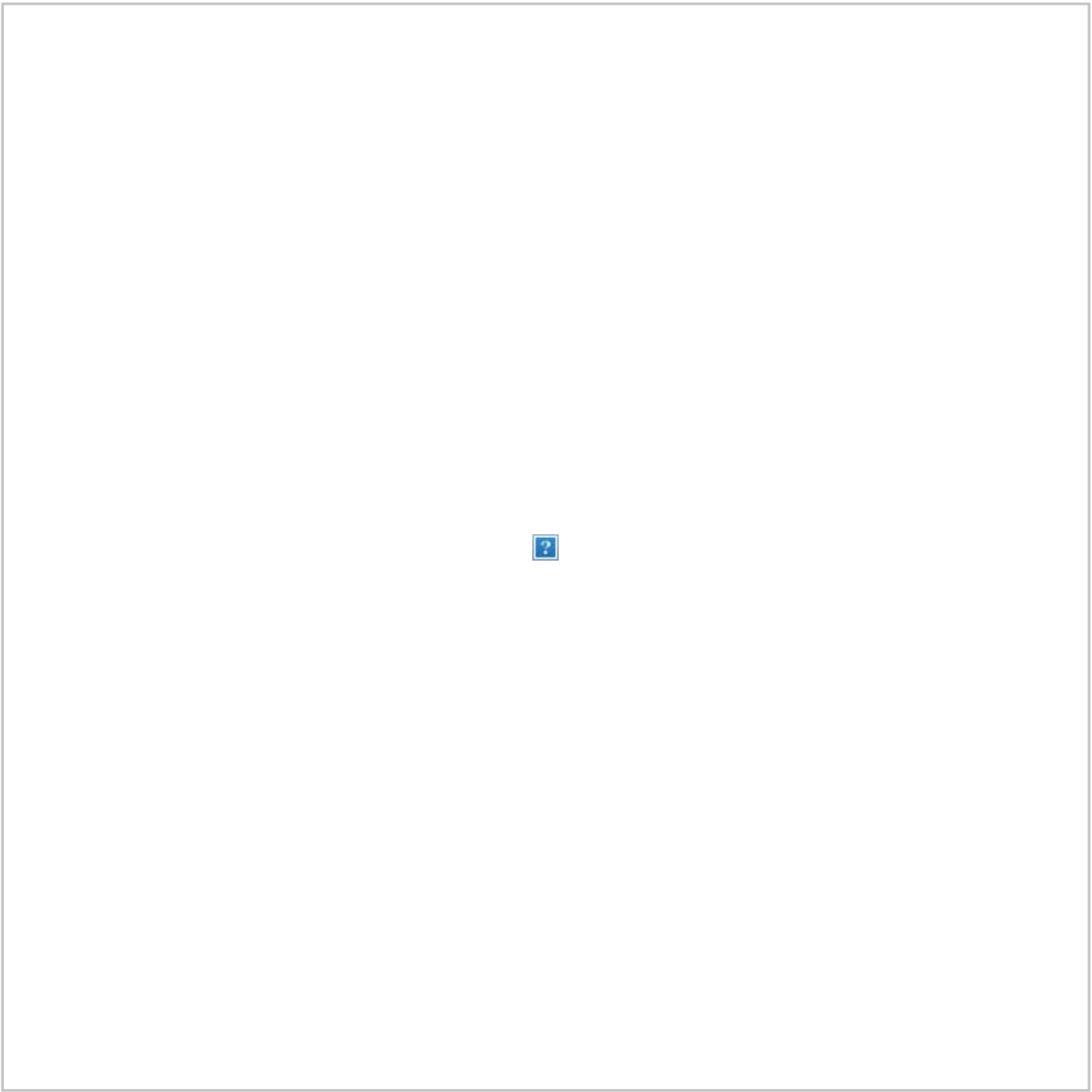
Supreme Court, with a vacancy ready to be filled due to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's blockade of [Merrick Garland]. That nomination is now a moot point.”

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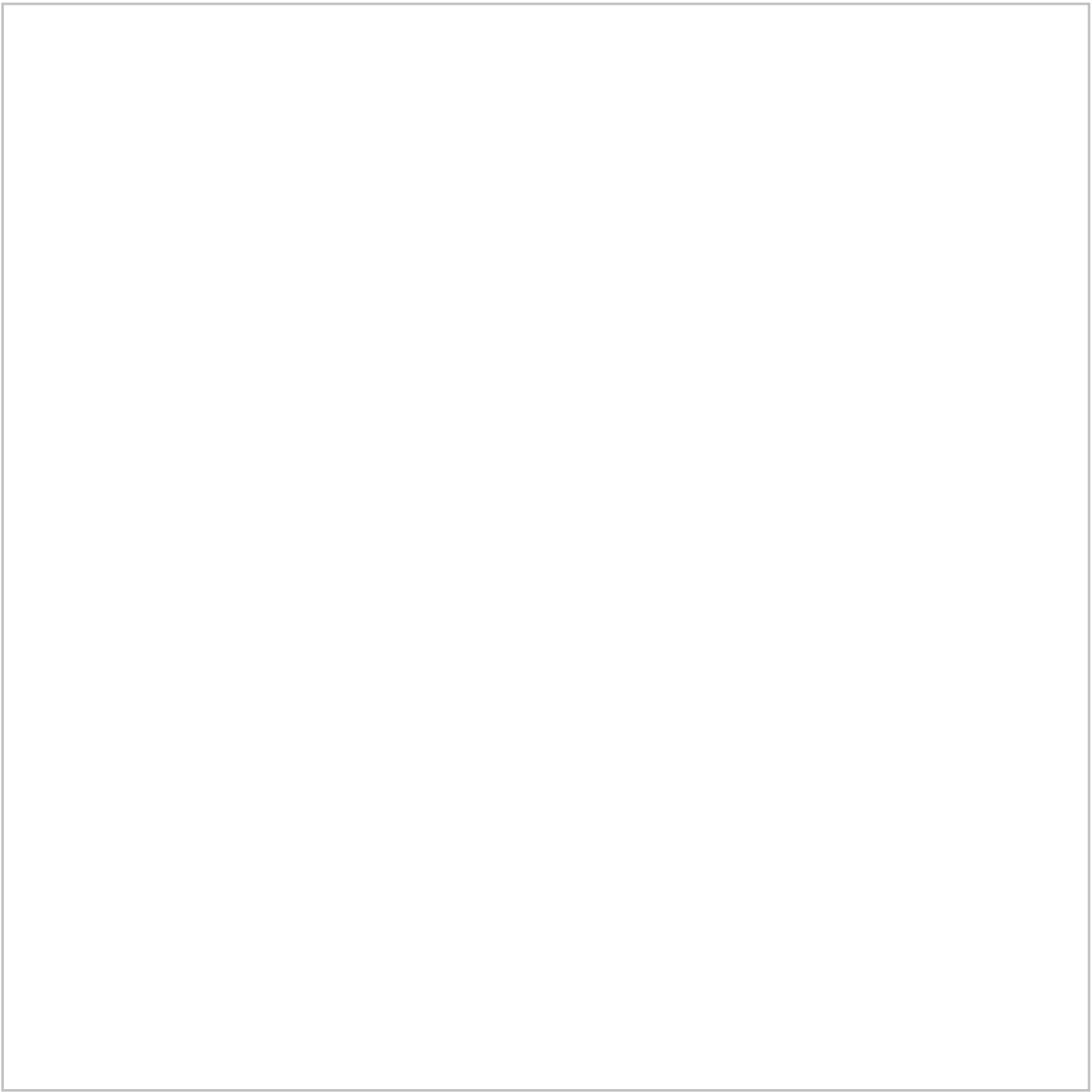
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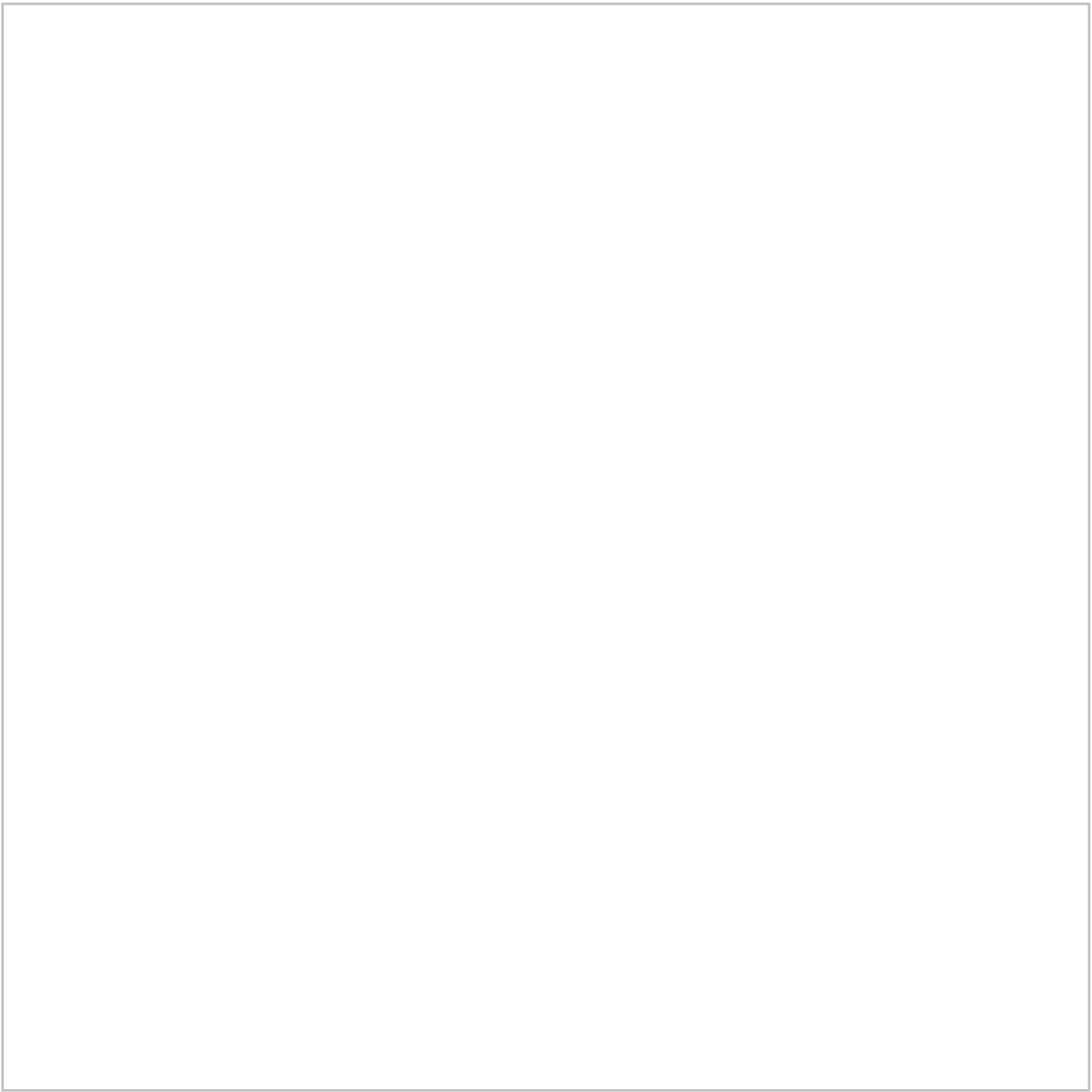


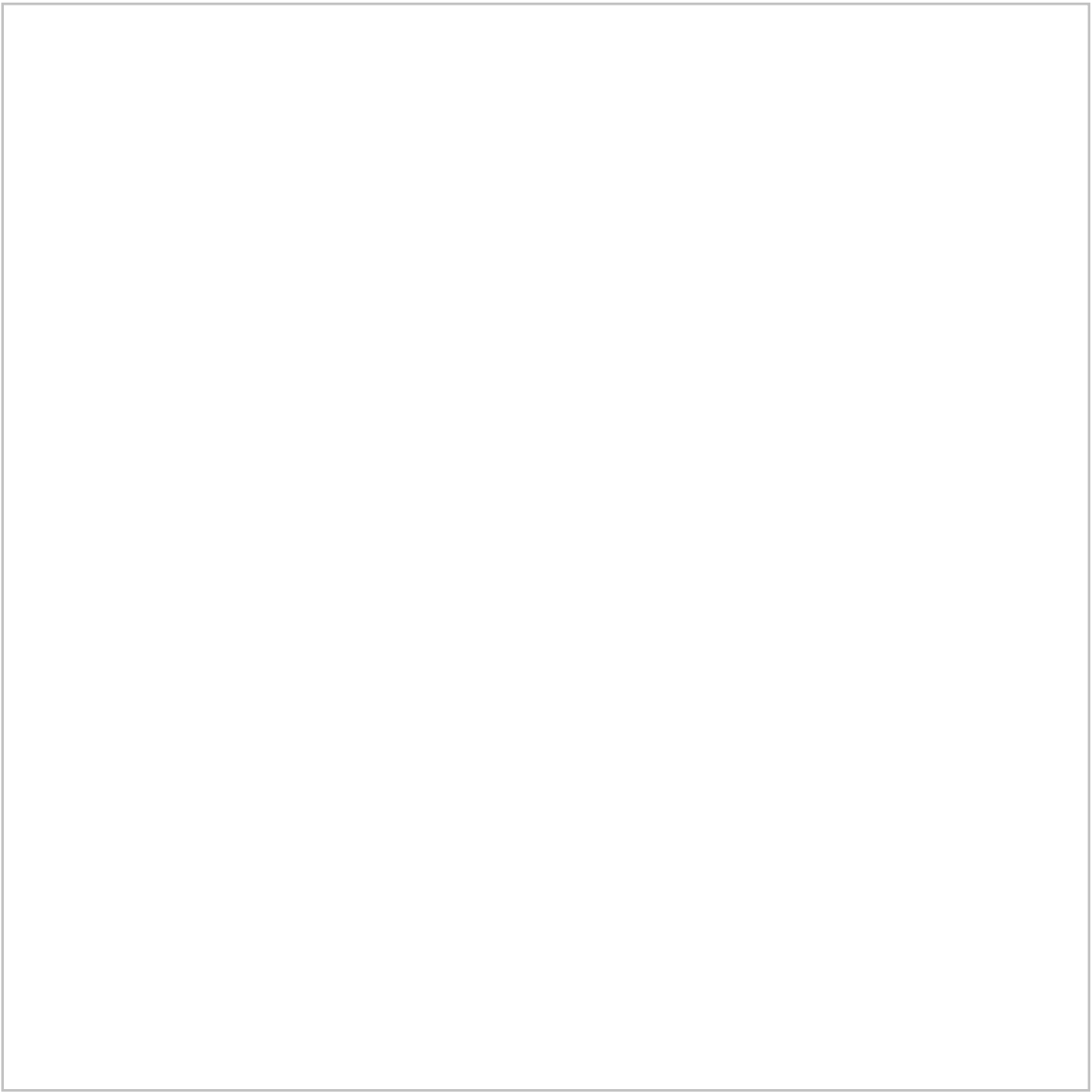
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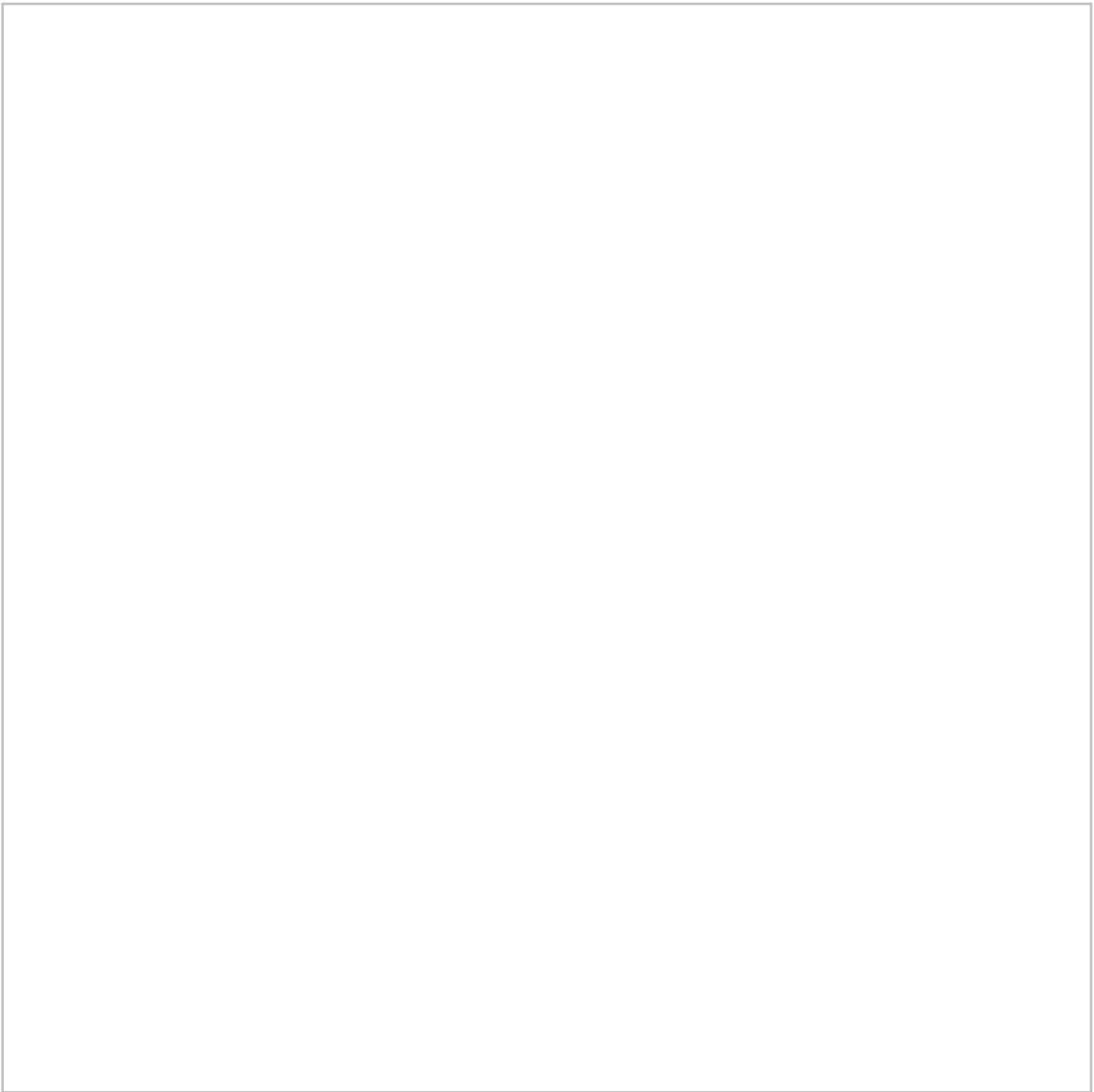




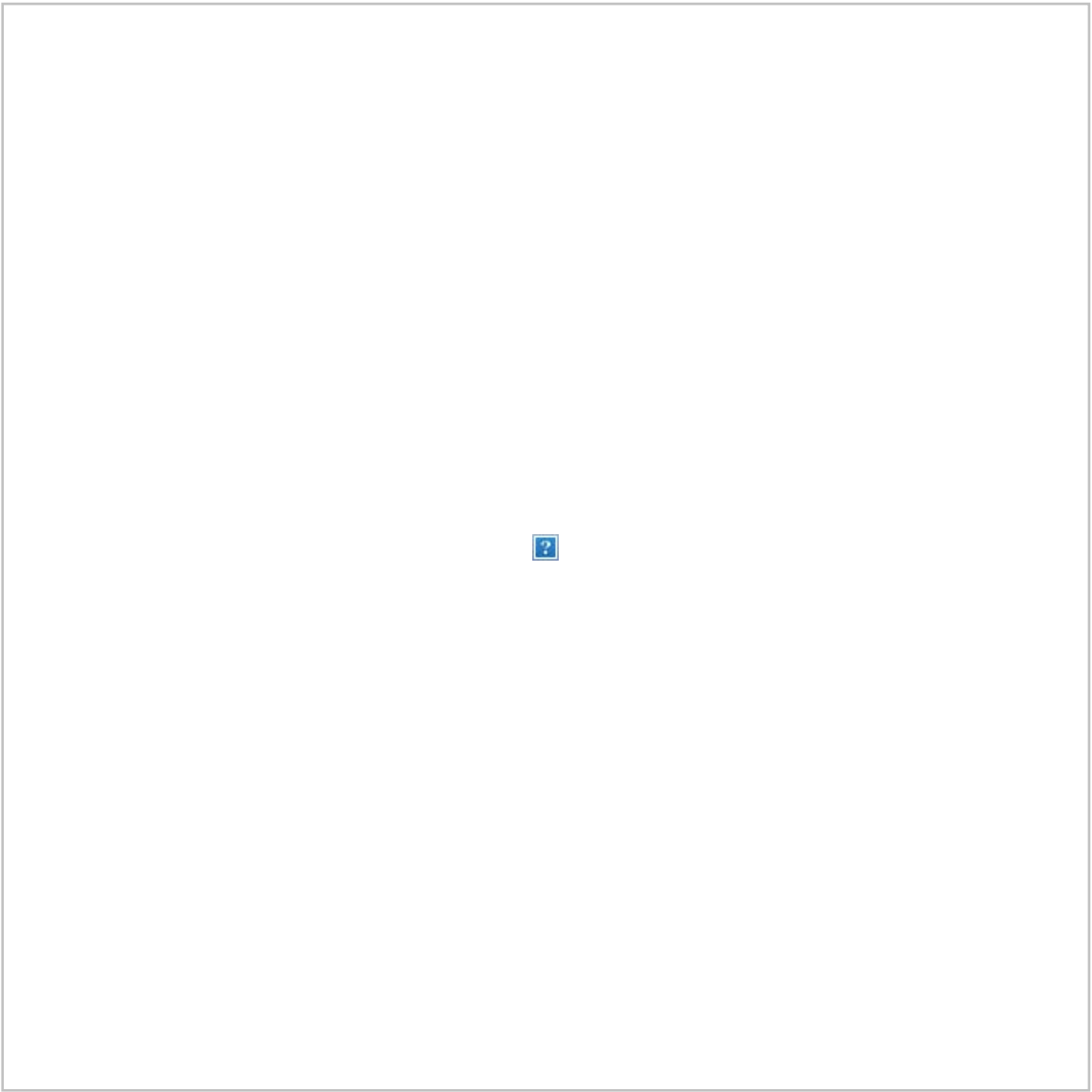


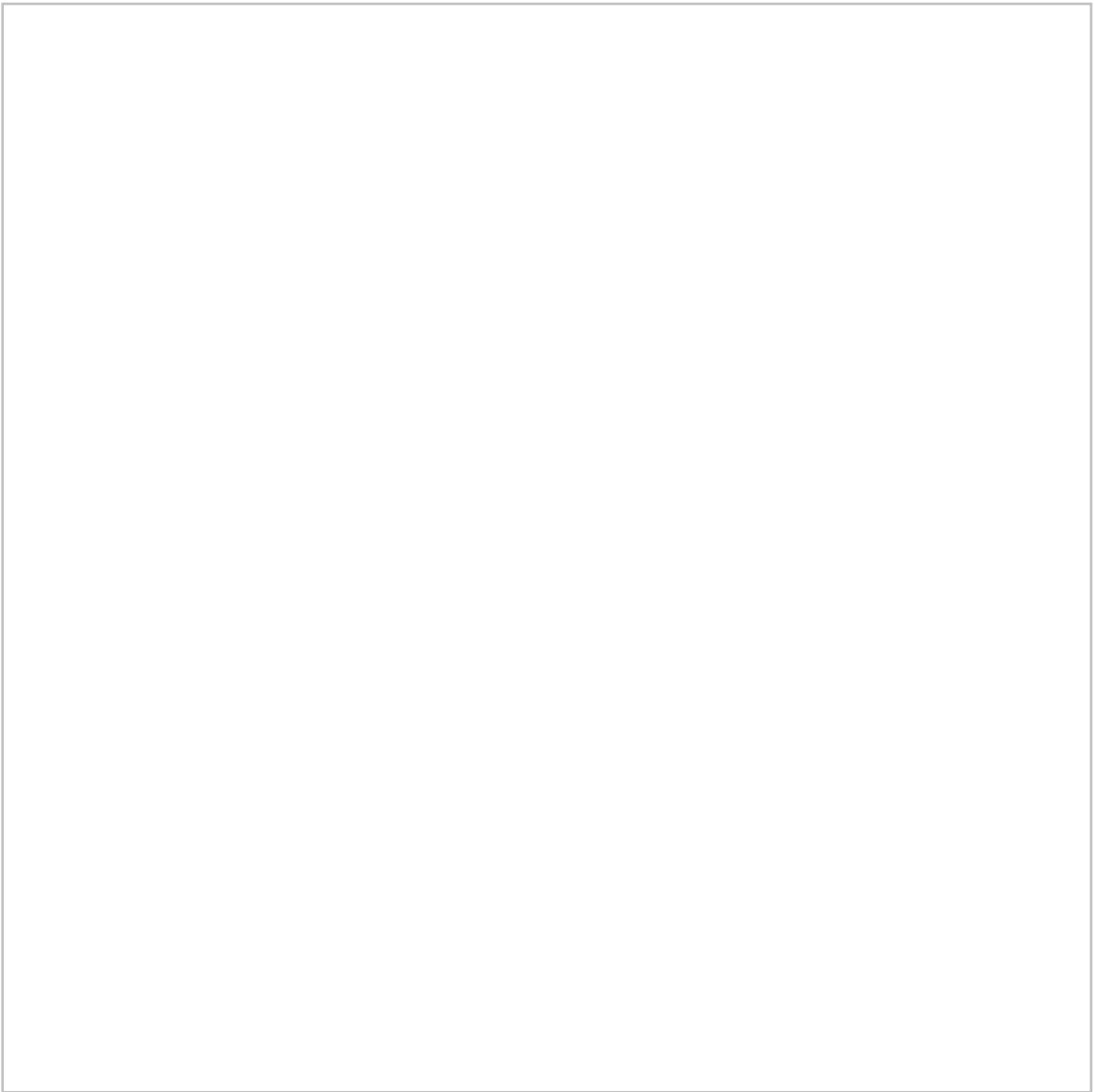




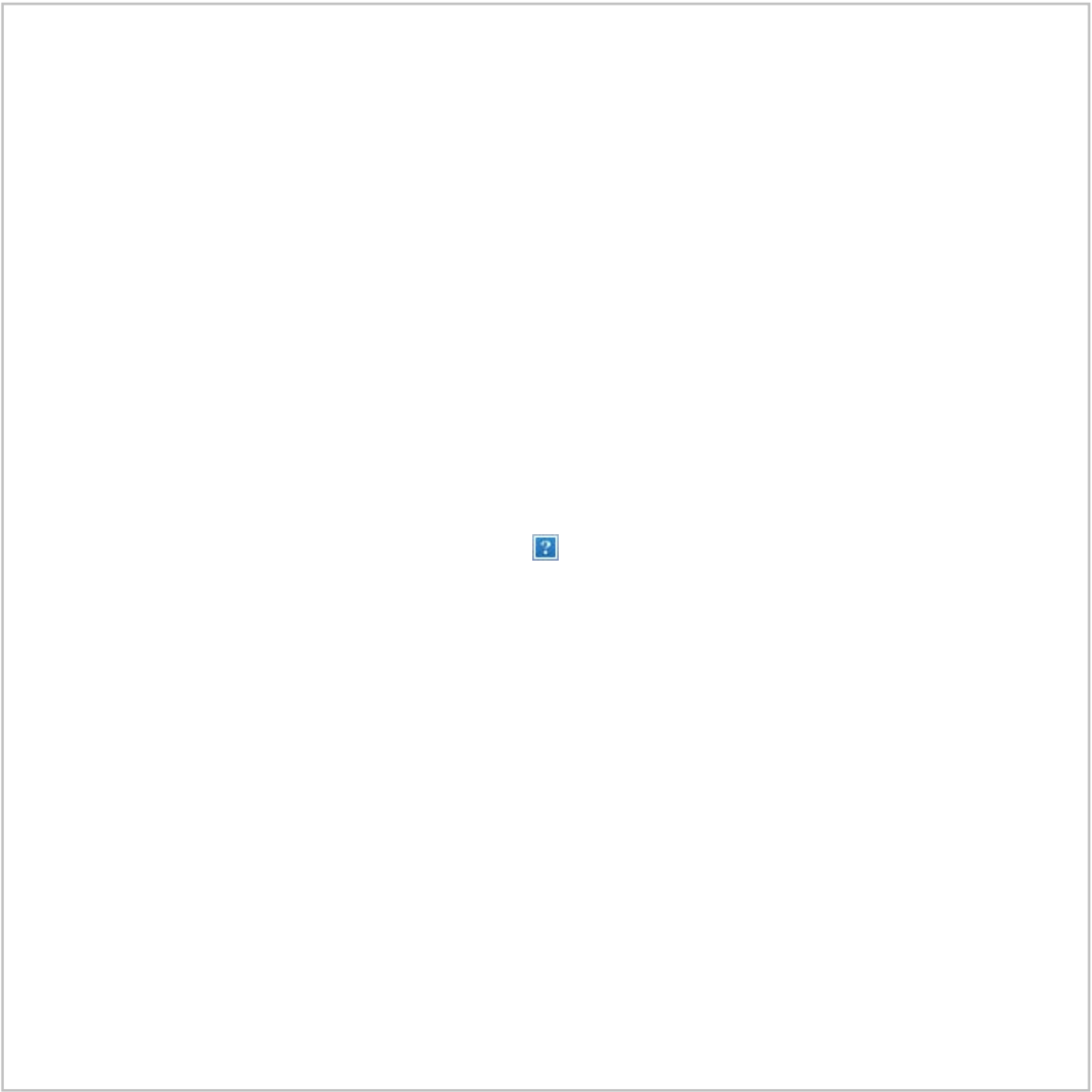


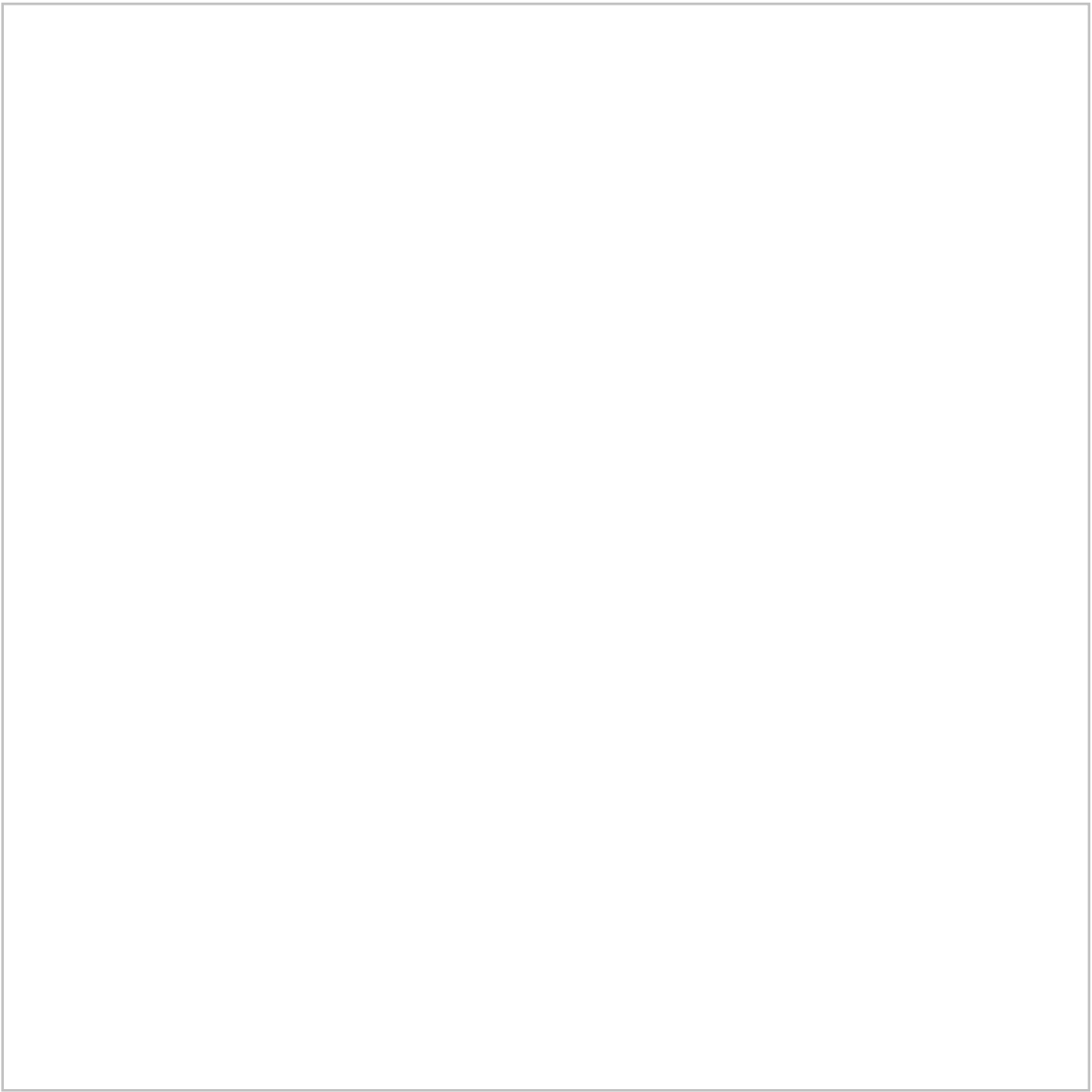
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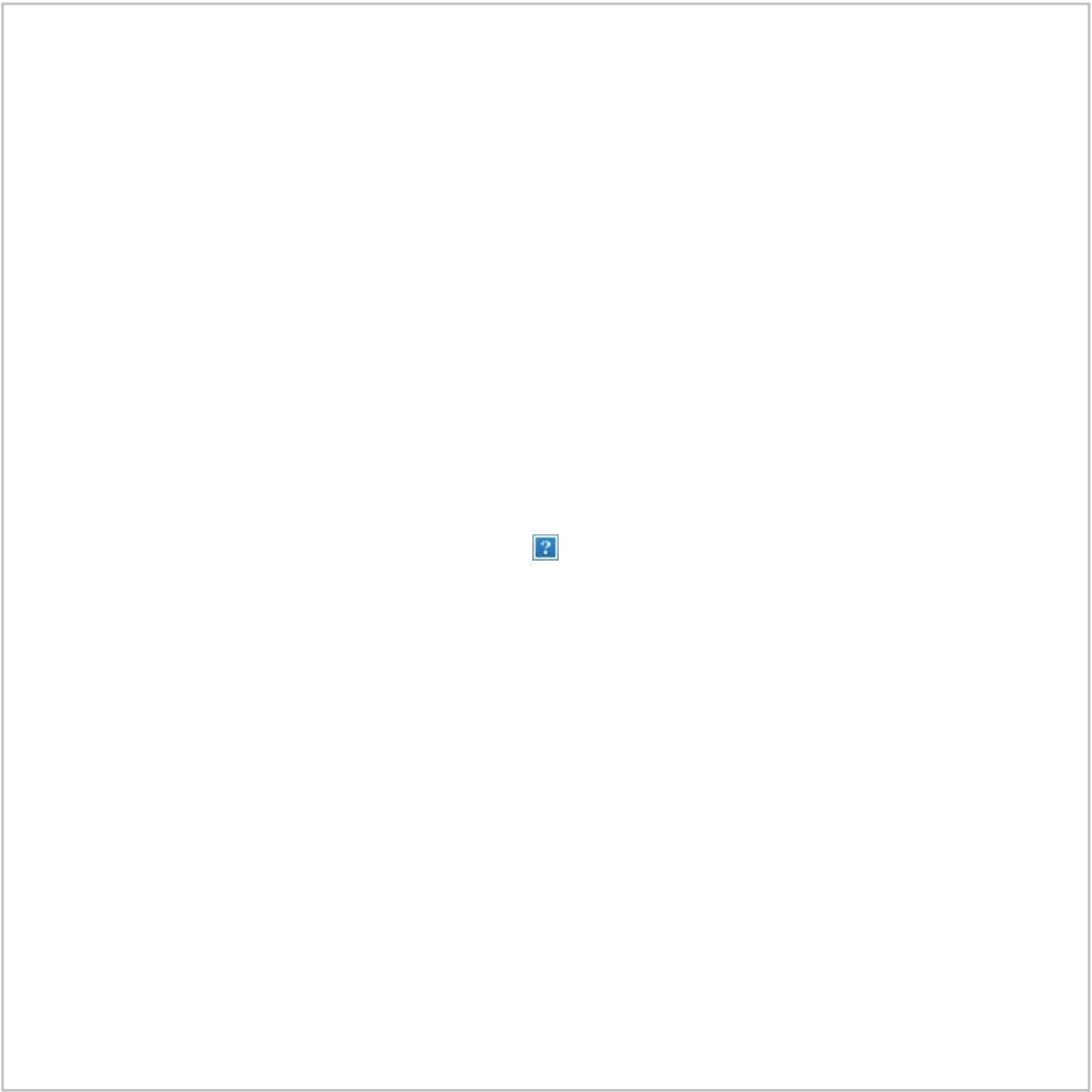
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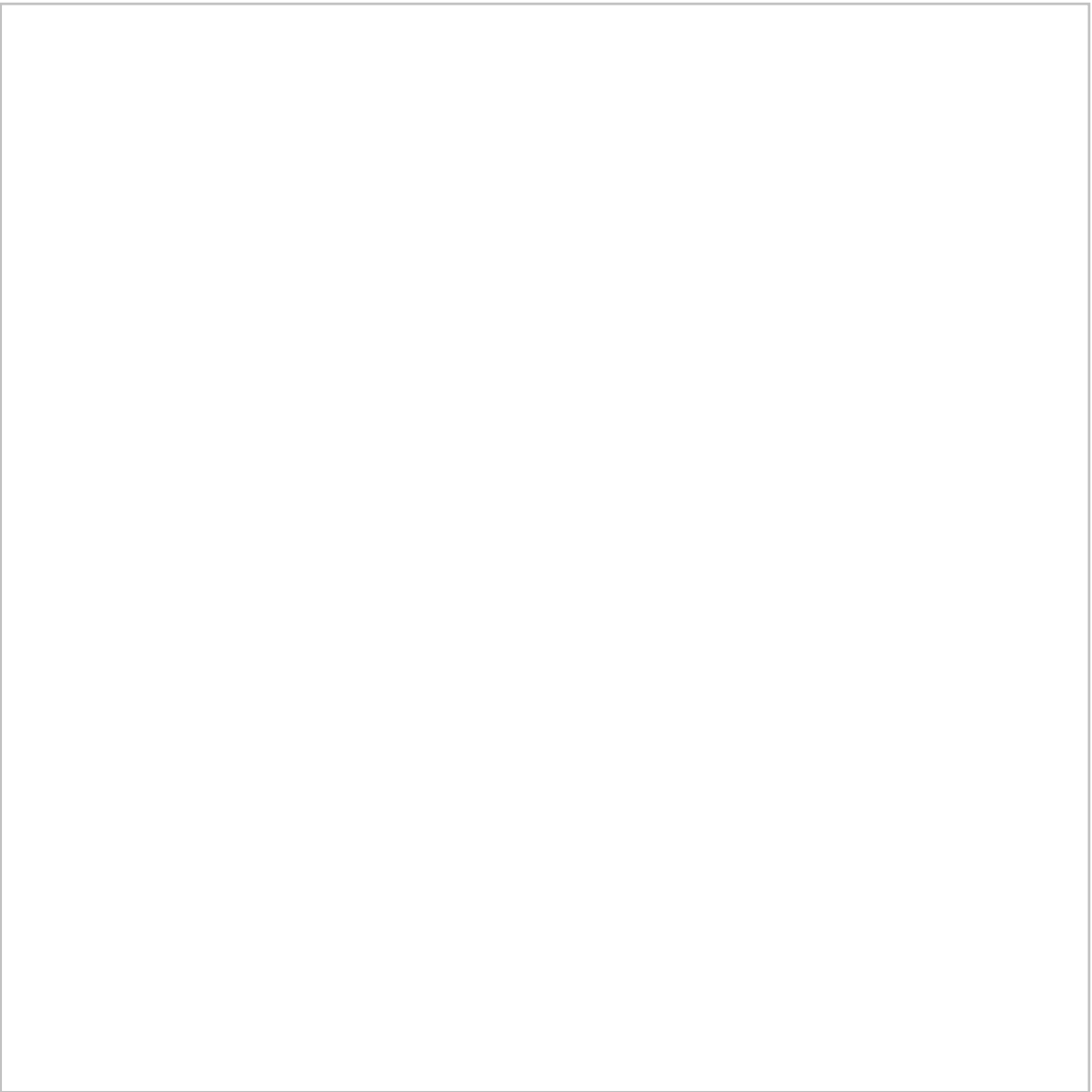




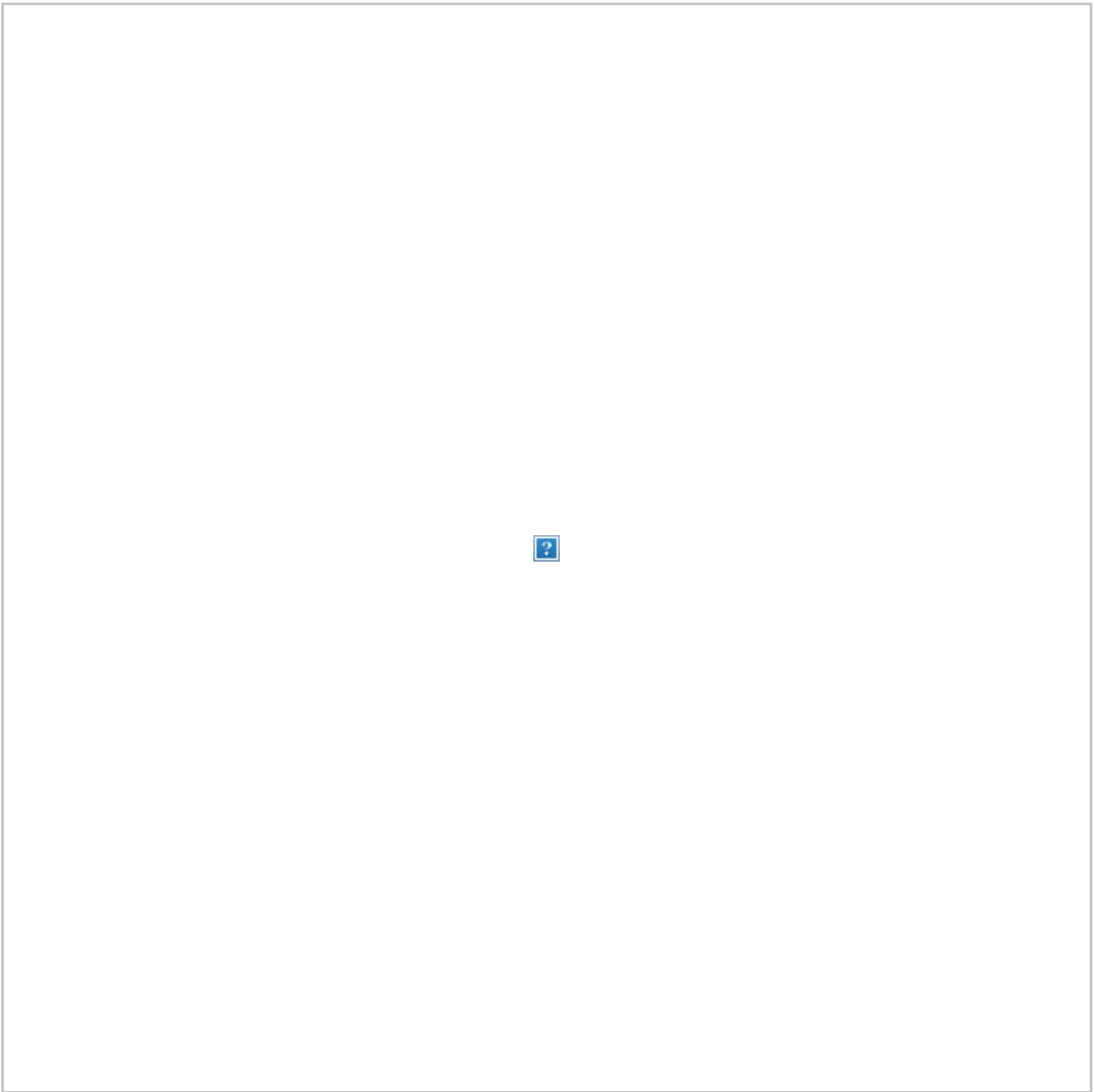
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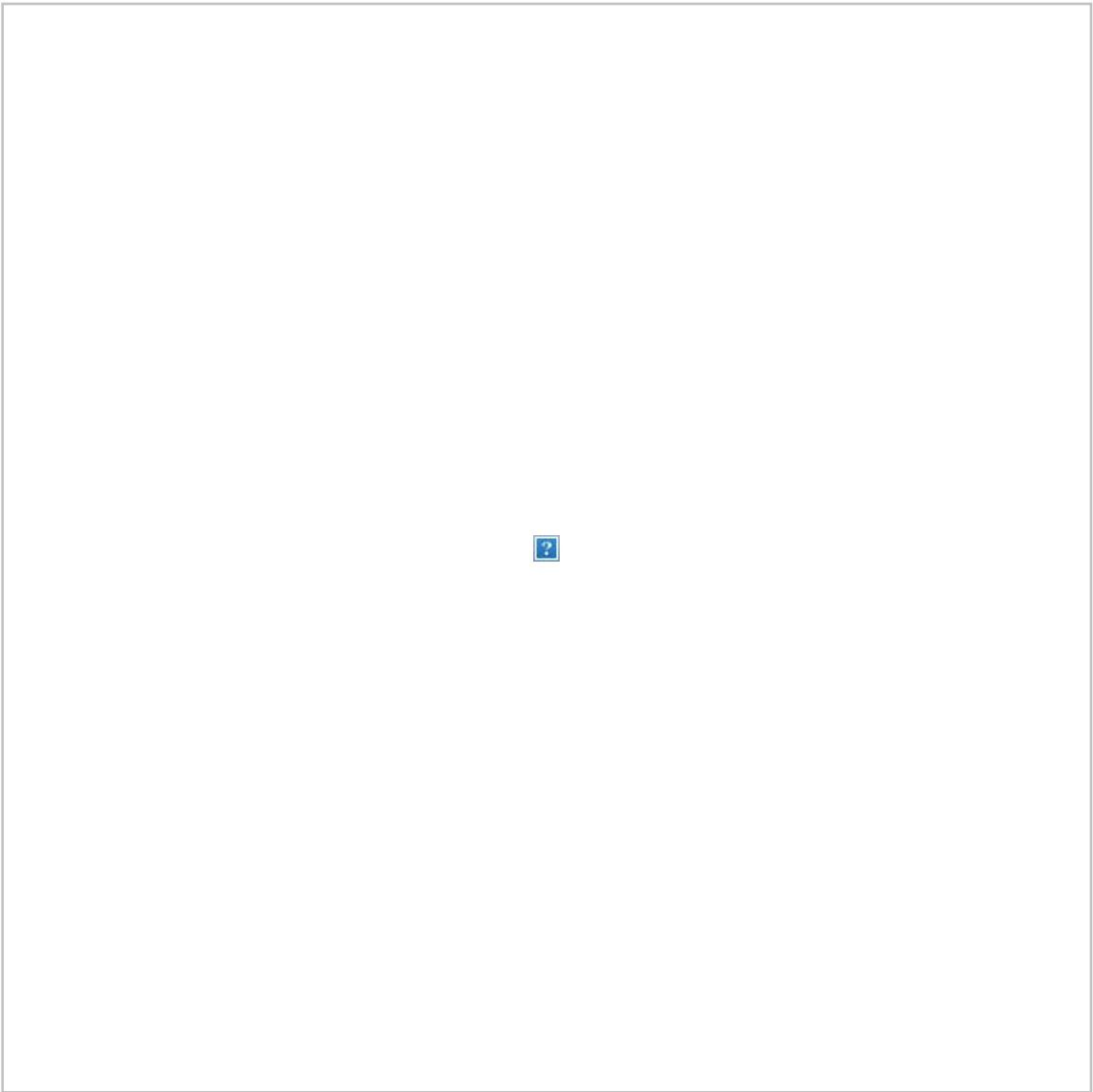




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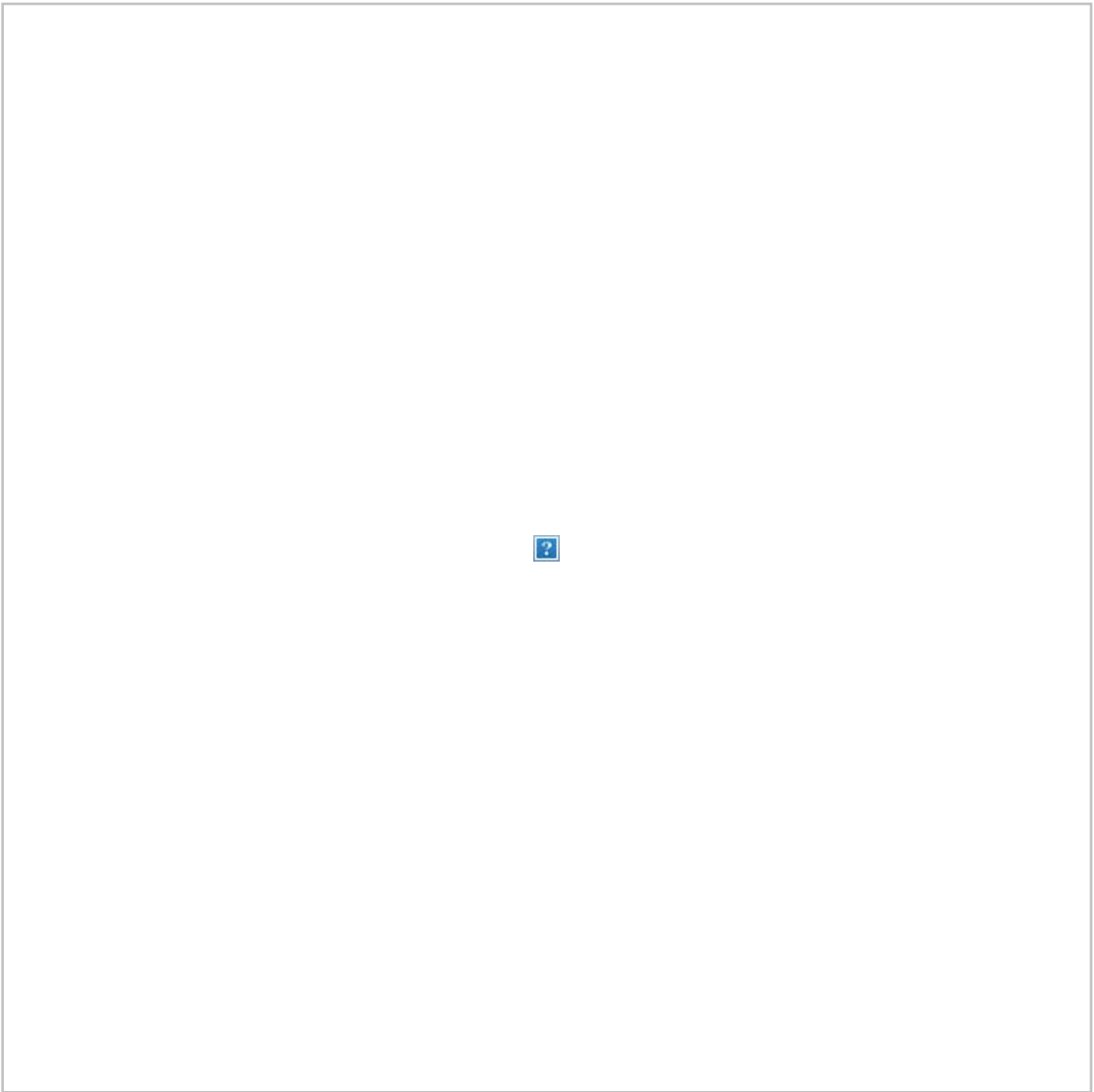


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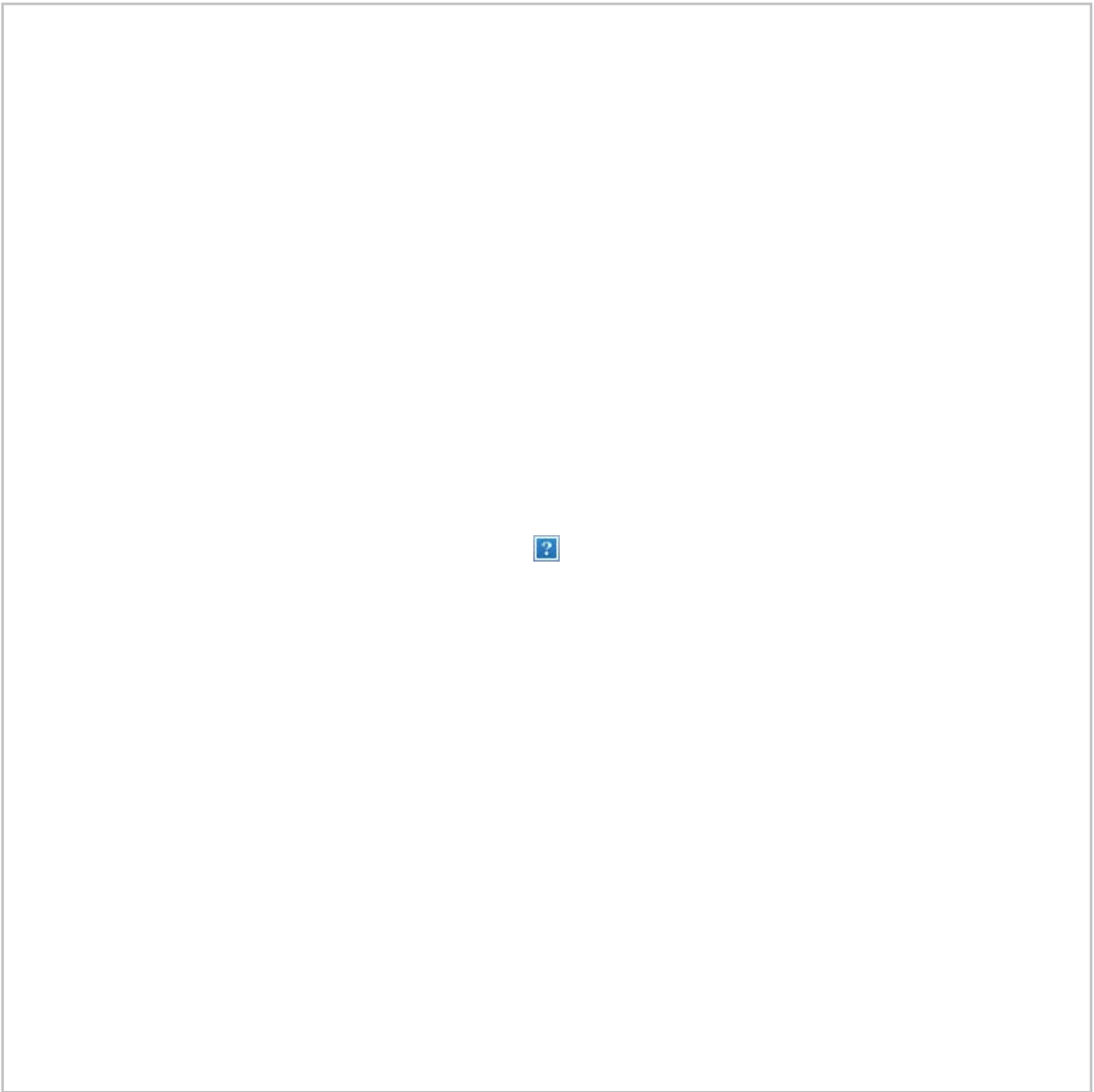
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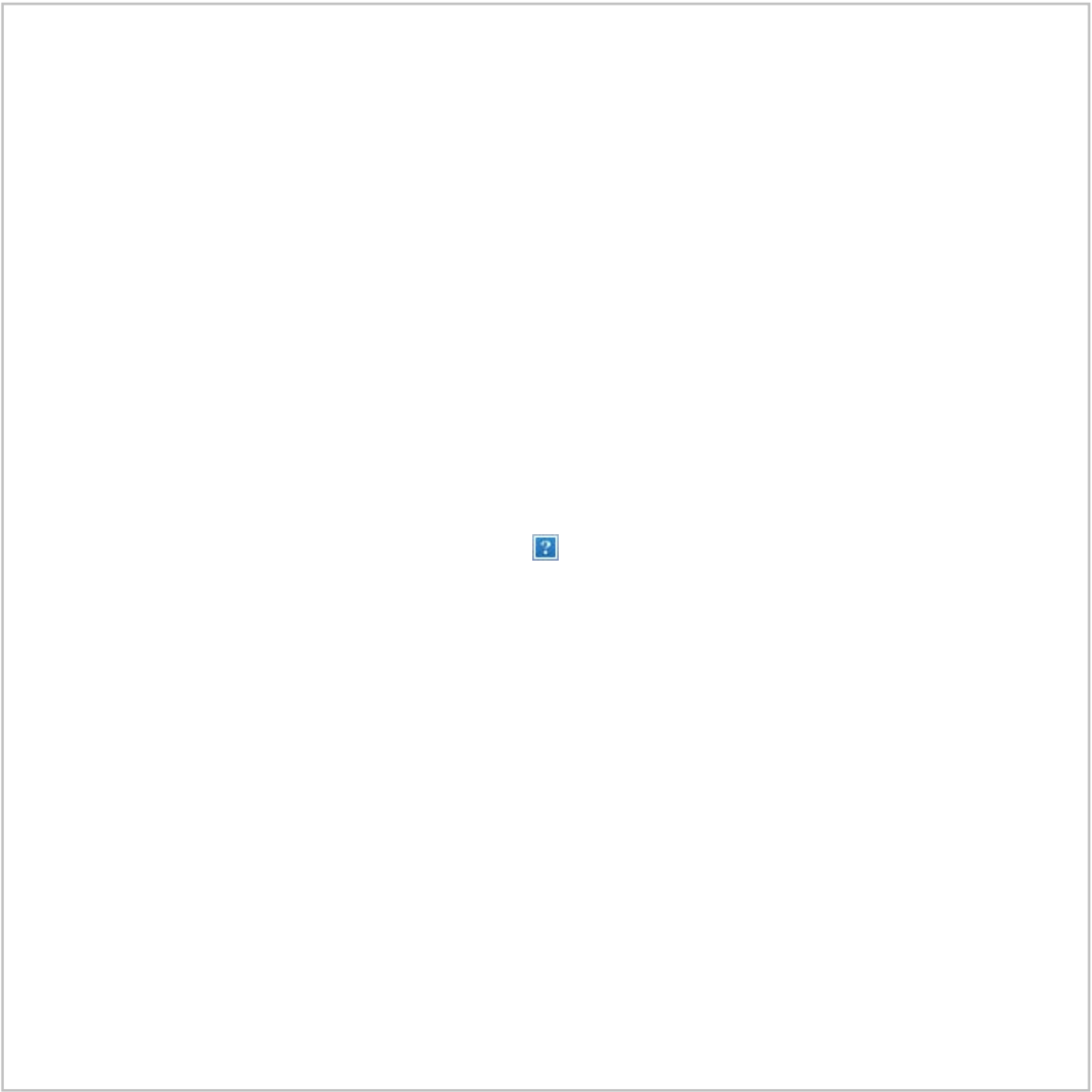
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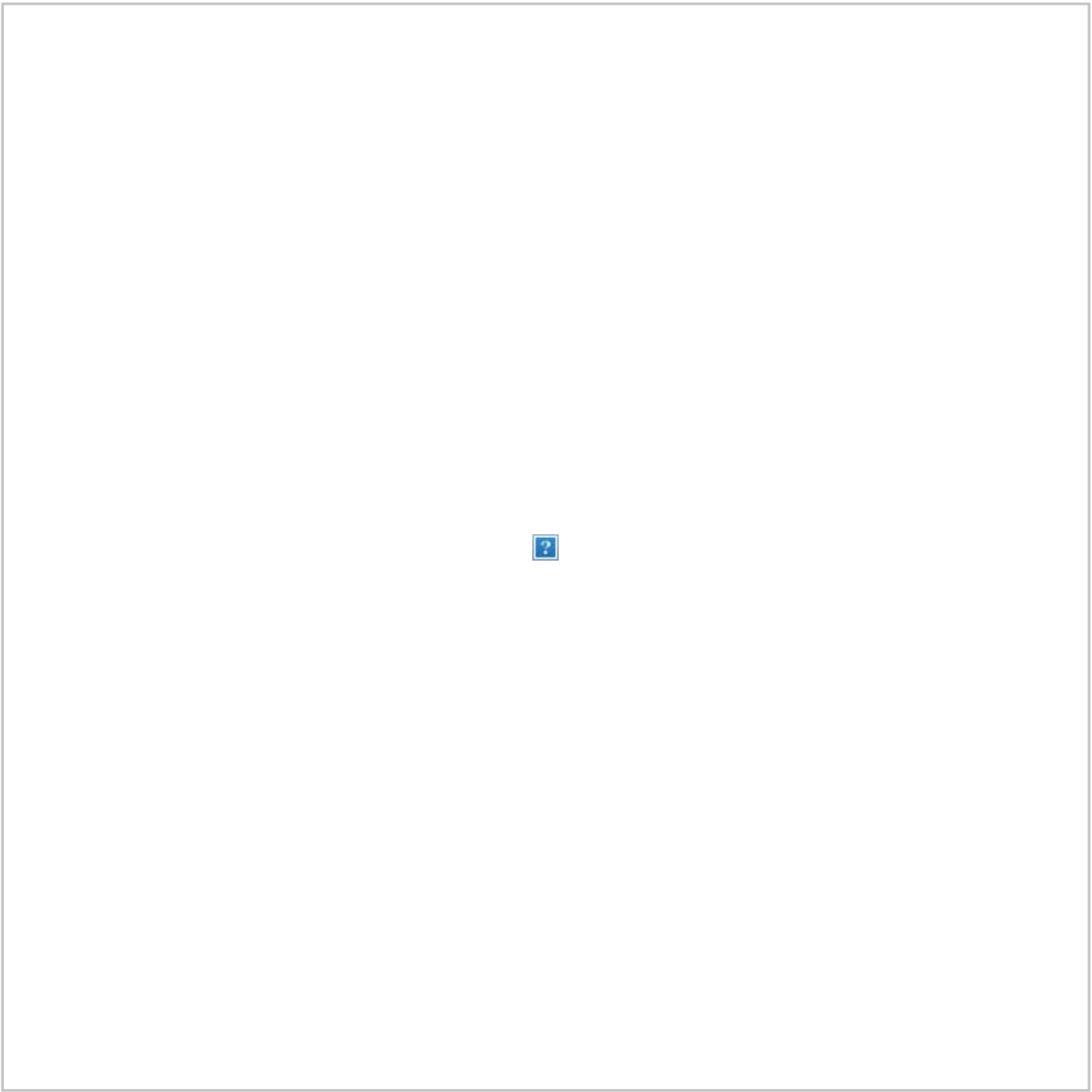
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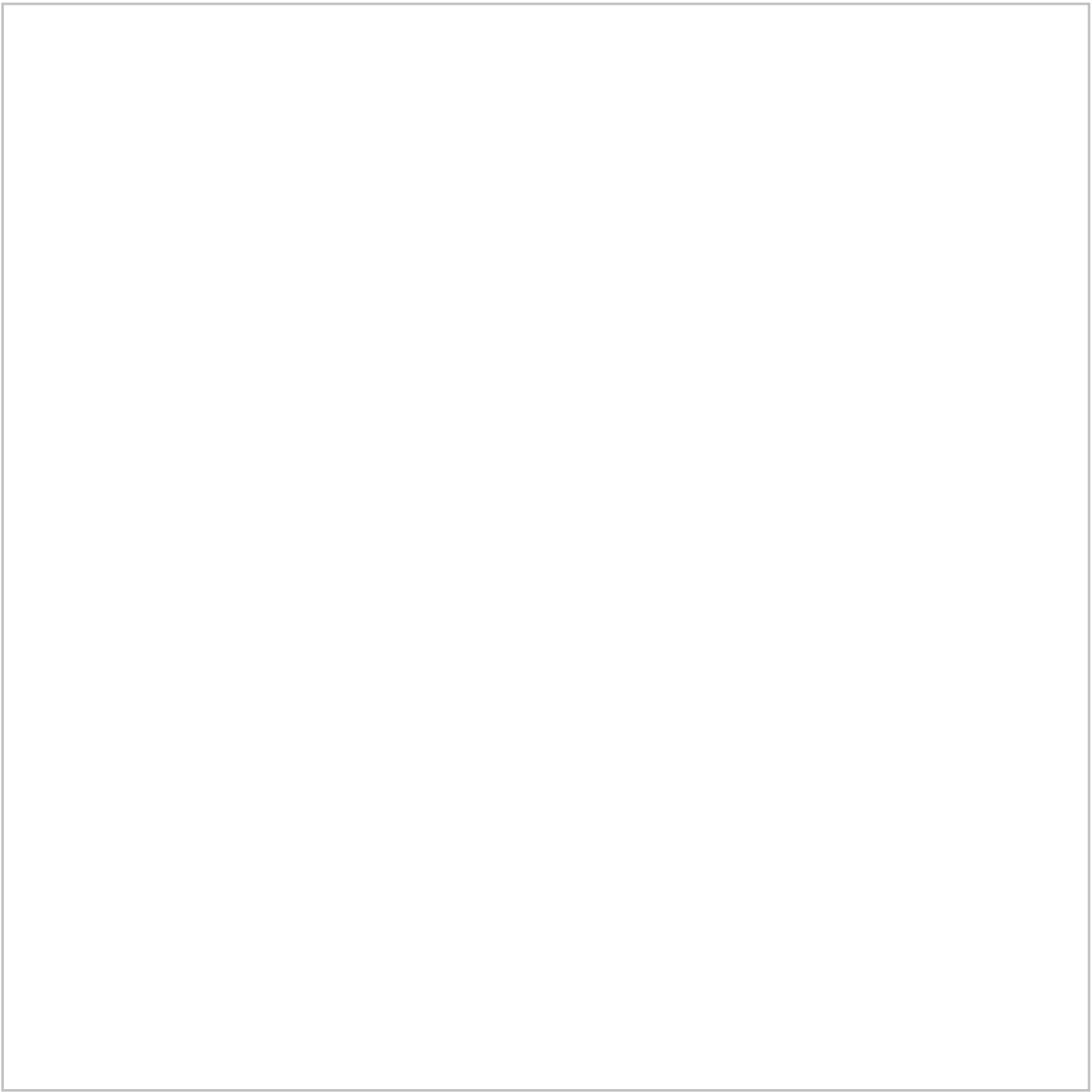
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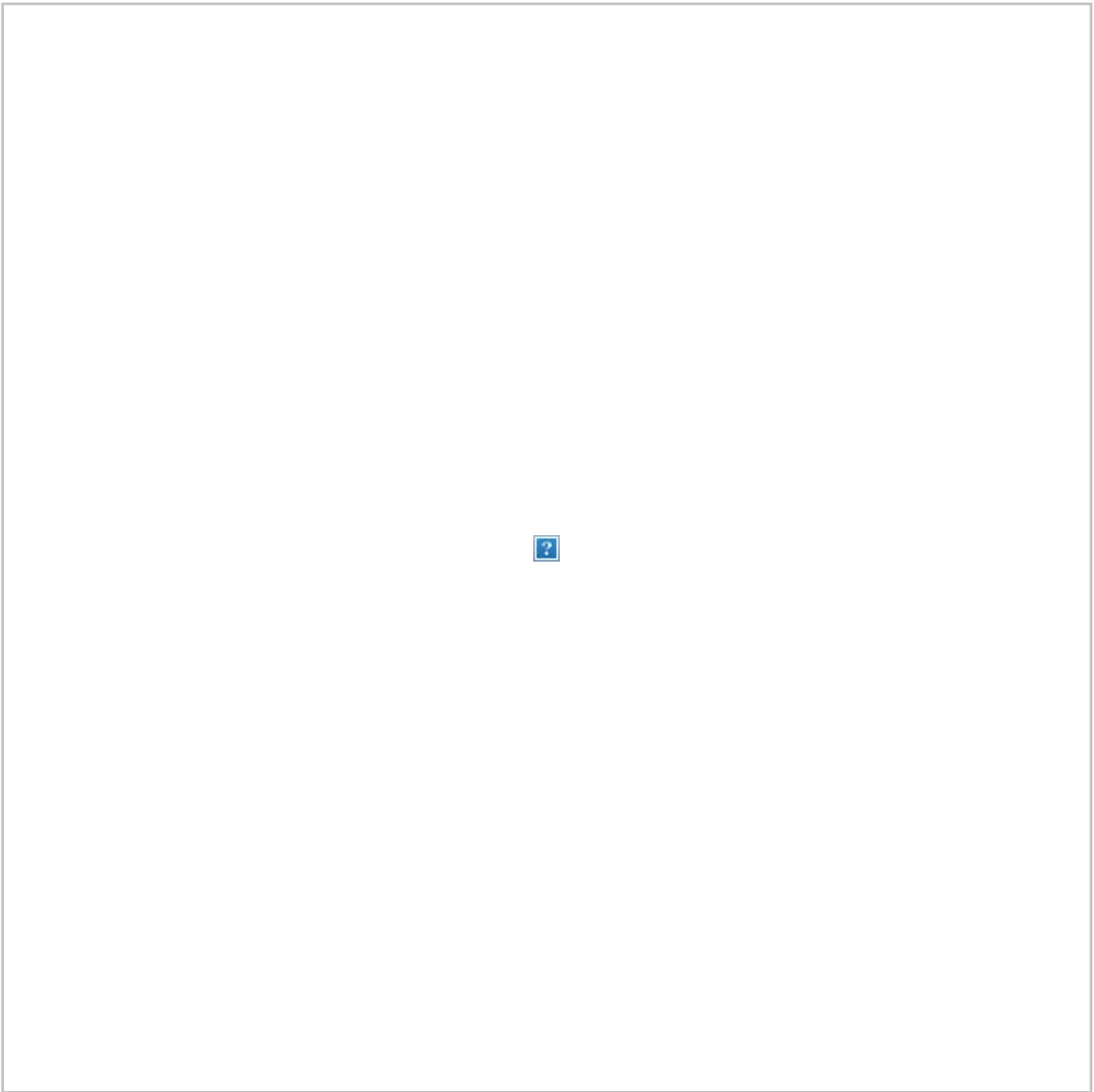
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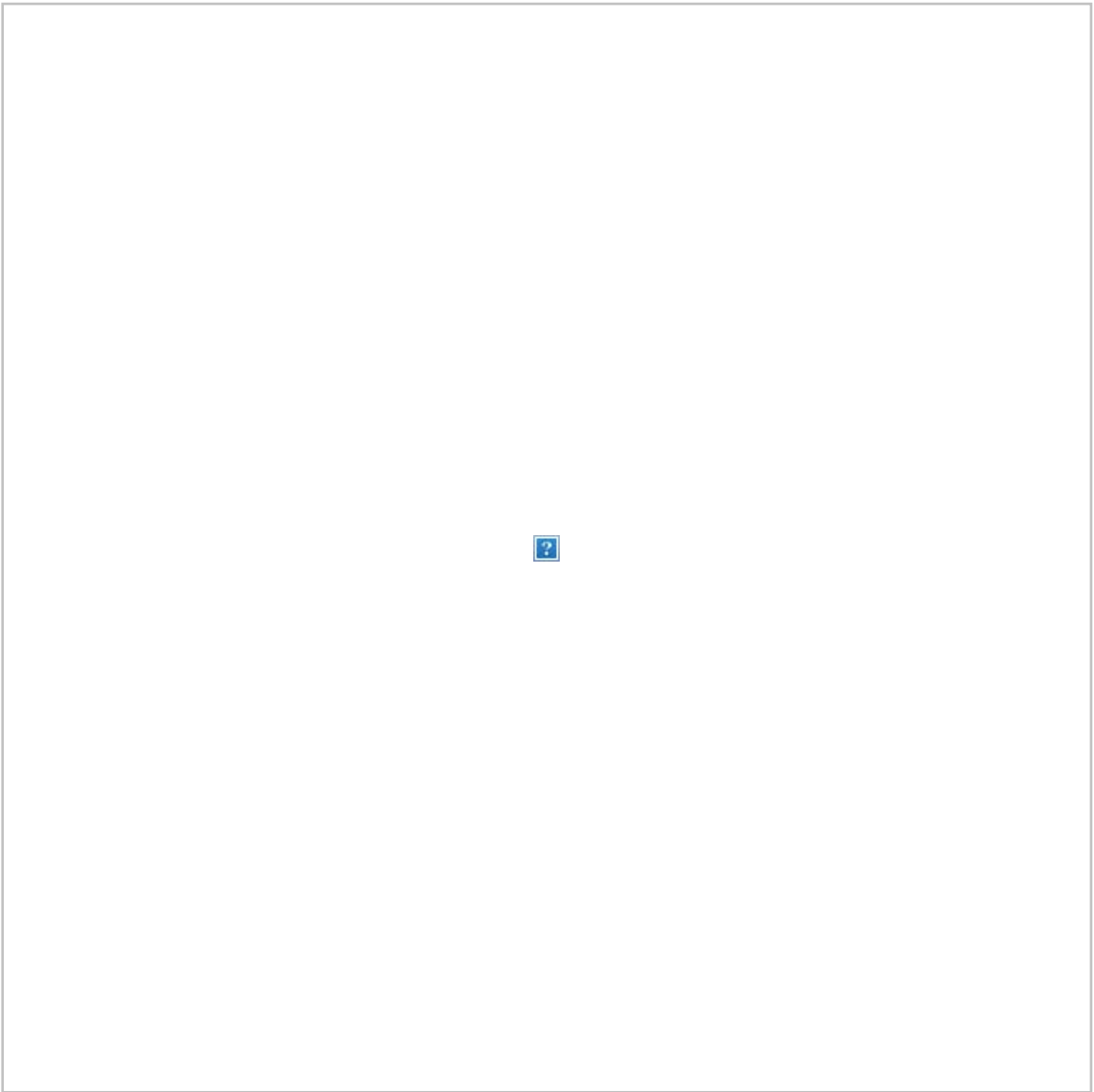




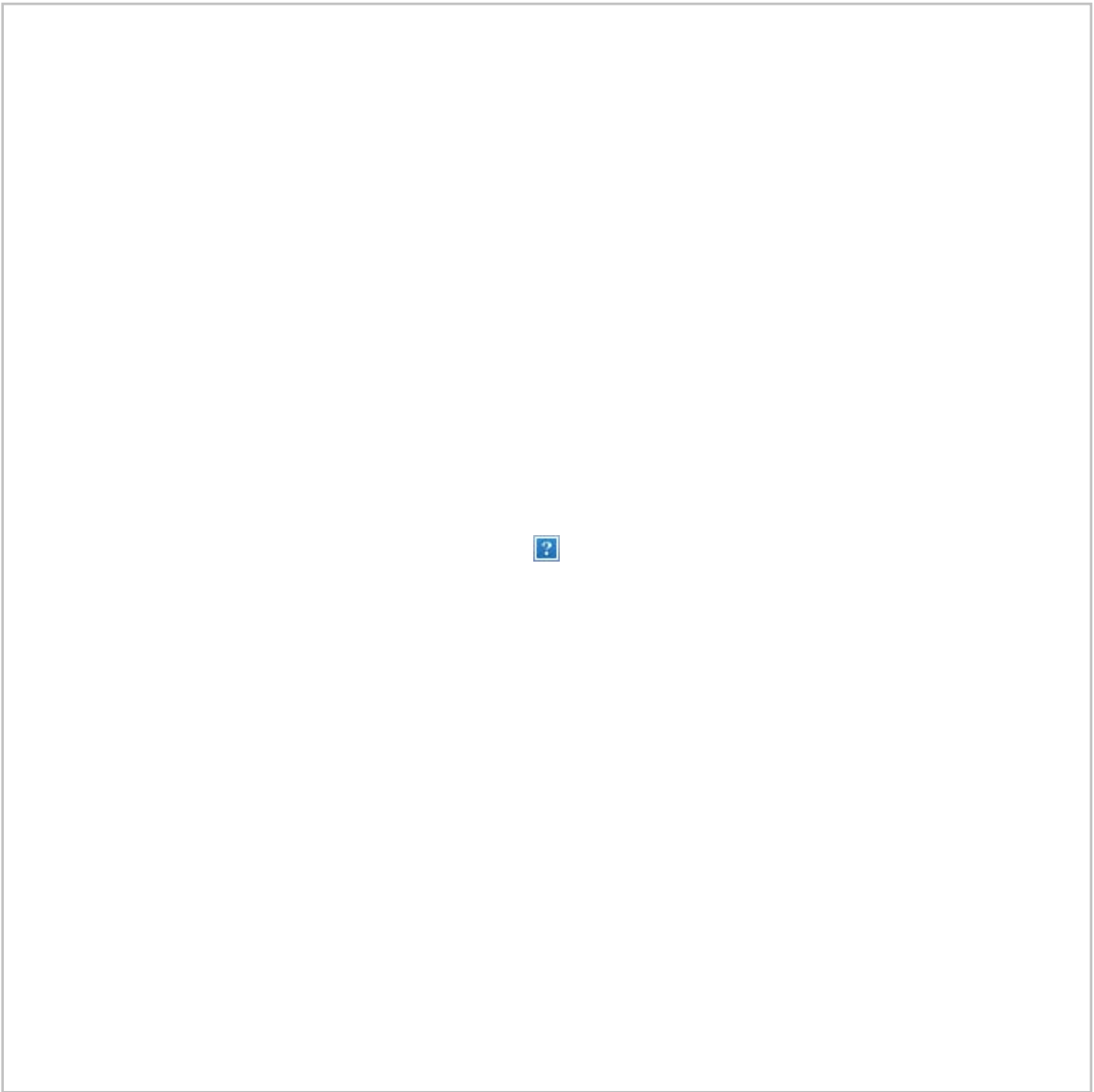
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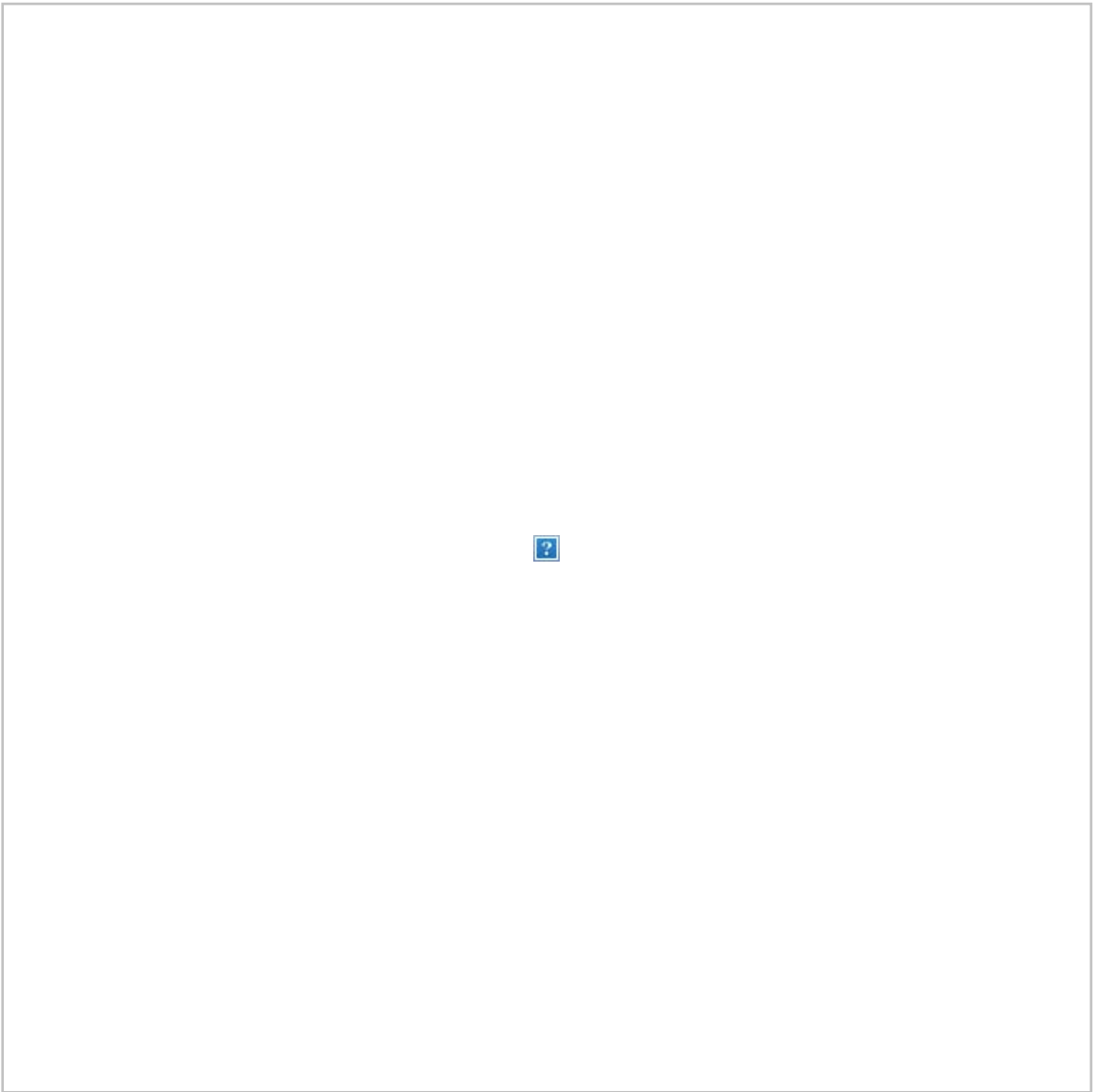
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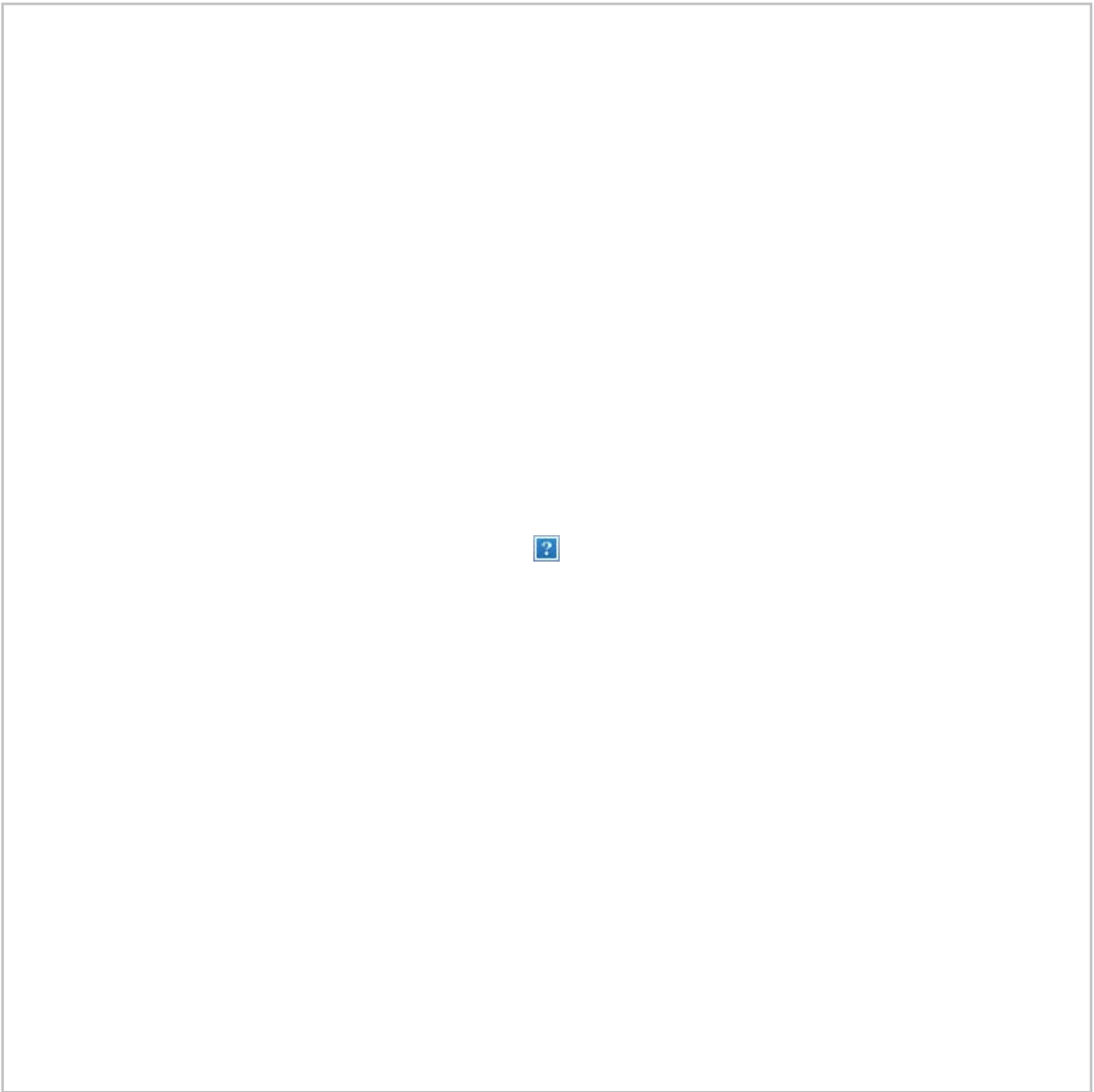
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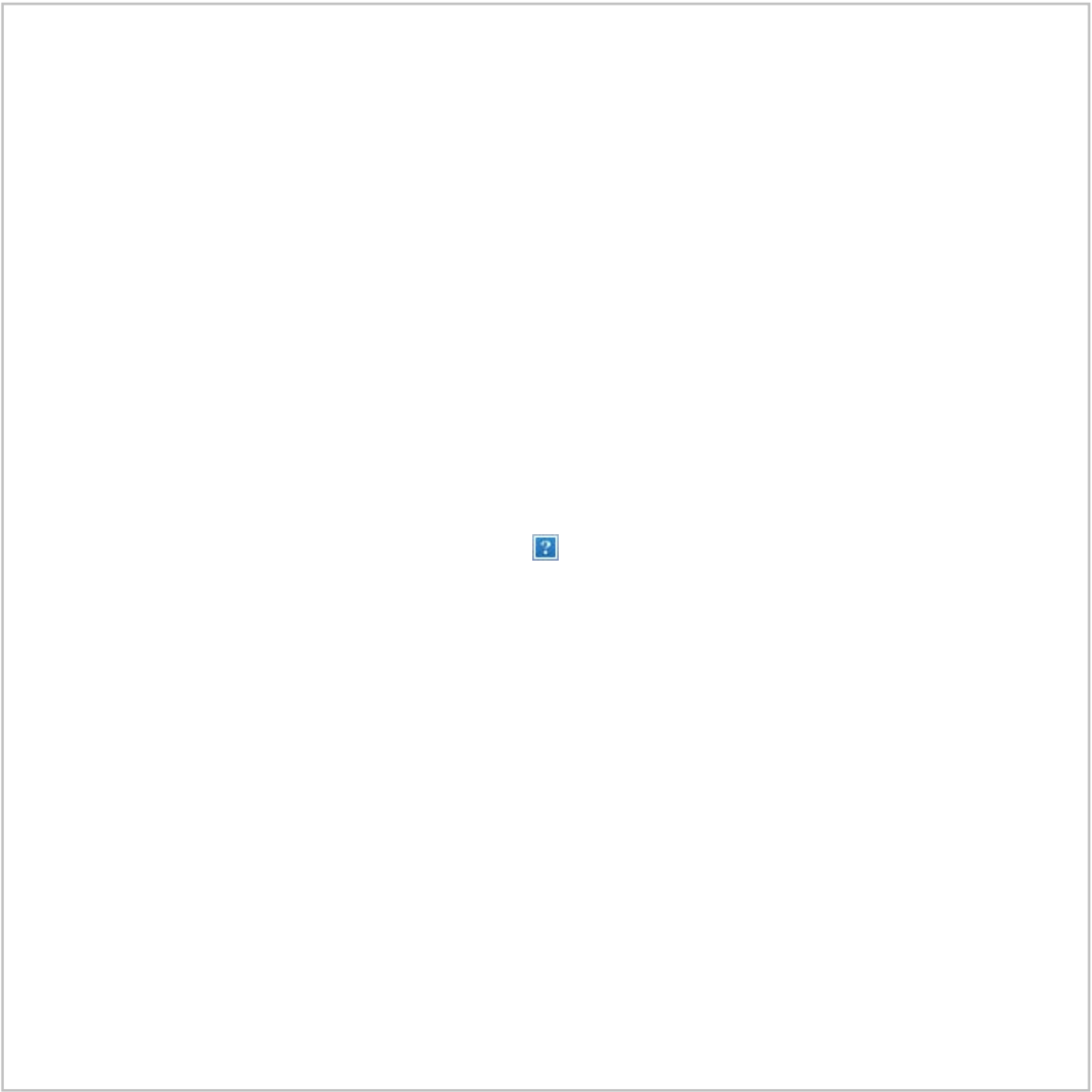
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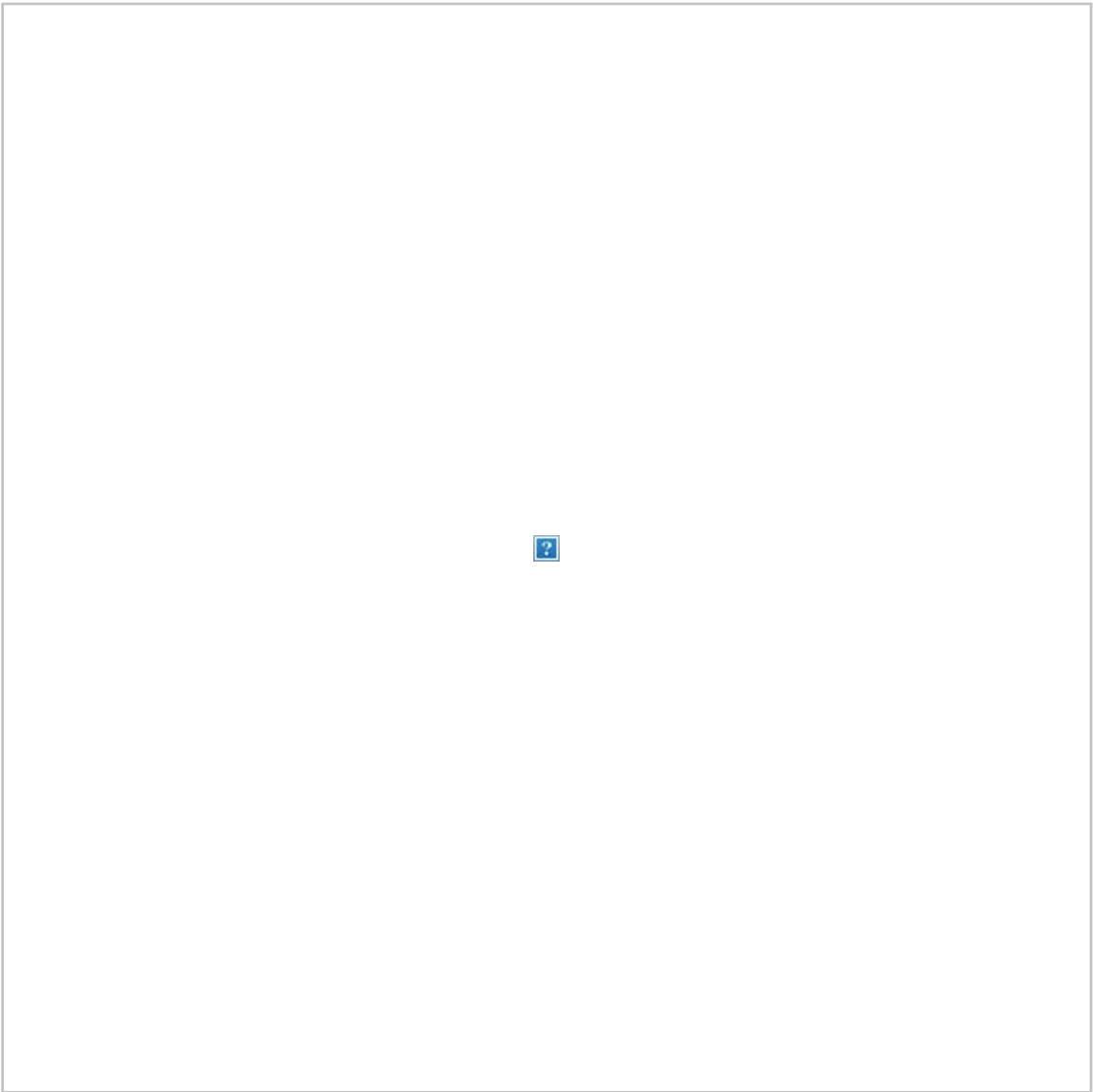
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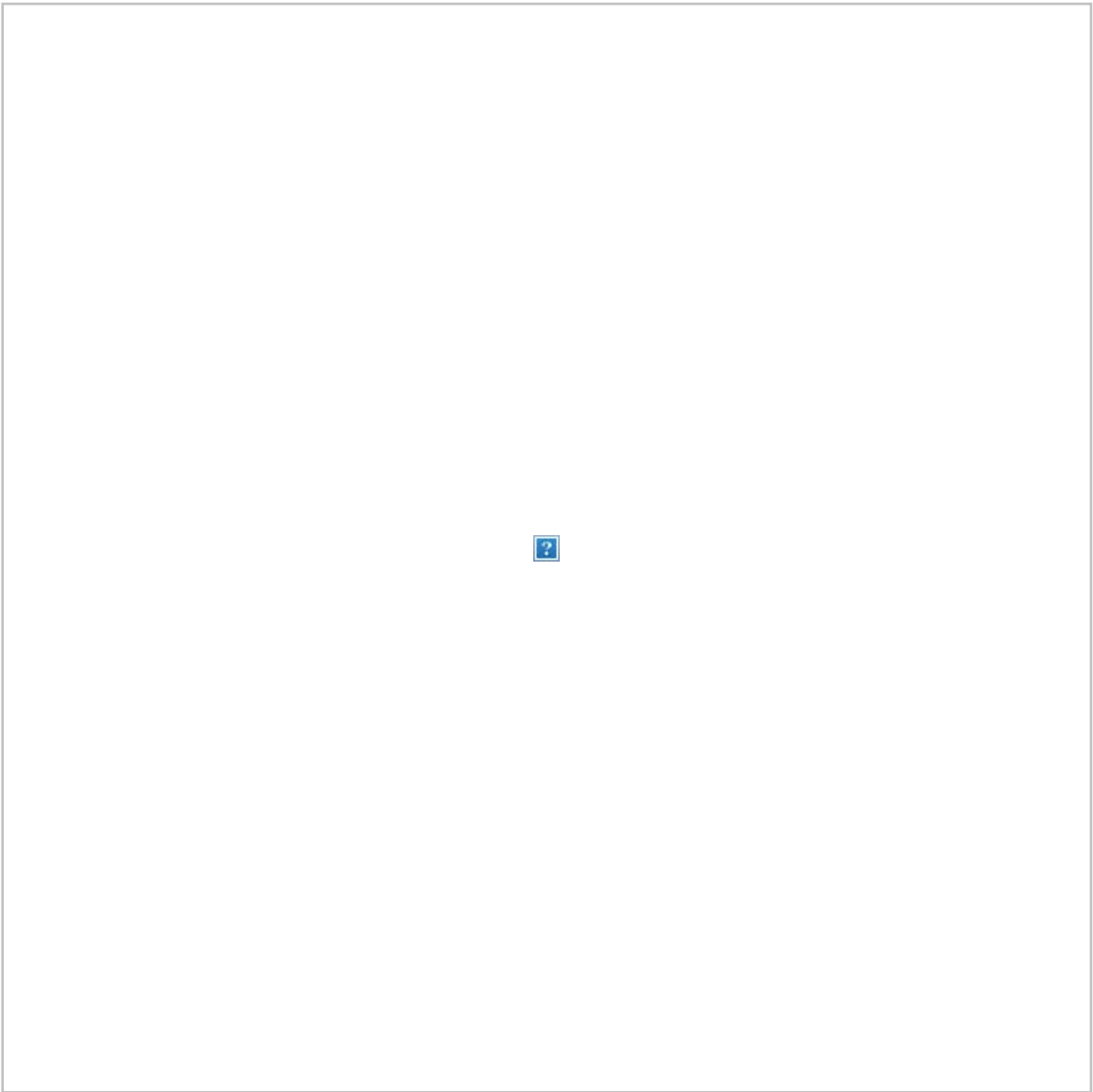


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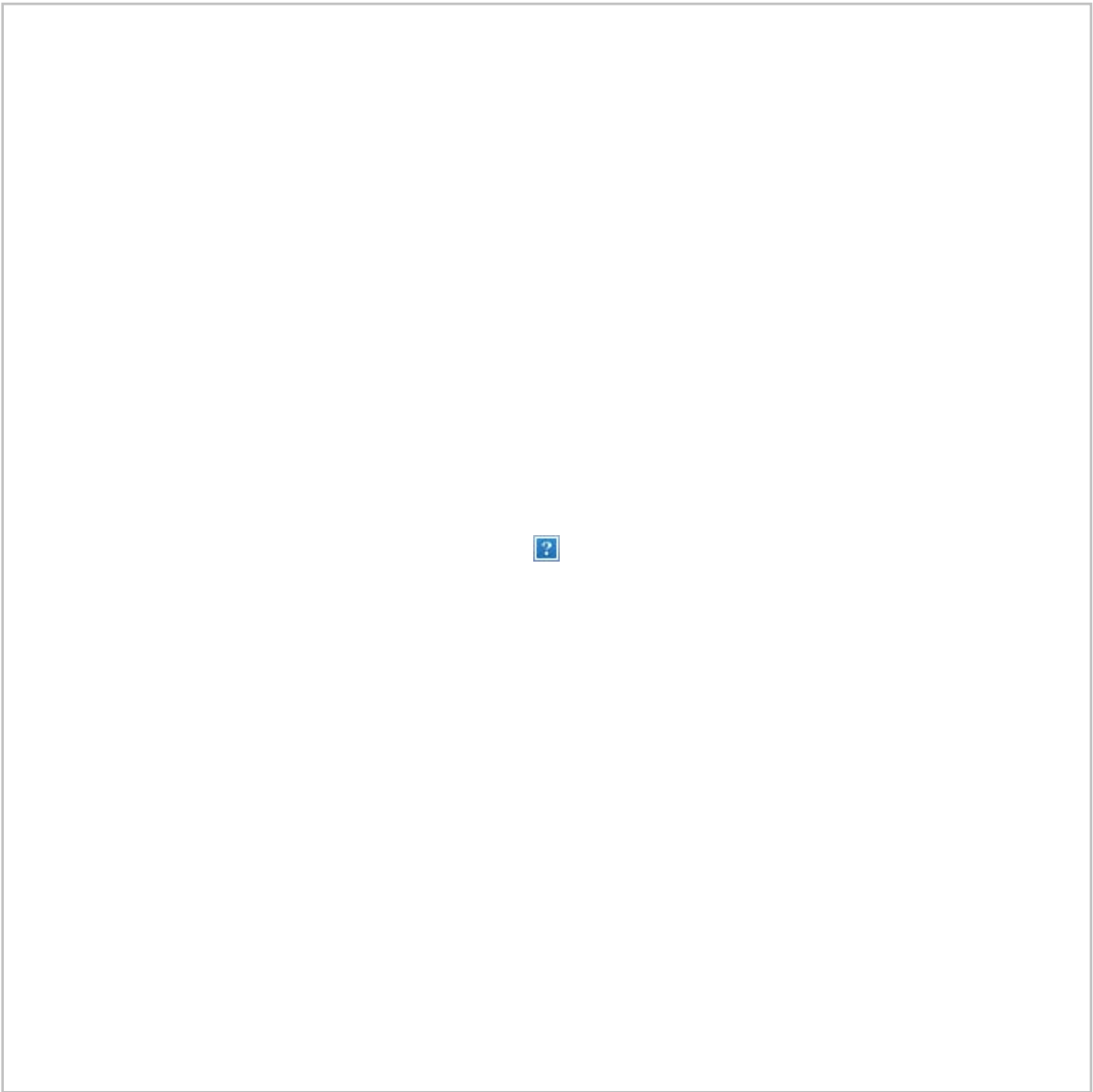


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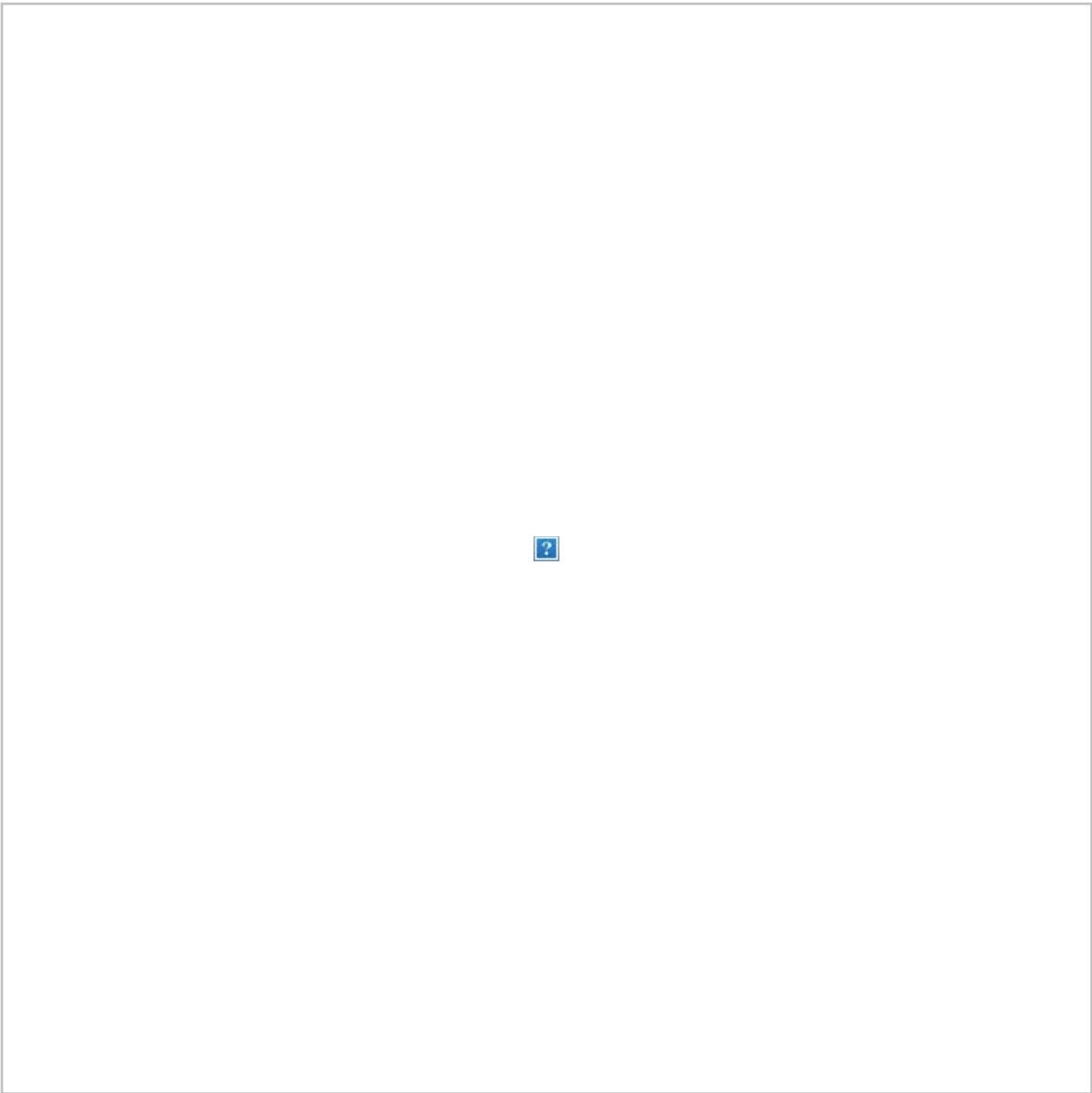
The late great David Broder, probably the best political reporter ever, wrote this in 1972:



**VIDEOS OF THE DAY:**

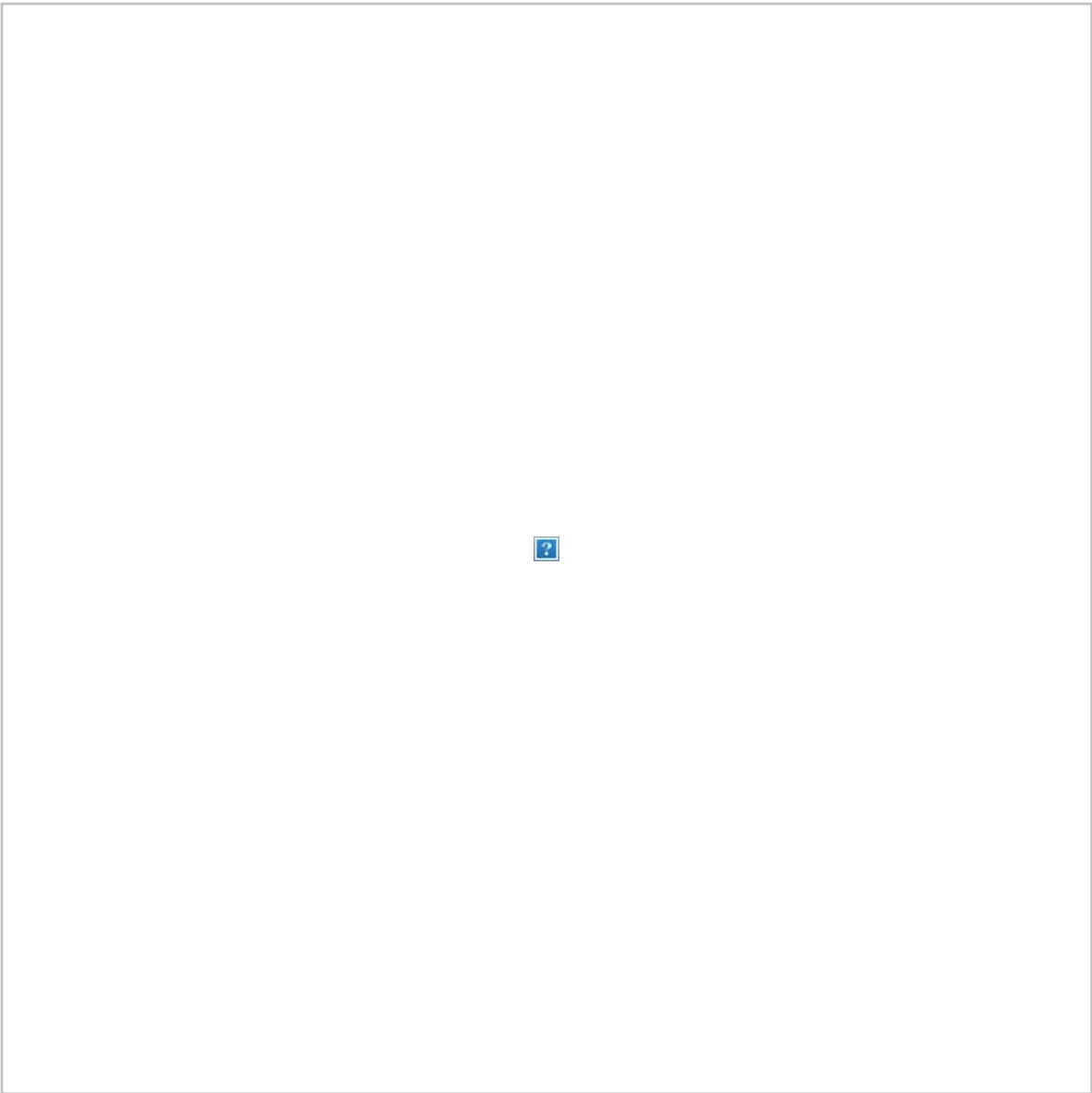
Watch [a 14-minute clip from Stephen Colbert's live show here](#).

WaPo's Scott Clement breaks down what pollsters missed this year:



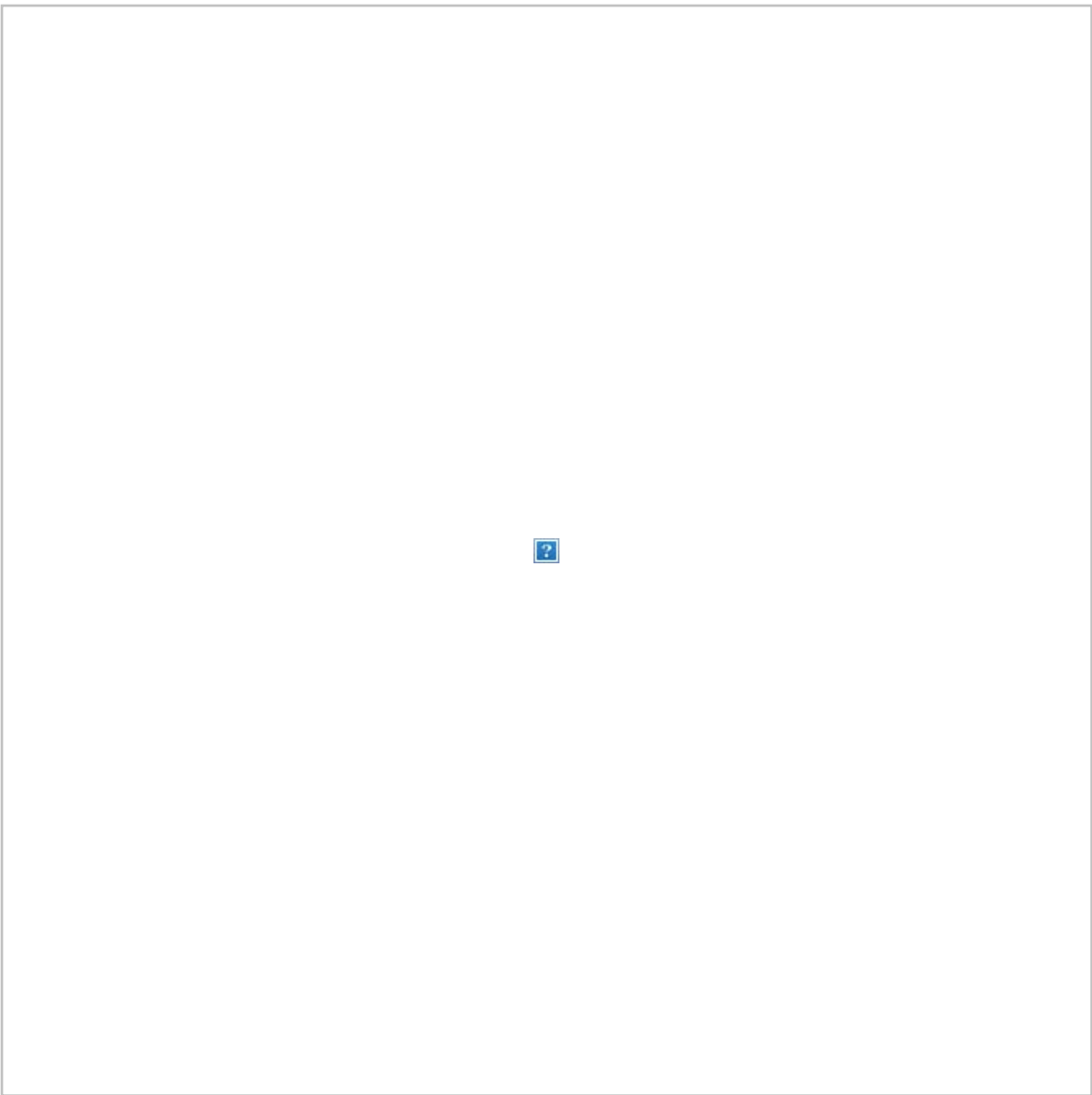
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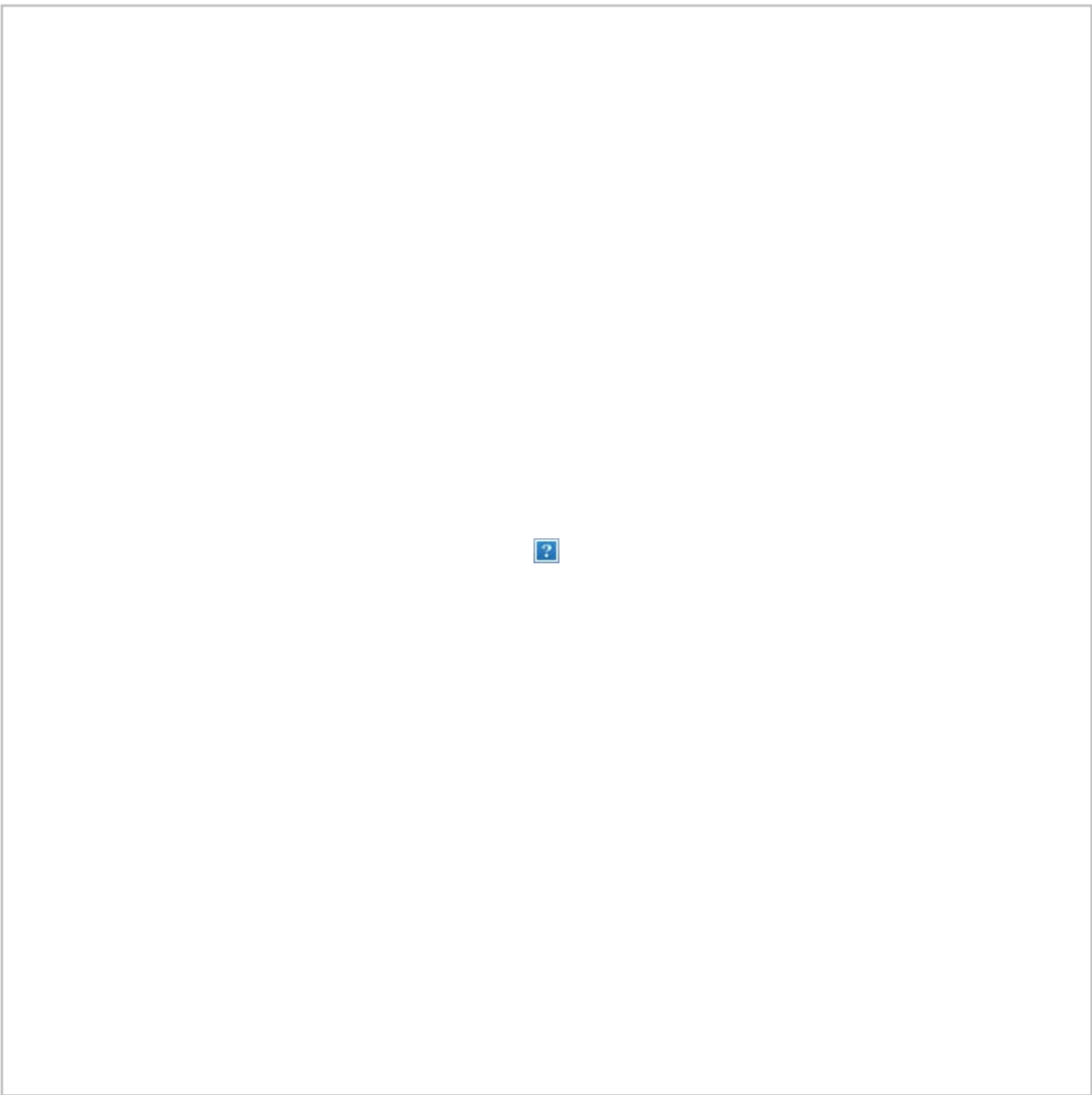
Marco Rubio: 'America is going to be okay'

Watch Vice President-elect Mike Pence's victory speech:



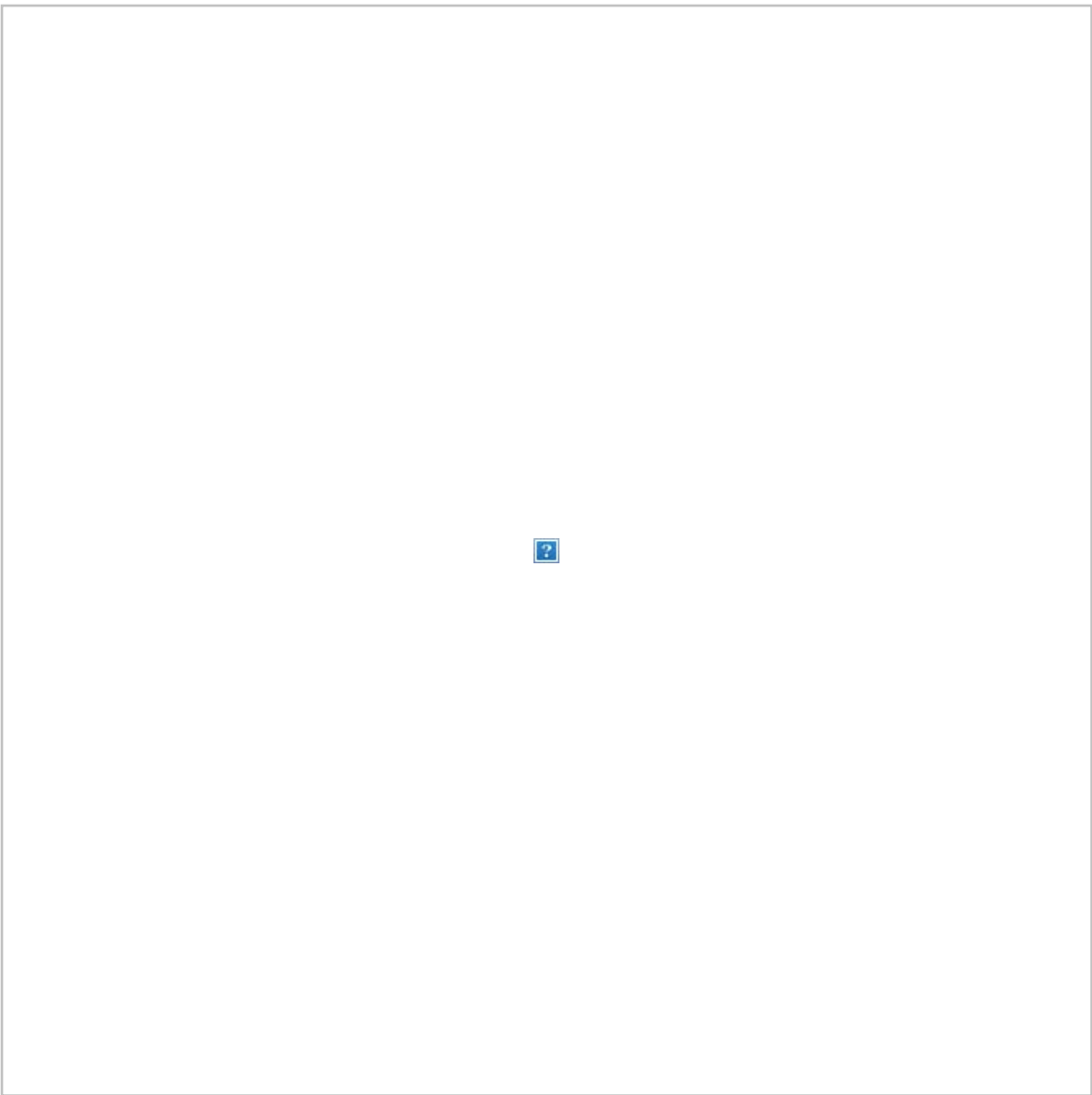
Pence celebrates 'historic night'

Watch John Podesta tell supporters at the Clinton event to go home:



Clinton campaign tells supporters 'head home ... get some sleep'

Tensions ran high on CNN after 2 a.m., as Van Jones told Corey Lewandowski: "you're being a horrible person right now."



Here's Van Jones telling Corey Lewandowski that he... by davis\_spenser Election Night in America CNN

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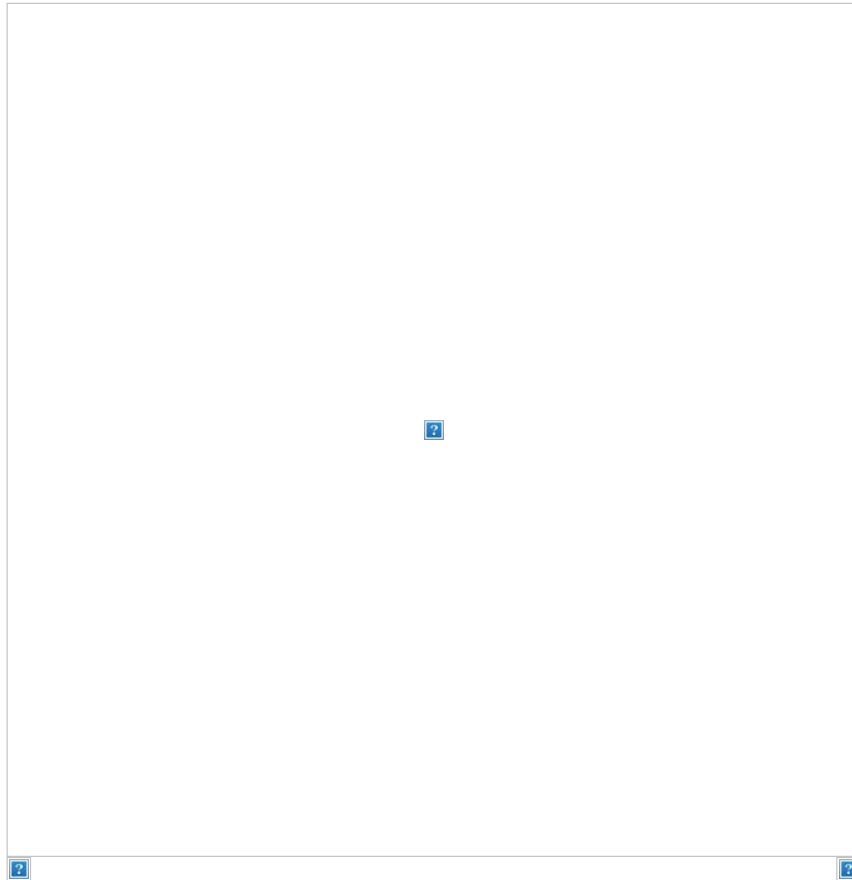
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Ryan-allied group to air ads in 21 districts to support GOP 'effort to fix health care'

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[House Republicans, facing heated town halls, get some air cover on Obamacare repeal](#)

Rep. Dave Brat addresses fiery crowd at town hall



**BY JAMES HOHMANN**  
with Breanne Deppisch

**THE BIG IDEA:**

**Rep. Dave Brat (R-Va.) got heckled, booed and yelled at last night during a contentious town hall meeting in his district.** The loudest jeers related to the GOP's promise to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. Many of the 150 attendees carried red cards to signal their discontent. A registered nurse who lives outside Brat's district held up a sheet of paper that said "LIE" for the duration of the hour-long event. "The problem is Obamacare has just collapsed," said Brat. The crowd began shouting: "No, it has not!" ([Jenna Portnory has more.](#))

**Many Republicans are facing this kind of hostile reception as they return home for a week-long recess.** Offices have been flooded with calls for weeks, and some liberal constituents are now looking for face-to-face confrontations with their lawmakers that can lead the nightly news.

**Brat, who toppled House Majority Leader Eric Cantor in a 2014 primary, is one of 21 House Republicans about to get some air cover from a conservative outside group aligned with Paul D. Ryan and his leadership team.** The American Action Network, founded by veteran GOP fundraisers to support the Speaker's agenda, will spend \$2.2 million on TV and digital buys over the next two weeks to promote GOP efforts related to overhauling the law across two dozen media markets. That's in addition to \$5.2 million already spent on Obamacare-related advertising since the start of the year.

**"This is a critical time," Corry Bliss, the executive director of the group, said in an interview.** "A lot of the action for health care moving though the House will happen in the next two weeks. We want to be very engaged in reminding people what's at stake."



**White House chief of staff Reince Priebus said this week that he expects a new health care plan to emerge in "the first few days of March."** President Trump's top advisers held a three-hour meeting about health care at Mar-a-Lago on Sunday, [per the AP](#), their third lengthy discussion on the topic in four days. The confirmation of Tom Price as health and human services secretary has sped up negotiations with the Hill.

**The spot that the group is running stars Elizabeth Jacinto, a married mother of three children with a fourth on the way.** She says that she lost her health coverage and her doctor – despite promises to the contrary. She says she was kicked off her plan after giving birth, leaving her family uninsured for four months. As a result, she laments, her baby missed immunizations and her husband had to delay a previously-scheduled surgery.

**"When Obamacare was first coming out I was hopeful that it was going to work out for our family, and what ended up happening was an absolute nightmare," Jacinto says to camera.** "We need to have an option that allows all Americans a better plan and better health insurance, to have deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums be reasonable, and for people to get the coverage they want and need. That's why we need to move forward with a new plan that Republicans are putting forward. **I support the Republicans' effort to fix health care for the American people.**"

*Watch the commercial here:*



Elizabeth's Obamacare Story (60-second)

**The new effort, previewed exclusively for the 202, comes amid ongoing struggles by congressional Republicans to figure out both the politics and policy of repealing the ACA.**

Politically, lawmakers are trying to soothe fears among voters that they are going to scrap the law without a clear roadmap for what comes next. **While some of the opposition efforts at town hall meetings are being organized by progressive outside groups, there is also [organic anxiousness](#).** Our reporters who have [fanned out across the country](#) report back that many people they're interviewing have never before attended these sorts of meetings.

Sensing the potential potency of this raw energy, **two key Republican committee chairmen have [softened their rhetoric](#) around "repeal and replace" with talk about "repairing" the 2010 law.** That messaging shift has inflamed conservative activists, who already think Congress is moving too slowly and now fear that they are being double crossed by the establishment.

**GOP leaders respond that they're moving cautiously because they don't want to botch the specifics.** Democrats deliberated for more than a year over what health reform should look like eight years ago, and the rollout was still a mess. That's inevitable when you're playing around with one-fifth of the economy. Wise Republicans know that they're going to wind up owning the mess that gets made by whatever, if anything, emerges from this process. This is the burden of governing.

**It's still not obvious what exactly the replacement plan will look like, which is why the new commercial only states a few general goals of reform.** There remains significant intra-party disagreement about what to maintain from the old law and how it will be paid for. Republicans leaders are trying to coalesce around core tenets of a replacement plan before fleshing out language.

So when will that happen? "When we agree on what we're going to do," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told The Post in an interview last week. This comment reflects the degree to which **GOP leaders on the Hill are much more reticent to set expectations that they may not be able to live up to than White House officials like Priebus**, who have never worked in government.

**House Republicans exited a health care meeting late last week with some [new details on the options that their leaders are considering to replace the law](#).** But they still don't have anything close to a complete plan. Some rank-and-file members worry about taking insurance away from millions of people, while others from redder districts fear that only cosmetic changes will be made to a law that they believe is ruining the country. Members of the Freedom Caucus fear that they'll wind up with some kind of Obamacare Lite that will simply be rebranded as Trumpcare with a few Band Aids on it.

**Trump himself told The Post last month that a goal of any replacement plan should be "insurance for everybody,"** which is very expensive and requires significant government intervention in the marketplace.



Paul Ryan talks with Mitch McConnell as they wait for Trump to announce his Supreme Court pick on Jan. 31. (Carlos Barria/Reuters)

**Every day that goes by without a clear GOP replacement plan is a day that lawmakers will need to reassure both their own base that they're not going wobbly and their constituents who have grown increasingly dependent on a new entitlement that they're not going to leave them holding the bag.**

**Democrats are trying to capitalize on GOP infighting and believe that the looming threat of repeal is allowing them to sell the public on the law in a way they have not been able to for seven years.** Recent public polling suggest that support for Obamacare [continues to rise](#) as the debate drags on. ([I wrote about this strategy from the House Democratic retreat](#) in Baltimore the week before last.)

**That's where the new American Action Network ad comes in.** It makes the argument that the status quo is not acceptable, and that Republicans can offer better solutions, in a softer and more family-oriented way than we saw from right-leaning outside groups during the Obama years. It also reflects the desire to frame what Republicans are doing as a positive step forward, not a move to axe a government program.

**The messaging is driven by a large national poll that the group commissioned early last month.** The GS Strategy Group found that the most popular messages for what a replacement plan should have in it are coverage that provides ownership and portability, centers on what is best for the patient and lowers health coverage costs. The survey also found that people continue to like the idea of buying insurance across state lines and tax credits, instead of subsidies. ([See a PowerPoint deck on their findings here.](#))

**"If the ACA worked and people liked it, we wouldn't be talking about health care," said Bliss, who managed [Rob Portman's reelection campaign last year](#).** "I think it's our most powerful ad we've released because it's a testimonial that puts a human face on bad policy. ... This message is a winning message. Period. Full stop."

**Ryan's office has been work-shopping some talking points in a similar vein.** Take these two tweets from yesterday:



**AAN spent tens of millions of dollars on behalf of GOP congressional candidates last year.** Set up under section 501(c)(4) of the tax code, the group is not required to disclose the names of its contributors. AAN was founded by veteran GOP fundraiser Fred Malek and former senator Norm Coleman.

**Most of the members who will benefit from the new buy are expected to have competitive races in next year's midterm elections.** The woman featured in the commercial lives in the district represented by one of them: Darrell Issa, who won reelection by only about 2,000 votes. Other front-line members include Jeff Denham and David Valadao, also in California, along with Mike Coffman in Colorado, Carlos Curbelo in Florida, Rob Blum and David Young in Iowa, Will Hurd in Texas and Barbara Comstock in Virginia.

**Others are noteworthy for how safe they are.** The ad will run in the districts of Ryan and Kevin McCarthy, the top two Republicans in leadership. Others whose reelection is secure but are playing important roles in the fight are also getting back-up, including Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady and Energy and Commerce Chairman Greg Walden.

**Also on the list are members of the very conservative Freedom Caucus,** such as [Jim Jordan](#), Raul Labrador and Mark Meadows. Their votes could decide whether a replacement plan makes it through the lower chamber.

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#### WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING:




Royal Malaysian Police Inspector General Khalid Abu Bakar speaks during a press conference in Kuala Lumpur a few hours ago. (Fazry Ismail/EPA)

-- **Two more North Koreans are wanted in connection with the killing of Kim Jong Un's half brother, adding another layer of suspense to the murderous plot.** From our [Anna Fifield](#) in Seoul: "Malaysian police are searching for a diplomat and an airline employee, taking to eight the number of North Koreans suspected in the involvement in the brazen, public assassination of the half brother of the reclusive nation's leader. **In the latest twist in a plot straight out of a movie, an attempted break-in was reported at the hospital morgue where Kim Jong Nam's body is being held — against North Korea's wishes. Photos from the scene showed heavy security around the hospital, with armed men in SWAT-like gear.** Speculation over the killing of Kim Jong Nam had centered on his estranged half [brother] ... and evidence is mounting that North Korea may have been behind the attack at Kuala Lumpur airport Feb. 13. A North Korean man, a scientist who had been living in Kuala Lumpur for the past year, is already in custody, and Malaysian police have named four other North Koreans who they want to talk to in relation to the killing." All four left Kuala Lumpur on the day of the attack and took a very "circuitous route" back to Pyongyang.

-- **The Trump administration is gearing up to roll back protections for transgender students, moving to reverse federal guidance that required the nation's public schools to allow students to use the bathrooms and locker rooms that matched their gender identities.** In a letter, slated to be issued today, Trump administration officials plan to say they are "withdrawing guidance issued by the Obama administration" that found that denying transgender students the right to use the bathroom of their choice violates federal prohibitions against sex discrimination." ([Sandhya Somashekhar, Moriah Balingit and Emma Brown](#))

-- **Howard Dean endorsed Pete Buttigieg to be chairman of the DNC on "Morning Joe" this morning.** The former Vermont governor is the fifth former DNC chair to back the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, even though the top two contenders are considered Tom Perez and Keith Ellison. Suggesting very strongly that he's watching "Morning Joe," the president tweeted about the DNC race just minutes after Dean's appearance:


  
-- **Happening Friday: The 202 Live with Scott Walker.** At 10 a.m. the day after tomorrow, I'll sit down with the governor of Wisconsin at The Post's headquarters. We'll talk about areas that he thinks Trump can help GOP governors, from health care to welfare reform, and lessons that the president can learn from his experiences, including the Act 10 fight with public employee unions. Walker is part of a Badger State triumvirate that includes Ryan and Priebus. He's also chairman of the Republican Governors Association, so we'll discuss the upcoming gubernatorial contests. [RSVP to attend here.](#)



A policeman investigates a burned out car outside Stockholm yesterday. (Fredrik Sandberg/TT via AP)

#### GET SMART FAST:

1. **Riots erupted in a neighborhood of immigrants in Stockholm,** two days after Trump provoked international outrage by appearing to imply without evidence that immigrants had perpetrated a recent spate of violence in Sweden. ([Max Bearak](#))
2. **The Supreme Court declined to hear the case of an Alabama death row inmate who requested to die by firing squad rather than lethal injection,** after learning that the deadly cocktail led to several botched executions in recent years. Justice Sonia Sotomayor slammed the decision in her dissent, joining Stephen Breyer as she wrote that lethal injection "may turn out to be our most cruel experiment yet" in the search for a humane death penalty option. ([Robert Barnes](#))
3. **A federal appeals court upheld Maryland's ban on certain types of semiautomatic guns,** vacating an earlier decision that cast doubt on the constitutionality of the ban. ([Ann E. Marimow](#))
4. **A military tribunal sentenced an Israeli soldier to 18 months in prison for killing a unarmed, wounded Palestinian attacker.** The soldier's imprisonment comes as a deeply divisive punishment for a man whom many Israelis are hailing as a hero for "neutralizing a terrorist." ([Ruth Eglash and William Booth](#))
5. **The former leader of Hong Kong was sentenced to 20 months in jail on misconduct charges – becoming the highest ranking official in the territory to be jailed for corruption.** ( [AP](#) )
6. **Lindsay Lohan claimed she was "racially profiled" while going through security at London Heathrow Airport with a head scarf.** She told a talk show host that it was a "jarring" experience. "I was racially profiled for the first time in my life," the former "Parent Trap" star, who is white, explained. Lohan has recently become an outspoken activist on behalf of Syrian refugees, noting that she was returning from Turkey and wearing the head scarf "out of respect." ([Amy B Wang](#))
7. **A long-term Danish study found that children of today aren't getting worse behavior-wise – in fact, they may just be more law-abiding than ever.** Why? They're too busy on their phones to get in any trouble! *Sounds like the kids are alright.* ([Rick Noack](#))
8. **A New York bull who cheated death after escaping a local slaughterhouse – evading authorities in Queens as she pranced for hours down crowded city streets – did not fare quite so well after her second capture.** An animal sanctuary had agreed to take her in, but she was pronounced dead shortly before she would have been brought to her new home. ([New York Times](#))

  
Trump administration strengthens immigration enforcement guidelines

#### TRUMP'S TAKEOVER:

-- **The administration detailed its plan to enforce a new, wide-ranging directive against undocumented immigrants, ramping up enforcement efforts even as White House officials maintained that such measures are "not intended" to result in mass deportations. The orders are likely to face resistance from a number of states and sanctuary cities.** [David Nakamura reports:](#) "Federal officials cautioned that many of the changes detailed in a pair of memos

from Homeland Security Secretary John F. Kelly will take time to implement ... Yet the official public rollout of Kelly's directives ... was met with outrage from immigrant rights advocates over concerns the new policies will result in widespread abuses as authorities attempt to fulfill [Trump's] goals of tightening border control."

- **The new guidelines call for hiring "thousands" of additional enforcement agents and expanding the pool of immigrants prioritized for removal**, effectively moving to speed up up deportation hearings and efforts to enlist local law officials in enforcement.
- **The policies are poised to "considerably broaden" the pool of undocumented immigrants prioritized for removal, including those charged with crimes but not convicted**, those who commit acts that constitute a "chargeable criminal offense," and those who an immigration officer concludes pose "a risk to public safety or national security."
- **Still, a senior DHS official moved to avert what he called a "sense of panic" among immigrant communities**: "We do not have the personnel, time or resources to go into communities and round up people and do all kinds of mass throwing folks on buses. That's entirely a figment of folks' imagination," the official said during a background briefing.

The scene in 2010, when a U.S. Border Patrol agent shot 15-year-old Sergio Adrián Hernández Güereca in the culvert that separates El Paso from Juarez, Mexico. Hernández was on the Mexican side, and the agent was on the U.S. side. (AP)

-- "**Justices divided on cross-border shooting that left Mexican teenager dead**," by Robert Barnes: "The cross-border shooting of an unarmed Mexican teenager by a U.S. Border Patrol agent left behind a sympathetic victim, but the Supreme Court on Tuesday worried about extending the protections of the Constitution beyond the nation's boundaries. The court appeared divided on whether the dead boy's parents have a right to sue their son's killer in U.S. courts. Conservative justices were particularly concerned that among the unintended consequences could be an extension of rights to victims in foreign countries of drone strikes ordered from the United States. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, who is likely to hold the deciding vote in the case, wondered if the court should stay out of a matter best handled by the White House and Congress."

**Like on so many other big cases, Neil Gorsuch could be the deciding vote. It's a reminder of how high the stakes are in the coming confirmation fight**: "A 4-to-4 tie would uphold the opinion of lower courts, which said the parents do not have a remedy in U.S. courts. But if the justices are evenly divided, it is also possible they could decide to rehear the case when the court is fully staffed. ... Gorsuch could be confirmed in April."

#### WIDENING THE APERTURE ONE MONTH IN:

-- **In the 33 days he has been president, our Fact Checkers have documented 132 false or misleading claims made by the president. See them all here.**

-- **How Trump spent his first month, by the numbers**: From the moment Trump was sworn in until noon Monday, one month passed. That's a total of 744 hours. [Philip Bump tried to breakdown how POTUS has managed his time](#) the best he could. **Trump spent a little under three-quarters of his time in and around Washington during his first month in office. A little less than half of that was time during which he was officially working** — as measured by the time between when the media was told to show up in the morning (known as "call time") until the media was dismissed in the evening (known as "the lid"). Based on pool reports, here's what we know:

H.R. McMaster listens as Trump introduces him on Monday. (Chris Dignam)

#### CAN McMASTER TELL TRUMP NO?

-- **Trump's decision to tap Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster as his new national security adviser has pleased some allies, but left others quietly asking: How will McMaster, known for his sharp mind and even sharper opinions, get along with Trump -- who clearly dislikes being told he is wrong?** [Greg Jaffe and Joshua Partlow explore](#): "In his many successes and his most notable failure ... McMaster has displayed the same traits: a fierce intellect, dogged determination and a penchant for conflict that has produced loyal supporters and, in some cases, determined foes." But, but, but: "McMaster comes onboard with some significant disadvantages relative to his predecessors. The most effective national security advisers have close personal relationships with the president. It's not clear whether McMaster had even met Trump before interviewing. ... **Sometimes, McMaster's passion and intellect worked against him on the battlefield — especially in Afghanistan, where he was chosen in 2010 to lead an anti-corruption task force. His brash style alienated many of his American civilian colleagues.** ... But even those who hated his management style tended to recognize his brilliance."

Money quote: "**He's not a bull in a china shop,**" said professor Paul Rexton Kan, who joined McMaster's team for a month in Kabul. "**He's a bull who picks up the china shop and just smashes it.**"

Pruitt: 'We don't have to choose' between being pro-environment and pro-energy

-- **Scott Pruitt spent his first full day as EPA administrator making clear that he intends to "step back" from what he sees as the agency's regulatory overreach during the Obama administration.** From [Brady Dennis and Chris Mooney](#): "Pruitt, who spent years criticizing and suing the EPA before becoming its newest leader, reiterated an argument he often had made as Oklahoma attorney general. 'The only authority that any agency has in the executive branch is the authority given to it by Congress,' he said during a noon address to employees at the agency headquarters. 'We need to respect that. We need to follow that. Because when we do that, guess what happens? We avoid litigation. We avoid the uncertainty of litigation and we reach better ends and outcomes at the end of the day.'"

President Trump Speaks at the National Museum of African American History and Culture

## IT'S TRUMP'S PARTY NOW:

-- "**The conservative movement in America now belongs to President Trump.**" [Dave Weigel and Robert Costa write in a curtain raiser ahead of CPAC, which begins today.](#) "Thousands of activists will arrive in Washington this week for an annual gathering that will vividly display how Trump has pushed the Republican Party and the conservative movement toward an 'America first' nationalism that has long existed on the fringes. This year's CPAC schedule represents a marked shift toward Trump's politics and penchant for showmanship. Nigel Farage, the pro-Brexit politician from Britain who spoke to an emptying room in 2015, will speak the same morning as Trump. Reality TV star Dog the Bounty Hunter will appear with a super PAC trying to draft Milwaukee County Sheriff [and Trump cable ally] David Clarke ... into Wisconsin's 2018 Senate race."

- **Matt Schlapp, the president of the American Conservative Union, which organizes CPAC, said the gathering this year will be an acknowledgment of the "realignment going on politically in the country"** and of the rising import of "American sovereignty" to conservatives nationally.
- **The libertarian flavor of the conference during the Obama years has faded.** Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), who won the conference's presidential straw poll three years running, is not coming to CPAC. The immigration debate that once roiled Republicans has largely been settled, in Trump's favor.
- **Steve Bannon and Reince Priebus will deliver joint remarks on Thursday,** seeking to put to rest rumors that the two do not get along and highlight how both factions of Trump's administration are working well together inside the White House.
- **Panels scheduled for the four-day conference** include one on how the left does "not support law enforcement"; why the United States can't have the same security standards as heaven ("a gate, a wall and extreme vetting"); and a discussion of "fair trade" that will put Breitbart editor Joel Pollak and progressive anchor Ed Schultz, who hosts a show on Russian-owned RT, on the same side.

### -- Two telling quotes:

- Veteran GOP operative **Mike Murphy**, who ran Jeb Bush's Super PAC: "**There used to be Pat Buchanan's people**, the populist revolt-types and the establishment of the anti-establishment, who'd get a third of the vote in the primaries and **we'd beat them back. Now they've hijacked the Republican Party.**"
- White House counselor **Kellyanne Conway**: "**Every movement that gets dusty or sclerotic relies on an infusion of energy from the bottom up. It also takes a transformative individual to bring about change.**"

-- **Analysis** --> "**At CPAC, conservatism betrayed,**" by [Kathleen Parker](#): "Remember when conservatism meant deep thinkers and big ideas? Get over it. ... A variety of false starts and weird moments suggests that American conservatism is reinventing itself along lines that stray far from original intent. **RIP, if you can, Bill Buckley.** An ad on the CPAC website prominently features nouvelle conservative vamp Dana Loesch, a conservative radio host in Dallas and a protegee of Breitbart News. In the photo, Loesch is doing her best imitation of the 'Miley' (as in Cyrus), her tongue super-extended and her hand making the sign of the devil — two middle fingers tucked into the palm, pinkie and pointer extended like two horns. ... In another sign of conservative disruption, the speaker lineup is missing many of conservatism's most interesting voices. **Sometimes getting a turn at the lectern depends on one's willingness to contribute to CPAC's parent organization** (the ACU). Oftentimes, sponsors want to speak and/or direct the agenda. Which doesn't sound quite like free speech. Also necessary is one's ringing support of Trump."

Milo Yiannopoulos announces his resignation from Breitbart at a press conference in New York City yesterday. (Jason Szenes/EPA)

## INSIDE MILO'S DOWNFALL:

-- **Milo Yiannopoulos, who helped make Breitbart News a leading organ of the alt-right, resigned from the news organization after a video of him endorsing pedophilia resurfaced online over the weekend.** [Paul Farhi reports](#): "Yiannopoulos has been a flame-throwing provocateur whose writing has offended women, Muslims, blacks and gay people ever since former Breitbart executive chairman **[Steve Bannon] hired him as a senior editor in 2014.** Bannon ... championed the British-born Yiannopoulos's inflammatory commentary and promoted him as a conservative truth-teller and champion of free speech. In turn, his popularity helped raise Breitbart's profile among Trump's supporters and the alt-right." As recently as last week, a Breitbart editor praised Yiannopoulos as "the No. 1 free speech warrior of his generation" in the United States. **Still, his views on pedophilia seem to have gone too far, even far even for Breitbart.** The site was under pressure from its own staff to take action against Yiannopoulos, with employees threatening to revolt if he wasn't fired or disciplined.

-- **Until the day before yesterday, Milo was going to be CPAC's keynote speaker.** [From Abby Ohlheiser](#): "His Breitbart archives contain a regular stream of articles arguing all sorts of things designed to demean and offend: that feminism makes women ugly, that he would prefer it if teenagers self-harmed rather than discuss trans issues on Tumblr, and that women will be happy only if we 'un-invent' the birth control pill and the washing machine. None of these things, including the fact that the writer had already been banned from Twitter for, the platform said, inciting harassment against actress Leslie Jones, stopped Yiannopoulos from becoming a voice that CPAC felt was of value to their movement on free-speech grounds."

-- **New York Times columnist Frank Bruni says Milo is the "mini-Donald" who "couldn't have had more of Trump's DNA in him if he were Trump's clone."** "Both are con men, wrapping themselves in higher causes, though their primary agendas are the advancement of themselves," he writes. "I heard nothing worthwhile during Yiannopoulos's news conference Tuesday afternoon, though I heard a whole lot of Trump in him, and I wondered — no, shuddered — at a kind of worldview that may well be in ascendance, thanks to its validation by our president. He's right that in America of late, there's too much policing of indelicate and injurious language ... But he invokes free speech to exalt cruel behavior and lewd testimonials whose purpose is headlines and booking fees. When he goes on his racist and sexist tears or muses about his appetite for black men, he's just a brat begging for attention, a showboat looking to fill seats .... **Together, he and Trump have exposed what a cynical, corruptible vessel modern conservatism is.**"

-- "**Milo Yiannopoulos and the Church of Winning,**" by [The Atlantic's Ben Howe](#): "Moral failure is human, and a core tenet of understanding the Christian belief of salvation ... [But now], electoral victory, obtained seemingly at any cost, has become more important than all other moral or religious obligations one might assume come with the role of spiritual leadership. **Scarcely a month into this brave new version of conservatism, my suspicion is that we have not yet begun to see how far evangelical standards will yield to the Church of Winning.**"

St. Louis Jewish cemetery vandalized

## AMERICA, DIVIDED:

-- **Trump decried racism and acts of anti-Semitic violence during a trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture, after weeks of silence on the issue.** [Fred Barbash, Ben Guarino and Brian Murphy](#): "He vowed to take steps to counter extremism in comments that followed criticism that the White House had not clearly denounced vandalism and threats targeting Jewish institutions. 'The anti-Semitic threats ... are horrible and are painful and a very sad reminder of the work that still must be done to root out hate and prejudice and evil,' Trump said ... Hours before Trump's remarks, Hillary Clinton called on her former presidential rival to speak out against anti-Semitic acts after more than 170 Jewish graves were found toppled at a cemetery in Missouri. ... The remarks by Trump also appear aimed at easing pressure on his administration, which faces claims from opponents that it has failed to distance itself from extremist ideology and has emboldened right-wing groups through its populist, America-first themes."

**Trump's statement was "somber and disciplined" — a shift from the flashes of irritation he showed during a White House press conference last week, in which he quickly turned the conversation to his electoral college victory when asked about anti-Semitism.**

-- **Amnesty International used its extensive annual report this year to harshly speak out against Trump**, slamming his “hateful xenophobic pre-election rhetoric,” divisive politics and a rollback of civil rights. The comments were part of a larger Amnesty report which singles out other leaders and politicians for pursuing “a dehumanizing agenda for political expediency.” ([Rick Noack](#))

-- **A spate of Washington’s most iconic landmarks and memorial sites were vandalized over the weekend with a series of bizarre messages – including the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial and the World War II Memorial.** While the messages have not yet risen to the level of a hate crime, police said several appear to mention the 9/11 terror attacks. Another part of the graffiti said that “blood test is a lie” and mentioned leukemia, cancer and HIV, saying “get second opinion.” ([Perry Stein and Dana Hedgpeth](#))

-- **The threat of war starting during Trump’s presidency looms large in the minds of many Americans.** A new NBC News/SurveyMonkey poll finds that 66 percent of the country is “worried” that the United States will become engaged in a “major war” in the next four years, while just 33 percent are not worried. Reactions to Trump’s “travel ban” remain split, with 50 percent of Americans saying they approve, while 47 percent disapprove.

-- **Trump’s broadsides against the media are resonating with his base:** A [HuffPost/YouGov poll](#) finds that 51 percent of Trump supporters believe the media is an “enemy” to “people like them.” Other respondents were not much more optimistic, with 36 percent of Trump supporters saying they consider the media “unfriendly.” Just 5 percent of Trump-supporting respondents expressed positive views.

#### PUNDITS WEIGH IN ON MONTH ONE:

-- **“He is an authoritarian by instinct. He displays the classic traits of an authoritarian personality — a man obsessed with domination and humiliation, and unable to tolerate cognitive dissonance,”** [New York Magazine’s Jonathan Chait writes.](#) “The prospect that President Trump will degrade or destroy American democracy is the most important question of the new political era. Scholars of authoritarian regimes (principally Russia) have used their knowledge of authoritarian history to paint a road map by which Trump could Putinize this country ... What are the signs of impending authoritarianism? Trump has rhetorically hyped violence, real or imaginary, committed by enemy groups, while downplaying or ignoring violence or threats from friendlier sources ... [But] at this point, just a month into Trump’s presidency, this pattern of authoritarian discourse is only that — discourse. To be sure, Trump is attempting, sporadically, to bully the private sector. But the effort has backfired...”

“If Trump has a plan to crush his adversaries, he has not yet revealed it,” Chait concludes. **“His authoritarian rage thus far is mostly impotent, the president as angry Fox News-watching grandfather screaming threats at his television that he never carries out.** The danger to the republic may come later, or never. **In the first month of Trump’s presidency, the resistance has the upper hand.”**

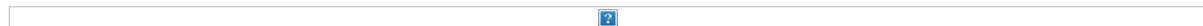


U.S. Special Operations Forces inspect a drone used by Islamic State militants to drop explosives on Iraqi forces in Mosul, Iraq, last month. (Muhammad Hamed/Reuters)

#### WAO HIGHLIGHTS:

-- **“Use of ‘weaponized’ drones by ISIS spurs terrorism fears,”** by Joby Warrick: “Late last month, a pair of Islamic State fighters in desert camouflage climbed to the top of a river bluff in northern Iraq to demonstrate an important new weapon: a small drone, about six feet wide with swept wings and a small bomb tucked in its fuselage. The aircraft glided over the besieged city of Mosul, swooped close to an Iraqi army outpost and dropped its bomb, scattering Iraqi troops with a small blast that left one figure sprawled on the ground, apparently dead or wounded. The incident was among dozens in recent weeks in a rapidly accelerating campaign of armed drone strikes by the Islamic State in northern Iraq. The terrorist group last month formally announced the establishment of a ... new fleet of modified drones equipped with bombs, and claimed that its drones had killed or wounded 39 Iraqi soldiers in a single week. While the casualty claim is almost certainly exaggerated ... the militants are showing a growing ambition to use the technology to kill enemies. ... The threat to troops is serious enough to prompt U.S. and Iraqi commanders to issue warnings to soldiers near the front lines. But a far bigger worry, U.S. officials say, is the potential for future attacks against civilians.”

-- **“Amid storms and fears about dam, Oroville residents are unsure who failed them — if anyone,”** by Jose DelReal: “The emergency evacuation order last week caught many area residents off guard. Some waited too long to make contingency plans and some waited too long to leave, having been previously reassured by officials ... Could, and should, the government have done more to protect the infrastructure [of the Oroville dam]? How long has the community been sitting beneath a powder keg masked by years of drought? ‘You never know. They’ll lie about it anyway,’ Larry Bowen said. ‘You know politicians ... We don’t know, and you don’t know, and nobody knows because it’s all politics.’ **That sentiment is common among members of this small community of 15,000 about 70 miles north of Sacramento. They are relieved and optimistic that the dam is no longer compromised — if it were to fail, officials have said, it could unleash a 30-foot wall of water — but they do not know who to blame for the infrastructure problems, if anyone at all.** The government cannot control the weather, after all. And it is unclear what days of additional rain could do to change the positive outlook.”



Beto O’Rourke (D-Tex.) stands in the middle of the international bridge between the U.S. and Mexico in El Paso, Texas. (Ivan Pierre Aguirre/For The Washington Post)

-- **“Beto O’Rourke is a Mexico-loving liberal in Texas. Can he really beat Ted Cruz?”** by Ben Terris: “The mere name of this Mexican city conjures images of bloodthirsty cartels or seedy red-light districts — the kind of place, some have argued, against which the United States should seal itself with a big, beautiful wall. **[Beto] O’Rourke is strongly opposed to that plan. Among other things, it would make it harder to visit the bar he took his wife to on their first date.** ... O’Rourke isn’t naive about the violence that plagues parts of the city. Still, he maintains that crime is not the only story about the U.S.-Mexico border, nor even the most important one. He sees Juarez as a place where an open mind and a stomach for risk can lead to meaningful connections and long-term partnerships. [Now] question for the 44-year-old with statewide ambitions is: Can he get the people of Texas to see the same thing?” And can a Democrat really win in this deeply red state — against Cruz, who will be running one of the best-financed campaigns in the country?”

-- **“With NAFTA in Trump’s crosshairs, Mexico’s border factories brace for the unknown,”** by Tracy Jan in El Paso: “If you sleep on a memory foam mattress, chances are good that its fabric cover was made here in a small factory in this desert border town on the westernmost edge of Texas. Well, here and over there, across the Rio Grande in Ciudad Juarez, a Mexican city where pieces of fabric cut in El Paso are stitched together and shipped back across the border. The supply of cheap labor in Mexico has fueled the rise of manufacturing plants dotting the border .... The journey of this mattress cover, from El Paso to Ciudad Juarez and back, illustrates the far-reaching tentacles of free trade and its impact on the border economy and across the U.S. It’s a journey now fraught with tension as [Trump] moves to renegotiate — or even unilaterally withdraw the country from — [NAFTA] ... [And] altering NAFTA could raise another complexity — the higher prices likely to follow would make U.S. companies less competitive against manufacturers overseas.”

#### SOCIAL MEDIA SPEED READ:

Bao Bao, the panda who has been living at Washington’s National Zoo, is saying bye bye to the U.S.:



Trump had this to say about the images emerging from Republican lawmakers' town halls while Congress is on recess this week:



Notably, he posted it eight minutes after Fox News did a segment on the protests:



Some response:



From the head of the liberal Center for American Progress:



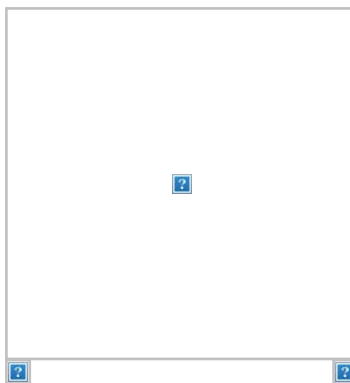
From Obama's former speechwriter:



There continued to be high turnout at the town halls yesterday, as seen here in freshman GOP Rep. Scott Taylor's Virginia district:



Dave Brat (R-Va.) got his share of fired-up constituents:



Buzzfeed has some new office decor:



U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley continues staking out a fairly tough position on Russia:



Also this:





Trump toured the National Museum of African-American history yesterday:



Guess who is going to CPAC?



CPAC attendees can also attend this panel:



Mitch McConnell talked to students in Kentucky:



Activists in New York scaled the Statue of Liberty on Tuesday to unfurl a 20-foot “Welcome Refugees” sign, donning the iconic Lady Liberty in a red-and-white message of welcome just hours after the DHS unveiled a sweeping and restrictive immigration plan. The sign was removed by park officials later in the afternoon, but not before photos of the sign and its welcoming sentiment went viral. ([USA Today](#))



A bunch of lawmakers -- including Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn -- are visiting the U.S.-Mexico border this week:



PDR also dropped by Dallas:



Thom Tillis's dog joined the #PuppiesForGorsuch bandwagon:



The TSA wants you to know that King Cakes for Mardi Gras are generally just fine:



From the AP daybook:



Oops:



**GOOD READS FROM ELSEWHERE:**

-- **New York Times**, “[Death on the Night Shift in Duterte’s Manila](#),” by Miguel Syjuco: “Only five people had turned up dead. It was a slow evening. The journalists on the night shift say Fridays are like that. A predictable rhythm has developed to the killings in this dense metropolis of nearly 13 million. Weekdays are busier, often producing a dozen bodies before morning ... **They call themselves ‘night crawlers,’ and they shadow the police who are armed with lists of alleged users and the mandate of door-to-door visits.** These night crawlers wait for word from radio reports, text messages from funeral homes ... and tips from sources ... As soon as their van leaves, a convoy of journalists gives chase, lights flashing and horns blaring, on a white-knuckle race through the streets of Manila as calls are made to sources in the area in an effort to find the location and beat investigators to it.

“What was once a dispute about facts surrounding such deaths has turned to public acceptance. It is now a moral question — to which there is no answer, only opinion and conjecture. ‘It’s the new normal,’ a photojournalist told me. ‘It’s easier and cheaper to kill them. We can only document it, for a time when Filipinos have regained their sanity.’ **Long after Mr. Duterte has gone and his most vociferous followers are footnotes in history, we will write about this terrible era of avarice, injustice and death.**”

-- **Bloomberg**, “[Le Pen Wins Over the Women Voters Who Feel Left Behind in France](#),” by Helene Fouquet: “French women are starting to picture their next president as a divorced mother of three. The anti-euro, anti-immigrant candidate Marine Le Pen has been playing up her gender as she seeks to convert a likely first-round victory into an overall majority in the run-off ... and it’s paying off. The 48-year-old National Front leader has already rallied some 2 million additional female voters to her cause ... and she’s betting more will follow. Le Pen’s pitch weaves together concerns about immigration, security, and the economic decline of many white French communities into a potent populist brew .... blaming “the elite” for the problems of ordinary voters” “What she is proposing is really different, just like Trump offered something really new,” said Cindy Blain, a 27-year-old pharmacist in the rural north east of France. “Maybe if we see Trump succeed, then voters will give her a chance.”

-- **The New York Times**, “[I Ignored Trump News for a Week. Here’s What I Learned](#),” by Farhad Manjoo: “On most days, Mr. Trump is 90 percent of the news on my Twitter and Facebook feeds, and probably yours, too. **But he’s not 90 percent of what’s important in the world.** During my break from Trump

news, I found rich coverage veins that aren't getting social play. ISIS is retreating across Iraq and Syria. Brazil seems on the verge of chaos. A large ice shelf in Antarctica is close to full break. Scientists may have discovered a new continent ... [And] there's a reason you aren't seeing these stories splashed across the news. Unlike old-school media, today's media works according to social feedback loops. Every story that shows any signs of life on Facebook or Twitter is copied endlessly by every outlet, becoming unavoidable. I suspect we are seeing something like this effect playing out with Trump news. There's no easy way out of this fix. **But as big as Mr. Trump is, he's not everything — and it'd be nice to find a way for the media ecosystem to recognize that.**"

#### QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"Do not make us Jews settle for crumbs of condescension." -- The director of the Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect reacts to Trump speaking out against anti-Semitism ([Sarah Larimer](#))

#### NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:

-- **Cherry blossoms are coming!** Actually, some are *already here*, thanks to this year's freakishly warm winter – and the rest of the season could be equally unpredictable as temperatures fall in and out of the 70s. If you're expecting out-of-towners, check out a tentative schedule [here](#) – and stay tuned for the Capital Weather Gang's official peak bloom forecast later this week.

-- **Another b-e-a-u-tiful day outside (at least after a potential morning drizzle.)** [The Capital Weather Gang forecasts:](#) "Look out for a possible morning shower. And then it's back to the mild stuff. In fact, if it weren't for mostly to partly cloudy skies, we'd probably see highs near or past 70. As it is, we'll tolerate the mid-60s, still 15-20 degrees above normal, with some increasing afternoon sun and a wind from the south of about 5-10 mph."

#### VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Last week, Trump declared the U.S. news media the "enemy of the American people." And he called out a few names that he considered particularly egregious: the New York Times, NBC News, ABC, CNN and CBS. "You know who I feel bad for? ISIS," Stephen Colbert said during his monologue last night. "They try so hard. Sorry, ISIS. If you want to get on the list, you've got to publish photos of Trump's inauguration crowd. Then he'll be really, really angry at you. So sad. Hidden victims."



Sorry ISIS, You Lost The Title Of 'Enemy Of The American People'

Colbert also joked about Trump's Sweden flub and paid his respects to "[all the people who didn't suffer](#)":



Never Fjorget What Happened In Sweden

Outside Baltimore, Southside Tattoo is covering up racist and gang related tattoos for free. The shops owner, Dave Cutlip calls it his Random Acts of Tattoo Project:



How one tattoo artist decided to battle hate

A group of teenagers had a terrifying fall through the ice in Central Park on Tuesday:



See police try to capture a runaway bull...in Queens:



More scenes from town hall meetings--

In Arkansas, a constituent asked GOP Rep. Steve Womack to support an investigation into Trump's Russia ties. "You guys just want to investigate everybody," he replied. "What about Benghazi?" someone in the crowd shot back. Click to watch:



Both of Iowa's senators faced angry crowds yesterday.

Chuck Grassley:



Afghan refugee confronts Grassley at Iowa town hall

And Joni Ernst:



Sen. Joni Ernst jeered at veterans town hall event

Finally, on a lighter note, prepare yourself for Kusama's "Infinity Mirrors" at the Hirshhorn:



Prepare yourself for Kusama's 'Infinity Mirrors' at the Hirshhorn



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## **The Senate reconvened at 9:30 a.m.**

The Senate reconvened at 9:30 a.m. and resumed post-cloture consideration of the nomination of Steven Mnuchin to be secretary of the Treasury.

## **The House is not in session.**

### **Legislative Branch Ethics and Related News**

*The Federal Times* reports that the chief of staff to a former congresswoman pleaded guilty to fraud charges related to a college scholarship fraud scheme he allegedly operated with the congresswoman. His admission of guilt now implicates the congresswoman in the fraud scheme. [Chief of staff implicates congresswoman in \\$800K scholarship fraud](#)

*Politico* and *The Hill* report that the chairman of the House government oversight committee received candid feedback from his constituents at a town hall meeting, particularly on the subject of conflicts of interest. [Chaffetz booed at rowdy town hall Protesters swarm Chaffetz town hall](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

Multiple outlets report on the recent, nationally televised endorsement of a Trump family member's business by an advisor of President Trump. [Conway apologized to Trump for promoting Ivanka brand: report Kellyanne Conway apologized to Donald Trump after Ivanka clothing line comments](#) *The Washington Post* reports that, according to the White House press office, Conway had been "counseled" on the matter [White House says Conway has been 'counseled' after touting Ivanka Trump's products](#); In a related note, *The Hill* reports that President Trump believed the press office's statement was unfair to Conway. [Report: Trump upset at Spicer for saying Conway was 'counseled'](#) And *Politico* reports that, in an interview with *Fox News*, Conway offered that the President fully supports her. [Conway says Trump backs her '100 percent' in Ivanka flap](#)

Multiple outlets also discuss the strain on OGE's website that coincided with the above-referenced episode. [Office of Government Ethics website breaks after Conway promotes Ivanka's brand Kellyanne Conway's Plug for Ivanka's Fashion Line Draws Fire, Crashes Ethics Office Website Government Ethics Office Website Crashes Under Too Much Traffic — Again US Government Ethics site crashes as Trump's Counselor breaks federal ethics law on national TV](#)

*TPM* reports that the ranking member of the House government oversight committee sent the committee chairman a letter requesting that the committee refer to OGE the matter of recent endorsement statements made on national television by Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to President Trump. [Cummings Asks Chaffetz To Look Into Conway Plugging Ivanka Trump's Line Cummings Asks Chaffetz to Refer Top Trump Aide for Potential Disciplinary Action](#) Read the letter [here](#). Multiple outlets report that the committee chairman and ranking member sent to OGE's director a letter requesting that OGE review the matter and, in light of the

additional challenge raised by the conflict of interest for the President, recommend to the White House appropriate disciplinary action. [Top oversight lawmakers ask ethics office to recommend discipline for Conway](#) [Chaffetz, Cummings: Kellyanne Conway Appeared to Violate Ethics Law](#) [Chaffetz, Cummings Ask OGE To Review Conway's Possible Ethics Violations](#) Read the letter [here](#)

Multiple outlets discuss President Trump's possible conflicts of interest. [White House leans into Trump Inc.](#) [Saudis foot tab at Trump hotel](#) [Oversight lawmakers continuing push for more information on GSA lease and Trump hotel](#) [Deutsche Bank Remains Trump's Biggest Conflict of Interest Despite Settlements](#) [Japanese PM's Golf Trip To Trump Resort Hits Ethical Sand Trap](#) [The Ethics Of Trump Hosting Japan's Shinzo Abe At Mar-A-Lago](#) [Trump And His Lackeys Land In Biggest Ethics Quagmire Yet With Nordstrom Dustup](#)

*The Hill* reports that an Emerson College poll of 617 registered voters shows that the Trump Administration enjoys greater trust ratings than the news media. The poll was conducted February 5-6. [Trump administration seen as more truthful than news media: poll](#)

Multiple outlets report on the confirmation status of nominees. [Senate confirms Obamacare opponent Price to lead health department](#) [Tom Price Becomes Leader of Crusade to Roll Back Obamacare](#) [Polarizing HHS nominee confirmed by Senate on party-line vote](#) [Trump's Treasury pick clears procedural Senate vote](#)

*Politico* reports that Chuck Cooper is withdrawing his name from consideration as the next solicitor general. According to the article, there were only two names on the short list and Cooper's withdrawal would open the door for the remaining finalist, George Conway – spouse of Kellyanne Conway. [Cooper withdraws from solicitor general consideration](#)

*Federal News Radio* reports that the EPA has issued its employees a reminder on the ethics rules, especially in the context of making public statements and expressing themselves on social media. [EPA reminds employees: Ethics policies haven't changed](#)

## **Federal Agency and Related News**

*Government Executive* discusses civil service reform efforts. [Chaffetz Discusses Civil Service and Benefits Reforms With Trump at White House](#) [Senate Overseer Promises Reforms to Federal Pay, Performance Management and Discipline](#)

## **Hearing of Interest**

Judicial Transparency and Ethics  
House Judiciary — Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet  
Subcommittee Hearing  
Feb. 14, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn Bldg.

Next Scheduled Recess:

**House:** February 9-10

**Senate:** February 20-24



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### **The Senate reconvenes at 12:00 p.m.**

The Senate reconvenes at noon and is expected to resume consideration of the nomination of Steven Mnuchin to be secretary of the Treasury. Roll call votes are expected at 7 p.m. on the Mnuchin nomination and on the nomination of David Shulkin to be secretary of Veterans Affairs.

### **The House reconvenes at 2:00 p.m.**

The House reconvenes at 2 p.m. for legislative business and is expected to consider measures under suspension of the rules. Roll call votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

### **Legislative Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Roll Call* discusses the absence of a current director of the Office of Management and Budget and its effect on the budget. [It's Huge: Trump Administration Sets Record with Empty OMB Director Slot](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*CNN Money* cites the Office of Government Ethics in reporting the number of federal workers accused of violating government ethics rules in 2015 and the disciplinary actions they faced. [Here's what happens when you violate government ethics rules](#)

Multiple outlets discuss President Trump's alleged conflicts of interest. [How Kellyanne Conway is in hot water over Ivanka brand promotion \(The Christian Science Monitor\)](#); [The Week Of Blurred Lines Between President Trump And Businessman Trump \(NPR\)](#); [Trump's south Florida estate raises ethics questions \(Yahoo\)](#); [Deutsche Bank remains Trump's biggest conflict of interest \(The CT Mirror\)](#); [Trump's 'Winter White House' raises more conflict of interest accusations \(WION\)](#); [Report: Firm lobbying for Saudi Arabia paid guest's bill at Trump hotel \(AOL\)](#)

*A.V. Club* reports that President Trump's counselor was "'counseled' by the Office of Government Ethics" for telling taxpayers to buy a line of products. [Kmart and Sears don't want to be associated with Ivanka Trump, either](#)

*International Business Times* reports that President Donald Trump's nominee to head the U.S. Department of Labor personally owed millions of dollars to a convicted bank that is relying on the same department to waive sanctions for its crimes. [Donald Trump's Labor Secretary Pick Andrew Puzder Owed Millions To UBS As Bank Seeks Waiver From Sanctions](#)

*The Week* opines that the White House's recent executive order extending the lobbying ban on executive branch officials is unlikely to stem the lobbying "revival" predicted by a leading lobbyist. [Why President Trump is a godsend for lobbyists](#)

*Propublica* discusses the new ethics pledge and how a former lobbyist was able to take a job in the government as a result of President Donald Trump's revision of ethics rules in place during the Obama administration. The article notes that the pledge cites a part of the U.S. Code that does not exist. [Trump's Watered-Down Ethics Rules Let a Lobbyist Help Run an Agency He Lobbied](#)

### **Federal Agency and Related News**

*Government Executive* reports that the White House has started rolling out reform ideas in the areas of federal pay and moving current government functions to the private sector. The article notes that a review of federal employees' compensation will not focus on one area or agency, but instead "at how government as a whole operates." [White House Floats Federal Employee Pay Reform, Privatization in Name of Innovation](#)

**Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** February 20-24

**Senate:** February 20-24

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### **The Senate reconvened at 10:00 a.m.**

The Senate reconvened at 10 a.m. and resumes consideration of the nomination of Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga., to be secretary of Health and Human Services.

### **The House meets in a pro forma session.**

### **Legislative Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Federal News Radio* reports that the Department of Education joins the Environmental Protection Agency and the Election Assistance Commission with bills in Congress with the goal of closing down the agency. [Education Dept. added to list of agencies some lawmakers want to kill](#)

*Federal News Radio* and *FCW* report that members of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform requested unredacted documents related to President Trump's stake in the Washington, D.C. luxury hotel that's leasing the property from the General Services Administration. [Oversight lawmakers continuing push for more information on GSA lease and Trump hotel \(Federal News Radio\)](#); [Oversight Dems renew bid for Trump lease info \(FCW\)](#)

*The Hill* reports that the Office of Congressional Ethics included a defense of its policies governing investigations of lawmakers in a quarterly report after House members tried to weaken it at the start of the new Congress last month. [Ethics office defends practices after GOP push to dismantle it](#)

*The Journal* reports that a subtle change to how new members are chosen for the Office of Congressional Ethics' (OCE) board, which authorizes its investigations, is raising concerns among accountability and ethics organizations that believe it could make the OCE more vulnerable to partisanship and in the process, weaken its investigations of misconduct by lawmakers. [Under-the-radar change to congressional ethics watchdog may weaken it](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Federal News Radio* reports that a supervisory agent at the Bureau of Land Management used his law enforcement status to get three tickets to the Burning Man festival which the Interior inspector general says is a violation of the statutory ban on soliciting gifts from prohibited sources. [Cheatin' BLM agent singled at Burning Man](#)

Multiple outlets report that President Trump's official counselor, Kellyanne Conway, may have broken a key ethics rule when she told TV audiences to "go buy Ivanka's stuff" since federal employees are banned from using their public office to endorse products. [Conway may have broken key ethics rule by touting Ivanka Trump's products, experts say \(The Washington Post\)](#); [Conway promotes Trump daughter's merchandise: 'Go buy Ivanka's stuff' \(The Hill\)](#)

Multiple outlets report that President Trump's tweet criticizing Nordstrom raises ethics concerns. [Trump's Nordstrom tweet raises ethics concerns \(Washington Examiner\)](#); [After Nordstrom dumps Ivanka, Trump lashes out, fueling charges of conflict \(The Japan Times\)](#); [Trump blasts Nordstrom for dropping Ivanka's clothing line \(Politico\)](#); [Obama ethics czar: Trump's Nordstrom tweet an 'abuse' of presidency \(The Hill\)](#); [Trump's Nordstrom attack revives business ethics concerns \(Reuters\)](#); [Why Trump's Nordstrom Tweet May Have Crossed An Ethical Line \(Fast Company\)](#)

*Business Insider* reports that Sen. Bob Casey referred President Donald Trump's tweet about Nordstrom to the Office of Government Ethics for review. [Democratic senator refers Trump's tweet attacking Nordstrom to government ethics office](#)

Multiple outlets report that President Donald Trump's nominee for secretary of labor has proposed avoiding conflicts of interest by resigning as CEO of his fast food empire, selling off hundreds of holdings and recusing himself from government decisions in which he has a financial interest, according to his ethics filings with the government. [Labor secretary nominee addresses conflicts of interest \(Fox Business\)](#); [Trump's Labor pick lays out plans to avoid conflict of interest \(The Hill\)](#); [Puzder says he'd quit as CEO if confirmed as labor secretary \(The Washington Post\)](#)

*NPR* reports on President Trump's revocable trust. [Ethics Experts Find Holes In Trump's Firewall Against Conflicts](#)

*Independent* reports that ethics watchdogs are worried the First Lady seems to be inappropriately trying to profit from a high-profile position that is usually centered on public service. [Donald Trump's family use the White House for business enterprises 'like the Kardashians used reality TV'](#)

*PBS* and *AZ Central* report that President Trump's choice to be the top U.S. health official bought and sold health care company stocks often enough as a member of Congress to warrant probes by both federal securities regulators and the House ethics committee. [HHS pick Tom Price made 'brazen' stock trades while his committee was under scrutiny \(PBS\)](#); [New stock questions plague HHS nominee Tom Price as confirmation vote nears \(AZ Central\)](#)

*Inside Climate News* reports that a watchdog group has filed a lawsuit against President Trump's nominee to head the Environmental Protection Agency, Scott Pruitt, for denying access to past communications he has had with fossil fuel companies and related advocacy groups and funders. [EPA Nominee Pruitt Sued by Watchdog Group for Emails With Fossil Fuel Backers](#)

*NMPolitics.net* reports that when Rep. Heather Wilson, President Trump's pick for Secretary of the Air Force, left Congress in 2009, she went to work as a paid consultant for a subsidiary of weapons-contracting giant Lockheed Martin and helped them to craft a lobbying strategy meant to avoid having to compete for the renewal of a government contract that brought in huge profits. [Air Force nominee Wilson helped contractor seek more federal funds](#)

## **Federal Agency and Related News**

Multiple outlets report that several advocacy groups have sued the Trump administration over the president's executive order to restrict federal agencies' ability to issue regulations. [Advocacy Groups Sue Trump Over One In, Two Out Regulatory Policy \(Government Executive\)](#); [Groups sue to block president's government regulations order \(Federal Times\)](#); [Trump sued over '1-in-2-out' regulations order \(The Hill\)](#)

## **Hearing of Interest**

Judicial Transparency and Ethics  
House Judiciary — Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet  
Subcommittee Hearing  
Feb. 14, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn Bldg.

**Next Scheduled Recess:**



**House:** February 9-10  
**Senate:** February 20-24

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### **The Senate reconvened at 10:00 a.m.**

The Senate reconvened at 10 a.m. and resumes consideration of the nomination of Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C., to be director of the Office of Management and Budget. Votes are expected to start at approximately 10:30 a.m. on the Mulvaney nomination and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Scott Pruitt to be EPA administrator.

### **The House reconvenes at 12:00 p.m.**

The House reconvenes at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a resolution (H J Res 69) that would disapprove of the Interior Department rule prohibiting certain predator control practices conducted in national wildlife refuges in Alaska and a resolution (H J Res 43) that would disapprove of the Health and Human Services Department rule that amends eligibility requirements for Title X project grants for family planning services and prevents states from restricting participation by certain providers.

### **Legislative Branch Ethics and Related News**

*Politico* reports on Rep. Chaffetz's oversight activity. [Will top cop Chaffetz actually police Trump?](#)

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

*The Washington Post* reports that OGE has called on the White House to discipline Kellyanne Conway. [Chaffetz, Office of Government Ethics call on White House to discipline Kellyanne Conway](#)

*Fiercehealthcare.com* reports that the President's choice to head CMS, Seema Verma faces ethics questions around her consulting activities. [Trump's CMS pick, Seema Verma, faces ethics questions](#)

Multiple sources report on the situation regarding Russia. [Former Bush ethics lawyer: Trump's Russia scandal is far worse than Watergate](#) [Donald Trump's Russia Scandal Grows As Ethics Watchdog Calls For Kellyanne Conway Investigation](#)

Multiple sources report on the President's conflicts of interest. [Trump doesn't take kindly to power, conflicts of interest limits](#) [Trump Organization to launch Dubai golf course](#) [China awards Donald Trump valuable new trademark](#) [Why Hasn't the Government Gone After Trump for His \\$180 Million Breach of Contract?](#)

### **Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** February 20-24  
**Senate:** February 20-24

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### **The Senate reconvened at 10:00 a.m.**

The Senate reconvened at 10 a.m. and was expected to consider the nomination of Linda E. McMahon to be administrator of the Small Business Administration. A vote on the nomination was expected at approximately 11 a.m.

### **The House reconvened at 12:00 p.m.**

The House reconvened at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a bill (HR 428) that would require the Bureau of Land Management to pay for a private survey along the Red River separating Texas and Oklahoma.

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

Multiple outlets discuss OGE's response to Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Cummings. [Ethics office: White House should investigate Conway for Ivanka Trump plug](#) [Ethics office calls on White House to discipline Conway](#) [Office of Government Ethics recommends the White House investigate Kellyanne Conway](#) [Ethics Office Tells White House to Investigate and Discipline Kellyanne Conway](#) [U.S. Ethics Office Calls on White House to Investigate Kellyanne Conway's Ivanka Trump Endorsement](#) [Ethics office tells White House to investigate Conway for Ivanka plug](#) [US Office of Government Ethics recommends investigation, possible discipline of Kellyanne Conway](#) [White House Should Probe Conway's Nordstrom Comments: U.S. Ethics Office](#) [Government Watchdog Presses Jason Chaffetz To Investigate Kellyanne Conway Himself](#) [The Office of Government Ethics wants Kellyanne Conway to be disciplined](#)

Multiple outlets discuss President Trump's alleged conflicts of interest. [Trump doesn't take kindly to limits on his power and conflicts of interest](#) [THE UTTERLY INSUFFICIENT EFFORTS TO SEPARATE TRUMP FROM HIS BUSINESSES](#) [TRUMP'S SONS INSIST "PAPA BEAR" IS CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST PROOF](#) [Donald Trump faces more conflict of interest questions after China trademark win](#)

Outlets report on various aspects of the transition. [McConnell Lines Up Slew of Cabinet Nominee Votes](#) [Treasury Secretary Confirmed Despite Outrage From Democrats](#) [Labor Dept. employees urge vote against Puzder nomination](#) [Secret Service director retiring, led agency amid turmoil](#) [Senate confirms Trump's picks for Treasury, VA secretaries](#)

*POGO* recommends that OGE be allowed more authority in order to be more effective. [Unmuzzle the Ethics Watchdog](#)

### **Federal Agency and Related News**

*Fed Smith* reports on additional guidance issued by OPM on the hiring freeze. [OPM Releases Additional Hiring Freeze Guidance](#)

*Government Executive* opines that without an OMB Director agencies may face budget uncertainty as the CR expires in April. [Agencies Could See Deeper, Faster Cuts Than Previously Contemplated](#)

*Government Executive* discusses the efforts to sunset the Election Assistance Commission. [The Federal Voting Agency Republicans Want to Kill](#)

**Next Scheduled Recess:**

**House:** February 20-24

**Senate:** February 20-24

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### **The Senate reconvened at 10:00 a.m.**

The Senate reconvened at 10 a.m. and is expected to resume consideration of a joint resolution (H J Res 40) that would disapprove of and nullify a rule that adds certain Social Security recipients with mental impairments who use a "representative payee" because they cannot manage their benefit payments to a list of people prohibited from purchasing firearms. Votes are expected starting at approximately 10:30 a.m. on passage of the joint resolution and on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-S.C., to be director of the Office of Management and Budget.

### **The House reconvened at 12:00 p.m.**

The House reconvened at noon for legislative business. The chamber is expected to consider a resolution (H J Res 42) that would disapprove of the Labor Department rule that limits the ability of states to require drug testing of unemployment compensation applicants, a resolution (H J Res 66) that would disapprove of the Labor Department rule exempting certain state-administered savings programs for nongovernmental employees from ERISA requirements, and a resolution (H J Res 67) that would disapprove of the Labor Department rule exempting the savings programs of certain political subdivisions of states from ERISA requirements.

### **Executive Branch Ethics and Related News**

More outlets report on OGE's response to Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Cummings regarding Kellyanne Conway. [OGE recommends White House investigate Trump adviser for ethics violation \(Federal News Radio\)](#); [Ethics Office Asks White House to Probe Kellyanne Conway \(Roll Call\)](#); [Office of Government Ethics: 'Strong Reason' to Think Conway Violated Rules \(NBC News\)](#); [One afternoon, 3 investigations? The Trump White House's ominous day \(WP "The Fix"\)](#); [Conway Should Be Investigated For Plugging Ivanka Trump Products, Ethics Agency Says \(NPR\)](#); [Office of Government Ethics: Discipline Kellyanne Conway \(CBS News\)](#); [Ethics Office Pressures White House to Discipline Kellyanne Conway \(GovExec\)](#); [Office of Government Ethics asks White House to investigate Kellyanne Conway \(ABC News\)](#); [Government Ethics Watchdog Urges Trump to Investigate Conway and Consider Disciplining Her \(Mother Jones\)](#); [Ethics office recommends White House investigate and possibly discipline Kellyanne Conway \(LA Times\)](#); [Ethics Office Calls for White House Probe Into Kellyanne Conway's Ivanka Trump Remarks \(WSJ "Washington Wire"\)](#); [Ethics Office to White House: Punish Kellyanne Conway for Ivanka "Commercial" \(Slate\)](#); [White House Counsel Donald McGahn under scrutiny for Trump ethics problems \(NY Daily News\)](#); [Ethics office urges White House to consider punishing Conway for Ivanka Trump comments \(CNBC\)](#)

*PolitiFact* reports on statements made by Senator Schumer about Rex Tillerson, citing Director Shaub's comments about Tillerson's ethics agreement. [PolitiFact: Did top Democrat miss the news on Tillerson?](#)

*The Daily Caller* reports that former acting Federal Transit Administration (FTA) chief Carolyn Flowers may have violated federal conflict-of-interest laws. [Obama-Era Appointee Likely Breached Ethics Laws With \\$650 Million Grant](#)

### **Federal Agency and Related News**

*Federal News Radio* reports on the President's budget request. [Erik Wasson: February budget deadline missed. What's next?](#)

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**[Office of government ethics on KTOO \(PBS\) - Juneau, AK](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WNEW-FM \(Radio\) - Washington, D.C.](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on CSPAN - U.S. Cable](#)**

02/17/2017 12:41:08

U.S. House of Representatives (Other)

... concern. i've been advised by the office of government ethics not to -- advised by the office of government ethics not to participate on issues regarding mental health services because ...

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Public Affairs Events (Other)

... understand the concern. i have been advised by the office of government ethics not to participate on issues regarding mental health services because my husband is a psychiatrist and it could impact ...

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**[Office of government ethics on Fox News - U.S. Cable](#)**

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The First 100 Days (News)

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**[Office of government ethics on Fox News - U.S. Cable](#)**

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The First 100 Days (News)

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**[Office of government ethics on KUFM \(PBS\) - Missoula, MT](#)**

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To the Contrary With Bonnie Erb  (News)

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**[Office of government ethics on KFYP \(NBC\) - Minot, ND](#)**

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Today (News)

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02/16/2017 07:05:36

Today (News)

... it still would have to be reviewed by the office of government ethics, but that's the latest here, matt. >> peter, thank you. >>> former trump campaign adviser, roger stone, is with ...

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**[Office of government ethics on MSNBC - U.S. Cable](#)**

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MSNBC Live With Hallie Jackson (News)

... agencies. feinberg has to be cleared by the office of government ethics first. you saw our team a moment ago. i want to go to kasie hunt on capitol hill. ...

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**[Office of government ethics on MSNBC - U.S. Cable](#)**

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MSNBC Live With Hallie Jackson (News)

... this senior administration official, by the office of government ethics, he has a company worth \$40 billion of assets he manages right now and there's concern having an individual who to the best of ...

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**[Office of government ethics on MSNBC - U.S. Cable](#)**

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MSNBC Live (News)

... his bio, i'm told he still need to be cleared by the office of government ethics, which could be complicated because of his role as co founder of cerberus, a capital management company. and he made a \$1.5 million ...

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[Office of government ethics on WCHS \(ABC\) - Charleston, WV](#)

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Eyewitness News at Noon (News)

... facts they are falsehoods. >> reporter: the office of government ethics said that the evidence is strong that conway violated the values of contact when she made that sales pick. oge made requesting the white ...

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[Office of government ethics on MSNBC - U.S. Cable](#)

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MSNBC Live With Kate Snow (News)

... clearing the fbi background check and the office of government ethics check took longer than has been the case in previous administrations. and last, a number of them had very contentious records. ...

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[Office of government ethics on KOGO-AM \(Radio\) - San Diego, CA](#)

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... general accountability office government accountability office there are a number of places you can go you go the Office of Government Ethics for God's sakes imports that's been in the news so that is just it absolute be gas and Paul Begala who's that ...



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[Office of government ethics on KGO-AM \(Radio\) - San Francisco, CA](#)

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... officials also denied making any local rates and congressman elijah cummings is calling the office of government ethics review comments made by white house aide kellyanne conway last week when she urged tv viewers to buy products from van at trump's clothing line ...

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**[Office of government ethics on WOLB-AM \(Radio\) - Baltimore, MD](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WOLB-AM \(Radio\) - Baltimore, MD](#)**

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... he tells his role as house oversight shared utah republican jason shape sent a letter to the office of government ethics at the white house asking for some kind of disciplinary action the people in his district say that's not enough ...

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**[Office of government ethics on KOMO-AM \(Radio\) - Seattle, WA](#)**

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... Democratic counterpart Elijah Cummings us head the Office of Government Ethics to recommend disciplinary action against Conway for her Her comments promoting Ivanka Trump products the present except that recommendation I think people are hoping this thing way out ...

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**[Office of government ethics on KDRV \(ABC\) - Medford, OR](#)**

02/12/2017 08:11:57

NewsWatch 12 This Morning (News)

... committee, republican jason chaffetz, agrees, asking the office of government ethics to look into any potential violation. the white house said conway had been "counseled" - but didn't ...

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**[Office of government ethics on KOCO-OKC \(ABC\) - Oklahoma City, OK](#)**

02/12/2017 08:13:33

KOCO 5 News Sunday Morning (News)

... oversight committee, republican jason chaffetz, agrees, asking the office of government ethics to look into any potential violation. the white house said conway had been counseled, but did not ...

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**[Office of government ethics on KOMO-AM \(Radio\) - Seattle, WA](#)**

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... the House oversight Committee and his Democratic counterpart Elijah Cummings about the head of the Office of Government Ethics to recommend disciplinary action against Conway for her Her comments promoting if rocket from product the present except that recommendation I think ...

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on WLOX \(ABC\) - Biloxi, MS\*\*](#)

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Good Morning Mississippi Weekend (News)

... republican jason chaffetz, agrees, asking the office of government ethics to look into any potential violation. the white house said conway had ...

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on ABC 5 - Yuma, AZ\*\*](#)

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on KGO-SF \(ABC\) - San Francisco, CA\*\*](#)

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This Week With George Stephanopoulos (News)

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on KETV \(ABC\) - Omaha, NE\*\*](#)

02/12/2017 08:35:12

KETV Newswatch First News Sunday (News)

... house oversight committee agrees, asking the office of government ethics to look into any potential violation. the white house said conway had been counseled, but didn't offer more details. ...

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on KAKE \(ABC\) - Wichita, KS\*\*](#)

02/12/2017 08:38:47

Good Morning Kansas (Other)

... republican jason chaffetz, agrees, asking the office of government ethics to look into any potential violation. the white



house said conway had been "counseled" - but didn't ...

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**[Office of government ethics on KSAT-SAT \(ABC\) - San Antonio, TX](#)**

02/12/2017 08:42:17

Good Morning San Antonio (News)

... products and the chair of the committee agrees asking the office of government ethics to look into any potential violation. the white house said conway had been counseled but did not offer ...

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**[Office of government ethics on WBAY \(ABC\) - Green Bay, WI](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WTAE-PIT \(ABC\) - Pittsburgh, PA](#)**

02/12/2017 09:37:46

Pittsburgh's Action News 4 (News)

... jason chaffetz, agrees, asking oversight committee, republican the office of government ethics to look into any potential violation. the white house said conway had been counseled but didn't offer ...

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**[Office of government ethics on WJRT \(ABC\) - Flint, MI](#)**

02/12/2017 09:48:32

ABC 12 News Sunday Morning (News)

... the chair of the house oversight committee, republican jason the office of government ethics to look into any potential



violation. the white house said conway had this week with george ...

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**[Office of government ethics on KTRK-HOU \(ABC\) - Houston, TX](#)**

02/12/2017 10:31:30

This Week With George Stephanopoulos (News)

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**[Office of government ethics on KGMI News/Talk 790 \(Radio\) - Seattle, WA](#)**

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... the house oversight committee and his democratic counterpart elijah cummings about the head of the office of government ethics to recommend disciplinary action against conway for her her comments promoting if fox trumped products the present except that recommendation i think people are hoping this thing way out ...



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**[Office of government ethics on KGMI News/Talk 790 \(Radio\) - Seattle, WA](#)**

02/12/2017 11:36:19

... begin with kellyanne conway you wrote that letter along with congressman j fits to head the office of government ethics again asking to recommend disciplinary action against kellyanne conway steven miller says was a lighthearted flippant response being blown way out of proportion by the media ...



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**[Office of government ethics on Revolution Boston 1510 \(Radio\) - Boston, MA](#)**

02/12/2017 12:17:07

... the ranking Democrat on the committee Elijah Cummings and sent a letter to the Office of Government Ethics calling Conway's comments unacceptable and the letter asked the agency to recommend discipline given that Trump who is collies agency had holes an inherent conflict of interest ...

**[Office of government ethics on WMUR-MAN \(ABC\) -](#)**



**[Manchester, NH](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on 89.9 WWNO - New Orleans, LA](#)**

02/12/2017 12:54:55

... he had to engage oversight and he sent a letter to the white house actually urging the office of government ethics to recommend sanctions against kellyanne conway for his inappropriate uses her of her office and had discussions on ...

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**[Office of government ethics on Fox News - U.S. Cable](#)**

02/12/2017 13:32:34

America's News HQ (News)

... times now and in part because some paperwork is coming from the office of government ethics. governments have their eye on him. he saw the job they did on betsy devos. ...

**[Office of government ethics on KITV-HON \(ABC\) - Honolulu, HI](#)**



02/12/2017 16:32:41

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[Office of government ethics on WBAL-AM - Baltimore, MD](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WOLB-AM \(Radio\) - Baltimore, MD](#)

02/12/2017 19:54:50

... and he says the white house has referred the matter to the office of government ethics kerry both lander reporting republican senator ted cruz is calling the democratic party the party of the klu klux klan the text conservative made the comment during a ...



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[Office of government ethics on CNN International \(US\) - U.S. Cable](#)

02/12/2017 20:55:05

Erin Burnett OutFront (News)

... a letter on the house oversight committee and asking the office of government ethics to review, prompting backlash that wasn't exactly back peddling. >> we're reviewing that internally. ...

[Office of government ethics on CNN International \(US\) - U.S. Cable](#)

02/12/2017 20:57:07



Erin Burnett OutFront (News)

... yes, he's crazy. >> reporter: but it is not all laughs, the office of government ethics could recommend punishment for her self-described commercial for ivanka trump's brand, however ...

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on WOLB-AM \(Radio\) - Baltimore, MD\*\*](#)

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on KTRS-AM \(Radio\) - St. Louis, MO\*\*](#)

02/12/2017 23:26:26

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on KTRS-AM \(Radio\) - St. Louis, MO\*\*](#)

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on CNN International Europe - U.K. National\*\*](#)

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Erin Burnett OutFront (News)

... the top Republican and Democrat on the house oversight



committee an arresting the office of government ethics review the backlash prompt response that was not exactly that pellets were aware that matter and they're ...

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**[Office of government ethics on WYPR-FM \(Radio\) - Baltimore, MD](#)**

02/13/2017 07:07:08

... denied making any local rates congressman elijah cummings is calling on the office of government ethics review comments made by white house aide kellyanne conway last week in which she urged tv viewers to buy products from bongo drums clothing line ...

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**[Office of government ethics on WYPR-FM \(Radio\) - Baltimore, MD](#)**

02/13/2017 08:22:36

... raids elijah cummings is going on the office of government ethics review comments made by white house aide kellyanne conway last week in which she urged tv viewers to buy products revamp trumps clothing line cummings calls those comments a clear violation ...

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... Chaffetz joined with ranking Democrat on the watch off committee in a letter Thursday the U.S. Office of Government Ethics from member station he we are Eric Newman has more in a meeting with Democratic leaders Utah's capital congressman Jason Chaffetz announced his plans to reach out to ...

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on 99.1 FM Talk - Reno, NV\*\*](#)

02/10/2017 00:03:51

... chief it is written a letter insisting the white house referred the matter to the office of government ethics for review unlike the president conway is subject to government ethical conduct standards where state employees shall not use their office for the endorsement of any product ...

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on KOGO-AM \(Radio\) - San Diego, CA\*\*](#)

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on 101.9 WDET \(radio\) - Detroit, MI\*\*](#)

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on WNYC-FM \(Radio\) - New York, NY\*\*](#)

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... Democratic leader Elijah Cummings are writing letters to the Office of Government Ethics for review and to present Trop the cheapest is referring to a Fox News interview in which Kelly Ann Conway urge people to go by upon the ...

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on WAMU-FM \(Radio\) - Washington, D.C.\*\*](#)

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... Democratic leader Elijah Cummings are writing letters to the Office of Government Ethics for review and to present Trop chief said referring to a Fox

News interview in which Kelly Ann Conway urged people to go by upon the Trop ...



[Office of government ethics on CSPAN2 - U.S. Cable](#)

02/10/2017 00:10:28

Public Affairs Events (Other)

... with respect to reporting to the committee and the office of government ethics, i would just issues, ethical issues that are say i think i have described serious enough on their own. however, it took no small amount ...

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Public Affairs Events (Other)

... the congressman's financial disclosure to the office of government ethics. and because it's the office of government ethics disclosure that's posted on the public web site so the public can see the ...

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Public Affairs Events (Other)

... price on december 15, 2016, and filed with the office of government ethics and a letter from congressman price to the office of government ethics, dated february 7, 2017, amending his public ethics disclosures. ...

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[Office of government ethics on KUOW-FM \(Radio\) - Seattle, WA](#)

02/10/2017 00:19:07

... they have made money there have been there was quite a long period of time in the office of government ethics had signed off on the yet so there there is still a question mark over both them therefore the democrats are slow walking both them as they did ...

[Office of government ethics on KDFW-DAL \(FOX\) - Dallas, TX](#)

02/10/2017 00:23:02

Fox 4 News at 9 (News)

... committee said the white house must refer the matter to the



office of government ethics for review. a spokeswoman said he believes conway merely sticking up from an ivanka ...

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on WTOP-DC \(Radio\) - Washington, D.C.\*\*](#)

02/10/2017 00:37:47

... on that subject to shape it says the White House must refer the matter to the Office of Government Ethics jury binder Capitol Hill another late overnight early morning on the Senate floor with a captain's pick awaiting approval this morning president Trump adding another member to his ...



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[\*\*Office of government ethics on KNX-AM \(Radio\) - Los Angeles, CA\*\*](#)

02/10/2017 00:45:12

... be an endorsement several members of Congress already placed a formal request to the Office of Government Ethics to investigate Conway Christie wins came extend 70 News CBS Friday down bluebloods New York's first family have cops serves and protects do ...



[\*\*Office of government ethics on CNN International \(US\) - U.S. Cable\*\*](#)

02/10/2017 00:49:38

CNN Newsroom Live (News)

... getting them what they want. chaffetz assigned a letter to the office of government ethics offering them to investigate the kellyanne conway issue and that may have been because he is feeling pressure from the public ...

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on WINS-AM - New York, NY\*\*](#)

02/10/2017 00:57:00

... the White House must refer the matter to the office of government ethics respond Gerry Bob Lande by the way the ethics office website crashed Thursday after so many people log onto weighing and on the northeastern long aisle under the Long Beach Island ...



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[\*\*Office of government ethics on 101.9 WDET \(radio\) - Detroit, MI\*\*](#)

02/10/2017 01:02:47

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**[Office of government ethics on WNYC-FM \(Radio\) - New York, NY](#)**

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... with ranking committee in a letter Thursday the U.S. Office of Government Ethics from member station EU we are Eric Newman has more in a meeting with Democratic leaders Utah's capital congressman Jason Chaffetz announced his plans to reach out to ...

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**[Office of government ethics on WOR-AM \(Radio\) - New York, NY](#)**

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... Meanwhile ranking members of the House oversight Committee have sent a letter to the Office of Government Ethics calling for an investigation into the comment made by Conway this is Republican Congressman Jason Chaffetz of Utah I want to make sure it's so ...

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**[Office of government ethics on KXLH \(CBS\) - Helena, MT](#)**

02/10/2017 01:04:07

CBS Overnight News (News)

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**[Office of government ethics on KBZK \(CBS\) - Butte, MT](#)**

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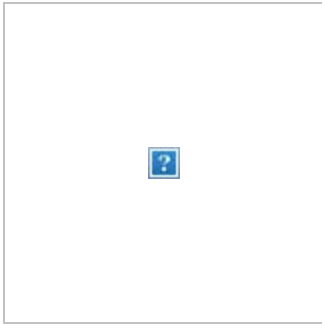
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[Office of government ethics on WBFO-FM \(Radio\) - Buffalo, NY](#)

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[Office of government ethics on KCLO \(CBS\) - Rapid City, SD](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WBAL-AM - Baltimore, MD](#)

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... Trump's fashion brand during a TV interview in a letter to the Office of Government Ethics the Democratic Cummings and Republican Utah congressman Jason Chaffetz say they want a review of Conway's statements and report on possible disciplinary action Cummings says it appears to be a textbook violation of ...



[\*\*Office of government ethics on KXII \(CBS\) - Sherman, TX\*\*](#)

02/10/2017 01:04:51

News 12 @ Ten (News)

... overnight committee sent a letter to the office of government ethics calling on them to determine whether conway should be disciplined. the final say will be ...

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on WAMU-FM \(Radio\) - Washington, D.C.\*\*](#)

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... Democrat on the watch off committee in a letter Thursday the U.S. Office of Government Ethics from member station Kiwi are Eric Newman has more in a meeting with Democratic leaders Utah's capital congressman Jason Chaffetz announced his plans to reach out to ...



[\*\*Office of government ethics on City Pulse 24 - Ontario, Canada\*\*](#)

02/10/2017 01:15:59

CP24 (Other)

... slam the business. the -- must referred to the office of government ethics for review. sean spicer was asked today whether konway's statement violated federal ethics ...

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on WJW-CLE \(FOX\) - Cleveland, OH\*\*](#)

02/10/2017 01:18:24

Fox 8 News at 10PM (News)

... today. a letter was sent to the office of government ethics to determine whether she should be disciplined. >> ed the president absolutely stands ...

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on WCBS-NY \(Radio\) - New York, NY\*\*](#)

02/10/2017 01:35:16

... called Conway's plug wrong an acceptable over the line said the White House was referred to the office of government ethics for review and White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer was asked about this council and that's all we're going to go she think ...

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[Office of government ethics on Fox 46 Carolinas - Charlotte, NC](#)

02/10/2017 01:36:50

Fox 46 News 10pm (News)

... for dropping his daughter's fashion line. the office of government ethics is looking into the matter. brien: mississippi lawmakers are moving ahead with proposal to add firing squad, ...

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[Office of government ethics on WINS-AM - New York, NY](#)

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... think council on that subject to shape it says the White House must refer the matter to the Office of Government Ethics first injury vote lighter winds news time in 35 the Jersey shore and found a person ...

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[Office of government ethics on NEWS12NJ - Newark, NJ](#)

02/10/2017 01:45:43

News 12 New Jersey (News)

... responsibility and ethics in washington, have asked the office of government ethics to investigate. says a the fast-food cheaainh-marabyy 'hasv e ...

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[Office of government ethics on MSNBC - U.S. Cable](#)

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The Last Word With Lawrence O'Donnell (News)

... she might even lose her job. so, the problem here is that the office of government ethics making a recommendation. guess who gets to decide the ultimate sanction. donald trump. ...

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[Office of government ethics on WVNS \(CBS\) - Bluefield, WV](#)

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59 News at 11PM (News)

... overnight letter to the office of government ethics calling on them to determine whether conway should be ...

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on KWCH \(CBS\) - Wichita, KS\*\*](#)

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Eyewitness News at 10 (News)

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**[Office of government ethics on KLFY \(CBS\) - Lafayette, LA](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on KFVS \(CBS\) - Paducah, KY](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on KLBK \(CBS\) - Lubbock, TX](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on KOAM \(CBS\) - Joplin, MO](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on KLST \(CBS\) - San Angelo, TX](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on KFDM \(CBS\) - Beaumont, TX](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on KMOV-STL \(CBS\) - St. Louis, MO](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WLW-AM \(Radio\) - Cincinnati, OH](#)**

02/10/2017 02:04:59

... with the wiser Cummings the ranking member Mike committee to the White House and the Office of Government Ethics this Let's break away too far I should have never happened there's no excuse or a better darn well never happen again Alabama's attorney general was a statesman ...



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**[Office of government ethics on WTAQ-AM \(Radio\) - Green Bay, WI](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on KLBJ-AM \(Radio\) - Austin, TX](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on KSWO \(ABC\) - Wichita Falls, TX](#)**

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ABC News Overnight (News)

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**[Office of government ethics on WBAY \(ABC\) - Green Bay, WI](#)**

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World News Now (News)



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**[Office of government ethics on City Pulse 24 - Ontario, Canada](#)**

02/10/2017 02:15:59

CP24 (Other)

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**[Office of government ethics on WLW-AM \(Radio\) - Cincinnati, OH](#)**

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... ranking members of the House oversight Committee sent a letter to the Office of Government Ethics going for an investigation into a comment made by our House Kessler Kellyanne Conway and Thursday morning TV interview lawyers people to buy a vault at Trump's commercial ...



**[Office of government ethics on CNN International \(US\) - U.S. Cable](#)**

02/10/2017 02:36:03

CNN Newsroom Live (News)

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**[Office of government ethics on CNN - U.S. Cable](#)**

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CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (News)

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**[Office of government ethics on WINS-AM - New York, NY](#)**

02/10/2017 02:37:07

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**[Office of government ethics on WLW-AM \(Radio\) - Cincinnati, OH](#)**

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... Democrat Elijah Cummings hard jointly sending a letter to the White House and the Office of Government Ethics for referring And Commons has asked the congressional panel to review or Kelly Evans actions ...

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**[Office of government ethics on WTOP-DC \(Radio\) - Washington, D.C.](#)**

02/10/2017 02:38:36

... eye on that subject to shape it says the White House must refer the matter to the Office of Government Ethics jury vote Under Capitol Hill wave scene controversy is over Confederate statues in many places in Virginia including Alexandria and loving County now there's another one in Charlotte ...

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**[Office of government ethics on NEWS12NJ - Newark, NJ](#)**

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News 12 New Jersey (News)

... responsibility and ethics in washington, have asked the office of government ethics to investigate. the fast-food chain--arby's says a ...

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**[Office of government ethics on WWRL 1600 \(Radio\) - New York, NY](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WGMD-FM \(Radio\) - Salisbury, MD](#)**

02/10/2017 03:03:54

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[Office of government ethics on WFLA-AM \(Radio\) - Tampa Bay, FL](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WOR-AM \(Radio\) - New York, NY](#)

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... Meanwhile ranking members of the House oversight Committee sent a letter to the Office of Government Ethics and calling for an investigation into the comment made by Conway this is Republican Congressman Jason Chaffetz R Utah I'm sure it's a little late I ...

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[Office of government ethics on News/Talk 570 - Syracuse, NY](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WHIO-AM - Dayton, OH](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WTRF \(CBS\) - Wheeling, WV](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WHAM-AM \(Radio\) - Rochester, NY](#)

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[Office of government ethics on KTHV \(CBS\) - Little Rock, AR](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WLNS \(CBS\) - Lansing, MI](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WWTV \(CBS\) - Traverse City, MI](#)

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CBS Overnight News (News)

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[Office of government ethics on WRGB \(CBS\) - Albany, NY](#)

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CBS Overnight News (News)

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**[Office of government ethics on WEVV \(CBS\) - Evansville, IN](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WBNG \(CBS\) - Binghamton, NY](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WLMO \(CBS\) - Lima, OH](#)**

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CBS Overnight News (News)

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**[Office of government ethics on WUSA-DC \(CBS\) - Washington, D.C.](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WTKR-NFK \(CBS\) - Norfolk, VA](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WLFI \(CBS\) - Lafayette, IN](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WMBD \(CBS\) - Peoria, IL](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WLTX - COL \(CBS\) - Columbia, SC](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WMAZ \(CBS\) - Macon, GA](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WJMN \(CBS\) - Marquette, MI](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WVNS \(CBS\) - Bluefield, WV](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WABI \(CBS\) - Bangor, ME](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WCAV \(CBS\) - Charlottesville, VA](#)**

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on WSPA \(CBS\) - Greenville, SC\*\*](#)

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on WTOG-SAV \(CBS\) - Savannah, GA\*\*](#)

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**[Office of government ethics on WDBJ \(CBS\) - Roanoke, VA](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WSHM-SPR \(CBS\) - Springfield, MA](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WTVR-RIC \(CBS\) - Richmond, VA](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WTSP-TB \(CBS\) - Tampa Bay, FL](#)**

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[Office of government ethics on WBOC-16 \(CBS\) - Salisbury, MD](#)

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CBS Overnight News (News)

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[Office of government ethics on WGCL-ATL \(CBS\) - Atlanta, GA](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WCSC-CHS \(CBS\) - Charleston, SC](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WDTV \(CBS\) - Clarksburg, WV](#)

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**[Office of government ethics on WTAJ \(CBS\) - Johnstown-Altoona, PA](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WRBL \(CBS\) - Columbus, GA](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WPEC \(CBS\) - West Palm Beach, FL](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WNEM \(CBS\) - Flint, MI](#)**

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**[Office of government ethics on WGFL \(CBS\) - Gainesville, FL](#)**

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[Office of government ethics on WIBX-AM \(Radio\) - Utica, NY](#)

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[Office of government ethics on WXYZ-DET \(ABC\) - Detroit, MI](#)

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World News Now (News)

... satisfied. he's demanding a full review from the office of government ethics, writing "conway's statements clearly violate the ethical principles for federal employees and are unacceptable." ...



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[Office of government ethics on WCFT-BIRM \(ABC\) - Birmingham, AL](#)

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The Man From U.N.C.L.E. (Other)

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[Office of government ethics on WJW-CLE \(FOX\) - Cleveland, OH](#)

02/10/2017 03:18:22

Fox 8 News at 10PM (News)

... today. a letter was sent to the office of government ethics to determine whether she should be disciplined. >> ed the president absolutely stands ...





[\*\*Office of government ethics on WKYC-CLE \(NBC\) - Cleveland, OH\*\*](#)

02/10/2017 03:34:34

Channel 3 News at 11 (News)

... >> reporter: the independent office of government ethics flooded with calls and e-mails. the website crashing. the white house says ...

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on NEWS12NJ - Newark, NJ\*\*](#)

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News 12 New Jersey (News)

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[\*\*Office of government ethics on WLMO \(CBS\) - Lima, OH\*\*](#)

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